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IRVING S. BATH EDITOR

If some of our monied citizens will invest their shekels in the erection of houses for renting purposes, they will wax rich and become the fat of the flock. We have a scarcity of dwellings and when the new mills get in operation, there is going to be a big demand for just this commodity. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

THE SENSE of rivalry between two places that are located close together is generally pretty strongly developed, and we have found it more so in the inland towns than the coast towns. One town will strive to have a better town hall, or to have a better school than the other, and will take the first opportunity to spread the fact broad cast. Our only solution of the matter is that the coast towns are putting their energies into the upbuilding of their individual town and would rather make the shingles for their roof than to take them from their neighboring city. We could state several places in Oregon that are within a few miles of each other in which the people seem to lay awake nights to think up something mean of their sister town. A new improvement is rarely welcomed with open arms for the ones that should be booming the place are defaming the name of the other town. Its where all take a hold and pull together, using the motto "Live and let live" that makes the town live and will be one of the greatest inducements for the prospective business man and home seeker.

NEARLY EVERY exchange that comes to this office contains articles on improvements. Most of the Oregon towns are getting in readiness to receive the large number of home seekers that are coming from the East this spring. Portland hopes to induce them by extending and widening their streets and boulevards, thereby connecting a chain of beauty spots that will not only serve for recreation for the young but will be a source of enjoyment for the older ones. There is no doubt that there are a great many people coming west for permanent homes. Clean streets and a judicious amount of paint will always brighten up a town and is something that leaves an impression in the mind of the visitor who is sure to spread it broadcast. We have a great many pretty homes, and have lots of scenic beauty that is not to be compared with Portlands parks and driveways. We will soon have a new hotel to provide for the wants of the summer tourist, and with our hedges neatly trimmed, lawns with flower beds, the old land marks and the great natural attraction—the ocean, we have the advantage of all the inland towns.

Did You ever stop to consider the mail order proposition? Their fine catalogues are as the tentacles of the octopus that absorbs the ready finances of every community. Did you ever hear of a mail order house that would trust you? They are not willing to risk a cent to gain your good wishes while the more worthy home business establishment has to carry accounts on their books. If you receive a heavy loss and try to get assistance from the mail order houses to start in again, do you suppose they dig up? Then on the other hand do you know of a home business man that refused your assistance. Your home dealer has to help to defray the expenses of the county and city and you are in reality profiting yourself by doing all of your buying at home. The people that "holler"

trusts until they are black in the face do not stop to think that these mail order concerns are a trust of the worst order. They build their big establishments in Chicago or some other large city, which is all very nice for Chicago, but did you ever hear of any of them spending a cent in the town in which you live. The next time you get a mail order catalogue, use it to start your fires with, thereby you will get more benefit than your neighbor that spends his dollars with them. People that patronize these institutions do not as a rule like to have their home merchants find it out. You cannot expect your home town to grow and prosper if all or even a part of its cash is spent several thousand miles away. We have been informed that over \$5,000 is spent annually from Bandon with the various catalogue houses. Five thousand dollars a year would enable the home establishment to give more employment and enlarge their business. If you are anxious to see your town grow and have flourishing business facilities, spend your money at home, your merchants here can furnish you with anything that is listed in any catalogue and you can get it as quick as you would have to wait to receive it from the mail order house. The home dealer always stands ready to guarantee his goods. What guarantee have you from the other people after they have your money?

The Razor Back of Arkansas.

An esteemed contemporary is responsible for the following article on "The American Hog:"

Arkansas has a greater variety of hogs and less pork and lard than any state in the union. An average hog in Arkansas weighs about fourteen pounds dressed with its head on and about six pounds and a half with its head off. It can outrun a greyhound, jump a rail fence, climb like a parrot and live on grass roots and rabbit tracks. It hasn't much tail or bristle, but plenty of gall. It will lick a wolf or a bear in a fair fight. It is called razorback because it is shaped like a sunfish. In hunting a razorback is always shot at sideways, for there is not a ghost of a show to hit it otherwise, any more than to shoot at a split shingle.

It can drink milk out of a quart jar on account of its long thin head. This type of razorback is known as the stone hog because its head is so heavy and its nose so long that it balances up behind. The owner of this type of hog usually ties a stone to its tail to keep it from overbalancing and breaking its neck while running. If the stone is too heavy, it will pull the skin over its eyes, and it will go blind.

New Coins.

At the suggestion of President Roosevelt a celebrated artist is working on new designs for the gold coins of the United States. Some interesting things with respect to the designs of our gold coinage is told by the New York World in this way: "Wisely, that collectors might not be too much favored and that too many whims of authority may not be exercised, it is provided by law that the designs of coins may not be changed more than once in twenty five years. The latest modification in our gold pieces came in 1866, when the motto, 'In God We Trust' was placed above the eagle. It is generally admitted that there is room for artistic improvement in the coins, though the Goddess of Liberty on the current \$10 piece is an undoubted advance over the stout, snub-nosed lady who figured on the issues of 1795 and 1797. What was considered the handsomest of all American gold coins is no longer issued. It was the \$3 piece which came from the mints in the period 1854-89. The reverse of the current \$20 gold piece is much admired. There has been a good deal more of fuss and experiment at Washington over changes of coin designs than of actual result. As a consequence collectors' stores have been greatly enriched by the addition of patterns and trial pieces. In 1887, however, the rule went out that all patterns must be retained in government care. The silver dollar here when discontinued in 1905 the design adopted in 1878, the tenth known to that coin, although eleven new pattern pieces were struck off in 1879. In 1879 and 1880 patterns were struck for \$4 gold coins which were never put into circulation. In 1872 ten patterns were tried for the trade dollar. Our present nickel, or five-cent piece, dates from about 1883 and

was the outcome of many trials. The one-cent piece has been as we know it since 1864, although a change was proposed last year.

The Parcels Post.

The Oregon Tradesman says that "one of the arguments used most extensively by those who favor parcels post is that it is opposed by the express companies which think that the parcels post would deprive them of a large amount of business. This may or may not be true. Granted that it is so, what has that to do with the real merits of the question? We cannot see that it makes any difference. What we should find out is how it would affect the farmers and the small dealers. The result of the passage of such a law would be that farmers and people living in the country towns would buy articles which have a profit attached to them, while they would call on their local merchant for those things on which there is no profit. We can easily see how that will affect the country merchant. With him eliminated, we imagine that the farmer would find matter changed for the worse. He would learn when it was too late that his local market for farm produce had disappeared, that many conveniences he once had had vanished."

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