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OUR BUSINESS MEN.

It matters not what trade, calling or profession we may have, after years of toil at it we become weary at the task and naturally come to the conclusion that our neighbors make money easier, live better, wear better clothes and have more of the comforts of life than we enjoy. This feeling seems to be growing rapidly during the past few years and directed principally against the business man. People conceive the idea that if this comes through the channels of trade his profits are exorbitant. Shrewd, designing men, some of whom made absolute failures as merchants, have taken advantage of these unfortunate conditions and become parasites on the legitimate trade of the country through the catalogue system, and hence we see great packages of goods of nearly every conceivable thing on earth coming through the post-office, express office, and the latest and most ridiculous addition to this peculiar condition of affairs is by wagon through the mud and loaded with groceries from a neighboring town.

Were we the only sufferers from this fanciful notion of saving money through this channel we would conclude our business men were a set of grand rascals, unworthy of the confidence of the people. But it seems the American people "like to be humbugged," and hence all over the United States money is gathered by the thousands and sent away to men and business firms with whom you have no acquaintance, either as to their integrity or responsibility.

If the purchaser was capable of judging of the merit of the goods purchased, or had them under his view for inspection it would seem a different proposition. But are you a judge of the goods sent you? and did you know that even in staple articles, such as gingham, calicoes and muslins, with the price commencing, say at 4 cents per yard, they rise from 1 cent per yard up to 10 cents, and when the tag is taken off it takes an expert to tell the difference? Did you know that two pieces of silk may be exactly matched in color and texture and when put under a magnifying glass you will find a difference of two or three threads to the square inch? Did you know that a rubber boot, after being in stock for two years in a warm climate is considered worthless, and could you tell the difference when you looked at it?

Have you ever stopped to think that men are paid fabulous salaries for their delicate sense of touch in the selection of delicate fabrics? Yet, notwithstanding all this, you are willing to trust this entire stranger, whoever he may be, to make your selection for you, while you watch your home merchant like a hawk watches a chicken, or a hog a bucket of swill. Why don't you send your money off to some city bank for safe keeping instead of seeking some sound financial institution which has stood in your community for years and defied the storms of adversity, and to whom you can go with your deposits feeling sure that when you get up in the morning the certificate will be good? Some of you tried this recently and you know the result.

Did it ever occur to you that it takes years of deep study and careful application of all the ingenuity of the mind to become a thorough and competent business man? or, did you ever look back over the past 20 years and count

up the per cent of business men who have retired with a competency during that time?

If a man has continued in business for five or ten years and has simply made a living, he has not been a successful business man. A man may work in a livery stable or chop cord wood and do that and when the day's work is done lay his tired body on the bed and go to sleep while the business man is laying awake studying how to meet the bills coming due. The statistics of New York a few years ago showed 95 per cent of the business men made a failure.

Have we a set of business men who are worthy of our confidence and support and to whom we can go for a favor when fickle fortune has been unkind to us? If so, let us support them; if not let us demand a change. Are we under any obligations to give them our support and sympathy for keeping beautiful stores where we can get what we want on a moment's notice? What the burden of taxation were we to drop them from the list of tax-payers?

In the name of all that is fair and honorable, we ask you to compare them with any town in the valley for honesty, morality, and sound business principles. We make the statement that if you will take your catalogue and lay it on the counter they will match the quality and price in any selection you make.

DON'T LIKE IT.

A plutocratic-democratic Journal in Portland does not approve the Gazette's appeal to republicans to cease their factionalism. Of course not; no one supposed it would. Strife among republicans is the only thing which suggests the smallest ray of hope that the democratic party may elect a governor, or a U. S. Senator. When anything is said to weaken this fond hope republicans expect to hear the Journal's hot-air pump at work, and they are neither disappointed nor disconcerted.

NOT A DEFECT IN FORM.

Indiscriminate legislation by those who have no expert knowledge of the subjects upon which they would legislate, appears to be one of the defects of our form of government.

Closely observe the present congress. The representatives of the people find themselves under the necessity of legislating upon subjects of the gravest character. To do so intelligently and efficiently requires expert knowledge. How many men have such knowledge? Our monetary system needs some careful, practical legislation. Control of corporations, tariff revision and several weighty matters besides require legislation. How many men in congress are possessed of the requisite knowledge to formulate wise, practical legislation on any of these subjects? But the very few who are best qualified have small influence in shaping legislation on these questions. Party considerations, local influences, personal ambitions all combine to nullify the efforts these few may make to secure wise legislation along any line.

Questions arise, to deal with which not only requires profound specific knowledge, but wise statesmanship, yet any glib partisan will exert a greater influence than the most farseeing statesman. He appeals to party; arouses party feeling, stirs up party animosities and local prejudices.

The result is that legislation is either wholly defeated or it is crude, imperfect, and possibly unwise and harmful. This is especially true of presidential years. At sessions of congress preceding presidential elections there is always a larger amount of legislation proposed, a greater portion of time wasted in so-called discussion, and less legislation enacted than at any other session. The present session will hardly

prove an exception, and possibly few persons expect it to be although there is so much that congress should do.

But is this a condition inherent to our form of government? We do not believe so. The trouble, probably, arises from several causes working simultaneously to the same end. We have carried government by party too far; we have expected "our delegation in congress" to look after the interests of the state first and of the whole country, if he then have time, afterwards and we have not been enough careful in choosing who shall be our law-makers.

We are yet too young a people to have mastered even the elements of human government. We have been too deeply absorbed in the development of our material resources to give much time to studying the science of government. Sometime, possibly not until the millennium dawn, we shall know and apply more of the principles of scientific and practical self-government. Meanwhile we shall govern and be governed in such as we choose, and shall always be willing to swear "ours is the best government on earth."

ENGLISH PARCELS POST.

Mr. F. W. Mahir, U. S. Consul at Nottingham, England, furnishes the following concerning the parcels post in that country:

"There are no carrying companies there like our express companies, but the post-office and railroads render the same kind of service. The maximum weight of a parcel by mail is eleven pounds. The charge is 6 cents for one pound or less, and a gradual increase up to 22 cents for eleven pounds.

The size of a parcel may be three and one-half feet long and of any width, but length and width or girth combined must not exceed six feet.

The post-office pays \$9.75 as compensation for loss of any parcel not containing money or jewelry, but compensation for any parcel may be secured by registration. A registry fee of 4 cents secures \$24.33 compensation; 6 cents secures \$97.33, 8 cents \$195.66, and so on up to 44 cents which secures the maximum compensation of \$1,946.60.

The railways carry, on passenger trains, parcels of any size and weight that can be carried in the guard's van. The charge for any distance within the kingdom is 8 cents for 2 pounds or less, and 10 cents for 3 pounds. Parcels over 3 pounds and up to 24 pounds pay a gradually increasing rate varying with the distance carried. For 24 pounds carried 30 miles the charge is 12 cents, and the rate is gradually increased for distances up to 100 miles. For 24 pounds to distances exceeding 100 miles the rate is 40 cents. These charges include both collection from and delivery to residences or places of business."

Additional Locals.

The interior and window decorations of the J. M. Nolan & Son store are now complete. 1021f

In the beef breeds of stock a very good time to select prospective show calves for the following year is when they are four or five weeks old, or just as soon as they get fat enough to fill out their form well. If you are planning to exhibit at the big shows next year and at Seattle the following year no time should be lost in selecting a few of the most likely youngsters and crowding them along. At certain stages they sometimes grow away from this early form, but usually come back to it if properly handled. Rural Spirit.

Holiday line of pictures on display at Hollenberg & Son's. 97-4

B. F. Mulkey, president of the Southern Oregon Normal School, Monday tendered his resignation to the state board of regents. It has been accepted. A number of prominent men are applicants to fill the unexpired term which ends next July, at the close of the school year, but no decision was reached by the committee, the members desiring to meet the applicants personally before making a choice. Mr. Mulkey has received a very flattering offer to become a member of a prominent Portland law firm it is rumored, and his resignation is the result.]

A work of art surpassing all previous efforts is J. M. Nolan & Son's window and store decorations. 1021f

The fruitgrowers of the vicinity of Philomath met the last of the week and effected an organization to be known as the Mary's River Fruitgrowers' Association. Prof. Henry Sheak, one of the most progressive horticulturists of that section, is president and W. F. Caldwell, secretary. Much interest is being taken in the matter by many farmers as hundreds of acres of trees and vines have been set out the past two years, says a dispatch to the Oregonian. The flavor and color of apples raised in that section are equal to the best obtained from Hood or Rogue River, but so little attention has been paid to them that there are now practically no commercial orchards. The object of the association is to raise more and better fruit of all kinds.

HOLLY stationery, Christmas tags, seals and mottoes, at Graham & Wells.

Three more thoroughbred Shorthorn bulls from the famous L. B. Geer herd are on their way to Honolulu. They were shipped from Corvallis, Monday night, and at Carlton were to be placed aboard a car which was then to be filled with other thoroughbred bovines from the Ladd farm and started on the long trip to Honolulu. The shipment goes to the same company there which has made similar shipments from Benton county the past year, through their agent, Mr. Carter. No better advertising could be given Benton county's blooded stock than is given it in this manner, the Honolulu papers having given glowing accounts of the animals previously shipped from here, stating that the bovines were the finest ever seen on the islands.

Good line Handbags, fancy China cups and saucers, Stationery, etc., at the Bazaar. 101-3

The college barn now under course of construction is to be completed by March 1st and will cost \$20,000. The main building is to be 50x96 feet, two stories. The two wings of this part, which will be the stables, are to be 42x82 feet. The milk room in the main building will be 31x17 and will be supplied with the latest equipment for the purposes intended. The stable floors will be of concrete and a concrete foundation will support the building. The foreman will have a private office in the building and there will be other rooms set aside especially for various uses, such as a harness room, an engine and boiler room and a seed room. The construction work is in charge of Arthur Moore of Portland, the contractor for the building having been awarded to the Multnomah Mill and Construction company of that city.

M. M. Long has a complete line of dolls and other toys for the holiday trade. Prices away down. 101-2

The Linn County Council, Patrons of Husbandry, in a meeting at Tangent a few days ago began action to interest voters of the state in the effort to disapprove the University of Oregon appropriation, which will be voted on in the next state election. The committee consisting of Eugene Palmer and Cyrus H. Walker was named to look after the securing of a suitable title for the bill on the ballot and to formulate plans for interesting voters of the state in the movement. A resolution was passed reciting Gov. Chamberlain's veto of the bill when it passed the Legislature, the fact that it ultimately passed over the Governor's veto and resolving that "we urgently request the legal voters of the state to vote against said appropriation through our referendum against the U. of O. appropriation to be placed upon the ballot for the general election to be held in June, 1908, this virtually sustaining the above veto of the Governor." Oregonian.

The Bazaar will be open evenings from now until after the holidays. 102

M. L. Satterlee, wife and brother, W. D. Satterlee, of Beaver Creek, were in Corvallis, Wednesday, between trains, en route to Portland where the first named gentleman was to enter St. Vincent's hospital for treatment for a gun shot wound in the knee. The accident happened on South Beach. The victim and a party of friends were target shooting on the beach and as one of the marksmen wheeled suddenly, holding the gun under his arm, there was a report and Mr. Satterlee fell to the earth, wounded. About 144 shots were removed from the knee and it was thought that only a flesh wound had been inflicted. As the days passed, however, and the trouble increased it was found that the bones in the knee were badly shattered and the trip to Portland was undertaken. M. L. Satterlee is 53 years of age and resides at Lisbon, North Dakota. With his wife he is on a visit to his brother, W. D., who has a ranch on Beaver Creek. The accident occurred a week ago last Sunday and is one of those deplorable affairs for which no one seems to be to blame and which causes the deepest regret on the part of the unfortunate person who happened to be in charge of the gun.

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Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office.
Portland, Oregon, October 22, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1902, Mrs. Betha J. Johnson, of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement, No. 7603, for the purchase of the following described land for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on Saturday, the 16th day of January, 1908.
She names as witnesses: Mrs. Minnie Mack of Monmouth, Oregon; Mr. Will Mack of Monmouth, Oregon; Mr. J. C. Olson of Corvallis, Oregon; Mrs. J. C. Olson of Corvallis, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 16th day of January, 1908.
ALGERNON S. DRESSEK, Register.

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