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A FEW MINUTES WITH THE EDITOR

PROUD OF OUR EXHIBITION

Multnomah County's Annual Grange Fair is thrown open to the public Wednesday for the first time. Considering the fact that six months' work in the preparations for this fair have been done in less than six weeks actual working time, it is not surprising that some mistakes have been made. On the whole, however, every citizen of Multnomah county has reason to be proud of the showing made. All the exhibits are a credit to the county and state and speak well for those who have taken a part in getting them together. The benefits to be derived from this fair to Multnomah county can not be computed in dollars and cents. The fair must be held annually. The Herald bids everyone a hearty welcome. The committees who have had the arrangements for the fair in hand have done everything possible for your benefit, comfort and pleasure. It is to be hoped the good things provided will be appreciated, and the distasteful, if any, forgotten.

THE EXPLANATION

These exceedingly good times are coming to be hard times for people with fixed incomes. Living is at least 25 per cent. higher than it was five years ago. About everything that we eat or wear has advanced in price far beyond any increase in salaries or wages. For some of this increase there seems to be good and sufficient reason, but much of it is evidently the result of unjust and unfair combinations. That beef steak should be 20 cents a pound, eggs 40 cents a dozen, and butter half a dollar per pound is without satisfactory cause. The producer is getting little more than he did five years ago, there is no lack of supply in the markets, there is no special demand because of war or famine. The only explanation apparent to common people is that the men between the producer and the consumer have combined to advance prices arbitrarily. A study of the situation reveals certain things that ought to set us thinking. Within fifty years a new standard of business success has been set up. Fifty years ago a man in a wholesale business or manufactory who accumulated a hundred thousand dollars was counted successful; now nothing short of a half-million counts, and that not very much. Men who are at the head of great corporations are expected to amass a million, and they figure their profits accordingly. Another change is in the manner of living by the business men and their families. Palatial houses, automobiles, a retinue of servants, European trips, and other extravagances are now a part of the regular expenses of rich men. Their only chance to meet these demands is to double profits which they do by squeezing the producer and holding up the consumer.

As a result of this there is growing up in this land of freedom and equality a system of caste that is as fixed as the caste of India, but with this difference: in India the lower castes are stupid and ignorant and they stubbornly submit; in this country the poor are neither ignorant nor stupid. They are restlessly bearing the burden now for the sake of peace and in the hope of something turning up to change the conditions. They will not wait forever. The sight and sound and smell of the recklessly driven automobile is an irritant to the nerves of the hungry poor. A dangerous type of socialism is feeding on this unrest, and as it feeds it grows. Under the lead of President Roosevelt the government is doing something, but so far the needless extortion in the purchase of the necessities of life has not been checked. The writer of these notes does not possess the wisdom to deal with this momentous question, but he does feel that the time is here for the church of Christ to make its influence felt for the poor of the people. It is for us to heed the old prophet when he cried out, "Lift up a standard for the people." It is not for the church to condemn every man who may be rich. Our Master did no such thing, but He did clearly picture the dangers of riches and left no doubt as to where His sympathies were in the great struggles of life—

to preach and live the true socialism of the Golden Rule and the second great commandment. There may be a place in the Kingdom of God for an Episcopalian Pierpont Morgan, and a Baptist Rockefeller, and a Presbyterian Armour, but there is no place for the things they represent. Business that produces profits of more than 100 per cent is not righteous business and cannot be. Fortunes built out of the wrecks of competitors are not evidences of God's favor. Extortionate prices for the necessities of life in this land of plenty are crimes against the God who crowns the year with His goodness.—Pacific Baptist.

MULTNOMAH NURSERIES

The Eastwood nursery and the Russellville nursery have doubtless made as fine an exhibit of fruit and ornamental trees as could be found anywhere in the state. Their effort is commendable, and the gentlemen behind these institutions are deserving of great credit. The special feature of the Eastwood nursery is a bearing three-year-old apple tree, while the German berry bearing holly raised by the Russellville nursery is a sample of elegance seldom found in the state.

Gresham's great day, and Multnomah county's great day, agriculturally speaking, has dawned. The festival and fair, given under the auspices of the grangers of Eastern Multnomah, will open this morning. Indefatigable industry, personal enthusiasm and civic pride have held council together to make this display. The result is before the public—a great fair in miniature and an entertainment that will be enjoyed by all the countryside and only to a less extent by hundreds of visitors from the city. The occasion is one of interest to every citizen of Multnomah county.—Oregonian.

Multnomah county and the adjacent portion of Clackamas will show Portland visitors at Gresham this week things worth going to see, and surprise many with the evidences of development and thrift that have been transforming that region during the past few years.—Oregon Journal.

GIVE US THE PARCELS POST

Some Striking Reasons Why It is Delayed

Wells, Idaho, October 12, 1907.
Editor Beaver State Herald, Gresham, Oregon.

Dear Sir: Enclosed, you will find a clipping taken from the Ladies' Magazine. Please insert it in your newspaper—the best paper that was ever printed in Gresham, or in many other towns for that matter, and oblige an untiring reader. Yours respectfully,
MRS. J. S. ATKINSON.

The Adams Express Company recently declared an extra dividend of twenty-four millions of dollars. This company has already paid its usual dividend and expenses, and after doing so it still finds it has this colossal sum of twenty-four millions on hand. Every stockholder will get \$200 for every \$100 share in addition to his regular dividend. This is what is called cutting a melon. A pretty nice melon, isn't it? It is a melon that we, the American people, grew and made possible by simply submitting to the extortion of the express companies. Do you know why the Adams people have this enormous sum to divide amongst their stockholders? Well, it is because we pay, 25, 50, 75 cents and a dollar for express packages that the U. S. government would carry if we had parcels post for a few cents. This money is taken from the people unjustly, because the people really want and would greatly appreciate parcels post. In every other country in the world, worth while, including even Siam, there is parcels post. This is no experiment. In Europe it has been in existence for over a generation. The country storekeepers over there were a little afraid of the parcels post when it first started, and some of them here are terribly afraid that it may injure their business, but it

did not injure the small storekeepers in Europe, and he has forgotten that he ever objected to it. It would be the same in this country. No one would be injured and every one in the end would be helped. The R. F. D. wagons, which are now nearly empty, would be laden down with packages. This would be of immense accommodation to the farmers, and vastly stimulate business. The rural carriers might just as well handle packages that now go by express. As it is at present, farmers have to drive miles to get their express packages, and then have to pay extravagant rates, four or five times what the carriage of the parcel is worth. With a parcels post, tens of thousands of badly paid employees of express companies would find work at good wages, and they would not have to work all the hours God Almighty made, as they often have to do at present. Parcels post would be an immense and unspeakable boon to this country. That we have done without it, and continue to do without it, is to the foreigner the most extraordinary thing in our national life. The foreigner thinks we could as easily get along without telephones, railroads, or air and water, as without parcels post.

Of course, we know why it is we do not have parcels post. It is because the express companies, who can divide up twenty-four millions of dollars in extra profits every little while, are able to maintain a powerful lobby at Washington. This lobby is able (by lavish expenditure in money which has been wrung from the people by excessive charges) to stifle all legislation. Thus it is we have to pay millions and millions of dollars yearly that might remain in our pockets. We have to put up with all sorts of inconveniences and be denied facilities that exist in semi-barbarous countries to please the express corporations and enable them to divide up their twenty-four million dollar melons. It is time the American people did some serious thinking on this question. If the Adams people can divide this enormous sum amongst their stockholders why cannot Uncle Sam give us parcels post and let us keep some of those millions of which we are now robbed in our own pockets?

MAIL ORDER HOUSES

Stand by Your Local Dealer as He Stands by You

Before you mail another post-office order or express order to help build up a firm in Chicago or some other large city at the expense of home dealers, think of your own welfare a little and at least give your local merchant and friend a chance to figure with you. Mail order house advertising is of the very best quality, so far as the science of interesting readers of publicity in goods they offer for sale is concerned. But it is advertising which should be scanned carefully. If read critically, the skill with which plausible sentences are put together and words made to appear to say what they really do not is apparent.

In one catalogue which the writer examined recently, three washing machines are described. The first is declared to be "the most perfect washer on the market." The second is said to have "more good sensible ideas than any other" while the third is praised as "the most superior washing machine on the market."

Now, which of these machines is really the best? Which of them is as good as the one the retailer sells and guarantees? Can any reader of the catalogue tell? Absolutely not.

The lesson should be plain to those who receive these catalogues. They can read glowing descriptions of goods, but they do not know what they are buying when they send their money to a mail order house.

When a purchaser goes to his retailer, he can examine what he wishes to buy. He can look it over carefully, test it, and if necessary, receive a guarantee from the merchant that the article is satisfactory. That guarantee is good, because the retailer expects to remain in business among his friends, and he cannot afford to deceive.

The catalogue house, however, may offer to replace unsatisfactory goods, but there is the annoyance of writing claim letters, packing the goods and shipping them back and waiting for the new shipment. And at the same time there is the chance that the substitute goods will prove to be no more satisfactory than the original and all of the trouble will have to be experienced again.

The mail order house is after money. Every dollar it gets its hands on will be jerked out of your neighborhood forever. The mail order house may bear upon its face the semblance of friendship, but no human heart beats under the cloak of hypocrisy. Sentiment to it is unknown. The whole institution is as cold and bloodless as a corpse.

All the mail order houses in Christendom would not increase the value of your farm or town property a cent. They are parasites to whom life is only possible as long as they can suck blood out of the communities, to the upbuilding of which they contribute nothing. They create no local market for the products you have for sale. They have no property in your county which can be assessed to help bear your burden of taxation.

Your local dealer needs neither ad-

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vocate nor defense. His methods rest upon principles that have built up in this country a system of internal commerce which is the marvel and admiration of the world. His business is legitimate because its success contributes to the general prosperity of the community that built it up.

Your local dealer stands ready to duplicate every offer so seductively set forth in the catalogues of mail order houses and more. He will trump the best trick the mail order ever played if you will put down spot cash and accept from him a class of goods devoid of respectable ancestry, and upon which no reputable manufacturer will place his name. He can sell cheap goods too if you will plunk down the money and accept what he gives you without question and without recourse; but you must not expect him to be in his place of business every day in the year, ready and willing to stand back of every article he sells with his own reputation and the warranty of a responsible company.

Honestly, now, don't you really pat yourself on the back when you spend your money in such a way that in supplying your own wants you help build up the neighborhood in which you live? Of course you do, and you act on that idea yourself, but the trouble is you don't talk it enough to your friends.

Stand by your local dealer as he stands by you with his time, his skill and his money. He helps to build up the community and he makes it a better place for you both to live. His own success depends on your prosperity. He has no use for mavericks—unbranded goods. He swears by the goods branded with the like of which no other generation ever saw, and he has an abiding faith in the theory that the best vehicles in all the world today are none so good for that major general of all the industries—the American Citizen.

Correspondence

POWELL VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Buoy have sold their place and will move to Washington in a short time.

Mrs. Florence Wilson started for Arizona last Monday.

Joseph S. Wilcox and wife reached Oregon last week.

J. A. Buoy was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elliott last Sunday evening.

The Ladies Sewing circle met at P. A. Johnson's with a large attendance.

Miss Bertha Johnson has gone to Portland to attend business college.

Miss Annie Nordblom spent Sunday at home.

UPPER LATOURELL

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and daughter Myrtle visited at Ross' Sunday.

The stork visited at Will Knieriem's last week, leaving a baby girl.

Mr. Hicks was at a Portland hospital Thursday, 10th inst., visiting his mother, who has been undergoing an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen and daughter Ruby spent Sunday at Anderson.

Miss Lydia Metzger visited with Miss Helen Deaver Sunday.

Miss Alice Quint, teacher of Mountain school, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Montavilla.

CORBETT

While attempting to board the train last Thursday morning, Fred Reed fell, breaking the small bone of his left arm.

Mrs. Myrtle Reed spent Tuesday with her daughter Eva in Portland. We are pleased to know Miss Eva is improving and hope she may return home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hughes little child was taken suddenly ill Saturday and was taken to Portland Saturday evening for medical treatment.

Mrs. Lucy Kincaid and son Ralph drove to Portland Saturday.

Mrs. C. Smith and Miss Ethel were in the city Wednesday and Friday.

Miss May Walker went to Portland Sunday evening, returning next day.

Mrs. Hattie Rogers was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

SECTION LINE

An engine driven by some careless driver was run into the school fence last week, wrecking a good part of the street side, leaving the yard open to stock.

Charles Gonaslas and wife left our neighborhood for their new home near Bonneville lately, trading their little home on the Taylor avenue road for a farm at the first mentioned place. A

pleasant neighbor and citizen and citizen. Mr. Gonaslas leaves many who will regret this change in their home. Mrs. Gonaslas is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnston, also residing on the same road. The good wishes of all go with them for health and prosperity.

Master Lionel Buckley celebrated his sixteenth birthday at his home last Monday. A number of handsome gifts were his portion, together with the good wishes of loving friends for many returns of the day.

DAMASCUS

Mrs. James Wilson has been in Portland visiting her parents, who will soon go to California for the winter.

Mrs. Lingle has returned from Kansas, where she has been visiting her daughter Ilma and other relatives.

Miss Newberg of Portland is spending a few weeks at the home of her uncle, August Wedens.

Miss Carrie Hancock is in Portland for a few days, visiting her cousin, Morris Hancock.

LUSTEDS

Miss Olive Lusted and her friend, B. J. Goff of Portland, spent Sunday with Miss Jessie Francis of Gresham.

Bert Heighton of Sellwood is taking a few days vacation with Ed Hamilton and family, in fishing and hunting.

Mrs. Ralph Neibauer and daughter Zena are visiting her sister, Mrs. McIntyre, at Sandy and enjoying themselves fishing.

The ladies of the Ladies Home Mission society met with Mrs. G. Blackburn last Wednesday to make a quilt for Mrs. Donahue. The hostess served a fine dinner.

Mrs. Ida Holmes returned to her home in Washington, after visiting her folks for some time.

Melvin Long purchased Mr. Peterson's top buggy.

Miss Belle Cummings has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Moulton, the past week.

Mrs. Geo. Lusted went to Gresham Tuesday to enter their exhibits at the fair, and returned Wednesday. While there she staid with Miss Jessie Francis.

W. Craswell made a flying trip to Portland Saturday.

Mrs. Andre and daughter Elva were Portland visitors a few days last week.

Read the want ads on last page.

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Subscribers, Take Note
Commencing November 1, 1907, the subscription price of this paper will be raised to \$1.50 per year, payable in advance. Subscriptions may be renewed for one or more years at the old rate of \$1.00 per year till that time. The papers of all delinquent subscribers will be stopped November 1, 1907, and the amounts due under same charged to their accounts, which will be immediately turned over to our attorney for collection. If you do not want your name to appear on our delinquent list, pay up before November 1, 1907.

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How to Cure a Cold
The question of how to cure a cold without unnecessary loss of time is one in which we are all more or less interested, for the quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger of pneumonia and other serious diseases. B. W. L. Hall of Waverly, Va., has used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for years and says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends, and they all agree with me." For sale by all druggists.

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Sandy for Boring, 8:35 a. m.
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