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The Council meets in regular session on the first Monday evening of each month, at 7:30 o'clock, in the office of the Falls City News.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1914

The wage war in Colorado is more shameful than anything that has happened or that could happen in Mexico. The Colorado State government has been shifty and uncertain in dealing with the inhuman atrocities committed upon miners, and consequently that State has been a battleground for the past ten years. State officials seem to have taken it for granted that property rights are above human rights; that the Rockefeller dollar is above the man who produces the dollar. That theory may be all right in Mexico, or South Africa, but in Colorado—well, hardly.

Why not a popular movement for boys to become better around home and at school? Instead of making hikes, why should not boys learn to work during vacation? asks How's Magazine. Boys must learn to, and the sooner they begin the better for them. A boys' movement based on mere idleness will result in more politicians. Why should there not be a boys' movement to aid parents rather than a boys' movement to aid a set of schemers?—Salem Statesman.

The S. P. is sending out exceptionally fine booklets descriptive of Newport, Tillamook County Beaches and Vacation Days in Oregon. Get copies of these booklets and you will sure get the vacation fever. You will also learn that Oregon furnishes all the attractive features necessary for an enjoyable outing. Ask the railway agent for copies of the booklets.

The Water Board met in the council chamber, Monday evening with three members and the mayor present. Application No. 3483 and permit No. 1939 "To appropriate the public waters of the State of Oregon" having been granted by the State Water Board to the Falls City Water Board, the line to Glaze creek will now be completed.

The Federal Pure Food laws do not prevent adulteration, if we are to judge by the numerous small fines imposed by the Government. It seems that the fines imposed are considered in the nature of a license to violate the law. This was not the case under the management of Harvey W. Wiley.

Construction work is being done on the Valley & Siletz railroad between Independence and Hoskins. The mill at Hoskins has been set in operation by manager C. O. Johnson, with L. U. Ingram as sawyer.

"Choosing a Calling" is the title of a new booklet issued by the University of Oregon, "for the information of the high school students of the State," and we may add, also, for the information of all young people.

Oregon City council proposes to spend \$12,000 for a rock crush-

er and street building outfit. If one may judge by the experience of Falls City, it will not be considered a good investment.

D. H. Upjohn has resigned as Polk county attorney and has started the weekly Gazette at Salem. That's climbing the ladder of fame, anyhow. J. E. Sibley is now county attorney.

Oregon City paid a detective \$89 to convict a doctor of writing a certain kind of prescriptions. The fine was \$100. That is rather a big price to pay for a net profit of \$11.

A. J. Beveridge very cleverly shows, in a recent magazine article, that the Democratic control in Congress is due to the fact that the Republican party is "all cut to pieces."

The manufacturers of Oregon are demanding that there be a stop to the enactment of freak laws. Our boosters scream for more factories and our restrictive laws.

Oregon prunes command the highest prices in the Eastern markets. Not many years ago California prunes were the only kind known in those markets.

Portland Rose Festival, June 9, 10, 11, 12. The former King, Rex Oregonus, is out of business, and the "Queen of Rosaria" has taken his place.

The S. P. and P., E. & E. railway companies offer suggestions in regard to your summer outing for 1914. Read the ad on front page.

Ben F. Beezley of Newport, has been appointed Road Supervisor of Lincoln county. Ben knows how to make good roads.

Commission government in Portland does not appear to be a blooming success, "though it is not yet a dismal failure."

The prohibitionists have nominated a sort of a compromise state ticket, with U'Ren for governor. —Jefferson Review.

Less expensive sport and more work and closer attention to business would help reduce the high cost of living.

A Communication

To the Editor:

I wish to make a statement, through your paper, concerning certain stories that have been told about me, by some people who live on the north side of Falls City, who, for years, have been telling that I am guilty of a robbery in the East, or that I am to blame for some one going to the penitentiary.

These scoundrels never rise higher than slander, and will stoop even in that to defame innocent women and children. They are most content when their forked tongues are wagging for evil purposes.

For years I have kept silent, hoping they would finally run out of lies and slander, and quit, but it seems that this course has given them greater boldness.

In justice to myself, my family and the good people of Falls City, I feel it is time to speak.

I can only brand these stories as base slanders by people who make up lies and tell them behind my back. The world hates a sneaking coward and a malicious falsifier. Both of these characters are found in the households of these defamers of my character. They have proven themselves sneaking cowards by writing unsigned or falsely signed letters and cards and sending them to me through the mails; they have proven themselves malicious slanderers by telling lies about me they know are lies, from start to finish.

The true story which is used as the basis for these lying stories concerning myself may be had by writing to ex-sheriff Chas. M. King, circuit judge Davis, or to the clerk of the court at Stanton, Montcalm county, Michigan; or to the Detroit, Lansing & Northern Ry. Co., or to the detectives Johnson and Root, of the railway company. (Signed) Wm. Estelle.

DECEPTION A GRAVE OFFENSE

Exaggeration a Blood Relative to Falsehood.

EXPERIENCE OF CONSUMERS.

In the Art of Deception the Mail Order Houses Excel the World—Where is the Doubting Thomas Who Does Not Remember the "Sight Unseen" Trades of Boyhood Days?

[Copyrighted, 1914, by Thomas J. Sullivan.] Of all the evil spirits abroad in the land deception is the most dangerous. It is the first and worst of all frauds.

Exaggeration is a blood relative to falsehood and nearly as blamable. Some men and some business concerns can never state an ordinary fact in ordinary terms. All their geese are swans till you see them.

There is no strength in exaggeration. Even the truth is weakened by being expressed too strongly.

A Gaping Monster.

Mankind in the gross is a gaping monster that loves to be deceived and has seldom been disappointed. They say that idiots only may be cozened twice, but how about the mail order buyers? How often are they deceived by the large catalogue houses?

In the art of deception the great mail order houses excel the world. In their greed for gain and rush to victimize the poor and unsuspecting they paint their pictures of alleged bargains too alluringly. They instill confidence in the mind of the buyer, only later to fill his heart with doubt and disgust.

Who does not remember the "sight unseen" trades or "swaps" of boyhood days? One of the parties in the transaction usually got the worst of it, didn't he? And as a rule it wasn't the one who proposed the deal, was it? There is a lot of the same sort of "sight unseen" trading going on today, only nowadays it is called merchandising by mail.

Catalogues Look Inviting.

The illustrations in the catalogues of the retail mail order houses look inviting. The reading matter sounds nice, and sometimes the deal turns out all right.

But, even supposing it does, wherein is the buyer any better off than if he bought from the home merchant? Take any article you choose from the long list of things sold by mail and you will find upon investigation that you can buy it just as cheaply and just as well at home. The expense of selling it by mail is just as great as the expense of selling it over the counter.

Your local merchants have rent, taxes, clerk hire, etc., to pay, and the mail order houses have the same expenses, only rent and taxes are higher in the large cities than in the country town. And, in addition, they have to maintain a small army of bookkeepers, stenographers, shipping clerks and other employees, besides the immense cost of advertising.

How many of the rural consumers know that advertising appearing in what are known as mail order advertising mediums costs from \$42 to \$85 an inch in single columns? It is true nevertheless. Where does the enormous profit come from out of which these enormous bills are paid? Out of the pockets of the consumers.

Would Welcome Such Bargains.

The city people would go wild with joy if these mail order houses actually had values with style and quality. They would not need to leave their own large cities to sell at the prices they quote, as the city people would swoop down upon their bargains like hungry hen hawks on green goslings. But with style and value lacking they do not dare show their goods in the city, where the prospective customers would have the opportunity of comparison, but by cleverly worded and exaggerated description they make the country people believe they are offering more desirable wares than the country merchant carries and at a less price, and, having no opportunity for comparison before buying, many people naturally are duped.

Everybody knows the picture of a five dollar suit of clothes looks as good as the picture of a twenty dollar suit. The description reads well. The suit seems to be what you want.

Cash With the Order.

You send your good money because the mail order house will not accept an order where the money does not accompany it. Then the suit arrives. It was to be all wool, but it is not. It is fully a size too large and several years out of date, and, besides, it has the style and general appearance of the prison made garment.

If Mr. Mail Order Man were right there you would not accept the goods, but he is far away, selling suits, no doubt to some other unsuspecting souls of man.

Next time you are attracted by an ad. of some mail order "bargain" just clip it out and take it to your local dealer and see if he will not duplicate it. That's only neighborly and fair and gives your merchant a chance to make good his statement that his prices are the lowest and his goods the best.

May 15 In American History.

1793—President Washington appealed to the Austrian emperor to release General Lafayette from war prison and permit him to come to America.
 1864—General Sherman's troops broke through the Confederate defense at various points around Resaca, Ga. At night General Johnston's army abandoned its position and retreated toward Rome. Federal loss at Resaca, 2,700 killed and wounded; Confederate, 1,800 in all.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning stars: Mercury, Jupiter. Planet Venus, 2 degrees north of Planet Saturn, due west high up. Red star Aldebaran and Pleiades below; Orion south and Auriga, with the brilliant Capella, north.

May 16 In American History.

1776—Congress summoned General Washington to appear before that body to consult about "the present posture of affairs."
 1864—General B. F. Butler's army was driven from the positions captured at Drury's Bluffs on the 13th.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning stars: Mercury, Jupiter. Constellation Virgo spans the southern and southeastern sky, with the first magnitude clear white star, Spica well above the horizon about 8:30 p. m.

May 17 In American History.

1774—General Thomas Gage, British military governor, landed in Boston to suppress the "rebels."
 1776—Day of "humiliation, fasting and prayer" in the camps of the Continental army, in New York.
 1829—John Jay, statesman, died; born 1745.
 1875—John Cabell Breckinridge, soldier, former vice president and southern Democratic candidate in 1860, died; born 1821.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Saturn, Mercury, Mars, Venus. Morning star: Jupiter. The bowl of the Greater Dipper, open to the north-northwest, is almost exactly overhead about 8:15 p. m.

May 18 In American History.

1675—James Marquette, missionary and explorer, died; born 1637.
 1864—General W. T. Sherman's troops occupied Rome and Kingston, Ga., driving out Confederates.
 1910—The earth passed through the tail of Halley's comet at 10:17 p. m., New York time.
 1913—Waters of the Pacific ocean admitted to the Panama canal through a dike near Miraflores.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning star: Jupiter. The Milky way extends from the eastern to the western points, being highest in the north and northwest about 9 p. m.

May 19 In American History.

1780—Marvelous obscuration of sunlight in New England began at 10 o'clock a. m. and continued all day.
 1795—Josiah Bartlett, "signer" for New Hampshire, died; born 1729.
 1864—While the Federal Army of the Potomac was preparing to abandon its lines at Spottsylvania the Confederates sprung a bold attack, delaying the movement two days.
 1913—The California alien land bill became a law.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning star: Jupiter. The Northern Cross, constellation Cygnus, close to the northeastern horizon, along the Milky way about 9 p. m.

May 20 In American History.

1772—Dorothy Payne, famous as "Dolly Madison," wife of President Madison, born; died 1849.
 1834—Marquis de Lafayette, French ally of the American Revolutionists, died in Paris; born 1757.
 1864—General P. G. T. Beauregard's Confederate army effectually "bottled up" General Butler's Federal army at Bermuda Hundred, on James river.
 1913—H. M. Flagler, capitalist and railway magnate, died; born 1830.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning star: Jupiter. The brilliancy of the Milky way in the northeast section is to be noted in the evening.

May 21 In American History.

1776—General Washington placed the Continental army in command of General Israel Putnam and started for Philadelphia to answer a summons from congress.
 1796—Reverdy Johnson, statesman, born at Annapolis, Md.; died 1876.
 1864—The Federals abandoned the siege of Spottsylvania and marched toward North Anna river, on the road to Richmond.
 1907—Albion W. Tourgee, noted writer and lecturer and United States consul at Bordeaux, died; born 1838.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning star: Jupiter. The position of the Lesser Bear (with Polaris), and its relation to the body of Draco (northwest of zenith) recalls the belief of the ancients that the Lesser Bear is a wing of the Dragon.

May 22 In American History.

1782—General Washington spurned a

hint from the army that he "assume the crown of America."

1807—The trial of Aaron Burr, former vice president of the United States, for high treason began at Richmond.
 1856—Assault on Charles Sumner in senate chamber by Preston Brooks of South Carolina.
 1898—Edward Bellamy, author of "Looking Backward," "Equality," etc., died; born 1850.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning star: Jupiter. Arcturus, golden or orange yellow and swift moving, conspicuous, due south-east, high up about 8 p. m.

May 23 In American History.

1781—General Washington and his French ally, Count de Rochambeau, planned to attack the British in New York city.
 1783—James Otis, orator of the patriot cause in the Revolution, died; born 1725.
 1864—The Federal army, with Grant, crossed North Anna river, finding Lee's troops from Spottsylvania strongly entrenched on the south bank.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning star: Jupiter. The bright star north of the Pleiades (northwestern sky) is Algor (Demon Star), seen in the evening.

Let the water bucket go. It's a back number, and a useless waste of energy. Use city water.

Civil Service examination in Dallas, May 25, for rural mail carriers in Polk county.

A trainload of Portland teachers are visiting the Monmouth normal school, today.

The Independence city council is having trouble over a paving contract.

It is stated that hominy is the only food not manufactured in Oregon.

Race meet at Independence, June 4, 5, 6. Purses amount to \$1825.

Salem Cherry Fair June 25-27, to be held on court house grounds. State Grange meeting in Monmouth, May 19, 20, 21, 22.

Street Improvement Notice

To D. Tollar, R. E. Williams, and all other persons in interest, property holders and owners of Falls City, Polk county, Oregon,

Notice is hereby given, that the city council of Falls City, Oregon, contemplates the passage of ordinance requiring the improvement of that certain part of Third street described as follows, to-wit:

That part of Third street beginning at the north line of North Main street and running thence north on Third street a distance of 100 feet, to the alley.

That said improvement will consist in general in the construction of artificial stone curbs in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 73 of Falls City, Oregon, on said part of Third street in said city, and such improvement to be made at the time and in the manner to be hereafter prescribed by Ordinance.

The cost of such improvement will be assessed to the real property fronting and abutting on said part of said street.

That the city council of said city will sit in the council chamber of said city on the 26th day of May, 1914, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock in the evening of said day, to pass an ordinance requiring the construction of said curbs on the hereinbefore described part of Third street and also at said time and place to hear and determine objections and remonstrances against the construction of said curbs, if any there be, and

That all owners and other persons in interest may attend at said time and place and show cause if any they have, why such proposed curbs should not be constructed.

Done by order of the City Council of Falls City, Polk County, Oregon, made on the 4th day of May, 1914, Witness my hand and the official seal of said City of Falls City, Oregon, this 14th day of May, 1914.

(L. S.) C. W. LEE, Auditor and Police Judge of Falls City, Oregon.

Parcels Must Bear Return Card

The attention of all is directed to paragraph 4 of section 470, Postal Laws and Regulations, which requires that the name and address of the sender shall appear on every package that is to be sent by parcel post, or it will not be accepted for mailing.

Ira C. Mehrling, P.M.

For sale, 24-a. good land; 3-4 a. in fruit; 8-r. house, furnished; city water; barn, other bldgs.; chickens, cow, yearling heifer; hogs; harness, tools; price \$2500, half cash; box 170.

'Lend a Hand'

Citizens who wish to help The News give the news of the town can render a good service by sending or phoning any information they may have of local doings, especially of matters that are not likely to come under the personal observation of the editor.

Services in the Churches of Falls City

CHRISTIAN
 Sunday: 10 a. m. Bible School
 11 a. m. Communion and Preaching
 6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor
 7:30 p. m. Preaching (good singing)
 Wednesday: 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting
 Friday: 7:30 p. m. Choir Practice
 You are invited to all these services.
 Lee Sadler, Pastor.

FREE METHODIST
 Sunday School . . . 10:00 a. m.
 sermon . . . 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Bible study 6:30 p. m.
 Evening sermon . . . 7:30 p. m.
 Prayer meeting Thurs. 7:30 p. m.
 R. E. Nichols, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
 Sunday School, . . . 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship . . . 11:00 a. m.
 Epworth League, . . . 6:30 p. m.
 Preaching Service . . . 7:30 p. m.
 Ladies' Aid Society, Wed. after'n
 Choir Practice, Thur. 7:30 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting, Wednes. 8:00 p. m.
 Milton A. Marey, Pastor.

GERMAN LUTHERAN
 Preaching services in Toller hall at 3:30 p. m., third Sunday of each month, by Rev. Grosse, of Salem.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENT
 Sabbath school Saturday 10:00 a. m.
 Preaching service " . . . 11:00 a. m.
 Prayer meeting Wednes., 7:30 p. m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
 There will be Mass at the Catholic Church, Mary Magdalene, regularly, hereafter, on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Post Office Time Card

Office hours: Daily, except Sunday, 8 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Mail arrives, from Salem-Dallas, 9:35 a. m.; 3:45 p. m. Black Rock, 1:50 p. m.

Mail closes, for Salem, 9:00 a. m. and 1:00 p. m. Dallas, 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. Black Rock, 11:00 a. m.

Office hours: Sunday only, 9:30 to 10:30 a. m.

Mail arrives from Salem 9:35 a. m. Mail closes for Salem 9:00 a. m. Effective Dec. 1, 1913.

IRA C. MEHRLING, Postmaster. Falls City, Polk Co., Or.

Notice of Appointment

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Henry C. Brown, has been duly appointed as Administrator of the estate of Thomas D. Brown, deceased, by the County Court of Polk county, Oregon, and he has duly qualified as such Administrator.

Therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified to the undersigned, Henry C. Brown, at his residence at Williams, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice in the Falls City News, said date being the 11th day of March 1914. Dated this 7th day of March, A. D. 1914.

HENRY C. BROWN, Administrator of said estate. McCain, Vinton & Burdett, Attorneys for said estate.

R. E. WILLIAMS, M. L. THOMPSON, W. F. NICHOLS, A. J. VICK,
 President Vice-President Cashier Assistant Cashier

Bank of Falls City

FALLS CITY, POLK COUNTY, OREGON

Does a General Banking Business. Interest Paid on Time Deposits. Exchange sold on all points in the United States. Notary Public officially connected with the Bank.