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The Albany Democrat is one of the interior papers that unqualifiedly and unstintedly condemn the parcels post proposition, alleging that it is a scheme wholly in the interest of Montgomery, Ward & Co., Sears, Roebuck & Co., and other such concerns. We cannot take this view of the case, and believe that our country contemporaries have not fully investigated the subject, as explained by Postmaster-General Meyer, say the Portland Journal. According to his explanation, as given in The Journal last Friday, the proposed system would be distinctly advantageous to the country merchants rather than to these objectionable mail-order houses. And it seems improbable that President Roosevelt, and all the post-master-generals of the last 20 years, would have advocated a parcels post if it would have operated as our interior friends suppose. Are not the reasons of all these eminent men worthy of a careful, considerate examination, before denouncing the scheme as something calculated to injure the rural people? Mr. Meyer says it will benefit them, and it seems to The Journal that he supports his position strongly.

The principal organized and successful opposition to a parcels post system has so far come from the express companies, which Postmaster-General Wanamaker said constitute six reasons against it, and of these companies the Philadelphia North American says:

"There is not an American business man who does not pay heavy taxes every year to keep in being a system of tribute to the express companies, which is not tolerated in any other civilized nation.

Six corporations that are types of the worst financial rottenness produced by the trust regime; corruptors of legislators; shameless in stock watering, juggling of dividends and concealment of tremendous profits, have hitherto commanded the cooperation of railroads and subservient congressmen in blocking all parcels post legislation.

We are behind every European nation in making one of the people's prime utilities useful. Every time a pound of merchandise is shipped by express the shipper and consignee pay a tribute which would not be granted in any of the countries which the fleeing American calls despotic. And all to add a few more millions to the annual profits of such men as New York's senile representative of the express companies in the United States senate.

If a single reader of this paper has failed to write letters to some old friend, acquaintance, relative or other person who may be benefited by coming to Oregon, he should write today. The lowest rates close Oct. 31st, and if you want your letter to get results it must be forwarded at once. The rates are \$25 from Missouri River points, St. Paul, Winnipeg, and all the country adjacent, \$30 from St. Louis and \$33 from Chicago, with a reduction of \$2.50 to points east of Umatilla. Similar rates from every other point in the United States. Get busy and add one family to the population of Oregon.

A minister will find plenty to do in preaching the gospel without meddling with municipal affairs, politics, or sneaking around the back alleys looking for trouble.—Independence Town Talk.

All of which is the worst kind of rot. Ministers and every other good citizen should meddle with municipal affairs, politics and the

affairs of the alleys. It is time that good people took a hand in everything which affects the interests of the public. But they should do so discreetly and with judgment, and with good will towards their fellow men.—Albany Democrat.

The Great Dane.

It has been definitely decided that the Oregon State Dairy Association will meet in Portland Dec. 19-20. The Portland Commercial Club offers two gold medals, one for butter and one for cheese, while the Portland Flouring Mills put up a purse of \$100 in cash for the best general display. The complete proceedings of the meeting will be published. The details are in the hands of the Association's officers, Ed T. Judd, president, Turner and F. L. Kent, secretary, Corvallis.

The Oregon Issue, published in Portland, gives a list of all the government permits issued in the dry counties of western Oregon, as shown by the records at the customs house. It says:

"Under a federal law the national government collects a special tax from all persons who deal in alcoholic liquors. Druggists who use liquor in prescription work only are required to pay this tax just the same as the saloon keepers. Our local option law states that the issue of this special tax stamp to any is prima facie evidence that such person is selling, exchanging or giving away intoxicating liquor. In the following list are some druggists whom we are very confident are not violating the local option law, and we not wish to direct suspicion toward them. Persons, other than druggists, in this list have no doubt paid this tax for the express purpose of conducting a criminal traffic in strong drink and some druggists that we know of are also willfully violating the provisions of the law."

Then follows the list, which any one may see:

In Benton county there are only three druggists, at Corvallis.

In Lane county, Cottage Grove has 7, Eugene 17, mostly blind pigs, Junction 4, Springfield 4, Coburg 3, Marcola 1, who has just been fined \$250.

In Linn county, Albany has 13, there being 9 besides drug stores, Brownsville 2, Lebanon 4, Halsey 1, Harrisburg 2, Scio 1.

In Lincoln county, Toledo has 2, Newport 3.

In Tillamook county, Tillamook has 5.

In Yamhill county, McMinnville has 2, Amity, 1, Dayton 1, Sheridan, 2, Willamina 2, Newberg 2, North Yamhill 2, probably all drug stores.

Threatens to Burn Church

Albany, Or., Oct. 15.—The Herald this evening says:

Apparently driven to desperation by the recent liquor prosecutions, unknown opponents of the Anti-Saloon league and Good Citizenship league of this city, have resorted to making threats against the supposed leaders. In confirmation of this S. E. Young, a trustee in the United Presbyterian church this morning received an anonymously signed communication, to the effect that if the prosecution in the liquor cases did not cease, that the handsome church, located on the corner of Fifth and Washington streets would be burned.

The unknown writer of the communication is supposed to be some radical anti-prohibitionist, who believes that the United Presbyterian church members are backing the present liquor prosecutions, and is seeking this underhand means of frightening the leaders in the cases.

On the other hand it is argued by liquor adherents not of the violent and radical temperament, that the letter may have been written by some ardent prohibitionist who thus thinks to arouse public sentiment the more against the alleged violators of the local option law in this city.

S. E. Young when interviewed this afternoon in regard to the matter, refused to make any statement, further than to say that no

such threats were worthy of consideration. He preferred not to give out the letter in detail until a more searching inquiry has been made into the matter.

The Great Dane "Ovid," owned by G. W. Brady, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, was sired by Dr. L. M. Dosse's "immense prize winner, "Prince Von Bismark," the big brindle Dane of Louisville, Kentucky, which won very recently at the Jamestown Fair, winning over 75 Danes from all over the United States and Canada.

The Great Dane many people suppose is a cross between the mastiff and greyhound, but this is not true, for the Dane has not a drop of either of these English breeds, but is one of the oldest breeds in dogdom, of course in different ages possessing other names, and being much coarser built. The Dane is not a Dane, but a German, the name coming from the fact that the Danish people were the first to take an interest in the big German breed, and sent them into England, where they were known as the "Grand Danes" from which they get their present name "Great Dane." The Dane of today, which we see at the bench show, has had most of the roughness bred out by scientific breeding. The old name for the breed was the "Hatsdude," "Ulmer Dogge," "German Boarhound."

When this dog was known as the Hatsdude, his principle use was to combat with the wild animals in the arena at Rome, and to hunt the wild boar. His present occupation, like the English bulldog, is simply for the Kennel Club show. There are several places where they are used very successfully to hunt the California mountain lion, and as watch dogs on sheep and cattle ranches, and also on plantations down South.

The standard of the Dane at the bench show, is weight; males, 120 to 225 pounds; females, 100 to 180 pounds; height: males, 30 to 35 inches; females, 28 to 32 inches at the shoulder; color: fawn, brindle, black, blue and (Harlequin), black and white spotted. This schedule is for grown dogs, that is any dog two years or older, as the A. K. C. rules are that all dogs are matured when two years old. The Dane is possibly the most peaceful of all dogs, never starting trouble, but usually ending it very quickly when concerned in it.

Having a Phone War.

Lebanon, Or., Oct. 11.—Lebanon is now having troubles of its own over the telephone business. About a year ago the business men formed a mutual telephone company and asked all of the farmers to join in maintaining it. Most of the farmers were already on the Pacific Telephone company's lines and as the Pacific was giving a rate of \$1 a year to those owning their own phones, they did not feel like quitting. The majority of the business men, however, signed an agreement to take out the Pacific phones October 1, and most of them stood by their agreement. The farmers are now complaining and say they propose to trade with the merchants that keep the Pacific phone. The merchants have no disposition to antagonize the farmers but think the farmers should take the mutual phone, as they do not like the idea of the Pacific Telephone company charging \$18 per year for the same service that is given the farmer for \$5. No basis of settlement has yet been suggested.

Forest Grove Times: E. A. Naylor has shipped 2,241 pounds of mohair to Lowell, Mass. This is believed to be the largest amount of mohair ever shipped by a breeder of this state and is of very fine quality. Tags were put in a number of fleeces in order that a full report may be given by the factory. The mohair is baled in a hop press and is first covered with house lining and then with hop cloth, being wired with three strong wires around each bale.

FROM ALL OVER STATE

Items of Interest in a Condensed Form

TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES

A Resume of the Week's Local Happenings of the State and County Briefly Told.

The Saginaw sawmill has closed down indefinitely—lack of cars.

Washington county's assessment amounts to nearly \$18,000,000.

George Brown of New Era will harvest 8,000 bushels of potatoes.

A Corvallis man who last year went back to Illinois to live is coming back to Oregon.

A band of 213 steers shipped out of Grant county averaged 1400 pounds, one weighing 1820.

A wholesale paper house has been incorporated in La Grand; a meat packing plant is talked of.

A Douglas county young man named Plaster was married last week. It is hoped that he will always stick to his wife.

Polk county's prune crop for 1907 is estimated at 1,675,000 pounds, being an increase of 625,000 pounds over the 1906 crop, and it will return to the growers \$47,000 more than they received last year.

Gold Beach, says the Globe, is threatened with a wood famine this winter, not because there is a scarcity of available timber, but because those that would cut it, can't, and those that could, won't, because their pockets are already full of money.

Dairy correspondence of Klamath Falls Express: Farmers have begun to harvest their potatoes, and find they have a great crop. One farmer found that one of his potatoes weighed 7½ pounds, another 5½ and several others as much as 4½ pounds, and he hasn't finished digging yet.

E. E. Robbins, of Amity, threshed 1089 pounds of No. 1 clover seed from 2 1-5 acres of his farm, making 8½ bushels per acre, a return of \$107.80 per acre. In addition the land furnished the best of green pasture during the spring and early summer. Mr. Luppe, of Bridewell station threshed 5 acres of Alsike clover, which made 16 bushels to the acre, making an income of \$91.20 off each acre.

John Paul Jones, one of the best known railroad men in Oregon, for many years travelling passenger agent of the S. P., died in Portland on Saturday. He was passenger agent for twenty years, a genial man whom everybody liked. He leaves a wife, but no children. He was 55 years of age.

Silk Creek Items.

Elder H. W. Babcock had a serious attack of illness Thursday but is out again.

The farmers are getting their crops pretty well in.

School started at the Academy Tuesday with a good attendance.

Miss Elsa Deardorf arrived the first of the week from Roseburg to attend school at the Academy.

Mr. Hinkson and wife of Eugene were in this vicinity Monday on business.

Mrs. Curtis Vetch is just up from an attack of Dyptheria.

A. D. Owens has lately purchased a new three seated back.

Philip Casebeer arrived here Monday and will attend school in this place.

Miss Mary Cox of Medford and Carl Larson, Warren Mabley and Arthur Schrieber of Roseburg are students at the Royal Academy.

Mr. A. D. Owens is just recovering from an attack of Tonsillitis.

Mrs. Frank Miller of Portland visited her daughter Mrs. John Ashby the first of the week.

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