AN INFAMOUS MEASURE

Parcels Post Bill Would Ruin the Small Merchants of the United States.

At every session of congress the ruinous and contemptible mail order houses are endeavoring to get through a bill for cheap parcels post that they may do the business of the whole country, kill the towns and small cities and ruin the prices of farm land. These death-dealing octopus concerns that are hoarding their millions of ill-gotten gain, robbed from the poor but honest toiling people of the land, are always on the alert for a chance to strike the blow that means death to the small legitimate institutions of the land and to the towns. It seems they will go at any length to accomplish their desired ends. We must be ever ready to fight them. Their game is to have packages up to eleven pounds carried through the length and breadth of the land for 25 cents. Just think of it. A parcel post in the United States would be an elephant. This goes without saying, when the extensive territory is considered. It smacks of pauper labor. However, that is not what they mean. With them it is, "Who cares for expenses as long as the taxpayer pays the bill." Should the scheme succeed it means that Post, the enemy of labor and the man who wants the grocers to handle his products for nothing while he walks off with all the profits, would receive innumerable orders like this: "Enclosed find check for $1.00 for which mail me ten pounds of your patent mush." A few days thereafter the postman woud deliver to the cook in a mining camp at the foot of Mt. Hood or Mt. St. Helens or some other out of the way place, the mush. This might cost the government a dollar or two dollars for the service that would cost Mr. Post but 25 cents.

Should the scheme succeed it would practically wipe out distances, ruin and revolutionize business, and Goldsmith's "Deserted Villages" by the thousands would be dotted here and there all over the land, markets for grain and produce would become farther and farther away and ruin would be marked on every hand. Mail order houses would do a tremendous business, transcontinental mail trains would supplant freight trains, and four, six and eight horse freight wagons the stage coach, and the annual postal deficit would run up into hundreds of millions.

"The Postal Progress is preparing to make a whirlwind campaign this fall," says the Iron Age. Heretofore the league has been obliged to depend on the subscription of its own members. This winter, however, it seems to be liberally supplied with funds and Secretary Cowles is making a tour of the country obtaining indorsements of misguided business organizations. Whence cometh this money for carrying on this campaign? Doubtless from the would-be beneficiaries, the principal ones being the jobbing and mail order houses in the East.

Our infant industries who are obliged to buy their raw material in the East would not be able to compete with their Eastern rivals were it not that the freight rates on the finished product offset the freight rate on raw material, and that the coast house can supply its customers with goods in small quantities and within a few days' notice. In spite of the present high transcontinental rates Eastern jobbers and mail-order houses do a large mail and express business on the Coast. The latter send catalogues into every nook and corner and quote prices the country merchant cannot meet. The merchant tells his customer that his price is as low if not lower, when transportation at 16 cents per pound is added to the catalogue price. Traveling salesmen of Eastern houses meet those of the Coast in the fight for trade; one harps on low prices, the other on cheap transportation and quick delivery in any quantity. Competition is keen, margins of profits are cut closely, and freight and express rates are carefully considered by both buyer and salesman. The struggle would soon be at an end should the rates from New York to Salem be made the same as from Portland. But distances at present make that impossible unless the Government should step in and pay the difference. Standard Oil and the packers obtained favors from the railroads which enable them to crush their rivals. Should congress extend similar courtesies to the great commercial interests in the East?—Corvallis News.

Knights Elect Officers.

Marmion Lodge, No. 96, Knights of Pythias, has the following new officers:

C. C.—F. H. Muscott.
V. C.—W. H. Roy.
Prelate—Dr. L. A. Bollman.
M. of W.—Harold Jorgenson.
K. of R. & S.—Dr. H. L. Toney.
M. of E.—G. N. Cherrington.
M. at A.—J. A. Lynch.
I. G.—E. C. Richmond.
O. G.—Arthur P. Starr.
Principal Musician—O. E. Williams.
Trustee—Moss W. Walker.

The lodge is in a prosperous condition and is steadily gaining in membership.

Representative B. F. Jones, of Independence, stopped off in Albany on his return home from the Eugene shippers' meeting. Mr. Jones will introduce a car shortage bill at the next session of the legislature.—Albany Herald.

THE ORIGINAL LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP
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Red Clover Blossom and Honey Bee on Every Bottle.

FALLS CITY.

Mr. Cox and Mr. Vick were badly hurt internally by the falling of a scaffold while shingling Roy Cox's new house in north Falls City. They are both improving at this writing.

J. C. Talbott has built an addition to his confectionery store. He moved in Monday.

Born, December 5, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Harmon, a son.

County Commissioner J. B. Teal, Mrs. Teal and son, Otto, are all slowly recovering from typhoid fever.

Eleven new houses have been built on the hill in north Falls City in the last six weeks.

Two inches of snow reported at the logging camp four miles west of Falls City, but the logs roll by just the same.

Clarence Aikman has moved into the Peter Syron house in south Falls City.

Mrs. Maria Margaretha Wankey died at her home in Falls City, Saturday, December 8, aged 65 years. She left a husband and five daughters to mourn their loss. The children are: Elida and Mary, of Washington; Dene of Dakota; Maggie, of Berkeley, Cal., and Melia, of Falls City. She had been in failing health about three months. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Rounds at her home, and the remains were buried in the Falls City cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Wankey moved to Falls City in April, 1890. The husband and daughters desire to thank the neighbors for their kind assistance.

EOLA.

H. B. Brophy has grubbed up his three-acre hop yard and prune orchard and will raise a crop of hay on the land.

Davis Allen has leased the McNary farm for a period of five years and contemplates running a dairy in connection with his hopyard.

N. Mitty and Mrs. Brophy are suffering from rheumatism. Grandma Pfau is in very poor health.

Douglas Gibson is very sick at the home of G. W. Chapman, and is not expected to live.

B. I. Ferguson attended the Marion county horticultural meeting in Salem last Saturday. He reports a large attendance and an interesting program.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Brunk attended the school officers' meeting in Dallas, Saturday.

An oyster supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis was greatly enjoyed by the young folks of this neighborhood, Saturday night.

Rev. Pogue will commence a revival here December 16 and continue through the holidays.

Our merchant, Mr. Swanson, reports business lively.

We have received our first library books, and Raymond Ferguson has been elected librarian.

The sad intelligence has just been received that J. A. Byers, a highly respected citizen of Polk county and a veteran of the Civil War, peacefully passed away at his home near Eola about midnight Monday night.

RICKREALL.

L. C. Koser is in Portland.

Preaching here next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Jake Burch, who has been sick, is improving.

Mrs. Harry Koser returned to her home in Portland, Wednesday.

Lee Burch, Clay Fox and William Hill have returned from Portland.

Mr. Kronneman has sold his farm to Mr. Middleton, of North Dallas.

J. R. Castelein is enjoying his vacation at Newport. He reports fine weather at the beach.

The Grangers are going to have a big time at Oak Grove, Saturday. They will have a good program and a basket dinner. Some of us are going over.

The United Artisans held their election of officers last week. The following were elected for the ensuing term: M. A., I. W. Goodell; sec., B. F. Lucas; supt., L. Josephine Burch; insp., C. Jessie Stoner, sr. con., J. Yoakum; jr. con., Katie Fox; m. c., Leslie Lucas.

McCOY.

Who says a Christmas tree for McCoy?

John McCrow is slowly recovering from an attack of typhoid pneumonia.

Dr. H. E. Kelty has located in Mexico, and will soon be joined by Mrs. Kelty.

Roy Moore has returned from the Salem hospital after undergoing a successful operation for appendicitis.

President B. F Mulkey, of the Ashland Normal School, visited his parents at Bethel, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duffield have returned from Corvallis and are assisting Mr. Duffield in his sale of general merchandise.

Mr. Boche and Miss Shore, teachers of the Bethel school, and Louis Macken, of the McCoy school, have returned from the county institute and are hard at work again.

The "Old Maids Convention" given by home talent at the Brutscher school house last Saturday night is said to have pleased the people and netted a little more than $20 to apply on the purchase of an organ for the school. Newberg would be able to furnish the characters for such a play without drafting any under age.—Newberg Graphic.

PERRYDALE.

Miss Anna Querner, of Amity, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Howard Jones.

John Crook and Albert Johnson are visiting their old homes in Tennessee.

An interesting program was rendered by the C. W. B. M., at the Christian church, Sunday evening.

Mrs. S. J. Richmond, of Dallas, visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Lynn, last week.

Two cars of lumber left Wednesday for Palo Alto, Cal., and about 200,000 feet destined for the same point remain on the ground.

BUENA VISTA.

Pearl Snyder and Bob Hornbuckle have gone to Falls City to work.

Elmer Nash has gone to Corvallis to work for Wells, Fargo & Company.

Constable J. H. Moran, of Monmouth, was a visitor in Buena Vista, Tuesday.

School is again in session and the pupils have ceased their holiday rejoicing.

As an effect of the recent rains, the river is rising slowly, but has not reached the stage it did a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have returned to their home in Moscow, Idaho, after visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Hall.

Messrs. Anderson and Loy, chairman and clerk respectively of the school board, attended the institute held in Dallas last Saturday for the school officers.

The song services conducted by Rev. Douglas at the M. E. Church every Thursday evening are very successful and afford the proper kind of entertainment for the young people.

A. J. Hall, one of Buena Vista's leading citizens, is contemplating building several cottages to rent, as the present supply of houses will not accommodate the people who wish to spend the winter in the village.

J. M. Sears, of Dallas, and O. McClelland, of Salem, made a trip to the Front yesterday. They were looking after timber interests.—Albany Herald

ON THE FARM.

HOW NATURE PROVIDES FOR US.

The most independent man on earth is the farmer, for he makes the earth yield him almost everything needed for life. He knows that as he sows so will he reap. He usually keeps strong and healthy from constant strife with Nature—in sunshine and in pure air. At night, when work is done, he finds most refreshing sleep, such as only a tired man knows. In the same way that the earth yields food for man, so does it provide remedies for human ills. Thousands of households throughout the farming districts of the United States know the value of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is Nature's most valuable and health-giving agent—made without the use of alcohol. It contains native medicinal roots, and is the concentration of Nature's vitality as found in the American forests. This remedy has a history which speaks well for it because it was given to the public by Dr. R. V. Pierce, founder of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., nearly forty years ago, and has since been sold by druggists in ever increasing quantities.

Dr. Pierce found that the bark of the Black Cherry-tree, the root of the Mandrake, Stone root, Queen's root, Bloodroot and Golden Seal root, made into a scientific, non-alcoholic extract by the use of glycerine, made the best alterative and tonic. The refreshing influence of this extract is at once apparant in the recovered strength of the patient—the vital fires of the body burn brighter and their increased activity consumes the tissue rubbish which otherwise may poison the system. This alterative and tonic extract has been found to stand alone as a safe, invigorating tonic, as it does not depend on alcohol for a false stimulation, but is *Nature's own method* of strengthening and cleansing the system. It tones up the stomach and purifies the blood in Nature's own way. It is well known all over the world as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The name was given to this vegetable compound because one of the important ingredients was Golden Seal root. * * * Such an authority as Dr. Roberts Bartholow, of Jefferson Medical College, says of Golden Seal root, "very useful as a stomachic tonic. Cures catarrh of the stomach and headaches accompanying the same." Dr. Grover Coe, in his book Organic Medicines, speaking of Golden Seal root, says that "as a liver invigorator it has *few equals*." Further he says, "in chronic inflammation of the bladder we deem it one of the most reliable agents of cure. As a tonic in the convalescing stages of fevers, pneumonia, dysentery and other acute diseases Hydrastis (Golden Seal root) is peculiarly appropriate."

Dr. Coe continues: "We would here add that our experience has demonstrated the Hydrastis or Golden Seal root to be a valuable remedy in bronchitis, laryngitis, and other affections of the respiratory organs."

Prof. Hobart A. Hare, M. D., University of Pennsylvania, says of Golden Seal: "Of service in chronic catarrh of the stomach and bowels following abuse of alcohol, a tonic after malarial fever. Has a distinct, anti-malarial influence. Good in all catarrhal conditions, as uterine catarrh, leucorrhea, etc. Is a curative agent in chronic dyspepsia."

Prof. John M. Scudder in Specific Medication says of Golden Seal: "It stimulates the digestive processes, and increases the assimilation of food. By these means *the blood is enriched*, and this blood feeds the muscular system. I mention the muscular system because I believe it first feels the increased power imparted by the stimulation of increased nutrition. The consequent improvement on the nervous and glandular systems are natural results.

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A REMARKABLE OFFER

Chicago Millionaire Would Take Over Entire Postal Service and Cut Rates in Half.

To turn over the postal service of the United States to a private corporation is the remarkable proposal made to the Postal Commission recently.

W. D. Boyce, of Chicago, publisher, man of big affairs and several times a millionaire, made the proposition, on behalf of himself and associates, whom he did not name, to take over the postoffice business and run it on business principles.

The proposal includes agreement immediately to cut postage rates in half. There could be no deficit under such an arrangement for the Government to meet, because the corporation would have to make ends meet.

Mr. Boyce wants the postal corporation under a postal commission which shall be the regulating and supervising agency of the Government.

He proposes to pay Uncle Sam rental for all postoffice quarters occupied in public buildings, and over against this he designs to charge the Government regular rates for all services performed for it. These Government services he now estimates at $25,000,000 annually. At half the present rates this would be cut to $12,500,000.

Applying business methods to postoffice affairs would result in immense economies in transportation. Mr. Boyce figures that all expenditures for railroad haulage would be cut from $50,000,000 to about one-half that sum.

Mr. Boyce's proposal includes an offer to pay the Government all profits above 7 per cent on the capital invested.

Buys Salem Property.

J. P. Rogers has sold to A. Welch, the Northeast corner of Commercial and Ferry streets in Salem for $5700. The property is across Ferry street from the Willamette Hotel. Mr. Welch is the leading spirit in consolidating electric plants in the Willamette Valley and is planning new electric lines and securing franchises. At present he is securing a right of way for a line from Salem to Mehama, and it is expected that the corner bought, 56 by 165 feet, will be the site of a large building to be used as offices and possibly as a depot for the new line.

Child Reader Tonight.

Emily Squier, the juvenile impersonator and dialect reader, will give a recital in the College chapel tonight. The little girl gave an entertainment in Dallas four years ago and all were well pleased with her work. The Oregonian recently said: "Little Emily Squier, the child reader and impersonator, captured the crowd. Each evening the house was packed to its fullest capacity to hear her. She moves her audience to tumultous laughter or tears at will. She is a wonder." Admission, 25 cents.

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Met a pieman
Going to the fair;
Said the pieman
To Simple Simon
"Buy some of my ware."

Said Simple Simon
To the pieman,
"To purchase I'm well able;
But ere I buy
Your dinkey pie,
Show me the pure food label."
—Kansas City Times.

Fred E. Burley Dead.

Fred E. Burley, at one time employed as electrician for the Bell Telephone Company, died December 5 at the Murray Hospital in Butte, Montana, of appendicitis. He was taken ill in Reno, Nevada, two weeks before his death, but did not think his ailment serious. When he went to Butte it was necessary for him to undergo an operation. Mr. Burley was 25 years old, and was born in Polk County. He was married but had no children. The funeral was held under the direction of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Burial took place in the Lone Fir Cemetery in Portland.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

Masonic Calendar.

Jennings Lodge, No. 9, stated communications, Second and Fourth Fridays of each month.
OSCAR HAYTER, W. M.
J. C. HAYTER, Sec.

Ainsworth Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M., stated convocation, First First and third Fridays of each month.
OSCAR HAYTER, H. P.
WILLIS SIMONTON, Sec.

Naomi Chapter, No. 22, O. E. S., stated meetings Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month.
MRS. ALICE KOZER, W. M.
MRS. PAULINE WILLIAMS, Sec.

United Artisans.

Assembly No. 46—meets First and Third Tuesday of each month.
WILLIS SIMONTON, M. A.

Fraternal Union of America

Lodge No. 144—Meets Third Tuesday of each month.
W. J. WAGNER, F. M.
MRS. S. E. MORRISON, Sec.

Knights of the Maccabees.

Dallas Tent, No. 3, meets Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.
DR. MARK HAYTER, S. K. Com.
I. N. WOODS, R. K.

Lilac Hive, No. 28, L. O. T. M., meets on Second and Fourth Thursday afternoon of each month.
MRS. KITTIE N. MILLER, L. C.
MRS. ROSE FIDLER, R. K.

A. O. U. W.

Union Lodge, No. 35—Meets First and Third Wednesday of each month.
H. L. FENTON, M. W.
JOHN E. SMITH, Fin.

Crystal Lodge, No. 50, D. of H., meets First and Third Wednesday of each month.
MRS. F. J. COAD, C. of H.
MRS. ED. F. COAD, Fin.

Woodmen of the World.

Dallas Camp, No. 209, meets in their Castle hall in the Woodman building every Tuesday evening.
B. M. GUY C. C.
W. G. VASSALL,

Mistletoe Circle, No. 33, W. O. W., meets in their Castle Hall, in the Woodman building every Wednesday evening.
MRS. EMMA KERSLAKE, G. N.
B. M. GUY, Clerk.

I. O. O. F.

Friendship Lodge, No. 6, meets every Saturday evening in I. O. O. F. Hall.
CONRAD STAFFIN, N. G.
W. A. AYRES, Rec.Sec.

LaCreole Encampment, No. 20, meets Second and Fourth Monday of each month.
J. E. STIRLEY, C. P.
A. W. TEATS, Scribe.

Almira Lodge, No. 26, D. of R., meets every Friday evening.
MISS LYDIA CAMPBELL, N. G.
MISS EVANGELINE HART, Sec.

Knights of Pythias

Marmion Lodge, No. 96, K. of P.—Meets every Monday evening in its Castle Hall in Woodman building Visiting Knights are welcome.
M. A. FORD, C. C.
G. L. HAWKINS, K. of R. S.

Santa Claus Is Here

Anticipating a Great Demand for Holiday Goods we early in the Spring placed large orders with importers and Manufacturers. As we bought for two stores, Albany and here, we were able to use large quantities and so get Bedrock Prices. The result is we have now on display one of the largest Stocks of Holiday Goods ever shown in the Valley at the Very Lowest Market Price.

China Ware!!

This has always been a strong line with us. This year it is stronger than ever and the prices are wonderfully low.

Would not some of your friends like a Cup and Saucer, a Plate, Cracker Bowl, Salad Bowl, Salad or Fruit Set, Cream Pitcher, Sugar Bowl, Nut Bowl, Olive, Celery or Spoon Tray, or some other fancy China Ware?

Toy Department

In our Toy Department you will find nearly everything from an Iron Toy that would take a sledge hammer to break them, to ingenious toys that run themselves.

Dolls!!

Our Doll line has been picked over considerably but we still can please the careful buyer.

Doll Buggies

We have a large line of them. You can get a neat little Go-Cart for **40 cents**, a better one for **60 cents**, or a much better one at anywhere up to **$4.50.**

Children's Games

All sorts of easy games for the little ones. Harder for the older ones. Amusing for all.

Our Gift Books

Were made to please both the eye and the pocket book. You get dainty small books with picture cover for **20 cents,** a somewhat better bound one for **30 cents,** or still better in the Padded and the Burnt Leather for **$1.00.**

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The Manufacturers have certainly turned out a very pleasing gift. Boxes full of Paper and Envelopes and covered with Holiday Decorations for **35 cts.** to **$1.25.**

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