

## HOME TRADE KNOCKER

Argument Against Adoption of a  
Parcels Post System.

### DEATHBLOW TO SMALL TOWN

Would Practically Wipe Out Jobbing  
Trade—Vast Amount of Business  
Now Done in Country Districts  
Would Be Transferred to Cities.

We live in an era of progress. We are moving forward so rapidly that there is danger that some proposed so-called modern improvements may be accepted as beneficial which in their actual working out when practically tried would prove to be evils in the guise of benefits. An illustration of this is the proposition to turn the post-office department into a carrier of all kinds of miscellaneous merchandise by the adoption of a parcels post system. From a national point of view one of the most serious dangers from this system is the inevitable effect that it would have to throw into mail order channels and transfer to the great cities of the country, says Maxwell's Talisman, a vast volume of trade now done in the small cities, country towns and villages.

That this would be an evil no one with a mind capable of thought can deny. Stupendous changes in the method of transacting the business of distributing merchandise to the consumers would result, and the result of every change would be to transfer trade and population to the great cities. It would practically wipe out the jobbing trade, and the country merchant would inevitably become, as the postmaster general says in effect he has become in Germany, a sales agent without any stock in trade, offering specific goods as they are sold, just as a manufacturer's agent does in this country, requiring no more of the machinery of trade than is necessary to transmit his orders to the central factory or warehouse. Retail merchants now engaged in trade in thousands of the smaller trade centers in all parts of the country would be forced out of business, their stores would be closed, and some great mail order concern in a big city would do the business. The people employed to transact it would necessarily live in the cities where the trade was done. In every European country where the parcels post system exists it has had this effect. The cities of those countries in Europe have grown in population and trade with stupendous strides at the expense of the country since the parcels post system has been in vogue. That system has undoubtedly been one of the great promoting influences toward this centralization of trade and population in the cities.

To break the effect of this fundamental objection to the parcels post the proponents of that scheme urge that it will stimulate the settlement of the rural regions, because it will increase the conveniences of rural life. So it would stimulate rural settlement if the government would furnish every one who would move into the country with a donation of money and a free supply of garden tools. If the huge treasury deficit which would be caused by the parcels post system if inaugurated were applied directly to such donations and gifts from the government it would undoubtedly result in creating many new country homes, but the reaction from such a scheme would far overbalance the benefits from it.

The fact is incontrovertible that the goods, wares and merchandise, household goods, garden tools, dry goods and clothing, groceries and all food products not produced on the farm must be purchased from some source by the dwellers in the country. Where are these goods to come from and where are the people who conduct the trade of supplying them to live? If the countless millions of dollars expended by the dwellers in the country for such things in the course of a year are sent to the great cities and the goods ordered there from huge mail order concerns to be delivered by parcels post, then the fact cannot be gained that the people who transact that immense volume of annual business will be concentrated in the cities. The large population now transacting the business in the small cities, the country towns and the country villages will be transferred to the cities. The eventual working out of such a system would result in the end in dividing our population into two classes, those living in the great cities and those living on farms, whether they be large or small, in the country. The intermediate population, which now furnishes the social center for the farmers' life in the nearby town or village or in a small city where practically every social advantage can be had that exists in the larger cities, would struggle for existence against a constantly increasing industrial force that would tend like a mighty maelstrom to sweep into the large cities year by year a greater and greater proportion of the population and trade of the entire country.

It is this effect on the population engaged in commercial pursuits and in the trade of distributing to the consumer countless millions of dollars worth of merchandise every year that is entirely overlooked by the proponents of the parcels post scheme when they contend that the effect of that system would be to move population from the cities to the country.

#### Need of Enterprise.

A few pounds of enterprise are worth a ton of brag and bluster when town building and improvement are considered.

**Taft's Cabinet Members**  
Following are the members of President Taft's cabinet, named in the order of the presidential succession in the event of the disability of the president and vice-president:  
Secretary of State—Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania.  
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Attorney-General—George W. Wick-ersham, of New York.  
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Secretary of the Navy—George von L. Meyer, of Massachusetts.  
Secretary of the Interior—R. A. Ballinger, of Washington.  
Secretary of Agriculture—James Wilson, of Iowa.  
Secretary of Commerce and Labor—Charles Nagel, of Missouri.

#### Big Real Estate Deal

The biggest real estate deal in the history of Independence, so far as this office is able to learn, was made a few days ago when the fine farm of George O'Brien, a few miles north of this city, was sold to Messrs. Foster and Lounds of Montana. The transaction involved \$28,000 and more and was made through the real estate agency of this office.

Please take note of the two sales which begin tomorrow at two of the merchandise stores of this city. A perusal of prices is sufficient.

#### Why Hurry?

The scorching sun was on the road to Stratford-on-Avon. He was bent over the handle bars, and the beads which bespeak the strenuous toiler were trickling off his face.  
"Hi, sonny," he called to a passing youth, "am I right for Shakespeare's house?"  
"Yes, you're right, mister," was the dreamy reply of the leisurely youth, "but you needn't hurry, Shakespeare's dead."—London Answers.

#### Killed Following Hounds.

Pilot Rock—Josh Clark, a pioneer hotel man of Albee, Or., aged 65 years, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon on Bear Creek, 25 miles south of this place. He and a party of friends were on horseback following a pack of hounds in hot pursuit of three cougars, when his horse fell on him.

Rev. I. N. Mulkey will preach next Sunday at the Christian church at the morning services. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Mrs. J. E. Jones is visiting a few days with friends in Portland.

Miss Leora Shanks has accepted a position in a Silverton millinery store.

Mrs. H. M. Edgar was a Salem visitor Saturday.

Dr. Ketchum is seriously ill with the pneumonia.

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# To Be Given Absolutely Free The Oregon Magazine Hit of 1909



Jap Libby, Engineer, who did the work of four engines and crews



Portland had tired me out and the kind bartender of the St. Charles Hotel let me sleep on the billiard table, for which I was later discharged from the Good Templar's Lodge in Silverton



Al Coolidge and Jake McClaine, prominent bankers and business men of Silverton in Davenport's younger days

Beginning in the January issue of HUMAN LIFE, the Magazine About People, and running through the twelve months of 1909 will be published a story of his boyhood by Homer Davenport, cartoonist, traveler, humorist, lecturer and man of many stories. The scene of Mr. Davenport's boyhood and young manhood is laid in Oregon and covers many of the people that are well known there today.

Mr. Davenport, for pure and native humor, is the superior of any we have ever met since the days of Artemus Ward. Those who follow Mr. Davenport through this year's issues of HUMAN LIFE will remember 1909 as the year of laughs.

Mr. Davenport's articles will be illustrated by himself, and the pictures he has drawn, representative of his many delightful—that is, delightful to read about—adventures, will constitute not the least part of the fun.

If you want to read this story from the beginning, if you want to see Mr. Davenport's pictures of himself from early boyhood to manhood, his father, his family, and all of his Oregon friends, as only Mr. Davenport can draw them, be sure your name is entered as a subscriber to HUMAN LIFE—the best magazine, for the money, ever published.

Mr. Davenport starts his story at a very early age when his father tells him that they are to move from their farm in Salem, Oregon, to Silverton, Oregon. This is a burg of some three hundred people. Mr. Davenport, in his story, states that he feels that the city is calling them and that his opportunities for studying art in the Latin Quarter of Silverton will be exceptionally good.

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#### International Hens.

The advantages that people who live exactly on the line between two countries have in escaping the customs and other regulations of both countries have often been recounted. Probably the most picturesque instance of this kind of evasion occurred in the town of Nogales, which lies exactly on the boundary between Mexico and Arizona. On the United States side of the line in this town eggs were at one time made costly by the revision of the tariff schedule pertaining to that product, inasmuch as the hens in that region were chiefly owned on the Mexican side and were fed by the peasants on cheap Mexican grain.

One year a Maine Yankee arrived in Nogales with an eye to business. He was convinced that his opportunity lay in the high price of eggs. Accordingly he put up a long henhouse exactly across the boundary line. At the Mexican end he regularly fed his hens with low priced Mexican grain. The fowls ate their grain in Mexico and then walked across the line into the United States to lay their eggs. The transaction was, of course, perfectly legitimate, for the proprietor of the henhouse smuggled neither grain nor eggs. But he availed himself of high prices on one side and low prices on the other.—New York Tribune.

#### The Tender Moonlight.

"Wonder why moonlight is so conducive to tender sentiments?"  
"That's easy. Most any girl looks well by moonlight."

Jess Whitaker was in town on business Thursday.

#### Labor Saving Style.

Mr. Perkins did not often comment on his wife's dress or make suggestions, but one day he looked at her so long and thoughtfully that she inquired if there was anything he did not like about her new gown.

"No, my dear," said Mr. Perkins hastily, "certainly not. I was only thinking. That waist of yours seems to be so elaborate, with the lace and all. Why not have a simpler mode of dress?"

"Why not, indeed?" said Mrs. Perkins sweetly. "I suppose you've seen one that just pleased you. What was it like?"

"It was white," said her husband, "all white and perfectly plain, my dear; not a particle of lace or ruffling or what I think I have heard you call tucks, nothing of the sort. All there was, my dear, was a simple little braid in flower patterns of some sort. It covered the entire waist."  
"I sat beside the lady for half an hour in the car, and I can assure you it was quite neat and attractive. Simmons and I spoke of it on the way up from the train. He said he should mention it to his wife."  
"You poor ignorant creatures!" said Mrs. Perkins tenderly. "The days and days it must have taken to make that 'neat, simple, plain little waist!'"—Youth's Companion.

#### Those Dear Girls.

Stella—Isn't this solitary Tom gave me a beauty?  
Mabel—Oh, yes, but it isn't in it with the one he wanted to give me.—Chicago News.

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