

INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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GOOD COUPON SCHEME

This is not a boss for any premium coupon scheme, as we are opposed to this method of attracting trade only along legitimate lines. The coupon scheme which we commend as being one of great merit is one that is no doubt well known to the trade all over the country. This particular scheme is one that we believe will minimize the credit business and at the same time in a store where it has never been tried may prove an innovation that will bring new trade to the store.

Small books are printed containing coupons of the value of \$3. The coupons in the book come in one-cent, five-cent, ten-cent and twenty-five-cent denominations and are so divided that each has an equal or proportionate amount, making it possible for the book to be used up at the same time without any shortening of the different units.

Cash is paid for these books in advance, and when shopping the total amount of each or all purchases are deducted from the book. In this way the buyer can tell just how much per week or month she is spending, and the storekeeper minimizes his credit business, as he can make the ironclad rule that the books are to be sold by cash in advance. The credit question is one that is and will continue to be a source of great worry to all merchants, and every advantage that can be gained toward a stoppage of this credit practice should be tried and given a good test as to its advisability.

The ordinary merchant is acquainted with or soon becomes acquainted with his trade, and by adopting this coupon scheme he works no hardships on any one, but absolutely safeguards his accounts, as it is no more wrong for the merchant to ask \$5 in advance from his customers than it is for the customer to ask for an incalculable amount of credit.

ORIGIN OF THE SPLIT LOG

A few years ago a Missouri farmer named King became disgusted, as many a farmer has been before and since that time, with the condition of the highway between his farm and the neighboring village. He studied the situation and one day devised a rude contrivance to smooth the rough places and round up the surface from the ditch to the center so as to drain off the water.

It was a simple affair, made of a log split into two equal parts, a few braces between them, and a chain by which the horses hauled the drag with him upon it. He tried it after a rain when the road was soft, and it worked so well that its fame and the fame of the improved road spread through the neighborhood and thence far and wide.

That was the modest beginning, and now the split log drag, which any farmer or road commissioner can make in a few hours, is revolutionizing the methods of maintaining dirt roads—methods which have always been notoriously expensive and ineffective. The drag was not patented, and its inventor, with nothing to sell and only as a good roads enthusiast, has toured the country telling gatherings of farmers, road commissioners and local officials the marvelous results both in immediate improvement and in the subsequent cheapness of maintenance accomplished in the middle west, where the drag is now in general use. Indeed, in one state, Iowa, its use on all country roads is now required by legislative enactment.

The great value of good roads to the agricultural interests of the country is appreciated everywhere. A comparatively small outlay of the roads can be surfaced with crushed stone or gravel, and in the cheap and effective maintenance of the prevailing dirt roads the device, primitive in appearance, made from a split log and backed by the energy of an intelligent western farmer, promises to be a most important agent.

VALUE OF CO-OPERATION

An incident comes to notice of the co-operation of one of the patrons of our schools where the parent has rendered valuable assistance to the principal in the case of a pupil's infraction of school rules. This disposition is so meritorious and is such a splendid example of the valuable assistance that might be rendered to those in authority in school that it calls for a special notice. The letter reads: "Will you please see that my boy is properly corrected for his disturbance and infraction of your school rules. While I do not like to use the rod yet it is best for some children especially when they will not heed the good advice of their instructor." This incident has been called to the attention of the Enterprise by Principal McIntosh. If all patrons would give as hearty co-operation as this one the discipline of the school would

be greatly simplified. Too often cases come to light where parents take sides with the pupil, thus destroying the confidence and respect that formerly existed between children and teacher.

While on the subject of school matters it might be well to add that a great many cases of absence of pupils are marked up against them through ignorance of our school rules. In all cases where children are forced to be absent from school for a period of less than three days no absence will be counted against the child if notice is given by the parent that the child is unable to attend. This rule applies only in cases of sickness of pupils, incapacitating them from school work. In most cases pupils, especially the younger ones, take great pride in their marks of deportment and the proper observance of this rule will give them a clean report so far as this affects the grade.

Federal Grand Jurors

Polk county will be represented on the federal grand jury which convenes soon in Portland by Wm. Riddell of Monmouth, A. J. Hall of Buena Vista and W. D. Collins of Dallas.

Witnesses Great Changes

J. R. N. Bell returned yesterday from Independence. He was more than surprised at the great changes being wrought in the northern town. A fine new depot has just been completed, sewers are being put in, the streets are being macadamized, first-class sidewalks are being laid, and many are the new buildings. A \$20,000 high school is to be put up at once. Dr. Bell says Independence looks "good" and is booming.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Dies at Oak Grove

Mrs. A. G. Roberts died at her home at Oak Grove, May 1, 1910, at 9:30 o'clock in the morning, says Dallas Observer. She was born October 1, 1849, in Pike county, Illinois, moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chapman, from Illinois to Oregon via New York and the Isthmus of Panama, leaving Illinois on November 7, 1854, reaching Oregon on the first day of February, 1855. She was united in marriage to A. G. Roberts, January 13, 1869, residing at Oak Grove. She united with the church at the age of thirteen years and lived a devoted Christian life.

Mrs. Roberts leaves a husband, four sons and five daughters. The funeral took place Monday at 2 o'clock from the Adventist church in Salem, the Rev. Thomas Starbuck conducting the services. Interment was made at City View cemetery.

Meets With Painful Accident

While returning home from answering a midnight call Thursday night, Dr. B. H. McCallon met with an accident in which he sustained painful injuries and came near losing his life, says Dallas Observer.

The accident occurred while the doctor was driving home from the old Hallock place in the mountains, three miles west of Dallas. Being unable to see his way in the intense darkness, he drove too near the edge of a grade and the outside wheels of his buggy dropped several feet. The sudden jerk threw the doctor over the front wheels to the rocks and gravel below, knocking him senseless.

After lying several minutes where he had fallen, Doctor McCallon regained consciousness and struggled to his feet. Finding that his horse had stopped a short distance from where the accident had occurred, he drove to town without further mishap, although suffering intensely from his injuries on the way.

The doctor's forehead was painfully bruised by contact with the rocks, and his neck and wrist were sprained by the fall. He says all that saved him from more serious injuries, and possible death, was his hat, which shielded his head from the sharp stones on which he fell. He has resumed his practice, but is still stiff and sore from the effects of his injuries.

Pongee silk and pongee colorings are the very latest. We have them in silk, silk and linen mixed, also cotton material in pongee shades.—Conkey, Walker & Lehman.

POLK COUNTY SCHOOL REPORT

Report of the schools of Polk county for the school month ending April 22, 1910:

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	61
Names of schools and teachers failing to report on time—Cochran.	
Number of pupils remaining at time of last report	2203
Number of pupils registered new during the month	26
Number of pupils registered secondary during the month	35
Number of pupils readmitted during the month	203
Total number of pupils on register during the month	2467
Number of pupils dropped during the month	392
Number of pupils remaining at time of this report	2075
Number of days taught during month	17
Whole number days attendance	37451
Whole number days absence	2571
Whole number times late	426
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	1066
Average number of pupils being long	2360
Average daily attendance	2203
Per cent of attendance	93
Number visits by parents	73
Number visits by members of school boards	17

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more: Smithfield, Red Prairie, Monmouth, Airle, Oak Point, Elkins, Brush College, Buell (100 per cent), Spring Valley, Harmony, Lincoln, North Dallas, Etna (100 per cent), McTimmonds Valley, Concord, Falls City, Pioneer, Highland.

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for the county for not having any tardies during the month: Zena, Red Prairie, Parkers, Fairview, Butler, Oak Point, Elkins, Buell, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Lincoln, Suver, McTimmonds Valley, Greenwood, Sunnyslope, Concord, Oakdale, McCoy, Liberty, Black Rock, Highland and Mistletoe.

The attendance this month was one per cent better than last month and as there are but two more months of this school year all must do their best to keep the attendance up to the 95 per cent in order to win for the entire year.

Matters in Probate

Estate of Thomas H Denny, deceased—objections to costs overruled.
Estate of Hannah Eames, deceased—R. J. Taylor, F. S. Wilson and C. McBeth appointed appraisers.
Estate of Anna Grow, deceased—bond filed and approved.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *W. D. Hoagland*

LAUNCH INDEPENDENCE

Plies between Independence and Salem daily, Sundays included. Passenger and freight business solicited.
Leave Independence 9:30 a. m.
Leave Independence 6:00 p. m.
Leave Salem 7:00 a. m.
Leave Salem 4:00 p. m.
SKINNER BROS., OWNERS

CALL FOR SEALED BIDS.

School District No. 29 hereby calls for sealed bids for the furnishing of 85 cords of seasoned body red fir wood, to be delivered on or before the first day of September, 1910, at the school buildings of said district as the board may designate. Said bids will be opened on the 20th day of May, 1910, at 7:30 p. m., when the board will canvass said bids, exercising the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

By order of the board of said District No. 29.
49-51 E. L. Ketchum, Clerk.

SEALED BIDS WANTED

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the School Clerk of School District No. 29, at the City of Independence, Polk county, Oregon, up to 7 o'clock p. m., the 20th day of May, 1910, for the erection of a concrete High School building in said school

OUR SHOE DISPLAY



MAY BE SEEN ALL THIS WEEK AT OUR ESTABLISHMENT. AND THEY ARE ALL NEW SPRING GOODS, TOO—NEW IDEAS IN FOOTWEAR THAT ARE SURE TO MAKE QUICK PURCHASERS OF THOSE WHO LIKE TO DRESS THEIR FEET NEATLY AND COMFORTABLY. WE HAVE OXFORD TIES THAT ARE EXCEEDINGLY HANDSOME, FORMED ON UP-TO-DATE LASTS, AND MOST GRACEFUL IN FORM. ALL SIZES TO FIT ALL FEET. THE PRICES ARE EXTREMELY MODEST, CONSIDERING THE HIGH QUALITIES.

YOURS TRULY,

O. A. KRAMER
JEWELER AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

district at said City of Independence, according to the plans and specifications thereof which plans and specifications can be found for examination and inspection at the store room of Bice & Calbreath, Independence, Oregon, and are hereby referred to and made part of this notice. A certified check of 10 per cent of the amount of the sealed bid must accompany each of said bids to be forfeited as fixed and liquidated damages in the event such bid should be accepted and said bidder should fail to enter into a proper contract and provide a suitable bond for the faithful performance of said work, in the event the contract for said work is awarded to him. The Board of Directors of said school district reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Directors.
E. L. Ketchum,
48-52 Clerk of School District No. 29.

NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS.

Notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Independence, Oregon, to be held in the Council Chamber of said City on the 14th day of May, 1910, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p. m., the said City will sell 80 negotiable coupon bonds of said City, of the principal amount of \$20,000.00 in the aggregate, as authorized by Ordinance No. 107 of said City, entitled "A bill to propose by initiative petition an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Independence, Oregon, for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of a system of sewers in said City", proposed by initiative petition filed with the City Recorder on the 19th day of January, 1910, ordained by the City Council on the 19th day of January, 1910, referred to the people and approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon at a special election held in said City on the 28th day of March, 1910, and by proclamation of

the Mayor dated April 6, 1910, declared to be in full force and effect as the ordinance of said City. Said bonds are in denominations of \$250 each, payable twenty years from the first day of May, 1910, (with the privilege, optional with said City, of paying said bonds or any thereof at any time after the first day of May, 1915,) and bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, from May 1, 1910, until paid; principal and interest payable at the First National Bank of Portland, Oregon, in gold coin, without costs, charge or expense to the purchaser or holder of said bonds. Said bonds will be sold to the highest bidder or bidders therefor, but will not be sold for less than their face value.

The said Council reserves the right to accept bids for any part of said issue of bonds hereby advertised to be sold, if bids for a part only of such bonds be received, and also reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

W. S. KURRE,
Recorder of said City.
48-50 Date of first publication, April 8, 1910.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Nancy Brouse, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned administrator at his office in the city of Independence, in the County of Polk within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published this 22nd day of April, A. D. 1910.
B. Wilson,
Administrator of the estate of Nancy Brouse, deceased. Independence, Oregon. 47-51

WANT A SMALL FARM

EVERYBODY DOES. OUT AT WALNUT ACRES THERE ARE SEVERAL ACRES THAT WHEN THE EXPERT WALNUT MAN WAS THERE THOUGHT NOT THE VERY BEST FOR WALNUTS. OF COURSE YOU KNOW THAT WALNUTS HAVE TO HAVE A PARTICULAR GROUND IN A NUMBER OF WAYS. THIS LAND IS A DEEP BLACK SOIL—THERE'S NOTHING BETTER IN POLK COUNTY FOR HAY, GRAIN AND VEGETABLES. THIS LAND WE ARE OFFERING ON A LITTLE PAYMENT EACH MONTH AND ONLY 4 PER CENT INTEREST. FOR SPECIAL PRICES AND TERMS WRITE

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