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MAIL ORDER HOUSES VS. LOCAL MERCHANTS

The Times has, at various times, printed articles calling upon local people to patronize local merchants as against the mail order houses. We have endeavored to show wherein purchasers were benefited by so doing and wherein they pay as much, and oftentimes more, for the same class of goods by sending away for them. Whether our efforts have borne fruit or have been wasted we have no means of learning. At any rate we have shown that we are with the local merchants.

Last week we received a letter from a Shaniko reader in which he said he read our article regarding home trading, and asks whether we thought the fault was with the buyer only. He cited the case of one farmer who was charged 90c for a pound of shredded cocoa and who obtained three pounds of the same commodity from Montgomery Ward & Co., paying but 76 cents for same. He claims he paid two cents for money order and nine cents for parcel post charges. He must have paid at least five cents for the money order, and this, added to the parcel post and original cost of the cocoa, brought up the total of 92 cents.

We made inquiry of our merchants, looked over price lists and compared prices. We found that the lowest priced cocoa mentioned was "Long Ceylon Thread," which was listed at 15 cents a pound. This was bulk cocoa. All other

goods of that description ranged in price from 70 to 90 cents a pound. If the farmer purchased his three pounds of the Ceylon, Montgomery Ward & Co. made a profit of 31 cents on his order, while he was out at least 16 cents for money order and parcel post.

Country merchants rarely handle bulk cocoa because of its tendency to dry out, become wormy, yellow in color and really unfit for use. Montgomery Ward & Co. can handle that class of goods. They buy in quantities and sell in quantities daily, so their cocoa has no chance to deteriorate. We do not print this as an argument, but to show the difference in quality of goods and the profit made by the mail order houses.

Our little story in last week's Times "Anent the Mail Order Houses," just about fits the hole in all arguments adduced to show that the mail order houses sell cheaper than do the local merchants. And so long as we are at the helm of the Times just so long will we espouse the cause of the home-town merchants. It is they who contribute to our town's upkeep and who assist us by advertising to make our paper as good as it can be made.

TAX WITH TEETH

The people of Oregon will be greatly interested in the application of the principals underlying a new tax law, known as House bill No. 72, enacted at the recent session of the legislature.

This bill gives to the state tax commission supervisory control over the assessment and tax laws of the state, county assessors and county boards of equalization, and was recommended by the tax investigation committee appointed under authority of the legislature of 1925. Under the terms of the act the state tax commission has authority to fix valuations of all property in the state. The avowed purpose of the measure is to secure uniformity of assessments.

That there is teeth in the law is evidenced by the examination of its provisions. It is made the duty of every county assessor to require individuals, partnerships, corporations to produce books and records or to

furnish under oath information concerning their capital, funded or other debt, current assets and liabilities, value of property, earnings, operating of other expenses. Information obtained by public officials must not be divulged.

Any aggrieved taxpayer has the right of appeal to the state tax commission, as well as to the circuit court. Public officers whose duties relate to the assessment or Equalization of assessments of property for taxation who fail to comply with the provisions of the act or with any order of the tax commission may be haled into the circuit court, which may compel them to conform to the detailed provisions of the law.

The new law is revolutionary to the extent that all acts of local assessors and county boards of equalization are subject to review by the tax commission. The law carries the emergency clause and will be effective as to the assessment of property for the current year.

PATTERSON DID RIGHT

Governor Patterson recognizes the voice of the people to be paramount to action of the legislature. Last fall the voters of Oregon said that fish wheels should be excluded from the upper Columbia river, the time set for their stoppage being May 1. The state legislature lengthened that time to December 31, thus intimating that that body was more powerful than the whole state. Governor Patterson agrees that the voters have supreme power in cer-

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Kids On Stilts

The custom of walking on stilts has been handed down from generation to generation. Maupin youngsters, in common with those of other places, have been making the pavements thump, thump of late, many of them acquiring a pair of stilts and having heaps of fun walking with them.

A Pair of Kids

We do not mean the play by the above title but mention the fact that Prof. Broughton's nanny goat gave birth to a pair of white kids Sunday. The little fellows are frisky and seem to take to their environment like old timers.

Another Ham Improvement

Ham souring, caused by a group of bacteria, may be prevented by thorough chilling immediately after slaughter and by maintenance of a

Safety First

After all is said and done, there remains but one thing to remember in looking for safety:

SAVE WHILE YOU HAVE THE EARNING CAPACITY. DEPOSIT YOUR SAVINGS IN A REPUTABLE BANK AND LET THEM RIDE UNTIL THEY HAVE GROWN TO A LARGE SIZE— THAT'S SAFETY FIRST

This bank is at your service in keeping your deposits and in advising you regarding their investment. Come in and let's talk it over.

Maupin State Bank

(INCORPORATED)

Hauling River Gravel

T. B. Slusher hauled gravel for the garage building several days of last and this week. The gravel came from Bakeoven, near the mouth, and required nearly 50 loads to fill the forms for the building.

Among the early vegetables which can be started in the house in flats or boxes are: tomatoes, cabbage, peppers, cauliflower, celery and lettuce.

FOR RENT—320 acres of ranch land. 170 acres good farm land; 65 acres summer fallow. Will rent on shares. Inquire or write to R. L. Harris, Maupin, Oregon. 18-42*

FOR SALE—A few hundred tons nice green 1926 crop hay. Ed. Herrling. 13-4f

PIANO FOR SALE, LOCATED IN vicinity of Maupin—One of America's finest pianos to be sold at a large saving. Cash or terms, \$10 monthly, to responsible party. If interested in seeing this piano bargain write C. F. Hendrick, Piano Broker and Adjuster, 65 Front Street, Portland, Oregon. 16-44

PLOW FOR SALE—One 14-inch two-bottom Syracuse gang plow in good running order, for sale cheap. This ad will only appear once, so speak up quick. John McCorkle. 16-41*

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR WASCOCO COUNTY:

Amelia Messenger, plaintiff,
vs.
Lewis P. Messenger, defendant.
To Lewis P. Messenger, defendant:

In the name of the state of Oregon: You are required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause on or before six weeks from the date of first publication of this summons, and if you fail for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for divorce, and for the plaintiff's costs and disbursements and for such other relief as to the court shall seem equitable.

This summons is served upon you pursuant to an order made by the Judge of the above entitled court on the 5th day of March, 1927, which order requires you to appear and answer the complaint within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons.

Date of first publication, March 10, 1927.
Frank G. Dick,
Attorney for the plaintiff.
M-10-A-21

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
For Wasco County
Docket No. 4253

Etta Fields, Plaintiff,
vs.
Nathan Fields, Defendant.
To Nathan Fields,

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of first publication and if you fail to so answer for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint herein, namely: a decree of divorce on the ground of desertion.

This summons is published by the order of the Honorable Fred W. Wilson, judge of the above entitled court, by order made and entered under the date of January 31, 1927. First publication of this summons in The Maupin Times, under date of February 3, 1927 and last publication under date of March 17, 1927.

John Gavin,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
502 Bank Building, The Dalles,
Oregon.

When drop cakes spread out too much in baking the trouble sometimes is that the oven is not hot enough, rather than that the mixture is too soft. Drop cakes bake best on a baking sheet without high sides, or on an inverted pan.

Painted furniture is attractive and much used nowadays, but don't paint all the furniture in the house just because you like to paint. If you have any furniture made of beautiful wood such as mahogany, walnut, or others, it should not be painted, but refinished by an expert.

A rug that curls up and wrinkles at the edges needs resizing. Stretch it face down on the floor, tack it firmly and sprinkle generously with a solution made by soaking and dissolving one-quarter pound of flake glue in half a gallon of water. Let it dry for at least 24 hours. The glue should not penetrate to the right side of the rug.

In making chicken salad let the chicken stand for several hours in a French dressing. This is called "marinating" it. If you like to make the most of the chicken flavor, use chicken fat instead of oil for this dressing, and give it a suggestion of onion flavor by soaking a few slices of onion in the vinegar before mixing with the fat. Use equal parts of chicken fat and vinegar.

Hood Tires ARE GOOD TIRES

The Largest Stock of Tires
In Town
Richmonds' Serv. Station

Dance Dates Legion Hall

MARCH 17—ST. PATRICK'S

DANCE

MARCH 26—TONY THE CON-
VICT—SHOW

APRIL 2—SPRING DANCE

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Harvest Bread

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Manufacturer of the Famous

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We also have

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BUTLER'S

MAUPIN'S LEADING Grocery and Meat Market

tain ways and as evidence of that belief has vetoed the bill extending the time for fish wheel operation. The governor is to be patted on the back for his action in the matter.

CLIMATE DOESN'T HELP BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA

California's state won't exploit the wonderful climate of that state. Seldom do they fail to boost the business of their commonwealth or declare that California is the greatest state in the Union. In a busi-

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Farm Protection

Think You Can Spell?



How many words can you make from the letters in "FARM PROTECTION"? Ten, twenty, twenty-five or more? Here is a fine chance to cash in on your knowledge of spelling.

Win \$250 Cash Prize

The National Farm News will give a \$250 cash prize to the person who sends in the largest list of correctly spelled words made from letters in "FARM PROTECTION." provided the list is accompanied by \$1.00 to cover one new yearly subscription to The National Farm News. There are no strings tied to this offer—it is all right before you in this announcement. Just make up your list of words on a plain sheet of paper and send it in with one yearly subscription to The National Farm News at \$1.00. There is positively nothing else you need do.

DANDY SURPRISE PRESENT ABSOLUTELY FREE To Every Contestant

Send in a list of words accompanied by a yearly subscription at \$1.00 and we will immediately send you a Dandy Surprise Gift. Every contestant who submits a list of words accompanied by a subscription as above will positively receive one of these Surprise Gifts whether they win the big cash prize or not.

ACT QUICK IF YOU WANT \$250

Surely you could use \$250.00 extra money. Here is your opportunity. Act now—you might just as well have a nice cash prize as anyone else. This fine prize would enable you to buy many things you have been wanting or would be a mighty fine addition to your bank account.

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE

- The object of the Contest is to make as many words as possible from the letters in "Farm Protection." A letter may be used only as many times in a word as it appears in "Farm Protection." For instance, a word may contain only one "F" as that letter appears only once in "Farm Protection."
- All words shown in the dictionary will be counted by case they contain only the letters appearing in key word. Words spelled alike with different meanings will be counted as one word. Both singulars and plurals may be used, and both be counted provided they are in the dictionary.
- The Contest is open to anyone living any place in the United States. No regular salaried employees of The National Farm News or any of their relatives may enter.
- Collaboration is permissible, but collaborating parties must not submit more than one list. Any list sent in that may lead the judges to believe because of duplication or similarity—they have been compiled by one and the same person or group of persons, will be rejected and not counted.
- In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.
- Webster's New International Dictionary, 1926 edition, will be used in determining the correctness of words.
- Words must be written on one side of the paper only and must be numbered consecutively. No list will be counted which does not conform to this rule. Prepare your list neatly. Name and address must appear on each sheet.
- Three executive officers of The National Farm News will act as judges in the Contest, and contestants agree to accept their decision as final and conclusive.
- All lists of words and accompanying subscriptions must bear a postmark not later than Sunday, March 26, 1927. Each list must be accompanied by a yearly subscription to The National Farm News at \$1.00, and all such lists will be promptly acknowledged. Winners will be announced in The National Farm News.

SEND LIST OF WORDS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW TO RECEIVE DANDY SURPRISE PRESENT AT ONCE

Just pin to your list of words an extra sheet of paper bearing your name and address, also the name and address of the person to whom the subscription to The National Farm News is to be sent. Mail as soon as possible.

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