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## WHICH IS THE BETTER VALUE?

### The Following Carries Its Own Moral

Sometime ago, the News contained an article criticising the practise of patronizing mail-order houses; arguing that little or no money was saved, besides the harm done the home merchant and the home community.

Later, the News published a letter from a party who felt that the criticism was not a fair one, calling attention to a supposed saving in the purchase of a single-tree from a mail-order house.

Since then, the mail-order advocate, who by the way, usually patronizes the home merchant, has written a second letter, which reads in part "You go to the hardware store and examine his 80c single-trees. Then look in Montgomery & Ward Co's. catalog, No. 84, Page 856, article No. 192134520. The chief difference between the two is that one is varnished and the other is'nt. The one referred to is only 39c."

In fairness to all parties concerned and with the co-operation of Bert Byers of the Finch Hardware Co. of Estacada, the mail-order single-tree referred to was duly ordered. After a few days delay, the Portland branch of the mail-order house advised that the article was only carried in stock at the Chicago headquarters. So the order was sent to Chicago and in due time, namely about two weeks later, the single-tree, No. 192134520 was received, costing 39c, plus 81c postage, making a total of \$1.20 f. o. b. Estacada.

The mail-order tree weighed 7 pounds, while the locally sold article weighs 10 1/2 pounds. This difference in weight is not only represented in the size of the hickory shaft, but the local tree is fitted with hardware nearly double in size and strength of that used on the mail-order, so called, duplicate.

Had the single-tree been handled at the Portland office, the postage would have been 11c, making the total cost 50c, against 75c for the local article, but as the latter represents fully one third more material and strength, the argument is still in favor of the home single-tree.

While a comparison of all articles handled locally and by mail-order houses will not show such a marked difference in value, in this instance, which was investigated because it was brought to

## 225 So Far Enrolled

With many students not yet able to begin school, the present enrollment of 225 in the Estacada Schools at the beginning of the second week, guarantees full classes. Of the total, 139 are in the grammar school and 86 in the high school.

While it is too early to do much prophesying on this year's football team, it looks as though sufficient good material is present to more than fill the four vacancies on the 1915 eleven and with Coach Baker promising to instill some of Coach Dobie's pep into the E. H. S. line-up, the outlook is bright.

Instructor Baker, or Prof. Baker or whatever his title, is now organizing a high school glee club, and as Mr. Baker is well qualified as a musician to handle this school activity, it should prove another attraction for the high school pupils.

The annual inter-society football game between the Adelpic and Websterian literary societies, will take place next Friday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock and the public is invited to freely witness the scrap.

Miss Beatrice Lilly of the faculty, was unable to be in school on Monday, owing to the sudden death of a friend in Portland.

The reception to the teachers last Friday evening, brought out a goodly sized crowd of parents and students, who enjoyed the informal program and helped welcome both the old and new teachers.

## Estacada Suspect Still In Jail

John Joseph, the man of mystery, who was arrested near Currinsville, May 23rd last, after having stolen food and poultry and who was latter taken to the Oregon City jail, is still confined there.

Joseph, who at the time, was believed to be Ristman, the missing jitneur of Portland, is unable to speak English and aside from a few words in Bohemian, no intercourse can be carried on with him.

Sheriff Wilson would like to get rid of the man, but to date has found no legal means of sending him to an asylum and is now interesting the foreign consuls in the case, in hopes Joseph can be deported to his native land, wherever it is.

the editor's attention, the balance is all in favor of the home merchant. Furthermore, add to this balance, the privilege of credit accounts, goods delivered when ordered and the keeping of the money in home circulation and little argument exists for mail-order patronage.

## People's Land & Loan Law Dangerous

The following resolution has been recently sent to all Granges and Commercial Bodies of Oregon, by editor Chapman of the Oregon Voter:—

"WHEREAS, the so-called People's Land & Loan Law, if adopted by popular vote in November, would become part of the Constitution of Oregon, and

WHEREAS, it would make all farm-owners and home-owners mere tenants of the state, possessed of empty titles and burdened with the obligation of paying each year the full rental value of their homes and lands into the public treasury, and

WHEREAS, by its provisions for loaning \$1,500 cash without interest for five years to anyone who with his family has failed to accumulate property of the total value of \$2,250, it penalizes thrift and puts a premium upon shiftlessness and extravagance at taxpayers expense, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that we urge our membership and all other intelligent citizens to give attention to the revolutionary proposals of this radical measure, so it may be voted down by so large a majority that the promoters of this single tax legislation may be brought to realize the futility of encumbering the ballot with their visionary but dangerous schemes at every general election."

## Locating "Oregon Trail"

Leslie M. Scott, son of Harvey W. Scott, long time editor of the Oregonian; H. H. Johnson of Oregon City, County Surveyor, born in Clackamas County, in 1849; W. J. Beach, motorist, a grandson of J. N. T. Miller, an Oregon Pioneer of 1850; and George H. Himes, Secretary of the Oregon Pioneer Association and Curator and Assistant Secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, a pioneer of 1853, called at the News' office last Friday. The party, under the leadership of Mr. Scott, have for several days been spying out the old original Oregon Trail, at points where the roads of today touch it, and putting up signs "Oregon Trail" whenever the points desired can be found. They expect to go on to Government Camp, and possibly clear through to Eastern Oregon, and return by way of the Columbia Highway.

## COURT FAVORS TWO ROAD DISTRICTS Meeting To Consider Including Northeastern Clackamas In Two Large Road Districts

Commissioner Mattoon has issued a call for all taxpayers to attend a meeting of the county court on Thursday, Sept. 28th at Oregon City, when the matter of changing road district boundaries will be considered.

The members of the court have for a long time favored the creation of fewer and larger districts, the idea also being favored by many taxpayers.

The present plan is for the creation of two large districts, including all of northeastern Clackamas County, lying north and east of the Clackamas River, covering the thirty or more districts in Garfield, Currinsville, George, Eagle Creek, Barton, Boring, Sandy and down to Milwaukie and the Multnomah County line.

It is not likely that such a radical move will be effected at the coming meeting, but the court wishes to obtain an expression from the taxpayers on the subject.

While it is expected that all road supervisors will be present, the taxpayers should attend, as a few of them, who are promoting the plan will be there and the court may be led to believe that those men represent the sentiments of their communities.

Such a plan as outlined has many advantages to offer, especially in the building of standardized roads and the construction of main trunk line highways, but it also has its disadvantages in hindering the voting of special road taxes and the creation of strong political and factional parties.

This is a matter which vitally concerns every taxpayer and should be given much thought prior to expressing an opinion and the best place to hear both sides of the question is to attend the coming meeting.

## Estacada Boy Marries

Cecil Schock, formerly of Estacada, but for the past year located at Fabens, Texas, in a recent letter home, stated that he expected to be married September 16th, to Miss Marjory H. Smith of El Paso, Texas.

As no later word has been received from him, it is fair to assume that Cecil is now a benedict and the congratulations of his many friends are extended to him and the fortunate young lady. The courtship dates back farther than this year, as the couple had been close friends several years ago, when Cecil was working in Mexico.