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Columbia river smelt now being shipped into Newberg at the rate of 500 pounds and more a day and retailing at six pounds for a quarter, are making a substantial cut in the cost of the meat ration that is appreciated.

Apparently this is Newberg's year for winning basket ball games. The college team won the valley championship, losing but one game in the league, and the high school team has won eleven games and lost none. The latter team is in the running for the state championship with an excellent outlook for winning.

It was made quite plain at the banquet given Friday night at the Imperial for Mr. Bell, the retiring editor and publisher of the Enterprise, that a newspaper man to get fulsome praise for what he does for his community, must not only dispose of his plant but must prepare to leave town on the first train out. The Graphic editor prefers to stay on the job and continue to publish obituaries of the other fellows—the great and near great.

Since the \$6,000,000 road bonding bill passed by the legislature is to be voted on by the people at a special election to be held in June, it is now a very live question and will become more so as the weeks go by. It is up to the people to post themselves regarding it and the Graphic invites discussion of the measure through its columns in order to get it before the voters. We have written to Hon. Gus C. Moser, president of the senate, asking him to write an article for publication next week, covering the salient points in the bill, and he will doubtless comply with the request.

"Life's Balance Sheet," the lecture given at Wood-Mar Hall on last Saturday night was a splendid lyceum number and well worth the price. It contained a lot of wholesome meat for young people put up in a digestible way, being easily assimilated, while "dad" and "mother" were not forgotten in the evening's round-up. One faithful church member said it was better than a sermon and another expressed the regret that all the young people of Newberg could not be reached by the message. The Graphic can cheerfully recommend Mr. Herbsman to any committee that wants to secure a man who has something worth while to say and who can say it in a forceful, impressive way.

We feel sure we voice the sentiment of a large number of people when we express the hope that the rough stuff will be cut out Friday night when McMinnville comes to Newberg to play the return high school game. School rivalry and rivalry between towns is all well enough as long as it is good natured and kept within reasonable bounds, but when it goes beyond this stage it should not be given countenance. Let the visitors be given such consideration Friday night as is due to those who come among us and let the city marshal, with duly appointed helpers if necessary, look after the rough-necks among them, if any appear, and thus we will maintain our reputation for respectability. We can't afford to do anything else.

A Dundee lady who came into the Graphic office a few days ago with a view of entering her name on our subscription list asked if the Newberg merchants made a business of announcing through

our advertising columns their special sales, remarking that while she had little time for reading, she always watched the local papers to see what the merchants had to offer. She was told of course that Newberg had some live merchants who were continually using printer's ink, but mentally we could not keep away from the fact that a number of our merchants are not taking advantage of the opportunity offered them in the way of newspaper publicity. The Graphic is not asking for charity. We are here as a business proposition and if Newberg had no newspaper the merchants would be running their legs off to find some man to establish one here. In our advertising columns we think we have something to offer that is worth the price. If we thought differently we would go out of the business and take up some other occupation. It is a mistaken idea that people don't read the advertisements in a local paper. Many subscribers tell us they read every line the paper contains. The live merchant in a town is always alive to his interests, and consequently is one who writes live advertising copy, and what he says is read by live newspaper readers. We repeat the statement that the Graphic is not a charity shop and we don't want the money of any merchant who is so dead asleep at the switch that he voices the sentiment that it don't pay to advertise, unless he can be jarred loose and convinced of the error of his reasoning. It is a well known fact that the most successful merchants this country has ever produced have been the most liberal newspaper advertisers. This ought to be proof sufficient that it is a paying proposition to the merchant.

THE NURSERY OF GENIUS

The late Sir Hiram Maxim and his almost equally well-known brother, Mr. Hudson Maxim, were born each in a little town in Maine so small and inconspicuous that but for its famous son it might never have been heard of. In their young days poverty and privation were frequent visitors and familiar friends, says the Youth's Companion. Schooling was scant and inefficient; toys, if there were any, were homemade, and recreations were personal and individual rather than organized. Yet out of that seemingly hostile environment rose two men who will be classed with the great inventive geniuses.

How did it happen? The newspapers have had more or less to say about it. Some of them are asking whether our little back-country towns are still raising mechanical geniuses. Most of them think not. A professor in Clark University, in Worcester, Massachusetts—a city rich in great industries and diversified products of inventive brains—believes that we are losing our mechanical supremacy to Swedes, Germans, Frenchmen, Danes, Italians and Greeks, because we let our sons fritter away too much time in school and college athletics, and allow them to grow up with the idea that selling bonds is a better job than "bossing" a machine shop.

Probably some of the criticism is pertinent, but the most of it fails to go to the root of the matter. The great advantage of boys from "up Sangerville way," where the Maxims were born, is that they have no "advantages." They must do things for themselves, and by doing them they learn. The curse of incipient genius is the mechanical toy. How can you expect a boy to be permanently interested in engines if you give him a toy engine, complete and ready to run, and continue to surfeit his mechanical appetite with motor boats and hook-and-ladder trucks and miniature automobiles? They appeal only to the curiosity, not to the imagination. Give the same boy

a brook, and a little lumber, and tools enough to build a dam and a water wheel, and see how he will "go to it"! That gives him a chance to do something with his own hands and his own brain—a chance to make experiments, exercise his imagination and learn by his mistakes—and that, say what you please, is the only way in which we ever really learn anything in this world.

There is another phase of the matter that none of the newspapers seem to have noticed: the passing of the mechanical period into what may be called the electrical and chemical period. It would, of course, be absurd to say that all the great inventions have been made, but it is quite just to say that the field is much better covered now than it was when the Maxims were boys. The young men of today who go to technical training schools are getting more work in electricity and chemistry and mineralogy than in mechanics, and all three are inexhaustible fields. Perhaps our great inventors of the next generation will find their occupation there rather than at the lathe. Nevertheless, one of the best presents that you can give a real boy is still a good sharp pocketknife.

PERSONAL LETTER IN RHYME

Mrs. Christina Clemenson received the following interesting letter from her son, J. A. Clemenson, of Portland, written last Sunday:

My Dear Mother

As trade was very dull today I scanned the papers through,
And then I watched the snowflakes fall
until I thought of you,
And thought about those gardens which
are quite unplanted yet,
Or which if planted would of course be
both too cold and wet.
So having thought of you, dear love,
and having lots of time,
I screwed my thinker up enough to put
these lines in rhyme.
I did so too because, you know, verse
draws the deeper mind,
And brings a truer meaning to the simple
thoughts we find.
So, when I said I thought of you, I did
not merely mean
That I would scratch a line to keep my
letter record clean,
But that those gently falling snowflakes
made me think of you
Whose every thought and action is as
gentle, white and true.

I thought too of the promise which we
made the other day
To visit you next Sunday if the weather
proves we may,
And which, from what is taking place,
I now regret to say
Must be postponed until the winter
takes itself away.
You see, the weather by its pranks has
caused me much delay
With both the trees and bushes which I
have to trim and spray,
And which if not attended now, will
send their boughs astray
And spoil the golden profits that should
make my labors pay.
So do not look to see us up until the
eighteenth day
Of next month, when we hope to have
a Sunday off for play.
And let us hope that by that time the
spring has come to stay,
And that its joys may be enough to
make our hearts turn gay.
With love and best wishes from
all to all. Your son,
James.

FARM NOTES BY COUNTY AGENT

A class of 100 farmers scattered throughout the farming sections of Yamhill county have been enlisted in a farm management project. The work consists in taking an inventory of all livestock, feed, machinery and tools on hand March 1st. If any of last year's crops are held for sale they are taken at present market value. The value of the farm is also entered in the farm record book which is supplied by the county agent. Interest on the investment of all property except crops held for sale is reckoned at 5 percent.

Each farmer is asked to enter the amount received from the sale of articles produced on the farm during the year, and the amount expended in the operation of the farm including taxes and hired help. Expenses for the household are not a part of

the farm business and are not entered. The results of the year's accounts are intended to be comparable to that of any other business not operated in connection with the home. Assistance will be given in taking the inventories at the beginning and at the close of the fiscal year. Instruction as to how to make the entries will also be given and if at any time during the year help is needed it will be supplied. The books after being checked over and tabulated at the close of the year, will be re-

turned to the owner as a permanent record of his year's work.

The object of this project is to induce the farmers to look upon farm operations in a more business like way, to teach them how to keep farm accounts, and to assist them in analyzing their farm business for the purpose of deciding upon modifications which promise to increase the net profits. We want the farmers to look, not upon their bank account or cash on hand as the sole indication of their success, but upon their labor income

which is easily determined by completing the summary in the back of the book at the close of the year.

The 100 farmers who will be given assistance this year can carry on the work without assistance next year and a new class of 100 can be started. Thus the work will grow until every farmer in the county will be keeping simple farm records and the term "slip shod" will no longer be applicable to farming operations, at least not in Yamhill county. M. S. Shrock.

BAIRD'S

New Spring Goods are arriving daily. We will have the largest line of new beautiful dress goods for spring that we have ever had. We invite you to come in and inspect them for yourself.

40 inch Cotton Voiles ^{pretty patterns} at..... 25c per yd

36 inch Wash Silk ^{that is now being priced} at..... 50c per yd

36 inch Percales ^{The good heavy kind} at..... 15c per yd

Ginghams ^{A fine big assortment} at..... 12½ and 15c per yd

Curtain Materials ^{The largest line} ^{we ever had.....} 10 to 25c per yd

Hosiery. We have a complete line of hosiery for ladies and children, made from the best of black dyes. You should buy your hosiery at Baird's if you want the best hose at the least money.

Selby's Shoes for Ladies

We have a complete line of Selby's shoes for ladies at only a slight advance over previous price. Now is the time to buy shoes.

Peters Shoes for Men and Boys

We also have Peter's shoes for men and boys. They are the best shoe made to wear. Try a pair of them and see how well pleased you will be.

Good Clean Groceries. Phone your orders

Get the habit of phoning to Baird for your groceries. You will always get good clean fresh groceries and vegetables delivered promptly.

E. C. BAIRD

Highest Cash Price Paid for Eggs



THE UNIVERSAL CAR

320,817

Have been built and actually delivered to retail buyers since August 1, 1916. These figures—320,817—represent the actual number of cars manufactured by us since August 1, 1916, and delivered by our agents to retail buyers. This unusual fall and winter demand for Ford cars makes it necessary for us to confine the distribution of cars only to those agents who have orders for immediate delivery to retail customers, rather than to permit any agent to stock cars in anticipation of later spring sales.

We are issuing this notice to intending buyers that they may protect themselves against delay or disappointment in securing Ford cars. If, therefore, you are planning to purchase a Ford car, we advise you to place your order and take delivery now.

Immediate orders will have prompt attention.

Delay in buying at this time may cause you to wait several months.

Enter your order today for immediate delivery with our authorized Ford agent listed below and don't be disappointed later on.

PRICES
Runabout \$245, Touring Car \$300, Complete \$365
Town Car \$395, Sedan \$445, *l. o. b.* Detroit

Ford Motor Company

Oregon Hardware Co.

Corner First and Meridian, Phone White 4