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A rural free delivery parcels-post remedy will evolve from the present chaotic condition of our postal service, despite the struggle of express companies to prevent it and the ill-advised efforts of many small-town retailers to ward it off. The objections of the express people are too natural to demand comment; being human business organizations they desire to keep all the profitable business they can. The retailers' antagonism is characterized as shortsighted because in the end even a general parcels-post, such as is operated in most civilized countries where the post office department is run on common sense business lines, would benefit the local merchant immeasurably. The fear of the small merchant is that the parcels-post would permit the mail-order houses to rob him of his customers. While undoubtedly its operation would aid the large city houses in getting their goods to the isolated country customer, the same benefit, in a far more substantial degree, would accrue to the local merchant. He would cater to the wants of a far larger territory than he can now, efficiently, cheaply and quickly. By means of the parcels-post a note brought into town one afternoon, or a telephone call, would order goods which could be sent to the customer with none of the delay and inconvenience resulting from a long trip to town in person, costly in time.

"Shall books of fiction be prohibited in our school libraries?"

Such is the question debated at a recent meeting of a literary society in Crook County. If a school is to have a library containing any books other than the driest of text books, it certainly would be an unconscionable shame to exclude therefrom fiction. Think of books like "Ben Hur," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Black Bass" and "Bob, Son of Battle" possibly being excluded from the use of young folks because they come under the head of "fiction." Each of these—and there are hundreds more as worthy—is a splendid combination of human sermon and moral text book, and written with such vital interest that the full attention of every school-boy and school-girl reader would be held to the utmost—held as no academic text book possibly could. To take fiction from the reach of school readers, if it is possible to make it accessible to them, would be a course as shortsighted as is Russia's in its censorship of reading matter inimical to the governmental policy. Let fiction be selected with care, but by all means encourage its use.

Here are some suggestive comparisons in costs of transportation. Up to the present the settler coming to Central Oregon has had to pay in the neighborhood of twenty-five dollars to transport himself from Portland to Bend. Perhaps thirty dollars would be a fairer estimate of the usual cost of the trip. Now come the railroads with their announcement of low immigrant rates. One can come from Chicago to Portland for practically the same cost as the Portland-Bend railroad and auto rate. On top of this, the completion of the Oregon Trunk to Madras cuts in half the staging distance from the railroad to Bend, which will mean that those coming to Central Oregon and Bend can get here, from middle western and eastern points, at a cost of probably half that which has prevailed up to the present. The result certainly will be a tremendous immigration.

The beginning of the end has come. The railroad has reached Madras. Central Oregon's transportation isolation is a thing of the past. Today Madras celebrates the arrival of the iron road, and with her all the interior country rejoices. An early season, this, for railroads, and a bumper crop is assured. And as the crop matures let us borrow a catch phrase and declare to the observing world, "Watch Central Oregon Grow."

Mayor Gill of Seattle has learned the power of woman's vote. Equal suffrage cost him his job as Mayor last week, for it is estimated that woman's votes made up the six thousand majority that effected his recall.

LODGE IS BUILT

SILVER LAKE IS PROSPEROUS TOWN.

J. W. Silvertooth Visits Bend, Reporting Improvement Work on His Store—Wells Being Dug in Silver Lake Country.

F. W. Silvertooth of Silver Lake was in Bend over Saturday and Sunday. He reports everything very prosperous in the south country and says that business is enlarging rapidly. He is making preparations to receive a big lot of spring goods, said to be the finest assortment ever seen in Silver Lake. On February 17th the Odd Fellows move into their big new quarters at Silver Lake, celebrating the event with an entertainment. The first floor of the new hall is devoted to a dance hall, upstairs being occupied by the lodge room. The organization is in an extremely flourishing condition.

C. R. Kiger is building a house on his homestead at the north end of Silver Lake.

Warren Duncan is going to O'Neil for a load of grain for Stanley Martin of Silver Lake.

Alec Davis, of Klamath Marsh, has been purchasing cattle from Jim Small, and will feed them at the marsh.

L. P. Klipple has put down an artesian well at Summer Lake, striking water at 30 feet. Another man south of Summer Lake bored by hand, with a 2 inch auger, a well 115 feet deep, through the sand.

PRINEVILLE WINS TWO

Basket Ball Teams to Play Here on or About February 24.

The Bend Athletic Association basket ball team was defeated in both games played with the Prineville Athletic Club. The game on Friday evening resulted in a score of 65 to 8. The Bend team was fairly outplayed but was seriously handicapped by the high passing of the ball. The ball at Prineville is much higher than the one here, so the team was unaccustomed to high passing.

The game Saturday night proved to be more interesting, the score being 45 to 18. A dance was given after each game. The first game drew a crowd of about 400 while the second was witnessed by about 250.

The Bend team was well received and before leaving Prineville a return series was arranged for the 24 and 25th. The list of players follows:

Prineville	Bend
Brewster	F. Wheelock
Beckle	F. Bryan
Ellis	C. Springer
McAllister	G. Steidl
McAllister	G. Hoeh
Subs—Bend, Staats and Sather	
Referee—McMain.	

CARDS OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the people of Bend and vicinity, for the generosity and sympathy extended us, to help tide over our recent misfortune and loss by fire.

Sincerely,
 J. F. YOUNG AND FAMILY.
 I especially thank the ladies of the different organizations of Bend for their thoughtfulness and work, in providing me with so many household necessities of which I am in need. Accept my heartfelt thanks. Mrs. J. F. YOUNG.

BISHOP HOLDS SERVICE.

Erection of Attractive Church Building Benefit To Town.

Bishop Paddock held services in the church on Sunday morning and evening; on Monday afternoon there was a baptismal service, after a meeting of the Episcopal Guild, and in the evening another service. Jean Allen, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Allen, was baptized Monday afternoon; in the evening Mrs. F. F. Smith was confirmed.

A pleasant feature of the Sunday services was the singing; in the morning Mrs. L. D. Lindborg rendered a solo, and at the evening service she and Mrs. J. H. Wenandy sang a sacred duet, "My Faith Looks up to Thee." A very large congregation attended Sunday evening.

After the Monday evening ser-

monies and an address chiefly dealing with the speaker's experiences in Russia and the New York slums, an informal discussion concerning the erection of the proposed new church or parish house occurred. Bishop Paddock spoke of the gift of the lot on the south end of Wall Street, dwelling upon the commanding position of the proposed building and the fact that its erec-

tion, in creditable style, would be a great asset to the town and a decided addition to its appearance. He proposed an effort to erect a more substantial building than at first contemplated. With this in view a general committee of the meeting was appointed to investigate ways and means of raising contributions for a larger building. Tuesday morning Bishop Paddock left for Redmond and Madras

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