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Possibly About You

Picture show Sunday night, 10c and 15 cents.

Our 13 acre ranch, a bargain; only \$1800, terms. J M Meiklejohn.

N Young came home from Corvallis Tuesday after a week's visit with relatives there.

Jim Parker's team took a lively spin up the street, Wednesday causing but little damage, however.

The ball game Sunday resulted in a score of 13 to 7 in favor of Scio, the Crabtree boys not proving as good foot racers as the local swatsmen.

Mr and Mrs Albert Randall and Miss Daisy Buckner left Friday for a months' outing at London Springs.

Jack Abbott returned last week from Breitenbush and reports the Scio colony to be in the best of health and spirits.

For Sale—Lumber for silo ready to put up. Ralph McDonald. 52-2

Just remember that the News office sells typewriter ribbons and carbon paper cheaper than anyone else in Linn county.

Roll Morris left last week for a visit with relatives and friends in Washington, expecting to be gone several weeks.

Too much trouble to go to church and get dinner the same day? Get Sunday dinner at the Scio Hotel.

W A Ewing and family left Friday for Cascadia for a few weeks recreation. Henry Miller took them up in his conveyance.

Watch Morrison's window and you will see in a few days a stunt in enamel ware never undertaken in Scio before. A \$50. range will be given away free with 300 pieces of enamel ware. I have the range in stock, but the granite ware has not showed up yet. It will be in any day. Save your purchases of granite ware for a day or two. — N I Morrison.

C D Minton who was in town Monday from his orchard home at Gilkey, recently sold the Oregon Agriculturist to parties from Seattle and is now out of a job. Mr Minton had no thought of selling out a couple of days before it happened, when a buyer strolled in and asked if he would sell the Agriculturist. Mr Minton gave him a price that, as he puts it, he thought would scare the buyer back to Seattle on the next train, but rather to his disappointment it had the opposite effect. Mr Minton built the Agriculturist from almost nothing to a live paper of good circulation, and will no doubt be like a fish out of water until he gets back into the harness again.

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MYLO BARTU

Graduated from the Mechanical Engineering Department at the Oregon Agricultural College, June 9, 1914. Graduated from the eighth grade of the Scio school in 1908, and entered O A C in the fall of the same year. Mr Bartu is employed at O A C as draftsman in the Department of Superintendent of Buildings.

F J Denny was a Scio visitor Friday.

Bring your fresh vegetables to the Scio Hotel.

Why not spend Sunday evening at the picture show? First class films, electric fan, and admission price 15c and 10c. Show starts at 8:30 sharp.

Newt Crabtree left for eastern Oregon last week.

The new hammerless Winchester Repeating Shotgun is some gun. Morrison has them in both 12 and 16 gauge.

Mens straw and light weight summer hats, just what you need for the warm weather, at Hibler & Gills.

Dr Prill, C A Warner, J F Wesely and John Frost and parties from Harrisburg left on schedule for Marion Lake last Saturday morning. They will return early in August.

Mr and Mrs T W Dilley of Salem have been here this week visiting the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs A Montgomery and other relatives.

Miss Ada Thayer accompanied Miss Emily Martin to her home at Corvallis Monday for a weeks' visit.

Dr W B Richardson of Spokane, Wash, who practiced medicine at Scio about thirty years ago, was through here Monday. He notes many changes in this part of the country, as in fact a few of the old settlers is all that remains that he recognizes.

Oregon News Notes

Oregon Development News in Line of Industries, Payrolls, and Products of Labor and Enterprise.

W R Scott, general manager of the S P system on the Pacific coast, says railroad earnings will soon be on the upgrade.

The bridge across the river at Salem has been condemned and the two counties and the city will erect a \$200,000 structure.

Eugene Iron Works has taken a contract to manufacture 500 of the Harden Sanitary Drinking Fountains.

A Federal Court and Postoffice building will be erected at Medford.

Hood River has voted \$75,000 road bonds and dedicated an open-air theatre.

Portland meat inspection ordinance has been taken into the courts on the ground that it discriminates against all small packers in favor of the meat trust.

Fruit packing will start August 1 in the Rogue river district.

A \$10,000 creamery will be erected at Alvadore on Fern Ridge.

Labor Commissioner Hoff decided that the bridge crew on the Grants Pass railroad could not be employed over eight hours. The men got \$3.20 a day and overtime, but were stopped by Hoff claiming it was public work, and that an emergency existed. The time was cut to eight hours.

Union Oil Co builds a \$10,000 storage plant at Eugene.

Booth-Kelly Co is erecting a large fire proof dry kiln at Springfield.

A motor road will be built from Mapleton to the beach at Florence.

A streetcar line is to be built from Baker into the Eagle valley.

A schooner arrived at Marshfield loaded with skins, tusks and oil of sea lions, a new industry on the Oregon coast.

Congress gave \$150,000 for the fish hatching stations on Oregon waters.

The Coast Bridge Co. of Portland got the bridge at Yamhill for one dollar less than the Portland Bridge Co, its closest competitor, \$4,499.

The 100,000 gallon reservoir of the Bend Water Co is nearly completed.

The Fremont hotel recently destroyed by fire at Salem, will be rebuilt of brick to cost \$20,000.

Bids are being taken for a \$110,000 high school at Eugene.

Clatsop county has 700 men employed on the Columbia highway.

Eugene Fruitgrowers Association will manufacture loganberry juice.

Grants Pass box factory is to resume after lying idle four years.

Sherwood gets a new bank and hotel building.

BOOSTING MAIL ORDER HOUSES

Farmer Tells How He Reduced The Value of His Place

The following letter from the pen of a writer in the Farm Journal seems so timely that we give it without comment:

We farmers need awakening to the fact that we have unmistakably reached the period where we must think and plan. I am one of the slow German farmers that had to be shown, and I am now giving my experience that others may profit, for knowledge at the school of experience is more expensive now than ten years ago.

Twenty-nine years ago I began my farm career. I had an old team and \$50. Our furniture was mostly home-made, chairs, cupboard and lounge made from drygoods boxes, neatly covered with 10c cretonne by my girl wife. We rented 80 acres. Being a boy of good habits I got all needed machinery and groceries of our home merchants on credit until fall crops were sold. The first year was a wet season and I didn't make enough to pay creditors. I went to each on date of promise and explained conditions, paying as much to each as possible and they all carried the balance over another year. They continued to accomodate me until I was able to buy a 40 acre piece of my own.

As soon as I owned these few acres the mail order houses began sending me their catalogues and gradually I began sending my loose change to them, letting my accounts stand in my home town, where I had gotten my accommodation when I needed it.

We then had one of the thriftiest little villages in the state; good line of business in all branches, merchants who were willing to help an honest fellow over a bad year, and a town full of people who came twice a week to trade and visit. Our little country town supported a library, high school, band, ball team, and we had big celebrations every year. A farm near a live town soon doubles in value and I sold my 40 acres at a big advance and bought an 80, gradually adding to it until I had 200 acres of the best land in Iowa. I then felt no need of asking favors and found it easy to patronize the mail order agents that came weekly to our door. I regret to say that I was the first in the county to make up a neighborhood bill and send it to a mail order house. Though we got bit every once in a while, we got in the habit of sending away for stuff.

Gradually our merchants lessened their stocks of goods, for lack of patronage. Finally we began to realize that when we needed a bolt quickly for machinery, or clothing for sickness or death, we had to wait and send away for it which wasn't

so pleasant. One by one our merchants moved to places where they were appreciated and men of less energy moved in. Gradually our town has gone down; our business houses are "tacky" in appearance, a number are empty, our schools, churches and walks are going down, we have no band, no library or ball team. There is no business none in the town, and therefore no taxes to keep things up. Hotel is closed for lack of travel. Go down to the depot when the freight pulls in and you see the sequel in mail order packages.

Nine years ago my farm was worth \$195 an acre; today I'd have a hard matter to sell it at \$107 an acre. It is "too far from a live town" so every farmer has said that wants to buy. He wants a place near schools and churches where his children can have advantages. I have awakened to the fact in helping to pull the town down it has cost me \$5,000 in nine years. Like the majority of farmers, I didn't figure far enough ahead.

This sort of business means the doing away of country towns. What will it mean to farmers to have only a few large cities at a distance of 500 or 1000 miles? What are we going to do with our children who are demanding even better advantages than we had?

Those cities we help to build return no favors; they take our money but offer no credit in time of need. If we want high schools, etc, we must raise the money and build near our farm homes or send our boys and girls to the cities at great expense, amidst temptations of which the farm has no equal. Neither am I the only awakening farmer. These mail order agents that come to our homes every week are becoming a nuisance and making it unsafe to leave women and children alone on the farm. With farm cordiality we take these strangers into our homes, often as one of the family, and we are sometimes paid in having them entice our girls to the city.

These are some facts that need consideration, and I have decided that the safest proposition all around, is for the country people to look after their own interests, and build up their own country towns that bring value to their farms. Let those who want to patronize the city mail order house go there to live, getting their living where they give their patronage. The remainder of my life will be given to building up the home town that I helped to pull down. Brother farmers, you can take my advice or get your knowledge the way I got mine.

Don't pay out money for magazines. We can give you four monthly magazines for 18 cents extra if you will subscribe to The News for one year.

The Oregon Public Utility commission shows a disposition to allow capital invested in their properties to make a fair return and thus encourage further investments.

Mrs C A Warner went to Corvallis Saturday for a visit with relatives.

Bids Wanted

Sealed bids will be received at the Scio State Bank for building a new school house in District No. 100, located on Mt Prospect. Plans and specifications may be seen at Scio State Bank. All bids must be in by July 30. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Joe Liska,
Joe Walter,
Antone Liska,

Board of Directors of District No. 100.