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### MAIL ORDER HOUSES

There are a number of families in Sweet Home and vicinity, who are, occasional, patrons of mail order houses.

Now in all candor, the Tribune believes that in so doing, you are making a serious mistake, both against yourself and your neighbor.

In the first place, every dollar you send to the mail order house, especially if it be to Portland or Chicago, takes a dollar out of circulation in the Sweet Home country.

Next, none of these mail order houses you patronize pay a cent of taxes in Linn county. They do not help keep up roads, schools nor churches. If anybody in this locality is unfortunate and needs assistance, these people never contribute a dollar. If some public convenience which has to be created by public donation, the mail order house is never a contributor.

Then, you are not treating your home merchant fairly, by thus sending your cash away to another state. True, they cannot keep all the goods you require, because they do not have demand for them. Our home merchants will keep all the goods required, if they can sell them.

Again, when you have the cash and order goods from Sears & Roebuck, you are cheeky to ask your home merchant to credit you when your cash is gone.

As a matter of fact, the better trade our home merchants get, the better and more extensive stock of goods they can handle and the better price they can pay for your farm produce.

We take it for granted that every man and woman in Sweet Home and vicinity, desire that Sweet Home shall grow and become a better market for your butter, eggs, garden truck, etc. It never will be unless one and all concentrate their efforts to build up trade in our town.

Of course mail order houses can and will sell a few cents cheaper than the home merchants. They can well afford to. They require the cash strictly in advance and you have to take the goods they send you, be they good, bad or indifferent. They have no bad accounts, pay no money for charity, roads, schools or churches, except in their own towns. Besides, they do such an immense amount of business that they can afford to sell on a closer margin.

If it pays you to buy from the mail order house, it will pay your neighbor to do the same and if everybody should follow your example, the home merchant would be forced to close his doors. Then you would be compelled to ship your own produce and buy all your family supplies from the same source. Of course, this would compel you to have the cash when you order the goods and this is not always convenient. Figure it out anyway you can and the patron of the mail order house is an enemy to

his home community. He is doing something which blocks progress in all lines of business, holds down the price of his land and detracts from the building up of schools and churches.

Think about these matters neighbor! Of course the cheap prices offered by the mail order house, is tempting. You may think your purchase is small and of no consequence. But, suppose all of your neighbors do likewise. Cannot you see what will be the logical result?

Patronize home farmers, mechanics and merchants, should be the motto of every citizen in every community. Do not, for the sake of saving a few cents, do otherwise. If you do, you are simply working against your own interest, in the end.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is not necessary to say that the Tribune wishes its readers a happy and prosperous New Year, to extend throughout the year.

While the past year has been fairly prosperous to most people of Sweet Home, the year just ahead promises to be more so than the past, if the weather should be reasonably favorable.

We have fairly good prospects for railway connection during the year. If these prospects prove true and materialize early in the year, we will have no cause to complain of business during the year.

We have promise that a bank will be established in our town early in the coming season. We feel sure that this promise will be realized.

Conditions are now such that one or more saloons (we are told two) are to be established in town. One application is now in the hands of the city council. With two saloons, the city treasury will have, including the city tax, near \$3000. At least \$2500 of this amount can be used for street improvement. This sum should place our main street in a fairly good condition.

We are soon to have electric lights. The poles from Foster to this city are now up and ready for the wires. The generating plant has been on the road from the east for nearly one month and should be here any day. It will take but a short time to install the plant, string the wires, etc. It is hoped every body will give the plant the patronage it deserves. With the building of the railroad, a large sawmill plant will be almost a necessity. In such case, it is more than probable that the plant will be located at or near Sweet Home.

An adequate water system is an absolute necessity for Sweet Home. It is hoped that the new city council will take this matter up at once and before the year is out, supply the need.

Another matter the new council should take up at once, is the building of a better and more uniform system of side and cross walks. Those we now have are a detriment to the progress of our town.

So there is nothing discouraging in the outlook for Sweet Home. If every citizen will think progress and talk progress, and work together for progress, there is no reason why the year 1914 should not be the most prosperous in the history of Sweet Home. By pulling together, we can bring much of it about. Let us stop all contentions for selfish interests and work together for the general good of all.

The Tribune extends New Years greetings with the hope that all our people will work with a greater harmony during the coming year than in the past. We can accomplish results, if we work in harmony but nothing by oppo sing eachother

Already the railroads are shaking in their boots, since the attitude of

the Interstate Commerce Commission has lead the railroad managers into the belief that the Commerce Commission wants practically to run the land transportation lines, as evidenced by regulations provided for the parcel post, and the fixing of express and railread rates, as well as the investigations of wrecks. The complaining railroad companies are telling Washington that the methods of the Commerce Commission point entirely to eventual government ownership.

One of the new inventions that came along just ahead of the automobile and the moving picture and a few other common necessities of the time, was the cigarette. From government statistics it appears that over fourteen billion cigarettes were consumed in the United States during the last fiscal year. The revenue tax on cigarettes is considerably over a million dollars a year. By the same figures it appears that the use of whiskey in the United States has doubled in the last fifteen years.

### No New 50 Cent Coins

More than \$5,000,000 worth of bright new gold and silver pieces of 1913 mintage has been distributed by the treasury department this month to the banks throughout the country.

But there is one 1913 coin which no one will receive. It is the 50 cent piece. None were minted this year because the supply on hand was sufficient to take care of all calls for that denomination. In this connection attention was called by treasury officials to the fact that the 50 cent piece is losing in popularity and for the same reason as the \$2 bill, namely, because of the ease with which error in change is made, as compared with the quarter or the \$1 bill. It is believed that in time the 50 cent piece may go out altogether, as did two and three cent pieces and \$3 gold coins.

### Christmas Day Quiet

\*Christmas day in Sweet Home was a very quiet proposition. In fact there is usually much more travel on Sunday than occurred on that day.

A public Christmas tree at the Lower church on Christmas eve and a dance at the hall seemed to furnish about the only cause for travel for the two days.

While it is reported that there was plenty of booze in town, so far as the Tribune could learn, there was no disorder.

However the Christmas spirit was abroad and everybody presented a happy countenance and, presumably, they had a good time.

The greatest distance at which an iceberg can be observed in clear weather by day is eighteen miles. The average berg on an ordinary clear day can be sighted from thirteen to sixteen miles from the ship; on a cloudy day from eleven to fourteen miles. In a slight fog bergs can be sighted at two miles; in a dense fog at 200 yards. In bright moonlight they can be seen at two and one-half miles with the naked eye; in starlight at one mile, and at two miles distance with glasses. On a night overcast and dark, but with the horizon visible, bergs can be seen at a distance of one-half mile with glasses.

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### Notice of Hearing of Final Account

Notice is hereby given that the final account of Oliver McClure as Executor and of Nora Coleman as Executrix respectively of the last will and testament and of the estate of Andrew J. McClure deceased, has been filed in the County Court of Linn County, State of Oregon, and that the 19th day of January, 1914, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. has been duly appointed by said Court for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof, at which time any person interested in said estate may appear and file objections thereto in writing and contest the same.

Dated December 18, 1913.  
Oliver McClure, Executor and Nora Coleman, Executrix of the above named estate.  
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