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THE MAIL ORDER HOUSE.

Tune, "The Old Oaken Bucket." - How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood When fond recollections present them to view - The church, and the store, and the school in the wildwood, And all the loved spots that my infancy knew. Last summer I wandered again to the village, But found not a neighbor of old or his spouse; The streets were deserted, the farms needed tillage - The town has been killed by the mail-order house.

The village had vanished when merchants were banished, But one lone survivor, as scared as a rabbit, I found and asked why the village was dead. "The town got the mail-order catalog habit, And that was what killed it forever," he said.

"It was not a war, epidemic, or plague, No foeman's invasion or robber's carouse; The money that should have developed the village, Was all sent away to the mail-order house - The money we earned here never returned here, When once it was sent to the mail-order house." - Ex.

IT MAY BE WAR.

Gen. Carranza's manifesto to the Mexican people is quite likely a political document, designed to strengthen his hold upon the people; but it may be that he is entirely in earnest and would really have opposed American entry into Mexico by force of arms, if reciprocal rights had not been granted. There seems to have been no sufficient reason to deny his demands, especially in view of the fact that there is little likelihood of any Mexican bandits or revolutionists crossing the border to escape from the Carranzistas, for they would certainly find it warmer on this side than the other; and of the further fact that such an arrangement would tend to save the pride of the Mexican people and help to hold the matter down to the present punitive purposes of the expedition. It should be borne in mind, however, that the temper of the Mexican people is a very uncertain and unstable thing. It has, to begin with, that punctilious pride that finds expression in Carranza's grandiloquent phrases. It has a hatred for America and Americans that has been steadily nourished by the meddling policy of the present administration. And when pride and hatred combine in a mercurial people an explosion is likely to ensue. Moreover, there is the quite reasonable belief that war against an invader would unite all the opposing factions of the republic in a patriotic struggle for what they will no doubt sincerely believe to be their very existence.

So that even with the granting of Carranza's demands for reciprocal border relations, there can be no assurance that our entry into Mexico will not lead to war with the Mexican nation, a war that will call to arms much larger forces than we have had in the field for fifty years, that will involve the expenditure of large sums and continue through many months. And yet we cannot do less than we are doing and purpose to do. The Mexican question must be settled, and now that we have been compelled to put our hand to it, it must be thoroughly settled. Whatever the attitude of the Mexican people and whatever the consequences may be we must go after Villa and his men and get them. If a stable and dependable government existed in Mexico, with the power to take and condignly to punish these marauders, we could respect its sovereignty and hold it to direct accountability. But there is no such government and we must take the matter into our own hands. - St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

AMERICA'S ENORMOUS FREIGHT-AGE NECESSITATES GOOD ROADS.

The interstate commerce commission informs the public that during the year that ended on June 30 of 1914 the railways of the United States moved 1,949,689,959 tons of freight. Agriculture and its products contributed 195,586,840 tons; forests 199,461,226 tons; mines, 1,063,447,589 tons; manufactures, 300,804,292 tons. These stupendous quantities of

goods first had to be hauled over roads or streets from farm and forest and mine and manufactory and storehouse to the railroads. At the end of railway transportation they had to be conveyed over city streets and rural highways to distributors and consumers. These hauls before and after the conveyance by the railroad faintly indicate the enormous expense incurred and the imperative necessity for good roads that will help to lessen the outlay.

The rural highways, which are feeders to the railroads, have to endure an ever increasing burden of country freight. The products of the farms, the forest and the mine, which together aggregated almost 1,500,000,000 tons, were transported over 350,000 miles of rails, but over 2,300,000 miles of roads and highways leading to the rails. Some authorities set an average haul from the farm to the shipping point as five and one-half miles. The road of the farmer, compared with that of the trainman, is rough instead of smooth, rutted instead of solid, cruel in grades instead of easy. It requires at least four horses for the farmer to take a ton five and one-half miles over his road and to return home. He loses time needlessly, and suffers unavoidable depreciation to team and wagon. The cost of shipping from the farm to the railroad materially increases the farmer's costs. His business and the nation's both demand universal improvement of rural roads. - Spokane Spokesman-Review.

MILITARY TRAINING IN SCHOOL.

Last Sunday the governors of the several states gave out the number of the national guards of their respective states, now ready for service. The figures are respectable though they represent but a little more than one-seventh of one per cent of the people. To prepare then, as they are now fitted for service has cost the states comparatively little. Does not that carry a thought of value with it? There are no signs that the millennium is near.

An elementary military training is a great help to a man to make him a soldier of peace, even if he never sees a squadron set for war. Why not then give all the young men of the country such a training? By a little readjusting of our schools that training could be a part of the regular daily routine of a boy's duties after he reaches fourteen. Begun in the graded schools and continued through the high school course, the boys could receive the needed instruction without one of the demoralizing influences which attach to camps of regular armies. If that preliminary schooling it would be demonstrated which boys were natural soldiers, which should be sent for higher training by the government.

General Pleasanton once said that of a volunteer American army one-half were natural soldiers, and could swiftly be moulded into form; that half of the remainder could be made into good soldiers, but that the remainder might better be sent home at once as they never could be made real soldiers and would simply be in the way of real soldiers.

A school training would reveal these and prevent their ever becoming officers and prevent their ever making the mistake of volunteering in the event of war.

The public and high schools are designed to give to the children of the country without distinction just as efficient a training for life's duties as possible. A preliminary military training for boys adds in every way to that efficiency, and it is time that the parents of the children understood that fact and demanded it. - Goodwin's Weekly.

The Chloride Bulletin is the name of a breezy, newsy, interesting paper, volume one, number one of which has just arrived on our desk after having come all the way from Chloride, Arizona. The Chloride Bulletin is issued by the Chloride Mining Bureau and chronicles the mining news and furnishes desired information on the Wallapai mining district.

News is leaking at last of opposition to recruiting in Ireland, and this is a good way to consider it. With Great Britain triumphant, what can the island expect by adhering to such a course? With Germany winning, what can Ireland expect but the vassalage of a conquered province? The good man of peace whose birthday we observe today would counsel honesty of purpose, integrity and faith with hope in what is to follow. - Oregonian, March 17th.

Discussing the "Oregon System," the Salem Statesman says: "We are not much better than a mob in getting the right things done. We do not want to go back to the old boss system; but there is a middle ground somewhere that would preserve the virtues of the old system, and still get rid of its abuses, or part of them. The Oregon system is not just right yet, though it is as good or better than the California system, or the Washington system, and better, too, than the Pennsylvania system, which is the old boss rule in all its pristine glory, or rother rottenness."

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FARM HOME NEAR IONE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

The farm home of Chas. Nannerman was destroyed by fire on last Thursday forenoon. The wife and children were at the house alone when the fire broke out, and telephoning to their nearest neighbor the house was on fire, F. H. Wilson rushed over to help what he could, but the fire had gotten beyond control and there was no chance to save anything and the contents were a total loss. This is pretty hard on Mr. Nannerman, who is just getting a start as a farmer in this section. The house was not very valuable but it answered the purpose for the time being and on the other hand it will be hard to replace much of the contents. Considerable excitement prevailed in Ione for a time when it was reported that Mrs. Nannerman was unable to get some of the children out of the burning building and news to the effect that they had all been rescued was gladly received. There was no insurance.

Henry E. Warren, pioneer resident of the south end of the county, visited in Ione for a few days this week.

The sudden demise of Frank Farrens came as a surprise to many here. He had been sick for several days at the hotel, and on Saturday afternoon, while standing on the street, suddenly fell over. The seriousness of his condition was at once recognized, and he was rushed to the hospital at Heppner at which place he died shortly after his arrival. The remains were sent back to Ione Sunday and were met here by relatives and taken to Hardman where interment was held on Monday. Frank was a farmer of the Gooseberry section, where his brothers Rufus, George and Glenn reside, and he was well known here.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Chick, V. Crawford and wife and Mrs. Frank Engelmann attended the reception tendered Rev. T. S. Handsaker and wife at Heppner on Friday evening last. They went to Heppner via Strawberry Flat and noted much good farming being done out that way. It is also noticeable that the rabbits, once so numerous through that part of the county, have now entirely disappeared. On the other hand squirrels seem to be pretty numerous, and the residents will have to get busy with the poison can.

The vacant lot on the corner north of Bank of Ione, that has been allowed to grow up to weeds for several seasons past, and withal has not presented a very attractive appearance, is to be made more presentable. Through the efforts of Marshal Frank a suitable amount of funds has been secured to level the ground off and a tennis court and croquet grounds will be placed there, and other steps inaugurated to make that corner one of the attractive spots of our little city.

John Harbke is up from Portland and expects to spend most of the summer season here, having been advised by his physician to take more to the outdoor life. We can well remember when John did not weigh as he does now, this being when he was engaged in pushing a bunch of mules over the Morrow county hills and dragging a big gang plow. Too much opulence has made John grow too fat, and he is now compelled to reduce for the benefit of his general health.

F. Wallace Sears and family departed for Hillsboro, Oregon, Sunday last and expect to make their abode in the future somewhere in the Willamette Valley, but just at what point they were not decided. Mr. Sears has been publisher of the Ione Journal for the past two years and his departure now leaves the town without its paper. Arrangements are under way, however, to open up the shop again and a new publication will be forthcoming.

The "Snowball Minstrels" are going on the road. They will appear at Morgan Friday evening, and from there to Arlington for Saturday evening. If they should decide to go farther, announcements will be made to that effect. Advance agent, H. D. McCurdy went to Arlington Wednesday to make arrangements for the appearance of our local stars and beauties at that place.

A very wet rain fell over this section Tuesday night, and we are getting thoroughly soaked. Showers have proved very beneficial of late as they have softened up the crust that was formed on many of the wheat fields. A lively thunder shower was experienced here on Sunday afternoon, also.

J. W. Christofferson and family are recent arrivals from Newberg. He has gone onto his farm in the Gooseberry section, and when in Ione the last of the week he expressed himself as being well pleased with the change he has made. He has the old Farrens place.

Another canine, having symptoms of rabies, was killed by the marshal of Ione on Tuesday afternoon. By the way, there is a great thinning out of the stray dogs about this town since orders to that effect have been enforced.

Frank H. Wilson and family were Sunday visitors from their home west of Ione.

Mrs. Jessie Smith has opened up a nice line of spring and summer millinery in the Perkins building.

Art Vickers was down from Heppner this week, assisting his father, E. E. Vickers, with painting and paperhanging work.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Beckett welcomed the arrival of a new son at their home on Wednesday, March 15. Dr. Chick reports all concerned doing well.

Mrs. W. R. Wyrick, of Pendleton, is visiting this week with her husband who has charge of the farming operations now going on at the Baker place southwest of Ione.

Mrs. LeRoy Jones visited this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Crawford. She will join her husband at Irrigon near which place they will make their home in the future.

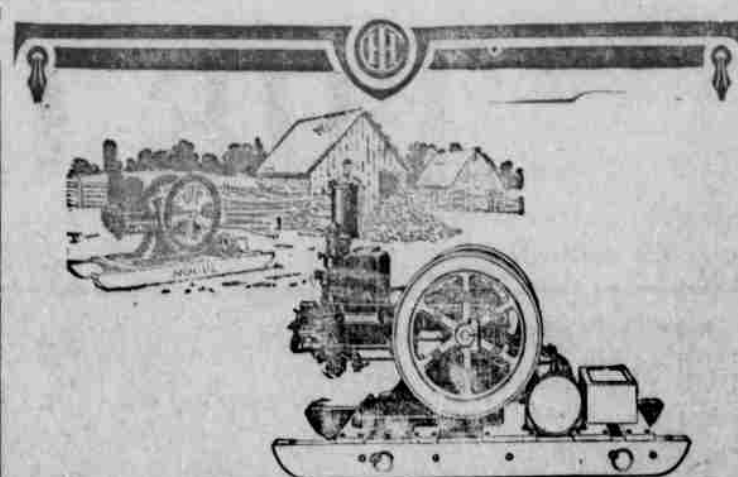
The family of Chas. Anderson have all been undergoing a siege of la grippe and tonsillitis. Mr. Anderson is at present confined to the house but the other members of his family are able to be out again.

Ben Anderson, of Eight Mile, was doing business in the Egg City Tuesday. He reports it most too wet to make any progress in farming up his way as yet but he is not complaining, being well pleased because of the abundant moisture that is falling.

Northwest to Hear Grand Opera.

Spokane, Wash., Mar. 22.—Transplanted from New York City and Boston, the northwest is soon to have a brief season of music, commencing with the Boston Grand Opera Company on Thursday, March 30. For one week from that date Spokane and the Inland Empire will enjoy the best music the country boasts. "The Only Girl," the Victor Herbert light opera success, will be here March 31 and April 1, and on April 4 comes Walter Damrosch and his New York Symphony orchestra, accompanied by Josef Hoffmann, world-famous pianist. The local appearance of the Boston Grand Opera company will be in "Madame Butterfly." In conjunction with the opera will be Madame Pavlova and her Imperial Ballet Russe. The Madame Butterfly cast will comprise the following principals: Riccardo Martin, Tamaki Miura, the Japanese prima donna soprano; Elvira Leveroni, Bianca Soroya, Thomas Chalmers, Paolo Aaalian and Giorgi Pulitti.

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