

State Press Flashlights.

"I like your spirit of boosting the town and it's all right to urge us to patronize the home stores provided they don't sell any higher than I can get the same goods elsewhere," said a farmer to us the other day. This is food for thought. The home dealer should strive to meet honest competition. If it's the credit system that interferes with close prices, cut it out and get down to a cash basis. Put on less clerks, do away with bookkeeping, eliminate a whole lot of expense in sending out statements. Buy often, turn your stock; and send for what your customer wants.—News Reporter.

So-called jitney autos are now in use in many parts of this country—autos which cover regular routes and carry passengers for the same fare charged by the street car companies. This mode of conveyance is just now causing the street car company of Portland to sit up and take notice, because of the large patronage the jitney is receiving. The jitney autos are more comfortable and more speedy than are ordinary street cars, and it is claimed they are finding much favor with the public in cities where this device is now in vogue. Street car managers naturally oppose this new form of competition which cuts into their business and receipts. But the people look at it in another light, and finding actually better service in the use of the jitneys, the latter are encouraged and apparently have come to stay.—Polk County Observer.

The history of the European war thus far is gradually causing the belief that modern war machinery has made overwhelming victory for one side or the other impossible and the nation defeated is the one which is first bankrupt in money, men and supplies. Opposing forces burrow in the ground while modern artillery makes the sweeping charges and evolutions that won battles of former days impossible. In six months changes in position have been slight and such as can in no way affect the result. The harvest of death has been terrific and the drain of men and resources has been such as to test the resources of all the nations involved. And apparently the end is no nearer than it was six months ago. Great results are hinted at when the spring campaign opens, but it is hard to understand how they may be accomplished. Larger armies would appear to mean simply more dead men and widows and orphans. It may be that the perfection of war making implements as demonstrated in the present conflict will make future wars impossible and should this prove true perhaps the lesson is worth what it has cost.—Hillsboro Independent.

How does this strike you, Mr. Patron of the Mail Order House? A nice little dividend of 50 per cent, or a little nest egg of \$20,000,000. After reading the following you will probably realize that, outside of a few well known articles—on which the price is lowered just as a bait—you have been paying ten times the profit on everything you bought from this concern, that you would have paid your local merchant. At any rate the following dispatch from Chicago, tells an interesting story of the prosperity of one concern: "The richest melon ever cut by a Chicago corporation was severed today for the common stock holders of Sears, Roebuck & Co. by the directors of the mail order house at a special meeting. They declared a stock dividend of 50 per cent, double the amount which La Salle street had expected. The dividend calls for the issuance of \$20,000,000 new common stock absolutely free. The melon has a par value of \$20,000,000. With the stock quoted at 107 its market value is much more. The stock dividend was ordered payable April 1 to common stock holders of record March 15." The next time you think you are buying something cheaper than you can buy it at home, at least give your merchant a chance to quote you on it.—News Times.

How many readers of the Telephone Register think that a half gallon of whisky and twenty-four quarts of beer permitted each month to any one who will have it shipped in, is practical prohibition? It looks as if that measure will pass the legislature as a follow-up-law for the prohibitory vote of last fall. And no habitual drunkard, if he shall be declared such by the court, will be permitted any allowance. And this raises the question: What constitutes a habitual drunkard? If a man drinks this regular monthly allowance, can he not be placed in the habitual class? And suppose that a man has several sons at home of voting age, each permitted the same allowance. We now have three or four shipments in the same basement. What will prevent one man using up his allowance and making inroads of that of another? Further, if permitted to use liquor why not

permit the brewers to make it? How can one patronize "Oregon-made goods" by suppressing manufacture. "Consistency thou art a jewel." We are more than surprised not to hear a ringing protest from Brothers Coe, Woodward, Carruth, and other staunch temperance oracles in this country concerning the foregoing threatening provisions of the forthcoming law. Gentlemen, speak now, ere the temperance bark encounter the shoals that loom in the distance. Telephone Register.

Wants to Know how the Port Money is Expended.

Bay City Oregon, February 4th, 1915.
To the Editor:—As a resident and tax payer within the territory included in the Port of Bay City, and voicing the sentiment of a great many other taxpayers in the same territory, it occurs to me that the Port of Bay City should from time to time render some sort of statement of its receipts and disbursements. It is well known that the Commissioners of this Port are handling thousands of dollars, and while we may fairly assume that it is being properly expended, it is only just that the people who pay taxes and support the Port should have some knowledge of what becomes of their money.
W. S. Cone.

Psychology and Business.

It has been asserted by a distinguished public official residing in the White House at Washington, that business conditions in the United States are psychological, a mere state of mind, and this utterance from the dais is repeated and reiterated by lesser and subservient officials until people of a certain temperament reach that degree of hypnosis which compels belief. Such persons cannot be awakened from the cataleptic state until the master hand is waved before their eyes, and the master hand at present is otherwise busily engaged.

But the majority of the Americans, happily, are not so easily influenced by the spell of words, and these will find nutriment for thought in a statement, prepared by one of the country's largest and most reliable commercial agencies, showing the number of failures occurring in the twelve months ending October 31, 1914, in the same period of 1912-13, and in the preceding calendar years back to 1873. This shows the number of failures in the period first mentioned, November 1, 1913, to October 31, 1914, to have been 17,418 with liabilities totaling \$357,345,645. In next preceding twelve months there were 15,632 failures with liabilities of \$250,802,563, a total for the two years of 33,050 failures and \$608,148,181 liabilities. In the entire history of the country there has been nothing to equal this in commercial destructiveness. Previous to this the high record of disasters was made in the cataclysmic year of 1893 when there were 15,242 failures with liabilities of \$346,779,889. The "panic" of 1907 resulted in failures in 1908 numbering 15,690, with the comparatively small liabilities of \$222,315,648. It must be observed that the figures for 1914 do not include the final months of November and December, and that they cover but three months of the war period and those the first three, in which the effects of the war upon American business conditions could not yet have become serious to the point of disaster. It is quite plain that this unprecedented record of commercial destructiveness is entirely due to the acts and policies of the Wilson administration. In the face of these facts "psychology" is a fearsome word.

Beer Quota Raised now to 24 Quarts.

Additional amendments have been made in the prohibition bill now before the House, but the measure now is ready for final consideration and doubtless will be made a special order of business some time this week. The committee on alcoholic traffic held another meeting at which the maximum limit on the quantity of malt liquors that a resident of the state can import within any 30 day period was raised from 15 quarts to 24 quarts. This was for the purpose of conforming with the methods now in use in handling beer, as 24 bottles make a case.

The quantity of distilled or fermented liquors that may be shipped in as an alternative to the 24 quarts of beer has been unchanged. It remains at two quarts. The limit on the amount of wine that may be imported for sacramental purposes has been removed. Clergymen may have it shipped into the state in any desired quantity if they make affidavit that it is to be put to sacramental uses.

As a large number of persons are eager to be present in the house when the bill passes it is probable that a time will be set several days in advance when it will be made a special order. Chairman Littlefield, of the

alcoholic traffic committee, believes that the vote for the bill in the house may be unanimous. Later—The bill passed in the House and is now in the Senate.

The Farmer and the Dardanelles.

Is the farmer of the Middle West and the Northwest listening to the guns of the allied fleet before the Turkish forts at the Dardanelles? In all likelihood it is a far cry from the Sea Marmora to the American grain fields, but they have a relation just now that is intimate. Agricultural innocence exists largely in the mind of the dramatist. The farmer of the United States, one of our most heavily protected workers, is seldom caught napping in the ways of modern business and life. He reads the current magazines, listens to his victrola, is keenly interested in the price of gasoline, and looks to his congressman to protect him from the ultimate consumer. Lawmakers safeguard him, railroads cater to his desires, commissions devise means for his easy enlightenment and comfort.

With so much of his thinking done for him, the farmer has time to turn to speculation. He likes to hold his grain for higher prices. Some of the misinformed might call him a gambler. The European war has brought him one of his best speculative opportunities. He dreams of \$1.50 wheat, and waits watchfully so.

But if the allied fleet reduces the Turkish forts guarding the Dardanelles and the passage of the Black Sea, the American farmer may have to be satisfied with a roadster instead of a touring car. In the season of 1913-14 Russia exported over 13,000,000 bushels of wheat. From August 1 to the 1st of January her wheat exports were only 672,000 bushels, compared with 81,000,000 bushels in the same period of last year. Russia grows 1,000,000,000 bushels of rye, out of a normal world's crop of 1,800,000,000 bushels. Her wheat exports always top those of the United States. With the outlet from the Black Sea freed by the reduction of the defense of the Dardanelles, and the French and English fleets in command of the seas, Russian wheat would find its way to her allies, France and England would also conceivably be willing to substitute some rye for wheat.

The American farmer, waiting for his top-notch war price, would then have food for thought. Upon the success of the allied fleet in forcing the Dardanelles rests one of the most spectacular and speculative possibilities of the war.—Wall Street Journal.

Go-to Church Sunday.

How far we drift away from our forefathers in our modes of thought and ideals is brought to mind by the designation of February 14 as "Go-to-Church" Sunday. Both in early New England and in Virginia every Sunday was go-to-church Sunday and the penalties for absenting ones' self from the meeting house were severe. At Jamestown, cavalier colony though it was, and supposed to be more liberal in its views than the austere brethren at Plymouth, "every person must go to church on Sunday and holidays" or "lay neck and heels on the corps de garde ye night following and be a slave ye week following." For a second offense he was to be a slave for a month, and the third for a year and a day.

Perhaps it was too much "neck and heels" in the early days that was responsible for a reaction to nonchurch going later on. Going to church is a profitable employment and, as has been said of the cultivation of art and literature, it costs little. There is more than an hour's worth of value in ever sermon preached, and that sense of time well spent which comes from a weekly hour or two devoted to thoughts on a higher plane than the cares and pastimes of daily life is its own reward regardless of whatever metaphysical and religious views one may hold privately.

Go-to-Church Sunday is the nature of a trial trip. One may discover charms in churchgoing that he had forgotten or had no cognizance of. It may be that it is a real acquisition of spiritual affiliation to merely dress one's self carefully and sit upright in silence for an hour or more in an atmosphere of gentle exaltation. Simple, tranquil contemplation is soothing to the nerves, and therein a balm to the soul.

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Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Hannah J. Mowrey, deceased.

Now therefore all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified and with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, at the office of T. B. Handley, in Tillamook, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Ben W. Neilson, Administrator of the estate of Hannah J. Mowrey, Deceased. Dated this 28th day of January, 1915.

To Whom It May Concern.

The following blank Fire Insurance Policies No's.—861057, 861058, 861059, 861060, 861061, 861062, 861063, 861064, 861065, 861066, 861067, 861068, 861069, 861070, 861071, 861072, 861073, 861074, 861075, 861076, 861077, 861078, 861079, 861080, 861081, 861082, 861083, 861084, 861085, 861086, 861087, 861088, 861089, 861090, 861091, 861092, 861093, 861094, 861095, 861096, 861097, 861098, 861099, and 861100, of the New Brunswick Fire Insurance Company, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, have been lost, stolen or destroyed, while in the Agency of S. B. Whitehouse, of Tillamook City, Oregon. You are hereby notified that the New Brunswick Fire Insurance Company of New Brunswick, New Jersey, hereby assume no liability under the above enumerated policies. Any information of the return of the above blank policies, will confer a favor on W. W. Alverson, the Western Manager, at 374 Pine Street, San Francisco, Cal.

By A. M. Lovelace, Special Agent.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Tillamook County. Jeff D. Matney, plaintiff,

vs. Lizzie Matney, defendant.

To Lizzie Matney, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for the service of summons by publication herein, and if you fail to so answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint, namely, for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between you and said plaintiff, Jeff D. Matney, for the recovery by plaintiff of his costs and disbursements in said suit, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem meet, right and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof by order of the Honorable Homer Mason, County Judge of Tillamook County, Oregon, in the absence of the Honorable H. H. Belt, Judge of the Circuit Court above named, which said order is dated the 12th day of January, 1915, and the date of the first publication hereof is the 21st day of Jan., 1915, and the date of the last publication hereof, and the last date on or before which you are required to answer this summons, is the 4th day of March, 1915.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1915. Geo. P. Winslow, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Call for Warrants.

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