

**MAIL ORDER BUYERS FIND GOODS COSTLY**

Mail order catalogues are arriving with the bright spring days and are flooding the post offices of the smaller cities. The experiences of purchasers of goods from these catalogues probably would get a book. Some of them are set forth in a re-

cent edition of the Oregon City Enterprise. Probably some Columbia county residents have been dealt with similarly. Here is what is happening around Oregon City:

Oregon City and the whole county is now being flooded with a volume of mail order literature that apparently breaks all records. Somebody has sent out an embrace mailing list of Clackamas county names to each of several well known mail order concerns in Seattle and the east and the enterprising firms have acted with prompt replies. Every blandishment known to the super-dealers of things that can be sent via parcel post or freight is being extended, and the catalogues still come. In many homes, especially rural domiciles, the mail order catalogue forms the principal classic of household literature, and is perused closely by Father, who imagines he can save money by buying all sorts of things for farm garden or shop; by Mother who gloatingly reads appealing bargain prices of domestic things and raiment; by Daughter, who scans the list of knick-knacks and finery; by Son, who looks over the list for the latest in radios, shot guns, raincoats and clothes; and by the Kid, who wistfully wishes he had a few dollars to send away for a pretty mimic motor, tinker toy and whatnot.

**Those Enticing Catalogues.**  
The price lists and catalogues are prepared by high powered publicity wizards whose business is to get the business anyway, regardless of merit or relative values, and the result is disillusion and disappointment in many instances.

As a matter of fact, it is doubtful if one can really obtain better value from the distant mail order concern than he can from the store in the home town.

Comparison of values in nearly every line will prove this. Another thing is this: if the buyer makes a mistake and the article is not used, all he has to do is take it back to

the home merchant, who will replace it or refund the money. But the mail order firm will not do this. He is too far away to fight and argue with. He has made the sale and pocketed the money, so he should worry if dissatisfaction follows.

Here is a recent instance that makes this point clear:

**His Bargain Suit.**  
A man employed in the paper mill called at the county court house and wanted to know what procedure was necessary to recover money by civil process in a case of misrepresentation. He said he had sent away to a mail order house for a "genuine Scotch woolen suit," guaranteed to be tailor made according to measurements which he had sent. And only \$12.95. This looked good, so he sent the money, receiving therefrom a shoddy suit that fitted nowhere. He spent \$2.50 on alterations, and found the cloth all awry and shrunken after its first rain wetting. Probably no merchant in Oregon City is selling anything like it, yet here was a man who passed up good clothing values at home, because a Chicago mail order catalog secured him as another dupe. Of course, there is no redress in these cases. The county court is not a debt collection agency, and the mail order houses are too far away anyway, to reach. Only thing to do is to grin and be a game loser—and learn the lesson that it pays to buy at home, after all.

**They Come to Grief.**  
Many instances like this are heard. An upper county farmer sent away for some mail order harness for his little team and tinkered with it, refitting the straps and other things, in an endeavor to make them fit. Finally he threw them away in disgust.

A West Linn woman received a mail order oil stove last week and the things nearly blew her up, before she got it working, after hiring a man all day to fix it.

There is a Canby man who would

order man who sold him a shot gun. It was cheap, true enough, but he nearly lost a thumb when the contraption exploded.

Many more instances could be given, all showing that, while distant fields look the greenest, it is usually the greenest patron that sends his money far away for things that may be bought right at home at equal or better values.

An asbestos suit that can be used for protection in rescuing a fire victim is on exhibit in the American Museum of Safety in New York.

Byron W. Huhn, silk hat manufacturer for most of the Presidents since the time of Grant, recently died at his Milwaukee home.



**of HORTON Superiority**

THE 3-wing aluminum agitator you see here, has revolutionized the washing of clothes by electric machine.

Its scientific design—its scientific location at the top, rather than at the bottom of the tub, is the secret of Horton's superior washing efficiency.

Let us prove this fact by an actual demonstration at our store.

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101 Main St. Vernon, Oregon  
ASSOCIATED FURNITURE STORES



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WHY SEND AWAY FOR YOUR SCREENS

We **VERNONIA WOODWORKING COMPANY** Make

Window and door screens of all kinds  
GIVE US A TRIAL

**Zell Bros & Co**  
EYEGLASS INSURANCE POLICY

THIS PART IS INVISIBLE

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When you buy glasses of Zell Bros. Optical Department you receive a Certificate of Guarantee and Insurance Policy, regardless of the price of glasses. This Certificate allows you to come back to Zell Bros. and have a change in lenses made WITHOUT COST, in case your eyes need a change of lenses within one year after purchase; also an insurance against breakage.

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CHARGE ACCOUNTS EXTENDED

**Zell Bros. & Co.**

No. 1—283 Washington Nr. Fourth

No. 2 Washington at Park Cattycorner Majestic Theatre

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TWO STORES

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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Oliver L. Curtis, Pastor

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "His Coronation and His Ambassadors" This will be the second of a series of sermons on the keys of "The Kingdom of God." In the evening the sermon will be "On Holy Ground." The bible school is still showing a great interest in the auto contest and next Sunday we are going to look for you.

**D Every Saturday D**  
**A Coyles Hall A**  
**N Vernonia N**  
**C Music by C**  
**E AL'S PORTLAND ORCHESTRA E**

Under new management. Al J. FABER, Mgr.

**SKAGGS**  
Distribution Without Waste

Money saving **UNITED STORES** Cash stores

**How We Do it**

Just the other day we bought 63,000 bags—about 157 carloads—or 6,300,000 pounds of sugar. Quite a bit of sugar—wasn't it? Enough—one would think—to last us for some time. But—for Skaggs Stores—this was just about a **THREE WEEKS' SUPPLY!** Can you conceive of any ordinary store—or chain of stores, for that matter—buying and selling in such quantities? Hardly! Naturally, with such a tremendous purchasing power and such an outlet for merchandise, we get the lowest prices we pass on to you. For instance—on this one item alone—we are saving the patrons of Skaggs Stores 10 to 25 cents a bag. This is our idea of service—the service of saving—and it is reflected in the prices quoted below.

**157 CARLOADS SUGAR!**

**SATURDAY FEATURES**

Sugar—Eastern cane— <b>10 lbs. for 53c</b> Limit	Nut Margarine guaranteed quality <b>2 lbs. for 49c</b>	Cheese—full cream <b>1 lb. 28c</b>
Cream of Wheat <b>24c</b>	Lilly of the Valley Catsup 2 bottles <b>45c</b>	Butter—best creamery, 1-lb. <b>40c</b>

**VEGETABLE FEATURES**

Bananas—3 pounds for	<b>25c</b>	Large ripe Florida Grapefruit, 2 for	<b>25c</b>
Bunch Onions and radishes 3 bunches for	<b>10c</b>		

**SKAGGS MARKET**

FOR SATURDAY WE ARE OFFERING ONE OF THE BIGGEST SAVINGS OF ALL TIME AND THAT IS THE BUYING PROBLEM OF MEAT. SKAGGS MEAT MEN ARE ALL TRAINED MEAT MEN AND KNOW THE VALUE OF EACH PIECE OF MEAT AND WILL GLADLY SHOW YOU ABOUT THE DIFFERENT CUTS OF MEAT AND HELP YOU SOLVE YOUR MEAT PROBLEMS. COME IN AND JOIN OUR DOMESTIC CLASS SATURDAY. SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME IN AND ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING DIFFERENT CUTS OF MEAT. FOR SATURDAY WE ARE FEATURING AT A REAL SAVING

Good Tender Beef Steak, pound	<b>23c</b>	Prime Rib Roast Boned and Rolled, lb.	<b>25c</b>
Shortening—3 pounds	<b>50c</b>	Milk Fed Legs Veal pound	<b>26c</b>
Shoulder Roast Veal, pound	<b>22c</b>	Steer Boiling Beef, pound	<b>11c</b>

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