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MAIL ORDERS ACT AS A BOOMERANG

German Farmer of Iowa Tells How Patronage of Catalogue Houses Ruined His Home Town and Depreciated the Value of Farm Property.

Hans Garbus, a German farmer of Iowa, has discovered that the benefits which appear on the surface as attaching to the mail-order plan sometimes spell disaster and has written a very interesting story of his views in a certain farm paper. Here is a part of his story:

"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 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 dry goods boxes, neatly covered with ten-cent cretonne by my girl wife. We rented eighty 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 did not make enough to pay creditors. I went to each on date of promise and explained conditions paying as much as possible, and they all carried the balance over another year. They continued to accommodate me until I was able to buy a forty acre piece of my own. As soon as I owned these few acres the mail-order house began sending me catalogues, and gradually I began sending my loose change to them, letting my account stand in my home town where I had gotten my accommodations when I needed it.

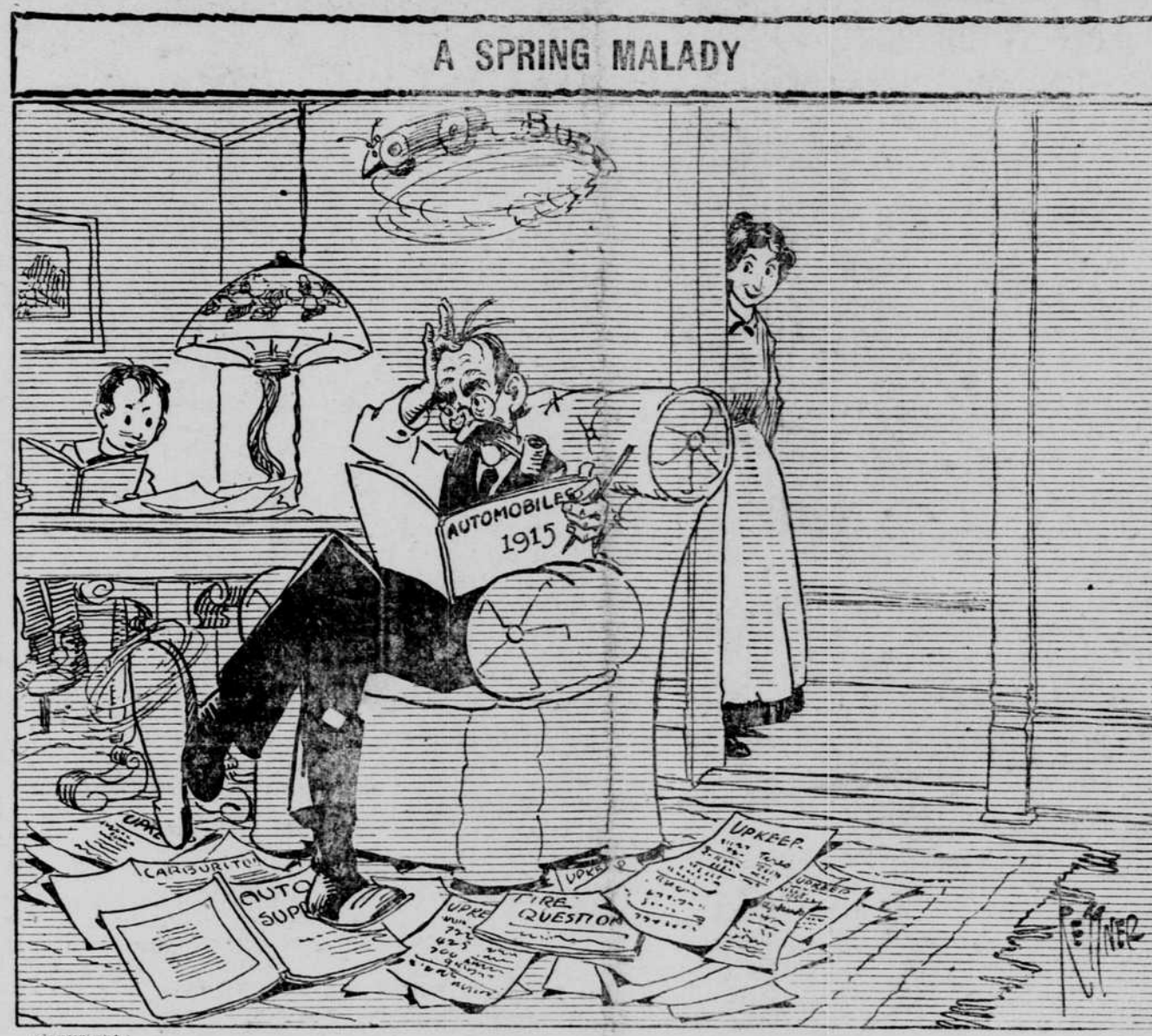
"We then had one of the thriftiest little villages in the state—good line of business in all the branches, merchants who were willing to help an honest fellow over a bad year, and a town full of people who came twice a week to trade and visit. Our little country town

supported a library, high school, ball team and we had big celebrations every year.

"A farm near a live town soon doubles in value. I sold my forty acres at a big advance and bought an eighty 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 almost weekly to our door. I regret to say that I was the first in the country 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 stock of goods—for lack of patronage. Finally we began to realize that when we needed a bolt quickly for machinery, or clothes for sickness or death, we had to 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 nor ball team. There is no business done 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 will 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 \$167 an acre. It is too far to a live town—so every farmer has said that wants to buy. He wants a place near school and churches, where his children can have advantages. I've awakened to the fact that in helping to pull the town down it has cost me \$56,000 in nine years."



SHOW HAS A LIVE GLOWN

Rube Miller and His Pat Donkey Attract Attention in Parade.

Rube Miller is the producing clown of the Barton & Bailey's world celebrated shows, which will show here Thursday afternoon and night of May 6. Rube certainly has his troubles and his enjoyments, too. When the parade comes along the streets at noon you will see Rube seated on a little burro right behind the first band wagon. This is where Rube has his happiness.

He is a big, long, lank Yankee, and naturally the crowd always kids Rube for riding this little animal. But when it comes to joshing, Rube is ace high at that. One of the recent towns which the show played, had enough children in it to make Teddy Roosevelt think that race suicide had totally been extinguished. Every man on the line of parade was holding a baby. One great big fellow, with a baby in his arms, cracked at Rube when he saw him riding by: "Say, why don't you get off and carry the little mule?" Rube shot right back, "I see that you are holding your own." The native replied, "Yes, but where is yours?" Rube said that he was sitting on his.

Just about that time the little burro commenced to bray and Rube immediately pulled out a nursing bottle and the burro, trained to the minute, quickly grasped the bottle and imbibed its contents. Then Rube shouted back at the resident, "Say, I bet that I am more thoughtful than you are. You forgot to bring your bottle, but I always carry mine." All Rube got from the spectators was silence.

FLIPETY-FLOP.

At the regular spring election Ravenna voted dry by a majority of thirteen votes. The election was declared illegal because of certain irregularities and another election was held on Tuesday, which resulted in the wet policy being put back into effect by a majority of nearly fifty votes.

For Sale.

One low truck farm wagon, one Jennie Lind walking cultivator, one 14-in. stirring plow, Deering mower, five or six acres of ground in alfalfa, fenced chicken tight. For terms and particulars see Alfred Anderson.

HOLD OPEN KENSINGTON

The Ladies' Industrial society of the Presbyterian church held an open kensington at the home of Mrs. W. F. Mason Wednesday afternoon. About one hundred ladies were present, and the society's funds materially increased.

FOR SALE

Ten head of young horses and mules, some seed corn, kaffir corn, milo mize, feterita and millet seed. 21 Christ Zwink, phone 7002.

Feterita Seed.

Have a quantity of feterita seed for sale at Gallaway's store. See sample and get prices. True Leatherman.

SUPERVISORS HOLD MEETING

Approved Several Road Petitions and Transacted Considerable Other Business.

Loup City, April 27, 1915.

County board of supervisors met this p. m. with all members present except Emil Kozel. Also present Lamont L. Stephens, county attorney, and L. B. Polski, county clerk.

Minutes of last meeting read and on motion approved as read.

Woznick road petition now came on for consideration. Said petition prays for the establishment of a road commencing where road No. 419 crosses the half section line running north and south in section 9-16-15 and running thence north about 46 rods and there terminating. The board finds that all the provisions of the law have been complied with, that said road is a public necessity, on motion ordered said road established, platted and recorded and allowed the following damages:

Mike Chileski, \$100.00 per acre and \$10 for moving fence.

Joe Woznick, \$100.00 per acre.

County surveyor ordered to survey the road commencing at northwest corner of northeast quarter 17-14-14 running thence east half mile then south half mile.

Hayhurst road petition was next up. Said petition prays for the establishment of a road commencing at northeast corner of section ten and the northwest corner of section 11-15-15 and running thence south one mile on section line to intersect with road No. 12 and there

terminating, said road to be 40 feet wide. Upon consideration the board finds that all the provisions of the law have been complied with that said road is a public necessity. On motion ordered said road established, platted and recorded and allowed James Janda \$25 as damages.

Board on motion adopted resolution transferring \$814.75 from the county farm fund to the general fund.

Board on motion allowed S. E. Thrasher \$6 per month for street sprinkling for the length of time the sprinkler is run not to exceed six months.

County treasurer ordered to receipt First National bank of Loup City for \$9.65 balance to the credit of R. M. Hiddleston and O. F. Peterson, ex-county treasurers and county clerk ordered to receipt bank for \$2.71 balance due John Minshall, ex-county clerk.

Road No. 373 and road No. 62 were on motion ordered surveyed. Mellor consent petition was now up for consideration. Said petition prays for the establishment of a road commencing at the quarter corner on the south line of section 8-15-14 and running thence north on the half section line to intersect with road No. 17 and there terminating; said road to be 50 feet wide. The board finds that all the provisions of the law have been complied with; that the parties adjoining said proposed road have waived all rights for damages and consented to its establishment; that said road is a public necessity. On motion ordered said road established, platted and recorded.

In order to give the remonstrators of the Glass road petition a chance to be present at the final hearing on said road and give the bridge committee an opportunity to complete their inspection of bridges in the county and make their report, board on motion adjourned till May 17, 1915. L. B. Polski, County Clerk.

Tender Vegetables.

The spring has been exceedingly uniform in temperature since the melting of the snow, but it is well to remember that it is customary to have frost in May. Do not be in to great a hurry to set out the plants from the hot bed. A checked plant is said never to fully recover. The tender vegetables are beans, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, melons, orka, pepper, pumpkin, squash, sweet potato and tomato.

While it is generally useless to try to rush the season, still it may be well to risk a few hills of corn and beans for an early crop, but be sure to cover with news papers or litter on cold nights.

Farmers and Breeders.

I will stand my black Percheron stallion, Constantinople and sorrel Belgian stallion, Keller, both imported and ton horses, as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday of each week at McLaughlin's barn in Loup City, Nebraska, and Wednesday and Thursday of each week at my home place.—J. W. Johnson.

For Sale—Team of horses, three and four years old, 60 bushel white seed corn \$1 per bushel. Fred Zwink.

NEW COUNCIL HAS ITS FIRST MEETING

Mayor Allen Reads His Message and Recommends Numerous Plans for Beautifying and Improving the City. Marshal to Be Appointed Later.

The following remarks were made by Mayor Allen after assuming his duties of office, Tuesday evening. The Northwestern believes that they are both appropriate and timely:

Members of the Loup City Board:

I have been honored by the people of Loup City in being elected mayor and wish to come into this body as a co-worker for every thing which can be considered best for the place in which we live.

I trust that I will prove a help and that harmony will prevail among us. The purpose of this reading is to place before you several items and recommendations more in the nature of suggestions, coming from a citizen interested in the general welfare of his home town and is not intended to include every item of business.

I would recommend a careful auditing of the city's books, by a committee, who, in a report, shall suggest any changes in our system of bookkeeping which they deem advisable.

I would recommend the enactment of an ordinance providing for the hiring of the marshal by the month, and if this recommendation be deemed advisable by the board I would recommend that our present marshal be continued in office until such time has transpired to make the new ordinance legal.

Consideration should be given to a plain whereby the street sprinkling be under the supervision of our street commissioners and that whoever contracts

to sprinkle the streets will on such days as the commissioner thinks best devote his own services and the services of his team at such other work as the street commissioners shall direct.

I would suggest that committee on water and light see that the water commissioner is prompt about collecting water rents. At Cozad, Nebraska a certain discount is made to those bringing their water rents to the city depository by a certain date. This would give our marshal a little more time on streets, etc. Continuing under the head of water and light I am informed that quite an expense must be met for the replacement of electric bulbs. A reward for anyone destroying the property, their apprehension and punishment, might have a desirable effect. That all meters be installed in basements when it is possible to do so.

I would suggest the consideration of a preliminary survey for proposed sewerage.

I would suggest a committee composed of members of the council to look after the trimming of trees on the streets. This is a new ordinance and will require some diplomacy and courtesy to carry out without too much friction with owners of trees in front of their respective properties.

That the street crossings in the residence part of town be cleaned after each rain as well as crossings in the central business part.

That the committee on streets

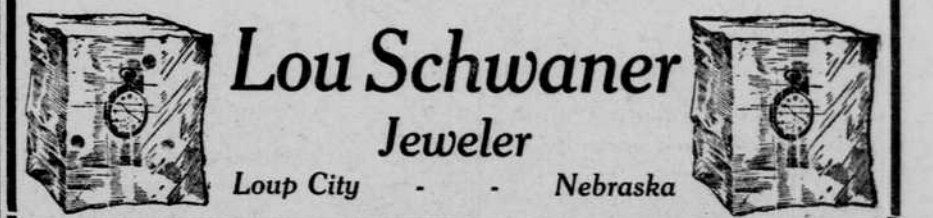
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Watch Club Offer

OUR last year's watch club was a success, as we sold over the required number of fifteen South Bend watches, which have given such good satisfaction that we are again putting on a watch club on the same plan. Our stock is complete with newest models, both large and small.

Owing to the terms given us by the South Bend Watch company, you pay no more than if you were buying for spot cash.

Come in and let us make good our statements and show you our plan, how you may own a good watch and not miss the money.



Deposits in this bank have the additional security of the Depositors Guarantee Fund of the State of Nebraska.

MANY A MAN OF FORTY

or more, apparently with no chance of improvement ahead, wonders if future years will find him still at the daily grind and nothing accomplished. A new method of handling their income has helped many thousands to better conditions. Our bank account plan will enable YOU to handle your income systematically and mass your savings into a usable lump sum.

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We pay 5 percent interest on time deposits

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Why buy Flour shipped here by outside mills when you can get

Loup City White Satin Flour

for less money, and every sack guaranteed. All dealers handle our flour.

LOUP CITY MILL & LIGHT CO.



Nyal Store Soda Fountain

The ideal meeting place for those who "know." Only the purest drinks and ices are served.

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Loup City, Nebraska