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The Mail Order Business.

In spite of the fact that many newspapers are making a vigorous fight against mail order houses, the business continues to grow and prosper. There must be something wrong with people when they will order everything possible from mail order houses so long as they have the money to send, and then when they are hard up have the nerve to ask the home merchant to credit them for the necessities of life. In nine cases out of ten the person who orders from a mail order house gets an inferior article at a price as high or higher than the home merchant would charge for the same or a better article. When you trade with your home merchant you can always get satisfaction if the goods purchased are not as represented.

One reason—and the principal one—for the success of the mail order houses is that they are heavy advertisers and do not hesitate to misrepresent the goods they sell. The home merchant, who advertises a bargain and does as he agrees to do will never lack for customers. Newspapers which carry advertisements on their "patent insides" almost invariably carry "ads" of mail order houses which come in competition with local merchants, yet these local merchants make no effort to stop the practice and very few of them make an effort to advertise their goods in competition with the mail order business.

Nearly all merchants have catalogues of the big mail order houses, and if given an opportunity they can quickly convince you that they can do better by you than the foreign houses.

Aside from the fact that many home merchants can meet the prices of the mail order houses there is a question of principle involved which should be taken into consideration. It is the home merchant who invests his money in building up the town; it is he who, when you are short of cash, trusts you for the necessities of life. He is interested in the town and county, and helps to bear the burden of taxation. The mail order house has no interest in you or your town, or your county, other than to take your money when you have any.

A Commercial Club.

Considerable interest is being taken in the movement to organize a commercial club in this city. There is no doubt that such an organization is badly needed here, and that much good could be accomplished through such a medium. Practically all of the business men who have been approached upon the subject are favorable to the movement.

There are many things tending toward the advancement of the city's interests that could be handled by a commercial club which private individuals will not look after. The securing of equitable freight rates on merchandise, stock and grain is something which requires a united effort on the part of all concerned.

Then there is the matter of lighting the streets and other public improvements which need the attention of an organization of business men to look after.

Just now a commercial club would be a good thing to have in backing the city in its fight against the Michigan Trust Co. and others for the recovery of money which long ago should have

been in the city treasury. The knowledge that a "strong organization" of business men stood ready to fight for the city's interests would greatly encourage the city administration in its efforts to get what is due the city.

An organized effort is necessary to devise means of regaining and holding the trade which has been going to small towns which have nowhere near the natural advantages of Red Cloud.

The negotiable instruments law passed by the last Nebraska legislature, to take effect August 1, is uniform with the statute already established by 28 states. There will be no days of grace on notes or drafts in Nebraska dated on or after August 1. And in many other respects the law relating to checks and bills of exchange will be simplified and made uniform with the laws of other states. The First National bank of Lincoln has had printed a neat pamphlet edition of the law and has mailed a copy to every bank in the state.

NEWSBOYS IN A PANIC

FALSE ALARM OF FIRE CAUSES DEATH OF FOUR LADS.

Patent Medicine Vendor Was Distributing Free Theater Tickets in Masonic Temple at Indianapolis. Stamped in Narrow Stairway.

Indianapolis, April 18.—Frenzied by a false alarm of fire, several hundred eager newsboys, struggling to obtain their share of free tickets to a local theater, which were being distributed by a traveling representative of a patent medicine company, stampeded in a narrow stairway in the Masonic temple, crushing the life out of four boys and injuring twenty-five others, several of them probably fatally.

The dead, Ed Morrissey, aged twelve; Louis Schelger, aged fifteen; Carl Laurel, aged thirteen; Homer Williamson, aged eleven.

Long before the time appointed for the distribution of the tickets the stairs of the Masonic temple were crowded with a pushing, yelling crowd of newsboys, each anxious to be first to receive his pass. When the distribution began, the excitement became more intense and the efforts of several policemen, who had been detailed to prevent trouble, were unavailing. It is alleged by a witness that one of the boys, in the endeavor to hasten the exit of those who had received their passes, shouted "Fire." Immediately those to the top faced about and with almost superhuman strength began to force their way to the bottom of the stairs. Shrieks and physical encounters followed for a few seconds, when for some cause those from near the top fell headlong on the struggling mass at the bottom. Immediately police from the Central station, who responded to a riot call, began the work of rescue. Four of the boys were dead when extricated from their position at the bottom of the stairs. Others, believed to have been fatally crushed, were taken out as fast as they could be disentangled from their frenzied companions, who fought and clung to each other in desperation.

After the injured had been taken from the scene of death and the crowd had left the sidewalk, the sight presented by the stairway and walk in front of the door and in the upper hallway was gruesome in the extreme. Blood trickled down the steps. Fragments of clothing and flesh were strewn here and there.

The accident evidently had little effect on about 400 of the boys, who, after the excitement was over, went to the theater.

GARFIELD IS ON THE GROUND.

Commissioner of Corporations Spends Day in Oil Company Office.

Independence, Kan., April 18.—James H. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, arrived here and immediately began his search for facts and figures bearing on the oil situation. Before he had been here half an hour Mr. Garfield was in the office of the Prairie Gas and Oil company, a branch of the Standard Oil company. The Prairie officials assured Mr. Garfield that they would gladly furnish him all the information they had, and rendered the services of their office force to assist him. Mr. Garfield spent practically the whole day in the office of the Prairie company, going over the concern's books. Mr. Garfield said that the work was progressing much faster than he expected. "We are getting a great deal of information," he said. "We are finding the facts, and that is what we came for."

Commissioner Garfield held a night session in the office of Secretary Parker of the Kansas Oil Producers' association. A number of oil men were examined as to the methods of the

Standard Oil company in this state. Mr. Garfield will go to Noodosha today and return here tomorrow. He expects to leave in a few days for California. On the return from the coast he will investigate conditions in Texas and complete his work in Kansas. He will then go east and investigate eastern methods. He stated that the work here was growing larger than he had expected.

Pleads Guilty to Fraud.

Cincinnati, April 18.—George W. Thatcher of Dayton, O., pleaded guilty in the United States district court in this city on three counts in indictments charging use of the mails to defraud by means of what he called the "Meeker" estate in England, which he declared to be valued at over \$50,000. Letters to Mrs. Martha Wing of Peoria, Ill.; Sarah Evtek of Delphos, O.; and Mrs. Charles Reed of Portland, Ind., were in evidence, in which he sought money from them to help in collecting their share of the estate.

Bakers' Law is Not Valid.

Washington, April 18.—In an opinion by Justice Peckham the supreme court of the United States held to be unconstitutional the New York state law making ten hours a day's work and sixty hours a week's work in bakeries in that state. Justices Harlan, White, Day and Holmes dissented and Justice Harlan declared that no more important decision had been rendered in the last century.

Hermann Demurs to Charges.

Portland, Ore., April 18.—Congressman Binger Hermann submitted demurrers to each of the charges pending against him in connection with land frauds in this state. Former District Attorney J. H. Rule, Edwin Mays, Earl Benson, W. N. Jones and Thaddeus Potter pleaded not guilty or entered pleas in abatement.

Presence of Stud.

The following is a true story of an incident that happened in an English village:

A husband had gone out for the evening and left his wife and child at home. The woman was about to retire for the night when, to her amazement, she perceived the foot of a man beneath the bed. Instead of calling for assistance, as some would have done, she coolly went to the child's cot and sat and sang till the child went to sleep. Two hours then remained before her husband came in. He was surprised to find her waiting up, but when his wife handed him an envelope, saying, "You might run and post this," the cause of her waiting was revealed. Instead of a letter the following was written on the envelope: "A burglar is under our bed. Run; fetch police." The husband returned in a minute with a policeman, and the man was arrested. The burglar when brought up before the magistrate remarked that he had come across a few brave women in his time, but this one must have had a nerve like iron, for she sat there for three solid hours. He had the impression that she didn't know he was there till the policeman pulled him out.

Girls as Workers.

"Where did the idea come from that boys are the workers? In my little boys have the early education in love that is given to little girls? When a little girl starts to school here are some of the things the big girls teach her the first year: When she eats an apple she is taught to count the seeds, while she thinks of some little boy and repents a rhyme. In the spring the little girls gather daisies and pick off the petals one by one while they think of some little boy and say another rhyme. When a little girl sees the first star in the evening she repeats another verse. When grown people take wedding cake home it is never the boys who ask for a piece to dream on and see whom they will marry. It is the girls.—Atchison Globe.

Order is Power.

What comfort, what strength, what economy, there is in order—material order, intellectual order, moral order. To know where one is going and what one wishes this is order. To keep one's word and one's engagements. Again order: To have everything ready under one's hands, to be able to dispose of all one's forces and to have all one's means of whatever kind under command. Still order: To discipline one's habits, one's efforts, one's wishes, to organize one's life, to distribute one's time, to take the measure of one's duties and make one's rights respected, to employ one's capital and resources, one's talent and one's chances profitably. Order is power.—Amiel's Journal.

Snowflake Seed Enters.

A traveler says that one of the first things which struck him on his arrival in Russia was the enormous quantity of snowflake seed consumed in that country. The seeds, which are oleaginous and have an agreeable taste, are constantly chewed by the people. The outer husk is detached with the teeth and spat out. These husks are seen scattered about on pavements and garden walks, in railway carriages, tramway cars and cabs, on the floors of restaurants and private rooms. On days of public festivity the ground everywhere is covered with them. At every street corner a brisk trade is done in the seeds by old women.

When You Buy

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