

# THE DENISON REVIEW

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## TWO SIDES OF A QUESTION.

A very good farmer presented to us the other day what he called the Farmer's Side of the Mail Order Proposition. He said that he thought it was a mere business proposition for a man to buy where he could buy the cheapest and sell where he could sell the dearest, that local merchants paid the farmer just as little as possible for their produce, that if they could get potatoes from Colorado for less money than the current price in Denison they imported the potatoes, that they employed labor just as cheaply as possible and that if they heard of a man in a neighboring town who was willing to work for less money they would certainly give him employment in preference to a person living in Denison. He further stated that in the immense catalogue, the Mail Order House presented to the farmer an opportunity to ascertain the exact price of a great variety of things which he needed to buy; that the catalogue further gave illustrations and descriptions to suggest wants and the desire to buy. He further declared that he knew of instances where he could buy more cheaply from the Mail Order House and that he saw no reason why he should give the profit to middle men. He closed his argument by saying that local merchants demand trade either by scolding or whining and that the abuse, either of the Mail Order House or of the farmers and others who trade with them, only confirmed the farmers in the Mail Order habit.

We must confess that this is the first time that we have heard the other side of the question with such freedom and frankness. On the last proposition advanced we agreed with our farmer friend. It is up to the local merchant to sell satisfactory goods as cheaply as they can be purchased anywhere. It is up to the local merchant not to complain, but to show the people that their wants can be supplied more quickly, more satisfactorily and just as cheaply at home as from Chicago or any other point. It does not satisfy the farmer that he is receiving all his goods as cheaply as possible, to have a merchant meet a catalogue price on some special occasion. If the catalogue can be used as a means of "Jeweling down" the local merchant, the farmer will use it. In other words the merchant must advertise and have it generally known, not that he is willing to meet the Mail Order price when obliged to, but that his prices are on a par with the Mail Order price at all times and on all articles. The merchant who can convince the people of this will have no difficulty in retaining their trade. Out side of this however we think our friend not entirely just. The local merchant and the townspeople generally do afford a good market for that which the farmer raises. Farm lands lying near a town will nearly always bring a higher price than lands farther out. The local merchant is a convenience to the farmer in many ways, in time of financial stringency it is the local merchant who carries the account, it is the local merchant who usually at a loss to himself furnishes an open market for butter and eggs, it is the local merchant who must keep on hand the thousand and one things that may be needed at a moment's notice to supply the wants of the family. If the farmer's idea was carried to a logical conclusion our small towns would be practically annihilated. There would be immense overgrown cities where the population would be greatly congested and where the labor market would be at the mercy of the employer on account of such congestion. On the other hand there would be farms surrounding little market stations. A blacksmith, a wagon maker, an elevator, stock yards and very possibly the saloon would be about all that would be necessary for the maintenance of such a village. With the local merchant would go the local newspaper, for it could not live, with the local merchant would go the hotel for they would not be necessary to accommodate the commercial travelers, with the local merchants would go the banks as we have them to-day, and with these other institutions would go the High Schools and the majority of the churches. The small town would be wiped out of existence. This is the ultimate conclusion of the doctrine that the farmer should pay no profit to the local business man. The doctrine, "buy where you can buy the cheapest and sell where you can sell the dearest" is

purely a selfish one and a doctrine that has never built up any community state or nation and one in the end which has never really benefited any individual. While we do not expect that our direful picture of a country without towns will ever "become true" as the small boy says, yet it is true that the small towns must suffer unless the farmers surrounding them are convinced that the merchants and business men are honest and exacting no more than is due and unless there is a feeling of mutual helpfulness between the town merchant and the tiller of the soil. We believe that counting the difference in the expense of transportation, of delays in case of error and of other delays incident to the Mail Order business, the merchants of Denison are selling goods without exacting an unreasonable profit and that no man in this vicinity is gaining either from the selfish standpoint or from the broader standpoint of what is best for his personal interest as well as for his purse, by trading away from home.

## THE CONGER CANDIDACY.

For our part we regret the permanent and unwise exploitation of Major E. H. Conger as a gubernatorial candidate. Major Conger is one of the great men of Iowa; he is an honest and honorable man of high motives and great ability. We have known him both when fortune smiled and when the shadow of misfortune rested heavily upon him, and we have never known him to swerve from the path of uprightness and good citizenship. His record as a congressman and in the diplomatic service has been of the highest order. The very nature of his public service, however, has, of late years, kept him out of touch with Iowa men and Iowa affairs.

Should Major Conger return to Iowa and become again identified with its active politics there might very possibly arise a call for him to take the nomination for governor, yet, at present, there is no such demand, and, as once before, his friends have placed him in an unfortunate position. The next candidate for governor will be some one thoroughly in touch with the conditions of Iowa republicanism of today. We fear that he must not only be a republican, but a factionalist. Major Conger is most certainly great enough to make an ideal governor, under present conditions, however, we fear that he is not small enough to receive the nomination.

## STRAY NOTES.

The Esterville Enterprise publishes a pitiful little letter from Mrs. Frank G. King who is well known to Denison Theatre goers as "Chic Perkins". Mrs. King writes that the troupe has laid off for four weeks while Mr. King goes to Dwight, Ill. to take the Keeley Cure. Mrs. King is a brave little woman and Mr. King is a clever actor. It is to be hoped that he will "stay cured."

While the Attorney General is after the trusts he ought to dip into those southern economists who are burning their cotton in order to keep up the price.

The Woodbine Twiner joins in the general commendation of the Conner bill.

The Carroll Herald states that while Mr. Sallinger has formed a Davenport partnership, he will remain in Carroll and continue in the firm of Sallinger and Korte as heretofore. Ben is capable of lots of hard work and evidently intends to prove it.

The Ringgold Record says: "If Nan Peterson did not murder Caesar Young she did a great deal worse thing. And that is, she murdered the household happiness of the Young family. It is not an uncommon kind of murder and is generally passed without punishment, but yet it is none the less an awful tragedy. But little is said about Mrs. Young, but nevertheless she weeps in silence a miserable and a broken-hearted woman; it cannot be otherwise."

At Iowa City 530 kegs of beer were poured into the sewer as unfit for use as a result of the brewery fire there. As there were 2500 good kegs remaining Iowa City finds some consolation.

As we read the exchanges we become more and more convinced that Denison had but a light attack of the blizzard after all.

The Mason Journal tells of a jack rabbit chased that place where the hare outstripped the bounds. If Pete Eggers had had his bounds there the result would have been different.

Occasionally Billy Hamilton forgets to be factional and says some really good things; here is one of them, "The last man to leave a town is the unhappy person who is always condemning the place and its people. He is the fellow who bewails municipal extravagance; who kicks every time a public building is erected and deplores the squandering of public funds in cement crossing, extension of water mains and street grading. In nine cases out of ten he is a tax dodger and doesn't con-

tribute over \$10 a year to pay the expense of state, county and town government; yet to hear him talk you would think his taxes were over \$1,000 annually. The progressive citizens would gladly pay his fare and freight to another town, but he can't be hired to go. He would rather stay and find fault."

The Jefferson Bee thinks Uncle Geo. Perkins looks pretty good to it as a candidate for governor. If there is no 10th District candidate the REVIEW would like to go on record as being of the same opinion.

It is said that P. A. Smith of the Scranton Journal will be elected Department Commander of the G. A. R. without opposition. This is a deserved recognition of a good man, but we think it would be more to "Pa's" liking if there was a fight involved.

Judge Conner has constructed the bill above referred to in great wisdom and with sole regard to a saving of expense to the rural bayer. Moreover it is a practical and reasonable measure, and is more likely to become a law than many bills that are framed for the purpose of making a record for the congressman. We are glad that a matter of such vital moment to the people at large is in the hands of so able and conscientious a man as our own Judge Conner—Arion Anchor.

One of the pleasures of a return to newspaper work is found at the exchange table. There are few poor newspapers in Iowa. Even the smallest towns have right news sheets and the great majority are well printed and well edited. We are fond of boasting of Iowa but we are convinced that the Iowa newspaper has done more to keep the people progressive, wide-awake and capable than any other factor in our civilization. One cannot be a reader of such papers as the Sioux City Journal the Ringgold Record, The Carroll Herald the Spirit Lake Beacon, the Nevada Representative and many others without becoming a broader and a better citizen. We are glad once more to take our humble place in the ranks.

In our Washington letter of last week Mr. O. H. Olson mentioned the fact that Hon. J. P. Conner was being mentioned for a place on the Judiciary committee. The Judiciary committee, next to the Ways and Means committee and the Appropriation committee, is considered of the greatest importance of any in the House of Representatives. Nearly all the measures passed by Congress come before this committee before their passage. Judge Conner's entire life work has been such as to make him pre-eminently fitted for a place on this committee. As a practicing attorney, as a vigorous district prosecutor and as a judge whose decisions while on the bench were rarely reversed, Judge Conner possesses that intimate knowledge of the law which is most greatly to be desired among the members of the judicial committee. We are sincere in our hope that Speaker Cannon will see fit to yield to the unanimous request of the Iowa delegation and that the next session of Congress will find Judge Conner on this committee.

## DECEMBER WEDDINGS.

The following is the list of marriage licenses issued by the county clerk during December.

- Dec. 2 J. P. Jacobsen, Woodbury.  
Fredericke Jors, Crawford
- Dec. 2 Fritz Schneider, Denison.  
Martha Henning, Hanover
- Dec. 3 Cornelius Paulsen, Iowa.  
Sophie Iwen, Hays
- Dec. 5 Adolph Hamann, Otter Cr.  
Anna Tank, Otter Cr.
- Dec. 9 Wert Meyer, Jackson.  
Grace Gwen, Jackson
- Dec. 9 Otto Bask, Soldier.  
Augusta Maas, Charter Oak
- Dec. 10 Wm. A. Colburn, Dow City.  
Anna Brundidge, Dow City
- Dec. 13 Adolph Bottgar, Boone.  
Lizzie Hausmann, West Side
- Dec. 14 Geo. Ruch, Nishnabotny.  
Salamie Greder Nishnabotny
- Dec. 17 Mearl Myers, Deloit.  
Bessie Winans, Deloit
- Dec. 19 H. M. Kellogg, Omaha.  
Mildred Pryor, Manilla
- Dec. 20 Theda A. Joehims, Morgan.  
Augusta Huttendorf, C Oak
- Dec. 21 F. H. Ranniger, Washington.  
Anna Schmielaw, Hays
- Dec. 24 W. E. Stout, Washington.  
Clara Frownfelter, Dow City
- Dec. 27 Fred E. Barber, Gr. Island.  
Minnie Kelly, Denison
- Dec. 28 John B. Brown, Denison.  
H. Irene Austin, Denison
- Dec. 28 T. A. Harvey, Denison.  
Lizzie Latchaw, Denison
- Dec. 28 James A. Rollins, Denison.  
Katie A. Davis, Denison
- Dec. 29 E. S. Swenson, Chicago.  
Wendia Hasdies, Chicago
- Dec. 29 August Schurke, Stockholm.  
Augusta Albertsen, Denison
- Dec. 31 Henry Timm, Ricketts.  
Bertha M. Hoffman, Ricketts

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All coughs, colds and pulmonary complaints that are curable are quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure. Clears the phlegm, draws out inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts, strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia. Harmless and pleasant to take. Sold by  
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## CONDENSED MILK.

(News Notes Stolen From Our County Exchanges.)

Dow City Enterprise: Rev. A. J. McColl of Des Moines, visited his parents in Dow City.—Mrs. J. P. Hollowell and son have returned from Lincoln, Neb.—Miss Lila Sloum gave a pleasant New Year's party for her friend, Miss Dossie Green.—Rev. Ripley of Council Bluffs, is assisting in the revival meetings at the M. E. church.—C. O. Miller is the new justice of the peace. He will office with E. H. Swasey.

Denison Zeitung: The Zeitung congratulates itself on its 20th birthday.—The Military Brotherhood has decided on a grand ball for Feb. 2nd.—Otto Timm Jr. is visiting his brother, Fritz Timm. He will return in a short time to his home at Wilson Creek, Washington.—Geo. Beck Jr. is visiting in Geneseo, Ill.

Schleswig Leader: Wm. Jepsen and F. W. Mohr have purchased the Kruse saloon.—The telephone exchange is booming with nearly 200 subscribers.—Five Schleswig homes are quarantined for diphtheria. The schools will not open for the present.—F. W. Gigax visits Omaha and in Racine, Wisconsin, this week.—The teacher's association meets in Schleswig next Saturday.

Kiron Sentinel: A son born to Rev. and Mrs. G. Nyquist, died soon after birth. The funeral services were held on Friday forenoon.—The son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker is recuperating rapidly after an operation for appendicitis.—Martin Sandstrom, Emil Peterson and Alice Erickson are attending Denison college.—Law Gronau is taking a short course at Ames.—Miss Amanda Michaelson is visiting in Chicago.

Manilla Republican: Many friends held an old-fashioned husking bee for A. C. Beers.—The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dyson died last week of pneumonia.—Manilla draymen kick for protection and are told first to pay the license of \$12 per year.—Mrs. Will Theobald went to Denison to visit the County Auditor.—A son of Wm. Schnoor was taken to Omaha to a hospital on account of a broken arm. The accident happened in September and the bone refuses to knit.—Cliff Lyon is in Dakota proving up on his claim.

Charter Oak Times: W. T. Petersen has become a partner in the implement house, the name of which is now Thomsen & Co.—John Bolten has sold his interest in the clothing store to Gust Adams.—Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hart have left for Boulder, Colorado, where they will reside. Their farewell was marked by a number of pleasant social events showing the festiveness

in which they were held.—Mrs. I. A. Mains enjoyed a visit from a brother of Orwig, Neb. He was an old-time resident of Crawford.—Mr. E. E. Springer writes from Sheldon, Ia., that Mrs. Springer is spending the winter in Louisiana for her health.—Mrs. John Way is seriously ill.—Miss Leora Lunney of Denison visited at the home of D. H. McWilliams.—Miss Mattie Hird of Denison has again begun her school work near Charter Oak.—C. Petersen has purchased the Krohnke & Dieckman saloon at Ricketts.

West Side Journal: Aug. Romer has left for an extended visit in Germany.—James Killen lost a stallion valued at \$1400 last week.—Eddie Goldbeck of Denison, visited West Side friends.—Alf. Kelly slipped on the icy walk and was unconscious for some time. No bones were broken and A. J. is still in the ring.

## Speedy Relief.

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Vail Observer: The firm of Kenney & Sheridan has dissolved, Mr. Kenney retiring from the business.—A rabbit hunt between two teams, one headed by James Duffy and the other by John Champ on resulting in favor of the "Champions" of course.—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McCormick started for New Virginia to attend a wedding, but were caught in the blizzard and were snow-bound for twenty-four hours.—Mattie Ryan is nursing a mashed thumb.—The Vail Dramatic Co. entertained the people of West Side on Friday night.—The Observer announces that hereafter it will publish one day later in the week.

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**NOTICE IN PROBATE.**  
STATE OF IOWA ss  
Crawford County ss  
In the matter of the estate of Mary J. French, late of Crawford County, deceased.  
Notice of appointment of administrator, To Whom It May Concern:  
You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of January, 1905, the undersigned was duly appointed Administrator of the above entitled estate, and all creditors of said estate are notified to file their claims in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, in and for Crawford County, Iowa, within one year from the date of this notice, according to law, and have the same allowed and ordered paid by the said court, or stand forever barred therefrom.  
Dated January 4th, 1905.  
D. W. WELTON, Admr.  
T. J. GARRISON, Att'y. for Admr. 1-

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