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BOOST THE GRAVENSTEIN.

THE SUMMER OF 1907 was signalized in Marshfield by an exhibition which did the whole of Coos county more real good than any one act of that very useful and effective civic body—the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. That exhibition consisted of a collection of fruits—mostly apples—which filled the Chamber of Commerce rooms to overflowing and attracted very wide attention. Had it produced no other effect, the impetus given to fruit culture in Coos county, causing the apple and pear trees to be pruned and sprayed and inducing the formation of associations for the protection of fruit growers and the quality of the fruit, the value of that exhibition can hardly be over-estimated. But it also helped to develop a pride in the hearts of the people in what Coos county could do, both on Coos Bay and its tributaries and the remarkable and fertile Coquille valley which is the especial pride of all coast garden spaces.

In 1908, as an outgrowth of the Gravenstein exhibit, Marshfield had a fair which was full of encouragement to all southwestern Oregon and which was again notable for its splendid display of fruit, and it was so successful in that respect, that many expressed the hope that some such exhibition might be held each year in the season which laughed with the ripening of the prize fruit of Coos, the delicious and juicy Gravenstein apple. The cost of an exhibition like that of 1907, wherein prizes were offered by the Chamber of Commerce for the best box of Gravenstein apples and a few other prizes were distributed was very slight. The year 1909 should not be allowed to pass without extending the same encouragement to fruit growers which the exhibitions of 1907 and 1908 furnished. There should be a Gravenstein festival. It should be made a signal success and should last for a week. There should be a program for every night in the week. The people of Florence have already made their city notable for a Rhododendron festival. Portland has her Rose Festival. Let Coos Bay have her Gravenstein festival.

Somebody might object that other fruits are as good and thrive as well as the Gravenstein in Coos county. That may be true, but most of them thrive as well elsewhere also. But nowhere in the world does the Gravenstein develop in such beauty and flavor as in the salt atmosphere of the Pacific coast. This fits it above all apples as the leader. So a Gravenstein Festival at Coos Bay will be very appropriate and if our people will take pains to advertise it and invite attention at the Seattle Fair to this product of the county, it will spread our fame in a very healthy and effective fashion.

The Chamber of Commerce may well consider this matter in time to make it an event and the "booster club" which the young men have organized can find no better work to do than to boost this idea of a "Gravenstein Festival."

THE TARIFF ON LEMONS.

ONE OF THE MOST interesting phases of the tariff debate is brought out whenever a schedule is discussed which protects some producer, whose profits are already many times those of the people who are expected to bear the burden.

Senator Root, when the lemon tariff was up, read from the reports of the agricultural department and said:

"In this industry in the last year

the lemon growers of California have made on an average a profit of \$530 per acre with expenditures amounting to \$370. That was under the present tariff. I would not eliminate the lemon growers of California or any other American industry, but it is a little too much for them to come here and ask an increase of duty when they are already making over 100 per cent."

The California lemon grower supplies but one-third of the American demand. Every inch by which the tariff is raised therefore affords just so much leeway for increasing the cost of lemons to the consumer. The California Fruit Growers' Association is in reality a trust controlling the entire citrus fruit production. The purpose of increasing the tariff is to increase the price of lemons in the American market.

Senator Root is not a democrat nor an insurgent. But he can not see how it falls to the nation to deliberately tax the great American public for the benefit of the owners of California orange and lemon lands, when the official reports show that they are already making net over \$500 an acre.

Coos county growers of cranberries and strawberries are making only about \$450 per acre and they are not asking any increase in the tariff.

THE COST.

GERMANY WILL require \$35,000,000 during the current year for new naval construction work. Of this amount \$31,250,000 will be obtained by borrowing. This money will cost, in interest, depending whether the government gets it at 3 1-2 or 4 per cent, between \$744,000 and \$850,000 a year. The cost of upbuilding and maintaining Germany's navy is so great that all attempt at meeting it out of the funds that can be raised by ordinary taxation methods has been abandoned. It is authoritatively declared that only six per cent of the building cost of the existing German fleet is met out of the current revenue.

The German government has just negotiated a loan of \$200,000,000, says the Woman's National Daily. After much haggling with the bankers of the nation, who are to furnish the money, an agreement was reached whereby one-half of this amount is to be loaned as 4 per cent stock at 102.7 per cent and the other half as 3 1-2 per cent stock at 95.6 per cent. This compromise was demanded by the government because it desired to give the appearance of having greater credit than it has enjoyed for several years. This \$200,000,000 loan follows one of \$162,500,000 made the year previous, on which 4 per cent is being paid. The increase in the national debt, therefore, has been at the rate of \$181,250,000 a year for the past two years.

Of the \$200,000,000 recently borrowed, the imperial government is to receive \$80,000,000 and the Prussian government is to get \$120,000,000. Last year Prussia received \$100,000,000 and the imperial German government received \$62,500,000 out of the \$162,500,000 borrowed. Prussia required the money allotted to it for productive purposes; Germany required its part for unproductive purposes. Prussia is investing in railroads; Germany is investing in fighting ships. Prussia may reasonably expect returns from its money; Germany may only expect returns in event of war and may not get them even then. And yet sane men tell us that an investment in a navy is profitable to a government. The outcome of this modern rivalry, unless an end is soon put to it, will be that the people will take this expensive peace problem into their own hands. The great danger is that the nations will be so saddled with debt by the time the people awaken to the folly of the present tremendous expenditures that nations as well as individuals will be in the grip of the money kings. The countries of the world are even now paying practically \$2,000,000,000 annual interest on their public debts, and they have a total annual income of only \$9,000,000,000.

MEANNESS ON A BIG MEASURE.

THE SUGAR TRUST has paid the last installment of a fine amounting in all to \$2,134,000 for defrauding the government by trickeries with the scales. The payment amounts virtually to an admission of guilt and makes ridiculous one of the pleas of the combine that it was unaware of the existence of the swindling springs.

The sugar trust is one of the greatest beneficiaries under the tariff, but this has not contented it. Its greed recognized no frontiers within

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

Happily it is not the result of our acts that makes them brave and noble, but the facts themselves and the unselfish love that moved us to do them.

R. L. STEVENSON.

Just Keep On Keepin' On.

If the day looks kinder gloomy,
And your chances kinder slim;
And the situation's puzzlin',
An' the prospect's awful grim;
And perplexities keep pressin',
Till all hope is nearly gone,
Just bristle up and grit your teeth
And keep on keepin' on.

Fuming never wins a fight,
And frettin' never pays;
There ain't no good in broodin' in
These pessimistic ways.
Smile just kinder cheerfully,
When hope is nearly gone,
And bristle up and grit your teeth
And keep on keepin' on.

There ain't no use in growlin',
And grumblin' all the time;
When music's ringin' everywhere,
And everything's a rhyme.
Just keep on smiling cheerfully,
If hope is nearly gone,
And bristle up and grit your teeth,
And keep on keepin' on.

—Unknown.

Nothing tastes as good as it looks
in a cook book.

If you don't give the devil his due
he will come later after it.

Some Coos Bay men aren't home
enough to get acquainted with their family.

Half the people in the world are
working the other half for chumps,
and doing well.

The grammar should make "born
and raised" a correct expression;
everybody uses it.

Old people do not treat young people
right, and young people do not
treat old people right.

Laziness may be a disease but
some Coos Bay fellows who have it
seem to be perfectly happy.

A satisfactory thing about inheriting
a lot of money is you don't need
to inherit any brains with it.

Look at ten women these days and
the way seven of them wear their
hair will make you laugh.

What is the biggest lie in the
world? We believe it is the old
story about sin being enjoyable.

A man's ideal place to spend an
evening is one where he can go
home as early as he wants to.

Every man thinks he is a good
judge of beauty but a lot of different
kinds of women get married.

The pictures should be changed.
Cupid is no longer a boy child with
an arrow, but a girl child with a gun.

A man cannot convince you that
he is cultured the first time he meets
you, but many of them attempt it.

The empty back seat of a big
automobile is one of the things that
add to the discontent of the man on
foot.

The only man who can bore you
more than the one who preaches
what one ought to do is the one who
does it.

There is at least one thing positively
known about the man who
claims to be a hypnotist—that he is
a liar.

After we ask three or four men,
"How is business?" and they reply,
"Rotten," we quit asking the question.

A woman calls it tact to get two
enemies together and keep them
honesty. It crossed the border to
gouge and grasp and cheat.

There is only a difference in degree
between the malefactor who goes after
millions and the small one who
beats his customers out of pennies.
And he has the less claim upon popular
respect. He cannot present the excuse
of temptation the defence of
harassing bills and the approach of
a cold hearted landlord!

from fighting. A man calls it amusement, and lets them fight it out.

A girl may be backward about announcing her engagement, but she expects you to notice her engagement ring, just the same.

Not one man in a thousand can tell a "story" well; yet every man tries it. And how the poor story tellers drag out the details!

Look yourself over carefully. Is it the ambition of your life to see how many people you can make miserable? There are plenty of such people; you are not above suspicion.

"Why don't you think of marriage?" asked Harry Skinner of Ray Kaufman as they promenaded around the billiard table at the Millicomma. "I do," answered Ray; "it's thinking of it that keeps me a bachelor."

Early morning drives are said to be the latest or rather the earliest things in society circles. A prominent young Marshfield bachelor is the first to introduce the fad on Coos Bay and was seen driving down Front street Wednesday morning before 7 o'clock after a long drive in the early morning air with a popular young lady. They were enthusiastic over the new fad and will try and induce their friends to adopt it.

Phoebe at the Fountain.
I don't care much for boys,
For only twelve am I,
In my fresh youth, a sweeter tooth
Would other pleasures try;

So Mister Candyman
Fill up a cup for me
Of icy cream, a perfect dream,
And chocolate spread free;

And then on top, a wee bit drop.
Of maraschino placed,
With nuts and spoons and macaroons
The "suds" that suits my taste!

In most of our planning and
scheming our hopes take a tumble
or two. We spend half a life time
dreaming—how few of our dreams
come true. You know that you
work like the dickens, investing your
garden in seeds which afterwards
went to the chickens while you reaped
a harvest of weeds. In the book
of her dreams a maid's lover is a
sort of a prince through and through
—a hero from cover to cover—how
few of her dreams come true! A
young man will dream of his fair
one, the fairest that ever drew
breath; and the woman he marries
would scare one with her temper
and looks, half to death. But think
of the terrible nightmare, with
demons of hideous hue, and pink
anacondas—stop right there! Suppose
that those dreams come true?

Her Little Scheme.
There was a hen,
Too old to lay.
The farmer men
Oft looked her way.
She saw them at her slyly winking,
And so began to do some thinking.

She knew that she
Could earn no corn
And fricassee
Might soon adorn.
But boldly she the problem tackled;
When others layed, she loudly cackled.

Her little scheme
Worked well, indeed.
Her owners deem
Her worth her feed.
About the yard she waxes fatter
And still escapes the dreaded platter.

TRY TO KIDNAP
ABDUL HAMID

Several Reported Slain In Attempt to Make Former Sultan Prisoner.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
LONDON, Eng., June 11.—A local newspaper agency says an attempt to kidnap Abdul Hamid, the deposed Sultan of Turkey, by the reactionaries was made at Constantinople. Several were killed.

Camp Stoves at MILNER'S.

Picnic Sunday

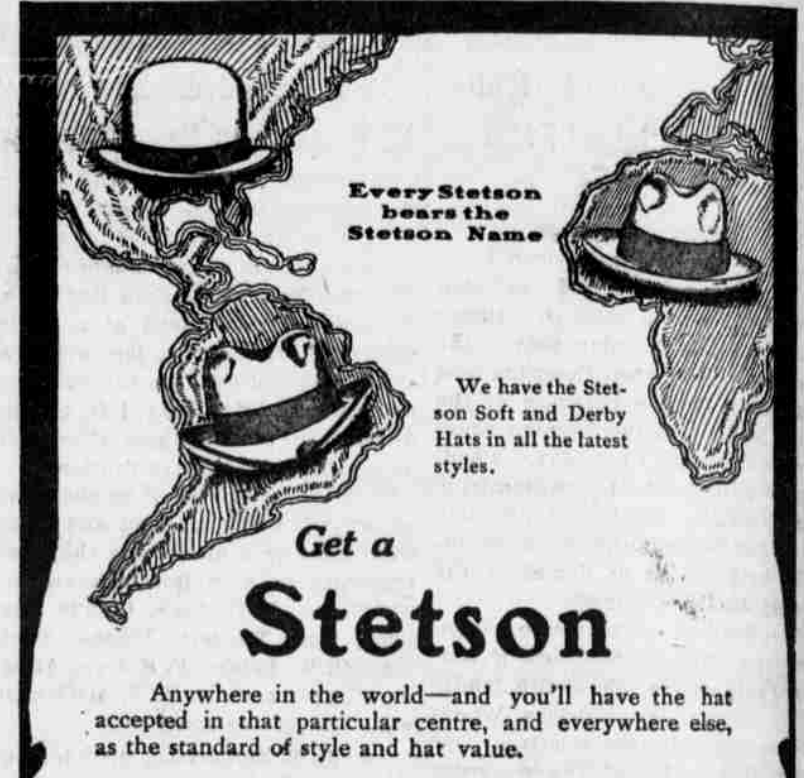
ARE YOU GOING? DON'T FORGET THAT LUNCH.

Corthell's Delicatessen
HEADQUARTERS FOR PICNIC LUNCHES.

Are You Going?

Hats Hats Hats

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Stetson

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June 12, our entire stock of Cut Glass including many beautiful pieces of Hawks, Libby and other Standard makes at Prices so low that you cannot resist buying.

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