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Another industry coming to St. Helens. Meet the promoters half way.

The perplexing task of getting people to realize the benefits to be derived from trading with their local merchants is about the hardest that the small town has to contend with. Money is just as well invested in the big one, as far as getting full value is concerned, and we must not forget to remember that when we leave it here it is only taken out of one of our pockets and put into another, and may some day find its way back, while if we spend it in the metropolis we never see it again.

There it goes to help build up the big city, to make it clean, to further beautify its parks and recreation grounds, and to enrich and make more prosperous its already prosperous merchants and citizens, while the small town people sit and wonder why they are not able to cope with cities in mercantile projects.

Most of us have not enough faith in our respective towns. Should a thing purchased at home prove unsatisfactory in any in any respect a person never hears the end of it; but, on the other hand, if the same article had been purchased in a big city any amount of excuses would be

on hand to defend it, and it would probably never be exchanged. When you buy a thing at home and it is satisfactory, give it a good word, for by so doing you are helping yourself. If, on the other hand the article in question does not come up to your standard of perfection, tell the merchant you bought it from, don't tell your neighbors.

The community in order to enrich itself must consider itself one large family of which we are all members, and as members of this family the grocer should not misrepresent his wares to his brother, the clerk, nor should the clerk regard it as a good point to defer payment of his bills to the grocer as long as possible. And remember, always keep the money in the family.

This is not preaching nor advocating socialism, for socialism does not solve the problem that confronts us, but it is advocating most emphatically the community to believe in home trade. We cannot help others if we are helpless ourselves. "Self preservation is nature's first law." Therefore it behooves us to stand together and, if we are not merchants instead of telling a person that we don't believe a certain commodity can be obtained in this town, just because we happen to be out of it, tell the customer that we know who has it and name a local merchant. Don't send your party to the big city, that's where the matter will end if you hesitate, and the probabilities are that much custom is lost to you forever.

It stands to reason that in order to sell reliable goods reasonably the expense account must be curtailed as much as possible. This is done in the small town. Rents and general expenses are less, and the result is that the buyer reaps the benefit if he is shrewd enough to avail himself of it. People are gradually becoming educated to the science of skillful buying and expect more for their money now than they ever have before. In this they are justified to a certain extent, but we should not forget

the proverb, "The laborer is worthy of his hire." "Live and let live." is the motto for merchants to adopt if they wish to thrive and succeed. Remember we all live largely on each others custom, and when we spend money with J. Brown we expect with reason that J. Brown should spend his money with us whenever possible.

Here is the essence of home trade. We would all feel offended at said Brown if he took our money and refused to spend his with us. But we are all Browns if we buy out of the home market.

### TACOMA'S MURDER CASE.

One of the most pitiful and at the same time the most revolting trials for murder that ever took place in the Pacific Northwest has been in progress through the week at Tacoma, where a man is charged with having murdered a woman by beating her with an oar until she could no longer resist and then holding her under water until she drowned.

This fight was evidently between a brute and a termagant. The pitiful feature of it is the fact that it was witnessed from its beginning to its fatal ending for the woman by three children of tender years, a son of the woman, aged 5, and two sons of the man, 5 and 7 years old. The story told by these infants on the witness stand concealed whatever sympathy may have been felt towards the principals in this battle and transferred it with added volume to the terror-stricken little boys. The woman's death may or may not have been caused, as charged, by drowning due to the man's ability to hold her under the water. If guilty as charged, it may be hoped that he will receive the full penalty of the law. But, however this may be, sympathy and protection are due the little boys who were the horror-stricken witnesses of the brutal tragedy.

It will take a full measure of kindly home influences and judicious care, together with the attrition of time, to blot this frightful scene from the memories of the children. It may be hoped that these agencies will work out their mission in this case, both for the sake of the state and the little boys who have manifestly, in their earliest environment, gotten a good citizenship.—Oregonian

### ALFALFA WEST OF CASCADES

Alfalfa has passed beyond the experimental stage west of the Cascade

this region is slowly but surely increasing, and those who in a position to know say that western Oregon will be doing its share in growing this staple crop. Up to the present time the best results are reported from sandy land along the water courses. Soils which overflow or have the water table nearer than 4 feet of the surface cannot be counted on for alfalfa production. The old adage that "alfalfa will not stand wet feet" still holds true.

Like other rich countries, the weed question is the perplexing problem. If the field is used for some other crop two or three years prior to seeding, troublesome weeds can be easily eliminated. However, some of the grasses, such as English rye, Italian rye and couch may bother indefinitely. In other alfalfa sections such grasses are kept down by going over the field with a renovator after each cutting. The use of the disk has been abandoned by many successful farmers because, as a rule, it works an injury rather than a cure. However, in some localities the disk harrow is still recommended, but the regular alfalfa renovator is so far ahead of the former implement that the old disk should be changed for the new.

In getting a stand of alfalfa the Oregon agricultural college gives the following advice: If barnyard manure is put on, from 15 to 20 tons per acre in the fall, in the spring when the land is in good working condition, cutting it up thoroughly with the disk harrow and working it down fine, let it lie for a week or 10 days, then give it a good harrowing, so as to destroy all weeds. Sow about 15 pounds of clean seed per acre and cover with a harrow. If the soil is inclined to be dry finish with the roller. At the time the seed is done put on 70 or 100 pounds of land plaster to the acre.

### Notice To Creditors

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.  
In the matter of the estate of John A. C. Johnson, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of John A. C. Johnson, deceased, to the creditors of an all persons having claims against said estate, to present them with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the said administrator, at his residence at Mist, Oregon, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate.  
Dated April 28, 1911.

L. A. PETERSON,  
Administrator of the Estate of John A. C. Johnson, deceased.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior  
U. S. Land Office at Portland, Ore.  
May 12th, 1911.  
Notice is hereby given that Clifford R. Harris, of Yankton, Columbia County, Oregon, who on April 10th, 1906, made Homestead Entry No. 15925 Serial No. 01350, for one quarter section 6 Township 4 North, Range 2 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 29th day of June 1911. Claimant names as witnesses: Fred W. Floeter, of Yankton, Ore.; Joe Dupont, of Houlton, Ore.; George Eccles, of Houlton, Ore.; T. E. Mills of Houlton, Ore.  
H. F. HIGBY,  
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