

DEMAND IS HIGH FOR NEW WEEDER

Morning Glory Company
Making Every Effort
To Supply Demand.

With five men working full time, in addition to the sales force, the Morning Glory Weeder Manufacturing Co. is making every effort to turn out enough of their machines to meet the demands for them at this, the peak season of the year for such a concern. This is one of the newest factories in the county and yet it has built up a very substantial business, is running to full capacity, and turns into circulation through its payroll about \$700 per month. The officers of the producing company are Julius Roesch, president, F. L. Ralston, vice president and W. E. Miller, secretary-treasurer.

Mae Saunders of Cove perfected the machine, which this company manufactures, an outgrowth of his experiences fighting morning glories on farms in the Grande Ronde valley. He was given a patent about three years ago, but the machine so covered, was so expensive that its manufacture was prohibited. A year ago he was granted another patent covering the machine now being made, one so altered and improved that while retaining its original efficiency, the cost of construction is considerably less.

The weeder was first made at the iron foundry, but in January of the present year, the plant was opened on Washington avenue, which is the present place of operation. The weeder is all made at this factory with the exception of the wheels and the seat, which come from the east. The weeder is a simple looking piece of farm machinery, made of the best spring steel, comes in three sizes, eight, 10 and 12 foot, and may be secured with four different blades, blade, spring tooth, corrugated shovel and snail-like tooth. The smallest sized machine weighs something less than 300 pounds.

The steel blades cut the weeds off at the depth desired, the blades being raised and lowered by a foot accelerator, or by a lever. It is possible to tear the machine down or put it together within a very few minutes time. It is so constructed that it will get clear into the fence corners, work around trees, does not clog, does the work of a harrow and a weeder in one operation and operates equally well in any kind of soil.

Laundry Payroll For the Year Is About \$19,000

Sixteen people are employed full time by the Standard Laundry Co. on Jefferson avenue, operating the two departments, the laundry and the dry cleaning. The payroll averages \$260 per week, which in a year's time amounts to very nearly \$13,000—a sum of money distributed among permanent residents of La Grande, men and women who spend their money in the local shops and stores.

Merlin G. Batley, the owner of the Standard Laundry came to La Grande less than three months ago, having purchased the business from L. P. Dunn. Not a stranger in this particular field, by any means, Mr. Batley immediately entered upon a program of improvement and development, in an effort to make his plant the most efficient possible. New equipment has replaced old or worn-out machinery, the plan of arrangement has been changed so as to facilitate the work throughout the plant.

Mr. Batley, as a young man, lived in La Grande, and was graduated from our high school in 1912. A university career followed, a few

years in business, an army experience during the world war, then a residence of 19 years in Twin Falls, Idaho, where he was in a field similar to the one here. Mr. Batley is a 100 per cent booster and has already become identified with the Rotary club and the Union county chamber of commerce.

In addition to the rearrangement of the plant, Mr. Batley has just installed a 4-pocket 24-inch washer, an American-Schramm curtain stretcher, which is the last word in equipment of this kind, a gasoline pump, a pair of Triner scales for weighing laundry and a Huebsch sleeve iron. New racks have been built for sorting laundry and new marking tables have been installed. In repairs and replacements alone, something like \$400 has been expended.

In the washing department, Mr. Batley has associated with him, Fred Roberts who was a member of the same laundry organization with him in Twin Falls.

The dry cleaning department is up-to-date throughout and carries a large volume of business.

Dubious

The hardest person to convince that there are no good fish in the sea as ever were caught is the girl who has just kissed the one she wanted.

Sash and Door Factory Part of Local Company

A modern sash and door factory is operated here in connection with the other activities of the Home Lumber and Coal company, which is situated at 1502 Cove avenue with E. H. Kendrick as manager.

The sash and door department of the company fills a very necessary part in the life of this community. Homes in La Grande used practically every style of windows and often it is impossible to use standard stock sashes for the new structures. Selected pine is used, according to Dan Miller who is in charge of this department, and the company makes any size or shape desired.

Mr. Miller has had long experience in this business and turns out a product that is always satisfactory. He makes his home at the east end of Adams avenue.

One Prevalent Idea

"If I could only afford to spend as much for clothes as she does," said Mrs. Average Woman. "I know darned well I'd look more dressed up than she does."

Another Subject

A lad attending an Eastern college wrote to his father asking him to increase his allowance, as he was taking up another subject. The father, complying with the request, inquired the name of the subject. The reply was golf.

Boiling Point of Kerosene

It has no constant boiling point. The initial boiling point ranges from 250 degrees Fahrenheit to 400 degrees Fahrenheit, depending upon the grade of kerosene. The initial boiling point of the average grade is 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Romans Hard Hit

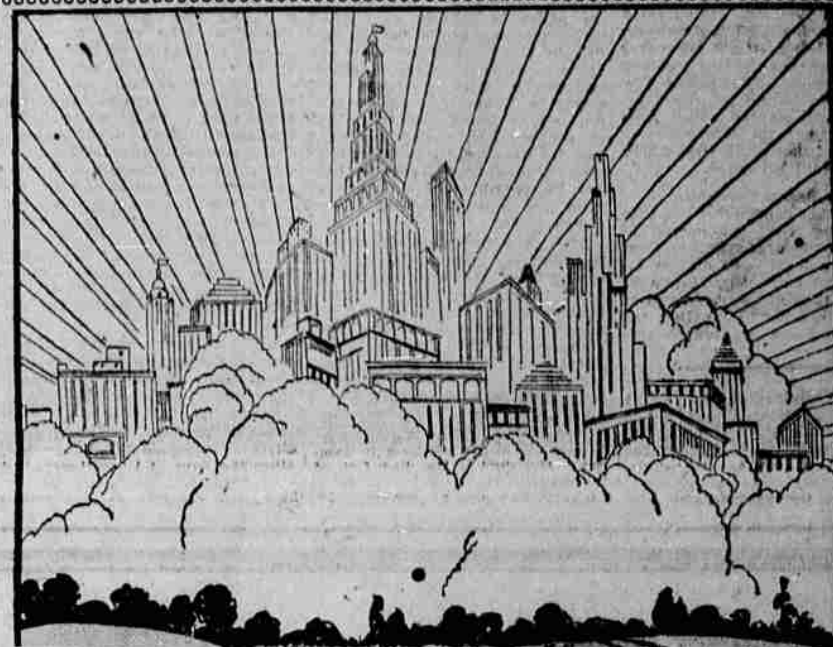
At the battle of Cannae during the Punic wars the Romans were practically annihilated, and the loss of citizens was perhaps greater than in any other defeat that befell the republic. The field army numbered 85,000.

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