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## SUPPOSE IT WERE YOU.

Suppose you were working for a large corporation. Suppose you started work in 1913. Suppose at that time your contract provided that you were to receive \$100 the month. Suppose your contract further provided that your wages were to increase proportionately as the capital stock of the corporation increased, and that the provision was made on the theory that your work was going to increase approximately as the capital stock increased. Suppose that your contract also provided that you were to furnish your own tools and equipment and were to work eight hours a day.

That's enough to know about the contract.

Now then, you continue to work for the corporation until 1920 rolls around. When you first started to work you were able to finish your tasks in eight hours, but in 1920 business for the corporation has become so good that you have to put in 12 hours a day. In addition to that, your equipment and expenses for the doing of your work have more than doubled, so that, in order to live even as modestly as you lived in 1913, and to remunerate you for your additional hours, your salary should now be \$300 a month. That would represent exactly the proportion to your 1913 income that your extra work and expense now bear to your work and expense in 1913.

However, instead of coming across with the \$300, the corporation for which you are working holds you to your 1913 contract which was that your wages were to increase only as the capital stock of the corporation increased. The corporation, however, has increased its capital stock only 3.8 per cent in all that time, so it increases your salary to \$103.80 and that is as far as it will go towards giving you the \$300 that is right and necessary.

Wouldn't that make you a Bolshevik?

It might if you didn't know that the corporation can not change the contract without a vote of the stockholders. The board of directors accordingly sends out notices to the stockholders to meet on a certain day and vote on the question: "What do you think a reasonable, sane and humanitarian board ought to do under such circumstances? You know what it ought to do, and you know that if the stockholders do not vote the increase you will be highly indignant and howl your head off perhaps about the iniquity of a soulless corporation that refuses to do justice to a faithful employe."

Here is a case in which you are a stockholder. The legislature is the board of directors. The employes are the state educational institutions of Oregon. The board of directors has asked you to meet on May 21 to vote on the question of doing justice to these institutions. The figures quoted above are exact proportions in the matter of money in which the educational institutions find themselves today as compared with 1913. Their attendance has increased 153 per cent and their expense for supplies, fuel, etc., has more than doubled.

Suppose again it were your personal case and the stockholders should turn you down. What would you do? You would quit, of course. That is what hundreds of the best teachers in our colleges have already done. They have gone to schools in the east which are not hampered by millage tax provisions. We cannot afford to let this continue.

Put it another way: Suppose in 1913 you had a family of ten children to

support on an income of \$100 a month. Then suppose two of your sisters died leaving 10 children each and you had to take them into your family. If your \$100 barely went around before, how would you be able to make it do with food and clothing and shoes to buy for 30 children instead of 10?

That is exactly the proportion of income to expense in which these state educational institutions find themselves today. Oregon cannot afford to continue such an injustice. As a stockholder in the great corporation called the state of Oregon, it is the duty of every voter to go to the polls May 21 to correct this grave menace to the welfare of their greatest institutions.

## DEAD ONES IN A LIVE TOWN.

"I wish I lived in a live town where there were live people doing things. When things come up that mean payrolls to this old town of ours, why aren't those people here like there are in other towns to grab hold of things and keep the trail hot until the industry is located. I'm going to move to a place where they have some pep and go, where they are on their toes all the time."

How many times have you heard some similar remark made right here in Cottage Grove—and did you ever stop to think to yourself that the town which was about to be honored by the one having made the remark would not be any more lively, would not have any more pep and ginger, would not stand any further up on its toes because of his presence there?

There are plenty of people ready to make remarks such as the one we have quoted, but how much are they doing to bring about the condition which they think would be so desirable?

They want to live in a live town, certainly, but were it up to them the old town might just as well be buried and have it over with.

Cottage Grove is not such a bad old place. Those who leave it to go to more lively places gradually drift back and live happily ever afterwards.

Of course, opportunities are presented of which it does not take advantage. That happens to every city. But if you happen to look about a bit you will find stores here that are not behind those of any other city of the same size, you will find schools as good as you will find in any city of the same size, you will find churches as good as you will find anywhere else, with about the same number of these "live" ones staying away from them; you will find about as live a commercial club as in any city of its size elsewhere, with about as many of those who have made remarks similar to that quoted above conspicuous by their absence on the membership roll.

Cottage Grove is a mighty live little city and it has a pretty good bunch of live business men who have given days and weeks of their time in the promotion of civic activities.

If all of those who are kicking for a more lively town, who are kicking for more people with pep and ginger, would get in and display the same amount of that highly desirable quality that many others are showing, we could have a city here that would make 'em all sit up and take notice.

And we want to say right here that a whole lot of people already have heard a lot about Cottage Grove. A lot of people out over the country know that it has taken an active part in many affairs of county and state, a lot of people have heard about its schools, about its newspaper, about its hotel, about its sawmills, about its payroll of some \$125,000 a month, and about some of its live business men.

If you want a thing done right, do it yourself. Come on in, the water's fine.

## GETTING ON A BUSINESS BASIS.

The Dallas Observer has announced that hereafter it will charge advertising rates for mention of any kind of a function where a monetary gain of any kind is the object, for all cards of thanks and for all kinds of items that are not strictly news.

Nearly all the newspapers of Oregon long ago found that there was no other way of being assured a living profit and we are pleased to see The Observer getting in on a business basis.



## NEW FOOT RUBBERS MEAN DRY FEET

We have new foot rubbers for every member of the family in many styles and heavy or light weight. Let us fit your shoes with new rubbers now and keep your feet dry.

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April Delineators Are Here  
Butterick illustrated fashion quarterlies, each 25c, including 10c pattern coupon.



## Lovely New SPRING COATS

of velour, jersey, serge, poplin, all underpriced here. Many women have told us that they did not expect to find such reasonable low prices anywhere this season and the coats are the famous "Palmer" make, too, which assures the wearer of satisfaction in every way. You can't help becoming enthusiastic over such charming coat modes as are featured in this splendid assortment. The gracefulness of these wraps is accentuated by the softness of the materials used in their making. But not content with a charming exterior, our latest presentations introduce many novel linings. We have coats priced as low as \$12.50 for women, but the wool coats start at \$18 and range \$21, \$23.50, \$25, \$27.50, \$29 to \$49.



## A Colorful Display of Lovely Wash Fabrics

A woman never considers her summer wardrobe complete without plenty of summery wash frocks and here are just the kind of wash goods to make these cool dresses more popular than ever among well dressed women. The colorings and designs are attractive.

New plain colored fine thread cotton voiles, 36 inches wide, colors flesh pink, rose, copen, blue, taupe, pink, alice blue and white, a yd. 95c  
Beautiful yard-wide fancy voiles, silk stripe, floral designs and a large variety new patterns and colors 75c, 85c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50  
27 and 30-inch cotton batiste, lineweave materials in printed floral and figured designs, yd. 35c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 65c  
30-inch mercerized poplins in twelve different shades and colors, priced a yd. 75c

## Spring Blouses

Acknowledged Styles of the Moment



A glance will show that someone who knows fashions designed these blouses. They represent the very latest of modes and will be acclaimed by women who love to own the newest. See them today.

Priced at—  
\$6.50, \$7.50, \$8, \$9 to \$16

## New Curtain Scrims AND CRETONNE

Spring housecleaning soon will be the order of the day and you will find need for new curtains, cretonne, draperies, etc. This store is now displaying a host of new patterns which have just been received the last few days. We will be pleased to show you the new curtain patterns and help you with suggestions as to color scheme for your rooms. Come today. Scrims at 25c, 30c, 35c, 45c, 50c to \$1.25  
Cretonnes 35c, 45c, 50c up  
Overdrapes at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50



## Men's Spring Underwear

here in all styles and sizes, either ecru or white. We show union suits in knitted or cloth fabrics, long or short sleeves or sleeveless, and knee or ankle length.

Athletic style union suits priced at \$1.85 to \$2.25

Knitted style union suits priced at \$1.45 to \$2.25

Men, make your selections now while sizes are complete



## SICK?

We hope not, but should this be your misfortune now or in the future, remember

THE BEST OF MEDICINES  
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are none too good for sick folks, so have the BEST obtainable.

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DO WE HAVE YOUR CONFIDENCE?  
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## SPECIAL CANVAS GLOVE SALE—100 DOZEN AT 19c A PAIR

These gloves are heavy weight, good fitters and the kind that now sell anywhere at 25c a pair. We were fortunate to buy these gloves some time ago on a lower market and our customers now get the benefit. Buy a dozen pairs of these gloves today for \$2.25



## Garden Time Now

Buy Your Garden Seeds Here

We carry four complete lines of package garden and flower seeds, all grown in the northwest and adapted to the western Oregon climate.

Package seeds 5c, 10c to 25c

We also have garden seeds in bulk

## Groceries Dependable Quality Lowest Prices

Olympic hard wheat flour, sack, special, \$3.19  
Oregon sugar cured side bacon, the lb. 35c  
Oregon picnic shoulder meat 27c  
Gem nut margarine 2 lbs. 75c  
Diamond W baking powder 2 lbs. 45c  
Oregon-made Royal White laundry soap 8 bars for 55c  
Sunrise milk (Coos Bay) can, 15c; case, \$6.75  
Cottage Grove can'y fancy pack peaches, can 40c, doz. \$4.50  
Cottage Grove cannery string beans doz. \$2.15  
Cottage Grove cannery gallon fruits, a can 50c; grapes, 50c; Italian prunes, 85c; peaches, 85c  
Diamond W brand panake flour 2 pkgs. 75c  
Diamond W brand jelly powders 2 pkgs. 25c  
Oregon cream rolled oats 10 lbs. 75c  
Rose City glycerine soap 3 bars 25c