SPRING 'TOPIARY' AT ANNUAL JOB OF MUTILATING TREES

Portland Is Disfigured With Shade Trees That Have Been Butchered in Pruning.

By C. J. Krabel

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Tree pruning, to begin with, should not be confined to spring. In fact, spring is a bad time to do heavy pruning, because the plant has in it the stored food which it requires to begin its growth in the spring before the leaves come out. This food is just behind the buds. By removing the tops of a tree this stored food is taken away and the tree is starved. Late summer and winter are the best times for trimming, because in the latter case the plant has time to adjust itself for the coming season, and in late summer the foliage is still on the trees and one can determine the shape as well as detect decayed spots.

Among the signs of spring in Portland is the appearance of the perennial shade tree butcher. In many of Portland's best streets he is now at work at his favorite spring sport of beheading the trees in the parkways. Before him stand waiting avenues of graceful trees, their branches thrust skyward in all their natural beauty—behind him he leaves a trail of gaunt and ugly skeletons, only the trunks of the trees left standing with clusters of claw-like stubs in place of the graceful crowns.

Yesterday morning I walked, on my way to work, beneath a row of shapely elm trees; in the evening I was startled to see only the ugly stumps of the same trees left by the "topiary" artists who had "trimmed" them by cutting off their entire crowns. There was no excuse for such mutilation in this case, for their were no wires to be cleared and the trees were not overshading any houses.

DIFFERENT REASONS GIVEN

Asked why this sort of trimming was done, different people had different reasons. One wanted to make a tall slender tree "spread out" at a lower level; another said the trees grew too fast, a third wanted less shade. Not one had any idea of improving the tree in health or appearance. These were all good intentions but they did not help the trees. The tendency of all trees is to grow in a certain definite shape which is characteristic for each species of tree. After a few years these "topped" trees, trying desperately to regain their normal shape, will have sent out from the sawed-off stubs long slender sprouts, many of which droop under their own weight and make ragged untidy trees. The other sprouts, being too rapidly grown, are very weak and are easily broken by wind and "silver thaws." The end of it all is that the owner has all his work to do over again—only more of it.

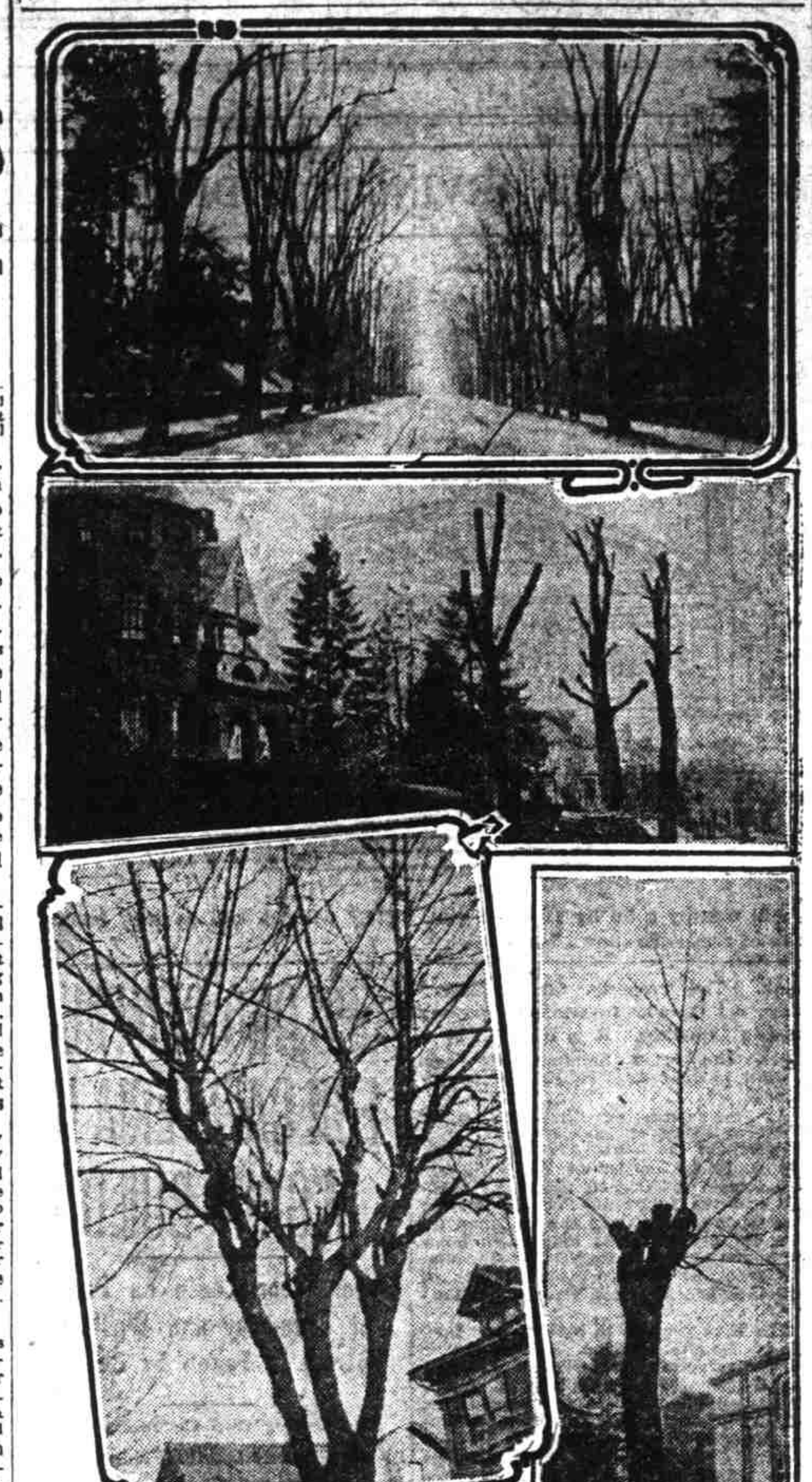
The whole trouble with this kind of trimming is that it is so often applied to the wrong kind of tree. With basswood and sycamore, particularly the European forms, the topping or "heading-in" process can be used with good effect, because of the manner in which those trees sprout. But trees like American and English elms and silver maple should never be so treated, for they will always develop tangled and ugly tops. The streets of Portland are everywhere disfigured with just such trees.

HOW TO PRUNE

The proper system is to let the trees grow naturally, trim out all dead branches and the lower living branches to get them clear of traffic, head back the far-spreading top by nipping off the ends of the smaller branches with pole-pruners so as to shape the tree to the desired size from the outside. In removing branches over two inches in diameter they should always be cut off in two operations. First saw a small under-cut about a foot out from the base of the branch to be removed. Then saw off the branch at a point about an inch beyond the undercut. That will leave a short stub which should be sawed off as close to the trunk as the saw can be put, so that the healing bark can grow completely over the wound. Lastly, paint the wounded surface with zinc paint or tar.

It is most important to saw close to the trunk or large limb from which a branch is removed. Leaving stubs six or 12 inches long is a sure way to lead decay into the heart of a tree through the decay of the stub, because the bark can never grow over such stubs. Eventually, in place of the stub, there is left a hole leading to the hollow center of the tree whose substance has been eaten out by decay.

VICIOUS "TOPPING" DISPLAYED



Top—Double row of elm trees which would be a credit to any city, shapely in winter and a vista of verdant foliage in summer. Center—All natural beauty and graceful lines destroyed by "topping." These trees, six months out of 12, will be for years, ragged and unsightly stubs. Bottom, left to right—Poor apology for basswood severely and evidently "topped" under the erroneous idea that proper pruning was being done. Elm, mutilated to clear electric wires, the result eventually being a worse mess than in the first place.

FIRST ENTRIES IN O. & C. GRANT TO BE MADE ON APRIL 12

Settlers Given First Rights, ex-Soldiers of Great War Next; Public's Filings Begin July 9.

The accompanying information concerning the restoration of Oregon & California railroad grant lands in Southern Oregon and the rules governing entry thereon are set forth by W. H. Canon, registrar, and R. R. Turner, receiver of the United States land office at Roseburg.

The area of lands restored to homestead entry by the restoration of the Oregon & California railroad grant lands exceed somewhat 360,000 acres. Particular attention, however, is called to the fact that while classified as agricultural under the law, considerable portions of these lands are not adapted to cultivation.

The time when settlers who resided on such lands since December 1, 1913, must exercise their preference rights of entry begins at 9 o'clock a. m., April 12, and ends 4:30 p. m., May 8, 1920.

Persons qualified under the general homestead law who performed military or naval service during the war with Germany and who were honorably separated or discharged from such service, or were placed in the regular army or naval reserve, are given a preference right of 60 days within which to make homestead entry on said lands. The period of such preference right begins May 10, and ends July 8, 1920. Beginning at 9 o'clock a. m., April 12, persons entitled to preference right by reason of war service may file application under the homestead law in the land district in which the land is situated. Such applications will be subject to the preference right applications of settlers who maintained their residence on the lands since December 1, 1913. All applications by ex-service persons filed after 9 o'clock a. m., April 12, and before 4:30 p. m., May 8, 1920, will be treated as filed simultaneously, and where not in conflict with settlers' preference right applications, or with each other, will be allowed on May 10. Such applications will be rejected if in conflict with entries or applications by preference right settlers, and if in conflict with each other a drawing will be held on May 14 to determine such conflicts.

VETERANS ARE DESCRIBED

Persons entitled to preference right by reason of service in the late war include honorably discharged officers, soldiers, sailors and marines—privates, seamen, nurses, and all other persons, male or female, who by enlistment or otherwise were regularly enrolled in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States, and who could not voluntarily terminate such service. This will also include persons who served in the late war and who by order were placed in the regular army or navy reserve.

Lands not applied for or entered by preference right settlers or by those entitled to preference right by reason of service will be subject to entry under the general provisions of the homestead law as modified by act of June 9, 1916, on and after July 9, 1920. However, applications by persons not claiming preference right may be filed on and after July 1, 1920. Such applications filed from July 1, 1920, up to and including all such applications filed at 9 a. m., July 9, 1920, will be regarded as simultaneous, and will be subject to applications filed by ex-service men up to July 8. Drawings will be conducted on July 12, 1920, at 10 a. m., to determine any conflicting applications filed by those not claiming preference right.

BOOKLET BEING PREPARED

The greater portion of the land is situated in the Roseburg, Or., land district. Small portions are in the Lakeview and Portland, Or., and Vancouver, Wash., land districts.

A booklet containing regulations, schedule of the lands, and full details regarding the opening is now being published. Persons wishing the full information on the opening should write the land office (Roseburg) and request that their name be placed upon the mailing list for the booklet and such other information as may later be mailed out. Letters of inquiry are too numerous at this time to attempt answer. All such letters are being placed on file for a copy of the booklet, to be mailed when issued.

Big Sum Is Asked Of O.-W. R. & N. for Loss of One Hand

Pendleton, March 20.—Twenty thousand dollars damages, for the loss of his right hand, is asked of the O-W. R. & N. railroad by Lyle Webb, 20 years old, in a suit which comes to trial Monday. The accident occurred December 7, 1913, while Webb was tending buckets on a steam shovel at work near Thorn Hollow.

Work will begin Monday morning on a $2500 edifice for the African M. E. church, subscriptions for which have been raised among local businessmen this week. There are nearly 100 colored people in the congregation. Rev. L. L. Anderson is the pastor.

The Pendleton Commercial association will invite the Portland Chamber of Commerce to make its junket trip to Eastern Oregon about July 15, when wheat harvesting on a large scale can be shown.

Pendleton will be represented at the annual convention of the Foreign Trade Council of the United States at San Francisco May 12-15, by Roy T. Bishop and Clarence M. Bishop of the Pendleton Woolen Mills and R. M. Crommelin, manager of the Collins Flour Mills.

Community Church Edifice Is Planned

Freewater, March 20.—The men of Freewater were entertained to a chicken pie dinner in the banquet hall of the I. O. O. F. by the Rev. George Weiss, pastor of the federated church. The Ladies' Aid served the dinner. The object of the meeting was to interest the community in the proposed erection of a new church, community house and gymnasium, and the plan met with favor. Covers were laid for 100 men, and several spoke, including President Penrose of Whitman college.

Sheep Raisers of Klamath District Ask Single Dipping

Klamath Falls, March 20.—Sheep raisers of this section, who depend upon range in California during the summer but are handicapped by dipping regulations for scabies, have petitioned Dr. J. C. Erline, district federal livestock inspector at Walla Walla, Wash., for permission to move their bands to northern California ranges with one dipping instead of two, as demanded by Inspector Armstrong. Lambing will begin within 30 days and the sheep must be moved to pasturage. Great loss will result if sheepmen are required to dip their flocks twice before moving them, they say.

Klamath sheepmen say that scabies infection travels northward from California principally from 300,000 Miller & Lux sheep, ranging from Kern county to the Oregon line. It is charged that, owing to the power of the Miller & Lux corporation, their sheep are allowed to run infected with scabies and infect others, in violation of state laws against sheep disease.

The first entry in the county political race was that of George Chastain, aspirant to the county judgeship. Chastain has been associated with a local firm of attorneys for several years. He is a Democrat.

Tug Goes Down in Collision; Steamer Evans Gets Away

Seattle, March 20.—(I. N. S.)—The steamship Admiral Evans, which sailed from Seattle yesterday bound for Southwestern Alaska, was ashore this morning as the result of a collision with an unknown tug near Duncan bay, B. C. The collision occurred at 4 o'clock this morning, the tug sinking. No lives were lost. The Evans was floated at high tide and proceeded to Duncan bay under her own steam for survey, according to advices to the Merchants' Exchange this afternoon. Damage to the Admiral Evans is not known.

Cough Medicine Is Alibi for Boys Who Are Late at School

Miami, Okla., March 20.—(U. P.)—A coughing epidemic hit Miami today.

Three boys in the sixth grade class of Roosevelt grammar school had bad coughs yesterday and drank "cough medicine."

"I had to send one home and the other two acted funny," Mrs. W. W. Lynch, school teacher, told the sheriff.

The "medicine" contained 82 per cent alcohol.

Duffeys Buy Boise Street Car System

Boise, Idaho, March 20.—The Duffeys of Pittsburg have acquired controlling interest of the Boise Street-car company, according to announcement made this week. The Duffeys were interested in the company prior to last June, when its sale was ordered under mandate from the district court.

Aberdeen Is Given Site for City Park

Aberdeen, Wash., March 20.—A natural park of 30 acres offered by Mrs. Jean B. Stewart, widow of a pioneer resident, will be accepted by the city. The only conditions of the gift are that it is to be called Stewart park, maintained for park purposes and two acres are set aside for a lodge for the Aberdeen Pioneers' association. The property is valued at $20,000.

Rate Increase Asked

Boise, Idaho, March 20.—Officials of the American Express company filed with the Idaho public utilities commission a request for a 25 per cent increase in express rates.

GRINDING IS BEGUN IN NEW VALE MILL; FLOUR PASSES HIGHEST TESTS

Delays in Securing Machinery for Plant Kept Back Scheduled Opening Two Months.

Vale, March 20.—In the recently finished mill of the Vale Milling & Elevator company grinding was begun in earnest the first of the week. Last week the machinery was set in motion to obtain a preliminary sample of the new flour. Manager W. A. Armington announced that it has passed the highest tests to which it was subjected.

The name under which the new flour will be put on the market is "Warmsprings Flour," after the district in which most of the wheat has been bought and in which the mill is located. Other minor products will also be manufactured.

The mill building is four stories high, with a large basement, and was erected by the Glasser Construction company, begun last summer. The installation of the machinery started in December, under the supervision of Charles E. Oliver, an expert milling engineer from Chicago. Delay in shipments of various pieces, however, held up the whole work of installation and it was not completed until almost two months afte rthe date set in the company's announcement.

The mill contains two large bins, holding 4000 bushels each, and other smaller ones, bringing the total storage within the mill proper to about 12,000 bushels. In the storage rooms is space for another 12,000 bushels and the warehouse has a capacity for five carloads of wheat and flour. The production capacity of the mill is 150 barrels a day.

In the grains on hand now are 31,000 bushels of wheat, 350,000 pounds of barley, 106,000 pounds of rice, and 160,000 pounds of white and yellow corn, the total value of which is estimated at $100,000.

Republican Club Is Former in Dayton; Cahill Is President

Dayton, Wash., March 20.—A Republican club was formed in Dayton Wednesday with Dr. S. B. L. Penrose of Whitman college as the chief speaker. R. R. Cahill and A. F. Appleton were made president and secretary-treasurer. Vice presidents will be appointed for every voting precinct in the county.

The Frank E. Bauers post of the American Legion has gone on record favoring the erection of a public library for Dayton in memory of its fallen heroes. A movement for a library was begun by the Draper club, which has purchased a site.

Whitman Glee Club To Appear in Oregon

Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., March 20.—Fourteen towns of Oregon and Idaho will be visited next week by the Whitman College Glee club on its spring tour of Northern Oregon towns and Western Idaho. The club is composed of 24 men, including a jazz orchestra. Oregon towns to be visited are: Freewater, Thursday; Pendleton, Wednesday; La Grande, Thursday; Ontario, April 2, and Baker, April 3.

Milton Girl Is Wed To Portland Youth

Milton, Or., March 20.—A pretty wedding took place this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Torgerson of this city, when their daughter, Miss Effie Torgerson, was married to Frank Ritchie, a young business man of Portland. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Floyd A. Ross. A reception was held in the parlors of the First Christian church, and Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie left on the evening train for Portland, where they will make their home.

La Grande Man Is to Be Postoffice Aide

Eugene, March 20.—F. W. Landrum, assistant postmaster at La Grande, Or., has accepted the position of assistant postmaster at Eugene, succeeding Wilder R. Farnham, who recently resigned on account of ill health. Landrum will assume his duties April 1.

District Meeting Of Maccabees Is to Occurs at La Grande

La Grande, March 20.—La Grande will be the scene of the Eastern Oregon district convention of the Maccabees, on May 6. The local chapter, Friendship tent No. 31, is enlarging its organization.

Nixon N. Christy, formerly of Portland and now having his headquarters in La Grande, is district manager for Eastern Oregon. On May 8, the local tent will have as its guest Supreme Deputy A. W. Frye of Detroit, on an official visit.

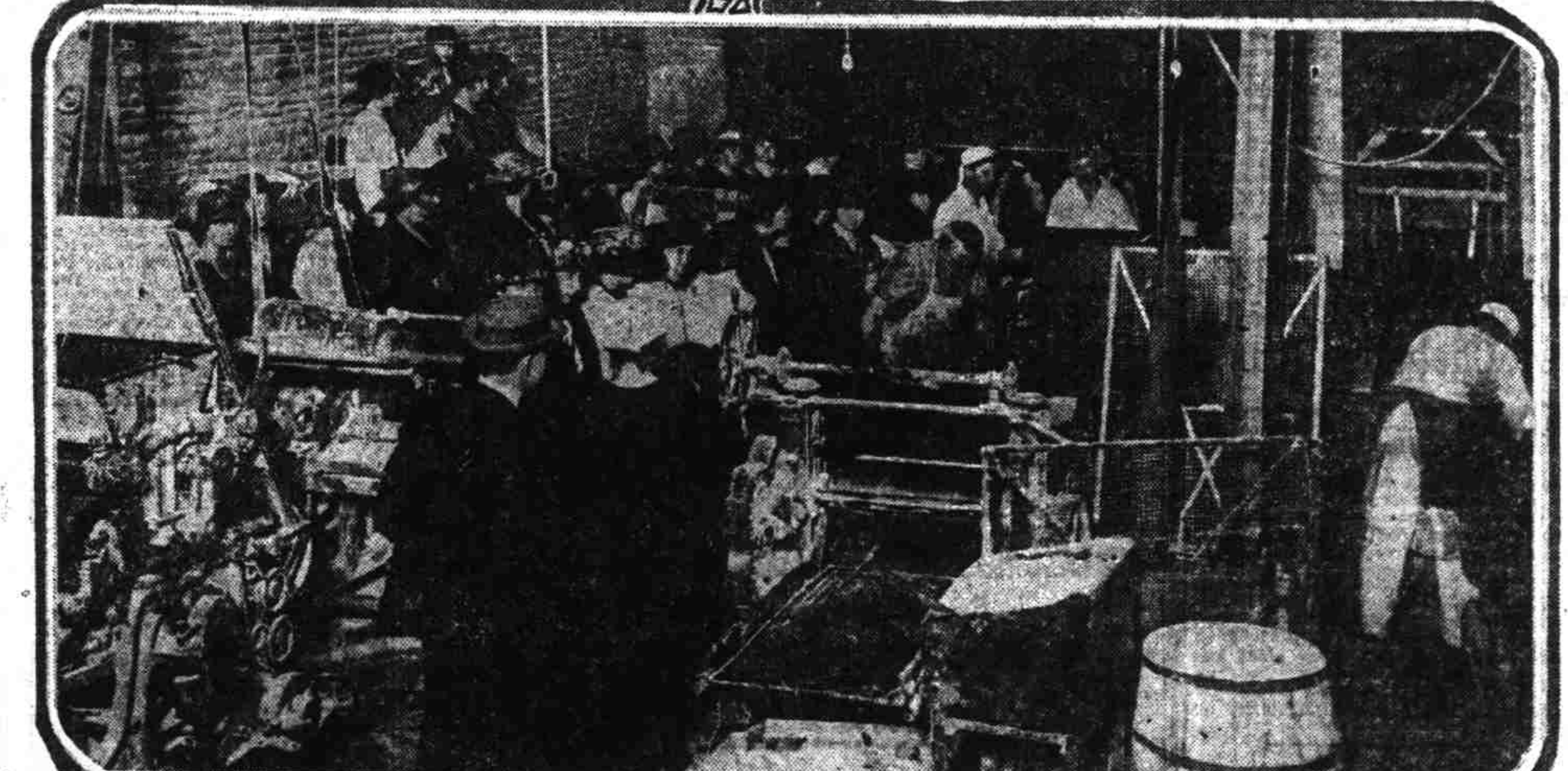
J. L. Westenskow of Imbler has purchased a 75 acre orchard tract near Imbler, formerly owned by J. C. Blackington. The price paid was $15,000, or $200 an acre.

Palouse Growers Like Cooperative Wheat Sale Plans

Spokane, Wash., March 20.—Seventy-five farmers from the district tributary to Palouse attended a meeting to discuss the proposed wheat growers' association plan for marketing grain. Some 20,000 bushels of wheat was signed pu, and many growers signified their intention of giving the matter serious consideration.

Palouse has an active cooperative grain company, the Farmers' Union Warehouse company, and the possible effect of the new plan on the future of the local company was considered. It was suggested that the wheat growers' association take over the property of the local concern.

O. A. C. SENIORS IN HOME ECONOMICS VISIT PORTLAND PLANTS



Members of the senior class in home economics from the Oregon Agricultural college, who spent Thursday and Friday visiting some of the large plants where food is manufactured, and prepared. There are 50 in the class. This picture shows a scene at the plant of the Pacific Coast Biscuit company, the large vats being used for mixing the dough for the crackers and cookies.

As a fitting close to their four years' course in home economics, the girls of the senior class of the Oregon Agricultural college who have specialized in that work come to Portland each spring to pay a visit to the large plants where food is manufactured and served. Wednesday evening of last week the class, numbering 50, arrived in the city from Corvallis in charge of Miss Ava B. Milam, head of that school in the college, and for three days has been about the busiest group of girls in the city, and they declare that they have seen so much in three days that it will take them weeks to assimilate it.

Thursday morning they visited the plan of the Swift Meat Packing company, where they were shown how the meat is cut, packed and cooked. From there they went to the Log Cabin Baking company, where they were shown over the entire plant and later served with lunch. The Pacific Coast Biscuit company was the first place visited after lunch. On Friday the Atiyeh rug shop, the Baby's Boudoir, the china shop of Olds, Wortman & King and the Portland Woolen mills were visited. Short visits were also made to the kitchens of local hotels and hospitals, and the A. L. Mills open-air school was visited. The management of each of these institutions explained their work and extended every possible courtesy to the girls, and the excursion was one of both interest and information. Many of the girls are training for domestic science teachers of dietitians.

The entire class attended the annual meeting of the Oregon Home Economics association held Saturday at the Girls' Polytechnic school, where they were given a glimpse of the work they are about to enter from the standpoint of teachers and supervisors of experience.

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