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WOMEN AS HARVESTERS

"Let the Women Do the Work" Say Men of the Corn Cob State.

"Send Us Women" Is Cry From Districts in Nebraska

Omaha—This week wheat an oat harvest will begin in the counties along the south line of the state, and before the end of another week it will be in full swing through the South Platte country.

In other years the cry "send us men" has been heard far and wide from the farmers, but this year the appeal has been changed. The farmers are exclaiming: "Send us women."

During harvest, attacking and threshing, Nebraska farm wages for years have been around \$2.50 and \$3.00 a day. There was an advance of 50 cents a day last year. The last year prices will rule this season, and during the latter part of June, the whole of July and a portion of August the daily farm wage will be from \$3 to \$3.50 for a 10-hour day.

Until last year the men had the absolute right of way, but now they are being crowded out, and to quite an extent, are being replaced by young women.

Yes, we have asked much of women in the development of the race and now we are going to ask her to go back to primitive conditions and do the awful drudgery of harvesting the heavy grain under a scorching sun. Shame on the men! They are becoming a race of weaklings and, more and more, are shunning hard work. They howl about the bringing in of Chinese, Japanese, Italians and Greeks and yet it becomes more and more difficult to get our American men to do hard work on the farm.

We will either back to the farm or starve. The time is rapidly coming when no man can support a family with a salary.

Last year in the Yakima Valley hundreds of tons of fine fruit rotted in the fields because men would rather hang around the saloons than work.

Our tramp army is not for lack of good employment at hand, but has its origin in old fashioned laziness.

A good, wise, weak government, under proper conditions, would find the cause of idleness and produce, at once, the cure. There never has there never will be a better law than that one in the Bible, "He that will not work neither shall he eat."

In the mountains of east Tennessee lived a man, who found it easier to have his wife take in washing and support him, than to work himself. When asked why he did not work he would always say, "I can't get a job." This went on for some time. One evening 25 husky fellows called on him. He was glad to see them. The question of why he did not help his poor wife to make a living for the large family, was brought up. He gave the old answer. One of his callers seized him. A sharp rail was lifted from the fence and he was invited

to take a ride. He reluctantly did so at a rapid trot, for two miles. He was then informed that the same kind of a ride would be given every night until he found a job and that if the rail got too hard for him, soft feathers would be stuck on with tar. Strange to say, he found a job the very next day—and held it down.

PICNIC AT ANTIOCH

A few days ago the Antioch Sunday School had a most delightful picnic in a beautiful grove, the use of which was kindly donated by Mr. Bosley. A good program was rendered, consisting of songs and recitations, and a speech by Mr. S. H. Hinkle, the superintendent of the Sunday school.

The women and girls furnished a good basket dinner, and the men and boys, not to be outdone, furnished a beautiful supply of ice cream.

The Sunday school is progressing nicely, owing to the good will and labor of the large numbers who attend.

Another thing, of which the people of Antioch are proud, is their splendid literary society, which is held in the school house every Saturday night and many questions of interest are debated by competent speakers and recitations together with good music, both vocal and instrumental, are well rendered.

LOTS OF HOPS THIS YEAR

Krebs Brothers, of Independence, were at the Cherry Fair on Saturday and came back on the boat with the editor of the Enterprise. They report their hops looking fine. They have 740 acres in hops, and expect to have 4500 bales this fall. They have ten hop yards and it took more than a million feet of lumber to build their houses. They expect to pay out, this year for work in caring for their crop, over \$90000.

There are 4000 acres of hops within a radius of six miles of Independence, which will produce, this year, if all goes well, 25000 to 30000 bales which, from the present indications, will sell for about \$1700000. There will be paid out here for help \$400000, to the army of workers.

TWO MILES OF CANAL DONE

After nearly three years' work, the first two miles of the Cello Canal have been completed by the construction firm having the contract. This includes the upper end of the canal and the Cello Lock. It is expected that by another three years the canal will be open to navigation. The Cello Canal is on the Columbia river and when finished will make that waterway navigable for quite a distance above Lewiston, Idaho.

MUST PREACH WITHOUT SWEARING

WHEELING, W. Va., July —The city council has passed an ordinance imposing a fine upon any person who uses vile or vulgar language in a public address. Councilman P. F. Haberstick, who offered the ordinance, said that it was done with the intent of curbing the vocabulary of "Billy" Sunday, the evangelist, who has been engaged by Wheeling churches to open a religious campaign in this city early next year.

STATEMENT

Of the Independence National Bank, of Independence, County of Polk, State of Oregon, showing the amount standing to the credit of every depositor July 1, 1911, who has not made a deposit, or who has not withdrawn any part, principal or interest, for a period of more than seven (7) years immediately prior to said date, with the name, last known place of residence or post office address of such depositor, and the fact of his death, if known.

G. W. Hitchens, Independence, Or.—dead—	\$10.00.
C. E. Brown, Independence, Or.—dead—	\$7.87.
Gnoth Larson, Independence, Or.—	\$2.00.
Mrs. R. M. Prichett, Independence, Or.,	\$1.40.
W. K. Withrow, Independence, Or.,	\$5.00.
Chas. L. Howe, Independence, Or.,	\$1.15.
Margaret Mason, Independence, Or.,	\$6.08.
Mrs. K. G. Drewsey, Independence, Or.,	\$2.00.

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Polk

I, C. W. Irvine, being first duly sworn, depose and say upon oath, that I am the Cashier of the Independence National Bank, of Independence, County of Polk, State of Oregon; that the foregoing statement is a full, true, correct and complete statement, showing the name, last known residence or postoffice address, fact of death, if known, and the amount to the credit of each depositor as required by the provisions of Chapter 148, of the General Laws of Oregon 1907.

C. W. Irvine.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of June, A. D. 1911.

B. Wilson, Notary Public for Oregon.

SOMETHING DOING AT THE COUNCIL

Sidewalks to be Widened—Special Inspector to See that Paving is Done Right.

Railroad Will be Required to Put its Bed on Grade of Streets.

On Monday evening there was a special council meeting, which was called to receive the report of the street committee, of which councilmen Mix, Moore and Hubbard are members.

The committee found the sidewalks, on the streets that are to be paved, ranging in width from seven and one half to ten feet. It was moved by councilman Williams and seconded by councilman Hubbard to have the sidewalks all made ten feet wide. This widening will cost very little, considering the fact that the pavement will thus be narrowed in the same amount as the sidewalk is widened; it was understood that the city would bear the expense in so far as it surpassed the price of the pavement. The sidewalks, as they are at the present time, are inadequate to accommodate the people that have to use them, and it is a good and wise thing which the council did, in having them widened.

In paving it is impossible to secure an absolute guarantee that the work will last for any definite period of time. For this reason the council recognized the fact that it will be necessary to have a man on the works all the time and he will see that the work is done right and that the material put into the pavement is of the standard required by the city in the plans and specifications. To fill the office of city engineer and inspector it was moved by councilman Mix and seconded by councilman Elbridge, to employ J. M. Hall, the man who superintended the work of building the sewer, to inspect ALL of the work which will be done by the paving company. Mr. Hall's salary was fixed at \$3.00 per day.

The telephone and electric light companies will move their poles just inside of the curbs and there will be but three poles to the block. The Home Telephone Company's poles are in the alleys and will not have to be moved. The Bell Telephone Co. and the Light and Power Co. will use the same poles in order to have as few as possible on these main traveled streets.

Councilman Bohannon insisted that the railroad be compelled to come down to the grade as established by the charter which the city gave the road when it came here. It is not known exactly what this grade is, but it is known that it is about eight inches lower than the grade that the road is on at the present time—every little bit helps and eight inches is better than nothing.

It was decided that, as the paving company will be on the ground this week, it would be wise to have them start work at the steel bridge. In order that traffic across this bridge may not be stopped it will be necessary to pave one half of this street at a time and thus allow traffic to go on on the other side. After the work is completed on Main Street as far as "C" St., "C" St. will be paved, then Main St. will be paved for another block and after this Monmouth St will be finished. In this way traffic will not be blocked in the city at any time.

The matter of having the railroad Co. refrain from hauling manure from Portland and leaving the cars for so long a time, was brought up and it was decided to insist upon there was decided to insist upon the railroad Co.'s moving the cars as soon as they were emptied, and to insist that the Co. provide sidetracks out side of the city, for the purpose of handling this Portland product.

FOR BARGAINS IN REAL ESTATE

The Western Realty Co. of Monmouth, sells all kinds of real estate, looks well after the interests of both buyer and seller. They have a large list of real bargains in both city and farm property which no one can afford to miss seeing. P. E. CHASE IS THE PROPRIETOR.

OREGON'S PROSPERITY IS EVIDENCED BY GAINS IN BANK DEPOSITS

And in Many Other Ways

Banks of the state show good gains in deposits and resources as compared with similar figures compiled last year. State Bank Examiner Wright finds deposits have grown over two million five hundred thousand dollars and in practically all departments of the banking business there is good advance. The latest report sets forth conditions as they exist at the close of business on July 3.

SUVER

Mr. Walter Kerr, an enthusiastic young citizen of Suver, paid this office a visit last Tuesday and reports crop conditions in that part of the Valley as never better.

The Bijou Musical comedy was played at Suver Monday night, to a small but appreciative audience, who returned home to tell of an excellent show and, as a result, much interest was displayed and a larger crowd attended the next three nights. After each performance a dance was given in the hall. The people of Suver are becoming famous for their good cheer and dances.

CROPS ARE THREATENED

Crops throughout the Mississippi Valley and in the middle western states, are seriously threatened by the long drouth and intense heat. In the south the hay crop is almost a total failure.

There was great excitement in the corn pit as a result, prices advanced 4 to 5 cents. Each day the drouth is costing the country millions of dollars.

EASTERN OREGON FINE PLACE

After visiting 45 towns of Eastern Oregon, J. J. Sayer, field secretary of the Oregon Development League, is back at the Portland office, much impressed by his trip through the interior. He is enthusiastic about the possibilities and the future in store for Eastern Oregon. Mr. Sayer starts this week for a similar trip through the coast counties.

GOOD RACES AT SALEM

The best list of early closing entries ever made for the races scheduled for the State Fair next September, has been secured and the meet will be full of interest to all who like to see spirited contests of this kind. While many favorite races are listed, there are more new entries this year than ever before.

COMMERCIAL CLUB IS VERY ACTIVE

Holds Interesting Business Session in Council Chambers Tuesday Evening.

Report of Secretary and Treasurer Shows Club in Good Condition.

A very important, interesting and enthusiastic meeting of the commercial club was held Monday night. Good speeches, wise planning, and new members, was the order of business.

The commercial club was born this time to live. On Tuesday night one of their best meetings was held. There was a good attendance. Many matters of moment to the city were taken up and passed to the various committees for future working out. A number of new members were added and greatly aided by their presence, and work done.

The reports of the treasurer and secretary showed the club in good condition financially and numerically.

Three delegates were appointed to represent the club at Astoria.

A committee office was appointed to meet similar committees from other clubs, at Dallas on Wednesday to arrange for a proper exhibit at our coming State Fair. H. F. McInturf was requested to write a special article for the Oregonian, giving photographs and letting the people know what we have here. Interest in the club is not only good but is increasing. While this is a matter of which to be proud, yet we miss some of the good men who are members and do not attend the meetings. Let every one be there and the way to victory will be easier.

HILL WILL BE INVITED

The Central Oregon Development League is exceedingly active, even though a very young organization. Having been formed about one week ago, it is already making plans for the next meeting of the organization early in the fall and J. J. Hill will be invited to attend. The date of the meeting will be arranged to suit Mr. Hill's convenience.

STILL MAKES GOOD

Umatilla County will have a great wheat crop of about 6,000,000 bushels. This county grows about 1 per cent of all the wheat grown in the States.

WILL FORM LEAGUE FOR MUTUAL HELP

Union and Willowa counties will probably form a two-county development league for mutual help. It is believed that greater benefit will come to the northeast corner of the state with organization and that greater gains will be made in immigration.

A NEW BANK

Though well supplied with banks Eugene is to have another, The Bank of Commerce, which is soon to be opened with a capital of \$50000, and is said to be planning on equipment equal to any in the land. We congratulate Eugene.

LARGEST BALLOON ON EARTH.

The largest hot air balloon in the world has just been completed in Corvallis, under the direction of Mr. Arnold, the great show-man.

We have been expecting the hot air business to do some wonderful things over there. Let her go, boys.

STILL CLIMBING

The Mazamas, the mountain-climbing club of Portland, will scale Glacier Peak, in the Chelan country, Washington, this year. The annual outing is scheduled for August 2nd to 20th. Mountaineers of Seattle will join the expedition and a large party will attempt the ascent.

BUSINESS MEN SEEK ALLIANCE

Medford business men will make a four days excursion through southern Oregon some time this month, visiting Lakeview and Klamath Falls as well as many other points. Closer business relations with this territory is the object sought by Medford.

DR. WALTON

OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN OF SALEM, OREGON.

will be in town Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 to 5 P. M., beginning Friday, July 21.

Dr. Walton will have his office at the home of Mrs. L. L. Whiteaker, at Third and C. streets.

CONSULTATION FREE!

SPECIAL SALE

on all our Summer Wash Goods, both plain and figured Lawns and Demities. Also all our Men's \$4.00 Walk Over Shoes; to close them out we are selling at \$2.95 per pair.

We have a good line of Men's Summer Suits which we will close out at from \$3.00 up to \$5.00. Five dozen pairs Ladies' \$3.50 St. Cecelia Shoes, Special \$2.95. Also some Childrens' and Misses' Shoes at the same low reductions. These goods will be sold just as advertised. All genuine bargains. Come quick, for they will not last long.

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