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## INVESTING FOR PROFIT

A Series of Valuable Articles on Farming That Every One Should Read—Learn How You May Increase the Production of the Soil at Small Additional Expense.

### The Possibilities of a Pent-up Garden—The Child's First Place of Experience.

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We should be teachers and our gardens the example of it; our creed thrift and honor, for I believe the farm is the safety of our nation. I believe my hope and opportunity depends upon her future. I believe her stability and progress rests upon her fertility; and her thrift the frugality of the farmer; and that the money is almost a curse to those who have not won it by their own industry and frugality. I believe there is no such thing as what is called "inflation"—it is the lack of production. Boys and girls, stay on the farm.

Therefore I will teach my children the value of soil culture, soil fertility, home-made fertilizer, plant and grain development, the value of the earthworm which plows, drains, aera, pulverizes, fertilizes, by his stomach, and by his death and decomposition. Death and decomposition are constantly going on throughout nature, and is indeed the fundamental condition of its life under our present existence. "Earth, that nourished thee, shall claim thy growth, and be resolved to earth again."

Therefore, I will work intelligently, teach by precept and example, so that I may enjoy the purposes of life. I will raise crops by "intense farming," and stock by pasturage, hay, and roots, and finish for market by a tithe of grain. I will work and save constantly and invest thoughtfully. I will do all in my power to increase the financial strength of my town and county and not the mail order houses.

purchase if need be government securities; never barter my obligation to home or country to insure the greatness of America's future. "A good intention clothes itself with power. Either I will find a way or make a way."

The Father of men first created man and then put him into "a garden to dress it and keep it." I hold that it is the greatest refreshment to our spirit, the purest of human pleasures. Old age looks back and exclaims: "How fair is a garden amid the toils and passions of existence."

Where there is soil moisture, that is, a sub-soil that will permit capillary attraction of the waters beneath the surface, proper fertilization with decomposed straw and manure, which the ground chemically turns to humus, arresting and holding sub-soil moisture, plants will grow. Humus increases the soil's capacity for absorbing and retaining water, reduces its tenacity, and is the cause of the more rapid and thorough absorption of the sun's rays. The softness and humidity of the soil acts in two ways in promoting marvelous production of the soil, namely, the free growth of the plants, and heavy production of grain. With these facts thoroughly fixed in mind we are now ready to begin our study as to where to begin. The farm should be as the garden.

In a previous chapter we have spoken of the value of thoroughly decomposed straw and manure, and some of the cheapest chemicals, rock salt and landplaster, that will quickly decompose it. In another we will tell you how to make it exceedingly fertile by the addition of other chemicals that

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### LADIES LOYAL LEGION TO CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERS

A number of the members of the newly organized Ladies' Loyalty Legion met last Friday afternoon in the Woodman hall to make plans for their membership drive. An intensive campaign for new members will be launched at once, each member being held responsible for bringing in new ones. The present members hope to build up a strong organization in order to accomplish much along their lines. Mrs. J. E. Owen Phillips, state organizer, was present.

Information was received by the 31s that if 12 or more members would gather once a month a speaker could be secured from the University of Oregon extension division to give lectures on any subject desired. The L. L. L. plans to hold a social gathering once a month in conjunction with the members of the 41s.

Any women of the city who are interested in the work of this organization are invited to attend the meetings and become members.

Madison Spores, who was operated on some time ago at the local hospital will soon be able to return to his home at Mohawk.

## B. O. S. S.

(Blue Overalls & Soft Shirts.)

By Our Printer's Devil.

Of all the wild ideas that people get now days, would make a wheelbarrow be freckles. Wear overalls and boost the price of em and then wonder why so many people quit farm in an go to work in the city. These city birds will wear their overalls a little while, then stick em in the attic, an the price of overalls will stay up and their wild idea will hev done more harm than good.

The worst of it is, soft shirts will git so hi that us fellers can't buy em an then we'll hafta wear stiff collars and pasteboard fronts and not wear any shirts. A stiff collar is somethin that I hates to wear because they bout kill a feller when heez got em on and because you hafta use a lotta slang to git em on. Think of us fellers workin in paste board fronts an especially: we killin' "type lice" in one of them rigs. But there's some joy in it—we won't have no shirts to take off.

People wants to look out an see that they don't get cornered with their "wild ideas." People had better quit tearin' aroun' so much then they wouldn't hafta eat so much, thereby reducing the H. C. L. It's too bad people can't persuade nice an rats to conserve too.

It would be more sensible if people would change the name of their society to a "wear out yer ole clothes society" an if you haven't any ole clothes, then wear out what ya got, an then buy cheap clothes an if there aint no cheap clothes, wear grass or a tin suit an let these "carry a poodle dog" ideas climb a tree. After all the only way to reduce the hi cost of livin' is to reduce the number of profiteers.

### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS TO HOLD SESSIONS HERE

Fifteen Societies to Send Delegates for Friday, Saturday and Sunday Meetings.

The fifth annual convention of the Lane County Christian Endeavor association will hold a three day convention here beginning with a session Friday evening in the local Christian church. About 450 delegates are expected to attend the meetings. Many of these live close enough to enable them to return to their homes at night and the local society is making plans for entertaining about 150 delegates.

An interesting and instructive program has been prepared for the convention, among the speakers being Rev. E. V. Stivers and Rev. E. Moll Case, both of Eugene; Prof. Walter Meyers and George S. Clark. Ted Goodwin will be the song leader. Cliff Jope, president of the county society, will be present to lead the convention.

A banquet, which is expected to be largely attended, is scheduled for Saturday night. The closing meeting of the convention will be held in the Methodist church, as the Endeavor workers expect too large a crowd for the Christian church.

### SCHOOL BOARD SELECTS PARTIAL TEACHING STAFF

At a meeting of the school board held Wednesday night, April 14, nine teachers were elected for the coming school year. Those elected were Miss Vera Dewling, English in the high school, and Miss Grace McCann, Mrs. Edna Montgomery, Miss Elizabeth James, Miss Jeannine Nelson and Miss Bertha Harpole for positions in the grades.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Page, Miss Opal Holmerson and Mrs. Mabel Lusby were selected for the primary grades. James Laxton, who succeeds M. W. Weber on the school board, and Mr. Ethel, who succeeds Walter Bailey as clerk of the board, both took their places on Wednesday.

At a called meeting of the board April 21, Superintendent F. B. Hamlin was re-elected and several teachers were re-elected to positions for next year, among them being Mrs. Charlotte Stein in the grades, and Miss Williamson as domestic science instructor. Miss Grace Male and Miss Nina Posen were the new teachers selected for positions in the grades. Mrs. Plank of the commercial department of the high school, Mr. Roth, present principal, and George Ben-shader, manual training instructor, are not candidates for reelection.

### Tornado Sweeps Southern States.

More than 140 persons lost their lives as the result of a tornado which swept parts of eastern Mississippi, northwestern Alabama and the southern counties of Tennessee on Tuesday. Property loss of the storm will likely amount to many millions of dollars. In some instances whole families were killed. A number of small towns in the path of the storm were almost entirely wiped out.

Mrs. W. L. Arnold, of Mabel, was a shopper in Springfield yesterday.

### ODD FELLOWS HOLD CONVENTION HERE MONDAY

Degree Work to Be Put On by Local and Lodges from Other Parts of Lane County.

The Lane County Association of Odd Fellows, composed of all the individual lodges of this order in the county, will hold their annual convention in Springfield next Monday. Representatives will come from the lodges at Eugene, Junction City, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Coburg, Marcola, Crow, Irving, Lorane, Elmira, Mapleton, Florence, Waverlyville and Springfield. About a thousand delegates are expected to be in attendance.

At 9 o'clock the morning business session will be opened. During this Springfield lodge No. 70 will be opened in special session for the purpose of putting on degree work. The first degree will be conferred by Junction City, the second degree will be given by Springfield and Eugene, and the third degree by Cottage Grove. Juanita Rebekeh lodge of Springfield will put on the Rebekeh degree at 4 o'clock. The closing service of the convention will be in the evening at the Methodist church where a program will be rendered. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

According to W. F. Walker, of the local lodge, a number of state officers are expected to be present for the meeting although it is not certain as yet just which ones are coming.

Henry Korf of Springfield is president of the Lane county association this year and J. W. Zimmerman of Eugene, secretary.

### AUTHOR OF MILLAGE BILL WILL SPEAK HERE THURSDAY

Mrs. Alexander Thompson, formerly representative from Wasco county, and author of the millage bill for the elementary schools, which is to be voted on at the May primaries, will speak in Stevens hall, Springfield, on Thursday night. All taxpayers of the city and vicinity, as well as teachers and others interested, are invited to be present.

### Teachers Institute Saturday.

An institute for the school teachers in this section of the county will be held in the Lincoln school building Saturday, beginning at 10 o'clock and lasting until noon. Mr. Cooper, assistant county school superintendent, and C. H. Howard of Eugene, will deliver addresses. Music will be given by the girls glee club of the local high school.

### Johnson Leads in Nebraska Primary.

At last reports Senator Johnson of California was leading all candidates for the Republican presidential nomination. Wood was second choice with Pershing taking third place from his home state.

The Booth-Kelly lumber mill which has been closed for a week, first on account of the switchmen's strike and later while the power plant was being repaired, will not likely resume operations before the first of the week.

## J. E. EDWARDS IN RACE FOR SHERIFF

Has Served as Deputy in Office for Which He Is Democratic Candidate.

John E. Edwards yesterday filed his nominating petition with the county clerk for the office of county sheriff. He enters on the Democratic ticket for nomination at the May primaries. He is at present city recorder of Springfield and was a deputy in the sheriff's office under D. A. Elkips. He feels that his experience in these offices and in other lines of business qualifies him for the position which he seeks.

Opposite his name on the ballot he desires to have printed the following: "An office of work; a working office; fairness to all."

Mr. Edwards gives his promises and platform as follows:

"I will keep the expenditures of the office to the minimum and will not ask for an additional allowance unless for some unforeseen cause, realizing the greatest burden of the people of the county to be high taxation.

"As the sheriff's office is one of the chief executive offices of the county, and considering it the duty of the sheriff to lead in the performance of the duties of the office, I will not ask a deputy or citizen to go where I would not go. If an arrest is to be made and I am present I will make the arrest myself. If elected I will not use the influence of the office for or against any persons, but will endeavor to administer its affairs to the end that the best possible service may be rendered. I am 42 years of age and have had several years' experience in this work."

### POLITICAL ASPIRANTS OF LANE COUNTY ANNOUNCED

Eleven persons have filed with the county clerk as candidates for various county officers. H. S. Bown, C. P. Barnard and A. W. Dugan have filed as candidates for county judge; Herbert E. Walker for county assessor; R. S. Bryson for county clerk; Fred G. Stieckles for county sheriff; E. J. Moore for county school superintendent; Mrs. Edna Ward for county treasurer; W. W. Branstetter for coroner; P. M. Morse for surveyor; Emmet M. Sharp and Ernest R. Spencer for county commissioner. Fred E. Smith of Eugene and Clyde N. Johnston of Junction City are candidates for district attorney.

For state offices M. Vernon Parsons is a candidate for secretary of state; Seward D. Allen of Eugene, H. C. Wheeler of Pleasant Hill, W. T. Gordon of Eugene, and Louis E. Bean of Eugene, all for state representative from the Third district; and for representative from the Third congressional district, Eugene E. Smith of Eugene is a candidate.

The central committeemen's names on file for the Springfield districts are as follows: W. F. Walker, No. 1; Fred W. Bressler, No. 2; Melvin Fenwick, No. 3; Clark Wheaton, No. 4.

### Civic League Urges Decorations.

The Women's Civic Improvement League held their regular meeting at the public library last Tuesday evening. There was an unusually good attendance and several new names were added to the membership roll. The evening was spent in discussing means to be employed in bettering the condition of the city. A clean-up day was suggested.

It was voted that a request be made for the merchants to decorate their windows and do all possible to make the city attractive for the coming Odd Fellows convention. Owners of vacant store buildings also are asked to improve the appearance of these for the occasion.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday evening, April 27th.

### POSTMASTER GETS RESULTS FROM GOVERNMENT SEEDS

Harry Stewart is using the space in the west window of the post office to good advantage. He planted a quantity of the government sample seeds sent here for distribution and they are making a fine showing. About the middle of February he planted some tomato seeds in cans and boxes and set them in the window where they are now making an unusual growth. He chose St. Patrick's day to plant some watermelon seeds and cucumbers which are also growing in good form. Miss Coffman and Miss Paden, clerks at the postoffice, claim the credit, however, for tending the plants.

The story, "Investing for Profit" contains much valuable information for every farmer and gardener.

Fred Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Montgomery, who recently suffered a broken collar bone while working for the Southern Pacific lines here, returned Wednesday from San Francisco where he had been receiving treatment.

### HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS MAKE GOOD SHOWING

"Me and Otis," the clever high school play given last Friday afternoon and evening at the Bell theater, created many a hearty laugh by its funny situations and humorous characters. The entire cast, ten members in all, fitted well into the parts chosen for them, each carrying out his own particular part with a nicety which compe only from careful interpretation and much practice. Popular song numbers and a chalk talk relieved the usually dull moments during the shifting of scenes.

Two entirely different roles were created by Joe Clark as Byron Makepeace Thornton, the studious one, and Ashed Fish as Dick Davis, the football hero. Of course there is romance which Florence, (Carrie Ditto) and Betty, (Edwena Parsons) help to furnish. "Me and Otis," Ruth Brattain and Del Powell, who are the parents of Betty, are determined that their daughter shall make a rich match and they are highly pleased when she becomes engaged to Thornton.

Clifford Fandren as Samuel Skulbein, produced some clever jokes and caused much laughter in his role of the negro butler. Others who played minor parts in the cast were Mona McHenry, Opal Mason and George Williams.

Joe Deets had a "brain storm" converted into a "chalk talk" which was clever, especially those parts which were take offs on well known local people. Other numbers between acts were vocal selections by a chorus of Indian maids and vocal duets by Roberta Wilson and George Signor.

If it had been judged from a financial standpoint alone the play would have been considered a huge success. Gate receipts for the matinee and evening performance totaled over \$130 and out of this over \$80 was entirely clear. The cast is planning trips to a number of the smaller towns in this vicinity, although the trip to Thurston this Saturday night is the only one which is definite so far.

### Lad Injured With Dynamite Cap.

William Hege, west Springfield lad, has lost his left hand as result of an accident which he received Sunday while playing with a stick of dynamite which he had found. The boy was playing with the dynamite when the cap came off, blowing off three fingers and causing an injury to his side. His left hand was so badly mangled that it was necessary to remove the entire hand.

### Cows Are Tested.

The herd of cows owned by C. E. Swarts, who lives near Springfield were tested last week by Miss Agnes MacGinnis, student in dairying at Oregon Agricultural College. Reports of the test will be sent out from the college in a few days. Miss MacGinnis went from here to Grants Pass for the same work.

Notice to "Susie Sumsing": Your "Grandolope" will appear next week.

