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To our readers,
one and all, the
News wishes a very
Merry Christmas and
a Happy and Prosperous
New Year.

Farmers Union

It was the consensus of the convention to form a celebration of the Farmers Union, the Grange, the Farmers Society of Equity and the Federation of the Trades Union into one legislative committee. By each organization sending a fraternal delegate to act in harmony and getting such legislation as shall be of advantage to all.

There were many things discussed though no special action was taken that will in time and through education be of interest to the farmer and all classes of laboring people, such as establishing a bureau of market reports, to know when and where to sell, when farm commodities are scarce or plentiful. Keeping a more systematic method of farm accounts, the cost and distribution of farm products. How to prepare an acreage report for market. I really learned in our convention that the educational feature of the Farmers Union, one if not the greatest of its factors. Learning where and how we have been cheated and where our self-interest must come.

The parade of the Dailies, surely, outshone the Farmers Union. It was a parade on the last day headed by the Dailies band and Order of Moose in uniform followed by the Farmers Union officers, delegates and members and this followed by 700 school children, carrying flags and banners, caught by a motion picture machine, making a parade of over a mile in length. At night a free banquet was given, 136 delegates and members sat down to a most bountiful supper, precluded by music and speeches, by Judge Bennett of The Dailies, Pres. Brown and Sec. Sikes of the Union and others. Every delegate felt the warm welcome extended him by the people of The Dailies. It is the intention of the Executive board to put a purchasing agent in Portland in the near future to buy for the locals throughout this jurisdiction. By special request of Richardson Gap, local I spent one day in Portland looking after the special interests of the Valley locals, especially those in the Forks of the Santiam.

I found where the Unions can dispose of all their fresh eggs at top prices for cash with no commission, another place where they will handle all the veal, poultry, pork etc. at top prices, paying cash to commission, having a surplus capital of over three million, owners not connected with the Under Meat Co. I also found a Whole Sale Boot and shoe house who will send their traveling salesmen to visit our locals with a full line of samples twice a year, in the spring for summer goods and in the fall for winter goods. When I found a Whole Sale dry goods house who will do the same for shirts, overalls, underwear, hose and socks for both men and women. I visited several places and found that the Farmers Union is a very desirable organization through Richardson Gap Local alone, they were anxious for our trade and very desirous for us to place a trial

order with them for either dry goods, groceries, hardware, etc. at whole sale prices. Now Mr Editor I have fulfilled my promise to you and yet have not told it all. In conclusion will say, I would like to meet the farmers at any time they would suggest in any of the following places, to organize them into a Farmers Educational Co-operative Union of America, of which we now have 3,000,000 members.

I would like to organize a Local in each of the following places and am at your command to do so at any time, Jordan Valley, Fox Valley, Kings Prairie, Mt Pleasant, Kingston, Shelburn, Thomas. In fact any where in the state, where you would like a local organized. It only costs male members \$2.00 Initiation fee and 25 cents per month dues. Ladies admitted free, no dues or initiation fee for them to join Yours for the Union,
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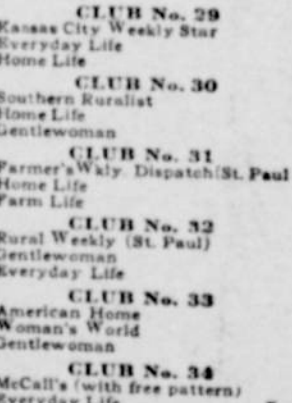
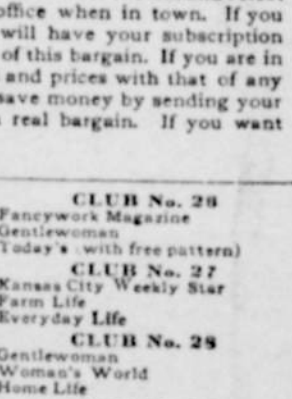
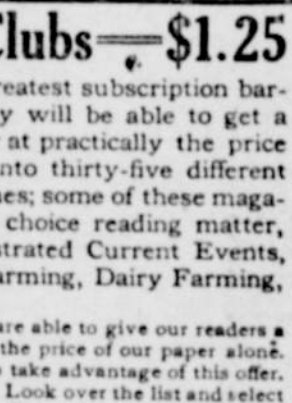
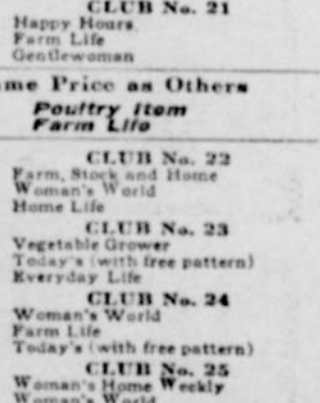
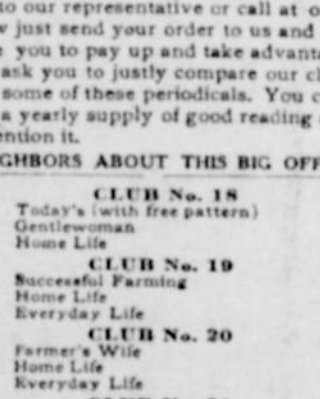
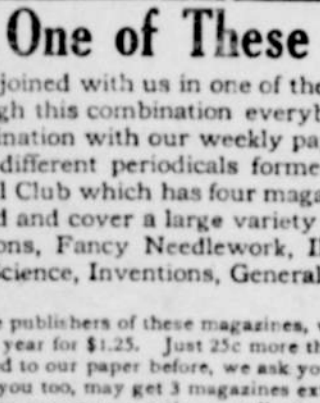
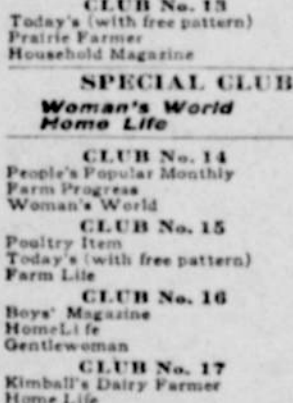
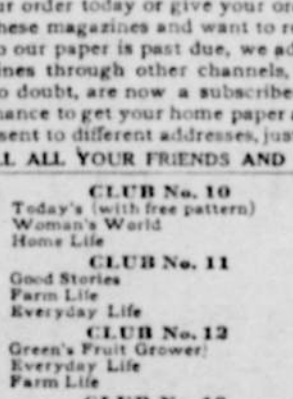
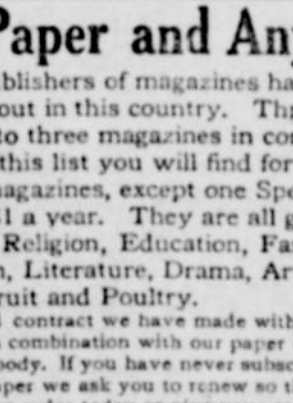
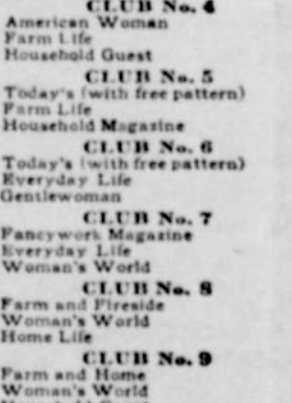
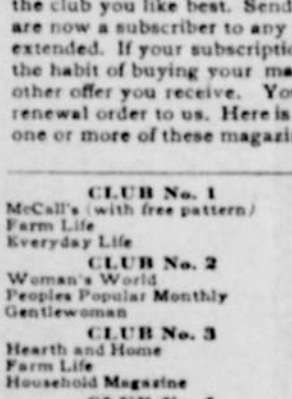
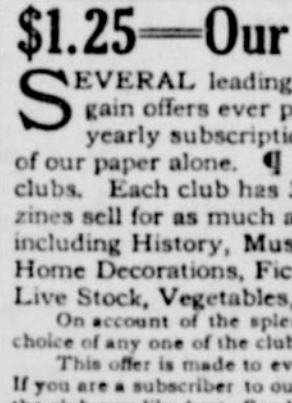
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