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## STARCH FACTORY WILL BE READY

Among the new industries of Gresham and vicinity may be mentioned the co-operative starch factory. This is a plant for making starch from potatoes and all manner of by-products. This is, in fact, the newest industry of considerable size in this locality and is the second factory of its kind in the state and probably on the coast.

J. F. Griffith found here a building in an ideal location for his purpose. He has purchased the old cheese factory building on South Roberts avenue and the process of remodeling it is now under way. When completed it will be a six-story building admirably suited for the various processes required for starch manufacture and fruit dehydration. The frame-work of the building was well preserved, but much concrete work has been constructed to provide a suitable foundation.

The interior of the building is being largely overhauled, five large round vats are being installed, also four large square tanks. These will give the plant a capacity of 30 tons of potatoes a day.

The three lower floors will be devoted to the washing processes and heat plant. The building and its location affords a gravity system in this respect, which is the most effective and least expensive.

The three upper floors will be used for drying and milling. One whole floor, 48 x 48 feet, will be devoted to dehydration of fruit and vegetables. The top story will be used as starch dryer and purifier. A system of carriers will handle the product in its various stages from floor to floor.

Abundant use will be made of city water, gas and electricity. There will be also a steam plant and an ever flowing spring furnishes an abundance of water for washing purposes.

Mr. Griffith expects to be able to try out the plant on a few potatoes this spring. However, it is certain as the fruit season opens the dehydration plant will be completed for handling all kinds of fruit, including berries, cherries, prunes, in fact everything in fruit and vegetables. The de-hydration system, when completed, will include the newest vacuum method of extracting the moisture from fruit and vegetables. In fact, Mr. Griffith says with this method he can preserve meat, eggs, etc.

The starch factory will use the cull potatoes, a large per cent of which has been a loss to the grower.

A community warehouse will be added to the business, affording a safe place for the farmer to store his products.

Mr. Griffith says there is no more ideal location in the country and he knows whereof he speaks, being interested in the factory at Beaverton and having investigated conditions all over the Pacific coast states. He says it can be stated with assurance that the plant will distribute here among the farmers at least \$100,000 the first year and will rapidly grow to large proportions.

When the plant is put in operation, it will employ from 12 to 20 persons, and more as time goes on. The factory is so constructed the processes will largely be mechanical and the operation will be continuous throughout the year.

**Encourage the Lumber Industry.** Lumbermen of the Pacific coast are urging the necessity of having a tariff adopted by the United States on lumber imported from Canada, equal to the tariff imposed by Canada upon lumber imported from the United States.

It would seem that no American interest working in the country's benefit as a whole, would oppose an equal tariff under such conditions.

As the lumber industry is one of vital importance to the west it is essential that it be given such protection and encouragement as will enable it to meet competition and employ the army of workmen dependent on it for good wages.

**Rebekah Lodge Celebrates.** The twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of Gresham Rebekah lodge, No. 69, I. O. O. F., was celebrated by a special program in connection with the regular meeting last night. A solo was sung by Miss Gladys Michel, accompanied by her sister, Miss Maude Michel, also a duet by Miss Maude Michel and Miss Lyons.

It has been planned to present jewels to two members, Mrs. Caila Kenney and Mrs. Ruth Roberts, who are also charter members, but they were unavoidably delayed in reaching here on time. The mementoes will be presented later, however.

The Rebekah lodge is enjoying a period of gratifying growth. Six new members were initiated and one was reinstated at the last meeting and more applications for membership are in.

**Home Packing Company Wants Fruit.** Will keep up our custom of paying more than any other concern for fruit and berries, starting the season with gooseberries and ending with blackberries. If you have never sold us anything, ask your next-door neighbor—he has. Phone 991.

Several plates left at Masonic hall at the I. O. O. F. celebration can be had by calling at Metzger's store.

## LARGE AUDIENCE HAS REAL TREAT

"The Windmills of Holland" was literally a Dutch treat. The ushers bobbed about like white tulips in their dainty Holland caps. Programs were distributed—unique affairs with spicy ads from local business houses, everybody eager to read the novel displays. The piano was heard playing something that seemed to make poppies bloom, birds twitter and grass sway, and up slipped the curtain and there was the land of dikes and canals.

There was a real Dutch cottage, with such a tantalizing peek into the open doorway that one knew just what was inside. Of course, there must have been inside of that cottage a fire-place with a blue plate on the mantel, a red geranium in the window, a yellow mug standing on the shelf, a big clock ticking.

Those bewitching Dutch chorus maidens came singing and clumping their way right into the hearts of the audience, wooden shoes and all. They were a sweet picture.

Hokan Trudson, as Mynheer Herogenbosch, proved himself an artist; Benema Matthews an ideal Vrouw; their daughters, Edella Towle and Grace Fieldhouse sang of their love troubles and heartaches. They quivered and made up with their Hans and their Franz, William Butler and Loren Myers.

A breezy Yankee drummer, David Peterson came singing dissonance into simple, rustic life by his cyclonic method of fliriting and advertising his American-made electrical appliances.

These same appliances he assured would give them "nothing to do, but watch the wheels go round, and round." He was just about to close a deal with Mynheer, a deal that would have put him on easy street, when his shrewd Vrouw and daughters threaten to strike if "the mill goes." As all good husbands should, he cancels his order, with Bob, whose Yankee cupidry is beaten by Dutch common sense.

Then everyone makes up and lives happily ever after, while the "Windmills of Holland" are turning, round, and round, and round.

Prof. Tom G. Taylor who supervised the singing and Miss Hartley, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Goodwin who coached the acting are surely to be complimented on the success of the performance of "The Windmills of Holland" given Friday evening by the Boys' Glee club and Treble Clef club.

The effective Dutch scene on the back curtain is due to four days' of painstaking work on the part of Mrs. L. T. Lusted, Clara Nashahon, Benema Matthews and Howard Jones.

Congratulations to all concerned, and it is hoped another such delightful affair will be given soon.

**Iron Horse Displacing Dobbin.** That the tractor has found a large place and has come to stay is being demonstrated daily throughout the country.

The Sun-Dial ranch at Fairview has a large field on the sandy bottom land which they wanted to have disced. A Fordson tractor from Raker & Son easily and quickly did the work yesterday and today.

Likewise, when the men in charge of street grading in the town of Gresham found it difficult to obtain horses, they bethought themselves of the new fangled steed and made arrangements with the Rakers to pull the grader for them with a Fordson. Any who wish to see the work in progress should be on hand tomorrow and Thursday.

**Game Lost to Benson High.** In one of the hardest fought and most interesting games of the season, last Friday, the Union High baseball team lost to Benson High of the Portland Interscholastic league by one point, the game ending 5 to 4 in the visitor's favor. The teams were very evenly matched and played a tied game until the last inning. The winning run for the visitors was unlooked for, as in the last inning two had been fanned, the one run was on base. An easy grounder was fumbled by a Union High player, thus allowing a run.

Two games are scheduled for U. H. S. team this week, both away from home. Today they play Oregon City and Friday they go to Estacada. Although they expect to bring home both victories, the most interesting contest around the Estacada game, as our boys are bent on revenge for their defeat early in the season.

**Karlson's Kapering Kids.** All know the story of the woman who lived in a shoe, who had so many children, still she knew what to do. But who can tell what Karlson is going to do with his kids? His wife doesn't know.

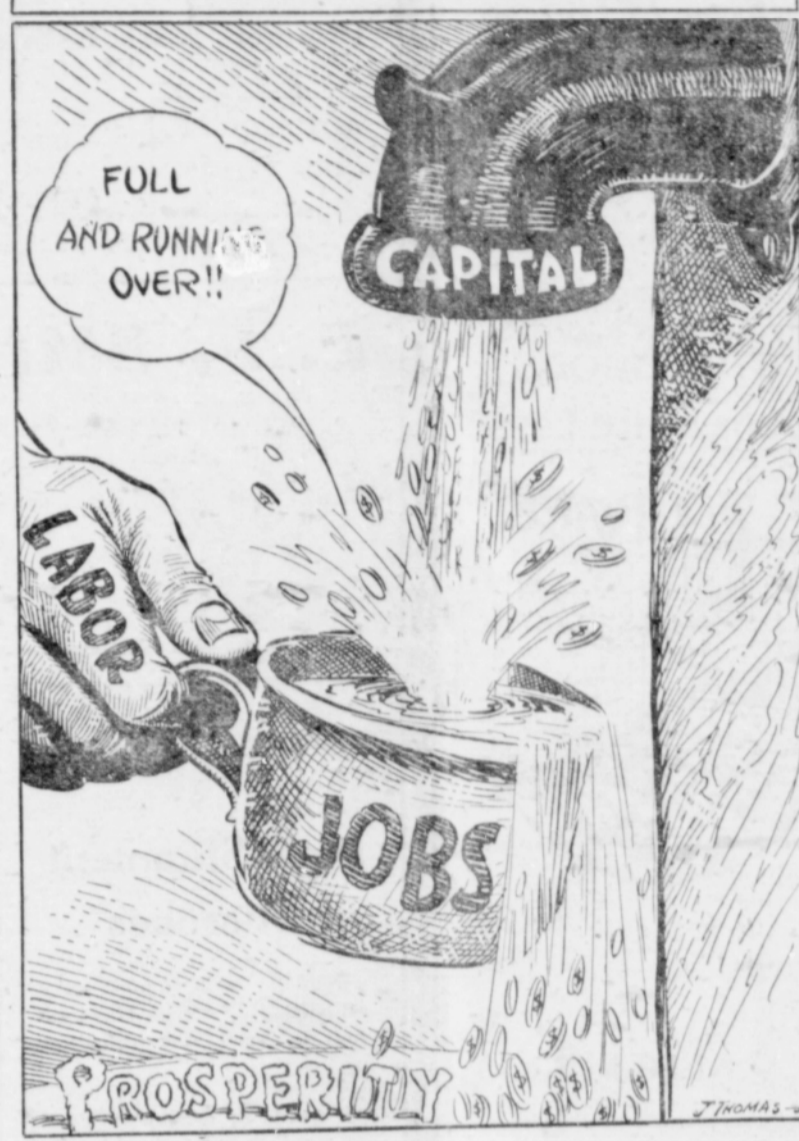
They are some kids (don't leave the family washing out over night.) They are regular acrobats. At a signal they'll climb a ladder, and with a flourish of their tails, sit down and teeter on a board across the top round. They can walk on four legs, two legs, one leg or non. And, no doubt, in time they will smoke a pipe and dance a jig. Their most exhilarating antic is "butt'n', butt'n', who got the butt'n'."

It has been rumored that they are being raised for Odd Fellow goats. Sounds all right.

One Oliver riding cultivator for sale with disc and shovel attachment. Three cream separators. Four walking plows. W. A. HESSEL.

Some surprises in the want ads.

## THE WAY IT MUST BE



## BORING PLACE OF INSTITUTE

The Clackamas county teachers' association met at the schoolhouse Saturday, May 10, when the following program was rendered:

"The benefit of such an organization," Miss Julia Spooner, of Portland.

Business session—Election of officers for next school year.

President, W. L. Arant, of Oregon City; vice president, Miss Erickson, Oregon City; secretary, Grace Otto, treasurer, Mrs. Altman.

The constitution was amended so as to have six, instead of three on the executive committee and the following members being elected: Mrs. Nelson, Boring; M. B. Sign, Estacada; Mrs. E. E. Shaw, Gladstone; Miss Rose TenEyck, Molalla; Mrs. H. D. Cortledge, Canby; Chester A. Lyons, Wilsonville.

The association voted to divide the county into zones as above mentioned and to hold zone meetings in conjunction with the regular county institutes for the teachers of said zone. Each zone having its own set of officers.

The Boring sewing and cooking clubs served lunch at noon. They had plenty and to spare.

Mr. Arant gave an interesting talk on "How to keep pupils in high school."

On last Friday the Boring pig club took a whiff off and visited each member's pig pen. They found all the pigs at home and doing well.

The sewing club holds their meetings Friday afternoons. There are 25 members, all are interested and doing excellent work.

School closes May 29 with a program and picnic to put on the closing touch.

**WAR DOGS WORK FOR HUMANE SOCIETY**

L. D. Norris of the Oregon Humane society and Mrs. F. W. Swanton, corresponding secretary of the organization were in Gresham Friday. They had with them two Vernon Castle war dogs. In the afternoon at the city library, Mrs. Swanton told seventy-five of the school children about these wonderful soldier dogs. She said many of them had been trained in this country and then sent abroad for service on the battlefield. Like the soldiers, they too had their disappointments—many qualified but did not get across. On No Man's Land these dogs were invaluable, one having the credit of saving 100 men. At the rate of \$10,000 a man, the dog has saved \$1,000,000.

The chief purpose of Mrs. Swanton's talk was to get children interested in the proper treatment of all living creatures—the humanitarian side emphasized, and hoped eventually to organize a Band of Mercy or similar band, where they would be taught to love all living creatures and prevent cruelty everywhere. To stimulate interest a medal for each grade in school will be awarded to the pupil writing the best essay on "Kindness to Animals." Miss Ogilbee's fourth grade are already at it. No doubt the other grades will enter the contest too.

Electric starters installed in Fords. C. E. Osburn & Co.

A big week's sale of Aluminum Ware starts Saturday at A. W. Metzger's. Watch for next issue.

## GRANGER WRITES THRIFT ADVICE

(This paper by Mrs. R. F. Walters was read by her before the last session of Gresham grange and called forth many expressions of appreciation.)

With apologies to an Office Boy: Did it ever occur to you that a man's life is full of thrift and waste. He spends willingly and saves unwillingly and the stepping stones are far apart, often. When a granger is little, pennies are big, and when he is big, pennies must be dollars to count for anything. If a granger is poor, he is a poor manager; if he is rich, he is dishonest. If he is thrifty he is a tight wad; if he is prosperous, everyone is proud of his thrift. If he is in politics, it is for graft; if he is out of politics, he is no good to his country, and is not a thrifty manager. If he doesn't give to charity, he is stingy; if he does, it is for show. If he is religiously active, he is a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in religion, he is a hardened sinner. If he gives affection, he is a softy; if he cares for no one, he is cold blooded. If he dies young, there was a great future for him; if he lives to an old age, he misses his calling.

This rather pessimistic view of thrift is also expressed in the following doggerel:

If you save money, you're a grouch; If you spend it, you're a loafer; If you get it, you're a grafter; If you don't get it, you're a bum.

So what's the use? Yet today Thrift is, or should be, the watchword of the people. What is thrift? Is it just saving and laying up. We are warned about laying up where moth and rust do corrupt. Thrift is economy and good management. Economy is frugality, is regulation, is good management, eliminating waste, whether of labor, time or materials. It is said that a man, and in these days a woman, is worth a dollar and a half below the collar and there is no limit to the worth of the "head piece". It is where the gray matter is made to work that the value appears. Frank Crane has said, "You are paid for what you think while you work. It's the kind of brain that gives you your rating." And he is right. It is the use made of the material in your system. It is the thrift that you display that places you in the life class. It is the good management of the resources at your command that puts you anywhere on the stairway upward.

Saving and spending are two of the antagonistic words of our life. They will not pull together. They can be made useful, if the machinery of the cranium is kept well oiled and a purpose be the governor.

J. J. Hill said, "Every extravagance, whether it be of state or individual; every increase in prices, whether it be in wages, rates or commodities comes out of the consumer. He must pay the bills. Theoretically, the place for economy is with the individual. But he won't do it. That is the plain situation today. On the contrary, he is using the increased cost of living as an argument for increased wages. The value of our farm products is several billion. It might as well have been twice or three times as much. We haven't begun to till the soil. We have merely scratched the surface. If J. J. Hill thought we had only scratched the surface of our farm soil, so when it

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## PLANS MATURING FOR BIG FOURTH

The committee in charge of the Fourth of July Victory celebration met last night. Work was outlined and assigned to the various sub-committees. Those in charge of the ground, and one might add, the skies, so extensive is their field, will build an addition to the grandstand, providing seating capacity for 500 more spectators.

There is much up the sleeves of the parade committee which includes G. F. Honey, R. L. Walrad, John Brown and J. E. Metzger. Among other features, there will be in the parade, of course, our returned soldiers from Multnomah and Clackamas counties, also in uniform a large representation of the Boy Scouts.

With T. R. Howitt to help spend the money, the finance committee will dispense with their wares in the proper manner is assured.

The fun has commenced. There is a possibility that the Japanese association will put up a candidate for Victory goddess. Can you beat it? Get your representative out. The street and business concerns will sell votes—100 for ten cents.

## BUILDING ACTIVITY MUCH IN EVIDENCE

Frank C. Jones with the force of helpers is making over the Raney house. It was purchased by the Kilgore of Estacada, who are having it remodeled, re-arranged and plastered. A fireplace is being put in by Mr. Hammar, the fireplace expert.

The two Cleveland houses on Main street are being overhauled. Both houses are being enlarged, more windows put in and with coats of paint and new paper they will be attractive homes. E. P. Smith has charge of the work.

A pile of fine cedar shingles will soon be used in making a new roof on the Cleveland cottage, Second and Roberts.

The city has planks and heavy stringers ready for the making of cross walks at some of the street crossings.

Frank Gibbs has just finished a fine looking garage.

Jas. Jennings' new chickenhouse is made to match his bungalow.

The Gleason children are the proud owners of a big rabbit. It is living in a new house, made of new lumber.

Walrad's new residence is progressing nicely.

**Prospective Builders.** W. A. Hessel and John Cannon are hob-nobbing with architects these days. Bungalow plans are under serious consideration.

Dr. Peak and E. Davidson are prospective builders.

## DIMPLE JONES ESTATE INCLUDES QUEER ITEMS

A Portland paper has these items listed among the personal property in the \$5000 estate of Mrs. Dimple Jones:

A sack of black walnuts, one rain barrel, one box of potatoes, one grind stone, a razor, and 73 old coins were mentioned as left to her heirs.

She had a \$50 Liberty Bond, a \$75 U. S. pension check, and typewriter valued at \$35.

Other articles included a stopwatch, two gold fobs, a pair of valueless ear rings and some old fashioned silverware.

The property referred to above includes also 14 acres of valuable farmland with buildings. The entire estate is reported to have been willed to Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Mary Mitzel of Beaverton, Oregon.

## Banking Versus Bolshevism.

The biggest factor in the business outlook at any given moment is the subtle factor called "confidence."

When business men have courage, all the producing elements get out to produce to their capacity, which keeps everybody busy earning money.

City and country banks were never working in such close touch with the farmers and wage earners nor so closely identified with community service.

The keystone of confidence is that there is now in existence, tried out in the furnace of war, the great federal reserve banking system.

Before this organization was created, the United States suffered from business depressions about every decade or a little oftener.

The bank laws were so rigid that a perfectly sound and solvent business could be wrecked merely by a lack of ready money.

This weakness in the financial structure has now been removed by legislation that makes possible the massing of reserves to protect every solvent business.

Thus the principle cause for the old periodical panics has been removed.

The country still faces the peril of Bolshevism. But the school-educated American masses will not be fooled by the follies that have deluded poor blinded Russia.

## BERRY GROWERS DISCUSS MARKET

The Berry Growers association is a vigorous body of twenty-five members, and has a promising outlook.

At their meeting last Saturday, which was called to order with the president, C. P. Tallman. In the chair, prices and methods of picking came up for discussion. In connection with this, was drawn up a tentative scheme for the management of pickers, and bonus to be given to pickers who remain throughout the picking season.

Many interesting expressions and valuable hints came from various members. Mr. Peterson, in no sense a calamity-crier, gave an account of difficulties encountered inside and out, and gave suggestions for the overcoming of these troubles.

H. J. Stocker, with business push, proposed that the organization put in a cold storage plant—the building is right here and the necessary machinery could be installed with comparatively little capital. This would be a valuable asset to the association.

A. Heiney spoke emphatically for quality berries rather than quantity.

A gratifying increase in berry acreage was reported, nearly twenty acres being promised beyond the pledges recently received. Individual growers have enlarged their patches from half an acre to two acres, making a total increase of 14 1/2 acres in strawberries and 2 1/2 acres of raspberries, and to that may be added a promised acreage to be set out by new berry growers.

## SANDY RIDGE BOYS DROWNED IN RIVER

Walter William Krebs and Robert Ruther, two young men of the Sandy Ridge district, were drowned in the Willamette river last Saturday, when the canoe, in which they were going out for a ride, was capsized.

Walter Krebs was nearly 19 years old. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Krebs. Robert Ruther was the son of C. Ruther. He was 19 years of age. Both boys had been employed in a Portland shipyard.

At last reports the body of young Krebs had not been recovered. That of his companion was recovered yesterday. Funeral services have set for next Sunday, at Sandy.

## EXCAVATION GROWING FOR ELY BUILDING

Progress on the excavation for the Ely building, a 120x80 cream brick structure, is being watched with warm interest. The laying of the concrete basement will commence this week. Concrete and other building materials are arriving daily.

Frank Heiney is furnishing all the dimension lumber; brick will be supplied by Portland. It is estimated that in two months the building will be ready for occupancy.

Latest information from Mr. Ely who is putting up a brick structure where the old Shattuck store stood, is to the effect that Hessel will occupy one section of the building. Plans have been altered allowing for a basement extending across the entire breadth of the building.

## Purchasing Power of Farm Products.

Farm products have a greater purchasing power today than ever before in the country's history.

This may explain why rural districts of the country are rapidly getting under way with building and construction work.

It is obvious, since building and construction work have such an important bearing at this time on stimulating general business, the farmer may serve both his own and national interest by at once making needed improvements on his property.

Many farmers have been unable to get materials and labor for barns, silos, houses and other improvements during the war.

The farmer, who at once avails of the labor supply and gets his improvement work under way, in the long run, may prove to be the prudent business man, for there is reason to believe that farmers who delay in the hope of materially reduced construction costs will have been deprived of the use of the improvements and in the end be forced to pay approximately the building prices now prevailing.

## Government Ownership Experience.

Recent government control and operation of the railroads, telephone, telegraph and express business has most clearly proved two things: First, that increased rates were necessary under government control, the same as under private and that the claims of the private companies that such increases were absolutely necessary, were fully substantiated. Second, that under permanent government ownership of such utilities the public could never expect to receive the accommodations and improvements in service that it would receive at the hand of private management, dependent on public favor for increased business.

Return of these properties to private management and granting of rates sufficient to enable them to pay good wages and secure money to make the many extensions and improvements now necessary thus giving employment to thousands of additional persons, is the main feature in the readjustment program now before us.