

# Our Easter Plant Exhibition

## Now Ready

We want everyone to call in and look over our gorgeous display of Bismarck grown Easter plants. This beautiful display is well worth coming far to see. It is by far the largest collection of plants ever seen in the city at one time. Come in and make yourself at home.

# HOSKINS

### DICKINSON TROOPS IN ACTIVE SERVICE--NEWS OF MOVEMENTS SECRET

Company K Assigned to Duty in Neighboring State--Jamestown Boys on Guard

Company K of Dickinson was dispatched to a point "somewhere" in an adjoining state under sealed orders today. Company H of Jamestown was assigned to active guard duty "somewhere" in North Dakota. No other state troops have yet been called into action, the adjutant general's office advises.

The destination of these troops is known to the Tribune, and no strict censorship has been established which would prevent use of this information, but the Tribune, in common with other newspapers, has an agreement with the war department to publish nothing which can be in the least prejudicial to the interests of the country in the present. Therefore, further definite advice as to the movement of troops will be excluded from the Tribune.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for city commissioner and will appreciate the vote and support of the voters. I am not owned, controlled or dictated to by any corporation, society or individual and if elected will think for myself and act according to my own convictions in all matters appertaining to the management of the city for the best interests of the people.

I am not running against any particular candidate, but am depending on the support of my friends for election to the office.—Adv.

FRANK EVERTS.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
The undersigned hereby announces his candidacy for the office of police magistrate of the city of Bismarck at the ensuing city election to be held in April, 1917.

W. S. CASSELMAN.

**FOR SALE**—A complete breaking outfit, shipped from factory last spring; one Big Four 30; one six-bottom power lift Emerson engine gang, complete with coulters and fins; one mounted gasoline tank; one 3-ft. disc; one surtace—all as good as new; has broken less than 300 acres; outfit is located near Bismarck. Enquire of Stark & Blanch, Arlington, S. D.—Adv.

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411 Broadway

### Have Your Own Garden; Produce More Food, Cut the High Cost of Living and Get Health



The gardener tells the boy they'll have to trim the tomato vines to get larger and better fruit.

(First of a series of articles on how to run your own garden, what and when to plant, how to plant it and care for it.)

**By A GARDENER.**

I have down in the basement three barrels of potatoes, a big box of onions, canned peas, beans, sweet corn and tomatoes. Beside them are a rake, hoe, spade and other garden tools. The latter supplied the former. That is plus a lot of work, rain, sunshine and the good soil in our back yard.

The vegetables are the left-overs from last year's garden. We ate of them all last summer, fall and this winter. And our boy sold \$8.70 worth during the time that lettuce, radishes, onions, peas, beans and tomatoes were ripening faster than we could eat them.

The wife and I have heard a lot about the high cost of living. But we haven't felt it so much on foodstuffs, because we produced most of our food ourselves.

We have a garden and a group of hens. The garden did most to make us independent of the food speculators. For four years our garden has kept us—a family of four—in vegetables.

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◆ **HAVE A GARDEN SCRAP BOOK.** ◆◆◆◆◆

◆ These articles are valuable for use in the future if you don't start a garden now, and for reference after if you start a garden. Why not clip them and paste them in a book? ◆  
◆ Have a garden scrap book like the housewife's recipe scrap book. ◆◆◆◆◆

◆ My neighbor next door kicks because he has to pay \$3 a bushel for potatoes, and his wife says canned vegetables are high at the store.

◆ Last summer they spent their spare time on the front porch. Their boy, about the age of ours, was running the streets. We were in our garden and we were the healthier for it! Also, wealthier.

◆ The seedsman tells me more people than ever are going to do gardening in their backyards and on nearby vacant lots. He says the high prices are compelling this. That's the best thing high prices ever did! Make a lot of folk get out and grow things.

◆ But he also told me many were afraid they couldn't do much with their back yards; didn't know what to do, nor when, nor how.

◆ For them and for others who may be persuaded to help the nation increase its store of food at a time when it is patriotic and a citizen's duty to do this, I am going to set down in plain language how I made my garden pay.

◆ In the articles I will write for the Tribune I will try to put things in words understandable to the man who has never had a hoe in his hands, and to his wife and children.

◆ For those who wish to know more I suggest they get garden books from the public library, and write post-cards to every seed company they know, asking for catalogues.

◆ Seed catalogues will do a lot toward getting you acquainted with the vegetables you eat, the different varieties, earlies and lates; what climatic conditions certain varieties are best suited for; what soil some like, exact depths at which seeds should be planted, and other interesting information.

◆ Another good idea is to hunt up some friend or neighbor who has been gardening. He'll like to talk about his garden. He will tell you more about your soil and what fertilization and cultivation it needs than you can get from any written instruction, because he can see your soil and the writer doesn't.

◆ The first thing a gardener should do is to plan his garden. That's as important as planning a house. This planning may be done right now and continued until the ground is ready for the spade or plow.

(The gardener's next article will appear in another issue of the Tribune.)

### "VIRGIN ISLES" WILL PROTECT PANAMA CANAL

New Possessions of Uncle Sam of Great Strategic Importance

NAVAL BASE RICH IN MEDIEVAL COLOR

By MAURICE BECKER.  
St. Croix, April 2.—What is there in this "land without a country" that has just come under the sheltering wing of the American eagle?

What are the people like in these Danish West Indies, which, when these lines reach you, will be formally a part of the American nation, under the title "Virgin Islands of the United States?"

I came here to learn the answers to these questions for readers of the Tribune, and I find here a most amazing combination of great strategic value with little economic worth, of medieval local color with modern decorations.

I find that this group of islands contain a great land-locked basin capable of sheltering the entire United States navy, and that it looks out on the most direct route between Europe and the Panama canal.

And I find that the natives are mostly negroes of little education, who work for a meagre pittance and do without the most common necessities

of life, such as they are regarded in the United States.

"Votes for women" would bring an empty stare in this land without a country. "Work for women" is the motto here.

I have shown this in a typical scene sketched on the highroad leading in from the canefields.

"Let Georgia do it!" is the order of the day.

His donkey and his wife are man's most valuable assets in these parts.

They may trudge along for miles, yet it never will occur to the Virgin Islander to get off the donkey and offer his wife a seat.

She may be suffering from elephantitis like the woman in the picture. That's a disease that makes the feet and legs swell to enormous proportions. It is common in the islands. But that makes no difference. Friend husband keeps the seat.

Everything, from a drinking cup to a pile of cane, is carried on the head in those islands. The people are "headstrong." A woman or a child will walk for miles and miles, erect, with a load on the head that would trouble an able-bodied American to shoulder.

In the distance I have sketched a sugar factory.

They call them factories here, but they are generally just clumps of shabby buildings with some barrels and a little rusty machinery.

The islands today have a master, if not a country. He is Hamilton Jackson, a negro schoolteacher, whom I have interviewed.

He has organized the negroes into a union, and in this way he has made the cane growers pay 10 to 15 cents a day for labor in the fields.

Sick benefits have been established, unions in the United States and Denmark helping with contributions.

The union now owns a second hand-ambulance which does service

as an ambulance, and is trying to acquire another.

Heretofore it was customary to dump a sick field worker into a planter's donkey cart, with a little straw, and drag him miles over rough roads to the hospital. Many died on the way.

Jackson is the negroes' idol. They look upon him as the Irish dockworkers regard Jim Larkin.

"Only God Almighty could have sent him" the wife of one of the poorer paid cane workers told me.

Prices went up as soon as the field workers' wages advanced, so they really are little better off than they were before.

Their chief food still is corn meal ("cuckoo"), okras and salt fish.

There has been some improvement, but compared to their fellows in the British and French islands I have visited, the blacks of St. Croix are in a pitiable condition.

**COAL BIDS WANTED.**

Sealed bids for 500 tons more or less lump deep mine lignite coal will be received up to noon April 10, 1917, at our office. Coal to be delivered as wanted during the year ending April 10, 1918, at our various places of business and residences in the city of Bismarck. Right reserved to reject all bids.

OSCAR H. WILL & CO.

### Chas. F. Bleckried

Announces His Candidacy for Police Magistrate and will appreciate your vote at the city election tomorrow. (Political Advertisement)

# To Laboring Men of Bismarck: We have always stood for organized labor

An eleventh hour attempt has been made to inject the labor issue into this campaign for political purposes solely, by some of the opposition.

The present City Commission has always been fair and square with the laboring men of all trades and crafts.

Anonymous literature has been circulated which should have no weight with the wage earners.

All the undersigned recognize the rights of organized labor and will continue to administer the affairs of the city if elected on the broad policy of justice to all; special privilege to none.

Signed:  
A. W. LUCAS, President of Commission  
R. C. BATTEY, Com'r of Finance  
CHRIS. BERTSCH, Com'r of Sewers and Waterworks.

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