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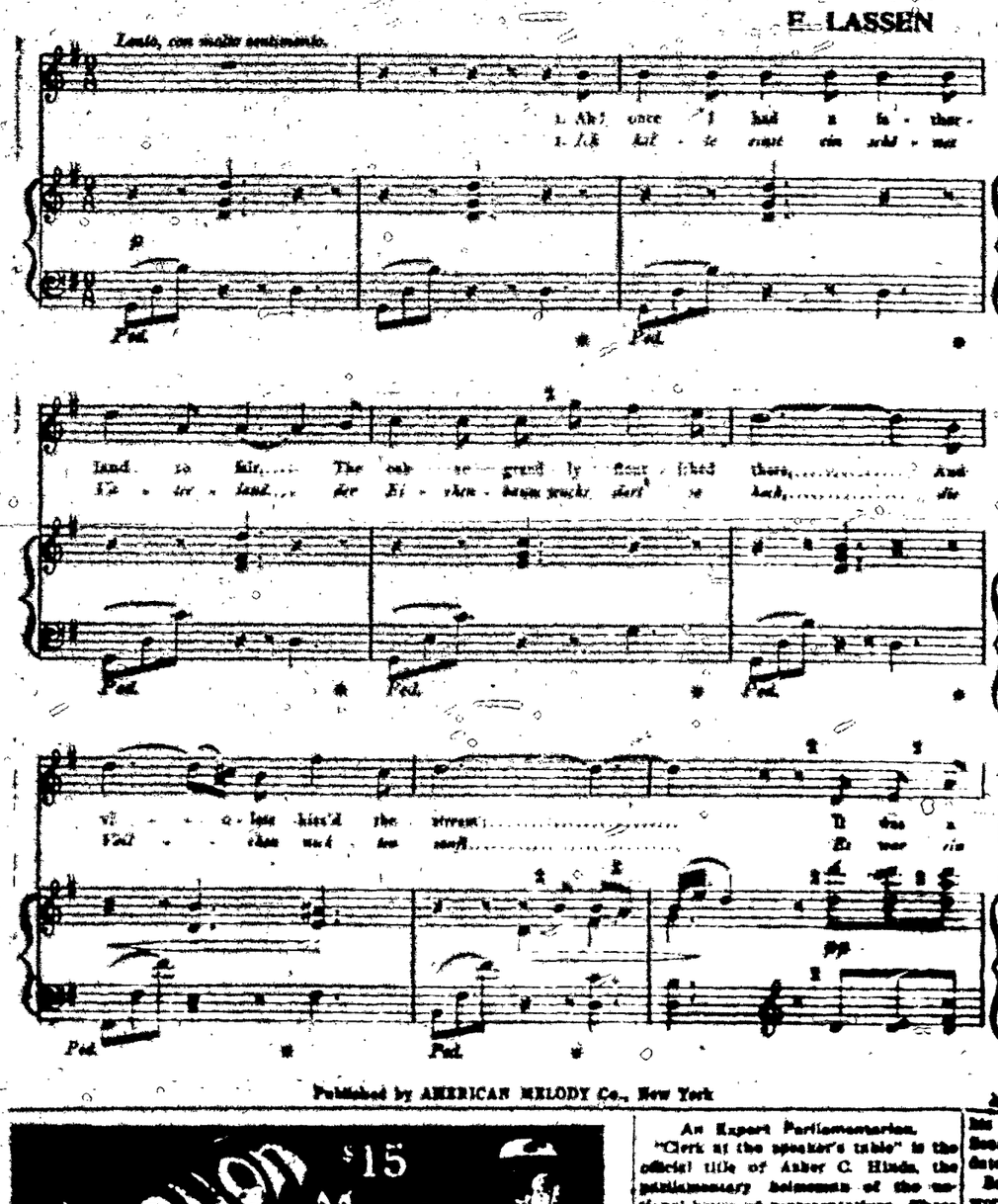

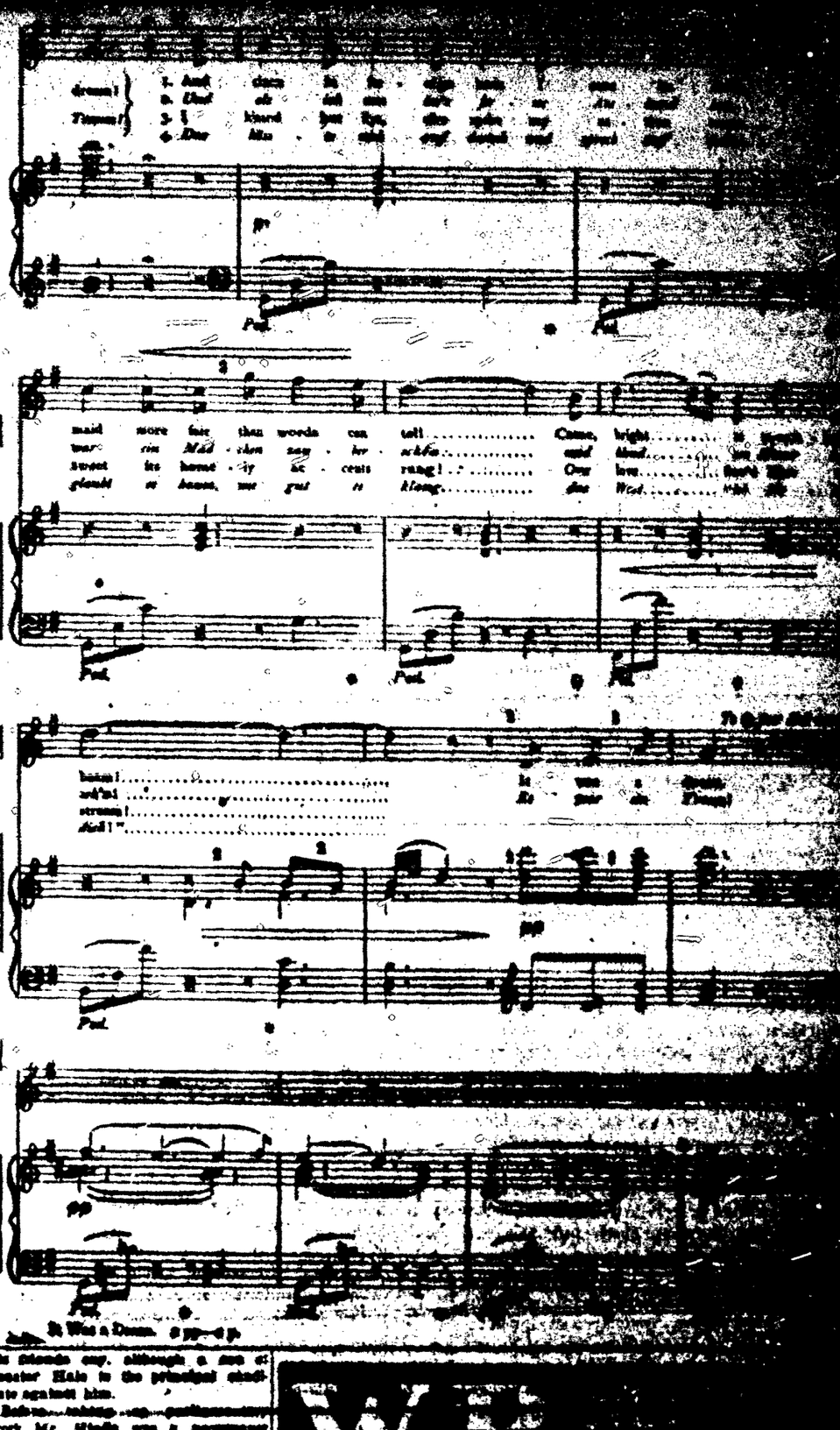

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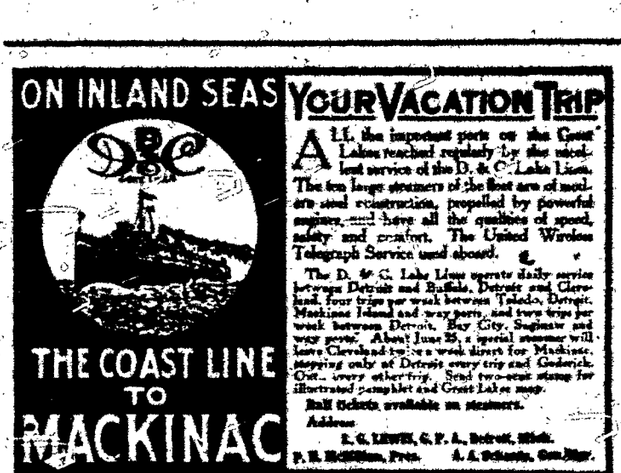

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Mr. Hinds hails from the Pine Tree State, and this may be the last congress in which he will serve as parliamentary expert. He is a candidate to succeed Amos L. Allen of the First Maine district, who succeeded Thomas B. Reed and who now wants Mr. Hinds to follow him. He has a good show of getting the nomination

his friends say, although a son of Senator Hale is the principal candidate against him.

Before taking up parliamentary work Mr. Hinds was a newspaper man and represented at various times the Portland Advertiser, the Portland Press and other papers. He went to Washington in 1880 as assistant clerk to the then speaker, Thomas B. Reed.

Selecting a Hoe.

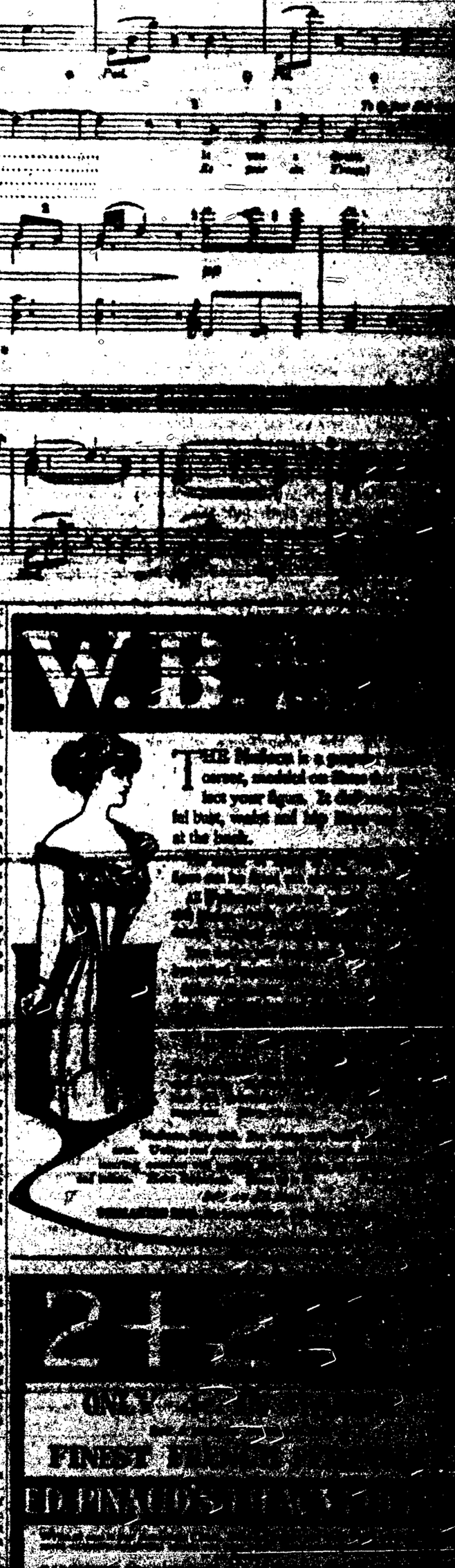
In choosing a hoe select one the blade of which lies not quite flat on the floor when held erect, with the hoe handle extending from the hand when in working position to the floor. The heel of the hoe should not quite touch the floor from this position. Such a hoe will have investment easily when it is bright and sharp and will work smoothly and effectively. Sharpen the hoe as soon as it becomes noticeably dull. This will be hard on the feet, but it saves muscle and hoes are cheap. Carry a small flat file in your hip pocket and do not allow a nick to stay in the hoe a minute after it is made.—Denver Field and Farm.

Ladybird of Hessen.

Langdon [illegible] a swollen condition of the hind quarter just back of the upper thigh joint. It never should be cut or burned. The swelling does not constitute a stomach but merely indicates irritation and inflammation of the gums and entire buccal membrane of the mouth from teething or indigestion. Have the teeth attended to. Feed some ears of old hard corn. Swab the mouth twice daily with a solution of half an ounce of powdered borax in a pint of water or mix borax in honey at the rate of one dram to the ounce of honey and smear in the mouth several times a day.—Breeder's Gazette.

Grease the Farm Tools.

There is little plow scouring done in the roads these days to be. Most folks now use grease, finding that cheaper to apply before a plow or a shovel is rusty than hard work and profanity after the rust comes. We keep a gallon pail partly filled with crude oil for the purpose of greasing polished steel. An oil paint brush is in the oil pail and it is but the work of a moment [illegible] of cultivator shovels.—H. Hatch in Homestead.

Remedy For Pig Scours.

I will give a remedy for scours in pigs, writes an Ohio farmer in the National Stockman. Take about a half gallon of good oats and boil them about an hour and a half, then let them cool. Feed to the sow, and in a short time the trouble will be gone. Probably it is best to [illegible]