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Calendar table for August 1908 with days of the week and dates.

AMERICAN WAGE-EARNER.

Is the high standard of living adopted by the American workman a mistake?

Would he be happier with the conditions that surround the English or the German laborer?

The bureau of labor answers these questions in the negative, its reply being based on reports of investigations into the cost of living in the United States, Germany and England.

The bureau lays emphasis upon the food that the American eats. The table of the American workman is more abundantly supplied and with far greater variety, it is declared, than either the German or the English.

Another joy that the American laborer is able to experience by his standard of living is that of keeping his family together. Statistics show that the family of the American living at home is larger than that of the German or the Englishman.

A comparison of the cost of living shows that the credit the English has been given for generations, of being the greatest beef-eaters on the globe, is unwarranted.

The reports indicate that the position of the English workman is more fortunate in regard to wages, rental and food than the German, but that in all these particulars that the honors go to the American.

A mattress factory would certainly do well here on a small scale. There are several carloads shipped into this and adjoining counties each year—both wire and wool.

Malheur county is getting out a booster sheet monthly. Eight pages, which is money well spent.

Why would not a small furniture factory pay in this city? There are great quantities of cheap, plain furniture shipped into eastern Oregon that could be manufactured just as well in La Grande as anywhere.

If you know of any industry that would give employment to labor give the Commercial club the benefit of your suggestion. There are a number of things that give employment that do not require an enormous outlay of capital.

A city backed with monthly payrolls of no less than \$75,000 per month and by a county that produces wheat, oats, barley, hay, fruit, sugar, beets, stock and lumber on a large scale, has a foundation that few cities in the northwest enjoy.

This is the season of the year when the stockholder of fire insurance companies finds little comfort in hiding away in the mountains. The fear of large conflagrations is almost as bad as the reality.

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- THE NATION INVENTORY. National assets, \$1,500,000,000. Farm wealth, \$7,412,000,000. Mineral production annually, \$3,000,000,000.

Ready for Bids Soon.

In answer to a letter from Postmaster Lachner asking when bids for construction of the federal building would be received, the postoffice department has replied that shortly after September 1, this year, that department would be ready to receive bids.

It seems that before the snow flies next winter Baker people will actually witness construction work in progress on the federal building in this city thus realizing a dream which has been on the boards for a long time.

UMATILLA WHEAT HIGH.

Sharp Competition Shoots Wheat to 80 Cents Yesterday.

That the sharp competition between the old line and independent wheat buying companies in coining money or the farmers these days is shown by the rise in wheat prices yesterday afternoon, says the Pendleton East Oregonian.

Tuesday, August 4, 1908, will go down in history of the wheat market in Pendleton as the day on which the price touched 80 cents for the first time in almost a decade.

During the afternoon yesterday the grain offices were thronged with anxious farmers who were closely watching the rising tide of the wheat market, who declared that they would sell at 80 cents if the market showed the least sign of weakening, but as it closed strong few crops were offered.

A rough estimate of the wheat represented by the farmers who were watchers at the various grain buying offices yesterday afternoon is placed at 2,000,000 bushels, and a cent one way or the other meant a large sum of money for these men.

This morning the price of wheat was reported at 80 cents, and large numbers of farmers were in the city to take advantage of any change in the market, but practically none was sold during the forenoon.

BUSINESS CHANGES

McKENNON SELLS GROCERY AND HOUSH HIS LIVERY.

After Twenty Years of a Successful Business Career J. D. McKennon Sells His Grocery Store to the Pattison Bros.—Fred Housh Disposes of His Livery Stable to Frank George, Who Just Arrived From Colorado.

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City Livery Sold.

F. M. Housh, proprietor of the City livery stables on the corner of Adams avenue and Fourth street, yesterday afternoon sold out to Frank George, who with his family arrived a few days ago from Montrose, Col.

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

Small Blue in Dangerous Position of the City Last Evening.

About 5 o'clock last evening the fire alarm brought the fire department out to quench a fire in a woodpile in the rear of the Fair store. Brick buildings and tin roofing saved a conflagration.

Postmaster Carries Mail.

Uncle Sam overlooked providing funds toward defraying the expenses of employing substitutes in order that the mail carriers might enjoy a vacation during the summer months as they would like.

Will Not Move.

Grocerman A. E. Fowler, who started to move from Fir street to the room formerly occupied by the Kentucky saloon, owing to a misunderstanding with the owner of the building, will not make the change.

Treasurer's Call for City Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants issued on General Fund of the La Grande city, up to and including No. 6721, endorsed March 14, 1907.

Tremendous Herds of Acting Elephants.

At 10 O'CLOCK EVERY MORNING—BIG NEW, FREE STREET PARADE. Children Under 12 Years, Half-Price. 2 Performances Daily at 2 & 7 P. M. Doors Open at 1 & 7 P. M.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

SALESMAN AND AGENTS—\$50 per week and over can be made selling new campaign novelties from now until election.

STRAYED—Two horses; one a grey; other white; weight about 1000 lbs. White has wire scars on face and breast.

Notice.

To My Friends and Patrons: Having sold my stock of hardware etc. to Messrs. Lilly and Foster, who will continue in the same line of business, and at the same place.

Against Taft.

A letter from Will M. Peterson, chairman of the Umatilla county central committee, to state headquarters at Portland, says: There is no doubt whatever that a number of republicans in this part of the state will vote for Bryan and Kern.

Fruit Season is Now On

Phone Us Your Orders for ECONOMY JARS

- Pints \$1.10 dozen. Quarts \$1.35 dozen. Half gallons \$1.75 dozen. Extra clamps 10c dozen. Extra caps 20c dozen.

EXTRAS FOR EASY VACUUM JARS

- Caps 18c dozen. Rubber rings 20c dozen. Clamps 10c dozen. Extra large Jelly Glasses 45c dozen.

These are an attractive size and shape, and are easily worth 60 cents per dozen

F. D. HAISTEN

1411-1415 Adams Ave. Phone Red 1161

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Reserved Seats and Admission Tickets on sale on show day at Silverthorn & Mack's Drug Store, corner Depot Street and Adams Avenue, at exactly the same price charged on the show grounds.