

# Buy Flour

If you haven't bought Flour enough to last you until the new crop of wheat is harvested, we would advise you to do so at once, as we expect to see prices still higher.

Order a box of those Fancy Prunes  
10-pound box \$1.50

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J. G. Snodgrass Grocer  
Quality Service Honest Prices

## No Rule for High and Low Priced Years.

There is no consistent data that show potatoes, high in price one year and low another, as commonly supposed; nor that they may not be high one year and higher the next.

Two things which affect the demand of a food commodity are prosperity and quality.

When good wages make men able to be more selective in their buying, culls do not set the standard of price. If prosperity is lacking, culls do not have an influence in the market prices. Only quality can compete satisfactorily.

The first of the year showed us that in important potato states, like Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, less than half the amount of potatoes were on hand as compared with the five-year average up to that date. Oregon's potato market is principally controlled by the shipping demand.

Be Sure Your Pot Variety Is the Best Variety.

In potatoes we have the same problem that we are confronted with in other plants of the farm—that commercial varieties must be well adapted to local environment. This gives each section a chance to gain from studying the varieties which are immediately at their doors.

Those varieties which have already developed themselves and adapted themselves to the locality in question should be considered community assets.

The value of good potato seed is

based on their performance record in certain places. Oregon, with warm days and cool nights, is a natural potato state.

Unfavorable climatic conditions in the East prevailed during the planting season, preventing good germination, and as a result normal yields were had only in naturally well-drained and porous soils.

Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin and Michigan, last year were caught with a big drought of nearly a hundred days; then, before the growing season was over, a rainy spell boosted the potato plants into new vigor, again only to be caught by a heavy early frost which left the tubers in a rather immature condition, of small size, watery and consequently poor cooking quality.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Colorado potatoes were of better quality than those grown in the East. As the eating quality of our potatoes was superior they found a brisk demand there. We are fortunate in being well situated and capable of supplying a large seed market such as exists in California.

Improved quality, increased sales and better profits are the results of a co-operative marketing association, which endeavors to put into its rules provisions whereby the association will guarantee the quality of its product, and improve this quality, develop its own brand and utilize approved methods of building trade. Confidence of the trade is a most valuable asset and goes a long way in establishing satisfactory prices.

## EVERYBODY WANTS IMPROVED ROADS

Plan That Will Insure State Better Highways to Be Voted Upon in June.

Everybody wants good roads. The need for improved highways is admitted. Every citizen is anxious and willing to pay his share towards the cost of building good roads. All the individual ever has insisted upon and is asking today is that the public receive one dollar of value for every dollar expended in road construction. Frequently in the past the public has not received full value from these expenditures. But this has been due invariably to the lack of a systematic plan of road building and an intelligent supervision of the work by public officials charged with disbursing the fund.

The last Legislature, however, provided the necessary legislation for introducing in Oregon a systematic and intelligent campaign for the state-wide construction of permanent hard surface highways. A complete road code was adopted and a Highway Commission created for its administration. Another measure provided for issuance of bonds aggregating \$1,800,000 with which to match an equal amount provided by the Government, under the Shackleford Act, for the construction of post roads and forest roads.

Most important of the Legislative measures was that authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$6,000,000 for the construction of main trunk lines throughout the state. At the same time, another bill was passed doubling the annual license on all automobiles and motor vehicles. The revenue from this source, together with the money derived from the existing one-fourth mill road tax will meet all interest charges of the proposed bond issue and retire the bonds without adding a dollar to the direct taxes of the individual.

Of these various measures, only one—the \$6,000,000 Bond Bill—will be submitted to the voters for their approval at the special election, June 4th. This measure asks nothing of anybody except that which he must pay under laws which go into effect regardless of whether the bond issue be adopted. All manner of safeguards have been provided outside the bonding act. The Highway Commission has been reorganized, methods of road construction have been reformed, competition in contracts has been made compulsory and an anti-conspiracy bill has been passed. Amortization tables show that the income now irrevocably provided will retire the \$6,000,000 bond issue, meet the requirements of the Federal Act, provide maintenance of roads and leave a surplus even if there be no increase in assessed value or number of automobiles.

Approval of the bond measure by the voters is all that is needed to carry out the good roads campaign effectively. Indorsement of the bonds at the June election would mean that actual road construction could begin this year. In passing on this measure, voters are not asked to vote blindly. The pending bond bill describes the roads that are to be constructed and defines the general character of their construction. All roads will be built under the supervision of the State Highway Commission which was created for that specific purpose.

The members of the Commission are men of the strictest integrity. They are among the state's most representative citizens who have achieved enviable success in the business world. As appointees of Governor Withycombe, they may be depended upon to conduct the business of state road building with the same fidelity they have shown in their personal affairs. The personnel of the Commission is a guarantee that all road funds coming into its hands will be disbursed wisely and economically.

## EVERY PRODUCER WILL BE AIDED.

Good roads concern and should interest every citizen. They reduce the cost per ton to the producer in marketing his products. This is an important factor in determining the ultimate cost to the consumer. Good roads mean a substantial saving in the operating cost of 36,000 motor vehicles in this state and will effect a further saving of at least 10 per cent in the depreciation of all vehicles. These two items amount into almost incredible sums annually. All money raised for good roads will be expended in this state, contributing to the welfare of all. Good roads increase the value of all land contiguous to the highways that are improved. This stimulates road construction in other communities. Could more material reasons be urged for supporting the good roads bond bill at the special election June 4th?

## STRONG ARGUMENT FOR GOOD ROAD BONDS

One of the most forceful appeals for good roads was that offered for the Grange measures, which provided for a bond issue and was printed in the 1912 official state pamphlet. From that argument the following is quoted: "Business Men and Farmer, Producer and Consumer: Vote for the Grange Measures, for you one and all are interested in the development of the state, that can never be accomplished without the construction of good, permanent roads, built economically and scientifically. Spence, Shaw, Leedy, Mason, Committee Oregon State Grange."

## Notice of Administration.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, duly appointed as Administratrix of the estate of George Stoddard, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same with proper vouchers to C. H. Finn, attorney, at his office 20 New Foley Building, La Grande, Oregon, for the administratrix, within six months from this date as that of the first publication of this notice. Dated at La Grande, Oregon, March 27, 1917. ELLEN I. STODDARD, Administratrix of Estate of George Stoddard, Deceased. Mar. 27; April 3-10-17,24

FOR RENT SIGNS—For sale at The Observer office.

## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Collection of News Paragraphs and Advertisements.

Although the United States raises more cattle than any other country in the world except India, it is nevertheless the world's greatest importer of hides and skins.

We pay highest prices for hide and sheep pelts. Peoples' Meat Market, 1419 1-2 Adams Ave.—Adv. 12-5-tf.

Singer Sewing Machine.

New and second hand machines sold on easy terms. No interest. Repair work a specialty on all machines. Chas. M. Shapland, agent, Foley Hotel Bldg. Phone Red 451. 1-17tf

We're ready to show you the most complete array of novelty silks—we have ever offered—moderate prices—at the Golden Rule.—Adv. 4-16-tf.

Money to Loan.

On improved real property in Union county, no delays, current rates. La Grande Investment Co.—Adv.

J. F. Hutchinson this week sold his big Percheron stallion, Black Storm, to Morris Miller. This animal weighs about 2000 pounds at present and is in fine shape. Mr. Miller will keep the stallion at the livery stable in this city throughout the season. Union Scout.

The ladies are invited to Miss Walling's to inspect the finest line of genuine hair switches ever brought to La Grande.—Adv. 4-16-tf

We pay best prices for second hand furniture. DYAL'S FURNITURE CO., 404 Fir St., Phone Black 3351.—Adv. 12-4-tf.

Misses Jones and Rabone Ladies' Ready to Wear. We are

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unless it should appear under the wrong classification—or should be spelled wrongly. There is not much danger of either thing happening. Your "want ad" cannot get lost when it is printed in our CLASSIFIED columns. Those who would be interested in it will turn to it as quickly as one of your friends could turn to your name in the city or telephone directory!

## "Come on Over, See My Corn Fall Off!"

"I Put 2 Drops of 'Gets-It' on Last Night—Now Watch—"

"See—all you have to do is to use your two fingers and lift the corn right off. That's the way 'Gets-It' always works. You just put on about 2 drops. Then the corn not only shrivels, but loosens from the toe, without affecting the surrounding flesh in the least. Why, it's almost a pleasure to have corns and



"That Was a Quick Funeral That Corn Had With 'Gets-It'."

see how 'Gets-It' gets them off in a hurry and without the least pain. I can wear tight shoes, dance and walk as though I never had corns." "Gets-It" makes the use of too-irritating salves, bandages, band-aids, tape, plasters and other things not only foolish, but unnecessary. Use this wonderful discovery, 'Gets-It,' for any soft or hard corn or callus. It is the new, simple, easy, quick way, and it never fails. You'll never have to cut a corn again with knives or scissors, and run chances of blood poisoning. Try 'Gets-It' tonight. 'Gets-It' is sold everywhere. See a bottle, or send on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. C. D. Putman Drug Store, Red Cross Drug Store, La Grande Pharmacy.

## Dry Wood, Poultry Supplies, Feed,

All Varieties Seed Potatoes  
Highest Price Paid For Poultry

SMITH-NOBLE PRODUCE CO.

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now showing all the new goods in Suits, Coats, Skirts and Waists. We make suits, coats and skirts to order. Remodeling done. 3-12tf

Even a war can be fought with charity for all and malice toward none but it needs to be fought thoroughly just the same.

The ladies are invited to Miss Walling's to inspect the finest line of genuine hair switches ever brought to La Grande.—Adv. 4-16-tf

O. A. C. strain of baby chicks and setting eggs, trap nested the year round record up to 251 eggs per year, White Leghorn and Black Minorcas. Orders taken now. Phone R-192. Mrs. George Chapman. 2-22-1m

Putting salt on the tail of the peace dove has become a particularly complicated process now that the beautiful bird has lost all its tail feathers. 4-16-tf.

For Sale: Twelve room furnished modern house in best residence section of the town. House pays \$70 per month and furnishes 5 nice rooms for family use. Owner must sell at once as health of member of family compels him to leave and will sell at a bargain. Comparatively small cash payment required. Balance can be paid monthly out of income from property. Address X, care Observer.

Read this backward and it will pay you: \$4.00 to \$1.50 line Harlow the out closing. —Adv. 4-16-3t

Some married men join the army because they are tired of fighting.

No advance in prices on our ladies' and misses' hosiery—A fine quality fibre silk hose in black, white and colors at 50c a pair.—Golden Rule.—Adv. 4-16-tf.

## Jitney Breakfasts

"What?" you say "Jitney Breakfasts these high-price days of living? Preposterous!"

But it is a fact! A bowl of wholesome breakfast food or mush—you know your particular brand—and a substantial supply of pure MILK or CREAM contain all the nourishment any student, office or professional man needs. Don't take our word for it—ask your family doctor. This breakfast can be prepared with ease and, all told, costs you less than Five Cents.

## Pure Milk & Cream Co.

But listen! The food value in breakfast foods, and their nutritive properties are immediately destroyed the moment inferior or impure milk and cream touches it. If your milk or cream is clarified you may rest assured that the obnoxious substances so likely to infect milk, without being visible to the naked eye, have been removed. Clarified milk, produced under the most improved means toward sanitation and wholesomeness is sold by us. Are you a user of this milk? Eventually you will be—Why Not Now?

Depot At 1708 1-2 Sixth

Tel. Black 2001

## Live Merchants Make Their Advertising of Immediate Value to You!

They know that "purse-interest" is very strong with you in these days. If they are able to offer you a money-saving opportunity they will tell you about it promptly in their advertisements.

They know that you expect them to keep you in touch with their "store news". They will give you this store news while it is fresh and valuable to you—while it is current news.

They know that you have many buying-tasks—that some of them seem difficult to you; and they will make it plain to you in their advertisements just the extent to which they are able to help you to solve these tasks economically.

They know that if they can save you a dollar today they will have added to the good-will value of their business.

They know that you buy "in the light"—that you want to know about commodities and about their selling prices—that you have abandoned the old habit of "shopping around" and that you visit stores with previously formed plans for your buying.

Knowing these things, live merchants tell you their store news in every issue of this newspaper.