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SURVEY OF FARM LABOR TO BE MADE

LABOR PROBLEM IS MOST SERIOUS ONE CONFRONTING THE FARMER TODAY

The farm labor situation is the most serious problem that confronts the farmers of the United States at the present time. The Federal Government through the United States Department of Agriculture is trying to determine the labor, livestock and crop situation, as nearly as possible, as it will be in the season of 1918 as compared with 1917, in cooperation with the Extension Service of O. A. C., and the State Labor Commissioner. In counties in which there are county Agricultural Agents this work is done through them, and all questionnaires that are sent out will be returned to him before being turned over to J. W. Brewer, Farm Labor Specialist, U. S. D. A.

The questionnaire consists of an ordinary letter size sheet on which are a number of questions as to crops, livestock and labor. The whole has been worked out and made as simple and practical as possible. The questions do not in any way inquire into financial conditions, the object being to get a comparative estimate as to the amount of acreage of the various crops this year as compared with last, and also the amount of livestock. The labor questions are divided into two heads; that of regular help or year around help, and short period help, or harvesting help. Probably the most perplexing question regarding the help situation is the question of wages per day and per month. However, we hope that all those asked to fill in this questionnaire will fill it to the best of their ability. If you do not feel that you can put a fair estimate on the wages this summer at least put in the rate paid a year ago. While as to wages of regular help you will be able to fill in definitely the amount you are paying for such help at the present time. All this information is strictly confidential. There are no questions asked, however, that anyone should refuse to answer, and the Government is depending upon the patriotic spirit of the farmers of the nation in responding to the best of their ability in the furnishing of his all important information.

There are no other questions that our farmers are more vitally interested in than the labor situation. We hear many suggestions offered as to how the Government may help handle this situation, however, if we do not fill in this questionnaire to the best of our ability we are withholding information that the Government requires if they are going to be able to formulate any plan for the relief of the situation. The Government has come half way; they are asking you to give this information so that they may be of the greatest possible assistance to you in solving this problem. I feel sure that the farmers of the county will respond to a man.

These questionnaires will be distributed through the county through local committees. Some of your neighbors will probably come to you with one of these sheets and ask you to fill in the same. Kindly take the time to do so as these sheets must be returned at the earliest possible date. While Monday, February 18, is the latest date that they can be accepted, Union county has responded willingly and freely in all of the demands that the Government has made on them. I do not believe that the farmers of any other county in the State have contributed more liberally to the Red Cross and Liberty Loan, and I know that we can depend on them again in this labor and livestock survey.

PAUL H. SPILMAN, County Agricultural Agent.

Arcade Today with Hippodrome Vaudeville



WALLOWA WINS COUNTY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP

WALLOWA, Feb. 5.—Wallowa won the debating championship of Wallowa county by winning both debates in the Enterprise-Wallowa debate last Friday night. This victory entitles Wallowa to meet the best team of Umatilla county in one of the elimination contests to determine the championship of the State.

At Wallowa the affirmative side was represented by Miss Grace Hall and Miss Ethel Hendricks of Wallowa, while the negative side was represented by Mr. Orville Millard and Miss Leola Rateliff of Enterprise. The decision of the judges was two for the affirmative and one for the negative. Three musical numbers by Mrs. Edward Holmes, Miss Amanda Harris and Miss Lenore Fuller respectively, were well received.

At Enterprise the affirmative team was represented by Miss Estie Omstead and Mr. Robert Boyd, of Enterprise, while the negative was represented by Mr. Guy Davis and Miss Hazel Soden of Wallowa. The decision of the judges was one for the affirmative and two for the negative. A musical program was presented.

W. A. Bradway Tells of Life in U. S. Navy

SEVERE STORM ENCOUNTERED ON THE ATLANTIC

La Grande Boy On Warship Which Helps Convey Ten Thousand Troops to France—One Brush With Submarine.

(Letter from W. A. Bradway to Jap H. Stevens) ... On Board U. S. S. Rochester, Newport News, Va., January 26, 1918.

Dear Friend Jap:—Received your Christmas card a few days ago and was glad to hear from you. I wrote you a letter the first time I was here but you don't seem to have received it, so I'll make up for lost time now.

We left New York on the 26th of December for France with a convoy of ten thousand troops. We had an easy trip over—everything went smooth, except for one brush we had with a submarine. We did not get it though and it didn't do any harm, so everything was all right. Coming back we ran into a heavy gale and had a mighty hard time of it, believe me. This old ship did a can-can for three days. By that time I was getting to be a tight-rope walker of the first order, believe me, but we finally ran out of it, then everything went smooth till we arrived here on the eighteenth of January. We had been twenty-two days at sea, out of sight of land. That was the longest I have ever been at sea. We would have been over and back in less than half that time but one of our convoys could only make ten knots.

There are several hundred ships here of all sizes and most nationalities. All of them are camouflaged. Some are pretty queer looking boats, believe me. One huge transport has a destroyer painted on its side. Some are streaked with bars of red and green, or black and blue, but most of them follow a regular pattern. All are armed. We are anchored between a bark and a superdreadnaught of the latest type. The bark lost her mainmast in the same storm we were in and is laid up for repairs.

The weather is cold here. Ice fills the bay and the ground is covered with snow. When we came in the whole ship was encased in a sheet of ice.

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MARY PICKFORD IN "THE LITTLE PRINCESS"

Mary Pickford plays both rich and poor girl in her next Arctcraft picture "The Little Princess," which will be seen at the Arcade Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The scenario by Frances Marion is from the story by Frances Hodgson Burnett, and was made for the Arctcraft under the direction of Marshall Neilan. Mary Pickford first appears as the only daughter of a wealthy Indian captain who brings his child to an English boarding school. A little later in the story, when Captain Crewe loses his fortune and dies, Sara Crewe has to discard her costly dresses and leave her school-girl companions and become a slave and maid-of-all-work in the same establishment. The transition is not as hard as it might seem for Sara Crewe, because she has already made friends with Becky, the slave, and she tries to make the rags-and-tatters girl realize that they both are still "little princesses" inside, in spite of the fact that they have been robbed of the exterior signs of royalty. When Sara Crewe regains her fortune she remembers the companion of her more unfortunate days in Miss Minchin's school and takes Becky, the slave, to live with her in more cheerful surroundings.

"A CASE AT LAW"

Saloon Keeper Seeks Revenge On Prohibitionist Through Newspaper Reporter.

"Art" was a saloon-keeper of more than questionable character. He sold liquor to any one having the price. Money was his god, and a man who was trying to beat the devil and conquer the drinking habit had little chance at salvation once he got inside "Art's" place.

The saloon-keeper had a grudge against Dr. Saunders. Saunders had once been a drunkard, and after many years of constant fighting and self-denial had gotten the better of the fight and turned prohibitionist and when the doctor took Jimmy Baggs under his protection to help him conquer his inherited liking for drink "Art" saw a chance to hit the doctor through the boy.

He wrote to the editor of the paper on which Jimmy was a reporter and asked them to send Jimmy down to his place to secure a statement from him about the liquor question. The editor sent Jimmy and he drank too much.

How the doctor finds this out and his unusual method of revenge are some of the interesting scenes in the Triangle play, "A Case at Law." This picture will be shown at the Star Theatre on tomorrow and Friday.

Fined for Food Hoarding. LONDON, Feb. 6.—William John McGeagh MacCaw, Unionist member of the House of Commons for West Down, was fined £400 and £35 costs for food hoarding.

A Hint to the Aged. If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.—Adv.

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Miss Jackie of the Army with Margarita Fisher, at the Star Saturday, 2-6, 7, 8.

COMING EVENTS

- Feb 4-9—Allen Germans to register
- Feb 7-13—Portland Automobile, Truck and Tractor Show.
- Feb. 12—"Snow White."
- April 12—Last day for filing nominating petitions or declarations for the primaries with the secretary of state.
- April 12—Last day for filing declaration of candidacy for nominating petition with the county clerk for primary election.
- May 17—Primaries for Republicans and Democrats.
- November 5—General state, county and city election.

AMUSEMENTS. Arcade Theatre—Motion pictures. Star Theatre—Motion Pictures and Vaudeville.

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No. 19—To Portland	12:30 a. m.
No. 17—To Portland	9:00 a. m.
Going East.	
No. 4—To Chicago	5:45 a. m.
No. 6—To Salt Lake	11:35 a. m.
No. 18—To Chicago	8:30 p. m.
No. 17 (West bound)	8:25 a. m.
No. 32 (To Joseph)	8:25 a. m.
No. 6 (East bound)	10:55 a. m.
No. 18 (East bound)	7:55 p. m.
No. 5 (West bound)	9:10 p. m.
No. 4 (East bound)	9:10 p. m.

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