

**START PURE SEED WHEAT  
SOON MAKES BIG SUPPLY**

**Thousands of Bushels Propagated  
from Half Bushel Selected By  
Experiment Station Officer**

From a half bushel of pure forty-fold wheat selected by Robert Withycombe, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon branch station, Union county farmers have propagated almost 30,000 bushels of clean, unmixed seed wheat. Its purity and fitness for planting have been certified by G. R. Hyslop, chief of farm crops at the agricultural college.

Planting mixed wheat costs Oregon farmers many thousands of dollars every year, says Professor Hyslop. It results in mixed crops, which are graded down from first grade to lower, with a severe cut in price. By planting pure seed on clean ground this loss could be prevented, and in some cases at least a higher yield obtained.

Farmers in Umatilla, Wasco and Sherman counties also have obtained pure seed stock—Turkey red and white hybrid—through county agents from E. R. Stephens, of the Moro experiment station. They have kept this small stock unmixed and multiplied it until many thousands of bushels of these choice varieties are available for seed.

If the seed is taken by other farmers and planted this fall the value of the Oregon wheat crop for 1920 will be greatly increased. If not, the unplanted portion will simply be turned over to the miller with a big loss to farmers who plant mixed grains.

The seeds selected by the station men are multiplied by the farmers working with county agents, and the fields certified after careful inspection by farm specialists of the college. Lists of varieties and amounts may be had by applying to the county agents of the several counties.

**E. S. MARINES WANT MEN  
FOR AVIATION DUTY**

The aviation section of the Marine Corps is urgently in need of four year enlisted men for gas engine mechanics, machine shop mechanics, electricians, wireworkers, woodworkers, welders, blacksmiths, etc. Men of good character and mechanically inclined are satisfactory. Those enlisting for this duty will be sent to Mare Island, California for the regular recruit training and after completing that, will be transferred to the regular Navy mechanics school at Great Lakes, Illinois, and receive a thorough education in all or part of the above trades. They will be sent to the flying stations and receive a thorough practical training in mechanical work.

This is a wonderful opportunity for young men to learn a profitable trade at the expense of the government. A large percentage of men on aviation duty are non-commissioned officers and most of these receive in addition to their regular pay, 50 per cent increase. Mechanics who entered at the beginning of the war with qualifications allowing them to earn only \$2.90 or \$3.00 per day in civil life are now expert mechanics and are securing upon discharge, positions paying \$10.90 to \$12.00 per day. Further information regarding this unusual offer may be obtained by writing to the U. S. Marine Recruiting Station, 54 & Alder Sts., Portland, Oregon.

**THE COST OF FOOD**

The federal bureau of markets reports over fifty million bushels of wheat in the elevators and storehouses on June 1, not including the stocks on farms or commercial stocks. There is twenty per cent more wheat flour on hand than at this time last year.

Very much the same condition seems to exist in the case of many other kinds of foodstuffs, and we have for some time been assured that, barring the most improbable contingencies, the 1919 wheat crop will be enormous.

It will be well to bear these facts in mind next winter if the cost of food makes any eccentric rises. It will be known then that the cause is artificial (and not natural) scarcity.

It should be fairly easy to place the blame. It may be the fault of market riggers and operators, or the cost of transportation, or a shortage of freight cars. If either of these, or if any other reason, it should be easy for the government to ferret it out. That is what we have a government for.

But it will be necessary, under any conditions, to trace the trouble to some cause. Costly food means inefficient food; and this, in the case of the individual, means work performed at a handicap, with half efficiency with an undernourished body. The result will be curtailed production and diminished prosperity.

It is up to the government!



George Beban, the beloved Italian-French character actor of the screen, is coming to the Liberty Theatre on next Wednesday, Aug. 13, in his newest Paramount picture "One More American." This was written and directed by William C. DeMille, the noted writer and director of photoplays, who has directed such pictures as Geraldine Farrar's "Carmen," "The Warrors of Virginia" and others. The cast includes Helen Eddy, Mr. Beban's leading lady in so many of his former pictures, Camille Ankewich, Raymond, Hatton, Jack Holt, Ernest Joy and others as well known.

Also "Fitchen Lady," a two reel Mack Sennett comedy.

At the Liberty Theatre on Saturday, Aug. 14, demure Billie Burke in her latest Paramount picture, "Eve's Daughter" from Alicia Ramsey's play by that name, is to be the star. The story deals with the life of a girl, suddenly left a little money by her father after a life of repression and hardship. How she nearly outsteps the bounds of convention, spending all her money in "one good time," only to be saved in time by the man who loves her and a girl she has helped, make up a thrilling and at

**WORK FOR THE SOLDIERS**

By far the greater part of our young men coming home from the war are strong and well. Outdoor life, plain hearty food and vigorous physical exercise have combined to build up their physique.

Many of them who were indoor workers before the war find that the abundant vigor they have gained inspires them toward life in the open. For men of this inclination the farms of the country offer an excellent opportunity.

The working season is on and the farmers are calling for help. They are willing to pay wages that are comparatively high, when we consider that room and board are included. Necessary expenses are few, so that a young man could save nearly all of his wages. And in the meantime he is living a wholesome life and is securing a knowledge of practical farming which in the future may be of great value to him.

In case he should desire eventually to buy a small farm of his own the information which he has gained about soil and location will aid him in his selection and prevent him from making a poor investment.

We would recommend to the young man who is doubtful about his em-



**GEORGE BEBAN in "One More American"**  
*A Paramount Picture*

times humorous story that will prove highly entertaining. Other pictures on the program will be a comedy entitled "Installment Plan."

Winsome Marguerite Clark is now appearing in one of the most talked-of stories of the year—"Bab's Burglar" which originally appeared in the Saturday Evening Post and which was written by Mary Roberts Rinehart.

The story was followed by thousands of readers all over the country who will recognize in Miss Clark a

picture "type" for "Bab."

Younger sister of an attractive girl of twenty-four, and even more romantic than the average boarding-school girl. Bab's efforts to marry off her older sister are screamingly funny and her experiences with her thousand dollar allowance which she spends in two weeks, still funnier.

Director J. Searle Dawley, who has directed many of Miss Clark's biggest productions, was also responsible for "Bab's Burglar," which will be shown at the Liberty Theatre on Sunday, Aug. 17.



**MAURICE TOURNEUR presents "SPORTING LIFE"**

ployment to take into consideration he is at present. And by that time farm work. He will at least have there may be a larger field for employment of every kind than there is which will leave him as "bushy" as now.

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