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A Special Offer to Our Out-of-Town Customers

In order to make you acquainted with the efficiency of our MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT, we are going to give you a series of specially priced articles which you can order by mail, the first of which is an unusual value in a medium priced mattress. Mattresses are like the "grab bag" of childhood days—you never know what is in them until you have investigated, hence you must rely upon the integrity and honesty of the firm you buy from.

Our Marvel Full Size Mattress for \$8.95

Catalog No. A400 Actual weight 40 lbs. This mattress is made of fluffy layers of pure, clean felted cotton liners, a downy, springy bed of comfort. It is covered with a fancy flowered ticking, which is strong and serviceable. It is closely tufted preventing the cotton layers from shifting or bunching and the roll edge holds the mattress in shape and prolongs its life.

If you have not been receiving our circulars, Fashion Booklet, price sheets, etc., please send us your name and address, as we very much want your name on our mailing list. Something of very special interest will soon be mailed to every name on our mailing list and we want you to receive a copy.

THE DAVIS-KASER CO., WALLA WALLA Complete Furnishers of Homes, Offices and Schools—10-20 Alder St.

ALL NOW READY FOR CELEBRATION

All but putting on the finishing touches will bring conclusion to the arrangements for celebrating the Fourth of July in Athena. The committee have about completed their work and all have exceeded expectations.

The parade will be in motion promptly at 9:45 a. m. so as to give a full two hour program at the City Park before the lunch hour. At 1:45 p. m. the ball games between Athena and Adams will take place at the ball grounds and at its conclusion the sports and games will be pulled off on Main street. With this exception the entire program of the celebration will take place in the City Park.

The evening program at the Park will be especially interesting. Beginning at 7:30 with a concert by the Weston Band, there will be something of interest every minute until the old fiddlers' contest brings the program of the day to a close. Following is the program in full:

- Parade to City Park. "American Independence." Weston Band. "Star Spangled Banner" Mrs. J. C. Baddeley

EASTERN OREGON FINE WOOL BRINGS 61 CENTS

Eastern Oregon fine wool has climbed to the 61 cent mark. This price was paid by Crimmins & Pierce for 40,000 pounds at Heppner, and it establishes a record for this class of wool in the west. Oregon has become the highest wool market in the territory wool sections, being fortunate in marketing the bulk of its clip late, and thus getting the advantage of the rise in prices.

In the Willamette Valley wool prices are keeping pace with the climb east of the mountains. The latest sales of Valley wool were made at 65 cents. Between 80 and 90 per cent of the Valley clip, it is estimated has now been sold.

Portland wool men figure that 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 pounds of Oregon wool of all kinds have been sold to date, probably over half the state clip. The Lakeview section is as well sold up as the Valley, while in Eastern Oregon, Pilot Rock, the country north of Baker, Pendleton and Echo have only scattered lots to dispose of. Similar conditions prevail in the Bend district and on the Deschutes branch.

The sales at Heppner and Condon the latter part of the week and a Shaniko this week will practically close up the big end of the 1917 buying movement in Oregon.

DRAFTED WILL BE CALLED OCTOBER 1

It will be several weeks before the war department undertakes the selection of its first draft army of 650,000 men and it is probable it will be October first before these men are called together at the 16 training camps. The machinery for making the draft has been proved to be more complicated than was at first expected and the task of building 16 Army cities is decidedly more of an undertaking than the department bargained for at first.

Until the work on the various cantonments is nearing completion the President will not fix a definite day on which the drafted men will be required to report at the training camps, but it has already been announced by the War Department that these camps cannot open on September 1, the date originally set. Coupled with that announcement the assurance has been given that farm labor will be little disturbed this season on account of the draft.

The real reason for delay, however, is the inability of contractors to finish the buildings. The War Department has been to considerable pains to explain that when the names of men drafted are announced they will still be free to pursue their regular occupations until the time is set for the opening of the training camps.

In all probability a large percentage of farm hands will be exempted from military service, as large a percentage as other lines of industry, but the Secretary of War has made it plain that some farm workers will be taken for military services, just as some men will be taken from the mines, from transportation systems and from factories.

The mere fact that a man is married will not, of itself, excuse from military service. Only the married man whose wife is dependent upon him will be excused. The single man who has a dependent mother, a dependent father or other near relative who would suffer will be excused.

Work Begins on Roads

Unable to attend the exercises which will mark the first dirt throwing on the Strahorn road at Klamath Falls, July 4 Governor Withycombe has delegated George Palmer Putnam, his private secretary, to represent him there on that day. A pot of \$300,000 has been raised by the people of Klamath Falls, through a bond issue, to assist the Strahorn project in getting underway and it is expected that this year 40 miles of road will be constructed north of Klamath Falls. It is probable the remainder of the distance to Bend to connect with the lines from the Columbia River will be constructed the following season.

Mrs. H. P. Hinges is Wed. Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges, whom Colonel Roosevelt on one of his tours of this state dubbed the "Oregon Nightingale" became the bride of O. Benjamin Durdall, of Salem, the wedding being solemnized Sunday by the Rev. J. M. Heady at the bride's home. Mrs. Durdall is one of the most popular vocalists in the state and has appeared in Caledonian Picnic programs in Athena.

Preparing for the Fourth. The Red Cross ladies are busily engaged in preparations for the celebration, when they will serve the public with sandwiches, cake and coffee, also ice cream, home-made candies and punch. All women members of the Chapter are requested to be ready at 9:30 to march in the parade to the City Park.

New members reported this week are: Mrs. Emma Read, Mrs. Anna McIntyre, Mrs. Bessie Schrimpp, Mrs. Grace Catron, Miss Belle McIntyre, Miss Laura McIntyre. A special gift of \$2.00 was received from Mrs. Anna McIntyre.

DRAFT EXEMPTION BOARDS ARE NAMED

Following the announcement that President Wilson had approved the personnel of exemption boards in the different states, Governor Withycombe authorized the publication Saturday night of the list of 46 exemption boards in Oregon.

The names of the members of the board were given out by George A. White, Adjutant General.

The problem of selecting the members for exemption boards has been a difficult one and Governor Withycombe has had it under consideration for some time. In view of the good work done by the county registration boards composed in each case of the Sheriff, County Clerk and county physician, in taking the war census, he finally decided to reappoint them to pass on exemptions from the draft.

Members of the boards in most cases live in the county seat of their county and are thoroughly familiar with conditions in the county. Outside of Portland, also, members of the boards know personally a great many of the men upon whose cases they will have to pass.

Governor Withycombe feels also that the boards he has named will be thoroughly non-partisan in their work and that they will not permit any "ball playing" or politics in any way to influence their decisions.

Should anything of this sort occur, however, the Governor is prepared to act immediately, and summary removals from the boards would follow.

With two exceptions there will be one exemption board in each county. The two exceptions are Marion county and the city of Portland.

Marion county having a population of more than 45,000 will have two boards.

The city of Portland will have ten boards. The first nine of these boards are the same ones that handled the war census registration there. The tenth board is a new one, formed by dividing one of the former nine districts into two districts.

For Umatilla county, the exemption board will comprise, T. D. Taylor, R. F. Brown, and Dr. D. J. McFaul.

Women Make Good As Engine Wipers

Master Mechanic Cutler, of the Northern Pacific shops at Parkview, near Spokane, is rather proud of his new engine wiping squad, composed of women.

This is a new form of preparedness for war conditions that the railroad has been developing resulting from the successful attempt to use women in the work of cleaning and supplying passenger coaches.

Each woman wears a tight cap over her hair, a neat fitting blouse and overall. Out in the big roundhouses they crawl over and under the big moguls, polishing all the bearings, wiping off surplus oil and generally putting the locomotive in shape for road service.

"I'm putting on a dozen or more Monday," Mr. Cutler explained. "They like the work, get paid exactly what the men earn and do just about as well."

School Endowment Raised

On his return from a two weeks trip into Baker county in the interests of Columbia College, Milton, of which he is president, Rev. H. S. Shangle reports an addition to the endowment fund of the college of \$7000. Also indications, he says, promise several students for the coming year from that district.

Irrigation Projects Lose Out

Representative Sinnott's amendment to the food bill authorizing the expenditure of \$20,000,000 for new irrigation projects was defeated in the House on a point of order.

Strayed.

Two bay mares, brand Lazy J, weight 950 and 1100, one with colt, strayed from my place near Holman, Ore., about two weeks ago. Notify C. A. Fenn, Holman, Ore.

FIVE TOWNS IN PATH OF BROKEN UTAH DAM

The dam of the Price River Irrigation Company, impounding 11,000 acre feet of water, 12 miles northeast of Fairview, Utah, began to break Sunday. At midnight a centre span of the dam 60 feet wide and five feet deep had broken off and the waters of the reservoir were rapidly eating away the protecting earth fill.

In the path of the rushing waters were the towns of Seefeld, Helper, Castlegate, Colton and Price. People of Helper, Castlegate and Colton have fled from their homes.

Several thousand acres of farm lands are flooded. Hundreds of workers have been sent out to watch the tracks of the Price-Seefeld branch of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway, where 40 miles of track are threatened along the main line in the vicinity of Price.

Officials of the irrigation company and Government experts who are at the dam say there is no hope of saving the structure. All efforts are being centralized to clear the path for the waters should the dam suddenly give way rather than succumb to the gradual washing out through the accidental spillway.

So far no loss of lives has been reported, but immense damage to growing crops has resulted.

The population of Castlegate is 1150, Price 2500, Helper 1000, Seefeld 500 and Colton 150.

ISSUE BONDS UNDER BEAN-BARRETT LAW

The entire fund to match the federal appropriation under the Shackleford act will be raised in Oregon by bonds under the Bean-Barrett bonding bill, according to the opinion of the supreme court. The decision was rendered in a friendly suit of the state highway commission against the board of control. The court manumitted the control board to issue bonds in such amounts as are required.

The above news of the supreme court's decision was received with gratification Tuesday by W. L. Thompson, eastern Oregon's member of the association, says the East Oregonian. The decision means the commission is upheld in its stand by the supreme court said Mr. Thompson. "Also that the commission will have approximately a quarter of a million dollars more money each year. This is from the quarter mill tax. As matters now stand the commission will have use of the six million dollars bond money in accordance with the law, of the auto license money, about \$300,000 a year, the quarter mill tax, netting \$230,000 a year and of additional bonds to be sold under the Bean-Barrett law to meet the requirements of the Shackleford law. The decision will be of great help in carrying out highway work."

Mr. Thompson received word that the authorities at Washington have approved the Oregon commission's forest road budget, covering proposed work for the next three years. In this budget \$60,000 is provided for the road between Pendleton and La Grande and the \$50,000 for the road from Pilot Rock to Prairie City. The program includes the allotment of \$100,000 for hard surfacing part of the highway between Pendleton and Walla Walla.

Certain Home Guards to Get Arms

The War Department has notified Senator Chamberlain that it will furnish arms and equipments only to Home Guard organizations which actually are engaged in guarding state or Federal property.

Gospel Tent Meetings

Gospel Tent Meetings will begin in Weston next Sunday at 11 a. m. and continue indefinitely, conducted by Evangelists M. G. Bentley and P. A. Stockton. Meetings every evening at 8 o'clock.

COUNTIES PREPARE FOR STATE FAIR

"More counties will participate in the State Fair exhibits this year than last and present indications are that the exhibits will be more varied, more attractive and better in quality," was the statement of Mrs. Winnie Braden, of Dallas, superintendent of the horticultural and agricultural departments of the fair. She coupled this with the statement that 30 counties, three more than last year, have signified their intention of sending county exhibits.

"Since the fair this year will also be converted into a 'food training camp' the agricultural and horticultural departments with a view of increasing crop production and checking food waste will endeavor to put on as many educational features as is possible."

Cook county won first prize in the first district last year and assurances have been received by Mrs. Braden that this county will send even better exhibits than last year. Tillamook won second last year.

In the second district last year Polk carried away first honors, Linn second, Jackson third, Benton fourth and Douglas fifth. Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Josephine and Marion also showed in this district. All of them will be represented by splendid exhibits this fall and the indications are that competition will be exceptionally keen.

Wasco was first at the last fair in the third district, Union second, Baker third, Morrow fourth and Malheur fifth. All, save possibly Malheur will show again this year and each proposes to send representative exhibits. Neither Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln or Umatilla had exhibits at the last fair, but they will be well represented this year.

American Lake Troop See 50,000 Troops

The great selective army of nearly 50,000 troops, to be stationed at the cantonment for training this fall, will include four brigades of infantry comprising 12 regiments, one brigade of heavy artillery, one brigade of light artillery, including two regiments of three inch guns and one regiment of 3.8-inch guns, one regiment of engineers, four aero squadrons, two balloon companies, one supply train, one ammunition train, one headquarters train, one hospital and sanitary train, one field telegraph battalion, one division headquarters and one division quarter master with attached staff. In addition there will be thousand of horses and mules.

Tentative plans call for the construction of about 1300 buildings. Forty buildings will be used by the hospitals and sanitary detachments, 50 will be miscellaneous structure and seven will be devoted to the Y. M. C. A. This is inclusive of the cantonment, adjacent to the mobilization camp for regulars, where approximately 35,000 to 40,000 guardsman for Northwestern states will be encamped.

Food Sermons Sunday

Herbert Hoover, the man who is organizing the nation to "Save the Waste and Win the War," has called the church workers to his aid and by circular letters has asked the clergy of the Protestant and Catholic churches of the land to preach sermons on food conservation on Sunday, July 1. All churches in Athena will comply with the request. The general public is earnestly requested to hear the sermons on food conservation, for it is realized that the co-operation of everyone is necessary to make the movement a success.

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Sugar Not Necessary

Fruit for use in pie or salads or as stewed fruit can be put up or canned without the use of any sugar at all, according to the canning specialists of the Department of Agriculture. They, therefore, advise those who because of the high price of sugar have been thinking of reducing the amount of fruit they put up to can as much of their surplus as possible by the use of boiling water when sugar syrup is beyond their means. Any fruit, they say, may be successfully sterilized and retained in the pack by simply adding boiling water instead of hot syrup. The use of sugar, of course, is desirable in the canning of all kinds of fruits and makes a better and ready sweetened product. Moreover, most of the fruits when canned in water alone do not retain their natural flavor, texture and color as well as fruit put up in syrup. Fruit canned without sugar to be used for sauces and desserts must be sweetened.

Woodmen Are Enlisting

Acting under instructions from Washington, W. G. Hastings, supervisor of the Deschutes National Forest, is actively recruiting for the regiment of woodsmen and millworkers now being raised to go to France.

No Demand for Wheat

No trading in wheat was reported at any point in the Northwest yesterday. The undertone of the market was weaker, but the prices quoted were entirely nominal in the absence of demand. If a question, however, whether wheat could be bought at the prices named.

Are You Ready Now?

to Celebrate the 4th of July? We are showing a complete line of mid-Summer Wearing Apparel for men women and Children; also a line of Fun Makers for the Fourth, such as Confetti, Horns, Squeakers, Balls, etc. etc.

Table listing clothing items and prices for women, boys, and men.

Everybody Boost to Make the Celebration a Success

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