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Mail orders are pouring in every day for some of these great music bargains. Place your order before our August sale closes and take advantage of these low prices.
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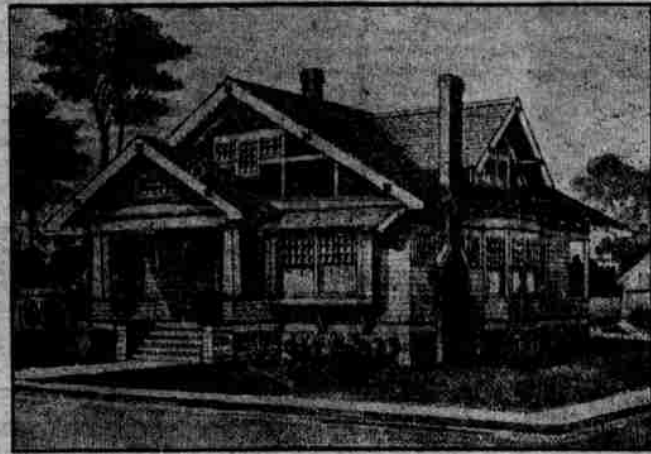
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NEW HOME OF MR. AND MRS. OLIVER DICKESON

Since purchasing his place below town, Oliver Dickenson has been making extensive improvements. He has put the farm in a high state of cultivation, erected a large barn, and is now having a modern bungalow constructed. The house will be about 30x50 and will have four bedrooms, living room and kitchen, together with a

large front porch and screened rear porch and a full basement. The foundation and basement is of brick. The brick work is completed and the frame work will soon be up. The plans and material excepting the bricks being furnished by the Tumalum Lumber Co. and James Ashworth has the contract.

STABLE WHEAT PRICE ASSURED

The food administration has announced its plan for controlling wheat, flour and bread, revealing that the Government is prepared to take over the whole 1917 wheat harvest if necessary to conserve the supply, obtain just price for America's fighting force and their allies and reduce costs to the general public in the United States. The statement says: It must be clearly understood that the guaranteed minimum price of \$2 per bushel for wheat, set out in the food bill does not apply to the 1917 harvest, but only to the 1918 harvest, and then under conditions which must be elaborated. There is, therefore, no determined price for the 1917 harvest.

The result of this situation is that the normal price making machinery is entirely broken down, unless some efficient Government action is brought into play, either: a. The American producer may face a slump in wheat, possibly below his production cost, and b. the export of wheat which ultimately determines the real price, is at the will of a single agency; c. someone must buy the surplus wheat at any given moment, and if the surplus passes into speculative hands it will be held for higher prices later in the year; d. with stabilized prices, extra hazards are introduced into all distribution links which must be paid for by the consumer. It must be evident that the United States Government can more justly deal with the situation than any of the agencies mentioned.

Therefore, the food administration has determined to take the following course: First—in order to eliminate speculation in wheat and flour, all elevators and mills over 100 barrels daily capacity will be required to take out a Government license, and the condition of this license to be: That only reasonable and customary charges shall be made for warehouse service; that no wheat shall be stored for more than 30 days without the approval of the food administration; that certain information as to receipts and shipments shall be supplied regularly.

The grain exchanges are being asked to suspend all dealings and quotations in future wheat. These regulations will come into force September 1, and the licenses will be prepared this week. While farmers' co-operative elevators are excepted by the food bill, this, however, only applies to mutual concerns and not to stock companies, and, in any event, under the advantages of joining the plan none are likely to stand out.

In substitution of the broken down marketing machinery, the food administration proposes to open agencies for the purchase of all wheat at the principal terminals, carrying on its transactions with the usual dealers, and is prepared to take the whole harvest if necessary in order to maintain a fair price, and will resell wheat for export in such quantities as we can afford to part with in protection of our own people on one hand, and to sell on the other to the millers for domestic consumption. The administration will make no charge except a nominal percentage to cover costs of the operation, and arrangements will be made which will assure the Government against loss.

In order that nothing shall be left to mischarge we are setting up a properly constituted and independent auditing committee which will check all transactions at every point. The food administration under these arrangements would have a large influence in effecting the price of wheat. With a view to determining a fair price, the President has approved the appointment of committee to be selected from representatives of the producing sections and consuming elements in community. This committee will be assembled under the chairmanship of President Garfield, of Williams College, and it will be the duty of this committee to determine a fair price for the 1917 harvest. Upon the determination of this fair basis, it is the intention of the food administration to use every authority given it under the bill and the control of experts to effect the universality of the fair basis throughout the whole of the 1917 harvest year

without change or fluctuation. It should thus be clear that it will not be to the advantage of any producer to hold back his grain in anticipation of further advance, for he will do so only at his own cost of storage and interest, and if it is necessary for the Government to buy the entire wheat harvest in order to maintain this fair price in protection to the producer, we intend to do so.

Further more, the holding of wheat or flour contracts by persons not engaged in the trade and even when in trade, in larger quantities than is necessary for the ordinary course of their business, is unlawful under the act, and such cases will be prosecuted with vigor. And we would advise such holders to liquidate their contracts at once.

By the above arrangement we believe that we shall stabilize the price of wheat throughout the year, that the hazards of operation due fluctuation prices which are imposed upon our milling and distributing community will be eliminated and therefore their business can return to the normal lines and the normal margins of profit, and that we shall not only have stabilized the price for wheat, but stabilized the price of flour, and that it should enable us to arrive at a stabilized price of bread.

The food administration has had the patriotic co-operation of the leading millers of the country, and the millers have organized at the request of the food administration, a committee to represent the entire trade. Detailed proposals for an agreed differential; of profit and expenses per barrel of flour and per ton of feed are under discussion.

Under this arrangement the public will be assured an equitable and stabilized price of flour based upon the cost of raw material and we confidently expect the volunteer arrangement with the mills which will give satisfaction to the public.

The universal endeavor over the country to reduce consumption of wheat breadstuffs in order that we may have the requisite exports with which to carry the allies over the forthcoming winter, will result in a largely increased amount of wheat available for export.

If it were exported as wheat, it would result in diminution of employment of our mills, of equal importance, curtailment of our supply of mill feed for our dairy cattle. Therefore, the food administration will stipulate for a large proportion of export of flour instead of wheat, and as the export orders for flour will be given subject to the approval of the food administration, those mills who co-operate with the Administration will be given the benefit of the exports employment.

By thus encouraging the home production of flour the manufacturing cost will be reduced and therefore the American public will receive indirect benefit in lowered margins of costs in distribution.

In accordance with the policy of the administration to co-operate with all trades, we are also discussing details of voluntary arrangements with the flour distributors by which agreed differentials may be effected in the wholesale trade.

An exhaustive investigation is being made into the cost of baking and bread distribution and active discussions are being carried on with the Bakers' War Emergency Committee as to plans for the elimination of waste in the industry and the production of a standard loaf.

It is impossible to anticipate the price to be enunciated by the fair price committee under Dr. Garfield and it will probably require two or three weeks in its determination. The names of the committee are being submitted to the President and will be announced early.

The basis of determination will be to arrive at a price representing a fair return to the producer for his patriotic endeavor to increase the supply and a proper reduction of the cost of flour to the consumer.

Truck Saves \$41 A Day
Frank L. Stubblefield, who has extensive farming interests, near Walla Walla, is using a three and one half ton truck for wheat hauling this year and is saving \$41.70 a day, he says. He is hauling 300 sacks of grain a day, picking it up in the field where the combine drops it and hauling it to the warehouse, eight and one half miles distant. The truck with two men is doing the work of 24 mules and six drivers. Mr. Stubblefield figures this would cost \$44 a day. With the truck it costs \$2.50 a day for gasoline, oil, a driver and two helpers.

SUMPTER BURNED MAY NOT REBUILD

Sumpter's loss from its disastrous fire Monday will aggregate between \$300,000 and \$350,000 with not more than 30 per cent of this amount covered by insurance.

There is a question as to whether or not the town shall be rebuilt; a meeting to discuss the subject being under way Tuesday afternoon.

A total of 50 business houses were destroyed in the fire Monday, and 45 dwelling houses, these dwelling houses being almost half the residence portion of Sumpter. All told 19 solid blocks were destroyed.

The fire practically burned itself out during the afternoon, it being impossible for citizens to do much towards fighting it after the water supply gave out. Dynamite was used in wrecking some of the buildings in hopes of stopping the flames.

A drunken cook working in the Capital Hotel is credited with having caused the fire. However, he does not admit the fact and is keeping out of sight.

For a time it was feared that two miners had perished in the fire but it is reported all are accounted for, the men in question were simply lost sight of for a time.

All business houses in the town were destroyed excepting the United States forestry office and the Sumpter Valley depot.

CLAIR WALL CALLED BY DEATH SUNDAY MORNING

Claire M. Wall, a well known young man of Athena, who had long been a patient sufferer from tuberculosis, passed away Sunday morning, at the home of his mother in this city.

Mr. Wall left Athena three years ago to accept a position with a railroad company, and returned last fall in poor health. He gradually declined and was taken to his bed several months ago. All that a kind and loving mother, assisted by devoted brothers, could do to make his last days comfortable was done, and the sympathy of the community goes to them in their hour of bereavement.

Claire M. Wall was born at Kingman, Kansas, August 4, 1889, where he lived until his 16th year, when he came to Oregon with his parents. At the time of death he was aged 27 years, 11 months and 19 days. He leaves a widowed mother, three brothers and other relatives in this county. The funeral services were held at the Christian church, Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

Found Dead In Bed

James Campbell, an elderly man, who has been employed on farms in this vicinity, was found dead in his bed at the Burden boarding house Monday morning. He died from paralysis, and had suffered a previous attack. He was to have been taken to the county hospital by Officer Dobson, Monday morning, and it was the officer who found him dead in his room. The coroner was notified and he took the body to Pendleton for burial. Deceased had no relatives in this county, but is supposed to have relatives in the East.

The Peoples Theatre.

Saturday, August 18th. "Liberty, 17th Episode" "The Inspectors Double" "The Caravan" "Shorty Hooks a Loan Shark" Seven reels 20c and 10c.
Sunday August 19th "Ann Murdock" in "Where Love Is" "Miss Billie Rhodes" in "Two of a Kind" Seven reels 20c and 10c.

HENRY PINKERTON PASSES AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS

Henry Pinkerton passed away at his home in this city Tuesday, after an illness extending over a period of nearly two years, at the age of 71 years, six months and 29 days. Funeral services were held at the Christian church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, and burial took place in Kees cemetery.

Mr. Pinkerton was a pioneer of this county, settling on a homestead near Weston in 1871. He came to the Willamette Valley after crossing the plains in 1864. Since retiring from farming, Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton have resided in Athena.

Deceased leaves a wife, and three sons by a former marriage. They are Fred Pinkerton of Athena; Charles of Weston, and Ellis of Ashland. The funeral was largely attended, and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

"The Birth of a Nation"

Every genius has his master creation, and it is no discredit to Mr. D. W. Griffith to say that when he turned out *The Birth of a Nation*, he gave the world and posterity to come the highest possible attainment of his powers—for he also gave a marvel that no other man could surpass.

To see *The Birth of a Nation* the first time is only to be electrified at its enormity, stupefied at its myriads of flashing wonders; to see it a second, a third—many times, is to be enabled to sit back comfortably and enjoy it—immeasurably more at each successive sitting.

A celebrated eastern critic has said of it that it requires one sitting to catch "every other high place" of the terrific action; a second, to catch all of the high places; a third to commence to realize all the wealth of drama that is continually going on between these high places—and after that, the ordinary spectator can commence to follow the entire production, as it flows, marveling at the tremendous harmony of the whole.

Its indisputable spell is being continuously proven in every section of the country—capacity houses turning out everywhere to see it every time it returns—and most of them to several of the performances at each engagement.

D. W. Griffith's *Birth of a Nation* is coming to Athena Peoples Theatre for the first time Wednesday August 22nd. Reserved seats will be on sale at Ware's Pharmacy, Phone 332. One show 8 p. m.

Fred Wilson Married

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Wilson, whose marriage took place Tuesday in Redwood City, Cal., are now on their wedding trip. Mrs. Wilson was Mrs. Donella Campbell Miller, an attractive and wealthy widow, who has been making her home at the Multnomah Hotel for several months. She formerly lived in Seattle where she was socially prominent. The couple telegraphed instructions for the remodeling of three large rooms into a model suite for them at the hotel. The rarest of Oriental rugs and expensive tapestries and ware will be used in the furnishing and decorating.

The Christian Church.

The auditorium of the Christian church is the coolest resort in town. The public is cordially invited to resort thither, Sunday, for Bible school at 10 a. m., Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A. McQuarry and L. E. Metcalf of Spokane University will occupy the pulpit. The Junior Choir will lead at the Bible school hour, and G. R. Gerking, the Director, will begin on time, and class on time. Classes for everybody, from the primary to the adult. Don't forget that the church building is cool and pleasant, and the people will be glad to see you. D. Errett, Minister.

COAL MAY BE COMMANDEERED

As a last resort to meet the threatened coal famine, the President will be asked to exercise the authority given under the food control bill, either to commandeer coal or to expedite the transportation of the mines. Chairman Peabody of the defense councils coal committee and coal producers, and dealers held a conference.

The mineowners admitted shipping vast quantities of coal to Canada for \$4 to \$4.50 per ton despite the shortage at many parts of the United States.

The owners blamed Secretary Baker for this, declaring that when Baker refused to accept the Peabody agreement for \$3 coal many big consumers refused to lay in their usual stocks, anticipating a lower government price.

As a result a shortage in the Great Lakes region and New England exists, with only 88 days before the Lakes shipping season closes.

The federal control of the coal mines would place about 800,000 miners in the United States employ and would give government supervision over the production of over 700 million tons of coal, according to statistics furnished the United Press by the Illinois coal operators association.

The operators declare they want federal control of their mines. They declare that unless something is done within the next few days to allay public already given the situation, within a week the Illinois mines will all be idle.

Tubers Raised From Seed

In an effort to restore the old fashioned potato seed, an experiment is being done in the university garden. The white fruiting berry of the potato, which was found everywhere a generation ago and has now almost disappeared, was used to plant a patch and the fruiting potato plants are now being raised.

With them have been planted a number of potato tubers in the usual way and the latter have grown much more rapidly than the plants which have developed from the seeds. The object in seeking to produce potato seed again is that crossing of strains can be secured in this way, leading to a more wholesome condition of the plant. When propagation is only by the roots there is no chance for cross-fertilization and the same strain of potato will in time give out. The experiment is being conducted under the direction of Assistant Professor John W. Hutson, of the department of botany.

Four From This County

The East Oregonian reports: Charles C. Vinier of Pendleton has been commissioned as a captain in the national army as a result of his training at the Presidio camp and Tot C. Mangold of that city secured a commission as second lieutenant in the cavalry officers reserve corps. Two other Umatilla county residents were successful in the list who secured commissions. Theron S. Barnes of Milton won a commission of second lieutenant of field artillery and Lloyd B. Yates of Milton won a second lieutenant of infantry, O. R. C.

No Exemptions For 24

Twenty four Umatilla County men passed physical examination for the Army and asked no exemptions. Eighty six were called in this county, 70 responded, 10 enlisted since the draft, five were transferred for examination in other districts, and John E. Butson, Jr., registered from Umatilla, is missing. Sixteen from other districts were examined. Forty asked for exemptions, and will be passed on during the week. The boards filed exemptions for an Austrian and a German. One who claimed to be a German later admitted he was a Russian.

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