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## You Are Losing Money

every time you fail to take advantage of a low market. You will have no reason to complain of the high cost of living if you are always willing to pay the top price for your goods. Buying for the home is just as important as buying for a business—you are paying out good money in either case.

This is not an Essay on Thrift but just a reminder that the Davis Kaser great August Clearance Sale closes Aug. 31st—just about

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## DROP FLOWERS FROM SKY ON AVIATOR'S GRAVE



Photo by American Press Association. Upon the grave of Peter Carl (Tex.) Millman, aviator, twelve of his brother aviators flying high aloft in powerful aeroplanes dropped roses and carnations at the cemetery at Westbury, N. Y.

## PLANS FOR THE STATE DEFENSE

Rapid progress is being made by Bruce Dennis, director of work of the State Council of Defense, with headquarters at Portland, in whipping into shape the county units throughout Oregon and in bringing about the promotion of several important features connected with the home prosecution of war. The limit of work to be done is the limit of physical ability of Mr. Dennis and his staff to perform it.

One of the most important features of the organization will be realized when W. B. Ayer, representing Herbert C. Hoover in food conservation and administration in Oregon, will take active charge in one of the offices of the suite that is being utilized by the State Council of Defense. This work will be carried on through the county units as it is developed from time to time, and will be co-ordinated with the numerous other activities of the general organization. One of the important features of the work, that of organizing the women of Oregon, is being conducted by Mrs. Charles H. Castner, of Hood River, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Castner is the active agent for this branch of the activity in all of the counties of the state and is already accomplishing excellent results.

Relative to the food conservation situation, several plans are in course of consideration, but already through the extension system of the Oregon Agriculture College and with the enthusiastic co-operation of President Kerr, the blank card for signatures of householders all over the county are being circulated everywhere in this state. These pledge the signer to join in the service of food conservation for the Nation and to accept membership in the United States Food Administration; also to carry out the directions and advice of the food administrator, insofar as circumstances will permit.

These are to be mailed to the administrator at Washington, D. C., when, upon receipt, he will forward to the signer free the first instructions and a tag for posting. For 10 cents an insignia button, and, if desired, the shield insignia of the food administrator, will be sent.

The plan of organization of the State Council of Defense is to have from 10 to 15 of the most able, patriotic and representative citizens of each county to act as a Council of Patriotic Service. Each county unit chooses its chairman, and it is intended that it shall be responsible for the various activities of the state organization in its county, reporting to the state headquarters at frequent intervals. While the county units are expected to work out county problems along certain lines, they will also execute orders from the state office where general conditions arise.

## ALL OREGON CROPS HURT BY DROUGHT

Serious injury to Oregon crops from high temperature and long drouth is reported by county agricultural agents, without exception. General shortage, especially in dry farming districts, is the substance of all reports.

In Wasco county but eight inches of rainfall are reported since September 1, 1916. Complete failure of the grain sown on Spring plowing, short crop on summer fallow and a fair crop on fall sown lands are reported.

Wheat and barley are poor in Wheeler county. In Malheur hot winds have about wiped out dry farm crops and materially injured irrigated grains.

In Southern Oregon the drouth has affected shallow rooted crops, and corn, sugar beets, beans and grasses are short except where irrigated. Beans bore heavy blooms, but few pods set. Potatoes look well, but tubers are poor. Notwithstanding larger acreage, the crop will not top that of last year. Apples and pears are in good condition except on shallow soil hillside. In Josephine upland pastures are dired up and some crops are an entire failure.

In the Willamette Valley the red clover seed crop is reported not worth cutting in many fields of Yamhill and Lane. In other fields of Lane county pump irrigation has saved the crop, and also that of potatoes. A field of 25 acres of potatoes would have been an entire loss had not the owner installed a pump irrigation system.

## PRISON TO DRY VALLEY FRUIT

A fruit drying plant with a capacity of 20 tons a day is to be in operation at the Walla Walla prison within 30 days, work of excavating for the kilns having been started. Culls and the ordinary waste fruit of the valley will be handled.

Fruitmen of that section have been working on plans for this plant for some time. Warden Henry Drum, in whose hands the details were left, made the announcement. It was Warden Drum that first suggested to the fruitmen that the state could help solve the problem.

Six sets of automatic paring and slicing machines, the latest improvement, are now on hand. The belting, pulleys and other equipment will be bought in Walla Walla.

The plant will be ready for the apple crop this fall and when that is handled, if potatoes are cheap, they will be dried. Other vegetables will likely be put through the drying process.

Walla Walla growers have financed the scheme to the extent of buying the machinery and equipment, which is to be installed in the old juke mill warehouse. Here the fruit which ordinarily would go to waste is to be dried by convict labor. The state will charge tolls for doing the work—the old gristmill idea worked over. After deducting the share of fruit for doing the drying the remainder will be returned to the owner to be disposed of. It is provided in the agreement that the machinery, equipment, etc., remain the property of the grower, though there is a provision that the state may, if it sees fit, purchase this equipment later.

## WAR TIME DEMANDS INCREASE PRODUCTION

The problem of supplying the allies with meat has developed mainly on the United States, and daily the burden is growing more onerous, according to a statement just issued by the food administration. War time demands have been so great that Europe has been making alarming inroads on its herds with a consequent reduction in its domestic supply.

"Although the European countries have drastically reduced meat consumption among war workers," says the statement, "this saving has been overcome by the greatly increased demands to supply men in the armies and shops and women who have taken up physical labor. Millions of individuals to whom fresh meat twice a week was a luxury are now, by necessity of their extreme physical labor, eating it twice daily.

The war has injected into an already difficult situation a number of vicious conditions which are jeopardizing the ultimate animal supply of the world. The production of fodder in Europe has been diminished by the diversion of productive labor to war, and its import has been curtailed by shortage in shipping and by the isolation of markets by belligerent lines.

The problem facing America is not only of supplying the immediate demand of the allies, but one which is more far reaching in its significance. As the war goes on there will be a constant lessening of the capital stock of the world food animals. Among our western allies the demand outruns further every day the decreasing production, and as shipping becomes further shortened by submarine destruction, further destruction of the herds must ensue."

The "Lumberjack" Regiment  
District Forester, Geo. H. Ceell, Portland, Oregon, announces that the regiment of lumbermen, officially known as the 10th Engineers, Forest, and nicknamed the "lumberjack regiment," has been recruited to full strength, and the Forest Service, which has been securing the men, has been notified by the War Department to list no more candidates for service with this regiment. In anticipation, however, of a possible call soon for another regiment of the same character the listing officers all over the country have been instructed to continue listing names of suitable men who may be summoned when needed.

The "Lumberjack regiment" is not a fighting force but will be employed in wood operations in France, cutting out material for army use. The recruits are now being assembled in Washington, where they are drilled daily by the officers assigned to command them. Colonel Woodruff of the regular army, who will head the regiment, is in charge and with the assistance of a staff made up of practical lumbermen and foresters is providing an equipment of the most up to date character for the type of wood operations called for, in the list of the experience of the Allies. The regiment will take with it both stationary and portable sawmills with everything necessary for logging and sawmill work and for transporting the product.

The Peoples Theatre.  
Saturday August 25th.  
"Liberty—Episode 18 "The Wolf's Nemesis" A Joker Comedy, "Father Gets in Wrong." A two reel Drama, "Loves Masquerade" Shorty Traps a Lottery King Seven Reels  
Sunday August 26th  
Mutual Presents "Gale Kane" in a tense drama of conflicting emotions "Whose Wife" five parts. Also "Miss Billie Rhodes" in "Bluffing Father."

## NOISY PRISONERS AT WALLA WALLA

After another night of turmoil the state prison at Walla Walla was quiet early Wednesday, but Superintendent Henry Drum expected the noise that has endured for the last two days to break out fresh before midnight. The trouble began Monday morning, when three life termers—Sears, Casey and Johnson—started a "serenade," which was taken up by the other prisoners and lasted until nearly noon.

Tuesday night the prisoners began their shouting and noise making again, and it was not until 2:30 in the morning that they quieted down. The prison authorities segregated the leaders and changed the men around in an endeavor to better the situation.

Superintendent Drum attributes the trouble to a feeling against some of the guards, particularly against Deputy Warden Burk, which, he says, is mostly unjustified. Also, he says, there are many I. W. W. members in the prison, and they have been preaching their doctrine as extensively as they could, and this has added to the general unrest.

The convicts are embittered against Burk, it is said outside the prison, because of his alleged cruelty, while at the penitentiary it is said it is because he has thwarted several plan of escape.

The yelling and noisemaking campaign was taken up again about 10 o'clock and continued at noon. The men were being allowed to keep it up, there being no practical way of stopping them, in the hopes that they will tire themselves out and quit.

Potato Flour Bread Good  
The pressure of war conditions has brought to light the value of potatoes in bread making, both in England and America. As an economy in England, potato flour was mixed with wheat and a peculiarly delicious bread resulted. In this country potato flour is not available to the average housewife, and the United States Department of Agriculture has therefore devised recipes for the making of bread with plain boiled potatoes mixed with the wheat flour.

This bread is said to be not only a complete success from the economy standpoint, where potatoes are cheap and plentiful, but to supply an attractive novelty in the household menu, and a welcome variation from the usual bread monotony. It has a rich brown crust, is tender and elastic, and the flavor is preferred by many to the bread made wholly of wheat. It contains more moisture than ordinary bread, and, therefore, has longer keeping qualities. For the making of potato bread, at the present time, it is advisable to use the early ripenable potatoes, since the other varieties are capable of storage until spring. "Culls" also may be so used.

U. S. Purchases Spuds  
The first big food contract for the American Lake cantonment was awarded in Seattle when the Government placed an order for 3,000,000 pounds of potatoes with local commission merchants. Seattle firms made the lowest bid.

Beans Poisoned  
Burma beans, found on analysis by Montana laboratory at Bozeman to contain strychnine, were ordered destroyed by the State Board of Health. Tons of them had been shipped into that state and sold to innocent dealers. German agencies are suspected.

## Joffre Writes To Oregon

Mrs. Alan Braconrod, who recently organized clubs in the Madford schools to help orphans of France, has received the following letter from "Papa Joffre" after whom one of the clubs had been named:

Paris, July 14, 1917—Madame: I have been very happy to learn that among the societies which have been formed for the relief of the orphans of our beautiful France one of these bears my name. Accept with pleasure the godfatherhood and I make vows for the happiness of all those whom you will take under your protection.

I retain an unforgettable remembrance of my stay in your country and it is with the greatest pleasure that I have received the expression of your sympathy.

Pray accept, Madame, with my thanks, the assurance of my respectful sentiments.  
J. Joffre.

## I. W. W. Strike Fails

The general strike of the Industrial Workers of the World, which was called as a protest against the holding in jails of members of the organization, failed to materialize in all except one place, according to reports received.

At St. Johns, Wash., 80 men refused to work for \$1 a day in the harvest field until one I. W. W., who was arrested last week, was released.

The Federal Government took steps to check any threatened trouble by placing troops at Lewiston, Idaho, and at Walla, Idaho. Troops at Lewiston will protect the orchards and harvest fields and the soldiers at Walla were placed near the big lead mines.

## Slacker Fit For Service

Richard James Warring, who was arrested in Pendleton on the charge of being a Baker county slacker, was examined by the local board and, although he said he had a weak back and a defective foot, he was pronounced by the board fit for military service.

Warring claimed exemption on the ground that he is a railroad man. His case will be dealt with by the district board at La Grande. He asked the privilege of being examined, after having been informed that he was likely to be dealt with as a slacker.



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