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About That NEW CARPET OR RUG

When you get ready to buy that new Rug or Carpet, don't you think these shopping features would appeal to you?—A stock of over 500 different patterns and sizes to select from, high and medium quality Domestic Rugs and Carpets, selected with regard to the color harmonies of the home today—Rugs and Carpets from the most reliable mills in this country—Rugs and Carpets bought before the advance in prices and to be sold at proportionately low prices—besides, our salesmen are so willing to show goods that you do not feel as if you had to buy before you really see what you want, and surely, out of

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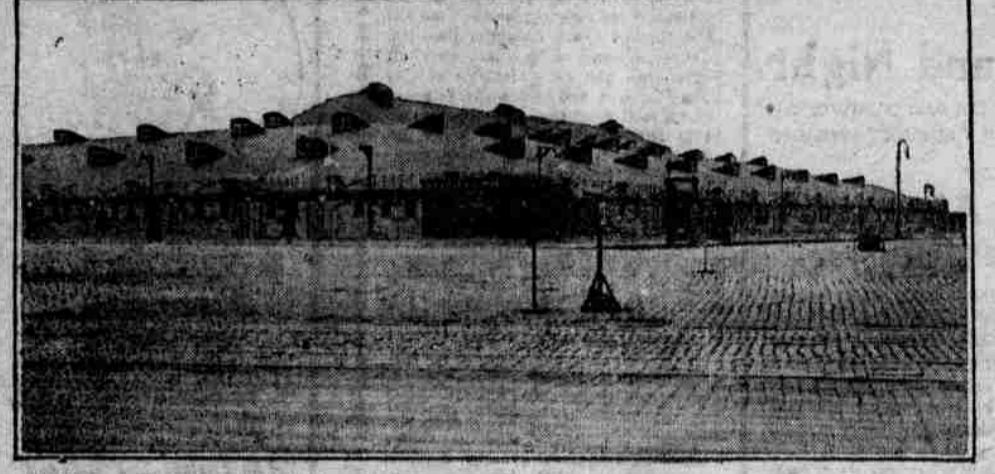


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Billy Sunday in his New York revival will preach his first sermon on April 8, Easter Sunday, in this huge tabernacle at One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street and Broadway. It seats 17,000 persons and has standing room for 3,000 more. A hospital, rest room and dining quarters are in an annex.

METHOD OF SAVING WHEAT PROPOSED

A suggestion which paves the way for a substantial saving in wheat has been proposed by W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, who as Federal director of food production of Oregon, is now busily engaged perfecting the details of his plan. The co-operation of Oregon farmers and ranchers is all that is needed to effect the saving, and Dr. Kerr has facts at hand to show how several million bushels of wheat can be saved for the soldiers.

The substitution of corn for wheat as food for poultry and livestock is the keynote of the plan. The corn crop in the Middle West is large beyond precedent this year, and all that is needed for the release of Western wheat is a method by which corn can be moved from the Middle West and delivered to Northwestern farmers.

"Just as an example of the saving that can be accomplished," said Dr. Kerr, in discussing his plan, "consider the poultry that are to be fed during the coming winter. It is estimated variously that 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 chickens are being maintained in the three Northwestern States, and that each of them will consume a bushel of wheat. Nearly all poultry owners have already bought feed to maintain their stock, or else have set the required amount aside for feeding. Therefore, we deduce that several million bushels lie in granaries among the farming communities of the Northwest.

"There will be almost unlimited corn available in this country, but the problem is for shipment and distribution where it can be used most effectively. There have been appeals to householders to use corn so far as possible in place of wheat. The same can be done in the feeding of poultry, and on a greater scale. If the change from wheat to corn can be made economically desirable to the owners of poultry, a large amount of corn can be released. Two million bushels would be a low estimate for the saving of wheat even if only partial change is effected. But 2,000,000 bushels of wheat would be a tremendous help to our allies.

"Another great saving can be effected if we can procure corn to fatten swine. The wheat that would otherwise be used, would thereby be released for sale in the general market. "The most difficult part of the problem is to enlist the help of the individual in the matter of importing corn. Mr. Houser of the Federal Grain Corporation, has promised to give us every advantage possible in the way of shipment, and we want the Oregon farmers to help us with the substitution. The action of the small consumer of corn is what we really need. Farmers who could not use a whole carload of corn should club together and thus obtain shipments of this product at a minimum expense.

"While we have a great deal of patriotic feeling to depend upon among the Oregon farmers, what we ask of them is easily an economic possibility. We want them to buy corn for feeding their stock. Corn is equally as effective as wheat for fattening swine, and it can be ground for feeding chickens, and the value is the same as wheat, but the price will be lower than wheat. "The full results of the corn crop in the Middle West cannot be announced in figures at present, but we know, at least, that it has been unusually large, and that a great surplus will be available for the purposes we propose."

NAVAL ENLISTED MEN MAY RECEIVE DISCHARGES

The following significant paragraph appears in the Congressional Act and Navy General Orders. It should materially aid recruiting and satisfy those young men who wish to enlist for the period of the war, as no doubt the Navy Department will adhere to this peace regulation immediately after the war: "Any person who may hereafter enlist in the Navy for the first time, shall—in time of peace—if he no elects, receive discharge therefrom without cost to himself during the month of June or December respectively following the completion of one year at sea."

FIRST WASH. BATTALION ENTRAINS FOR N. C.

Tuesday evening at 8:15 Athena population turned out to see the passing of the train bearing the First Battalion of Washington Field Artillery on its way to Camp Greene, N. C. Main street at the depot was filled with automobiles and many people cheered the soldiers as they in turn waved hands and hats and heartily cheered in response.

Prominent in the commissary car door, stood Sergeant James Sturgia, Master of Transportation, who received an ovation from his Athena friends. At Pendleton the train was met by an enthusiastic crowd.

Of the departure of the Battalion the Walla Walla Union says in part: "Amid the tears and cheers of thousands of friends and relatives, who had waited patiently most of the day to be on hand for the final farewell, the First Battalion of Washington Field Artillery—the pride of Eastern Washington—left about 5:30 o'clock last evening over the Union Pacific line for Camp Greene, Charlotte North Carolina, where will be given further training preparatory to being transported to France and into the thick of Uncle Sam's fight for democracy and liberty of the world.

The leave taking was a sad one, nearly every eye being dimmed with tears, while scores broke down and wept. Many gifts were taken to the train and baggage cars were loaded with lunches, delicacies, etc. Several young men endeavored to join at the last minute, but in the confusion could not find the proper officer so were left behind.

The Walla Walla district gave nearly half the battalion, a third coming from Spokane and a little over half of Battery B from Benton and Yakima counties. It makes about 700 men that this district has now turned over to Uncle Sam and still the drain continues.

The train which bore the battalion from the city was the largest ever to leave and consisted of 3 engines and 18 cars, four baggage and 12 tourist sleepers, and two standard pullmans.

Officers state that three stops will be made each morning and three each afternoon, about 15 minutes each, during which time the men will be marched on the double quick in the open to exercise their legs and lungs. Stops will also be made at most of the terminals and more important towns. The battalion will be quartered with the Oregon national guardsmen, who are already at Camp Greene, and it is believed the Washington national guard will also soon be there.

Return From 1100 Mile Trip

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Wilmot arrived home Tuesday morning after an 1100 mile automobile trip through Northern Washington and Idaho, where they enjoyed many pleasant visits with relatives and friends. Sawyer, Lewiston and Grandville were visited with many intervening towns, including Mt. Idaho and White Bird, in Camas Prairie, where Mr. Wilmot has vivid personal memories of the Indian wars. He had not visited the Prairie for 23 years and found only a few of his old friends remaining. Mr. Wilmot, though only a novice at driving an auto, negotiated the Lewiston Hill, from Uniontown, with all the dexterity he used to display in guiding a 6 horse stage coach over the same grade, but with slightly more trepidation, he naively confessed. Mr. Wilmot is 78 years young, and with his bride, Aunt Lizzie, may motor to California to spend the winter.

Weston Boy Injured
Jimmy, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nelson of Weston, well known former residents of this city, lies in a precarious condition in the Pendleton hospital where he has been unconscious for almost a week. Saturday afternoon the lad was found lying in the road just east of Weston, presumably having been thrown from his horse and dragged for a long distance. No fractures were found on the head, but one arm was cut and a thumb almost severed. He was evidently thrown against the fence, being finally liberated from his perilous position by his shoe coming off.

LIBERTY LOAN SPEAKERS; ATHENA SUBSCRIBES \$4000

The First National Bank of Athena reports the sale of Liberty Loan Bonds of the second loan at 4 per cent of the sum of \$4000 so far.

For the first loan at 3 1/2 per cent this bank and patrons subscribed \$42,000.

Forty-five speakers will begin a strenuous speaking campaign in every section of the state October 15 on behalf of the Liberty Loan Bonds. No subscriptions will be taken at the meetings, which will be great patriotic rallies, bringing out the finest patriotic instincts in our citizenship. P. L. Campbell, Eugene, and W. M. Pierce, La Grande, are the speakers assigned to Umatilla County by Milton Muller chairman of the sub-committee on speakers. Both speakers will deliver stirring addresses in Athena on Tuesday October 16th at 2 p. m.

MAN AND WIFE KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK

O. H. Taylor, a signal foreman of the O. W. company, and his wife, were burned to death at Kamela Saturday night when an outfit car in which they were sleeping was telescoped by a freight train.

Fire broke out immediately and the bodies were partially consumed before they could be recovered.

Mr. Taylor's home is in Idaho, but he works all over the company's lines and his car was attached to a freight train on a siding. He was in charge of a signal maintenance crew detailed to do some special work.

The woman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, are reported to live at Cle Elum, Wash.

Farmers Receive Advance

Walla Walla farmers who sold wheat to the Pacific Coast Elevator company under the first price established by the government are to receive an advance of 6 3/4 cents a bushel. Authority to pay the farmers was received from Portland. The company purchased about 100,000 bushels from farmers, verbally agreeing to pay the difference if there was an increase allowed. Farmers will receive about \$6000 additional.

Notice

Owing to the increase in price of feed, labor and repairing, we are forced to raise our prices on transfer work in or out of the city, change to take effect at once.

Burke & Son,
Athena Truck Co.

School Notes.

The High school play "On the Little Big Horn" is progressing rapidly. The first and second acts being well under way. It is expected to be given the first or second week in November. The cast is as follows:
Major Paul Ludlow Officer 47 U. S. Cavalry Henry Koepeke.
Lieut. Henry Winston West Point on Indian Service John Saunders
William Carleton Indian Agent Ralph Haynie
Gen. Horace Graham Commandant of Ft. Winalow Mr. Shaffner
Dakota Dan Scout on Federal Service Mr. Gribble
Patrick O'Rafferty Troop Sergeant George Lieualien
War Eagle Sioux Indian Chief James Martin
Hop Sing Chinese Cook Edna Pinkerton
Bill Hanks Telegraph Operator, Sam Martin A Trooper Harry Martin
Beryl Seymour Belle of the Garrison
Rose of the Mist Sioux Maiden Mildred Winskip
Sue Graham Niece of General Graham Areta Littlejohn
Mrs. Caroline Spencer A widow with a fondness for Botany, Belle Pamburn.

More spirit should be shown in the Literary Society than in former and present times, in order to make these meetings a greater success. There should be more interest taken on the part of the pupils, especially in the musical part. Any of the members who have a choice selection of music including popular and classical are requested to contribute such to the Society.

The pupils of the fifth and sixth grades are working hard for a half holiday that is to be given on the last Friday of the month providing they have a grade of 95 per cent or over in deportment and a general average of 90 per cent or over.

Mrs. W. O. Read visited Miss Wolff's room Tuesday.

Connie Baker and Ralph Haynie have registered as Seniors, making a total of eleven in that class.

The pupils of Miss Lawson's room are working on leaf forms for art this week.

Mrs. D. C. Russell was a visitor in Miss Sherman's room Tuesday.

Mr. H. W. Torbet assistant cashier of the First National bank of Albany is here on his vacation, visiting his sister, Mrs. J. O. Russell.

Claude Coomans and Lloyd McPherrin, two former High school students left last week for The Dalles where they will spend the winter with the former's parents.

The third of the series of talks by the High school students was delivered Wednesday at the afternoon assembly, when the Junior class gave interesting speeches on Current Events. Next Wednesday the Senior class will entertain the student body with the last of the series of talks.

Miss Estelle Smith, a former High school student, left Tuesday evening to enter the University of Spokane.

The eighth grade agricultural class is conducting a judging contest. They are learning how to judge seed corn, seed potatoes and different kinds of grains.

Roll of Honor.

1st Grade—Chester Dugger, Harold Kirk, Ralph Keller, Eldon Myrick, Elver Miller, Oral Michener, Emma Ringel, Theodore Soden, Lois Smith, Elizabeth Steele.
2nd Grade—Mary Berlin, Fay Berlin, Raymond Burke, Weldon Bell, Dorothy Geissel, Helen Hansell, Edgar Morrison, George Pamburn, Athena Russell, Marion Soden.
3rd Grade—Ronald Lieualien, Melvin Coppock, Clifford Wood.
4th Grade—Chester Cox, Ellen Henry.
5th Grade—Dorothy Berlin, Lewis

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WEEK OF OCT. 22 TO HELP FUND

The following letter, received at the Mayor's office in this city is self explanatory, and should receive immediate attention. These calls, coming as they do, for the direct benefit of our boys at the front, are everyone necessary and must be taken as a matter of course by the patriotic people of this and other localities. Let Athena make plans to contribute a generous portion to the Oregon Boys' Emergency Fund, by following out its suggestions:

During the week of October 22nd every community in the State of Oregon is urged to organize and conduct some class of entertainment or method of raising money for the Oregon Boys' Emergency Fund. This money will be placed in the hands of a general committee of responsible citizens, to be used in any and all emergencies for anyone who has enlisted in our country's service from the State of Oregon.

A part of this fund will be given to the commanding officers of the various organizations from this state and the remainder will be held for future use, and will be of inestimable value to our boys particularly after they reach Europe.

The plan adopted in Portland is to conduct a series of entertainments every afternoon and evening during the week of October 22, at the Public Auditorium, featuring Patriotic moving pictures and other specialties. This committee will sell one hundred thousand tickets at twenty five cents each, there being practically no expense and the entire proceeds will be given to the Oregon Boys Emergency Fund.

I urge you to get in touch with the County Judge in your county, also commissioners, school directors and active workers with a view of carrying out a program which will be workable in your community and urge them to immediate action.

Mr. Emery Olmstead, Vice Pres. Northwestern National Bank, Portland, Oregon, is treasurer and custodian of this fund. All remittances should be made to him as treasurer of Oregon Boys Emergency Fund.

Please advise this office at once, if you are willing to assist in this work and immediately forward to us information showing what you are willing to do to make this work a success.

Sincerely yours,
Geo. W. Baker.

Fire Destroys Barn

Monday about 4 p. m. the barn of Chas. Nelson of Weston was destroyed by fire, originating, it is supposed, from electric wires. A large quantity of hay was burned, but no stock were in the building. The garage adjoining was badly damaged but the supply of gasoline and oil was gotten out before the fire reached it.

Mr. Nelson had just left for Pendleton to attend his injured little son, and going by the reservation road was not notified of his loss until he arrived there. Several from Athena hurried over to assist in saving the handsome residence nearby, but by the use of chemicals and on account of a favorable wind, it was not greatly endangered. The barn, a good one, thoroughly equipped, was uninsured.

Drank Wood Alcohol

John Rothrock Jr. was a very sick boy for a couple of days this week and is still in a serious condition from drinking wood alcohol. Monday evening while calling at the Cartano home he was suddenly taken ill and fainted. Dr. Sharp was summoned, when it was learned that while in the company of Dick Clemons, he had imbibed the stuff, but at the same time bitters and bologna were partaken of, which fortunately aided in the action of an emetic. Young Rothrock remained unconscious for several hours, but has now fairly recovered.

ARE YOU READY?

for Jack Frost when he comes? He never fails to appear and usually comes when you are not prepared. Better get your winter supply and give him a warm reception when he arrives. Our stock of winter goods is now complete and prices speak for themselves.

Cotton Blankets, .69 to 2.98	Boys' Outing Gowns, .49	Men's flannel Shirts, 1.49 to 2.98
"Woolnap", 2.49 to 2.98	Men's " " .49 to 1.49	cotton union suits . 1.35
Wool, 3.98 to 7.50	Boys' Pajamas, .79	" Wool " " 2.25-3.35
Indian robes, crib, 8.00	Men's " " .98 to 1.49	" Silk and Wool " " 4.25
" large, 6.00 to 10.00	Ladies' " 1-piece .98	Boys' fleece union suits . 69-79
Comforts, 1.25 to 3.98	" knit caps .25 to .49	" " " " 1.10 to 1.19
Cotton batts, half-lb. .15	Children's " " .25 to .49	Children's fleece " " sizes 2
" 1-lb. .25	" Sweaters .49 to 2.98	to 16 . 59 to .79
" 3-lb. .88-98	Ladies' " very latest, 4.98 to 6.90	Children's wool union suits sizes
White Outing Flannel .12 1-2 .15	Boys' sweaters .19 to 2.98	2 to 16, white or gray .79 to 1.19
Colored .12 1-2 .15	Men's " .98 to 5.90	Ladies' fleece union suits .69-1.19
Outing Gowns, ladies' .69 to 1.49	" Mackinaws . 5.90 to 9.90	" wool union suits, high or low
" children's, .49 to .79	Boys' " 2.98 to 5.50	short or long sleeve 2.25 to 3.45

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