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## HOME FURNISHINGS

Increasing attention is being devoted to the harmonious furnishing of the home; to the quality of material, the color arrangements, the grouping of the furniture, the planning of the draperies and the choosing of the rugs; always having in mind the suitability of everything entering into the assemblage, whether furniture, floor coverings or decoration.

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## \$2.20 BASIC PRICE 1918 WHEAT CROP

Although Food Administrator Hoover promised on Saturday last to obtain for the Pacific Northwest a wheat price equivalent to the Chicago price, irrespective of the price of 2.05 named in the President's proclamation, nothing of that nature has yet been done and members of the Oregon delegation have been unable to learn whether any active move in that direction is under way.

Absolute parity of Northwestern wheat markets with Chicago and a basic price of \$2.20 for the 1918 crop by virtue of the water rate announced by the United States Shipping Board was confidently asserted by C. W. Nelson of Seattle, upon his arrival in Portland from Washington, D. C., where he was a member of the Farmers' Union delegation from Northwestern states in conference with the Federal Food Administration and the Shipping Board.

"The price in Northwestern markets will be absolutely identical with the price at Chicago, or \$2.20, for the 1918 crop," declared Mr. Nelson, who is general manager of the Tri-State Terminal Company, a farmers' union enterprise at Seattle.

Mr. Nelson, who left Washington Thursday of last week, at the conclusion of a fortnight's conference between the farmers' delegation, Food Administrator Hoover and officials of the Shipping Board, waves aside all rumors of misunderstanding or disagreement, and states that harmony and willingness to serve the interests of Northwestern wheatgrowers marked the entire proceedings at the successful conclusion of which the delegates departed.

Concerning the seeming discrepancy between the basic price of \$2.05 named for Portland and Seattle in President Wilson's recent proclamation and the low water rate pledged by the Shipping Board, which would automatically raise the rate to a parity price with Chicago, Mr. Nelson stated that it is understood that the \$2.05 price is to apply to the remainder of the 1917 crop only, and that the \$2.20 price is to be fully effective for the 1918 crop.

"The situation is that the President refuses to interfere with the wheat price at present," explained Mr. Nelson. "It can readily be seen that if he announced a higher price at this time, wheat now in storage would be held for that price.

"Such action would embarrass the Administration in its promise of food to the allies and tend to hamper the successful prosecution of the war. The allies have got to have our wheat for food and we must have it ourselves without delay.

"It is thoroughly settled, as the result of our delegation's conferences with the food administration and the Shipping Board, that the 1918 crop of the Northwest is to be on an absolute parity with the price established in Chicago, through the medium of the water rate.

"The old rate of 2.05, named in the President's proclamation applies on the 1917 crop. We granted that it was eminently fair that the remainder of the 1917 crop should be moved at that figure. The Food Administration will endeavor to move all this wheat without delay, which is not such a task as it might seem, as I do not believe that more than 3 per cent of our old crop is on hand. The percentage remaining in the Middle West is greater, about per 15 cent, I believe."

### Expect Letters Soon.

Letters from Athena boys who are now "somewhere in France," are expected shortly. It is supposed the Athena soldiers arrived in France about the middle of January, so the time is approaching when letters may be expected by relatives and friends. From time to time their addresses have been published in the Press, and at any time may be seen in the window at Foss-Winship's store.

### Tobacco for the Boys.

Packed in two-pound tins, tobacco purchased from the fund recently subscribed by citizens of Athena and vicinity is being sent to the Athena boys with the expeditionary forces now in France. The packages go by mail and are wrapped and attended by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foss at the Foss-Winship Hardware store.

### Safety First.

I was returning home the other evening about 6:30 o'clock when I saw Tommy, my neighbor's boy, playing with a crowd of other boys. I knew that his family always had supper at 6 o'clock sharp, so I said, "I'll bet you 5 cents you'll miss your supper, Tommy."

He grinned up at me saucily and replied: "Then you lose your bet, 'cause I got the chops right here with me. Ma sent me for 'em at 5 o'clock."—Everybody's Magazine.

### Too Mean a Trick.

"See here; I wrote and asked you when you were going to pay that old account and even enclosed a stamp, but you never answered."  
"My dear sir, wouldn't it have been a mean trick to use your own stamp to disappoint you?"

### A Warning.

"Don't be too ready to bandy wit with a chemist."  
"Why not with a chemist?"  
"Because he always has a ready retort."—Baltimore American.



Colon R. Eberhard

of La Grande, Candidate for Republican nomination for the office of Joint Senator to succeed Senator C. A. Barrett.

### HEALTH AND HOUSE SCREENS

One Effective Way to Foul the Flies and Mosquitoes.

It is a duty to protect the health of the home and to fight any peril that may menace it. You may have doubts or become discouraged when it comes to cleaning up and keeping so clean that you won't have flies, or when you try to keep them down by poisoning or trapping, but there's one means of protecting yourself against flies that is safe and effective. This is thorough screening. Doors, windows and porches, upstairs and downstairs, should be thoroughly screened in summer for the comfort of the home and the health of the family. Mosquitoes are a health menace as well as flies, and thorough screening protects against both.

A few years ago screening was considered almost as ineffective as a means of protecting against flies as poisoning, disinfecting and a few feeble efforts at cleaning up. None of these methods prohibited flies. They apparently continued to come in their usual large number. But the trouble was we did not know how to properly use screens. Then only the kitchen and dining room doors and windows were screened, while the doors and windows of the other part of the house were left unprotected.

Later we found that not only all the openings to the house must have screens in them, but that they must fit and be made so fly tight that no fly could enter. This was found more effective. But not until the porches were screened, particularly the back porch, where most of the food was handled, did we come to know the real safety and comfort that lay behind screened doors, windows and porches.—Exchange.

### A Bit of Human Nature.

The other day a husky and rather rough looking driver was having trouble with his horse and, suddenly losing his temper, started to beat him. A number of men rushed toward him with the intent of stopping him when his arms were suddenly arrested to midair. The would be rescuers paused, too, and looked. Standing close by the man was a little girl, of not more than four years—just looking—looking. Not a word was spoken, no pen could describe the look on the little one's face, but the heavy driver stopped his beating and spoke kindly to his horse. Strangely, too, the horse moved, and there was no trace of the incident, except a flush underneath the driver's tan, a few damp eyes among the spectators and a happy smile on the little girl's face.—Philadelphia Press.

### Raw Eggs Keep Longer Than Baked.

Raw eggs keep good much longer than cooked eggs, even when these are hard boiled. This was proved by Dr. Leon Lindet, a member of the Paris Council d'Hygiene, after many French soldiers had reported that the hard boiled eggs they received from home had gone bad, while the raw eggs remained edible for weeks.

Dr. Lindet explains this fact by saying that the boiling makes the inner membrane pervious to gases, liquids and microbes, and the white of the egg becomes an agglomeration of coagulated albumen and particles of a serum that is an ideal medium in which microbes thrive.

### Wild Carrot Seed.

Seeds of the wild carrot are small but very numerous and are covered with weak bristles which catch on wool, hair and clothing and distribute the weed for considerable distances. They frequently are harvested with grass, clover and alfalfa seed and are widely distributed by this means. As found in clover seed, the wild carrot seeds are usually without barbs, as these are rubbed off in the clover huller.

### Timid Sheep.

Sheep, when they become frightened, always run to an elevation, because their ancestors originally came from the mountains. They always follow a leader, because in the dangerous mountain passes their ancestors had to go in single file.

### The Great Mystery.

Are we made to tick and keep the hours of this mortal sphere only? When we are done here shall we be run down forever, never to move again? Or do we belong to the horology of the universe?—Henry Ward Beecher.

Courage consists not in blindly overlooking danger, but in seeing it and conquering it.—Itikler.

## COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR WAR DRIVES

At a meeting held in Pendleton Friday, the Umatilla County War Drive committee was organized, with the object of conducting all campaigns for war funds, limiting the drives to three for the year excepting drives for Liberty Loans; listing of potential contributors rated according to income; and to be assessed equitably for each drive; defining the status of slackers, and in fact, taking over the whole matter of raising war funds for Umatilla county.

The organization is to be a comprehensive and thorough one. Its executive board is comprised of Chairman, J. V. Tallman; Secretary, M. R. Chessman; Judge G. W. Phelps, J. Roy Raley, Leon Cohen, Judge S. A. Lowell and Dr. W. D. McNary.

There will be a district chairman for each of 15 districts in the county. The district chairmen as nominated and approved are as follows: Adams, J. O. Hales; Athena, H. I. Watts; Echo, R. B. Stanfield; Freewater, E. J. Davis; Helix, Carl Engdahl; Hermiston, Thomas Campbell; Holdman, W. A. Gurrant; Meacham, J. D. Casey; Milton, George A. Price; Pendleton, George A. Hartman; Pilot Rock, L. C. Scharpf; Stanfield, R. A. Holte; Umapine, Lou Hodgen, Weston, J. H. Price.

The district chairmen will be responsible to the executive board. Each district chairman will appoint a precinct chairman for each voting precinct in his district.

A committee chairman will be appointed for approximately each 25 potential contributors in the precinct, each chairman to select two or three members to serve with him.

The organization committee is retained permanently to keep up the organization and assist in the selecting of all chairmen. This committee is composed of J. Roy Raley, R. E. Chloupek, C. M. Bishop, Dr. W. D. McNary and Rev. J. E. Snyder.

A rating committee will estimate the income of every potential contributor in the county and, with this as a basis, determine the equitable proportion of each contributor. The general rating committee is composed of G. M. Rice and W. L. Thompson, heads of the two Pendleton banks; Assessor C. P. Strain, Tax Collector A. C. Funk and Leon Cohen. Each district chairman will act with the rating committee in rating the contributors in his district.

An auditing committee will audit all accounts. The committee as named by Chairman Tallman is composed of C. K. Cranston, J. T. Lambirth and R. M. Mayberry.

A publicity committee with E. B. Aldrich as chairman and consisting of the publishers of every paper in Umatilla county, was appointed and among other duties prescribed is the publication of all contributors in each drive together with a list of those whom the executive board or general committee adjudge slackers in war giving. The general committee will be composed of the executive board, district, precinct and committee chairmen and the members of all committees specified above.

### A Foot of Snow.

Dick English was down from his mountain ranch Monday and reported a foot of snow at his place. While the fall of snow is not so heavy as usual, Mr. English expects a plentiful supply of water in the mountains the coming summer, as the snow is drifted deep in the canyons. Owing to this fact, the snow banks will be slow in disappearing this spring, thus holding back a supply of water for stock during the summer months.

## LAMAR BENEFIT SOCIAL NETS RED CROSS \$90

The benefit social given at the LaMar school house last Friday evening was eminently successful both socially and financially. The program, under the efficient management of the teacher, Mrs. Clare Partridge Stone, delighted the audience with its unconventional and highly entertaining features, carried out with a tendency to observe the Montessori method in allowing the children to be perfectly natural in their interpretation of their several parts.

A committee composed of Misses Blanche Swaggart, Helen Johnson, Lola and Vergie Key, Lela Stockstill, Varina Marshall and Emerald Duncan and Fred Johnson, received the guests.

The program was of a patriotic nature, so'dier songs predominating. A reading, "The Kaiser's Dream," by Vergie Key, song, "Washington," by Grant Key with his flag bearers, recitation by Eulalie Duncan, songs by the girls of the committee, and a specially lively duet by Emerald Duncan and Fred Johnson, "mezzo sopranos," were features. A series of old-time songs, given by Mr. Wallace White, delighted the older people, and the children as well.

The well laden baskets were auctioned off by Judge B. B. Richards of this city, who, with persuasive eloquence, inveigled the net sum of \$90 from the more than willing audience, many baskets selling as high as \$8 and \$7, and some even higher. After the sale, a social hour was spent, with the contents of the baskets spread for refreshments.

The entire proceeds of the sale were given to the Athena Red Cross auxiliary by Mrs. Stone, to be applied on the local yarn fund, or other funds, as desired.

## J. C. MARTIN BUYS HERSEY STOCK RANCH IN MONTANA

A copy of the Roundup (Mont.) Tribune, is at hand with an account of the purchase of the Hersey stock ranch in Musselshell county by J. C. Martin of this city. The account of the purchase as given by the Montana paper places Mr. Martin's holdings down in Southern Oregon, when in reality he has been a wheat raiser in this vicinity. The Tribune says:

"Papers were signed on Tuesday transferring the H. B. Hersey ranch and livestock to J. C. Martin of Oregon and it is announced that Mr. Martin will arrive about March 1 to take personal charge of the valuable property. The consideration was in the neighborhood of \$35,000 and it is understood the sale involved a cash payment of \$10,000 to bind the bargain. The transfer was made through the office of the Roundup Loan & Realty company.

"Mr. Martin is the owner of an extensive cattle ranch in southern Oregon and while the dairy business established by Mr. Hersey will be continued for a time it is stated that the ultimate purpose is to turn the ranch into a blooded stock farm, in which business Mr. Martin has been successful in Oregon. Pending the arrival of the family, a son will remain at the ranch to look after Mr. Martin's interests. Mr. Martin returned to Oregon Tuesday night."

### Had Jaw Broken.

The East Oregonian reports that Clarence Doak of Stanfield, is in Pendleton receiving medical attention for a broken jaw which he sustained Saturday night at Stanfield during the Odd Fellows' convention. He fainted during the evening, and in falling struck so heavily on his jaw that a painful injury resulted.

## MACHINERY WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

County Agricultural Agent M. S. Shrock who was in the city Thursday of last week, when he attended a meeting of the farmers in the Commercial Association rooms, is taking active interest in the Repair Week movement, and writes the Press as follows:

"Next week is repair week. Every farmer is urged by the Government to see that harvesting and threshing machinery is put in proper repair so that no time need be lost when harvest is upon us. This is one of the very best and surest ways by which farmers can help themselves in partially solving the labor problem. 'Do it now,' is an excellent motto to adopt in this connection.

"There are two reasons why this early repairing is important. First, the extras that have to be ordered from the factory may, due to war conditions, be a long time coming. Second, no farmer can afford to lie underneath a combine skinning his knuckles with a monkey wrench, sweating blood and thinking silent profanity, when harvest is crowding. Do it now. "On the smaller farms definite arrangements should now be made with the neighbors for an exchange of help at harvest time. This plan is not feasible on the large farms, but they will be benefitted by the release of labor as a result of such exchange on the small farms. M. S. Shrock, "County Agricultural Agent."

### In the Right Pew.

Milt Swaggart, who recently returned from a trip to California, tells a good one that happened to him at Oakland Mo. When the train drew up to the ferry slip, a fellow yelled "You'll have to hurry to get the boat for 'Frisco!'" The crowd rushed pell mell past him through a door and Milt with others found himself in a large compartment, where many people were sitting around. Stepping up to an official looking personage, Milt very politely inquired: "Where is the boat we're to take across the bay?" "Why, you damn fool, you're on the boat and half way across now," was the reply. "And say—you can't 'take' this boat; the boat takes you. See?"

### Have Until April 1.

Milton A. Miller, Collector of Customs, announces the time for filing income tax returns has been extended from March 1 to April 1. This applies to the returns of individuals as well as corporations, the impression having prevailed that the extension of time applied only to corporations. While it is desirable, says Mr. Miller, that returns be made as soon as possible, the extension of time may be taken advantage of by those who are unable to make returns on account of not having received their blanks promptly.

### Red Cross Meeting.

A social hour was passed at the Red Cross meeting Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. Hill, chairman, served a salad, sandwiches and tea. Many garments were finished, and the workers are now waiting for new supplies of sewing from headquarters. The yarn fund committee reported a donation of \$90 from LaMar school, by Mrs. Stone, the teacher, and the yarn for knitting socks and sweaters for the soldier boys is expected to soon be on hand. A gratifying increase of attendance and interest is noted.

### Gets a New Husband.

Irene Bushman, who was divorced only Saturday by her husband, Paul Bushman, was married Monday in Walla Walla to Joe Hart. She is a mixed blood Indian.

# Mens Work Clothes

Spring work will soon be here. Everyone will be busy. Come in and get your work clothes now. We have full lines to select from. In buying for 175 busy stores, we can undersell others.



### A FINE STOCK OF SHOES

Heavy Blue Overalls	\$1.98	Boys' Canvas Gloves	2 pr. .15
Striped Overalls	1.29	Men's Canvas Gloves	.10
Heavy Blue Jackets	1.39	Men's Canvas Gloves	.15
Good Work Shirts	.69	Leather-faced Gloves	.25
Heavy Cotton Shirts	1.69	Leather gloves short	.79 to 1.89
Unionalls	2.69	" Gauntlet	1.25 to 1.98
Corduroy Pants	2.49 to 3.25	Boys' Blue Overalls	.49
Khaki Pants	1.25	Mule-hide Shoes	1.98
Good Duck Coats	3.98	Good heavy Work Shoes	4.98
Work Sox	3 pr. .25		2.98-3.50-3.98-4.50
Work Sox	.10	Heavy 8-inch top	4.98
Work Sox	2 pr. .25		
Bandana handkerchiefs	.95-.10		

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