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Quality Always Service First

The store that undersells because it sells for **CASH**

You don't have to take our word for our ability to save you money as the result of selling for cash. Come and see. All we ask is a chance to show you. Mr. Farmer, give us a chance to figure on your harvest needs.

THE ECONOMY CASH GROCERY
Phone 532

Quality Always Service First

3rd Carload is here

A real satisfied farmer's smile is one of the most pleasant sights we have about our place and now we are having many of them every day because of the arrival of the **New McCormick Combines**

The third carload has arrived and your time is well invested to come and see them. You can see gold dollars in this machine and besides the saving in your harvest of this year, you probably save \$500 to \$700 on the price of next year. Come and see, then decide. Get busy. Take out your binder twine, while the taking is good.

Watts & Rogers
Just Over the Hill

W S S

Show Your Patriotism!
Buy a **War Savings Stamp** and Help Win the War

For Sale at
The First National Bank of Athena

Athena Bakery
O. H. McPherrin, Manager

why worry about substitutes?
Buy Hohbach's Bread

Give us a Trial. Worthington Building, Athena, Ore

We carry the best **MEATS**
That Money Buys Our Market is Clean and Cool

Insuring Wholesome Meats.
READ & LOGSDON
Main Street, Athena, Oregon

LETTERS FROM OUR LADS "OVER THERE"

The information that 148 Field Artillery is stationed at Bordeaux, France is contained in a letter from Corporal Ed Sebasky, as a new order allows the American soldiers in France to divulge their whereabouts, so long as they are not in the advance lines. The interesting letter follows:

"My dear Mother: I received two letters from you last week and one this week, also the papers and other things O. K. It sure came in handy. Am sending you some order blanks for tobacco. It can be sent to one of us at a time, and we can divide it up between us. Tell them to send me Fatimas, as I have a good supply of other tobacco on hand, but my old favorites are a scarce article here.

"Well, today is Memorial Day and we have this afternoon off so I will give you a little news; so here goes. You know Harry Keller—well, he's my pal. We've been doing a bit of bumming around here in France together. Last Sunday we hired a couple of bikes and went out in the country about fifteen kilometers and ran into a little village. We stopped and were looking at an old church, when a cute Mademoiselle steps up to us and shoots this at us: "Bon jour, Monsieur." Well, we get right back at her with "Bon jour, Mademoiselle."

After a little time in which we had juggled our pigeon French quite freely, she says: "Parlez-vous diner, avec moi." We tell her we would be pleased to take on a feed. Well she marches us down about the crookedest street I ever saw. I guess they must have made them that way so the neighbors could not see you coming home when you had a jag on. Well, we came to the house before we knew it, and she marches us right straight in before we came to ourselves. The whole family is in there before we know it. "Mon ami, Americain," Mademoiselle announced, and we can see that she has blowed us up, as we are the first Americans in there. Madame stepped right over and kissed the both of us on each cheek. Right in front of us were lined up in single file, four pickaninies. As near as we could figure out without asking any questions, they were waiting to be kissed by the great Americans. So Harry and I tackled the job.

"I guess its the custom here, but its quite embarrassing to a couple of Yanks. Well we were suffering from shell shock when we got through, but the next minute we thought one of our big guns had blown up. Monsieur steps over and smacks us a couple on each cheek. Having a man kiss us was a new one on us, and Harry suggests that we send a few francs and buy a book on French customs. After all this excitement, Marie Louise plays the piano for us while Madame is getting dinner ready. Say! Talk about a feed—we never had one like it since we left home; and say! talk about the wine—for that is what they have to drink with their meals—it must have been forty years old; for it had a U. S. regulation kick. These French people have them all beat for sociability. As it was getting along in the evening, we decided to beat it back to our billets. It was not so embarrassing to kiss them good bye, even Marie Louise would not let us cheat her out of her share. I guess they thought the Yanks were not such bad fellows, after all, as they told us to be sure and come back the next Sunday.

"Our Top Sergeant being a good scout as he had excused us from retreat, we went over and soring the good news to him. He took it all in, but when we went to smack him on the cheek, he said that sure must have been some wine, and from now on it would be the country life for him.

"Well, we are all anxious to get to the front, but I guess they are going to keep us in reserve for awhile. We have been training now for nearly a year and since we have been over here we have been working early and late, and talk about being in shape—we feel like a bunch of colts. We are raring to go and when we do get a crack at the Hun we will make up for lost time. All the boys from there are well. We can give our postoffice address now. It is Bordeaux. That is where we get our mail from. It is one of the biggest towns in France. I have been there several times. It's a fine town.

"P. S. Can not get any order blanks for awhile, that's the orders we have. Corp. E. F. Sebasky, 148 F. A., Bat. D.

Gets Service Stripes.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dobson this week received an interesting letter from Clarence Gay, a former Athena boy, who enlisted some fifteen months ago from Toppish, Wash. The letter is dated June 5th, and he says "have been talking with some men who just came in the army in the May draft—guess that is getting them to France in a hurry. The Oregon artillery went through here yesterday with their guns and everything. It won't be very long before we will be in Berlin." Eight days more, and Clarence would be in France six months, when he would get his service stripes. His address is Co E, 161st U. S. Inf. He sends regards to old Athens friends.

Weston Leader: Ben Walden returned Monday from Pendleton, after several weeks of hospital life, following a dangerous operation for the removal of the prostate gland. The old pioneer is gradually recovering, although still very weak.

HAVE NOT YET REACHED LIMIT

More Powerful Explosive Than Any in Present Use is Dire Possibility of the Future.

Nitroglycerin, although considered one of the most violent explosives in present use, develops only 1,580 calories per kilogram, since the nitric acid which it comprises does not take part in the reaction and the hydrogen and the carbon therein give only 43 per cent of the energy of combustion which they would disengage if they were alone. Explosives of liquid air, or oxylique, give as high as 2,200 calories because the liquid oxygen combines directly with the carbon and the hydrogen. The combination of hydrocarbons with ozone, ozonide of ethylene and benzene trionide, though liberating no more heat of explosion,

other fishermen, who were watching the contest, we landed it. It proved to be a monster cat of the yellow or Mississippi variety, and weighed sixty-five pounds on the scales uptown.—New York Tribune.

Index Finger as Nut Cracker.

Nut crackers, which are based on leverage, make us suppose that it takes great strength to open a nut; and, in fact, everyone knows from experience that without such a little machine it is hardly possible to overcome the hardness of a nut. And yet one can open hundreds of nuts in a very short time without any implement and without any effort whatever merely with the aid of the index finger.

Place the nut upon a stone or a block of wood, but so that the joint stands perpendicular. In this position hold it fast with the index finger of your left hand, strike with the right fist hard upon the index, and the nut will at once break asunder. Light blows will not accomplish the feat. One must strike hard. It may happen that the nut will fly away, but this only proves that the joint was not held in a perfectly perpendicular position, which is indispensable to success. The point of the nut should also be turned toward the chest.

How Birds Save Farmers' Crops.

A farmer who thought the robins were pulling up his young cabbages learned from a student of bird life that the birds were pulling up only those plants which were dead; and this was to get at the wire worms at the root, which had caused the plants to die and which would destroy other cabbages if left alone. In another case a group of farmers thought the meadow larks were destroying their crops. An ornithologist persuaded one farmer to spare the larks on his place. The other farmers shot them. The result was that the man who spared the larks was the only one for miles around who had an oat crop. The birds killed the insects which destroyed the other crops.

Wealth of Forestry.

The coast forests of southern and southeastern Alaska are included in the national forests of Tongass and Chugach, which comprise over ninety-six million acres, a large proportion of which is covered with trees. Of these, Sitka spruce averages about 20 per cent and western hemlock about 70 per cent. The spruce are occasionally six feet in diameter and 150 feet tall. The interior forests are practically all found in the drainage basins of the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers, and it is estimated that there are forty million acres bearing trees large enough for cordwood and logs.

All Harmonious.

"So you are getting good results from juries of ladies?"
"Yes," said the judge; "they don't want us men to have a chance to say they couldn't agree."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Not Always.

"The young fellow who's calling on your daughter, Smith, has a lot of 'go' in him."
"Not any to notice when he's calling on my daughter."

COUNTY WIDE SOLDIER ROLL IS WANTED

NAME AGE

HOME ADDRESS (Street) (City)

OCCUPATION BEFORE WAR MARRIED

ENTERED SERVICE WHEN? WHERE?

BRANCH OF SERVICE

TRANSFERS

RANK (Include promotions and dates)

NEAREST RELATIVE RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS RELATIONSHIP

PRESENT ADDRESS

SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT

Friends and relatives of boys in service are asked to fill out above and mail to M. R. Chessman, Sec. Pendleton, Ore., Phone 123.

MRS. ROYALL C. JOHNSON



Mrs. Royall C. Johnson, wife of the South Dakota congressman who has enlisted as a private in the National Army.

CHATTER REMINDS OF SURF

Diner Waxen Poetic in Describing His Impressions of Ordinary Restaurant Gabble.

"In the big and busy restaurant where I dine," said Mr. Flickeerton, "I am reminded constantly of the surf that breaks along a stretch of ocean shore; not the heavy, smashing, pounding that comes when the rollers are storm driven, but the gentler rising and falling, more nearly droning, sound of the surf in fair weather; the restaurant surf, of course, being the sound that arises from the combination of the voices of many people briskly talking.

"The likeness of this sound to surf might not strike you until there came a general lull in the hum of conversation. "On the shore the surf seems to break continually, endlessly; it is always curling and tumbling, seemingly incessantly; but as a matter of fact there comes now and then a time when by mere chance no wave breaks within immediate hearing, when the sound of the surf dies down; and it is precisely like that with the table surf in a restaurant.

"There are times in the restaurant when, by the merest chance in the world, everybody, or almost everybody, stops talking at the same time, when the vocal surf dies away almost completely, and the restaurant is practically still, as the shore is when the waves cease to break.

"Like the surf, it always seems to me. Did it ever strike you that way?" —New York Sun.

Wrens Valuable in the Garden.

The examination of 88 stomachs of house wrens showed that 98 per cent of their contents was composed of insects or their allies, and only 2 per cent of vegetable matter, made up of bits of grass and other vegetation evidently taken in catching the insects.

As the wren often raises in a season 12 to 16 young, all of which become mature enough to forage for themselves very soon after they are able to leave the nest, it is evident that a pair of these lively little birds are very desirable tenants in garden or orchard.—People's Home Journal.

Mule Is Doing His Bit.

The Missouri mule is doing his bit and doing it well, in the present world conflict, just as he did it in the Civil war. In many sections of the front and along the lines of communication are places where mules are almost indispensable and where horses and motorcars are virtually useless.

Forshing's engineers have testified to the worth of the mules in the requisitions they have made to Washington for the animals.

1918 WHEAT PRICE \$2.20 PER BUSHEL

A price of \$2.20 a bushel at Portland for wheat of the 1918 crop, as against \$2.05 for the crop of 1917, has been fixed by the Food Administration. Word to this effect was received by M. H. Houser, second vice president of the Grain Corporation and agent for the corporation in the Northwest and by W. B. Ayer, Federal Food Administrator for Oregon.

Allowing for the 25 per cent increase in the freight rate on wheat from the interior to Portland, the farmers will still receive about 12 1-2 cents a bushel more for their wheat than they did in the past season. The new crop will be at least 10,000,000 bushels larger than that of 1917 and the wealth that will go to the grain producers will be about \$25,000,000 over what they received last year.

"With the establishment of the \$2.20 basis for the Pacific Coast the farmers are given all and a little more than they had asked for and been promised," said Mr. Houser.

"Figuring the last Spring price at \$3.30 in New York, and \$1.50 per ton freight and the loading charges here and the unloading on the Atlantic Coast would leave a net price of \$2.17 per bushel."

Eastern wheat prices have not yet been decided on. It is possible they will range somewhat higher than they did last year on account of increased freight rates from the Middle West to the seaboard.

"On account of the submarine activities and other unforeseen obstacles that have arisen," said Mr. Houser, "it is more than likely the Shipping Board will be compelled to readjust their wheat rate of \$3.50 per ton. Under these conditions it goes without saying that it is difficult to anticipate changed conditions. With our speeded-up shipbuilding programme here in the Northwest the larger part of our surplus should be afloat by the first of the year."

Regarding the movement of wheat from Southern Idaho and Western Montana, he stated that largely depended upon the size of the Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho crops and the tonnage situation. This matter undoubtedly will be decided at an early date, when the crop figures and a closer check on the tonnage will be available.

The net returns to the farmers will be materially greater than last year. Mr. Houser figured that the \$2.20 price this year against \$2.05 last year, even with the 25 per cent increase in freight rates, which will make the average haul about 12c against 9 1-2c last year, will net the farmer practically 12 1-2c per bushel more than last year. With a 55,000,000 bushel crop that is naturally tributary to the Northwest, this will mean an added value of about \$7,000,000. Making allowance for lower grades, etc, it should net the farmer at least on an average of \$2 per bushel, which with the 55,000,000 bushel crop would mean \$110,000,000, the most valuable crop which has ever been raised here.

Senate for \$2.50 Wheat.

The Senate by an overwhelming majority refused to yield to House opposition to an increase in the Government's minimum guarantee for wheat at \$2.50 per bushel. A motion of Majority Leader Martin, proposing to instruct the Senate conferees to abandon the Senate price increase amendment to the annual agricultural bill, was defeated 46 to 19.

The frame work of a new barn at A. J. Walker's place in the north part of town collapsed Monday as the result of a strong gust of wind.

Notice to the Public

To protect the public against deception and to maintain our own identity and reputation for honest methods, we take this opportunity to announce that beginning July 1st, our store in Athena will be known only by our incorporated name, **J. C. PENNEY CO.**

Sixteen years ago the founder of this present organization of 197 stores, inspired with the ideal that business could and should be conducted upon the true spirit of the "Golden Rule" and being a firm believer in the justice of that familiar adage, "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise," Mr. Penney determined to operate his first and subsequent stores on that policy—"The Golden Rule." To symbolize that intention, he called these stores "Golden Rule Stores," as an ever present declaration of the "square deal" policy that would be pursued within those stores. Constant adherence to such methods brought rapid success and likewise "imitators."

"Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," yet usually only the same was imitated, and the underlying or basic principles were not adopted by those same imitators, who, in some instances, purposely confused the minds of the public in an effort to create the impression that they were part of the "J. C. PENNEY COMPANY Golden Rule Stores." Realizing that unscrupulous methods of this nature wherever used, might injure us, where the public was given such an erroneous impression, we deemed it our duty to the public and a means of protection to our own community standing to hereafter use only the name of J. C. PENNEY COMPANY in our advertising and our stores will no longer be called "The Golden Rule"—nevertheless, our policy remains unchanged. The J. C. PENNEY COMPANY will always be known as the store that is at one price to everybody and you and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the name of J. C. PENNEY COMPANY has been placed over our door to protect you against any form of deceit that unscrupulous dealers might inflict upon you.

Remember, therefore, that after July 1st, 1918, any store, anywhere, that calls itself a Golden Rule Store is not in any way associated with the J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, (Incorporated.)

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197 BUSY STORES