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## PRICE OF WHEAT FOR NEXT YEAR ASSURED

### Text of President Wilson's Order as Made September

The full text of the President's September proclamation fixing the price of wheat for 1919 makes it clear that the 1918 price will prevail, with a possibility, had the war continued, of a higher price being fixed. The proclamation in full is as follows:

"In issuing today the government's guarantee of the same price for 1919 wheat crop that was guaranteed for the 1918 crop, I wish it to be understood that in the spring of 1919 I will appoint a disinterested commission who will secure for me the facts by that time disclosed as to the increased cost of farm labor and supplies, using the three year pre-war average prices of wheat, of labor and of supply costs as a basis, and that from this information shall determine whether there shall be an increase in price above the present level, and if so, what advance, in order to maintain for the farmer a good return. Should it then appear that an increase is deserved, over the present guarantee, however, it will be applied only to those who by next harvest have marketed their 1918 wheat.

"It is the desire and intention of all departments of the administration to give to the wheat grower a fair and stimulative return in order that the present acreage in wheat may be maintained.

"I find a great conflict of opinion among various sections of the country as to the price that should be named as a minimum guarantee. It must be obvious to all, however, that the factors which make for increased or decreased cost of production of next year harvest cannot be determined until the near approach to the harvest.

"In giving a guaranteed price for wheat one year in advance, the only industry guaranteed by the government, there is involved a considerable national risk. If there should be peace or increased shipping available before the middle of 1920, Europe will naturally supply herself from the large stores of much cheaper wheat now in the Southern Hemisphere; and therefore the government is undertaking a risk which might in such an event result in a national loss of as much as \$500,000,000 through an unsalable surplus; or in any event, in maintaining a high level of price to our own people for a long period subsequent to freedom in the world's markets.

"Despite this, the desirability of assuring a supply to the world of breadstuffs by inspiring the farmer against the fluctuation of prices that would result from the uncertainties of the present situation and from the speculation those uncertainties entail seems to me to make the continuation of the guarantee for another year desirable. On the other hand, it is clear that before increasing this liability by large sums with the risks set forth above, and from increasing the burden of the consumer, the matter should be subjected to searching inquiry at the appropriate time—the time when the pertinent facts will be known.

"I feel certain that with this preliminary fixed guarantee and with the assurance that justice will in any event be done to the grower, he will continue the fine patriotic effort by which he has served the country hitherto; that the government will have acted prudently; and that the consumer will be satisfied that his interests are not unduly sacrificed, but just and exhaustive consideration given to every element of the matter at the proper time.

"WOODROW WILSON."

## FLU CLOSES TOWN FOR SECOND TIME

Athena is again a closed town, on account of influenza. After the schools were opened and sessions held all last week, several cases of the flu developed and Saturday night the officials again decided to close the schools and prohibit all public meetings until further notice.

No deaths have so far resulted from the disease in Athena or vicinity though one or two cases have been of a serious nature. Saturday night Vick Tuomi, a laborer, died at the St. Nichols hotel of pneumonia. It was reported that his illness started with influenza, but the attending physician says that the man died of pneumonia, superinduced from exposure, and had pneumonia when he took to his bed.

Mildred Stanton and Clifford, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wood, were the first patients to come down with the influenza in Athena. They are both convalescent now. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wood have both been sick with the influenza in Athena. They are both convalescent now. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wood have both been sick with the influenza in Athena. They are both convalescent now.

Audrey Winship has been seriously ill but is recovering. Jeannette Miller yesterday developed indications of the disease, but is not seriously ill this morning.

Mrs. McFarland and daughter, Hazel, have both had the disease in light form, but are recovering.

## EXTENSION OF MAILING DATE AND PROVISION FOR LABELS

The good news is received at local Red Cross headquarters that on November 15th, the War and Postoffice Departments issued an order extending the mailing date for Christmas parcels to our soldiers overseas, through November 30th. This means that parcels may be mailed up to the time that the local postoffice will receive mail on November 30th.

Further, provisions have been made for those boys whose labels have not been received. Any one who should have received a label, but who failed to receive it, or who has lost or destroyed it, may receive carton upon signing a statement at any Red Cross Christmas Parcel station substantially as follows:

"The undersigned hereby makes application to forward to—American Expeditionary Forces, a Christmas package. The undersigned hereby declares that he or she is nearest living relative in the United States of the proposed recipient; that he or she has not received this man's label from abroad; and that should such label be received it will not be used; and that though the best of his or her knowledge and belief only one Christmas parcel will be sent the proposed recipient."

## Miss Hazel Doolittle Dead.

Athena friends of Miss Hazel Doolittle, a former popular teacher in the Athena schools, on Wednesday received announcement of her death, through the medium of Snohomish and Index, Wash., newspapers. The news comes as a distinct shock to her friends here, who have held a warm place in their hearts for her since her residence among us. Death, which occurred on November 4, was due to the dread influenza, followed by pneumonia, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doolittle at Snohomish. Interment took place at Everett, Wash. A splendid tribute to her noble, unselfish nature is paid in both papers, which one sentence will epitomize: "Her keenest enjoyment was the service she could render to others." Miss Doolittle had been teaching the present year in the schools of Seattle.

## Injured While Hunting.

Ralph Cannon and Marion Hansell returned Tuesday from their hunting trip into the Chelan mountains, at least a week earlier than anticipated, owing to severe injuries sustained by Mr. Cannon during the first day they hunted deer. The Chelan mountains are rugged and precipitous, and rock-covered. Considerable snow was encountered and it was an easy matter for shoe-soles to become balled with snow. While his shoes were in this condition, Ralph lost his footing and plunged down the mountain side. As a result of the fall, he sustained a bruised shoulder, hip and knee, and a badly sprained ankle.

## HAIG CONGRATULATES VICTORIOUS CANADIANS



Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig is here seen congratulating the victorious Canadian troops on the western front on their splendid work in smashing through the German lines.

## MAYAS INDIANS BEFORE INCAS

Race That Has Long Since Disappeared Ranked With the Aztecs in Scale of Civilization.

Prescott's Conquest of Peru accounts for the popular belief that all the people of this country were Incas. The truth is that the greatest part of the textiles of ancient Peru belongs to a people that had passed away before the Incas tribes reached the coast.

The Mayas were the ancient race of Indians which settled in the lowlands of Guatemala in Central America. They ranked with the Aztecs in civilization. They excelled in sculpture, cotton weaving and feather work. About the sixth century they are supposed to have disappeared. They left behind them cities like ancient Quirigua, now a mass of ruins overgrown by the jungle. Half buried by tropical growth today the archeologists are uncovering huge monoliths sculptured with strange designs and each bearing a giant face.

The Mayas have disappeared, but the Indians, forming more than half the population of Guatemala, are their direct heirs.

Their bright-colored blankets and scarfs, their primitive methods of barter, their open-air markets filled with great heaps of strange stuffs and articles, should capture the imagination of any modern textile designer with ideas.

## CARE FOR ALL STRAY CATS

Every Day Homeless Grimalkins Are Fed at Cloister of San Lorenzo in Florence, Italy.

From time immemorial the stray cats of Florence, Italy, have been cared for. The cloister of San Lorenzo is sacred to poor puss. It is overlooked by the windows of the famous Laurentian library, built by Michelangelo for Pope Clement VII to house the Medicean collection.

All stray cats are taken thither, and at noon every day scraps of meat, etc., collected from house after house, are emptied into the dry rot mound the grass. Toward feeding-time one may see cats of all kinds and degrees—black, tortoise-shell, tawny, and white, male and female, young and old—basking in the sun and licking their chops.

Finally, when the food is brought, from every direction cats crowd in, hissing at one another, mewing and making much noise. Then, when they have fed, human snappers-up of unconsidered trifles come round to secure the pieces of paper, etc., for rags.

When a lost cat is found in the city it is taken to San Lorenzo as naturally as every Florence baby is taken to the Baptistery of St. John's to be christened. Moreover, when people wish to get rid of their cats, they do not poison them or leave them to be starved in empty houses, but send them to the hospital cloister.

## Best Conditions for Sleep.

The best time for sleeping is that time that will favor the greatest degree of relaxation. With most people this is some time during the hours of darkness, when there isn't so much going on to distract the senses of sight and hearing. Just what hours should be devoted to sleep is not as important as that there should be enough of them. The so-called beauty sleep, achieved during the hours preceding midnight, is a fact only because it adds to the number of hours which, under ordinary conditions, we might be supposed to spend in bed. Most of us get up at about the same time every morning—no matter how early or how late we've gone to bed the night before. So there isn't a

## SLEEP AS AID TO LONGEVITY

Long Hours in Bed May Mean Long Life, But the Question Arises, Is It Worth It?

The farmer's wife at Market Bosworth, England, who, "though in perfect physical health," has remained in bed for three years may hold that if we should live much longer. This theory is borne out by the experience of two sisters of Brillat-Savarin, who nearly attained a hundred years. They lived at a country house belonging to the author of the "Physiologie du Gout," which he used only in September and October. They spent ten months of the year in bed, getting up two days before his arrival, and living a normal life during his stay. On his departure they would say: "Goodbye until next September, Antheleme. We are going to bed." One of them died at the age of ninety-nine, as she was finishing dinner, her last words being, "Furry up with the dessert."

## Friendly Boy, Timid Cat.

Standing on the sidewalk in front of a dwelling house in a midtown street, a garbage can with a cover on it and with some shreds of stuff sticking out from under the cover. A big cat, pulling on its hind legs at the can, standing off this stuff and trying to get the cover off.

A little down the street was a small boy, a bright small boy of about seven years, and when he saw the hungry cat at the can he resolved to help. So he walked up quietly and removed the cover and then stood back a few paces with it, holding the cover in front of him as a warrior holds his shield.

But the cat had never met a boy like that, and instead of staying to supply itself at the bounteous store thus made so easily accessible, it wheeled and fled.—New York Times.

## Passing of the Tall Hat.

The quaint tall hat which is now only seen in Wales, or on the heads of stage witches in pantomimes, was originally the fashionable head-dress for ladies during the reign of Queen Anne. A curious result of that fashion can, or could lately, be found at the West-Country vicarage once held by Lancelot Blackburne, the retired buccaneer who became archbishop of York. There the lintels of the doorways are, or were, abnormally high, to enable Mrs. Blackburne to go from room to room without fear of damage to her hat.

## Hawk Works Hard for Living.

The hawk is a successful fisherman, and were its task done with the catching of a fish its lot would be an enviable one. But a live fish is not desirable as the piece de resistance of a hawk dinner, so the bird that catches one always flies around until the fish is dead. This we are told, is the invariable practice.

Sometimes a fish expires quickly, while at other times a hawk must fly around for hours before it can return home to the waiting family. There have been times when the fish have displayed stamina greater than the birds. This may explain why hawks seldom pounce on the croaker, most tenacious of life of all fish in the waters roundabout.

## Tiger's Amazing Feat.

"The strength and vitality of a full-grown tiger are amazing," asserts a wild-game hunter, in Chicago American. "I had occasion to spend the night a short time ago in a place where a tiger had performed some remarkable feats. Just at dusk one of these marauders visited the village and discovered a cow and her six-month-old calf in a pen which had been excavated in the side of a hill and adjoined a house. There was no possible way to enter the enclosure except by a door opening from the main part of the dwelling or to descend from above. The tiger jumped from the roof upon the neck of the heifer, killing it instantly, and the inmates of the house opened the door just in time to see the animal throw the calf out bodily and leap after it himself. I measured the embankment and found the exact height was 12 1/2 feet."

## Why Twelve Is Standard Unit.

The numeral 12 was chosen as a standard unit because it contains so many smaller factors; this is the reason why it is still retained as a base in spite of the efforts to replace it by the metric system. All primitive nations found fractions very difficult, and even the Egyptians, who were most proficient in fractions, used methods that were very long and cumbersome. It was a great advantage, therefore, to have a standard unit which could be divided into parts without giving common fractions, and 12 was such a number, as 1-2, 1-3, 1-4 and 1-6 of 12 were all whole numbers.—Science Monthly.

## Test of Honesty.

Money never made a man honest. Higher salary rarely secures the services of better men for the public. That has been shown, time and again, when the salary of a position was raised for the purpose of attracting business talent to it. The result usually has been that some hack politician has accepted the higher pay with thanks or else that the sort of business man who was attracted to place-holding by the money offered soon developed into an inferior grade of politician. Honesty and dishonesty have no necessary relation to a man's financial or social condition.—Buffalo Express.

## Little-Known Chinese Race.

Down in the extreme south of China, in the eastern outposts of the Himalayas, lies the little-known province of Yunnan. The natives of Yunnan are exceptionally interesting. There are about thirty non-Chinese tribes in the province, some of which, such as the Shans, Mosos and Lolos, represent the aboriginal inhabitants of China.

The Mosos formerly ruled all of northern Yunnan. At present they are scattered in remote districts where white men seldom penetrate. They are a simple, honest and delightful people, primitive and pastoral. They are looked down upon by the Chinese as barbarians. The invariable Moso costume is a brown felt cloak and

## AN ATHENA SOLDIER ANSWERS SUMMONS

Cornoral Charles A. Brown, of Co. G, 158th Infantry, is the first Athena soldier in the world war to answer the supreme summons, in France. He died October 27th, 1918 and on Tuesday of this week his mother, Mrs. Green Estes, of this city, was officially notified by the following telegram:

"Washington, D. C., Nov. 18th, 1918. Mrs. Vanna Estes, Athena, Oregon: Deeply regret to inform you that it is officially reported that Cornoral Charles A. Brown, Infantry, died of lobar pneumonia, October 27th. Harris, "The Adjutant General."

Charley left Athena in June, for Camp Lewis, in company with Dick Winship, of this city. At Camp Lewis the boys were assigned to different companies, Charles going into the 158th Inf., 8th Depot Brigade. He was ordered from Camp Lewis on July 12th, going to Camp Kearney, Calif., thence to Camp Mills, to a point of embarkation, and directly to France. Arriving overseas, he was promoted from a private to the rank of corporal. Ray Baker, of Pendleton, was a member of his company. He always wrote home cheerfully, and his last letter, dated October 11th, said he was well and enjoying his soldier experiences.

He had lived in Athena from early boyhood, living at the home of his mother and attending the public school here. Last year he took up a home-stand near Durkee, Baker county. Mrs. Fred Pinkerton and Mrs. A. H. McIntyre are cousins. Cornoral Brown was aged 29 years and five days at the time of his death.

## TIME LIMIT CLOSE AT HAND, W. S. S. PLEDGES

Have you fulfilled your W. S. S. pledge?

Umatilla county has to date purchased 91 per cent of her War Savings Stamp quota, but the time limit is close at hand and it is necessary that all persons should purchase the stamps which they have pledged themselves to buy before the first of the year, if the county is again to go over the top. The county's quota is \$40,000 and out of this amount about \$401,000 worth has been purchased.

In this connection the W. S. S. officials point out that a person who buys stamps and then cashes them in without any legitimate reason is in common parlance nothing less than a "fourflusher" and is defeating the purposes of the stamp campaign.

## Women Needed Overseas.

Since the war is ended, more workers than ever are needed. So states an urgent telegram received by Mrs. C. H. Marsh, acting chairman of the Bureau of Personnel, of this county. Women are needed for Hospital, Hut and Canteen service for overseas at once. The requirements are stated as follows: Good education, health and amply disposition, as well as the ability to work hard and obey orders; to go where sent and be able to work under adverse conditions; must have \$100 in cash of her own. She will receive for her services 450 francs per month, according to locality and 5 francs a day while in Paris, with transportation and uniform allowance. Must sign up for one year's service if given maintenance, and six months if a volunteer. Questions will be answered daily from 2 till 5, at the office of headquarters in Pendleton.

## Born Near Strassburg.

Mrs. Louise Rosenzweig, a former well known resident of this city, now of Lamont, Wash., writes an Athena friend: "Look on the map for my old home in Alsace. The name is Detweiler, near Saverne, or Zabern. We are 50 miles northwest of Strassburg near Hagenu, where bombs were dropped a week or so ago, and close to the Vosges Mts. where often I have gone with my father with the ox team for wood, going through Saverne. And by the way, I see our dear General Koch is going to ride from Metz to Strassburg, and I feel quite sure he will go right through my home town and pass our house on his way. It is on the main road to Paris, and is very beautiful."

## New Man at Zerba's.

Zerba Bros. have leased the Athena Garage to S. G. Lissinger, a well known automobile machinist of Pendleton. Mr. Lissinger is now managing the garage, having taken possession of the business Monday of this week. He will at once add an expert automobile mechanic to the present force of workmen, in order that prompt attention may be given patrons.

## EDWARD F. TREFZ



An American special mission is now in Great Britain studying the food situation there at first hand for Herbert Hoover, the federal food administrator. This British official photograph shows Edward F. Trefz of the American national chamber of commerce, who is a member of the mission, holding a kiddie while on a visit to the Poplar district of London, where the mission studied the manner of getting food to the needy.

## CHRISTMAS LETTERS TO ALL UMATILLA COUNTY SOLDIERS

Through the cooperation of the Round-Up, Happy Canyon and the Umatilla County Patriotic Service League, a Christmas letter is to be sent to every Umatilla county boy in the service, whose address is on record in the office of the Patriotic Service League. With the letter will be sent several of the best photos taken at the last Round-Up and a sheaf of 10-cub bills of the 1918 issue of Happy Canyon currency.

All persons having the correct address of any boy in the service in this county is asked to send the same immediately to M. R. Chasman, secretary of the league, so that as many of the boys as is possible may receive this greeting from home. Of the twelve thousand or more boys who have gone from this county the addresses of only about one-third are on file.

The money for the purchase of the photos and defraying postage expenses, \$114.10, has been contributed by the Happy Canyon board.

## Died of Pneumonia.

Vic Tuomi, a laborer, died in his room at the St. Nichols hotel late Saturday night of pneumonia. The man took to his bed Friday, after feeling badly for a couple of days. He was a native of Finland, and as far as known had no relatives in this country. He had been employed on various ranches in this vicinity and during the summer and fall worked on the new elevator. The remains were interred in Athena cemetery Sunday, Pastor Burton of the Christian church, holding services at the grave.

## Behind on Quota.

Chairman Watts reports that Athena is lagging behind on her quota in the United War Work campaign. The committees have been working hard to secure the balance needed to put Athena over the top, and will continue to work until the amount is subscribed. The subscription lists are still in the hands of the solicitors.

## Rocky Land Breeds Sailors.

The best sailors in the world come from Brittany, and the best sailors in Brittany hail from Ouessant island, the land farthest west in France. This island, which is named Ouhant on the American charts, is rocky, forbidding, almost barren of trees, so much so that the Breton fathers tell their children not to climb any trees when they go visiting. North, west and south of the island is open water, which in winter is almost constantly in a turmoil because of the frequent storms. The channel, the Atlantic and the Bay of Biscay vie with each other in vain efforts to overwhelm the island and prevent its inhabitants from wresting a living either from the land or the water.—Chicago Daily News.

## Trees Firmly Anchored.

The great limbs of the tree are full of leaves and every leaf acts as a sail to catch the wind. Tremendous pressure is exerted against an old tree when the wind is blowing. It bends a little from the top; its limbs wave in the air, but it stands erect. It is anchored in the ground by the roots, of course; that is understood. But imagine, if you please, what great spread the roots must have, how they must be interlaced in the earth, to what depth they must extend in the earth, to hold the great tree upright as the winds press against it.