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AS THE GOVERNMENT SEES

The state market agent says the Department of Agriculture in its recent released outlook on the agricultural situation, makes it plain that farming will not be any better for the coming year than it has been in the past unless acreages are reduced and less products raised. Following are the condensed findings:

A continuation of low returns from most crops unless acreages are reduced; domestic demand will be about the same as in 1926; some improvement in foreign purchasing power, also larger foreign production to offset; some increase in farm labor and wages may be lower; no change in the prices of building material or farm machinery; flaxseed prices are not likely to be higher; lower prices for corn are in prospect, as south will increase corn and decrease cotton; livestock must be held at present basis if present prices are to hold; hog producers have favorable outlook as also egg producers; wool market appears firm at present prices; dairy industry is on a stronger basis than last year; potato prices cannot hold unless over-planting is guarded against; lower prices for cabbage will result unless production is held down; onion production should be reduced sharply; bean acreage should be reduced from last year; caution should be exercised not to increase strawberry production; the apple industry indicates a more stable condition.

The O. A. C. report states that the general level of farm prices continues to decline; that the December figure was 16 points below that of the same month a year ago.

WISE UP ON IT

France does not coddle to the Coolidge naval reduction scheme, and Japan will assent to it if permitted to maintain her present naval and military status. Which is all right for the reason that the above mentioned nations are beginning to prepare their countries for preparedness; just what Coolidge should be doing right now, instead of favoring the scrapping of what little part of the naval power the United States has left. Have you read "Fists Across the Sea" in the current number of Harpers? If you have, you'll vote for battle ships instead of boosting propaganda to destroy those we now have, and if you haven't read it, do so and wise up. We just might as well get used to policing as long as there is policing to do, and there is no use in Coolidge trying to lull his nation into the idea that its police force can be cut down at this time, when the war flame still roars and European peoples "looking daggers" and commercially organizing against his country.

Why not the country newspapers merge on an enlarged plan, similar to the proposed railway mergers. For instance the Freewater Times, Milton Eagle, Weston Leader, Athena Press and Helix Viewpoint might effect consolidation, whereby the Viewpoint man be prevailed upon to do the work, leaving the rest of us fellows plenty of time to ride in our limousines, go fishing etc. But maybe the arrangement would not appeal to the Viewpoint man's point of view. We hadn't thought of that.

They never give up. After many months of persistent hunting, a federal postoffice inspector came to the end of the trail the other day in the Philipines, when he captured Hugh, youngest of the three De Autremont brothers, charged with the Siskiyou train robbery in which four trainmen were ruthlessly murdered. Others may quit the trail, but Uncle Sam's secret service operatives, never.

Ford threatens to crowd the cow, pig and chickens off the ranch with oatmeal cookies prescribed as the proper food for mankind. And then he turns around and tells the rancher how to farm—plowing and planting 400 acres per day with his tractors. Oh, yes, and he advises the farmer to live in town and drive to and from his work in a Ford. Some philosopher, that man Henry.

Sepalla, the man who mushed through weary, silent hours bearing diphtheria toxin to afflicted Nome, won the international dogsledge race in New Hampshire last week, just as everybody wished he'd do. By the feat he demonstrates again that he is the king of all kings of mushers.

At 1260 feet LaGrande struck its second artesian well with a flow of 200 gallons per minute. Like Athena, the Grand Ronde city resorts to wells for its municipal water supply, only we are not required to go 1260 feet to get ours.

Until the state stands on the right side of the ledger, the sensible business-like course to take would be avoiding any further tax expenses for new buildings or anything else we can get along without.

The historic old Corvallis hotel is soon to be replaced by a modern hostelry. One by one the old landmarks of Oregon are disappearing, but the Athena Hotel lives on forever.

A federal judgeship here in Oregon is being passed by Senator McNary to his brother John, of Salem. Well, why not keep the emoluments of office in the family, when the opportunity offers.

The Mansfield, Ohio Journal says: "No matter how much we may criticize the world, the fact remains that it is the only world we have." Funny that none of us ever thought of that before.

Molla says sportswomen are "nasty, mean and jealous." Suzanne says they are not; speaking no doubt from the viewpoint of one who is just plain contrary.

Four carloads of fat cattle shipped from Klamath Falls brought $9,000. Either those cars were awful big ones, or livestock prices are ascending. Which ?

Heavy shipments of Portland-made bathing suits go to Europe; indicating that interest in pulchritude is not confined to this side of the pond.

La Grande payrolls for 1926 reached $1,999,838. Little wonder that La Grande is a good town.

Pioneer's First Love Affair Quite Serious

Davy Crockett had little schooling, but his language in describing his first love affair is expressive if not entirely grammatical. While Crockett was working for John Kennedy, a Tennessee Quaker, Kennedy's niece came for a visit.

"I soon found myself head over heels in love with this girl," he wrote in his autobiography. "When I would think of saying anything to her my heart would begin to flutter like a duck in a puddle; and if I tried to outdo it and speak, it would get right smack up in my throat and choke me like a cold potato. It bore on my mind in this way till at last I concluded I must die if I didn't broach the subject; and so I determined to begin and hang on a-trying to speak till my heart would get out of my throat one way or t'other.

"And so one day at it I went, and after several trials I could say a little. I told her how well I loved her; that she was the darling object of my soul and body; and I must have her or else I should pine down to nothing and just die away with consumption. But she was an honest girl and didn't want to deceive nobody. She told me she was engaged to her cousin. This news was worse to me than war, pestilence or famine; but still I knowed I could not help myself. I saw quick enough my cake was dough, and I tried to cool off as fast as possible, but I had hardly safety pipes enough, as my love was so hot as mighty nigh to burst my bollers."—Kansas City Times.

York Minster Bells

At a recent special service in York Minster, England, the famous bells of the cathedral which had been recast and hung were rededicated. All the bells, previously a peal of 12, cast in 1840, have been recast with additional metal, and a new semi-tone bell has been added between the sixth and seventh, this completing the middle ring of eight in E flat. The peal now consists of 13 bells, with the largest, or tenor, bell weighing three tons, and is said to be one of the finest peals in England. In addition, there is Big Peter, weighing nearly 11 tons, the third largest in the country, the larger being Big Paul and Big Ben.

Kissing Discovered Early

A young Cretan fondly embracing a pretty maid who shyly rests her head on his shoulder is sculptured on a vase recently exhumed on that Grecian isle. It proves that kissing was a popular pastime 15 centuries before Christ and that modern sheiks and flappers could teach the Cretans nothing about the "soul kiss." Ages ago the Cretan civilization was buried on this island—perhaps by an earthquake. Now excavations are bringing to light many evidences of the joys, sorrows and loves of the domestic and social life of its ancient inhabitants. They were people much like us.—Capper's Weekly.

Washington Park System Pays Well

Olympia.—The third biennial report of the state parks committee of Washington shows total credits of $383,753.31, with total expenditures from June 19, 1919, to September 30, 1926, covering the period of state park development, of $84,604.32. This shows net assets to the credit of the state parks of $299,145.99, above expenses

THE KITCHEN CABINET

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In every circumstance of our lives lies the stirring knowledge that one's own case, however strange, is far from being singular.—Laura Spencer Portor.

GOOD PUDDINGS

A pudding that is good and simple to prepare is the following:

Lemon Tapioca Pudding. — Soak two tablespoonfuls of pearl tapioca in one cupful of water for three hours. Turn a pint of boiling water over it and cook until soft, adding a pinch of salt. Beat the whites of two eggs until stiff, turn over them the boiling tapioca, beating all the time. Add one cupful of sugar, the grated rind and juice of two lemons. Serve cold with whipped cream.

Maple Tapioca Pudding.—Soak six tablespoonfuls of pearl tapioca overnight. Drain, add four cupfuls of hot water and two cupfuls of brown sugar. Dissolve and bake in the oven until it begins to thicken. Let cool. Add one teaspoonful of vanilla, a pinch of salt and a pint of whipped cream. Serve in sherbet glasses with whipped cream on top. This will serve twelve.

Caramel Blanc Mange.—Soften one and one-half tablespoonfuls of gelatin in one-third of a cupful of cold water. Caramelize one-half cupful of sugar, then add a scant half cupful of water, boil until a thick, smooth sirup. Let the sirup cool a little, pour over the softened gelatin; when dissolved, strain into three cupfuls of cream. Add one-fourth of a cupful of sugar and a pinch of salt. Stir until the sugar is dissolved. Serve ice cold.

Apple Fluff.—Grate one large, good-flavored apple, adding one-half cupful of sugar while grating. Beat the white of one egg until stiff, add apple and beat stiff. Serve with the following custard: Cook one cupful of rich milk, one egg yolk, two tablespoonfuls of sugar until creamy. Flavor to taste and cool on ice.

Crumble Torte.—Whip the whites of two eggs until stiff, add the yolks, also beaten, chop one cupful of pecans. Mix one cupful of sugar, a tablespoonful of flour and a teaspoonful of baking powder, add slowly to the beaten eggs, then add the chopped nuts. Add one cupful of finely cut dates, mix well and bake in a well-buttered bread-loaf tin for half an hour.

Nellie Maxwell

Health Nurse Report

A total of 182 visits were made for all purposes, investigative, instructive, nursing and miscellaneous. 71 letters were written and 362 were sent out for the association. Eight schools were visited and 17 visits were made to schools. Seven hundred and ninety-eight school children were weighed and measured, the physical examination was given, 192 had defective teeth, 158 suspected enlarged tonsils, 70 suspected nasal obstruction, 103 were 7 per cent or more underweight, 15 were 20 per cent or more overweight. In the recent reports from the State Board of Health we are finding an increasingly large number of small pox throughout the state. This is due, our physicians tell us to the lack of vaccination which has so effectively controlled smallpox for a number of years in the past. There are however no cases reported from this county.

Umatilla Dam Bill Quashed.

Washington, D. C.—The bill for the Umatilla dam, introduced by Senator McNary, was quashed for this session of congress by the adverse report on it by the budget officer. The bill is now before the senate irrigation and reclamation committee and probably will stay there until the end of the session.

The Churches

Church of Christ

Dr. A. M. Meldrum is giving to all who are attending a very unusual series of Scripture messages and those who are hearing him are realizing that they are being mightily benefited by their attendance. Dr. Meldrum is the most outstanding speaker that Athena has had or will in all probability hear except on very rare occasions but he has a series of messages in the Christian church from now on until the 27 and you will be pleased, instructed and spiritually benefited if you do not let this opportunity pass. Remember every evening at 7:30 and on the next two Sunday mornings 11 A. M. Other church activities at the usual time. Bible school aim 70 in attendance. Our slogan, "Work, Pray, Come!"

CLASSIFIED

Baby Chicks—Rhode Island reds, McRaes strain $18.00 per 100, none better. S. C. White Leghornes $15.00 per 100. O. A. C. strain, Barred Plymouth Rocks, $18.00 per 100. Good layers mated to O. A. C. cockrels. Why send away for chicks when you can get just as good at home. Order early. 15 per cent books your order for chicks. D. C. McFadyen, Athena.

Weaving—Mrs. Henry Booher is prepared to do carpet weaving.

Lost—Large brown and sable Collie. Name Meldrum Rt. 8 Spokane, Wn. on collar. Reward for information or recovery. Geo. R. Gerking, Athena, Oregon.

For Sale—Twenty-one head young mules 3 to 5 years old and ten head good young horses. F. J. Watkins, Fifth Street, Athena, Oregon.

For Sale—One leather Davenette, some leather rockers as good as new. Phone 454, or call on J. F. Herr.

Now is the time to clean up your rubbish. Hoggard has two teams to do it.

Good netted gem potatoes at $2 per sack. Good fresh Swiss and Jersey milk cow with heifer calf, giving 40 to 45 lbs milk per day. A. H. Swant. Phone 31F11 Weston.

Bell & Dickenson, draymen, have acquired a team of horses to do garden plowing and other work as required. Special attention will be given to spring plowing, fertilizer and dirt hauling, cellar excavation, etc. Call on us to haul away your winter's accumalation of rubbish.

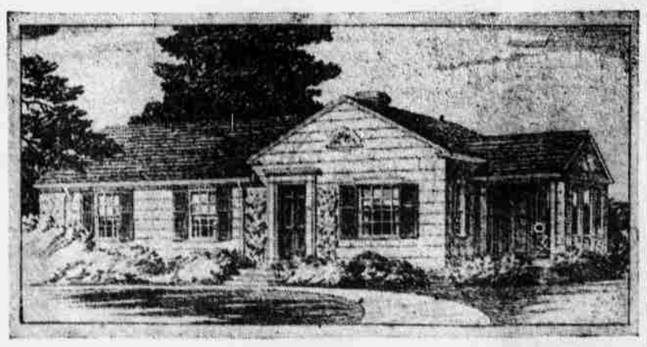
Horses and Mules

George Shaver of Union will soon be in Athena with a car load of good, young, broke

Horses and Mules

Wait for this bunch, it's a good one. See them at Bolin's Correl near Lumber Yard.

This Six-Room Bungalow Adapts Self to Any Lot



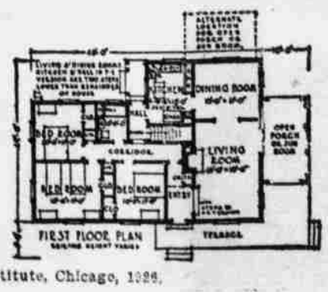
THERE is much to be said in favor of the one-story dwelling, and when the floor plan is as expertly arranged as in this Colonial bungalow the usual objections of lack of privacy and long distances to walk, are avoided.

This house may run either lengthwise or across the width of the lot. The exterior is of stained grey shingles with either a green shingled or tiled roof

The trimmings should be white and the shutters green to harmonize with the roof.

The three bedrooms are well shut off from the rest of the house. The large open porch or sunroom can be made to open off either the living or dining room. The kitchen has the desired built-in features, including the useful breakfast nook.

The cost of this house can be materially reduced by omitting the basement and allowing space on the main floor for a small boiler room. The walls and roof also are sheathed with celotex to keep the temperature at comfort point the year round.



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