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**BEAN GROWING ENTERPRISE**

The possibilities of bean-growing in this part of Umatilla county are to be thoroughly tried out at an expense of thousands of dollars by a representative of an Eastern canning concern, who has leased approximately 10,000 acres of summer fallow land from farmers of the Walla Walla, Athena-Weston district. Seeking a territory that offers reasonably sure crop production, the representative believes he has found in the heavy soil of the Blue Mountain foothill ranches, and lands located south and southeast of Athena, conditions ideally adapted to bean culture under the process of seed inoculation which returns fertilizing properties to the soil while producing the crop, instead of depleting fertility. The growing of beans involves a venture that means additional income to the wheatraiser, if it turns out to be successful and without detriment to the wheat-producing qualities of his land, for it will give him revenue from his hitherto idle summerfallow. Under contract provisions the farmer receives \$3 per acre rental for his summer fallow, gets paid for plowing the ground and cultivating it up to the time the bean crop is seeded, and then the company will pay him to cultivate the growing crop if he has the time; otherwise the company does this part of the work, harvests the crop, turning the bean straw over to the landowner for forage. Up to the time of planting, it is possible for the farmer to realize approximately \$8 per acre for his summer fallow, depending upon the number of times the soil requires cultivation—this includes the \$2.50 per acre he receives for plowing. In other words the farmer gets paid for the work he would have to do anyway in preparing his ground to crop wheat. The bean crop is removed in the early fall in ample time to seed the wheat crop, and the beanstraw forage is estimated to be worth \$1 per ton.

**COTTON COMES TO BAT**

Cotton, staple product of the South, sometimes a mortgage lifter, but more often a mortgage builder for the planter is coming to bat from a new angle, and with an established promise of building up districts in which it is the chief crop, instead of driving the planter from the soil to the city in search of a livelihood. In a current issue of the National Republic Marvin Jones, representative in Congress from Texas, writes that "cotton is ascending a new throne and is taking possession of a new kingdom. It bids fair soon to become even more than at present one of the most popular commodities in all the world. Cotton is now one of the idols of some scientific gentlemen. What they are doing with cotton is almost as amazing as successfully converting brass into gold or tin into silver. For cotton is being converted into silk!"

"Recently I had the rare privilege of seeing raw cotton fed into long rows of machines and coming out a finished product that looks, feels and wears like silk. Truly, this is one of the miracles of modern industrial chemistry. It is now being done on an extensive scale at a plant already in operation in the Southland."

"For years the South has been selling her cotton in other markets at prices named by the buyer and purchasing supplies in those same markets named by the seller. This had made a sort of step-child out of the South, economically speaking. I am not complaining. People naturally look after their own interests. This is simply an economic fact."

"For many years China and Japan have been selling to America more than \$400,000,000 worth of silk annually. For years shiploads of silk have been brought to American shores to satisfy the American market."

"But an industrial revolution, is now in progress. In all lines of endeavor chemistry is playing a large part in this revolution. For years chemists have been searching for substitutes for high-priced luxuries. A German chemist, after years of toil, has found a process chemically analogous to that used by the delicate mulberry leaf. It is an artificial silk, altogether different from rayon, which latter is made from wood pulp

and other plant fiber. Strange to say, the commodity that is being translated into the marvelous fabric is none other than our own cotton, of which the South produces two-thirds of the world's supply."

The Press in a measure coincides with the sentiment as expressed in an editorial under the head of "Help the Needy," appearing in the high school department of last week, relative to the installation of lockers in the school building. The editorial concludes with this paragraph: "Why not strive to make all ends meet and get the lockers which all standard high schools have?" This point is well taken, and in fact is the meat of the article. For, with a manual training department maintained by the school district at considerable cost, it would be possible to enroll mechanical skill and labor from that department in the construction of the lockers, with the district providing the materials. In that logical instance, the matter would happily resolve itself into the commendable effort of merely "helping thyself."

Since it has been noted that bananas are a direct competitor to American-grown fruits, it has been decided to ask for a banana tariff. This decision emanated at Medford, where of course, yes they have no bananas. And the Medford decision has been taken up by Senator McNary, who has notified the Medford growers of pears and prunes that he will favor a tariff on bananas. So the question as to whether the eating of a few bananas now and then, has to do with the marketing of the Medford pear and prune crop, naturally arises. You tell 'em.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce is distributing its folder, "Oregon for the Vacationist and Home Seeker," just off the press. The folder, printed in colors and harmonious tints depicts Oregon and Portland "as is" in a general way, both in the text and illustrations. All parts of the state are treated fairly as to their resources, and the Chamber, as it has done during the past five years, is compiling and distributing this information with Portland money.

With the Mississippi at its highest record stage since 1851 at Quincy, Illinois, what will the harvest be by the time the crest of the mighty flood reaches New Orleans?

Some gardeners we know of are wishing for warmer weather, while other gardeners we know of never worry over the weather, the moon, moisture, nor weeds.

Over 80 per cent of all fires are attributed to carelessness.

**NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS**

The new dog law (H. B. 544) recently enacted is now a law; the license fee under this law is as follows: For male or spayed female dogs \$2.00; for female dogs \$3.00, and anyone who fails to procure such license by March 1st, must pay an additional \$2.00 for each dog. Desiring to give all an opportunity to obtain license without injustice will issue license under the old law for \$1.00 and \$2.00 until and including April 1st, after which the new law must prevail, and \$4.00 and \$5.00 will be charged. By paying city license one is not exempt from the State license. R. T. Brown, County Clerk.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Rawnsley, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Ralph Folsom has been appointed administrator of the estate of Joseph Rawnsley, deceased; all persons having claims against his estate are required to present them with proper vouchers to said administrator at the law office of Peterson and Lewis, Stangier Building, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is the 22nd day of March, 1929.

RALPH FOLSOM, Administrator.  
 Peterson & Lewis, Attorneys for Administrator, Pendleton, Oregon.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Zeph W. Lockwood, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix of the above entitled estate by the above entitled court, and that she has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at my home in Athena, Oregon, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, March 11, 1929. MAY E. LOCKWOOD,  
 Administratrix.  
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**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Solista N. Pickett, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 30th day of March, 1929, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, for the hearing of said final account and report. Objections to said final account and report, if any there be, should be filed on or before that date.

Dated at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, this 1st day of March, 1929.  
 VIVA PICKETT-PRESTBYE  
 Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Solista N. Pickett, Deceased.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Charles C. Foster, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That The Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton at Pendleton, Oregon, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles C. Foster, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law, to the said administrator at its office and place of business in Pendleton, Oregon, or to Peterson & Lewis, attorneys for the administrator, at their office in the Stangier Building in Pendleton, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is Friday the 22nd day of March, 1929.

THE INLAND EMPIRE BANK OF PENDLETON, Administrator.  
 Peterson & Lewis, Attorneys for Administrator.  
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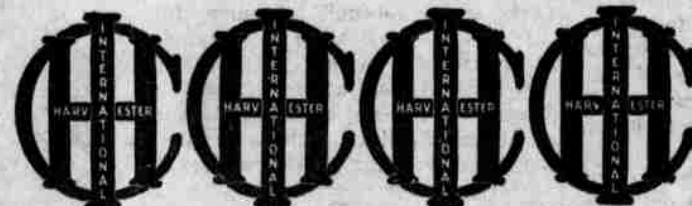
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**Residential Rates**

First 30 KWH hours used, per month.....10c per KWH

Excess over 30 KWH used, per month.....3c per KWH

The above rates apply when bills are paid in full within 10 days from date of bill. Otherwise, the rate will be increased by 10 per cent on each item.

**Commercial Rates**

First 100 KWH used per month.....10c per KWH

Next 200.....7c per KWH

Next 300.....6c per KWH

Next 400.....5c per KWH

Next 1000.....4c per KWH

Excess over 2000.....3c per KWH

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