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We will not be responsible for the neglect of subscribers to notify as of changes in their address. Nor will the notification of a Postmaster that the subscriber has "Removed" settle the bill of a delinquent.



"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

The United States navy publicity bureau has completed arrangements by which an attractive display of recruiting posters will be officially made at more than 2000 state and county fairs in the United States this fall.

A Worthy Purpose

The comprehensive report submitted by Senator Frances E. Warren, of Wyoming, on the bill proposing to establish the "distinguished-service medal" aided materially in the prompt passage of that measure recently through the Senate. In his report Mr. Warren sets forth the fact that the Congressional medal of honor can be awarded only for "conspicuous heroism on the battlefield, and the only official recognition of distinguished service not in actual battle is the certificate of merit, which can be given to none but enlisted men. There will be a great need during the present war for a suitable recognition of unusually praiseworthy acts which may be performed by officers or enlisted men, whether in actual battle or not, and it is the purpose of the bill to fill that want.

The United States government has closed a contract with a Rochester, N. Y., firm for 3000 field guns of the famous 75m. French type, and has taken an option with the same firm for an additional 1000. Close to \$30,000,000 is involved in the deal for this one item of war material.

Wasco Awake and Working

At a called meeting last Thursday of the Wasco Booster Club a committee of business men of that city was appointed to consult with the citizens of Arlington and the Gilliam and Sherman county courts to arrive at a definite understanding as to the permanent location of the Columbia river highway through Sherman county and its eastern connection with the road going into Arlington, as provided by the legislative act for the road through the eastern part of the state.

After a meeting of the above committee at Arlington last Friday with the business men of that city and the Gilliam county court, and a meeting at Wasco Monday afternoon with the Sherman county court it was arranged that the two counties and cities authorize a survey of probable routes that would allow the highway being constructed through Sherman county by way of Wasco. It is proposed that the route shall come into Wasco over practically the present road and continue out of Wasco as at present, but, instead of turning toward Klunkike when four miles east of Wasco it will either be built down the Emigrant canyon or the Draper canyon further east and cross the John Day at or near Early. The route in most favor is the Emigrant canyon route, which can be made a standard road with easy grade.

The last named route will cut through some farms cornerwise, but we understand that the matter of rights of way can be easily adjusted if that route be selected.

The last issue of the Wasco News-Enterprise, in commenting upon the article in the Observer that broke the complacent lethargy of the business men of that city, stated that the article in question was "untruthful and unfounded." The same issue of that paper also contained a short account of an interview that Judge John Fulton had had with Highway Commissioner Thompson. In this interview Judge Fulton fully confirms all that the Observer said regarding the construction of the highway north of Wasco.

Part of the article called in question by the editor of the News-Enterprise was that the new \$50,000 hotel being built in that city and the business of the local garages would suffer if the highway did not go through our sister city. The charge brought against the Observer can best be answered by stating that work has been discontinued on the new hotel until it is definitely known where the highway will be constructed through Sherman county, and the further fact that the garage owner in question stated to the editor of the Observer that "if the highway did not go through Wasco he would be forced to discharge part of the men now working" for him.

Some few, for reasons of their own, have tried to impress upon others an entirely different meaning than that written into the article in question. They have tried to create the impression that the Observer considered local business was of no importance as compared to that secured from transient touring parties going through our county. No fair minded person would think such a thing, and it is an attempt to cloud the issue and place the Observer in a position it does not intend to occupy.

The article was written, printed and circulated with the idea of having the highway constructed through Sherman county where it would be of the greatest benefit to the county as a whole as well as to the travelling public using it. That is the view taken by the substantial men of the northern part of the county, both farmers and business men, and having their good opinion and commendation is sufficient reward.

Fifty thousand dollars will be expended by Pendleton in putting on the 1917 Round-Up, September 20, 21 and 22, which insures the very best in contests, horses, steers, performers and contests worth seeing. Special Pullman trains have already been engaged and will come from Portland, Spokane and St. Paul. The attendance will be equal if not greater than 1916. The railroads have granted the usual special rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip from all points in the northwest.

Residents of Sherman county

who made use of vacant land with which to increase food production are perplexed and dismayed to find how little their efforts will be rewarded by reason of no rains since early in May. From all sections of the county complaint is made that potatoes in particular are making second and third growth, with only large size marketables in the hills. This condition seems to be general over the northwest states. If a heavy rain should occur soon a potato crop may yet be secured from the second growth is the opinion of D. E. Stephens of the Experiment Farm.

The 1917 "Buyers' Week" at Portland is fixed for August 6 to 11 and will be the biggest event of the kind ever attempted in the Northwest. Aside from the fact that it is of advantage to Portland wholesalers to have their merchant friends inspect the largest stocks of merchandise in the Northwest, Buyers' Week is having a splendid influence because it is bringing the business men of the state closer together and tending a better understanding between communities.

The Northwest Tourist Association, for the support of which Oregon, Washington and British Columbia legislatures voted \$50,000 per annum, is preparing the groundwork for a vigorous campaign to secure tourist travel. A Northwest Pictorial Book of 40 pages is being printed, 13 of which will be devoted to scenic grandeur of Oregon. The association is also printing an automobile road map of the two states and Canadian province.

Reports from Kansas are to the effect that one week of hot weather, beginning last week, has caused a loss of 11,000,000 bushels to the corn crop, which a month earlier promised to be the largest in the history of the state. Figured at present prices that week of hot weather has cost the Kansas farmer \$23,300,000.

Some people are so solicitous of the soldiers' morals that they propose to spend a million dollars to furnish fumigated fun at the training camps.—Sunnyside Gazette.

Motor vehicle licenses issued in Washington state since March 1, 1917, total 82,000, about double the number of Oregon owned cars.

Wait for Dr. Freeze if you need eye service. Regular trips each month to Moro and other towns.

Always read the Observer.

Board of Equalization

Notice. There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization for Sherman county, Oregon, at the Court House in Moro, on the second Monday in September, 1917, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description of lands, lots or other property assessed by me. All petitions must be made in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant, and filed with the Board within 15 days from the time it is by law required to meet.

Otto Peetz, County Assessor.

Pain

Here is a message to suffering women from Mrs. Kathryn Edwards, of R. F. D. 4, Washington Court House, Ohio. "I am glad to tell, and have told many women, what I suffered before I knew of Cardui and the great benefit to be derived from this remedy. A few years ago I became practically helpless."

Cardui

The Woman's Tonic. "I was very weak," Mrs. Edwards goes on to say, "and could not stoop without suffering great pain. Nothing seemed to help me until I heard of Cardui and began the use of it. I gradually gained my strength. I am now able to do all my work." If you need a tonic take Cardui. It is for women. It acts gently and reliably and will probably help you as it helped this lady. All Druggists.

The Test Coming

In the course of the Senate debate on the food-control bill the paradoxical statement was made that with wheat at \$2 a bushel flour would be cheaper than with wheat at \$1.75 a bushel. At any rate, the fixed price of wheat, so far as the food-control measure can fix it, is a minimum two dollars—and the country awaits a demonstration. Inasmuch as wheat is the only commodity mentioned by name in the bill with any connection as to its price, it is evident that the success or failure of the bill will be gauged by the price of flour. If flour stays up, as it probably will, the consumer will complain; while if wheat brings no more than \$2, the producer will look back and remember the days when he or his neighbor got more than that. Few people are going to be satisfied with any result which the food-control bill can produce—except those favored individuals who get on the payroll in connection with the administration of the law.

MAKE YOUR HEADQUARTERS
Buyer's Week, Aug. 6 to 11, at the
MULTNOMAH HOTEL



550 Rooms with Bath, \$1.50 per Day Upward
Sited on the very edge of the retail and wholesale district. One block from the Chamber of Commerce, Buyer's Headquarters

LARGEST, MOST POPULAR DINING ROOM IN THE CITY
EXCELLENT SERVICE—MUSIC—DANCING



"Bank of Moro"
MORO, OREGON

The greatest bulwark against the indigence of old age, or the financial drain caused by a protracted illness is a bank account. If you are a business man making big profits, if you are an employee with a fine salary, plan to lay aside a certain sum weekly. Then if the rainy day comes along it will find you prepared.

In times of stress you'll find that your bank account is your friend. You can look the world in the eye. The man with a bank account looks better, feels better, is better than the man without a bank account. We transact all kinds of banking business.

SEE US ABOUT AN ACCOUNT TODAY.

"Bank of Moro"
MORO, OREGON

HOTEL ALBERT
THE DALLES, ORE.

Is noted for its comfortable surroundings and the courteous attention received by the traveling public.

Rates moderate priced. Rooms equipped with modern conveniences and newly refurnished throughout.

YOUR PATRONAGE IS SOLICITED

JUST A REMINDER

To come to our store when in need of

Furniture, Rugs and Linoleum,
Hardware, Plumbing Goods
Sheet Iron, Barbed Wire, Wire Netting
Majestic and Universal Ranges
Vulcan and Canton Gang Plows
The No. 2 Star and Canton Double Disc and Drag Harrows
Hacks, Top Buggies and Bain Wagons
Waterloo Stoves and Z-Engines
Maytag Gasoline Motor, Electric and Power Washing Machines

GINN, COLEMAN & CO.
MORO, OREGON

THE REO Automobile

Just go down the line and make comparisons. Where is there a car at or near the price that is in the same class? Think of the quality, the reputation of the REO; consider the bigness, the larger tires, the genuine leather upholstery, the low upkeep, accessibility, oversized bearings, economy—and it's one cinch it can clean up any other car at or near the price.


These multiple features have created a tremendous demand for the REO. We again caution you that there won't be, can't be, enough REOS to go around. Only those who order now and take delivery as soon as the local dealer can supply them, will be numbered among the "lucky ones" who will drive REOS this season. To those who have other cars, if you've decided to quit experimenting and buy a REO see to it that your REO dealer is advised in the form of an actual order, or you sure will be disappointed.

Dr. Morse has just bought his third REO, a roadster. W. A. Medler and Frank Landborn are both driving their third REOS. It stands the test of continued use. Every REO owner is a booster.

The REO—the Gold Standard of Value

Geo. N. Crosfield,
WASCO, OREGON

The Best Building Time in Years



No. 898. Eight Rooms. 28x31 feet.

In 1914 it Took 1000 Bushels of Wheat to Buy This House
In 1917 it Took 475 Bushels of Wheat to Buy It

NOW is the time to buy lumber, as you will readily see by the following comparisons:—		
	In 1914	In 1917
50 bushels of wheat would buy	2000 feet Shiplap	3700 feet
50 bushels of barley would buy	1600 feet 2x4	2600 feet
50 bushels of corn would buy	16,000 Shingles	25,000
5 hogs would buy	33 windows & doors	58

If any of your plans for the future include building in any way, alterations, remodeling, new buildings or improvements of any kind, we can't make it too emphatic that you will save money by ordering your materials now.

Many of our customers are having our architects furnish plans for their new buildings and buying their material now for fall delivery.

Our large FREE PEAN BOOKS offer many suggestions which can be worked out into your own individual plans with a guaranteed lumber bill which insures NO EXTRAS. Return material left and receive credit. Don't build any new building without plans and a guaranteed material price.

"See H. U. Martin About It"

TUM-A-LUM LUMBER CO.