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UNCLE SAM, MIDDLEMAN

The federal government has tackled the coal problem in earnest, and the public at last begins to entertain some hope of relief from exorbitant prices.

The plan said to be favored by the Administration constitutes a striking innovation. There is to be no attempt to take possession of the mines. The government will simply shove aside the much-abused middleman, and proceed to play the role itself. Through the agency of the federal trade commission, by virtue of power conferred by Congress, it will make itself the sole purchaser and distributor of the product of American coal mines.

The government, buying all the product of all the mines, would pay in every case only the actual cost of production plus a fair and uniform percentage of profit. It would place representatives in every mine, so that there could be no mistake about the cost of production in that mine. This is said to be the way in which many railroads and large corporations buy their coal. All the fuel thus obtained would be pooled, and the government would sell coal of any given grade at the average cost of production.

Thus any particular community could be supplied from the most accessible district. With a fixed average price for each grade at the mouth of the mine, the government could determine the proper selling rate at any place, based on the freight rate from the nearest field. The coal would be sold to the retail dealers with the stipulation that they must take a definite, moderate rate of profit.

This looks like a fair proposition, and the plan cannot be put into operation any too soon to suit the consumers. Cold weather's coming on, and we want to buy our winter coal.

TODAY

"The Man Who Made Good"
 Starring
Winnifred Allen

Last Chapter of "The Mystery of the Double Cross"

"A Laundry Clean-Up"
 Gloom Chaser

GLOBE

Usual Prices

ALBANY SHOULD LOOK TO FIRE PROTECTION

To the Editor of the Democrat:—No doubt the citizens of Albany were greatly shocked when they saw in the paper of the destruction of the entire business section by fire, of the town of Sumpter.

This has been possibly the driest season that has been witnessed in this section of the Willamette Valley. Special care should be exercised by the citizens in the way of guarding against fires. When a fire once gets started under these conditions, it is very difficult to control it, and special caution is necessary at the present time.

It should be remembered that the old fire company that has been in existence in Albany during the last few years, has practically been done away with when our military company was called into active service, as nearly all the men in the fire department were members of the militia. It appears that the fire chief of our city is experiencing difficulty in getting men to take their places. For the adequate protection of property interests in this community, it would seem to the writer absolutely necessary that at least a half dozen competent men should be in charge of the fire-fighting apparatus. As it is now, there is no one to handle it in case of an emergency. The city council should at once make provision for the hiring of at least the above quota of men for the purpose of fighting fire. It may not be necessary to keep this entire number in the fire department all the time, but it should be definitely understood that these men would give their attention to the fighting of fires whenever the fire gong is sounded. Albany has some very valuable business property, and the citizens of Albany cannot afford to run so great a fire risk. The Merchants' Association and the Commercial Club should see that some definite action is taken at once with regard to this situation. Without competent help to handle the fire extinguishing equipment, Albany would find itself in a deplorable condition, should a fire of any consequence break out in the business section. If this special provision for the hiring of at least six

MARKET REPORT

The prices given in the local quotations are those asked by the wholesaler from the retailer for fruit and vegetables. All other prices are those paid the producer. List corrected daily.

LOCAL GRAINS	
Wheat	\$2.00
Oats, new	70c
Barley	36c
Clover, seed	16@18c
Vetch seed	\$3.10
Hay, cheat	\$18
Hay, vetch	\$18
Hay, Timothy	\$20.00
Clover	\$16.00
Flour, hard wheat	\$12.00
Flour, valley	\$10.40
Sugar	\$9.18

BUTTER	
Butterfat	44@46c
Creamery Butter	44@45c
Country Butter, trade	35@40c
EGGS AND POULTRY	
Eggs, cash	32c
Eggs, trade	33c
Hens, per pound	10@12c
Roosters	7c
Broilers	13@14c
Springs	13c
Ducks	10@12c
Ducklings	13c
Geese	7c

PORK, VEAL AND MUTTON	
Hogs	\$13@15.75
Cows	4@5c
Steers	5@7c
Veal	7@8c
Bulls	4@5c
Ewes	4@6c
Lambs	8 1/2@9 1/2c
Yearling sheep	7@8c

PORTLAND MARKET

Portland, August 17, 1917.

Club, \$2.15	Red Russian, \$2.15
Fortyfold, \$2.15	Bluestem, \$2.20
Oats, white, No. 1 feed, \$49	Barley, feed, \$47@49
Flour, valley, \$11.20	

HAY	
Willamette Timothy, fancy, \$20	Vetch, (—)
Cheat, (—)	Clover, \$18
Potatoes, \$2.75	

LIVESTOCK	
Hogs, best live, \$16.50@16.75	Prime steers, \$7.25@8.75
Fancy cows, \$6@7	Calves, \$8.50@9.50
Sheep, valley yearlings, \$8.75@9.25	Spring lambs, \$11.50@12.00
Butter, city creamery, 44c	Butterfat, 44c
Eggs, selected ex. 33@34c	

LIVE POULTRY	
Hens, 15 1/2@16c	Broilers, 18
Turkeys, live, 19@22c	Geese, live, 10c
Pekin Ducks, 18@20c	Wool, '16 valley cotswold, best, 58@60c
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men could not be permanent, then it should continue at least until the fall rains begin. Besides the paid fire department, there should be organized among the business men of Albany, a volunteer fire department of at least twenty-five men, so that in case of an emergency these men could all turn out and take an active hand in fighting the fire. Everybody's business is nobody's business, and unless certain business men of their own accord, take upon themselves the responsibility to see that this is done, nothing will be accomplished. The Merchants' Association should hold a meeting at an early date and consider the matter above mentioned.

ALFRED C. SCHMITT

SERVICE FLAG IS DESIGNED AS HONOR EMBLEM

Attempt is being made to gain national recognition for a service flag that has been officially adopted by the city of Cleveland and the state of Ohio. It is an emblem of honor to be displayed with Old Glory by every family that has one or more members in active war service. The flag is two by three feet in size and consists of one or several blue stars charged on a white field surrounded by a red border, six inches in width. For each enlisted or commissioned member of a family, a five-pointed star, which measures five inches between opposite points, is provided.—From the September Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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HELP WANTED—Female—An intelligent person may earn \$100 monthly corresponding for newspapers; \$40 to \$50 monthly in spare time; experience unnecessary; no canvassing; subjects suggested. Send for particulars. National Press Bureau, Room 4388, Buffalo, N. Y. M-21-N-21

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