

INCREASED CORN 150 PERCENT BY USE OF WATER

Victor Bursell of Central Point District Details Experience of Past Season—Declares Value of Irrigated Land Easily Double That of Unirrigated.

Irrigation may be as profitably used and will cause as great crop increase on corn as on fruit or alfalfa. This fact was demonstrated during the 1916 season by Victor Bursell of the Central Point district, when he applied water to a field of fourteen acres of corn.

By the use of water, according to a statement made by Mr. Bursell on Sunday, the yield was increased 50 per cent.

The yield in the 1915 season, when no water was used, averaged twenty bushels of corn to the acre. During the past season water was applied once heavily to the soil, which is of light sandy formation. With the application of water the yield was increased to fifty bushels to the acre.

"The value of irrigated land," stated Mr. Bursell, "is easily double that of dry land. Farm land values are set largely on the basis of the returns which the land will bring. If irrigated land will bring double the return of non-irrigated land, it follows that the value of irrigated land is double that of non-irrigated land."

"I have used water only the one season," concluded Mr. Bursell, "but I have already made arrangements to extend the use of water to a field of twenty-one acres of young alfalfa this coming season. Ultimately, as fast as I can level my land and get it in shape for the use of water, I will irrigate my entire ranch of 150 acres. One season has been enough to convince me of the wisdom and profit of the use of irrigation. I would not consider farming in this section without it."

Mr. Bursell was formerly opposed to irrigation.

See the stock labels carried by the Medford Printing Co., if you are in a hurry.

TUESDAY TAG DAY FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Tuesday will be Charity Tag day, the proceeds from the sale of tags by a dozen or more workers to be devoted to the defraying of expenses incurred in holding Medford's second annual municipal Christmas tree.

The tree will be placed, as last year, on the lawn before the public library, the exercises being held Saturday night, December 23.

Featured on the program will be singing by the school children of the city under the direction of Miss Ellen French, director of music in the city schools, and playing by the high school band.

SISAL CROP CUT BY HEAVY STORM

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—One of the worst storms in the history of Yucatan, Mexico, cut down the production of sisal so that receipts of the product at Progreso during November were 45.7 per cent below normal, according to information received here by the sisal regulating commission and made public today.

RECEIVER AUTHORIZED TO PAY CERTIFICATES

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Jacob M. Dickinson, receiver for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, was authorized by Federal Judge Carpenter today to pay \$2,500,000 worth of receiver's certificates, which fall due January 3, 1917. The order also calls for the payment of \$62,500, accrued interest.

BORDER MILITIA MOBILIZATION MOST COMPLETE FAILURE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Major General Wood, commander of the department of the east, told the military committee this afternoon that nothing could have been more pronounced than the complete inefficiency of the recent militia mobilization on the Mexican border.

Urging intensive military training as the only means by which the United States can procure a much-needed and adequate national defense, General Wood referred to the Mexican border militia mobilization to emphasize his recommendations.

"You have seen the result of the recent mobilization of the militia on the border," said General Wood, who had much to do with the work. "It was the most terrific and complete failure ever attempted on that line. Nothing could be more pronounced than its complete inefficiency."

"There is practically no military defense for this country today," General Wood continued. "We are dealing in consideration of this proposed universal training with a matter of national life-saving. Universal training is the only way in which we will ever get an adequate military defense in this country. It is anti-militaristic and purely democratic. We must get it, and get it quickly."

General Wood's proposal was that every young man physically fit for military service should be subjected in his 19th year to six months of intensive military training, which would be equivalent to about eighteen months of training as now given in the regular army. In his 21st year such a trained soldier would be subject to a call to the colors, and in that year should be subjected to at least twenty days' field service. At the age of 29 years the term of the trained citizen soldier in which he would be subject to call in case of national emergency, would terminate.

PRESIDENT CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President and Mrs. Wilson today celebrated the first anniversary of their marriage. A family party will be entertained at dinner at the white house tonight.

BOY'S BAND TO PARADE TUESDAY

The Medford boys' band will parade for the first time on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The little band which has recently been organized by Mr. Rowland is comprised of youngsters, a number of them not yet in their teens. The boys will make their initial concert bow to the public at the Natatorium in conjunction with the Medford band's entertainment on Tuesday evening. It is a foregone conclusion that the juvenile band will be the feature of the concert. Several musical people that have heard the little band exclaim it is hard to believe the band is of only three months' training. One of the lads, 13 years of age, Master Irvine Terrell, will be heard in a baritone solo, accompanied by the Medford band. The boy has been under Mr. Rowland's tuition for several months, and is developing rapidly into one of Medford's soloists. The Medford band will hold the final practice this evening, when the choice program of band music for Tuesday evening will receive the finishing touches. In addition to the band music, there will be several vocal solos, quartets and instrumental solos, and a brief address will be given by C. E. Gates. The tickets are selling well and a good-sized crowd is expected.

16,000 MILITIA ORDERED HOME

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 18.—National Guard organizations aggregating 16,000 troops today were designated by General Funston to leave the border service and return to their respective states to be mustered out of the federal service. He acted in compliance with war department instructions.

The homeward movement of these organizations will be in three groups to facilitate use of rolling stock. Cars are now being assembled for regiments included in the first group and the movements from various border points will begin in a few days. General Funston estimated that it would be January 5 or 7 before all units in the last group had started.

REV. HOGG NEW PRESIDENT MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

At the annual election of officers this morning held in the library, Rev. Alfred A. J. Hogg was elected president; Rev. J. K. Baillie, vice-president; Rev. W. Wiley, secretary and treasurer. The Medford Ministerial association includes the Evangelical churches of Medford, also Jacksonville, Phoenix, Talent, Central Point and Eagle Point. Arrangements were made for a week of special service beginning January 1, all the churches participating.

Resolutions of appreciation were adopted by the association commending Rev. J. C. Rollins, the retiring president, on the work accomplished during the past week.

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Stew Beef	9c
Best Cuts Pork	15c
Pork Chops	15c
Shoulder of Pork	12 1/2c
Whole or Half Hog	11c
Hamburger and Pork Sausage	12 1/2c
Veal Roast	15c
Veal Chops	17 1/2c
Veal Stew	12 1/2c

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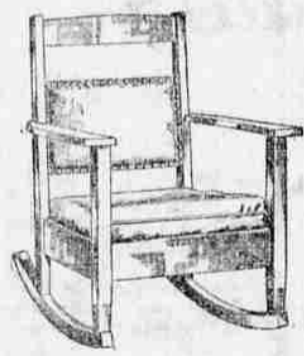
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- A \$12.50 Dresser for **\$9.00**
- A \$14.50 Dresser now **\$10.50**
- A \$22.50 Oak Dresser **\$14.50**
- A \$35.00 Mahogany Dresser now **\$26.40**
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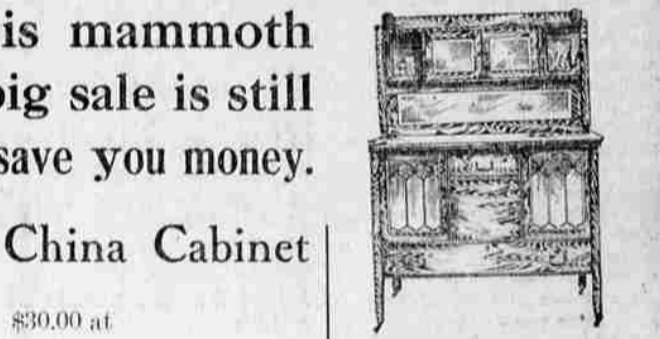
Food Pusher, each **40c**

Cold Meat Forks, each **\$1.25**

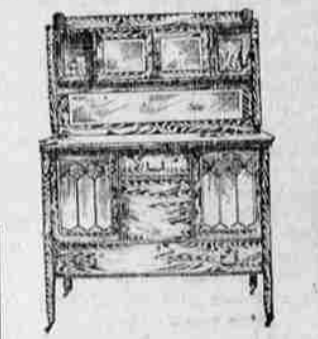
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