

1917!

Soon we are to enter another year. Everyone desires the coming year to be more profitable to them than the past one.

The cost of supplying the table is one of the largest items of expense in the cost of living. To reduce this cost without denying one's self the good things desired, is the ambition of most housekeepers. **SKAGGS' CASH STORES** offer you this opportunity through economical methods of food supply.

Resolve New Years that you will go on a cash basis the coming year, that you will live within your means, and know at all times just where you stand financially.

At the close of the year you will be a happy individual, you will be proud of yourself for having adopted the right method of living.

- 12 lbs. Sugar for \$1.00
- 100 lbs. Sugar for \$7.95
- 7 bars Crystal White Soap 25c
- 11 bars A. B. Naptha 50c
- 6 boxes Borax Washing Powder 25c
- 10 lb. pail Home Rendered Lard \$1.55
- 10 lb. pail Eastern Lard \$2.15
- 15c packages Golden Egg or Queen's Taste Macaroni, 3 pkgs. 25c
- 50c 1 lb. can Cocoa 38c
- 3 lbs Dry Sweet Corn 50c
- 9 lbs. bulk Oat Meal 45c
- 24 lb. sack Corn Meal \$1.00

APPLES \$1.00 A BOX
About 200 boxes of Oregon Apples to sell Friday and Saturday for \$1.50 per box.

These apples are worth \$1.50 on the present market, but we need the room for other merchandise.

- CRACKERS AND COOKIES**
- All 10c package Crackers and Cookies 3 for 25c
 - 7 lb. boxes Fancy Crackers \$1.10
 - 10 lb. boxes Plain Crackers \$1.10
 - 20 lb. boxes plain crackers \$2.00

City Delivery For 15 Cents

We have made arrangements to have orders delivered for 15 cents each order. Our prices are too low to allow free delivery, but many find it very profitable buying goods at cash prices and paying the dray themselves.

Visit our store and select the items needed, you will find the saving on many single items to be more than the delivery cost.

SKAGGS' CASH STORES

FRANKLY, HOW DO YOU TACKLE YOUR WORK?

How do you tackle your work each day? Are you scared of the job you find? Do you grapple the task that comes your way?

With a confident, easy mind? Do you stand right up to the work ahead?

Or fearfully pause to view it? Do you start to toil with a sense of dread?

Or feel that you're going to do it?

You can do as much as you think you can.

But you'll never accomplish more; If you're afraid of yourself, young man,

There's little for you in store. For failure comes from the inside first.

It's there if we only knew it, And you can win, though you face the worst,

If you feel that you're going to do it.

Success! It's found in the soul of you, And not in the realm of luck!

The world will furnish the work to do, But you must provide the pluck.

You can do whatever you think you can,

It's all in the way you view it; It's all in the start that you make, young man,

You must feel that you're going to do it.

How do you tackle your work each day? With confidence clear, or dread?

What to yourself do you stop and say When a new task lies ahead?

What is the thought that is in your mind?

Is fear ever running through it? If so, tackle the next you find

By thinking you're going to do it. —Edgar A. Guest in the Detroit Free Press.

LOST SHEEP

I have in my possession seventeen sheep of different brands which I found in the lava cracks and the owners can have same by calling at my place and paying for this ad, identifying brands and paying all expenses.

J. I. WIXOM, Blackfoot, R. F. D. No. 1.

Temporary Suspension of Business.

Having sent my popcorn roaster to the factory to be remodeled, I will not be at my accustomed stand for the next six weeks.

ALFRED H. SIMONS.

New Year's and Jewelry

They Harmonize

Very naturally when you think of Christmas presents you associate them with a Jewelry house. And in this line there is no more appropriate gift than,

- A HANDSOME WATCH, A SET OF CUFF LINKS,
- A BRILLIANT DIAMOND, A SIGNET RING,
- A BIRTHSTONE RING, OR A CUT GLASS SET.

This store is prepared at any season to furnish anything needed in this line, and we are especially so as the holidays approach. We have a most superior and high class selection in all jeweler's lines, and can furnish you anything you need.

COME TO US FIRST

Christ, The Jeweler

POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

The announcements is authorized that Frank E. DeKay of Blackfoot has been definitely decided upon as the new warden for the state penitentiary, to succeed John Snook, whose resignation was presented to the board of prison commissioners this week. The appointments was decided Saturday when a conference of the members-elect to the board of prison commission — the governor, attorney general and secretary of state — was held. Mr. DeKay has been in Boise for several days in the interests of his candidacy. He returned to Blackfoot to spend Christmas and went back to Boise early this week to familiarize himself with the work of the warden at the penitentiary.

It was predicted several days ago in the Capital News that Mr. DeKay would likely be appointed warden. His appointment will be confirmed on January 1, 1917.

Confirm Other Appointments.

The selection of a deputy warden of the penitentiary was not definitely determined. The position will probably go to Sheriff Stroud of Lemhi county. It was expected he would be in Boise this week, but he was unavoidably detained. He will arrive next week and hold a conference with the members-elect of the prison board.

All doubt as to the new land commission and register of the land department was removed. The Capital News stated two weeks ago that I. A. Smoot of St. Anthony would be named commissioner and that M. C. Scott would be the new register of the land department. Such an agreement was reached then. At the meeting of the members-elect of the land board, held Saturday, of the Democrats, who constitute a majority of the board, it was definitely determined they should take these respective positions. Mr. Smoot has moved to Boise and is becoming familiar with the duties of commissioner. Mr. Scott will spend most of the balance of the month in the register's office.

Parker For Appraiser.

For land appraiser for northern Idaho the members-elect of the land board decided on A. F. Parker of Grangeville. Mr. Parker is well known in Democratic circles. He is a prominent resident of the north and a pioneer Democrat as well. He was a member of the constitutional convention of this state and was appointed by Governor Alexander as a member of the north and south railway commission.

Only two of the employees of the land department have been decided upon. They are Mrs. Fred Floed and Mrs. S. F. Schriber, both of South Boise, who take positions of clerks. Mrs. Floed was former probation officer in this city. She is the wife of Fred Floed, the well known Democratic newspaperman of Boise.

Redfield Files Bond.

The Democratic executive officials will hold another conference this week at which time a number of other appointments will be decided upon. W. T. Dougherty, secretary of state-elect, has not as yet decided upon his office force. He is in the city and will practically take charge of the secretary of state's office sometime this week. Secretary of State George R. Barker leaving for northern Idaho Saturday to remain. Mr. Dougherty has a chief duty and a number of clerks to name.

Howard Day of Jerome appointed by State Auditor-elect Van Dusen as clerk in the auditor's office, is in the city and will spend some time in that department, becoming familiar with the work. Mr. Day has been in the employment of the Twin Falls North Side Land & Water company at Jerome.

Miss Ethel Redfield, superintendent of public instruction-elect, was in attendance at the land board meeting yesterday. She was invited by Governor Alexander to attend all board

meetings. Her bond was filed with the governor. The chief executive approve it.—Capital News.

CHRISTMAS CHEER From Last Week.

'Tis Christmas Eve, and the children all hark to the merry Christmas call; and deep in the city in a cheerless home, there is some one sobbing, all alone, no one to care. No one near to give a gift or a word of cheer. Only to receive one of the gifts she was given with such love in her youth, alone would be heaven. But now, a woman bent and old, lying half crippled with hunger and cold, she listens, and waits the coming of morn, while faintly through the window comes the first grey of dawn.

'Tis morning. Hark to the Christmas cheer, and the call of the children's voices dear. In her dreams she enjoys the happy past. If only it was true, if it only would last. She awakens with a start, a knock at the door, and all is as silent as the night before. And as she faintly calls "come in," a childish, baby face is seen that runs up quickly to her side and with arms outstretched she softly cried, "I know you don't remember me, but I've come to take you away, you see. Mamma said you lived here all alone, and so we've come to take you home."

Then through her tears the old woman smiled as she gently took the hand of the child, and now by a fire burning brightly, this dear old woman sits loud and clear, and in her soul there's a Christmas cheer.

—Venessa Polson.

RICH

Paul Trouner was in Blackfoot Friday on his way to Colorado to visit his children.

Miss Leona Graham and W. G. Davidson came out from Blackfoot Saturday evening to visit home folks during the holidays.

Miss Hanna Clough has gone to Pocatello to spend a five weeks' visit with friends and relatives.

Jess Marrow, S. P. Graham and Mae Graham were shopping in Blackfoot Saturday.

Carl Anderson of P. agree was doing business in Blackfoot Friday.

W. H. Scott of Pingree was shaking hands with friends Friday.

Christmas passed off quietly, with a large slaughter of turkeys, geese and other birds. Everybody seemed to have some silver in their pockets.

The Christmas tree at Pingree and Log Meeting house were well loaded down with good things for the little ones—a sure sign of good times.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baker went to Blackfoot Tuesday in their Saxon car.

Rich was represented at the Thomas dance Christmas night by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Miss Leona and Mae Graham, William Burdell, Jess Marrow, Charley Baker, Miss Leverva and Lara Elerie, Lim Burniston and Miss Leona Barrison.

Miss Leona Graham is visiting during the weeks' vacation from the Blackfoot high school.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Thompson has gone to Downey to spend the holidays with their children.

The measles and mumps are scattered all over the country.

Uncle Sam's new warships are to have the most powerful guns in existence. The trouble, however, is in getting enough men to man them.

A fellow broke into print the other day with a good word for Mexico, and how he manages to keep out of the asylum we can't imagine.

People who rush through life in their youth invariably pull back with all of their might at the end of the trail.

THE FALL CLEANUP.

Too many farmers, progressive in most respects, who raise orchard fruits do not practice having a thorough and general cleaning up of the orchard before winter closes in.

Brush piles, heaps of leaves, rubbish along the fence rows and unsalable fruit are allowed to remain in the orchard until spring before being burned or otherwise disposed of. Nearly all the insect pests that make trouble for the orchard owner take advantage of everything in the nature of rubbish in which to spend the winter. Time spent late in the fall clearing everything that will harbor insects is a profitable fight when the enemy is taken at a disadvantage.—Farm and Fireside.

WINTER STORAGE.

Fruits and Vegetables Should Be Stored For Home Consumption.

Be prepared to meet the high cost of living by storing fruits and vegetables now, is the advice of M. F. Ahearn, professor of landscape gardening in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

"Do not pay winter prices for fruits and vegetables," said Professor Ahearn, "when by a simple reorganization of the cellar or some digging in the garden storage room can be provided for the preservation of large quantities of this class of food.

"If the fruit shrivels or becomes spongy and decays the fault in most cases can be traced to the storage room and may be corrected wholly or in part. The cellar must be well ventilated if fruit is to be kept successfully for any length of time. Temperature and humidity are factors quite as important as ventilation. The best temperature for fruit is 33 degrees or a little above.

"It is not well to allow much fluctuation in the temperature. In the farm cellar uniformity of temperature is maintained by means of ventilation, which should be watched closely.

"Apples may be packed either in barrels or in boxes. The preference is usually given to the boxes. In the case of apples that are to be kept for a considerable time it is a good plan to wrap each one separately in a piece of paper."

Favorable conditions of moisture and temperature are obtained by burying the fruit in pits, points out Professor Ahearn. To prevent apples tasting of the earth they should be placed in boxes, barrels or other containers which keep them from direct contact with the soil, or the pit may be lined with boards.

Storage requirements for vegetables differ widely. The sweet potato and the squash are kept successfully only when the temperature is high and constant and the humidity is low. Root crops and cabbage can best be stored in pits. For storing cabbage in this manner the heads are pulled with the roots and leaves attached and placed upside down. Earth is placed on the pile until the plants, including the roots, are entirely covered.

The Strap as a Jar Opener.

Unscrewing the tops of jars is a simple operation with the aid of a strap or belt strap. The strap cannot slip, because the harder it is pulled the harder it grips the jar. If the main



part of the jar can be held to withstand the pull of the strap the most obstinate cover will have to capitulate. Where the ordinary types of jar openers do not fit, the strap is an effective substitute.—Popular Science Monthly.

Improving Potato Seed.

The Wisconsin experiment station, among others, has been giving special attention to potato seed improvement and of late years is showing that proper storage of seed stock is just as important as the improvement of seed.

For several years the main effort was to standardize the leading commercial potato varieties grown in the state. The number of the most approved varieties has been reduced to six, some of which give best results under the different varying conditions of climate and soil in different sections of the state.

When holding the seed stock for supplying growers in the spring with improved seed it was found by the station experts that the seed lost much of its value through the effect of improper storage conditions. To make sure of good and safe storage a cellar was built in a well drained hillside. The walls and roof of this cellar are of concrete construction. Both walls and roof were then lined with lumber, which provided an air space of one and one-half inches. This cellar, with a storage capacity of 3,000 bushels, has now been in use for three years and has given excellent satisfaction.

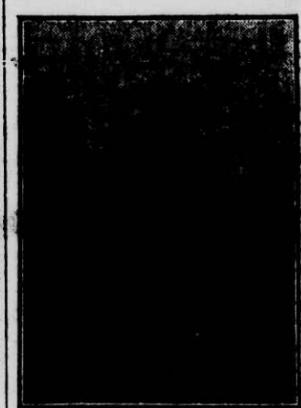
Making the Little Farm Pay

By C. C. BOWSFIELD

"After all is said and done this question of agricultural success depends first of all, on the farmer and his family. If they have the right spirit and are possessed of enough capital to get started they will turn inferior land into choice farms and win a degree of success that indifferent people never would hope for."

Such a summing up of the farm ownership question made by a practical man who is in deep sympathy with the present movement of city people toward rural life. What is true of town residents in connection with land ownership applies also to persons of limited means who are trained farmers.

Farms are selling in unusual numbers at present, and close observers are able to point out the rising tide of sentiment among city people in favor of country homes and practical farming. It is easily seen that the high



ON THE LITTLE FARM.

prices for all kinds of commodities, especially poultry, eggs, vegetables, fruits, canned goods and many edibles that amateurs are able to produce without long experience, are encouraging to beginners. There is no doubt about the fact that many crops which are easiest to raise and which lend themselves to little farm programs pay the highest rate of profit. Those taking particular skill, long experience and heavy investments for horses and machinery pay much less than truck and fruit crops, poultry, etc., which amateurs are able to handle without great loss of time.

There are other considerations which afford encouragement to the average farm owner. One is that land is steadily advancing in value and generally can be sold within a few years for much more than was paid for it. This matter of investment alone is worth the careful consideration of all prudent people who have a taste for country life and who would like to be in touch with agriculture.

Then there is the question of independence and security for the small farmer and his family. Workingmen who have families to maintain are much better off in the country than in the city, whether they work for others or own a bit of land. Every year sees an increase in the number of large farmers who appreciate the wisdom of having steady hired men and who arrange to provide comfortable houses for married employees. When a man of family gets a good place in the country he should never leave it except to work a farm of his own. A farm hand usually saves money. If he does not do so it is his own fault and he would not save anything in town.

The advantages of locating in the agricultural districts must therefore include the safety and security which families will soon feel. In connection with a general advance in wages it is well for a town person to acquire farm experience and be in a position to buy land when he sees the rich opportunity, but if able to invest at once it is a pretty safe conclusion that property will never be cheaper. The poor man taking a farm now and working it to the best of his ability for a few years will not only make money as he goes along, but will gain a substantial fortune by the advance in real estate.

The better the farming the more the profit and the quicker the owner will be able to sell to somebody who is inspired by a demonstrated success.

Many a farmer has struggled for years to pay his debts, and perhaps as old age comes he does not seem to have accomplished much, but all at once he wakes up to find that a well equipped little farm, anywhere from twenty to fifty acres, clear of incumbrance, is a tidy fortune for the average family. Usually such a farmer has a good line of trade for his products and earns a large cash income every year, so that he has both his land and a bank account. All through the United States we see progressive farmers who are able to give their sons and daughters a college education as a result of adopting modern methods and putting their hearts into the agricultural vocation. It is the part of wisdom for any family taking a small farm to make the home a place of beauty and contentment. When this has been accomplished it will not be so very difficult to lay out interesting programs for working the land in such a way as to attain the best possible results.

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Every automobile battery should be carefully tested before the winter season. The service required from a battery in the winter is much more severe than in summer. If your car will be stored during the winter, send your battery to us and let us care for it. Our small charge for this service may save you the cost of a new battery in the spring.

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