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The Largest and Best Equipped Hotel in Stevens County  
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First-class dining room in connection, under supervision of Mrs. Dingle.

**Frank Kostka**  
Merchant Tailor  
Colville, Washington

High class tailoring for men and women  
Dry cleaning, pressing, repairing, altering

**COLVILLE ABSTRACT CO.**  
Abstracts of title to Stevens county lands, mines and water rights

## Use Better Flour

We have placed in operation a new machine for the manufacture of  
**TopNoch Pancake Flour**  
For sale at all local stores

Our  
**TopNoch FLOUR**

Guarantees satisfaction or your money refunded.

**TopNoch Flour Mills**  
Colville

C. B. Kegley of Palouse, master of the Washington State Grange, has been appointed by the National Federal Farm Loan Bureau at Washington, one of the two appraisers of lands for federal farm loan purposes in this state. The other appointee is A. D. Davison, of Stevenson, Skamania county. It is said that Davison was the first man in the state to organize a farm loan association. There will be two appraisers for each state.

The 1916 potato crop of Stevens county is now about cleaned out, and those who pinned their faith to tubers as a profitable crop have not, in the main, been disappointed. In fact, the heretofore inglorious and lowly spud has arisen in its might and lifted some very menacing obligations in the form of farm mortgages that had exhibited hideous proportions. The ruling price during the past three months delivered at the station for shipment has been from \$2.50 to \$3 per hundred. Last fall they were to be had in plenty at from 80 cents to a dollar a sack, but few sold. Most of the farms have had from one to five acres of potatoes, and produced from 5 to 8 tons to the acre. The price has been so alluring that many failed to observe the necessity for holding back enough seed to plant a much larger acreage this year, but a few farsighted gardeners have provided against this and have escaped the higher cost of cuttings for the coming crop.

The Stevens county farmers have learned in the present crusade of higher prices that it pays to use good seed, plant with care and in selected soil, and grade and prepare the output in nice shape for the market. It is said this is done by the Yakima valley farmers and that they receive from \$5 to \$10 more per ton for their output. Another thing the farmers have learned here is that by making a specialty of the planting of the best varieties, and consulting other producers on this point, they can control the demand of the irrigated districts for first class seed. Wines & English and the Wilson Produce Co., of Colville are the largest exporters of tubers in the county, and they approximate that the potatoes shipped of the 1916 crop to date will exceed 125 cars raised in the Colville and Columbia river valleys.

The crop and livestock survey of the county being conducted by the Stevens County Industrial Preparedness Commission, of which county Auditor Earle T. Gates is, ex-officio, the secretary, John B. Slater chairman, and upon which each of the departments of the county government has a representative, is receiving scant encouragement in its enterprise of gathering statistics in the interest of the work. Of the 6,000 inquiries sent out during the past two weeks less than three per cent have responded. Miss Stannard, county school superintendent, who circularized the school districts through the teachers, states that one of the districts failed to return a single blank, and it was the opinion of the teacher, who wields the rod in that particular district, that there is a vague suspicion among the school patrons that there is some ulterior design in the gathering of the information called for. Some thought the purpose was to obtain first hand information as to their possessions in order to know where to lay hands on the goods when the government needed them. It is unfortunate that the people are so busy with notions of their own that they can not consider the interest of the government when the nation is struggling against the possible invasion of a foreign foe. It may be that

The Store That Advertises Is the Store That Does The Business

those who do not wish to disclose the information called for by a peaceful mission would rather keep their pigs, cattle, wheat and corn in hiding and, instead, place upon the altar of their country's honor their boys for the army and their girls for the Red Cross. The Industrial Preparedness Commission has no motive to be screened. It is simply following out a policy that has sprung into being as a national necessity; that is, to learn from the most reliable source, from the people themselves, how well prepared they are to render the greatest help in time of war.

The high cost of living is receiving a goodly share of consideration at the hands of the American people, but action in the strongest sense of the term is necessary to obtain results. The Associated Committee of Benevolent and Fraternal and Labor Organizations has offered the first real earnest of public sentiment by the draft of a bill intended to be presented to congress at as early a date as possible, and every reader who is not a member of an organization of the above class, but who has an interest in the outcome of an effort to curb the rioting of speculators should sit down—take a moment—and tell his senator or congressman to support the proposed measure which reads as follows:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that any person or body of persons buying or selling future markets of any article or articles pertaining to necessities of life; who, either in his individual capacity or as an officer, agent or employer of a corporation, or member of a partnership, shall store any such article or articles for the purpose of cornering the market or affecting the market price thereof, or for the purpose of limiting the supply thereof to the public, whether temporarily or otherwise, shall be deemed guilty of a felony and punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than six months nor more than three years.

Colville presents the unique spectacle of gardening in the suburban streets, enough space being left along the crest of the thoroughfare for vehicles to pass. The abutting property owners are permitted to plow and plant all available unused acreage outside their lines to the roadway. It is estimated that the new ground on one side of the street along a city block will raise 100 bushels of spuds, and that these will net \$1 per bushel. The owner who does not wish to cultivate his street should pass it up to the man who does want to raise a crop.

The Road to Better Business Leads Through Our Advertising Columns

### CLOTHES AND CLOTHES

Today, there are two fundamental ways of buying a suit of clothes.

The first is to go to one of Colville's clothiers and pick out a suit that suits you, or see a Colville tailor and have him fashion one to your form.

The second is to look in a catalog; make selection from a tiny piece of cloth the design of which you have to guess at; bother some member of the family to take your measure; write a letter; enclose cash with same, then wait ten to twenty days for the suit.

For convenience, which is the better way?

Buy it in the home town, isn't it?

Let us analyze the case from another angle—that of satisfaction.

The Colville merchants carry "price" clothing—as cheap as the shoddy mail order clothes.

They also carry standardized advertised clothes which run no higher in price than supposedly good mail order clothes.

Standardized advertised brands of clothing begin at \$17. They are superior to mail order clothes because they fit right, look right and stay right throughout their life. Artists fashion them. Master craftsmen build them. They must be right in every way to stand up under the spotlight of publicity.

You buy them right here in Colville. The merchant who sells them is right here. He gladly and willingly guarantees them in every way and to the limit.

Why should anyone's money leave Colville for a suit of clothes?

An also great exposition of great value is furnished by Colville tailors. Their stocks of woollens are representative; among the best obtainable. Workmanship which they put into a suit of clothes is first class. In short, clothes tailored in Colville are right.

Isn't it folly to short change Colville so many more dollars by sending to a mail order house for an inferior tailor made suit?

Here's the way the mail order house treated one man.

He sent for a suit just after the first of the year. They were out of the cloth he picked; but they didn't want to let go of his money, so substituted another. The suit they sent was unappreciated. So he returned it—asked that they make up a blue serge in its stead. This they did—using an inferior grade of serge. When the suit arrived it was found to have been cut for a very round-shouldered man; and one shoulder was way lower than the other.

The suit had to be returned for alteration. A bungling job.

Seven weeks were spent in waiting for the suit. The cost of the suit was \$26.10.

The man who sent for it said the other day that the ill-appearance of the suit bothered him continually, and that he had wished on numerous occasions that he had gone into one of Colville's stores—spent \$20 and received a regular suit.

Isn't it particularly inconsistent to send to a mail order house for a suit of clothes when equal or better value can be obtained from Colville merchants and tailors?

Isn't it mighty poor—a mighty short-sighted policy to take cold cash—the very life blood of Colville and send it away?

Dollars sent away from Colville to mail order houses are never seen again by the sender; they are never seen again by anybody else in Colville.

Isn't it about time we stopped patronizing mail order houses and gave local merchants their due?

**FRANK B. GOETTER**  
DRUGGIST AND CHEMIST  
THE LEADING DRUGGIST OF THE COUNTY  
COLVILLE WASH.

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Dr. of Suggestive Therapeutics  
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Nervous trouble and kindred ailments are successfully treated.  
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Colville

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