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A MISFIT

If you are built
So you can't sing
A happy sort
O' cheerup thing,
You better hadn't
Sing at all;
Thest let wildbirds
An' crickets call,
An' let the honey-
Bees ba-zoom,
An' flowers breathe
Their sweet perfume;
That is the way
You better do.

If you aint glad,
The thing fer you
To do to help
The world along
Is not to bu'st
Forth into song;
If you can't grin,
An' if you frown,
You better thest
Keep out of town,
An' in the house
Til it comes night;
A grouch is best
Kept out o' sight.

Why even nights,
The little frawgs
Sends cheer-o songs
Across the bogs;
An' if you're sour,
An' grumpy blue,
A frawg is of
More use then you.
If you can't sing
A cheer-up-thing,
You better go
Hide out, by jing!

—Judd Mortimer Lewis, in the Houston Post.

RESTAURANT

Have opened a Restaurant at the old East property one block east of White's store and will serve regular meals. Also will serve chili at all hours.
Mrs. K. CROOK.

CLEANING and PRESSING
Bring your old Clothes and have them made like new.
CITIZENS BARBER SHOP

Our Grocery stock is complete. Let us figure your next bill, we can save you money. Eggs 35 cents per dozen.
Farmers & Stockmen's Equity Ex.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday School at 10 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Ladies Missionary Aid Society meets twice a month (Wednesday) 2:30 p. m. Sunbeam Band 1st and 3d Sundays at 3 p. m.
Church Conference Saturday 7:30 p. m. before the 1st Sunday in each month.
W. B. PHIPPS, Pastor.

PRICES NOT CUT BY LARGER PRODUCTION

Interesting Figures Given by Bureau of Crop Estimates.

Abnormal Conditions Created by War and Other Causes Have Imposed Special Relationship of Prices and Value.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

It is often said that when the farmer has a bumper crop the price is so low that the total value of the crop is below that of a usual crop, but the abnormal conditions created by the war and other causes have imposed a special relationship of crop prices and total value to the production of 1918 in comparison with 1917.

In the estimates of the bureau of crop estimates it appears that larger production has been followed by lower price and lower total value only for barley, cabbage, onions, and broom corn, while larger production has been followed by higher price and hence by higher total value for wheat, buckwheat, flaxseed, rice, sweet potatoes, tobacco, apples, oranges, and cranberries.

As is often the fact, lower production is associated with higher price and higher total value for oats, hay, sugar beets, peaches, and sorghum raised for sirup, but exceptions to this relationship are found in potatoes and hops, both of which had lower production and lower price.

Rye, cotton, the kafirs and peanuts, had a higher production in 1918 than in 1917 and a lower price, but not low enough to prevent a higher total crop value; whereas these conditions were reversed for corn and beans, both of which had smaller crops and higher prices, but not high enough to prevent a lower total crop value.

GENERAL FARM NOTES

Do not forget Swiss chard in ordering seeds for greens.

The pasture land need not be land suitable for nothing else.

Good corn in the ear runs about 2 1/4 cubic feet to the bushel.

The fight against the bugs of the orchard and garden must never stop.

The supply of red clover seed in the United States is short again this year.

An increasing number of gardeners are using greenhouses for starting early plants.

This is a good time of year to do garden planning and get the seed list ready to order.

Soils are easily tested for acidity by means of blue litmus paper. Lime sweetens sour soils.

These are mighty good days to repair harness and machinery against the busy days of spring.

Chicory may be bleached in a cellar or under a greenhouse bench to advantage. It is good for salads.

This is a good time to clean garden tools, repair hothed sash, and do other odd jobs preparatory to spring.

A wise old German once said: "I like to give villingly; ven I gives villingly it enjoys me so much I gives again."—Journal and Messenger.

Mrs. Flatbush.—"Who is that woman you just bowed to?"

Mrs. Bensonhurst.—"O, she's my nextdoor neighbor."

"But she didn't return your bow."

"No; she never returns anything."

MICKIE SAYS



NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M.
April 12, 1919.

Notice is hereby given that John W. Stewart, of Mountainair, N. M., who, on May 8, 1916, made Homestead Entry No. 026543, for N 1/2, Section 34, Township 3 north, Range 8 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make threeyear Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before United States Commissioner, at Mountainair, Torrance Co., N. M. on the 27th day of May 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses:
C. M. Biggs, R. R. 1, Mountainair, N. M., J. T. Hodgins, J. W. Wood both of Mountainair, N. M., and J. L. Johnson of R. R. 1, Mountainair, N. M.
FRANCISCO DELGADO, Register
4-17-5-15

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M.
April 3, 1919.

Notice is hereby given that Laureano Chavez, of Mountainair, N. M., who on February 14, 1919, made Additional Homestead Entry, No. 025813, for NE 1/4, Section 34, Township 4 north, Range 6 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before United States Commissioner, Mountainair, Torrance Co., N. M., on the 20th day of May 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Ventura Lobato, Martin Lobato, Eduardo Chavez y Torres and Francisco Aragon all of Mountainair, N. M.
FRANCISCO DELGADO, Register
4-17-5-15

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M.
April 12, 1919.

Notice is hereby given that Arthur Lee Lidzy, of Mountainair, N. M., who on April 25, 1916, made Homestead Entry, No. 026457, for SE 1/4, Sec. 12 and NE 1/4, Section 13, Township 2 north, Range 7 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before United States Commissioner, at Mountainair, Torrance County, New Mexico, on the 27th day of May 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Francis Joiner, J. H. Elmore, Virgie Elmore and W. F. Ridgway all of Mountainair, N. M.
FRANCISCO DELGADO, Register
4-17-5-15

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M.
April 2, 1919

Notice is hereby given that Spencer L. Keithley, of Mountainair, N. M., who on May 18, 1916, made Homestead Entry, No. 026618, for S 1-2, Section 13, Township 3 north, Range 8 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make threeyear Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before United States Commissioner, at Mountainair, Torrance Co., N. M., on the 16th day of May 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses:
J. W. Wood, J. T. Hodgins, J. A. Rogers and M. D. Parks all of Mountainair, N. M.
FRANCISCO DELGADO, Register
4-10-5-8.

Dr. J. E. KRAFT
Dentist
Rooms 1, 2, 3, Barnett Building, Albuquerque, N. M. (over B Theatre.)
Appointments made by mail or phone.

UNSAFE SOURCES OF FARM WATER SUPPLY

Streams, Ponds, Ditches and Reservoirs Unsatisfactory.

Temperature Is Not Pleasing and Presence of More or Less Polluting Matter Is Certain—Some Hints on Ice Supply.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Streams, ponds, irrigation ditches and small open reservoirs are unsatisfactory and unsafe sources of farm water supply. The subject is considered in Farmers' Bulletin 941, "Water Systems for Farm Homes," recently issued by the United States department of agriculture.

The temperature of such water seldom is satisfactory, and the presence of more or less polluting matter is certain. Often the carcasses of farm animals are found therein. In thousands of cases the domestic supply is taken directly from irrigation ditches. In other instances a cistern, often without a filter, is filled at such times as the ditch water runs clearest. Often open reservoirs are necessary to collect and store rainfall for the use of stock, and occasionally they are used as sources of domestic water and ice supplies.

Under favorable conditions, where the basin is large and deep (10 feet or more), the bottom free of mud, muck, or other organic matter, the surroundings clean, and the circulation good, the quality of surface water may improve by long storage. However, these conditions are seldom realized on the farm, and the amount of improvement or purification is never certain.

The only safe course is to avoid drinking water from any surface source unless such water has been purified by filtration or sterilized by boiling or by chemicals. Prudence dictates, also, that ice gathered from shallow, unclean sources should not be brought in contact with food and drinking water. It is particularly important to reject snow ice and the first inch or so of clear ice formed.—From Farmers' Bulletin 941, Office of Public Roads.

DO NOT OVERCROWD STOCK IN SHIPPING

Attempt to Save Freight Often Causes Heavy Losses.

Load in Well-Bedded Cars and Do Not Overload—Little Extra Care Will Insure Shipper Against Loss of Animals.

"Don't try to save on your freight bill by overcrowding your live stock in shipping," says P. K. Heerwagen of the Colorado agricultural college.

"One shipper overcrowded some of his stockers, and when his consignment reached the Denver market, seven head had been trampled to death, causing him a loss of at least \$300.

"Load your live stock in well-bedded cars, and do not overload, or underload, as one is as bad as the other. Put in only enough animals to make the car snug, so that the animals won't be thrown around or have room to lie down in transit.

"A little extra care in the shipping of live stock will mean money to the shipper, for it will insure him against loss, and the stock will arrive in fresher condition for market."

ANNOUNCEMENT

We have taken charge of the "Mountainair Garage."
We will appreciate your business, satisfaction and a square deal guaranteed.
Have bargains in used cars.
MOUNTAINAIR GARAGE
Thos. V. Ludlow
C. E. Bigelow

The Trinidad Bean & Elevator Co.

will pay you highest Market Price for your

BEANS

J. C. Bixler, Manager
Mountainair, New Mexico

United States Food Administration License No. G-97471

Mountainair Meat Market

When you want first-class meat, don't forget where the Market is, and we will do our best to please all. We buy and sell chickens, eggs and hogs.

Jones & Ainsworth

FARMERS APPROVE COUNTY AGENT WORK



County Agent Telling of Advantages of Good Seed Corn and Demonstrating How It Should Be Stored and Tested.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

"I do not think that any county can well afford to do without an agent," is the tribute a live Mississippi farmer, near Hattiesburg, pays his county agent in a recent letter to the United States department of agriculture. He was referring particularly to the assistance rendered by this agent and his assistant in securing all kinds of seed, improved stock, and farm implements; marketing the farmers' produce; getting their grain thrashed, so that there would be plenty of home-grown seed; securing labor to gather

the crops; and obtaining reduced prices on fertilizers. "The agent can do so much for the farmer," he writes, "because no one farmer can afford to work up these things for the community and in that way reach the entire county and get united effort in buying, selling, shipping, and anything that needs co-operative effort."

Farmers near Hattiesburg are said formerly to have been prejudiced against county agents and demonstration work, but they have seen the results obtained by following the methods advocated by them

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"Good Things to Eat"

We have no monopoly on all the "Good Things to Eat," but we believe in handling only the best and purest of Groceries, and those that will bear inspection, both as to quality and price. Don't risk your health by using inferior goods, especially in the line of
Staple Groceries
Orme Mercantile Company

Announcement
WE BEG TO ANNOUNCE THAT ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1st, 1919, WE ARE COMPELLED TO PUT OUR BUSINESS ON A STRICTLY CASH BASIS. THE LARGE AMOUNT OF CREDIT WE CHEERFULLY GRANTED DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS HAS MADE SUCH INROADS ON OUR STOCK AND FINANCES THAT WE ARE COMPELLED TO ASK ALL OF OUR GOOD FRIENDS TO PAY UP THEIR ACCOUNTS AT ONCE.
RESPECTFULLY
Amble's Pharmacy

A Whole Carload of Colorado Grown Seed
Shipped from Colorado Springs, April 1, and should reach Mountainair by April 15th. Quantities and Prices are as follows:
10 sacks Black Amber Cane @----- \$6.25
20 sacks Manitoba Millet @----- 5.50
5 sacks Bald Barley @----- 6.50
21 sacks Mixed corn, non irrigated @---- 5.25
10 sacks Yellow Dent @----- 7.00
10 sacks Swadley @----- 7.00
100 sacks Colorado Grown Oats @----- 3.50
100 lbs. Purple Tops Turnip Seed @----- 1.30
Oyster Shells ----- .03 a pound
Alfalfa Meal ----- .03 a pound
Meat Meal for little chicks ----- .04 a pound
Corn flour cost \$5.95 per cwt. Goes at \$1. per sack
Barley Flour Goes at ----- 1. per sack
Rye Flour Goes at ----- 1. per sack
New Mexico grown Spring Wheat
We also have mixed feed for Chickens.
Mountainair Produce Company

Mountainair Market
D. H. WOMACK, Proprietor

Have on hand a limited quantity of
Re-Cleaned Seed Beans
which we have priced reasonably. If needing any of these, it will be to your interest to see us.