## ORDER COAL NOW; YOU MAY NOT GET IT IF YOU DELAY

Consumers Can Help Prevent Shortage Next Winter by Buying Now, Says Fuel Administrator.

### GARFIELD SOUNDS WARNING.

Better Borrow Money Now to Buy Than Do Without Later, He Says-If Your Storage Space Isn't Large Enough, Enlarge It.

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United States Fuel Administrator. Every householder, every public utility and every industrial user of coal engaged in work essential to the prosecution of the war are earnestly advised and urged to place without de-April 1.

During the past 12 months there has been suffering among consumers and a curtailment of essential production by industries through inability to obtain necessary fuel after the beginning of improved design and all models of winter. A year ago consumers were led to believe that they might safely withhold their orders until later in the year. They labored under the impression that coal could be bought and secured as well at one time as another. They were told that there was plenty of coal for everybody and that there would be plenty of coal cars to move the coal in also.

This advice and its acceptance by consumers was one of the contributing causes to the coal shortage, with its consequent suffering among domestic consumers and lessening in production of commodities needed in our war activities.

The Fuel Administration was not then in existence and did not begin its work until August 23. It was then already too late to undo the harm which had been done. The Fuel Administration would be negligent of its duty to at this time to the unfortunate results of the mistaken course pursued by the public a year ago and to warn all consumers in the most emphatic manner possible that a repetition of those results can be avoided only by accepting and acting immediately upon the Fuel Administration's advice, here given:

## Order Your Coal at Once.

mentioned ascertain his fuel requirements for the coming year. Do this at once. Order sufficient coal to meet those requirements. Place your orders at once. If domestic consumers have not sufficient storage space for the coal at once provide it.

The production of coal in this country is fundamentally a transportation and enough locomorives to transport the necessary quantity of coal, only if every car and every locomotive is used to its may tourn capacity every day in the year There are enough operatives in the mines to get the coal from the ground if those operatives can work year.

will permit. The railroads may be compared to a water pipe, which needs any appreciable time it means an uitimate shortage. The pipe can carry no more than its maximum capacity per

## Borrow, if You Must. \*

Inconvenience of paying for coal in the spring or summer when it will not be needed until autumn or winter delay placing his order and securing his supply. It is far wiser to borrow coal than to wait until autumn or mined and shipped money cannot procure it.

the State Fuel Administrators and local committees, is prepared in every reasonable way to aid public utilities, essential industries, retail dealers and domestic consumers in placing their powerless if the consumers themselves fall to act. Again, therefore, the Fuel Administration urges every consumer to place his orders immediately. This bould ordinarily be done through the medium of supply upon which the consumer has relied in the past. If this ment of a quarter of a million dollars. ourse is followed it may be hoped that the suffering and loss of the past winter will not be repeated. If it is ot done consumers will have them-

## SHOW PLACE

Famous "1733" Ranch Near **Kearney Will Hum With** Activity.

The "1733 Ranch," three miles west tky). G Kearney, formerly known as "The Watson Ranch," has long been the show place of the west from a ranch standpoint. It is exactly half way between Boston and San Francisco, on the Lincoln Highway and the Union Pacific railroad. Originally the ranch contained 3,000 acres. A few years ago it was practically all in alfalfa and was known throughout the country as the largest alfalfa field in the world. Later the owner, H. D. Watson, decided to engage in intensive farming, and with that end in view proceeded to improve the ranch property by the construction of buildings that would make it the model live stock, poultry and swine farm of the west if not of the entire country. What is believed to be the largest barn in the United States was erected, 180x380 feet, three stories high. In the rear of this barn is the world's largest silo. This huge barn is so erected that stock may be lay their orders for coal to cover their driven in on the ground floor at the needs for the 12 months beginning front and hay and farm implements taken in on the second floor from the side entrance. The barn has a hay storage capacity of more than 6,000

Scattered over the ranch are portable poultry houses, all built after an their kind. The hog sheds are permanent, with concrete floors, and water is piped to all poultry houses, swine sheds and throughout the barn and feed lots. It was on this ranch that the world's most valuable pen of chickens was produced, a cockerel and four hens, sold to Madame Paderewski for \$7,000. "Peggy," the most valuable hen in the world, and whose prize winnings represented 6 per cent on a capitalization of \$10,000 for a period of four years, was produced on this poul-

Owing to failing health Mr. Watson was compelled to part with the property some time ago, and it was purchased by Woods Bros. of Lincoln. They sold some of the outlying pieces of the property, but the main part of the ranch, 1,600 acres, upon which are located all of the improvements designed to make it a model farm, was kept intact. Nearly 600 acres of this part of the "1733 Ranch" are under irrigation, and approximately 500 additional acres are subject to irrigation. The balance of the 1,600 acres is situated on the line of the Kearney Irrigation and Power Co.'s canal, and is mostly in alfalfa, although it has been the public if it failed to call attention demonstrated that it is corn and wheat land of superior excellent. Well kept roads lead to all parts of the immense

Mr. F. E. Schaaf, president of the Nebraska Hotel Co., with headquarters in Lincoln, has become the owner of the "1733 Ranch," and will operate it with a view to supplying the company's growing chain of hotels with practically all of the poultry, eggs, butter, meats, fruits, fresh and canned vegetables and sugar needed hotels at Lincoln, Scottsbluff, Columbus, Table Rock and Franklin, and several others practically assured, the Nebraska Hotel Co. is convinced that it would be economy as well as good business judgment to provide its own supplies. With practical men in they will need they should enlarge their charge of every department of the bins. If public utilities and industries splendid ranch property, the hotel engaged upon government work have company need no longer worry about not sufficient storage space they should its daily supplies of fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh eggs and butter, and an assured yearly supply of pork and beef. Some idea of the immense volume of poultry products needed to supproblem. There are enough coal cars ply a big hotel company may be had by noting the fact that the Lincoln Hotel done consumes each week more than \$500 worth of poultry and eggs. The "1733 Ranch" with its present poultry equipment is prepared to produce \$50,-000 worth of poultry and eggs each

every day in the year and if the coal "1733 Ranch" a short time ago he took cars and locomotives are available ev- over all of the live stock on the place. The fuel problem is to get the coal Jersey full-blood brood sows, a fine from the first place of deposit to the herd of registered Shorthorns, hunfinal place of deposit with as little de dreds of the finest breeds of chickens, lay as possible and in as steady and ducks and geose; work horses and an continuous a stream as circumstances immense amount of agricultural implements and machinery. Plans are already made for putting the entire ranch into active production this seato run full all the time to carry the son, to supply the Nebraska Hotel necessary amount of water to its des Company's chain of hotels. A canning tination. If that water is shut off for plant will be installed in ample time to take care of the season's pack of omatoes, corn. peas, beans, ketchup. etc., and a creamery of sufficient capa city to furnish an ample supply of butter for the Hotel Company will also be erected. A miniature packing and cold storage plant will also be provided, and the entire meat supply of the Hotel Company will be produced should not influence any consumer to and preserved on the ranch. The wisdom of insuring an ample supply of canned goods is evidenced by the increasing difficulty being experienced money in the spring to pay for one's by hotel companies and wholesale grocers in getting canned goods, owing to winter, when if the coal has not been the government's demands and its priority in the markets. The Nebraska Hotel Co. will be independent of the The Fuel Administration, through packers of meats and vegetables by reason of producing its own supply. As the business of the Nebraska Hotel Co. grows the productivity of the "1733 Ranch" will be increased.

'We expect to produce every variety of foodstuff we need, with the exceporders and in securing assurance of a tion of tropical fruits, spices, tea and sufficient supply of fuel. All these coffee," said Robert W. Johnston, mangovernmental agencies, however, are aging director of the Nebraska Hotel "Best of all, however, we will be in a position to insure our patrons the freshest and best in all lines of foodstuffs.

The purchase and improvement of the "1733 Ranch" by Mr. Schaaf of the Nebraska Hotel Co. involves an invest-The new owner will work to make the ranch the greatest show place of the west, and its value as an advertise ment of the energy and the productively of Nebraska can not be estimated in dollars and cents.

The use of fetters goes back to an cient times. Fetters were usually made of brass and also in pairs, the word being in the dual number. Iron was occasionally employed for the pur pose, (Psalms 105:18; 149:8.)

Sky Splitter. Marcy, the highest mountain in th Empire state, was named in honor of Sov. William L. Marcy. Its India name is "Tabewas" (he splits the Question of Ownership.

A little boy, explaining about som, new neighbors next door, said: "Well, those two oldest children belong to him and those two little girls belong to her, and they both own the baby!"

Good Definition.

Willie Willis-"What's a 'popular tdot,' pa?" Papa Willis-"It is the follow who is in between the fellow he has just liesed and the fellow who is going to lick tam."-Judge,

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