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GOD'S EXPECTATION—"What doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve . . . Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Deut. 10:12

WATER TROUBLE AGAIN

Unknown to a large number of people in the city because those chiefly concerned have been trying to solve the problem by themselves, the Mt. Emily Lumber company's mill is on the verge of being shut down for lack of water in the log pond. The unusually low condition of the Grande Ronde river has cut off the normal supply of water and logs have been rolled by hand for some time in order to keep the operation going. Without some relief in the immediate future the mill will have to close.

It's a serious matter for La Grande. A total of 570 men are employed here by the local company, not counting the office and monthly force. A total of over two thousand dollars a day, sixty thousand dollars a month, is earned by this group of workmen. They use several thousand dollars worth of supplies in a similar period. And if the mill once shuts down, it is extremely likely that it will not begin operation again for at least two months. The potential loss to the community in labor alone is over $120,000.

There seems to be only one immediate and adequate solution for the problem. That is giving to the company by the city of La Grande sufficient water to continue operations until the emergency is bridged. The city can do that. No great surplus is available at present and fire protection must receive constant attention. But sprinkling and irrigation in the city consumes an estimated half million gallons of water daily. This could be eliminated and given the industry that will otherwise be crippled. The Observer, after a careful investigation of the conditions and estimate of loss to the city in the event of a shut-down, is of the firm opinion that this should be done at once.

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A very definite ob[illegible] continue their earning power, to maintain their earning power. Many of the people that are employed would be willing to fall back on if their regular employment ceased is denied. In some instances it means loss of no work. And in many cases it will mean either continued permanent residence here or immediate loss of residence. The average mill or woods worker cannot lie idle a month or two waiting for an operation to start again. And we have no substitute work of a permanent or temporary character to offer.

Many of the people who would be thrown out of work have contracted for merchandise in local stores. Their payments would have to stop at once. The sixty thousand dollars they spend here each month now would not be available. It simply means a loss of that amount—$100 an hour, every hour of the twenty-four—to the business interests of the city. Directly and indirectly it would certainly affect every citizen.

To advise an order against lawn and garden irrigation to meet the emergency is a serious thing. Hundreds of home lovers have spent many hours of time and much labor and money keeping lawns green and flowers blooming. The results have become a tangible property asset that is not to be disregarded easily. But the grass will not die, even though it turns brown, and the flowers will grow again. It is also entirely likely that the emergency will be of short duration, that a few days of irrigation denial might be sufficient.

Regardless of the viewpoint, if the local mill cannot get water in some other way, it becomes a question of livelihood or lawns, of employment or flowers. And the proper decision for the thoughtful, civic-spirited person is obvious. The Observer believes the welfare of several hundred families is far more important than our green grass, even though we have spent a lot of money to get it and keep it. Our shops, mills, and other industries are the foundation of a thriving community. They deserve encouragement and help after we have them far more than before. The emergency is here and we will strongly approve the contemplated action of the city commission to prohibit irrigation until the mill can be given enough water each day to insure continued operation. A quarter million gallons a day will do it.

PRODUCE MART IS STRONGER

PORTLAND, re. Aug. 11. (AP).—Advances in other coast markets during the past 48 hours have strengthened local butter and egg prices. With a fairly large shipping outlet for top grade stocks, receipts continue moderate and a brisk inquiry is shown on the curb.

On the dairy exchange top grade eggs are a cent higher with extras posted at 34 cents. Fresh medium sizes regained yesterday's loss and are again marked up at 29 cents. Offerings of pewees are increasing and the market is weaker with undersized now listed at 20 cents.

Receipts of eggs Tuesday in the local market amounted to 457 crates, with a total of 55,130 cases showing in local coolers.

Butter Higher.

Standard cubes and prime firsts are fractionally higher in the butter division at 40c and 39½c respectively. Other grades remained steady and unchanged at former levels. Print butter is showing a good healthy tone.

Receipts of surplus cubes from country creameries yesterday amounted to 11,073 pounds while the local make was reported at 20,235 pounds.

Market Firmer.

The market on country dressed calves is slightly firmer with buyers paying as high as 18 cents for fancy veal. Country killed hogs remain easy due to the weakness at the yards. Choice light pork sells at 19@19½c, generally.

Demand for poultry remains good at prevailing prices. Receipts are about sufficient for market requirements.

Canning Peaches Are Offered at 85c to $1

Peaches from Kennewick, Wash., and Umatilla county are now on sale in La Grande at from 85c to $1.00 a box. The peaches are adapted to canning purposes.

Ice cream melons are selling at three cents a pound and grapes (Hebes and Takays) are obtainable at 10 cents a pound. Sweet potatoes are retailing at 12½ cents a pound.

LA GRANDE WHOLESALE MARKETS

Poultry (live weight).
Spring fries—23@30c.
Heavy hens—22c lb.
Medium hens—16c lb.
Light hens—14c lb.
Stags—8c lb.
No. 1 live turkeys—32c lb.
Flour.
Hard Federation (hard wheat)—$7.40 bbl.
Soft wheat—$7.40 bbl.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Poultry.
Spring fries—35@35c.
Hens—21@30c.
Meats and Fish.
Beef boil—10@12½c lb.
Chops and steaks—25c lb.
Salmon (strictly fresh)—35c lb.
Halibut—27c lb.
Dairy.
Lard—10 lbs. $1.35; 5 lbs. $1.00.
Butter, creamery—50c lb; $1.00 a roll.
Eggs—35@40c doz.
Cheese—35@40c a pound.
Honey, comb—20c lb.
Vegetables.
New potatoes—8 lbs. 25c.
Celery hearts 25c bunch.
Green string beans—15c lb.
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Green peas—2 lbs. 25c.
Sweet Potatoes—12½c.
Carrots—5c bunch.
Parsley—15c bunch.
Beets—2 bunches 15c.
New cabbage 5@6c lb.
Walla Walla onions—5c lb.
Green onions—5c bunch.
Lettuce, home grown—15c head.
Kennewick tomatoes—15c lb.
Field cucumbers—5c each.
Green corn—25c doz.
Fruits.
Kennewick, Wash., Freestone peaches—10c lb; $1.00 box.
Raspberries—15c box, 2 for 25c.
Green apples—4 lbs. 25c.
Apricots—12½c lb.
Home grown strawberries—15c box.
Bartlett Pears—10c lb.
Fresh plums—5c lb.
Blackberries—2 for 25c.
Loganberries—2 boxes 25c.
Cantaloupes—10-15c.
Casabas—7c.
Watermelons—2½-5c.
Muskmelons—5c lb.
Ice Cream melons—3c lb.
Bananas—15c lb.
Lemons—45c doz.
Oranges—49 to $1.45 doz.
Concord grapes—5½ lbs. basket 50c.
Thompson seedless grapes 20c lb.
Malaga grapes—20c lb.
Tokay grapes 20c lb.
Sugar.
Cane sugar—$4.85@7.15.
Flour.
Soft wheat—$6.20 bbl.
Hard Federation—$6.40 bbl.
Gasoline.
Gasoline, regular, retail — 27c gal.
Gasoline, high test, retail—[illegible] gal.

POULTRY

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11. (AP).—U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics—Small dry broilers were in good demand today and held steadily at 29@35c per pound; large stock up to 3½ pounds were mostly good at 27@28c. Young roasters were firm at 27@28c per pound, and dealers were having considerable difficulty maintaining a price topping at 35 cents.

Market News of the Day

CHICAGO GRAIN

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
Sept.	139⅝	140	138	138½
Dec.	144	144½	140½	141
May	149½	149⅝	145⅝	146⅛

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore. Aug. 11. (AP).—Wheat: BBB hard white, hard white, bluestem, hourt, federation, soft white, western white $1.36; hard winter $1.31; northern spring $1.32; western red $1.30.

Today's car receipts: Wheat 158; flour 5; corn 5; oats 8, hay 6.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Aug. 11. (AP).—Cash: Wheat No. 2 red $1.37⅝@139; No 2 hard $1.35@1.40.

Corn No. 2 yellow 85½@86c; No. 2 white 85⅝@86c.

Oats No. 2 white 41½@42½c; No. 3 white 39½@42½c.

Rye No. 2, $1.04@1.05.

Barley 58@72c.

Timothy seed $5.25@5.75.

Clover seed $22.00@28.00.

Lard $14.97.

Ribs $15.50.

Bellies $15.00.

Wheat Market Setback All Around in Chicago

CHICAGO, Aug. 11. (AP)—Opening at ⅛c decline to ⅛c gain, the wheat market underwent a material setback all around. Corn opened unchanged to 1⅛c higher, but later receded from initial top figures. Oats held about steady. The provision market sagged.

Wheat closed unsettled 2⅞@3⅛c net lower; corn ½@1⅛c down; oats 1@1⅛c off and provisions showing 5 to 32 cents drop.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore. Aug. 11. (AP).—Eggs firm to 1c higher; current receipts 29c; fresh medium 34c; fresh standard firsts 36c; pewees 18c.

Butter steady to firm; extra cubes, city 41c; standards 40½c; prime firsts 39½c; firsts 38½c; prints 45c; cartons 46c.

Milk steady; best churning cream 42c per pound net shippers track in zone 1. Cream delivered Portland 44c per pound. Raw milk (4 per cent) $2.25 cwt FOB Portland.

Poultry steady; (less 5 per cent commission) heavy hens 25@26c; light 15@16c; springs white 19@20c; do colored up to 25c; young white ducks 22@25c; colored 13@17c.

Onions and potatoes steady; onions local $1.25; Walla Walla $1.65@$1.75; potatoes $1.25@$2.00 per sack.

POPULATION OF BAKER IS SET AT 9509

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city in Eastern Oregon from point of population. Pendleton, which in 1920 was about on par with Baker and La Grande, is said to have around 8,000 persons living in Pendleton sources. A recent [illegible] in The Oregonian credited Pendleton with 8,000 persons.

Keen Interest Shown In Coming Ball Game

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Other Union and Wallowa county towns will be well represented.

With "Tools" Mortimore and Al Barth as members of the La Grande battery, and a league infield and outfield secured, the Pirate aggregation will present a team that compares with that of last year. This insures a game well worth seeing. Tickets for the event are now on sale at several business houses, including billiard parlors, card rooms and cigar stores.

The other afternoon about 4 o'clock one of the "Observer" girls called up and asked Mr. Pharis "Have you your ax ready for sacrificing." Sometimes I say just a minute, then I begin— The turpentine is on the road coming. 24 4-pound doors are also due. We sold 65 gallons of paint yesterday. A man out on Butte thinks he will buy 10,000 feet of lumber right away. A Cove man is building a large chicken house. A farmer said today that there had been more painting done in the Grande Ronde valley this year than he had ever seen before. There is a reason for all of that. We are as busy as a bed bug trying to suck blood out of a brass monkey.

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BEAR TRADERS IN CONTROL OF TODAY'S MARKET

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. (AP).—Stock prices turned reactionary in the final hour of trading today after an early period of strength. Bear traders following the tactics which proved successful yesterday launched a late selling attack against pivotal industrial issues, such as U. S. Steel, General Motors and Dupont, all of which were driven several points below last night's closing prices.

Rails responded to the publication of another record breaking freight traffic statement, with the demand centering largely in the investment issues. Norfolk and Western touched a new peak price for all time.

A sudden run upon Ward Baking "B" and the establishment of new peak prices for the year by R. H. Macy, Butterick Publishing and Yellow Truck and Coach preferred also attracted widespread speculative interest.

The closing was heavy. Many of the earlier gains were cancelled in the final hour, when persistent pressure against U. S. Steel and other pivotal issues carried them to the lowest levels of the week. New York and Harlem displayed independent strength, mounting to a new high price for the year above 200, largely on odd lot buying. Total sales approximated 1,600,000.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Aug. 11 (AP).—U. S. Department of Agriculture—Hogs 14,000; uneven; average weight 220 lbs. downward generally 10@15c lower than Tuesday's average; others improved from early; medium and strong weights butchers mostly steady; top $13.45 paid for 150@200 pound weights; light lights and slaughter pigs in very narrow demand; few desirable 130@150 pound averages $12.85@14.15.

Cattle 12,000; fed steers, yearlings and grassers generally steady; trade on fed of springs uneven; in between grades weighty kinds slow; long yearlings and medium weight $16.65; she stock spotty; steady to 15c lower; vealers 25@50c lower; largely $12.00@14.00.

Sheep 17,000; very slow; fat lambs week to 25c lower; no westerns sold; early bulk natives $12.25@12.50; few sales cull $9.10; weak; sheep steady; bulk fat ewes $6.50@7.50; indications feeding lambs about steady.

NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. (AP).—Evaporated apples dull; prunes steady; apricots and peaches unsettled.

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EXPORTS SHOW LARGE GAINS

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 11. (AP)—Horse meat has become such an important commodity in export classification out of Portland that to meet the demand the commission of public docks is considering plans for enlarging its refrigerated store space at terminal No. 4 to provide special or separate compartments for the meat, says the annual report of the state board of pilot commissioners filed today with Governor Pierce.

Importations have gained in a normal way in the last year ending June 30 and to a degree have lessened the gap between exports and imports toward the goal of a better balance of trade.

Apple Exports

An interesting comparison on apple exportation for the last five years is made. Apples began to fill an important place in foreign trade in the 1921-1922 season and the business for that year was 444,984 boxes. The following year it was 690,267 boxes, a gain of 55 per cent. In 1923-24 the total was 571,947 boxes or a decrease of 21 per cent. In 1924-25 it was 1,165,285 boxes or an increase of 115 per cent. Foreign markets drew 956,261 in 1925-26, a decrease of 17 per cent. But the latter year showed an increase over 1921-22 of 511,277 boxes, or 114 per cent.

An increase is indicated for the coming year.

Deer Shipments Heavy.

In lumber by-products says the report, "the exportation of doors, largely to the United Kingdom, has assumed large proportions and a recent movement of more than 27,000 doors on a single vessel established a new high mark for Portland."

Zinc concentrates consigned to Belgium, originating largely in the Coeur d'Alene district, were an important item in the last year's shipment.

Wheat Exports.

Foreign wheat shipments from Portland for the year were 17,269,328 bushels and domestic shipments 2,722,840 bushels, during the preceding year 11,456,874 bushels were exported and 2,297,471 bushels floated for domestic markets. Wheat exports from Astoria in the last year were 231,232 bushels and the year before 1,817,724. Domestic shipments from Astoria were light and the preceding year 79,473 bushels were loaded.

Flour exports from the Portland district the past year were 596,727 barrels and the year before 593,582 barrels. Domestic flour shipments were 1,679,149 barrels against 1,946,414 the preceding year. Astoria's flour exports during the year just closed totaled 931,901 barrels against 193,373 the previous year and domestic flour from that port was 59,173 against 42,649 the previous year.

BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11. (AP).—Butterfat FOB San Francisco 47c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore. Aug. 11. (AP).—Cattle and calves somewhat steady; receipts cattle 179, calves 18; quotations unchanged.

Hogs steady; receipts 25, quotations unchanged.

Sheep and lambs nominally steady; receipts 295 through; prices unchanged.

FRESCO FRUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11. (AP).—Federal State Market News Service—Peaches: Bartletts $1.50@2.00 box, large boxes $1.50@2.00.

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