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ONE WITH GOD A MAJORITY—Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the King of America, nor for all the multitudes, for there be more with us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God. 2 Chron. 20:7, 8.

La Grande is now engaged in the pleasant game of "Hotel, hot-el! Who's going to build the hotel?"

Not counting on more than three or four new hotels, this metropolis of Eastern Oregon looks forward to a building program for 1927 easily in excess of a million dollars.

When La Grande and Pendleton play basketball school authorities should issue a warning to prospective spectators with weak hearts or sensitive ears. At least the thrills and noise of last night's game would argue for such a precaution.

SAFEGUARDING THE INITIATIVE

Representative Norvell of Umatilla county has a bill that if passed will virtually abolish use of the initiative and referendum. His measure forbids the circulation of petitions and requires that if a voter wishes to sign a petition he must go to the county clerk's office of his own volition and do so. It will be unlawful for any one to urge a voter to do such a thing. If we abolish the initiative and referendum we leave lawmaking exclusively to the legislature. Are the legislators entitled to that degree of confidence? Two years ago both houses at Salem passed the Dennis resolution providing that the inheritance tax be repealed and that there be no income tax law in Oregon for 15 years. In theory the legislature is an ideal lawmaking body assembled to look affairs over and vote upon subjects in accord with the merits of the various proposals. In actual practice the legislature is made up to considerable extent of inside lobbyists who are there as agents, rather than as lawmakers. When they get down to business they operate on a basis of trade and dicker."—Pendleton East Oregonian.

The foregoing comment on the Norvell bill was inspired, no doubt, by a desire to protect the interests of the common people of Oregon but in practice the restricted initiative and referendum would guard against the pet measure of special interests far more successfully than is possible under the present law.

Now it is possible for any individual, corporation, or isolated group, possessing sufficient funds to hire expert petition circulators, to put any kind of freak measure on the election ballot. The last election was an example. The bus and truck bill, by the expenditure of many dollars by the bus and truck interests, was referred to the people through the efforts of paid signature grabbers. The tobacco tax, passed by the legislature, was put on the ballot by similar action of tobacco dealers. A second income tax was initiated in the same way, to confuse the issue.

The Norvell bill would not take the initiative and referendum from the people at large but would confine it to them. Contrary to the E. O.'s statement, it would not be unlawful for anyone to urge a voter to sign a petition on file at the county clerk's office. It would be unlawful, however, to receive compensation for urging voters to sign. There is a vast difference. A measure of general public interest would readily enlist voluntary support—people would gladly urge voters to sign because of the merits of the issue. But paid petition circulators would be eliminated.

To quote the bill: "No person, firm or corporation shall pay or receive any compensation or other thing of value for procuring signatures to any petition mentioned in Section 1 hereof, or for inducing, directing, or advising any person to sign such a petition." In other words, if you did not receive compensation for so doing, you might induce, direct, or advise voters to sign as much as you pleased. Political money and its attendant evils would be thus eliminated from the picture.

The Observer is inclined to the view—apparently opposed to that of the East Oregonian—that the legislature is entitled to whatever degree of confidence the Norvell bill may indicate. Its members are elected for the purpose of legislating. If we, the voters, are to do it all, why have a legislature? It makes mistakes, to be sure, but we have yet to see the day when the voting public can deny the same charge. And the E. O. is somewhat misinformed on the Dennis resolution. The legislature did not vote to abolish income and inheritance taxes. What it did do was to vote to submit that proposition to the people, a very different matter and hardly a serious crime.

There is no doubt about the way the legislature operates. There is constant trading, compromising. Unfortunate or otherwise, that is the way of life as well as of legislating. Nothing would be accomplished without it. It is possible that merit is sometimes sacrificed; but it is also true that progress is thus served.

EGGS CONTINUE TO MOVE HIGHER

Top Grades Advance Another Notch, Closing at 30-Cent Level

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP)—Top grade eggs advanced another cent on the local board today with extras closing at the 30-cent level. Receipt eggs were also up a cent at 27 cents. Other grades remained steady and unchanged.

The cube butter market closed steady and unchanged after showing losses in top grades during the week. Extras posted at 45 cents at the close with standards 44 1/2 cents and prime firsts 44 cents.

Country dressed meats and poultry were quiet at the end of the week with very little carryover. Choice light hogs and calves are steady at 17 cents.

Weakness has ruled the potato market during the last few days and there was little improvement at the close. Buyers generally paying around \$1.40 with sacks furnished for good commercial grade of Burbanks.

Wool buyers are showing some interest in new clips, although contracting so far has been very limited. It is reported that about one million pounds have been signed up in Southern Oregon at 29 cents.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP) Wholesale Prices
Butter, steady. Extra cubes, city, 45c; standard, 44 1/2c; prime firsts, 44c; firsts, 43 1/2c; prints, 50c; extra, 51c.

Hogs to Farmer
Milk steady. Best of hurning cream 45c in valley, 46c net, shipper's track in zone 1; cream delivered Portland, 50c-52c per pound. Raw milk (4 per cent), 22.00 cwt. f.o.b. Portland.

Eggs—Receipts and extras up 1c. Current receipts, 26c; fresh medium, 24c; fresh standard firsts, 26c; fresh standard extras, 28c.

Poultry steady. Heavy hens, 22c-24c; light, 20c-21c; springs, nominal; broilers, 20c-31c; Pekin white ducks, 30c; colored, nominal; turkeys, live, 25c; dressed, 40c-42c.

Potatoes weak, \$1.25-1.50 per sack.
Onions weak; local, \$2.75-3.00.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Feb. 5 (AP)—U. S. Department of Agriculture.—
Hogs—2000; supply very limited; light hogs mostly 15c higher than Friday's best time; butchers generally 19 to 15c higher than average; top, \$12.75; bulk 140 to 200 pound weight, \$12.40-12.75.

Cattle—300; compared with week ago, fed steers, 23 to 75c higher; all grades heavier 50 to 75c up; extreme top, \$13.00; several loads \$12.00-12.50; most popular weight around 1400 pounds upward; top yearlings, \$12.25; fat cows, 25c higher and heifers 50c higher than early in week; vealers about steady; bulk prices slaughter steers, \$8.75-11.50; fat cows, \$5.75-6.75; vealers, \$13.00-14.50.

BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5 (AP)—Butterfat f.o.b. San Francisco, 52 1/2-52 3/4c.

NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 (AP)—Evaporated apples, prunes, apricots, peaches steady.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Wheat	CHICAGO		GRAIN		Close
	Open	High	Low	Close	
May	142 1/4 @ 142 1/2	143 1/4	142	142 1/2 @ 142 1/2	142 1/2
July	134 1/4 @ 134 1/2	135 1/4	134 1/2	135 1/4 @ 135 1/2	135 1/2
Sept.	131 1/4 @ 132	132 1/4	131 1/2	132 1/2	132 1/2

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP)—Wheat—BHD hard white, \$1.37; hard white BHD hard, \$1.36 1/2; fed-eration, soft white, western white, northern spring, \$1.25; hard white, \$1.22; western red, \$1.20 1/2.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 52; barley, 2; flour, 3; corn, 5; oats, 3; hay, 2.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 5 (AP)—Close: Wheat 1/2 to 3/4 lower; March 10s, 4 1/4; May 10s, 3 3/4; July 10s, 3 1/4.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Feb. 5 (AP)—Cash: Wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1.45-1.45 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 72 1/2-73 1/2c; Oats—No. 2 white, 47 1/2c; No. 3 white, 42-45c.

Barley—65-68c.
Monthly feed—\$5.00-5.75.
Clover seed—\$7.50-8.00.
Lard—\$12.35.
Hibs—\$16.25.
Hollies—\$18.25.

Wheat Gains But Fails to Hold Up

CHICAGO, Feb. 5 (By the Associated Press).—Opening at 3 1/2 off to 1/2 up, wheat soon scored gains all around. Corn, oats and provisions were firmer with corn starting at 1/2 to 3/4 advance and later continuing to strengthen.

Wheat closed irregular, 1/2c not lower to 3/4 advance; corn 1/2 to 3/4 up; oats at 1/2-3/4 to 5/8. 1/2 gain and provisions varying from 2c decline to a rise of 2 1/2 to 5c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP)—Receipts for week (approximate): cattle, 2,200; calves, 350; hogs, 6,750; sheep, 3,150.

Cattle—Compared week ago: matured classes, 25 to 50c higher; calves and vealers steady to 50c higher; week's bulk prices: medium grade beef steers, \$5.00-5.50; several good loads, \$5.75-5.85 and one at \$6.00; off quality down to \$7.00 and under; cows and heifers, \$5.25-7.50; with no strictly good heifers included; top heifers in loads, \$7.50; odd head, \$8.00; loads of cows sold readily up to \$7.00; with one load of outstanding quality at \$7.50; cullers, \$5.25 down; low cullers down to \$3.00; bulls mostly \$5.50 to \$6.00; odd head, \$6.25; calves, \$9.00-11.00; off quality down to \$7.00; better grade vealers mostly \$12.00-13.50; scattering head, \$12.75-14.00.

Hogs—Compared week ago: mostly 25c higher; bulk light butchers for week, \$12.55-13.00; weightier butchers, \$12.75 down; extreme heavier down to \$10.50; packing hogs mostly \$9.50-10.00; slaughter pigs, \$12.00-12.50; feeder pigs mostly \$13.50-13.75; a few at \$14.00.

Sheep—Sheep and lambs generally quoted 50c above a week ago; good to choice Eastern Oregon woolled lambs quoted up to \$12.00; valleys largely \$11 to \$11.50; yearlings up to \$10.00; ewes, \$8.50 down.

Rails Move Up But Industrials Losing Ground

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 (AP)—Mixed price movements developed in today's stock market with the rails generally tending upward and the industrials losing ground. Non-dividend paying rails set the pace, several new high records being established in that group with a six-point jump in Gulf, Mobile and Northern as one of the outstanding features.

Merger talk continued to provide the basis for the heavy accumulation of the railroad shares. The Wheeling and Lake Erie shares appeared to have quieted down on the announcement that a special meeting of directors would be held Monday to consider plans for the issuance of additional common stock.

Selling of the industrials represented profit-taking by traders who had bought stocks "for a turn" and presumably some distribution" under cover of strength in the rails. Selling pressure was particularly apparent against Baldwin, American Smelters, General Asphalt, Tanker Reeder Boarding and Woolworth, all of which sold down a point or two. The closing was irregular. Total sales amounted to 3,100,000 shares.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that I have received attachment execution and order of sale, and an execution, all issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union County, dated the 23rd day of February, 1927, in a suit therein pending wherein A. H. Lea is plaintiff and Andrew Blokland, sometimes known as Andrew Von Blokland, and Garret Blokland, partners doing business as Blokland Brothers, Edna E. Reynolds and J. E. Reynolds, are defendants, to me directed, upon a judgment and order of sale made and entered in said court and cause on the 1st day of June, 1926, in favor of the plaintiff, A. H. Lea, and against the defendant, Andrew Blokland, sometimes known as Andrew Von Blokland, in the sum of \$5,976.51, with interest thereon from the date of said judgment at the rate of 8 1/2 per annum until paid, together with the sum of \$250.00 attorney fees, and costs and disbursements taxed at \$95.00, in which said at-

achment execution and order of sale I am commanded to sell the following described real property, to-wit:

SW 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, NW 1/4, NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 14, W 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 26; all that part of the SE 1/4, NE 1/4, lying north of the Grande Ronde River, Section 34, NW 1/4, SW 1/4, L. 28 11 acres for railroad right of way and 25 acres conveyed to Mullenberg; N 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 35, all in Twp. 2 S., R. 38 E., W. M.

SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 19; W 1/2 NW 1/4, SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 20, SE 1/4, NW 1/4, N 1/2 NW 1/4, W 1/2 W 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 31, all in Twp. 3 S., R. 38 E., W. M.

NW 1/4, Section 6, Twp. 4 S., R. 38 E., W. M.

SW 1/4, NE 1/4, SE 1/4, NW 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 11; SW 1/4, NW 1/4, W 1/2 SW 1/4, W 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 12; NW 1/4, NW 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 13; NE 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4, Section 14, all in Twp. 2 S., R. 37 E., W. M.

The following lands described by metes and bounds in Section 14, Twp. 3 S., R. 37 E., W. M., commencing at a point on the south line of said Section 14, 11.5 chains West of the Southeast corner of said Section 14, thence North 45.25 chains, thence North 24.75 to the center line of said Section 14, thence South on said center line to the South line of said Section, thence East 25.5 chains to point of beginning.

E 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 25, NE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 26, all in Twp. 3 S., R. 37 E., W. M., all in Union County, Oregon.

And also upon a judgment made and entered in said court

and cause on the 1st day of June, 1926, in favor of defendants, Edna E. Reynolds and J. E. Reynolds and against defendants Andrew Blokland, sometimes known as Andrew Von Blokland, and Mary Von Blokland, sometimes known as Mary Von Blokland, for the sum of \$19,098.22, with interest at 7 1/2 per annum from June 1, 1926, until paid, and the further sum of \$500.00 attorney fees; and upon said judgment I did, on the 4th day of February, 1927, levy upon the above described real property, and by virtue of said levy and said execution I am commanded to sell said described real property:

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue and authority of said writ and said levy, and in obedience to its commands, I will, on Saturday,

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the 12th day of March, 1927, at two o'clock P. M. on said day, at the front door of the courthouse in La Grande, Union County, Oregon, sell at public auction the above described real property and all the right, title, interest and equity of the defendants, Andrew Blokland, sometimes known as Andrew Von Blokland, and Mary Von Blokland, sometimes known as Mary Von Blokland, therein and I thereto, subject to redemption as provided by law, to the highest bidder for cash, the proceeds to be applied in satisfaction of said judgments and decrees, including costs and accruing costs of execution and sale. Filed this 4th day of February, 1927.

JESSE BRESHEARS,
Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.
Feb. 5-12-19-26—Mar. 5-12-19.

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