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TRUST IN GOD—"Be not afraid nor dismayed... for the battle is not yours, but God's." 2 Chron. 20:15.

If the weather man fools around much more he's going to make a real prophet out of Mr. Groundhog.

Anyway, the new street lights will be installed by the time work is finished on the normal school and armory and new hotel and railroad station.

"New York is the champion cabbage growing state of the Union," says a news dispatch. We always knew there was something the matter with New York.

A ton of candy a week is required to fill the demands of the ceds at the University of California. Either they are a skinny lot or these slender feminine figures must be going out of style.

The fate of Oregon can't be entirely in the hands of the legislature. It has accomplished very little so far and people are still smiling and working and acting reasonably prosperous.

Plumbers are overlooking a good bet these days. Automobile manufacturers say, and sales prove, that we are still far from reaching the saturation point in motor cars. Yet statistics show there are more automobiles than kitchen sinks in the United States.

The Dearborn Independent says that the Oregon Ball, held each year in the County Cork, Ireland, is sponsored by a large group which insists that our state of Oregon was named after an Irish explorer named O'Regan who discovered it. That's about as plausible an explanation of name origin as we've heard, but so's the story of French origin. After all, it's not what's in the name that counts so much as what's in Oregon.

FARM RELIEF NEARER

The success of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill in the senate yesterday means that President Coolidge will have to decide whether or not this marketing experiment is to be given a trial. The house is sure to pass the bill this week as it did in the previous session. The senate fight has been the big fight from the legislative standpoint. Now the agricultural interests will keep their eyes on Coolidge.

It will be a difficult decision for the president. He realizes that he is totally out of touch with the farming element of the country. He knows that agriculture needs something but he does not know how badly it is needed or what they need. Maybe no one else does.

In any event, Coolidge must either be consistent and veto the bill in accordance with his previous expressions on the subject and thus stir up a hornet's nest of opposition, or he must back water very materially to permit giving it his signature. The veto would please the east; the signature would please the agricultural west.

Either action will disturb his chances for re-nomination and re-election. Of the two, his approval of the bill would probably be most successful from a political standpoint. His eastern leanings and sympathies are highly valued on the Atlantic coast and in the industrial areas. He will not be thrown down, probably, for one action that is contrary to previous policy. And approval of the bill would wilt many promising candidates that are about to burst into bloom.

All of which has nothing to do with the success or failure of the relief plan if it becomes a law. Time alone can tell that. So discouraging are conditions with some commodity producers that we are willing to see anything tried out. The cure might be real.

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BERLENBACH IS THROUGH, CLAIM

Mike McGuire's Victory Regarded in New Light by Sports Writer

By Billy Evans

Mike McGuire surprised by knocking out Paul Berlenbach, former light heavyweight champion in four rounds.

Is that to be regarded as a comeback on the part of McGuire, or a complete reversal of form by Berlenbach? I am inclined to the latter opinion.

Paul Berlenbach is through as a fighter. Lacking a defense, Berlenbach succumbed in the ring, because of his indomitable courage and will to win. In victory he invariably took plenty of punishment.

The three or four blows that Berlenbach was willing to absorb to get over one wallow have exacted their toll. He is through. In his last two or three fights that fact has been apparent.

Berlenbach has plenty of money. He should retire. Fighters seldom do at the proper time. Their hardest lesson to learn is the fact that they are through.

Players Big Gamble

It is surprising the interest that men prominent in other businesses take in ball players whom they believe have big league ability.

Coukie Mack is the authority for the statement that he has had players recommended to him by men in every walk of life. Recently, Coukie has never failed to answer one of these letters to express thanks for the interest.

"Digging up ball players is the biggest gamble in the world," remarked a major league scout to me recently.

"Everybody is always offering tips to you and they come from all sections of the country. A scout would need an airplane to cover his territory if he tried to look over all the players recommended."

"A majority of the letters simply go into the waste basket and get no further consideration."

As a rule the scouts follow more closely tips that come from men who have a baseball background. Perhaps it is a mistake.

Tip Via Silk Hose

"One wouldn't think a fellow selling silk hosiery would qualify as a baseball expert, particularly if it is feminine hose he handled," continued the scout.

"In that connection, I will always remember the name of Joe Hart. Knowing I was the scout for his favorite club, the Yankees, he sent me three letters about players he had seen in action in the sticks. The letters were well-typed, the stationery well-known ladies' hosiery house."

"That alone made me pass up the information. It so happens those two players are now big league stars, Frankie Frisch and 'Doc' Traynor. Both might have been in the American League."

"Those two players qualified that fellow Hart for me as an expert. I would go to the Philippines now to look over any player he might recommend."

Riveria Quint Takes Another from Greenwood

In a grade school encounter yesterday afternoon between Riviera and Greenwood, Riviera continued her winning streak by taking the game 10-2.

The regular players were used by both Coach Nitzel of Greenwood, and Coach Gilbert of Riviera.

In a preliminary game, the second team of the high school girls squad defeated the Central girls' grade team, 11-2. A fair-sized crowd attended the games.

Smith Again to Play With Beavers

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—Elmer Smith, Portland right fielder who led the Pacific coast league last season in home runs, was signed by both the Central of Portland for the coming season. His contract signed at Cleveland, was received here today.

Corvallis Fighter Out for 15 Minutes

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—Joe Blackwell, of Eugene, knocked out Jackie Wilborn, of Corvallis, in the first round of the scheduled ten-round main event here last night. A terrific right hander to the jaw put Wilborn to sleep for more than 15 minutes.

In the semi-final Pat Padelford, of Roseburg, knocked out Bud Callahan in the second round of their match. Callahan, although he greatly outwitted the Roseburg man, was knocked down twice before he was finally put out by a scallop that broke Padelford's hand.

In the preliminaries Hal Hudson, of Coberg, knocked out Battling Wells, of Medford, in the third round and Johnny O'Hara, of Watsonville, Cal., knocked out Blatting Kelly, of Roseburg, in the second round.

Walla Walla Five Defeats Pendleton

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—Walla Walla high school defeated Pendleton high here last night 21-17 in a close checking game. The floor work and defense of the visitors excelled.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

LIVERPOOL WHEAT
LIVERPOOL, Feb. 12 (AP).—Close: Wheat 4.0 higher; March 10s. 4.5d; May 10s. 2d; July 10s. 2.5d.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP).—Wholesale prices:

Butter—Standards and prime firsts up 1/2c. Extra cubes, 45c; standard, 44c; prime firsts, 43c; firsts, 42c; prints, 50c; extra, 51c.

Hids to farmers: Milk steady. Best churning cream 45c in valley, 45c net, shipper's track in zone 1. Cream delivered Portland, 50c/52c per pound. Raw milk (4 per cent), 22.00 cwt. 1.6 b. Portland.

Eggs—Steady; current receipts, 27c; fresh mediums, 24c; fresh standard firsts, 27c; fresh standard extras, 28c.

Poultry quiet. Heavy hens, 24 1/2c; light, 18 1/2c; springs, nominal; broilers, 30 1/2c; Pekin white ducks, 30c; colored, nominal; turkeys, live, 35c; dressed, 40 1/2c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP).—Today's receipts (cattle, 50; hogs, 7325; sheep, 1155).

Cattle—Compared week ago: mature classes mostly steady; calves and weaners 50c to 1 1/2c higher; week's bulk prices: best steers, \$8.00 to \$8.25; good grade mostly \$7.75 to \$8.00; with one load of outstanding quality Monday at \$9.35; off value down to \$7.00 and under; cows and heifers, \$5.25 to \$7.50; top heifers, \$7.65; with nothing strictly good included; cows sold freely up to \$7.00, with odd head at \$7.25; cutters \$5.00 down; bulls mostly \$5.00 to \$6.00; calves, \$7.50 to \$8.00; off quality down to \$6.50; weaners \$10.50 to \$12.00.

Hogs—Compared with week ago: mostly 15 to 25c lower; bulk light butchers for week, \$12.75 to \$12.85; weightier butchers, \$12.95 down; extreme heavier down to \$10.50; packing sows, \$9.50 to \$10.00; slaughter pigs, \$12.25 to \$12.50; feeder pigs mostly \$13.50 to \$13.75.

Sheep—Sheep and lambs nominally steady with week ago; best handwashed woolled lambs quoted up to \$12.00; valleys mostly \$11.00 to \$11.50; yearlings up to \$10.00; ewes, \$8.50 down.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Feb. 12 (AP)—U. S. Department of Agriculture:

Hogs—\$9.00; light hogs mostly steady; butchers strong to 10c higher than Friday's average; bulk desirable 140 to 200 pound weights, \$11.55 to \$12.10; top, \$12.10.

Cattle—40c compared with week ago; fed steers fully steady; light yearlings uneven; cows-fat cows 25c higher; heifers 25 to 50c up; weaners strong; week's bulk prices: fat steers, \$9.00 to \$10.50; heavy fat cows, \$5.50 to \$6.75; heifers, \$7.00 to \$9.00; weaners, \$12.50 to \$14.00.

Sheep—60c; practically none on sale today; for week, 43 doublets from feeding stations mostly steady; sheep steady to 25c higher; feeding and slaughtering lambs strong to 15c up; week's top prices: fed western lambs, \$13.40; native lambs, \$13.25; fed clipped lambs, \$11.50; yearling wethers, \$11.50; fat ewes, \$9.00; feeding and slaughtering lambs, \$12.35; bulk prices: fed western lambs, \$12.75 to \$13.35; natives, \$12.50 to \$13.00; clipped lambs, \$11.00 to \$11.50; woolled cuts, \$10.00 to \$11.00; yearling wethers, \$11.00 to \$11.50; fat ewes, \$5.50 to \$5.50; feeding and slaughtering lambs, \$12.25 to \$13.00.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP).—Harry Woodruff, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff, of Canyonville, who swallowed a carpet tack Thursday, was resting today at the Portland eye, ear, nose and throat hospital pending X-ray examination and operation, if necessary. His condition today was reported satisfactory by Dr. Dewitt Council, in charge of his care.

In the semi-Barbaric Malay Islands chess is a favorite pastime. The game is played on boards carved on the floors of the village meeting huts.

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Prices Steady In Dairy Mart; Meats Inactive

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP).—Although egg receipts continue liberal in this market there was no change in quotations on the dairy exchange today and all prices held steady at the close. Receipts Friday totaled 1944 cases.

Cube butter closed firm with standards and prime firsts up a 1/2c.

Country dressed meats and poultry closed quiet and inactive.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP).—Wheat—HR hard white, \$1.35; hard white bluestem, hard, 70c; soft white, western white, \$1.23; hard winter, \$1.34; northern spring, \$1.33; western red, \$1.28.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 47; flour, 7; oats, 4; hay, 22.

Webfoots Smash Through Aggies To Win, 28 to 12

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP).—The University of Oregon basketball team took another step toward the conference title last night by running wild over the Oregon Aggies 28 to 12.

The Webfoots flashed an offensive that the Aggies were unable to hold. At half time the Aggies were trailing on the short end, 3 to 11.

May Build Road Between Bend And Burns, Ore.

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