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ANXIETY—"The thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me." Job 1:25.

Pendleton, on a familiar floor, played an excellent game of basketball last night against our own high school quintet—won the game by a complimentary margin. La Grande is glad to congratulate them. The Round-Up city has a fine team and can be counted on to make a good showing if they go to the Salem tournament.

The normal school and armory bills, in which La Grande and Union county have been primarily interested, are up to Governor Patterson for veto or signature. There seems to be no reasonable chance that they can now be lost. Excellent work has been done by our delegates in the legislature and executive approval is almost certain. The new revenue policy of Mr. Patterson will become law with some minor alterations, perhaps. Improvements that have been held back in spite of obvious needs for so long will now be possible. They are not contrary to the rules of economy or good business. They do not resemble in any way the reckless spending that old-fashioned "pork barrel" tactics produced. They represent the margin between progressing and standing still, between maintaining state self-respect and sacrificing it. The Eastern Oregon normal and the La Grande armory are small items on the state program. Other equally sensible building measures are on it. The appropriations will be approved by the governor because they are in keeping with his announced policy. But he will adhere to that only because he is steering Oregon out of the financial woods.

### THE FIVE-DAY WEEK

President Green of the Federation of Labor says the big object of the Federation now is general establishment of the five-day week. Everybody who wouldn't rather have two days a week off than one, please raise his hand! It seems to be unanimous.

Why don't we all start right in, then, changing everything to fit the five-day week plan? Because, when we come to face the matter as a practical program, we begin to see difficulties and experience doubts. A statement made by President Green in the same speech in which he urged this innovation makes a good many of us feel extremely dubious about its real benefits.

"We hold," he says, "that high wages are essential to the prosperity of the nation and its workers." Absolutely! Not only manual workers, but intelligent men of the professional and business classes, think likewise nowadays. But what makes high wages? High production. It is the superior producing power of American workmen that enables their employers to pay them superior wages—the highest in the world.

And what will happen if everybody works five days a week instead of six? Naturally there will be less production. Further improvements in machinery and methods may soon add speed and efficiency enough to produce in five days what we now produce in six; but not what we could produce then in six days. Possibly we could all get along now, in this country, with five days' work in seven. We are efficient enough for that. But if we do, we shall the price for it in wages, in salaries, in savings, in ownership of homes, foregoing comforts and luxuries that Americans do not like to forego.

There is no "right" or "wrong" to it. The proposal is not necessarily "Bolshevism." It is a serious question demanding serious discussion. Very likely we shall come to the five-day week some time. And when it comes, it should come for us all. The real question is whether we are ready for it yet, and are prepared to make the material sacrifice for the sake of the added leisure. Some very level-headed thinkers believe we had better wait until we have more accumulated wealth and more productive capacity, and know better how to make good use of leisure.

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## CONTRACTING OF NEW WOOL BEGINS

Prices Said to Range Up to 3 1/2 Cents for the Best Clips

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—Contracting of new wool clips is getting under way in the Pacific northwest with approximately a half million pounds already shipped up in the Boise and Jordan valleys sections of Idaho. Prices are said to range up to 3 1/2 cents for best clips.

So far there has been no actual transactions reported in this state, although buyers are in the field and eager to do business with the growers. Dispatches from Boston state that contracting has been active in the western states with approximately 50,000,000 pounds already shipped up on the sheep back. Cuts, better closed firm on all grades with standards and prices first up a half cent at 46 and 45 1/2 cents, respectively. Lower grades remained steady and unchanged.

Weakness continues in the fresh egg market, due to heavy receipts and lower outside markets. On the dairy exchange, prices are a cent lower at 26 cents. Other grades remained unchanged. Country dressed meats were also and inactive at the close with 17 cents the general top on both veal and pork. Receipts were fair and the demand light. Demand for poultry is limited and prices are easy.

### PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter firm. Extra cubes, city, 46 1/2; standard, 46; prime firsts, 45 1/2; firsts, 44 1/2; prints, 50c; cartons, 51c. Bids to farmers: Milk—Best churning cream, 4c in valley; 4c net, shippers' trace in zone 1. Cream delivered Portland 50c 1/2 per pound. Raw milk (4 per cent), 12.00 cwt. f. o. b. Portland. Eggs—Firsts down to 24c; current receipts, 24c; fresh medium, 21c; fresh standard firsts, 24c; fresh standard extras, 25c. Poultry—Quiet. Heavy hens, 24 to 25c; light, 18 to 19c; springs nominal; broilers, 20 to 21c; Pekin white ducks, 50c; colored, nominal; turkeys, live, 35c; dressed, 40 to 42c.

### Jackson Co. Wants Hugh De Autremont

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—Jackson county, Oregon, is to make application for custody of Hugh De Autremont, now a prisoner of the war department enroute from Manila to San Francisco, for trial at Medford on a charge of murder in connection with the Skikyon tunnel holdup and death of road trainmen.

### The Garden

#### QUALITY RADISHES MAY BE GROWN FROM SPRING TO WINTER

The radish is the one vegetable that every gardener is bound to plant and, fortunately, it is one vegetable with which he is bound to succeed, for it is difficult to do anything to a radish that will make a whole crop fail. But quality radishes are seldom grown for the very reason that they are so easy to grow no pains are taken with them; and they are planted thick and left to struggle and get their thinning as those that have had the best chance and have made the largest roots are pulled.

The maturity of the radish will be hastened and the crispness and snappy flavor be much improved if they are thinned to two inches apart, or even one inch in the little breakfast types, as soon as the seed is through the ground. This gives them a chance to develop their roots as fast as they can. If they have to fight each other for a chance to develop, as is usually the case, their maturity is slower and fewer plants form edible roots.

Radishes have been cultivated by men for many ages. In medieval times barons spiced the feasts in the castles with dishes of the long and very hot varieties now grown for summer use, such as Charrier and White Strasbourg. These take twice as long to mature as the early varieties now available to us, such as the earliest White Olive, Twenty Day, Saxa and Scarlet Globe. Improvements in most vegetables run steadily to the production of varieties which mature earlier and probably the greatest advantage which we have over our ancestors in the vegetable garden is the possession of more early kinds. The early radishes are more tender and milder in flavor than the late sorts, but at the same time, quick to turn pithy, so they must be eaten as soon as they mature.

In selecting radishes to grow, in order to provide these peppy roots for his table throughout the season, the gardener must decide whether to depend upon periodical sowings of an early variety (about every 10 days), or to sow, approximately at the same time, an early, mid-season and late variety, which will mature one after the other. His decision should be based upon his personal preference, remembering that those which mature later are likely to have a stronger flavor.

Winter radishes sown in the latter part of June produce huge roots of very mild flavor which can be kept a long time in good condition, and a crop of them will add a welcome dish to the winter menu.

## MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

**CHICAGO GRAIN**

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
May	119 3/4 @ 110 1/2	121	118 1/2	119 3/4 @ 110 1/2
July	121 1/2	123	121 1/2	121 1/2
Sept.	132	132 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/2

### PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—Wheat—BBB hard white, \$1.22; hard white bluestem, hard, federation, soft white, western white, northern spring, \$1.22; hard winter, \$1.20; western red, \$1.25.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 44, flour, 3; corn, 4; oats, 2; hay, 23.

### LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 15 (AP)—Close: Wheat, 3 to 3 1/4 higher; March 10s, 6d; May 10s, 3 1/4d; July 10s, 4d.

### CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (AP)—Cash: Wheat—No. 2 hard, \$1.37 @ 1.40 1/2; No. 4 hard, \$1.22. Corn—No. 4 mixed, 65 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 77 1/2. Oats—No. 2 white, 46 @ 46 1/2. No. 3 white, 45 1/2 @ 45 1/2. Rye—No. 2, 41.04. Barley—60 @ 62. Timothy seed—\$4.75 @ 5.25. Clover seed—\$23.50 @ 25.50. Lard—\$12.49. Hides—\$16.00. Bellies—\$16.00.

### PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—Cattle—70; compared with week ago; mostly steady with spots weak to a shade lower on medium grade steers and strong to a shade higher on good cows. Week's bulk prices: medium grade steers, \$13.00 @ 13.25; cows, \$12.50 @ 12.75; off quality down to \$7.00 and under; cows and heifers, \$5.25 @ 5.50; top heifers, \$7.75; top cows, \$7.25; cullers, \$5.00 down; bulls, \$2.50 @ 3.00; calves, \$3.50 @ 4.00; off quality down to \$3.50; best vealers up to \$12.00.

Hogs—compared with week ago; mostly steady; bulk light butchers for week, \$12.50 @ 12.90; weightier, \$12.50 down; extreme heaves down to \$10.50; packing sows, \$9.50 @ 10.00; slaughter pigs, \$12.65 @ 12.75; feeder pigs mostly \$13.75; a few choice lighters at \$14.00.

Sheep—nominally steady with week ago; bulk of receipts either through or on contract; best lambs, dyewitch, woolled lambs, quotable up to \$12.00; yearlings up to \$10; ewes \$7.00 down.

### NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—Evaporated apples steady; prunes, apricots, peaches steady.

### BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 (AP)—Butterfat L. O. B. San Francisco, 52 1/2 @ 53c.

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## Price Movement In Wall Street Irregular Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—Selling pressure was pronounced in today's stock market with the result that the price movement disclosed much irregularity. British operations were not altogether abandoned, however, another flock of new high records being established with the list led by American Telephone, which touched the highest price in over 29 years.

Heavy accumulation of the Erie issues were one of the features of the rail group. All-American Cable jumped six points and International Telephone added 1 1/2 points to its recent gain. Electrical equipment issues moved forward under the leadership of Allis Chalmers, Westinghouse and General Electric.

Haldwin, International Harvester, Commercial Solvents "B," Canadian Pacific, A. M. Byers and Wash preferred "B" yielded two to three points. The closing was irregular. Total sales approximated 390,000 shares.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Assurance that the provision for the building of a common carrier railroad would be retained in the contract for timber awarded Fred Herick in Grant county Oregon, was given today to the senate public land committee by W. B. Greeley, chief of the forest service.

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**SUZANNE READY TO LEAVE U. S.**

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me off for the past five years. I suppose when you are short of copy, you just say: 'Let's marry Lenglen.' Had I been married as many times as reported, I should have a whole regiment of husbands."

Of American women, Suzanne said they were a type of their own, dressed well but more expensively than French women. "I think New York women, although different, look as well as Parisiennes but it costs them more money."

"Hospitality" was the predominant virtue of Americans.

"Everywhere we went, north, south, east, west, we were received magnificently. No one appeared to be able to do enough

for me." "What impressed you most in your swing around these United States?"

"The height of the buildings, especially in New York. It makes one feel puny; it's simply crushing. The skyline of New York has changed tremendously since my last visit here in 1921. To a French woman accustomed to seven-story buildings in Paris, these enormous construction along Fifth avenue and Broadway, are really appalling."

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—Crushed as he lay on his bed in a road construction camp cabin on the Redwood highway, Earl McCullister, 21, was instantly killed when a huge fir tree crashed through the house late last night. The tree, three feet in diameter, was blown over in a heavy wind storm which struck the valley last night and gave way to a deluge of rain which has continued all day.

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It was a surprise party for Annabel. Two of her girl friends "organized" it the day before her birthday. Annabel enjoyed it, but she was a bit disappointed because Norman wasn't there. She couldn't imagine why he had not been invited—until one of the girls told her they could not get in touch with him because he had no telephone. Norman was disappointed, too.

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