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NEHEMIAH PRAYER—"I beseech thee, O Lord God, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, for the children of Israel; confess the sins which we have sinned against thee." Neh. 1:5, 6.

And still we are waiting for the engine that will go fifty miles to the gallon, for the cheap synthetic fuel that will make it do it.

The only way to keep a man (or woman) from wanting an automobile is to put him in that railroad town in the Cascades of Washington where no highway reaches. And probably even that wouldn't work.

After a week more than the allotted forty days the legislature has adjourned with the revenue problem as unsolved as when it started. The only solution offered was that of Governor Patterson. Part of his plan was approved—the income tax—at least to the extent of putting it to the voters. The titling bill was lost and with it will go a large number of capital outlay appropriations. The responsibility rests clearly with the state senate. It preferred playing politics to business. Appropriation losses will not cause a disaster but they will seriously impair Oregon's progress. Legislators are elected for the purpose of stimulating and guarding that progress. They have failed.

"Flivvers and the gasoline it takes to run them have built the two greatest fortunes in history." No one begrudges the money that has been made out of automobile manufacturing. Henry Ford and the many others who have made fabulous wealth from the motor car industry have, on the other hand, contributed much to American life. We travel more, enjoy the outdoor air, feast on the wonders of nature. Business is more efficient; living advantages are more accessible. And with competition more keen, automobile values have never been as great. It is a motor age and the complications it brings must be solved in terms of that age. There is no changing it.

A BIG AUTOMOBILE YEAR

Last year was the biggest automobile year in La Grande's history. In the industry at large it was not as good as one or two previous years. That is with reference to volume. In a matter of profit the year was more doubtful. Local dealers recorded a large number of sales of new cars but that does not always determine automobile agency success.

The used car, taken as a trade-in, holds the secret of most profit or loss. When used cars are cleaned out at a price equal to what the dealer has in them or with a small profit, then the new car sales may be profitable. But too often the entire margin of profit is wiped off by the loss in handling the old cars.

The explanation is found in two facts: The used car market is not as good as it might be; and people wishing to buy new cars want too big a price for the old one to be traded in. When the dealer pays too much for an old car and fails to realize on it, the entire deal records a loss. A number of such transactions can wipe out a year's profit and make the world look most blue and uninteresting from the dealer's standpoint.

The natural remedy is already being felt. The public will ask as much but will get less for its old cars being traded in on new ones. Used cars will be cheaper and easier to move. Dealers will prefer a smaller number of new car sales, with profitable used car handling, to a big volume in new car sales with all profit absorbed by old car losses.

Eventually such a system will benefit the public and the dealer alike. A business that is not profitable is a liability for the community as well as for the owner. Car owners will choose between keeping the old car a greater number of years and taking the bigger depreciation loss that is an integral part of ownership the first few years. The chances are that the majority of them will prefer the latter.

In this day and age a new automobile is difficult to deny even when sales logic is lacking. This is both a motoring nation and a stylish nation. Neither consideration is long lost sight of by the average family. If there were the same tendency to determine accurate costs of ownership and actual ability to afford motor cars, much of the present difficulty for both public and dealer would be eliminated.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning Feb. 27, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Far western states: The outlook is for normal temperatures and generally fair weather except that considerable cloudiness and occasional rains are probable in Washington and Oregon.

EUGENE HIGH WINS

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 26 (AP)—Woodrow Wilson Junior high school of Eugene defeated the Roseburg Junior high, Southern Oregon champions, in a bitterly contested basketball game here last night. The score was 22 to 21. The game was featured by close checking on both sides.

More often than not the inside tip fails to win out.

WOOL CONTRACTS ARE BEING MADE

Further Activity Taking Place in State During Last Few Days

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26 (AP)—Further contracting of 1927 wool clips has taken place in the state during the last few days, although the volume of business is limited and buyers are more or less indifferent. In the Camden section 2600 fleeces are reported taken by a Portland firm at prices ranging from 20 to 22 cents. The fleeces were also purchased at 10 cents a pound.

So far the season has been decidedly unfavorable for the 1927 lamb crop and for that reason many buyers prefer to wait until shearing time before investing. The Camden sale is considered low on lambs and a little higher than ruling values on wool.

Extreme advances in cube butter was partly lost in the closing trade when values reacted to declines in the south. Extras closed a cent lower at 47 cents and standard cubes were off a half cent at 40 1/2 cents. Other grades held steady.

Fresh egg prices were fully maintained at the close on quotations on the local dairy board showed no change. Illegal increased storage activities are helping take care of the heavy receipts.

BANK CLEARINGS

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP)—The actual condition of clearing house balances and trust companies for the week (five days) shows excess reserve of \$23,597,820. This is an increase in reserve of \$11,135,440, compared with the week before, when a deficit in reserve of \$2,587,620 was reported.

BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26 (AP)—Butterfat L. O. B. San Francisco, 52.95 1/2.

LA GRANDE WHOLESALE MARKETS

Poultry (live weight).
Heavy hens—22c lb.
Light hens—14 to 16c lb.
Stags—5c lb.

Flour

Hard Federation (hard wheat)—\$7.60 bbl.
Soft wheat—\$7.40 bbl.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Lard—19 lbs. \$1.70; 5 lbs. 85c.
Butter, creamery—48c 1/2 lb.
Eggs—40c.
Cheese—35c 4oz a pound.
Honey, comb—25c lb.

Vegetables.
Potatoes—9 lbs. 25c.
Cauliflower—15c 2oz.
Celery hearts—24c.
Sweet potatoes—2 lbs. for 15c.
Turnips—6c lb.
Spinach—10c lb.
Carrots—4c lb.
Parsley—10c bunch.
Cabbage—6c lb.
Walla Walla onions—6c lb.
Green peppers—40c lb.
Lettuce—10c 15c head.
California tomatoes—35c lb.
Parsnips—5c lb.
Celery—25c bunch.
Bunch carrots—18c.
Bunch beets—2 for 25c.
Bunch turnips—2 for 25c.
Green onions—2 bunches 15c.

Fruits.
Rhubarb—20c lb.
Apples—5c lb.
Bananas—15c lb.
Lemons—40c lb.
Oranges—55c doz.

Sugar.
Cane sugar—4c 98c 7.25.
Floor.
Soft wheat—\$8.20 bbl.
Hard Federation—\$8.20 bbl.

Poultry.
Chickens—25c 32c lb.

Meats and Fish.
Beef bull—10c 12 1/2c lb.
Chops and steaks—25c lb.
Salmon (strictly fresh)—35c lb.
Halibut—25c lb.
Clams—10c lb.
Crabs—35c 40c lb.

Gasoline.
Regular, retail—24c.

SEA WASHINGTON Bureau.
JANE KENDALL has been called the "prettiest girl visitor to the White House" by Mrs. Coolidge. She is engaged to George Grant Mason, Jr., an artist of New

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN				
Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
May	110 @ 140 1/4	140 1/4	139 1/4	139 1/4
July	133 1/2 @ 134	134	133 1/2	133 1/2
Sept.	131 1/2 @ 131 1/2	131 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26 (AP)—Portland grain: Wheat—BRI hard white, hard white blue stem, heart, \$1.22; federation soft white, western white, \$1.31; hard winter, \$1.28; northern spring, \$1.29; western red, \$1.27 1/2.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 29; barley, 5; flour, 8; oats, 2.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 26 (AP)—Close: wheat, 5 to 5 1/2 higher. March 10s, 6 1/4; May 10s, 5 1/4; July 10s, 5d.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 (AP)—Cash: Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.35 1/4; No. 2 hard, \$1.27 1/2; \$1.34 1/2.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 69 1/2c; No. 4 yellow, 64 1/2c; 65c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 42 1/4c; No. 2 white, 44 1/2c.

Rye—No. 4, 95c.

Barley—60c 62c.

Timothy seed—\$4.75 @ 5.00.

Clover seed—\$25.00 @ 25.00.

Lard—\$12.25.

Butter—\$16.00.

Beef—\$16.25.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 (AP)—U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Hogs—2600; best, around steady; top, \$11.85; low desirable 150 to 200-pound averages, \$11.75 @ 11.85.

Cattle—200; compared with week ago, small supply of fed steers, weighing 1300 pounds up-ward, 25 to 25c higher; yearlings very slow but steady; fat cows 10 to 15c up; vealers strong on choice 150 to 175-pound averages to shippers; light kinds \$1.00 lower, \$2.00 to \$2.50 lower in last three weeks; no strictly choice heavy steers offered; extreme top, \$12.50; bulk heaves, \$11.00 @ 12.25; best yearlings, \$12.25; mixed yearlings, \$11.50; week's bulk prices: light and medium weight steers, \$5.75 @ 11.00; fat cows, \$5.75 @ 7.00; fat heifers, \$7.00 @ 8.75; light vealers, \$10.00 @ 12.00.

Sheep—2600; few loads of clipped and woolled lambs about steady; 86-pound clipper, \$12.25; for week, 82 doubles from feeding stations, 1200 direct; slaughter lambs closing 50 to 75c higher; yearling wethers around 50c higher; sheep strong to 25c up; feeding and shearing lambs 25 to 50c higher; week's top fed western lambs, \$14.75; natives, \$14.25; clipped lambs, \$12.50; yearling wethers, \$12.35; fat ewes, \$9.00; feeding and shearing lambs, \$13.00; week's bulk prices follow: fat western lambs, \$13.50 @ 14.50; natives, \$13.00 @ 13.75; clipped lambs, \$11.00 @ 12.25; fat ewes, \$7.75 @ 9.00; feeding and shearing lambs, \$12.50 @ 13.50.

NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP)—Evaporated apples, pears, apricots and peaches, steady.

Wheat Unsettled; Finishes Lower

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 (By the Associated Press).—Opening unchanged to 1/4c higher, wheat reacted somewhat and then hardened again. Corn was easier, oats steady and provisions firm, with corn starting unchanged to 1/2c up and then showing decline. Wheat closed unsettled at the same as yesterday's finish to 1/4c lower; corn 1/2c to 1c down; oats 3/4c off to 1c up and provisions varying from a shade decline to a rise of 20c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26 (AP)—Receipts for the week (approximate): cattle, 2220; calves, 300; hogs, 4940; sheep, 1955.

Cattle—Compared week ago, mostly steady with spots 25c lower on steers and 25c higher on good cows; week's bulk prices: best steers, \$5.00 @ 9.00; off quality down to \$7.00 and under; cows and heifers, \$5.25 @ 7.50 with no strictly good beefers included; straight, value of good cows, \$7.25 @ 7.50; cutters mostly \$5.00 down; bulls, \$5.00 @ 6.00; calves, \$5.00 @ 10.00 with off quality down to \$5.50; better grade vealers mostly \$11.50 @ 12.50; a few up to \$12.00.

Hogs—Compared week ago, mostly steady, with a few lower top; bulk light butchers for the week, \$12.75 @ 13.50; weightings, \$12.60 down; extreme heavy down to \$10.50; packing pigs mostly \$9.50 @ 10.00; slaughter pigs \$12.25 @ 12.75; strong weight feeders, \$13.50 @ 13.75; few choice lights, \$14.00.

Sheep—Compared week ago, bulk of week's supply bought to arrive; strictly choice handweight lambs quotable \$1.00 higher at \$12.00; valley lambs mostly \$12.50; yearlings quotable 50c higher at \$10.50; ewes steady at \$7.00 down.

Miller Petitions For a Rehearing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Frederick L. Miller, who failed last month in his effort to convince the supreme court that the Oregon statute under which he was convicted for driving an automobile at a dangerous rate of speed was invalid and unconstitutional today petitioned the court for a rehearing.

He contended that the court erred in dismissing the appeal because no federal question was involved. Under the Oregon statute, he asserted, motorists could be convicted without regard to the rate of speed at which the automobile was being driven.

Two Patterson Measures Fail

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fixed terminals. All attacks on the direct primary initiative and referendum laws were resisted. Even the move to do away with the voters' candidate pamphlet was defeated.

Only minor changes were made in the forestry code. One provision raises the pay of the state forester from \$3000 to \$4200 a year, through permitting the state forestry board to pay him an extra \$600 out of federal moneys coming to the state every year.

LEGISLATURE QUILTS; VETO AX EXPECTED

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people, is estimated to yield about \$2,000,000. Even if the people accept this tax, the state will still be short about \$2,000,000. Hence, the governor today was wrestling with the problem of how to distribute his vetoes. Building veto appropriations which face the

Stock Exchange Moves Up Though Strain Is Heavy

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP).—Although called upon with rather a large volume of profit-taking and short selling, today's stock market gave a good account of itself, maintaining the upward trend which had predominated for the last month or more. More than a dozen issues attained record high prices, the list including Wabash common, Frisco common, Barnhart "A" and "B" and DuPont.

General Asphalt issues, with gains of about five points each, led the upward movement in the oil group.

The closing was strong. Total sales approximated 1,100,000 shares.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26 (AP)—Wholesale prices:

Butter—Chiles 1/2 to 1c lower; extra cubes, city, 47c; standard, 46 1/2c; prime firsts, 46 1/2c; firsts, 45 1/2c; prints, 52c; curtons, 52c.

Milk, steady. Best churning cream 50c in valley, 51c 52c net; shippers' track in zone 1; cream delivered Portland, 54c per pound; raw milk (4 per cent), \$2.00 cwt. f.o.b. Portland.

Eggs, steady; current receipts, 21c; fresh medium, 20c; fresh standard firsts, 20c; fresh standard extras, 25c.

Poultry steady; heavy hens, 24c; springs nominal; turkeys, live, 35c; dressed, 40c 42c.

Onions and potatoes steady; onions, local \$3.00 @ 3.50; potatoes, \$1.25 @ 1.75 sack.

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The principal changes were sought in bills introduced by Senator Eddy and Representative MacPherson to reorganize the state board of education.

The proposal of compulsory automobile liability insurance was voted down.

Two laws passed over the major work in irrigation legislation. One provides for the organization of a reclamation commission through the combining of the desert land board and the state securities commission. The state engineer is designated as the secretary of the newly formed commission.

A companion law provides that bonded indebtedness may be apportioned and collected in the same manner as are pavement assessments handled under the Buncraft act. It is the hope of their proponents that these new provisions will clear up the tangle in the irrigation districts.

The base for the six per cent limitation finally agreed upon in conference between the lower houses was \$3,500,000, plus six per cent, and less the estimated collection from income tax.

After the house had adopted a resolution calling for a divided session of the legislature it was killed by the senate. The plan proposed a 14-day session and adjournment of three weeks before returning to complete the 40 days of the session.

The senate finally approved a bill extending for eight months the time within which the law abolishing fish wheels on the Columbia river shall become operative.

Among measures passed which have a bearing on the state's financial situation, was one giving the state tax commission supervision over county assessors. This is expected to add materially to the tax revenue through increase in assessments in some counties and equalization in others.

The house killed Representative James Mott's measure providing for a reforestation program. Mott intends to make a fight for the same bill next year.

With the exception of the divorce of the real estate department from the insurance commissioner's office no vital insurance legislation was enacted.

All inroads on the workmen's compensation law were successfully resisted.

All efforts to change the fundamental school laws were defeated.

Dr. Dobbs Loses Fight for Trial

SEATTLE, Feb. 26 (AP).—Dr. C. C. Dobbs, Kirkland dentist, accused of the murder of Letitia Whitehall, a girl dental patient, today lost his fight for an immediate trial. Superior Judge Malcolm Douglas announced he would set the trial date Saturday and that it probably would be April 11 or April 13.

Wilson's Brother Dies in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 26 (AP).—Joseph R. Wilson, 53, brother of Woodrow Wilson, former president, died at midnight at his home in Baltimore, according to information received here today by relatives. His burial will be at Clarksville, Tenn., his former home.

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