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THE PERFECT WAY—As for God, his way is perfect; the  
word of the Lord is tried; he is a buckler to all that trust in  
him. For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save  
our God? It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh  
my way perfect. Psalm 18:29-32.

Those Chinese seem almost ready to start Rotary and  
Kiwanis clubs.

We have a suspicion that one of these days the Union Pa-  
cific will climb on the La Grande building and development  
band-wagon and provide us a new station.

## FORESTRY IN TENNESSEE

Reclamation work started by the Tennessee division of  
forestry in 1914 has resulted in the utilization of a large area  
of formerly waste farm land for black locust groves. Gullies,  
wood lots and outlying grass fields are set out to young trees.  
Country forestry associations are being formed throughout  
the state to crystallize as far as possible the interests of farm  
people in the foresting of their particular sections. A text  
book of forestry has been introduced in the public schools.  
Tennessee's timber and forest products have increased in the  
last 20 years from \$21,000,000 to more than \$35,000,000, and  
educational work is still going on. All this is apt to be  
American Forest Week, proclaimed by President Coolidge for  
observance from April 24 to 30. There cannot be too much  
of such reclamation work in any part of the country. More  
publicity about what any state or community is already doing  
in this line should be beneficial to all the rest of the country.  
Here, where trees are so vital to our economic life, any prac-  
tical ideas for new forests should be given special attention.

## NEW TRIAL FOR SOCRATES

Socrates, the old Greek philosopher and moralist, is to  
have his day in court again after many years. His case has  
been appealed to the supreme court at Athens, and a lawyer  
named Paradopoulos is going to act as his attorney. It was  
by a miscarriage of justice, this lawyer holds, that Socrates  
was adjudged guilty of "impiety and corrupting youth" and  
sentenced to death, and "the honor of Greece requires a re-  
vision of the judgment and a judicial declaration of Socrates' innocence."

It will be just like the Greeks to go ahead and do it,  
too, though it looks more like an American publicity stunt  
than a Greek performance.

To Socrates, perhaps the greatest and best of the ancient  
Greeks, it matters not at all. More than 2300 years ago that  
tired old man, refusing to change his course and denying  
that he had done anything except try to improve the char-  
acter of the Athenians, cheerfully drank the deadly hemlock  
and passed to his reward. Why drag him through the courts  
now, except possibly to make a careless generation better ac-  
quainted with antique greatness?

Modern Greece has little to do with the Greeks who killed  
Socrates. The whole world reversed the judgment of his  
enemies long ago. And Socrates himself needs no defense  
from any living man. What defense could there be so good  
as his own "apologia," recorded by Plato? It would pay  
patrons of our own "best sellers" to get that out of the library  
and read it—not as philosophy, but as a gripping human  
statement in the midst of a great drama, from one of the fore-  
most characters of history.

## PRICES STEADY AS WEEK CLOSES

Wholesale Quotations in  
Portland, Generally,  
Little Changed

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 9 (AP).—  
Wholesale prices for Portland  
week and trade were holding gen-  
erally steady in all lines of prod-  
uce during today's early trading,  
which was nominally active. Choice  
hogs and veal at top prices of 16  
and 15 cents, respectively, were  
arriving in quantities sufficient for  
the trade.

With the approach of Easter,  
demand for poultry is strong with  
plentiful receipts prices are being  
maintained steady.  
Butter and egg prices for today  
were unchanged. The demand for  
both appears steady at this season.  
A new day's record for re-  
ceipts this season was established  
yesterday with 3,355 cases in, of  
which 174 were stored.

Early arrivals of new white  
potatoes from California were offered  
on the local retail market for 15  
cents per pound for best grades  
today. Strawberries arriving from  
the south are cheaper so that re-  
tail markets are offering them  
generally from 25 to 25c per small  
carton.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 9 (AP).—  
Creamery men here have de-  
cided to establish a definite price  
ratio between print and cube but-  
ter. Beginning Monday, April 18,  
the wholesale price of prints will  
automatically be fixed at 3 cents  
above the daily exchange price for  
cube standards from day to day.

Retail butter prices will not  
change except as wholesale prints  
fluctuate up or down sufficiently  
to warrant a new retail quotation.  
Butterfat prices are included in  
the new scheme to be governed  
by cube values, but their determi-  
nation will be placed in the hands  
of a special committee, a custom  
in large market centers.

PORTLAND PRODUCE  
PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 9 (AP).—  
Wholesale prices: Butter steady.  
Extra cube, city, 42½c; stand-  
ard, 42c; prime firsts, 41½c;  
firsts, 40c; prints, 45c; cartons,  
46c.

Hids to farmer:  
Milk steady; best churning  
cream, 42c in valley; delivered  
Portland, 45c; cow milk (4 per  
cent), 22½c; cow milk (3½ per  
cent), 22c; fresh, current receipts,  
19c; fresh medium, 18c; fresh  
standard firsts, 21c; do extras, 25c.

Poultry steady; heavy hens, 25c  
to 26c; light, 24c to 25c; springs,  
nominal; broilers, 26c to 27c; Pekin  
white ducks, 28c; colored, nomi-  
nal; turkeys, live, nominal; dressed,  
37c.

2 Potatoes steady; \$1.50 to \$1.55.  
Onions steady; local, \$2.00 to  
2.50.

BANK CLEARINGS  
NEW YORK, Apr. 9 (AP).—  
The actual cashing of clearing  
house banks and trust companies  
for the week shows excess reserve  
of \$22,583,730. This is an increase  
in reserves of \$104,573,520, com-  
pared with the week before, when  
a deficit in reserves of \$11,714,740  
was reported.

NEW YORK FRUIT  
NEW YORK, Apr. 9 (AP).—  
Evaporated apples steady; prunes  
steady; apricots steady; peaches  
steady.

LA GRANDE WHOLESALE  
MARKETS  
Poultry (live weight).  
Heavy hogs—22c lb.  
Light hogs—14 to 15c lb.  
Stags—8c lb.

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

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS  
Butter, creamery—42 to 45c.  
Butter, country—42 to 45c.  
Eggs—25c doz; 2 for 45c.  
Cheese—22 to 24c a pound.  
Honey, comb—25c lb.

Vegetables.  
New Potatoes—25c lb.  
String beans—25c lb.  
Green peas—25c lb.  
Potatoes—3 lbs. 25c.  
Cauliflower—15c 2 lbs.  
Celery hearts—25c.  
Sweet potatoes—3 lbs. for 25c.  
Turnips—5c lb.  
Spinach—3 lbs. for 25c.  
Carrots—4c lb.  
Parsley—18c bunch.  
Cabbage—6c lb.  
Asparagus—25c lb.  
Walla Walla onions—3 lbs. 25c.  
Green peppers—25c lb.  
Lettuce—2 heads 25c.  
California tomatoes—25c lb.  
Parsnips—4c lb.  
Cucumbers—2 for 25c.  
Bunch carrots—10c.  
Bunch beets—2 for 25c.  
Bunch turnips—2 for 25c.  
Green onions—2 bunches 15c.  
Radishes—2 bunches 15c.

Fruits.  
Ehobard—25c lb.  
Apples—5c lb.  
Bananas—15c lb.  
Lemons—40c lb.  
Oranges—50c 7½c doz.  
Grape fruit—2 for 25c; 2 for 35c.  
Cane sugar—10.88 7½c.

Flour.  
Soft wheat—\$7.20 bbl.  
Hard Federation—\$7.20 bbl.

Poultry.  
Chickens—25 to 27c lb.

Meats and Fish.  
Beef—18 to 19c lb.  
Chops and steaks—25c lb.  
Salmon (strictly fresh)—25c lb.  
Halibut—35c lb.  
Clams—10c lb.  
Crabs—55c 4½c lb.

Gasoline.  
Gasoline, regular, retail, 27c.

## MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

| Wheat | Open        | High | Low  | Close       |
|-------|-------------|------|------|-------------|
| May   | 131½ @ 135  | 132½ | 132½ | 132½ @ 132½ |
| July  | 128½ @ 129½ | 129½ | 128½ | 128½ @ 128½ |
| Sept. | 126½ @ 127  | 127  | 126½ | 126½        |

### PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 9 (AP).—  
Wheat—BBB hard white,  
\$1.35½; hard white, bluestem,  
\$1.33½; soft white, western  
white, \$1.30½; Federation, \$1.30½;  
northern spring, \$1.29½; hard win-  
ter, \$1.28½; western red, \$1.27.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 23;  
barley, 2; flour, 6; corn, 2; hay,  
10.

### CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Apr. 9 (AP).—Cash  
Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.33½; No. 2  
hard, \$1.33½.  
Corn—No. 4 mixed, 67½c; No. 2  
yellow, 72½c; No. 2 white, 74½c.  
Oats—No. 2 white, 47½c; No. 2  
yellow, 47½c.  
Rye—Not quoted.  
Barley—63½c; 4½c.  
Timothy seed—\$4.50 to \$5.25.  
Clover seed—\$29.25 to \$30.00.  
Lard—\$12.25.  
Hides—\$15.50.  
Bellies—\$15.25.

### LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Apr. 9 (AP).—  
Wheat—Wharf 1½ to 1½ higher;  
May 19s. 4½d; July 19s. 2½d;  
Oct. 2s. 11½d.

### Wheat Crop On First of Month

84.5 of Normal

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (AP).—  
The condition of the winter wheat  
crop on April 1 was 84.5 percent  
of a normal, an increase of 2.7  
points from December 1, last, the  
department of agriculture has an-  
nounced.

The condition compares with  
84.1 on April 1 last year, 6.7  
in 1925 and 75.3, the 10-year April  
1 average. The crop has shown  
an average decline of 4.6 points  
between December 1 and April 1,  
in the last 10 years. The area  
sown last fall to winter wheat was  
41,807,000 acres and the condition  
on December 1 was 81.8. The  
area harvested last year was 26,5-  
913,000 acres and the production  
totalled 626,229,000 bushels, an  
average of 17 bushels per acre.

The area of winter wheat and  
rye acreage remaining to be har-  
vested will be announced May 9,  
when the first forecast of indi-  
cated production will also be  
made.

### OREGON FIGURES

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 9 (AP).—  
Condition of the winter wheat  
crop in Oregon April 1 was 85  
percent. These figures were given  
out by F. L. Kent, statistician  
of the department of agriculture  
here.

### PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 9 (AP).—  
Receipts for week: Cattle 1250;  
calves 200; hogs 5500.

Cattle—Compared with week  
ago: Beef steers and better grades  
of stock 19 to 15c higher, now  
highest of season; lower grade  
butcher steers, bulls and  
vealers, steady to strong; extreme  
top grain fed heaves, \$10.15 for  
average weight, 1,054 to 1,070  
pounds; old head fed heifers, \$9.00  
and better; good cows up to  
\$7.75 in load lots; bulk prices:  
slaughter steers, \$8.50 to 10.00;  
butcher cows, \$5.50 to 7.25; heifers,  
\$5.75 to 8.50; cutters and low cut-  
ters, \$3.50 to 5.50; medium bulls,  
\$2.50 to 3.25; slaughter calves, \$7.50  
to 10.00; good and choice vealers,  
\$12.00 to 13.50.

Hogs—Compared week ago:  
market generally 25 to 50c lower;  
bulk light butchers at close \$12.00  
to 12.15; old lots up to \$12.25;  
210 to 250 pound averages, \$11.50  
to 12.00; packing hogs, \$8.75 to  
9.50 mostly; slaughter pigs, \$12.15  
down; outfit for feeder pigs very  
narrow.

Sheep—Compared week ago:  
clashes about steady; old crop  
wooled lambs averaging 87 pounds  
up to \$14.00; most yearlings,  
\$14.00 to 15.00; heavy low quality  
yearling weathers, \$8.00 to 9.50; ewes  
\$8.25 to 9.00.

### BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 9 (AP).—  
Butterfat f.a.b. San Francisco,  
45c.

## After 13 Days



Katrina Van Rensselaer, Washington society girl, wedded 13 days.

### Wheat Trading Results in Drop

CHICAGO, Apr. 9 (AP).—Open-  
ing ¼ to ½ higher, wheat sub-  
sequently lost most of the ad-  
vance. Corn, oats and provisions  
were steady, with corn starting  
unchanged to ½c up and later  
holding near to the initial range.

Wheat closed heavy, ¼ to ½c  
net lower; corn, ½c to 1½c  
2½c down; oats ½c to ¾c  
off, and provisions unchanged to  
½c decline.

### Stock Exchange Is Bullish But Ragged

NEW YORK, Apr. 9 (AP).—  
Major speculative activity in to-  
day's stock market was again on  
the upside but sufficient points of  
weakness developed to give the  
market a ragged appearance most  
of the time. High priced special-  
ties, the flowing supply of which  
has been reduced by recent in-  
vestment buying, were lower of  
strength. General Motors, Du-  
pont, Commercial Solvents, "R."  
United Fruit, People's Gas and  
several others established record  
high prices.

Selling was directed chiefly  
against the banking, packing and  
oil shares in which recent trade  
developments have been unfavor-  
able.

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a supporting influence for other  
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cial buying again apparent in  
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and Ohio was bid up several  
points to a new peak price for the  
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sales approximated 1,000,000  
shares.

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Department of Agriculture—Hogs  
1,000; light hogs steady to 10c  
higher; butchers steady to 10c  
higher; top heavy steers, \$12.75;  
medium weights, \$12.25; yearlings,  
\$12.50; all new high tops for year-  
to date; week's bulk prices: fed  
steers, all weights, \$8.75 to 12.75;  
fat cows, \$6.75 to 8.75; vealers,  
\$11.00 to 12.00.

Sheep—7,000; today's receipts  
all direct for week; 12 doings  
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## Farm Pointers

That potato wilt is readily trans-  
mitted from one season to the next  
in infected seed potatoes has been  
demonstrated finally. As an  
example the season's test showed  
approximately 30 per cent infec-  
tion of vegetum in tubers grown  
from seed potatoes known to be in-  
fected by the same fungus when  
planted. The tubers produced by  
one lot of rather badly wilted  
plants showed 40 per cent infec-  
tion with vegetum when cultur-  
ed after digging, and another lot  
gave a crop containing 45 per cent  
infection.

Nearly all garden and truck  
crops are attacked by slugs. They  
attack the plants mainly at the sur-  
face of the soil. They may feed  
down some distance below the  
ground and also feed the leaves  
of cabbage and lettuce. The ugly  
feeding puncture they make afford  
a ready entrance for decay and  
often whole plantings are ruined.

Time-sulfur solution as locally  
prepared is subject perhaps to  
greater variation in composition  
than most sprays. When a poor  
grade of lime is used or the oper-  
ator is careless in bolting the solu-  
tion, the Baume reading may be  
low. The orchardist is advised to  
test the lime-sulfur solution with  
a Baume hydrometer and make  
dilutions for spraying.

Dear web is very similar to apple  
period of time; in disking before  
plowing the equivalent of 33  
horses; and in harvesting and  
threshing with the combine the  
work of 25 horses. Full details  
of the study have been published  
in Department Bulletin No. 1447-D  
cost of using horses, tractors and  
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