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DELIVERANCE FROM FEAR—I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:1.

America, says Lindbergh, is successful in carrying air mail, and Europe is successful in carrying passengers. It's time to combine the two.

The Observer firmly believes that anyone taking the time to reasonably investigate the need of a new Second street main will vote favorably on the proposed bond issue for this improvement. The need is actual and real; the city commission has done its duty in asking public consent at the polls; the responsibility now is with the voters.

Whether or not one is in favor of the income tax for Oregon the new six per cent limitation base should receive a yes vote. Without the new base the state must either continue to create an increasing deficit or radically curtail many activities and the usefulness of numerous institutions. With it approved there will not be, contrary to some impressions, an orgy of spending or a heavy property tax increase. It simply means that the state will be put back on the basis existing before the first state income tax experiment. The present base, which will provide only about two and a half million dollars, is totally inadequate for Oregon's government and the support of the state institutions. The new base will permit about a million more and will be in keeping with what Oregon needs. If income tax revenue becomes available it will be included in that basic bill; if not, the state can still continue to do business in a reputable manner.

### THE AIR PROGRAM

Admiration for a certain very likable young man named Lindbergh should not detract attention from his message, but should enforce it. Personalities attract us more than ideas, but ideas are more important and persist longer. Lindbergh himself realizes this, and tries to sink himself in his work. He is above all else a laborer and prophet in the field of aviation. And he seems to know as definitely what he is talking about, when he harps on his chosen theme, as he knew where he was going when he pointed his plane toward Paris.

"Our greatest need," he says, "is for airports close to the great cities." Airports are as necessary as seaports, as necessary as railroad terminals. Regular communication by air will come, but slowly, and the nation must get ready for it. There will be no miracle, any more than there was in linking East and West when the transcontinental railroads were built. Little cities, too, may put themselves on the air map by wise forethought and preparation. We have a good air mail service, comparatively speaking, but are far behind other nations in passenger service. The latter must be developed, then both may proceed together. He is a man of peace, little concerned with deliberate war preparations. Yet he realizes that the best war preparation is the development of great air equipment and personnel.

Now the broad view: "This country is naturally situated to be the leader in flying. We have no international borders to complicate things, our weather conditions are relatively good, and we have a people to whom time means more than it does to any other." All right—let's go! If we don't, Lindbergh is merely a stunt performer, and our attitude toward him mere sentimentality.

## Measure No. 302

Measure No. 302 on the ballot for the special election to be held June 28 is a constitutional amendment which provides that the 6% limitation provision of the Oregon Constitution may apply to the Portland School District as it now applies to all other school districts throughout the state.

This measure affects no other district in Oregon than the Portland School District and Portland residents will appreciate your support.

### VOTE 302 YES

(Paid Adv. by Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, State President Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers; W. F. Asher, Central Council of Daddies Clubs; P. S. Pickering, Chairman Portland Board of School Directors; Charles A. Rice, Superintendent of Portland Schools.)

## BUTTER AND EGG PRICES STEADY

Trading Active on Portland Market; Poultry, Dressed Meats Steady

PORTLAND, Ore., June 23 (AP)—Butter and egg prices on the local dairy exchange are unchanged from yesterday with trading active. Storage additions yesterday amounted to 5800 pounds of butter and 277 cases of eggs.

Poultry and dressed meats also were steady in market this morning with trading quiet early. The approach of the winter of the local apple season was indicated by the sale of a few boxes of fancy Newtown apples, some from storage but in good condition for \$4.00. Recent sales of Winesap for \$4.25, another top for the season, are reported from Yakima. String bean supplies are increasing and prices dropping. The green ones have declined from 20c to 18c to 22c.

New potatoes are cheaper but the old stock is holding firm.

### PORTLAND PRODUCE

Butter steady. Extra cubes, city, 40 1/2c; standards, 38 1/2c; prime firsts, 25 1/2c; extra, 36 1/2c. Creamery prices: Prints 3c above cube standards. Butterfat, 52 1/2c f.o.b. Portland.

Eggs steady; current receipts, 29c; fresh medium, 29c; fresh standard firsts, 21c; fresh standard extra, 22c.

Poultry steady; heavy fowls, 17 1/2c; light, 15 1/2c; spring, nominal; broilers, 15 1/2c; Pekin white ducks, 20c; colored, nominal; turkeys, live, nominal; dressed, 27c.

Onions steady; local, \$3.75 @ 7.00; potatoes, \$3.50 @ 4.50 sack.

### CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, June 23 (AP)—U. S. Department of Agriculture, Chicago—48,000; slow, better grade hogs generally 10 to 15c lower; packing sows, 15c to 25c off; big weight showing most decline; top, \$9.25; bulk 160 to 200 lbs., \$8.50 @ 9.20.

Cattle—2,000; few choice weighty steers steady; others weak to 25c lower; stock at decline; top, \$14.00; paid for 1250 lb. steer, 12c; best yearlings, \$12.25; vealers 25 to 30c lower, \$10.50 @ 11.50.

Sheep—6,000; slow, early sales fat lambs steady to around 15c lower than Wednesday; early bulk natives, \$14.25 @ 14.50; few sales up to \$14.75; best hold higher; few native, culls, \$9.50 @ 10.00; strong weight, up to \$11.00 carry; wethers, lambs, down to \$7.50; choice Idaho lambs hold around \$15.25; few good fat ones around steady, \$5.50 @ 6.25.

### BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23 (AP)—Butterfat f.o.b. San Francisco, 65 1/2c.

### APPLES

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23 (AP)—Federal State Market News Service—Apples: Northwestern Winesap, new, \$1.00 @ 1.20 box.

### NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, June 23 (AP)—Dried fruits steady.

### PRIVATE MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS TWO PROPOSALS

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a common denominator for everybody and solutions acceptable to everybody."

It is understood that Viscount Cecil did most of the talking at today's private conversation and that in defending the British project he emphasized the great economies which the adoption would effect through reducing the mass of individual warships. It also is understood that he criticized the American principle of having indefinite scope, they were restricted to obtaining maximum tonnage figures in only three types of auxiliary vessels.

It is believed that Mr. Gibson took the position that it was both unwise and impossible to reopen the Washington treaty as would occur if the British proposal for a reduction in the size of battleships were considered. The American delegate is believed pointed out that the second Washington conference which will be held in 1931, will be convoked before the time arrives for the replacement of our battleships of the great naval powers and that in 1931, France and Italy, who are not participating in the present conference will be present and take part in the discussion of all problems connected with the bigger naval units, including cruisers.

### Continued of Fisheries

The impression prevails in Geneva that the American delegation is not surprised at the fairness of its proposal that it will not entertain any fundamental objections, although naturally it will be disposed to make suggestions on detail which are customary at international conferences.

Admiral Viscount Suttie, the Japanese naval expert and Rear Admiral Henry P. Jones, the American expert, are scheduled to hold a private conversation late today and a meeting of the executive committee of the conference has been convened for Friday morning.

Geneva newspapers so far do not refer to yesterday's meeting between Mr. Gibson and Admiral Suttie, but the United States and Japan seem to be making the first step toward an American-Japanese alliance, but there are no indications at Geneva of such a development.

## MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

| CHICAGO GRAIN |                   |         |         |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|
|               | Open              | High    | Low     | Close             |
| Wheat         | 141 1/2 @ 145     | 145     | 141 1/2 | 141 1/2 @ 142     |
| July          | 141 1/2 @ 142 1/2 | 142 1/2 | 139 1/2 | 140 1/2 @ 140 1/2 |
| Sept.         |                   |         |         |                   |

LIVERPOOL WHEAT  
LIVERPOOL, June 23 (AP)—Close wheat: 3 to 1 1/2d lower; July 11s, 5d; Oct. 10s, 11 1/2d; Dec. 10s, 10 3/4d.

PORTLAND WHEAT  
PORTLAND, Ore., June 23 (AP)—Wheat—BBB hard white, \$1.50; hard white bluestem, hard, \$1.49; federation, \$1.40; western white, \$1.40; hard winter, \$1.35; north spring, \$1.25; western red, \$1.36.

Today's car receipts: Wheat, 16; flour, 5; corn, 1; hay, 2.

CHICAGO CASH  
CHICAGO, June 23 (AP)—Wheat—No. 2 hard, \$1.44 1/2; No. 2 hard, \$1.45 1/2; No. 2 mixed, 58 1/2c; No. 2 yellow, \$1.01 @ 1.01 1/2; Oats—No. 2 white, 49 1/2 @ 50 1/2; No. 2 white, 46 1/2 @ 49c; No. 2, \$1.01 @ 1.02; No. 4, \$1.07; Barley—\$0.92 @ 92c; Timothy—\$4.75 @ 5.00; Clover seed—\$20.00 @ 25.00; Lard—\$12.47; Hides—\$12.87; Hides—\$12.50.

Wheat Lower As Market Closes  
CHICAGO, June 23 (AP)—Opening at 3 to 7c decline. Chicago wheat later underwent an additional setback. Corn started 1/2c off and continued downward. Oats were weak. Provisions tended to sag.

What closed heavy, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c net lower, corn 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c down; oats 3/4 to 1c off, and provisions showing 10 to 15c decline.

LA GRANDE WHOLESALE MARKETS  
Poultry (live weight). Heavy hens—22c lb. Light hens—14 @ 16c lb. Slags—8c lb.

Flour. Hard Federation (hard wheat) \$7.50 bbl. Soft wheat—\$7.40 bbl.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS  
Butter, creamery—50 @ 95c. Eggs—25 @ 25c doz. Cheese—35 @ 40c a pound. Honey, comb—25c lb.

Vegetables. New potatoes—10c lb. String beans—25c lb. Green peas—10c lb. Potatoes—5c lb. Spinach—2 lbs. for 25c. Tomatoes—25 @ 35c lb. Parsnips—10c bunch. Cabbage—10c lb. Local asparagus—2 lbs. 25c. Walla Walla onions—14c lb. Lettuce—2 heads 25c. Celery—25c bunch. Cauliflower—15c lb. Cucumbers—10c each. Bunch carrots—2 for 15c. Bunch beets—10c. Bunch turnips—2 for 25c. Green onions—5c bunch. Wax onions—2 lbs. 25c. Red onions—2 lbs. 25c. Yellow onions—2 lbs. 25c. Radishes—6c bunch.

Fruits. Hood River strawberries—25c box. Strawberries—10c box. Cherries—50 @ 25c lb. Raspberries—5c lb. Apples—4c lb. Bananas—2 lbs. 25c. Lemons—40c lb. Oranges—50 @ 70c doz. Grape fruit—2 for 35c. for 25c. Cantaloupes—2 for 25c. Watermelons—5c lb.

Sugar. Cane sugar—\$7.15 @ 7.54. Flour. Soft wheat—\$5.20 bbl. Hard Federation—\$4.20 bbl. Spring wheat—35c lb. Hides—25 @ 25c lb.

Meats and Fish. Beef joint—12 1/2 @ 13c. Chops and steaks—22 @ 25c. Salmon (strictly fresh)—20c lb. Hamlet—32c lb. Clams—10c lb.

Gasoline. Gasoline, regular, retail, 7c.

## THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

To the Editor—

The question of making a change in our present system of city government which will be on the ballot at the special election on June 28th, is one which should be carefully considered by every voter. Kindly permit me through your columns to express my views on this subject as a citizen and taxpayer who has observed the evolution of city government in La Grande from the old council and ward system with its attending ward politics and inefficiency, which are inseparable from that system, to an efficient concrete and well-managed administration of city affairs.

The city is a large and very important business institution. As such, its affairs and finances (the people's money) should be handled by men who are capable of the administration of the affairs of so large a concern, and willing to give their services for the good of the community.

If we are to require as the first qualification for the office of city commissioner, that he reside in that part of the city, to be designated by certain boundary lines as a ward, and that only one can qualify from such ward, then we cannot hope for a continuation of as good administration of city business as we now enjoy. As for myself, I care not a rap where the commissioner live within the city or whether they all live in the same block, so long as they are capable of handling our affairs—as they should be and are willing to do so. We are indeed fortunate to be able to get three men of the type we now have, to devote their time and energy to our service. It is a problem to get the right man to run for an office of this kind, and I am sure it will be much more surprising if we had to look for five instead of three. Why make the body more cumbersome and unwieldy by adding two more to the members when we have now a

## Stock Market Shows Tendency To Rally Today

NEW YORK, June 23 (AP)—Rallying tendencies in the stock market today after an earlier period in which bear traders had uncovered a number of weak spots. Aggressive buying was resumed in Baldwin, General Railway Signal, and a few other high-priced shares. Investment orders carried Adams Express and Eastman Kodak up to new high prices for the year in the early afternoon, while Chicago Pneumatic Tool advanced 4 points.

In the earlier selling wave, prospects of more intense competition in the motor trade has forced Studebaker, Moon and White Motors to new low levels for the year and caused a bad break in March Truck.

The closing was irregular. Strength of St. Paul preferred, New Haven, Southern Pacific, Ontario and Western and Chicago Great Western, which rose 1 to 2 and gains of 3 to 6 points in Eastman Kodak, Adams Express, Philip Jones and American Agricultural Chemical preferred counteracted with loss of 3 points or so in General Motors, Houston Oil, National Builders Products, Fidelity and Trust and Coca Cola. 750000 sales approximated 2,000,000 shares.

## Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., June 23 (AP)—Receipts—Cattle, 90; calves, 1; good steers steady; thin steers 1/2 to 25c lower for week. Hogs steady; receipts, 145 direct and through. Sheep and lambs steady; receipts, sheep, 410; lambs, medium to choice, \$4 lb. down, \$10.50 @ 12.00.



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### Will Gibson Is Elected Chairman

CASPER, Wyo., June 23 (AP)—WILL H. GIBSON of Boise, Ida., chairman of the Idaho Public Utilities commission and alternate chairman of the central western shippers advisory board, was elected general chairman of the opening session of the fifth annual convention of the western advisory board today. He will succeed H. G. Taylor, Twin Falls, Ida., who was selected as the next meeting place for a quarterly session to be held December 8 this year.

The executive committee in its report recommended heavier handling of freight cars in the interests of rate economic and transportation efficiency; complete unloading of all cars to make them available for immediate use when one shipment when complete; suggestion for railway assistance in registering the movement of livestock to market on a uniform basis.

The advisory board of the central western district embraces Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho and two counties in Eastern Oregon.

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