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THE MEASURE OF MERCY. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Psalm 51:1.

As soon as people get a little leisure, they start wearing clothes that require all their time.

Who remembers that strange and awful quiet prevailing on the battle line at 11 o'clock, Nov. 11, 1918? The experience should be very closely duplicated here tomorrow or the next day.

The drum corps contest yesterday afternoon was a spectacle that could not be duplicated anywhere in the United States except at another Oregon Legion convention. The precision of drill, the spirited drum work, the finished bugle tones, and the mass of brilliantly colored uniforms make an experience that will long be remembered by the people of Eastern Oregon who were fortunate enough to see it. That event, alone, should be adequate compensation for those who wished for and anticipated unusual entertainment. Every corps is to be congratulated, every individual praised for making the contest such a marked success.

If there have been sporadic spots of depression around the country this year, Wall street is not one of them. Nor Broad street, either. Prosperity has reigned in the Stock Exchange.

One hundred listed stocks gained in the market value $1,750,000,000 the first six months of the year. That is as much as the total value of the high-interest Liberty Bonds that the treasury department tried to convert into low-interest bonds—failing in the effort, because people preferred to buy stocks at high prices.

There were 10,000,000 additional shares of stock added to the capitalization of the corporations represented, during this period, and still they kept on rising. Oils lost a little, from the slump due to over-production, but rails, motors and industrials made up huge gains.

It means that the investing public, and those who give it advice, are optimistic about American business. When stocks in general rise as they have done this year, it expresses the judgment of hundreds of thousands of people that business is not merely going to continue good, but is going to grow better.

THE LAST OF THE BATTLE

Local legionnaires nick-named this year's convention "The Battle of 1927." The battle is drawing to a close. The enemy, Old Man Gloom, is already badly vanquished. By tomorrow morning G. H. Q. estimates that all objectives will have been reached, with some units passing far beyond. A twelve-months armistice will probably be signed in the vicinity of Wallowa Lake and ships are preparing for the homeward voyage tomorrow night.

It has been a good war. Like all battles it was a hot one, a noisy one, and one that was fought enthusiastically by the victorious troops in spite of a few minor and incidental casualties. The battle ran true to form in other respects—it started Thursday morning and is still under way without much let-up. That's the way the fighting was conducted by Americans in France—and the way they always conduct everything. It's a distinguishing American characteristic.

La Grande has done its best to provide a suitable battle ground and an adequate S. O. S. If there have been any points of hospitality overlooked it hasn't been intentional and, we are sure, will be forgiven by the visitors thus neglected. Legionnaires and auxiliary members have been guests and the people of this city have tried to be superlative hosts. Next time, knowing how, the community will make the most of every opportunity.

Come back again, with or without a convention. Come to spend a real vacation among the cool heights and sparkling streams of the Wallowa country. A hospitable reception will always await you as citizens of our Oregon and as members of its greatest patriotic organizations. The community is glad of the opportunity it has had to entertain the Oregon Legion and the Oregon Legion Auxiliary.

TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AND LEGION LADIES:

We are glad you came, and hope you leave La Grande with a feeling that you can return home and boost for us as a real convention city.

NORTON'S KIDDY SHOP
Better Merchandise— —Lower Prices

PRICE WAR SENDS SUGAR DOWNWARD

Twenty Cents Lower in Portland Today — Top Grade Eggs Drop 1c

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23. (AP)—A price war developing among sugar refineries has affected the market sharply downward making Portland wholesale prices for refined sugar 20c lower, effective immediately. The new local price on cane sugar in 100 pound sacks is $6.35. Dealers say market conditions should merit a price rise rather than the present price cut.

Top grade eggs are down a cent more to 25c on the local dairy exchange. Firsts and mediums are unchanged at 24 and 22 cents respectively, while current receipts, being scarce at present are up a cent today at 24 cents per dozen.

The butter trade is steady with no change in dairy exchange quotations for today.

Wild blackberries from nearby points have been selling in a small way for 25c per 10 pound pail.

Early peaches, crawfords from Ashland, are bringing from $1.25 to $1.50 per box. St. Johns and Crawfords from California have moved in yesterday and today at $1.50 to $1.75 per box.

Arrivals of green corn are mostly of poor quality and sell at 40 to 50c per dozen ears.

The berry market is well supplied with raspberries and blackberries at 10c per box for the former and 8 to 10c for the latter, on the retail market.

Dressed meats and poultry prices are unchanged and Saturday demand was light.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Today's receipts, hogs, 530 direct. Total for week (approximately): cattle 2175; calves 460; hogs 3660; sheep 4220.

Cattle—All classes excepting bulls closing at prices strong to than last week, despite larger receipts; bull trade draggy, weak; best grass steers averaging 1053 pounds, $10.00; few steers, excepting thin kinds below $9.00; yearling weighty heifers, $8.00@8.50; good heavy fat cows up to $7.50; bulk prices: slaughter steers, $8.50@9.75; butcher cows, $5.25@7.25; heifers, $6.50@8.00; low cutters and cutters, $2.50@5.25; medium bulls, $5.00@6.00; vealers, $10.00@12.50.

Hogs—Compared week ago: killing classes 75c to $1.00 higher; feeding pigs, $1.50 to $2.00 higher; closing bulk 150 to 230 lb. averages to killers, $11.75@12.25; latter price top; heavy butchers mostly $11.50 @ 11.75; smooth packing sows up to $10.00; best feeding pigs, $14.00.

Sheep—Compared week ago: lamb market closely largely 25 to 50c lower; choice kind holding up. Latter very scarce; bulk offerings late, $9.50 @ $11.00; few choice lambs up to $12.00 and better early in week; most yearlings $7.00 @ 8.00; shorn ewes, $4.00@5.25.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, July 23 (AP—U. S. Department of Agriculture).—Hogs, 3500; generally steady; top, $10.75; bulk 160 to 200 lbs., $10.40@10.65.

Cattle—400; compared with week ago: fed steers, 25 to 75c lower; fed yearlings, weak to 50c off; vealers, $1.00@1.50 lower; few fed heavy steers above $14; extreme top, $14.40; bulk, $11.50@13.25; medium weights up to $12.85; bulk grassy and short fed $10.25 downward to $8.25; bulk prices: grass cows, $6.25@7.50; grass heifers, $7.25@8.25; fed cows and butcher heifers, $8.00@9.00 and 8.50@9.50, respectively; stock steers, $7.25@8.50; mostly yearlings to $9.40.

Sheep—2000, practically none on sale today; for week, 102 doubles from feeding stations and 14,500 direct; slaughter lambs closing 25 to 50c lower; sheep steady; feeding lambs strong; top prices: fat range lambs, $14.50; fat native lambs, $13.75; fat ewes, $7.00; bulk prices: fat rangers, $13.75@14.50; natives, $13.25@13.50; culls $9.00@9.50; fat ewes, $6.00@7.00; range feeding lambs, $12.75@13.50.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
July	143⅜@143½	143½	141⅞	141⅞@142
Sept.	140⅛@140½	140⅝	138¾	138⅝@138⅞
Dec.	144 @144½	144⅝	142⅛	142½@142⅝

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, July 23 (AP)—Close: Wheat, ¾ to 1⅜d higher; July 11s, 3d; Oct. 11s, 3⅞d; Dec. 11s, 5⅞d; March 11s. May 10s, 10⅝d.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Wheat—BBB hard white, hard white bluestem, baart, federation, soft white, western white, $1.32; hard winter, northern spring, $1.24; western red, $1.26.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 37; barley, 1; flour, 11; corn, 16; oats, 5; hay, 4.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, July 23 (AP)—Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.41½@1.42¾; No. 2 hard, $1.43.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 99c; No. 2 yellow, $1.04⅝.

Oats—No. 2 white, 49@49¼c; No. 3 white, 43¾@46c.

Rye not quoted.

Barley—72@87c.

Timothy seed—$4.00@4.25.

Clover seed—$20.00@30.00.

Lard—$12.52.

Ribs—$12.25.

Bellies—$13.62.

Wheat Closes Down After Early Rally

CHICAGO, July 23 (AP)—Starting at ¼c to ⅞c higher, Chicago wheat scored a slight further advance and then reacted somewhat. Corn, oats and provisions were likewise firm, corn opening unchanged to ⅛c up and subsequently showing gains all around.

Wheat closed weak, ⅝ to 1⅛c net lower; corn ⅛ to 1⅜c down; oats ⅛ to ⅜c off, and provisions varying from 7c decline to 5c advance.

SUMMER HEAT WAVE GRIPS THIS STATE

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Higher temperatures and lowered humidity are increasing forest fire hazards, it was stated here today, as warnings were issued by forest protection organizations to week end campers. Yesterdays temperature was 92 degrees and appearances today were that the maximum today would be at least as high.

101 AT GRANTS PASS

GRANTS PASS, July 23 (AP)—Mercury was rising here today and indications are that the high point of 102 degrees reached yesterday may be passed this afternoon. Yesterday was the hottest day of the present season, the temperature being four degrees higher than any previous day.

SALEM HOT

SALEM, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Heat records for the summer were broken here Friday when the mercury reached 100 degrees in its upward scramble. Cool breezes until late in the afternoon lessened the effects of the heat to some extent. Another high record appears to be on the way with a temperature of 88 degrees at 10 a. m.

95 IN EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Eugene thermometers hit the 95 degree mark yesterday a sudden climb of more than seven degrees for a new 1927 heat record. The day was not as sultry, however, as on Thursday, when the mercury registered 88.

Today bids fair to exceed yesterday in temperature.

FRISCO FRUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23 (AP)—Federal State Market News Service)—Apples, Gravensteins, 4-tier, $2.10@2.00, according to size and grade.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23 (AP)—Butterfat f. o. b. San Francisco, 43½@45c.

Motors In Lead In Upward Move In Wall Street

NEW YORK, July 23 (AP)—After an hour of week end profit taking, following the opening, during which several recently active issues sagged sharply, renewed strength came into the stock market today, with motor issues in the lead.

Chrysler continued upward until it reached 52⅝, a new high for the year. General Motors rallied from an early sinking spell and moved up to 217¼, a new record peak.

Rail shares were dull and featureless and oils were quiet.

Public utilities were also inactive despite further reports of steadily expanding earnings.

The closing was firm. Total sales approximated 700,000 shares.

Spanish Students Attempt Conspiracy

MADRID, July 23 (AP)—"Undisciplined elements" exist among the students at the artillery academy, says a note issued by the government today. It adds that energetic action will be taken against them.

The communique outlines an attempt by pupils of the military college at Segovia to organize a conspiracy against the government. It is stated that the cadets proposed to participate in a certain fete, called "verbena," organized in the aid of the victims of the recent storms in Morocco. Attendance at the festival was to show support or opposition to the government and especially to Premier Primo Rivera.

Another official note announced that drastic steps will be taken by the authorities to quell any disorders by syndicalist workmen in Barcelona, who are threatening to go on strike.

The communique says that discipline has not yet been properly established in the artillery academy located in Segovia, and that the minister of war has taken measures to weed out the ring leaders.

In Barcelona, the communique adds, the government is faced with the objection of old trades unions to participate with other organizations in committees appointed to settle disputes between capital and labor.

"The government," it continues, "will remain unmoved, even if the unions call strikes in support of their intransigeant attitude."

Knights To Meet In Portland Soon

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Final arrangements will be completed Monday for the reception and entertainment of delegates, visiting members and their families of the supreme convention of the Knights of Columbus to be held here Aug. 2, 3 and 4 P. J. Hanley, convention chairman announced today. Ten thousand knights with their families are expected to be in attendance. Trips for delegates and supreme officers over the Columbia highway, Mount Hood loop and to the seashore are being arranged.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Portland will be host all of next week to hundreds of retail merchants from the Pacific coast states and British Columbia and Alaska who are coming here for the fifteenth annual buyers' week, sponsored by chamber of commerce.

Special entertainment features are being arranged for the visitors.

Cricket fighting is a popular sport in China. The combat takes place in a large earthen jar and is fought to the finish.

Ready to Fly

Here's the proper garb for ocean-hoppers this season. The model is Miss Mildred Doran, school teacher of Flint, Mich., who is to accompany Augie Pedlar on an attempted flight from Flint to Honolulu.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Butter steady; extra cubes, city, 40c; standards, 39c; prime firsts, 37½c; firsts, 36c. Creamery prices: prints 2c above cube standards; butterfat 40c f. o. b. Portland.

Bids to farmer: Milk steady; raw milk (4 per cent), $2.25 cwt. f. o. b. Portland. Butterfat, 40c; f. o. b. Portland.

Eggs—Three upper grades 1c lower; current receipts 1c higher. Current receipts, 24c; fresh mediums, 22c; fresh standard firsts, 24c; fresh standard extras, 25c.

Poultry steady; heavy hens, 21@23c; light, 12½@13c; springs, 18c; broilers, 18@19c; pekin white ducks, 18c; colored, nominal; turkeys, alive, nominal.

Onions, steady; local, $2.25@3.00. Potatoes, steady, $3.00@3.50 sack.

By the time you read this ad the American Legion Convention will be pretty well to an end. And what little money you have left, I want and want it quick. We took it upon ourselves to let a little building material out on credit and the collections came in mighty slow. Your Uncle Claud became cramped somewhat. I would like for anybody that owes me, when they read this ad to please do the very best you can for us. A big man on a little capital is a queer situation. If I turned down giving credit to people I don't want you to think we have a grudge against you. We just don't have the money to do it.

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ISLAND CITY PERSONALS

ISLAND CITY, (Special)—The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wallis and son, Wilson, returned home Wednesday evening from Wallowa lake where they attended the Epworth League institute last week.

Mrs. N. Perrine returned to her home here Thursday evening after a two weeks visit in Portland with her son, Claude Scraton.

Mrs. Ernie Hall and daughter, Mrs. B. B. Sala, returned to their home in Winchester, Ida., yesterday after visiting at Island City with friends and relatives for the past wek.

The church training class met at the home of Mrs. Jeane Blokland Wednesday. Six were present. After a short business meeting light refreshments were served.

Misses Bertha, Lydia and Callie Prouty, accompanied by George Wae, motored to Wallowa lake Sunday.

Milo Blokland and John Bowery Sunday on the Mnam river fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Abdie, of Portland, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Abdie's father, M. W. Kiddle, this week.

Miss Catherine Lindsay, of Spokane, Wash., is visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Alice Lindsay. Miss Lindsay plans to be here about two weeks.

Mrs. Ed Prouty, of La Grande, spent the day Wednesday visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Prouty.

Mr and Mrs. Long and son left Monday for Everett, Wash., where they plan to make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Long have been visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Robert Stewart, of Island City.

The regular Epworth League business meeting has been postponed this month because of the American Legion convention in La Grande this week.

A New Jersey woman, 104, spurned a party on her last birthday, preferring to work in the garden. Starting in life the right way, grandma.

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The Oregon Hardware
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KARTHER'S
LAVENDER
Sommer Hotel Bldg.

—NEA, Los Angeles Bureau

THIS IS A SAMPLE OF WHAT SLOWS UP A SHIP. American sailors are shown inspecting the barnacles on the propeller of a destroyer at San Diego, Calif.

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