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THE ONLY LIVING AND TRUE LORD: For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord? Psalm 89:6.

ATTACKING THE TAX PROBLEM AGAIN

The special commission for the investigation of the tax situation and the formation of a suitable plan for improvement in our tax methods has been organized. It is made up of representative citizens, men who are competent for the job and who are interested in building a better tax structure.

Just how that is to be done and whether the commission's recommendations will be in the direction of economy, of re-distribution, or of new revenue is now the important question. Whatever it does, the people or the legislature will be called upon to approve or reject—which constitutes a serious threat at the very beginning.

Economy—which, in its true sense, is wise spending—is an admirable object. Seeking to find ways to spend less money may not be. More equitable adjustment of the tax burden among all the people of the state is certainly worth working for.

Too frequently, when such a body is assembled, the chief purpose becomes one of expense cutting when a close analysis of the situation shows that the public thus represented is not so deeply concerned with saving taxes insofar as state activities are concerned as it is in finding a less painful means of tax extraction.

That is the Observer's opinion in spite of the fact that scores of other newspapers over Oregon argue editorially for reduction of state expenditures and economy in state government. The opinion is encouraged by the fact that state expenses, controlled by state officials and legislators, amount to only seven cents out of each average tax dollar and the additional fact that these newspapers who urge more moderate spending of state funds are painfully silent with reference to the spending of the remaining ninety-three cents—particularly silent with reference to the remaining eighty-five cents that goes each year for county, municipal, and school expenditures.

If the state budget for one year is greater than for the preceding year, if appropriations of one legislature go beyond that of another and tax paying is a particularly serious ordeal at the same time, the state echoes and re-echoes with cries for relief. But when school budgets show an increase, when municipal budgets are given a boost, and when county budgets take complete advantages of the chance to raise six per cent more revenue—when these three increases take place, as they generally do, very little is heard of it. In Portland increasing thousands can be spent for schools, for city improvements and government, for county affairs, and get half as much protest space as the same increase in dollars in state affairs. The same situation can be found in practically every community.

The reason lies in the fact that local things are easy to see, local expenditures are more readily appreciated. Most Oregon communities are growing, needs are multiplying. The requirement for enlarged teaching staffs, for county road extension, for better water supply or increased fire protection is more obvious to the citizen directly concerned. But when considering state taxes he fails to realize that community growth means state growth, that enlarged community needs produces increased state needs, even though he recognizes them abstractly and approves them directly at the polls.

A commission seeking to economize and simplify our tax problem by urging the expenditure of less money for state purposes is doomed to ultimate failure. The present special commission will not approach the job in that manner, we feel sure. Rather will it spend its time determining means of greater tax and governmental efficiency, seeking ways of fair distribution of levies, finding and recommending the wise directions in which our public funds can be placed in the interest of a greater and a more rapidly developing commonwealth.

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EXTRA GRADE EGG PRICE HIGH TODAY

Demand Strong on Portland Market with Supplies Running Short

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18 (AP)—Extra grade wholesale eggs are selling the highest of the season today on an advance of 1c to 1 1/2c per dozen on the exchange listing. Other wholesale grades are unchanged in price. Demand for high grading eggs is strong in the local market with supplies running short. The butter market continues steady at last week's closing wholesale prices for cubes.

Trading in country dressed hogs and veal is quiet, but supplies were very light and reserve holdings low. Some sales of top veal and hogs were made at 15 and 13c, respectively. There was talk of expecting 17c or more for veal during the day. Lambs were steady at 21 to 22c.

One carload of the first new crop fancy netted gem potatoes brought in yesterday were finding good demand this morning at \$2.25 per sack, U. S. No. 1, 97 per cent grade. Yakima potatoes continue plentiful on the market, wholesaling from around \$1.75 to \$2 for U. S. No. 1 Gem and \$1.50 to \$1.65 for combination grades. No locals have come in.

While apples are moving in increasingly large amounts, little fancy pack stuff is seen, the bulk of apple receipts consisting of cookers or combination face and fill packs of mixed fancy and choice grades. Both classes are moving fairly well, the cookers quoted generally around \$1.50 down in the various seasonal varieties and the more attractive and carefully graded face and fill boxes selling 10 to 15c higher.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Butter, creamery—55¢ @ \$1.05.
Eggs—45¢ doz.
Cheese—35¢ @ 40¢ a pound
Honey, comb—25¢ lb.

Vegetables

New potatoes—1 1/2¢ lb.
Tomatoes—2 lbs. 25¢; 95c lug.
Parsley—10¢ bunch.
Cabbage—3¢ lb.
Wax onions—5 lbs. 25¢.
Lettuce—2 heads 25¢.
Celery—15¢ bunch.
Pumpkin—4¢ lb.
Squash—4¢ lb.
Cucumbers—2 for 5¢.
Bunch carrots—5¢.
Bunch beets—2 for 15¢.
Turnips—5¢ lb.
Green onions—3 for 10¢.
Yellow onions—6 lbs. 25¢.
Green peppers—15¢ lb.
Red peppers—20¢ lb.
Paranips—5¢ lb.
Egg plant—12¢ lb.
Brussel sprouts—30¢ lb.
Daintish squash—10¢ each.
Rutabagas—5¢ lb.
Spinach—10¢ lb.

Fruits

Apples—\$1.75 bushel.
Belgian apples—\$1.75 box.
Pomegranates—10¢ lb.
Bananas—12¢ lb.
Lemons—20¢ doz.
Oranges—20¢ doz.
Grapes—20¢ lb.
Concord grapes—40¢ bushel.
Pears—Fall butter—2.65 box.
Cranberries—25¢ lb.
Huckleberries—25¢ lb.
Quince—2 lbs. 25¢.

Sugar

Can sugar—\$7.25.

Flour

Soft wheat—\$3.20 bbl.
Hard federation—\$3.20 bbl.

Poultry

Spring fries—28¢ lb.
Hens—25¢ 25c lb.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18 (AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter steady.

Extra cubes, city, 46¢; standards, 44¢; creamery, 42¢; firsts, 40¢; creamery, 38¢; butters, 36¢ above cube standards; butterfat 45¢; b. Portland.

Bids to the farmer: Milk steady.

Raw milk (4 per cent), \$2.25 cwt.

C. o. b. Portland; butterfat 45¢ c. o. b. Portland.

Eggs—Extras up 1c. Underlined 20c; fresh mediums, 27c; fresh standard firsts, 42c; fresh standard extras, 48c.

Poultry steady. Heavy hens, 22¢; light, 14 1/2¢; 12c; springs, 20¢; 24¢; broilers, 22¢; cockin white ducks, 22c; colored, nominal; turkeys, alive, 42¢ @ 45¢.

Ontons steady; local 75¢ @ 80¢.

Potatoes steady; \$1.25 @ 1.65 per sack.

Hay steady. Buying prices: Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20 @ 21; do valley, \$16.50 @ 17; cheat, \$14.50 @ 15; alfalfa, \$17; oat hay, \$14 @ 15.50; straw, \$7.50 per ton; setting prices \$2 a ton more.

FISICO POULTRY

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18 (AP)—U. S. Bureau Agricultural Economics: Broilers: Leghorn, 1 to 1 1/2 lbs., 25¢ @ 30¢.

Heavy Leghorn 2 lbs., 21¢ @ 22¢; 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 lbs., 20¢ @ 21¢.

Young roosters and pullets: Colored 2 1/2 to 4 lbs., 28¢ @ 29¢.

Leghorn hens: 2 1/2 to 3 lbs., 13¢ @ 14¢; 3 1/2 lbs., 21¢ @ 22¢.

Large colored cocks: Ramon, 29¢ @ 30¢.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18 (AP)—Cattle: Local steady; receipts 25¢.

Steers—(500 to 1100 lbs.), good, \$8.85 @ 9.35; do (1100 to 1200 lbs.), good, \$8.50 @ 9.25.

Hogs steady with Monday decline; receipts 20¢. Feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 120 lbs.), medium to choice, \$19.50 @ 21.25.

Sheep nominally steady; receipts 21¢, on contract.

NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 (AP)—Fruit firm; Californians 50¢; Apples (firm) standard, 14 1/2¢ @ 15¢; choice 16 1/2¢ @ 18¢; extra choice 17 1/2¢ @ 19 1/2¢. Other dried fruits firm and unchanged.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat	129 1/2 @ 129 3/4	129 3/4	127 1/2	127 1/2 @ 127 3/4
Dec.	132 1/2 @ 133	133	130 1/2	130 1/2 @ 130 3/4
March	135 1/2 @ 135 3/4	135 3/4	132 1/2	132 1/2 @ 132 3/4
May				

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 18 (AP)—Close wheat 1/4 to 1/2 lower. Oct. 196, 3 1/2d; Dec. 108, 5 1/4d; March 108, 5 1/4d; May 108, 3 1/2d.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18 (AP)—Wheat—BBB hard white, \$1.25; hard white bluestem, hard, \$1.24; federation, soft white, western white, hard winter, \$1.23; northern spring, western red, \$1.22. Today's car receipts—Wheat, 100; barley, 6; flour, 8; corn, 1; hay, 7.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Oct. 18 (AP)—Wheat—No. 2 hard, \$1.22 1/2; No. 3 hard, \$1.25. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 85 1/2¢; No. 2 yellow, 86 1/2¢ @ 87 1/2¢. Oats—No. 2 white, 48 1/2¢ @ 49 1/2¢; No. 3, 48 1/2¢ @ 49¢. Rye not quoted. Barley—75¢ @ 85¢. Timothy—\$2.95 @ 3.70. Clover—\$19 @ 27. Lard—\$12.55. Ribs—\$12.37. Bellies—\$13.75.

STOCK PRICES ON UPWARD TREND ON STREET TODAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 (AP)—Stock prices resumed their upward movement today after an early period of heaviness. Early losses of 1 to 3 points were substantially reduced or wiped out and in many cases replaced with moderate gains. Bullish enthusiasm was engendered by President Coolidge's report of business improvement and by Senator Smoot's prediction of a sizeable tax cut by the next congress.

U. S. Steel common, which had sold down to 14 1/2, before mildly sold around 14 1/2 by early afternoon. General Motors rallied from a low of 124 1/2 to 125 1/2. Midland Steel Products, preferred, Philadelphia company, Brooklyn Union Gas and Underwood Typewriter sold 3 to 4 points above last night's closing quotations. Radio Corporation, People's Gas, Dupont, U. S. Rubber and Collins and Alkman advanced 2 points or more.

The closing was strong. Montana Power and Philadelphia company hit new peaks at 169 1/2 and 115, respectively, and Radio crossed 71 for the first time this year. Case Threshing Machine improved 7 1/2 and Brooklyn Union Gas and U. S. Cast Iron Pipe 5 each. Total sales approximated 2,000,000 shares.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Oct. 18 (AP)—U. S. Department of Agriculture—Hogs—26,000; early market mostly 10 to 15c lower; majority good and choice hogs (150 lbs. up) sold early; later trading 15 to 25c lower than Monday's average; top \$11.75; bulk good and choice (160 to 200 lbs.), \$11 @ 11.50.

Cattle—10,000; fat steers strong; spots higher; she stock steady to strong; bidding lower on vealers; better grades \$9 @ 10.25; best fed steers early, \$16.50; some held around \$17; yearlings \$16; talking \$14 on vealers.

Sheep receipts 21,000; fat lambs very slow, 15 to 25c lower; few early sales and most bids on native lambs \$13 @ 13.25; asking around \$12.45 for best; good to choice range lambs, eligible, \$13.50 @ 15.75; choice western held above \$14; few 100 to 125 lb. buck lambs \$11 @ 11.50; ewes \$10 @ 10.50; sheep steady; fat ewes \$5.50 @ 6.25; feeding lambs fairly active, steady; early sales \$13.50 @ 14.

BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18 (AP)—Butterfat f. o. b. San Francisco, 52 1/2¢.

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Spectacular pageantry in the magnificent court of Emperor Napoleon, gorgeous costumes, exquisite settings, love, intrigue, drama, romance—All these elements are combined in "The Fighting Eagle," with flashes of comedy that make this one of the finest screen productions of the current season.

COLONIAL

The Family Entertainment

Wheat Is Heavy As Market Closes

CHICAGO, Oct. 18 (AP)—Opening unchanged to 1/2c off, wheat subsequently underwent a general sag. Corn started at 1/2c decline to 1/2c advance, and later receded all around. Oats were easy. Provisions held firm.

Wheat closed heavy, 2 1/2 to 2 1/2c net lower; corn 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c down; oats 1/2 @ 1/2c to 1/2c off and provisions varying from 10c decline to a rise of 12c.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their loving kindness extended to us during our recent bereavement. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Huntley,
Mrs. A. Paulson
Mrs. B. Murray
10-18-17

RUMMAGE SALE

Will be given by the Episcopal Guild at Home Hall, Saturday, Oct. 22, at 9 a. m. 10-18-17

Wm. Penn—5 cents—A Good Cigar

Have you heard Dr. Copeland lately? If not, you are missing something big. 10-18-17

ROYAL ARCH MASONS' ATTENTION

There will be work in the M. M. degree at the regular convocation the evening of the 18th. Sojourning companions welcome. By order of Highest Priest, L. H. RUSSELL, Sec. 10-17-27

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