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OUR ENTREATY—Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. Psalm 86:6.

We still have an army, in spite of what the critics say. There are 40,000 horses in it.

Europe just now seems to need a policeman to jump in and swing a big stick, but the job doesn't appeal to Uncle Sam.

Clever Canadian boosters are now fighting Florida propaganda with the argument: "Don't go south and soften yourselves—come north and harden yourselves."

The surest thing about that dynamic crisis in Rumania is that it's of very little importance to the United States, and wouldn't be of any interest here at all if it hadn't been for the travel adventures of Queen Marie and the marital adventures of Prince Carol.

The present fall weather hasn't been of the variety to make mud roads popular in this valley. We have fine highways between towns, many market roads that are good throughout the winter. But there are other roads that can well be classed as market roads which should be macadamized. It costs the county more to be without them than to have them. And next spring a number of road projects should be presented to the voters—not as one all-inclusive program, but as separate units to be decided by voters on specific merits. Farmers who would be thus benefited directly deserve and would have the support of town residents who would benefit indirectly. More market roads constitute one of the chief requisites for future agricultural development.

CHEERFUL OUTLOOK

There has been pessimism in trade and industry lately, but the Stock Exchange has not been pessimistic. Quite the contrary. Stocks have been bid up, slowly and surely, until they have reached heights suggestive of an expected boom or long period of prosperity.

The latter is probably what has been in the minds of investors and speculators who think clearly about the matter. They have good authority for their optimism. There is a new philosophy of business now developing, which believes that the country need not be at the mercy of spasmodic or periodic booms and slumps, but is learning how to keep itself out of economic trouble and is likely to do so from now on.

This philosophy was expressed recently by Abraham Myers of the Federal Trade Commission. He declared that business stability, at a prosperous level, would be attained by "stabilization of the money market through wise banking regulation, the gradual stabilization of production through the dissemination of statistics and other lawful activities of the trade organizations, the simplification and standardization of production and products, and the introduction of new wealth-producing activities faster than the old ones are depleted or reach the saturation point."

It all sounds possible, and much progress in that direction has been made in the last few years. Mr. Myers' most interesting suggestion—because it is the newest—is the one which foresees business brains desiring new ways to create wealth as old ways are exhausted.

This has happened often enough in the past; why should it not happen hereafter? The world is full of untouched raw materials awaiting development by modern industrial science, and also full of long-used materials awaiting new combination and uses.

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ABE MARTIN



Two-year terms for governors makes presidential timber of them entirely too soon. A late census shows that there's only 60,301 blacksmiths left, that is, blacksmiths who admit it.

DISARM MEETING ADJOURNS TODAY

Conference Will Convene Again in Geneva—Date Set for March 15, 1928

GENEVA, Dec. 3. (AP)—The preparatory disarmament conference which opened Nov. 30 adjourned today after Soviet Russia had suffered a defeat in the selection of the date for the next meeting.

Russia wanted the commission to meet again on Jan. 10, but the commission put the date off until March 15.

Russia, however, will not bolt the disarmament discussion despite the fact that the date of the next meeting was not fixed in accordance with the Russian desire.

"Certainly we shall return to Geneva for the next disarmament meeting on March 15," Maxim Litvinoff, the Russian delegate said in response to a question about the soviet attitude. "We have said we shall always attend meetings which promise to bring about disarmament. We are for disarmament first, last and forever."

Russia had battled to have the disarmament commission meet again on Jan. 10 on the ground that the sooner the conference meets the better. Count Von Bernstorff, the German delegate, supported this position but with less insistence and made it clear, in consenting to March 15, which eventually was selected, that it was with the understanding that every effort would be made to complete the preliminary disarmament work and convene the first international conference on disarmament in 1928.

Germany, Count von Bernstorff said, agreed to the March date all the more willingly because M. Paul-Boncour, the French delegate, thought that a 1928 conference was practicable and because the standing committee of the commission had supported this view.

In declaring adjournment, President London warned that disarmament must be built on dreams, but realities.

Protests against declarations made by the Russian delegation concerning the state of armaments throughout the world were filed by several delegations.

SMITH MAKES CLEAR STAND ON DRY LAWS

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and their work in the next five years."

Cites Numerous Arrests
The reference presumably was to an Anti-Saloon league fund. "The Volstead law is already written into state law," the governor said in referring to the arrests of some people that because New York state repealed its law to enforce the Volstead act, there is no enforcement. He cited arrests of liquor violators by the police of New York city and other cities as proof of his statement and said: "The only difference is that without a state enforcement law, trials of the violators must be held in the federal court."

Arguing that enforcement is a local question he said: "Unless there is a policeman on the corner to pick up the violators the law is not worth the paper they are written on."

Favors Federal Action
The governor maintained that the most punishment would come from federal courts. When the state enforcement act was on the books, he said, out of 1,120 arrests 317 cases were discharged. Of 2,882 arrests made when there was no state enforcement act only 84 cases were discharged.

The immediate occasion of the governor's remarks was a resolution prepared by the Nashua county chapter of the league, intended for introduction at today's session of the annual convention in which unqualified enforcement of all laws was urged. Its contents were a secret until the governor unexpectedly quoted it at the convention dinner of the league, at which he was the guest of honor. How it reached his hands remained a mystery.

The secrecy with which the governor selected upon the opportunity to refer to prohibition was generally viewed in political circles here as a definite bid for the support of the women of New York state if he should be nominated by the democratic national convention next year. In his address he re-

POULTRY SUPPLY UNUSUALLY LIGHT

Prices, However, Holding Steady—Stiffer Quotations Expected Soon

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3. (AP)—Receipts of poultry on the local wholesale market are unusually light for this time of the year and prices are holding steady. As the holiday season draws nearer it is developed that quotations will stiffen somewhat as a stippling demand is beginning to develop.

Turkeys, mostly holdover stock since Thanksgiving, are firm around 40c. Live hens are bringing all the way from 12c for light weights to 21c for heavy hens. Capons are scarce and the offerings are moving between 35 and 38c.

Country dressed meats are steady. The undertone of the market is a little stronger but prices are as yet unaffected. Hogs are moving easily at from 12½ to 13c for best light stock, while veal is firm between 15 and 17c. A few fancy veals sold today at 18c.

Butter and egg prices are firm on the dairy exchange here today but a weak tendency prevails in the egg division.

Egg prices as quoted by the dairy exchange are: Extras 38c; firsts 34c; mediums 33c; current receipts 32c and undersized 30c. Portland receipts yesterday were: Butter 8,556 pounds; eggs 2118 cases.

Quotations on the fruit and vegetable markets are steady. Best hothouse tomatoes from Eugene, however, are in excellent demand and are bringing around \$4 per 20 pound crate.

BANK CLEARINGS
NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (AP)—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows a deficit in reserve of \$5,435,409. This is an increase in reserve of \$33,973,580 compared with the week before when a deficit in reserve of \$39,408,980 was reported.

NEW YORK FRUIT
NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (AP)—Dried fruits steady.

BUTTERFAT
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3. (AP)—Butterfat f.o.b. San Francisco, 54c.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS
Dairy.
Butter, creamery—55¢ @ 58¢.
Eggs—45¢ @ 50¢ doz.

Cheese—35¢ @ 40¢ a pound
Honey, comb—25¢ lb.

Vegetables.
New potatoes—1½¢ lb; 1.65¢ per hundred.

Hothouse tomatoes—50¢ lb.
Parsnips—10¢ bunch.

Cabbage—3¢ lb.
Wax onions—5¢ lb. 25c.

Lettuce—2 heads 25c.
Celery—15¢ bunch; hearts, 20c.

Pumpkin—4¢ lb.
Squash—4¢ lb.

Cucumbers (hothouse)—2 for 25c.

Bunch carrots—5c.
Bunch beets—2 for 15c.

Turnips—5¢ lb.
Yellow onions—6¢ lb. 25c.

Green onions—6¢ bunch.
Parsnips—5¢ lb.

Brussels sprouts—20c lb.
Danish squash—10¢ each.

Rutabagas—5¢ lb.
Spinach—10¢ lb.

Fruits.
Apples—1.65¢ bushel.
Delicious apples—1.75¢ @ 2.00¢ per box.

Pomegranates—10¢ lb.
Bananas—15¢ lb.

Lemons—40¢ doz.
Oranges—60¢ @ 80¢ doz.

Florida grapefruit—Med. size, 2 for 25c; large, 2 for 35c.

Florida grapefruit—20¢ each.
Pears—Ball butter—2.65¢ box.

Cranberries—20¢ lb.
Cane sugar—7.25¢.

Flour.
Soft wheat—\$3.40 bbl.
Hard federation—\$3.40 bbl.

Poultry.
Spring frites—25.30¢ lb.
Hens—25¢ @ 28¢ lb.

Meats and Fish.
Beef—12½¢ @ 14¢ lb.
Chops and steaks—25¢ @ 28¢ lb.

Salmon (strictly fresh)—35¢ lb.
Halibut—35¢ lb.

Gasoline.
Gasoline, regular, rebals, 7.5¢.

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LA GRANDE FOLKS

BY ED

WHO IS IT—SANTA CLAUS?

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HE SAYS TO MEET HIM AT GLASS DRUGS—LET'S HURRY!

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

When	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	129 1/4 @ 129 1/2	130 1/4	129 1/4	129 1/2 @ 130 1/4
March	133 1/4 @ 133 1/2	133 1/4	133 1/4	133 1/2 @ 133 3/4
May	135 @ 135 1/2	135 1/4	134 1/4	135 1/2 @ 135 3/4

LIVERPOOL WHEAT
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 3. (AP)—Close wheat unchanged. Dec. 10s, 45d; March 10s, 45d; May 10s, 35d.

PORTLAND WHEAT
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3. (AP)—Wheat—BBW hard white, \$1.32 1/2; hard white bluestem heart, \$1.30 1/2; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.27 1/2; northern spring, \$1.26 1/2; hard winter, \$1.25 1/2; western red \$1.23 1/2.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 105; flour 2; corn, 2; oats, 5; hay 1.

CHICAGO CASH
CHICAGO, Dec. 3. (AP)—Wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1.33 1/2 @ 1.34 1/2; No. 2 hard, \$1.32 1/2 @ 1.33 1/2. Corn (old)—No. 4 mixed, 90c; No. 2 yellow, 94¢ @ 94 1/2c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 55¢ @ 57 1/2c; No. 3 white, 53¢ @ 55 1/2c. Rye note quoted. Barley not quoted. Timothy seed—\$3.10 @ 3.75. Clover seed—\$2.25 @ 2.9.

Lard—\$11.82. Hides—\$11.2. Bellies—\$11.2.

Wheat Unsettled and Higher Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 3. (AP)—Opening at 1/4c off to 1/2c up, wheat later scored moderate further gains. Corn started unchanged for 3/4c higher, and subsequently rose all around. Oats were firm, provisions held about steady.

Wheat closed unsettled, 1/4 to 3/4c higher; corn 3/4 to 1/2c up; oats at 3/4 to 1/2c advance and provisions varying from 12c decline to a rise of 17c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3. (AP)—Today's receipts: Hogs 295 (100 direct). Totals for week (approximate): Cattle 2975; calves 372; hogs 5280; sheep 1020.

Cattle—Compared with week ago: Good beef steers steady to 20c higher; other classes quoted steady with extreme weakness on low medium and common stock.

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THREE BILLS TO BE VOTED IN CONGRESS
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gladly make every effort to secure consideration and final vote on them when they are reported from the committees to which they are referred.

No Delays Planned
Senator Curtis told the independent conference that they should have no apprehension that the measures would be pigeonholed in the committees since the chairmen of the committees which are to handle them, are senators prominently identified with the independent movement.

Independent Conference
Immediately upon receiving Senator Curtis' assurances in the form of a letter, the independents went to conference. Those attending were Senators Frazier and Nye, of North Dakota; La Follette and Blaine, of Wisconsin, republicans; and Shipstead, farmer-labor, Michigan.

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