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GOD RESPONDS—For Thou Lord, are good, and ready to forgive; and plentiful in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Psalm 50:5.

Most people prefer the snow to rain, anyway—and it's getting near Christmas!

If you are puzzled about what to send some friends back east, try broadcasting the horticultural wealth and fame of Oregon and the Grande Ronde Valley with a box of fancy apples.

Farmers who anticipated relief from congressional legislation are relegated to two main classes: Those who have worked out their own salvation and those who passed beyond help. The future promises about the same—no more and no less.

If it was fitting and proper to unseat Newberry, it is hard to understand how Smith and Vane can escape similar punishment. At that time, however, the republican majority was formidable; now it is extremely doubtful. Unfortunately this sometimes has a bad effect on a senator's conception of moral issues.

The new street lighting unit on Fourth, Jefferson and upper Adams will add much in appearance to the business district when completed. Best of all, it will help give a better impression of the city to those passing through or arriving by railroad. The only thing needed for that portion of town now is—yes, of course—a respectable station.

This is the season of the year when fond fathers visit toy departments to—secretly give way to the small-boy joy in mechanical autos, electric trains, fire engines, etc. Unfortunately for the youth for whom the toys are intended, the enthusiasm of beaming dads will not wane until Christmas Day is half over. Lucky is the boy who can get his now toys out of his father's hands for the first few hours of the holiday. Which explains why mechanical toys are so popular with the adult males.

### WEATHER DANGER SIGNALS

Edward Asberg, air mail flier who lost his life near Kendallville, Ind., last week, would probably have been saved if he had had as complete weather reports covering his entire route as are soon to be inaugurated for air mail service. He left Chicago with weather reports only from that city and from Cleveland, knowing that there was good weather in both places, but not knowing that there was a bad electrical storm in between. He ran into that and crashed.

With weather report stations close together along the route and with other stations paralleling them but probably 100 miles from the line, a flier can be warned to land before he gets mixed up with a fog. Or he may be told that he can safely go over or around a storm that looms ahead. It is customary to laugh a good deal at official weather bureau forecasters and to assume that they deal in mere guesses which are more often wrong than right. Reporting promptly actual conditions in various localities will be something quite different. It won't say a storm is probable, but will announce that one is raging close at hand and must be avoided somehow.

This sort of thing will not only save the lives of air mail pilots, but will work out to the advantage of commercial aviation by inspiring prospective air travelers with greater confidence in such transportation. As soon as that confidence is well founded there will be no doubt about the success of passenger lines between major points throughout the United States.

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If the time ever does come when the office seeks the man it'll have its hands full trying to locate Mayor Jimmy Walker, Harold Siew Nugent got his knees rattled with buckshot today, trying to escape in woman's clothes.

## SUB-ZERO WAVE IN MIDDLEWEST; 3 DEATHS OCCUR

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Heavy rains in Vermont and New Hampshire caused the flooding of several homes and highways. Citrus growers in California were standing by with saundge pots to save their crops.

**PORTLAND MINIMUM 42**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8 (AP)—Menaced by a wintry spell the past two days, Portland and vicinity escaped zero weather and snow as a result of a brisk southeast wind last night. Today there was decided moderation in temperature. The minimum last night was 42.

**MIDDLEWEST FRIGID**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Winter came in earnest to the Middlewest today, pushed southward by a 50-mile-an-hour gale accompanied by heavy snowfall and biting below-zero temperatures.

White Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin bore the brunt of the blizzard and low mercury which has prevailed in the Northwest and Canada since Monday. Illinois was wind and snow swept as its thermometers dropped slowly downward. The cold was felt from Colorado to the Ohio valley and south to the Gulf of Mexico.

**20 Below Zero**  
Temperatures of 20 below zero were not uncommon in Minnesota, while train service was jumbled and traffic was almost at a standstill in many parts. St. Paul and Sioux Falls, S. D. were among larger cities forced to close their schools.

The storm wrought havoc among Great Lakes shipping boats in the congested Detroit river channel, and seriously affected ferry service to Windsor. A tug boat's crew of five was safely landed by fireboat rescuers after it had been lashed about helplessly and driven upstream in the face of the gale. Three occupants of the rescue boat narrowly escaped drowning, when they capsized in the way to aid the crew of a launch which had been driven on the rocks near St. Clair.

**Coldest on Record**  
Snow drifts were piled high in many Iowa cities. Sioux City reported 11 below, the coldest Dec. 7 on record. As far north as Des Moines the mercury was below zero. Waterloo, which had five below, was forced to abandon its street cars for buses and schools were dismissed early.

At Sioux City the schools were

## Murder Case On Trial Today In Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 8 (AP)—With an imposing array of evidence piled up against Michael Murphy, farmer, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Love Chandler on the night of Nov. 2, the defense this morning and last night attempted to batter down the state case.

Ted Murphy, Michael's brother, started the court by declaring that Dick Pickett, the man who was with Chandler the night of the killing was carrying a gun. "I bolted to Dick and Mike talked," Ted testified. Suddenly he said, two shots rang out, and Love Chandler fell to the ground dead.

He quoted Mike as saying: "I'm sorry I did it, but he would have got me."

W. M. Halonsek testified that the reputations of Chandler, and his companions on the fatal night, Ernest Wensell and Bill Thomson, were bad.

Deputy Sheriff Louis Mueller charged that both Thomson and Wensell had led to him regarding the crime.

Harry Brour told of threats made against Murphy by Chandler. With the testimony of George Spencer yesterday afternoon the state rested.

Spencer told of Murphy arising in the dead of night and striding back and forth talking to himself: "I'll get Chandler one of these days; I'll get him."

Then, Spencer testified, Murphy would return to bed and burst out laughing.

### PLANE LANDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Spirit of California, trimotored monoplane, piloted by Captain Charles Kingford-Smith and Lieut. George H. Pond, U. S. N., landed at Mills field at 11:28 a. m. today after abandoning a third attempt to break the world's endurance flight record. A broken gas line was assigned as the reason for giving up the attempt.

Chicago was experiencing rain and autumn weather of 51 degrees at 2 p. m., but five hours later the mercury had dropped to degrees.

Streets made perilous by rain caused accidents in which three persons were killed and several severely injured. The suburbs of Evanston and Glenview this gale reported trees shattered windows and interrupted lighting service.

### THREE DEATHS

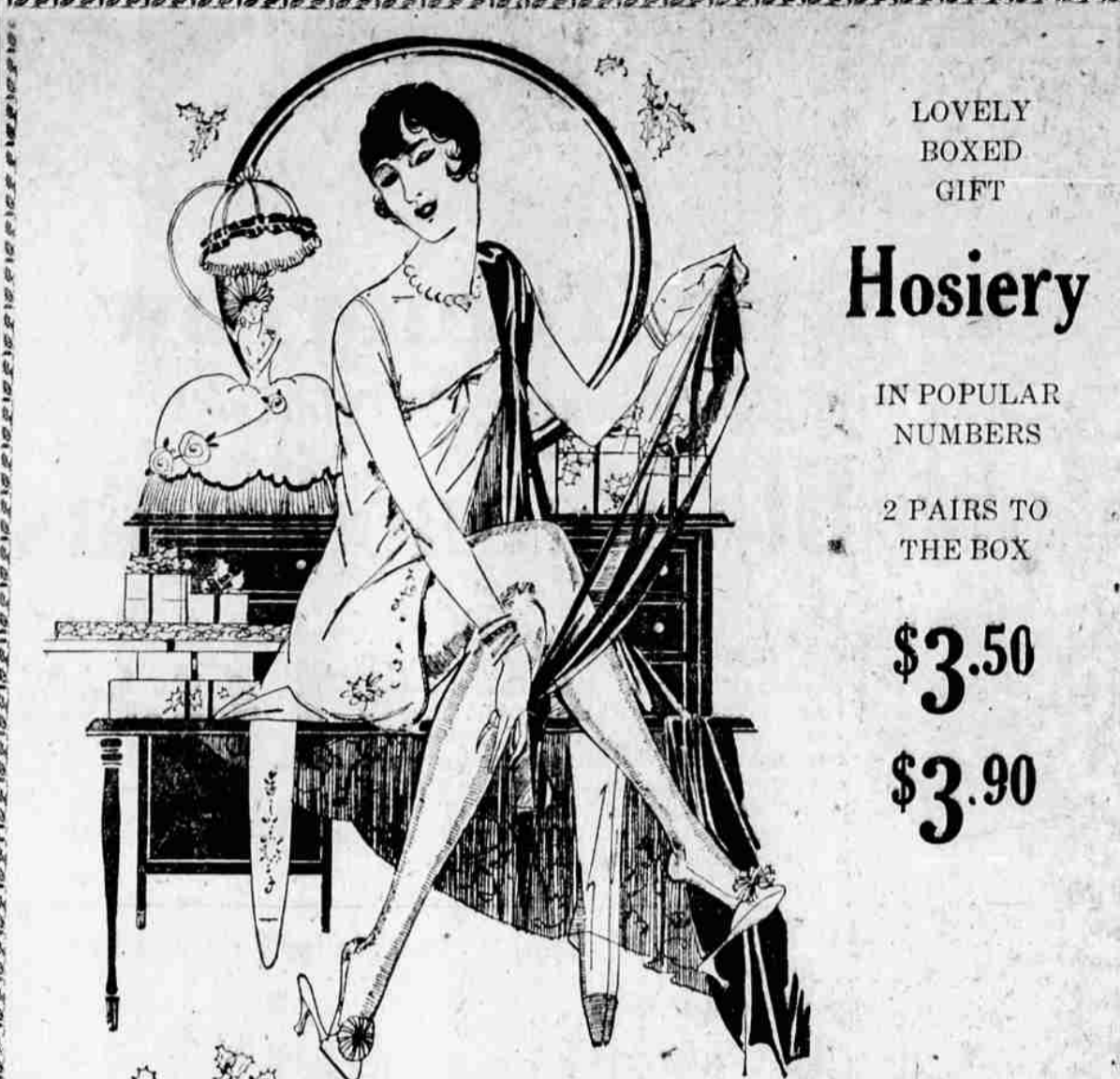
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8 (AP)—Freezing temperatures in the Southwest and West were accompanied by a series of fires, resulting in three deaths, injury to several persons and losses of more than a half million dollars. Fire of undetermined origin which raged throughout the night at the Armour and company packing plant in Kansas City, Kan., destroyed four buildings, causing a loss estimated at more than \$1,000,000. Two firemen were slightly injured.

An aged farmer, his wife and son burned to death near Okmulgee, Okla., yesterday and last night three buildings were destroyed in a blaze that threatened Now Rockton, Texas. The loss was estimated at upwards of \$50,000.

### DEATHS IN MONTANA

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 8 (AP)—The blizzard that struck the Rocky Mountain section yesterday was reported dying out last night with sub-zero temperatures still holding on in several sections.

Montana's blizzard toll today still stood at two dead. Charles D. Smith, sheep herder living 20 miles north of Gallatin, Teton county, Montana and Theodore Hirschberg, 5, Elymin, Mont., froze to death. The Hirschberg boy was found dead one hundred yards from his home. Small flocks of sheep were sheltered, many of which perished.



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### KLAMATH WARMER

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 8 (AP)—Following several days of cold weather which last night dropped to 15 degrees above zero, the thermometer started climbing this forenoon and snow started falling at noon. In a short time the Klamath basin was covered with a thin white blanket of snow.

Dean Inge says England would be better off if the country were more sparsely settled. Certainly, Dean, look at us—why, we're not settled at all!

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