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OUR REVELATION—Sing unto the Lord, bless His Name; shew forth His salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:2.

ABE MARTIN



Women kin certainly get a lot done when they set their minds to it. A young Perry, O., wife beat her husband's death with a table leg, drove to Cleveland, found a parkin' place, attended a bridge party, got a sticker, remained over night with friends, and dome for Christmas shoppin', all in something less'n ten hours. It must have been hard to be put out of house and home before we all had closed cases.

Wave of Selling In Street Halts Bulls For Awhile

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—British operations in today's stock market were temporarily interrupted by a wave of selling which followed the omission of the pan-American dividends, but speculative confidence was quickly restored and the market headed upward again in the early afternoon. More than a score issues were elevated to new high levels for the year or longer, some of the gains running as high as 9 points.

One block of 18,000 shares of General Motors changed hands at 125, against a closing quotation of 123 1/2 yesterday. A better undertone was apparent for most of the other motor shares. Gabriel Snubber sank to another new low at 22.

A. M. Byers and Fox Film A, each of which ran up over 5 points, featured the specialty group. Among the many issues to reach new peak prices were American Can, Yamadium Steel, Electric Power, Brunswick, Terminal, Seagrave and Brown Shoe. On the other hand, Warner Pictures A and Amalgamated Leather preferred sank to new lows.

Corn Is Unsettled In Chicago Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (AP)—Opening at 2 1/4 to 2 3/4 off, corn showed only moderate power to rally. Wheat and oats were also weak, wheat starting 1/2 to 1 1/2 down, but later recovering somewhat. Provisions tended to advance.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Dec. 20 (AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter steady. Portland dairy exchange net wholesale prices: Cakes, extras 47 1/2; standards 45; prime flats 44 1/2; flats 45. Creamery prices: Prints 3c over cake standards.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (AP)—Department of Agriculture—Hogs—40,000, generally steady with Monday's best prices for 14 1/2; bulk good and choice 21 to 23 in 100 lbs. average \$14.50 to \$15.25.

Poultry Market In Portland Is Little Changed

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Conditions on the local wholesale poultry markets are little changed today with the undertone in all divisions weak. Turkey receipts late yesterday and early today were heavy with few buyers in the market, but prices held mostly around 37 and 40c for best quality birds on small trading. Geese are plentiful supply around 25 to 30c.

Dairy exchange quotations on butter and eggs are steady. Country dressed meats are likewise steady with demand slightly increased.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Cattle steady. Steers (1100 to 1300 lbs.) good, \$19.50 to \$11.65; do medium \$9.50 to \$10.90; do light \$11.45; do medium (500 lbs. up), \$9.75 to \$11; do fall weights, common, \$8.75 to \$9.75; heifers, good (850 lbs. down), \$8.50 to \$9.25; do common to medium, \$6.50 to \$8.50; cows, good, \$7.00; do common to medium, \$5.50 to \$7; do low cutters to cutters, \$3.50 to \$5.50; bulls (yearlings excepted), beef, good, \$5.75 to \$6.25; do common and medium, \$4.50 to \$5.75; calves (500 lbs. down), medium to choice, \$5.75 to \$6.10; do culls to common, \$3.50 to \$4.50.

Hogs steady; receipts 165. Heavy weight (250 to 300 lbs.), medium to choice, \$8.00; medium weight (200 to 250 lbs.), medium to choice, \$8.50 to \$9.25; light weight (160 to 200 lbs.), medium to choice, \$9.25 to \$9.50; light hogs (120 to 160 lbs.) medium to choice, \$8.75 to \$9.50; packing hogs (rough and smooth), \$5.75 to \$7.50; slaughter pigs (90 to 120 lbs.), medium to choice, \$8.00 to \$9.25; feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 120 lbs.), medium to choice, \$8.00 to \$9.25.

Sheep steady; receipts 260, killed through. Lambs (80 lbs. down), good to choice, \$11.00 to \$12.00; do medium (90 lbs. down), \$10.00 to \$11; do culls to common (all weights), \$7.50 to \$9; yearling wethers (110 lbs. down), medium to choice, \$8.00 to \$9; ewes (120 lbs. down), medium to choice, \$5.00; do medium to choice (120 to 150 lbs.), \$4.00 to \$5; do culls to common (all weights), \$3.00 to \$4.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

| Wheat | CHICAGO GRAIN | | | |
|-------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Open | High | Low | Close |
| Dec. | 127 1/2 | 128 1/2 | 127 | 127 1/2 |
| March | 128 1/2 | 129 1/2 | 128 1/2 | 129 1/2 |
| May | 130 | 131 1/2 | 129 1/2 | 130 1/2 |

LIVERPOOL WHEAT—LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20 (AP)—Wheat closed, Dec. 10c, 4 1/2d; March 10c, 3 1/2d; May 10c, 2 1/2d.

PORTLAND WHEAT—PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Wheat—B B B hard \$11.10; \$1.24 1/2; hard white blue-stem, hard, \$1.26 1/2; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.27; hard winter, northern spring \$1.22; western red, \$1.21.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 55; flour, 12; corn, 6; oats, 1; hay 1.

CHICAGO CASH—CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (AP)—Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.35 1/2; No. 2 hard, \$1.30 1/2.

Corn (new)—No. 5 mixed, 79 1/2; No. 3 yellow, \$1 1/2; No. 2 yellow, \$1 1/2; No. 5 mixed, 86c; No. 2 yellow, 89 1/2c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 56 1/2 to 56 1/2c; No. 3 white, 54 1/2 to 55 1/2c; Bye—No. 2, \$1.19 1/2; Barley—\$2.99 1/2c; Timothy seed—\$2.98 1/2; Clover seed—\$2.29 to \$2.25; Lard—\$11.40; Hides—\$11; Bellies—\$11.75.

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POULTRY—SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 (AP)—L. S. Bureau Agricultural Economics—Turkey, live, 23 to 25c; dressed hens 23 to 40c; No. 2, 24 to 25c.
BUTTERFAT—SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 (AP)—Butterfat L. O. B. San Francisco, 52 1/2c.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Man was created a little lower than the angels but it didn't take him long to get a great deal lower.

Too much has been said about the spend-thrift ways of our youth in attendance at colleges. It's all wrong and undeserved. Just look at the way they all try to save Dad's hard-earned cash—going without headwear in the middle of winter!

A new state law in Michigan, which could well be copied in Oregon, requires the registration of private firearms. The Detroit authorities ordered 10,000 blanks for their citizens to fill out. To their astonishment the supply was exhausted in one day. They ordered 10,000 more, and those likewise were used up in a day. Then the authorities, playing safe, ordered 100,000 blanks. At last reports, nearly 50,000 citizens had registered for their gun permits. Their weapons, according to the descriptions filed, consist mainly of large-caliber pistols and sawed-off shotguns, kept for self-defense. Detroiters will now kindly refrain from jeering at Chicago. Also Americans generally will refrain from undue criticism of defensive armament in Europe. Our own public armament right now may not be top-heavy, but we certainly seem to be over-armed privately.

CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE

We frequently read of individuals and corporations being convicted for "criminal negligence" in connection with some accident or disaster. In other words, neglect, when it jeopardizes life and property, constitutes a crime. And that contains a lesson for a neglectful public and neglectful courts at a time when attention is focused on the terrible murder of Marian Parker in Los Angeles.

Something is wrong with an organized society that permits crimes of that character to come within the realm of possibility. Without considering the probable identity of the killer, it is obvious that he is a degenerate, a fiend, a beast guilty of other crimes before this. In ninety-nine out of a hundred cases, the criminal is shown to have an earlier criminal record, even though of minor misdemeanors, to have been a previous menace to society and to have received his freedom because of the criminal negligence of that society.

The Pender affair in Portland is a case in point. Only good fortune prevented the recording of another hideous crime there because we, the public, had been lax and neglectful, over-sentimental in dealing with a criminal case. If the young forger and the murderer of Marian Parker in Los Angeles are proved to be the same, it indicates again how justice and an indifferent public can err by allowing paroles, pardons, and light sentences in an indiscriminate fashion.

And in spite of terrible crimes, of fiendish acts of degenerates frequently throughout the country, we still allow that variety of individual—the insane and irresponsible—to be at large and to propagate their kind. Instead of looking upon a minor crime as an indication of character weakness that should be immediately studied and guarded against, we excuse it all too readily and lay the foundation for future and greater crimes by being free with paroles and pardons.

The Los Angeles atrocity has already been characterized as the act of a "crazed" being. In this particular case insanity will probably not be sufficient defense when he is found. It should not be sufficient defense in most cases, and there is a growing public sentiment against recognizing an insanity plea. We hope that this crime will serve to crystallize such sentiment, that it will bring a criminally negligent public to its senses, that it will produce stricter criminal laws, more severe courts, and an early means of putting criminal fiends and degenerates where they will not longer menace organized society.

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