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OUR SHEPHERD—Know ye that the Lord He is God: He is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Psalm 100:3.

Religion still has some force when all England can get excited about a prayer book.

La Grande has been very fortunate in mail service during the holiday rush. In spite of the greatest mail volume in local history, everything was cleaned up on Christmas Eve—the last parcel was delivered along with the last Christmas card. That's not a common happening. Some post offices become swamped early in the rush and stay that way until after the holiday has passed. The local office deserves commendation for an enviable esprit de corps which enabled them to give exceptional service. Fourteen- and sixteen-hour days aren't required by postal regulations but the force did it just the same.

TREASURY STEAM SHOVEL

Senator Smoot, chairman of the senate finance committee, is afraid the United States treasury will be picked clean and the government bankrupted. That will be the case, he says, if congress yields to many of the projects now clamoring for public money.

Demands for emergency appropriations already amount to about \$3,000,000,000. That, he it observed, is over and above the regular governmental expenses.

Flood control calls for \$289,000,000, farm relief for a big and undetermined sum, the new naval program for \$750,000,000 over a few years, public buildings for an additional \$100,000,000, the Veteran's Bureau for \$10,000,000. Then there are all the big internal waterway projects—the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway, the Panama Canal improvements, the Columbia Basin, Boulder Dam, Muscle Shoals, etc. And on top of everything else, there is a movement started for a law to pay \$50 a month to 4,000,000 Americans who served in the World war.

Needless to say, these demands will not all be granted. Zealous spenders of public money always ask for more than they expect to get. But the pressure is powerful. It is incredible how many good American citizens, eager for governmental thrift on general principles, are determined to dig into the public treasury with a steam shovel when it comes to any concrete proposal in which they happen to be directly interested.

Congress is not to blame any more than the public, or as much. Congressmen are always being urged by their constituents to spend money. Seldom are they urged to save. In the present situation, some projects have merit and some can be listed as necessities. Others, on close scrutiny, come in the pork barrel class.

Flood control, for example, is considered a national need. There it will be better to spend money for flood prevention than to lose many times the cost in another disaster. Other things do not have so general an appeal. The reclamation projects should not be looked upon as being merely additional government expense. If properly selected and efficiently planned, they will reimburse the government. The improvement will pay for itself and cost general taxpayers nothing over a period of years. For that reason, most people will be more favorably inclined toward the Boulder Dam and Columbia Basin expenses than toward new ships and new post offices.

Church Burned in Portland Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28, (AP)—The United Christian Methodist church here was destroyed by fire smoke, resulting to the front of shortly before 2 a. m. today with the church being found in flames.

Greenness Of Plant Related To The Vitamin

NASHVILLE (AP)—That the all-important vitamin A is more likely to be present in the green part of an edible plant than in other parts was indicated in a paper read today at a section meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. John W. Crisp, associate professor of horticulture, and Dr. Marie Dye, associate professor of home economics at Michigan State college, who presented a paper last year on an investigation of the vitamin A content of leaf and head lettuce, described a continuation of their study with asparagus in their new paper.

Experimenting with albino rats, they found no direct evidence that the green coloring matter in the plant was the vitamin itself, but they did observe what appeared to be a "positive correlation between the degree of greenness in edible plant parts and their content of vitamin A."

"Green asparagus whether fresh, freshly cooked or canned," they said, "when fed daily at the rate of 0.1 gram per animal, contained vitamin A in quantity sufficient to promote normal health and growth in albino rats. Bleached asparagus, whether fresh or freshly cooked, when fed to rats at the rate of 0.1 gram per animal gave little if any stimulus to health and growth, the fresh product being less effective than the freshly cooked. Animals fed canned bleached asparagus at the rate of 0.2 gram daily were no better if as good as the negative control."

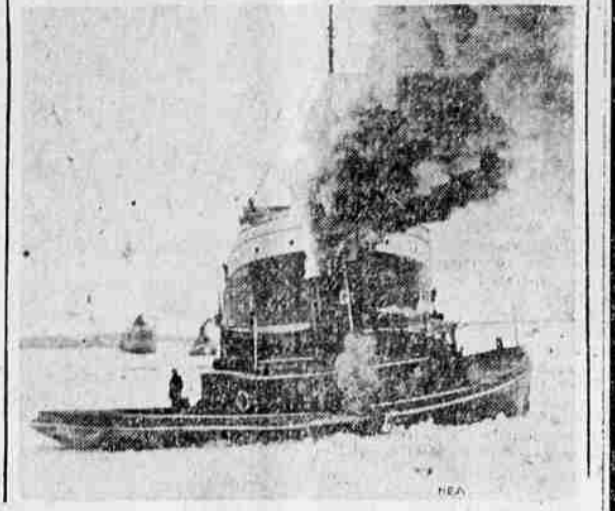
George D. Woods, of Evans, was a business visitor in town the last of the week.

DISAPPOINTED



Here's Miss Alicia Calles, daughter of the president of Mexico, photographed as she visited the White House. She failed to see President Coolidge. News reports explained that the president was busy in a conference and that, besides, Miss Calles' friends had overlooked a rule requiring that a call such as hers be arranged through diplomatic channels.

WHERE WINTER GRIPS BIG SHIPS



The hand of winter has reached out over the Great Lakes and played havoc with ships caught in ice-locked channels. The picture at the top shows the tug General rescuing the crew of 21 men of the steamer Agawa which ran aground on Advance Reef of Manitoulin Island, Lake Huron. The crew was imprisoned for days in the ice-encrusted observation room, with little food or heat. The picture below was taken in the St. Mary's river below Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., where several large boats have been imprisoned in the ice. The tug is trying to break a path for the big steamer.

Activity of Rockefeller at 88 Amazes Ormond Beach Colonists

ORMOND BEACH, Fla., (AP)—Again the colony here is agog over the amazing personal activity of John D. Rockefeller Sr.

Year after year, as long as many of the inhabitants of the resort remember, the old magnate, now 88, has been opening up The Casements, his winter home, donning golf togs and striding about the links or motoring along the coast beach.

Arriving several weeks earlier than usual this season, Rockefeller quietly slipped into the systematic program which governs his season here. He declares he is "feeling fine, better than ever" and was so enthusiastic over improvements made on his estate during the summer months that he took a flashlight and inspected the gardens before retiring on the night of his arrival.

Whacking the golf ball down the course is his principal diversion, but he also has a special interest in motoring, books, conversation with a few friends, religion, philosophy and modern inventions, especially the radio.

He likes to go to church and to join in the singing and frequently attends musicals. On these occasions Rockefeller always stops to

chat with his friends among the natives and tourists. Those who visit him in his home find lively entertainment in the anecdotes he tells.

The multi-millionaire is protected against the numerous curiosity seekers who flock to his estate and he dislikes publicity, but if he likes a photograph he poses for pictures on the links, where he occasionally joins in novel contests.

"What doesn't he do that a man of his years might well be expected to lay aside?" one of his old friends here asked in talking of Rockefeller. "What man of 88 can shoot eight holes of golf in 45? He did that last year! and don't be surprised if he does even better on the links this season."

"Of course, Mr. Rockefeller has to rest quite a bit. He can't afford to run down his batteries at this age, but he has remarkable recuperative power. He likes to ride in his automobile and wants to drive fast."

"In fact, Mr. Rockefeller is just like the rest of us. It's his age and the glare of publicity turned upon his every act which makes him seem different."

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To Decide Reward Money Distribution

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28 (AP)—The question of distribution of the reward money, totaling in the neighborhood of \$60,000 for the capture of William Edward Hickman, confessed slayer of Martin Parker, will be considered at a meeting of the reward committee here Thursday afternoon. It is probable that the payments may be delayed as most of the separate rewards provide for both arrest and conviction before they can be paid. Chief of Police Tom Gurdane of Pendleton, and Sergeant C. L. Lemallen of the Oregon state traffic force, who captured Hickman, called on Mayor Cryer yesterday. They were accompanied by the attorney whom they have retained to represent them in protecting their interest in the reward money.

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