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A GLAD SOME SERVICE—Make a joyful noise unto the Lord; all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Psalm 109:1, 2.

There won't be any Happy New Year for those who usher it in with radiator alcohol.

When Mrs. Lindbergh gets back to her science classes after her holiday trip, she won't have any difficulty in holding her pupils' attention if she gives 'em a little aeronautical science.

Archaeologists find that hair nets and lipsticks for women and wigs for bald men were used in Ur of the Chaldees before Abraham moved out. Evidently he went away in search of the simple life.

Wherever one reads of business prospects for 1928, one encounters confidence in the New Year and predictions that sound, substantial business activity will prevail. In spite of a few unattractive exceptions, experts agree that conditions are good. There has been no inflation, no speculation in quantity. Stocks are low, money is easy, industrial activity is promising. As with most years, 1928 will be an excellent business year for those who make it excellent. Even mediocre success cannot be expected under the most ideal conditions if it is not aided by intelligent effort and honest work. Considered as a whole, the past year, while not the best, has probably been near the best that this section has ever experienced in a business way. Local men of experience and judgment express the belief that 1928 will be as good or better. La Grande, incidentally, has much to look forward to. New development and the realization of greater growth and expansion are to be realized, according to all indications. Steady progress can hardly be avoided.

ANOTHER YEAR

"Happy New Year" is as conventional a greeting for tomorrow as "How do you do?" on other days of the year, yet it does express an interest in the welfare and progress of friends and acquaintances that we would hardly wish to be without. It conveys the very natural, human wish that good luck, good health, prosperity and happiness be widely possessed as the world starts a new unit of time.

The day is observed in various ways by various people. There are those who take it lightly and gaily, spending New Year's eve in fun-making and revelry—celebrating the passing of the old, the beginning of the new. There are others who watch through the last hours of the passing year with solemn thoughts. For some, New Year's day is merely another holiday from routine tasks, with another big holiday dinner following almost a little too closely on the Christmas feast. To others, it is a day for taking stock of past accomplishments and planning thoughtfully for the coming year.

New Year's day really seems to be a day we couldn't very well get along without, however we observe it. There seem to have been New Year's days all through the history of civilization, although they have been placed in many different months and seasons. The ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians, and Persians began their year at the autumnal equinox. After that it was moved around to the summer solstice. We find that in different ages and among different peoples it has been moved considerably, but always it marked a "new beginning," another year.

It looks as if a day of such varied dates and varied observances could be taken or let alone as the individual chooses. And, of course, every day may be a new year's day for those who have the need or the courage to make a fresh beginning. He is probably most wise who makes thoughtful use of one specific New Year's day. Pondering the past and planning the future has a psychological and spiritual value which we cannot afford to miss.

GREETINGS

We wish to thank our friends and customers for their patronage and co-operation during the year 1927.

May the New Year bring Health, Happiness and Prosperity to you all.

Home Independent Telephone Co.

PRODUCE PRICES STRONGER TODAY

Freezing Temperatures Reduce Receipts—Meat Supply Is Limited

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—Prices on the local wholesale produce markets are decidedly strong today due to the freezing temperatures which have reduced receipts and injured available supplies considerably.

Onions are higher today, most sales to retailers bringing \$2.50, though some were sold around \$2. Fair demand coupled with light shipments in the poultry division firm to strong on the local market. Turkey offerings have been quickly cleaned up at steady prices, some sales bringing as high as \$28 for extra fancy birds in the heavier classes. Indications are that dealers will carry over only a nominal supply to next week.

Supplies of country dressed meat are very limited today, especially in the hog and veal divisions. Prices are a bit stronger although quotations are around yesterday's figures. Grocers and shippers are advised to consign shipments for receipt here Tuesday, as it is expected that the market will be decidedly stronger and higher prices offered.

In the fruit division there is little change in prices. Apple shipments are lighter and slightly stronger tone noticeable in the market.

Butter and egg prices are unchanged here today. Receipts of eggs yesterday were fairly heavy at 2502 cases. Butter receipts yesterday were normal.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 31 (AP)—U. S. Department of Agriculture—Hogs—5,000; generally strong to 10c higher; top \$8.85; bulk better grades, all weights 150 lbs. up, \$8.60 to \$8.80; few 130 to 150 lbs. averages, \$8.45; shippers took 4,000; estimated holdover 1,000. Cattle—300; compared with week ago: Fed steers scaling 1150 lbs. upward, 25 to 25c higher; light offerings very uneven, mostly steady; light yearlings 50 to 75c higher, this advance including light mixed yearlings, steers and heifers; weight steers closed year at new high prices; light kinds not as high as earlier in season; steer beef tonnage small; vealers \$1.50 to \$1.75 higher; best fed steers \$18, weight 1250 lbs.; next highest price \$17.50; sprinkling \$16.50 to \$17.25; bulk \$12 to \$15.50; shippers paid upward to \$15.50 for vealers; big packers working \$12 to \$13.50 at close. Sheep—1000; Friday's late trade on heavy lambs 50 to 75c below Thursday's; fat lambs 25 to 50c lower; spots off more on heavy and plain offerings; sheep and feeding lambs unchanged; week's top fed western lambs \$14; fat natives \$13.25; bulk better grade lambs \$13 lbs. down, \$12.75 to \$13; fat offerings \$12.50 to \$12.75; slaughter yearlings \$2.50 to \$2.55; fat ewes \$6.75; feeding lambs \$12.50 to \$12.75.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter steady; Portland dairy exchange net white; sale prices: Cubes extras 45¢; standard 45¢; prime firsts 44¢; firsts 44¢. Creamery prices: Prima 20 above cube standards. Eggs steady. Fresh standard extras 34¢; fresh standard firsts 33¢; fresh medium extras 30¢; fresh medium firsts 29¢; under-shed 28¢. Prices to retailers 3c over exchange prices. Associated selling prices: Extras 36¢; firsts 35¢; mediums 32¢; under-shed 28¢. Hides to the farmer: Butterfat steady; 45c station, 45c truck and 50c 50c f.o.b. Portland. Poultry steady. Heavy hens 18¢; light 16¢ to 14¢; springs 20¢; 21¢; broilers 23¢ to 25¢; pekin white ducks 20¢; colored nominal; turkeys, live, 25¢ to 27¢. Onions steady, local \$1.20 to 1.40. Potatoes steady, 75¢ to \$1.25 sack. Hay steady, buying prices: Best Oregon timothy \$15.50 to \$17; do. alfalfa \$17.50 to \$18; straw 9¢ per ton. Selling prices \$2 a ton more.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—Cattle lifted through steady; Saturday's receipts: Hogs and sheep none; corn 1. Total for week (approximate): cattle 1455; calves 130; hogs 5655; sheep 495. Cattle compared week ago: Better grade steers steady to the higher; cows and heifers 25 to 50c higher; other she stock steady; medium and lower grade steers closed extreme weak, barely steady; one load good steers Monday \$11.75; medium to fairly good kinds \$11.50 to \$11.75; off quality down to \$8.50 and under; good heifers sold freely up to \$9.50; good cows up to \$8.50; other she stock mostly \$7.75 down; low cutters down to \$5.50; bulls steady; mostly \$5.75 to \$6; calves and vealers largely \$7.50 to \$9; choice light vealers up to \$12.50. Hogs compared with a week ago: Butcher classes 25 to 50c higher; closed strong at the advance; packing sows and feeder pigs steady; bulk light butchers for week \$9.50 to \$10; heavy and underweights \$9.75 down; extreme heavies \$8.50 to \$9; packing sows \$6.75 to \$7.50; bulk desirable feeder pigs \$10; others \$9.50 to \$9.75. Sheep and lambs notably steady with a week ago; not enough offered to test prices; strictly choice handweight lambs quoted up to \$12.50; best valley offerings \$11.50 to \$11.75; choice yearlings up to \$10; ewes up to \$8. The North Portland livestock markets will be open for business Monday, Jan. 2, as usual.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Dec.	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat	125 1/2 @ 126 1/2	128 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2 @ 127
March	128 1/2	130 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2
May	130 1/2 @ 130 1/2	131 1/2	130 1/2	131 1/2 @ 131 1/2
July	126 1/2	127 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2

Markets

LIVERPOOL WHEAT
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31 (AP)—Wheat—Closing cables: Dec. 190, 6d; March 190, 4d; May 190, 3 1/2d; July 190, 3d.

PORTLAND WHEAT
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—Wheat—BBB hard white, \$1.25; hard white bluestem, hard, \$1.35; federation, \$1.27; soft white, western white, \$1.26; hard winter, \$1.24; northern spring, \$1.25; western red, \$1.22. Oats—No. 2 white feed and gray \$48.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 38; flour, 13; corn, 3; oats, 3; hay, 12.

CHICAGO CASH
CHICAGO, Dec. 31 (AP)—Wheat—No. 2 hard smutty, \$1.26; Corn—No. 2 yellow, \$1.14; No. 3 yellow, \$1.13; Oats—No. 2 white, \$1.14; No. 3 white, \$1.13; Rye not quoted. Barley—64¢ to 72¢. Timothy seed—\$3.75 to \$3.75. Clover seed—\$2.25 to \$2.25. Lard—\$11.55. Hides—\$10.75. Bellies—\$12.

Speculators For Advance Retain Market Control

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—Speculators for the advance retained control of the price movement today in the final stock market session of the year. Although a few spots dropped out here and there the general tendency was upward with numerous gains running from 1 to 5 points. Trading was unusually heavy for a pre-holiday session.

Encouraged by the optimistic tenor of year-end forecasts, speculators succeeded in marking up a wide assortment of specialties to new peak prices for the year. Railroads, which have been rather sluggish all week, also showed a firmer tendency, St. Louis Southwestern preferred running up 5 points to a new 1927 high.

In the industrial group, Green Cananea Copper, Warren Bros., United Drug, Calumet and Arizona, and Ohio Steel prior preferred, all climbed 2 to 5 points above yesterday's final quotations. Youngstown Sheet and Tube, which had enjoyed a rapid advance on reports of merger negotiations with Inland Steel, fell back four points on realizing. The closing was strong. Total sales approximated 1,500,000 shares.

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Wheat Unsettled And Some Higher

CHICAGO, Dec. 31 (AP)—Starting at 1c advance to 1 1/2c advance, Chicago wheat soon scored material gains all around. Corn, oats and provisions were also firmer, corn opening unchanged to 1/2c up and later showing a moderate general rise.

Wheat closed unsettled at the same as yesterday's close to 1 1/2c higher; corn 1/2c to 1 1/2c up; oats varying from 1/2c decline to 1/2c advance, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 25c.

PRISCO POULTRY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31 (AP)—U. S. Bureau Agricultural Economics—Turkeys, live, 22¢ to 24¢; dressed No. 1, 23¢ to 24¢; old, 23¢ to 24¢; No. 2, 22¢ to 23¢.

BANK CLEARINGS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows a deficit in reserve of \$51,651,040. This is a decrease in reserve of \$79,472,140, compared with the week before, when excess reserve of \$18,821,100 was reported.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—Dried fruits steady.

ONE KNOCKOUT

ETHEL, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—Tense moments filled with action and comedy, held best fight fans at bay during the 31 round card staged in the armory arena Friday night, when eight fighters were responsible for one cold knockout and

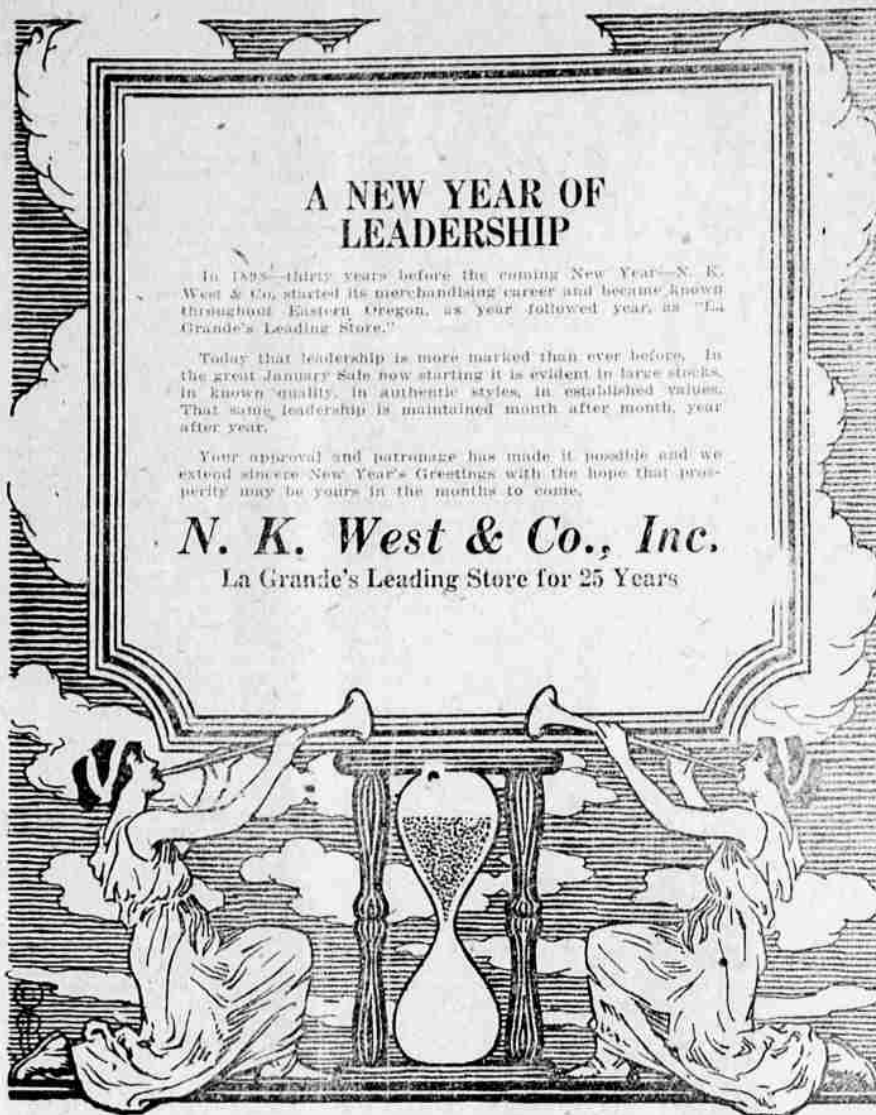
A NEW YEAR OF LEADERSHIP

In 1898—thirty years before the coming New Year—N. K. West & Co. started its merchandising career and became known throughout Eastern Oregon, as year followed year, as "La Grande's Leading Store."

Today that leadership is more marked than ever before. In the great January sale now starting it is evident in large stocks, in known quality, in authentic styles, in established values. That same leadership is maintained month after month, year after year.

Your approval and patronage has made it possible and we expect sincere New Year's Greetings with the hope that prosperity may be yours in the months to come.

N. K. West & Co., Inc.
La Grande's Leading Store for 25 Years



three decisions

Bill Hingsworth, 145, of Tillamook, handed Dennis Hillier, 165, Albany, a true losing in the 163 round feature of the double main event. Kenneth Kent, 145, Hood River, dropped Jimmy Harfield, 145, Denver, in the fourth frame for a knockout, in the second main bout.

Vets' Compensation Limit To Expire

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—With several hundred thousand order to take care of last minute applications. To date 3,189,371 requests for compensation have been received and acted upon.

Applications will expire at midnight tonight.

A War Department announcement said that the offices of the adjutant general would remain open up to the expiration of the time limit in order to take care of last minute applications. To date 3,189,371 requests for compensation have been received and acted upon.

1927 HAPPY NEW YEAR 1928

And Lo! Another Year Has Passed!

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Romance
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Laughs

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be laughed and fought a brave man's battle and won the love of an adorable woman—A glorious romantic comedy you'll enjoy.

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A SMILING healthy youngster enters and a tottering old man leaves. Such is the allegorical description of the passage of 1927 and the welcome of 1928.

But we, who give service to the community, proceed along a different path of time. At the threshold of another year we say farewell to 1927 and eagerly welcome 1928. And with all the enthusiasm, with all the gladsome anticipation of a new adventure, but tempered with the experience of past years, we advance toward the goal of Good Will that transcends the passing of time.

This organization extends to you, for this year and the years to come, an overflowing measure of happiness.