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LOVE NOT THE WORLD—Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15.

Well, we're not going to have a war with France, anyway.

You can tell where our money goes by the frequency with which bandits hold up gasoline stations.

Now that Herbert Hoover has been awarded a gold medal for "distinguished achievement in mining," what reward shall there be for eminent republicans now engaged in countermining?

Approval of the Columbia River Basin project—cost estimated at three hundred million which would be paid back to the government over a long period of time—and of the Deschutes project north of Bend has been reported by the senate committee on irrigation. The Deschutes project is particularly attractive, already enjoying improvements and already under cultivation for dry farming. The Grande Ronde Valley has the same advantages. Some of it would be equally attractive as an irrigation project. There are two obstacles: A little too much rain and a preference for the existing type of farming.

TOO MANY MINES, TOO MANY MINERS

The senate is going to investigate coal strike conditions in Pittsburg. Most of the country had forgotten a coal strike existed until Hiram Johnson described horrible conditions before the senate recently. Now people are being aroused. Relieving starving women and children, taking them out of dirty one-room shacks where they have lived through a winter in dire poverty will be accomplished. But it remains to be seen if the cause of this condition be remedied.

Miners are striking because operators broke a wage agreement. They have refused to accept work on lower, non-union wages. Evicted from company-owned houses, they built shacks and there they remain—receiving \$3 a week from the union on which they must support families.

Operators say they faced bankruptcy under the old union agreement, that they are remaining solvent through the employment of cheaper, non-union labor. Which is hardly an excuse for the breaking of a wage agreement. If they could not operate profitably under its terms, they should not have signed it. Making miners suffer for poor business judgment of the operators cannot be excused. Similar conditions might have followed refusal to make this wage agreement in 1924, but at least one moral obligation on the part of the operators would not now be present.

Conditions resemble a fire or flood disaster. It's an opportunity for the Red Cross and other agencies to do worthy relief work. Terrible living conditions such as were found near Pittsburg should not be tolerated in this country. Yet the only way they can be prevented is to change the present system of coal mining.

Since the period of production for war purposes, there has been too much coal. Too many mines, too many miners. There is no demand for the amount of coal that present facilities will produce. In order to keep going mine owners have to maintain a wage scale too low for adequate living for the workers. Operators will not shut down enough to curtail production. Miners will not go into other work. Consumers will not buy surplus coal.

There's a problem for someone but it is doubtful if legislation can help matters. The senate inquiry will disclose sorry conditions, may blame operators for a broken wage agreement, but it can't change wrong basic conditions.

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NORTH POWDER PERSONALS

NORTH POWDER (Special)—L. H. Snook, of Baker, was in the city Thursday morning looking for his dog, an Irish setter, which he lost Wednesday. Old Olsen and family of Haines visited Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Olsen. The McGrath family is enjoying a new radio in their home this week, which was put in by R. F. Williams and H. Hoos. Henry L. Hoos, one of La Grande's prominent attorneys, was transacting business in the city, and also visited with old friends. W. O. Woolley is spending a few days in Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Jacobs are out of town for a few days. The second team will play the junior high of Baker, Thursday evening. The first team will leave Friday morning to enter the Baker basketball tournament. Gus Ostek was a Baker visitor Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Horned, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gibbs and Mrs. Gibbs were also transacting business in Baker. There are a large number of North Powder people planning on taking in the opening of the Sotojawa hotel at La Grande Saturday night. Several of the North Powder fans will attend the tournament at Baker.

ELGIN PERSONALS

ELGIN (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Ira Deven, of Elgin, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nicolson. Mrs. Deven, who has been in poor health for some time, went to the Grande Monday to consult a physician. She will stay with her sister, Miss Blanche Hansen for a few days. Ike Baumgardner returned home last week after spending several months in Idaho where he has a logging contract. Charles Wright came home Saturday from the Mt. Emily camp and will remain here indefinitely. His father came Sunday to visit him for a time. He is past 90 years of age and is in very poor health. Mrs. Carl Patten who has been quite ill is some better at present. Her son-in-law, Morris Teel, of Enterprise, arrived this week to visit her and his baby son. Mrs. Guy Cummins returned Saturday from Hilgard where she has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keffer. Dr. D. A. Thompson, synodical secretary of the Presbyterian church in Oregon, delivered an interesting sermon in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. He told the congregation that a pastor would be secured for the local church, who will probably be here by the first of April. Joe Taylor has been called home by the illness of several members of his family. Miss Nellie Crutshank is spending the weekend with her husband on the Flat. Mr. and Mrs. William Crutshank, of Cove, were visitors Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crutshank. An eight-pound baby boy was born Feb. 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Roulet. A number of friends of Ralph Miller returned here at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. William Miller Thursday. The evening was spent at games and visiting. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses May Smith, Katherine Smith, Dora Foster, Mildred Hubbel, Leta Witty and Doris Miller, Messrs. Wallace Wilson, Ted Myers, Frank Grayson, Ervan Witty, Kenneth Blanchard, Jack Dowling, Laurel Miller, Dutch Barnes, Ralph Miller and Mr. and Mrs. William Miller.

BORAH ASSAILED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Senator Borah, of Idaho, was charged today by Abram P. Myers, of the federal trade commission with having been "willfully unfair" in his statements before a senate committee in connection with hearings on the bread merger case.

At the same time Miss Alice N. Giesler, his secretary, assumed responsibility for a mistake which Myers said had caused a copy of a letter to be sent to the senate committee as coming from him, but which really should not have been made a part of the record.

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COVE PERSONALS

COVE (Special)—A few of our people attended the Pioneer banquet Tuesday evening but were unable to secure seats. The Rev. Wm. Bradner, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Conley were among the number. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller returned Saturday from a week's stay in Portland. The Rt. Rev. W. P. Remington, of Pendleton, bishop of Eastern Oregon, will visit the Cove church on Sunday morning. Services will be held at 11 o'clock, at which time the holy rite of confirmation will be administered. The Ladies Aid was entertained by Mrs. George McEhner on Wednesday. The ladies were busy quilting and gathered together in the morning and spent the day in the old-fashioned pastime of quilting.

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If an agreement cannot be reached with the attorneys the board will ask the Oregon delegation in congress to have the case advanced on the docket at Washington. The board yesterday instructed the architect to proceed with plans for the new state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles.



Some time ago we made mention of the fact that we would haul household goods down to Portland in the big Red Speed Wagon for \$57.10. The reason we are hauling a lot of building material like insect oil, doses, etc., back. We don't care whether we can get any more hauling outside of just one way to Portland or not, because we are busy with our trucks delivering, but if we do haul your stuff, we have complied with the law and your stuff will be fully protected from loss or damage. The wallpaper will soon be in, and the Royal coal will soon be out. More Royal coal coming in and more wallpaper going out. It keeps us lumber men all in doubt, whether it is wiggling in or whether it is wiggling out.

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MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN		High	Low	Close
Wheat	Open	131 1/2	131 1/2	132 1/2 @ 132 1/2
March		131 1/2 @ 132	132 1/2	132 1/2 @ 132 1/2
May		128 1/2 @ 129	128 1/2	129 1/2 @ 129 1/2
July				

LIVERPOOL WHEAT
LIVERPOOL, Feb. 18 (AP)—Wheat closed March 198, 6 1/4; May 198, 1 3/4; July 198, 2 1/4.

PORTLAND WHEAT		High	Low	Close
Wheat—BBB hard white		\$1.41		
hard white bluestem		83		
1.30 1/2; federation		1.27 1/2		
soft white		1.27 1/2		
1.27 1/2; hard winter		1.22		
northern spring		1.23 1/2		
western red		1.22		
Oats—No. 2 white feed and No. 2 gray		84 1/2		
Today's ear receipts—Wheat, 75; flour, 9; corn, 3; hay, 1.				

CHICAGO CASH		High	Low	Close
Wheat		131 1/2		
No. 2 hard		134 1/2		
Corn—No. 4 mixed		91 1/2		
No. 2 yellow		86 1/2		
Oats—No. 2 white		27 1/2		
No. 3 white		55c		
Rye—No. 2		11 1/2		
Barley		85 1/2		
Timothy seed		42 1/2 @ 43 1/2		
Clover seed		19 1/2 @ 20 1/2		

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK		High	Low	Close
Friday's receipts: Hogs 970, all direct. Total for week (approximate): Cattle 2919; calves 210; hogs 7925; sheep 915; cars 114.				
Cattle—Compared with a week ago: Mostly around steady; bulk desirable slaughter steers \$11.00 @ 12.50; off quality down to \$8.75 and under; fairly good heifers brought \$10; good cows \$8; bulk desirable she stock \$7.50 @ 10; low cutters down to \$4 and below; bulls mostly \$6.50 @ 7; odd head \$7.50; calves \$7 @ 10.50; vealers up to \$12.				
Hogs—Compared with a week ago: Butcher classes 16 to 15c lower; feeder pigs 25 to 50c higher; bulk light butchers \$9.25 @ 9.50; scattering small lots early Monday at \$9.40 @ 9.50; heavies and underweights \$9 down; extreme heavies \$8.9 @ 8.50; packing sows mostly \$7 @ 7.50; choice light feeder pigs mostly \$9.25 @ 9.50; weightier kinds \$9 down.				
Sheep steady; lambs steady to 25c higher than a week ago; strictly choice handyside woolled lambs quoted up to \$12.25; yearlings up to \$10; ewes \$7 down.				

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BANK CLEARINGS
NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP)—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows a deficit in reserve of \$5,574,530. This is an increase in reserve of \$12,565,820 compared with the week before when a deficit in reserve of \$19,700,510 was reported. Maine has a law calling for 10 years' imprisonment or \$1,000 fine for killing another person in a wild animal, mistaking him for a wild animal. We have mistaken some people for wild animals, but never in the woods.

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