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**GOD AND THE SIMPLE:**—Gracious is the Lord, and right-  
eous; yes, our God is merciful. The Lord preserveth the sim-  
ple: I was brought low, and he helped me. Psalm 116: 6.

**Andrew Mellon** must like his job as secretary of the treasury. He says he'll stay in it regardless of senate resolutions asking his resignation. He doesn't care a whoop for pestering senators—which helps make him a good guardian of the federal wealth.

"Lindy" is "all decorated up" since his experience yesterday in the national capital—and there aren't many places left for him to go. Well, we are willing to wager that his smile is far more pleasing to see than any medals of honor, and his modesty far more pleasing to experience than any decorating ceremony.

A book of particular interest to Oregonians has recently been published under the authorship of Lewis A. McArthur, general manager of the Pacific Light & Power company of Portland. The book, "Oregon Geographic Names," is the result of many years of study and contains the names of every town, stream, and geographic area in the entire state, with much interesting history and facts about their origin. As a reference work it will be highly valued and the author deserves wide praise for so worthy an effort.

### COUNTY OFFICIALS

The political situation in Union county will not stir voters to fever heat according to present indications. Practically all county officials will stand for re-election. A majority of them will be unopposed in the November election. Voters usually have fairly definite ideas about county offices and the incumbents will stand or fall on their record in office. Others would like the jobs but few office seekers are dumb enough to go up against an official who has served the county faithfully, conscientiously and with ability. Strong opposition appears only when a less appealing record has been made.

Speaking of office holders The Observer can well give credit to three or four who have been outstanding in their present terms. The most difficult job is that of sheriff, and Jesse Breshers has made an enviable record for himself. He has not posed as a trained detective, but he has been an excellent peace officer. Never has the slightest suspicion attached itself to Breshers. He is feared and respected by every law violator. He is square, unprejudiced, and absolutely honest. The people of Union county know this and will, according to present indications, return him to office with a very complimentary vote.

Numerous other people in the court house, though not so much in the public eye are almost equally deserving. Kenneth McCormick, county clerk, Mrs. Florence Bacon, county treasurer, E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, Dave Proctor, assessor—these officials have served well, efficiently. It is doubtful if any of them will be seriously opposed for re-election. All of them deserve to be returned to office. It is a wonder that such capable executives for these exacting county jobs can be had for the poor salaries we pay. Incidentally, W. W. Stevens, of Union, will also be up for re-election and has made a good record as a member of the county court. He is a good man for the job and probably will have no difficulty returning to office.

Ability, not politics, should be the determining factor in selecting county officials. The business of the county is important; it's big. The greatest possible efficiency should be sought. Good executives, well paid, are far more economical than poor executives, poorly paid. Decision on candidates should be on a business basis.

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"I'll be glad when I'm found guilty, an' git a new trial, an' go free, an' live this mess over with!" said Mrs. Tilford Moods' niece, whose late husband was insured for \$18,000. Morgan Crow, who graduated from Purdue, is takin' a post-graduate course in trap drummin' at Chicago.

### Bear Raid Halts Climbing Stocks; Sales 4 Million

NEW YORK, Mar. 22 (AP)—The rapid advance of stock prices came to an abrupt halt today when Wall street bears took a determined stand against the charging bulls. General selling broke out soon after noon when Bullie common broke sharply, and numerous gains of \$1 to \$10 a share were wiped out or greatly reduced.

Selling of stocks became quite general in the early afternoon. Most of the early gains were substantially reduced, or wiped out, and several of the specialties crashed \$1 to more than \$12 a share below yesterday's final quotations.

Strong buying support was quickly forthcoming for General Electric which snapped back to \$179.75, Radio rallied above \$150 and the general list improved in sympathy. Consolidated Gas advanced \$3 a share to \$142 and St. Louis-San Francisco moved up nearly \$2 a share to \$117.75, both new high records.

The closing was strong. New peak prices for 1928 or longer were made by many shares when a new buying movement got under way in the final hour. Case Thrashing Machine sold at 293, up 15 1/2; U. S. Cast Iron Pipe got up to 265 1/2; International Harvester 250, and St. Louis and San Francisco, 119 1/2, advance ranging from 4 to 6 points. New York Central, Bears Roebuck, Consolidated Gas, Brooklyn Edison and Adams Express also were up 3 to 5. Total sales approximately 4,000,000 shares.

**PORTLAND PRODUCE**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter—Extras steady; other grades 1/2 to 1c lower. Portland dairy exchange net wholesale prices: Cubes extras 44c; standards 44c; prime firsts 43 1/2c; firsts 43c. Creamery prices: Prints 3c over cube standards.

Eggs—Medium extras 1c higher; fresh standard extras 2c; fresh standard firsts 2 1/2c; fresh medium extras 2 1/2c; fresh medium firsts 1 1/2c. Prices to retailers 2c over exchange prices. Association selling prices: Extras 26c; firsts 22c; medium 22c; undersized 20c.

Hay steady; buying prices: Eastern Oregon timothy \$20.50@21; do valley \$18@18.50; alfalfa \$17.50@18; oat hay \$14.50@15; straw \$9.50 per ton. Selling prices \$2 a ton more.

**HILGARD PERSONALS**  
HILGARD (Special)—Miss Eva Thornbue spent Sunday visiting Miss Vera Wilson on their ranch near Starkey.

Mrs. D. Y. Young was in La Grande shopper Tuesday.

Mrs. Mabel Scott and son, Winfield, and daughter, Donna, were visitors Wednesday.

O'Regent White left for Walla Walla Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Mary G. Young made a trip to La Grande Thursday.

Mrs. Bert Able spent Thursday shopping in La Grande.

Among the La Grande visitors Saturday were Mrs. Emil Able, Marie Sanford, and Emery Ferguson.

Mrs. Howard Stairlet was in La Grande Saturday.

D. W. Sanford left for Weston, Oregon, Saturday, where he has made his home for the past two years, after a brief stay here.

**POND LILIES ARE FAVORED FLOWERS**  
(PARIS IAP)—Drooping pond lilies with large leaves that sometimes measure six or eight inches across are among the new flowers women are plucking to the laps of their coats. They come in black and purple and pale yellow. White lilies are worn on black coats, brown lilies on yellow frocks and yellow lilies on brown costumes. Several lilies, placed at the waistline, occasionally are seen on evening dresses.

### BUTTER PRICES CONTINUE WEAK

Firsts Down a Cent—Egg Receipts Heavy, Quotations Remain Steady

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—Butter prices continued weak and all grades except extras closed lower. Standards and prime firsts were off a half cent, while firsts were down a full cent at 43c. Competition from California in the Seattle butter market has tended to reduce local demand. Holdings of storage stock here have dwindled, however, with only 216 pounds reported in coolers yesterday. Receipts yesterday were 12,822 pounds.

Egg receipts continued heavy yesterday and prices remained steady except for an advance of a cent in the quotation on medium extras which lifted to 21c. Storage holdings were reported last night as 10,375 cases.

Poultry markets were beginning to show some accumulation, especially of light hens, but prices today were not notably lower. An easier undertone prevailed, however, and dealers anticipate a shading downward in prices within the next few days.

Country dressed meats were in rather moderate supply today and firmness prevailed in all classes. Veal was quoted at 19@20c, while pork sold early at 11 1/2@12c, with a few sales of choice light hogs bringing a little more. Lambs were firm at 23@25c.

Quietness prevails in the local potato and onion situation with little being bought in growing districts. Last sales of onions by growers in the Seaside pool district were at \$3.25 and sacks, but sentiment today was that the price was a little high.

### PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—Cattle and calves steady; no receipts. Steers, 1100@1300 lbs., good, \$11@12; do 950@1100 lbs., good, \$11.25@12; do 800 lbs. up, medium, \$9.75@11.25; do common, \$8.25@9.75; heifers, 850 lbs. down, good, \$10.25@10.75; do common to medium, \$9@10.35; cows, good, \$7.25@9.25; do common to medium, \$6.75@9.25; do low cutter butters, \$4@7.50; bulls, yearlings excluded, good beef, \$7@7.50; do cutter to medium, \$6@7; calves, 500 lbs. down, medium to choice, \$10@12; do culls to common, \$8@10; vealers, milk fed, good to choice, \$13@14; do medium, \$11@13; do culls to common, \$8.50@11.

Hogs steady; receipts 385, all direct. Heavy weight 250@350 lbs., medium to choice, \$7.90@8.90; medium weight, 200@250 lbs., medium to choice, \$8.40@9.2; light weight, 150@200 lbs., medium to choice, \$8@9.25; light lights, 130@160 lbs., medium to choice, \$8.65@9.15; packing sows, rough and smooth, \$6.50@7.50; slaughter pigs, 90@120 lbs., medium to choice, \$8.15@8.90; feeder and stocker pigs, 70@130 lbs., medium to choice, \$7.75@8.75. (Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotations.)

Sheep and lambs steady; no receipts. Lambs, 84 lbs. down, good to choice, \$13@15; do 92 lbs. down, medium, \$11@13; do, all weights, cull to common, \$9@11; yearling wethers, 110 lbs. down, medium to choice, \$10@12; ewes, 120 lbs. down, medium to choice, \$7@8; do 120@150 lbs., medium to choice, \$6@7; do, all weights, cull to common, \$5@6.

### BUTTER FAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 22 (AP)—Butterfat f.o.b. San Francisco, 48 1/2c.

Put in early orders for gladiolus novelties. The supply often is exhausted early.

### 9c GASOLINE FOR LA GRANDE

A startling announcement that will be welcomed by the readers of this paper is the perfection of an invention that practically cuts gasoline cost in half. In actual test one gallon of gas has been made to run a car 25 miles. Thousands of cars have been equipped and the owners report amazing gasoline savings, more power, instant starting, quicker pick-up and disappearance of carbon. So that this invention can be installed on every car, E. Oliver, 999-2176 N. Third St., Milwaukee, Wisc. is seeking men in different localities to handle exclusive territory for him. To those interested he will explain his \$5000 a year offer. Write him for his proposition and free sample offer at once.—Adv.

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### MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

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Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
March	@111 1/2	111 1/2	110 1/2	111 1/2
May	@139 1/2	139 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2
July	@136 1/2	136 1/2	135 1/2	137 1/2
Sept.	134 1/2	135 1/2	134	134 1/2

**LIVERPOOL WHEAT**  
LIVERPOOL, Mar. 22 (AP)—Grain close: Wheat—March 108 3/4; May 106, 5/4d; July 108, 5/4d.

**PORTLAND WHEAT**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—Wheat—BBB hard white, \$1.45; hard white bluestem, hard, fed-eration, soft white, western white, \$1.39 1/2; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.32; western red, \$1.32. Oats—No. 2 white feed and No. 2 gray, \$1.05.

Wheat's car receipts—Wheat 31; barley 1; flour 14; corn 11; hay 1.

**CHICAGO CASH**  
CHICAGO, Mar. 22 (AP)—Wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1.42 1/2; No. 2 hard, \$1.41 1/2 @ 1.42 1/2. Corn—No. 4 mixed, 94 1/2 @ 97c; No. 3 yellow, 99 1/2 @ 1.02 1/2. Oats—No. 2 white, 69 @ 62 1/2c; No. white, 58 1/2 @ 61c. No sales rye. Harley—95 @ \$1. Timothy seed—\$2.85 @ 3.00. Clover seed—\$19.50 @ 20.75.

### Wheat Unsettled And Some Higher

CHICAGO, Mar. 22 (AP)—Opening at 1/2c decline to 1/2c advance. Chicago wheat later showed losses all around. Corn, oats and provisions were likewise easier, corn starting 1/2 to 3/4c down and afterward sagging a little more. Wheat closed unsettled, 1/2 to 3/4c net higher, corn 3/4 to 1/2c down, oats at 1/2c decline to 1/2c advance, and provisions 5 to 10@12c off.

### CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Mar. 22 (AP)—U. S. Department of Agriculture—Hogs—35,000; slow; uneven; steady to 1/2c higher; choice lights and medium weight butchers strong to 1/2c higher; bulk better grade 17@18; 220 lb. averages \$8.25@8.45. Cattle—800; fed steers and yearlings steady to strong; good to choice vealers scaling 125 lbs. upward, 5@ higher; lighter kinds

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