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HEAR AND HEED—seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.—Isa. 55:6.

Portland's city tax levy is going up 1.2 mills for next year. La Grande's levy is going down.

Have you taken advantage of The Observer's bargain rates on subscriptions? They offer mutual advantages that we appreciate, and that are generally appreciated by a host of readers. You save money and we save collection and book-keeping costs. We advise grabbing the chance before it's too late.

The city commission has completed a municipal budget for next year that permits a reduction in taxes of nearly a half mill. Last year there was a reduction of one mill in the levy. And this was accomplished in spite of the fact that numerous important improvements were being made, better fire and police protection provided, a general reduction in insurance rates secured, etc. It meets with wide approval and reflects marked credit on the city commissioners for the progressive administration they have conducted while cutting down the tax levy appreciably. In 1926 the levy was 22.3 mills, in 1927 it was cut to 21.9, and now with the new budget the levy will go down to 21.5 mills. Yet the city has gone ahead. Progress and betterment have been apparent everywhere. It is the type of municipal government that any energetic community would be anxious to continue.

### FIGHTING PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

The federal trade commission hearing in Washington on the so-called "power trust" brought out testimony yesterday on the ways and means employed by the light and power companies of Oregon to bring about the defeat of the "Housewives Bill" two years ago. That measure, initiated by the Housewives Council, sought to put the state in the power business through a big bond issue and a self-named board with almost unlimited authority. It was defeated by a big vote, as everyone remembers.

Quite naturally the light and power companies of the state fought this bill. The testimony given the commission merely provided the details of a very obvious and generally recognized circumstance. No one thought for a minute that the utilities didn't fight this public ownership legislation. Everyone would have thought the light and power companies crazy if they hadn't fought it.

If someone should sponsor a bill to put the state or the nation in the railroad business and promote public ownership of transportation lines, does anyone think for an instant that the railroad companies wouldn't fight the movement? If someone initiated a bill to put the state of Oregon in the retail grocery business and locate state owned and operated stores in various communities, does anyone think the retail grocers would sit idly by and offer no argument against the scheme? Or if someone decided that lower milk prices were desirable and initiated a measure to set up state owned dairy farms in each county, does anyone think that the farmers who now own dairy herds would smile pleasantly and give aid and comfort to the proposal?

The utility companies did just exactly what all corporations and all individuals would do under similar circumstances—they opposed the thing which seemed to threaten their investment and their income. They organized exactly as the railroads or grocers or farmers would do if similarly threatened. They bought advertising space in which to present their arguments against the state ownership idea. They sent out publicity material to discredit the measure. They hired experienced publicity and advertising men to prepare the best possible arguments against the bill.

What could be more natural or businesslike? Who would expect different tactics than this on the part of anyone in such an emergency?

In the hearing thus far the federal trade commission has learned nothing unusual as far as Oregon is concerned and nothing but the details of a very matter-of-fact procedure. No one was bribed, no one was defrauded, no votes were purchased. The Housewives Bill was beaten in a fair, energetic campaign. We can only hope a similar fate for the Dunne bills, the fishing bills, etc., which appear on the ballot for the coming election.

### PROMISE PERSONALS

PROMISE, Ore. (Special)—Miss Gladys Lilly made a business trip to La Grande Monday, returning to Promise Tuesday evening. She intends to work for Mrs. Lena Carter for several weeks.

## ABE MARTIN



A farmer raises his own food. It's easy to run an automobile on promises that give his kid. Keep a childless job so you can be a millionaire in front of a chain grocery long enough to buy a can of bargain salmon is my idea of poor economy.

### Saturday Sales In Wall Street Reach 2,000,000

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—(AP)—Today's brief session of the stock market was one of the strongest and most active since the beginning of the prolonged upward movement.

Reaction of the current investigation of recent transactions in Dodge Brothers was seen in the weakness of that issue. Periods of weakness also were felt by Chrysler and Hudson. General Motors however, made a good gain.

Little else shared the markets activity, with stock inland up four points to 129, nearly the all-time high the feature of the group. Total sales approximated 2,000,000 shares. The ticker was hard pressed to keep abreast of the market and at the close was about 15 minutes behind.

### LA GRANDE WHOLESALE MARKETS

Spring—15c 25c lb.  
Heavy beans—16c lb.  
Light beans—14c lb.  
Rapes—9c lb.

Flour  
Hard Federation (hard wheat)  
Soft wheat—\$7.40 bbl.  
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### LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Butter, creamery—55c; 2 lbs \$1.10.  
Eggs—49c doz.  
Cheese—25c 40c lb.  
Honey—Combs, 25c lb.

### Vegetables

Potatoes—14 lb. 25c; 1.25 cwt.  
String beans—10c lb.  
Parasoy—5c bunch.  
Lined cabbage—30c lb.  
Cauliflowers—15c lb.  
Wax onions—5c lb.  
Lettuce—10c head.  
Endive—12c; 2 for 25c.  
Yellow onions—3c lb.  
Fattish—5c bunch.  
Hothouse cucumbers—5c each.  
Trench carrots—3 for 15c.  
Bunch leeks—5c.  
Turnips—2 bunches for 15c.  
Cucumbers—15c bunch.  
Green onions—3c bunch.  
Green peppers—15c lb.  
Butterbeans—5c lb.  
Hubbard squash—Local 4c.

### Fruits

New Yellow Transparent apples—5c box for 25c.  
Delicious apples—3 box for 25c; \$2.50 per box.  
Honeycrisp—32c lb.  
Everbearing—2 for 25c.  
Lemons—45c doz.  
Oranges—30c 20c doz.  
Grapes—20c lb.  
Eggsplant—15c lb.  
Peas—Bartlett, \$1.50 box.  
Tokay Grapes—15c lb.  
Lady Finger Grapes—15c lb.

### Sugar

Cane sugar—36.5c.

### Flour

Soft wheat—\$7.40 bbl.  
Hard Federation—\$7.50 bbl.

### Poultry

Spring, 1928—30c 22c lb.

### Day after tomorrow

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Trump and family visited Sunday at Hill City, Ore.

Mrs. Lucy Reed visited Mrs. Betty Carpenter Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trump went to Wallawa Wednesday. Mrs. Trump has been ill for some time and is taking treatments there.

### A 1-Carrot Ring



Mrs. Joseph Kunkel of Ashland, Wis. was hanging out her washing and her 15 years old and lost her washing ring. The other day she found it in a basket of carrots—24 carrots and 2700 worth of the carrots. Here is the carrot with the ring.

## PRODUCE MARKET IS MORE ACTIVE

Potato Prices Steady; Butter and Egg Markets Are Firm Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12—(AP)—Local wholesale produce markets showed a little more activity here today than during the past few days. Prices were generally steady to a shade firmer on seasonal vegetables with tomatoes and onions particularly higher. Yukon Spanish type onions were going to the trade at \$2.00 to \$2.25 per sack while Oregon Yellow Danvers were firm at \$2.50 to a shade higher for U. S. No. 1 stock.

Tomatoes were in liberal supply but demand was also good and prices were about 10c higher than earlier in the week at \$0.90 to \$1.00 per 20 pound box. Potato prices today were fully steady at \$1.40 to \$1.50 for U. S. No. 1 grade, while local and combination grades ranged downward for 75c per hundredweight for No. 2 stock.

Practically no No. 1 cauliflower was being offered on the sidewalks today, everything real choice going to fill cart orders from eastern markets. High medium to good cauliflower was in abundance, however, and met with good demand at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per crate. Supplies of good peaches were limited almost entirely to Salways which sold around 75c to 80c per box. Orange Citrus from the Snake River district were in nominal supply, fetching about the same prices as Salways.

Butter and egg markets were firm. No session was held at the Dairy Exchange yesterday on account of the holiday so quoted bids to producers will be unchanged until late Monday.

Demand for pork was somewhat better on the country dressed meat market and prices were a shade firmer at 12 1/2 to 13c. Other kinds of meats were unchanged but inclined to drugginess. Poultry values were steady and trading was fairly active.

### BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12—(A. P.)—Butterfat (c. s. b. San Francisco) 56 1/2 to 57.

### NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—(AP)—Dried fruit and hops steady.

Hens—25 1/2 to 30c lb.

### Meats and Fish

Beef bull—12 1/2 to 13c.  
Corns and steaks—15 to 25c lb.  
Salmon (strictly fresh)—25c lb.  
Haddock—25c lb.  
Cod—25c lb.

### Gasoline

Gasoline, regular, retail, 25c.

## MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Wheat	CHICAGO GRAIN		Low	Close
	Open	High		
Dec.	117 1/2 @ 117 1/2	117 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
Mar.	121 1/2 @ 121 1/2	121 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2 @ 120 1/2
May	124 1/2 @ 124 1/2	124 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2 @ 123 1/2

CHICAGO, Oct. 12—(AP)—Opening unchanged to 1/2c up, wheat later showed a setback all around. Corn, oats and provisions tended upward, with corn starting at 5c to 5 1/2c advance, but subsequently reacting somewhat.

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CHICAGO CASH  
CHICAGO, Oct. 12—(AP)—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 117 1/2; No. 3 hard, 120 1/2; corn, Dec. 2 mixed, 24; No. 2 white, 10 1/2; oats, No. 2, white 45 to 45 1/2; No. 4 white 35 to 40; barley 55 to 60; Timothy seed 4.40 to 4.60; clover seed 22.00 to 23.50; rye, not quoted.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK  
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12—(A. P.)—Receipts—Cattle, 20; calves, 3; hogs, 10; sheep, none; all direct or billed through. Tons for week (approximately): Cattle, 2; light butchers for week, \$19,000 to 20,25; over-eights and under-

PORTLAND PRODUCE  
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Butter, eggs, milk, poultry, potatoes, wool, oats, hay, macaroni, lard and hops—steady.  
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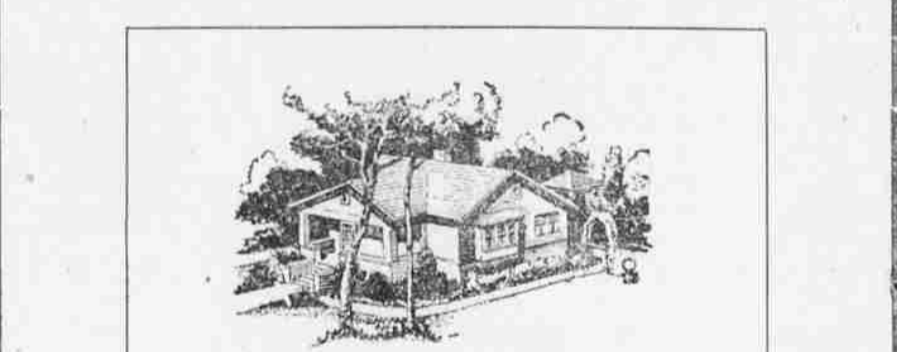
CHATTLE—(Compared with a week ago)—All classes steady; both medium to good steers, \$11.00 to 12.00; top 12.50 for one load; off quality down to \$9.50 and below; top heifers in loads, \$10.25, nothing strictly good included; good cows up to \$8.50; bulk steers, medium and lower grades, \$3.50 down; top cutters down to \$5.00 and below; bulls mostly \$7.25 to 7.75; best light yearlings, \$14.50; calves, \$12.00; down; hogs and pigs down to \$7.50. Hogs—(Compared with a week ago)—Killing classes 25c higher; feeders barely steady to weak; bulk light butchers for week, \$19,000 to 20,25; over-eights and under-

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