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THE INNER LIGHT—Arise, shine, for the light is come, and the glory of the Lord is upon thee.—Isa. 60:1.

Senator McNary says it should be possible to pass a farm relief measure acceptable to President Coolidge within one week. We think there is no doubt about it. The difficult thing is to pass a farm relief measure acceptable to the farmers and acceptable to the president at the same time.

While we extend congratulations to the Union county boys who carried off high honors at the Pacific International, we refuse to be surprised. Winning prizes with livestock entries and with judging ability seems to be a habit with Union county youngsters. With interested dads and mothers, and with the expert help and training of Harry Avery, the boys seem to bring home the bacon with a vengeance.

Either one of two things would have saved the high school from such damage by fire as was experienced last night. A ladder-tower truck or standpipes on the building. Standpipes, such as the Sacajawea hotel has, are slow to be put on old buildings, though they are thoroughly practical. The ladder truck with water tower is the only general protection. A bond issue to provide that equipment had no chance to carry even if it had been on the ballot last Tuesday, but now, perhaps, it might be approved at the polls. La Grande people must decide that soon. They must also decide whether or not the walls left standing are safe, whether they wish to utilize them even if they are. The school problem, and the question of what is the greatest economy both in money and in children, is squarely up to the people of the La Grande district again.

"THOUGHTLESS MODERN YOUTH"

Yesterday we noted an Associated Press dispatch quoting one Rev. Whitcomb, Unitarian minister of Eugene, in his declaration regarding modern youth. The youth of today are not religious, in his opinion, and do not think for themselves. "The average student will subscribe to any creed thoughtlessly as long as no one interferes with his actions."

Not a very attractive picture of our college students, if true. Not a very encouraging prospect for future citizenship if this Mr. Whitcomb's observations are correct. But it isn't; and they aren't. The only reason for being downhearted is that a preacher with such a mistaken idea of youth and such obvious lack of contact with students should be allowed to speak where his stuff gets into print.

He might, it is true, hide behind the use of the word "average" and contend that surveys and tests will bear out the statement that the "average" student does not think for himself and will subscribe to any creed thoughtlessly as long as no one interferes. The same thing applies to the average citizen, young or old, to the average preacher, and to a lot of averages if he would desire a strict interpretation.

The truth of the matter is that most students today—this "thoughtless youth"—do more studying and thinking for themselves on serious subjects in four years than most adults do the last half of their lives. Subscribe to any creed thoughtlessly? We can't think of a more difficult job than "putting over" just any creed on the average college youth. If conditions, associations, subjects, ages, etc., are ever more ideal for the production of skeptics than those influencing a college student, we don't know them. A college student won't ordinarily subscribe to anything thoughtlessly. And usually he won't subscribe at all.

That's probably what Mr. Whitcomb has encountered and has interpreted as a creed of modern youth. "Instead of learning to think," he says, "these young men and women go to the universities not knowing what they want." Quite natural, don't you think, to expect a university or college course to help one decide what one wants? We can hardly find fault with that characteristic of youth when most adults go through life under the same handicap but without trying to overcome it. "They want to learn how to make a living," he concludes, "rather than how to live."

Would anyone enter serious objections to that? We think not. The practical side of life is certainly instinctive. A desire for the material rather than the cultural things seems to be more generally characteristic of all races. Cultural tastes, which our Mr. Whitcomb so earnestly laments, are acquired very gradually. And quite naturally they are acquired largely through college and university training. Is it right to expect the "average student" to possess the characteristics of the finished product? Give them time, Mr. Whitcomb; give them time. And it might be well to mix with it a measure of tact, and a portion of understanding.

ABE MARTIN



My idea of both 'observers' is having 'em go into the open market for trouble. The old home town is the place where they keep your number.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

November 10, 1928
Observer,
La Grande, Oregon.

La Grande has now had two very disastrous fires. First the courthouse and second the high school. These two fires have demonstrated to us that while fire-fighting machinery is effective as far as it goes, yet there is need for at least one more improvement, and that is a tower. The French, prior to the November election, pointed out to us the need of a tower for fire-fighting, and that the court house fire could have been put out with very little damage by the use of one. The high school fire also was discovered at a time when with the use of a tower in connection with the pump it could have been put out with only a comparatively small amount of damage. Such a machine will cost not to exceed \$20,000.00, and while the price of it is beyond what the city budget can stand, yet I am sure that the people of La Grande realize the necessity, and would be perfectly willing to vote for the expenditure, even though the tax rate is increased thereby. Certainly some meetings and discussion of the matter should be held, so that the city commission can secure the proper authority to proceed in the matter. A fire in the roof of any of our tall buildings will result in disaster to the whole building, and we do need a proper fire tower to fight such a fire.

Yours very truly,
GEO. T. COCHRAN

MR. HOOVER MAKES READY FOR S. A. TRIP

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would be made on a battleship. The USS Maryland which now is en route to San Francisco from the south, would be used for the voyage to Valparaiso, but there has been no determination as to the exact date that would be employed to carry the president-elect from Buenos Aires to the United States. In the absence of all official information as to the country to be visited, there have been suggestions here that the itinerary originally contemplated might be extended to include visits to some of the Central American republics, including Mexico, on the return voyage. It might be that on the voyage southward the Maryland would go in at Balboa so Mr. Hoover could make his first inspection of the Panama Canal before passing down the coast to Colombia, which would be the first of the South American countries. And the itinerary. On the homeward leg a stop might also be made at Havana, Cuba, before the president-elect returned to United States soil.

There also are proposals that from Havana Mr. Hoover proceed direct to Florida and remain at some place in that state until a couple of days before March 1.

Many days at sea. If Hoover's plans for the South American trip are carried out, he will be the second president-elect to leave the country before inauguration. In 1920 President Harding spent several weeks on a visit to the Panama Canal. However, his trip was made only a short time before inauguration.

During his prospective journey, Mr. Hoover would have many days at sea, during which he could give undivided attention to ways and means of solving a number of the problems which will confront his administration. Also he would have ample time to consider cabinet appointments and other matters before beginning the rounds of conferences with party leaders which will precede final determination of these matters.

ARGENTINA EAGER

BUFFALO, N.Y., Nov. 10 (AP)—News that President-elect Hoover is planning a visit to South America including Argentina, was well received here. The government already has prepared a special welcome.

CHICAGO MARKETS TO CLOSE

CHICAGO, Nov. 10 (AP)—All produce markets will be closed Monday—Armistice Day.

TRADING ACTIVE IN FRUIT MARKET

Several Price Changes in Butter and Egg Division in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 10 (AP)—Wholesale trading on local fruit and produce markets was fairly active in the early hours today and values of most commodities were well maintained.

Citrus fruits were selling steadily around \$0.8 a box. Local box of white lemons sold mostly at \$1.30, a few at \$1.25. Movement of potatoes was normal at prices steady to easy.

In the butter and egg division there were several price changes. Standard Grade extra butter advanced a cent to 45c per pound, but other grades held steady. Both grades of extra eggs declined, standard extras dropping a cent to 45c while the medium extras declined two cents to 35c per dozen. Because of the other hand, advanced two cents to 25c.

There was little carry-over stock on the country dressed meat markets today and demand was sufficiently active to absorb practically everything which was arriving. Veal was quoted at 17c a lb; hogs fetched around 12c while lambs were double-dipped at 20c a lb.

Turkeys, both live and dressed, moved steadily. Fancy stock, like birds brought from 25c to 20c, depending on condition, while dressed stock held around 27c a lb. Geese were in light demand at 15c a lb and ducks were slow at 16c a lb. All classes of fowls were scarce and prices were firm.

Wheat Weak And Lower At Close

CHICAGO, Nov. 10 (AP)—Opening at 10:50 a.m., corn later advanced a little more, wheat, started unchanged to 1c up, and afterward came moderately all around. Corn also was firmer. Provisions, too, held steady.

Wheat closed 1/2c, 1/2c to 3/4c net lower, corn unchanged to 1/4c up, oats 1/2c to 3/4c off, and provisions varying from 2c decline to an equal gain.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 10 (AP)—Wholesale prices:
Butter—Prima in higher 46 1/2c, Eggs—Standard extra 16 lower, Flax—undressed 20 higher, 25c.
Milk—butterfat 1c lower, Butterfat, station, 51c; truck, 52c; delivered at Portland, 54c a lb.
Onions—Yellow 25c lower, Yukon Golds, 23c a lb, 25c lower, Oregon Yellow (Kauai), 22 1/2c a lb, 24c.
Potatoes, potatoes, wool, nuts, hay, cascara bark and hops, steady.

BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10 (AP)—Butterfat 10c a lb, 10c a lb, 10c a lb.

NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Nov. 10 (AP)—Fruit firm and bids, steady.

LA GRANDE WHOLESALE MARKETS

Spring—18c a lb, Heavy—16c a lb, Light—14c a lb, Sugar—30c a lb.

Flour

Hard Federation (hard wheat) Soft wheat—17 1/2c a lb, 17 1/2c a lb.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Butter, premium—25c; 2 lbs., \$1.10.

Eggs—40c a doz, Cheese—20c a lb, Honey—Comb. 25c a lb.

Vegetables

Potatoes—1 1/2c a lb, Artichokes—2c, Parsnips—1c a bunch, Pumpkins—1c a lb, Local cabbage—4c a lb, Cauliflower—15c a lb, Wax beans—4c a lb, Grapefruit, Florida—2 for 25c, Lettuce—the head, Endive—15c; 2 for 25c, Yellow onions—3c a lb, Radishes—5c a bunch, Brunk carrots—2 for 15c, Brunk beets—5c, Turnips—1c a bunch, Celery—15c a bunch, Green onions—5c a bunch, Green peppers—15c a lb, Rutabagas—3c a lb, Hothouse spinach—Local 4c.

Fruits

Pistachios, apples—4 lb. basket, 25c; 17 1/2c a box, Jonathan apples—17 1/2c a box, Ben Jonson—12 1/2c a box, Pomeranians—2 for 25c, Lemons—40c a doz, Oranges—50c a doz, Grapes—20c a lb, Peaches—Buckeye, 50c a box, Red Romanes Grapes—15c a lb, Lady Finger grapes—20c a lb.

Sugar

Cane sugar—11 1/2c a lb, Flour

Soft wheat—17 1/2c a lb, Hard Federation—17 1/2c a lb, Potatoes

Spring—18c a lb, Heavy—16c a lb, Light—14c a lb, Meats and Fish

Beef, hot—72 1/2c a lb, Choice and medium—20c a lb, Salmon (city) fresh—20c a lb, Haddock—20c a lb, Cod—20c a lb.

Gasoline

Quintine, regular, retail, 20c.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

When	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	11 1/2 @ 11 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4
Mar.	12 1/2 @ 12 1/2	1 2/3	1 1/4	1 1/4
May	12 1/2 @ 12 1/2	1 2/3	1 2/2	1 2/2

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 10 (AP)—Close wheat per 100 pounds, December, \$2.22 1/2; March, \$2.32 1/2; May, \$2.32 1/2.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 10 (AP)—Wheat—Big Bend (husked), hard white, 1.44; soft white, 1.15; western white, 1.15; hard winter, 1.08; northern spring, 1.03; western red, 1.03 1/2.
Oats—No. 2, 25c a lb, 25c, 25c.
Today's car receipts—Wheat 35, floor 6, corn 5, oats 5, hay 3.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Nov. 10 (AP)—Wheat No. 2 red 127 1/2; No. 3 hard 126 1/2; Corn, No. 6 mixed 94 1/2; No. 2 white 44 1/2; No. 3 white 43 1/2; Oats, No. 2 19 1/2; No. 3 19 1/2; Barley 30 1/2 (quintable range); Timothy seed, 5.00 a lb, 5.00; Clover seed, 25.25 a lb, 25.25; Lard, 11.55; ribs, 12.00; hogs, 12.50.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

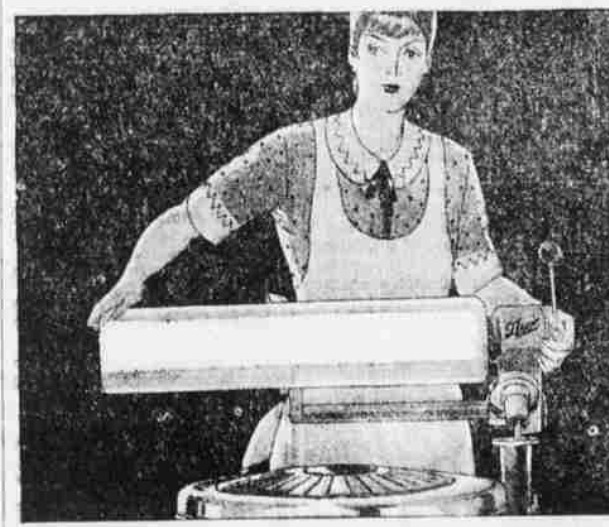
PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 10 (AP)—Portland receipts—Cattle, 10, direct; hogs, 160, including 104 direct. Totals for week (approximate): cattle, 1,425; calves, 250; hogs, 4,200; sheep, 2,200; pigs, 35. Cattle—(Compared with a week ago.)—Matured classes mostly steady; calves and yearlings a full dollar lower; three loads of strictly good steers \$12.00, \$12.25, and \$12.50 respectively; fairly good milks mostly \$11.25 to \$11.50; low, medium and off grades \$10.50 down to \$8.50; top cows and heifers in straight loads \$8.50 and \$9.50 respectively; bulk desirable, she-stock, \$7.50 to \$8.00; low cutters down to \$4.50 and below; bulls mostly \$7.00 to \$7.50; top on light steers \$12.00, with nothing strictly good included; bulk \$11 to \$12.00; calves \$10.50 down; hogs and pigs down to \$6.50.

Hogs—(Compared with a week ago.)—Most classes 25c to 50c lower; bulk light butchers \$9.25 to \$9.50, scattering lots Monday \$9.40 and \$9.50; overcured and underweights \$9.00 down; extreme heavies down to \$7.75; packing hogs mostly \$7.00 to \$7.50; bulk, both slaughter pigs and feeders, \$8.00 to \$8.50, mostly \$8.25.

Sheep—sheep and lambs quietly steady with a week ago; nothing of top quality offered; strictly choice lambs of Mt. Adams and Eastern Oregon type still quoted up to \$12.00 and better; bulk of supply arriving, medium to fairly good, \$10.50 to \$11.50; three-cuts down to \$8.50; best light yearlings quoted up to \$10.00; ewes \$6.50 down.

There will be no market at the North Portland yards Monday in observance of the Armistice day holiday.

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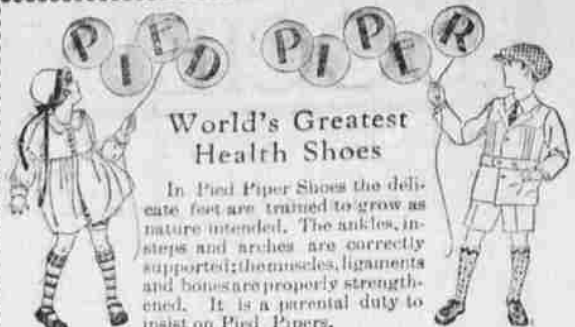
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