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GOD IS MERCIFUL—Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.—Isa. 1:7.

Installment buying is all right as long as you don't stall.

"Believe it or not" there are just 25 shopping days until Christmas. No more.

A scientist says the earth is turning faster, and wonders why. It's because so many people go west. Ever notice how a squirrel cage picks up speed when the squirrel travels?

Commander Byrd, preparing for all conceivable contingencies, is taking refrigerators to the Antarctic. If that man were leading an exploring expedition into Hades, he'd have a cargo of canned heat and electric warming pads.

"Women's independence from their husbands," says the Little Rock Gazette, "began when they quit wearing dresses with 24 buttons in the back." And in the fullness of time and revolution of styles, they'll lose their freedom by going back to buttons.

Hoover's trip to South America bids fair to be the best diplomatic move on the part of this nation since the unscheduled effort of Mr. Lindbergh in Europe. Good will and understanding are international assets that we can well afford to seek in every possible way.

The legislature has never been known to adopt all or even a reasonable part of the recommendation of a special commission in Oregon in the past, so an old-timer in state affairs said the other day. Recent history bears out that tendency, but maybe the surroundings weren't quite attractive in the past. Maybe the situation wasn't sufficiently serious. Maybe they thought they had to swallow the thing whole without a reasonable amount of chewing. Anyway, the world does change once in a while and the Oregon legislature may tag along one of these years and try the same stunt.

### SAFETY ON THE WATER

The traveling public is accustomed to treat those responsible for its safety, by land or water. This is especially true of navigation, because the sea has old and honorable traditions of service, has its own discipline and calls for special knowledge not possessed by landmen.

Suddenly, when any such disaster as the Vestris wreck occurs, everyone who has ever traveled or expects to travel by sea begins asking himself whether any ship is safe—safe from the elements, from defective material or mechanism, from carelessness of those in charge.

It is clear that the public has been taking too much for granted in passenger ships. Presumptions of thorough inspection, proper equipment, readiness of vessel and crew for emergencies of storm or accident, prove to have been terribly wrong in at least one notable instance. They might be wrong in a hundred instances. And they will be, sooner or later, unless public officials, shipping executives, crews and passengers all pay more attention to safety requirements, and keep doing so everlastingly.

Every person who respects his own life or other people's lives should adopt a Missouri attitude on boarding any vessel, of any type, on any body of water, be it the deep sea or a little inland lake.

If possible, know something about the craft, its fitness to meet conditions it will face. If ignorant, insist on learning, from whoever is responsible for the craft. On shipboard pry into anything concerned with the safety problem. There is no other way to be sure that reasonable precautions are taken.

If a few of the Vestris passengers had gone around poking their fingers into the cracks in those lifeboats, and testing the fall ropes, there would be more of them alive today.

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## ABE MARTIN



Now that we all know what the heavy registration meant we kin snap back into the old prosy business of makin' a livin'. There's many a knock gets across in a jest.

### Plowing Nearly Ended For Fall In Wallowa Co.

By G. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent) WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Somewhat colder weather has been experienced in this county during the last few days, with rather hard freezing and a few light snow squalls which have kept the ground white in the higher portions of the country. Road conditions are still fairly good as the ground is fairly dry. Some plowing is still being done on a few of the farms in this community, but it is expected that should the weather remain cold, that the ground will soon be frozen to a depth where it will make plowing difficult. A large amount of fall plowing has been done during the last two or three weeks. No feeding is being done on the farms yet with the exception of dairy herds, many of which have been fed considerable hay and grain recently.

The County Co-operative Livestock Shipping association has been quite active during the last few weeks, under the direction of N. F. Donaldson, who is acting as temporary manager. The last shipment went out the last of the week and consisted of hogs. Nearly a dozen cars have been handled in this manner with highly satisfactory results, and shippers have gained a large amount of data regarding how shipments are handled, etc. It is felt by many of the farmers of this section that recent experiments in shipping have proved that the co-operative method of shipping gives a better chance for a profit to producers than other methods of marketing their livestock. A permanent organization may be formed and a manager secured to take care of the work which has been handled by Mr. Donaldson.

Sam Meek and Roy Gastin were busy a couple of days the last week pulling in some new poles and re-arranging the wires on the Farmers telephone line, running into the Leap community.

H. E. Biggs, of Lower Valley, recently finished repainting and repairing his house.

James Weaver and wife, of Alder Slope, were visiting with Mrs. Weaver's parents, E. A. Downing and wife, during the early part of the week.

Supt. Roy Conklin, of Union, was in town Saturday meeting friends here for a short time, before going on to Enterprise to attend the football game there.

Doc Gastin was a Loring business visitor the latter part of the week.

L. W. Minor, received a telegram from his wife who has been visiting relatives in Alberta, Can., for the last two months, stating she expected to start home Saturday, expecting to arrive home Monday or Tuesday.

H. B. Oliver, of Lower Valley, lost a valuable cow the last of the week when it was killed by a logging train.

E. A. Downing and Hattie Fisher, of Leap, were business visitors at Enterprise the last of the week.

Jack Taylor and wife, of La Grande, visited recently at Mrs. Meek's. They returned home Saturday.

There are a considerable number of cases of "flu" and seven cases in the community at this time. Aside from this but little sickness is reported.

George Cousins and Roy Gastin were delivering some fall hogs here the last of the week, and again on Monday. Part of the hogs were shipped with the co-operative shippers and some heavy ones sold in the Searley Meat Market.

A car of cattle carcasses were loaded out from the stockyards here Saturday for shipment to the cannery at Portland.

A special meeting was held in school dist. No. 10, Nov. 17th for the purpose of voting tax for maintaining school in this district.

The Misses Nora and Dorothy Smith, Eugene Gastin and Lon Hildebrand were visitors at Mrs. Martin's Sunday evening.

Earl Hildebrand visited with relatives in La Grande, Saturday and Sunday of this week.

Mrs. Belle Pennington of Leap, has been sick from a severe cold the past few days.

### AIRCANE CRASHES

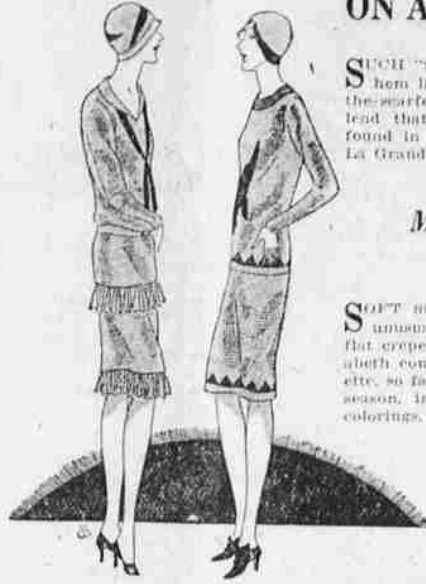
GLAD, Nov. 21 (AP)—An airplane of the United States naval station here crashed today, having hit a tree, but it is believed not fatally. The plane went into a tailspin.

# Style, With The Added Charm Of West's High Quality

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Astorian \$14.75

An Oregon City blanket in unusually attractive plaid pattern, bound edges of silk, in colors of rose, blue and orchid, 66x88.

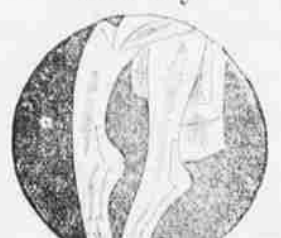
Pendleton \$13.50

A lovely all-wool single bed blanket, size 72x84, with silk bound edges, in plain colors of rose, blue and orchid.

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A 76x88 double all-wool blanket of extra quality fine wool, made by Oregon City, in combinations of rose and white, blue and white glades.

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