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DISCIPLINE REWARDED—Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. —Prov. 22:6.

Will Rogers is right. The bigger they are, the more kidding they'll stand.

This hunting season may have been hard on the birds and deer, but it's harder on the hunters.

Yes, the bull stock movement is mostly bull, and a wise investor doesn't take much stock in it.

Husbands have no rights any more. A judge has just ruled that a man can't handcuff his wife when she disobeys.

La Grande is gaining an enviable reputation as a shopping center. This year the holiday stocks are remarkable. Stores are unusually attractive. It is very natural that Christmas shoppers should come from many miles to find their gifts here this season.

The first coasting spree has been passed without serious accident in La Grande. But youngsters will be out in even greater force the next time the ground is covered with snow. Warn them against sliding at night on unguarded and poorly lighted streets. Autoists try to be careful, but winter visibility is poor. Neither drivers nor youngsters should take anything for granted when streets are covered with snow or ice. Safety first is still a good slogan.

When it comes to picking All-American football elevens we are inclined to think that it has ceased to be a one-man or three-man job. If fans stop to consider the chances of one or even half a dozen football experts picking the best 11 players in America, they will realize how foolish is such a proposal. Consider every all-American selection you have read about this season except the Associated Press selection announced in The Observer Saturday. They all include only big stars from big and prominent colleges. Because of the thousands of young men engaged in college football and because of the tremendous number of schools scattered from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf, it's impossible for any one expert or small group of experts to select a team properly representative of the whole country's best players. The Associated Press scheme of wide analysis and consolidated opinion—aided by contact with every college team in America, is far more ideal. Considering all angles, it is safe to presume that it's also more fair—and that should be the thing football fans want most at the end of each season.

A COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Hershey, who made chocolate bars popular if not famous, has just announced the construction of a community center at Hershey, Pa., where the company's factories are located. The community, which is not incorporated though about 2500 in population, is entirely owned by Mr. Hershey. The new community center, a gift from the head of the company, will cost an estimated $2,000,000 and will include hospital, theater, auditorium, library, etc., for the use of Hershey employes. Which, according to the socialistic scheme of George Bernard Shaw, is all wrong. The two million should be distributed, along with other wealth, until everyone has an equal share—with community centers built by general contribution and taxation. And while there is much to be said for the idea in general, one is led to wonder if there would ever be any community centers or hospitals or libraries if we had an even distribution of wealth. With the possibility of an increased income or a greater individual estate completely eliminated, one wonders if our natural selfishness wouldn't influence us against joining with others to provide the general and large community needs for fear that we would not benefit evenly therefrom. Since an even distribution of wealth could not result in an even distribution of intelligence and leadership, the socialistic scheme might fail for want of a proper combination of all three. Some things seem to be good for people even though they do not think so and even though they won't pay for them. And it might be extremely difficult to provide those things if philanthropy and charitable activities were put to an end. Certainly the General Education Board, which distributes millions to colleges and universities does a wonderful and needed work. Could we, or would we, do as well if those great funds were divided equally among a hundred million people? Could, or would, the people of Hershey, Pa., provide the needed and beneficial community facilities they should have if the Hershey wealth were equally divided among them? We wonder.

ABE MARTIN

I'd forgotten all about Gen. Coxey till I read about Hoover's scheme t' raise a pool o' $3,000,000,000 t' tide o'er th' unemployed durin' slumps an' panics. "I finally found Dr. Mopps but I had t' slip up on him," said Lafe Bud, t'day, in tellin' about his wife's sick spell.

Holly Wreaths Offered Today In West Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP)—Christmas specialties are on the local market this morning. Holly wreaths from 10 to 18 inch in size are priced at 75 cents to $1.25. Best stock bananas are on the market at 8 cents a pound in crates. Jap oranges are offered at $2.25 a bundle in large lots. Dates are offered from 7 to 16 cents a pound; figs from 8 to 12½ cents a pound; commercial mincemeat is priced from 11 to 18½ cents a pound.

Regular commodities in fruits and vegetables continue fairly steady with few price changes.

Butter and eggs steady.

Sweet potatoes are on a rising market, quoted today at 4½ to 8 cents a pound.

Turkey and poultry prices remain steady.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (AP)—Wheat, No. 2, red, $1.22; No. 2, hard, 1.19½.

Corn, No. 2 mixed, 80¾@81; No. 3 yellow, 81@¾.

Oats, No. 2, white, 47½@48¾; No. 4, white, 44@46.

Rye, no sales.

Barley 55@70.

Timothy seed, 5.25@5.80.

Clover seed, 24.50@31.50.

Lard, 10.90.

Ribs, 10.50.

Bellies 11.75.

HECTIC DAY IN STOCK EXCHANGE

Prices Churn About Wildly; Closing Unsettled With Sales 5,200,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—Prices churned about wildly on the New York stock exchange today under confusing cross currents of buying and selling. Radio shot up $15 to $314 in the early trading, toppled back to $275, $145 under its record high of last week, surged up to $312, and again flopped back, touching $295. After selling at $242, a gain of $2, Montgomery Ward dropped to $205.50 and rebounded to $235.

Prices of the high grade shares were not disturbed in the late hour by the violent gyrations in the volatile issues. The drop in call money to 7 per cent and a resumption of pool support resulted in a temporary scramble by shorts to cover. Radio rallied from 275 to 312; Wright Aero from 156 to 216, and A. M. Byers from 152 to 168. Advances over the preceding close were shown by International Telephone & Telegraph, which rose 14 points, Bethlehem Steel, Greene Cananea Copper, Associated Dry Goods and Atlantic Refining, all up 5 points. Fresh selling then made its appearance, driving Radio down to 200, Montgomery Ward down to 825 and Wright Aero to 200. The closing was unsettled. Sales approximated 5,200,000.

Wheat Unsettled And Lower Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (AP)—Starting unchanged to ½c off, Chicago wheat later displayed but little power to rally. Corn, oats and provisions were also easier, with corn opening ¼ to ¾ down and subsequently holding near to the initial range.

Wheat closed unsettled, ⅝ to ½ to ⅝@1c net lower. Corn ½ to ⅝@1c off; oats, ⅛ to ½@⅝ down and provisions showing 2 to 10c decrease.

PRISCO FRUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10 (AP) (Federal State Market News Service)—Apples: Boxes—Calif. Newtown Pippins 2½-4 tier $1.25@1.50; cold storage $1.50@$1.75; 4½ tier $1.00@1.10. Lady apples Tuolumne Dist. XF $4.00@4.50; fancy $3.25@$3.75; Placerville C grade 2.25@2.50; half boxes $1.50. Wash. Rome Beautys, fancy, large $2.00@2.25. Medium $1.50@1.75. Oregon Newtown XF $2.00@2.25. Spitzenbergs, XF $2.25@2.50; fancy $2.00@2.25; choice $1.25@1.50. Delicious XF $3.00@3.25; fancy $2.75@$3.00; choice $2.25@2.50; fancy $1.90@2.25.

Pears: Lake County packed Winter Nells $3.00@3.50 per packed box, small sizes lower. Oregon D'Anjous $2.75@4.00.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	114⅝@114¾	1.14⅞	1.14	1.14⅛@⅜@⅝
Mar.	118⅝@118¾	1.18⅞@1.19	1.18	1.18¼
May	121¼@121⅝	1.21⅝	1.20½	1.20¾@⅞

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 10 (AP)—Close, December 9s 5⅝d per 100 pounds, $1.37⅝ per bushel. March 9s 1½d. $1.32⅞. May, 9s 1½d. $1.32⅞; July 9s 4½d $1.35¼.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP)—Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white 1.48; soft white, 1.17; western white, 1.16; hard winter, 1.11; northern spring, 1.08½; western red 1.12½.

Oats—No. 2-38 lb. white 35.50.

Today's car receipts—Wheat 172, flour 23, corn 12, oats 2, hay 14.

BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10 (AP)—Butterfat f. o. b. San Francisco 58c.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP)—Wholesale prices.

Butter—Steady, Portland dairy exchange net wholesale prices, (cubes): Extras, 49c; standards, 49c; prime firsts, 48c; firsts, 46½c. Creamery prices: Prints, 2c over cube standards.

Eggs — Steady, Portland daily exchange (net basis): Fresh standard extras, 44c; fresh standard firsts, 43c; fresh medium extras, 40c; fresh medium firsts, 38c; undersized, 31c. Prices to retailers, 1@3c over exchange prices.

Milk—Steady, raw milk (4 per cent), $2.55 cwt. delivered Portland, less 4 per cent. Butterfat, station, 51c; track, 52c delivered at Portland, 54@55c.

Poultry—Steady, (buying prices) Alive, heavy hens (over 4½ lbs.), 24@25c; medium hens (3½ to 4½ pounds), 20c; light (under 3½ pounds), 17c; springs, 21c; ducks, 20c; turkeys, dressed, No. 1, 32@33c; geese, 17@18c.

Onions—Steady, per cwt., Oregon, $2.50@4.50; boilers, $2@2.25.

Potatoes—Per cwt., Netted Gems $2.00; No. 1, $1.40@1.90; No. 2, 65c@1.00.

Wool—Steady, Eastern Oregon wools (f. o. b. country points): choice light shrinking fine, 35@40c lb.; heavier shrinking fine, 32@34c; crossbred wools, 36@40c. Valley: medium 43c lb.; coarse, 35@40c lb.

Hay — Steady, buying prices: Eastern Oregon timothy, $20.50@21.00; do valley, $17@17.50; alfalfa, $22@22.50; clover, $15.50@16.00; oat hay, $15@15.50; straw, $8.00 ton; selling prices, $2 ton more.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP)—Cattle and calves—Mostly steady; receipts cattle 1830, calves 240. Steers (1100-1200 lbs.) good $11.50@12.50; do (950-1100 lbs), 11.25@12.25; do (1300 and up); medium 10.50@11.25; do common 9.00@10.50; heifers (850 lbs down) good 9.75@10.00; do common 7.75@9.75; low cutter 4.00@6.75; bulls (yearlings excluded) good - beefs, 7.25@7.75; do cutter to medium, 6.50@7.25; calves (500 lbs. down) medium to choice 8.50@10.50; do cull to common 7.00@8.50; veaters, milk-fed, good to choice 12.50@13.00; do medium 11.00@12.50; do cull to common 8.00@11.00.

Hogs—Active 25c to 40c higher; receipts 2620; (360 through) heavy weight (250-350 lbs.) medium to choice 7.25@8.75; medium weight (200-250 lbs.) medium to choice, 8.50@9.00; light weight (160-200 lbs.) medium to choice 9.25@9.50; lights (130-160 lbs.) medium to choice 8.25@9.25; packing sows, rough and smooth 6.75@7.75; slaughter pigs (90-130 lbs.) medium to choice 7.50@8.50; feeder and stocker pigs (70-130 lbs.) medium to choice 7.50@8.00; (soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotations.)

Sheep and lambs — Steady; rcts. 1195, (140 through. Lambs, (84 lbs. down), good to choice $11.00@12.00; do (92 lbs. down) medium 10.00@11.00; do (all weights), cull to common 8.50@10.00; yearling wethers (150 lbs. down), medium to choice 8.00@10.50; ewes (120 lbs. down) medium to choice 4.50@6.50; do (120-150 lbs.), medium to choice 3.50@6.00; do (all weights), cull to common 2.00@3.50.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (AP)— (U. S. Dept. Agric.)—Hogs 65,000; mostly 15@20c lower; top 8.75; largely 30-80@8.70 market for 180 to 300 lb. butchers, medium to choice 250-300 lbs. 8.40@8.75; 200 to 250 lbs., 8.40@8.75.

Cattle 25,000; calves 2,000; practically nothing done on steers or she stock; run excessive, killing quality plain; bidding 25@50c lower; slaughter classes steers, good and choice 1300-1500 lbs. 13.25@17.00; 1100-1300 lbs. 13.25@17.00; 950-1100 lbs. 13.25@17.00; fat yearlings, good and choice 750 to 950 lbs. 13.00@16.50; vealers, milk fed, good and choice 12.00@14.50.

Sheep receipts 20,000; market very slow; limited early sales steady to weak; few decks good to choice fat lambs 13.75@14.10; sheep and feeding lambs steady; lambs, good and choice 92 lbs. down 13.25@14.15; ewes, medium to choice 150 lbs. down 5.50@7.50; feeder lambs, good and choice 12.75@13.85.

Senators Approve Western Measure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—The senate passed a bill today to authorize a survey of the Columbia river basin project.

The survey would be conducted by the secretary of the interior, who would report to congress before Dec. 10, 1924. The bill would authorize such sums as are necessary to carry out the survey.

Senator Jones introduced the measure as a substitute for a bill which would have actually carried out the project.

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