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GOD'S ENTRY—My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.—Prov. 23:26.

The most shameful story coming out lately about college life is that many students play golf while football games are going on.

How nice it would be if the doctors and scientists would just transfer all those very essential vitamins from their present habitat in—ugh!—spinach, cod liver oil and such, into candy, mince pie, coffee, tobacco and other enjoyable mediums.

Wages, too, at a generally satisfactory level, hold their own, with few decreases and some advances. Everything points to a booming winter. The employment situation is more convincing and reassuring than the Wall Street situation. Factory activity is more important than Stock Exchange activity.

Employment, already good, keeps on improving throughout the country. In a typical industrial city November showed a gain of 2.4 per cent in 100 factories reporting. Twenty of those factories will make further increases in their working forces in December, while only four will release any of their men. Such a condition has not existed since 1923.

"A big era of prosperity for the Pacific Northwest is in prospect. There will be increased activity in most major lines. Brighter days for agriculture are in the offing. There will be greater opportunities in foreign trade. Industrial expansion will be substantial in nature. Conditions of the livestock industry will continue to improve." This we read in a report of the meeting of the Pacific Northwest Advisory Board at Portland. Over 600 representatives of every line of activity were present. Which would indicate with excellent authority that 1929 should get off to a flying start.

A calm newspaper man trying to analyze the Wall Street situation confesses himself helpless. "One who traipses through the financial canyons and tunnels seeking opinions on the market," he says, "is informed that it has lost all homogeneity. It is any man's guess, and statistics have forfeited their virtue. Statistics seem to have gone the way of scientific management. They have not been discarded, any more than management; but business is having to take into account many intangibles, such as style, personality, scientific development. The world has become so complicated that no 'pure' statistician can watch all the factors that should go into the equation." So charts and curves have lost their spell, graphs are ignored, business prophets are without honor. The helpless inventor has to depend on his own judgment, and about all he can figure out is that the stock market today is a pure gamble.

BE CAREFUL, WHATEVER YOU CALL IT

The so-called influenza epidemic has caused a great many people to be ill. Throughout the community there are numerous folk confined to their homes. Many youngsters are out of school. Although the situation is serious and calls for a great deal of care on the part of everyone the epidemic is not proving dangerous yet.

The most important requirement at the present time is to obey certain definite rules to keep the disease from spreading, according to Surgeon-General Cumming in a dispatch from Washington, D. C. He warns against mingling with crowds and says especially to avoid persons who are "coughing, sneezing or sniffling." Do not eat or put fingers into the mouth before washing hands. Special emphasis to certain rules are given in the following paragraph:

"He advised getting as much sunshine as possible, sleeping with windows open, keeping away from houses where there are cases of influenza and keeping up general health by sleeping at least seven hours each night, eating wholesome food and using "plenty of clean water, inside and outside." "In case you do contract the disease," he concluded, "go to bed as soon as symptoms develop and remain there until you are completely recovered. Call a physician at once."

Influenza and la grippe are one and the same thing, according to Dr. Cumming, and date back to about 400 B. C. when the Greek physician, attributed it to changes in the wind. Whatever it is and whatever it's called, the present condition requires the utmost vigilance on the part of people generally. If everyone is careful the epidemic can be stopped very rapidly.

Eggs Continue On Down Trend; Butter Steady

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15—(AP)—Butter and poultry steady. Eggs dropped again on certain classes. Medium extras went down one cent to 34 cents and medium firsts to 33. No change in standards.

Christmas fruits are plentiful on the local market with varying price levels. Navel oranges look due for a rise shortly but today's quotations are steady at $4.50 to $5.50 a box. Lemons and grapefruit are also steady.

New shipment of Japanese tangerine oranges are due on the market Monday morning at $2 to $2.10 a bundle of two small boxes. This price is about 25 cents lower than that quoted on the last consignment offered here.

Evidences of a banana shortage are apparent with Monday's price anticipated at one half cent higher per pound. This will be from 7¾ to 8¼ cents.

The vegetable market remains steady. Lettuce is quoted a little higher at $4.50 a crate. Special Imperial Valley lettuce is due Monday at $5 a crate.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Total receipts for week, approximately, cattle 2250, calves 325, hogs 5700, sheep 1600.

Cattle compared with a week ago mostly steady; bulk better grade steers $11 to $12; one load each $12.50 and $12.75; others $10.75 and down; all quality down to $9; top heifers in load $8.75; top cows $8.75; bulk desirable she stock $8.25 to $8.50; others $7.50 down; low cutters down to $4.50 and below; bulls mostly $7.25 to $7.75; best light vealers $12.00; culves $10 down; heavies and thins down to $7.

Hogs compared with a week ago, killing classes 25 to 30 cents higher; feeders steady; bulk light butchers $9.35 to $9.40; a few loads Monday $9.50; overweight and underweight $9.25 down; extreme heavies $8 to $8.50; packing sows $7.25 to $7.75; slaughter pigs mostly $8 to $8.25; feeders mostly $8.00.

Sheep and lambs quotably steady with a week ago. Strictly fresh handyweight lambs quoted up to $12 and better; choice yearlings up to $10; ewes up to $6.50.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Wholesale prices.

Butter—Steady, standards, 49c.

Eggs—Medium extras and firsts cent lower. Medium extras, 34c; firsts, 32c.

Milk, poultry, onions, potatoes, wool, nuts, hay, cascara bark and hops steady.

DENIES REPORTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Al Lassman, New York university football captain who was injured in the game with Carnegie Tech has returned from Pittsburg to deny personally the many rumors about his condition. Great care was taken to keep his arrival secret but after he had reached the hospital where he will remain for the next two weeks he set at rest the reports that he was paralyzed and not in full control of his mental faculties by sitting up and saying that such stories were "bologney."

In accordance with our pre-Christmas custom of printing one alarming fact, the information is hereby disclosed that in Philadelphia there is a traffic policeman named Sneze.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat				
Dec.	119⅛	1.16½	1.15⅝	1.16
Mar.	1.18⅛	1.19⅛	1.18⅝	1.18⅞@1.19
May	1.22⅛@1.22¼	1.22⅛	1.21¼	1.21⅛@1.21½

Wool Business In Week Is Moderate

BOSTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Business in the wool market was very moderate during the past week but was confined largely to original bag lots of fine and fine French combing and Texas wool.

Prices were firm on occasion grades and conditions on other lines were firm.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. of Agriculture)—Hogs, receipts 16,000; active, steady with Friday's average; top $9.75, largely on $9.60@$9.70 marked on better grade 180-250 lbs.; shippers bought collected holdover 5,000, lightweight, medium to choice 250-300 lbs. $9.45@9.75; 300-350 lbs. $9.45@9.65; 350-400 lbs. $9.25@9.55; 400-500 lbs. $9.15@9.50.

Cattle receipts 4,000, compared with a week ago fed steers and yearlings 75@$1.50 lower; some best and most yearlings as much as $2.50 off; killing quality less desirable than last week turning some of this week's drouthers into a paper offsale; vealers $2.00@2.50 lower; stockers and feeders 25@50 lower; supply figures excessive, short fats predominated; country demand for stockers and feeders rather narrow; extreme top yearlings $12.25; prime heavy steers $14.50; bulk fat steers $11.75@14.

Sheep receipts 7,000; for the week 250 direct, decreased supply attributed to reduced native ewes demand for best slaughter light; shippers demand fairly broad; midweek weakness on lightweight kinds erased; closing fat lambs prices strong to mostly 25c higher than a week ago; fat ewes 25@50c higher; feeding lambs strong. The week's top prices: fat lambs $14.25; fat ewes $8.00; yearling weather $12.90; the week's bulk prices: fat lambs $12.75@14.10; native throwouts $10.50@11.50; good yearlings $11.00@11.50; fat ewes 6.25@7.25; feeding lambs, $12.75@13.75.

Wheat Lower On Chicago Market

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP)—Opening ¾c to 1¼c higher, corn held near to the initial range. Wheat developed weakness starting at ⅛c off to ¼c up, and subsequently undersoing a general sag, corn following. Provisions kept steady.

Corn closed unsettled, ⅜@⅝c net higher, wheat ⅛@⅜c net lower, oats unchanged to ⅛c off, and provisions varying from 2c decline to a rise of a shade.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Wheat, the Dead Lumbermen, hard white, 1.14; soft white, 1.17½; western white, 1.18½; hard winter, 1.19½; northern spring, 1.20½; western red, 1.18½.

Oats—No. 2 white, 36.00.

Today's car receipts—Wheat 48, flour 7, oats 4, corn 2, hay 6.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP)—Wheat, No. 2 hard 1.20½; No. 3 hard 1.18. Corn, No. 4 mixed 79⅝@80½; No. 4 yellow 80⅝@81⅝. Oats, No. 2 white 49½@50½; No. 3 white 46½@48½. No sales rye, barley, timothy seed. Lard 9.87@9.95; clover seed 22.25@31.50.

Stock Exchange Close Irregular

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Violent fluctuations in the high priced specialties again featured the mixed price movement in today's stock market. The general list showed alternate periods of weakness and strength, reflecting in some measure the usual week-end readjustment of speculative accounts and the struggle of opposing speculative forces for control of the price movement. Trading was only moderate in volume, indicating an absence of any widespread public participation.

The close was irregular. Sales totaled 1,715,400.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15 (A. P.)—Butterfat f. o. b. San Francisco, 53c.

LA GRANDE WHOLESALE MARKETS

Springs—24@25c lb.
Heavy hens—16c lb.
Light hens—14c lb.
Stags—8c lb.

Flour.

Hard Federation (hard wheat) Soft wheat—$7.40 bbl.
—$7.60 bbl.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Dairy.

Butter, creamery — 55c; 2 lbs., $1.10.
Eggs—50c doz.
Cheese—25@40c lb.
Honey—Comb, 25c lb.

Vegetables

Potatoes—$1.00 cwt.
Artichoke—20c.
Parsley—5c bunch.
Cranberries—20c qt.
Pomegranates—15c lb.
Local cabbage—6c lb.
Cauliflower—15c lb.
Grapefruit, Florida—15c.
Lettuce—10c head.
Endive—15c; 2 for 25c.
Yellow onions—5c lb.
Radishes—5c bunch.
Carrots—4c lb.
Beets—5c lb.
Parsnips—5c lb.
Turnips—5c lb.
Celery—15c bunch.
Green peppers—40c lb.
Rutabagas—5c lb.
Hubbard Squash—Local 4c.
Sweet Potatoes—3 lbs. 25c.

Fruits

Delicious apples—4 lb. basket, 25c; $1.89 box.
Jonathan apples—$1.10 box.
Bananas—12½c lb.
Persimmons—2 for 25c.
Lemons—40c doz.
Oranges—50@70c doz.
Grapes—2 lbs. 25c.
Pears—Bartlett, 85c a box.
Red Emperor Grapes—15c lb., 2 lbs. 25c.

Sugar

Cane sugar—$6.54.

Flour

Soft wheat—$6.40 bbl.
Hard federation—$8.40 bbl.

Poultry

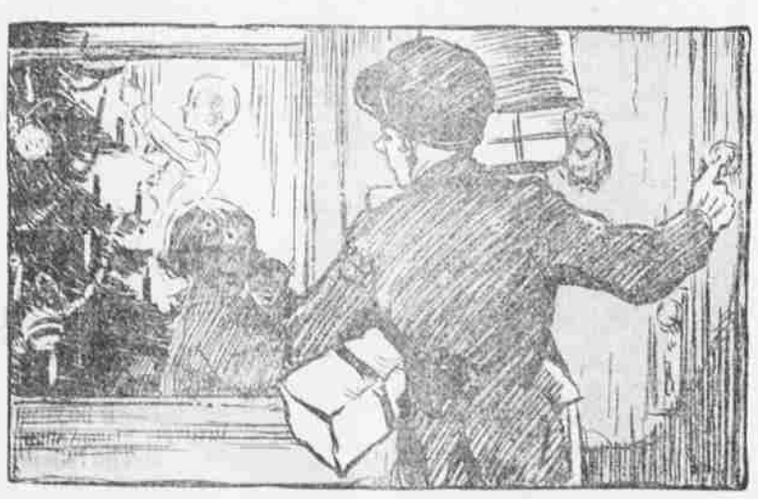
Spring fries—30@32c lb.
Hens—25@28c lb.

Meats and Fish

Beef loin—22½@18c.
Chops and steaks—25@35c lb.
Salmon (strictly fresh)—25c lb.
Halibut—20c lb.
Rabbits—25c lb.
Cod—25c lb.

Gasoline

Gasoline, regular retail, 26c.



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IN MEMORIAM

"The passing of John W. Walden, veteran game warden of Union county, will be noted with a sigh of regret by all persons interested in the conservation of game. With the rapid growth in population of the United States, and the flood-tide of emigration sweeping westward into the uttermost parts, there came a necessity for conservation of wild life or the alternative of its ultimate extinction. The destruction of the great herds of bison that roamed the plains of the West taught the need of laws to guard against eventual destruction of all kinds of wild animals and birds. To enforce these laws game wardens were installed in office. They had the opposition of the co[illegible]ated prejudice of a minority who believed their personal liberty was being infringed upon, to contend with, and their tasks were thankless and offtimes dangerous. But as time went on and as people generally became educated to the change in conditions that made the laws necessary, there was more appreciation for the services rendered by game wardens. The evolution was similar to that being experienced by the prohibition law, although on a smaller scale. There were wardens good, bad, and indifferent. It was only the good wardens who made good and kept the laws in good repute. Walden was one of them, and respect for his memory will be shared alike by those who respected the law and those who ran afoul of him in disregarding it.—Wallowa Sun.

SKATER DROWNS

CLARKSFORK, Ida., Dec. 15 (AP)—The body of John Casey, 18, a Clarkstork high school student, was found under the ice of a slough near here. It was believed by his parents that he had been skating and had broken through the ice.

SEA POUNDS "CELTIC"

CORK, Irish Free State, Dec. 15 (AP)—The liner Celtic, on the rocks at the entrance to Cork harbor, was still being pounded by heavy seas today and the vessel's position was so perilous that salvage men could not go aboard. Their tugs had to take refuge in the harbor. Much cargo remains in the ship which it is feared is doomed.

WOMAN ACQUITTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Mrs. Frances Kirkwood, Long Island housewife, today stood acquitted of the charge that she intentionally stabbed to death her husband, Dr. Glen Kirkwood, a veterinarian. She had been charged with first degree manslaughter.

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