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TRUE WISDOM—Fear thee, my son, and be wise, and guide thee best in the way. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.—Prov. 23: 31, 32, 33.

The lawless waters of the Colorado River are going to be recreated, anyway.

Nobody seems to know just what to call the talking movies, but "gab-film" and "cinema" are not bad.

If anyone has special influence with the weather man, everybody would appreciate getting a little more snow in time for Christmas.

Just one more day of shopping. Christmas may come too soon, as it usually does, for the tardy shopper, but it can't come too soon for the store salespeople. A day's rest for them will not go unappreciated.

Misery loves company and it's only natural that one should get satisfaction out of knowing the other fellow has some troubles of his own. The important thing to remember is that most business troubles today appear very small when considered in the light of a business lifetime.

Dr. Hilton Ira Jones, an American research chemist, tells of a new metal called beryllium, twice as strong as steel and only half as heavy as aluminum. It is so hard that it will scratch glass like a diamond. It cannot be scratched itself with a hard file. "One might build a 100 horsepower airplane motor of that metal," he says, "and it would be so light that a man could easily pick it up and walk away with it." In this age of wonders we refuse to wonder at anything.

A sort of Christmas present came to Uncle Sam on Dec. 15, when the British government paid an instalment of \$94,200,000 on its war debt. That brought the total British payments so far up to almost \$1,000,000,000, leaving \$4,453,000,000 still due. It is often said loosely by Americans that our war debtors are not paying. As a matter of fact, nearly all of them have come to a settlement and are paying, however slowly and painfully, according to their ability. It is no more than fair, especially since most of us have been criticizing Great Britain lately for some other matters, to say that John Bull has paid, and is paying, like a gentleman and a sport. Of all our foreign debtors, Britain settled most readily, and has paid the most substantial sums.

SEASON OF AILMENTS

At the beginning of the long season of colds the loss in efficiency, wages and the cost of medicines and doctor's fees is mounting rapidly. With the first intimation of the autumn and winter seasons, come the annual grief and tribute to diseases of the breathing tract. As the weeks pass common stock in the aspirin trust becomes more valuable.

A Chicago newspaper remarks that the annual American loss in working time through disease and disability is at least \$3,000,000,000. Preventive medicine can reduce that contribution to waste and in doing so can save the people millions that go toward the extraordinary expenses of illness.

Costly though sickness is, however, nothing is gained and much may be lost by trying to evade it. One should try to avoid sickness, but when it comes, to discharge its responsibilities and to substitute ignorant home practices for scientific care is foolish. By stopping work, going to bed and calling the doctor at the beginning of an infection people often will escape pneumonia and other dangerous diseases.

The more people know about right living the healthier and happier they will be. The American Medical Association could do an immense service to humanity by putting the common tenets of health before the people in the form of institutional or group advertising. It could in this way combat quacks, frauds and cults that impress ignorant and credulous people by their blatant claims. The association should be a health teacher, leading in raising the standard of popular knowledge of disease prevention.

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Slight Tendency Downward Marks Holiday Market

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Even price levels on most commodities ruled today just prior to the Christmas holiday. There was a tendency for turkey to decline with offerings of No. 1 dressed, week today at 22 to 24 cents a pound, a reduction of one cent.

Butter and egg prices also ran one half to one cent lower today on some classes. Butter extras were 47 1/2 cents, standards 47 and firsts 45 to 46 1/2 cents. Eggs, fresh standard extras were quoted down to 23 1/2 cents with other classes steady.

In country meats, veal was lower at 14 to 15 cents a pound. New shipments of Imperial Valley spinach were offered today at \$2.25 for 40 pound crates. Imperial Valley lettuce offered at \$4.50 to \$4.75 with other kinds down to \$2.50. Sweet potatoes today were \$4.75 to \$5.50 with Porto Ricans as low as \$2.75.

Changes are reported in the prevailing price of agricultural feed. Alfalfa was quoted 50 cents higher at \$22.50 to \$23, timothy up to \$27.50 to \$28; clover higher at \$17 to \$17.50, oat hay higher \$18 to \$18.50.

Cheerful Tone In The Wool Market

BOSTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The tone of the wool market during the past week has been somewhat more cheerful as trading showed a broadening tendency. The French counting class of territory 64s and finer and the average Texas wools of a year's growth comprised the bulk of the trading. The finer grades of fleeces also were somewhat more active, and values remained firm on all lines. Information received in the private cables from foreign markets were generally inclined to be favorable.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter—Extra cuts and standard cost lower. Extras 47 1/2c; standards, 47c; prime grade, 45 1/2c; firsts, 46c. Eggs—Fresh standard, extras, half cost lower, 23 1/2c. Milk—Steady, unchanged. Poultry—Turkey vent lower. Not dressed 22 1/2c. Other poultry steady and unchanged. Onions—Per cwt., Oregon, \$1.75 to 4.25; bolters, \$2.00 to 2.50. Potatoes—Per cwt., Genoa, No. 1 grade, \$1.40 to 1.50; continuation, 2c to 4c.

Wool—Steady, unchanged. Hay—Higher, buying price: Eastern Oregon, timothy, \$21.50 to 22; do, rye, \$17 to 17.50; alfalfa, 22.50 to 23; clover, \$17 to 17.50; oat hay, \$18 to 18.50; straw, \$8 to 10, selling price 12 ton more.

ABE MARTIN



"What's all this talk about procreancy? 'Th' country didn't vote for good times. It voted for procreancy." said Abe Martin, "At first I thought it was just a silly infatuation, but he seems to be real serious, and wants her to learn a trade," said Mrs. Ike Lark (she), while discussing her daughter's new beau.



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MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat	115 1/4	115 3/4	114 1/4	115 @ 115 1/2
Dec.	119	119	118 1/2	118 1/2 @ 118 3/4
Mar.	121 1/2 @ 1/4	121 1/2	121 1/4	121 1/4 @ 121 1/2

Wheat Easy And Shade Down Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (AP)—Opening unchanged to 3/4c off, wheat afterward held near to the initial figures. Corn started unchanged to 3/4c higher, and subsequently showed slight advances all around. Oats were firm. Provisions kept about steady.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22 (AP)—Close wheat, December 22 1/4d per 100 pounds, 11.50%; March, 2d, 11.25%; May, 3d 2 1/4d, 11.50; July, 3d 3/4d, 11.25%.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Wheat, big Bend harvest, hard white, 1.45; soft white, 1.15 1/2; western white, 1.15 1/2; hard winter, 1.11; northern spring, 1.10; western red, 1.12. Oats—No. 2-28 lb. white, 26.00. Today's car receipts—Wheat 66, four 22, corn 1, oats 1, hay 4.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (AP)—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 119 1/4. Corn, No. 2 mixed, 83 1/4. No. 1 mixed, 79. Oats, No. 2 white, 45 1/4 @ 45 1/2. No. 4 white, 44 1/4 @ 44. Hay, no sales. Barley, 58 @ 62. Timothy seed, 6.45 @ 6.25. Clover seed, 25.25 @ 21.50.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (U. S. Dept. Agric.)—Hogs receipts 19,000; active, mostly 190-195c higher; top 8.55, largely an 8.50 @ 8.60 market for hogs weighing over 150 lbs. Steers 4.00; butchers, medium to choice 25-28c low, 8.45 @ 8.45; 200-250 lbs. 8.45 @ 8.55. Cattle receipts 200, calves 200; compared to a week ago fat steers and long yearlings after losing early 30c @ 3.00 advance closed steady with week earlier; supply figures sharply reduced but slight excess due to loading on early price advance depressed market after Monday; yearlings 11.00 @ 1.50 higher; steers 10p long yearlings 17.50; springing 16.25 @ 17.50; best heavy steers 18.25.

Sheep receipts 2,000; today's market strong to 25c higher; choice lambs mostly 14.00, one deer at 16.00, for the week 15.00. About 1000 pre-holiday supply readily absorbed by broad shipping demand, the week top lambs highest since September; mid-week weakness eased at the close, closing lamb prices 25-25c above a week ago; fat steers steady, northern the highest; the week's top prices: fat lambs 15.00; fat cows 8.90; feeding lambs early 13.85; bulk prices for week, fat lambs 14.25 @ 14.50, yearlings 13.00 @ 13.25, aged cubs 9.00 @ 9.50; fat cows 8.75 @ 9.00; feeding lambs 14.00 @ 14.00.

Close Irregular In Street; Heavy Profit-Taking

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Heavy weekend profit-taking and sporadic bear selling turned the course of stock prices irregular today after an early outburst of strength. Some of the selling is believed to have been inspired by fears of a "money squeeze" next week when corporations and banks withdraw large sums from the market in connection with year-end settlements.

Except for a couple of favorable dividend announcements, and cheerful reports of holiday trade, there was little in the day's business movement. Schwab retail stores was hammered down to a new low on unfavorable dividend rumors, but interests close to the company insist that the dividend will be paid.

Except for the slight decline in Lackawanna to a new low level for one year, there was little interest in the rail group.

The closing was irregular. Total sales approximated 1,300,000 shares.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Total receipts for week approximately: Cattle 1365, calves 255; hogs 707; sheep 593. Cattle market compared with a week ago, steers and bulls fully steady; cows and heifers 25 to 30 cents higher; calves and yearlings 20 cents up; bulk better grade steers \$11.50 to \$12.40; less desirable kind \$11.00 down; off quality down to \$9.50 and below; top heifers in load \$9.50; bulk better grade she stock \$8.50 up; bullocks mostly \$7.25 to \$7.75; bulk light weaners \$12 to \$12; scattering lots up to \$14; calves \$11 down; heaves and thins down to \$7.50.

Hogs compared with a week ago mostly 15 to 25 cents lower; feeder pigs extremely weak at the decline; bulk light butchers for week \$9.15 to \$9.25; scattering loads early Monday at \$9.20 to \$9.40, nothing over \$9.25 thereafter; overweights and underweights \$9.20 down, mostly under \$9; extreme heaves and slaughter pigs \$9 to \$8.50, mostly \$8.50; feeder pigs opened the week mostly at \$8; bulk after Wednesday \$7.50 to \$7.75.

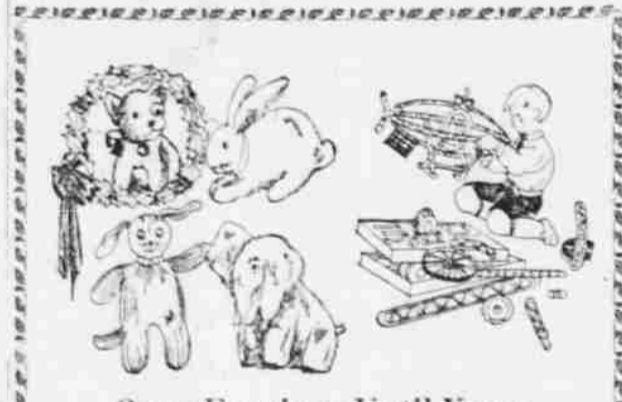
Sheep and lambs quotably steady with a week ago; nothing to speak of on the market; actively fresh butchery weights weighed lambs still quoted up to \$12 and heaver; yearlings up to \$10.00; ewes at \$8.50 down.

NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Dried fruit and hops, steady.

BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22 (AP)—Butterfat C. O. S. San Francisco, 97.50; feeding lambs 14.00 @ 14.00.



Open Evenings Until Xmas

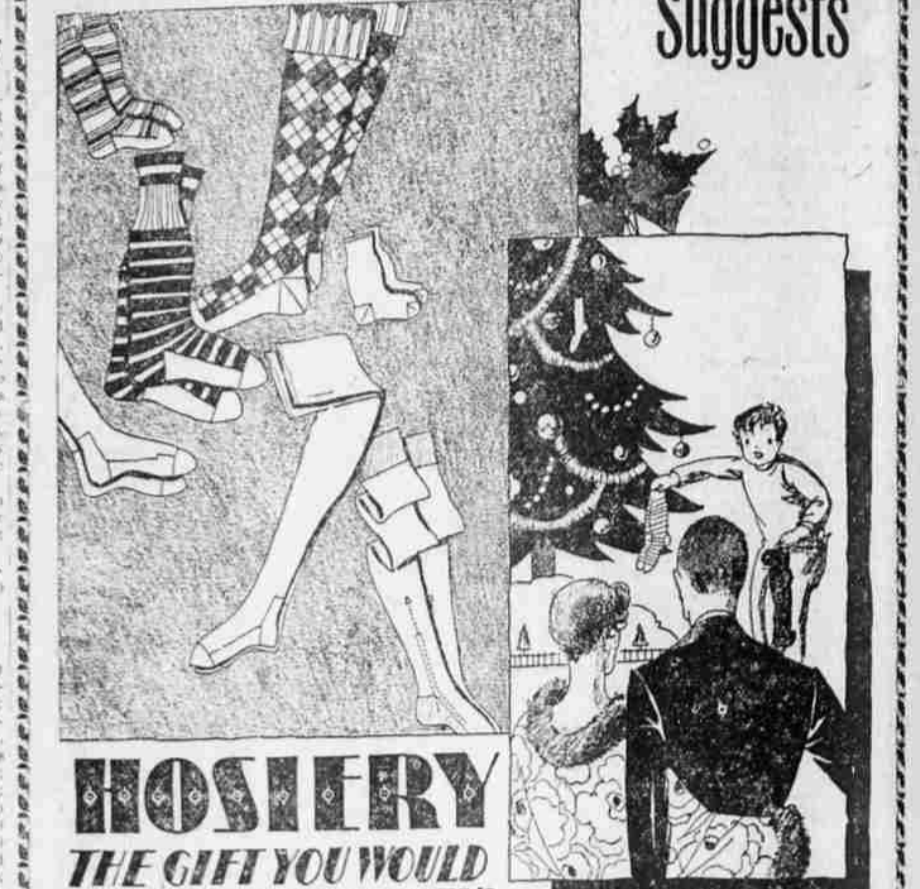
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- Single Handkerchiefs 10c to 50c.
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ONION DUTY INCREASED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—President Coolidge today proclaimed an increase in the duty on onions from one cent to one and one-half cents per pound. The new schedule will become effective Jan. 22.