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HOPE FOR THE LIVING—For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion.—Ecc. 9:4

Nickel cigars are very helpful for swearing off smoking.
It's all very well for California to start a crusade against swearing. If what Californians say about their climate is true, they haven't anything to swear about.

Men lie, Lord Bacon said, mostly because they take a corrupt pleasure in the lie itself. Women are less selfish about it. They lie mostly for the pleasure it gives to the other fellow.

King Alfonso says that "if he likes America, it is because this country seems to be peopled with good sports." To which Americans can truthfully reply that if they like Spain, it is because Spain seems to be kinged by a good sport.

Among the 23,000 suggestions for the prohibition enforcement problem, received by William C. Durant in answer to his offer of a \$25,000 prize, were the following: There were 1171 recommendations for the use of the army and navy for enforcement, 1050 for a law permitting light wines and beer, 679 advocating a special spy system, 418 government manufacture and sale, 477 disfranchisement of violators, 188 life imprisonment, 187 capital punishment, 100 abolition of jury trials, 181 punishing violation as treason, 73 whipping violators, 60 torturing them. It is evident that there is a good deal of disagreement, that any solution will not satisfy a very large majority.

President Gil gave Mexico a fine Christmas present. He announced on Dec. 25 that summary executions were abolished. Not merely for a Christmas holiday either, but for as much future time as he could speak for officially. Respect for human life, he declared, will be as strictly enforced as ever, but persons caught in open rebellion against the government will be turned over to the regular authorities for formal trial, like other malefactors. Instructions to this effect were given to the Mexican war department, which immediately passed the word on to its military commanders throughout the country. In the past it has been customary for commanders to execute rebels by drumhead court martial. Countless injustices have been committed by such procedure. Here is another notable step in Mexican progress toward orderly and responsible government, reassuring alike to Mexico and her neighbors.

ONE JOB DODGED
Uncle Sam has been going slow and "laying off" the latest Latin-American row as much as possible. Recent experiences, especially the one concerning Tacna-Arica, have dulled his enthusiasm for regulating Latin-America if there is any decent and safe way to get out of it.

It was fortunate for Uncle, as well as for the rest of the hemisphere, that when Bolivia and Paraguay started shaking fists at each other, the International Conference of American States on Conciliation and Arbitration was in session in Washington. That provided a means for action in which this country could bear a proper and honorable part without assuming leadership or control.

It was natural in the circumstances for Pan-America to act as a body, with the United States functioning merely as an important member. The responsibility was left with the group, and the group as a whole will have to bear whatever ill will may be incurred in keeping the peace and settling the territorial dispute. The United States in this case, at least, can hardly be accused of "imperialism" or "intervention."

All this is as it should be. There are Latin-American powers as capable as the United States of handling such matters. They may be more capable in some respects, because they are closer to the scene of trouble and understand better the racial temper. Uncle Sam should not bear all the onus of peace-making, but neither should he try to become expert at passing the buck to others.

ABE MARTIN



My idea of dry humor is the congress thinking it can make the country dry for \$250,000,000. It's a good thing we still have a little gallantry left in this country for very few women could stoop for enough to pick up a vanity case if they dropped one.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—Cattle and calves, steady, receipts 59.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK
CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agric.)—Hogs, receipts 23,000; opened steady; later trade 19 to 20c lower on weights under 200 lbs.; heavier weights weak to 10c lower; top 25c paid for 180 to 200 lbs.; butchers, medium to choice 25c to 30c lbs., 8.50 to 9.00; 200 to 250 lbs., 8.50 to 9.25; 150 to 200 lbs., 8.50 to 9.25.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter, eggs, milk, poultry, onions, potatoes, wool, nuts, hay, cascara bark, hops, all steady and unchanged.

WILD OUTBURST ROCKETS STOCKS

Sales Approximate Five Million With Radio Taking the Lead Today

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP)—A wild outburst of bullish enthusiasm in which nearly two score issues were lifted to record high levels ushered in the beginning of the new year in the stock market. High interests were disregarded by speculators for the advance, who counted on an unusually heavy January reinvestment demand and derived encouragement from the widespread predictions of bankers and business men that prosperity would carry well into the new year.

Radio was the spectacular feature in today's market, soaring 20 3/4 points to 395 as against a loss of 27 1/2 in the break of last month and a high of 420. Abraham & Straus ran up 15 points to a new top at 156.

With the reduction in call money to ten percent, a number of issues made further substantial advances in the final hour. Indian Petroleum jumped 18 points, Case Threshing 15, General Electric 12 and Motor 11 1/2. The closing was strong. Sales approximated 5,000,000.

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Wheat Nervous At Close in Chicago
CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (AP)—Opening 5/8c to 3/4c off, Chicago wheat declined a little more, and then rallied well. Corn, oats and provisions were relatively firm, with corn starting unchanged to 3/4c up, and afterward holding near to initial figures.

Several Buyers In Market For Wool
BOSTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Several buyers are in the market for moderate quantities 48 to 50a wool. Ohio strictly combing wools of this grade are bringing 54 to 55c in the crutch.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2 (AP)—Butterfat, c. o. b. San Francisco, 54c.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Table with columns: Wheat, Mar., May, July; Open, High, Low, Close. Values include 115 1/2 @ 116, 1.10 1/2, 1.15 1/2, 1.10 1/2 @ 1.10 1/2.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT
LIVERPOOL, Jan. 2 (AP)—Close wheat March 92 3/4d per 100 lbs., \$1.31 1/2; May 92 1/4d, \$1.32 1/2; July 92. 3d \$1.24 1/2.

PORTLAND WHEAT
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—Wheat: Big Bend bluestem, hard white 1.47; soft white 1.12; western white 1.15; hard winter 1.10; northern spring 1.09; western red, 1.11.

CHICAGO CASH
CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (AP)—Wheat, No. 2 Northern spring 112 3/4; No. 4 mixed 102 1/2.

LA GRANDE WHOLESALE MARKETS
Springs—18c 25c lb.
Heavy hens—16c lb.
Light hens—14c lb.
Slaught—8c lb.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS
Butter, creamery—55c; 2 lbs., \$1.10.
Eggs—45c doz.
Chicken—25c 40c lb.

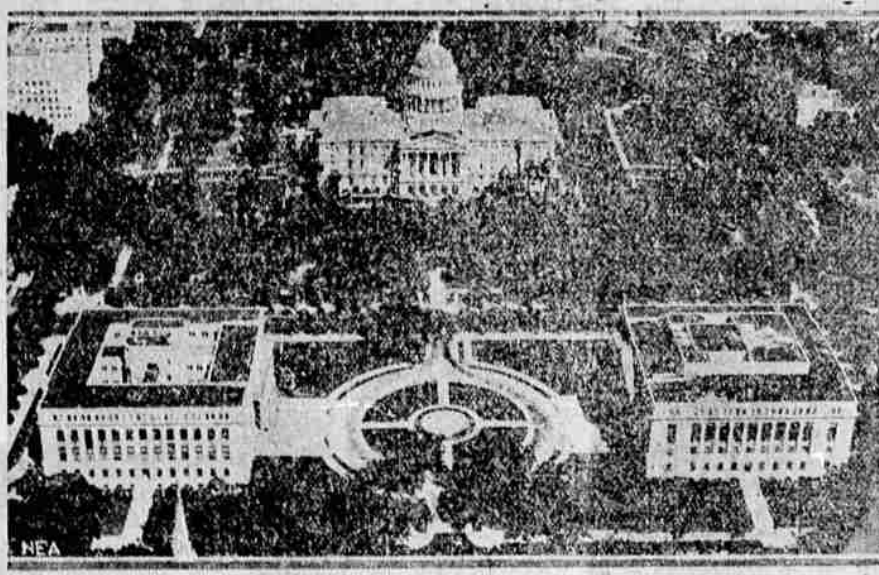
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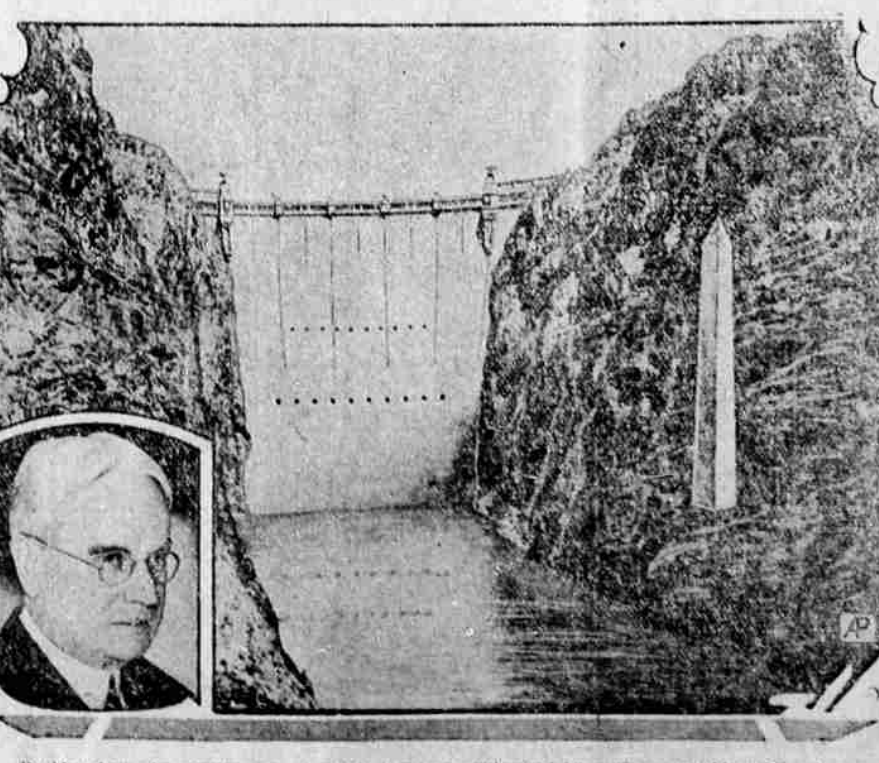
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CALIFORNIA'S STATE GROUP COMPLETED



The capitol extension buildings have been completed at Sacramento, Cal., to house the increasing number of state departments and workers. The two new structures are in the foreground in this airplane view.

Boulder Dam Would Harness Vast Resources



Boulder dam, the construction of which has been authorized by congress, would put a halter on the tumbling and destructive Colorado river. The dam will be a concrete wall, 260 feet high, located at Black canyon (as in sketch above).

Ladies, Misses' and Children's COATS Reduced One-Third N. K. West & Co., Inc. "La Grande's Leading Store for Over 30 Years"

over to parties generally. Many of the young people of Cove attended the Christmas night dance at Union. On Thursday evening the Fun and Joy Bridge club gave an evening party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

Dogs' Tracking Instinct
In following a trail dogs use more than their sense of smell. This was recently demonstrated in Germany by means of a unique "walking wheel" that produced imitation footprints from models of shoes.

Not Land of Ice
The island of Iceland is of volcanic origin and still has hot springs and at least one active volcano.

BUILD RESISTANCE

It is only as resistance is broken down and the system is weakened that germs bring forth their fruitage of influenza, gripe or other ailments. Keeping well-nourished is your surest protection.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

OF PURE VITAMIN-RICH COD-LIVER OIL
is good insurance against weakness. It fortifies the system and helps build up a strong wall of resistance to keep infection off.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

What Investments Will You Make This Year?
You want to put some of your income into worthwhile investments that will provide you additional income later on.

You can't get a better, safer, or more accessible investment than your local building and loan association. No membership fees, fines or forfeitures in the

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Cove City Dads To Take Office During Evening

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)
COVE, Ore. (Special)—The new members of the city council will be inaugurated on Wednesday evening. The regular day for this procedure being the first Tuesday in January, the installation this year will take place on Wednesday on account of Tuesday being New Year's.

The past week has been given