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"I've said that President-elect Hoover intends to take up prohibition in his own way, which sounds like he wuz gittin' ready to buy a couple of five-gallon crocks. When a husband gets tired of his wife he deserts her, but when a wife gets tired of her husband she murders him."

## GROUND HOG OUT TO TAKE A LOOK

With Skies Overcast, Early This Afternoon, Outcome Uncertain

Will he or won't he? The ground hog, official weather forecaster for the United States on one day of the year—Feb. 2—must have had some digging to do to get out on top of the snow today to see whether he could see his shadow or not. But, according to tradition, he always takes a look today anyhow.

In La Grande, the rodent hadn't seen any shadows up to 1:45 o'clock this afternoon but there was still a chance—with the sun not scheduled to drop behind the hills until about 4:30 or 5 o'clock.

If he sees his shadow, the story goes, La Grande will have six more weeks of winter. If not, all will be well.

SEES SUN IN SOUTH

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2 (AP)—Arcemys Monax, that rodent popularly referred to as the ground hog, came out of his hole today, saw his shadow and sent word to San Francisco to six more weeks of so-called winter. The weather bureau did its best in filling the skies with clouds and rain but toward noon the sun popped out a few minutes, long enough for Mr. Monax to see his shadow.

IT DIDN'T WORK

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2 (AP)—Somebody with more zeal than natural scientific wisdom took the ground hog situation by the scruff of the neck today.

During the dead of the night the enthusiastic innovator sealed a concrete wall and wire netting which surrounds the zoo home of Philadelphia's captive and official ground hog. He placed a hole of egress at the entrance to the ground hog's subterranean dwelling, to lure the little animal out.

Then, he anchored an open umbrella above the hole to prevent the ground hog from seeing his shadow.

The intruder then stole away convinced that rain or shine his little scheme would ensure an early spring.

All went well except that the egress was not covered with dirt from a stiff wind, the umbrella blew down, and the ground hog slept soundly on.

Warmer Weather Cuts Prices Of Butter And Eggs

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Moderated weather, topped today, butter and butterfat prices today. Standard extra sugar went down 2 cents to 22 and standard firsts 4 cents to 23. Smaller size eggs under \$24 cents declines at 21 for medium extras and 20 for medium firsts.

Standard butter dropped half a cent to 43 1/2 and firsts one cent to 42 1/2. Butterfat was a cent lower.

Scarcity of California sweet potatoes sent the price up to 64.63. Southern Yams were quoted at 34.34.

Root vegetables were still scarce and high.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Receipts, cattle, 30.

Totals for week approximately, cattle 1199, calves 150, hogs 4940, sheep 1325.

Cattle market compared with a week ago. All classes steady to strong with spots 25 cents higher and steers and she stock 25 to 50 cents higher on calves and vealers. Good steers mostly 11.25 to 11.75. Less desirable kinds 10 to 11. Off grades down to 8.50. Top heifers 10. Top cows 9.25. Nothing strictly good included. Bulk desirable she stock 8 to 9.50. Bulls mostly 8 to 8.50. Odd head of beef type 8.75 to 9. Bulk desirable light vealers 12 to 14.25. Strictly choice lights quoted up to 14.50. Calves 11.50 down. Heavies and third down to 7.50 mostly 5 or better.

Hogs compared with week ago mostly 45 cents to \$1 higher with demand strong at close. Bulk acceptable light butchers, including heavy hogs, \$11. Over and underweights 10.75 down. Packing sows \$9, mostly 8.50 and better. Slaughter pigs 9.50 to 10.25, a few Friday up to \$10.75. Vealer pigs 9.75 to \$10.

Sheep quoted steady with week ago. Choice 50 pound woolled lambs brought \$16. Good to choice 100 pound weights Monday reached \$15. Less desirable car lots and drive-ins mostly \$14 to 14.75. Yearlings and ewes absent. Medium to choice yearlings, quoted \$11 to 12. Ewes 7.50 down.

TURKEY SALE REPORTED

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Sale of approximately \$15,000 worth of turkeys to the Marketing Poultry Company of Nampa, Idaho, was ordered last night by directors of the Douglas County Co-operative Turkey Growers Association. The pool, which will be made up in Roseburg, Oakland, Yoncalla and Eugene on Feb. 6, 7 and 8, will be the last shipment of the season and will consist of two carloads.

The birds to be shipped will be choice young fowls and will bring the top price.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Wheat: Big Bend bluestem, hard white 1.32; soft white 1.19; western white 1.31; hard winter 1.18; northern spring 1.16; western red 1.17. Oats: No. 2-35 lb, white 23.50. Today's car receipts: Wheat 42, flour 14, corn 4, hay 1.

## MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Whent	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	1.28	1.26 1/2	1.24 1/2	1.24 1/2
May	1.29 1/2	1.28 1/2	1.27 1/2	1.28 1/2
July	1.31 1/2	1.31 1/2	1.29 1/2	1.29 1/2

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 2 (AP)—Wheat closed: March, 7s 3 1/2d per 100 pounds, 41.25; May, 7s 5d, 41.37 1/2; July, 7s 7 1/2d, 41.50 1/2.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. of Agric.)—Hogs: Receipts 5,000; fairly active, mostly 10c higher, largely shipper market; top 10.00 paid for a load of around 200 lb. weights. Mostly 9.65 to 9.90 for desirable 150-300 lbs.; shippers 4.00; estimated holdover 2,700-3,000. Butchers, medium to choice 230-250 lbs. 9.45 to 9.80; 200-250 lbs. 9.30 to 10.00; 160-200 lbs. 9.50 to 10.00.

Cattle: Receipts 100; compared to a week ago heavy steers 25c to 75c lower; medium grade of rough kinds off most; after 25c to 50c decline light kinds and yearlings partly recovered their decline; almost every factor in the cattle trade bullish; steer downturn weakened, meaty feeders 25c to 50c; vealers steady; extreme top fed steers 15.50.

Sheep: Receipts 7,000; for the week 25c higher from feed lots 13.50 direct; early decline due to the raggy dress trade and expanded receipts were mostly replaced with sharply curtailed receipts later; compared with the close of last week, fat lambs weak to 15c lower; weathers steady; fat ewes 25c to 50c lower; top prices for the week: Fat lambs 17.00; yearlings 15.00; fat ewes 16.50; bulk prices for the week: Fat lambs, 16.25 to 17.00; yearlings 13.75 to 14.50; fat ewes 8.50 to 10.00; feeding lambs steady, mostly 15.00 to 15.50.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AP)—The stock market ran into moderate weekend selling today. But operations for the advance were maintained at a strong pace, centering in the chemicals and the rails. Nearly a dozen of the latter reached new high prices for the third successive day.

Union Pacific mounted nearly 5 points to a record high price, and Jersey Central jumped 20 points to a new high at 350.

Allied Chemical touched 300 for the first time on a gain of 9 points. Federal Mining advanced 15 and Eastman Kodak nearly 7 points.

Radio was a weak spot, losing about 17 points of yesterday's sharp rise.

The close was irregular. Total sales approximated 2,200,000 shares.

VOLUME OF WOOL Business Light

BOSTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—The volume of business during the week was smaller than anticipated. Inquiries indicated the approach of more active buying. However, weakness at the London auction and irregularity in the Australian market caused buyers to proceed cautiously. Domestic fine wools showed a weakening tendency. Other grades of domestic wools remain firm.

Wheat Lower At Close in Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (AP)—Opening unchanged to 1/2c higher, Chicago wheat afterward underwent a general setback. Corn, oats and provisions were also easier with corn starting 1/2c off to 5c up and subsequently declining all around.

Corn unsettled 1 to 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 net lower, wheat 1/2 to 1 1/2 off; oats at 1/2 to 3/4 decline and provisions varying from 5c setback to a rise of 7c.

NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AP)—Dried fruit and hops steady.

FEDERAL TAX DEPUTY TO BE HERE FEB. 28

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Beginning yesterday and continuing until Friday, March 15, the last day for filing federal income tax returns, deputies from the office of Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, will visit the principal cities and towns of the state for the purpose of assisting taxpayers prepare their returns and compute their taxes.

The various points to be visited and the dates the services of the deputy collectors will be available to taxpayers include the following: Baker—Baker, Feb. 1-2 and Mar. 6-15, Inc.

Umatilla—Pendleton, Feb. 1-17, Inc. Mar. 1-15, Inc.

Union—La Grande, Feb. 28-Mar. 5, Inc.

Wallowa—Enterprise, Feb. 25-26, Inc.

DEBATE ON CRUISER Bill Nearing End

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—Debate on the bill to provide 15 cruisers and an airplane carrier neared its end under an agreement to limit speeches to ten minutes each after 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

"Thinking up the argument against immediate construction of the vessels today Senator Norris, republican of Nebraska, said another world war was inevitable if nations continue to "create new instruments of human destruction."

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Wholesale prices:

Butter: Standard half cent lower; firsts cent lower. Portland dairy exchange net wholesale prices (cubs): Extras 45c; standard 45 1/2c; prime firsts 45c; firsts 43 1/2c. Creamery prices prints, 3c over cube standards.

Eggs: Lower. Portland dairy exchange (net basis) medium extras 31c; fresh medium firsts 29c. Prices to retailers 19c over exchange prices.

Milk: Butterfat cent lower. Raw milk (4 per cent): \$2.65 cwt, delivered Portland, less 1 per cent. Buttermilk, station, 45c; truck 47c; delivered at Portland 49.50c.

Poultry, onions, potatoes, wool, hay, nuts, casaca bark, hops, all steady and unchanged.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (AP)—Wheat: Sample grade hard 100, Corn, No. 4 mixed 92 1/2, 93 1/2; No. 6 mixed 89. Oats, No. 2 white 54 1/2; No. 4 white 54 1/2; No. 1, 55; No. 2, 55; No. 3, 55; No. 4, 55; No. 5, 55; No. 6, 55; No. 7, 55; No. 8, 55; No. 9, 55; No. 10, 55; No. 11, 55; No. 12, 55. Clover seed 23.00.

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## Here and There In Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Lynn McCready, representative from Lane, and chairman of the education committee, has announced a public hearing on the kindergarten bill Monday evening beginning at 7:30 in the senate chamber.

Troubles of the irrigation districts in Klamath county will be given a public airing next Thursday evening when house joint memorial 5 will be the subject of a special hearing. This memorial introduced by LaFollett, Weatherston, Tompkins, Swift and T. G. Johnson, memorializes congress to pass legislation enabling the state of Oregon and the Klamath irrigation district to institute a suit against the U. S. and the California Oregon Power company.

An agreement between the state land board and the energy general on the claims which the state of Oregon may, or may not, have to royalties for land taken from the Washington side of the Columbia river, was reached for the first time in several years at a meeting of the public lands committee of the house late Friday. Both the land board and the energy general agreed to the tabling of H. R. 133, which reopened the old controversy, and to the suggestion of Percy A. Capper that a substitute bill be prepared.

That a special committee of 11 members be appointed by the president of the senate to investigate the feasibility of water transportation on Upper Columbia river, and the possibility of legislation, and report to this session is provided in a senate resolution passed Friday.

It provides that the committee be composed of three senators and the following persons who have shown special interest in the subject:

E. B. Aldrich, editor of the East Oregonian, Marshall N. Dana, president of the Umatilla Rapids association, W. Woodrow Phillips, wheat grower and sheep raiser, Arthur M. Geary, attorney for livestock and agricultural interests in transportation matters; L. K. Hodges, chairman of the upper Columbia navigation committee; W. H. Nelson, manager of the Port of Astoria; George A. Palmiter, master of the state granary, and H. R. Richards, chairman of the Pacific Northwest agricultural rate conference.

Senators Bennett, Corbett and Epton were appointed by President Norblad on the special committee.

The joint committee on banking will hold a public hearing on senate bill 71, Wednesday, February 6, 8 o'clock. The bill originated in committee and seeks to amend sections of the statutes regulating banking and trust business and mutual savings banks in the state.

**DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS ON FILE!**

Pondosa and Medical Springs seem to have strayed from the fold, mentally if not physically. Some of their citizens have concerned themselves with instituting divorce proceedings against Union county with the hope and expectation of happy matrimonial relations with Baker county immediately thereafter. And considering the youth and vitality and charm of this twin community, to say nothing of the examples being set by the young generation generally these days, one cannot blame them even though one cannot agree with them. Baker county has been an ardent suitor. A more ardent suitor than Union county has been a husband. Baker county, being human and therefore more concerned with those industries and communities outside and in the making than those already in hand, has built roads and has contributed money. The gifts of flowers and big boxes of candy and the flow of sweet nothings has been the work of a desperate and yet experienced sweetheart. Now, it seems, the love between Pondosa-Medical Springs and Baker county has blossomed like the rose and our rival to the south has at last felt that the time was ripe to "pop the question." Have they been met with open arms and smiling lips by that attractive young maiden, Pondosa-Medical Springs? Nothing else but. So enthused is the young lady that she proposes to introduce a bill in the legislative court where such divorces must be consummated (at least in part), and ask that she be forever separated from her first love, Union county, and forever joined to her new love, our one-time kind and considerate friend and neighbor, Baker county. The outcome is a matter of doubt. It is possible, we imagine, that Union county will not allow the divorce to go by default, that the case will be contested, that various arguments and evidence to show a long life of happiness and devotion and constancy will be presented. Surely we can't let this charming consort take her leave of our humble bed and board so easily. Union county will contest the case—and we have a hunch that Union county may win. However that may be, doesn't it appear that there's a good case of alienation of affections against someone residing southeast of North Powder?

**Bandit Holds Up Eureka, Cal., Cafe**

EUREKA, Cal., Feb. 2 (AP)—The boldest bandit to victimize this town in many a moon, last night climaxed a series of daring robberies with the hold-up at midnight of the down town Blue Room bar and cafe, escaping with loot valued at \$1,450.

The gunman invaded the night club at the height of the evening's festivities, and took from patrons and the management of the place cash totaling \$450, and a set of diamond earrings valued at \$1,000.

**Marshal Foch In A Second Setback**

PARIS, Feb. 2 (AP)—Marshal Ferdinand Foch, who had been slowly recovering from an illness due to heart trouble and kidney complications, has had a second setback.

He developed another center of congestion in the lungs overnight and there was an air of uneasiness about his home although his doctors refused to sanction any suggestion of real alarm.

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