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SPLENDID COMFORT—Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.—John 14:1, 2, 3.

Abe Martin



They have enough sympathy in this old world to waste any on folks who try to double their money. A lot of people are bent out of the way these days for knowin' too much, but the situation won't be really serious till they begin to bump off those who don't know anything.

CITY MAKING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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ride over the housetops in his toy-laden sleigh.

During the coming week, the various homes in La Grande and vicinity, will be completing their Christmas arrangements, decorating their trees and going through the usual tasks that precede Santa's visit. Small boys and girls already are standing in front of radios—all ears—listening to the jolly old fellow from the polar regions in his "personal appearance" before the mike.

Weather Worries
At present, the only cloud in the holiday sky is the absence of snow, but weather observers in La Grande haven't begun to worry about possibilities of not having a white Christmas—they point out that it is indeed a rare occurrence when the ground is bare on Dec. 25.

J. H. ACKERMAN IS HONORED BY NORMAL SCHOOL

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In Portland and as county school superintendent in Multnomah county. His long tenure as state superintendent and normal school president was marked by practical and far-reaching leadership and wide influence toward higher educational standards.

In commenting upon the action of the normal school authorities, President H. E. Inlow has made the following comment: "It seems altogether fitting that the student teachers in the Eastern Oregon Normal school and the children alike be influenced by their school life and training by the fine example of this great teacher; and that the state should thus honor the memory and constructive leadership of its foremost educational statesman."

PAYROLL OF U. P. HERE IS \$1,389,426

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Statistics he possesses show the vital part of the railroad plays in the life of La Grande. The annual payroll of the U. P. here is \$1,389,426 and the taxes paid by the company in Union county during 1928 amounted to \$159,893.

The number of persons in La Grande who are dependent on wages and salaries paid by the Union Pacific total 2371. The total number of railroad employees here is 794 and of this number, 429 own their own homes. The number of U. P. employes in La Grande who are heads of families is given as 581.

In speaking of the Union Pacific's interest in the employes, Mr. Brophy pointed out the fact that 138 goodwill committees exist at present, two of which are in La Grande. "This is the time of the year when we all preach 'peace on earth, and goodwill to man,' but we are attempting to put it

into practice the year round," Mr. Brophy said.

CARNEGIE SCORES IN FIRST PERIOD

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touchdown. Carnegie blocked the kick, thereby holding the lead, 7 to 6.

McCurdy fumbled the Trojan kick, and Pinckert recovered on the Scott 18-yard line. Five yards for offside aided Troy, and Musick and Duffield, going in as substitutes, made it first down on the line plays. The Duffield passed to Tappan for a touchdown. Baker kicked goal and Southern California led 13 to 7.

Carnegie Tech scored another touchdown before the half ended, tying the score, according to radio reports received here, after the A. P. wire closed down.

DIXON ELECTED AS HEALTH HEAD

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tary: Miss Nellie Grinneth, treasurer; executive board, R. A. Wilkerson, Mrs. Lee Warnick, Mrs. George Cochran, James Hutchison, L. A. Wright, Herman White, R. L. Shoemaker, W. R. Ledbetter, Robert Eakin, Harry R. Zurbick; standing committees: nurse, Mrs. A. R. Hunter; membership, Mrs. E. H. Appleby; publicity, Miss Mabel Martin; district chairman, North Powder, Mrs. Harry Parker; Union, Mrs. S. E. Miller; Cove, Mrs. L. E. Anderson; Elgin, Mrs. L. Denham; Ponderosa and Mrs. H. R. Raymond.

WILL SPEND MILLION ON STATE ROADS

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Jefferson county, surveys \$26,000 and maintenance, \$235,000. An additional \$76,000 for the Willamette highway from the state was announced.

An offer was received from Marion county of \$100,000 in 1930 to be used on the North Santiam on a 50-50 basis. No action was taken on the offer. The next meeting of the commission will be held January 16.

EIGHT YEARS COURTSHIP

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Dec. 14 (AP)—After eight years of courtship, J. Theodore Chapman, 30, Menlo Park rancher, and Mrs. Julia E. Kerr, 37, Pasadena widow, have decided to get married. They applied for a license here just eight years after their first meeting.

BOMB-DAMAGE \$20,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—A bomb, explosion of which was felt for miles around, today did \$20,000 damage to the home of Felix P. Alessandro in Eastchester, Westchester county, and hurled the owner and family to other beds. None was injured, however.

NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER FOR SALE

Scaled bids will be received by the District Forester, Portland, Oregon, up to and including January 2, 1930, for all the live timber marked or designated for cutting, and all merchantable dead timber standing or down, located on an area embracing about 4000 acres within Sections, 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23 and 24, T. 4 S., R. 34 E., W. M., Meadow Creek watershed, Umatilla National Forest, Oregon, estimated to be 7,525,000 feet B. M. of western yellow pine and 805,000 feet B. M. of Douglas fir and western larch. Cutting of other species than western yellow pine to be optional with the purchaser. No bid of less than \$2.50 per M feet for western yellow pine and \$1 per M feet for other species will be considered. \$2000 must be deposited with each bid to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Pendleton, Oregon, or the District Forester, Portland, Oregon.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

| CHICAGO WHEAT | | | |
|---------------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| Dec. | Open | High | Low |
| Dec. | 1.19 1/2 @ 5 1/2 | 1.19 3/4 | 1.17 3/4 |
| Mar. | 1.20 1/2 @ 5 1/2 | 1.20 3/4 | 1.25 @ 5 1/2 |
| May | 1.31 | 1.31 | 1.29 |
| July | 1.30 @ 1.31 | 1.31 1/4 | 1.29 1/2 @ 5 1/2 |

| PORTLAND WHEAT | | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Dec. | Open | High | Low |
| Dec. | 1.21 1/2 | 1.21 1/2 | 1.20 1/2 |
| Mar. | 1.27 | 1.27 | 1.27 |
| May | 1.28 1/2 | 1.28 1/2 | 1.27 1/2 |
| July | 1.28 1/2 | 1.28 1/2 | 1.28 1/2 |

Butter Prices Decline Again; Eggs Stay Weak

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—Because of the accumulation in dealers' stocks, butter prices declined again at the Portland produce exchange today. One cent was clipped off the four grades. Extras were quoted at 41c, standards at 40c, prime firsts at 38c and firsts at 26c.

No change was announced in butterfat values.

Eggs continued with an unusually weak undertone.

Reviewing the fruit and vegetable situation, the Portland bureau of the United States department of agriculture says:

"Cabbage and cauliflower are still being harvested as rapidly as weather and maturity of the stock will permit. An occasional straight car of each, and a few mixed cars of these and other vegetables are still being loaded. In view of California's heavy cauliflower shipments, and anticipated weakness in eastern markets, much of Oregon's cauliflower is now going into storage for the Christmas trade in the northwest.

"Carrot cabbage sales range around \$25.00 per ton, crated. A few sales have been made as high as \$27.00.

"New imports of Japanese oranges, although costing Portland receivers as much as former supplies, are selling to retailers at lower prices, as a result of competition between jobbers.

Wheat Heavy And Two Cents Lower

CHICAGO, Dec. 14 (AP)—Fresh downturns in wheat values here took place early today owing a good deal to new setbacks of quotations at Liverpool. Argentine wheat was reported as being offered in Europe at several cents a bushel cheaper than wheat from the United States. Opening 5 1/2 to 3 1/2 down. Chicago wheat after a sharp suffered an additional drop. Corn, oats and provisions also were weaker with corn starting 1/4 to 3/8 cents off, and subsequently declining still more.

Wheat closed heavy 2 1/4 to 2 3/8 a bushel lower than yesterday's finish.

HEAVY BUYING OF RAILROAD SHARES TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—Heavy buying of the railroad shares, presumably in expectation of favorable merger developments featured today's brief session of the stock market. Renewed liquidation developed in the industrial and public utility groups, forcing many of the leaders down one to three points, but irregular recoveries took place in the last hour of trading.

One of the most interesting developments in the day's news was the announcement that the U. S. Steel corporation plans to spend \$200,000,000 for expansion and betterments over the next three years.

The closing was strong. Total sales approximated 1,600,000 shares.

Nothing on Mosquitoes

Scientists have discovered that butterflies recognize each other at a distance of eight feet. We have had mosquitoes recognize us at a distance of fifty feet.

HOPES FOR TRIO Waning

WASHINGTON, Wash., Dec. 14 (AP)—Hopes that H. H. Dehn, 27, and E. G. Searberg, 46, St. Helens, Ore., business men, would be found alive waned today as more than 20 men searched the Shousson river wilderness of Clark county where Dehn and Searberg have been missing since Sunday.

Further complications developed when it was reported that a party of seven men who left St. Helens to search for the missing pair, had been lost two days in the brush.

LUNCH COST HIM \$3000

CHICAGO, Dec. 14 (AP)—The little lunch Edward Sternberg ate at a certain Stony Island Avenue cafe last May cost him \$3000, when he contends was \$297 too much.

Sternberg said he paid for the lunch by check, making it out for \$3. When it came back from the bank, he found a comma and three ciphers had been added.

ADMITTS MURDER

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 14 (AP)—A quartet of Muncie officers today was driving through Kentucky and Ohio with James Wood, confessed slayer of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Heath, whose skull-crushed bodies were found in their farm home near here Thursday morning.

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LIVERPOOL WHEAT
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14 (AP)—Wheat, close: December 58 3/4 @ \$1.20 1/2.
March 58 5/8 @ \$1.37 1/2.
May 58 7/8 @ \$1.50 1/4.
July 58 6 1/2 @ \$1.29 1/4.

CHICAGO CASH
CHICAGO, Dec. 14 (AP)—Wheat: No actual sales reported.
Corn: No. 2 mixed 34 1/2 @ 85 1/2; No. 3 white 37 1/2.
Oats: No. 2 white 44 1/2; No. 4 white 42 1/2 @ 43.
Hogs: No. 1, 1.01 1/2; No. 2, 1.01 1/2.
Timothy seed: \$5.70 @ \$6.05.
Clover seed: \$10.75 @ \$13.25.
Lard \$10.10; ribs \$10.50; bellows \$11.37.

PORTLAND CASH
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem hard white \$1.35.
Soft white \$1.32.
Western white \$1.27.
Hard winter \$1.20 1/2.
Northern spring \$1.20 1/4.
Western red \$1.20 1/2.
Oats: No. 2 78 lb. white \$25.00.
Today's car receipts: wheat 74 barley 4, flour 8, corn 6, oats 4, slight improvement has been shown May 3.

WARNING!

Only 8 days left to do your "Laundry Shopping." Have your table cloths, napkins, curtains, etc., laundered next week and be sure of the best possible service. You will want everything in readiness for Christmas and there is only a short time left.

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A very curious feature of the ordinary amnesia case is that the victim is invariably identified by the creditors.

These explorers who are looking for buried cities might try their hand at finding the bottom of the stock market.

Two weeks until Christmas. Good news for good youngsters, but bad for late shoppers.

The postoffice department deficit we will always have with us unless there is a millennium and it comes. Last year the deficit was \$85,461,000; for the current year it is estimated at \$84,000,000; for next year it is placed at \$78,500,000. The figures raise false hopes, for next year or perhaps two years hence congress will send the pendulum swinging the other way by cutting postal rates or increasing the cost of the department. It has ever been thus, and the system is the same today that it was a half-century ago. But the fact that there has always been a deficit does not prove that it cannot be wiped out. Efficiency and economy in administration restored the railroads as profit-makers after increased rates failed to raise them from the state of bankruptcy in which they were left by war and post-war conditions. A similar administrative policy would do as much for the post office, but not as long as congressmen are encouraged to send out free mail by the car load and use the postal department as a political ball.

PAPER CUPS

This craze for sanitary containers for everything that is bartered, or offered for sale or given away has now reached the stage where extravagances are being committed in its name. It has been proposed to require stores to encase their customers in germ-proof paper bags before permitting them to try on dresses. And in the capital of North Carolina they fine the corner druggist who serves soda water in clean glasses instead of paper cups that are sanitary by statute. Many soda fountain habitués detest the paper drinking cups forced upon them by a paternalistic legislature. So dispensers, if they would please their patrons, must flout the law. There is but one way out of their dilemma. Revive the custom so long in vogue in old-time barber shops. Visions of the old-time barber shop with shelves of inscribed shaving mugs bring visions of the soda fountain of the future. Behind the marble bar are shelves of glasses each bearing the name of its owner and sacred to his lips alone. Something must be done. A nation accustomed for generations to taking its beverages from thick-lipped glasses, restaurant cups and steins cannot acclimatize itself to paper cups in a

REDUCING THE DEBT

Ten years ago the United States had a national debt of \$25,000,000,000 and was paying on that debt an annual interest charge of \$1,052,000,000. Today the national debt is \$17,000,000,000 and the interest charge on that debt in 1930 will be \$656,000,000. These are the fruits of a wise fiscal policy.

That reduction of nearly \$400,000,000 in interest charges is vindication enough for the government's debt-retirement policy, part of which is the use of a portion of the annual treasury surpluses for this purpose, reserving only a part of these surplus funds for easing tax burdens. It is not a near-sighted policy for every cut in interest payments represents a future tax cut.

Next year Secretary Mellon plans to reduce the debt by \$630,000,000 and in 1931 by \$635,000,000. Good stewardship will make this possible without any added tax burden on the people.

Domestic taxpayers are not bearing the entire burden of tax reduction. Our European allies in the World war are slowly repaying their American loans and each year, economic conditions permitting, they will continue increasing their payments. The debtor nations are by no means "paying through the nose," but had Washington listened too seriously to the debt-cancellation talk of a few years back the American people would now be giving the pound of flesh.

Mr. Mellon and President Hoover are obeying the public will when they resist the unwise moves that jeopardize future debt reduction. It may not be healthy to get completely out of debt, but it is very healthy to cut down to something nearer the pre-war figure.