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THE PROOF OF LOVE—Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings; and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's, which sent me.—John 14:23, 24.

Recipe in yesterday's Observer for Scotch Fruit Cake: "One pound butter, one pound light brown sugar, ten eggs—Who in the world named that fruit cake "Scotch?"

This is, indeed, a changing world. College boys come home for the holidays with Chesterfield coats, derby hats, new mustaches. They look like prosperous stock salesmen—which is the opposite of what dad's pocketbook looks like.

One of the finest things ever undertaken by a sympathetic government is the transportation of gold star mothers to France next year to visit the graves of their soldier sons. Two or more mothers from Union and Wallowa counties expect to go—and what a pilgrimage of love and devotion it will be! Fortunately they will view only the quiet cemeteries where their loved ones sleep, the quiet fields where once they fought and died. The former horror of the battlefields cannot now be visioned, even by a mother.

Taking gold star mothers to France is limited to those having sons whose graves have been identified on French soil. Boys who were blown to bits by high explosive and buried under flying earth were reported "missing in action" and there is no cross to mark the place they died because it is unknown. Mothers of these boys should be invited to make the pilgrimage with the others, if they wish, but federal red tape excludes them because there is no marked grave. Not a very happy reflection on the eve of Christmas, but the memory of the Christmas twelve years ago should make us more appreciative of this year's peaceful holiday, of happy family circles, of home and friends.

NEXT: LAW OF THE AIR

What rights has the airplane, and what rights has the property-owner over whose property the airplane flies?

This question, familiar to law schools, was reopened recently in England. A farmer, angry because some airplanes flew over his property and frightened his stock and made his mother nervous, aimed a shotgun at one of them and fired. He was arrested. A grand jury found that he was not attempting to shoot the pilot, but held him on a charge of malicious damage to property, because some of the shot had gone through the wings of the plane. He was then tried before a jury—and acquitted.

Obviously, if a property owner can forbid the flying of airplanes over his property, and can enforce his "no trespass" signs with a gun, flying is not going to make much progress. The courts have held that no one has property rights to air; but they have also held that no one can use the air over another man's property in such a manner as to injure him in any way.

Sooner or later this matter will be dealt with by legislation. Flying must not be hampered; on the other hand, life and property must be protected. Already in England a plan has been worked out to stratify the air, reserving various levels for various planes, and making 2,000 feet the lowest level. The adoption of this is still under discussion. To some such legislation we must come, however, if both flyers and those on the ground are to be protected in their defined rights.

700 CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS TAKEN FROM FERRYBOAT

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of the American steamer Venator, 626 tons, which plies between New Orleans and Puerto, Mexico, said the ship was aground five miles west of Puerto, Mexico, and passengers had taken to boats. A gale was blowing.

The wireless messages said a gale was blowing and the passengers in the boats were trying to reach land.

The department of communications intercepted the messages, which were to the ship's Chicago headquarters, and instructed authorities at nearby ports to rush relief.

SHIP DISABLED

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 21 (AP)—Wireless messages received here this morning from the United

Fruit line ship Tolosa said the passenger liner Santa Ana was helpless in the trough of the sea, 130 miles southwest of the Isle of Pines, with her rudder gone. The Tolosa said she was standing by.

Fog Holds Rescue Planes On Ground

NOME, Alaska, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dense fog over the Siberian coast again interfered yesterday with the search for Pilot Carl Ben Eklund and Mechanic Earl Borland, missing since Nov. 9, although one pilot was able to reach the ice-bound fur trading ship Nauyas at North Cape, near where the fliers were believed to have been forced down.

Purdue university football champion of the Big Ten, also took first prize in stock judging at the International Livestock show in Chicago. They know their best at dear old Purdue.

Abe Martin



Folks who travel on their looks alius limp back. "If heaven's anything like it's cracked up to be, nohuddy would come back here," said Joe Kite, as he left a spiritual seance last night.

Prices Go Down For Veal, Pork, Butter, Flour

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Coming somewhat in the nature of a Christmas present, prices for veal, pork, butter and flour have declined, while poultry values remain steady at current quotations, which, in turn, are lower than those quoted for Thanksgiving.

Veal was 1c cheaper at 16 1/2c and pork 1c off at 14 1/4c.

Butter and butterfat prices dropped a full cent.

Family flours went down 20c a barrel in keeping with decline in wheat.

Turkey prices are doubtful because shipments from Eastern Oregon have been held up by the weather. The No. 1 grade are quoted at 28 1/2c, buying prices, which are 2c or more below the prices at Thanksgiving. As a whole, no advance is expected.

EX-GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA HAS MYSTERY SOLVED

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1922. After four years of investigation Keyes announced that the investigation was closed. It was generally believed Taylor was killed by narcotic peddlers or one of the actresses with whom he was friendly, or by some admirer of his actress-friends.

PITTS MAKES STATEMENT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21 (AP)—District Attorney Byron Pitts admitted today after reading reported statements of Ex-Governor Eliot W. Richardson from San Francisco that a secret investigation of the killing of William Desmond Taylor, noted motion picture director here in 1922 has been underway for eleven months. He expressed belief that the baffling murder was near a solution.

STOLE HIS BUTTONS

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Dec. 21 (AP)—Perhaps some of the girls are wearing West Point brass buttons as souvenirs. The correspondent of the New York Herald-Tribune wired his paper that when the Army football squad, en route to the west coast, took a workout here, one player tossed his overcoat on a fence. When he came back for it the buttons had vanished.

DRIVER EXONERATED

SEATTLE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Houston Johnston, Portland salesman, was absolved of all blame in connection with the death of Miss Nina Severson, school teacher, who died as the result of a collision between Johnston's automobile and another driven by Walter E. Stewart, Tacoma, on the North Pacific highway.

FORMER KING OF PORTLAND CABBIES DEAD

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—There was a time when ride in a high seated hansom cab with Tom Mooney on the box meant the height of fashion in Portland.

Those were the days when Front and First streets constituted Portland and Second street was a Chinese suburb. Tom Mooney was the king of the cabbies then.

But in the 15 years the blight has fallen on hansom cabs, it also fell on Mooney's avocation and he lived on memories and handouts. Today Mooney's body was found in a waterfront shack and this once familiar figure lies in a morgue.

"He died of a broken heart," John Price, a police detective said. But the coroner said it was exposure and acute alcoholism.

THREATENED WITH DEATH DURING TRIAL

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and other vicious establishments. These women testified today that city and county authorities permitted them to run vicious resorts and sell liquor because they paid for protection.

The government placed Helen Deane, Hazel McKinney and Ray Delama on the stand to tell of the alleged leeching of disorderly houses and their inmates.

Helen Drant told of asking Chief of Police Army Welch if it was necessary to "pay for protection." She quoted him as replying "Don't call it protection, call it a donation."

The Town Doctor (The Doctor of Towns) Says

THINK—It Won't Hurt You Any! Thomas Edison once said, "The American people will go to any extreme to avoid the necessity of thinking."

Notwithstanding that fact—think! This is the time of times to think. In a few days a year passes into "what used to be." It's through; it's gone, and it will never return. Many, many things were accomplished in the last 12 months, but that's ancient history, too. There are a lot of other things you could have done—that's ancient history, too. It isn't what you did or didn't do in '29—it's what you are going to do in 1930 that counts now.

And what are you going to do—same as in 1929? If you do, you are going to go against every law of progress. If you don't change, you will be through—not all at once, to be sure, but you can't go forward standing still, and if you don't do better in 1930 you'll be where you were in '29, and that's standing still—or going backward.

This reads like a sermon. It isn't meant that way. It's just my peculiar way of leading up to this.

If in '29, you sort of went back on La Grande; if you leaned back with any of your 100-worn-out alphas and let the other fellow do the work; if you sat in the car while the other boys changed the tire; if you let some fool petty jealousy keep you out of the work of chamber of commerce or Rotary club or Lions club; if you turned sour because everybody else could not see things as you did; if you acted up like a school kid, and wouldn't play at all, and tried to spoil the fun of others just because they wouldn't play your way and let you be teacher; if you pooh hooed every attempt on the part of others to do something to build La Grande; if you spent your time pussy-footing, scandal mongering and rabbit-punching; if you kept your hands in your pockets, leaning backward, while others were putting their shoulder to the wheel pushing forward—if you did these things, and knew you were doing them, you were a civic moocher and deserve no consideration from neighbor or stranger.

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