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THE LORD AND HIS SERVANT—Remember the word that I said unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.—John 15:20.

While scientists are so persistently adding to the store of human knowledge we wish a few psychologists would engage in the study of small boys on the way home from school. Our particular interest is in the obvious tendency to wade in all the water available, to step in every mud puddle, to plow through every snowdrift. It is probably a childish mania that is incurable—much to the child's subconscious satisfaction.

Soon the motorist will be able to drive across the Columbia between Ranier, Oregon, and Longview, Washington. The new toll bridge, one of the biggest of its kind in the world, is rapidly being completed. Then another will be started to cross the same great river at Astoria, congress being favorably inclined. Such are the fruits of an automobile age. Ferries were efficient enough in years gone by, but modern speed requires uninterrupted progress, closer communication, a greater variety of travel routes.

Union will continue to be the friendly, pleasant community of the past. Not that there was any real danger of it becoming otherwise but the re-appointment of Tony Smith as postmaster at Union for another four years makes it entirely safe. It just wouldn't seem right if Tony weren't postmaster over there. It would be like having a new secretary of the Livestock Show—and Tony has held that job so long and so well that he has become a fixture. The Observer congratulates Postmaster Smith and records the hope that his smile will never fade.

A state sometimes fails to appreciate the advertising value of its good highways because it never suffered long from the advertising of mud highways. Oregon takes her excellent road system very much for granted but Iowa, now getting into the good roads class, is not forgetting the years of mud and the unfavorable publicity she received because of poor roads. As a result, Iowa people are telling the world that they built more paved roads last year than all but two or three states, that the paving of cross state highways this year will exceed the road construction of any other state. The day of the famous mud road in Iowa is gone. But for Iowans it is not forgotten.

THE ORIGIN OF A LEGEND

If you recall the early days of the World War, you will doubtless remember the famous legend of the Angels of Mons. It was a legend that appeared in the fall of 1914, and it strengthened the British morale immeasurably, at a time when such strengthening was badly needed.

When the British army was falling back before the first irresistible sweep of the Germans, the allied cause seemed lost. It looked as if nothing could stay the retreat. But this legend popped up to help stiffen morale, and the British were not driven into the channel after all, and the German advance was halted.

The legend had it that the British rear guard, amid the battle ruck, suddenly noted gigantic, shadowy figures in the clouds, discharging invisible arrows at the Germans. Some soldiers even asserted that the Germans fell in rows before this defense. At all events, the tale made a big impression—and thousands of Britishers actually believed that some supernatural force had been manifest on this occasion.

But now Colonel Friedrich Herzenwirth, formerly of the Imperial German Intelligence Service, says that it was all a trick—a German trick, which had just the opposite effect to that which had been planned.

A German plane, he says, hovered over the British lines, and with a movie projector cast moving picture shapes on a cloud bank where the British soldiers could see them. It hoped, by doing this, to spread terror and confusion; the same stunt had been tried on the eastern front and had worked beautifully, filling the superstitious Russians with fear and awe.

But it didn't work that way. Instead of terrorizing the British, it actually strengthened their morale. So the Germans never tried it again. This revelation is extremely interesting. Wartime legends sometimes have strange origins.

Clark Wood Says

President Hoover landed a seven-foot sailfish off the coast of Florida, but if he runs again the exploit may cost him the California vote.

France stands alone in De-pole counter.

Abe Martin



The feverish demand for industrial alcohol don't look much like business waz lettin' down. The 100 per cent all-talker Art Em-broidery Club is meetin' at the home of Mrs. Leghorn Tharp this afternoon.

The automobile industry is credited with an ambition to turn out five million cars this year—which will be all right enough if the cars turn out for each other.

"What is the difference between a tornado and a hurricane?" asks The Literary Digest. Dunno; but if it happened to be much of a difference, they'd have one hel-lova time settlin' it.

The petticoat is coming back, which shouldn't be interpreted as down in front.

When the country was wet the daws were responsible for prohibition controversy, and now that the country is dry, the nets are.

Doctor advocates walking to prolong life; but when people walk nowadays it's generally because they're reduced to extremities.

Willamette Wins At Whitman, 38-31

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 15 (AP)—Willamette university's basketball team defeated Whitman college, 38 to 21 here last night in the first of a two-game encounter. Willamette university's championship hopes in the Northwest conference basketball rose last night when the Beavers, by a great and final sport, noosed out Whitman before a frenzied audience. Whitman led, 14 to 15, at half.

On the broad shoulders of Ed Cardinal, Willamette center, the mantle of victory rested. His 14 points, 11 of them in the second half, proved the telling factor.

Nine times the teams were tied and ten times Willamette had the lead. Five times Whitman led. Until the final minute, neither had more than a four-point margin. Removal of Whitman's guards, Croxdale and Havenby, on personal fouls, gave Willamette the chance to pull ahead after a final tie of 29 all.

Italian Premier's Daughter to Wed

ROME, Feb. 15 (AP)—The engagement of Belda Mussolini, daughter of the Italian premier, and director to Galasso Campese, son of the minister of communications, Costanzo Ciano, was announced today.

Premier Mussolini will give a reception for a few friends and officials this afternoon at his home.

BROTHER EMBERS KILLED

LENS, La., Feb. 15 (AP)—Lawrence Whitley, 18, and Gandy Whitley, 22, brothers are dead as the result of the crash of a sightseeing airplane.

THEATERS

Ramon Novarro Coming to State on Sunday

"Devil-May-Care," Ramon Novarro's first all-talking musical romance with a score by Herbert Rothart, lyrics by Clifford Grey, and an elaborate technicolor sequence, will open Sunday at the State theater.

The songs in "Devil-May-Care" are said to be unusually beautiful.



DOROTHY JORDAN and RAMON NOVARRO IN "DEVIL MAY CARE" having a semi-civilized air but a catchy swing. It is predicted that "Charming," the principal song, will be one of the most popular numbers of the year.

SALLY O'NEILL PLAYING With Sally O'Neill singing for the first time on the screen, and John Mack Brown playing the piano in the role of a young composer, "Jazz Heaven," bright, tuneful musical romance, opens today at the State theater. It is a Radio Pictures production which has been well received wherever shown all over the country.

Overnight News Briefs

By the Associated Press Domestic

Washington—Hoover party catches 120 pounds of fish on last full day of president's vacation.

New York—Ellis Island on eve of 85th birthday, is guest of honor at dinner given by Nicholas Murray Butler.

Boston—William M. Butler, former chairman of national republican committee, announces candidacy for republican nomination to U. S. senate.

Los Angeles—Mrs. Clara Shortridge Foltz announces candidacy for Governor of California.

Auburn, N. Y.—Jury gets case of six Auburn convicts on murder charges resulting from riot.

Jena, La.—Two killed, one badly burned in airplane crash.

Honolulu—Planning naval plane sink in ocean after being brought down from 1000 feet; three occupants saved.

Washington—Fred T. Donohoe, 79, Idaho's first senator, dies.

Duluth—Emmett J. White, U. S. customs patrolman, says his killing of Gus Henry Wirkkala while searching for contraband liquor last summer, was accidental.

Foreign

London—Great Britain, France and United States start work of harmonizing French tonnage demand with general plan of conference.

Paris—Government announces French soldiers have put down communist agitation in Indo-China.

Mexico City—Carlton Beals, American newspaperman, released after six hours detention.

Bucharest—Duty expelled from government party for having moved for discussion of throttling of peasant by Prince Nicholas.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	1.15 1/2 @ 1/2	1.16 1/2	1.15 1/2	1.15 3/4 @ 1/2
May	1.20 @ 1/2	1.21	1.19 1/2	1.20 @ 1/2
July	1.21 1/2 @ 1/2	1.22	1.20 1/2	1.21 @ 1/2
Sept.	1.23 @ 1/2	1.23 1/2	1.22 1/2	1.23 @ 1/2

PORTLAND WHEAT

	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	1.16 1/2	1.16 1/2	1.16 1/2	1.16
May	1.19	1.19	1.18	1.18 1/2
July	1.20	1.20	1.19	1.19
Sept.	1.19	1.19	1.18 1/2	1.18 1/2

Egg And Butter Quotations End Week Unchanged

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—Egg and butter quotations ended the week steady and unchanged. The egg demand has been about even with the supply. Storage stocks of butter were still large. Since the produce exchange, which continues butter prices, holds no Saturday meeting, current values will be in effect at least until the Monday afternoon session.

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

"Fruit and vegetable distribution in Portland shows less activity after several days of unusually active distribution. Prices generally show little variation.

"Spinach from the Dulles made its first arrival today. Quality was good, although of rather small size, and it sold at about the same price as California stock.

"Onion shipments from Oregon suddenly increased to 11 carloads Thursday. The outside demand continues very slow, and the market is dull.

"Potato loadings from all sections continue liberal, with 800-950 cars daily. The market continues firm at Yakima valley points; but at other shipping districts, as Southern Idaho and eastern points, the market is dull this week."

Wheat Lower And Unsettled Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (AP)—With Argentine wheat being offered to Europe at below a parity with wheat from the United States, the wheat market here showed weakness today. Price rallies in Chicago fell and were responsible for \$154,000 or 25 per cent of the total damage in the state. Eight other instances of blow torch and frozen pipe accidents were reported with damage unestimated. Sixty fires destroyed city dwellings and contents to the value of \$77,215 and 31 fires damaged farm dwellings and contents in the amount of \$64,480. One farm barn, with contents, was burned in Multnomah county, believed incendiary, with loss of \$5,500. Matches and cigarette smokers were charged with three fires, total loss \$6,000, and 43 fires of unknown and undetermined origin, including the \$250,000 cannery fire at Astoria, destroyed \$250,000 in property value.

PORTLAND CASH

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem, hard white \$1.24.
Soft white \$1.15 1/2.
Western white \$1.15 1/2.
Hard winter \$1.12 1/2.
Northern spring \$1.13 1/2.
Western red \$1.13 1/2.
Oats: No. 2-38 lb. white \$34.00.
Today's car receipts: wheat 42, barley 1, flour 9, corn 1, oats 7, hay 7.

Only prohibitionists and totalitarians will be appointed as federal prohibition enforcement officers, says Attorney General Mitchell. They'll be in bad company, won't they?

CLOSING TONE IS HEAVY IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—The irregular advance of the past week was partially cancelled by heavy week-end profit taking in today's short session of the stock market. A few specialties continued to make substantial headway, but leading shares generally were depressed 2 to 5 points.

The reaction reflected growing uncertainty over the technical position of the market, with the steady elimination of the short interest during the past few days. While commission houses generally have been advocating the retention of good stocks for long term investment, several of late have been advocating profit-taking by traders playing the market for a quick turn.

U. S. Steel which reached a new high level for the year yesterday, lost about three points.

Total sales approximated 1,700,000 shares. The closing tone was heavy.

Schmeling Willing To Battle Winner

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—The New York state athletic commission today received a cablegram from Max Schmeling saying he would meet the winner of the Jack Sharkey-Phil Scott fight for the heavyweight championship in Mrs. William Randolph Hearst's milk fund show at the Yankee stadium the latter part of June.

Mr. Coolidge says that "in any estimate of the power of the country, we find the chief asset in spiritual values." Funny that wasn't brought up at the naval conference.

By Williams



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Seventy-one fires, or 54 per cent of the total, were caused by the use of the blow torch in thawing frozen pipes, explosions, open fires, and over-heated and defective stoves, chimneys, etc., during the cold spell and were responsible for \$154,000 or 25 per cent of the total damage in the state. Eight other instances of blow torch and frozen pipe accidents were reported with damage unestimated. Sixty fires destroyed city dwellings and contents to the value of \$77,215 and 31 fires damaged farm dwellings and contents in the amount of \$64,480. One farm barn, with contents, was burned in Multnomah county, believed incendiary, with loss of \$5,500. Matches and cigarette smokers were charged with three fires, total loss \$6,000, and 43 fires of unknown and undetermined origin, including the \$250,000 cannery fire at Astoria, destroyed \$250,000 in property value.

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