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A FRANK ACKNOWLEDGMENT—I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.—Romans 1:14.

A man who falls in love with himself never has any rivals.

It's house- and yard-cleaning time in La Grande. For some weeks the frequent mild spring temperatures have encouraged outdoor exercise in the form of raking lawns, trimming shrubs, preparing gardens. And the result, as in past years, will be pretty yards that earn the reputation as the best kept in any Eastern Oregon city. Only occasionally do you see anything to mar that reputation. Vacant lots need attention. It's a nuisance to have to care for a vacant piece of property, especially when it's only crop is a tax receipt. But vacant lots can be cleaned of rubbish and the weeds kept down without too much effort, and they make a much more attractive city.

The Roseburg News-Review, commenting on Walter Pierce's decision to stay out of the democratic primaries, urges democrats to unite on Ed Bailey. It emphasizes the need for harmony, especially for young men in the party—and carries the idea further by urging more leadership by young men throughout the state. Old men are inclined to live too much in the past; young men live in and for the future. "Oregon", The Review says, "lives too much in the past. We think too much of the ox team and too little of the airship. We talk of our fertile soil... of our natural resources, forgetting that natural resources bring progress only as they are developed by man. Mexico, from the standpoint of natural resources is one of the richest countries on earth. It is also one of the most backward." Which comment, in our opinion, provides food for thought, both for political parties and communities.

The decision of the state highway commission to issue additional bonds for \$1,500,000 to match the federal aid money appropriated by congress is an excellent move. It will speed up the completion of the highway program at a time when bond retirement requires the biggest share of income. It will bring modern highways to communities that have long been neglected, yet have paid their share on other roads in the form of license fees and gas taxes. It does not, of course, mean the immediate extension of the established highway system. New roads cannot be added until the original program is finished. But it brings new roads nearer. The wait will be shortened.

**WILD HORSE NOT EXTINCT**  
The horse was unknown to the Western World until Cortez landed in Mexico a little more than four centuries ago. Until then the Indians carried their baggage on half-tamed wolf-dogs or on squaw backs. A few of the Cortez horses escaped into the wilds, were joined by others from later Spanish expeditions, and soon wild herds were running the mesas of the Southwest in great numbers. Largely of Moorish and Arab stock, the Spanish horses laid the foundation for the hardy mustang strain and the natural selection of the wild country soon developed an intelligent, sure-footed and wiry breed.

Running the range, wild horses became public property. Indians made them beasts of burden. Their flesh saved many an early trapper and explorer from starvation and they have been the white man's beast of burden since the earliest days of exploration and settlement.

With the advance of civilization and the advent of big ranches that needed every foot of grazing ground for domesticated animals, the wild horse became a range menace. He ate grass needed by cattle and tamer horses. He was no longer considered good horseflesh by breeders. And he stampeded and enticed away range stock, and infected good horses with disease.

So there have been many campaigns for their extermination, the latest being a plea from Eastern Oregon ranchmen for bombing them off the ranges by army planes.

While the wild horses may be the picturesque animal fiction has painted him, he seems to have lost some of his nobility and certainly has lost his place in the economic order of things. Like the buffalo he must go, with the exception of a museum herd or two.

**COVE WILL VOTE ON GYMNASIUM**  
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At a public hearing, held before some of the very few towns in Eastern Oregon without a gymnasium, it was decided that the school board should vote on the proposition to build a gymnasium. The school board will hold a public hearing on the proposition to build a gymnasium at the school building on Friday, April 5, at 8 o'clock. The proposition is to build a gymnasium at the school building on Friday, April 5, at 8 o'clock. The proposition is to build a gymnasium at the school building on Friday, April 5, at 8 o'clock.

## Mrs. Pierce Is Speaker At Meet Held At Elgin

ELGIN, Ore. (Special)—The Thursday meeting of the Local Women of the Christian Church was held at the home of Mrs. Walter M. Pierce. Mrs. Pierce was the speaker and address not only the members of that women's society but the Presbyterian and Methodist Ladies' Aid societies and any other in the town who were interested in the subject of the afternoon's discussion. The meeting was opened by a vocal duet by Mrs. Melvin Barnes and Mrs. Bernal Burr. Miss Clara Ancular played a delightful piano number. Mrs. Pierce stressed the importance of keeping up to date on reading material. She emphasized not only reading modern books but to keep fresh also the best of the literature of all time. Her enthusiasm was carried over to all present and will no doubt bring a renewed interest in the delightful practice of reading and especially aloud, for young children and older members in the home. She brought some material on reading lists from the state library covering the varied needs of readers from pre-school age to mature adulthood. Miss Mae Clayton sang "I Hear a Thrush at Eye," following the address. An informal discussion was later carried on during the serving of refreshments by the hostesses.

Mrs. L. B. Williams left Friday for Portland where she has been invited to participate in a conference concerning the training of young people and children in the work of the church and Sunday school. Mrs. Williams has done outstanding service with the young folks in the Presbyterian church here and for this reason was invited to this meeting. The Rev. Mr. Williams has been pastor of the local church for more than a year and Mrs. Williams has been a very efficient assistant in all work of the church. Following the conference she will go to Eugene where she will attend the remainder of the week with her daughter, Elaine, who is a student at the University.

William Ezell is quite seriously ill at his home here. He is suffering from pneumonia and heart complications. A nurse from La Grande is in attendance.

Charles Chandler, of La Grande, spent Tuesday at Elgin at the William Ezell home. Mr. Ezell is an uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prout and Mr. and Mrs. William Miller attended the county association meeting of L. O. O. F. and Bebekeah at Union Tuesday evening. As usual they had a fine time. The next month's meeting will be held with the Cove lodge and this meeting will close the series of around the county gatherings which have been held during the five winter months.

Mrs. Earl Chandler has been appointed to take the census at Elgin. The work will be carried out through the surrounding country by other appointees.

A social affair which should have been mentioned last week was the birthday party of Vivian Elaine Arant, who was two years old on March 18. The guests and their mothers spent the afternoon visiting and the crowning event of the afternoon was the birthday feast. The favors included paper cups which each child wore while eating. Many appropriate gifts were presented to the little hostess. The guest list included Mrs. Julius Hug and grandson, Donny, Mrs. George Gordon and Alice Anita, Mrs. Cliff McCullough and Joanne, Mrs. Laurence Blumenstein and Betty Lee, Mrs. Nyal Graham and Vesta, Mrs. Harold Hug and Ona, Mrs. J. W. Fitzgerald and Jack Wallace, Mrs. E. E. Arant and Lorita, Mrs. Lynn Hill and Lloyd and Mrs. M. M. Arant and Vivian Elaine.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid held election of officers at the meeting held Wednesday at Mrs. George F. Smith's home. The routine business occupied the early part of the afternoon, the election results being Mrs. George F. Smith, president, Luella Long, vice president, Mrs. Lee Golding secretary and treasurer. At this meeting plans were discussed for the annual hot cross bun sale which this aid has held on Good Friday for a number of years past. A social hour followed the business session. Guy Patten is adding to the appearance of his home by planting overgreens.

Mrs. Phila Reichtel spent last week in Walla Walla visiting with her relatives there. Mrs. Reichtel, a son, lives near Walla Walla and her nephews, Tom Scott, living at Walla Walla, and Dave Scott, whose home is at Joseph, as well as the younger generations of the families make quite a long visiting list to be covered in one week. Her grandson, Laurel Willy, of Elgin, took her to Walla Walla a week from last Sunday.

Mrs. Jesse Breshers, of La Grande, came to Elgin Sunday to visit with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Gisson. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tamerle, of Kamela, were also guests at the Gisson home. Mrs. Tamerle's son, Mrs. Martha Gisson and is teaching the Kamela school this year.

Little Jewel Rollins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rollins, is very ill of pneumonia at their home at Elgin.

Mrs. William Russell spent Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. Melvin Barnes. Mrs. Russell made her home at Elgin for many years but moved to La Grande a year ago.

Wednesday night of this week was the regular monthly dinner of the Elgin Commercial club. Mrs. Kate Lewis opened a restaurant in the building formerly occupied by the Elgin bakery and the club dinner was served there.

The Rev. Mr. Gervais held baptismal services at Phillips creek last Sunday afternoon. There were two who were baptized at that time but a gathering of about 200 people witnessed the ceremony.

The potluck supper held Tuesday night by the members of Orionette temple and Orion lodge Knights of Pythias was attended by about 75 people and was a success in every way. After the supper, W. D. Goodenough, manager of the insurance department of the order, talked to all present. This was followed by dancing until a late hour.

Miss Helen Voelker, of the University of Oregon, is a guest at the R. L. Shoemaker home during the spring vacation. Her home is in Portland and she will return the last of the week.

Nyal Graham and Glenn Patten, of the local Skaggs store, attended a meeting of employees in La Grande Sunday. Their families went with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Thompson and son, Boyd, came to Elgin Monday from the camp above Hilgard. They will visit relatives here for an indefinite period while the camp is closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Iren Osborn have

### LOCAL MARKETS

Spring—18@25 lb.  
Heavy hens—16c lb.  
Light hens—14c lb.  
Stags—5c lb.  
Flour  
Hard Federation (hard wheat)—46.00 bbl.  
Soft wheat—55.80 bbl.  
Hard Federation—\$1.70 per 42 lb. sack.

### LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

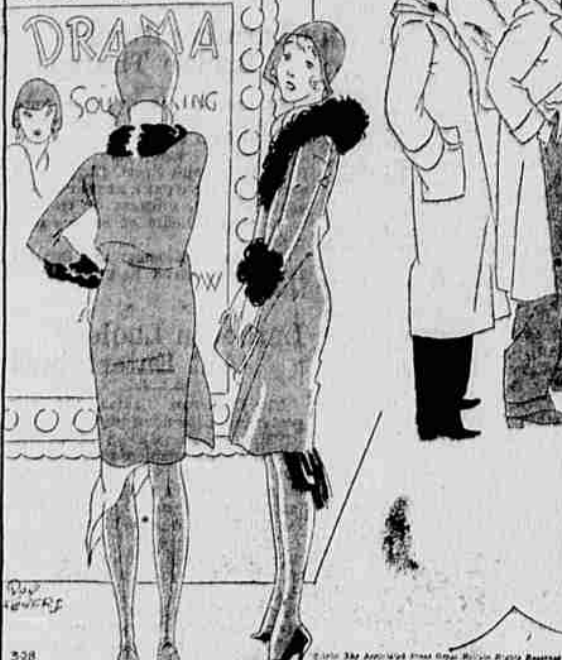
Sugar—100 lb. sack—46.25  
Vegetables  
Netted Gem potatoes—\$3.50 sack.  
Parley—5c bunch.  
Cabbage—12c lb.  
Lettuce—10c head.  
Radishes—2 bunches for 5c  
Yellow onions—4c lb.  
Green peas—20c lb.  
Flour, new potatoes—20c lb.  
Carrots—California, 10c bunch.  
Sweet potatoes—3 lbs. 20c.  
Parsnips—5c lb.  
Spinach—10c lbs; 3 for 25c.  
Brussels sprouts—25c lb.  
Cranberries—2 lbs. for 25c.  
Green onions—2 for 5c.  
Cucumbers—35c each.  
Cauliflower—15c lb.  
Celery—20c.  
Celery heart—20c.  
Turnips—15c a bunch; 2 for 25c.  
Green peppers—40c lb.  
Artichokes—2 for 25c.  
Radishes—5c bunch.  
Tomatoes—25c.  
Rhubarb—15c.  
Asparagus—15c.

### Dairy

Butter, creamery—45c lb., 2 lbs. 85c.  
Eggs—29c doz.  
Cheese—40c lb.  
Honey—Comb, 25c a square.  
Fruits  
Bananas—2 lbs. for 25c.  
Cal. strawberries—40c cup.  
Apples—\$1.50 @ \$2.50.  
Lemons—50c doz.  
Oranges—25c doz.  
Meats and Fish  
Beef loaf—15@20c.  
Chops and steaks—85c @ 40c lb.  
Fresh salmon—40c lb.  
Halibut—30c lb.

## MODEST MAIDENS

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"My boy friend's always broke since he got his new job."  
"What's his racket?"  
"Financial adviser."

established their home in Elgin in the cottage owned by J. W. Brown. Mrs. Osborn is employed at the Elgin Grain and Storage company owned by C. E. Merritt. He is taking the position left vacant by Otis Buchanan when he moved to Alsea two weeks ago.

### U. S. AVOIDS ENTANGLING AGREEMENTS

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### CONSULATIVE PACT OPPOSED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (AP)—American signature of a consultative pact at the London naval conference was vigorously opposed today by Senator Swanson of Virginia, the ranking democrat on the foreign relations committee who expressed the hope that President Hoover likewise would oppose it. Senator Swanson in a statement declared a consultative pact was too high a price for a five power naval treaty. He said it would be better for America to enter into a three power naval limitation treaty or adjourn the conference than to agree to such a pact. "It is far better," he said, "for America to enter into an agreement with Great Britain and Japan

Coastwise will be renominated. Poland is still seeking a cabinet to replace that of Stanislaw Pilsudski, which resigned last week. Professor Rydzanski, president of the senate, attempted to form a ministry, but failed. Jan Pilsudski, brother of the former dictator Marshal Pilsudski, is trying to assemble a government.

### EAGLE OFFICIALS VISIT AERIES OF EASTERN OREGON

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Mr. Sheehan will return to award prizes. He has been in La Grande since Sunday on official business. Mr. Sheehan is president of an aerie of about 29,000 members and is deputy grand auditor and deputy grand worthy president. In Pendleton Wednesday night Dr. Scofield spoke to a large crowd, attended by members from Pendleton, Walla Walla and La Grande. Lyle Gunnors, state secretary and deputy grand worthy president; President F. G. Sullivan, of Pendleton; the president and secretary of the Baker aerie with a number of Baker members were out-of-town visitors last night.

What do you mean by agreeing with that customer? Don't you know that the customer is always right?  
Salesman—Sure I do, but this one insisted that he was wrong.

### PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Mar. 28 (AP)—Cattle and calves: quarterly steady. Receipts cattle 35, calves 10. Steers 1100-1300 lbs. \$11.25 @ \$12.25. Yearling wethers \$8.50 @ \$10.50 @ \$11.00. Calves, medium to choice \$9.00 @ \$10.00. Vealers, milk fold, good to choice \$11.00 @ \$12.50.

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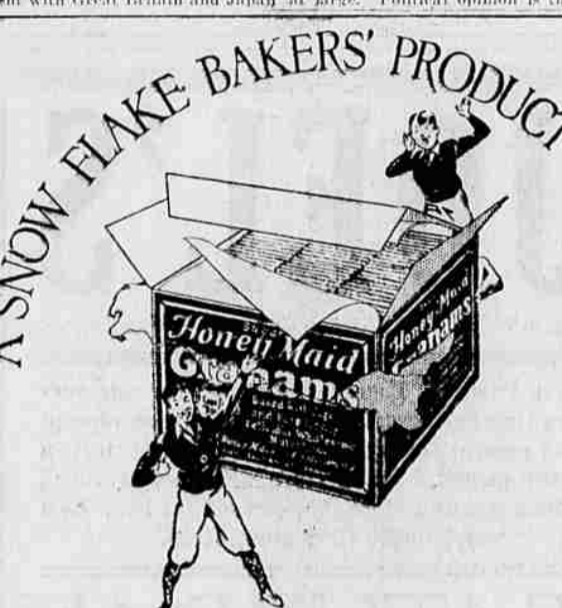
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