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They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.—Isaiah 40: 31.

### A BEST INVESTMENT

Though real estate inflations and deflations result in losses to the unwary, it is still true that the best investment on earth is the earth itself.

In few, if any, communities today is real estate to be sold at the inflated values of five years ago, and the person who bought at peak prices and is now forced to sell on the present market, must take a loss. But if history repeats itself, as it has never failed to do in the past, those peak prices of the last boom will be exceeded in the next.

One of the seven wonders of America is the rise in a century of the value of the land within the present limits of Chicago from \$160,000 to \$5,000,000,000. Right now the latter figure may be excessive, but when business recovers it will again be an inadequate estimate.

Prof. Homer Hoyt, prominent economist, has shown by an exhaustive study of Chicago's real estate history that after every quiet period the city's land values have reached a higher peak than ever before. And this same thing is true of every city.

Despite occasional fits of wild speculation, real estate values enjoy a solid and steady growth compared with other forms of property. The current situation has forced values down, but they have not melted to the vanishing point.

### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas buying and giving may have suffered this season, but it is all the more reason why there is a bull market in the true Christmas spirit.

When the country was prosperous, poverty virtually unknown and everyone was busy shopping, wrapping, mailing and entertaining or being entertained there was no room for the good old-fashioned Christmas spirit. It was crowded out by more materialistic and worldly things.

This year with less of the wherewithal the real significance of the season has been impressed upon the minds of both giver and receiver. It has indeed, been more blessed to give than to receive this Christmas. Not what one has, but what one shares will count today.

From the sacrifices, little and great, and the acts of charity and generosity taking place on all sides, the nation is deriving a better appreciation of the real meaning of Christmas.

The aim of every man should be to get out of life all that there is in life; to develop latent possibilities; bring to life dead talent; discover new forces; learn how to deal with men; grow character; build a soul — in fact, to become a leader in the world's work, a man who delights in raising the standard of men and who carries the flag of civilization forward.

If we can help anyone to be happier or more useful, we will be just that much richer ourselves. We only really own what we use or share.

Men do not acquire such a place by trying to get all they can out of the world, but by trying to put all they can into

### In Washinton

By Herbert Plummer  
WASHINGTON—Young Paul Kvale, Minnesota's 35-year-old member of congress and the only Farmer-Laborite in the house of representatives, made 'em all sit up and take notice in the way he faced in the hands of the Democrats in the matter of committee assignments.

Paul himself must have blinked his eyes once or twice when he first took a peep at the lineup.

For six seats on as many house committees were given him and not a one is an empty honor.

An Accomplishment  
Not had progress at all for a "youngster" who has been in the house just a little over two years. No member of the house in years had been the subject of so much speculation as Kvale recently.

With the close margin separating Democrats and Republicans, it looked for a while as if he would have the final say as to which of the parties would control the seventy-second congress. But he kept mum. Gossip has it that at one time he approached the Republican leaders with the request—making no promise—that he be given his three old

committee assignments in the new congress. He was advised that it looked as if the Democrats would be in control.

Then it is said he went to the Democratic leaders with the same request. He was told by them that they, too, were not interested in making concessions for his role in the matter of organization.

Christmas Gift  
As it turned out, Young Paul voted for neither the Democratic nor Republican candidate for speaker, but cast his vote for Schneider of Wisconsin—one of the five to do so. But the Democrats remembered him, with six assignments—three more than he enjoyed under the Republican regime.

Which was about the best Christmas present Kvale could possibly expect.

### Health

THE FIRST SIX YEARS  
We need not agree fully with those who say that the child's mental and psychological life is cast, for better or for worse, during the first six years of its life, in order to appreciate the value of this period.

faceted by the child is greater during this short span of years than at any subsequent period.

From them the child learns to understand the world about it, and, rightly or wrongly learned, its initial lessons are hard to unlearn.

Animal trainers know the importance of the breaking-in period of a young horse or dog.

Experience has taught them that a valuable animal may be ruined by faulty training.

They pay attention therefore to the native traits of the animal, and take their observations into consideration as they train it.

Unfortunately, we can not always say as much about the training or breaking-in of those other most interesting young animals — children.

Many are not trained at all, but like Topsy—just grow up.

A large number of these, however, grow up with a "Topsy-turvy" mental and emotional life.

The practical aspects of mental hygiene, those dealing with the training of normal children have been well developed.

For those who are interested, and who feel their responsibility to young children there is available a large quantity of very sound advice and instruction.

The books of Dr. Thon on the Everyday Problems of the Everyday Child, and by Dr. Blanton on Child Guidance offer a wealth of valuable material to guide one in bringing up children with a sound psychological health.

In many communities there are local organizations devoted to child study and to the promotion of mental hygiene.

The local state department of health will undoubtedly be able to advise you if and where such organizations may be reached.

### SNOW IS FALLING OVER THE STATE

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wet flakes of snow which melted as they fell shifted down on Eugene early today. Drenching rains of the past few days have flooded many basements in the city. The Willamette river was up four feet today.

An unusually high tide was reported at Florence, and the strong southeast wind kicked up a heavy surf. Wide tides broke a houseboat from its moorings at Cushman last night and the boat floated down the river to the sea. No one was injured. Most of the coast roads were flooded today.

Cascade summit reported heavy snows, 24 inches of snow having fallen from Saturday morning to Sunday, bringing the total to six feet.

### COGS WEATHER STORMY

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—Rain and snow following violent wind storms combined with the highest tide in several years Sunday sent Cogs river and tributary streams to a new high level. Scores of acres of farm lands were inundated by salt water, rendering them worthless for several seasons. Many residents were obliged to use boats for transportation.

Damage amounting to several thousand dollars is believed to have been done to electrical equipment in several lumber plants.

### SNOW AT KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—A heavy snowfall continued here during the night, although there was some thawing today. Roads were blocked but most of them were expected to be opened today. There were six inches of snow on the ground at Klamath Falls.

### HEAVY SNOW AT BAKER

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—A heavy snowfall started here about 11 o'clock this morning and continued with increasing intensity. The temperature was mild and there was no wind. Roads were rough because of frozen slush. Yesterday's temperatures were unusually high and much of the snow already on the ground melted.

### WELCOME LULL TODAY

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—A welcome lull occurred today in the blizzards that Saturday and Sunday raged in the mountains south of here, leaving five feet of snow on the higher levels of the Siskiyou and the Green Springs mountains.

### Building Permit Total For Year Up To \$70,807

A second building permit applied for this month was issued Dec. 19 to J. A. Gjermoe, to erect a garage on Cedar street between Adams and Washington, to cost \$50.

Previously, an \$885 permit had been issued, bringing the total for December to \$935, and the total for the year to \$70,807.

### TRIO OF YOUTHS SAFE AFTER NINE DAYS IN CASCADES

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Mount Jefferson but blizzards whipping down the peaks blocked their progress over the sky line trail. They had carried rations for only seven days, portioned them so that they lasted nine days, but finally were forced to return when their food supply was exhausted.

### Queen's Well-Stocked Mind

"English Women in Life and Letters" says: "Queen Elizabeth had book-learning sufficient to fit her for an archbishop's wife." She received a classical education and is said to have attained proficiency in Latin and Greek.

### COSTIGAN URGES FEDERAL ACTION

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000 unemployed in New York City alone.

"The spectre of starvation faces millions of people," he said, "who have never before known what it was to be out of a job or what it meant to be up against it."

Hodson estimated the 250,000 families and unattached persons in New York were either in need or were receiving some kind of assistance.

About \$25,000,000 from private funds and \$20,000,000 from public funds, Hodson said, would be available for relief in New York.

Costigan asked if that would be adequate.

"The funds now in sight are not adequate," Hodson replied.

Senator Wheeler asked what he meant by adequate.

"I believe nobody will starve to death in New York City this winter," Hodson replied.

"But we have got to remember something more than just keeping the body and soul together."

The welfare expert said he believed the distressed should be permitted to live in "a reasonably decent" way.

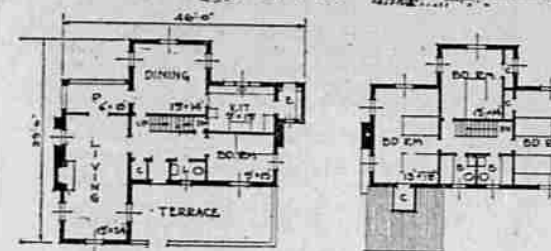
The present relief basis of \$50 a month for a family of five, Hodson said, "is entirely inadequate."

The witness said free medical facilities in New York are being taxed "to the limit and beyond."

He added that to some extent the increased demand for free medical attention was due to malnutrition.

He said, however, that the mortality figures "do not yet disclose an alarming situation."

### COMPACT 7-ROOM HOUSE



By The Associated Press

This suburban home finds its inspiration from the early Colonial design of American ancestors.

It imbues all of the charm of the Colonial exterior with the modern conception of the small family plan. Our idea of construction, although not radically different from our predecessors' is nevertheless somewhat changed because of the change and addition of materials.

The exterior of the house is of wood clapboard placed ten inches to the weather up to the eaves of the second story and flush siding from there up. Roof is of wood or non-inflammable shingles in various tones, which should be kept warm in color. The chimneys are of red or whitewashed brick. The shutters are dark blue green. All exterior woodwork is painted white and this includes the window sash and muntins.

This house is unusually compact for a seven-room home. All partitions are built over one another for economy of construction. And all rooms

have good light and splendid cross ventilation.

As you enter, to the left is the living room. On the right the hallway leads past the lavatory to the guest or maid's room and on into the kitchen. At the rear of the living room and also accessible to the dining room is a small porch which might easily be enclosed and serve as a solarium.

Upstairs are two large bedrooms. A third is slightly smaller than the other two. At the front are two bathrooms.

The house would be most suitable on a lot 75x150 feet, but in closer suburban areas would fit comfortably on a lot 60x100 feet. It should face toward the east to give continuous all-day sun to the living room. Proper landscaping is an important factor in the beauty of the house.

Estimates have been taken on this house that run between \$6,000 and \$8,000 approximately, with due regard to the fact that individual tastes may increase this figure, and depending also upon local labor and material costs.

### Obituary

#### WESLEY DUNCAN

(Contributed)

Wesley, Duncan, resident of Joseph, Mo., passed away at his home Friday morning, Dec. 18, 1931, at the age of 75 years and 18 days.

His health and strength had failed gradually with advancing years but his sunny spirit never left him.

Wesley Harvey Duncan was born at Kingsville, Johnson county, Missouri, on Nov. 29, 1855. He was the son of William and Mary Jane Duncan and with his parents spent much of his early life in Cooper county, Missouri.

In the year 1875 he was married to Anne Hobbs of Illinois. After living a year in Missouri they moved to the west, settling near Cove, where the family home remained for a number of years. To this union were born five children: Olive, who passed away in infancy; Noel, who passed away April 1, 1931; Wesley, now of Joseph; Mae Williams, of Grangeville, Idaho; and Leonard, of Portland.

In December, 1887, his wife passed away and in February, 1888, Mr. Duncan with his four children returned to his home in Missouri, where the children were left in care of their father's people. He returned to his home in Lower Cove, where later his sister, now Mrs. Adelia Wright, came to make her home, bringing with her the children to be with their father.

In March, 1893, he was married to Mary Jane Cameron of Cove, and to this union were born three chil-

### RAIN, FLOODS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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in Oakland were marooned for a time as the water piled up in the lower parts of the city. The fire department responded to many calls to pump them out.

San Francisco had some flooded cellars, and a small landslide at Telegraph hills, which covered street car tracks.

Rowboats were used in San Mateo county by some home-owners to reach their residences as water piled around North Burlingame structures.

Large Areas Inundated  
Large areas in Santa Clara county were covered with water as streams overflowed their banks.

In the Sacramento valley watershed, Redding reported one of its worst storms in history. The gale wrenched telephone poles out of the ground, overturned buildings, and spread debris over a wide area.

Further south, the Sacramento river overflowed near Chico, backing water toward that city. And still further south, lands around Colusa were inundated. Water was pouring over the Delta Weir into Sutter by-pass, and guards were ready to open the Yolo by-pass if the need arose.

Stockmen Warned  
The crest of the high water in the Sacramento moved south from Colusa this morning, and was expected to reach Sacramento today. No fear was felt in Sacramento that the waters would cause great damage. Stockmen had been warned to take cattle and sheep from the lowlands.

Yolo county reported a flood from Willow slough, which inundated a large area, and covered portions of the west-side highway from Woodland to the Davis "Y." The Yolo Filers club, west of Woodland, was surrounded by water.

From various sections of the state came the word that highways were covered. The Redwood highway was flooded in some sections, and land-slides also had to be contended with. Above Dunnigan, in Yolo county, some bridge approaches were washed out.

A snowslide near Cisco, Cal., last night blocked the Southern Pacific main line east and officials of the company at Sacramento expected traffic would be tied up all night. The Pacific limited carrying approximately 100 passengers, was backed to Colfax.

In the Sierra Nevada, the snow continued, and close to 200 inches was reported at summit.

San Joaquin Not Menaced  
While all streams in the San Joaquin valley watershed were rising, there were no flood threats. The storm was lighter in this section.

Further rains, promised by the weather bureau for today, might be construed as a real flood threat, observers said, but indicated the threat refused to be serious unless rains mountainous tides.

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### at FALK'S

Kayser  
**FABRIC GLOVES**  
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A nice assortment of chamoussade gloves — pull-on styles — colors of black, beige, beaver and brown — the better ones are all hand sewed.

### WIRES OUT OF ORDER

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—Trains from California arrived here several hours late Sunday and telephone and telegraph wires south out of Portland were still out this morning because of the blizzard in Northern California and Southern Oregon.

Portland officials of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company said repair crews were struggling into the storm area but had been unable to penetrate the deep snow drifts at a late hour last night. Meanwhile, all wire communications to San Francisco and other California points were being rerouted through Salt Lake, Boise and Helena.

Southern Pacific company officials here had little information as to the condition of their roadbeds as their communication was broken off at Ashland, on the Siskiyou line and at Crescent Lake on the Cascade line.

No information of trains south-bound out of Portland was available because of disrupted communication.

High Tide At Seaside  
SEASIDE, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—A nine-foot tide running before a southwest gale smashed doors and windows of a natorium here Sunday, flooded ocean-side hotel rooms and tossed debris into some of the city's streets.

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