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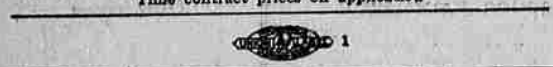
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For this is the will of God, that no man defraud his brother in any matter. — 1 Thessalonians 4: 3, 4.

### WHAT ABOUT FOOTBALL?

There is every indication that the football rules committee this winter will tinker with the regulations in an effort to make the game safer.

The kick-off may be abolished, linesmen may be prohibited from leaving their positions to make interference on end runs, and several minor rules may be revised.

But there remains in the minds of some persons the one important question, which the rules committee will not even consider, namely: "Might it not be quite advisable to abolish entirely the game of American football?" Such people assert that there is much damaging evidence against the game.

And the most damaging fact of all is that more than two-score young Americans were killed in playing the game during the autumn season of 1931.

Defenders of the game say that number is not large as compared with the great numbers of young men playing the game, but the objectors insist that it is far too large, and suggest that you ask the parents of one of those dead boys how they feel about it.

Football enthusiasts also point out that most of these fatalities occurred on teams which lacked high-grade coaching, and that the boys who are properly trained do not run such risks.

But that argument — putting aside the fact that such splendidly coached teams as West Point and Fordham suffered tragic casualties — only leads us to the objectors' second count against football, that it has become a game for experts, a game that no boy should play unless he can give a great deal of his time to it.

For that reason, they say, schools should abolish it and leave to professionals. A poorly trained basketball player, baseball player, or golfer does not run the risk of losing their lives when they start to play.

Add to these counts the tremendous emotional cost of the game — illustrated by Chick Meehan's recent confession about "whipping boys into a frenzy," and the critics say you have an indictment almost overwhelming in its force.

On the other side of the Atlantic there is another kind of football — English rugby. Great numbers of Englishmen play it, and greater numbers of Englishmen watch them. Spectators and players alike seem to enjoy the game quite as much as we enjoy our game, yet injuries and fatalities are almost never known. "Would it not be wise," the critics ask, "to replace the American game with English rugby?"

### PASSING THE BUCK

There is a growing tendency to thrust upon the schools certain responsibilities toward youth which have always been strictly in the province of the home, and which were never intended to be assumed by the school system. These responsibilities have to do with the morals and manners of children.

Sufficient training in these two essentials can never be sandwiched into a short school day between the three R's and several other subjects, and if the home neglects its teaching we are bound to witness a gradual disappearance from society of those influences which have made possible our advanced civilization.

Children reflect their home training more than their schooling. Of course there are exceptions but usually the child is no better or worse than his home teaching and environment. The teacher may temper the child's traits, but those traits are cast in a mold of home life.

It is time for the schools to find a champion who will come to their defense in this cause. Too long have they been charged with the derelictions of the home. It has been far too easy for parents to place the responsibility where it does not belong.

Too many people think they are broad-minded just because they are too lazy to form a conviction.

**THE OPEN COURT**  
CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEIR DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

ABOUT A PUBLIC MARKET  
In your paper during the past year or two I have noticed your remarks about "Bill Dollar" in which you suggest that the latter be kept at home. Now, Mr. Editor, will you tell us who it is that is sending their dollars away?

In walking up one side and down the other side of your business streets, how much do you see on display in the store windows that was produced in the Grande Ronde valley?

I notice that you solicited donations to build the Mt. Emily road and are now asking for assistance to maintain the same. Now, Mr. Chamber of Commerce and business men of all kinds, what have you ever done to promote anything that is for the benefit of the common people? If you, Mr. Business Man, will open a public market where we may bring

and sell our produce it will stop much of this produce that now comes in from the other side of the mountain. We would suggest it would pay to spend a little money to keep the valley east and west roads open so that Mr. Farmer might get in with his cream can and eggs.

A short time ago a farmer, after driving through fields and ditches, arrived in town with his eggs and was informed the price of eggs had dropped 10 cents per dozen, caused by the market being over-supplied. Now, who sends Bill Dollar away? If you will furnish a city market that will handle all the produce that can be raised in the wonderful soil of the Grande Ronde valley you will not have to beg dollars to maintain your city enterprises. And, Mr. Merchant, you will have a good market for your implements, garden seed, chicken feed, etc.

At present, our farmers raise produce, take it to the city and can sell very little of it because of the produce brought from other places. The other day I noticed in a grocer's window turnips advertised for four pounds for 15 cents. Now just figure what that would mean per acre to the producer who can raise 20 tons to the acre right here in our own valley. It is time for action.

— B. K.

**PORTLAND LIVESTOCK**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP) — Cattle 35, calves 15; nominally steady. Steers 500 to 800 pounds good \$9.75 @ \$12.25, medium \$4.50 @ \$5.75, common \$2.50 @ \$4.50; 900-1100 lbs. good \$5.75 @ \$8.25, medium \$4.50 @ \$5.75, common \$3.00 @ \$4.50; 1100-1300 lbs. good \$5.50 @ \$8.25, medium \$3.50 @ \$5.50. Heifers 550-850 lbs. good \$5.25 @ \$8.00, medium \$4.25 @ \$5.25, common \$3.00 @ \$4.25. Cows good \$4.00 @ \$4.75, common and medium \$3.00 @ \$4.00. Low cutter and cutter \$1.00 @ \$3.00. Bulls yearlings excluded, good and choice (beef) \$3.00 @ \$3.50, cutter, common and medium \$1.00 @ \$3.00. Yearling milk fed good and choice \$7.50 @ \$8.00, medium \$6.00 @ \$7.50, cull and common \$4.00 @ \$5.00. Calves 250-500 lbs. good and choice \$6.00 @ \$7.50, common and medium \$4.00 @ \$5.00.

Hogs 450, including 340 direct; quotably steady. Light lights 140 to 160 pounds good and choice \$4.75 @ \$5.35, lightweights 160-180 lbs. good and choice \$5.15 @ \$5.35, 180-200 lbs. good and choice \$5.15 @ \$5.35, medium weight 200-220 lbs. good and choice \$4.50 @ \$5.35, 230-250 lbs. good and choice \$4.35 @ \$5.15; heavyweights 250-290 lbs. good and choice \$4.25 @ \$5.00, 300-350 lbs. good and choice \$4.00 @ \$4.75. Packing sows 275-500 lbs. medium and good \$3.75 @ \$4.55. Feeder-stockers 70-130 lbs. good and choice \$3.50 @ \$4.50.

Sheep 100, including 308 direct; steady. Lambs 90 lbs. down, good and choice \$4.50-85, medium \$3.50 @ \$4.50, all weights common \$2.50 @ \$3.50. Yearling wethers 90-110 lbs. medium to choice \$2.75 @ \$3.50. Ewes 120 lbs. medium to choice \$1.75 @ \$2.00, 120-150 lbs. medium to choice \$1.50 @ \$1.75, all weights, cull to common \$1.00 @ \$1.50.

**SILVER FIRM**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP) — Bar silver firm and 1/8 higher at 90 3/4.

Benjamin Franklin was Philadelphia's postmaster in 1737.

### U. S. ACTION NOT PLEASING TO JAPANESE

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to subject it to the severance of all trade and financial relations, the prohibition of all intercourse between their nationals and the nationals of the covenant-breaking state and the prevention of all financial, commercial or personal intercourse between the nationals of the covenant-breaking state and the nationals of any other state, whether a member of the league or not.

"It shall be the duty of the council in such case to recommend to the several governments concerned what effective military, naval or air force the members of the league shall severally contribute to the armed forces to be used to protect the covenants of the league."

### INTERFERENCE UNNECESSARY, CLAIM

TOKYO, Jan. 8 (AP) — American Ambassador W. Cameron Forbes presented Secretary Stimson's note on the Manchurian situation to the Japanese foreign office late today and official circles expressed the view that the military operations in Manchuria are not of a nature to justify intervention by third powers.

Japanese Ambassador Debuchi also cabled a text of Secretary Stimson's note, which invoked the nine-power treaty, and it was reiterated that Japan has made no demands in Manchuria except with respect to her treaty rights and that, even in the face of the representations of other powers, there is little chance that she will modify her Manchurian policy.

In this connection it was emphasized that any administrative inter-

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### TROUT LIMIT OF 15 NOT FAVORED

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opposed to any such change, contending that 15 trout was not an inducement to make a long trip to the fishing streams.

The Union club also went on record as favoring the law in regard to sage hen hunting.

After a lengthy discussion the boys decided they favored a change in the grouse hunting season, making it conform to the open season on deer.

A proposition for the Chinese pheasant season to open the first Sunday in October and to be open only on the following Wednesdays and Sundays of that month met with the approval of the club members.

A lengthy discussion was carried on in regard to the laws governing hunting of migratory birds. It was pointed out that this section of the state has practically no chance for duck or goose shooting after the middle of November, a condition similar to that in Eastern Idaho. The club went on record as favoring a Sunday and Wednesday open season from Oct. 5 to Oct. 31 for these birds.

**Deer Laws Approved**  
Lastly the boys discussed the matter of bag limit for deer. Some favored a limit of one buck to each hunter, but when it was pointed out that the present regulations amount to practically the same thing the club passed a resolution favoring the laws as they now stand.

One of the purposes of the meeting was to decide on a date for the annual clam feed, but when it was discovered that there was a possibility of being honored by the presence of the state commission members at such a meeting, the club decided to leave the selection of the date to the president and secretary, who were to get in touch with the commission before announcing a definite date for the feed.

A brief discussion of the rumored discontinuance of the Union plant brought out the facts that the club favored not only the retaining of the present hatchery but the doubling of its capacity. It was pointed out that the Union plant turns out a higher percentage of trout to the number of eggs than most of the hatcheries of the state, generally about 80 per cent of eggs in the local plant finding their way into the streams and lakes as young trout. The local hatchery is strictly speaking, a trout plant, only about 100,000 salmon eggs being handled here, sufficient for the stocking of Catherine creek to insure the annual run in this stream, while a million or more rainbow and brook trout are hatched here each year.

In order to have ample room for the handling of larger crowds at their feeds and other meetings the local sportsmen decided to enlarge the club house by extending the width enough to provide another long table and to also build a coat room at the front of the cabin.

Besides Nate Zweifel and Oscar Pouch, who were members of the La Grande committee and brought over their resolutions, the gun club delegation included: Walter Zweifel, Avery Harrison, F. Lanning, City Manager A. McAllister, George Warner, H. Yoske and Game Warden Frank Osmond.

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