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Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.—Matthew 5:48.

### FREE DEBATE HELPS SOLUTION

The heated discussion that has arisen over the administration's gold policy is a most encouraging sign to all lovers of freedom of speech and of the press. Whatever one's opinion in the matter, it cannot be denied that the opposition is getting its full share of the debate. But even more satisfying than this is the feeling that such open discussion of the country's most conflicting problem is certain to bring about a more sane and more effective solution than would consideration of difficulty from one side alone.

Both the sound money advocates and the so-called inflationists have strong reasons to stand their ground. Each has rallied to its side the arguments of professors of economics and other experts to prove it is right. And each has little or no ulterior motive back of its assertions other than the belief that its way out of the present depression is the best.

Difference between the sound money men and the inflationists lies in the difference between a strict adherence to the economic phase of the gold problem and a consideration of its political significance as well. Or there is no doubt that politics, in the broader, humanitarian sense, has much to do with this matter. While Wall Street looks upon the subject from a cold matter of fact, dollars and cents, viewpoint, President Roosevelt is forced to consider it not only in that light, but from the angle of the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker.

This is the politics of the whole matter. And that complicates the problem much more for the president than it does for the eastern financiers and economists. Perhaps, if the sound money men had not risen up in their might and raised the howl they have, the administration might have overlooked the more conservative phase of this discussion. Perhaps, if Al Smith and Bernard Baruch and other sincere antagonists of the president's policy had approved blindly of his every move, we might have found ourselves sailing fast toward actual inflation and its accompanying dangers. So it is much better, then, that a voice has been raised against the government's gold policy, if only to keep those in control from running amuck.

## TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**HORTICULTURISTS ELECT**  
MIDFORD, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—John Mohr, of Hood River, was elected president of the Oregon State Horticultural society here Thursday at the concluding session of the 48th annual convention. The society will meet next year at Hood River.

**HOLMAN SIGNS BILT PROTESTS**  
SALZM, Dec. 15 (AP)—Under protest, State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman signed an architect's contract for providing the required plans and specifications for the proposed new state library building.

**WIND CAUSES DEATH**  
NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Blown from a scotfold by a sudden gust of wind, Boyd Caldwell, 33, of Portland, drowned at the entrance to Yaquina bay Thursday. He was working on the north jetty, employed as a pile-driver foreman, repairing damage done by last week's storm.

**SEEK TO DISSOLVE ORDER**  
PORTLAND, Dec. 15 (AP)—Motions for dissolution of the temporary restraining order granted the Williamson Valley Lumber company of Dallas against the NIA lumber code authority will be heard in federal court here Monday, the time already set for hearing on the company's suit for permanent injunction.

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## G. O. P. Attack Not Likely To Be Concerted

By Herbert Plummer  
WASHINGTON—Some political observers believe that Republicans will be slow to launch a concerted party attack on the president's monetary, NRA and farm policies in the coming session of congress.

There will be individual sharp shooting, just as at present, Senator Dickinson of Iowa and Senator Hatfield of West Virginia, as well as some of the others, may be expected to continue their criticism.

One Republican leader, for example, recognized generally as being one of the shrewdest of politicians, is said to have put his foot down on suggestions of a solid party attack beginning at the very start of the session.

A Republican leader of the house declared that he would not support a bill of open warfare. It is his belief, he said, that the best policy for his party is that of passive resistance rather than outspoken criticism.

The Lay Of The Land  
"We should be able to tell before very long how the land lies," he said. "Until then, I for one, am not in favor of sounding off too much."

Two recent congressional elections have had the effect, on the attitude of many Republicans, in Pennsylvania last month, in line with the advice of former Senator Grundy, the Republicans didn't even oppose the Democratic nominee.

In the third congressional district of West Virginia, normally Republican, the Democratic nominee defeated former Governor Gore for a seat in the house by more than 5,000 votes.

The victor stood squarely behind the administration's policies. Gore, in his campaign, contended the NRA and farm programs were not working satisfactorily.

The Democrats hailed the victory as a clear indication of the administration's strength.

Straws In The Wind  
There is a strong sentiment for inflation evident among these members of congress who have returned to Washington prior to the session.

There are signs many of them are willing to go along with the president on his monetary policy for a while if business shows improvement.

Other reported moves by the administration to improve the monetary situation, principally the persistent rumor that something will be done to remonetize silver, have had their effect, also.

## 49 MEASURES ARE SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

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additional method of securing highway rights of ways in cities and counties.

HB 15—By Abrams. Waives state law prohibiting cities to sell bonds at less than 95, if these bonds are used in co-operation with federal projects.

HB 20—By McAlister. Providing applicant for old age pension in an institution be considered a resident of the county from which they were sent.

HB 25—By Hilton and Lewis. Taxing public utilities operating without franchises.

HB 30—By Sneedor and others. Creating special building fund for such of higher educational institutions.

HB 40—By Wynn. Amends old truck and bus law. Reduces schedules of fees for light trucks and provides for seasonal licenses.

HB 51—By Herman and Judd. Provides delinquent taxes may be paid in bonds and warrants.

HB 59—By Childs. Authorizes state board of higher education to transfer specified real property (E. O. N. campus bill).

HB 60—By committee on taxation and revenue. Clarifies and corrects personal income tax law.

HB 61—By committee on taxation and revenue. Minor changes in intangibles tax law.

HB 62—By committee on taxation and revenue. Amends excise tax law to make more clear.

HB 65—By Judd. Increases load limits of trucks on certain highways.

HB 66—By committee on unemployment. Authorizes state to deal with PWA for state buildings and Portland armory to extend of \$3,000,000.

## Uncle Sam Will Purchase Cheese

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—The federal surplus relief corporation will buy cheese and lard to help the markets in those products and to help the poor.

At the office of Harry L. Hopkins, president of the corporation, it was indicated the cheese purchases will run around \$3,000,000.

## JACK FARISS VISITS STORE

Through the courtesy of George Walker, Jack Fariss came down town Thursday to visit the Montgomery Ward & Co. store, of which he is manager, view the Christmas decorations and meet friends for the first time since he was injured in an automobile accident Armistice day.

"FOR HER"  
Dresser Sets  
\$1.19 to \$18.00  
Most Sets less than cost.  
L & L Drug Co.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD



REVERSIBLE SNAKE LIZARD TRAVELS BACKWARDS OR FORWARDS EQUALLY WELL!  
ANT-EATERS USE THEIR TAILS AS BLANKETS WHEN THEY SLEEP.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

In City—Dwight Fleishman, valley farmer, was transacting business in La Grande today.

Ends Visit—Mrs. Blanch Staley has returned to her home in Walla Walla after a 10-day visit with friends in La Grande.

Returns Here—C. Lloyd Welch, deputy collector of internal revenue, has returned to his headquarters here after spending two days in Baker.

To Visit Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Audmer Playle of Tacoma, will arrive today for a two weeks vacation in La Grande. They will visit Mr. Playle's father, Charles Playle, and Mrs. Playle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Caldwell.

Sheriff Miller Here—Sheriff A. B. Miller, of Walla Walla county, was in La Grande on business from his home at Enterprise today.

Correction—Due to a typographical error, cash on hand in the city office appeared as \$61,584 in the Observer yesterday in a city commission meeting story. The amount should have been \$10,584.

## Secretary Urges Tax Law Revision in 1934

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ance there be a single 4 per cent rate. Increased tax rates would be levied on large incomes.

Reading only the high spots of his suggestions, before turning over the exposition of details to professor Roswell Magill, treasury tax expert, Morgenthau made no estimate of how much the government might gain from re-writing the income tax law.

Aides indicated, however, the treasury felt the return would be nearer \$100,000,000 than the committee's estimate of \$270,000,000.

In his comparatively brief reading, before taking a seat in the audience at the house office building, Morgenthau disclosed the treasury had started a survey of the whole relation of federal and state taxation.

Magill suggested beginning the proposed new surtax rate at \$6,500 instead of \$4,000 as the sub-committee recommended.

He contended the sub-committee's surtaxes, which lower existing brackets and increase the rate to offset the proposed reduction in normal tax through the single rate of 4 per cent, would give the wealthy man the advantage.

He said persons with net incomes from \$15,000 to \$20,000 would be hit hardest under the proposed schedule.—A 23 1/2 per cent increase—but after that the increases would go down.

## TURKEY SHOOT NEXT SUNDAY AT LONE TREE

The annual Christmas turkey shoot at the Lone Tree grounds of the La Grande Gun club will be held Sunday, Dec. 17, it was announced today. Shooting will begin at 10 a. m. with all invited to take part.

Turkeys, ducks and geese will be offered as trophies, and luncheon will be served at the field.

## Christmas Suggestions For Infants And Children

Coats  
Dresses  
Sweaters  
Underwear  
Stockings  
Jersey Suits  
Sheep Lined Jackets  
Helmets and Mittens  
Popular Prices  
Norton's Kiddy Shop

## Attention Trappers

Raw Furs  
All Kinds of Legal Caught Furs Bought  
I Pay Best Prices  
CHRIS MILLER  
1510 Adams Ave.

## MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO WHEAT				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	83 1/2	83	81 1/2	83
May	84 1/2 @ 85	85 1/2	83 1/2	85 1/2 @ 84
July	84 @ 84 1/2	84 1/2	82 1/2	84 1/2 @ 84

CHICAGO CORN				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	44 1/2	44	44 1/2	44 1/2
May	51 1/2 @ 51 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2 @ 51 1/2
July	52 1/2 @ 52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 @ 52 1/2

PORTLAND WHEAT				
	Open	High	Low	Close
May	72	72	72	72
Dec.	68	68	68	68

## STOCKS FOLLOW NARROW GROOVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Stocks backed and filled today in a dull and featureless market. Most of the leaders followed an extremely narrow groove until the last hour when a selling flurry brought losses of 1 to around 3 points. The list rallied, however, and extreme declines were pared. The close was easy. The turnover approximated only 1,100,000 shares.

Closing figures included:  
Air Reduction 101 1/2  
Al. Chem. and Dye 147 1/2  
American Can 96 1/2  
American T. and T. 113 1/2  
Bethlehem Steel 35 1/2  
J. I. Case 12  
Col. G. and E. 70  
Continental Can 76 1/2  
General Motors 39 1/2  
Johns Manville 58 1/2  
Libbey-O-Ford 34 1/2  
Lingard and Myers B. 84 1/2  
Montgomery Ward 22 1/2  
National Dist. 25 1/2  
J. C. Penney 54 1/2  
Pub. Ser. of N. J. 35 1/2  
Southern Pacific 20 1/2  
St. Oil of Cal. 41 1/2  
St. Oil of N. J. 46 1/2  
Union Pacific 114  
United Aircraft 52 1/2  
United Corp. 5 1/2  
U. S. Indus. Alcohol 60  
U. S. Steel 40 1/2

## OMAHA SHEEP

OMAHA, Dec. 15 (AP)—(U. S. D. A.)—Sheep: 6,000: steady; native and fed woolled lambs \$6.75 to \$6.85; fog clipped lambs \$5.85 to \$6.00; best ewes \$3.00; best feeding lambs \$6.25.

## GOLD PRICE UNCHANGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—The government's gold price today was kept at \$34.01 an ounce.

This quotation for newly-mined domestic gold—fixed December 1—was repeated for the thirteenth business day.

## Medicated!

Ingredients of Vicks VapoRub in Convenient Candy Form  
VICKS COUGH DROP

## MOHR'S MARKET

WEINERS 25c  
2 Pounds  
U. S. Gov't. Inspected

BOLOGNA 25c  
2 Pounds  
U. S. Gov't. Inspected

MINCED HAM 25c  
2 Pounds  
U. S. Gov't. Inspected

KRAUT Sat. Only 10c  
PORK ROAST 10c  
Choice Young Pork

HENS POUND 15c  
4 to 6 lb. Average  
Fresh Dressed — Order Early  
Order Christmas Poultry Now!

STRICTLY INDEPENDENT MARKET

## FALK'S TOY CLEARANCE

Saturday Morning  
9 a. m. to 12 noon

Come early and avoid the rush. Assure yourself an opportunity to get in on these bargains. Last year it was a rush! Come early.

## CLEAN-UP ON THESE TOYS

35c to 49c Dolls . . . . . 25c  
99c Doll Cribs . . . . . 50c  
99c Dolls . . . . . 50c  
25c Tractors . . . . . 15c  
99c Steam Shovel . . . . . 49c  
49c Dishes . . . . . 25c  
25c Tool Sets . . . . . 15c  
25c Negro Dolls . . . . . 15c  
99c Accordions . . . . . 50c  
99c Dish Sets . . . . . 50c  
49c Dish Sets . . . . . 25c  
Blind Pig Dominoes . . . . . 5c  
25c Pull Toys . . . . . 15c  
25c Dish Sets . . . . . 15c

## BRITAINS DRINK CHEAPER BEER

LONDON (AP)—Since the British budget in April made beer cheaper by a penny a pint, the amount brewed has grown every week and brewers expect the increase to continue for another 12 months.

## CHAS. BRADLEY TO VISIT ELKS LODGE JAN. 17

Charles Bradley, of Portland, district deputy of the B. P. O. Elks, will pay his official visit to the local lodge on Jan. 17, it was announced last night at a meeting at the temple. Regular business also was transacted.

## Big Bass Derby Fills the Scales



The biggest bunch of bass fishermen ever assembled at one place gathered on the Sacramento river at Rio Vista, Calif., for the semi-finals of the Striped Bass Derby. Hundreds landed strippers weighing from 3 to 30 pounds in the allotted time, and photo shows some of these weighing in their catches.

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