# BUTTER TONE EASIER; FIRST SMELT ARRIVE

Portland (AP)—There has been no change in the local egg prices generally since Monday when the two cent drop took effect.

Generally easy tone is shown in the market for butter. Further shading of prices is indicated. Butterfat market is depressed even more than butter because of the outlook for lower prices in the latter.

Fair demand is reported for live chickens as a result of the greatly decreased supply arriving during the ast few days. Prices are practically unchanged.

While the entire country killed meat trade is quiet, a slight improvement is noted in demand for calves as a result of greatly decreased offerings. Prices no better.

Because most of the trade is loyal to the home product, the demand for home grown cranberries is holding up quite fair with quality generally above that of eastern offerings even though high prices are asked for the latter. Those that brought eastern supplies here are reported as being badly stung.

First commercial offerings of Columbia river smelt are reported. First sales 30c pound.

Rather liberal shipments of spinach are reported made from Portland to other north coast points during the last few days. Local quality is unusually good since the rains.

With practically the only available supplies for the northwest located here, the market for cabbage is showing a more active tone and a firmer price is indicated.

Sweet potatoes of good quality but sales slow. Potatoes continue very dull. Onions remain weak.

Cauliflower sales to northwest points around 90c to $1.15 for real firsts.

Some fancy green broccoli is offering and finding good sale.

Hothouse tomatoes moving well on account of absence of good outdoor stuff.

# CROWDS OF KIDDIES TO MEET SANTA

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fore Christmas," when she spoke right up:

"Oh, Mr. Santa Claus, I know that piece."

"Will you speak it here, dear?" I asked.

"Sure, Mr. Santa Claus," she replied.

And with that Ruth stood on a chair in the front of the theater before that big crowd of boys and girls and gave the entire poem from memory, so loud and clear that even those in the rear of the theater could hear every word. I thought that was lovely, and Mr. Gould also thought it nice of her to add to the program.

This afternoon I am in Independence, where the boys and girls of that city will be the guests of Ross Nelson at the Isis theater for a special moving picture show. Mr. Nelson has promised some comedy pictures while of course I am showing the pictures taken at the North Pole of my home, toy factory and how I watch all the little boys and girls throughout the entire world, writing down the names of the good ones and crossing out of my big book those who have been naughty.

Before I start north I must visit the children in the northern part of Marion county and Saturday afternoon is the best time for those living in Hubbard, Monitor, St. Paul, Gervais and through the country to come to town and meet me at the Bungalow theater in Woodburn at 2:30 o'clock.

I almost was unable to visit Woodburn, and when Fred Evenden, of the Evenden Drug store and C. P. Hansen, of the Hansen Motor company, heard that the Woodburn boys and girls might not see me they called me on the telephone.

"Hello, Mr. Santa Claus," they said. "What is this we hear about you not coming to Woodburn? We can't allow this. Woodburn children are very good friends of yours and you must visit them before you leave the valley."

I told them that I had no place to meet them and they replied that they would look after things there and for me to come right up as soon as I could. Of course I had already promised Alfred Adams, of Silverton; Mr. Gould, of Dallas and Mr. Nelson of Iidependence, that I would be at their theaters, so Saturday was the only day left.

"That will be fine," Mr. Evenden and Mr. Hansen said. "We will see that the theater is nice and warm for the children and if you will be there promptly at 2:30 o'clock with the moving pictures of your reindeer and polar bears, you will find hundreds of Woodburn children waiting you. We will also see to it that a comedy reel or two is shown in addition to your pictures and all the youngsters admitted free of charge."

So I expect to get a good night's sleep Friday and be on hand Saturday. The boys and girls need not tell Mr. Evenden or Mr. Hansen, but I will be in front of the theater a little early and shake hands with the little guests as they arrive.

# TOO BAD FOR HUNTER MARAUDER'S IDENTITY

Missoula, Mont. (AP) — "Help! Help!"

J. C. Dalton, deer hunter, turned sharply around. At first he noticed nothing unusual, but then his roving eye espied a tree swaying violently back and forth.

Could it be his companion, Fred Thorpe, whom he had left a few minutes before?

It could—he was in the tree, but not swaying it. That job was being accomplished by a very angry bear who had ignored puny .22-caliber bullets and chased the frightened hunter up the trunk.

Dalton's high-powered rifle quickly killed the animal.

# MARKET QUOTATIONS

### PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland (AP)—Cattle and calves: Quotably steady. Receipts, cattle 35; calves 10.

Steers, 1100-1300 lbs. $10.50 to $11-25; medium $8.75 to $10.50; common $7 to $8.75. Heifers, good $9.50 to $10; good $6.50 to $9.50. Cows, good $8 to $8.50; common to medium $5 to $8; low cutters $3 to $5; bulls, good to choice $7.50 to $8; cutters to medium $6.50 to $7.50. Calves, medium to choice $6 to $8.50; cull to common $4.50 to $6; vealers, milk fed, good to choice $9-$11; medium to choice $7 to $9; cull to common $5 to $8.

Hogs. Quotable steady. Receipts 300 including 217 on contract.

Heavy weight $8.50 to $10. Medium weight $9 to $10.25; light weight $10 to $10.35; light lights, $9.25 to $10.35. Packing sows, $7 to $8.25; slaughter pigs $8.25 to $9.25; feeder and stocker pigs $8.50 to $9.25. (Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotations).

Sheep and lambs, quotably steady. Receipts 225.

Lambs, 84 lbs. down, good to choice $10 to $11; medium $9 to $10; all weights, cull to common $7 to $9; yearling wethers, 11 lbs. down, medium to choice $6.50 to $8.50; ewes, 120 lbs. down, medium to choice $3.75 to $5; 120-125 lbs. medium to choice $3 to $4.50; all weights, common $1-$3.

### PORTLAND PRODUCE

Portland (UP)—Butter: Cube extras 39c; standards 38c; prime firsts 37c; firsts 35c.

Eggs: Poultry producers prices: — Fresh extras 41c; standards 40c; fresh mediums 38c; medium firsts 36c; fresh pullets 32c; firsts, pullets 30c. The price to retailers is two cents higher.

Butterfat: Direct shippers track price No. 1 grade 39-40c; No. 2, 34-35c; station prices: No. 1, 38-39c; No. 2, 33-34c; Portland delivery prices: No. 1 butterfat 40-41c; No. 2, 35-36c.

Milk: Buying price four percent $2.59 to $2.55.

Cheese: Selling price to retailers: Tillamook county triplets 29c; loaf 30c; Tillamook f.o.b. selling prices: triplets 27c; loaf 28c.

Live poultry: Heavy hens over 4½ lbs. 23-24c; 3½ to 4½ lbs. 18-20c; under 3½ lbs. 16-17c; broilers, light 30-38c; colored 19-20c; old roosters, 12c; stags 10c; ducks 18-22c.

Turkeys: Buying prices from producers: Fancy dressed hens 26-27c; young toms 28-29c; old toms 20-22c; No. 2 grade 20c; live 19-20c.

Fresh fruits: Oranges, Navels $5.50 to $6.50; Valencias $4.25 to $6.25; Japanese $2 to $2.15 bundle. Grapefruit, Texas $4.50 to $5.50; Florida $7; limes 5 doz. carton $2.50; bananas 7c lb.

Cranberries: Late Howes $6; Cape Cod $5.50 bushel box; eastern $20 to $21 barrel.

Lemons, California $11.50-$13.50.

Cucumbers, hothouse $1.50 - $2 doz.

Brussels sprouts, local 15c lb. Tomatoes, local hothouse 20-30c lb.; California $3 to $3.50 lug rpeacked.

Onions, selling prices to retailers: sets 8-9c lb.; Yakima globe $1.40; Oregon $1.50 to $1.75.

Fresh vegetables: Selling price, lettuce, Imperial valley $5-$6.25; Salinas $3.75-$4.50 crate; cabbage, local 2 to 2½c lb.; string beans 22-25c; peas, 11-13c lb.

Grapes: Emperors 6-10c lb. Eggplant 7-8c lb. Rhubarb, California $3 per 20-lb. box. Cauliflower, local $1-$1.25.

Huckleberries, fancy 12-14c; Table potatoes, Deschutes gems $2.75 to $3.25; Yakimas $2.75 to $2.85 cwt. Western Oregon $2.25 to $2.50.

Sweet potatoes, California 6c lb. southern yams $2.50 to $3 crate.

Fresh dates, California 20c lb.

Country meats: Selling price to retailers: country killed hogs best butchers under 10 lbs. 14½ to 15c; veal 75 to 90 lbs., 14-16c; lambs 17-19c; havy mutton 15c.

### PORTLAND EASTSIDE MARKET

Cauliflour contines the chief offering on the Eastside Farmers' Market aside from root vegetables. All prices are unchanged.

Carrots and beets 25c doz. bunches; turnips 40 to 45c; potatoes, $1.50 to $2 orange box; $2.50 sack. Onions, dry large $1.25 crate; red, $1.25 to $1.50 cantaloupe crate. Tomatoes 75 to $1 box. Squash, Danish, $1.25 cantaloupe crate.

Celery, dozen bunches: jumbo 90c; No. 1 75 to 80c; No. 2, 55c; hearts $1.40 to $1.50.

Cauliflower, No. 1 85c to $1; No. 2, 55 to 60c. Spinach, fancy $1.25; ordinary $1 to $1.15 orange box; Brussels sprouts, fancy $1.25; ordinary $1.15 peach box.

### HAY MARKET

Portland (AP)—Hay, steady. Buying prices: eastern Oregon timothy, $20-50 to $21.; Do., valley $19 to $19.50. Alfalfa, $18 to $19; clover $16; oat hay $16; straw $7 to $8 ton; selling priced $2 more.

### SAN FRANCISCO POULTRY

San Francisco (AP) — (Fed.-State Market News service): Net prices paid producers for live poultry, delivered at San Francisco; hens, Leghorn over 3½ lbs. 26-27c; colored 4 lbs. and up 27-28c.

Broilers, Leghorn, under 17 lbs. per dozen 23-27c; 17-22 lbs. per dozen 23-27c; fryers, colored, under 3½ lbs., 27-28c; roasters, young 3½ lbs. and up 27-28c.

### CASCARA BARK

Portland (AP)—Cascara bark, steady, 6½ to 7c.

### DRIED FRUIT; HOPS

New York (AP)— Evaporated apples steady; choice 14½ to 15c; fancy 17 to 17½c. Prunes, steady, California 8½ to 13½c; Oregon 9½ to 11½c. Apricots steady, standard 14½ to 15c; choice 17½ to 18½c; extra choice 19 to 22c. Peaches, steady, standard 14½ to 15c; choice 15 to 15½c; extra ch. 16 to 16½c. Raisins steady, loose Muscatels 5½ to 6c; choice to fancy seeded 6½ to 8½c; seedless 6 to 9½c.

Hops steady, State, 1929, 18 to 20c; 1928 nominal. Pacific coast 1929 15 to 19c; 1928, 15 to 17c.

### NUTS, WOOL, HOPS

Portland (UP)—Nuts, Oregon walnuts 22½ to 28c; California 20-28c; peanuts, raw 10c; Brazils new crop 22-24c; almonds 34-35c; filberts 19-20c; pcans 24-25c.

Hops: nominal, 1928 crop 11-13½c.

Wool, 1928 crop nominal Willamette valley 28-33c; eastern Oregon 18-27½c lb.

### PORTLAND SUGAR, FLOUR

Portland (AP) — Cane sugar (sacked basis). Cane, fruit or berry, $5.40 cwt. Beet sugar $5.25 cwt.

Flour, city delivery prices: steady. Family patents, 49s $7.80; whole wheat $6.90; graham $6.70; bakers' hard wheat 98s, $7.50; bakers' Bluestem, patents 98s, $7.40; pastry flour, 49s, $7.30.

### SAN FRANCISCO BUTTERFAT

San Francisco (AP)—Butterfat f.o.b. San Francisco 43c.

### SAN FRANCISCO APPLES

San Francisco (AP) — (Fed.-State Market News Service): Apples, boxes northwestrn, Rome Beauties, C grade $1.75 to $2; Delicious fancy $2.50 to $3; Winesaps, extra fancy $2.75 to $3; fancy $2.50 to 2.75.

### TURKEY MARKET

Portland (U. S. D. A.) (AP)—The turkey market here Friday was steady and inclined toward firmness. There was a good demand outside and the local demand wa simproving. Prices on dressed basis were: Young toms 29-30c; hens 28c; old toms 22c with continued shortage; No. 2 stock 20c.

### WINNIPEG WHEAT

Winnipeg (UP) — Wheat range: Dec. open $1.30⅝; high $1.31 5-8; low $1-29⅛; close $1.29 3-8. May, open, high $1.36; low $1.35⅛; close $1.35¼. July, open $1.36; high $1.36⅛; low, $1-36¼; close $1.36⅛.

### CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago (AP) —SHDRUPLeLOD

Chicago (AP) —Grain futures, Dec. open $1.18; high $1.18⅛; low $1.15¼; close $1.15¾ to ⅞. March, open $1-24¼ to ½; high $1.24½; low $1.21-5-8; close $1.22 to ⅛. May, open $1-28⅛ to ¼; high $1.28½; low $1.25¼; close $1.26 to ⅛. July, open $1.28⅞ to $1.29; high $1.29; low $1.26 3-8; close $1.28½ to 5-8.

Cash grain: wheat, No. 4 mixed $1-16⅛. New corn No. 6 mixed 78½c; No. 3 white 88½c. Old corn, No. 2, yellow 95c; No. 2 white 94c. Oats, No. 2 white 45½ to 46c; No. 4, white 43¼c to ½. Rye, no sales. Barley, quotable range 60 to 68c. Timothy seed $5.40 to $6.25. Clover seed $10.50 to $18. Lard $10; ribs $10.50; bellies $11.62.

### PORTLAND WHEAT

Portland (AP)—Wheat futures: Dec. open $1.20 3-8; high $1.20 3-8; low, close $1.19. March, open, high $1.26; low, close $1.24½. May, open, high $1.27 3-8; low, close $1.26. July, open high $1.27¾; low, close $1.26¼.

Cash wheat: Big Bend Bluestem, hard white $1.32; soft white, western white $1.20; hard winter, northern spring, western red $1.18½;

Oats, No. 2 38-lb. white $35.50.

Today's car receipts, wheat 71, flour 11, corn 4, oats 2, hay 1.

### CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago (AP)— (U. S. D. A.) Hogs, receipts 23,000, including 8000 direct; top $9.90; late bulk $9.50 to $9.65; butchers, medium to choice $9.35 to $9.90.

Cattle receipts 3500; calves 1000; early trading unevent. Steers good and choice $12.50 to $15.25; fed yearlings, good and choice $12.65 to $16-25; vealers, milk fed, good and choice $12 to $15.50.

Sheep receipts 8000; opened steady to strong. Bulk fat lambs $13 to $13-25; early top $13.40; fat ewes $5.25 to $5.50; lambs, good and choice $12.50 to $13.60; feeder lambs, good and choice $11.75 to $12.65.

# STILL WAIT FOR BANK TAX TO BE PAID

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tional banks in the county and when the others paid more taxes his bank would meet them.

The bank has $2599.58 chalked up on the tax rolls, although it paid its taxes up to the time when the federal court in Portland held that national banks did not need to further pay taxes on their capital. In other words it paid one more half than any other national bank in the county and probably in the state. It was pointed out that the United States National pays pretty heavy taxes as it is, regardless of the tax on its capital. On the 1926 roll it paid $5464.80; on the 1927 roll it paid $5633 and on the 1928 roll it paid $5826.50, these taxes all being paid on its real property and these being paid up-to-date. The taxes on its capital are smaller due to the fact that a property offset is given against the tax on the capital.

Due to what seems to be quite a lack of understanding as to just why the federal court held that national banks need not further pay taxes on its capital, the section of the national banking law on which the decision was based is reprinted as follows:

"In case of a tax on said shares (capital stock) the tax imposed shall not be at a greater rate than is assessed upon other moneyed capital in the hands of individual citizens of such state coming into competition with the business of national banks."

It was held that investment bankers and savings and loan associations and similar money handling concerns are competing capital under the act and they are not assessed on such capital. As a result the federal court held that national banks need not pay such taxes.

Bankers point out that this provision has been in the national banking act for many years but banks paid for a great many years when they did not need to.

Also local bankers state that for a number of years the banks have paid a considerably higher rate of taxes on their real property than they should. They state that for years real property was assessed at 100 per cent when adjacent real property was only assessed at around 60 per cent or so. A few years ago the bankers took this up with the equalization board and an adjustment was made. However, in the meantime the bankers stated they had paid their property taxes on full valuation. As far as their owing any money they state that anything on the rolls now was more than covered by the extra taxes paid over many years.

But however, that may be numerous people are voicing the query as to why they should be compelled to pay their taxes and the bankers whose business are founded on prosperity of other taxpayers should escape.

# Salem Markets

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers, for the guidance of Capital Journal readers. (Revised daily)

Wheat, No. 1 white $1.08; red, (hacked) $1.08½; feed oats 47c; milling oats 50c; barley $32 per ton.

Meats: Hogs: Top grades, 130-160 lbs. $9.50; 160-220 lbs. $10.00; 220-260 lbs. $9.25; 280-350 lbs. $9.25; sows, $6.75 to $7.00; Cattle, top steers steady, $9.50 to $10; cows $5.50 to $7.50; culls and cutters, $2.50 to $-50; Sheep, spring lambs $9; bucks $7. Old ewes $3 to $4.

Calves: Vealers, live weight 140-180 lbs. $11; heavy and thins $7-$8.

Dressed meats: Top veal 14 cents; No. 2 grade 13½c; tough and heavy 13 and up; top hogs 120-150 lbs. 13½c; other grades 13c down.

Poultry — Light to medium hens 16-18c lb.; heavy hens 22 cents per pound; broilers, springs 18-20c; stags 12c; old roosters 7c.

Eggs: Pullets 35c; fresh extras 40c; Butterfat 41c; Print butter 41c to 42c; cubes, extras 39c; standard cubes 38c.

### WHOLESALE PRICES

Fresh fruit: Oranges $3.50 to $7.75 case; lemons $12.50 a case; bananas 8c lb.; grapes, Emperor $2.25; wrapped and packed, XP Jonathan apples, Yakima $2.75; face and fill $1.50; Spitzenbergs $1.50; Baldwins $1.50; cranberries, $6.50 bu.; pears $2 bu.; Casabas 4c lb.; pomegranites, $1.10 box.

Fresh vegetables Tomators hothouse $4.50-$5.25; California $3.50; Cucumbers, hothouse, 90c-$1.50 doz. Potatoes Yakima $2.75; Yakima Bluebird $3-25; Lettuce, Calif. iced $4.50; Labish celery $3.75; hearts $1.35; cabbage 2c; red peppers 25c; green 25c; spinach $1.35 box; cauliflower $1.35 to e$1.85 crate. Artichokes $1.50 doz. Brussel sprouts 15c lb. Local $1.75 box.

Bunched vegetables: Turnips 40-60c dozen; parsley 60c; carrots 40c to 80c; beets, local 40c to 60c; onions 40c to 80c; radishes 40c to 60c.

Sacked vegetables: Onions, local $2; Yakima $2.25; carrots 2c; rutabagas 1½c lb.; garlic 15c lb.; sweet potatoes 5c; Marbelhead squash 3c lb.; Hubbard and banana 1½c; pumpkins 3c lb.; turnips 3c; parsnips 3½c.

### WOOL, MOHAIR

Wool, fine 30c; medium 35c; coarse, 30c per lb. Lambs wool 27c; fall clip 27c. Mohair: fall clip, old 35c; kid 45c.

# WHEAT PRICES JOLTED AGAIN IN NEW BREAK

Chicago (AP)—Big jolts to wheat values Friday tumbled the market down to the lowest levels since November 18, and to about 17 cents off from the recent top figures. Announcement that the break had resulted in purchase of 1,000,000 bushels of North American wheat to be shipped overseas caused only a transient rally.

After dropping to a maximum of 3½ cents under Thursday's finish wheat Friday closed unsettled at 2⅝ to 3¼ cents a bushel net loss. Corn closed ¼ to ⅞ cents, a one cent down, oats varying from ⅝ cent decline to a shade advance, and provisions unchanged to a setback of 20 cents.

Wheat dropped early to more than 16 cents a bushel below prices recently obtainable. With export demand meager, general bearish sentiment prevailed, and there was considerable selling out of future delivery holdings in order to stop losses. Opening ¼ to ⅞ down wheat later continued to fall. Corn, oats and provisions were relatively steady, with corn starting ¼ to ⅝ off to ¼ up, and subsequently holding near to the initial range.

# BEAR TRADERS ENJOY XMAS MARKET RUSH

New York (AP)—"Bear" traders enjoyed their first Christmas market in several years Friday when prices on the New York stock exchange tumbled $2 to $18 a share, with several issues crashing through the low prices established in the drastic break last month. Total sales crossed the 5,000,000 share mark for the first time in nearly two weeks.

More general liquidation followed the stiffening of call money to five per cent in the last hour and blocks of 10,000 shares and larger were sold. Many important shares touched their lowest prices in some time. United States Steel went to 161, Standard oil of New Jersey 60 and Montgomery Ward 44. Columbian Carbon was down 16 points, American Machine and Foundry 14, Simmons 12, R. H. Macy 10; Sears Roebuck 9½, and Atchison and Western Union 7. The close was weak.

New York (UP)—A terrific wave of selling swept prices down one to more than 12 points on the stock exchange Friday. Support came from time to time but it was insufficient to stay the avalanche of offerings.

Steel common broke more than six points and merchandising shares dropped 7 to 12 points. This weakness undermined confidence and brought out heavy unloading.

Tickers fell behind and sales swelled in volume, indicating that the bears were again getting control of the list.

Call money renewed at 4½ per cent and near the close rose to 5 per cent for the first time in several weeks.

This firming up in credit together with heavy shipments of gold out of the country accelerated the selling which was started by the bearish element.

The offerings of stock were thrown over in much the same reckless abandon that prevailed in the crash of October.

# DANCES TO STEP CHEER FUND UP

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benefit dance Friday evening at Crystal Garden, which the Elks are sponsoring and for which two orchestras, the Elsinore and Thomas Bros., will combine their efforts in furnishing music.

Here the public will be given the opportunity of litterly "stepping" the Cheer Fund toward its goal.

Members of the committee in charge of the dance arrangements say that it wil be the biggest affair of its kind during the winter season, and that every dollar over and above incidental expenses will go in the Cheer Fund.

Meanwhile the committee in charge of seeing that Christmas gifts are provided for all of the kiddies continue with their work of seeking out those for whom they must substitute for Santa Claus.

"Never has the public been so slow in responding to the call of these children for a taste of the joys which rightfully belong to them on Christmas," said Robert Cole, chairman of the Cheer Fund committee. "And in all of the years I have been connected with the Cheer movement I have never found so much need for it.

"The regular charitable organizations are doing wonderfully well in providing the everyday necessities for most of the destitute, of which there is an unprecedented number this year, and the demand upon our fund for such things as clothing, shoes, fuel, and the like is perhaps no greater than in former years.

"Our big problem lies in the number of children dependent upon the Cheer Fund for the things that really make Christmas for the children, and to which they are all entitled.

"As near as we can estimate from our investigations so far there are nearly 400 boys and girls in and about Salem who will be greeted by empty stockings on Christmas morning unless the dolls, toys, games, nuts, candy and the like to fill them are provided by the Cheer Fund.

"It will take at least $1,000 to provide the clothing, shoes and staple foodstuffs for the families we have found in need of them."

## RUSSIA'S FIRST WOMAN PILOT

Associated Press Photo

Helen Polyakova is the first woman graduate of the Moscow Aeronautic Institute. In one of her recent practical flights in an aerostat she mastered the air for nearly eight hours. She is shown with her assistant, Travkin, prepared for an endurance flight.

# $125,000 ASKED FOR CHAMPOEG PARK

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The preamble to Senator McNary's latest joint resolution reads as follows:

"Authorizing the erection of a memorial building to commemorate the winning of the Oregon country for the United States.

"Whereas, the region west of the Rocky mountains known as the Oregon country including the territory of the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and part of the state of Wyoming was settled principally by English in traders who laid claim to the whole of this vast territory of nearly three hundred thousand square miles as a part of the British Empire; and

"Whereas, after much controversey this great empire was held in joint occupancy by the United States and England; and

"Whereas in 1843 one hundred and two men assembled at Champoeg in what is now Marion county, Oregon, and after deliberation decided by the narrow margin of two votes that the Oregon country should become a part of the United States; and

"Whereas, James K. Polk was elected president in 1844 on a platform demanding the recognition of the title of the United States to this territory; and

"Whereas, after a long controversey and contention this vast territory was ceded to the United States by England without war or bloodshed under a treaty signed in June 1846."

The resolution then goes on with the enacting part authorizing the secretary of war with approval of the board of control of the state of Oregon to select a site on lands owned by the state at Champoeg. The plans for the proposed memorial building, the resolution provides, shall be subject to the approval of the National Commission of Fine Arts.

# FRENCH ESTABLISH POPULATION PRIZES

Paris (AP)—To encourage the repopulation of France, the government is considering setting aside five crosses of the Legion of Honor each year to be awarded to veteran Frenchmen and Frenchwomen who can count at least one hundred descendants, living or dead on the field of honor. Even with those unusual conditions, there are already dozens of French who can qualify. In the two departments of Nord and Pas-de-Calais there are six candidates for recognition, and in the south where large families are the rule there should be many more.

# PHILIPPINE FREEDOM HELD ONLY POLITICS

Los Angeles (AP)—Philippine independence is merely a political movement and is neither desired nor understood by 95 per cent of the population o fthe laland, according to Captain E. C. Worick, who has returned to the United States for a brief visit after spending 31 years in the islands.

Worick, who is engaged in the lumber business and the growing of cocoanuts, declared that every industry in the islands would be wrecked by the tariffs that would be imposed on copra, tobacco, hemp, mahogany and other products now being developed and shipped into the United States.

"The politicians are behind the move," Worick said. "And when a party of congressmen visit the islands, they get out the native who wave flags and shout. With the marchers it is just a holiday performance and they are having a good time, but they don't know what it's all about."

Worick's home is on the island of Luzon, about 100 miles from Manila.

# REAL GIN TALE

Corcoran, Cal. (UP)—Corcoran is a Main street town, but 22,000 bales of cotton ginned in the seven gins here this season already has brought in about $2,500,000.

# TIME EXTENDED ON LONGVIEW BRIDGE

Washington (AP)—The war department Thursday approved plans of the Columbia river Longview bridge company, assignee of W. D. Comer and Wesley Vandercook for fenders around piers 2, 3 and 4 of the bridge across the river between Longview and Rainier, Ore.

A bill introduced by Senator Jones, republican of Washington, granting an extension of four months to next June 1, for completing the Columbia river bridge between Longview, Wash. and Rainier, Ore., was passed by the senate and sent to the house.

# ENGLISH PRISONERS GIVEN NO TOBACCO

London (AP)—Edgar Wallace, the writer of mystery thrillers, got one of the biggest surprises of his life when he visited Sing Sing prison in New York and saw convicts smoking cigars.

"Convicts and wardens in a great American prison are just boys together," he told the ships news reporters on his return here. "The prisoners come out in the exercise yard smoking cigars and doing much as they like."

To an Englishman who knows his prisons this is indeed a surprising confirmation of the tales told of "coddling" convicts in America. For in England a judge takes away more than a man's liberty when he sentences him to prison—he takes away his cigarettes, his cigars, his pipe and his chewing tobacco.

Tobacco is smoked and chewed in English prisons nevertheless, but most of it is smuggled in. Only long-term convicts who have won the privilege by good behavior over a period of years are permitted to have tobacco.

The others get it somehow if they can and treasure it so highly that an inch of plug tobacco is as good as money; better, in fact for money is not worth much to a prisoner until it can be converted into tobacco. Even if he does not use the weed himself, he tries to get it, for tobacco is the currency of the convict community.

When cards are played for high stakes in an English prison the stakes are bits of tobacco.

# RUSSIAN CHURCHES PUT TO ODD USES

Moscow (UP)—Another use has been found for discarded churches in Moscow. Two of them will soon be transformed into lunch rooms. The municipal government has already appropriated funds for the purpose.

More and more churches are falling into disuse in this city of ten thousand church-domes. With all governmental subsidies and immunities removed, the support of a church by a religious community has become a serious problem and often believers abandon the hard struggle, joining some better-to-doy group nearby.

Some of the unused churches are torn down, especially if they are situated where they interfere with traffic. A good many are permitted to survive because of their historic or artistic value, sometimes—as is the case with the famous St. Basil's—being turned into museums. The others may end up as worker's clubs, as atheist headquarters, as ordinary office buildings or as restaurants.

# MONTANA TO BE HOST TO BIG PLANE FLEET

Great Falls, Mont. (UP)—Montana will be host during January to the largest airplane fleet ever to visit the state. Exact date of arrival has not been announced.

Led by Major Ralph Joyce, group commander of the air corps at Mt. Clemens, Mich, 18 pursuit planes and one transport plane will roar across Montana en route to Spokane, Wash. The air flotilla's itinerary calls for a day's stop in Great Fals, and Major Joyce has written city authorities requesting that necessary accommodations be made for the visitors.

# XMAS DEMAND BRINGS ACTIVE APPLE TRADE

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

"Demand for extra fancy apples, mostly Delicious and Spitzenberg, for the Christmas trade, is showing greater activity than has prevailed all season, prior to the current week. Unclassified stocks, selling at cheap prices are also in good demand. Intermediate grades, as fancy C-grade and combination grades, are slow in moving, being high-priced in comparison to the ungraded lots, and hardly fine enough for Christmas gift purposes. The "give a box of apples for Christmas" idea seems to be gaining in popularity in Portland, as in eastern markets, probably due in part to the active advertising campaign sponsored by the northwest's boxed apple bureau.

"Final production estimates of potatoes for this year, of 357,451,000 bushels, for the entire United States, shows an increase of 3,500,000 bushels over the November 1 estimate. Although the actual percentage of increase is very slight, a certain psychological effect is noticed promptly, in which lack of buying activity predominates. Both carlot and jobbing activity in potato and onion lines is extremely light this week.

"Western cranberries, which have held steady at $6.50 per 1-3 barrel crate, were dropped to $6 this week by some jobbers, on account of large supplies, and slow movement. Eastern cranberries, in barrels, have undergone a similar 10 per cent reduction, from former $20 levels."

# HOOVER SEEN BY SUGAR LOBBYIST

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Sugar company, was called to the stand.

He said the Great Western produced 45 to 50 per cent of the beet sugar in the United States and that his company paid his expenses here.

Questioned about dividends paid by the company, Petriken said the dividend half averaged 15 to 20 per cent during the 23 years.

"Besides paymg 15 to 20 per cent you have laid by enough additional money so that now $30,000,000 placed in the company has been increased to $65,000,000," Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, asked.

"Yes," Petriken replied.

Petriken said he had discussed the sliding scale with Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee.

"Did you discuss it with President Hoover?" Walsh asked.

"I called on Mr. Hoover in an informal way and he asked me what I thought of it. I told him I thought it was surrounded with a good deal of hazard."

Eugene, Ore. (AP)—Edwin P. Shattuck, lobbyist and lawyer, friend of President Hoover, who is attracting nationwide attention in the national capitol in the sugar tariff investigation, is a former university of Oregon student, having been a member of the class of 1897.

# MERGER PLANS DECIDED UPON

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trolled by the Van Sweringens, would be augmented by the addition of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, and the Bessemer and Lake Erie.

The New York Central would receive the Virginian and the Rutland railway.

In New England, the New Haven and the Boston and Maine would be considered as two separate units. The Boston and Maine would receive the Delaware and Hudson, while the important New England Bridge lines around the metropolitan area of New York—the Lehigh and Ne wEngland and the Lehigh and Hudson river—would go to the New Haven.

The three main systems in the south would be the Couthern, the Atlantic Coast line and the Illinois Central.

In the west, the outstanding provision is the exclusion of the Burlington from the northern group and its use as the basis of a separate system. The various systems would be based on the Burlington, the St. Paul, the Atchison, the Rock Island, the Southern Pacific, the Missouri Pacific, the Union Pacific the Chicago and Northwestern, and the Great Northern and Northern Pacific taken as one. The Prisco would go to the Rock Island, while the two U. S. Steel roads, the Duluth & Iron Range and Duluth, Messabe & Northern, would go to the St. Paul. The Chicago Great Western, would go to the Atchison, and the Illinois Central would get the Minneapolis and St. Louis. The Missouri Pacific would get the Western Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande, Denver and Salt Lake, and Kansas City, Oklahoma and Gulf.

# ROBBER TRIO IS CAPTURED IN PORTLAND

Portland, (UP) — Two youthful bandits, Alfred K. Abbott, 18, and Kenneth Seaman, 19, and Mrs. Cora Landingham, are in custody here, charged with more than 20 robberies in Portland.

Included in the youths' string of robberies and hold-ups was the $2,000 jewelry robbery from the Mrs. William Marshall Griswold residence here Wednesday night.

Abbott was in the Good Samaratin hospital with a bullet wound in his thigh received after he attempted to escape from police. Seaman and Mrs. Landingham are in the city jail.

Police inspectors said they recovered all of the jewels stolen from the Griswold home at the home of Mrs. Landingham.

Both youths confessed, police said, to numerous holdups, automobile thefts and home robberies, numbering more than twenty.

"We have been hitting it heavy the last week," said Seaman. "Guess we must have 'made' about 20 or 25 spots in that time. Well, it's all over now.'

Posing as officers as a ruse in one of their holdups, police said the youths stopped an automobile here the other night and told the occupants they were officers looking for booze.

Police inspectors said the two bandits were believed to have carried on activities in Seattle and California cities.

# WOOL MARKET STEADIER WITH MOHAIR DULL

Boston (AP)—The Commercial Bulletin says:

There is more activity in worsted wools of fine and fine medium quality, especially for topmakers' accounts on the clean basis of 75-80 cents for fair to choice French combing lots of territory wool. Scoured wools are steadier on the lower basis.

"The manufacturing outlook is considered reasonably good, with low inventories the big constructive facort.

"Mohair is dull and hardly changed."

The Commercial Bulletin publishes the following quotations:

Scoured basis:

Oregon: Fine and F. M. staple, 80-81; fine and F. M. Fr. combing, 75-77; fine and F. M. clothing, 72-73; Valley No. 1, 80-82.

Mohair:

Oregon, 48-50.

Domestic grading, first combing, 60-62; good carding 65-67.

# DOG A TRAVELER

London (UP)—Binks, a white bull terrier, owned by Colonel and Mrs. S. Gregson, of Cob Orchard, Plaxtol, Kent, is said to be the only dog that has ever passed through the pass of Karacoram. In 1927 the dog walked over the pass between China and India and included a mere 1,700 miles in his return trip, according to statements of his master and mistress who have recently returned from China.

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