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THE HOLY HOUSE—Thy testimonies are very sure; Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, for ever. Psalm 93:5.

# ABE MARTIN

WHEN WILL YOU BE OUT?



While failure in private business may not be a recommendation for a political office, it's nearly all the real incentive. A pedestrian stood up for his rights about five minutes here today.

## THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

Editor: Nov. 19, 1927.  
La Grande Evening Observer.

Dear Sir:

In your Editorial of Thursday Nov. 17th you freely expressed yourself on the subject of the proposed Initiative \$2.00 license fee, stating that in your belief, it is only a waste of ballot paper, and no danger of it being approved by the voters, your reason, based on the belief that the public are too proud of their highways, and too well satisfied with the justice of the present system of raising highway revenues, and too jealous to add new burdens to the property tax, or to attempt to do so. I believe you will be generous enough to allow me to express myself in your paper in the negative. As I fully believe the greater part of the public looks at this subject a good deal as I do, and I believe when the votes are counted, you will learn that the public has expressed themselves as approved of the \$2.00 license fee, and for the following reasons:

First, that taxation in general, must be based upon worth, that we must all pay according to what we have, and of what we are getting out of this world, while later, is only just now coming to the front for we all know most taxes are derived from what we have in a visible way, the past 160 years even, has not brought a change. Personally, I can see where the present auto owner is in exactly the same boat as the small income 10 to 15 years ago, most autos were owned only by those rather well to do, few workers and farmers had them, while the past few years we must all admit, the workers and farmers are by far in the majority, thus: again we find only the workers, small home owner, and the farmer, not only paying the most of the direct taxes, but are actually the ones paying by far the greater part of all of our road building too. There is nothing else wrong in my way of looking at the subject but old fashioned, a change is needed and had. Now we have a new tax finding body, composed of some 20 members of the state, (this is the fourth time that has been appointed in the past 12 years), and still nothing has been done in the way of a change, and I for one feel sure that no real good will result from the present body because most of us have been informed that in this body were of the hand-picked type, who have as their records show, been strictly opposed to any just changes, they have shown that they have favored the wealthy interests along this line, as proof, does any one believe the former editor of The Observer was in one of this commission, will favor a bill for the wage earner, small home owner and the farmer? It is claimed there are nearly 20 more whose ideas regarding taxation are like his.

I believe and claim, that if the \$2.00 license fee is approved by the people, that it will be the only sure way of forcing either this, or some other commission to find us a just change in taxation, for the present debt must be paid, it certainly will force a means to collect a just share of tax money from those not paying their share now. I simply can not see why all roads should not be built and kept in repair by direct taxation, providing of course, that all taxable property was taxed as the small homes and farms are. For if the auto furnishes comfort and recreation, then who dare say that the very poorest family in our state is not entitled to a car? I believe if investigated, that one will find there are hundreds of cars now owned by wage workers and farmers, who are compelled to let their car rot because they simply can not afford to buy this high-priced license.

If, as you say, that if approved, then property taxes will be higher, then let them try it. The small homes and the farms are now paying all they can and more, you can't get blood out of a stone, and if property taxes get higher, then they will likely get the chance to take the property as is the status option. But do you believe if the farmer, or home owner can not pay his taxes under the present heavy system, that the country or state can afford to own them? And now I believe the public will show their disgust with these trusted tax bodies and state legislators in the matter of taxes and

## MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

| Wheat | Open              | High    | Low     | Close             |
|-------|-------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| Dec.  | 127 1/2 @ 127 1/2 | 127 1/2 | 126 1/2 | 126 1/2 @ 126 1/2 |
| March | 131 1/2 @ 131 1/2 | 131 1/2 | 130 1/2 | 130 1/2 @ 130 1/2 |
| May   | 134 1/2 @ 134 1/2 | 134 1/2 | 133 1/2 | 133 1/2 @ 133 1/2 |

**LIVERPOOL WHEAT**  
LIVERPOOL, Nov. 19 (AP)—Close wheat 1/2 higher; Dec. 108, 1/4; March 108, 1/4; May 108, 3/4.

**PORTLAND WHEAT**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—Wheat—Hard white bluestem, 1.27 1/2; BHR hard white, 1.26 1/2; soft white, western white, 1.25 1/2; federation, 1.24 1/2; hard winter northern spring, 1.22 1/2; western red, 1.21 1/2.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 115; flour, 10; corn, 2; oats, 1; hay, 5.

**CHICAGO CASH**  
CHICAGO, Nov. 19 (AP)—Wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1.29 1/2; No. 1 northern spring, \$1.25 1/2. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 78 1/2; No. 4 yellow, \$1.12 1/2. Oats—No. 2 white, 51 1/2; No. 3 white, 49 1/2; No. 4 white, 47 1/2. Rye—No. 2, \$1.08 1/2. Barley—74 1/2. Timothy seed—\$2.10 1/2. Clover seed—\$2.25 1/2. Lard—\$12.00. Hides—\$12.20.

## Wheat Heavy and Lower at Close

CHICAGO, Nov. 19 (AP)—Opening 1/2 to 1/2 lower, wheat reacted a little, but then hardened again. Corn, oats and provisions were also firmer. Corn started unchanged to 1/2 up and later held near to initial figures.

Wheat closed heavy, 1/2 to 5/8 1/2 net lower; corn 1/2 to 3/4 off; oats varying from 1/2 decline to a shade advance and provisions 20 off to 25 up.

## CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Nov. 19 (AP)—Hogs—4,000; closed active, 10 to 20¢ lower than Friday's average. Top \$25.25; bulk good to choice, 22¢ to 24¢ lbs., \$8.50 @ 9.25. Cattle—500; compared week ago: Choice fed steers and yearlings 25¢ higher; \$18.50 paid for yearlings and medium weights; lower grade fed steers mostly 5¢ lower; fat head steady; for week: Fat hinds closed steady to strong; sheep about steady; feeding lambs 15¢ to 25¢ lower; week's top fat native and fed westerns \$14.10; fat range lambs \$14; fed clipped lambs \$12.50; slaughter yearling weathers \$12.50; fat ewes \$7; feeding lambs \$14.

## PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—Receipts for week (approximate): Cattle, 2705; calves, 520; hogs, 4370; sheep, 2105. Cattle—Compared week ago—All classes fully steady except calves and yearlings, 5¢ lower; bulk slaughter steer, for week, \$8.75 @ 9.50 with fairly lower showing of strictly good at \$9.60 @ 10; off quality down to \$8 and under; good heifers mostly \$8 @ 8.25; odd head \$8.50. Cows in trade up to \$7.50; bulk desirable she stock \$6.50 @ 7.25; cutters \$5.50 down; bulks mostly \$5.50 @ 6; odd head \$6.25. Yearlings mostly \$16.50 @ 11; odd head choice up to \$12. Calves \$10 down.

Hogs—Compared week ago—Light butcher classes largely 25¢ lower; heavies off considerable more; packing sows 25 to 50¢ lower; feeder pigs fully \$1 lower; week's bulk prices light butchers \$8.50 @ 9.25; a few lambs Monday \$4.50 @ 5; heavies down to \$3; packing sows \$6 @ 7.50; feeder pigs scarce, \$8 @ 9. Sheep nominally steady with week ago; medium grade trucked in lambs selling most \$11 @ 11.50; strictly choice hand-weighted woolled lambs quoted up to \$12.50; yearlings up to 19; ewes up to \$8.

## PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter steady. Extra cubes, city, 47¢; standards, 46¢; prime firsts, 45 1/2¢; firsts, 44 1/2¢. Creamery prices: Prints 3¢ above cube standards; butterfat 49 1/2¢; f.o.b. Portland. Hides to the farmer: Milk—Raw milk (4 per cent), \$2.45 cwt. f.o.b. Portland. Butterfat 48¢ f.o.b. Portland.

Eggs steady. Underlined 24¢; 23¢; light 15¢ 1/2; springs 19¢ 1/2; broilers 23¢; pekia white ducks 22¢; colored nominal; turkeys, alive, 30 @ 35¢. Onions steady; local, 75 @ 90¢. Potatoes steady, \$1.25 @ 1.65 per sack.

Hay steady. Baling prices: East, 10 @ 12; timothy, \$19 @ 21; do. cut, \$16 @ 17; chest, \$14 @ 15; alfalfa 17; oat hay \$14 @ 15.50; straw \$7.50 per ton. Selling prices 12 a ton more.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (AP)—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows excess reserves of \$10,627,530. This is an increase in reserves of \$2,264,140 compared with the week before when excess reserve of \$5,353,490 was reported.

Auto license will force a just change by approving a three dollar license fee.  
A Reader.  
H. W. SMITH.

## Speculators For Advance Retain Trading Control

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (AP)—Speculators for the advance retained control of the price movement in today's stock market, which was unusually broad for a half holiday session. More than a score leaders mounted to record high levels, on gains running as high as 7 1/2 points.

The advance was most effective in the low priced motors and autos, tobacco, public utilities and steel.

General Motors and U. S. Steel common received better support than they had earlier in the week. The list of new highs included such diversified issues as Sears Roebuck, Reynolds Tobacco Co., Brooklyn Edison, National Biscuit, International Paper, Shubert Theaters, Conglomerate and Intercontinental Rubber.

A jump of more than 5 points in Italian preferred and the establishment of new highs by Norfolk and Western and New Haven preferred featured the rail group.

The closing was strong. Total sales approximated 1,100,000 shares.

## NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (AP)—Dated fruits steady.

## PRISCO FRUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19 (AP)—Federal State Market News Service—Apples: Washington and Oregon: Lady apples, \$2.50 @ 3 per box.

## BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19 (AP)—Butterfat C.O.B. San Francisco, 52 1/2¢.

## RADIO BOARD TAKES ACTION TO CLEAR AIR

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Three hours after Newark shut down on 710 kilocycles, and Portland will come in on WEAP's wave length after that big Long Island transmitter has closed for the night.

"KOA, Denver, Colo., as a mile post for cross continental radio waves, will be heard when two 500 watt stations in New York City are off."

"Four cleared channels have been provided for four high powered New York stations, WBOQ, WEAP, WEJ and WAT. The last named assignment becoming effective with the Dec. 1st changes, in order to secure for this 500 watt transmitter a cleared channel across the continent."

## List Follows:

The list of cleared channels follows: 610 kilocycles, 491.5 meters—KGO, Portland; WEAP, Bellmore, New York. 619 kilocycles, 483.5 meters—WFS, Washington; KFI, Los Angeles. 620 kilocycles, 484.4 meters—KFRZ, San Francisco; GEOA, Seattle. 620 kilocycles, 484.9 meters—WR-WCN, Pontiac, Mich.; WIDG, Elkins Park, Pa. (Sundays 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.); KFSB, San Diego; WOAW, Omaha, 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. 710 kilocycles, 422.3 meters—WOR, Newark; KPO, San Francisco. 720 kilocycles, 416.4 meters—WGN, Chicago, divides with WLBH; WLBH, North Elgin, Ill., divides with WGN; KHD, Los Angeles. 800 kilocycles, 374.3 meters—KNRC, Santa Monica, Cal.; WOC, Davenport, Iowa. 830 kilocycles, 361.2 meters—WSAL, division with WLBH; WSAL, Jefferson City, Mo., divides with WSAL; KPWB, Los Angeles. 870 kilocycles, 344.6 meters—WLS, Chicago, divides with WCBH; WCBH, Chicago divides with WLS; KGO, Stockton, Cal.; KPQD, Anchorage, Alaska. 890 kilocycles, 338.9 meters—WGM, Nashville, KNN, Los Angeles. 930 kilocycles, 325.9 meters—KOIL, Council Bluffs, Ia., divides with KPAB, KPAB, Lincoln, Neb., divides with KOIL, KOIN, Portland, Ore. 950 kilocycles, 315.6 meters—KPKA, Pittsburgh, KPBN, Pasadena, Cal. 970 kilocycles, 309.1 meters—KYA, San Francisco, WABC, New York divides with WBOQ 5 a. m. to 6 p. m. WBOQ, New York divides with WABC. 980 kilocycles, 305.9 meters—WHT, Chicago, divides with WBOQ, WBOQ, Chicago, divides with WHT, WHT, WBAZ, WBAZ, Troy, N. Y. Monday nights only. KOMO, Seattle. 990 kilocycles, 302.8 meters—WGR, Buffalo, N. Y.; KSL, Salt Lake City. 1000 kilocycles, 299.8 meters—KPWO, Avalon, Cal.; KMOX, St. Louis, Missouri; WPSB, San Carlos, Cal., divides with WBAK day only; WBAK, Harrisburg, Pa., divides with WPSB day only. KOWW, Walla Walla, Wash.

## The Caterpillar Club

composed of aviators who have made parachute jumps to save their lives, has 49 living members.

## POULTRY PRICES SLIGHTLY HIGHER

Fancy Young Turkeys at 42 to 45 Cents—Butter and Eggs Steady

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—Prices on the local wholesale poultry market are a bit higher today in anticipation of heavier volume of pre-Thanksgiving buying. Fancy young turkeys are steady from 42 to 45¢, with moderate demand. Receipts have been slow but it is expected that shipments will increase early next week. Heavy hens are quoted from 22 to 24¢, while light ones are selling around 17¢. Choice spring roasters are in demand around 20¢ while old cocks are bringing in the neighborhood of 16¢.

Country dressed veal is steady at yesterday's prices. Hops are weak, however, choice light animals bringing only 13¢ top.

Outside of a stiffening in the price of malaga grapes, the vegetable and fruits market is not marked by any particular fluctuations. Malaga are selling around 25¢, which is an advance of about 25¢.

Butter and egg prices are holding fairly steady, despite the recent fluctuations in wholesale prices. Creamery butter is quoted from 15 to 16 1/2¢; while eggs are selling from 25¢ for underlayers to 26¢ for fresh standard extras.

Egg prices are somewhat mixed. Standard extras are up 1/2¢ to 45 1/2¢ while firsts are down 2¢ to 40¢. Other grades are unchanged.

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gon under the supervision of F. D. Bailey, assistant plant pathologist with the food, drug and insecticide administration. In these tests Bordeaux mixture is used as a basis for comparing other commercial sprays, and early indications suggest that some valuable findings will be made. Late blight is most prevalent in the coast section of the state, and this year it has been especially severe.

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Oregon truck growers find tomatoes grown in greenhouses a profitable crop during the fall and winter. The tomatoes begin bearing in October and continue until February. The price usually runs 20 cents a pound and higher.

Spraying tests for late blight of potatoes are being made in Ore-

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