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A SURE PROMISE—Cost the bread upon the water, for then shall it be after many days—Ecc. 1:1.

It will be time to make women pay alimony to men when women are paid the same as men for the same work.

Newspapers are made to read. Then should we safely say that tabloids and magazines, nearly all pictures, are obviously made for illiterates?

CIVIC AFFAIRS MUST HAVE HARMONY, TOO

In another column today is a communication carried over the signature of John Allen, former member of the city police force, which he says is submitted in order to let people know just why he is no longer a city employee and to keep his reputation clear.

When originally submitted to us by Mr. Allen, the letter said that the objectionable statement appeared in a recent issue of The Observer. And since no item meeting the description had appeared in these columns, we got in touch with Mr. Allen, and he gladly corrected the statement after investigating the source of the story to which his letter referred.

In the discussion that incidentally resulted, however, certain facts came out which have a bearing on the communication in question. In the first place, Mr. Allen admitted that he did not write the letter himself, that it was written by someone else. He admitted further that he did not dictate a large part of the opinion contained therein, that he did not really want the letter to say what it does. His primary idea, he said, was to let the public know why he was relieved from his position with the city and to prevent any misunderstanding or any reflections on his good reputation.

Which is a natural desire on the part of Mr. Allen. No one will accuse him of other than fair or honest conduct, to the best of our knowledge. And no one would think for a minute that he received his dismissal for any reason other than political expediency and municipal harmony. The only unfortunate thing is that he consciously or unconsciously lent his signature to sentiment not his own. He let someone hide behind that signature who lacked the courage to come out openly and express his opinion on the incident.

Whoever wrote the communication which Mr. Allen so kindly signed wasn't nearly so interested in protecting Mr. Allen's good name as he was in taking a fling at the city administration while hiding behind the back of another. But that's to be expected once in a while. Keeping under cover at the expense of someone else is the habit of soreheads and poor sports under such circumstances. And it's natural that they do it while posing as the friend and champion of those they seek to use. We regret in this instance that they sought to make Mr. Allen the goat.

Oh well, whatever one thinks about the writer of anonymous letters, it has no bearing on the political practice we started out to discuss. Which is simply the widely recognized practice of a successful administration or official insuring utmost harmony and co-operation by employing one's supporters and getting rid of one's opponents.

Being dismissed because one did not give proper support to those who were successful in the election (whether or not that is true in this instance) is no disgrace and casts no reflection. It's very natural and very much to be expected. It's an "old Spanish custom" in federal, state, county, city government, except where civil service rules. And it's a most common business practice.

Employees who are actually, or in any way give the impression that they are, out of sympathy with their employers, whether public or private, find their jobs immediately in danger. No private business can function efficiently and economically with bad feeling between employers and executives. No business man would think of keeping anyone in his employ whom he thought (justly or unjustly) was not loyal and sympathetic to him and his business. It can't be done. And so universally is this recognized that the intelligent employee immediately starts looking for another job as soon as he begins to be dissatisfied with and alienated to his existing boss.

Mr. Allen understands the practice too, we are sure. Does the unknown writer of his communication and admits he would be inclined to similar action if he were in the position of authority. A very normal attitude. Harvey will do it when he takes office next March. Governor Patterson did it when he took office two years ago. Governor Pierce did it when he took office six years ago. County and city officials do likewise. How foolish it is to expect anything else just because it hits a little close home!

ABE MARTIN



If you can't be neutral you kin at least pretend to have forgotten. There's enough wits in this country to check these presidents, but they're not party resourcers enough to handle 'em.

THE OPEN COURT

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

November 20, 1928

Editor of Observer:
It has been stated (not in The Evening Observer) that Oscar Rice and John Allen were dismissed from the police force of the city. "no reason given." This statement when followed by the appointment of officers in their places implies that they were dismissed for some reason during which the city administration did not want to make public, and easily suspicion and reflection upon these officers.

An one of the officers, in justice to ourselves, I wish to state that the City Manager gave an account for his action, that we "had been electing officers against the administration."

In other words that the employees of the city who receive their appointments under the charter from the manager alone, must surrender their rights as citizens as far as the City Commissioners are concerned, and are no longer free citizens. Even this statement is so far as it is in the line of truth. While the charter gives the right to the manager to dismiss any subordinate officers "with or without cause," yet they have certain rights in reputation that are dear to all self-respecting citizens, including the right to make public that which is in the dark and not understood. If the people of the city approve this method of "firing" officials we have nothing further to say.

JOHN ALLEN.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK
(CHICAGO, Nov. 24 (AP))—(C) Department of Agriculture reports receipts 8,000, fully steady with Friday's average bulk 170 lb. up \$2.40 to \$2.50; practical bulk \$2.50 paid for 150-270 lb. sheep 1.50; estimated bulkover 1,000; butchers, medium to choice 25c; top lbs. \$2.25 to \$2.50; 200-250 lbs. \$2.25 to \$2.50; 100-200 lbs. \$2.00 to \$2.25. Cattle receipts 1,000; fed steers and yearlings mostly 1.00 to 2.00; cow-calf between grades showing some decline; stockers and feeders showed up after grade butchers; calves and mixed yearlings; and well fattened cows and heifers off good; better grade cows weakened by liberal supply of relatively cheap steers cutting at 1.75 down to 1.50; calves 1.00 to 1.50; big break in killing cattle brought about by excessive receipts during pre-holiday period; dressed beef made also working sharply lower; extreme top receipts \$17.50; heavy \$17.40; only weeklings above \$16.00; most fat steers \$11.75 to \$12.00.

Stock receipts 2,000; for the week 30 double from feeding stations; some direct. Fat lambs at good prices with last week's close with fat sheep fully steady and heading better strong; late top fat lambs and fat western lambs, \$1.75; fat cows \$1.75; feeding lambs 12.40; fat native lambs fed western and large feeding lambs all within the maximum bulk of 12.50 to 12.75; fat cows 2.00 to 2.25; yearlings 10.50 to 11.50.

Eggs Up Again; Turkey Receipts Reported Large

(PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24 (AP))—Eggs rose again one cent on case and 10 cents on today's local market. Eggs standard extras are now quoted at 25 cents, fresh medium break at 48 cents; other grades unchanged.

Butter quotations:
Creamery 70-lbs. are large, but have not been so appreciable variations in price. The market holds steady at 12 1/2 cents. Fresh medium break at 48 cents; other grades unchanged.

There is little change in the fruit and vegetable market. Naval oranges offered a slight decline, from steady to 25 cents lower, others ranging from \$5 to \$6.25 according to size. Lemons are steady lower, quoted today at \$7 to \$7.75.

Red Emperor grapes are quoted at \$1.75 per box. No change in potatoes and onions.

NEW YORK FRUIT
NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (AP)—Local fruit and eggs steady.

NO TRADING ON EXCHANGE TODAY

Suspension Ordered to Allow Clerical Forces to Catch Up With Market

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (AP)—Trading on the floor of the New York stock exchange was suspended today as the clerical forces of brokerage houses attempted to catch up with the "Hoover Market."

The suspension was ordered during a record-breaking day which saw 6,942,500 shares traded in greater by over 100,000 than any previous day in the exchange's history.

The work has been piling up in ever increasing volume since November 7 and all other departments of the stock exchange were going at full force today in an effort to restore the books to some semblance of order.

Although the human machinery of the exchange expected to catch up today, there was little hope that anything further could be done to speed up the ticker. All sales volume has been left off the tape but despite this precaution the ticker ran almost an hour behind the market yesterday. The new high speed printers which have been ordered will not be ready for operation before next fall.

See Precedent

Many brokers saw in today's action in suspending trading in precedent which probably will be followed so long as the market continues in its present rampage. There is a movement afoot to reduce the trading day an hour but a majority of the members of the exchange are said to frown on this proposal, preferring the Saturday suspension when necessary.

The November markets have exceeded those of last spring by thousands of thousands of shares each day and brokerage houses said they were in better shape now than they were then. Their clerical forces have been expanded since then and new employees have had a chance to learn their jobs. Even so, many admitted they were almost hopelessly behind with their work and doubted if even today's suspension would give them sufficient time to catch up.

Demand for Seats

The substantial increase in trading also attracted greater demand for seats on the exchange. A new record of \$550,000 was established yesterday on the last of three seat sales. It was said \$610,000 later was bid for a seat with no offer. There was much profit taking yesterday, which held gains below those forecast at the opening of the market before it was known the Saturday suspension had been ordered. In the first half hour of trading there was a turnover of 1,327,200 shares, which was at the rate of more than 13,000,000 shares for the day. It was the most turbulent buying session ever seen on the floor, old time members said.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

(PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24 (AP))—Wholesale prices.
Eggs—Fresh standard extras and fresh medium extras cent higher. Portland dairy exchange (not business): Fresh standard extra, 50c; fresh standard extra, 40c; fresh medium extra, 30c; fresh medium extra, 20c. Prices to retailers, 10c to 20c over exchange prices.
Butter, milk, poultry, onions, potatoes, wool, nuts, hay, misc. bark, hops—steady, unchanged.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Dairy.
Butter, creamery—55c; 2 lbs. \$1.10.
Eggs—55c doz.
Cheese—25c 40c lb.
Honey—Comb, 25c lb.
Vegetables.
Potatoes—\$1.00 cwt.
Artichoke—20c.
Parsley—5c bunch.
Cranberries—25c qt.
Pumpkin—15c lb.
Local cabbage—4c lb.
Cauliflower—15c lb.
Grapes, Florida—2 for 25c.
Lettuce—10c head.
Endive—15c; 2 for 25c.
Yellow onions—25c lb.
Radishes—5c bunch.
Ranch carrots—2 for 15c.
Ranch beets—5c.
Parsnips—5c bunch.
Turnips—5c bunch.
Celery—15c bunch.
Green onions—5c bunch.
Green peppers—40c lb.
Butterbeans—5c lb.
Hubbard squash—Local 4c.
Sweet Potatoes—4 lbs. 25c.

Fruits.
Delicious apples—1 lb. basket, 25c; \$1.50 box.
Jonathan apples—\$1.10 box.
Hannas—12 1/2 lb.
Persimmons—2 for 25c.
Lemons—40c doz.
Oranges—50c 75c doz.
Grape—2 lbs. 25c.
Pear—Hartley, 25c a box.
Red Emperor Grapes—15c lb.
Sugar.
Cane sugar—\$5.54.
Flour.
Soft wheat—\$4.40 bbl.
Hard federation—\$4.40 bbl.
Poultry.
Spring fries—20c 25c lb.
Hens—25c 30c lb.
Meats and Fish.
Beef, bull—12 1/2 lb.
Chops and steaks—25-30c lb.
Salmon (strictly fresh)—25c lb.
Halibut—30c lb.
Rabbits—25c lb.
Cod—25c lb.
Gasoline.
Gasoline, regular, retail, 28c.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAINS				
Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	116 1/4 @ 116 3/4	116 3/4	115 3/4	115 3/4 @ 115 1/2
Mar.	121 1/4 @	121 1/4	120 1/4	120 1/4 @ 120 1/2
May	123 1/4 @ 124	124	122 1/4	123 @ 123 1/2

PORTLAND WHEAT
(PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24 (AP))—Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, 1.49; soft white, 1.20; western white, 1.20; hard winter, 1.14; northern spring, 1.12; western red, 1.14.
Oats—No. 2-35 lb. white, 35.50.
Today's car receipts: Wheat—23, flour 11, corn 5, oats 1, hay 6.

CHICAGO CASH
(CHICAGO, Nov. 24 (AP))—Wheat, no. 4 red 1.22; no. 2 hard, 1.20 1/2.
Corn, no. 4 mixed \$1.50 @ 1.52, no. 2 yellow 82.
Oats, no. 2 white 45 1/2 @ 46; no. 4 white 44 1/2.
Rye, not quoted.
Timothy seed, 2.00 @ 2.50.
Clover seed, 2.25 @ 2.25.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK
(PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24 (AP))—Portland receipts—sheep 225. Totals for week approximately: Cattle 2250, calves 215, hogs 6175; sheep 1645.
The cattle market compared with a week ago, comes and hovers steady to 25 cents higher; all other classes steady; two loads of fairly good steers \$11.50 to \$12.25; strictly good kind absent; medium grade mostly \$10.50 to \$11.25; feeders and off quality killers mostly \$9 to \$10.
Most heifers in loads \$9.85; cows \$8.50, off quality down to \$4.50; bulls mostly \$7.25 to \$7.75; best bulk \$11.50 to \$12.50, calves mostly \$10 down; heaves and thin down to \$6.50.
Hogs opened Monday fully steady with last week. No carlots on market after Monday. Trucked in light butchers sold extremely low 15 to 25 cents lower. Other classes about steady. Hops, light butchers, for week \$9.25 to \$9.50 mostly \$9.25 to \$9.50, Monday. Nothing over \$9.25 after Wednesday. Overweight and underweight, \$9.25 down. Extreme heaves mostly \$8 to \$8.75. Packing sons \$7 to \$7.50. Slaughter pigs and feeders \$5.25 to \$5.50.
Sheep and ewes up to Friday steady with last week. Saturday's offerings good to choice lamb sold early. Strictly choice lambs of Mt. Adams type quoted up to \$12. Medium to fairly good sales mostly \$10.50 to \$11.50, others down to \$9. Most light yearlings quoted up to \$10. Ewes \$6.50 down.

HEALTH is the natural condition
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Program
MONDAY--
Morning 10 to 12, Noon 1 to 3, 4 to 6.
TUESDAY--
Morning 10 to 12, Noon 1 to 3, 4 to 6.
WEDNESDAY--
Morning 10 to 12, Noon 1 to 3, 4 to 6.
THURSDAY--
Morning 10 to 12, Noon 1 to 3, 4 to 6.
FRIDAY--
Morning 10 to 12, Noon 1 to 3, 4 to 6.
SATURDAY--
Morning 10 to 12, Noon 1 to 3, 4 to 6.
NOTE: Wax Trees, Pictures and Plated Lamp Shades will be taught every day. Crayon Paper, Flowers and Favors will be taught only as listed in the program for paper work.
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