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A BIG TALK—Whom keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles.—Prov. 21:23.

ABE MARTIN



I don't believe I ever heard of a champion corn shucker ever being asked to address a Rotary Club, much less being grabbed off by some big corporation. "Of course we miss her comin' in all hours of th' night an' hangin' around th' kitchen, but it's only natural that she should want a home of her own," says Mrs. Marj Spar, whose daughter got married this mornin'.

Closing Weak In Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP)—Prices of important issues dropped sharply in the last hour of today's stock market, declines of one point or more were common between transactions. Montgomery Ward extended its loss to 17 1/2 points while U. S. Steel, General Electric, Canadian Pacific, Woolworth, Allied Chemical, Westinghouse Electric, U. S. Industrial Alcohol, and Commercial Solvents fell 4 to 3 points. The closing was weak. Total sales approximated 3,000,000 shares.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 6 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agric.)—Hogs 48,000; mostly strong with Wednesday's average; big packs of hams to 8.75; mostly an 8.60-8.70 market for weights over 150 lbs.; butchers' medium to choice 2.50 to 3.00 lbs., 8.40-8.75; 200 to 250 lbs., 8.40-8.75; 160 to 200 lbs., 8.25-8.70. Cattle 9,000; calves 3,000; steady trade in steers, lower grades predominating; little loss of static to sell above 11; stockers and feeders (type country demand, however, slow); slaughter classes steady; good and choice 1.00 to 1.50 lbs., 13.75-17.50; 1.100 to 1.300 lbs., 12.50-17.50; 1.100 to 1.100 lbs., 12.25-17.50; fed yearlings, good and choice 7.00 to 8.00 lbs., 13.25-16.50; vealers, milk fed, good and choice 13.00-14.00. Sheep 14,000; market very slow; few early sales of fat lambs work to the lower end of 13.75-14.00, early top 14.10; sheep, scarce; steady; fat ewes 8.25-9.00; lambs, good and choice 12 lbs. down 13.25-14.25; medium 11.75-12.25; ewes, medium to choice 150 lbs. down 8.00-8.25; feeder lambs, good and choice 12.25-13.50.

BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6 (AP)—Butterfat 7 c. 5. San Francisco, 5c.

Market Steady With Exception Of Butter, Eggs

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Local market on all classes of produce remained fairly steady today with exception of some fluctuations in the price of butter and eggs. Butter fresh dropped half a cent to 46 1/2 cents. Eggs in better grades declined about two cents; fresh standard extras being quoted today at 48 cents, standard finds at 44 cents. Medium extras remained steady at 41. Medium finds on the other hand rose one cent to 38 cents, with undergraded remaining steady at 31. Fruits and vegetables including apple prices remained steady. Turkey and poultry prices steady. Oregon onions remain level at \$2.75 to \$4.25 for the better grades and \$2 to \$2.25 for bulbers. No. 3 potatoes are quoted still at \$4.40 to \$1.50 with No. 2 grade at 95 cents to \$1.

Wheat Sags Then Moves Up Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 6 (AP)—Opening at 4c off to 8c up, Chicago wheat sagged somewhat, and then hardened again. Corn started unchanged to 1/2c higher, and subsequently showed some gain all around. Provisions included downward. Corn closed unsettled 1/2c to 3/4c net higher, wheat 3/4c to 1/2c up, oats, 1/2c to 1/4c advance and provisions unchanged to 1cc down.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Cattle and calves—Steady, receipts 55. Steers (1100-1300 lbs.), good 11.50-12.25; do (950-1100 lbs.), good, 11.25-12.00; do (800 and up), medium 10.50-11.25; do common, 9.50-10.50; heifers (850 lbs. down), good 9.75-10.00; do common, 8.75-9.75; cows, good, 8.75-9.75; do common to medium, 8.25-8.75; do low cutter, 7.40-8.75; Julia (yearlings excluded), good heifers, 17.25-17.75; do butler to medium, 16.50-17.25; calves (600 lbs. down), medium to choice, 8.50-10.50; do cull to common, 7.0-8.50. Vealers, milk fed, good to choice, 17.50-18.75; do medium 17.00-18.50; do cull to common, 15.00-17.00. Hogs—Steady, receipts 310, including 200 direct. Heavy weight (250-350 lbs.) medium to choice, \$7.00-8.50; medium weight (200-250 lbs.), medium to choice, \$7.25-8.75; light weight (150-200 lbs.), medium to choice, \$5.50-6.50; light lights, (130-150 lbs.), medium to choice, \$6.00-7.00; packing sows, rough and smooth, \$6.00-7.50; slaughter pigs (100-130 lbs.), medium to choice, 7.50-8.50; feeder and stocker pigs (70-110 lbs.), medium to choice, 7.25-8.50. (Soft or city hogs and routine pigs excluded in above quotations.) Sheep—Steady, no receipts. Lambs (14 lbs. down), good to choice, \$11.00-12; do (12 lbs. down), medium, \$10.00-11; do (all weights), cull to common, \$8.50-10; yearling wethers (120 lbs. down), medium to choice, \$9.00-10; ewes \$7.50-8.50; do (120-150 lbs.) medium to choice, \$7.50-8.50; do (all weights), cull to common, \$7.00-8.50.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Table with market news including CHICAGO GRAIN, PORTLAND PRODUCE, CHICAGO CASH, and PORTLAND LIVESTOCK.

Pre-Holiday Clearance of Millinery. THIS large assortment includes the smartest of new Fall and Winter models of Felt, Velvet, Metallics and Combinations in the popular colorings and black. At Reductions of 25% to 50%. N. K. West & Co., Inc. "La Grande's Leading Store for Over 30 Years"

Anybody who says, "I don't know what to get John—he has everything" can feel sure that expensive gift giving of that character is economic waste. Why not team up with "John" and spend the money to see that some poor children are better cared for and have a warmer, less hungry and less dreary Christmas?

A passenger line, in addition to existing mail service, is anticipated by the Varney Air Lines for next spring or summer. Also it is only a question of brief time until the air mail service will be direct to Portland without supplementary rail service. When such schedules and services are inaugurated, the stops in Eastern Oregon will be extremely important to some community. Everything possible should be done to see that the advantages of this city's location result in La Grande becoming an established stop.

Both the State Highway Commission and the City of La Grande can feel gratified at the stage of completion of the new, permanent highway shops on lower Adams avenue. Designed and built for the purpose of handling highway business in this district and caring for a great quantity of highway equipment, the new shops are a great improvement on the old quarters and add to the city's appearance. The grounds will be improved when spring weather permits, the lawn will be properly cared for and landscaped. No one can fail to feel well pleased that such an improvement has been possible this last year.

There are many cases of "flu" in La Grande. Don't think that a light cold or a "touch of the gripe" is something of minor importance. Doctors urge the utmost care when the slightest symptoms of influenza appear. They especially urge that the patient go to bed and stay in bed to effect the speediest recovery. Although no great number of serious cases have been reported, doctors say that the greatest danger is from getting up too quickly and suffering a relapse. Watch children. Don't let slight colds and first signs of fever go without immediate attention. A bad general epidemic can best be avoided by care on the part of first individual sufferers from the disease.

THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

The annual report of the Secretary of Commerce discloses the fact that attendance in our high schools has practically doubled during the past decade. This, undoubtedly, is due largely to our increased prosperity, which has given larger numbers of people the time and the money to pursue education; and it represents an extremely significant trend in our civilization.

From Maine to California, cities and towns are taxing themselves to provide new quarters for their high school students. Every college and university in the land is being hard put to it to accommodate all of the people who want to enroll. There is a stir in the air; a quickening of the spirit, as increasing thousands of youngsters strive to get the broader horizons that a higher education brings.

Here is a development that we often overlook. It is one of the most important things that has ever happened to us. President David Kinley of the University of Illinois, in recent statement, shows why this is so. He says:

"Who among us can speak or think intelligently, without some higher education, on such great topics of the day as immigration, the elimination of war, taxation, our economic relations with other nations, and control of education? The very scientific character of our civilization raises these problems and makes a more widespread higher education necessary for our people."

A few decades ago this was not true. American life was still relatively simple. There was vast natural resources to exploit, vast sections of the country to settle, many miles of railroad to build. The problem was not especially complex. If a man possessed the average intelligence he could cope with it.

But today simplicity has been replaced by complexity. As President Kinley said, it is growing increasingly difficult for the poorly-educated man to understand the major problems of the day. If the country is to make progress, it must have an ever-growing abundance of trained minds. We can hardly spend too much to see that this is accomplished.

To be sure, there are undoubtedly many youngsters in our schools and colleges who are not going to learn a great deal. But they are in the minority. The heartening fact is that the country is developing and training the intellects of the men and women who will guide it in the future.



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