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ABE MARTIN



Farmer Jake Bentley is going to let his land grow tall grass. He says it is the best for agricultural relief. The scare makes a dandy excuse for smelting like a spavin incense.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—Cattle and calves: 800, fairly steady; receipts 2740. Steers (1100 to 1400 lbs.) good \$11.00@11.75; do (900-1100 lbs.) good 11.00@12.00; do (800 and up) medium 10.00@11.00; do (down) 8.50@10.00; heifers (800 lbs. down) good 10.25@10.75; do (down) 8.25@9.25; cows, good 9.00@9.50; cows, common to medium 7.00@8.00; cows, low 6.00@7.00. Hogs: (Slaughter) good 10.00@10.50; (down) 8.00@9.00; (cut) 7.00@8.00. Sheep: (Slaughter) good 10.00@10.50; (down) 8.00@9.00; (cut) 7.00@8.00. Poultry: (Slaughter) good 10.00@10.50; (down) 8.00@9.00; (cut) 7.00@8.00.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Table with columns: Wheat, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows: Mar., May, July.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—Wheat: Big Red bluestem, hard white 1.52; soft white 1.12; western white 1.12; hard winter 1.10; northern spring, 1.10; western red, 1.14.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (AP)—Wheat, No. 2 hard 1.23 1/2 @ 1.25 1/2; sample grade northern spring 1.00; Corn, No. 2 mixed 5 1/2 @ 5 1/2; No. 2 white 28.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agric.)—Hogs 30,000; active 150 to 200 lbs., largely 5.00@5.25 for desirable 150 to 200 lbs.; top 5.10 paid for 150 to 200 lbs.; butchers, medium to choice 2.50 to 3.00 lbs., 8.75@9.50; 200 to 250 lbs., 8.00@9.10; 160 to 200 lbs., 8.00@8.10.

Egg And Butter Prices The Same As On Saturday

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—At the opening of the market today eggs and butter remained at Saturday's quotations. Excellent hot-house tomatoes from the Eugene territory are offered at from \$2.50 to \$5.00 for 20 pound boxes, wholesale. The retailer fixes his prices accordingly. Hot-house rhubarb is also plentiful at \$2.75 to \$4.00 for a 20 pound box wholesale. Artichokes of delicious texture may be had two for a quarter. In the fruit market, oranges are reported to be in a precarious condition because rains have interfered with picking in California, consequently, when present stocks are depleted a sharp and sudden advance is expected. Up to Saturday, oranges were plentiful, especially the smaller sizes, which could be purchased two dozen for a quarter. The larger sizes have been scarce, and will become even scarcer, it is predicted. Most of the crop seems to have run to the smaller sizes.

Wheat Firm And Higher In Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (AP)—Openings unchanged to 1/2 up. Calumet wheat later scored advances all around, but then reacted somewhat. Corn started 1/2 to 3/4 higher and afterward fell near to initial figures. Oats were also firmer. Provisions inclined downward. Wheat closed firm 1/2 to 1 1/2 @ 1 1/2 net higher, corn 1/2 to 1c up, 1/2 @ 1/2 advance, and provisions varying from a shade decline to a rise of 7c.

NEW YORK FRUIT

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP)—Evaporated apples steady; choice 12-13 1/2; fancy 14 1/2-15 1/2; prunes steady; California 4 1/2 to 10 1/2. Oregon 10 1/2-12; apricots steady; standard 12 1/2 to 13; choice 14 1/2-15; extra choice 17 1/2-22; peaches steady; choice 9 1/2-10 1/2; extra choice 10-11.

BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21 (AP)—Butterfat l. o. b. San Francisco 50c.

LA GRANDE WHOLESALE MARKETS

Small—15c lb. Apples—15c 25c lb. Heavy hens—15c lb. Light hens—14c lb. Eggs—3c lb. Flour. Hard Federation (hard wheat) Soft wheat—\$7.40 bbl \$7.60 bbl.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Butter, creamery—50c; 2 lbs. \$1.10. Eggs—45c doz. Canned—25c 40c lb. Honey—Cotton 20c.

THE FLORSHEIM SHOE! \$8.00 and \$8.80 Sale Ends Tuesday, 22nd. N. K. West & Co., Inc. "The Man's Store"

Oranges—50c 70c doz. Sugar Cane sugar—\$6.54 Flour Soft wheat—\$3.40 bbl. Hard Federation—\$3.40 bbl. Poultry Spring fries—20c 42c lb. Hen—25c 30c lb. Meats and Fish Beef—12 1/2 @ 13c. Chops and steaks—25-25c lb. Salmon (strictly fresh)—25c lb. Halibut—25c lb. Rabbits—25c lb. Cod—25c lb. Gasoline Gamoline regular, retail, 25c.

Enterprise Man Receives Honors UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. Eugene, Jan. 21 (Special)—George Cheney, publisher of the Enterprise Record-Citizen and a prominent figure among Eastern Oregon publishers, is among nine state newspapermen recently elected to the University of Oregon chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national men's journalism honorary. Other state journalists upon whom the honor of associated membership was conferred are A. L. Crookham, city editor of the Oregon Journal, S. H. Winch, business manager of the Journal; Jack Hudline, editor of the McMinnville Telephone-Register; A. E. Voorlies, editor of the Grants Pass Courier; C. J. Gillette, editor of the Forest Grove News-Times; Ben Latta, editor of The Dalles Chronicle.

RELIEVE COUGHS THOXINE. One-Half Price Sale. Infants Shirts, 18c value 49c. Felt Hats, \$1.98 values 99c. Tapestries, \$1.98 values 99c. Slipover Suits, 49c value 25c. Silk Crochet Thread 5c. Boy's Wool Caps 43c.

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HOOVER CALLS ON COOLIDGE



The title might be "What's Wrong with this picture" because this is one of the rare photographs of President-elect Herbert Hoover wearing a single-breasted coat. The picture shows the United States' next president as he called on President Coolidge upon his return from Latin America.

THE FARMER'S NOT THE ONLY ONE TROUBLED WITH A "SURPLUS" PROBLEM



No one really expected to get through the winter without zero weather, but there was no harm hoping. Sunday morning was mild in La Grande, very mild at eight below—especially if you came down off the mountain and had experienced thirty-four below at Meacham.

The work of the special senate committee to propose constructive and more equitable changes in the auto license law in Oregon indicates that a practical and fair schedule can be passed. With so many different ideas on the changes that should be attempted, a compromise bill will deserve a lot of commendation. The proposal, according to Senator Fred Kiddle, chairman of the committee, would provide a flat rate of \$10 for a license fee for all old cars under 1700 pounds. Which means that only \$10 would be paid by the owners of old Fords, a relief that will be appreciated by hundreds of car owners and yet will give them a part in the continuation of the highway program. Other used cars will be less in license fee. A general reduction is in the schedule, and it looks extremely fair at this stage. Revenue will be aided by added gas tax—and the state will go ahead with its vital road program.

THE AIR MAIL GOES THROUGH

Winging one's way through the sky in a plane is not all glory and high adventure even in this day of modern aviation. It can be tragedy—and that it was for Harold Buckner, air mail pilot, whose crash in the wilderness of the Minam country, together with the courage and endurance of the rescue party, has been the chief concern of people in Eastern Oregon since Friday morning.

Buckner's death brings sorrowing thoughts to thousands of people who never knew him. "Died in line of duty" is a service phrase that applies all too well.

Pilots of the air mail have the stuff of which heroes are made. When one sees their planes sail swiftly and powerfully through the blue sky of summer, disappearing over the ridges of Mt. Emily in the hop toward Pasco or fading in the warm haze in the direction of Baker, theirs is a calling that thrills. But pilots of the air mail have learned long ago that zooming through a clear summer sky is only a small part of their battle to provide the Pacific Northwest mail with the speed of wings.

So it was with Buckner. He, too, thrilled with the flight through a perfect sky. But he knew that the mail must go, if humanly possible, through every sky. Rain and wind and fog. The cold of winter—and snow. And it was into a blizzard that he piloted his plane last Thursday over the Grande Ronde valley. Whirling, blinding snow. No way of seeing which were the heavens, which the earth. Beacon lights obscured. Impossible to see a landing—and the ever-present urge of duty, the knowledge that the mail must go through.

From the position of the layman who does his small bit in a commonplace and work-a-day world, it seems an unnecessary tragedy that we should ask men to thus risk and give their lives in the name of speedier, better, more direct communication. It's difficult to see why we, the people, should expect the performance of that duty except when conditions were most favorable, when risks are reduced to a minimum.

But it has always been that way, not so much because a progressive public demanded it as because its ranks included youth and energy and pioneering spirit typified in Buckner—a spirit that has visioned countless avenues of progress and has provided the courage and the enthusiasm, and the lives, that they might be realized. Buckner, whether he realized it or not, no matter how precise and matter-of-fact he may have been, was a pioneer.

And while he went West to join the hundreds of other brave hearts who have given their all to aviation, it is a significant tribute to the youth and courage of America that there are a score ready to step into his shoes, to grasp the controls he relinquished, to sail into the blizzard that brought him death. The air mail goes on. The drone of powerful motors high in the sky was heard over the Grande Ronde valley yesterday, the day before—and will be heard tomorrow. Buckner is gone—but the mail goes through.

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