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ABE MARTIN

Of all the successful men I know think of not one of them who play a guitar. "I want a house with four bathrooms so when we all happen to come home at once we can take a bath right away and get out again," said a glubish-looking woman caller at the office of Realtor Tell Binkley, today.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	1.27 1/2 @ 1.27 1/2	1.29	1.26 1/2	1.28 1/2 @ 1.28 1/2
May	1.31 1/2 @ 1.31	1.33	1.30 1/2	1.32 1/2 @ 1.32
July		1.35 1/2	1.32 1/2	1.35 @ 1.35 1/2

PRIME FIRSTS GO UP HALF A CENT; EGGS SAME

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—Prime firsts in butter went up half a cent to 46 cents today. Other grades remained unchanged. Firsts form the only butter grade that has not participated in the recent general advance. Butter was in demand and no weakening of price was in sight.

Eggs were stationary and plentiful.

Cauliflower has an upward tendency because of scarcity. Hunch turnips are down to 45 to 50 cents a dozen bunches wholesale. Root vegetables are too few to be quoted.

Medium size oranges are showing a tendency to weakness. Country dressed meats were firming in larger supplies and prices were somewhat easier.

Sugar has taken a decline of 15 cents a hundred, reflecting lower prices made by California refiners.

The FLORSHEIM

So many men wear Florsheim Shoes . . . and there's a reason . . . smart appearance is a business and social asset . . . and shoes certainly make or mar a man's appearance.

\$10
Some Styles \$11 and \$12

N. K. West & Co., Inc.
The Man's Store.

The Observer voices the appreciation of everyone at the Riley dinner last night for the musical entertainment provided by the band and Mr. Knutz. We are much indebted to Mr. Loney, gracious and talented director.

With less than half the session remaining the legislature is getting busy on the problem of new revenue. Ideal tax measures are not possible but we hope that sufficient compromises will be possible to provide a practical and immediate solution. The state cannot continue to spend more than it receives—it must have new money and balance the books.

Frank Branch Riley lived up to the reputation he had gained with all who had heard him before—and established an enviable new one with hundreds who heard him for the first time last night. His artistry is one that combines a message of significance and power with uproarious entertainment, and the applause and laughter with which he was rewarded indicated how keenly 600 people of La Grande appreciated last night's opportunity. The Observer is gratified at having had a small part in bringing so illustrious and so dynamic a speaker to this community that we might know more of his missionary pilgrimages to the dark areas of the east. We hope he can come again and again.

INDIVIDUALISTS ALL

No man today could live as either a strict individualist or a strict socialist. To Sir William Harcourt's famous phrase, "we are all socialists now," might be added, "we are all individualists now." Even Robinson Crusoe, a solitary individual upon an otherwise uninhabited island, was dependent for all that he had rescued from the wreck upon a society to which he had belonged and which was itself the heir of other societies dating back to an immemorial past.

In the modern world it is impossible that some public functions should not be discharged collectively and in a way that might be called socialistic. But this has little to do with the real controversy which arises as soon as root-and-branch socialism proclaims the need of covering the whole ground of social life and activity. The thing has never been done, and has never been attempted without failure; the real reason being that political socialism is necessarily destructive of society in the sense in which society is bound up with the general prospects and future of mankind.

President Coolidge's position in respect to taking government out of business, as the phrase is, has a bearing upon this question of socialism. It does not mean neglecting or slighting effort in common. There must be a great deal of joint work of one kind or another. But the great error of socialism is that it selects the wrong agency to do it. It would seize upon a government or an administration to do something quite out of its natural range and purpose.

If the world is to strive to follow the path of a larger economic well-being for all classes, there can be no doubt that, so long as the ordinary and ingrained instincts of human motives in men and women continue to be what they have been, it will get on farther and much more quickly by individual energy and enterprise than by any form of governmental absorption and direction of industry and business.

Klepper's resolution authorizing and directing the state highway commission to construct a highway between Portland and the Roosevelt highway. Which of the five possible routes such a effort Portland - to - the - sea highway should take is not specified in the resolution and according to the various sentiments expressed at the hearing, it was clear that should the highway commission decide to build such a highway, it will be swamped with opposing requests for each of the routes.

Representative Meisker spoke also on his resolution for the widening of the Lower Columbia River highway and Senator Bell for his resolution which calls for the completion of highways which were a part of the original 1917 program.

Not a single opposing voice was raised against Oregon's ratification of federal child labor amendment to the constitution at a public hearing before the house committee on labor and industries, Wednesday evening.

Legislatures of five states, Arizona, California, Wisconsin, and Montana have already ratified the child labor amendment. It was pointed out at the hearing, thirty-eight states will hold legislative sessions this year at which efforts will be made to secure ratification. The house committee will report H. R. 11, which provides for the adoption of the amendment, back to the house Thursday without recommendations as a means of opening general discussion on the floor of the house, said Gus Anderson, committee chairman, after the hearing.

Appropriation bills totaling \$1,352,474 that are outside the regular state budget as approved by the governor and compiled by the state budget director are in the hands of the joint ways and means committee for consideration. Of this amount bills asking total appropriations of \$304,452 pertain to education, \$134,000 to agriculture, \$87,013 to military activity, \$88,000 to relief of various claimants, \$32,000 annually for the agricultural development plan of the state and chamber of commerce, \$30,000 to charitable institutions, \$30,000 to mining and \$132,100 to miscellaneous purposes. The regularly approved budget totals approximately \$6,800,000, of which all but about \$2,000,000 has been approved. The latter has not yet been acted on.

The "eng" rule was adopted by members of the house of representatives at the close of three-hour session Wednesday afternoon. During the remainder of the session members will be limited to five minutes debate each on any one bill. Parliamentary rule, however, that a member may yield his time to another. This rule will be therefore not as restrictive as it seems, on first consideration.

MOTHER NATURE'S GARDEN SHOP

THE GIRAFFE, THE TALLEST OF OUR PRESENT DAY ANIMALS, (FIFTEEN TO TWENTY FEET) HAS BUT SEVEN VERTEBRAE IN HIS LONG NECK, IN ORDER TO REACH THE GRASS HE MUST SPREAD HIS FORE LEGS FAR APART.

THE CLIMBING PERCH CAN TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES OVER LAND, AND ON OCCASIONS HAS BEEN KNOWN TO CLIMB TREES.

TRY W. K. GILBERT CO. FIRST

Closing Tone In Exchange Heavy

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (AP)—Express, amusement and power and light issues took turns in the late trading on the stock market today in promoting another rally which shoved some stocks materially above the preceding close.

American Express gained 12 points, American Ry. Express 4 1/2, and Warner Brothers Pictures 4 points. Adams Express rallied from 40 1/2 to 41 1/2. Speculative selling was renewed before the close, however, and the closing tone was heavy. Total sales approximated 3,700,000 shares.

When sewing for several children, the simple gathers may be made by this way: Lengthen the stitch on your sewing machine to its greatest length. Stitch the material where it is to be gathered and pull the shuttle thread. A full skirt for a child's dress can be gathered in a few minutes.

The Burdick telephone bill, H. B. 278, will be made a special order of business in the house at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

The moving picture censorship bill was killed in the house this morning by the indefinite postponement and the acceptance of the report of the committee on health and public morals that the bill "do not pass." Robinson, of Clatsop, father of the bill, made a vigorous fight for its retention, in vain.

The lower house this morning passed Burdick's bill, H. B. 424, to raise the salary of the state labor commissioner from \$3000 to \$4000 a year, despite considerable opposition on the floor of the house to salary raises of any kind.

Wheat Nervous And Higher at Closing

CHICAGO, Feb. 14 (AP)—Opening at 1/2 to 3/4 decline, and subsequently holding near to the initial figure. Oats were relatively steady. Provisions tended to advance.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Feb. 14 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. of Agriculture).—Hogs: Receipts 46,000. Mostly steady, later trade 10 to 15c lower; top 10.65 paid for an occasional load of 240-250 lbs. weights. Butchers, medium 19 choice 250-300 lbs. 10.20-10.65; 200-250 lbs. 10.20-10.65.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter: Firsts half cent higher. Extras 47 1/2c; standards 46 1/2c; prime firsts 46c.

BUTTERFEAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14 (AP)—Butterfat: a. b. San Francisco, 64 1/2c.

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