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## ABE MARTIN



While they're x-rayin' the teeth in the Volstead Act it wouldn't hurt to examine the eyes. "It's givin' both ways—'ides, by Webster, an' 'dear by radio announcin'." snapped little Winnie Moxie as her teacher corrected her today.

## Here and There In Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 2 (AP)—Senator J. O. Bailey's bill calling for a state department of public works to supplant the public service commission failed to get effective support when placed on final vote in the senate Friday. Only Bailey himself, Bennett, Jones, Marks, Miller and Strayer voted for it.

The measure provided for a department comprising a supervisor of public works, a supervisor of transportation and a supervisor of utilities, the first named to be the head official of the department.

Representative Briggs' bill proposing to give land owners the right to bring suit against the state land board was indefinitely postponed. The same fate was meted out to Robison's house bill providing terms and conditions under which life insurance companies and fraternal organizations may be licensed.

Also by the indefinite postponement route the senate killed the bill introduced by the house committee on food and dairy products providing sanitary regulations of dairies. It was opposed mainly as being too stringent for the small operator.

Senate bill 180 was passed by both houses Friday, notwithstanding the veto of the governor. The bill tightens up the regulations under which the chief justice of the supreme court may send circuit judges into different judicial districts. The house passed the bill during the Friday night session, following a frenzy of passing bills.

Notwithstanding an adverse report by the committee on education and a raking attack on the floor, house bill 297, by Anderson, Robison and Lynon, providing that school districts may furnish free text-books if the taxpayers so vote, goes on the senate calendar for third reading.

Speaking for the bill, Senator J. O. Bailey said that Oregon is one of only two states west of the Mississippi river and north of the Mason and Dixon line that do not have free text-book laws. Klepper and Moser spoke for the bill, the latter declaring that he wanted to see it voted on on its merits and not strangled by the adoption of an adverse report.

Eberhard objected to the bill as being too loosely drawn and Miller regretted that it had made its appearance so late in the session.

Bills passed by the lower house during the Friday night session included:

H. B. 597, by Robison—Appropriating \$3,000 for cooperative extension work in forestry.

H. B. 599, by joint ways and means—Appropriating \$75,000 to

pay salaries and expenses of state tax commission.  
H. B. 600, by joint ways and means—Appropriating \$10,000 for payment of expenses for survey of higher education institutions.  
S. B. 251, by Kiddle—To provide for a refund of license of registration upon the accidental destruction of any motor vehicle or when such fees have been erroneously paid.  
S. B. 231, by Senator Eddy and Representatives Fisher and Lockwood—Amending sections relating to fishing in the Umpqua river.  
S. B. 199, by Senator Upton—Requiring a license for traveling public shows outside incorporated cities.

Oratory that consumed much of the day probably changed few votes when the "home rule" telephone bill, which would have authorized the city of Portland to regulate telephone rates and franchise terms was under consideration. The bill was defeated by 17 negative votes.

The vote on the measure was:

For—Bennett, Brown, Dunne, Eddy, Fisher, Hall, Jones, Kuck, Miller, Staples, Strayer, Upton.

Against—Bailey of Lane, Bailey of Multnomah, Bell, Billingsley, Butt, Corbett, Dunn, Eberhard, Elliot, Kiddle, Klepper, Mann, Marks, Moser, Reynolds, Schuimrich, Norblad.

The total amount of money recommended for appropriation by the present session of the legislature was \$7,753,731.84 which is \$899,971.54 in excess of the budget as recommended by Governor Patterson, which was \$6,854,660.

Miscellaneous appropriation bills outside the budget approved by the committee total \$315,167.04.

AMSTERDAM, Holland (AP)—Zwolle, in the province of Overijssel, reports the marriage of a man to his grandmother. His father, marrying a second time, chose a girl of 26 whose mother was 45. The son married the latter, making him his father's step-father.

## Farm Pointers

All farm timbers used in contact with the ground, such as foundation sills, stable floors, hog houses, poles and fence posts, should be made of durable woods, such as white oak, red oak or chestnut, or of "sap" woods treated with creosote.

Some leafy alfalfa or clover hay should be included in the ration for the farm poultry flock at this time of year where grass range is not available.

All grain fed to the dairy cow should be ground, otherwise much of it will be undigested and wasted. The saving in grain will more than pay for the cost of grinding.

Pasture land and woodland are most profitable when managed separately, each for its own profit.

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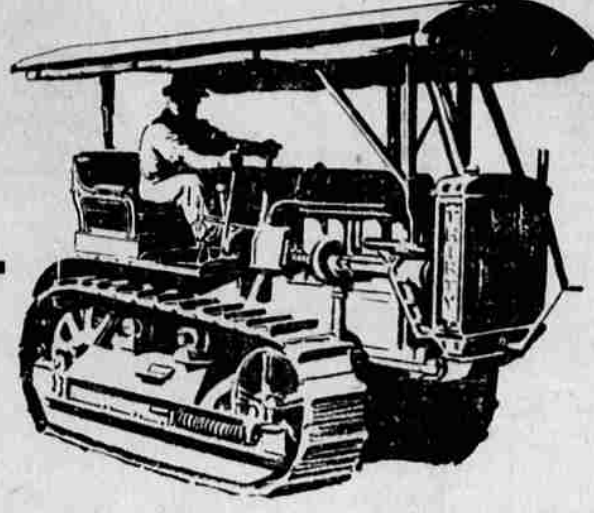
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Good pasture is not wasted when stock is kept out of the woods, for a well-stocked woodland has little or no grass, except in the southern longleaf pine regions where good timber occurs in open stands.

Honey in crystalline or granulated form is growing in favor with the consumer. This form of honey, in tin cans, can be bought at a low-

er price than liquid honey in glass. Crystallized honey is hard or soft, depending on the temperature, and can be spread like butter.

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP)—The church of the Holy Ghost, in which Germany's oldest university was founded in 1386, suffered severely through fire. Several ancient, valuable windows had to be broken.



With Real Pleasure

# We Announce

The removal of our office and stocks from the Holmes Bldg., corner Jefferson and Elm To Our

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Even the small boys fail to express sorrow over the disappearing snow. Spring can't arrive too soon.

Each year The Observer is more impressed with the excellent manner in which the basketball tournament is handled by the Union community. The event is the largest and most successful of any district tourney in the state—a compliment to those neighbors of ours who handle the crowds so efficiently and keep a full program moving swiftly.

### COOLIDGE RETIRES

Less than six years ago Calvin Coolidge, famed originally as governor of Massachusetts, became president of the United States as the oath of office was administered by a country notary public, his father, in a Vermont farmhouse. Tomorrow this quiet, cautious little man serves his last full day in that high office and on Monday turns the duties of chief executive over to another.

A few of his most intimate associates had followed Coolidge's rise from member of the Northampton, Mass., city council to governor of his state with the hope and belief that he would some day be president. Circumstances made the realization of that hope possible. First he secured nationwide fame when credited with the stern measures used in handling the Boston police strike. Next his friends were able to capitalize that fame and secure his nomination for vice president when the republican convention of 1920 sought a vote-getting eastern runningmate for Warren G. Harding.

None of the party leaders considered the chance of Harding's death. Coolidge served them as a temporary expedient and preparations were under way during the Alaskan trip of the president in 1923 to pick a more suitable vice presidential candidate to go on the Harding ticket for a second term. The Coolidge who was to be shelved, the Coolidge who was considered a nonentity became president when death overcame Harding on that hot August night six years ago.

Reticence, timidity, caution were Coolidge characteristics that a strength-loving nation interpreted in terms of quiet power. "Silent Cal" served both as a name and as a retreat while he became accustomed to his new responsibilities and surrounded himself with those men who were to make his administration successful—men experienced both in politics and in government.

A fortunate post-war readjustment left federal finances in such shape that a tax reduction program was possible and proper. Grasping the opportunity, Coolidge propounded an economy program, was declared "safe," and gained enough popular favor to assume the leadership of his party and win re-election by an overwhelming majority in spite of his veto of the soldiers' bonus bill, the exposure of the Harding oil scandals and the opposition of LaFollette's third party.

Coolidge has been a good president, though obviously far from a great one. Regardless of the fact that he had a purely political background and lacked most of the qualities considered essential to a chief executive, Coolidge fitted the need of the times. With the tremendous advantage of cabinet advisors like Mellon and Hoover and Hughes he led a safe, sane and conservative way through the reconstruction period that has followed the war. Although he has not inspired the enthusiasm of his fellow citizens and has failed to fire their imaginations with spectacular or truly great leadership, he has probably provided that which the nation needed most during the last six years—quiet, unassuming but dependable administration of the affairs of government.

Coolidge has not pretended to do more and is probably content to have his years as president marked only by the simple program of economy and tax reduction. Considering the controversy over farm relief, prohibition, government's policy toward business, etc., and the scores of demands made on his administration for a wide variety of legislative relief, failure of accomplishment may constitute something of a tribute as well as a fault. Disappointed as the nation has been at times in Calvin Coolidge, it can nevertheless be grateful for his service and remember that the administration coming to a close in no small way responsible for the confidence and eagerness with which we await that which is to begin on Monday.

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