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ABE MARTIN



Thomas Edison, who never takes a vacation, is in Florida. The play at Melodeon Hall drew a crowded house last night. The profanity was great, but it had poor support.

FARM STOCKS OF GRAIN ARE LOWER

More in Mills and Elevators This Year Than Usual, Report Says

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 12.—While Oregon farm stocks of the various grains as of March 1 are reported lower than last year as well as lower than the ten year average, wheat stocks in mills and elevators appear to be considerably larger than last year, says P. L. Kent, statistician, U. S. department of agriculture.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO GRAIN				
Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	1.23	1.24	1.23	4.26
May	1.27 1/2 @ 1.27 1/2	1.30 1/2	1.27 1/2	1.30 1/2 @ 1.30 1/2
July	1.30 1/2 @ 1.30 1/2	1.33 1/2	1.30 1/2	1.33 1/2 @ 1.33 1/2
Sept.	1.32 1/2	1.35 1/2	1.32 1/2	1.35 1/2 @ 1.35 1/2

PORTLAND WHEAT	
PORTLAND, Ore., March 12 (A. P.)—Wheat: Big Bend bluestem hard white 1.47; soft white 1.21; western white 1.21; hard winter 1.18; northern spring 1.18; western red 1.18.	
Oats: No. 2-38 lb. white 40.00. Today's car receipts: Wheat 35, flour 7, corn 6, oats 1, hay 12.	

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK	
PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 12 (A. P.)—Cattle and calves: Steady, no receipts. Steers (1100 to 1300 lbs.) good \$11.00 to \$11.85; do (950 to 1100 lbs.) good \$11.50 to \$12.00; do (800 and up) medium, 10.90 to 11.50; do (common) 9.00 to 10.50. Heifers (850 lbs. down), good 10.25 to 10.50; do, common, 8.50 to 9.25. Cows, good 9.00 to 9.50; do, common to medium 7.25 to 9.00; do, low cutter 5.50 to 7.25. Bulls (yearlings excluded) good beefs 8.00 to 9.00; do, cutter to medium 7.00 to 8.00. Calves (500 lbs. down) medium to choice 10.00 to 12.50; do, cull to common 8.50 to 10.00. Vealers, milk-fed, good to choice 13.50 to 14.50; do, medium, 12.00 to 13.50; do, cull to common, 9.00 to 12.00.	
Hogs: Steady, no receipts, with 1500. Heavy weight (250-350 lbs.) medium to choice 10.00 to 10.75; medium weight (200-250 lbs.) medium to choice 10.75 to 11.75; light weight (150-200 lbs.) medium	

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—pd. Adv.

Broccoli From Roseburg Is On Oregon Market

PORTLAND, Ore., March 12 (A. P.)—Roseburg broccoli was on the local market at \$1.65 a crate wholesale today.

General Advance In Stock Market

NEW YORK, March 12 (AP)—The stock market today showed a general advance in prices in today's stock market after an opening period of irregularity. Trading was relatively light in volume, indicating that many traders and investors over the credit situation had disappeared.

Wheat Strong And Two Cents Higher

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MOTHER NATURE'S CURIO SHOP



THE APHIDS, OR PLANT LICE WE FIND ON ROSES, ARE THE "MILK-COWS" OF THE ANT. AFTER SUCKING THE SAP FROM PLANTS BY MEANS OF THEIR SUCTION-PUMP BEAK, THE APHIDS DIGESTIVE ORGANS CHANGE IT TO A SWEET HONEY WHICH SLOWLY ESCAPES FROM THE APHID THROUGH TWO SMALL TUBES AT THE apex OF THE ABDOMEN. THIS SWEET HONEY FLOWS OFF THIS HONEYDEW, AND LAP IT UP AS QUICKLY AS IT FORMS. WHEN IT FAILS TO FLOW FREELY ENOUGH, THE ANT CARESSSES THE APHID'S BACK WITH ITS ANTENNAE. THE ANT EVEN GOES SO FAR AS TO TEND FLOCKS OF THESE APHIDS MUCH AS A FARMER DOES HIS CATTLE.



THE TROPICAL JACANA HAS ELONGATED TOES IN ORDER THAT IT MAY WALK ON LILY PADS. IT ALSO HAS A SPUR ON ITS WING FOR FIGHTING PURPOSES.

Two Kansas wheat farmers have bought airplanes and fly over into Colorado frequently to fish in the San Luis valley. Perhaps they've discovered a relief from farming that has escaped the attention of congress.

Aside from the customary reception for the diplomatic corps, Herbert Hoover is making no social engagements until he has the reins of government firmly in hand and everything running smoothly. The nation will feel like giving a rising vote of thanks for such a policy—but it's no more than would be expected of the efficient new president.

A map showing the proposed cross-state line from Crane to Crescent was published in the Oregonian this morning. As far as a layman can tell the route was similar to that recommended to the interstate commerce commission—but some other spots on the map make it look like the job of a school-boy who failed to pass in geography. From Union to Cove, for example, a rail line was shown. It no longer exists. From Kamela a rail line is shown leading off to Joseph. The city of La Grande—most important railroad community east of the Cascades in Oregon—didn't appear on the map at all. Someday we are going up to Kamela and find out where that Joseph branch leaves town.

The decision of all rail lines serving the Pacific Northwest to speed up schedules and provide 63-hour service to and from Chicago will mean a faster train over the Union Pacific through La Grande. And though it will bring our metropolitan centers a business day closer to the eastern cities, the improvement will be no small burden on the railroads. Fast schedules are comparatively easy to keep during most months of the year and the Union Pacific can shoot trains across Nebraska and Wyoming at high speed when weather conditions are ideal. But to maintain these fast schedules during the winter months when blizzards rage across mountain and plain is not such an easy matter. Railroads like to be on time; they must be on time for economical operation. And the 63-hour schedule in winter isn't going to make life any more pleasant for trainmen or executives.

LOTS OF LITTLE FACTORIES

Among some people it is the fashion to lament the disappearance of the small manufacturer. It is supposed that the good old days in which the work of making commodities for the world was done by a craftsman employer surrounded by his helpers, have gone forever.

As a matter of fact, there are still plenty of small manufacturing establishments. A report of the national industrial conference board says that 93.2 per cent of the country's manufacturing is done in plants employing fewer than 100 workers each. More than 70 per cent employ 20 or fewer. In the entire country there are 196,267 manufacturing concerns, which proves that still there are a lot of little local factories.

The economic sentiment seems to be that there are too many of these. Economical manufacturing demands the cooperation of many workers backed by ample financing. For this reason there is a tendency toward increasing the number of corporations. There always will be a certain number of local factories which, because of limitations of demand for products and of supplies of raw material, will not grow to large proportions.

But the experience of the past century has taught that big plants mean larger output, more goods and more work and more money for everybody. The statistics show that about three per cent of the factories of the country turned out nearly three-fifths of the entire production.

To the community seeking more payrolls, however, the greatest opportunity lies in sponsoring and encouraging the small factory. Half of Portland's factories employ less than five men each. But the small unit may grow—and therein lies the secret of future industrial wealth.

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