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### Abe Martin

President Hoover is all right and stacks up right along with our former Presidents, but a great mistake was made in advertising him to the country as a super man. The old saying, "Sure as shootin' gits better ever day."

### Coolidge's Name Brought Up By Lobby Witness

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—A telegram from Chester H. Gray, Washington representative of the American farm bureau federation, to E. A. O'Neal, president of the Alabama farm bureau federation, which was read today before the senate lobby committee, said "President Coolidge suggests you come to hold southern senators firm for Muscle Shoals resolution."

The telegram dated Feb. 24, 1929, added that the late Senator Underwood of Alabama was "under doctors care and may not be available when needed."

It said a vote was likely that week or the week following and urged O'Neal "to come at once if possible."

Questioned on the telegram, Gray who was before the committee today, said they were fearful that Senators Ransdell and Broussard, Louisiana democrats, would not support the farm bureau federation position.

He added he thought O'Neal came to Washington but he "was not certain."

The Muscle Shoals resolution, he said, was one by Representative Snell, providing for a joint committee to receive bids for Muscle Shoals in place of the Henry Ford offer which had been withdrawn.

He said former President Coolidge was greatly interested and had made the suggestion at a White House conference.

### Logging Nearly At Standstill In Wallowa Co.

By G. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent)  
WALLOWA, Ore., (Special)—Bad road conditions together with a slack demand for logs has virtually put a stop to logging operations in this community. It is said that a large supply of logs are on hand at the local mill pond and reports heard about town are to the effect that some of the contractors who have been in the logging business this winter have been stopped recently. Some others who have been cutting and bringing in logs for shipment to other points have found it very difficult to get logs out of the woods during the past few weeks while the roads have been bad.

W. C. Gettings and son, who have been logging in the Whiskey creek district during the past two months, have been delayed with the work there because of the roads being too muddy to permit hauling of the logs to the railroad. Mr. Gettings reports that ground conditions in the timber at that point would not keep them from going ahead with cutting and skidding to loading points, but that they were out of

feed for horses and were having to wait for the roads between the ranch in the valley and camp to settle some before they could be hauled there.

The road conditions at most points in this end of the county have improved greatly during the past week. The warm weather of the past two or three weeks has melted off all of the old snow and the frost has left the ground at most places allowing the ground to settle and dry rapidly. Some who have been doing digging recently say that the ground is not yet to a very great depth wet and some feel that there should be a lot of moisture in the form of rain and snow before the soil will be sufficiently soaked to insure a supply of moisture for growing crops during the spring and summer season. Practically nothing has been done in this community yet in the way of starting of farming operations, however, some of the farmers along the edge of the valley and in the foothills say that should the weather remain fair for another week that they would be able to start plowing on some of the high dry spots. Reports from the Lostine community say that a little plowing has been done there during the past few days, but that some frost is still found in places in the fields.

Cream producers here are again faced with a recent drop of 3c in price of butterfat according to local creamerymen who received notice of the decline in price toward the last of the week. Prices being paid here for butterfat has been around 34c for the past few weeks, however, with the latest drop the price is down to 31c.

Joe Feagins, of Leap, was a business visitor at Joseph the first of the week.

W. C. Gettings and wife and daughter Shandon, of Middle valley, were visiting at the Bruce Fisher home in Leap Sunday.

Mrs. Giles Plass, who has spent the past few weeks with her son LeRoy Plass and family of Enterprise, returned to her home in the Leap community the last of the week.

Miss Laura Gregory, who is teaching the Leap school, spent the weekend at her home on Smith mountain.

Dee and Irvin Gastin have been busy several days the past week hauling hay from the C. A. Hunter farm east of town. They are using the alfalfa to feed their band of about 125 ewes. They report that part of their ewes will start lambing about the first of March.

Roy Gastin who has been work-

### ACCUSED OF STABBING

BEAD, Ore., Feb. 25 (AP)—Ed Simmons, 59, was in jail here today charged with stabbing Floyd Shackley, former Condon, Ore., youth, last night during what police said was a quarrel over a dice game. Shackley was given first aid at the police station and later taken to a hospital where attendants said his injuries were not serious.

### Chance for Flapjack Artist PLAINS, Mont. (AP)—

Martin Lund, flapjack juggler at a logging camp near here, wants to match flips with other cooks. He insists he fries 16 acres of pancakes every winter and produces figures to back him up.

### BUYS HOME AT ELGIN; MOVING IN THIS WEEK

By Mrs. L. E. Hill (Observer Correspondent)  
ELGIN, Ore. (Special)—J. H. Ellis purchased the Isaac Bungartner home in Elgin last week and plans to move in immediately. Mr. Ellis has been living on his farm south of Elgin near the Indian creek market road. The Bungartner family has rented the Ellis farm and is moving this week. The three Bungartner children will continue to attend school in Elgin.

ing for John Couch, of Leap, during the past several weeks, was a business visitor in town the last of the week.

F. A. Downing and wife, of Leap, were visiting relatives in the Joseph section the first of the week.

Clarence Wilty who has been farming the H. G. Masterson farm a few miles east of town during the past two years was a business visitor in the Elgin community the last of the week.

James Evans who is employed at the sawmill at Baker, arrived here the latter part of the week for a short visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Evans. Mr. Evans reports that the mill at Baker has closed down for repairs and that it has not been definitely decided at what time the mill will resume operations again. He returned to Baker the first of the week and will be busy at repair work there and at Pondosa for the next few weeks.

LeRoy Plass and family left for Portland last week where they expect to make their home.

### THE LOYAL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Loyalty Women of the Church of Christ held their regular meeting Thursday at the Dave Zweifel home. The entertainment of the afternoon consisted of games and readings fitting to the Washington birthday season. Refreshments were served with favors of hatched and cherries. The Loyalty Women announce a meeting for March 20 when Mrs. Walter Pierce will come to talk about books. To this meeting they invite and urge every woman in Elgin who is interested in the subject to attend and hear Mrs. Pierce. The members of the organization present at this meeting were Mrs. S. L. Knight, Mary Wickens, Mrs. Harold Blanchard, Mrs. T. B. Clark, Mrs. Gen. Mrs. Harriman, Ruth Merritt, Loren Knight, Mae Clayton and Mrs. D. Zweifel. Mrs. Blanchard and Mrs. Gen. served the luncheon.

Mrs. Henry Hug has been ill for the last two weeks at their apartment in the Hug building. During her illness Mrs. H. L. Graham is taking her place in the Hug grocery.

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### Mr. and Mrs. Warren Metcalf and family of Pondosa, spent the weekend with Mrs. Metcalf's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill.

About 25 members of the local Knights of Pythias attended the county meeting held in La Grande recently.

Snow storms to the contrary, spring is just around the corner. Boys are playing marbles and girls are hunting jumping ropes.

The Oregonian comments on the Literary Digest straw ballot on prohibition under the heading, "Futile, and Probably Misleading." Right at the start, probably wrong at the last. There is no doubt of the ballot being futile but you question any statement that it will be misleading, especially if you recall the Digest poll during the recent presidential campaign. Instead of being misleading it has been very leading—and those who thought to the contrary and backed their belief with cash are now sadder and wiser men.

The new president of Mexico will make a name for himself, successful or otherwise. He has ordered all governors to close all gambling houses—which would, if enforced, spell the doom of Agua Caliente, palatial hotel and casino across the border from San Diego. But strict enforcement is not likely for some time. Agua Caliente attracts too many spending Americans into Mexico, pays too much revenue to the Mexican government. Provincial governors are going to be slow about slaying the goose of golden egg fame, evil though she be.

### A PROGRESSIVE CANDIDATE

Governor A. W. Norblad, speaking before the public meeting of the Lions Club last night, made his first official bow to the people of the La Grande territory. And he did it gracefully, effectively. Thrust into the governors chair by the sudden death of Isaac Patterson, much curiosity concerning this young attorney from Astoria had been felt by Eastern Oregon people who had known him only by reputation as a senator from a coast county—champion of the commercial fishing interests.

Last night the curiosity at least of those attending the dinner was satisfied. Norblad made a good impression, a fine appearance, numerous friends. In spite of his making a one-hundred-per-cent political speech after announcing that he would not talk politics, his expressions of interest in a non-sectional Oregon, his arguments for a more rapid development of the state's resources were both sincere and impressive.

They were, of course, political in nature and effect, as everyone would expect them to be. That any candidate for governor could talk on the subject of his home state without choosing his words for their political value is not possible. And with a record of three speeches a day, on an average, to his credit since taking office less than three months ago, it is obvious that Governor Norblad is speaking for a purpose—the building of a sufficient following to return him to the office he now holds. He is, however, not alone in this activity. Other candidates are doing likewise to the best of their abilities—fortunately not handicapped by being forced to play the dual role of governor and candidate at the same time.

However that may be, Mr. Norblad's youthful enthusiasm for Oregon's advantages, his high confidence in Oregon's future are of distinct interest to the people of the state, both because he is now governor and because he is a candidate for governor. After all, the most significant things in politics, from the voter's standpoint, are the workings of political policies in relation to material progress. Increased earning power that will bring about more leisure, more advantages for one's family, greater capacity to enjoy life, greater security for existing comforts. These concern the voter greatly and he is apt to view a candidate's plea for support in direct proportion to that concern. Voters have a common goal: it is the method of reaching it that makes them decide on different standard bearers. Greater welfare brought about by advertising what Oregon offers, by building more highways, adding new advantages. California, as Norblad points out, has done just that and has thirty inhabitants to the square mile where Oregon has eight.

The governor is sold on Oregon and is a progressive by nature. His will be a progressive administration and a progressive campaign. No small number of votes will come to his column because of the desire for aggressive, progressive leadership on the part of many people in various sections of the state. Whether the fear of increased taxes, of over expansion, of a too rapid pace will drive others into the camps of his opponents remains to be seen. This much is sure: Norblad is going to stand or fall on his progressive platform. And whether he wins or loses in the May primaries he will have rendered a high service if he can arouse its people to a greater and more active appreciation of Oregon's unique advantages.

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[Facts Number 17 and 18] Till coffee was packed in vacuum, you never knew how much of its glorious flavor you had been missing. The same is true of tea. The two are identical in one respect. A little air—a little moisture—and pff!—the finer flavors are gone. With coffee it happens quickly. With tea more slowly—but surely. And it is many months before tea reaches you from the tea gardens—frequently a year. Its original flavor you could never enjoy until Schilling, by a secret process, packed tea in vacuum.

[Fact Number 16] Both a tea leaf and a coffee bean must be toasted to drive off the moisture, which helps to rob it of flavor. Good coffee is packed in vacuum immediately after roasting. Tea is toasted at the tea gardens, then sealed in large chests lined with lead. When it arrives in America it is repacked in ordinary tins or even cardboard boxes. And that's where the damage is done! But this is how Schilling does it. As the tea is poured from the lead-lined chests, it is toasted again, and while still hot (just like your coffee) it is sealed in vacuum. Schilling Tea comes to you as fresh and fragrant as it left the Orient—the only tea completely protected from the tea garden to you.

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