

# HARDING LOST SKATING RINK TROMBONE JOB

Failure to Secure Raise in Pay Turned Former President to Other Endeavor—Old Boss Remembered at Close of War.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Robert H. Harding tells in a copyrighted story in the Sun of a skating rink proprietor who discharged a trombone player and so turned the aspiring musician into other paths of endeavor, paths that led in time to the presidency of the United States.

When the roller skating craze swept over the country in the early '80s of the last century, a young Italian named Pete Venuti opened a rink in Marion, Ohio, and installed an orchestra of eight pieces.

The least of all the players in that little band was one who blew upon the slide trombone and in due time blew his courage up to the point of demanding an increase of salary. He was getting 50 cents a night and felt quite sure that he was worth 75c.

"Why should I pay him 75 cents for his kind of ship music?" Pete Venuti asked his orchestra leader. "He isn't worth 50c. Fire him. Do it now."

And so the artist of the collapsing horn was fired and the roller skating craze passed in due time to the limbo of a million other fads. Pete Venuti turned to other tasks, joined the gold rush and married a girl in the Klondike and as the years passed, raised a family of three sons.

When America entered the world war the youngest of those sons joined up, and when the war was over, Private Venuti was listed as missing and unaccounted for; somewhere in the mire of battles fiercely fought lay the bones of the youngest son of Pete Venuti.

From their fellow townsmen, Warren Gammell Harding, president of the United States, Pete Venuti and his two remaining sons received invitations to attend the solemn ceremonies incident to interment of the unknown soldier at Washington as guests of the White House.

The day after the ceremonies the president and the former skating rink proprietor sat smoking in the White House and talking of days gone by. The executive recalled the discharge of the young trombone player from Venuti's rink.

"Pete," said the president, "why didn't you see that 25-cent raise?"

"Because," Venuti answered after a thoughtful pull at his cigar, "I didn't think you were worth the raise then, Warren, and I still don't think so."

Before the two old friends parted for the night Venuti asked just why it was that President Harding had invited him and his sons to the burial of the unknown soldier.

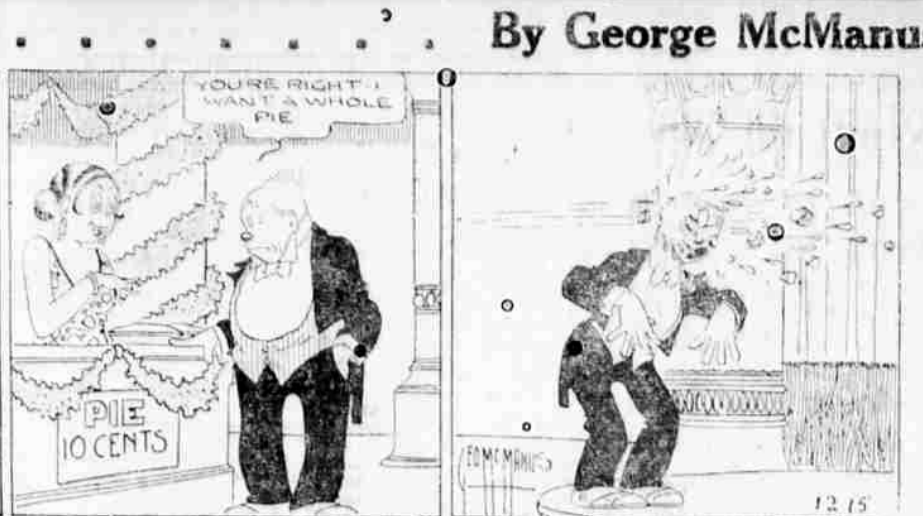
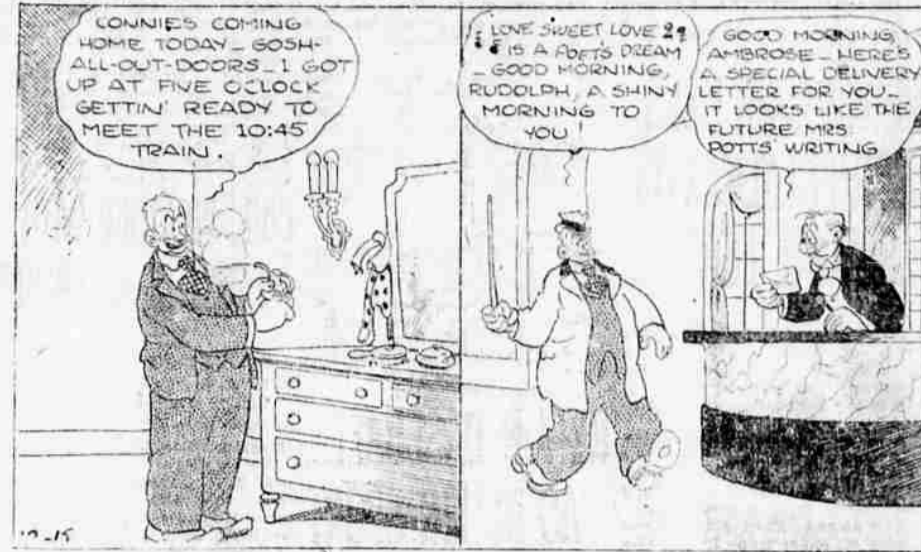
"Well, Pete," said the president, "with a hand on the other's shoulder, I know that you had lost a boy out there—and it might be—who knows—that the hero in Arlington—good night, Pete."

That conversation, Mr. Davis concludes, took place seven years ago. President Harding now sleeps in Marion, Pete Venuti in Dayton, and the unknown soldier in his tomb at the nation's capital.

# BRINGING UP FATHER



## THE NEBBES—Lonesome and Blue



## By SOL HESS



# NEED OF WORK SEEN IN STATE BY SECRETARY

Hal Hoss to Employ Only Women Without Other Means of Support—Distress May Result From Work Lack.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Because of a general condition of unemployment in Oregon, that in some instances amounts to actual distress, Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss said today that henceforth his policy in the employment of women in the state department preference will be given to unmarried women who are without other means of support. This will be the rule, he said, at least until the present condition of unemployment is eliminated.

Hoss is not making the policy ironclad. It is necessary, he said, to make it flexible enough to allow him to consider the ability of applicants for employment, since much of the work in the department is of skilled character. Married women at present employed will not be disturbed.

Hoss was led to make his statement today by several recent personal applications by women who were in dire need of immediate employment.

"One young woman," he said, "almost became hysterical when I told her I had no position open. I actually believe she had not eaten a meal for some time. This is only one of several similar cases."

C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, said today that unemployment is serious in the state.

"I do not think," said Gram, "that there is more unemployment than at any ago, but indications are that there is going to be more suffering as a result of it."

mately, cattle 2250; calves 335; hogs 4790; sheep 1490.

Cattle compared with week ago: Mostly steady; bulk better grade steers, \$11 to \$12; one load each \$12.50 and \$12.75; others \$10.75 and down; off quality down to \$9.50; top heifers in load \$9.75; top cows \$8.75; bulk, desirable one stock \$8.25 to \$9.50; others \$7.50 down; low cutters down to \$4.50 and below; bulls mostly \$7.25 to \$7.75; best light weavers, \$13; calves \$19 down; heaves and thins down to \$7.

Hogs compared with a week ago: Killing classes 25 to 30 cents higher; feeders steady; bulk light butchers, \$9.35 to \$9.40; a few loads Monday, \$9.50; overweight and underweight, \$9.25 down; extreme heaves \$8 to \$8.50; packing sows, \$7.25 to \$7.75; slaughter pigs mostly \$8 to \$8.25; feeders mostly \$8.

Sheep and lambs quietly steady with a week ago. Strictly fresh handly weight lambs quoted up to \$12 and better; choice yearlings up to \$10; ewes up to \$6.50.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter—Steady, standards, 49c; Eggs—Medium extras and firsts 1 cent lower. Medium extras, 34c; firsts, 32c.

Milk, poultry, onions, potatoes, wool, nut, hay, cascara bark and hops—steady.

San Francisco Butterfat. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Butterfat of a. b., San Francisco, 58c.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Violent fluctuations in the high priced specialties again featured the mixed price movement in today's stock market. The general list showed alternate periods of weakness and strength, reflecting in some measure the usual week-end readjustment of speculative accounts and the struggle of opposing speculative forces for control of the price movement. Trading was only moderate in volume, indicating an absence of any widespread public participation.

The close was irregular. Sales totaled 1,258,400.

Monoxide Fatal.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Jesse C. Booth, 36, was found dead in the front seat of his automobile in the garage at his home early today. Last night he told his wife that he was going to work on the car. This morning when Mrs. Booth awakened she started search

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