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THE WHITE HOUSE

Day Observed by President and Family in Nature of Enjoyable Family Gathering.

MRS. ROOSEVELT DIRECTS PREPARATION OF MEAL

Head of Nation Who Prides His Ability on Carving Apportions the Meat.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—Christmas dinner to be served tomorrow in the White House promises to be one of the jolliest meals of the year in the presidential mansion.

This is saying a great deal for during President Roosevelt's administration nearly every meal—morning, noon and night—is one of good cheer and frequently quite a social event.

The present chief executive dined last night with his family at meal time that he has an opportunity to mix with his lively household of children and cultivate the acquaintance of personal friends.

This being the general condition throughout the year, such an occasion as Christmas is not allowed to slip by without every advantage being taken to make it a most enjoyable family gathering.

Christmas at the White House is observed as a family festival. In this President Roosevelt follows the general policy of other presidents, with the exception that Mrs. Roosevelt, who used to have as his guests on Christmas day the various officials of the executive department of the government.

In earlier days the meal was served at noon or in the afternoon, with President Roosevelt it is served in the evening, thus giving the chief executive an opportunity to engage late in the afternoon in his favorite pastime of horse racing.

engendering a wholesome appetite for the feast to follow.

The Christmas dinner at the White House will not be as large an affair as many gatherings in private homes on the same day. There are eight members of the Roosevelt family, all of whom are home for the occasion.

In addition to these there will be a number of close personal friends and her relatives of the president and his wife.

The dinner will be served in the president's private dining room, for the large state dining room, where are held formal banquets at the White House.

is so large and imposing that it lacks the coziness and good cheer so essential to a good jolly Christmas dinner.

Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at last residence, Tremont Place, Monday, December 24, at 11 o'clock. Burial in Riverview.

WEATHER REPORT

The weather is cloudy and threatening this morning in the north Pacific states and rain is falling in southern Oregon.

Temperatures in the north Pacific states are in the 40's and 50's.

The indications are for cloudy and threatening weather in this district Monday, with occasional rain in southern Oregon.

At the White House dinner will not be as elaborate as many that will be served in private homes of the country.

It will be prepared in the large kitchen in the basement of the executive mansion.

The smaller kitchen is generally used for meals served in the private dining room, the larger one is necessary for Christmas, as the big hooded range is required to prepare the great turkey.

This turkey is a Rhode Island bird and is a gift to the president.

Horace Wallace, a contractor, has usually make this gift to the White House.

He has followed this practice for 30 years. Each fall Vane goes over his stock of poultry, and picking out the best of the lot.

His idea of having it grace the presidential table at Christmas. This bird is fattened and during the week before Christmas is killed and cleaned.

It is then packed and shipped to the White House. A simple letter of thanks is all that Vane will accept, and it is doubtful if any man in the United States has a more interesting collection of eggs.

For state affairs the president and Mrs. Roosevelt give the preparation of the meal into the hands of French chefs.

When it comes to the Christmas dinner, the French chefs, with their fancy entrees and bewildering desserts, are given a holiday.

CHRISTMAS TRADE HAS PROVED VERY HEAVY

TURKEY RECEIPTS BROKE RECORD

Arrivals Along Front Street This Week Heavier Than in Recent Years.

EGG RECEIPTS ARE SHOWING AN INCREASE

Wool Futures Are Quoted Firmer—Spurt in the Demand for Potatoes.

Front Street, Dec. 24, 4 p. m.—The principal market, features of the week are:

Extra heavy receipts of turkeys. Chickens hard to sell. Egg receipts are larger. Wool futures are quoted firmer. Spurt in demand for potatoes. Onion market is firmly held.

Heavy Receipts in Turkeys

During the past week the receipts of turkeys broke a record of recent years for their largeness. The stocks came in so fast that the market on Front Street was fairly swamped for awhile.

This occurred late in the week, but today everything of quality has cleared up. There were some live turkeys remaining unsold at the close of business today as the demand all seemed to be for the dressed article.

Quite a heavy outside demand developed when the receipts were at their height and this proved the salvation of the market and prices. Up to near the close of the week there was a general remark about the excellence of the birds, but this was changed later when a large amount of "cull" stock arrived and had to be sold around 16 a pound.

Even at this price the "culls" were high. This fact, taken in connection with the fact that the market had been heavily overworked with cold storage turkeys sent all the receipts in this direction.

Chickens Are Very Hard to Sell

It was an impossibility for the commission men to dispose of all the receipts of chickens this week. The arrivals of chickens, as in turkeys, were very heavy. The receipts of eggs were also very heavy and prices were no object to the retailers, who simply did not care to buy chickens.

Quite a large amount of dressed chickens arrived and these found the best demand, as the retail trade was too busy to dress the live birds.

Egg Receipts Are Heavier

In the egg market the receipts were heavier, but they could not be called large. The demand for chickens is large, but the receipts are not so heavy.

During the week several more cars of eastern eggs arrived and were put into cold storage. According to the commission men, there is a material increase and eggs are expected to go lower.

There was an abundance of all sorts of fresh meats along the street during the past week. Veal came in very heavy, but the receipts were not so heavy.

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Sparring for Wind.

BUTTER—City creamery, best, 25¢; second grade, 23¢; outside fancy, 27¢; ordinary, 22¢; cold storage, 21¢; eastern and California, 20¢.

EGGS—No. 1 fresh Oregon, 25¢; No. 2, 23¢; No. 3, 21¢; local cold storage, 20¢; California, 19¢; New York, 18¢; Young America, 17¢; Eastern, 16¢.

POTATOES—Best Oregon, \$1.00 cwt; buyers, \$0.95; second grade, \$0.90; third grade, \$0.85; fourth grade, \$0.80; fifth grade, \$0.75.

WHEAT—Best Oregon, \$1.00 cwt; buyers, \$0.95; second grade, \$0.90; third grade, \$0.85; fourth grade, \$0.80; fifth grade, \$0.75.

GRAIN TRADE WAITS; EXCHANGES ARE CLOSED

Oranges Are Plentiful and Cheap—Butter Market Is Top Heavy.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The grain trade at all centers was suspended today and nothing will be done until next Tuesday.

On Thursday the local market closed at \$1.43 per cental for May wheat and \$1.09 for May barley. Spot wheat on that day was quoted at \$1.42 1/2 to \$1.45 per cental for shipping grades.

The local market was unusually quiet today considering it was the day before Christmas, and retailers were expected to lay in extra supplies for Sunday and Monday.

As expected, grapes were on hand in anticipation of a good demand at fancy prices, but they proved a disappointment, being generally in poor condition and neglected.

Between 35 and 40 chests of strawberries were received and they dragged. Toward the close of the day unsold stock was of regular at low prices.

It was remarked that if the best had been in New York they would have brought very fancy prices.

Oranges Plentiful and Cheap

Oranges were very plentiful and cheap, a considerable part of the offerings being either small or partly green. Fine varieties of apples have been held rather more firmly of late, but the market has been overstocked with low grade.

There was an abundance of bananas. Huckleberries still linger in market. Persimmons are getting scarcer.

Cranberries were in lessened demand. Italian chestnuts were cheaper. Potatoes and onions were without any quotable change and quieter.

The receipts of Los Angeles tomatoes and summer squash were larger, 350 boxes of the former and 102 boxes of the latter. Both articles were cheaper.

Poor Tomatoes Coming

Quite a quantity of tomatoes has been coming from across the bay to take advantage of holiday trade, but the quality has been poor and prices too irregular to quote.

Buyers now prefer the Los Angeles article. Green peppers from the south are now beginning to take the place of the local article.

Fine rhubarb was doing well in price. Sweet potatoes were very plentiful.

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SUGAR WAR IS ON, MAY GROW FIERCE

Independents Throw Down the Gauntlet to the Western in 'Frisco.

SLASHING OF PRICES HAS ALREADY BEGUN

Portland Trade Unaffected as Yet But New People Promise Something.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The sugar market is on an edge. Prices may possibly go higher, but at present things look the reverse to the trade.

There is trouble in the camp of the sugar refiners. This is not news to Journal readers, for this was told in these columns several months ago.

The trouble has increased, however, and during the past week a number of the most influential wholesale grocers of San Francisco quit the organization of independent refiners of the Hawaiian islands.

The claim is made by the independent men that they can produce sugar and ship it into this territory at a good sized cut under the figures of the western refiners.

which controls the sugar trade of all that territory which lies between the Rocky mountains and the Pacific ocean.

At the present time the raw sugar market is in a very firm condition, and during the past week or so the price in New York has shown some wonderful advances along with the rise in value of the refined product.

On the Pacific coast, however, prices have not changed for the reason that the western company has been frightened by the organization of a number of new companies.

Now the red rag has been thrown in the face of the bull by the cutting of 10 cents a hundred pounds in the quotations on dry granulated by the independent refiners' agents in the Bay City.

So far the old concern has not taken up the challenge, and there are those who believe that it will not do so. On the other hand the independent refiners believe that they will keep their quotations under those of the western company, and thereby secure the major part of the trade.

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STOCK RECEIPTS ARE NOT SO HEAVY

Condition of Ranges Good for Cattle—Stock Will Be Excellent.

Portland Union Stock Yards, Dec. 24.—All through the live stock market the receipts were smaller this week, but this did not seem to help the tone very much.

In cattle the arrivals, although not as large as last week, are fairly heavy, while the week's total is in consideration. The tone was good all this week, but no changes in prices occurred.

J. B. Baylor, one of Umatilla county's extensive cattle feeders, estimates that 5,000 head of cattle are being fed for beef this winter in the Echo and Butter creek districts.

besides large numbers that are being wintered for breeding purposes. This is a much greater number than was fed for market in the same territory last winter.

So far cattle have fared remarkably well. The cold, dry weather is the best possible for fattening. The stock eat their feed well and thrive better than in muddy or stormy weather.

Hay is plentiful and the prospects for the largest output of fat cattle estimated from the Butter creek country, are now very good.

Abbe Moss, a prominent horse buyer of Stockton, Cal., has been in this country for several weeks buying heavy weight horses to be shipped to the California markets.

Mr. Moss was formerly a Hines county stockman. He is paying \$125 a head. Several eastern horse buyers are in the vicinity buying heavy horses to supply the eastern market.

The receipts of live stock this week are:

Hogs—Best western Oregon, \$2.25; best Willamette valley, \$1.90; best Idaho, \$1.75; best California, \$1.60; best Montana, \$1.50; best Wyoming, \$1.40; best Nebraska, \$1.30; best Kansas, \$1.20; best Oklahoma, \$1.10; best Texas, \$1.00.

Cattle—Best western Oregon, \$3.50; best Idaho, \$3.25; best California, \$3.00; best Montana, \$2.75; best Wyoming, \$2.50; best Nebraska, \$2.25; best Kansas, \$2.00; best Oklahoma, \$1.75; best Texas, \$1.50.

Sheep—Best western Oregon, \$2.75; best Idaho, \$2.50; best California, \$2.25; best Montana, \$2.00; best Wyoming, \$1.75; best Nebraska, \$1.50; best Kansas, \$1.25; best Oklahoma, \$1.00; best Texas, \$0.75.

Receipts are also small in the hog market. The tone this week was rather changeable, but the market did not develop any great strength at any time.

Prices showed no change from those of the former week. The sheep market remains with the former good tone. The receipts this week were not so large as last week, but this somewhat helped the market.

During the past week, several high grade sheep belonging to A. G. Butterfield of Weiser, Idaho, have been passing through Vale in separate bands en route to the