

POTATO PRICE STILL GOES UP

Retail Dealers Refuse to Buy Spuds at Increased Wholesale Rate.

NO RELIEF IN SIGHT

Grocers Urge Boycott on Potatoes in Order to Force Profiteers to Lower Price Which is Now Exorbitant.

With the price of potatoes steadily increasing and with no drop in sight, local retail merchants and consumers are facing a serious situation.

Potatoes in Roseburg today are selling at prices varying from 8 to 10 cents, the former price being asked by dealers who are closing out the last of their stock.

Wholesale firms are asking 8 1/2 and 9 cents per pound and are predicting that this will be liberally increased within the next 24 hours.

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The task is no easy one, as the incline is exceedingly steep and rough and it will be a hard trail to negotiate.

The weight of the flagpole is also to be taken into consideration and if the feat is successfully accomplished it will be a great advertisement for the machine.

Several of the state officials of the company are planning on being present and will witness the exhibition.

The Elks intend to make this event an interesting one and a large crowd is expected to see the test to which the tractor will be put.

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In the past week four families with whom the Chamber of Commerce has been in correspondence for over six months have called at the office stating that it was their purpose to now reside here.

A letter received from Chichester, Illinois from Louis A. Wheeler has asked over thirty questions regarding every conceivable condition of living, prices of land, stock, school facilities and numerous other questions.

The fact that Roseburg has a distinct commercial organization proves to me that you people are bound to be progressive.

Prof. Florian Von Eschen, of the Willamette university faculty, spent the day in Roseburg in the interest of that educational institution.

Mrs. Burt and Miss Kent. The Golden Rule for its very window display. This show an Armenian scene depicting the figure of a starving woman just inside of a small hut and the black-robed figure of death stalking outside. The scene cannot fail to catch the eye of the passerby.

Arkansas Storm Fatal to Score

By Associated Press LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 19.—A score were killed and many injured in the storms which swept several counties in northwest Arkansas last night, according to messages over the demoralized wire service.

Large Amount Is Cleared

What is said to be the largest amount ever cleared in this city from a one-day tag sale, was realized by the local high school Saturday, when \$150, after all expenses were paid, was placed in the bank by them to be added to the quota of this county for the Armenian and Syrian relief drive.

Attorney Abraham For U. S. Senator

Attorney Albert Abraham, of this city, has announced himself as a candidate on the republican ticket for nomination for United States senator. Attorney Abraham has served in several offices, having represented the residents of Douglas county as state senator and also being elected delegate to the republican national convention at the last presidential election.

Tractor to Climb Mt. Nebo Summit

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Chamber Commerce Receives Inquiries

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ARMENIAN RELIEF FUND.

Acting upon the old saying that he who gives early gives twice, some of the best contributions have been brought in personally and left at Near East relief headquarters. These contributors have shown the greatest degree of interest in the work and in some cases the most self-sacrifice also.

This morning, in spite of the rain, the women's teams began a canvass of the residence district and they report some generous contributions.

HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE CARNIVAL

Student Body Association to Sponsor Entertainment On May Fourteenth.

NEW DEPARTURE HERE

Has Been Tried Successfully in Other Schools—Is Outgrowth Here of Unusual Talents Which Has Been Shown by Pupils.

The merry-go-round, the ferris wheel, the fat lady, and the "hit-or-miss"—one-cigar-games will all be here on May 14, at the high school carnival to be sponsored here on that date by the student body and to be given at the high school building.

The carnival is also partly an outgrowth of the singular success which the high school pupils have attained in their vaudeville attempts previously in the present year, and the town as well as school people are beginning to realize that the student body at the present time contains talent which in many cases compares favorably with trained professionals.

Steel Corporation Holding Price Down

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, April 19.—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the U. S. steel corporation, informed the stockholders at the annual meeting today in Hoboken that the corporation is now holding down prices of all its products because of the high cost of living.

Owner Cannot Transport Booze

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, April 19.—In deciding the belated appeal the supreme court today held that transportation by owner of intoxicating liquors into a dry state by means of his own automobile was a violation of the Reed "bone-dry" amendment.

Production Cost Is Not Required

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, April 19.—The right of the federal trade commission to require a monthly cost of production reports and other data from mining companies and other industrial concerns was denied today by the District of Columbia supreme court.

Funeral of Mrs. Sylvester Simmons

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sylvester Simmons, mother of Mrs. I. B. Riddle, of this city, was held at Portland this afternoon. Justice of the Peace I. B. Riddle left Saturday for Portland to be present at the funeral services.

FLYING SQUADRON PINCH PROFITEERS

107 Grafters Brought Into Courts of Justice and Fined Heavily.

COMPLAINTS SERIOUS

Drug Store Whiskey Sold for \$5 Per Pint—Canary Birds Bring Fabulous Sums—Rouge Also a Good Money Maker.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, April 19.—A. W. Riley, chief of the "flying squadron" of the department of justice, whose campaign so far has resulted in the conviction of 107 profiteers with fines ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 and imprisonment from one day to two years, has uncovered a number of surprising commodities for which dealers are said to be asking exorbitant prices.

Some of the letters of complaint were amusing, others pathetic. All, however, showed the seriousness of the present area of high prices. One indignant citizen wrote: "You ought to investigate"—a fish market in Brooklyn.

The chief of the "flying squadron" has received complaints of such examples of alleged profiteering as follows: Drug store whiskey at \$5 a pint and \$2 more for doctor's prescription; canary birds \$20 to \$25 and \$3 to \$18 for a cage; lemonade, served at a hotel dance and said to have been "weak," \$1 a glass; rouge \$1 to \$3 a box for "imported" brands; that fish during Lent rose from 20 cents to \$1 a pound in some New York markets; prunes, three for 10 cents in a popular restaurant; peanut oil, sold as "olive oil," \$4 a quart; anthracite coal \$15 instead of \$9.50 a ton in Nyack, N. Y.

Consumers complain to Mr. Riley that they have to pay 50 cents a pound for the same brands of coffee that retailed for 21 cents a pound before the war and that wholesalers paid 11 cents a pound for some of these coffees three years ago and are now paying 15 cents.

Milk, they charge, costs 10 cents a glass in restaurants which buy it for 12 cents a quart; that they have to pay 35 cents for linen collars costing at wholesale \$2.49 a dozen; pickles cost 6 cents each; cabbage 40 cents a head; 75 cents a bunch for asparagus and 35 cents a head for lettuce.

A young woman protested after having paid \$3 for a bag at a department store "bargain sale" which, she discovered later, cost 75 cents to manufacture. She said that many big business houses were not satisfied with 100 per cent profit but were making, in some cases, 150 to 200 per cent.

"Do not buy anything in the first store you visit. Ask the price and, if it seems at all excessive, say you will not pay it and walk out. Then go next door and you may buy it for less. At any rate these profiteers need to know that the public is wise to them. A tremendous volume of refusals to buy would make such merchants realize that they must stop overcharging if they would not precipitate a general business boycott."

Obviously the "flying squadron" is working with the utmost secrecy and names of complainants are withheld. Several big New York corporations, which have been accused of making unjustifiable profits on foodstuffs and clothing, are now reported under investigation. According to Mr. Riley, one convicted profiteer blamed the public for much of the high prices.

"It's so easy to get what you ask for," the merchant confided to the chief investigator, "that few business men can resist the temptation to raise prices. If I put two garments in my store window of exacting the same cut and materials but with a \$50 tag on one and a \$5 tag on the other, most persons would buy the higher priced one. It's a strange freak of human nature. People nowadays don't seem to concern themselves any more about what a thing costs."

Protests against profiteering are reported pouring into the federal building here from all over the country. When a complaint is received it

BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

A birthday party in honor of the ninth anniversary of Dale Willard, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Willard

NEW STRIKE NOW THREATENS CHICAGO

Clerks Will Take Vote on Walk-out After Conference Held Today.

CONDITIONS UNSETTLED

Labor Board Announces They Will Not Consider Complaints From the Striking Railroad Men—This Decree is Final.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, April 19.—Threats of a new strike among railroad employees in the Chicago district today confronted the claims of the railroad managers and brotherhood officials that the "insurgent" switchmen's strike had been broken and that the situation is rapidly returning to normal. Eight thousand freight-handlers and 30,000 railroad clerks employed on all lines entering Chicago will take a strike vote tonight after a conference today with the railroad heads, George A. Worell, chairman of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad clerks, announced.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Striking railroad employees continued to flock back to work in the New York vicinity, despite the efforts of the radicals. The railroad officials asserted that conditions were approaching normal.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The railroad labor board announced that it would not consider complaints from striking railroad men. The board's statement said it would not "receive, entertain or consider any application or complaints from any parties who were not complying with the transportation act or who were not adopting every means to avoid congestion of operation of roads growing out of any disputes."

Meeting to be Held Tuesday

A meeting of the executive committee for the coming strawberry carnival will be held at the Chamber of Commerce office Tuesday evening. Committee chairmen will be selected and the work outlined and assigned. Chairmen are to be held strictly accountable for the work of their committees and will have the privilege of selecting their own helpers. The proceeds are to be donated to the fire department to be expended as the members of that organization may see fit.

Estimates on Tennis Court

Estimates have been secured for the cost of posts and wire fences for a tennis club grounds and a report on same will be made at the meeting this evening at the Episcopal church parish house. Attractive tennis courts will help to beautify the city as well as afford fine recreation for all who wish to play the game. It is intended to have the club composed of people of all ages whether good players or not. Everybody at all interested in tennis is urged to come out to the meeting this evening at 7:30.

Banning to Take Charge of Shipping

C. E. Banning, of Dixonville, has agreed to take charge of the cooperative shipping association of the Douglas county farm bureau for the present. Mr. Banning has had a great deal of experience in the handling of livestock and will make an excellent man for the position. It is the plan of the association now to handle all kinds of livestock. Arrangements will soon be made to ship out a carload of lambs. The plan of handling stock cooperatively has been tried out all over the United States and has been proven very successful. The stock will be delivered by the owner to the stockyards in Roseburg and will be taken charge of by Mr. Banning there, shipped to Portland; sold to the account of the owner and after paying the expense of the shipment plus 20c per hundred to cover the expense of the manager, the remaining money is turned over to the grower.

Inter Allied Council Meets

SAN REMO, Italy, April 19.—The inter-allied supreme council began its formal sessions here today.

of this city, was given Saturday afternoon. After the matinee the young people were served a dainty luncheon by Mrs. Willard at their home at 430 Mill street. Many gifts were received by the guest of honor. Those present were: Charles Webber, Leonard Stanton, Lewis Evans, Raymond Hunsaker and Dale Willard.

Petition to go To Council Tonight

A delegation of taxpayers is expected to visit the city council meeting tonight with a petition signed by a large number of citizen property owners, asking the council to reconsider its action at a recent meeting and place the aviation site project upon the ballot at the coming primary election. The petition has been in circulation only a few days but has been liberally signed, sufficient names having been secured to bring the matter up at a special election if the council refuses to reconsider its former decision. At the recent meeting Councilmen Creason and Fisher refused to allow the project to come to a vote and said that the aviation site was a dead issue. However, sufficient interest has been found to force a special election if necessary and it is for the purpose of putting the measure on the ballot and saving the city the expense of a special election that the petition is to be presented tonight.

Strike in Butte Called by I. W. W.

(By Associated Press) BUTTE, April 19.—The strike called yesterday by the Butte branch of metal mine workers industrial union and the I. W. W. for a \$7 wage and a six-hour day, was put into effect in the Butte district today. Pickets turned back the miners on their way to work and as a result operations in the mines were suspended. The pickets are said to be men of foreign birth and several miners going to work were dragged from the street cars and beaten.

Supreme Court Passes the Buck

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, April 19.—The supreme court reconvened today without rendering an opinion in any of the various pending cases involving the validity of the prohibition amendment and portions of the enforcement act.

American Legion To Decorate Graves

INDIANAPOLIS, April 19.—Franklin D'Olier, national commander, today announced the plan for carrying out the instructions of the Minneapolis convention in decorating on Memorial day the graves of Americans who fell in the war and lie buried on foreign soil. The plan, as outlined in a bulletin just issued, is as follows:

The national executive committee at their meeting in Washington, March 24th, discussed the question of the proper decoration for the graves of those of our comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice and lie buried in foreign soil. It was unanimously agreed that the American Legion should, through voluntary contributions, raise sufficient funds to properly decorate the grave of every American soldier and sailor in Europe on this coming Memorial day. It is, therefore, requested that each state department call this matter to the attention of all posts with the suggestion that where a post is able and disposed to do so, it remit for this purpose \$5 or more, to the national treasurer at national headquarters through its respective department adjutant.

National headquarters is now arranging with the organization of the American Legion in both France and England for handling this matter. Remittances should reach national headquarters not later than April 24th, in order that they may be remitted to France and England, although special arrangements can probably be made to enable later remittances where posts have been unavoidably delayed. This, of course, is a matter which will appeal strongly to every individual member of the legion and many small contributions are preferred. Posts with large memberships which desire to forward more than \$5 of course they may use their own discretion.

Owing to the keen interest which many outside of the legion will take in this matter, there is nothing to prevent department organizations accepting voluntary contributions from those outside of the legion, but, nevertheless, anxious to share in a small way toward the decoration of the graves.

A potato in the pocket may be a cure for rheumatism, but Dave Crosby, the Riddle hotel man, thinks that a good thing should not be hidden and consequently is wearing a "two cent" spud on his watch chain.

STYLE MOVEMENT NOW SPREADING

"Tampa Idea" Was Experiment to Lower Prices of Wearing Apparel.

SAYS WAR JUST BEGUN

Some Say It is Just a "Fool Joke," While Others Declare That Overall Clubs are Only the Beginning.

(By Associated Press) TAMPA, Fla., April 18.—Whether the wearing of overalls and calicoes instead of blue serge, native Palm beaches, homespun, velvets and other expensive clothing will bring down the high cost of dressing is an experiment first started here and now spreading through all Florida and into Alabama. The whole country now knows of it and has characterized it as "the Tampa idea."

The new style movement, its originators say, is dictated in the spirit of public duty and necessity and does not indicate any lessening of desire on the part of either men or women for good and stylish apparel. They think, however, that it is worth while to try and popularize overalls for men and calicoes and gingham for women, and it is no secret that the feminine experimenters are still looking for the return of silks, satins, organdies and the like to the limitation of their purses.

So it came about that Halford Jones, secretary of an insurance company, started the overalls club of Tampa. Each member pledged to wear overalls as a regular thing until clothing prices tumbled. Hundreds have joined and many are making good. Others say they are keeping the pledge just as faithfully by taking advantage of the clause which allows them to wear old clothes in lieu of overalls—just so they don't buy any new stuff.

When the men organized the women took up the battle, the New Thought and Unity Club, headed by Mrs. Clara Lawton Metcalf, pledging its membership to calico dresses. All of this had its first public demonstration on Easter Sunday.

Men and women, correctly garbed to harmonize with the new idea, gathered in the courthouse square. Addresses were made, new pledges received, and petitions signed asking that city, state and national officials take notice and give aid. Merchants looked on and frowned, and later announced that their sales had not fallen off a bit. They are not the only ones who smile knowingly at the movement and predict that just as the foregoing luscious porthouse steak and choice rib roasts increased the abandonment of beautiful silks and all-wool garments will raise the cost of denims and calicoes.

"This overalls business is only a fool joke," says one of the leading clothiers. "Just as long as folk work for wages demand fifteen dollar silk shirts, three dollar silk neckties and two and a half dollar silk socks, they will get them. And while they're buying that sort of stuff you may lay your headest bet on their also buying the best suit of clothing the market affords."

The overalls club, however, insists that the war has only begun and that they'll stick it out and are gaining recruits in bunches.

The movement is being taken up all over the state. Clubs have been organized at Jacksonville, Lakeland, Center Hill and other places. If someone would come along with a carload of sabots the folks might buy and take revenge on the boot-sellers.

A part of the Easter Sunday program was for the denims and calicoes to pair off and go to church. Only a few couples had the nerve to stick it out and they presented odd Darby and Joan contract to bestiked and befeathered women and tailor-moulded men.

Word has been received here of the birth on April 11 of a seven-pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Black, former residents of this city who are now making their home at Marshfield. The new baby is to be called Kenneth Wayne.