

FOOD PRICES HAVE GONE UP

Four L. Statistician Shows That La Grande Food Costs Are Higher in the Month of August

According to a survey of food prices made by the Four L. the cost of food in Oregon, Washington and Idaho shows an increasing upward trend. Butter, eggs and sugar have each advanced and other food prices are generally holding their own.

While the prices of food in La Grande as reported for the month of August, the figures being taken as of August 15, are not as high as in some other places, there has been an advance of two cents since July 15. The basic food price for La Grande for August is \$1.53, compared with \$1.51 for July. The general average for the three states for August is \$1.55.

School Books.

School books are now all in. No delays this year at Silverthorn's. Mr. Silverthorn says over a ton of school books is what this means. And over two tons of the finest school tablets is what their tablet stock amounts to. Pencils, rulers, socks, scratch tablets, pens, loose leaf paper. All are now being packaged and ready for you to call and get same on a moment's notice. Plenty of help to serve you at Silverthorn's.

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SUICIDES IN PERKINS LOBBY.

PORTLAND, Sept. 2.—After joking a few minutes with three friends in the lobby of the New Perkins hotel, William F. Bent, 58 years old, special patrolman for the city park department and recently elected president of the Disabled Veterans' Association here, turned toward the door leading from the lobby to the dining room and saying, "Well, here goes," shot himself above the heart shortly after 11 o'clock Monday night. He died at St. Vincent's hospital 20 minutes later.

The three men, whose names are J. G. Dick, James Mill and Charles Schumann, were talking together when Bent entered the hotel. He stopped beside their chairs and talked some minutes, nothing in his conversation indicating that he was contemplating suicide. According to Mr. Dick, Bent seemed to be in very good spirits.

MONTHLY EXPORTS ARE BIG.

PORTLAND, Sept. 2.—With the clearance of two Japanese steamers to Europe yesterday with full cargoes of wheat, the value of the month's exports from Portland was brought to the \$5,000,000 mark, with every assurance that this mark will be passed by tonight. At least one more grain carrier will clear for Europe today and two steamers will clear for the Orient with full cargoes of lumber from Portland.

RATES ON SAND DROP.

SALEM, Sept. 2.—Freight rates on sand, rock, and gravel were ordered reduced from five per cent on loads hauled in thirty-three and a half per cent on short hauls by the public service commission today. The new rates mean a hundred thousand dollars annual saving to the highway department of the state.

FAVORS RETURN TO OLD BASIS

Apple Shipper Opposes Infinitesimal Cuts in Rates Granted by Roads

President, Butterworth of the International Apple Shippers Association, in his address at the recent Cincinnati convention, declared the railroads' cut inadequate. Mr. Butterworth said:

"The matter of reduction of transportation costs is to my mind by far the most important problem that confronts our industry today. The proper relationship of rates on the various perishable and non-perishable commodities has been thrown completely out of adjustment by the successive horizontal increases in rates. To restore the original status by horizontal decreases is manifestly impossible and would result inevitably in plunging the carriers into bankruptcy."

"We have protested, as entirely inadequate, some of the infinitesimal reductions in rates already proposed. I can see no sense in permitting the carriers to believe that the industry is satisfied with these unimportant reductions. We apparently have still a considerable distance to travel to the point where business will be back on a normal basis and I do not believe that we should permit the producers of the commodities we handle to be ruined through failure to put the rate proposition on a basis that will permit the industry to live."

"As I have frequently stated before, I believe that the only practical remedy for the present serious situation is a complete and drastic rebuilding of the whole rate structure on the basis of what the traffic will bear, which, as I understand it, is the basis on which a large percentage of the old rates were originally built. I will grant you that this seems difficult of accomplishment and railroad men have claimed that it would take six months to work out such a readjustment of rates, but as Chairman W. L. Wagner so aptly pointed out in a recent letter, 'Had they started six months ago, it would now be complete.' I believe that this is the only practical solution of the problem and that we as an organization should never cease to contend for it."

"We cannot maintain our business without production of the goods we handle, and we cannot hope to have continued adequate production at a loss to the producer. The last season has been a nightmare in this respect. The carriers in some instances have tried to lead the public to believe that the fault is to be placed at the door of the middleman."

"We know that this supposition is false, and we have got to convince the public and the representatives of the public in Congress, that it is false, and that there is no other remedy for the present disastrous situation than a drastic readjustment of this entire rate structure."

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OLE THE SWEDO IS COMING NEXT WEEK

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Ole is going to be at The Arcade theatre Wednesday night, so if you believe in laughter, as a tonic for human life, you should see this laugh provoking play.

Ole The Swedo is a comedy in three acts, it is clean, bright, wholesome fun and a sure-fire laugh producer for it has an unlimited amount of hilarious laughter bound up in the plot of a cleverly written comedy.

Dave Williams has the title role

of Ole, and no one who has ever seen his natural interpretation of an honest, awkward, swede will ever be able to forget it.

There are many laughs in the play, besides the ones caused by Ole. Charlie Jenkins a detective in a good comedy role as is also Leta Jenkins a country girl who has never met an actor but who wants to go on the stage.

The other characters in the play are well supplied with good acting material and the result is most enjoyable.

We predict that there are many laughs coming to the patrons of the Arcade when they see Ole, The Swede.

Seats are now selling at Silverthorn's Drug Store. Prices are 50c, 75c, and \$1.00, plus war tax.

ALICE LAKE SCORES IN GREAT PICTURE

An unforgettable picture—that is the correct valuation of "The Unchained Seas," the picture adapted from the virile pen of John Fleming Wilson, which opened yesterday at the Sherry theatre, for a run of two days. This seemed to be the consensus of opinion, judging from the comments overheard after the audience left the theatre.

It is startling and beautiful, packed with thrills that succeed each other in a crescendo of interest; the stark appeal of the frozen North the locale where the principals act out their drama, is gripping. And the deft acting of Alice Lake, lifts the picture far above the average.

It is no exaggeration to say that "The Unchained Seas" is unique and will long be unapproached. The story, which originally appeared in Munsey's magazine, is of three characters sent to Behring Straits to find an abandoned vessel holding ten millions of Klondike gold, and thus test a man's character to discover whether his cowardice holds an alloy of courage. The wife, the captain's husband and the sincere admirer furnish the triangle.

The next to last chapter of "Lightning Byre" is also being shown.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN HITS COMEDY HIGH SPOTS

Charlie Chaplin has hit the high spot in delightful entertainment in his first attempt at a feature length picture, "The Kid," which is the title he has given the story, which he has written himself, is to us, the most enjoyable Chaplin film we have ever seen. In the first place it simply bubbles over with laughter and the situations are so human that you do not feel foolish because you

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are laughing. Again, it is long enough so that it provides a whole evening's entertainment in itself.

Had some one told us before we saw "The Kid" that we could be convinced that the character which Charlie has always represented on the screen could be presented in such a way that we could visualize him as living breathing mortal, we would have been inclined to doubt. But several times during the course of "The Kid" this comedian made us swallow a lump in our throats and wipe real tears of sympathy from our eyes by the pathos of his acting, and before our handkerchief was back in our pocket it was needed again to dry our cheeks of the tears caused by the shrieks of laughter from the antics of the same actor.

As a comedy the production is a winner; as a dramatic production it ranks high; but the strongest appeal this First National six reels of joy made to us was to being the realization that Charlie Chaplin is not a clown but one of the most consummate actors on the screen today.

Chaplin in "The Kid" will be the attraction at the Arcade theatre today and Saturday.

STIRRING SEA STORY AT THE STAR SATURDAY

The Star theatre announces as its featured attraction for Saturday and Sunday "Partners of the Tide," an Irvin V. Willat production released by Holliston.

Irvin V. Willat, it will be remembered, is the man who gave the screen "Behind the Door" and "Below the Surface," those two truly great pictures of the past seasons. But it is said that in this, his newest production, he has gone far beyond those pictures which have hitherto been called his best. Many of the scenes were taken un-

der water, with the aid of a new process perfected by Mr. Millat, and many a thrill is promised lovers of the unusual. "Partners of the Tide" was adapted to the screen from Joseph C. Lincoln's novel of the same name and a capable cast of artists were assembled to do this great production full justice.

NOTICE!

Monday being Labor Day and a Holiday, we will be closed. We will have a full line of our delicious Cakes, Pies, Pastry and Breads, fresh Saturday and Sunday morning.

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