

HAMS TAKE TUMBLE IN PRICE EAST

Falling Off in Export Demand for Hams Due to Cool, Disagreeable Weather Abroad is Cause.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—Heavy receipts of hams and the falling off in the export demand for hams, owing in part to cool, disagreeable weather abroad, have made hams relatively cheap, not only as compared with normal prices for them, but also as compared with other meat products.

Although hams are relatively low in price in any form, the housewife will find it most economical to buy a whole ham. The butt can be baked, the center sliced—fried or boiled—the shank boiled and the hind used for seasoning.

Ham butts and shanks, delicious, nutritious, economical meats, are even less expensive than the whole ham. They can be prepared easily, moreover, in a variety of ways.

Concerning hams, Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, said recently: "Scientists of the Department of Agriculture who have been studying different foods, recently reported that tests of fresh hams, smoked hams, and pressed boiled ham all indicate that ham is relatively rich in vitamins, those mysterious beneficial elements which have been found to be so necessary to the most vigorous health."

The following recipes may be of value to those housewives who are not familiar with ham butts and shanks:

Baked Ham with Vinegar Sauce.
Wash ham shank thoroughly, trim if necessary, and place in baking-dish or pot. Mix one-fourth teaspoonful each of cloves, pepper and celery salt, and rub this into the meat. Combine one-half cup flour and one-fourth cup water to a paste and spread over the meat. Fill pan half full of cider or water and one-eighth cup of vinegar, and roast two to three hours. Remove paste and skin and serve on platter with vegetables, beets, sweet potatoes, spinach, cabbage and carrots. Apple sauce made with vinegar or lemon juice makes a delicious addition to the dish.

Vinegar Apple Sauce.
Melt three tablespoons of ham fat in frying pan, add one-eighth teaspoonful curry powder, then three tablespoons flour to make a paste; at same time heat one and one-half cup water, one-fourth cup vinegar, one cup grated apple pulp and one-half teaspoon whole allspice. Combine this with the paste and cook until of creamy consistency. Finely chopped peppers or gherkins may be added.

Ham Shank with Vegetables.
Carefully wash a ham shank (about three pounds). Boil slowly two or three hours. Seasoning may be added to the water. During last half hour of cooking add potatoes, yellow turnips, carrots, onions and cabbage, cleaned and cut into large pieces. Serve ham in center of large platter with vegetables arranged as an attractive border.

Ham Baked with Macaroni.
Boil a butt of ham until tender, then remove meat and chop. At same time cook one-half cup macaroni in salted water. To the macaroni and one cup chopped ham add one tablespoonful of chopped onion, one-fourth cup grated cheese, salt and pepper. Mix well and turn into buttered baking-dish. Sprinkle top with one-half bread crumbs and bake one-half hour.

Baked Butt With Apples.
Wash butt and trim fat from edges. Rub ham with mixed seasonings of mustard, cloves, pepper and brown sugar. Place in baking pan or pot. Cut cored apples in half or in thick slices and place on and around the butt. Pour water into bottom of pan to keep from burning. Roast slowly for at least one hour. Ham and apples may be allowed to brown toward end of baking. If longer baking is desired, apples may be added after butt has baked an hour.

The waterless, fireless and pressure cookers and the water, dirt pan, or Dutch oven all can be used advantageously in preparing these dishes.

Compensation Worker Will Remain in La Grande Until Monday

L. H. Wood, connected with the United States War Veterans' Bureau in regard to compensation has announced that he will extend his visit in La Grande until Monday, instead of leaving today as he had planned to do. His headquarters are at the local Red Cross headquarters, where he will meet all ex-service men who wish information regarding any of the various phases of compensation.

Mr. Wood states that this will probably be his last trip to the coast and therefore urges all who are interested to take advantage before his departure. He has been very busy in the past week attending to compensation matters and finds it necessary to remain overtime in order to accommodate all who desire his aid.

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CURRENT EVENTS

Remarks on Things of Interest by Newspapers Far and Wide.

Peachtree Street and Fifth Avenue.

New York Post: One Schlesinger, owner property on West Peachtree street, Atlanta, proposes that the name of that thoroughfare be changed to Fifth avenue, and finds his own street not inferior in width or in character of business. To his mind Fifth avenue connotes dignity, wealth and enterprise. It suggests a metropolis. Peachtree is a lovely name though rarely it stands for something real, since it is the sort of name one could not make up deliberately. Its homy syllables are as much a part of Atlanta as Coca-Cola and the Ku Klux Klan. Let them stay undisturbed by the march of progress yet a little while. This is a world where beauty passes; the time may come when "Peachtree" will be impossible, although our own Bowery has survived its trees and arbors these many years. If so, Atlanta will have an opportunity to prove its mettle by finding another name almost as good. Why slavishly imitate the metropolis? Broadway now sprawl across this fair land in many a city 'twixt New York and Los Angeles. Even Albany has a Broadway, sensible town though it is. The usual procedure was to take some good old Dutch or Indian or Spanish name away from an established thoroughfare and slap on Broadway, thus pushing along the dubious process of standardizing American communities. We advise the province from running wild on Fifth avenue in the same way, not because Fifth avenue is distinctly Gotham issue but because variety is the spice of life and local color a precious asset.

Europe Knows Who Butters its Bread.

Capitol Weekly: In Europe, outside of the battle areas, the class that is in best condition and generally better off than any other, is the farmers. A good many generations back, Europe's rulers discovered that the firmest foundation for any throne was a prosperous farm population. Anarchy doesn't get very far in the nation that is fairly well fed, and misdeeds were not long in finding their way out. They saw to it that the laws and the economic system of the realm gave the workers of the land a fair show in order to keep them on it. Over here we have been doing about everything we could to induce our farm population to quit the farm for the city, and history shows there is no more certain way for a nation to commit suicide. One policy is as insane as the other is sound. We think we are living in disturbed times now, but should this country's food supply begin to run low, we would look back upon these as the good old times.

America From a Fly's Eye.

Emporia Gazette: Two distinguished foreigners are giving America what might be called the cursory glance. Hugh Walpole, the English novelist, so to speak, is surveying our fictionists, and his highness, the maharajah of Bhopal of the Bhopal state of Gujarat, India, arrived here recently aboard the steamship Berengaria. His highness proposes to see everything worth seeing in America in two weeks. America cannot be seen from a car window and a club reception room. Millions of people ride in Fords, go to Sunday school, join the chamber of commerce, eat stewed tomatoes with bread in it, read Harold Bell Wright and worship God. They cannot be dismissed by ignoring the reason in their heart that makes them do these things; merely laughing at them because they do these things is just one side of the picture. The other side, the human side, the loving side is as true as the cynical side. So what the maharajah sees of trains, deluxe, high powered cars, Union League clubs and heaven knows what of bridal chambers in big hotels at the show places, is much like judging the farms of a region by the gentlemen horses at a fair with ribbons on their tails. American life, whether it is seen or described, is rather a complicated and composite affair. No one knows all about it; indeed, probably no one knows much about it, even though he be deeply wise and infinitely patient. But the wiser he is, the plainer he will make it that the little section he has seen or has written about is the truth as it is seen from one facet of the hundred facets of a fly's eye. "We are fearfully and wonderfully made."

Worse Than the Klan.

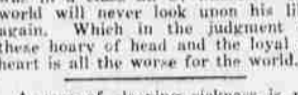
Emporia Gazette: Over in Missouri a secret society has been formed to combat the Ku Klux Klan. If anything could be worse than the Klan, a secret society to combat it would be worse. The American way to fight the Klan is to do it in the open. It is the Mafia habit of the Klan that makes it an American. If the Klansmen will wear buttons, and make their membership public, no one seriously can object to their propaganda. For in this country anyone has the royal right to be as big a fool as his brains make him, and if wearing shirt tails and waving fiery crosses is the thing he likes, let him go to it. But secrecy of membership begets tyranny and tyranny begets brutality, and so wherever the Klan thrives brutally and cowardly tyranny thrives. And a society with a secret membership to fight the Klan would be as bad as the Klan.

He Passed On, Regretted, Long Ago.

Cincinnati Commercial Tribune: News is that the president of the Merchants' association, who, it appears, is a woman, has predicted the early passage of the "American drummer." That would be sad news if it were true. It was sad news when it was the truth current. The American drummer has been obsolete in these many years. He passed on when the commercial traveler took the road, and he is in turn when the commercial tourist became successor. That which now by forecast of this present-day prophetess is facing extinction is the traveling salesman. But the item serves a good purpose in that it recalls momentarily to the memory of the declining generation, pleasing reminiscence of the one-time great American institution, the irrepressible, irresistible, often dull, but never dull, story-telling, mirth-dispensing, business-building drummer. To those who knew him and loved him the drummer of the good old days was in a class all by himself. The world will never look upon his like again. Which in the judgment of these hoary of head and the loyal of heart is all the worse for the world.

A Case of Sleeping Sickness is Reported from Wilbur.

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Richardson is a traveling decorator and arrived in La Grande in order to take care of the decorations. The Evening Observer office was the first to receive the drappings of gay colors and the effect of this arrangement, as well as the drapings on the other business establishments, is very beautiful indeed. He has been on the job but little better than a day and he works fast.

The Evening Observer office, the Bootery, Ash Brothers', Pattison's Peaches', Clint's Clothiers and others are all budding out in the insignia of the D. O. K. K., as well as Uncle Sam's colors under the artistic hand of the decorator.

WALLOWA DOKIES COMING.

WALLOWA, Aug. 26.—The local Kinsman lodge of the Knights of Pythias has been invited to furnish the brigand team to assist in the ceremonial and floor work at the D. O. K. K. convention in La Grande September 1 and 2. This is considered to be a singular honor by the lodge, and together with the float that is being prepared Wallowa will receive a considerable amount of advertising.

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Justice Arthur Williams presided at the examination. Bennett borrowed the car, a Liberty, from L. F. Christ of this city some time ago, ostensibly to go to Pendleton. He went to Pendleton, then returned but did not stop in La Grande, going on through Malheur county, where he was notified by the sheriff that he was wanted. Bennett returned and gave himself over to the authorities.

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Wall Paper.

Persons who "don't know what all them" may find a cure in choice of a wall paper that suits their tastes. It has been proven that wall paper can produce nervousness and irritability, if its tone clashes with the feelings of anyone in the house.

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