

FOOD PRICES TO STAND; ADVANCE EXPECTED

Abundance of Summer Produce Keeps Buyers From Feeling Any Pinch Yet.

FLOUR ON UPWARD GRADE

Authorities on Commodities Predict That Unless War Is Ended Soon Cost of Necessities Will Be Higher Than for Years.

Food prices in Portland have been almost stationary for the past two weeks, but dealers believe the upward tendency in several commodity lines will be resumed if the war is prolonged.

Four prices also are tending upward, as wheat is strong and advancing in all the world's markets.

The livestock market, in general, is steady. This is particularly the case with cattle, as this market is at the point of mid-season change, when trade is always more or less checked.

Farm produce, for the most part, is considered cheap. Fruit is abundant and nearly all vegetables are plentiful.

Since the war began there has been a material advance in butter and egg prices, usual at this season of the year.

Butter, which was at 30 cents per pound, is now at 35 cents, and eggs, which were at 17 cents, are now at 19 cents.

Because of the cheapness of fruits and vegetables at this time, the advances in grocery prices are not noticed by many consumers.

The cost of living will be more apparent later in the year, when summer produce is ended soon, authorities on food prices believe that values of many of the principal commodities will go higher than known for many years past.

MEAT COMPANY IS HOST

EMPLOYEES OF UNION PLANT MAKE MERRY AT GLADSTONE PARK.

Approximately 700 Take Part in Big Annual Event and Fine Prizes Are Offered in Sports.

Between 600 and 700 persons were entertained at the annual picnic of the Union Meat Company's employees held at Gladstone Park yesterday.

Heavy showers of rain during intervals of the day, however, did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd and all the races scheduled were run.

Ten special cars left shortly after 9 o'clock, arriving at the grounds at 10:30. They conveyed employees of the meat company and their families.

The day was devoted mainly to athletic events, many handsome prizes being contributed by Portland merchants. Coffee, sandwiches and other refreshments were served by the company at noon.

In the afternoon a baseball game was played between the Portland City Office team and the North Portland plant nine. The North Portland men won, 8 to 3.

A prize of \$20 went to the winners, and \$10 to the losers. The day's events concluded with a tug-of-war between the same teams. The North Portland men won this.

The committee in charge were: Executive—B. C. Darnall, chairman; C. F. Anderson, A. C. Black, W. W. Downard, J. E. Forester, H. H. Young.

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FIRST 'WAR POSTCARD' FROM PORTLAND BOY WHO IS IN ENGLISH ARMY ON FRENCH SOIL.

NOTHING is to be written on this, except the date and signature of the sender. Sentences not required may be erased. If anything else is added the post card will be destroyed.

I am quite well. I have been admitted into hospital and am going on well. I am being sent down to the base.

I have received your letter. Letter follows at first opportunity. I have received no letter from you lately for a long time.

Signature only. Ray

Date: Aug. 22, 1914.

Postage to be prepaid on any letter or postcard addressed to the sender of this card.

CARD FROM RAYMOND NORTH, ON OF W. N. NORTH, OF PORTLAND.

The British War Office has authorized this means of communication between soldiers and their relatives and friends. It enables the army to keep its inner operations absolutely secret.

The card is made of paper which is added the card is destroyed by the postal authorities at first mailing place.

PORTLAND BOY HELD

Lindsay F. Hall Arrested in England as German Spy.

TROOP MOVEMENTS SEEN

Name of Companion, Walter Hauser, Thought at First to Be Decisive Evidence Baedeker Maps Are Taken Seriously.

To be arrested under suspicion of being a German spy and to be a witness of the great troop movements, probably of Russian soldiers, through England was the experience recently of Lindsay F. Hall, son of Robert E. Hall, of Portland, and his friend, Walter Hauser, according to a letter received from Hauser yesterday.

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Mr. Hall describes the adventure as follows in his letter to his parents: "I left London, as you should know, when my letter from Salisbury reached you, on Friday, August 15, for the purpose of joining the 10th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers."

After ascertaining that we would have to travel in the night in Winchester, and securing a room at a little hotel, we went to the cathedral. After coming out we decided to try to get to Salisbury, and we did so, as it is a long way to the cathedral, to see the interesting old church.

"We walked on, and in front of a big military camp of men and horses opened up before us. After having satisfied ourselves, we turned again toward the river, and had just gone round a corner when we heard a great clatter."

"Walter stepped out of the way to let the 'horses' pass. I looked back, however, and beheld four armed gentlemen, each advancing with rapid strides, the foremost shouting 'Halt' very lustily."

"We halted and were immediately asked what we were doing there. Walter, who had the Baedeker in his pocket, was obliged to produce it."

"He had been following the map with his finger and had been accused of writing something. He showed them that we had been trying to find the way to St. Cross, but when they discovered that we were going to Salisbury, they remarked to me: 'These are dangerous times. Of course, if you clear yourselves (that is, from the imputation of being German spies), it will be all right.'"

"Otherwise, I believe that the zealous creatures would, with great delight, have put us up against a wall and shot us."

"On the way to the station I was relieved of my camera, and of course, the Baedeker was not allowed in our hands. The horrid discovery of a list of names written on the back flyleaf by mother was made, and when we got to the police station it was referred two or three times: 'There's names in the back.'"

"At the station we had to divert ourselves of everything in our pockets. The committee in charge were: Executive—B. C. Darnall, chairman; C. F. Anderson, A. C. Black, W. W. Downard, J. E. Forester, H. H. Young.

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Tickets—J. R. Saunders, chairman; A. R. Webster, A. P. O'Hanley, B. Beaudoin, Fred Robinson.

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STORMIC BELIEF; DAMAGE IS SLIGHT

Several Streetcars and Power Wires Affected by Electrical Display.

ALL OREGON IS MOISTENED

Only Hops Affected by Aphids, Are in Danger, if Rain Continues More Than Week, While Fruit Aided—Fire Danger Less.

LIGHTNING HITS WINDOW IN CHILDREN'S ROOM OF BABY.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Dicksey Olive Dryden, the 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dryden, 508 Fourteenth street, narrowly escaped from being struck by a bolt of lightning at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon.

The baby was looking out of the window when the lightning struck the glass and cracked it from corner to corner. The child was not injured, although badly frightened.

Slight damage and inconvenience caused by an electrical storm which passed over Portland and vicinity yesterday was lost sight of in the survey of the vast amount of good that it declared will result from the rain that is falling here and there.

The thunder storm broke over the city shortly before 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The circuit breakers in the power room of the Portland Railway, Power & Light Company were thrown, and the city was in darkness.

Short circuits were caused on two cars on the Portland Heights, one on the Westside, and one on the Eastside. The damage was soon remedied.

The only harm that could result from the rain, according to a week or more in addition to being of great benefit to fruit, the rain has greatly lessened the danger of forest fires, loss from which has been kept remarkably low, considering that Oregon has passed through the longest rainless period in almost 50 years.

"Even the hops will suffer no injury from the rain, unless there may be some yards in which the aphids has been very numerous, as it is a result of this most timely rainfall."

HOPGROWERS FEAR RAIN

Showers Welcomed at Salem but Downpour May Check Harvest.

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PORTLAND BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Business directory listing various services and companies in Portland, Oregon, including accountants, lawyers, doctors, and manufacturers.

WHOLESALE AND MANUFACTURERS

Wholesale and manufacturers directory listing various goods and services, including hardware, clothing, and food products.

AMUSEMENTS

Amusements directory listing various entertainment venues and events, including theaters, circuses, and public displays.