

PRICES AT PUBLIC MARKET PROTESTED

Mayor Conducts Investigation Which Shows Costs Are on Par With Grocers.

BIGELOW ORDERS PROBE

Commissioner Gives Mr. Baker's Data to Marketmaster Eastman and Declares He Will Remedy Any Wrong Condition.

The public market on Yamhill street offers better prices on some lines of produce than do grocery stores, while the stores have the best of it on other lines. Facts to this effect were brought to the attention of City Commissioner Bigelow yesterday by Mayor Baker.

Numerous complaints have been made to the Mayor to the effect that the producers of the public market sell for the same prices as stores and other places. Complaints also have been made that public market prices are higher than the prices in some of the stores.

Mayor Baker had women busy yesterday making purchases in the market and in various stores for the purpose of making comparisons.

Comparative Prices Shown.

The purchases were made without the dealers knowing the purpose of the plan. The stuff was all taken to the Mayor's office and comparisons made. On the whole they showed that prices on the market and in stores are very nearly the same on the majority of commodities.

Of the samples gathered yesterday the stores showed better prices on cabbage, lettuce and one or two other lines of food. The market showed an advantage on potatoes, tomatoes, turnips, corn, beans and eggplant. In some cases the public quality was better and sometimes it was inferior. On the whole Mayor Baker was of the opinion that the market and the stores apparently are on a par as far as prices are concerned.

Complaints have been numerous about the public market people being permitted to sell at the same prices as the stores. The market booths are rented for 15 cents a day, which includes water, light and other service, while the grocers' overhead expense is much greater. They have complained bitterly against the market people charging or better prices under these conditions.

Mr. Bigelow Promises to Act.

Mayor Baker called Commissioner Bigelow in to make the comparative tests of the produce bought on the two markets, and after the tests had been made gave him the figures for his information and guidance.

The city regulates the price of products in the market. Each day Marketmaster Eastman notifies the producers the maximum price they may charge for commodities during the day. They may charge less but not more than the maximum price. The result of this system is that the maximum or "top" price is so fixed generally is the price adopted by all the patrons. Mr. Bigelow says there is no other way of handling the proposition.

Mr. Bigelow had a conference with Marketmaster Eastman after seeing the Mayor's report, and the figures as compiled will be gone into by Mr. Bigelow says, with the idea in mind of correcting anything wrong in the market.

MUSICAL FROLIC IS HELD

Ad Club Hears Patriotic Numbers at Its Weekly Luncheon.

A musical frolic was what the Ad Club had at its luncheon yesterday at the Benson Hotel, the monotony of the summer season.

Campbell's American Band furnished some of its favorites, generally in patriotic programs, while the Filipino string band from the Strand Theater divided honors in instrumental music.

Frank Heinemann sang a patriotic "Troops of the U. S. A.," composed by himself and W. J. Carkeek, his accompanist, and the Government expert in advertising, who is to go to South America and who addressed the club last week; T. J. Sullivan, A. C. Jackson and M. A. Reed.

WAIFF'S BOARD TO BE PAID

Boys' and Girls' Aid Society Adopts New Plan.

As an innovation the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society will make a list of all homes that are willing to receive children as boarders and will investigate and card index these and when necessity arises the society will send its wards to these homes and pay their board instead of placing them all in homes where they are kept free of charge. This decision was reached yesterday at the meeting of the board held in Judge W. B. Gilbert's office.

The great increase in the number of children cared for and the high cost of living that reduces the number of free homes made the new plan necessary. Meantime the society is in need of funds.

CITY TO ACCEPT BUILDING

Auditorium Will Be Transferred Formally Friday.

The public Auditorium will be accepted formally by the city Friday. The City Council went through the building yesterday and arranged for its acceptance as finally completed.

The commissioners were taken by Mayor Baker into every room of the building and full information regarding the structure and the contracts was given them. City Attorney LaRoche will prepare the required acceptance forms which will be signed by all members of the Council.

Fair Attracts Much Livestock.

GRESHAM, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special).—Entries for livestock exhibits at the coming Multnomah County Fair closed Sunday night, with all stock barn stalls filled and a large number of the sheep and swine pens taken. One full barn and half of another will be occupied by A. C. Ruby's imported horses, and it will also be the largest entry ever made by any single exhibitor.

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MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Scene From "Skinner's Baby," Majestic Theater.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.
Liberty—"Mother o' Mine."
Peoples—Douglas Fairbanks, "Down to Earth."
Star—Florence La Badie, "When Love Was Blind."
Columbia—Jack Pickford and Louise Huff, "What Money Can't Buy."
Majestic—Bryant Washburn, "Skinner's Baby."
Sunset—John Barrymore and Harold Lockwood, "The Man From Mexico."
Circle—"The Railroad Raiders."

Liberty.
"MOTHER O' MINE," a pictured story of mother love and a photoplay which has been receiving some of the most flattering reviews of the season, will be offered to the public at the Liberty Theater today. Paramount Pictographs and comedy are other numbers on the programme.

Star.
"When Love Was Blind," a Thalhouser-Pathe five-reeler, starring the popular Florence La Badie, and a Columbia River Highway scenic included in the Ford Weekly, will be exhibited at the Star Theater, commencing today. A comedy will also be screened. "When Love Is Blind" tells the story of a girl who recovers her sight in time to see her sweetheart in what she thinks is a compromising position with another woman. Miss La Badie, an actress who hails from the old Biograph-Griffith days, and star of "The Million-Dollar Mystery," is supported by Boyd Marshall, Harris Gordon, Gladys Leslie and other capable players.

Peoples.
"Down to Earth," the Douglas Fairbanks picture, in which this famous comedian expounds his doctrine of health and happiness, is playing to capacity crowds at the Peoples Theater. While the production is not so full of the usual Fairbanks acrobatic stunts, his comedy is so funny that the picture is being greeted with hilarious approval.

Majestic.
"Skinner's Baby," the Bryant Washburn-Hazel Daly picture, is playing to the same name, which has been playing to hilarious crowds at the Majestic Theater, completes its engagement tomorrow night, giving way to the sensational 10-reel production, "The Honor System."
"Skinner's Baby" is the picture which

TODAY—TOMORROW—SATURDAY
John Barrymore and Harold Lockwood
in

THAT ROLLICKING COMEDY TRIUMPH
THE MAN FROM MEXICO
The Play Was Funny—the Photoplay Is Funnier

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Washington St. at Broadway, 10 A. M. to 11 P. M.—Continuous



Only today, tomorrow and Saturday

Another Programme of Typical "Columbia Quality."

The talented, popular young favorites

Louise Huff Jack Pickford

In a delightful, romantic drama that tells of a plucky, uphill fight made by a rich young American to win the love of a Princess. It's by George Broadhurst and it's called

What Money Can't Buy

Truly a lavish offering with an extraordinary cast, which includes THEODORE ROBERTS, HOBART BOSWORTH, RAYMOND HATTON, JAMES NEILL and JAMES CRUZE. You'll enjoy it.

COLUMBIA

"THE THEATER BEAUTIFUL" ON SIXTH, NEAR WASHINGTON

Russell Bassett and Bull Montana, is a photo-story written by "Doug." It deals with a wide-awake young American, deeply in love with a life-long friend and pal, who buys a sanitarium, kidnaps his in-laws and maroons them on a supposed desert island to cure her of her infatuation for the night life.

Screen Gossip.
Thomas Lolding will be Clara Kimball Young's leading man in "Magda," her first independent production. Val

kyrian, the Danish beauty, will be another member of the cast.

"The Marionettes," "The Savage Woman" and "The Japanese Nightingale" are names of some of the Clara Kimball Young pictures. "The Savage Woman" will be filmed in Porto Rico.

Before going back on the stage, Alice Brady is to appear in a number of independent productions. She may play on the stage and in pictures at the same time, following the example of more famous players.

James G. Tarter, the giant in "Jack and the Beanstalk," the tremendous

To provide recreation for the troops in camp, the National War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association in the United States has made provision for the presentation of 8,000,000 feet of film per week. In 342 cantonments, camps and posts, 1128 programmes will be rendered weekly.

STAR

WASHINGTON AT PARK

OPENS THIS MORNING CLOSSES SATURDAY NIGHT

FLORENCE LA BADIE

"WHEN LOVE WAS BLIND"

A heart-throb story of the price a sightless girl pays for eyes to see with.

COMING SUNDAY: "THE ARGONAUTS OF THE WEST 1849"

ON THE SAME PROGRAMME: OUR OWN BEAUTIFUL COLUMBIA HIGHWAY IN PICTURES AND A CLEVER COMEDY.