PRICES AT PUBLIC MARKET ARE SCORED

Mayor Told Profiteers Are Operating on Yamhill.

ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Mr. Baker Declares He Is in Favor of Going to Bat if Market Can Be Used Against Costs.

Criticism of the public market and its maintenance of high prices of foodstuffs is contained in a letter to Mayor Baker and signed by Grant Thomas, a realty dealer with offices in the Fenton building. Mayor Baker has referred the communication to Commissioner Bigelow for action, suggesting that he (the mayor) is in favor of "going to bat" if the market can be made a weapon against the high cost of living.

In his letter to the mayor, Mr. Thomas points out prices that are charged for corn and refers to his own garden yield as indicating what the growers receive an acre for their product. Honey, also, is specified as one of the commodities for which prices are too high, and Mr. Thomas asks if the bees are "being paid overtime for collecting sweetness from God's flowers."

Producers Charge Too Much.

"With wholesale prices so high, naturally retail prices are going to be high," said Commissioner Bigelow yesterday, referring to Mr. Thomas' letter. "Not a day passes that the marketmaster does not go after some producer for marking goods too high. Frequently I go through the market with the marketmaster, and those who are found to be exceeding the maximum posted on the bulletin board are required to lower prices. The producer not only is welcome to sell for less than the maximum on the bulletin board, but he is encouraged to do so.

"As long as wheat is $2.20 or $2.30 a bushel and shoes sell from $12 to $14 a pair, with all kinds of manufactured articles so high and labor correspondingly so, you'll find market prices are bound to be high. There is no reason to expect articles to sell as cheaply as formerly."

Corn at All Prices Offered.

Mr. Bigelow explained that corn in the public market can be purchased from 15 cents a dozen up to 50 cents, though the cheaper commodity is smaller.

Following is Mayor Baker's letter to Mr. Bigelow, containing the enclosure:

"I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Grant Thomas regarding the public market. The information contained in this communication corresponds with complaints made to others, and I believe you should take up the subject and see what can be worked out. If the public market can be made a weapon in the fight against the present high prices, I am in favor of going to the bat."

Mr. Thomas' letter to Mayor Baker follows:

"I most heartily commend your efforts to solve some of our high cost of living problems and would like to suggest a first point of attack on Yamhill street, where you can personally observe some profiteering that amounts almost to crime. Note the corn that you have to pay 5 cents an ear, or 50 cents a dozen for; and take it 'as it comes,' not allowed to select the ears, and see what is in your bag when you get home.

"Now, is 50c a dozen for home-grown corn a fair price? I have a little home garden of my own, and last year gathered 80 dozen ears of yellow bantam corn off a little less than 1-80th of an acre. I am a pum amateur gardener, and if I can get 80 dozen ears off my little plat, I submit expert gardeners are raising enough corn per acre so that 25 cents per dozen should yield them a handsome return for their work. It's the same with everything else in the way of vegetables there. Just take it out and see what a little handful of anything you get for a nickel, and figure out what that means in the way of returns per acre, with the city providing stalls for vending places at purely nominal rental for the supposed benefit of the consumer.

"And honey? Have you noticed the price of honey? We used to get it at 15 cents a flake, two for 25 cents. Now it is 35 and 45 cents a flake. Are the bees getting double pay for overtime for storing up for our use the sweetness they gather from God's flowers?

"Start at Yamhill. There is something radically wrong there, and you can get action right off the bat."

VANCOUVER WILL INVESTIGATE

Ex-Administrator of Food Asked to Appoint Committee.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—George B. Simpson, local attorney and formerly county food administrator, has been asked by Attorney-General Palmer to appoint a "fair price" committee to investigate the retail market in Vancouver. The committee will include a retail grocer, a dry goods man, a representative of the producers, a member of organized labor and a housewife.

A list of fair prices is to be published. Any evidence of food hoarding or other law violations will be reported to the attorney-general.

FRUIT HELD CAMOUFLAGED

FANCY GOODS DECLARED USED TO SELL ROTTEN STUFF.

Suit Started to Test Oregon Law as to Fraud Reported to Be Very Common in Portland.

One of the common methods of profiteering with which all Portland housewives who do their own marketing are familiar can be found in the imposing piles of fruit or vegetables sheltering culls and dwarfs in the rear with which the tradesmen often fill the base. Another is the camouflaged fruit basket, with a top layer of luscious peaches, pears or whatever it may be safely hiding one or two layers underneath of third-rate fruit.

To discourage these practices and if possible stamp them out a test case has been prepared by Deputy District Attorney Dempsey, which resulted in the issuance of warrants yesterday against Mayo & Hasson, proprietors of the Liberty Market, Fifth and Yamhill streets, who have been accused of such profiteering.

The action is based on the Oregon state law covering adulterated foods, which defines adulteration among other things as making food "appear better or of greater value than it really is." Camouflaging rotten fruit by the means described, so that the purchaser does not get the value implied for money spent, is held a violation of this law.

E. L. Melton, deputy state food commissioner, is complainant, the specific act charged being the sale of a box of peaches to a young man which proved to be edible fruit only on the top, exposed layer. J. D. Mickle, food and dairy commissioner, reported that scores of complaints reach his office every week from people asserting they have been "stung" by profiteering fruit and vegetable merchants.

The district attorney's office has received many such complaints, chiefly from women who were unable to protest as forcibly against the alleged fraud as men purchasers and who obviously were imposed upon.

District Attorney Evans formally offered Food Commissioner Mickle last night the assistance of his office to any degree desired in the prosecution of similar cases of alleged petty profiteering. He believes the definition of "adulterated" in the state laws can be applied quite extensively, and is willing to assist as much as possible in enforcing the law against dishonest merchants.

"In the present campaign to curb profiteering," he said, "officials of the state of Oregon are practically excluded by the fact that we have no legislation bearing directly upon this evil, but we can at least insist that articles at whatever prices they are sold shall be pure, full weight, and shall be throughout what they appear to be."

DEVINE BIT BOLSHEVISTIC

NEW YORK EDUCATOR SEES SOME GOOD IN SOVIET.

Professor "Not Quite Sure That American Voting System Is Last Word in Democracy."

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—"I am not sure that the system of voting by election districts is the last word in democracy," said Dr. Edward T. Devine, Columbia university professor and consultant of the northwest division of the Red Cross, in an address here Sunday.

"I am not sure that the Russian soviet plan of representation by occupation is not a better plan. We may find it better in the future to send a teacher to the legislature to represent teachers, a banker to represent bankers, a carpenter to represent carpenters, and so on. In other words, representation by occupation rather than by geographical districts may prove better."

Dr. Devine, who was in Russia during the revolution, spoke of the bolsheviki as "obnoxious" and said he would be their bitter foe were he in Russia. He spoke of the soviet as a sort of town meeting, and of Russia as a country so vast and of such varied views that it was impossible for any man to understand it.

Dr. Devine called the present the "era of reconstruction," and predicted that many changes would be gradually worked out that would better the country socially, economically and politically.

"It is inevitable that America must profit by the awakening of a civic sense," he said. "There is plenty of room for change. For instance, I can conceive of a presidential cabinet composed of 29 secretaries instead of the present number. We could easily add to the number secretaries of education and of public health."

LOOKOUT TALKS BY RADIO

Telephone Conversation From Top of Mount Hood Is Heard.

The wireless telephone on the top of Mount Hood works successfully. A conversation was carried on Saturday by Elijah Coalman, forest service lookout on the summit of the mountain, and Clay M. Allen, district telephone engineer for the forest service, who was at the other end of the "line" in Government Camp, eight miles away and more than a mile below.

A report of this achievement was brought by M. Allen to District Forester Cecil yesterday. Further experiments are to be conducted. The receiving set at the lower level will be moved about to determine the most advantageous location for it. There is no longer any doubt as to the practicability and efficacy of the wireless telephone for reporting fires from the Mount Hood lookout station. The experiment station was simply a confirmation of similar tests that had been made with the same apparatus in Portland.

PROJECT WILL BE PUSHED

Equipment for Work on Teel Extension Is Practically Ready.

ECHO, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The 75,000-foot sawmill which will cut timber for construction work on the new extension of the Teel project is ready for operation and will start next week on flume timbers. The mill is eight miles east of Albee and a new road has been built to it from that town. Lumber for camp buildings now is being sawed and half a dozen houses for men already have been erected.

At the north portal of the tunnel to be constructed 15 or 20 men now are employed. Work will start at the north portal within two weeks. Heavy machinery for the rock work will be on the ground shortly. Machinery for the main line is on the cars and construction work at all points will be under way by September 1.

DALLAS TO HAVE LEGION

Movement Started for Organization of Carl B. Fenton Post.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—At a meeting of ex-servicemen held at Dallas recently preliminary steps were taken toward organizing a post of the American Legion. Captain Walter Tooze presided at the meeting. The post will be named for Carl B. Fenton, who died in Dallas following his return from service in France.

It is believed that the post will have a membership of about 250. All who sign up prior to December 1 will be included in the charter list.

Centralia Lad at Coblenz.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Rufus Brunton today received a letter from Ray McConnell, a Centralia boy who went to France in December, 1917, with company M, 161st Infantry. It was the first word received from the soldier in over a year, and fears had been entertained by his friends here that he had paid the supreme sacrifice in the world war. McConnell's letter was written at Coblenz on July 22.

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Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods

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—All foods are prepared in our own spotless kitchens under rigid sanitary inspection. A pleasant place to meet your friends. Service from 11:30 A. M. to 2:30 P. M.

Store News of Today Briefly Told

An Advertisement That Notes a Few of the Many Special Offerings Featured for Today's Selling

Sale Notions, Small Wares
Bargain Circle, Main Floor

—CROCHET COTTON, A DOZEN, WEDNESDAY 35c
Bargain Circle, First Floor—Elgin Maid, a Perle Cotton for crocheting, tatting and embroidery work. White and colors. Priced special, the dozen 35c
—Hair Pin Cabinet, priced at 7¢
—Spool Silk for hand or machine. Special Wednesday 7c
—Defender Safety Pins, only 3¢
—Adamantine Pins, size 4 only; priced special per 1-lb. box 59¢
—Regent Bias Fold, 7-yd. bolt 7¢
—Lingerie Tape in light blue, pink and white; special, bolt 7¢
—Cube Pins, jet only; cube 17¢
—Dove Toilet Pins, package 4¢

—Kid Curlers, special, dozen 12¢
—Child's Hose Supporters in all sizes, jasper only; at pair 10¢
—Bone Hair Pins in shell and amber colors; special, a box, at 10¢
—Itsoezi Trouser Hangers 12¢
—Tailors' Tapes priced special 4¢
—Wire Hair Pins; all lengths 4¢

Table Cloths, Special $1.58
Linen Department, First Floor

SPECIAL—Mercerized Cotton Table Cloths with beautiful satin-finish. These cloths give good service and launder like linen. Choice assortment of patterns; 58x58 inches. Limited number on sale $1.58

Sale of Bleached Sheetings and Bath Towels

—Bleached Sheeting of good firm quality—guaranteed to give most satisfactory service. Note prices:
—81 inches wide at, the yard 75¢
—72 inches wide at, the yard 70¢
—Single Bed Sheeting, yard 48¢
—Heavy Twilled Toweling—full bleached—priced special, a yard 12½¢
—Crash Toweling—75% linen—18 inches wide—special, the yard 23¢
—Linene Pillow Cases—size 36x45 inches—priced special, at, each 39¢
—Hemmed Diapers—size 27x54 inches—priced special, the dozen $2.50
—Lingerie Nainsook—put up 10 yards to the box—priced special $2.95
—Pure White Corded Athletic Bath Towels of generous thickness and good size. Only a limited quantity in this lot. Special, dozen, $4.25, or each at, only 36c
—Bath Mats, special, each 89¢

'Baby Week'
—The Infants' Shop on the Second Floor offers special low prices this week on many articles every baby has need for. Mothers are urged to attend this sale and reap the benefit of the splendid savings. Experienced salespeople to help you make your selection. Dept., Second Floor.

TODAY—Basement Saving Sales—TODAY

Low Shoes $2.48
Basement—Women's White Canvas Pumps, Oxfords and Shoes—odd lines and small lots remaining from the season's active selling. Great many different styles, but not all sizes in the lot. Values to $4.00. Special $2.48

New Georgette Waists $4.98, $5.98 and $6.98
Basement—Waists of exceptional quality at the prices we have put upon them. Of excellent grade Georgette crepe in a wide range of the newest fall shades to go with fall suits and skirts. Many attractive styles with latest collars and trimming. Women who are about to buy new waists should see these at once. Basement Store Sale—$4.98, $5.98, $6.98

Women's Tub Dresses

Priced Special $3.98
Basement—We consider these frocks good values at $6.50 and $7.50. Fresh, pretty styles for street and porch wear. Made up in dainty sheer voiles in neat figures, also plaid ginghams. Trimmed with white collars and cuffs. Great many styles. Special $3.98

Women's Aprons Special $1.39
Basement—Women's Aprons of good quality percale in plain pink, blue, green and lavender. Also checks and dark blue with neat figured designs. Coverall style, made large and full. Belt and pockets. On sale Wednesday $1.39

New Fiber Silk Sweaters For Fall
Basement—Very stylish and desirable are these new Sweaters of fiber silk. Women like them to slip on over the summer dress or to wear with sport skirt. Latest fall models, including belted and slip-over effects. Special at $6.95, $7.95, $10.00

Khaki Outing Apparel
—The Basement Garment Store features a special showing and sale of Khaki Divided Skirts, Bloomers and Tidy-Alls—splendid garments for outing wear. All sizes in the lot.

Women's Cotton Hosiery Special 29c Pair

Basement—1200 pairs Women's Cotton Hose underpriced for Wednesday. Double sole, reinforced heel and toe. Shown in black, white and in several popular colors. Nearly all sizes. Priced special; pair 29c

Children's Hose 29c
Basement—Lay in a good supply of these for school days. Children's Stockings of good quality—mill run—slightly imperfect. Sizes 5 to 11. Special; pair 29c

Women's Knit Vests 23c Union Suits, Special 65c
Basement—Women's Sleeveless Vests in assorted styles with plain or crochet edge. Also a special lot having wing sleeves. These are of good quality pure white cotton. Full range of sizes. Priced special at 23c

Basement—Women's Summerweight Union Suits of ribbed white cotton. Low neck and sleeveless styles with cuff knee or lace trimmed knee. Sizes 34, 36 and 38 only. Basement Underprice Store special; a suit 65c

Toilet Paper
Special 18 Rolls $1.00
Basement—No telephone, C. O. D. or mail orders filled. Limit 18 rolls to any one customer. Good quality of crepe toilet paper, on sale Wednesday at 18 rolls for $1.00

Women's Handkerchiefs
Special Six for 25c
Basement—Women's and Children's Handkerchiefs in neat one-corner embroidered effects with hemstitched edge. Particularly desirable for school. These were contracted for many months ago, hence low price, 6 for 25c

Odd Lines Fancy Collars 25c
Large Assortment of Popular Styles
Basement—For a quick clearaway of several hundred odd pieces of Women's Neckwear, out they go on the bargain table Wednesday at 25¢. Many of them were formerly marked at two or three times this price. Dainty styles, some trimmed with fine tucks, others with lace or in embroidered effects. Mostly white, but some have a touch of color. On sale at 25c
SHOP EARLY!

Men's Garters At 22c
Basement—This is the famous Boston "Never Bind" Garter known to hundreds of Portland men. Wide, elastic web; velvet grip; no metal. All colors—a pair 22c

Men's Fiber Hose 3 Pairs $1
Basement—Men's Fiber Silk Hose in black and white. Full assortment of sizes. On sale Wedsday at 3 pairs for $1.00; a pair 35c
—MEN'S COTTON HOSE—200 pairs in a special offering. Black. Sizes 10½, 11, 11½—2 pairs 25¢

Get the Basement Habit

Sale of Corsets At $1.69
Basement—Wednesday we shall again feature a wonderful special in Corsets that every woman should take advantage of. Many good styles, including two front-laced models in the Royal Worcester make. Others in medium and low bust styles with back lacing. All sizes from 19 to 30 in the lot. Basement Sale $1.69

Dainty Camisoles Special 59c
Basement—These are shown in several pretty styles trimmed with laces and ribbons. Flesh color material. Full assortment of sizes to begin with, but come early. Basement Store Sale 59c

Basement Millinery
Trimmed Hats, Only $1
—Women's, Misses' and Children's Trimmed Hats in a sensational clearaway Wednesday in the Basement Store. Imitation Panamas, Javas, Rough Straw Sailors, Outing Hats—also Basket Weave Hats for children. White and many different colors, and a large assortment of popular styles. Hats in this sale formerly priced at $2.98, $3.98 and $4.98. On sale Wednesday in Basement at $1.00

Men's Coveralls $3 Suit
Basement Underprice Store
Basement—Shipyard men and others who work about machinery will find these one-piece garments very serviceable. Made of good strong denim in brown color. Sizes 40, 42, 44 and 46 only. On account of slight defects we offer them Wednesday at, the suit $3.00

Men's Underwear 59c
Basement—Men's Balbriggan Underwear—shirts and drawers in medium weight. These are nicely finished and well made. All regular sizes. Priced special for Wednesday's selling at, the garment 59c

Children's Play Suits 89c
—On Sale in Basement—Special
—Fancy Striped Galatea Suits trimmed with plain colors; sizes 2, 4 and 6. Also Play Suits of striped blue twill; sizes 2 to 7. Good serviceable play garments for little fellows. Shop early in the day!

Boys' Blouse Waists, Special at 79c
Basement—Extra special offering for Wednesday—50 dozen Children's School Blouses in a large assortment of neat patterns and colors. French cuff styles. Ages 5 to 14 years. On sale Wednesday at 79c

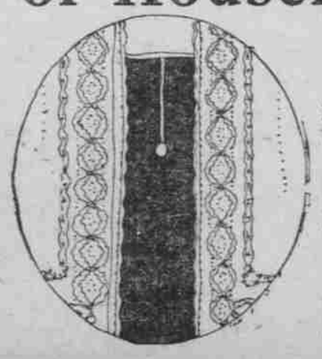
Table Covers $2.25
Basement—Very attractive and exceptional values at the price. Beautiful drawn-work Table Covers in exquisite designs—also many in embroidered effects. Size 47x47 inches. These make appropriate gifts and are inexpensive. Basement special $2.25

Men's Shirts $1.48
Basement—Shirts in this sale worth $2.00 and $2.50 of any man's money! Percale and madras materials. Soft or stiff cuffs. Striped patterns. Specially priced at, only $1.48

Basement Sale of Housekeepers' Needs

—Odd Pairs of Curtains, Sale $2.69
Basement—Wednesday morning the Basement Domestic Section will place on sale 132 pairs of soiled and mussed curtains at the above low price. Swiss, scrim, marquisette and fancy net materials. No telephone orders accepted. While they last; pair $2.69

Bleached Sheets Special at $1.29
Basement—Bleached Sheets of good quality, reinforced with seam in center. Size 72x90 inches. No telephone or C. O. D. orders. Priced special $1.29
—BLEACHED MUSLIN 36 inches wide and good grade. No phone or C. O. D. orders; yard 25c



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Bed Spreads $2.29
Basement—Extra large size Spreads for double bed. Medium weight. Attractive patterns. No telephone or C. O. D. orders accepted for these spreads. Wednesday special in the Basement Store $2.29

Pillow Cases at 38c
Basement—45x36-Inch Pillow Cases of good quality bleached muslin. No telephone or C. O. D. orders accepted. Priced special Wednesday, at 38c