

RETAIL PRICES HERE FIND IN OTHER LEVEL

Cost of Living Decreases 25
Per Cent Since January.

SLUMP IS PERSISTENT

Food and Other Household Sup-
plies Affected by General Down-
ward Trend Noted in City.

Survey of retail price conditions now prevalent in Portland, indicates that the purchasing power of the dollar has increased appreciably since January last, when the cost-of-living trend reached its apex. It is apparent that general living expenses, as they deal with food and other household commodities, have decreased at least 25 per cent in the last ten months. Certain individual items, such as hardware, have not reacted to the decline and the estimated percentage is given as a general average. The downward progress has been slow but persistent, and retailers have altered their price marks almost daily on a wide variety of items to keep pace with the retrograde.

Retail food prices, according to the department of labor, decreased 2 per cent between September 15 and October 15. Wholesale food prices during the month of October, according to the same federal department, declined 8 1/2 per cent. The comparative delay in the arrival of price declines on the retail counter is largely due to the fact that large stocks purchased at the former wholesale prices, are being moved.

Decline Due to Jobbing Policy.

Retailers, while recognizing the downward trend, will venture no prophecy on its permanence. Almost the entire decline, they point out, is due to the policy of the jobbers, who are unloading in anticipation of a permanent lower cost basis. Carrying heavy stocks of goods, the jobbers are trying, so the trade asserts, "to get out from under" before the decline brings disaster to them.

Though present prices are far from being as low as those of the pre-war period, there are retailers who discuss the possibility of another upward movement. These merchants say that many mills, now that the cottons are closed, or working on half-time, and that the depletion of jobbing stocks, followed by a renewed demand from the buying public, may pour such a flood of orders upon the manufacturers as to elevate prices again.

The following emphasizes the comparisons of retail prices prevailing in this city last January, as contrasted with those in effect today. The figures are indicative of the situation that interests every housewife, and upon which is based the hope that the old exorbitant days are done with:

Decline in Dress Goods Sharp.
The decline here has been sharp, as attested by the present general price of 25 cents for the 27-inch width. Shirting flannel has fallen from \$1 to 65 cents, while outing flannel that sold for 45 cents is now lagged at 25 cents.

Silks have not escaped the reaction that lowered the price of humber goods, for Japanese silk that was priced at \$1.25 last January now ranges around 75 cents, and the more expensive crepe de chine, silk, silk, selling ten months ago for \$2.50 to \$5.00, is now retailed at from \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Sheetings priced at \$1.15 and \$2.75 last January have declined to 55 cents and \$2.

It is distinctly less expensive to court luxury and adornment today than it was at the outset of the year. Take lace, for example. From the imitation fillet edges to the genuine hand made, or silk petticoats and embroidered kimono, imitation fillet-edge lace has declined from 25 to 15 cents. Genuine hand-made lace has declined from \$3 and more to \$1.75 and \$2.75, while the \$15 silk petticoats of other days are now offered for less than \$10.

Kimono, with their oriental allure, have suffered almost a 50 per cent reduction in price.

Clothing Takes Heavy Slump.
The item of clothing is always an important one in household affairs, especially where there are children, and many a mother has been blessed with known economic impulses at the decline of boys' and girls' stockings from 45 cents to 35 cents, and less.

Even such a staple as the broad-brimmed hat, at a much lower figure, while dapper brand of reliable reinforced box coat has been reduced to less than a year ago.

Boys' suits, in the clothing trade, have declined from one-third to one-half in price, while the modern \$42 suit for men—as it was tagged ten months ago—is now procurable for less than \$25. And men's silk shirts, those gay and gladstone evidences of the country-wide spending spree, now may be had for the price of a quarter at \$7 and \$8, whereas last January the clerk could inform one that the price was reasonable at \$12 to \$17.

Grocery prices, of course, are subject to constant fluctuation, but the comparative items listed herewith show clearly a substantial decline, as follows:

Cane sugar, decline from \$2.50 per pound sack to \$1.20.
Flour, decline from \$2.15 per 49-pound sack to \$1.75.
Condensed milk, decline from \$7.25 per 18-can case to \$5.40.
Coffee, decline from 50 cents to 40 cents.

Other Foodstuffs Affected.
White beans, decline from 11 cents per pound to 6 1/2 cents.
Breakfast bacon, decline from 55 cents per pound to 45 cents.
Sugar cured ham, decline from 52 cents to 41 cents.

More obscure items, such as alarm clocks, razor blades, drugs and tooth paste, also have reacted to the price decline in varying degrees. Two characters of commodities are signified by continued stability at higher prices—grocery and hardware.

Recent announcements from certain grocery manufacturers are to the effect that a further advance is contemplated.

Hardware has declined to retreat, and stores that sold for \$2.00 or more a year ago still are marked with approximately the same prices.

Corean Women Arrested.
TOKIO.—Over 30 Corean women members of the Great Corean Women's association have been arrested in connection with the Corean independence movement, according to a dispatch to the Nichi Nichi from the city of Pyongyang, which is supposed to be the center of Corean agitation. The basis of the arrest was alleged collection of funds to further the revolutionary movement.

PHYSICAL EXERCISE SAID REQUISITE OF ACTRESSES

Marjorie Wood, Principal of "Chu Chin Chow," Believes in Athletic Sports for Women and Professes Liking for Baseball.



Marjorie Wood as Zahara

MISS MARJORIE WOOD, who enacts the strenuous role of Zahara in "Chu Chin Chow," at the Hellig theater next Wednesday night and for the remainder of the week, declares her ability to read her long role nightly is due to her excellent physical condition. She is a devotee of athletic sports of all kinds and president of the "Chow" hiking club, composed of all athletic inclined members of the company.

"It is all in taking care of yourself," Miss Wood declares, "in taking exercise and keeping yourself physically fit."

"As a matter of fact, however, only those who know something about the strenuous work on the stage as well as in moving pictures have any idea of the physical strength required to give these performances."

"Those of us who must make masks of our faces so successfully that they will hide any nervous mood or physical weakness of the moment understand perfectly well what the physical strain of acting is."

"Even the ingenuities who radiates her youthful charms over the stage do so at some considerable physical effort. Emotional acting requires a great deal of courage. Magnetism is a personal gift that, of course, helps a great deal, but there is a peculiar exhaustion which is quite physical that follows an output of magnetic force."

"From the first to the final curtain in most of the plays in which I have appeared I have been compelled to keep up an evenness of power, an actual physical effort to carry my audiences with me."

"I am a firm believer in exercise for men or women, because I think it is conducive to longevity and that it is necessary in any walk of life."

"I wish women could play baseball, because it is a form of exercise and amusement combined which is a very difficult matter in these days of Delmar and girl poses. It seems to me that baseball encourages physical independence, moral courage and a skill that keeps one mentally alert."

"An actress must have confidence in herself to be able to interpret a role. Strength begets confidence and exercise begets strength and physical power, without which there is not health of mind. We often see actors and actresses retain their power over the public up to a very advanced age."

Such remarkable women as Sarah Bernhardt, Mme. Modjeska, Ellen Terry and others like them have lived in obedient slavery to health and to normal athletics."

**VETERAN CHARACTER ACTOR
PLANS TO QUIT THEATRICALS**

Member of Baker Stock Started in Profession Many Years Ago in San Francisco Theater—Portland Is Liked.

GEORGE D. WEBSTER, popular character man of the Baker stock company, will retire from the stage two years hence, and he hopes to close his histrionic career with the Portland comic. It was the night that Mr. Webster, who talks but little, unfolded his plans for the future.

"Late one morning recently, while learning my part for the play 'The Chinaman,' said Mr. Webster, 'my eyes chanced to fall upon the calendar to November 15 and my thoughts went back 40 years to the old Baldwin theater, San Francisco, on a certain Monday night, when I first stepped upon the professional stage. It was the first appearance of William E. Sheridan in San Francisco. In his great character of Louis XI, I was a boy of 17. I had a small part of a drunkard, and the scene was with Amy Adams, mother of Maude Adams. I was so nervous that I could hardly hold my book in my hand. After my part was over I was walking behind the scenes and thought they would never let me play the role, when Sheridan came forward and my heart sank."

"Here is where he takes the part from me. I said to myself, in that instant he placed his arm about me and said: 'Don't make him so drunk, and don't get nervous. You will be all right, my boy.' I have never forgotten that little kindness. I felt as if the world was mine."

"In the company at that time were Theodore Roberts, Joseph R. Grismer and George Osbourne. Many of the company have passed away by this time. I remember that in one of the large dressing rooms we five actors were dressing and the first name of every one was George. There was George Galloway, George McCormack, George Stevens, George Osbourne and George Webb. We called it the 'Five Georges' room."

"One night I came in and with my cane scratched the names upon the wall in the order they appear here, and strange to say they have passed away in the order named. I am the only one remaining."

"It was in the old Baldwin theater that I had the pleasure of playing with Edwin Booth, and I shall never forget what a lovable man he was. It was in Hamlet that one of his company, Del H. and David Belasco, who was the stage manager, sent for me to play Hamlet. I had played the part before, so one rehearsal was enough. We rehearsed the play and rushed through it. Booth didn't come to rehearsal that night when I had my scene with him. I was on the wrong side of the stage. I never had seen Booth before. You must know my heart was beating fast."

"After the act was over I went to him and apologized for being on the wrong side of the stage. He said that was all right and 'I would have found you wherever you were.' He wanted me to join his company and go east with him, but my mind did not want me to go so far from home."

"I came to Portland first in 1882 and played two weeks at the New-market theater. I liked the town so well then—for it was only a town—that I came back in one month and played here one year at the Palace theater, and at that time I made some lifetime friends. Two of them are here—Judy Hitt, Harry McGinn and Captain John Barry."

"When William A. Brady and I had



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of Truth Committee.

Departing from the routine of regular service, many Portland churches today open their pulpits to four-minute speakers sent out by the Ad club, who will address the congregations on "The Golden Rule in Business."

These addresses are a part of the programme outlined in connection with the visit to Portland of Richard H. Lee, director-counsel of the national vigilance committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. The clubs hope through the addresses to familiarize the people of Portland with the work that the national vigilance committee is doing, as well as the better business bureau of Portland.

The four-minute speakers and the

churches in which they will appear are:

Wesleyan, D. Wheelwright, First Methodist Episcopal church, will appear evening service; George L. Rauch, Sunnyside Congregational church, will appear morning service; L. R. Bailey, Rose City Park Presbyterian church, morning service; Edward L. Clark, Fourth Presbyterian church, morning service; Phil Jennings, East Side Christian church, morning service; George L. Simmons, First Christian church, morning service; F. H. Whitfield, M. E. church south, morning service; H. H. Haynes, Midmont Presbyterian church, evening service; McCullough First Congregational church, evening service; George R. Arrow, Mt. Taylor Presbyterian church, evening service.

Tailor for Lincoln Dies.

ATL. Scotland.—George Slicker, who has just died here at the age of 102, claimed that as a tailor in America he made clothes for Abraham Lin-

coln. Slicker also fought in the American civil war on the side of the Franco-Prussian war.

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