

EGGS ON A DECLINE

Oregon Cheese Becoming Scarce and Higher.

Many Dealers Ordering Cheese From the East—California Fruits and Vegetables in Good Demand—Poultry in Fair Demand.

Portland, Feb. 9.—Hen fruit, which has made omelettes a luxury on account of its high price, is coming down to the plebeian level of the east grain, and eggs are being quoted as low as 35 cents, and a further decline is looked for.

Poultry is holding its own and prices have been about stationary for several days, but no advance is looked for at present, though cold weather may send fancy stock up for a few days.

Apples are in good supply and cheap, though the quality is not of the best for the most part.

Oregon cheese is very firm in price, and many dealers are ordering from the east because the local factories have closed for the season.

California fruits and vegetables are plentiful and good, but the demand is so strong that the prices are pretty well maintained.

Butter continues high in price, as high as 32 cents being asked for fancy.

Grain Products, Feed.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 52c; Valley, 50c; bluestem, 55c. Oats—White, 27c; gray, 27c. Barley—Brewing, 32c; feed, 23.50. Hay—Timothy, \$14.15; clover, \$11.12; chest, \$11.12; alfalfa, \$11. Millstuffs—Barley, rolled, \$23.50; middlings, \$24.25; chop, \$16.18; bran \$20.21; shorts, \$23.25. Flour—Hard wheat, straight, \$4.15; 430; hard wheat patents, \$4.75; 4.90; Valley, \$4.30; 4.75; graham, \$4; rye, \$5; whole wheat flour, \$3.90.

Produce.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2 @ 30c; dairy, 13 @ 13 1/2 c; cooking, 10 @ 11c. Cheese—Young American, 16c; Oregon full cream, 15c. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 26 @ 26c. Poultry—Mixed chickens, per pound, 11 1/2 c; spring, pounds, 12 @ 12 1/2 c; hens, 11 @ 12 1/2 c; geese, 9 @ 9 1/2 c; turkeys, live 15 @ 17c; turkeys, dressed, 20c; ducks, old dozen, \$9; spring ducks, 39 @ 40. Honey—Dark, 10 1/2 @ 11c; amber, 12 @ 13c; fancy white, 15c.

Wild Game.

Wild geese, \$4 @ 4.50; mallard ducks, \$3 @ 3.50; widgeon ducks, \$2 @ 2.25; teal ducks, \$1.50.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Tropical Fruits—Lemons, fancy, \$3.25; choice, \$2.75 @ 3.00; oranges, \$1.75 @ 2.00; cananans, 5c per pound; pineapples, \$3.50 @ 4 per dozen. Potatoes, Oregon, 100 pounds, 90c @ 1.00; tomatoes, California, per crate, \$2.00; turnips, per sack, 60 @ 70c; cabbages, per pound, 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2 c; carrots, per sack, 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2 c; onions, 100 pounds, \$2.40 @ 2.50; sweet potatoes, \$1.50 @ 1.75 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, per dozen, 75c @ 81c; celery, per dozen, 55 @ 65c.

Oils and Lead.

Coal Oil—Pearl or astral oil, cases, 21c per gallon; water white oil, iron barrels, 15 1/2 c; wood barrels, none; cocene oil, cases, 25c; elaine oil, cases, 28c; extra star, cases, 26c; headlight oil, 17 1/2 degrees, cases, 24 1/2 c; iron barrels, 18c. (Washington state test burning oil, except headlight, 1/2 c per gallon higher.) Benzine—Sixty-three degrees, cases, 22c; iron barrels, 15 1/2 c. Lined Oil—Pure raw, in barrels, 55c; genuine kettie-bolled in barrels, 54c; pure raw oil, in cases, 57c; genuine kettie-bolled in cases, 59c; lots of 250 gallons, 10c less per gallon. Turpentine—In cases, 85c per gallon. Gasoline—Stove gasoline, cases, 24 1/2 c; iron barrels, 18c; 88 degrees gasoline, cases, 23c; iron barrels or drums, 28c.

Lead—Strictly pure white lead and red lead in ton lots, 7 1/2 c; 500-pound lots, 8c; less than 500 pounds, 8 1/2 c.

Fresh Meats and Fish.

Fresh Meats—Veal, 3 1/2 @ 3c; pork, 5 1/2 @ 6 1/2 c; beef, 3 @ 3c; mutton, 4 @ 5c. Fish—Crabs, per dozen, \$1.25; Shoal-water Bay oysters, per sack, \$4; oysters, gallon, \$2.25; halibut, 7c; black cod, 7c; salmon, Steelheads, 8 1/2 c; silversides, 6 1/2 c; herring, 5c; flounders 5c; catfish, 7c; lobsters, per pound, 12 1/2 c; silver smelt, 5c; shrimp, 10c; perch, 5c; sturgeon, 7c; Columbia river smelt, 3c; bass, 13 1/2 c.

Groceries, Provisions, Etc.

Sugar—Golden C, \$5.55; powdered, \$6.25; patent cube, \$6.35; cane, D. G., \$6.15; fruit sugar, \$6.15; beet sugar, \$5.95; extra cwt. 10c; kegs, cwt., 25c; boxes, cwt., 50c (less 1/2 c per pound, if paid for in 15 days).

Salt—Bales of 75-25, bale \$1.50; bales of 50-25, bale \$1.50; bales of 40-40, bale \$1.50; bales of 15-100, bale \$1.50; bags, 60s, fine, ton, \$9.50; bags 50 lbs., genuine Liverpool, ton, \$17; bags 50 lbs., 1/2 ground, 100s, tons, \$5.25; R. S. V. P., 20 5-lb. cartons, \$2.25; R. S. V. P., 24 5-lb. cartons, \$1.75; Liverpool lump, ton, \$15.

Coffee—Mocha, 26 @ 28c; Java, fancy, 24 @ 25c; Java, good, 20 @ 24c; Java, ordinary, 17 @ 20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18 @ 20c; Costa Rica, good, 16 @ 18c; Arabuckles, \$15.25 per 100 pounds; Lion, \$15.25.

Nuts—Walnuts, No. 1, soft shell, 13 1/2 c; No. 1, hard shell, 13 1/2 c; Chile, 12c; almonds, 17 @ 18c; filberts, 14 @ 15c; Brazil, 16c; pecans, 13 1/2 @ 15c; hickory, 8c; Virginia peanuts, 8 @ 8 1/2 c; Jumbo Virginia peanuts, 9c; Japanese peanuts, 5 1/2 @ 6c; chestnuts, Italian, 14c; chestnuts, eastern, drum, \$4.50; coconuts, Java, 90c.

Rice—Imperial Japan, No. 1, \$5.37 1/2; No. 2, \$4.25; Carolina head, 6c; broken head, 4c.

Provisions—Hams, to size, 12 1/2 c; hams picnic, 9c; bacon, regular, 11c; bacon, breakfast, 14 @ 18c; dry salt sides, 10c; backs, dry salt, 9c; lard, kettle rendered, tierced, 9c.

Dates—Golden, 40-lb. boxes, 6 @ 7c; 1-lb packages, 8c; Fard, 15-lb boxes, \$1.40 box.

Livestock. Cattle—\$3.00 @ 4.25; hogs, \$4.50 @ 5.50; sheep, \$4.25 @ 4.50.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc. Hops—27 lb 25c.

Wool—Valley, 20 @ 21c; Eastern Oregon, 14 @ 15c.

Tallow—Prime, per pound, 3 1/2 @ 4c; No. 2 and grease, 2 1/2 @ 3c.

Hides—Flint dry cow and steer, 14 @ 15c; flint dry calf, 14 @ 15c; salted, 7 1/2 @ 8 1/2 c; green and grubby, 5 @ 7c; sheep pelts as to wool, 10 @ 60c; Angora, with wool on, 25c @ 1.00.

LOCAL PRODUCE.

Prices Furnished by Ross, Higgins & Company. The following are the retail prices on local produce yesterday:

Eggs, per dozen, 20c; butter, best, per roll, 70c; chickens, dressed, per pound, 18c; mallard ducks, pair, \$1; apples, box, 75c @ 81.25; oranges, box \$2 @ 2.25; potatoes, sack, \$1.50; turnips, sack, 90c; carrots, sack, \$1.

SEOUL'S JEEREST.

The One Eyed Woman in the Grass Green Cloak.

"From my point of view the principal and almost the only charm that Seoul has for the newcomer lies in the novelty of the costumes that it presents," says George Kennan, writing about the capital of Korea in the Outlook. "It is not interesting architecturally, and it is detestably and disgustingly unclean, but its street scenes, particularly in the unmodified parts of the old town, are unlike anything to be found elsewhere in the east. I have already referred to the strange impression made by a population clothed wholly in white, to the grotesquely absurd headgear of the mourners, to the partly naked women and to the effeminate, girlish appearance of the boys, but in Seoul there is another figure which is quite as striking as any of these, and that is the one eyed woman in the grass green cloak.

"Just as you are beginning to get accustomed to the woman in white, with her handbreadth shoulder jacket, her bunched skirts and her seminaude appearance, you run up against the woman in green, whose costume is bizarre enough to give you a fresh shock of surprise. Her outer garment, which is all that can be seen, may be roughly described as a green silk waterproof, with white neck yoke and sleeve cuffs, held together in front by means of four long ribbon tie strings. Two of these strings are bright scarlet and two dull, reddish purple, and they hang down in front nearly to the ground.

"A grass green waterproof trimmed with scarlet and purple ribbons would be striking enough even if it were worn in the American way, but it is not so worn. On the contrary, the neck yoke, or collar, is thrown over the head, and the cloak is drawn around the face so as to conceal all except one

eye, while the sleeves, which are mere shams, without openings for the arms, hang down from the wearer's ears. Anything more extraordinary than this grass green burnoose, with its scarlet and purple strings and its dangling white margined ear sleeves, would be hard to imagine, and when in a crowded street or market place you see a dozen of these polychromatic apparitions and an equal number of basket headed mourners gliding noiselessly to and fro in a throng of white robed ghosts who are fanning themselves or smoking long stemmed pipes you feel like rubbing your eyes to make sure that you are awake.

"These women in green are the wives of men who belong to what may be called the Korean middle class, and their costume is traditionally said to have had its origin in a ruse de guerre practiced by the women of Seoul when the city was attacked by the enemy at night in the absence of all its male defenders. The wives of the latter, it is said, caught up weapons, threw their husbands' jackets over their heads and manned (or womaned) the walls, and there they fought so bravely, or made such a brave show of fighting, that the attacking force, taking them for men, abandoned the assault and withdrew.

"In commemoration of this achievement the women and their descendants were permitted to wear as badges of honor the jackets that they had thrown over their heads when they rushed to the walls. This explanation of the green cloak sounds like a story invented to fit an observed fact, but the persistence of color in this particular garment while all other clothing remains white and the transformation of useful sleeves into conventional shams which now hang down from the ears seem to indicate a survival of some ancient and significant custom."

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Table showing departure and arrival times for Seaside.

Table showing departure and arrival times for Warrenton and Hammond.

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