

THE PERILOUS PATH OF DIPLOMACY

By HOWARD FIELDING

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NOBSENSE, my dear," said Mrs. Lockwood. "You can't tell the truth to a man. It has been tried and has always failed."

evening Donald asked me if I had received a letter from Mr. Hardy, and, of course, I said no. Then I saw Donald's eyes wander for an instant to my ring, and that meant that he didn't believe me. I must tell you that we've made a treaty, as he calls it. When he asks me anything by the sign of the ring I'm to answer the exact truth."

"Why not?" "Because, my child, he will not believe you. The incident is possible, of course, but in real life it very, very rarely happens. Remember, Donald does not know that you know what he knows. Do you follow me?"

PORTLAND MARKETS

Latest Quotations in the Portland Markets.

Complete Market Reports Corrected Each Day Giving the Wholesale Prices of Commodities, Farm Produce and Vegetables.

PORTLAND, March 3.—Cannery owners of the Middle West have notified wholesale grocers that a smaller acreage of sugar corn will be planted this year than last, and that the pack of 1906 will therefore be light. They represent that they lost money in 1906, and that contracts for corn this year must be made on a lower basis than last.

Grain, Produce, Feed.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 65c; Valley, 73c; bluestem, 96c; red, 66c. Oats—White, 28c; gray, 27c. Barley—Brewing, \$23.50@24; feed, \$23.25; rolled, \$24@25.

Produce.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@30c; city creamery, 30@32 1/2; dairy, 16 1/2@17; store, 14 1/2@15; Eastern creamery, 27 1/2@30; butter-fat, 29@31c. Cheese—Young American, 16c; Oregon full cream, 15c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples—Green, 75@82.25. Peas—\$1@1.50 box. Grape fruit—Crate, \$3@3.50. Cranberries—\$14 per barrel. Tropical fruits—Lemons, fancy, \$3.50; choice, \$3.00 per box; oranges, \$2.75@3.00; bananas, 5c per lb.; pineapples, \$4.50@5.00 per dozen.

30@50c for inferior stock, in country; jobbers' prices, 50@80c per 100 pounds; turnips, 75@90c sack; cabbages, per 100 lbs., \$1.75@2.00; celery, dozen, 75@90c; onions, 75c@1.00 in country; jobbers' prices, \$1.00@1.25; beets, \$1 per sack; carrots, 75c per sack; garlic, 10c; sweet potatoes, \$2.25@2.50; red peppers, dry, 20c; hot-house lettuce, \$1.50 box. California vegetables—Green peas, 8@9c; sprouts, 8c; radishes, 25c doz. bunches; Chile peppers, 20c pound; head lettuce, 25c dozen; artichokes, \$2.25@2.50 doz.; cauliflower, 90c@1.00 per dozen; rhubarb, 7@7 1/2c.

Groceries, Provisions, Etc.

Sugar, sack basis—Golden C, 85.65; extra C, 85.20; powdered, 85.80; patent cube, 85.95; cane, D. G., 85.70; fruit sugar, 85.70; beet sugar, \$4.90; barrels, cwt., 10c; kgs, cwt., 25c; boxes, cwt., 50c advance over sack basis (less 1-4c lb. if paid for in 15 days).

Nuts—Walnuts, No. 1, soft shell, 15-14c; No. 1, hard shell, 15c; Chile, 13c; almonds, 16c; filberts, 14@15c; Brazil, 14c; pecans, 13 1/2@15c; hickory, 8c; Virginia peanuts, 7@7 1/2; Jumbo Virginia peanuts, 9c; Japanese peanuts, 5 1/2@6c; chestnuts, Italian, 14c; coconuts, dozen, 75@80c; new almonds, 15@16c.

Dates—Golden, 60-lb. boxes, 6@6 1/2c; 1-lb. packages, 8c; Fard, 15-lb. boxes, \$1.40 box.

Beans—Small white, 4c; large white, 3 1/2c; pink, 2 7/8c; bayon, 4 3/4c; Lima, 5 1/2c; Mexican reds, 5 1/2c.

Figs—White, lb., 5 1/2@6c; black, 6@7c.

Pickled goods—Pickled pigs' feet, 1-barrel, 55; 1-4 barrels, 82.75; 15-lb. kits, 81.25; pickled tripe, 1-barrel, 85; 1-4 barrels, 82.75; 15-lb. kits, 81.25; pickled pigs' tongues, 1-barrel, 80.00; 1-4 barrels, 83; 15-lb. kits, 81.50; pickled lamb's tongues, 1-barrel, 80; 1-4 barrels, 85.50; 15-lb. kits, 82.75.

Lard—Kettle rendered, 13-cans, 10 1/2c; tubs, 10 1/2c; 50, 10 1/2c; 20, 10 1/2c; 10, 11c; 5, 9 1/2c. Standard pure, tierces, 9 1/4c; tubs, 9 7/8c; 50, 9 7/8c; 20, 9 5/8c; 10, 10 1/4c; 5, 10 1/8c. Compound tierces, 6c; tubs, 6 3/4c; 50, 6 3/4c; 20, 7 1/8c.

Sausage—Portland ham, 14 1/2c per lb.; mixed ham, 10c; Summer, choice dry, 17c; Bologna, long, 5 1/2c; winter, 5c; liver, 5c; pork, 9c; blood, 5c; head-cheese, 12c; Bologna sausage, link, 4 1/2c.

Raisins—Loose Muscatels, 3-crown, 7 1/2c; 2-crown, 7c; bleached seedless Sultanias, 7@12c; unbleached seedless Sultanias, 7c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, \$2.10; 2-crown, 8c.

Dried fruit—Apples, evaporated, 12 1/2c per pound; sundried, sacks or boxes, 10c; apricots, 11 1/2c; peaches, 10c; 1-lb. cans, none; pines, Italian, 5 1/2c; French, 3 1/2c; California blacks, 3 3/4c; do white, none; Snyrna, 20c; plums, pit-to, 6c.

Cereal foods—Rolled oats, cream, 20c; 1-lb. sacks, 80.75; lower grade, 85.25.

\$6.25; oatmeal, steel cut, 50-lb. sacks, 88 1/2c; 10-lb. sacks, \$4.25 per crate; oatmeal (ground), 50-lb. sacks, \$7.50 per bale; 10-lb. sacks, \$4 per bale; split peas, \$4.50 per 100-lb. sack; 25-lb. boxes, \$1.15; pearl barley, \$4.75 per 100 lbs.; 25-lb. boxes, \$1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-lb. sacks, \$2.50 per bale. Canned salmon—Columbia river, 1-lb. talls, \$1.85; 2-lb. talls, \$2.50; fancy 1-lb. flats, \$2.00; 1-2-lb. fancy flats, \$1.25; fancy 1-lb. ovals, \$2.75; Alaska talls, pink, 90c; red \$1.45; nominal, 2a, tall, \$2.00.

Livestock Market.

Cattle—Best steers, \$3.75@4; cows, \$3.00@3.25; calves, \$3.00@4.75. Sheep—\$5.75@6.00; lambs, \$5@5.50. Hogs—\$5.75@6.00; light hogs, \$5@5.25.

Wild Game.

Jack rabbits, \$2@2.50 dozen. Sugar, sack basis—Golden C, \$5.05;

Fresh Meats and Small.

Fresh meats—Veal, fawn, 7 1/2@8c; large, 4 1/2@5 1/2c; pork, 7 1/2@8c; beef, bulls, 2 1/2@3c; cows, 3 1/4@4c; steers, 4 1/2@5c; mutton, 8@9 1/2c; lambs, 9@9 1/2c.

Clams—Hardshell, per box, \$2.00; razor clams, \$2.00 per box.

Oysters—Shoalwater Bay, per gallon, \$2.25; Olympia, per sack, \$5.25; Eastern transplanted, \$1.60 per 100.

Fish—Crabs, per dozen, \$1.50; Shoalwater Bay oysters, per sack, \$4.00; oysters, gallon, \$2.25; halibut, 7c; black cod, 7c; bass, per lb., 18c; herring, 5c; flounders, 5c; catfish, 8c; lobsters, per lb., 12c; silver smelt, 6c; shrimp, 10c; perch, 5c; sturgeon, 8c; sea trout, 12c; black bas, 25c; Columbia River steel-heads, 9c; Columbia River smelt, 3c; Chinook salmon, 9c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Grain bags—Calcutta and domestic, 7c.

Wool—Valley, 26@27 1-2c; Eastern Oregon, 18@20c.

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

Hops—Choice, 10@11c; prime, 9@9 1/2c.

Wool—Valley, 26@27 1/2c; Eastern Oregon, 18@20c; nominal.

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

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 15 lbs. and up, 16@17c per lb.; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 lbs., 13 1/2@16c per lb.; dry calf, No. 1 under 5 lbs., 17@18c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one third less than dry flint (culls, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hair-slipped, weather-beaten or grubby, 2@3c per lb. less); salted hides, steers, sound, 60 lbs. and over, 9@10c per lb.; 50 to 60 lbs., 8 1-2@9c per lb.; under 50 lbs. and cows, 8@9c per lb.; salted stags and bulls, sound, 6c per lb.; salted kip, sound, 15 to 30 lbs., 9c per lb.; salted veal, sound, 10 to 14 lbs., 9c per lb.; salted calf, sound, under 10 lbs., 10c per lb. (green, unsalted, 1c per lb. less; culls, 1c per lb. less). Sheep skins: Shearings, No. 1 butchers' stock, 25@30c each; short wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 40@50c each; medium wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 60@80c; long wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, \$1.00@1.50 each. Murrain pelts, from 10 to 20 per cent less, or 12@14c per lb.; horse hides, salted, each, according to size, \$1.50@2.00; dry, each, according to size, \$1.50; colts' hides, 25@50c each; goat skins, common, 10@15c each; Angora, with wool on, 25c@1.50 each.

Mohair—Choice, 30@32c.

Feathers—Geese, white, 35@40c; geese gray or mixed, 25@30c; duck, white, 15@20c; duck, mixed, 12@15c.

Oil and Lead.

Coal oil—Pearl and astral oil, cases, 20c per gallon; water white oil, iron barrels, 15c; wood barrels, 17c; extra star cases, 25c; headlight oil, 17c degrees, cases, 23c; iron barrels, 17c. (Washington State test burning oils, except headlight, 3c per gallon higher.)

Benzine—Sixty-three degrees, cases, 22c; iron barrels, 17c.

Turpentine—In cases, 80c; in wood barrels, 86c; in iron barrels, 83c; in 10-case lots, 88c.

Linseed oil—Raw, 5-barrel lots, 50c; 1-barrel lots, 57c; in cases, 62c; boiled, barrel lots, 58c; 1-barrel lots, 59c; in cases, 64c.

Gasoline—Stove gasoline, cases, 24c; iron barrels, 18c; 86 degrees gasoline, cases, 22c; iron barrels or drums, 26c.

Rope—Pure Manila, 14c; standard, 13 1/2c; Sisal, 11c; Isle brand Sisal, 9 1/2c.

Wire Nails—Present base at \$2.70.

Lead—Strictly pure white lead and red lead, in tons, 7 1/2c; 500-lb. lots, 8 1/2c; less than 500 lbs., 8 1/2c.

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MRS. LOCKWOOD GLANCED OVER HER SHOULDER AT THE GIRL.

wood knew the world and all its ways. Everybody said she was a very brilliant woman, yet it was often hard to understand what she meant. Of course she didn't really believe that lying was right. She was a good woman, whose life was without reproach so far as it was known to this unsophisticated and affectionate girl of twenty summers.

"In regard to Mr. Hardy," said Edith, "it's very annoying that Donald has to see him so often. They are obliged to consult together because some of their clients are mixed up in the same law case. And Donald does not like—that is, he does not wholly approve."

"How did you know what was in it? You said you hadn't seen him." "I was afraid you wouldn't believe me," she whispered. "How did you know what was in it? You said you hadn't seen him."

TIDE TABLE, MARCH

Table with columns for High Water, Low Water, A.M., P.M., and dates for March 1906. Includes tide times for various days of the month.