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, Jan. 3.—As was expected, a drop in butter prices occurred today, nearly all the city creameries going to a 35-cent basis in the sale of their best brands. But the new quotation does not hold for all, for the manager of one of the leading city creameries today that the old price, 37½ cents, was still in force so far as the best product of his house was concerned. He added that the trade at the former price was all that could be desired and that as long as present conditions continue there would be no change.

There was today a limited demand for hens and chickens. The top price was quoted at 14 cents. Turkeys sell at 17 to 18 cents and dressed at 22 to 24 cents a pound. For ducks there is a steady but light call. Geese are not wanted to any extent.

Eggs are quoted at 32 to 33 cents; if present favorable weather continues for long the chances are that quotations will go still lower.

Grain, Flour, Feed.

Wheat—Club, 83c; Valley, 85c; bluestem, 85c; red Russian, 81c.

Oats—Producers' prices: White, $28; gray, $27.

Hay—Valley timothy, $18@19; Eastern Oregon, $20@22; clover, $13; cheat, $13; alfalfa, $13; grain, $14@15.

Millfed—City bran, $23; county brain, $24; city shorts, $24.50; country shorts, $26; chop, $18; middlings, $29.

Flour—Hard wheat, patent, $4.95; straight, $4.40; graham, $4.50; rye, $5; whole-wheat flour, $4.75; Valley flour, $4.40; Dakota, $6.40@6.60; Eastern rye, $6.50; Pillsbury, $7; Corvallis, $4.40.

Rye—$1.25@1.30 per cwt.

Grain Bags—Domestic, 8½c; Calcutta, 9c.

Corn—Whole, $32; cracked, $33 per ton.

Buckwheat—$36 per ton.

Barley—Producers' prices: Brewing, $28.50; feed, $27; rolled, $30@31.

Cereal Foods—Rolled oats, cream, 90-lb. sacks, $8; lower grade, $6.50@7.50; oatmeal, steel cut, 49-lb. sacks, $8.50; 9-lb. sacks, $4.25 per bale; oatmeal (ground), 49-lb. sacks, $8.50 per bbl.; 9-lb. sacks, $4.50 per bale; split peas, $4.25 per 100-lb. sacks; 25-lb. boxes, $1.25; pearl barley, $4.50 per 100 lbs.; 25lb. boxes, $1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-lb. sacks, $5.20 bbl.

Groceries, Provisions, Etc.

Sugar (sack basis)—D. G., $5.60; XX, $5.50; beet, $5.40; Golden C, $5; extra C, $5.40; powdered, $5.50; boxes, 50 cwt., fruit or berry sugar, $5.60; boxes, 50 cwt. advance over sack basis (less ½c. if paid for in 15 days).

Coffee—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, fancy, 25@28c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Arbuckle, $16.63 cwt.; Lion, $15.88 cwt.; Colombia coffee, 14c lb; Salvador, 11½c @14½c.

Rice—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $6.25; Southern Japan, 5¾@6c; broken, 5c; head, fancy, 7½c; choice, 7c.

Sago and Tapioca—Scarce, 6¾c.

Figs—White, per pound, 6@7c; black, 6@7c.

Provisions—Hams, large, 14½c; small, 15c; picnic, 11c; boiled hams, 24c; boiled picnic, 20c; breakfast bacon, fancy, 22c; English, 16½c; dry salted short clears, 12@14c; backs, 12@13c.

Dates—Golden, 60-lb. boxes, 6@6¾c; 1-lb. packages, 8c; Fard, 15-lb. boxes, $1.40 box.

Raisins—Loose muscatels, 3-crown, 10c; 2-crown, 9½c; bleached seedless Sultanas, 10@13½c; unbleached seedless Sultanas, 8½c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $2.25; 2-crown, $2.10.

Canned Salmon—Columbia River, 1-lb. talls, $2.00; 2-lb. talls, $2.95; fancy, 1-lb. flats, $2.10; ½-lb. flats, $1.30; fancy, 1-lb. ovals, $2.85; Alaska talls, pink, 95c; red, $1.35; nominal, 2s, talls, $2.25.

Salt—Bales of 75-2s, bale, $2.25; bales of 60-3s, $2.25; bales of 40-4s, bale, $2.25; bales of 15-10s, bale, $2.25; bags, 50s, fine, ton, $17.50; bags, 50c; genuine Liverpool, ton, $20; bags, 50s, $13; 100s, ton, $12.50; R. S. V. P., 20 5-lb. cartons, $2.25; R. S. V. P., 3-lb. cartons, $1.75; Liverpool lump, per ton, $20.50.

English House Names.

House owners are sometimes rather unfortunate in their selection of names for their abodes, and in suburbia house naming is occasionally rather ludicrous. Thus "The Maples" has never a maple near, "The Rosary" only exists in imagination, "Sunnyside" is the most depressing villa residence, and houses named after the English lakes no more suggest the lake district than Fleet street suggests the Bois de Boulogne.

The Anglo-Saxon word "hyrst," signifying a forest or wood, has become "hurst" in house naming, and "wood" and "holt" have the same meaning. All house names ending with these terminations are pretty and not unsafe to choose.

It is curious to note that in Hastings and St. Leonards quite a number of houses have typically Saxon names, perhaps to commemorate the great Saxon tragedy of which the name Hastings is reminiscent.

Pomp of English Mayors.

Chichester arms its chief magistrate with a gold mounted malacca cane of office, while the mayor of Guildford carries the stick presented to the borough by Queen Elizabeth. At York both the lord mayor and lady mayoress are equipped with the silver mounted oak staves which have marked their authority for centuries. Among the official retainers of the mayor of Ripon is the municipal horn blower, who every night at 9 o'clock winds three blasts upon this aged musical instrument before the mayor's residence and again at the market cross.—London Standard.

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Bewitched by a Blond Fairy.

By LESTER ROSE.

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Under ordinary circumstances the trip across the Atlantic would have been quiet indeed. The eastbound traffic was light, and most of it went to the newer and faster boats. There were less than fourscore passengers in the first cabin, and Dorsey Adams looked forward to a long, quiet week with Nell Sommers.

For more than a year Dorsey had sought to win Nell's hand and with fair prospect of eventual success. When he heard that the family was going to Europe for the winter he planned to take the same boat, and the evident pleasure with which Nell greeted the announcement greatly cheered the anxious Adams.

But the boat had not reached the banks before the course of true love showed its customary unwillingness to move smoothly. They had, in fact, been out less than twenty-four hours when the love course began to resemble the serpentine windings of the Mississippi and evince a far greater roughness than the November seas.

Miss Sommers had spent her first night aboard in the agonies of seasickness, and it was late the next morning when a careful steward and a sympathetic stewardess helped the exhausted girl to the deck and comfortably installed her in a deck chair, where Dorsey presently found her.

Dorsey seated himself on a stool beside her chair and prepared to make himself diverting, but it was Miss Sommers who found the diversion. Against Dorsey's dark coat her sharp eyes spied a golden strand. She leaned forward to remove it, and the next moment she was holding it accusingly before his eyes, while her glance sought the sunny haired soubrette who was crossing to play the London music halls.

"You must have missed me last night, as you say," said Miss Sommers bitterly.

"But look here, Nell," declared Dorsey miserably. "I swear to you that I

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spent the whole evening in the smoking room except for a few minutes on deck just before I turned in. I was alone all the evening."

"Do not add parjury to your other offenses," said Miss Sommers coldly. "I hate a man who does not tell the truth. Therefore I hate you. Please go away."

Dorsey went, miserably enough, while Nell Sommers sank back in her steamer chair lost in her bitter thoughts. She liked Dorsey, and it cut her to the quick that he should have spent the evening flirting with the little soubrette, while she herself lay in her berth vainly wishing the ship would run aground if only the awful rolling of the vessel might stop.

Dorsey, manlike, made for the solace of the smoking room. At the head of the companionway lounged one of the men who had been engaged in a poker game the night before. Now his face was wreathed in smiles as he followed the miserable lover to the deck below.

"I see you were caught with the goods," he said, with a laugh, as he took a seat at Dorsey's table. Adams looked at him savagely.

"I wish you'd mind your own blamed business!" he growled. The stranger only smiled pleasantly.

"Don't be nasty, old man," he counseled. "I'm not trying to rub it in. I want to help you out."

There was real friendliness in the tone, and Dorsey colored as he held out his hand.

"You might go and tell her that I was here in the smoking room all last evening," he suggested. "That was the row."

"A lot of good it would do to say that," said the intruder, with a smile. "She would simply declare that I was bolstering you up in an untruth. You've got to do better than that, old chap. By the way, my name's Greyson—Ben Greyson. What's yours?"

Dorsey made reply, and over the highballs they planned a campaign. The first gun was fired at luncheon when Greyson leaned across the table and advised Dorsey that there was a hair on his coat. Dorsey carefully removed a long golden strand while he made the retort courteous and pointed out to Greyson the fact that there was a hair upon his own coat. The little soubrette at the end of the table beamed mirthfully upon the abashed men.

"I'm glad they are so long," she declared. "If it wasn't such a long one folks might think it was one of mine. Ain't it funny that I'm the only blond on board?" she ran on. "It's real blond, too," she said proudly as she shook her yellow curls.

Greyson passed her the hair he had removed from his coat. "If your hair was that long," he said, with a smile, "you could work in a museum instead of on the stage."

"Gee!" said the small soubrette admiringly. "I guess one of the 'hair tonic' sisters must be aboard. That hair's five feet if it's an inch."

"Let's ask the purser," suggested Greyson. "He knows the passenger list, and I guess he knows the blond too. There's a hair on his coat."

The purser, who was flirtatiously inclined and who had been making himself very attractive to the little soubrette, blushingly denied that there was any such person as a blond with long hair aboard, but the others at his table refused to believe his statement and kept up the joke.

The joke became a mystery when long golden hairs continued to be found on the coats of the men passengers and even occasionally on the dresses of the women. Even the gruff old captain swore softly under his breath when one of the incriminating hairs was found on his coat to the great glee of his officers, who knew him to be a woman hater of the most pronounced type.

As the days progressed the mystery deepened and in default of matters of greater moment became the chief topic of talk. Through it all Dorsey was coldly courteous to Nell, and she returned the coldness with interest.

It was not until the last day of the run that he ventured to reopen his case for a second pleading. Miss Sommers had come on deck after dinner and had sought a place in the bow where she could watch the swirling waters slip past all afoam from the impact with the prow. The clouds were breaking up after a storm, and great billows of vapor filled the sky, which rode serenely in the heavens.

So engrossed was she with her thoughts that she did not hear footsteps until a form loomed beside her and a hand lightly clasped her own.

"Am I forgiven yet for what I did not do?" asked Dorsey softly. "Believe me, Nell, I did not spend that first evening with Miss Clarence. I don't know how that hair got on my coat; honestly I don't. There seems to be some mystery to the whole affair."

"I was wrong," confessed Miss Sommers. "Do you know, Dorsey, I believe that this boat is bewitched by a blond?"

"That's it," cried Dorsey. "It must be witchcraft, and you will have to help me exorcise the spirit."

"How?" asked Miss Sommers wonderingly. "I am not versed in the casting out of spirits."

"Make me proof against their charms by marrying me," he explained. "Will you, dear?"

"I think I shall have to," said Nell softly as the moon discreetly went behind a cloud.

It was late that evening that Adams and Greyson sat together in a corner of the smoking room.

"Here's to the spirit of the blond bewitcher," said Greyson as he lifted his glass, "and here's long life and happiness to the happy pair. I'm glad that I helped to straighten out the trouble even though it did cost me my very best sample of the wonderful effects of Hairy's hair healer. It's wonderful stuff, grows hair on the baldest pate and heals wounded feelings. It was a hard job, though, to plant all those hairs without the victims finding out the trick and spoiling it all."

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