

BREAD PRICES EXPECTED TO RISE

Bakers Throughout Pacific Northwest Say Prevailing Quotations on Flour Will Compel Advance or Else Smaller Loaf.

Reports received from over the Pacific northwest today presage a general rise in the price of bread within the next few days. Heavy advances are reported on flour and bakers complain of a falling business. The single exception is Benton county, Washington, where, at Prosser, the county seat, bakers have cut the price of bread-stuffs instead of making an advance.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Prosser, Wash., April 21.—While bakers over the United States are raising the price of bread, because of the soaring prices of wheat in the markets of the world, Prosser bakers have taken an unexpected and startling step in cutting the price of bread-stuffs, and now large loaves of the finest wheat bread, made from "home grown" wheat of the Home Heaven and Eastonville districts can be secured in Prosser for 25 cents a loaf, or seven loaves for 25 cents.

When the Patton efforts on the Chicago market became noticeable, the Prosser bakery company had 150 barrels of flour on hand. The company was meeting some strenuous opposition, including the sale of bread by various grocery stores. The owners of the big bakery decided that they had a fight to make, and immediately stuck up a sign that bread was seven loaves for 25 cents.

Unaffected by Flour Advance.
That sign has not come down, and when one of the proprietors was asked today whether he would go back to the old price of 5 cents a loaf, he said: "Not for a while. The price of flour is not affecting us right now."

Moreover, other bakeries of the city, while not advertising cut prices on bread, are not raising any on their prices. As a consequence the Prosser wife is happy, for she does not have to depend on rye flour or on cheap grade wheat flour, but keeps on using the same material in her housekeeping. The bakers don't appear to fear bankruptcy.

The Prosser Flour mills, which has a large plant at this place, is heavily stocked with flour and is not raising the price of flour as rapidly as elsewhere.

Prosser, being the wheat shipping center of the Yakima valley, is also the supply point for many of the smaller towns of the Yakima valley, and large orders of bread and other bakery goods are shipped out of this point every day. The fact that Prosser prices remain unchanged, or are being lowered instead of raised, is a benefit to all these communities.

20 LOAVES FOR \$1 INSTEAD OF 22 AT ASTORIA'S BAKERY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., April 21.—There has been no concerted movement among the Astoria bakers to raise the price of bread as a result of the wheat famine, but today the Oregon Bakery, the largest in the city, announced 20 loaves for \$1 instead of 22 loaves which has been the standard number for years.

It also said the amount of flour on hand is not large and that unless a break in wheat occurs soon the bakers will have to raise prices higher.

Some housewives aver that there is already a lessening in the size of the loaves.

War Declared at Yakima.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
North Yakima, Wash., April 21.—A bread war has been instituted in North Yakima. On Saturday the bakers of the

HEALTH AUTHORITIES SAY

that put-door exercise is needed by the American people. That's all very well, but how can people with rheumatism follow that advice? The answer is in simple—use Balk's Rheumatism Lint and the rheumatism will go, leaving you as spry as a colt. Gives quick and permanent relief from rheumatism, neuralgia, lame back and all pains. Sold by Eldredge Drug Co.

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TACOMA BAKERS SAY PRESENT RATES ARE CONSUMING PROFITS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Tacoma, Wash., April 21.—Bakers of Tacoma state that the business of manufacturing bread in Tacoma at the present rates is practically profitless, most of them depending on their other products for profit and continuing bread baking because they have to hold the other trade. It is expected that concerted action will be taken in a few days and the start of the loaf reduced, or the price advanced.

BREAD WAR SEEMS IMMINENT AMONG SPOKANE BAKERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Spokane, Wash., April 21.—The larger bakeries here are well supplied with flour and declare they will not change prices. The smaller members of the Bakers' association assert they will give 24 loaves for \$1, wholesale, instead of 30.

A bread war is expected as a result, because all are members of the combine.

Salem Bakers Uncertain.

(City Journal Leased Wire.)
Salem, Or., April 21.—Though realizing that some action is imperative, the bakers of the capital city have not yet taken measures looking toward a higher price for bread-stuffs. There are four bakeries in Salem, every one of which believes steps for their own protection should be taken. None of them, it seems, wishes to take the initiative.

The belief of one that a 24 ounce loaf should be made to sell for 10 cents and three loaves for 25 cents, others are undecided whether a larger loaf should be made, or a smaller one to sell for 5 cents.

Flour Advances at Pendleton.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., April 21.—With a total advance of about 40 per cent in the price asked for flour during the past few months, and other probable advances, it is feared that bakers will either be compelled to reduce the size of the loaf or increase the price in the near future.

Pendleton people are continuing to get their customary three loaves of bread for 10 cents.

Seattle Expects Increase.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., April 21.—Either an increase in the price or a reduction in the size of bread loaves is expected as a result of a special meeting of the bakers which has been called for tonight. The flour situation in this city is acute, and leading bakers say the bread business is being carried on at a virtual loss.

15 Cent Bread at Ely.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Ely, Nev., April 21.—Bakers here have raised the price of bread to 15 cents a loaf. The increase in the price was the result of the Chicago wheat corner and the resulting high price of grain.

Smaller Loaves at Eugene.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., April 21.—Eugene bakers are considering the reducing of the size of the bread loaves. The loaves now weigh 18 ounces. The reduction will probably be three or four ounces.

PERSONAL

County Auditor Carl Brandes and Road Supervisor Chapman are both kept at home under quarantine today. In each of their families scarlet fever has appeared, and the health authorities have drawn the line around them.

United States Deputy Marshal Becker is quite seriously ill at his home on Cayuse street. It was found necessary to perform an operation for mastoiditis, an inflammation of the mastoid bone just back of the ear. He will not be able to resume his duties at the marshal's office for some time.

A. W. duBray, a powder dealer and manufacturer in Cincinnati, is in Portland meeting with Gun club men. He is a guest at the Portland Beach.

OREGON TRUST OWES \$441,510

Thomas C. Devlin, receiver of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, in a quarterly report to Judge Gantenbein of the circuit court, states that \$441,510 remained due to the depositors of the bank on March 31. The bank failed to pay depositors \$2,286,000, and when its affairs were taken over by the German-American bank it owed \$2,286,000.

Among the resources of the bank are telephone stock valued at \$108,011, the Moore lands, placed at \$193,042, and loans and discounts amounting to \$74,988. The total resources are \$491,076. The liabilities include \$16,343 in demand certificates, \$1,078 in time certificates, \$53,956 in commercial deposits, \$218,559 in savings deposits and \$27,049 owing the Central National bank of Los Angeles.

A statement of resources and liabilities of the German-American national bank on March 31 is also made by Mr. Devlin. On the side of resources are \$17,554 in loans and securities, \$143,500 in bonds, \$1,000 in real estate, \$40,000 in furniture and fixtures, \$9,841 in expense account, \$5,672 due from the Oregon Trust & Savings and \$11,747 in cash, a total of \$240,214. The liabilities include \$200,000 capital stock, \$14,264 profit and loss and \$274,988 deposits.

400 WILL TAKE OREGON CENSUS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, April 21.—The census will begin April 15, 1910. Oregon will have two supervisors and 400 enumerators. Country enumeration must be done within 30 days. In cities of 5000 or more the work may occupy two weeks.

FIFTY NEW STREET CARS ARE ORDERED

Fifty new cars for the lines of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company have been ordered shipped to Portland. Ten of these cars will be for broad gauge lines and 40 for narrow gauge lines. Vice-President E. I. Fuller of the company stated this morning.

The distinguished feature of the new cars will be their equipment with 65 horse power motors, especially by the General Electric company for use in Portland. These motors are known as the G. E. 218, and never before have motors of this size been installed in narrow gauge cars. The cars will also be set upon Brill trucks, also built especially for Portland use.

In compliance with the desires of citizens on Grand avenue that the improvements of that thoroughfare be completed before the Rose show begins, work on the track was commenced last night between Belmont and Clay streets. The Rose show organization which has been most active in having the work commenced has been taking charge of the project.

With favorable conditions the track car will be laid and the street red just before the Rose show begins. The contract for paving the section mentioned was let yesterday.

Heavy rains have completed all that remains in the installing of connections between the old work and the new at this point. The point has been laid with heavy rails and stone blocks.

J. J. JENNINGS OUT FOR COUNCIL SEAT

J. J. Jennings, a well known property owner and real estate dealer, is a candidate for councilman-at-large. Through an oversight his name was omitted from the list of candidates given in The Journal yesterday.

Mr. Jennings has been a resident of Portland for the past 29 years, and is well known in the city. He is making his campaign under the following platform:

Strive for lowest tax rate consistent with efficient business-like administration of the city.

Favor keeping Portland a clean moral city.

GRAM INCOMPETENT AS INSPECTOR

Metal Trades Council Demands State Factory Inspector's Removal.

Charging that C. H. Gram, state inspector of factories, is incompetent, members of the Metal Trades Council have written to State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff asking that Gram be removed. Gram was, before his appointment to the position of inspector of factories two years ago, a teamster, and while a labor leader, knew but little of machinery.

According to members of the Iron Trades Council, any number of mills and factories in this city are in need of protection for their men. In several deaths would have been averted had Gram followed the law in his inspection work. No charges of fraud will be preferred against him, for the labor men are of the opinion that it is only incompetency.

The charges, stating specifically defects in protection and machinery handling in local mills and factories which have been overlooked by Gram, have been filed with Labor Commissioner Hoff for some time and in a reply to the unions Hoff states that it is only the orders given Gram that are being followed by him, and so takes much of the blame upon himself.

Meanwhile the members of the Iron Trades Council are holding a conference what Hoff will do and will nothing be done this week, file charges against Gram next week.

"SHORTAGE" ONLY SIXTY DOLLARS

County Clerk Fields' "shortage" as shown by the report of A. W. Ferguson, who is inspecting the accounts of county officers, is about \$60. This is the showing of the expert's report, learned from a reliable source, exclusive, of course, of the question as to the county clerk's right to retain half of the citizenship fees and his right to draw interest on litigated money deposited with him, for which he is liable on his bond.

It is also learned that the report quotes the law on the turning into the treasury of about \$60 belonging to insane persons. This matter goes into ancient history, in the early part of Mr. Fields' service as county clerk, and the expert quotes the making of an order by the county court requiring this sum to be turned in.

As to the \$60 so called shortage, the discrepancy arises from the first year, when Mr. Fields was in office, before the policy of requiring fees for the filing of delinquent tax papers had become settled. Mr. Fields had found that his predecessor in office had sometimes collected such fees and sometimes had not, and the same irregular method was pursued for time when Mr. Fields directed that fees should be collected in every case. The \$60 or thereabouts is on filings for which collections were not made.

HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE, SAYS ONE

Mayor Harry Lane today called attention to the fact that two years ago various of the auditor office entered and whole pages of names removed from a petition similar to that which was used Monday night. The result was that the petition was thrown out of the ballot. The situation was almost the same as being ascertained by the nullification occurred while clerks in the office were checking up the names on the petition.

"I can't understand," said Mayor Lane today, "why it took so long to bring about the issuance of the warrants for the arrest of Best and Branner. There was a great delay in getting the warrants out."

UNFORTUNATE GIRL FINDS NO SHELTER

Carrie Sorrells, a deaf mute, who came to Portland from North Carolina with A. G. Williams last March, and was recently taken from Williams by the juvenile court authorities because of mistreatment, has been thrown upon the charity of the county by the discovery that she is over 15 years of age and can not make a ward of the juvenile court.

A short time ago the girl was sent to the deaf mute school, but was taken away from that institution because she was found to be feeble minded. She was then sent to the school for feeble minded children, but because she is not a resident of Oregon, now she is being sent back to Portland, and the only recourse is to place her in the county hospital.

Chief Probation Officer Teuscher has received a letter from an attorney at Asheville, N. C., representing her father, who says her father is unable to help her. He allowed her to come to Oregon with Williams because the latter is a distant relative and he trusted the man to give her the best of treatment.

BOOKLET IS ISSUED BY OREGON ELECTRIC

W. S. Barstow & Co., engineers of the Oregon Electric Railway system, have issued a handsome booklet containing photographs, maps and diagrams of the work done by the company on the lines of the Oregon Electric, as well as technical descriptions of the electrification of the line.

The most interesting part of the booklet to the public is the map of the proposed extensions of the system. It shows a line running south from Salem to Albany, Junction City, Eugene and Roseburg, completely covering the "Y" from Salem to Dallas; one from Salem to Mills City; and one from Albany to Cascadia.

The lines show a continuation of the Forest Grove line to Tillamook, a branch running from Garden Home to McMinnville, Dallas, Corvallis and joining the Eugene line at Junction City; a line from Salem to Dallas; one from Salem to Mills City; and one from Albany to Cascadia.

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