

BUTTER AND EGGS CONFINE STEADY

Rhubarb Being Exported to East and South; Onion Situation Unusual

PORTLAND, April 25.—(AP)—General butter market situation for the day appeared steady and in line with last week's general showing for cubes as well as prints. Butterfat appears fully steady.

Market for eggs continues more or less of stationary character with no change reflected in general prices. Storage receipts are still being utilized by some interests to undermill the general market.

Seemingly the immediate low point on cheese has been reached at leading American primary trade centers. The late cut of 1c by Tillamook, which was caused by the previous slashing in the eastern trade, and later followed by the entire coast appears to have created a somewhat better undertone through the trade generally with the consequent increase in demand.

General trading in the live chicken market continues steady with demand still best for heavy weight hens and broilers. Light weight hens are moving out in suitable volume but there continues more or less pressure against the broilers of this sort.

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ELECTION DINNER EVENT IS PLANNED

TURNER, April 23.—The Missionary society of the Christian church will hold its April meeting at the home of Mrs. Anna Smith Thursday afternoon, April 25.

The Methodist women will serve dinner in the Gower building on primary election day, May 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber who have resided on the H. R. Crawford farm about three years, have moved to the old George Morris place in the Battle Creek district.

A. H. Morgan, who is of the real estate division of the Carnation company, Portland, called on local dairymen Friday regarding the lease or sale of the company's local creamery plant.

Miss Mildred Bones was the inspiration Sunday for birthday dinner, served by her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Barr at her home.

The 4-H Kiever Kooking Klub assisted by the leader, Mrs. Elizabeth Ball, entertained the 4-H Friendly club and leader, Mrs. Frances Whitehead, after school Wednesday, and complimented the mothers of the two groups with a short program and a lunch was served.

Members of the entertaining club are Laverne Whitehead, Margaret Schifferer, Mildred and Leta Mae Bones, Eleanor Parks, Eloise Mills, Lois Gunning, Kathleen Sparks, Myra Johnson, Geneva Barber, Rachel Riches, Ruth Robinson, Stella Barnett.

PROGRAM, SUPPER SLATED FOR CHURCH

AMITY, April 25.—Thursday night, April 25, at 7 p. m. at the Methodist church a covered dish supper will be held, and all members of the church and friends are invited. The following program will be given:

Orchestra music; male chorus; reading by Mrs. J. Payne; solo; Rev. F. L. Cannell; cartoons; by H. J. Richter; solo; Mrs. H. Torbet; traditions, Dr. Mossman; solo; Cleo Odum; piano duet, Gertrude Cannell and Joan Abraham; old songs; hymn, "The Churches One Foundation."

A meeting of the Amity Library association will be held Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the city hall, to vote on the retention or relinquishment of the Cronk property.

A log cutting contest was held at Amity Friday afternoon, sponsored by Robertson & Payne store. Robert Patty took first prize in the cutting of the log which took him 3 minutes and 31 seconds; Ivan Shields was second.

SHARES STEADY IN DULL SESSION CROP REPORT CAUSES GRAIN RISE

Gains and Losses are Evenly Distributed in Monday Trade

NEW YORK, April 25.—(AP)—Supply and demand balanced rather nicely in today's stock market and net changes of most leaders were limited to minor fractions. Gains and losses were about evenly distributed.

It was the dulllest session since September 1, 1931, for only 641,290 shares changed hands. Whether the market felt it had discounted unfavorable action on U. S. Steel's common dividend was not clear, but rumors were disposed to await tomorrow's announcement calmly. The imminence of that event helped to restore trading.

Steel common reached a new low at 23 1/2 in the morning and was off 1/2 net at 23 1/2. American Telephone crossed par on the rally but finished unchanged. Allied chemical broke more than 3 to a new minimum. North American, Consolidated Gas, Woolworth, American Tobacco "B," Radio, Bethlehem, Westinghouse, Case, and Peoples Gas were steady to firm.

Better support for Standard of New Jersey after the stock had duplicated last week's record low of 19 1/2, seemed to reflect covering by traders who were not so sure the extra dividend would be omitted at the next directors' meeting. General Foods lost a point and B. Stiel preferred appeared more confident of a regular dividend tomorrow, rallying 2 1/2 to 83.

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General Markets

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Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—(AP)—Wheat—Open High Low Close
May 63 64 63 64
Sept. 59 59 59 59
Cash markets: wheat, big Bend Blue state 64; 50-55 lb. 63; 50-55 lb. hard winter, northern spring, western red 62.
Oats No. 2 yellow \$24.00.
Corn No. 3 yellow (K) \$22.75.
Milk: standard \$18.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—(AP)—Cattle 1400, calves 10; fully steady. Steers 600-900 lbs., good 6.25-7.00; medium 5.00-6.25; cows, 3.75-5.00; 900-1100 lbs. good 6.00-6.25; medium 5.00-6.25; calves 2.75-5.00; 1100-1300 lbs., good 6.75-6.50, medium 4.00-5.75. Hogs, 60-80 lbs., good 5.75-6.50, medium 4.50-5.75, common 3.25-4.50. Cows good 4.75-5.75, 60-80 lbs., 4.75-5.75; low cutter and culler 1.50-3.50. Bulls, yearlings excluded, good and choice (beef) 2.00-3.25; cutter, common and medium 1.00-2.00. Steers, calves, fed, good and choice 6.00-6.50; medium 4.50-6.00; cull and common 2.50-4.50. Calves 200-500 lbs., 4.00-5.00; 500-600 lbs., 4.00-5.00; 600-800 lbs., 4.00-5.00. Hogs 8000, including 250 direct to killing through; generally steady. Light lights 140-160 lbs., good and choice, 4.25-4.50; 160-180 lbs., 4.25-4.50; 180-200 lbs., 4.25-4.50. Medium weight 200-220 lbs., good and choice, 3.75-4.50; 220-240 lbs., 3.50-4.25. Heavyweights 240-280 lbs., 3.25-4.25. 290-340 lbs., 3.00-4.00. Packing sows 375-500 lbs., medium and good 2.75-3.50. Feeders 300-400 lbs., medium and good 2.00-3.50. Slaughter sheep and lambs 1200; generally steady. Spring lambs good and choice 6.00-6.50; medium 4.00-6.00. Lambs 900-1200, good and choice 5.50-6.50; medium 4.00-5.50; all weights common 3.00-4.50. Yearling weathers 90-110 lbs., medium to choice 3.50-4.00; 120-150 lbs., 1.75-2.75; all weights cull to common 1.00-1.75.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—(AP)—Butter—prints 92 score or better, 20-22c; standards, 19-21c.
Eggs—Pacific poultry producers' selling price; fresh extras, 14c; standards, 12c; mediums, 12c.
Country meats—selling price to retailers: country-killed hogs, best butchers, makes 100 lbs., 6-6c; vealers, 80 to 120 lbs., 9-9c; spring lambs, 10-15c; lamb, yearlings, 10-11c; heavy ewes, 4c; cutter ewes, 2-4c; hams, 6-6c.
Nuts—Oregon walnuts, 15-19c; peanuts, 12c lb.; Brazil, 12-14c; almonds, 15-18c; filberts, 20-22c.
Cascara bark—buying price, 1923 peat, 2 1/2c.
Eggs—nominal, 1931, 11-11 1/2c lb.; contracts, 1932, 12-12c lb.
Butterfat—direct to shippers: station, 15c; per cent delivery, 16c lb.
Live poultry—net buying price: heavy hens, colored, 4 1/2c lb., up, 15-16c; do medium, 11-12c; light hens, 10-11c; do, 12-12c lb.; colored roasters, over 3 lbs., 18-20c; old roasters, 6c; ducks, Pekin, 15c; geese, 20-22c; capons, 15c.
Onions—selling price to retailers: Oregon, 8-8.50 cental; bolters, 8-7c.
New potatoes—Texas, 32.25 for 50-lb. sack.
Potatoes—local, 90c-91.15; Parkdale, 81.25; Deschutes, 91.25-1.25; eastern Washington, 81-1.25.
Seed potatoes (certified)—earliest of 1 1/2c per early rose, 1.50 lb. Wood 1923 crop, nominal; Willamette valley, 6-8c lb.; eastern Oregon, 7-10c pound.
Hay—buying price from producer: alfalfa, 115-16.50; eastern Oregon timothy, 90c; oats and vetch, 21.

Fruits, Vegetables

PORTLAND, Ore., April 24.—(AP)—Oranges—California navel, wrapped fancy, 48-57c; choice, 32.25-2.50 box. Grapefruit—California, 22.25-2.50. Florida—California, Lemons—California, 44.50-5.25. Limes—5-6c, cartons, 33.25. Bananas—bonchons 5c; hands, 3 1/2c lb. Strawberries—24-26c 2.50 crate, 30 pints; Florida-Sacramento 20c, 24-26c 2.50. Rhubarb—Oregon, 2-2 1/2c lb. Cabernet—local, 2-3c lb.; navy crop, California, 7-8c lb. Onions—selling price to retailers: 22-25c 50-lb. sack; 22-25c 50-lb. sack; 22-25c 50-lb. sack; 22-25c 50-lb. sack. Spinach—local, 31c 50-lb. sack; California, 31c 50-lb. sack. Cauliflower—local, 75c-91.25 crate; Roseburg, 81.50-1.75 crate. Tomatoes—local, 30-40c lb. choice 25c lb.; Mexican, 25c 50-lb. sack. Lettuce—Santa Maria, 37.75 crate. Apples—California, 20-22c 50-lb. sack; Walla Walla-Kenewick 12c, 31 box.

12:30—"Commercial Trees of Oregon," L. F. Crockett.
12:35—Market reports, crops and weather forecast.
2:00—Memorial hour.
2:05—Law and the Home; "Who May Make a Legitimate Contract," Prof. J. Lloyd Lister.
2:45—Market reports and weather forecast.
7:15—Spring Flouting of Red and Alaska Clover, Prof. G. R. Hylop.
7:30—Minister John Robertson.
7:45—Science news of the week.

Salem Markets

Grade B raw 4% milk, co-op pool price, \$1.08 per hundred.
Surplus \$1.10.
Factory milk 90c.
(Milk based on March butterfat average.)
Butterfat, sweat 18c.
Butterfat, sour, 16c.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Price paid to growers by Salem buyers, April 25
Raidishes, doz., .30
Onions, doz., .50
Sweet, sack, No. 1, 5.00
Potatoes, cwt., 50 to .50
Apples, wrapped, bu., 1.00
Pears, Calif., .08
New potatoes, Calif., .05 1/2
Sukma, hot house, 70 to 1.10
Spinach, orange box, .25
Rhubarb, .02
Calif. celery, doz., .25
Mexican tomatoes, lng, .35
Calif. cabbage, .04 1/2
Asparagus, doz., 1.00
Calif. Lettuce, 2.25

EGGS

Buying Prices
Extras 13
Standards 11
Mediums 9

CHICKENS

Colored Hens 13
Medium Hens 10
Spring Chickens 14 to 17
Colored broilers 14 to 17

WHEAT AND RYE

Buying Prices
Wheat, western red, 55 to 58
White, 55 to 58
Barley, ton, top, 22.00
Oats, ton, top, 22.00
Oats and vetch, ton, 15.00 to 16.00
Clover, 15.00
Alfalfa, 2nd cutting, 16.00-16.50
Eastern Oregon, 17.00

HOPS

Top grade, 11 1/2
Lambs, 5.50
Hogs, top, 4.25
Hogs, first cuts, 05 to 05 1/2
Cows, .81 to .08
Hens, .04 to .04 1/2
Dressed hogs, .08
Wool, .08
Mohair, .10
Kid, nominal
Oid, nominal

Visible Supply Short; Corn, Oats Slump To low Record

CHICAGO, April 25.—(AP)—Rationally unfavorable crop reports from Kansas, Nebraska and southwestern Iowa did much to strengthen wheat prices late today.

A sharp decrease in the United States wheat visible supply total also was a bullish factor helping to overcome the unsettling influence of a crash in corn and oats prices to low levels unequalled in many years. Farm board rejection of all offers of private dealers for purchase of the board's surplus wheat was not generally known until after trading had ended.

Wheat closed firm at the day's top prices 1/4-1/2 above Saturday's finish, corn 3/4 off to a shade advance, oats unchanged to 1/2. Today's closing quotations: Wheat: May, 86 1/2-87; July, old 59 1/2, new 59 1/2; September, old 62 1/4, new 61 1/4; December, 66 1/2. Corn: May, 32-33 1/4; July, 34; September, 37 1/2; December, 38 1/2. Oats: May, 22 1/2; July, 22 1/2; September, 23 1/2; December, 25.

M'CLAIN HAS LOW BID ON HATCHERY

SHELBURN, April 25.—Harry Harvie was in an auto accident at Harrisburg. Harvie's car was side-swiped and two wheels smashed. W. S. McClain, brother of C. O. McClain was the lowest bidder on the fish hatchery building at Harrisburg.

M. O. Arnold is assisting his father improve his farm by putting in a new fence. Contracts for better than 2500 cords of white fir wood to be taken from the timber southeast of here, are now being filled.

Keith Wells hurt his arm while cranking a car Monday morning. Keith has had his arm broken three times so this is no unusual experience for him. Mrs. N. Crozier suffered a very severe heart attack this week.

RECENT WEATHER POOR FOR CROPS

Egg Production is Reduced Greatly Also; Winter Wheat is Damaged

Weather conditions in the United States generally were unfavorable for egg production in recent weeks, while winter wheat and southern early potatoes and peaches have been damaged, according to a report on the agricultural situation just released by Oregon State college extension service.

About 7 per cent fewer eggs were laid on April 1 this year than in 1931, the report says, owing to a reduction in hens and less than the average number of eggs laid per hen. Layings were the lowest in the past seven years on April 1, whereas from last September to February layings per hen were the highest during that period in eight years.

The government report on commercial chick hatchings in March this year indicated a reduction of about 5 per cent in the whole country and 13 per cent for the western states. Bookings for April and later deliveries were 13 per cent less than last year for the United States, and 4.6 per cent less in the western states. "Setting hen" hatchings were not reported.

"The prospect for hard red winter wheat has declined materially during the past two months, but soft winter wheat is slightly more promising than in January," the report said. "The prospect for winter wheat is especially poor in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado."

Owing to frost, southern early potatoes are expected to yield much lighter than usual, unless growing conditions should be exceptionally favorable. Prospects for southern peaches are the poorest since condition reports were started in 1924, especially in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, according to the statement.

Five Old Pastors Of Church Invited For 25th Jubilee

SILVERTON, April 25.—Eight pastors, five of whom are former pastors of the church, have been asked to take part in the 25th anniversary of the building of the First Christian church in its present location. The observance celebration will begin May 1 and continue for a week.

The eight pastors are Rev. S. E. Billington of Houston, Tex., Rev. E. L. Ford of Sedro Woolley, Wash., Rev. M. E. Kendall of McMinnville, Rev. Allyn Eason of Albany, Rev. J. A. Bennett of Silverton, Rev. C. F. Swander of Portland, Rev. D. J. Howe of Salem and Rev. Elbert Leek of Portland.

OSGOOD AT HOME

WACONDA, April 25.—Charles Osgood, who underwent an operation at the Deaconess hospital the week ago returned to his home in Salem Wednesday. Mrs. Osgood and her daughter Viola are Waconda Community club members.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

"The Official System" as Adopted by Leading Authorities By E. V. SHEPARD

Careful Play Yields Eleven Tricks

Talk all you wish about systems of bidding but a player must be able to win full value from his cards to win maximum scores. A slight slip on the declarer's part would have cost him game and a penalty on the hand shown.

♠ Q10
♥ KQJ2
♦ 8
♣ 6

♠ AK7
♥ J105
♦ A10953
♣ K6

♠ 542
♥ 73
♦ 7
♣ AQJ972

Z passed. A bid 1-Club. Thinking his hand good for game at no-trumps, if his partner could bid diamonds strong, Y was in an informative double. It was no time for B to wait. He jumped in with a demand bid of 3-Diamonds. Z passed. Fearing the heart suit at no-trumps, Y wisely carried his partner's bid to 5-Diamonds; the informative double plus his partner's jumped overall almost certainly indicated great length in diamonds, with outside weakness. Y doubled.

When your partner has made an opening bid you have an indication of what probably will be your best lead. An informative double, like a no-trump bid, calls for you to show the suit wherein you are strongest and may win one or more tricks. Z was uncertain whether he should lead a spade or a heart. Finally he led his 8 of hearts, echoing with his 2 when Y won his second trick in the suit calling for a third round. But B trumped, and he did not make the mistake of ruffing

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BUILDING PICKING UP AT WOODBURN

WOODBURN, April 25.—Build-

ing activity in Woodburn has become more active than usual lately. An announcement has been made that the Adams brothers George and Nelson, both of whom formerly lived in Woodburn, have bought a piece of property on the Pacific highway just north of the Woodburn Arch Store. They plan to build a garage and service station there. The boys are sons of C. A. Adams, well known resident here. They plan to start building operations next week. The building will be located on a lot 100 by 232 feet. Both are experienced garage men. Nelson Adams has operated a garage at Mill City for the past eight years.

A new service station and repair shop is also being built at Norton corners, on the Woodburn-Mt. Angel highway. R. W. Stevenson is doing the work.

A new house is also to be built in Young street, about a block from the highway, on property belonging to E. Courand.

Actual construction on the new machine shop and auxiliary fruit preparing room at the Ray-Brown cannery here was begun Thursday. The concrete base and floor have been laid, and the steel supports will soon be in place. The building, which will be about 140 feet long and 30 feet wide, will have sides made of corrugated iron.

Several new men have been added to the preparation crews, in anticipation of the canning season, which is fast approaching. The building is to be located on the south side of the main building, and near the east end. Besides being used for a machine shop, it will serve as a fruit preparation room during the rush season.

Concrete for the new pear ripening shed on the north side of the cannery has also been poured. That building will be completed as soon as the machine shop is finished.

TRADE FOR FARM

MONMOUTH, April 25.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nott have traded their residence property on Clay street to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sharrow for a farm at Williams. The Notts have been residents of Monmouth for many years. The Sharrows are parents of Miss Bass Sharrow, appointment bureau secretary at the Oregon Normal school. Immediate possession was given and received by each family.

Dr. Hill to Show Pictures at Club Meet, Hazel Green

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