

BUTTER STEADY; EGGS WEAKENING; POULTRY FIRM

Portland, Feb. 7.—Local produce markets as a whole were easier for the week, although actual price recessions were hardly noticeable. The greatest loss was in eggs with prices sagging from 40 cents on extras Monday to 37 cents at the close today with the market still full of soft spots. That decline was not more drastic as in other egg centers, was due to the fact that local dealers still have high price stocks on hand. As soon as these eggs are worked out, further declines are likely. Hides to country shippers are already being reduced.

The butter market is generally steady with a good movement of fancy butter while undergrades, coming into competition with storage stocks, was slow and weaker. Prints and butter fat prices are unchanged.

The cheese market is steady with leading brands moving out at full market prices. Other makes are offered at discounts.

Live poultry held steady through out the week with receipts and demand well balanced. Prices are unchanged.

Country dressed veal worked higher with choice light calves bringing 16 cents today. Choice light hogs closed steady at 15 to 15 1/2 cents.

PRUNE CLEAN UP OF OLD STOCKS LIKELY IN MARCH

With only 100 cars of prunes reported to be left in Oregon and Washington, with the sudden rising demand for prunes in the eastern markets, indications now indicate a clean up by the end of March if not before, and it is fairly possible that there may be a clean up by March 1, the time predicted some weeks ago for the last of the Oregon prunes to be sold. The only thing that now stands in the way of an immediate clean-up seems to be a dickering on the prices on various sizes. There are plenty of buyers for all the prunes there are seemingly, at prices that prevailed a few weeks ago. In some instances the prices are not such a bone of contention as the time of delivery.

Some buyers are willing to pay in rather large lots at the prices now asked, 12 1/2 cents for 30s and 3 1/2 for 40s, but they want delivery along in April or even later. Coast buyers are refusing to sell for such delivery, which would allow the buyer to speculate on the packers' money. Packers are insisting in a great many instances for delivery by March 15 which buyers are refusing just now, but the general feeling is that with the prune situation existing in New York, the buyer will give in and take immediate delivery as spot stocks in New York are said to be moving out rapidly. The New York Journal of Commerce just received, telling of the situation there four days ago, has the following interesting information as to the developments in the prune market there up to that time:

"The chief change in the spot dried fruit situation during the past week has been an increase in the jobbing and retail orders for the various packs, most noticeable in the case of prunes. Grocers are buying prunes more freely although the individual orders are usually not for large quantities. Evidently consumer outlets have begun to expand and, no doubt, have been increased of late by the big orders throughout the east, which have resulted in higher prices in retail stores. The demand for raisins for jobbing purposes has not changed, while in the case of peaches and apricots the market is more affected by shortages in supplies than by any active demand for immediate outlets.

"Prunes are the most interesting item. Quite a contrast exists between California and northwestern fruit as the former, while firm, have not been particularly active standards 42c; prime firsts 40c; firsts 38c; undergrade nominal; prints 45c; cartons 46c.

Butterfat steady, best churning cream 43c not shippers' track zone one; 45c delivered Portland.

WHEAT GOES UP; CORN IS FIRMER

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Surprising new strength developed in the wheat market today and prices rose to as much as 6 1/2 cents a bushel higher than where yesterday's avalanche of selling came to a stop. The total sales of wheat here were officially announced as having reached 125,561,000 bushels, the largest single day's trading on record in Chicago.

Export buying today was the chief basis for the renewed strength in wheat prices.

There was aggressive buying of wheat throughout the day and a good deal of reinstatement of hold bids recently sold out.

From \$1.45 a bushel for May delivery, the low point yesterday, wheat today ascended to \$1.91 1/2 and closed firm at \$1.93 1/2.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Opening wheat prices which ranged from 1/2 to 3/4 higher, May \$1.87 1/2 to \$1.88 1/2 and July \$1.50 to \$1.60, were followed by rapid fluctuations, but by much lessened volume of transactions as compared with yesterday's huge total.

After opening at 1/2 to 3/4 decline, May \$1.82 1/2 to \$1.83 1/2, the corn market rose to \$1.35 for May, but later lost most of the gain.

Oats started unchanged at 3/4 cent higher, May 40 to 40 1/2, and then made a moderate gain.

Provisions were a little easier.

The wheat close was firm, 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents net higher, May \$1.90 1/2 to \$1.91 and July \$1.62 1/2 to \$1.62 1/2.

Corn closed firm, 1/2 to 1 cent higher, May \$1.34 1/2 to \$1.34 1/2.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—First Church—Corner of Liberty and Chemeketa streets. Sunday morning services at 11 o'clock, Sunday evening at 8. Subject of lesson sermon "Spirit." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room 299 Masonic Temple open every day except holidays and Sundays from 11:15 to 2:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to our services and to our reading room.

There will be a spiritualist meeting at the McCormack hall, Sunday evening, February 8th at 7:30. The public is cordially invited. The Reverend M. J. Downes of Oregon City and Mr. Parker of Gladstone will conduct the services.

CATHOLIC—Rev. J. R. Buck, pastor, Masses at 7:30, 8:30 and high mass and sermon by the pastor, "Does the Church Wish to Make America Catholic?" at 10:30. Everyone welcome. Commencing the first Sunday of Lent, March 1, a mission to non-Catholics will be given by the Rev. Father O'Brien, O. P. Everyone both Catholic and non-Catholic are invited and special music will lend attractions to the services.

UNITARIAN—Cottage and Chemeketa streets. Rev. Martin Fereshtian, minister. Church school at 10 a. m. Graded instruction. Miles McKee, superintendent. Class for adults conducted by the minister. Lecture followed by discussion on the literature of the New Testament. Devotional services at 11 a. m. by request the minister for the subject of his sermon will take "Immortality and the End of the World." All are invited to come. Faith, Reason and Science in their influence on conceptions of immortality, will be considered. Mrs. M. Fereshtian, contralto soloist of the church will offer the aria "Rest in the Lord," from Saint Paul. Mrs. W. A. Denton at the organ. The class in psychology meets in the parsonage every Thursday evening at eight o'clock. The psychology of religion is now being studied. All are welcome.

BETHANY REFORMED—Corner of Capitol and Marion streets. Sunday school 10 a. m. and English preaching service 11 a. m. No evening service. M. Denny, minister.

for forward shipment. The large bulk of the Oregon pack has been sold by packers and probably no more than 100 cars remain unsold in Oregon and Washington, including all sizes. Advances are being demanded, while California prunes are being held for no further sale. The close liquidation of Northwestern prunes and the small differential between California will naturally cause the latter to do better.

CHURCHES

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Huth E. Ross, Sermon: The Greatness of Lincoln. Postlude: A Postlude, M. Ewing. The church that welcomes strangers.

WHEAT

Portland, Feb. 7.—Wheat bids: hard hard white \$2.10; soft white \$1.90; western white \$1.85; hard winter \$1.87; western northern spring \$1.90; western red \$1.85. Today's car receipts: wheat 83, flour 13, hay 8, corn 6, oats 2.

POULTRY AND EGGS

Portland, Feb. 7.—Eggs weak; current receipts 31c; pullets 29 @ 29 1/2; firsts 31 @ 31 1/2; henlayers 32 @ 32 1/2; delivered Portland.

Portland, Or., Feb. 7.—Poultry firm; heavy hens 22 @ 23; light 17c; springs 22 @ 24; old roosters 14c; ducks, white Pekin 20 @ 21; live turkeys 23c; dressed turkeys 22 @ 24; geese 16c.

Portland, Feb. 7.—Hens firm; new chickens 17 @ 18c; fagates 15 @ 16c; old crop nominal.

Society

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At this time Moore's Music house entertainers will furnish program numbers.

Special guests of Mrs. Campbell during the afternoon were Mrs. Sunda of Salem, Mrs. Grove of Independence, and Mrs. Bailey of Brooks. Club members present were Mrs. George Ferrell, Mrs. Al Wood, Mrs. Laeber, Mrs. Frank Wheeler, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Ralph Sturges, Mrs. F. X. Molsan, Mrs. B. F. Ramp, Mrs. George Ramp, Mrs. Howard Ramp, Mrs. Monroe Ward, Mrs. Alvie Wampler, Mrs. John Dulany, Mrs. Cecil Aahbaugh, Mrs. Arthur Madsen, Mrs. Sammy Jones, Mrs. Ellen Aspinwall, Mrs. Carl Aspinwall and the hostess, Mrs. George Campbell.

Mrs. John Dunday and Mrs. George Farrell assisted the hostess at the tea hour.

Willamette shrine No. 2, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem will hold a stated communication in the Masonic Temple at eight o'clock Tuesday evening.

Judge and Mrs. L. H. McMath left yesterday by motor for California where they will remain for several weeks.

Miss Helen Ramesden, a student at Oregon Agricultural college, and her house guest Miss Jean Vilim, are spending the week end at the C. J. Ramesden home.

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Hogs steady; receipts none; heavyweight (250 to 300 pounds) medium, good and choice \$7.75 @ 11.00; medium weight (200 to 250 lbs.) medium, good and choice \$10.50 @ 11.25; lightweight (160 to 200 lbs.) common, medium good and choice \$11.25 @ 11.50; packing hogs, smooth \$9.50 @ 10.00; packing hogs, rough \$9.00 @ 9.50; slaughter pigs (120 lbs. down) medium, good and choice \$8.00 @ 9.00; feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 120 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$8.00 @ 9.50. Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotations.

Sheep quiet; receipts none; lambs, light and heavyweights, medium to choice \$14.50 @ 16.50; heavyweight (92 pounds up) medium to prime \$13.00 @ 14.50; all weights, cull and common \$11.00 @ 14.50; yearling wethers, medium to prime \$10.50 @ 13.00; wethers (2 years old and over) medium to prime \$9.00 @ 11.00; ewes, common to choice \$8.00 @ 11.00; canner and cull \$6.00 @ 8.00. (Above quotations except lambs on shorn basis.)

POTATOES

Portland, Or., Feb. 7.—Potatoes slow with \$1.75 @ 1.85 for Oregon stock; onions slow, \$2.75 paid in country.

BUTTER AND BUTTERFAT

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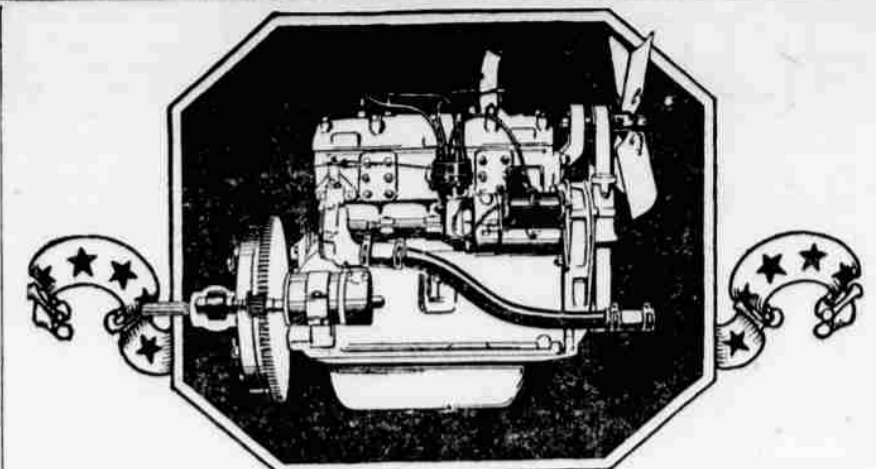
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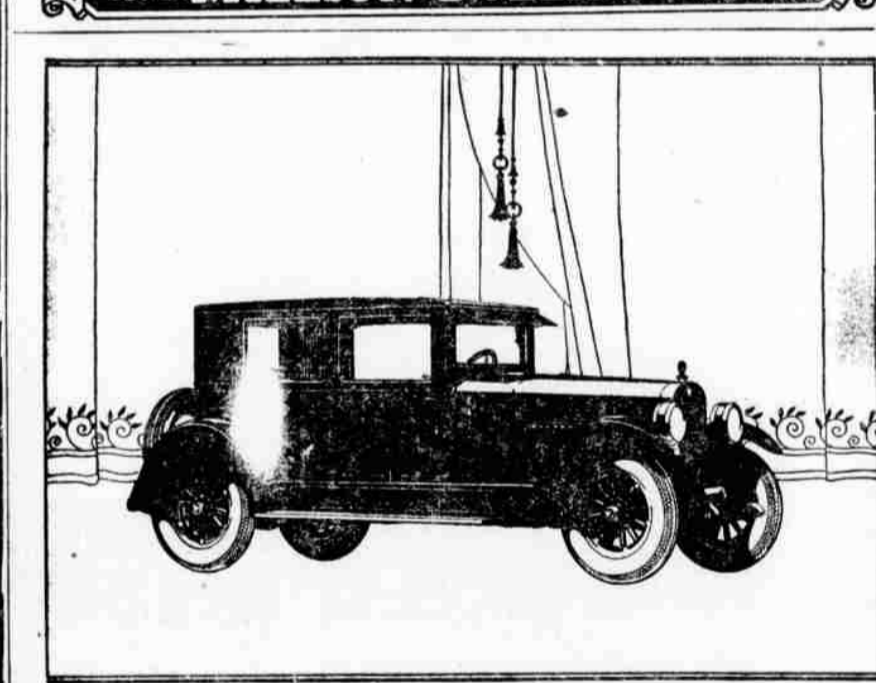
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