

WHEAT PRICES SLUMP 7 CENTS; RALLY SHORT LIVED

BREAK IN TEXAS DROUGHT CAUSE OF HEAVY SALES

Chicago, April 2—Wheat prices tumbled heading downward today six cents a bushel. May Delivery falling to \$1.43. Breaking of the drought in the southwest and was largely responsible. Four inches of rain in parts of Texas were reported.

Selling on a big scale in the wheat pit took place, the news at hand from Kansas and Nebraska as well as from Texas indicating that continued drought damage to the domestic winter crop had finally received a great check. Previously estimates of probable abandonment of wheat plantings this season had run up into millions of acres.

Right at the opening, the wheat market took a downward plunge ranging from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents a bushel. Subsequent price fluctuations were rapid with May delivery showing the most weakness. From \$1.42 1/2 however, for that month, the market rebounded more than 3 cents to \$1.45 1/2.

Indefinite reports of financial trouble in Italy tended to keep grain markets unsettled later, despite advice that rain reports from Texas had been exaggerated. The reports from Italy appeared also to have been magnified, one authority saying that they were due to nonpayment for only 12,000 bushels of wheat. Nevertheless, the earlier rally in wheat prices failed to hold and before the middle of the day new breaks in price had sent May whirling down to \$1.42 1/2, an extreme low of 7 1/2 cents since yesterday's finish.

The wheat close was nervous, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 net lower, May \$1.42 1/2 to \$1.43 and July \$1.32 1/2 to \$1.33. The bottom prices of the corn market today came just at the last. The close was heavy 5 1/2 to 6 net lower, May 35 1/2 to 39.

PRUNES MOVING FASTER IN EAST

Retailers are moving prunes fast in consumption in New York city and chain stores are putting on prune specials, according to the New York Journal of Commerce in a recent issue. This is about the only ray of hope now seen in a virtually dead market. The New York paper is commenting on the situation there as follows:

Retail distribution of dried fruits, according to wholesale grocers and jobbers, has been larger since Monday than in any similar period since the beginning of the month. Prunes are selling better at retail while the spring demand for apricots and peaches is making itself felt. Chain stores and independent grocers are making special sales of prunes, and while they are not able to make as attractive offerings as a year ago, prunes compare very favorably with other fruits which are considered as competitive. The public is changing its winter list, and prunes, like rhubarb and other products appeal to many as an excellent change from the foods formerly used during cold weather. In addition to the better consuming demand through domestic channels some export trade business has been put through during the past few days. The latter so far has had more sentimental effect than otherwise. The character of buying has not changed. Local distributors are not ready to seek coast offerings and are indifferent in most cases that they do not care to put up bids to packers. They have been sufficiently supplied to prefer to be in actual want before going to coast.

4 1/2c; prime firsts 4 1/2c; firsts 4 1/2c; second 4 1/2c; nominal.

Butterfat firm, best churning cream 46 1/2c net shipwreck track in zone 1; 46c delivered Portland.

al penitentiary at Atlanta, or that Anderson had assisted him, Anderson still is at large.

A policeman stood at Chapman's lounging shoulder while he was on the stand. The witness, Walden Miller, Chapman testified was "any man who happened to be driving" the motor car so often mentioned during the trial. "Names did not mean anything, you see," he easily explained. "Our friends change our names as easily as we change our collars."

"I don't know if that's my name," he said when Alcorn asked him if one of the automobiles in evidence was his property. "I suppose there are millions like it in the world." He freely admitted that he and Anderson had employed two ex-convicts, Tully and Tripp, in a sort of "crime syndicate" that operated in a dozen cities. "Of course we had guns and burglar tools," he said. "But these aren't my property," he told Alcorn when he showed him a sledgehammer, a safe drill and other crackmen's paraphernalia introduced in evidence as having been found in Shean's storeroom.

Shean had testified that Chapman had shipped the stuff to him from Muncie for storage.

The brief case containing thieves' tools which Shean said belonged to Chapman, really was Anderson's, witness said. Shean knew all this, he added, declaring that the man who had "turned me in" was known to a wide circle of crooks as "one of them."

In even tone, Chapman denied testimony of two witnesses, who had declared he was with Shean at the Old Colony inn, Meriden, the night of October 11.

He seemed utterly untroubled when he left the stand as Judge Jennings declared a short recess.

When court reconvened Alcorn said he was through with the cross examination and Chapman resumed the stand for re-direct examination by Groehl.

Groehl asked him how many crimes he had been accused of which later had been proven to have been committed by others.

"Five besides this one," he replied. "Five that I know of. But that's usual in my business. It got to be quite a joke between me and my friends."

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Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gillette were Mr. and Mrs. Irwin W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haverland and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haberman will entertain the club at their next meeting.

Mrs. M. M. Chapman, Miss Oda Chapman, Mrs. Kitty Graver, and Miss Emily Jeffries of Portland, left this morning for Seaside to spend the remainder of the week at the Fry cottage.

A group of the younger set were guests last night of Miss Gladys Raffety at a delightful evening of cards and dancing. High card scores were won by Miss Carrie Boudry and Paul Brown.

Guests of Miss Raffety were Miss Carrie Boudry, Miss Naomi Whalen, Miss Margaret McMahon, Miss Mildred Spang, Miss Maimi Victor, Virgil Starr, Ernest Bonesteel, Fred Stiles, Bryson Cooley, Paul Brown and Howard Zachary.

Members of the Needlecraft club met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. G. Stearns for an afternoon of sewing and social conversation. Tea was served late in the afternoon.

In the group were Mrs. J. W. LaBarre, Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. A. Gadwell, Mrs. L. Bechtel, Mrs. Lou Denison and Mrs. J. B. Ashby a special guest, and the hostess, Mr. Stearns.

Mrs. Frank Benson left today for her home in Eugene after spending several days in Salem as the house guest of Mrs. R. E. Lee Steiner.

Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Mendelsohn are entertaining their friends in their new home at 1450 Center street.

Miss Margaret Fisher will be hostess to a meeting of the Salem branch of the State Music Teachers' association in her home, 750 North Church street, next Monday evening. A regular business meeting will be held with round table discussion.

Miss Bernice Kirkwood was a charming hostess on Tuesday evening when she entertained at cards and dancing in her home. Among the card players, Miss Jane Hilpott and LaDoyt Davies were most successful.

In the group were Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Young, Mrs. Kitty Graver, Miss Priscilla Fry and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fry, Sr.

Bernice Kirkwood, Floyd Kinzer, Lowell White and LaDoyt Davies.

The regular meeting of the United Artisans will be held this evening in McCornack hall.

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Steeves returned Tuesday from a week spent in their summer home at Seaside. Mrs. Paul Morse of Vancouver, Washington, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Steeves, has been their house guest since their return.

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The woman's missionary society of the First Christian church will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the church parlor. Mrs. J. T. Hunt will conduct the devotional. Mrs. E. E. Mattin will have charge of the program and will conduct a tour of the mission stations that are conducted by the Christian churches in China. Rev. Evans will speak of the work of Dr. Macklin in China. Mrs. John O. Humphreys will tell the story of Cammie Gray of Wuhu, China, and Mrs. C. F. Doane will tell of the work at Luchowfu, Hwong Hsi Twang (Chinese Joy Balle) and tea will be served at the tea hour.

The girls of Fidelas and Bertram W. G. of the First Baptist church met in the church parlors Tuesday evening at a pot luck dinner followed by a program and social hour. Miss Lucille McClaine gave the annual guild report and Miss Ran Pennington the mission report.

The program, based on the study book, "Ming-Kwong," with the chapter on "Seven League Boots as the particular subject," was led by Miss Lavinia Belda, Miss Sylvia McIntyre, Miss Zeldia Harlan and Miss Gale McClaine.

Those present were Miss Zeldia Harlan, Miss Myrtle Murphy, Miss Hoshie Watanabe, Miss Sylvia McIntyre, Miss Lavinia Belda, Miss Clara Johnson, Miss Gale McClaine, Miss Crystal Miller, Miss Lucille McClaine, Miss Ran Pennington, Mrs. E. H. Shanko, Mrs. O. B. Neptune and Mrs. Earl Gregg.

Mrs. H. S. Posal entertained the Monday afternoon club at bridge in her home on Monday. High bridge score was won by Mrs. Arthur Moore.

In the group were Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Mrs. Anna Klein, Mrs. J. W. Lewis, Mrs. P. E. Shafer, Mrs. J. R. Pollock, Mrs. R. E. Anderson, Mrs. Arthur Moore and the hostess, Mrs. H. S. Posal.

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BUTTER AND EGG MARKETS SLUMP PRODUCTION UP

Portland, April 2—Local dairy markets are easier due to increased production as the spring season opens. Butter is especially weak, and if there continues to be an accumulation of stock here print prices will necessarily be reduced.

Cube butter is plentiful and lower on the exchange. Extras are marked down 1 1/2 cents to the 45 cent level with all other grades off a cent. The market has picked up considerably and there is plenty of cube stock now, more than enough for actual requirements.

Egg values are lower throughout the entire list. On the exchange extras, firsts and pullets declined one cent while current receipts remained steady at the 26 cent level. Extras are now posted at 30 cents; firsts at 29 cents and pullets at 27 cents.

Storage receipts are increasing and the demand is less keen. Storage activities continue but most of the operators have put away their requirements for the time being.

The cheese market is slow. Supply is plentiful with the movement about normal for this time of the year. Tillamook triplets are selling at 27 cents and loaf at 28 cents to the local jobbing trade. Mellowed triplets are quoted at 26 cents and loaf at 27 cents a pound.

Another decline in flour has been announced by local millers in all grades but family patents. Bakers blues are down 20 cents to \$3.70 a barrel. All other grades are off 40 cents a barrel. Patents remain unchanged at the \$10.29 level.

Live poultry receipts were more plentiful today but prices held steady.

Country dressed meat demands were liberal today but the demand was good and offerings well absorbed. Choice light veal selling at 16 to 16 1/2 cents; choice light hogs 18 to 18 1/2 cents.

GRAIN MARKET

Portland, April 2—Wheat bids: hard white, hard, \$1.54; hard winter \$1.53; soft white \$1.54; western white \$1.53; northern spring \$1.52; western red \$1.45. Today's car receipts: flour 1, hay 2, oats 1.

POULTRY
Portland, Or., April 2—Poultry market, firm; heavy hens 25 1/2 to 26; light 23 1/2 to 24; chickens, nominal; old roosters 16c; ducks, white pekín 25c; live turkeys 23c; dressed turkeys 33 1/2 to 36c; geese 16c.

ONIONS AND POTATOES
Portland, April 2—Onions firm \$3.25 to \$3.50 in country. Potatoes steady \$1.50 to \$1.60.

NUTS, HOPS AND CASCARA
Portland, April 2—Nuts steady; walnuts 28 to 30; filberts nominal.

Portland, April 2—Hops steady; new clusters 16 1/2 to 17c; fugates 15 1/2 to 16c; old crop nominal.

Portland, April 2—Cascara bark quiet; new per 100 lbs. per lb.; Oregon grape root 4c.

Salem Markets

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers for the guidance of Capital Journal readers. (Revised daily.)

Grains, No. 1 white wheat \$1.42; No. 1 red wheat \$1.33 (stacked).

Wheat
Meat: Top hogs 13c; sows 8 1/2 to 11c; dressed hogs 16 1/2 to 18c; top steers 6 1/2 to 7c; cows 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 to 6c; can beef cows 13 1/2 to 15 1/2 to 16c; spring lambs 9 1/2 to 10 1/2 to 11c; veal 9c; dressed veal 14 1/2 to 15c.

Poultry
Springers 35c; light hens 17 1/2 to 18c; heavy hens 21 1/2 to 22c; old roosters 16c; ducks 15 1/2 to 18c; geese 18 1/2 to 20c; dressed; live 12 1/2 to 14c; white Pekin ducks, alive 16 1/2 to 18c; India Runner ducks alive 14 1/2 to 16c.

Butterfat
Creamery butter 47c; standard 22c; select 24c; milk 22 1/2 to 23c.

Vegetables
Potatoes \$1.75 to \$1.90 cwt.; head lettuce \$2.75 to \$4.50 crates; California cabbage 3 1/2 to 4c; crate \$6.00 to \$8.50 cwt.; onions \$4.00 to \$5.00 No. 1; bolises \$1.50 cwt.; watermelons 25 to 30c; fancy 30c; spinach greens 2c pound; peas 40c; rutabagas \$2.75; parsnips 3 1/2c; Roseburg broccolis \$1.50 to 2 1/2c; sacked carrots \$4.50; local turnips 3 1/2c; California bunch vegetables; carrots 1c; beets, turnips 80c doz.; parsley 75c; radishes, green onions 60c; grape fruit \$4.00 to 4.75; cranberry local 1 1/2 to 2c; tomatoes \$5.00 to \$5.50; large sacked beets 4c; cucumbers \$1.50 to \$3.00; asparagus 12 1/2 to 15c; new telephone peas 15c; new mustard greens 2 1/2c; California strawberries 50c basket, 12 box crate, \$4.50 artichokes \$1.00 dozen; oranges, small naval \$5.00; medium \$5.75; large 36 1/2c.

CHAPMAN ON STAND COOL AND ASSURED

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repeatedly urged. "It was for him and his gang," he said. "We got it in the Pennsylvania oil fields."

The car so much discussed in the case was owned by Anderson and himself, Chapman said. The Saturday afternoon before the murder, October 11, he spent in Holyoke and Springfield, Mass., leaving the latter city about 4 o'clock for New York. He testified he went by train, he said, leaving his car in Shean's possession.

"I cannot tell you where I was all the time," he told Alcorn when the latter asked him concerning his whereabouts on certain dates.

You must remember I was a fugitive from justice and was jumping around from state to state," Chapman spoke in a musing tone and had to be warned on occasions to raise his voice that the jury might hear. He was quiet and self possessed and sat slumped down in the witness chair. His manner suggested a young man engaged in a pleasant discussion on current topics.

Concerning the South Hadley, Mass., house, frequently mentioned during the trial, Chapman said:

"Shean bought for us for a bootlegging center. It was an excellent place for just that."

Denies Aiding Escape
Chapman denied that he had helped his "buddy" "Dutch" Anderson, to escape from the federal

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