

BUTTER SHORTAGE SENDS PRICES HIGHER

BUTTER HIGHER EGGS FOLLOW GAINING CENT

Portland, May 15.—Actual shortage of good score cube butter in this market is responsible for the cent advance in prints effective today, according to local creamerymen. Prints are not only moving out liberally at the 44 cent price but the market is showing a good healthy tone at the higher level. Cartons are now quoted at 44 cents.

There was no change made in the butter fat basis as most of the creameries were already paying from one to two cents premium over the market for churning cream. It is quite likely, however, that a readjustment in cream bids will be made within the next twenty-four hours.

The advance in butter is rather unusual at this time of year but was brought about by the actual shortage of cube butter to higher markets.

On the dairy exchange standard cubes are up a half cent for the day at 40 cents. Other grades remain firm and unchanged.

All egg prices are a cent higher in the exchange except country receipts. Extras now up to 34 cents, firsts 32 cents and pullets 30 cents. Current receipts steady at 28 cents net.

Country dressed meats and poultry arrivals were light along the coast today and the market lacked activity. Trading was meager and prices generally unchanged from yesterday.

LIVESTOCK

Portland, May 15.—Cattle steady receipts 55; steers, good \$9.50; \$10.00; medium \$8.00 to \$9.50; common \$7.00 to \$8.50; canners and cutters steady, \$3.50 to \$7.00; hogs good (850 lbs. up) \$8.00 to \$8.50; common and medium, all weights \$5.50 to \$8.00; cows, good \$7.75 to \$8.50; common and medium \$5.00 to \$7.75; canners and cutters \$2.50 to \$5.00; bulla good (steer yearlings) \$4.75 to \$5.50; common to medium (canners and hogs) \$3.50 to \$4.75; calves medium to choice \$1.75 to \$2.50; down \$1.00 to \$1.50; cull and common (150 lbs. down) \$5.00 to \$8.00; medium to choice (120 to 200 lbs.) \$6.50 to \$10.00; medium to choice (120 lbs. up) \$5.00 to \$7.00; cull and common (120 lbs. up) \$3.50 to \$5.50.

Hogs steady; receipts none; heavyweight (250 to 350 pounds) medium, good and choice \$11.75 to \$12.25; medium weight (200 to 300 lbs.) medium, good and choice \$12.00 to \$12.50; lightweight (150 to 200 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$12.50 to \$13.15; light lights, common, medium, good choice \$11.00 to \$12.00; packing hogs, smooth \$10.00 to \$11.00; rough \$10.00 to \$11.00; slaughter pigs (120 lbs. down) medium, good and choice \$10.00 to \$10.50; feeder and stocker pigs (75 to 120 lbs.) common medium, good and choice \$9.00 to \$10.00.

(Soft or only hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above.)
Sheep steady; receipts 300; lambs, light and handweight, medium to choice \$7.00 to \$9.00; heavyweight (32 lbs. up) medium to prime \$7.00 to \$8.00; all weights, cull and common \$5.00 to \$8.00; spring lambs, medium to choice \$9.00 to \$11.50; spring lambs, cull and common \$5.00 to \$9.00; yearling wethers, medium to prime \$6.50 to \$8.00; wethers, 2 years old and over medium to prime \$5.00 to \$7.00; ewes, common to choice \$4.00 to \$7.00; canner and cull \$1.50 to \$4.00.

(Above quotations except spring lambs on shorn basis.)

EGGS AND BUTTER

Portland, May 15.—Eggs firm; current receipts 27; pullets 25 1/2 to 26 1/2; firsts 25 1/2 to 26 1/2; second 23 1/2 to 24 1/2; delivered Portland.

Portland, Ore., May 15.—Butter extra cubes, city, 40 1/2; standards 40c; prime firsts 39 1/2; firsts 39c; prints 43c; cartons 44c. Butterfat steady, best churning cream 10c net shippers' track in case 1, 41c delivered Portland.

PORTLAND GRAIN

Portland, May 15.—Wheat bids: hard white, bluestem, heart \$1.65; soft white, western, white, and winter, western, red \$1.55; northern spring \$1.61; hard white, B. B. \$1.75. Today's car receipts: wheat 12, flour 10, corn 2, oats 2, hay 2.

POULTRY

Portland, Ore., May 15.—Poultry steady; heavy hens 24c; light ducks 30c to 35c.

ONIONS AND POTATOES
Portland, May 15.—Onions none; \$5.25 to \$5.50 in country. Potatoes old \$2.50 to \$2.75.

NUTS, HOPS AND CASCARA
Portland, May 15.—Nuts quiet; Walnuts 23 1/2; filberts none.

Portland, May 15.—Hops steady new clusters 12 to 14c; faggles 14 to 15c; old crop nominal.

Portland, May 15.—Cascara bark quiet; new pods 7 to 8c per lb.; Oregon grape root 4c.

GOVERNMENT TO GIVE WOOL MARKET REPORT

Washington, May 15.—(By Associated Press)—Expansion of the wool market reporting service of the department of agriculture is contemplated as a result of a conference in Washington of meat and wool reporters.

Arrangements will be made to bring reports through federal crop reporters in the important wool producing countries and they will be made public at Austin, Philadelphia and possibly Chicago. The reports will be disseminated by radio and through the press to wool growers and buyers.

LONDONERS, CROWDED, NOW SLEEP IN BUNKS

London, Eng.—The demand for living space in London is so acute that bunks, one above the other, similar to those aboard ships and which fold up out of sight when not in use, have been installed in some of the newest flats in the crowded city of London, where facilities have to be taken into consideration whenever any building is being done.

From Tuxedo to Overalls



Vernon Martin, young Chicago multi-millionaire, has forsaken society life for a lowly, \$5-a-day job in a junk yard. It is estimated that he would have to work 5,000,000 days at \$5 each to double his present fortune.

WOOL MARKET IMPROVING FAST; MOHAIR DULL

Boston, May 15.—The Commercial Bulletin tomorrow will say: The improvement in the wool market, which became noticeable last week, has been continued this week and the market at the moment is more optimistic than for some time, although there are those who are inclined to regard the improvement as temporary. Conditions in the piece goods markets appear to be better.

London closed very firm on the basis of prices perhaps five to ten per cent dearer than the opening low levels. England and the continent were principal operators.

In the west buying drags. In the bright wool states, offers generally are made at 35 cents for medium and up to 40 cents for best fine clips. About the same range applies in the territory sections also.

Mohair is rather inactive here with country buying at unchanged rates.

The Commercial Bulletin will publish the following wool quotations tomorrow:

Sorted basis: California, north ern, \$1.20 to \$1.23; Oregon, eastern No. 1 staple, \$1.20 to \$1.22; fine and fine medium combing, \$1.15 to \$1.20; eastern clothing \$1.00 to \$1.05; valley No. 1, \$1.05 to \$1.10.

Mohair, best combing 75 to 80c; best carding 65 to 70c.

Warmer weather tended to ease down the corn market and oats as well. After opening unchanged to 3/4 cent lower, July 11 1/2 to 11 1/4, corn touched 11 1/4 for July.

Oats started at a shade lower to a shade higher, July 4 1/2. All months showed a little decline later.

Provisions were firmer.

Wheat closed unsteady, 1 cent lower to 3/4 cent higher, May \$1.65 1/2 and July \$1.51 1/2 to \$1.52. Corn closed heavy, 5/8 to 1 1/4 net lower, July \$1.14 1/2 to \$1.15.

RADIO SAVES ARMY \$100,000 A YEAR

Washington.—President Coolidge's economy program has found an active ally in radio which, signal corps officers say, saves the government about \$100,000 annually in communication charges.

EGG GRADING LAW IN EFFECT UPON MAY 26

By C. E. Spence, Market Agent

The state market agent is notified by the department of agriculture of California that until September 30 of this year all shipments of potatoes from Oregon to California must be accompanied by certificates, stating where they were grown and shipped from, and in case of shipments grown in and shipped from Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties the certificate must state that the potatoes were passed over a screen immediately prior to loading in the car, and placed in new or clean sacks. This order is made because of the potato beetle, of which sections of Oregon are said to be infected.

New Egg Grading Law
The last session of the state legislature passed an egg-grading law which will go into effect May 26, which is 90 days after adjournment.

The law provides that all eggs sold shall be graded into four classes. The first grade, "fresh standard," requires all eggs to weigh not less than 1 5/8 ounces, or 22 ounces to the pound. "Fresh medium," not less than 1 1/2 ounces, and not less than 19 ounces to the pound; "fresh undersized" (known as pewees) not less than 1 1/4 ounces and "undergrades" which are culled.

The law requires that the carton or container shall be stenciled with the grade of the eggs contained therein, in letters not less than one-third inch in height, when eggs are removed from original container and offered for sale in half cases or more, they shall be stamped "not candled" on the outside of the container in one inch high letters.

Commissioner J. D. Mickle of the dairy and food commission states that the most of the eggs sold will come under the first two classes, and that the others will be consumed on the ranches. He advises producers and dealers to get scales and stamps and be ready to comply with the law when it goes into effect.

Law Grows in Favor

The new potato grading and inspection law is rapidly growing in favor, as the growers and dealers realize the benefits to those who are dealing in honest packs. Those who are opposed to the law are those who are not familiar with it, or those who buy and under-grade stock and sell it for No. 1.

The state market agent states that enforcement is now being taken up with the retailers of the state and they are being warned not to buy any potatoes from growers the sacks of which are not stamped with the grade and the grower's name, and not to sell any lots of 50 pounds or more to consumers that are not so stenciled. The market agent also urges housewives to report any violations of the law.

Salem Markets

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

Wholesale Prices

Grain: No. 1 white wheat \$1.45; No. 1 red wheat \$1.45 (sacked).
Meat: Top hogs 14c; cows \$11c; dressed hogs 16c; top steers \$6 to \$7; cows \$4.00 to \$5.00; canner cows 1 1/2 up; bulls 3 1/2 to 5c; spring lambs up to 90 lbs. 14c; veal 9c; dressed veal 13c.
Poultry: Springers 30c; light hens 32c; heavy hens 35c; old roosters 6c; dressed ducks 15 to 18c.
Butterfat 41c; creamery butter 42 to 45c; eggs 22c; standards 24c; selecta 26c; milk \$2.20 cwt.
Vegetables: California new potatoes 5 1/2c; old potatoes 12 to 15c; head lettuce 12 to 15c; cabbages 10c; California 4c; crate onions 12 to 15c; spinach 6c; peppers 25c; rutabagas \$3.00; parsnips 2 1/2c; sack carrots 4.00; local turkeys 2 1/2c; California bunch vegetables: carrots 90c; beets, turnips 55c doz; parsley 25c doz; local radishes 40 to 50c; green onions 40 to 50c doz; grapefruit 15.50 to 16.50; local rhubarb 3 to 6c lb.; tomatoes 15.50; asparagus 12 doz. lb. bunches; new telephone peas 14c; new mustard greens 5c; California strawberries 50 box; Oregon, local strawberries 24 basket crate \$4.75 to \$5.00; artichokes \$1.00 dozen; oranges, small naval \$5.75 to \$7.00; no wax beans 17c; green beans 18c; wax beans \$2.50 to \$4.00; California broccoli \$5.75; pineapple \$3.50 to \$4.00 doz.

YAKIMA-PORTLAND FRUIT RATES REDUCED

Washington, May 15.—(By Associated Press)—After July 16, the interstate commerce commission ruled today railroads serving the Yakima valley may not fix a rate on vegetables and apples moving to Portland, Oregon, which exceeds by more than ten cents per hundred pounds rates on like traffic to Seattle.

The commission reached the decision after reviewing a complaint filed by Portland consignees of produce. It also was held that the general level of rates on apples to Portland would have a maximum of 35.5 cents per hundred pounds.

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