MARKET FIRM TRADING LIGHT PRICES STEADY

Portland, March 21.—(AP)—Market conditions in the Portland wholesale district were generally steady today with but light trading during the forepart of the day. Prices ranged practically the same as Saturday in all lines of country meats, poultry, butter, eggs and vegetables.

Poultry dealers started the day with their supplies pretty well cleaned up, due to a lively demand over the week end. Fancy live hens are holding their price range of from 22c@26c according to weight.

A large part of current butter and egg receipts continue to be stored by local dealers with prices firm at Saturday's relatively low figures, made in sympathy with California's lowered market.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland, Ore., Mar. 21.—(AP)—Cattle and calves fully steady; receipts, cattle 1,850.

Steers good $8.85@9.15; medium $8.25@8.60; common $6.75@8.25; canner and cutter steers $5@6.50; heifers, good $7.50@8.10; common and medium $6.25@7.50; cows, good $7.25@7.75; common and medium $5.50@6.50; low cutters and cutters $4@5.50; bulls, good, yearlings excluded, $6.50@6.85; cutters and medium; canners and bologna $5@5.50; calves, medium to choice, milk fed excluded $9@11.50; culls and common $5.50@8.50; vealers, medium and choice $10@12.00; culls and common $6.50@9.00.

Hogs, early, 10 to 15 cents lower; receipts 2,070.

Heavyweight 210-250 lbs. medium, good and choice $10@11.40; medium weight 200-210 lbs., common medium, good and choice $11.50@12.35; lightweights, 160-200 lbs., common medium, good and choice $12.50@13.25; light lights, 130-160 lbs., common, medium, good and choice $12.25@13.25; packing hogs, rough and smooth $9.50@10.50; slaughter pigs, 90-130 pounds, medium, good and choice $12.25@13.25; feeder and stocker pigs, 70-130 pounds, medium, good and choice $12@14.

Shelf of all hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotations.

Sheep and lambs fully steady; receipts 1,850.

Lambs, medium to choice $11@11.50; culls and common $8.50@11.00; yearling wethers, medium to choice $8.50@10.00; ewes, common to choice $5.00@7.50; culls $3.00@5.00.

Outside quotations based on best Mt. Adams, eastern Oregon and similar type lambs. Four valley lambs selling above $12.00.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

Portland, March 21.—(AP)—Bids to producers:

Milk, steady; best churning cream, 46c in valley, 47c in set shippers' trade in Zone One; cream delivered Portland, 55c per lb. Raw milk (4 per cent) $2.25 cwt., f.o.b. Portland.

Eggs, steady; current receipts 25c; fresh medium, 27c; fresh standard firsts, 29c; fresh standard extras, 31c.

Poultry, steady; heavy hens, 24c@28c; light hens, 20c@22c; springs, nominal; broilers, 36@45c; Pekin white ducks, 26c; colored nominal; capons, 32c@35c; dressed, 28c.

Onions—Steady; local, $2.00@$2.50.

Potatoes—Steady, $1.60@$1.65.

PORTLAND WHEAT

Portland, March 21.—(AP)—Wheat: Hard red winter, $1.32; hard white, Nineteen, heart, federation, soft white, western white, hard winter, $1.31; northern spring, $1.30; western red, $1.27. Today's car receipts: Wheat 55; flour 8; corn 5; oats 2; hay 18.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago, March 21.—(AP)—Opening at ⅛c off to ⅛c up, Chicago wheat later underwent a material decline. Corn was weak, oats steady and provisions firm, with corn starting at ¼@⅝c decline to ⅛c gain and subsequently showing a moderate general setback.

Wheat closed unsettled at the same as Saturday's finish to ⅛c higher; corn unchanged to ⅛c up; oats unchanged to ⅛c advance and provisions unchanged to a rise of 10c.

Wholesale Prices

Butter, extra cubes, 47c; standard, 44½c; prime firsts, 44c; firsts, 43c; prints, 48c; cartons, 49c.

Eggs, steady; walnuts, 27½@27½; filberts, 25c@26c; almonds, 25@27½; brazil nuts 24c@25c; Oregon chestnuts 17½@20c.

Cascara bark, nominally steady; 5c Oregon grape root, nom.

Hops, nominally steady; 1926 fuggles 25c; clusters 25c@27c; one-year contracts 24c; three year contracts 19c.

WALL STREET STOCKS

New York, March 21.—(AP)—Switching of speculative interest from industrials to rails gave today's stock market a firmer undertone. Early breaks of 1 to 5 points in a number of industrials and speculatives were substantially reduced or wiped out by the end of the third hour, but trading was rather dull on the rally.

The closing was steady; sustained buying of the railroads and accumulation of public utilities facilitated the upward trend in the last hour to which U. S. Steel and General Motors got well across 163 and 179, respectively. Commercial Solvents B touched a new peak at 21¾. Total sales approximated 1,810,000 shares.

NEW YORK FRUITS

New York, March 21.—(AP)—Evaporated apples steady; choice, 9½@10; fancy, 11½c@11½c.

Prunes, steady; Californias 6c@12c; Oregon, 9c@15c.

Apricots, steady; standard, 18½c@19c; choice, 22½c@24c; extra choice, 24c@25½c.

Peaches, steady; standard, 11c@11½c; choice, 12c@12½c; extra choice, 13c@14c.

Raisins, steady; spot 1926, 3½c@4c; 1925, nominal; Pacific coast, 1926, 3½c@3½c; Pacific coast, 1925, 3½c@3½c.

Salem Markets

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

Wholesale Prices

Grain No. 1 white $1.30; red wheat (bushel) $1.11; feed oats, 47c ton.

Meat — Top hogs, $12.25; sows, 9½c; top steers, 7c; cows, 6c; bulls, 5c@6c; 1926 lambs, 80 lbs. and under, 11c; dressed veal, 16c; dressed pigs, 18c.

Poultry—Light hens, 16c@18c; heavy hens 20@22c; springers 16@20c; roosters 8c, heavy colored fryers 18c@20c; Leghorns light, 11c.

Eggs, Pullets, 21c; standards, 27c@28c; pound, 45c.

Butterfat, 49c; cream butter 48c@49c.

Vegetables and Fruits—Bunched vegetables, beets, rutabagas, 4c; green onions, carrots, 30c; beets 60c doz. bunches, celery, $1.25; 2½ crate; new cabbage, 4c; potatoes, $1.50@$1.90; local onions, 4c; California lettuce, $2.50 crate.

VISITING SISTER

Turner, March 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnett left Friday to drive to the coast for several days visiting at the different resorts. They will visit at Garibaldi with Mr. Barnett's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Chapman. Barnett is clerk in the Robertson grocery in Turner, and Mrs. Barnett has taught several years in the Turner high school. She received her teachers' life certificate in December from the Monmouth Normal school.

Parents' Suicide Pact Solves Mystery of Body Found In Improvised Funeral Pyre

Chicago, March 21. — (AP) — Mystery surrounding the finding of a body on an improvised funeral pyre near Des Plaines river in Forest Park, was believed cleared up by discovery of the boy's mother and foster father, dead apparently in a suicide pact in their Chicago apartment.

Police and relatives found the bodies of Arthur (Jack) MacEwen, 25, a salesman, and his wife, Mrs. Helen MacKenzie MacEwen, 23, when they forced entrance to their flat. This led to the identification of the boy, whose body had been lying since Saturday night unclaimed in an undertaking establishment, as Robert MacKenzie, 11, son of Mrs. MacEwen by a former marriage. The boy's skull had been crushed.

The two tragedies were connected when police learned of a letter which MacEwen had written to his sister, Miss Cora MacEwen. The letter intimated that Billy "Bob" had been sent away because he had stolen $70 from his mother's pocketbook and added: "Helen told me she was tired of living and some of these days she would end it all for herself and Bob and me."

The missive closed with a request that if he and his wife were found dead the bodies be cremated. Worried, Miss MacEwen and her father visited the MacEwen flat to find the two bodies side by side upon couches.

A coroner's physician said death had occurred 36 hours previously, and after a post mortem gave his opinion that a swift poison had been the fatal agent. Testimony of a death pact was seen by detectives in the fact that all letters, pictures and personal documents apparently had been removed from the flat.

Absence of the boy, Robert, about the premises caused Mrs. MacEwen to connect the suicide with the mysterious slaying of a lad in Forest Park. Later, at an undertaking establishment identity was established. Vital organs of the youth will be examined for poison.

Mrs. Clara MacEwen, aged mother of the dead man, was near death today as a result of shock at learning of the tragedy.

TAX FUND IS SEGREGATED

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ellion.

Some of the road districts in particular will receive big boosts from their share of the fund. Road district 12, near Scotts Mills, will be given $4,414.59; district No. 14 near Silverton, $2,782.02; district No. 24, Union Hill, $2,165.58; No. 34, Elkhorn, $8,411.40, and No. 40, Gates and Niagara, $7,494.14.

The complete segregation among school and road districts to be benefitted is as follows:

School Districts	
No. 20, Marion	28.16
No. 21, Gates	462.85
No. 25, Silver Cliff	5.31
No. 36, Mission	5.31
No. 42, Union Hill	3.05
No. 43, Independence	144.76
No. 74, Mehama	742.68
No. 77, Stayton	68.84
No. 85, Silver Falls	805.98
No. 90, Oakdale	296.13
No. 93, Mountain View	757.13
No. 97, Crooked Finger	624.99
No. 98, Howell	7.73
No. 106, Taylor	536.38
No. 107, Hult	201.72
No. 110, Valley View	123.29
No. 114, Deer Nob	558.18
No. 115, Elkhorn	886.47
No. 116, Noble	215.04
No. 117, Niagara	193.23
No. 121, Minto	8.47
No. 122, Clear Lake	67.20
No. 132, Fox Valley	693.18
No. 133, Bridge Creek	751.74
No. 139, Aboqua Heights	
Total schools	$8,837.05

Road Districts	
No. 12	762.16
No. 14	4,414.59
No. 15½	2,782.02
No. 18	129.69
No. 23	2,165.58
No. 31	1.60
No. 32	11.92
No. 33	74.23
No. 33½	12.48
No. 34	8,411.40
No. 35	467.96
No. 40	1,494.14
No. 43	266.20
No. 57	114.40
Total roads	$27,766.92
Total	$110,300.97

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ROBBER OF SILVER

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young "booze hoisters." C. H. Libby, traffic officer at Jefferson called Frank Minto, Salem chief, today and reported that a store was entered there last night. The Jefferson job may have been a Sunday-night hangover on the same gang that pulled the Salem breaks.

The Christian Science church at Chemeketa and Liberty was broken into when the glass was removed from an entrance door. A stick pin with a small diamond was taken.

The residence of George Waters, 344 North Summer, was entered and ransacked. Nothing was reported missing. The fourth place to be entered was the Salem Fuel and Transfer company's office at 309 South High street.

HUSBAND KILLS WIFE WHILE PLAYING

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kitchen. There were two guns in the house, one an old German luger, which caused the tragedy and the other an old .44 Smith & Wesson. Each one of the couple had a gun, the husband the luger and the wife the Smith & Wesson and they were playing with them, the husband stating that they had planned on the picnic trip for some target practice and he intended to teach his wife how to handle a gun. He says he supposed both of the guns were unloaded. His suddenly discharged, the bullet entering his wife's body high on the right side, coursing through the spine and went through a rear kitchen door.

Mrs. Martin's maiden name was Lula Opal Martin. Her parents live at Mill City and the husband's mother at Grants Pass, his father in California. They were married in October 1925. She was 18 years old and he is 20.

Sheriff Bower states that Martin has a good reputation in the community. His employer at the lumber mills spoke highly of him as did the doctor and banker at Mill City. Everyone there, he stated, was satisfied the shooting was purely accidental.

STAYING AT BAKER HOME

Turner, Or., March 21.—Mrs. Roby Kiser of Salem is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Baker for a couple of weeks, during the absence of their daughter, Mrs. U. S. Talbott, who is visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Waggoner in Seattle. Mrs. Baker has been in very poor health all winter, but is slowly improving now.

Home Life In China Is Graphically Portrayed At Open House Program

Zena, Or., March 21.—Chinese home life at Suifu, 1800 miles inland up the Yangtse river, in the province of Szechuan, China, was described in an interesting manner by Mrs. Louis Randle before an audience of parents, friends and school children at the open house held at the Zena school. Mrs. Randle, who left Shanghai, China, February 17, arrived here during the first part of March and is well acquainted with her subject, having spent seven years in China with her husband in the missionary field.

In the process of leaving the interior, Mrs. Randle said they spent six days and nights on a Chinese "junk," a very small boat propelled by four oarsmen. A soldier was stationed on the end of the boat as escort, his duty being to keep off robber bands and anyone who might molest the passengers. Two other families with children followed the Randles out to safety. Some shots were fired at the three junks but none took effect.

The Chinese flag which flies only in northern China was shown. Mrs. Randle adding that the new nationalist is now beginning to fly in many places.

In visiting the home, the occupants are found to be very courteous, the hostess bowing once, and if of the older generation three times. The visitor will probably be invited into the guest room, which in many cases, is the family dining room as well. The guest is honored with a regular chair, the family sitting on benches against the wall, or on mats, if they sit at all.

Tea which is always ready in China, is served cold almost as often as hot. Chickens, dogs and pigs assist in keeping the floors clean ,the family using a coarse broom for the purpose. Very little furniture is in evidence. Magazines from foreign countries afford pictures and paper for decorating the walls. The people are very fond of pictures and also consider the printing useful as an ornament to the rooms. Picture cards are especially popular.

Where the family altar once held its place in the room of Christian Chinese, now hangs the Ten Commandments. An image, not worshipped, common in all homes, is a laughing Buddah, which is the symbol of plenty and happiness. An old vase or two, or an old yellowed scroll, is sometimes found.

Kitchen utensils generally consist of a large knife used in cutting vegetables, a wooden bucket with a wooden cover used for steaming rice and a water jar. Bowls, teacups with covers and chopsticks make up the serving dishes. Coffee was served to Mr. and Mrs. Randle in one home, the Chinese family considering it quite a novelty and an accomplishment to be able to do it. The kitchen stove is made of wood and lime, the wood is burned altogether. No stove is used in the house for maintaining room warmth. When the occupants become cold, they don more cotton clothing. They are just beginning to wear woolen clothing.

A hand warmer was exhibited by Mrs. Randle. These are made of different materials and contain broken dried fern stems which are burned. In cold weather the Chinese sit about holding the warmers in their hands or sitting on them.

Somewhere in the house is a mill used for grinding. Corn and beans are ground and fed to the cow. Chinese people are beginning to use cow's milk in the winter, but not at all in the summer. Sometimes milk is adulterated with water and bean curd which can be detected when it is steamed. If the buyer accuses the milk man of doing this, he generally insists that a recent heavy rain accounts for the poor quality of the milk. If a calf dies, the cow is turned out to pasture because she will quit giving milk. The calf is skinned and if the cow licks the skin accepting it as her self, her milk will come again. When asked if this was a Chinese tradition, Mrs. Randle said it is an actual fact. From 10 to 15 cups of milk (about a gallon and a half) is an average for each cow's daily production. Cows are used as work animals. Every drop of milk used is steamed and all water is boiled before being used, said Mrs. Randle.

Cash paper which is put on the door at New Year's was shown, also Chinese door gods. They are supposed to bring good luck and happiness and are symbols of plenty.

Styles in clothing and hats change frequently, according to Mrs. Randle. Chinese women are now wearing wide shot trousers and shot sleeves. Plain black hats are worn for every day use. Tight fitting caps are worn. A Chinese customs is that of always having a hat for each new baby. A baby's bib was exhibited, also a wind bonnet. The Chinese are afraid of wind and rain and are very careful to avoid going out in it when possible.

A miniature Chinese bed with its set of heavy material which is closed up at night as a protection against mosquitos and rats stood on a table before Mrs. Randle. She showed how the mats, covers and round pillows are used. Chinese boy babies' heads are shaved, excepting one small spot somewhere on the head where the hair is allowed to grow and is braided. Cues are not worn now except by a few of the older generation, who wind them tightly about their heads and wear close fitting cloth caps over all.

Various Chinese toys were shown. Little girls learn sewing very young and help their mothers make shoes. Needlecases, calendars, a money belt, a large square cloth in which articles are carried on the street, which Mrs. Randle called a "napkin" were exhibited also. Baskets are not used much, she said.

In the spring children go to school very early, sometimes being heard singing their daily lessons off at 5 o'clock. They go home for breakfast about 9 o'clock and return to their school work again after it is over.

When leaving, guests do not turn and go out, but stepping backwards, bowing, insist to the hostess that she remain seated and not to accompany them to the door, but she always goes with them and asks them to come again.

Just before Mrs. Randle's talk, her little daughter Lois, gave two Chinese selections.

The school program consisted of a song by the school, recitations by Emmet Johnson, Elaine Worthington, Kenneth Hunt, and June Worthington, vocal solo by Wilma Crawford, a talk by Jesse Walling, song by the primary grades, reasons for celebrating St. Patrick's day by Verna Smith, how April Fool's day came about by Harold French, a piano duet by Hilda and Frank Crawford, an Irish skit originated and played by the seventh grade pupils, and the song "Wearin' o' the Green" by the entire school.

The social hour which followed the program carried with its refreshments also featuring St. Patrick's day in caps and aprons worn by the school girls serving.

Mrs. Wayne Henry, who teaches the four upper grades was in charge of the program. Miss Margaret Wiens, teacher of the primary grades assisted. Regular school work was explained and art work on exhibition received much favorable comment.

FRANCE WARNS JUGO SLAVS IN

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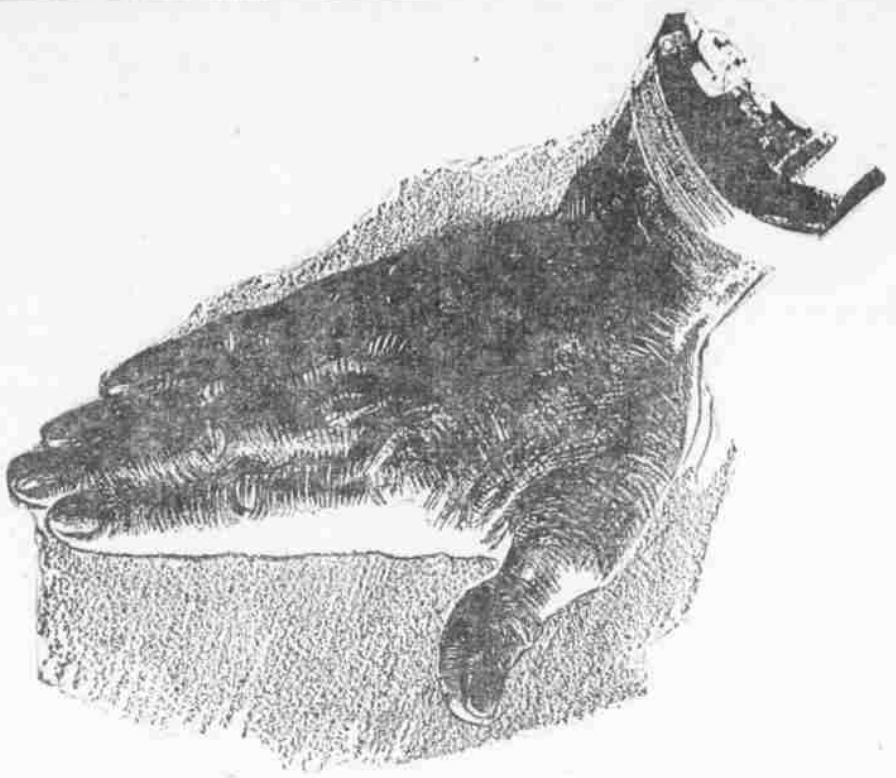
that Germany has an opportunity to play a leading role in the peaceful settlement of a dangerous conflict and using his position as president of the league council, is understood to have taken the initiative with this end in view. The German ambassador, Herr Von Hoesch, called at the French foreign office yesterday and in the absence of Foreign Secretary Briand, had a long conference with the secretary, M. Berthelot. It is generally supposed he sounded him to obtain the French government's view as to the advisability of summoning the council.

Geneva, Switzerland, March 21.—(AP)—Tension in the Balkans today caused a stir in league of nations circles as the league's preparatory commission assembled to discuss preliminary plans for an international disarmament conference.

Advices from Rome the last few days have told of the mobilization of Jugo-Slavia troops along the Albanian border, and while Italian newspapers have gone into details alleging warlike intentions on the part of Jugo-Slavia, nothing official has been announced by the Rome government.

The Belgrade government and the Jugo-Slavia representatives in the several European capitals have vehemently denied military preparations except the usual defense against frontier incidents. The Jugo-Slav agency at Belgrade has referred to the reports as pure inventions, saying that Jugo-Slavia is desirous for peace.



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North Pacific section, will leave Portland Thursday to attend the Washington conference.

What American universities are doing to equip women for their enlarging tasks; what progress women are making in business and other fields; what they are doing in shaping and maintaining educational standards and in promoting international understanding, are some of the general questions which will be reported on by prominent educators and university women who will attend the meeting. Recommendations looking to the adoption of a national legislative program covering problems in which women have direct interest, also will be discussed.

Diplomatic representatives of foreign governments will be guests of the association at the international dinner, April 1, when addresses will be given on international cooperation by a number of foreign women. Mrs. Herbert Hoover is honorary chairman, and Mrs. John J. O'Connor, chairman of the headquarters committee, which is making arrangements for the convention.—Oregon Journal.

The Valley View club will meet on Thursday afternoon of this week at the home of Mrs. Chester Fisher on the Orchard Heights road.