BUTTER FIRM EGGS STEADY SPUDS WEAKER

Portland, April 21.—(AP)—Demand for butter and eggs coming through the local wholesale market continues good and prices today are firm with yesterday's quotations on all grades. Eight hundred forty additional cases of eggs were stored yesterday, bringing the total local holdings to 34,609 cases. Butter storage stood at 5,724 cubes at the beginning of the day.

Trade and prices in fresh country dressed meats were steady and unchanged generally in today's early trading. Poultry trade was also steady except broilers showed a weakness to 25 cents per pound for medium choice offerings.

With the increasing supply of new potatoes coming into the local market consumption demand for old stocks seems to be declining and the light movement reflects a weaker feeling in most quarters.

Prices to retailers in yesterday's trade ranged as follows per cwt.: Oregon Burbanks No. 1 2.75@3.00; combination grade $2.25; Netted Gems, bakers 3.50@3.75; combination grade $2.50@2.75; new crop: Texas Giants, 6c@8c per lb.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland, April 21.—(AP)—Cattle, slow; receipts, cattle, 225; calves, 25.

Steers, good $10.00@10.50; medium $9.00@10.00; common $7.50@8.00; cows and cutter steers $6.50@7.50; heifers, good $8.00@9.25; common and medium, $6.25@8.00 cows, good $7.50@ 8.00; common and medium $5.50@7.50; low cutters and cutters $3.00@5.50; bulls good (yearlings excluded) $6.25@6.50; cutters and medium (canners and bologna) $5.00@6.25; calves, medium to choice (milkfed excluded) $8.00@11.00; culls and common $5.50@8.00; vealers, medium and choice $11.50@12.50; culls and common $6.50@11.50.

Hogs, steady; receipts, 425.

Heavyweights, 250-350 lbs., medium, good and choice $10.00@11.25; medium weight 200-250 lbs., common, medium, good and good, and choice $10.00@11.75; lightweights 160-200 lbs., common, medium, good and choice $10.40@11.40; light lights 130-160 lbs., common, medium, good and choice $11.50@11.85; packing hogs, rough and smooth $9.50@9.75; slaughter pigs, 90-130 lbs., medium, good and choice, $11.25@11.85; feeder and stocker pigs, 70-130 lbs., medium, good and choice, $11.10@ $12.25.

(Belt or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded from above quotations).

Sheep, fully steady; receipts none.

Lambs, medium to choice $13.50@13.50; culls and common $9.00@11.50; lambs, spring, medium to choice 84 lbs., down $14.00@15.00; yearling wethers, medium to choice $9.50@11.00; ewes, common to choice $5.00@6.50; culls, $3.00@5.00.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

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

Milk, steady; best churning cream to valley 40c; delivered Portland, 42c per lb. Raw milk (4 per cent) $2.20 cwt. f.o.b. Portland.

Eggs, steady; current receipts 25c; fresh medium, 26c; fresh standard firsts, 29c; fresh standard extras, 32c.

Poultry, steady; heavy hens, 25c@26c; light hens, 20c@21c; springs, nominal; broilers, 29c@27c; Pekin white ducks, 20c colored, nominal.

Onions—Steady; local, $1.50@1.65.

Potatoes—Steady, $1.50@1.85.

Hops—1926 contracts, 25c; clusters, 21c@ 23c; one year contracts, 30c; two year contracts 19c.

Grapes 1926—Nominal.

Cascara bark—Nominal, 6c pound.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago, April 21.—(AP)—Opening at 1/4c@1¼c advance, wheat scored decided further gains. Corn, oats and provisions were also firmer, corn starting ½c@¾c higher and continuing to point upward.

Wheat closed firm, 1½c@2¼c net higher; corn ¼c@¾c off to ½c@¾c up; oats ¼c@¾c down and provisions varying from 20c decline to a rise of 5c.

PORTLAND WHEAT

Portland, April 21.—(AP)—Wheat: Bids hard white, $1.40; hard white, bluestem, basis $1.38; federation, soft white, western white, hard winter, $1.35; northern spring $1.35; western red, $1.32. Today's car receipts: Wheat 30, barley 2, flour 12, corn 3, oats 3.

Wholesale Prices

Butter, extra cubes, city, 42½c; standards, 42c; prime firsts, 41½c; firsts, 40c; prints, 45c; cartons, 46c.

Nuts, steady; walnuts, 27c@32c; filberts, 13c@24c; almonds, 24c@26c; brazil nuts 14c@16c; Oregon chestnuts 17½c@ 20c.

WALL STREET STOCKS

New York, April 21.—(AP)—Stock prices turned strong after an early period of irregularity in today's market, with major speculative operations for the advance shifting from the industrials to the rails.

Kelly Springfield was bid up to another new peak, but bullish enthusiasm for the rubbers waned considerably.

The closing was strong. The upward movement derived renewed impetus in the final hour from enormous buying of General Motors which soared to a new record at 182. A block of 18,400 shares was bought at 180, another of 5,500 at 181 and one of 5,000 at 182. DuPont jumped 3 points to 232, a new top, and Commercial Solvents B soared over 12 points. Total sales approximated 2,000,000 shares.

NEW YORK FRUITS

New York, April 21.—(AP)—Evaporated apples steady; choice 8c@10½c; fancy 10½c@11½c.

Prunes, steady; Californias 6c@10½c; Oregons, 8c@12c.

Apricots, steady; standard, 19c@20c; choice, 22c@23½c; extra choice, 23c@ 24½c.

Peaches, steady; standard, 9½c@10c, choice, 10½c@11c; extra choice, 11½c@ 12c.

Raisins, steady; state 1926, 5½c@6½c; state, 1925, nominal; Pacific coast, 1926, 7½c@8½c. Pacific coast 1925, 35c@22c.

GIRARDEN SALE SUCCESSFUL

Turner, April 21.—The sale of dairy cattle conducted by Lawrence Girarden at his place north of town was reported to have been well attended. Prices for cows soared in the bidding, one attaining the high mark of $126. All cows in the sale brought fairly high prices.

INDUSTRY INJURED

Auburn, April 21.—The cold winds and late spring this year are working a hardship in the raising of baby chicks. It is belived the cold spell last winter also lessened the vitality of the laying hens and consequently the chicks.

PLANTING BEANS

Auburn, April 21—N. A. Newbill has rented his ranch here to A. Gillmore, who has a three-year lease, and is setting out several acres of strawberries.

Salem Markets

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

Wholesale Prices

Grain: No. 1 white $1.23; red wheat (sacked) $1.30; feed oats $2c cwt.

Meat — Top hogs, 7½c; ewes 3½c; top steers, 7c; cows, 6c; bulls, 3c@ 5c; 1927 spring lambs, 10-lbs., and under, 17c; 4cp live veal 10@9c; dressed veal, 17c; dressed pork, 16c.

Poultry—Light hens 18@20c, heavy ens 24@25c; roosters 8c; heavy stags, 4c@16c; leghorns, springs, 20c@25c; broilers, 25c@30.

Eggs, Pullets, 26c; standards, 28c; pound, 10c.

Butterfat, 43c; cream butter, 44c@45c; Vegetables and Fruits—Market vegetables, beets 2c; rutabagas 4c; green onions, beets, radishes, turnips, carrots, 60c; bunches celery, 75c@$2.25; 1½ crate; new rabbage, 3½c; potatoes, $1.50@2.50; local onions, 4½c@5c; California lettuce, $2.50 crate; California strawberries $3.50 crate.

Mohair, 45c; kid mohair, 37c.

Valley wool, 31c.

JERSEY FAIR DATES CHANGED FOR VALLEY

Dates for the district Jersey fairs in the Willamette valley preceding the first annual Jersey state fair to be held at the fair grounds in Salem on May 28 have been rescheduled and the following program will hold, according to an announcement made today by E. A. Rhoton.

Lane county Jersey owners will have a picnic near Eugene on May 20, and Washington county will have a picnic May 21, the next day. District or county shows will be held at McMinnville for Yamhill county on May 23, Albany for Linn county on May 24, Independence for Polk on May 25, Salem for Marion county on May 26, and Canby for Clackamas county on May 27.

The first prize Jersey cattle from each of these shows or meetings will be eligible to compete at the state Jersey fair here on May 28. District shows, called Jersey jubilees, have been held before, but never since the Jersey breeders and owners first organized have they had a state championship fair before. The Oregon Jersey cattle club was first organized in Salem with W. K. Taylor of Corvallis as president and the late C. N. McArthur as one of the active members. McArthur suggested the name Jersey Jubilee for the county Jersey shows and the idea spread to all Jersey clubs, and later to clubs organized for other breeds, as the Holstein, Hilarities and the Guernsey Galeties.

The fairs here are similar to those held on the island of Jersey, the original home of the Jersey cow. In that small island they have parish fairs and the winners there are eligible to enter the all-Jersey show. Here the country fairs correspond to the parish shows and the all-Oregon Jersey fair to the big fair on the island.

The Jersey cow has a stronghold in the Willamette valley. The world's record cow, Vive La France, made her debut here 12 years ago in the Pickard brothers' herd. Three years ago from the same herd Darling's Lassie set the greatest record of any time for any Jersey cow by producing 1141 pounds of butterfat in a year. This cow is now eight years old, and her mother, 16 years old is still producing. Darling's Dolly Lassie will be sold with all the other Jerseys of the Pickard herd at auction on June 21. The Pickard brothers are retiring from business.

1000 STUDENTS IN STRIKE FOR TEACHER

Superior, Wis., April 21.—(AP)—Central high school's student strike, precipitated by the dismissal of Miss Lulu J. Dickson, veteran member of the teaching staff, finished its third week today with opposing factions apparently at greater odds than ever.

One thousand strikers and their parents at a mass meeting last night voted unanimously for an "orderly continuance" of the strike. Several speakers attacked the school board, Superintendent Paul R. Spencer and Mayor Fred A. Baxter for their attitude, and charged that politics had been playing football with the schools.

CHERRY CROP UNDAMAGED BY RECENT FROST

The cherry crop in this section has not been seriously hurt despite the recent cold snap, Paul Traglio, owner of 28 acres of cherries in Polk county, said today. "I have inspected my orchard closely and have also just been through the cherry orchards in the Liberty district and it is my opinion that the cold spell has done this year's crop more good than harm.

"There were too many buds on the trees anyway, and the cold has frozen a few of them here and there on some of the trees that I have seen. I have heard a great many predictions that this year's crop has been seriously damaged by cold, but in any case it will not be possible to check on the results of the cold spell until a week has elapsed. By that time the frozen buds can be fairly seen and an estimate of damage made that will be reasonably accurate."

Traglio says he believes from recent visits to the principal strawberry districts that the first strawberries will reach Salem this year from Lebanon district between the 15th and 22nd of May.

SALE OF COWS FAST CRIPPLING DAIRY FARMING

Unless farmers of Marion county take an immediate change in their attitude toward dairying there will be a marked decrease in the number of dairy cows in the county at the close of this year as compared to last year, according to a statement made by Ivan Stewart, of the farm information department of the Charles R. Archerd Implement company.

"California and Washington buyers have been very active during the past few months and this factor, together with a more or less general feeling on part of the farmers that there is too much work in connection with dairying, are having their influence on the situation," stated Mr. Stewart. "Farmers feel in many cases they cannot afford to hire labor in competition with other industries."

Mr. Stewart made these statements after making a careful survey on condition of Marion county farms.

"We think of the dairying industry as an inherent birthright in Marion county, and as the major enterprise in our diversified program. If it is on the decline as certain indications manifest, it is a very serious problem and is a situation which calls for the pooling of energies and of wisdom, as well as for a unity of between farmers and business men."

Continuing Stewart said:

"Salem business men are vitally concerned about the thoughts which are turning over in the mind of a good Salem prairie farmer, who is milking 18 cows, as to whether he will sell the entire herd because there is too much work and not enough money in it. When this farmer was asked what he would do if he should sell the herd, he stated that he would hire out most of the time. To give up the cows and hire out most of the time means to sink back into the ruts of a one crop system and to do more farming which robs the soil of its humus and plant food and in the end leaves it unproductive and dead.

"In the unity of counsel proposition between farmers and business men in town, it sometimes strikes us that instead of everybody offering suggestions and undertaking to build farm products up, that some real effort should be confined in an attempt to bring the price of other commodities down which the farmer buys, and incidentally to equalize some of that almost $3 per acre tax burden which the farmer with the 18 cows has to pay. And in regard to the farmer, if he is to compete with the eastern Oregon dairymen he must adopt business methods in carrying on his affairs. The farm may be earning about all that it can, and still there may be a chance to improve the available income by cutting down on the fixed expense. Can feed bills be cut out by more economical rations; or by growing more and better leguminous feeds on the farm? Can wastes be averted by getting rid of boarder cows? Can hired labor be reduced by the use of machinery or by better planning of work? What about the future? Isn't it a mighty good plan to start raising good heifer calves when indications point toward a decrease in dairy cows during the coming year."

TEST ARRANGED FOR LODGE WOMEN

Silverton, April 21.—Tuesday evening was the last of a series of four meetings of the Silverton Pythian Sisters Temple at which they are holding an attendance contest with Mrs. Elmer Olsen appointed on one side and Mrs. Carl Spechton on the other. The loosing side will have to furnish a banquet for the whole Temple. Much interest is being shown.

WILL TAKE TESTS

Hazel Green, April 21.—A number of the children will be taken to the Marion county clinic Friday morning for the honor roll test.

CASWELL INJURED

Hazel Green, April 21.—Lon Caswell suffered ten broken ribs when his car turned over on the Silverton-Salem highway last Friday. He is in the Salem hospital.

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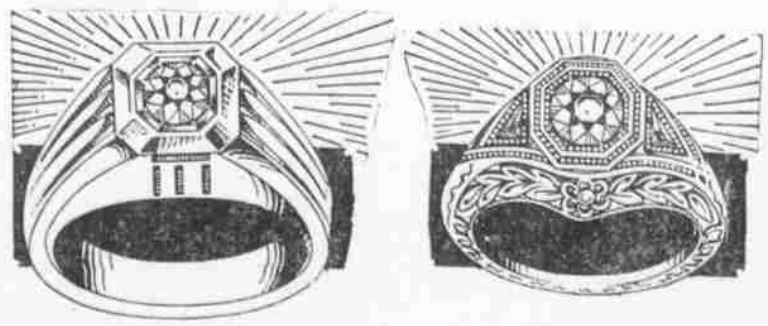
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