

EGGS EASIER; BUTTER LOWER; POULTRY FIRM

Portland, Ore., March 21 (AP)—All grades of butter were quoted half cent lower on local markets today reflecting a slight falling off in demand from Seattle. Receipts yesterday were reported at 18,553 pounds.

An easier tone prevailed in the egg division also, medium extras and medium firsts both dropping a cent to 20 cents and 18 cents respectively. Receipts were heavy with 97,565 cases reported in storage, an increase of 738 cases for the day.

A shipment of 25,000 cases of eggs is being loaded at Seattle this week for shipment to Argentina, it is reported, which is tending to stiffen Seattle prices somewhat.

Receipts of veal were heavy on the country dressed meat market but prices were not notably lower although an easier feeling was noticeable.

Old potatoes were moving slowly today at steady prices with local markets rather heavily stocked.

Portland Livestock. Mar. 21 (AP)—Cattle and calves steady. Receipts: Cattle, none; calves, none.

Steady. 1100 to 1200 pounds good \$11 to \$12; do 850 to 1000 pounds, good, \$11.25 to \$11.50; do 800 pounds and up, medium \$9.75 to \$11.25; do common \$8.25 to \$9.75; heifers \$9.00 down, good, \$10.25 to \$10.75; do common to medium \$9.00 to \$10.25; cows, good \$9.25 to \$9.75; do common to medium \$8.25; do low cutters to cullers, \$5.50; bulls, yearlings excluded, good \$6.75 to \$7.50; do culler to medium, \$5 to \$7; calves 300 pounds, town, medium to choice \$10 to \$12; do full to cow, men, \$8 to \$10; weaners, milk fed, good to choice \$12 to \$15; do medium \$11 to \$13; do cull to common, \$8.50 to \$11.00.

Heavy weight, 200 to 250 pounds, medium to choice \$7.50 to \$9.00; medium weight, 150 to 200 pounds, medium to choice \$6.75 to \$8.25; light weight, 100 to 150 pounds, medium to choice \$5.75 to \$7.25; slaughter pigs, 90 to 130 pounds, medium to choice \$8.18 to \$9.00; feeder and stocker pigs 70 to 100 pounds, medium to choice, \$7.75 to \$8.75.

Sheep and lambs steady. Receipts, none. Lambs, 44 pounds down, good to choice \$11 to \$12; do all weights, cull to common \$9 to \$11; yearling weaners \$8 to \$10; down, medium \$6; choice \$9 to \$11; ewes, 120 pounds down, medium to choice \$7 to \$8; do 120 to 150 pounds, medium to choice \$6 to \$7; do all weights, cull to common, \$5 to \$6.

Portland Wheat. Mar. 21 (AP)—Wheat: Hard white, \$1.50; hard white blonder, \$1.55; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.35; western red \$1.22.

Chicago Grain. Chicago, Mar. 21 (AP)—Opening: No. 2 white, 100 lbs. 1.00; No. 2 white, 90 lbs. 95c; No. 2 white, 80 lbs. 90c; No. 2 white, 70 lbs. 85c; No. 2 white, 60 lbs. 80c; No. 2 white, 50 lbs. 75c; No. 2 white, 40 lbs. 70c; No. 2 white, 30 lbs. 65c; No. 2 white, 20 lbs. 60c; No. 2 white, 10 lbs. 55c.

Portland Produce. Portland, Ore., Mar. 21 (AP)—Wholesale: Butter: Extra cubes, 44 lbs. standard 44c; extra firsts 44c; firsts 44c; creamery price 36 above cash standard butter 42c; No. 1, 40c; No. 2, 38c.

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Professor Von Eschen Called Down For Remarks Upon Retting Of Flax

Remarks made to the chamber of commerce Monday by Prof. Florian von Eschen of Willamette university to the effect that the flax industry cannot hope to prosper until a different retting system is used caused inquiry to be made by the Capital Journal.

The professor told the chamber that the best quality of flax fiber cannot be obtained when flax grown in the valleys and on the hillside is retted together without regard to ripeness.

Inquiry at the state flax plant reveals that Professor von Eschen has never visited the plant or made any inquiry about how the flax is handled.

In answer to questions officials of the flax industry said that the flax is segregated and graded several times before it reaches the retting process. The flax grown on every farm is segregated from that of every other farm. Not only that but the flax grown on the bottom

lands is segregated from that grown on the uplands. After this segregation is completed the flax is then divided into three grades. The flax of every farm is allotted a certain bent in the speed, and it is retted separately from all other flax and according to grade.

Improvement of the state plant continues. Four new retting tanks are now being completed, which will make a total of 17 tanks with a capacity of 120 tons.

The state has in this year 16 acres of flax for experimental purposes, 5 1/2 acres on the Cottage farm road, 5 1/2 acres on the Dallas-Salem highway and 5 1/2 acres on the Pacific highway near Brooks. The soils used are all in an average state of fertility, and certain formulae that have been used successfully outside the United States are being used.

Another experiment is a reserve of 135 tons of flax in the sheds which will be checked in every operation to ascertain the exact cost of production and manufacture.

DAIRY PRICES UNDER PROBE

Portland, Ore., March 21 (AP)—As a result of the recent upheaval in the dairy exchange here, practices of wholesale dealers in dairy produce have been carefully scrutinized by a committee of the exchange.

Several recommendations were included in the report of the committee which was made at the exchange session late yesterday, chief of which was that resale prices of eggs be fixed at 2 cents per dozen loose and 3 cents per dozen if packed in cartons over closing prices at exchange sessions.

A committee was named to call on J. D. Mickel, Oregon dairy and food commissioner, to plead for close enforcement of state laws regarding egg grading. Some dealers have been paying little attention to grading.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CARAVAN COMING. San Francisco, Mar. 21 (AP)—The board of supervisors of San Francisco today announced appointment of five of its members to represent the city and county on the Redwood Empire caravan through California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

The caravan will start from here April 25. Supervisor Milo F. Kent selected the committee and may go himself. It is expected 100 automobiles will make up the caravan which will be a good-will tour.

DRIED FRUIT. New York, Mar. 21 (AP)—Evaporated apples, extra choice, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c; fancy 1 3/4 to 1 1/2c. Prunes steady; California, 4 1/2 to 5 1/4c; Oregon 4 1/2 to 5 1/4c.

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school superintendent were as follows: the 1927 county apportionment, \$161,730; the 1927 state apportionment, \$45,249.88; forest rentals, \$979.78; elementary school fund \$62 state valuation, \$96,857.72.

The sheriff's office collected \$5796 in fees during the year. The tax roll for the year was \$1,918,822.24 of which all but \$135,201.55 was collected according to the audit of the sheriff's books.

The total amount of 1925 taxes delinquent at the beginning of the year was \$20,774.31. At the beginning of the year 1925 taxes delinquent totalled \$106,073.70. The 1924 delinquent tax amount was also decreased by more than \$5000 during the year.

Some idea of the work which Marion county has done in its roads and highways during the last year is gleaned from the figures on the amount of warrants issued from the clerk's office. Road and highway warrants issued totalled \$629,047.71. General fund warrants totalled \$108,122.23.

Marion county market road bonds outstanding on January 1 totalled \$510,300, with the last of the bonds maturing in 1933. During the year the county paid off \$85,000 of its bonds. Interest on bonds cost the county \$32,551.50 during the year.

Banks in the county have in their vaults cash and bonds belonging to the county of the total value of \$929,653.11. This amount is distributed among more than 20 banks.

Audit of the treasurer's books shows that the general fund receipts for the year were \$1,738,802.23 and disbursements were \$1,474,802.15 leaving a balance of \$304,000.19. Receipts to the roads and highways fund totalled \$1,288,363.25, and disbursements were \$716,519.90 leaving a balance of \$571,843.35 in the fund.

Receipts of the Marion county prohibition enforcement fund during the year totalled \$16,535 and disbursements amounted to \$7,985, leaving a balance of \$8,550.

More than 200 new banking branches were opened in England last year.

BLAME JOHN D. AND SCHWAB FOR STRIKE

Washington, Mar. 21 (AP)—Companies controlled by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Charles M. Schwab took the lead in breaking wage contracts with union miners in West Virginia. Van A. Bittner, United Mine Workers counsel, told the senate coal investigating committee today.

He said the Bethlehem Mines corporation, dominated by Schwab, and the Consolidated Coal company, a Rockefeller concern, abrogated the Baltimore wage agreement in 1924 and 1925, shortly after it was consummated.

"The companies set the precedent for contract breaking in West Virginia," Bittner said. "They tried to compete by cutting costs and taking the cut from the pockets of their miners."

Salem Markets

Grain. No. 1, white, \$1.22; red wheat (check) \$1.15; feed oats 45c; milline 40c.

Meat. Top hams \$8.75; hams 6c to 7c; 100 lbs. \$12.00; corn 2c to 2 1/2c; butts 4c to 6c; casings 2c to 4c; spring lambs 4c to 12c; dressed veal 10c; dressed hogs 12c.

Poultry. Light hens 15c; medium hens 12c to 15c; heavy hens, 20c to 21c; leg-horns, 18c; colored 19c; 20c broilers 18c to 20c; roosters 17c to 19c. Old roosters 7c.

Eggs. Pullets, 18c; standards 18c. Butter fat, 40c; print butter 40c to 42c; standard cubes, 43c.

Vegetables. Wholesale prices. Potatoes: Best 3c; new cabbage 4 to 4 1/2c; cauliflower 12 to 15c; California lettuce 12 to 15c; \$3.25 to \$3.50; local onions 14 to 16c; local spinach 9c; turnips, sacks, 2c; bunches 80c; carrots, sacked 2 1/2c; bunches, 20c; rutabagas, Yakima, 2 1/2c; southern yams, 2 1/2c; parsnips 3c; rutabaga, California out-door, 2 1/2c; best; green onions, 4c to 6c; onions, radishes, California out-door 80c; celery 1 1/2c to 1 1/2c; cauliflower 1 1/2c; Calif.

COUNTY BUSINESS TOTALS \$2,568,644

General fund receipts amounted to \$1,347,778.12 and disbursements to \$1,434,802.15, leaving a deficit of \$87,024.03 in the general fund.

Roads and highway funds receipts amounted to \$943,985.04, disbursements to \$716,519.90, leaving a balance of \$227,465.14.

Among the largest amounts of cash receipts of the county during the last year were from the following sources: 1926 taxes, \$1,781,632.02; 1925 taxes, \$99,013.75; recorder's fees, \$12,712.08; clerk's fees, \$13,201; constable fees \$438; interest on bank deposits, \$18,589.38; apportionment which the county received from the motor vehicle fund of the state \$102,847.51; apportionment which the county received from the market road bonds, \$68,224.95; apportionment to the county school fund from the state, \$25,229.28; paving and road material receipts, \$51,282.26; bond sale interest and premium, \$129,025.57; high school tuition from other counties, \$14,245.00; Marion county share of the tax of the O. and C. land grant, \$119,355.56.

COUNTY CLERK'S FUNDS. Although the county clerk's office received only \$13,201 in revenue for the county, actually \$47,849.64 in cash was collected and taken care of by the county clerk. A total of \$24,648.64, including \$3000 which was turned over to the state for game licenses sold, \$5628 for anglers' licenses and other fees turned over to various sources amount to \$12,062.28, trust funds held for devise and legacies, all money money handled totalling \$17,787.36, dog licenses amounting to \$4881, and turned over to sheep owners on claims, and beekeepers' licenses amounting to \$22, was handled by the county clerk and under his responsibility without one cent of revenue accruing to the county.

During the year the justice of the peace collected \$5280 in fees of which \$612.55 were retained by him. During the year 26 fines were paid for the violation of the prohibition law. The county recorder collected \$12,715.18 in fees and the assessor's office \$780.50 in transient tax fees.

SCHOOL FUNDS. Amounts received by the county

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SNOW IN ALASKA. Anchorage, Alaska, March 21 (AP)—One of the worst storms in the history of Alaska railroad belt was sweeping that section early today. Snow has been falling for the past five days and showed no signs of abatement. LOST STUDENT FOUND. Portland, March 21 (AP)—Robert Lemon, 22 year old University of Oregon student, who was last several days in the vicinity of Cascade Cascade Locks, was found late Tuesday. He was at the head of Dry Creek, having traced his way out of the wilderness, and was hiking back to Cascade Locks. He spent Monday night at Wabtum lake, about 13 miles south of Cascade Locks.

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