BUTTER MART STEADY ALONG PACIFIC SLOPE

Portland, April 18 (AP)—Market for butter holds a firm tone generally here with similar position suggested by trade in the south and north. Daily cleanup of dealers' floors suggests the real trend.

Prices in the egg market are showing strength locally and especially for top size and grade. The advance on specials and extras quoted by the co-ops is now effective.

Strawberry market is still low here with accumulation of California in carload lots; much of the quality not being desirable except for most immediate use. Some Oregon stock is offered around $2 crate.

First offering of green peas for 1934 are reported from The Dalles with quality fair. California stock is firmly priced for late arrivals.

With increasing supplies and competition from berries, the market on asparagus is showing a further price loss for the day. Quality is now fully normal with both Canby and the mid-Columbia participating.

Because the demand is limited, seed potatoes are being offered by the Portland trade at practically the same prices as table stock. Demand for the latter is slightly better with sales being pushed at low prices.

Conditions in the country killed meat market appear about steady as to demand and price.

Tomato market is a trifle easier. Hothouse stock selling well however with fancy 20c and extra fancy 21-25c lb.

A new tomato crate being sent out by Foster Butner of Roseburg, is attracting much attention here.

Walla Walla asparagus shippers are bucking the Oregon grading law by continued shipments of "classified" grade, which is no grade at all in this state.

STOCK PRICES ADVANCE WITH BUSINESS GAIN

New York, April 18 (AP)—Sentiment appeared definitely improved in Wall Street today, mainly as result of continued improvement in business and was reflected in advancing prices in stocks, bonds and most commodities.

Wheat proved an exception. After early strength, profit taking set in plus left over liquidation of May accounts, and wheat closed with losses of about ¾ of a cent a bushel. Demand continued high in the bond market while cotton showed about 50 cents a bale gain.

In the stock market gains ranging to more than 2 points were recorded with the cheaper priced shares getting bulk of attention. Preferred stocks again were in demand at steadily advancing prices with offerings limited.

Trading, however, continued dull. Among special issues recording new highs for the year were Continental Oil at 22 up ⅝; Electric Power and Light 1st preferred at 21 up 2½; First National Stores at 66 up 1; Gillette preferred at 60 up 3¾; International Paper preferred at 29⅝ up 2; International Printing Ink at 22½ up 2; Liggett and Myers at 95½ up 4; and Liggett and Myers B at 96¾ up 3.

American Tobacco was up around 2 points. Radio Corporation common was up ⅝ at 8⅝, after 19,000 shares sold at 8½, and the preferred B was at 34¼ up 2⅝.

American Telephone gained 2¼ points at 123¼. American Commercial Alcohol jumped 2¼ points to 50⅞.

Stock sales today approximated 1,540,000 shares against 940,000 shares yesterday. Curb sales were 361,000 shares against 245,000 shares yesterday.

Dow, Jones preliminary closing average showed industrial 105.45, up .99; railroad 49.92 up .62; utility 26.41 up .51.

Bishop Is Visitor

Monmouth—Bishop Cross, Episcopalian Bishop of the Spokane Diocese was a visitor in Monmouth this week. His presence on Tuesday was the occasion for a luncheon at Monmouth hotel with the membership of the local church congregation and its pastor, Rev. D. V. Gray of Corvallis in attendance. Wednesday morning Bishop Cross addressed the chapel assembly at the Normal school. He is a forceful speaker and his talk was listened to by the entire personnel of the school and several townspeople.

Lunch Fund Aided

Monmouth—The hot lunch fund at the training school has been enriched by the sum of $28 which represents the amount cleared at the benefit card party fostered by the local Legion Auxiliary. All expense of the affair was borne by the Auxiliary and local merchants donated the prizes, the first of which went to Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Dewey and second to Miss McClure and J. B. Lorence. The door prize was won by Mr. Guthrie.

MILL MAN INJURED

Sublimity—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benedict and daughter, Lavonne, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zuber visited in Portland Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Istvanovic and family. Istvanovic was hurt while working in a saw mill, having a couple ribs broken and a badly bruised knee. Mrs Istvanovic is a sister of Benedict and Mrs. Zuber.

CANBY PLAYS HOST

Dallas—Salem district Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will hold the annual district meeting in Canby April 26. A large delegation from Dallas is planning to attend.

NEW YORK STOCKS

Closing Quotations by Associated Press

Alaska Juneau	21¼	Lizzett & Myers B	96½
Alaska Chemical & Dye	132¼	Liquid Carbide	30½
American Can	104¼	Montgomery, Ward	31½
American Commercial Alcohol	50¼	Nash Motors	24½
American & Foreign Power	10¼	National Biscuit	43½
American Power & Light	8½	National Dairy Products	16½
American Smelting & Ref.	43¼	National Distillers	31
A. T. & T.	123¼	Pacific Gas & Electric	19½
American Tobacco B	74½	Packard	5½
Anaconda	16½	J. C. Penney	67
Atchison	69	Penn. R. R.	33½
Atlantic Ref.	29½	Phillips Petroleum	20½
Bendix Aviation	18¼	Public Service N. J.	38½
Bethlehem Steel	43	Pullman	58
Burroughs Adding Machine	15½	Sears Roebuck	50
California Pack	36	Shell Union	9½
J. I. Case	69¼	Southern Pacific	28½
Caterpillar Tractor	32¼	Standard Brands	21½
Chrysler	32½	Standard Oil of California	37½
Commercial Solvent	29½	Standard Oil of New Jersey	45½
Continental Can	82½	Studebaker	7
Corn Products	77¼	Transamerica	6½
Curtiss Wright	4½	Union Carbide	45½
Du Pont	96½	Union Pacific	132
Eastman	93	United Aircraft	23¼
General Electric	22½	United Corporation	5¼
General Foods	34¼	U. S. Industrial Alcohol	53½
General Motors	38½	United States Rubber	22½
Gold Dust	21½	United States Steel	51½
Homestake Mining	...	Western Electric & Mfg.	79½
International Harvester	41½	Woolworth	54½
International Nick	28		
I. T. & T.	15	CLOSING CURB QUOTATIONS	
Johns Man.	57	Cities Service	2½
Kennecott	21½	Electric Bond & Share	17½
Libbey-O-Ford	27½	Swift & Co.	103½

MARKET QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND EASTSIDE MARKET

Portland, April 18 (AP)—First home grown strawberries were offered during the Wednesday session of the eastside market. They were the best thus far available from any point, although not yet at the top notch. The initial home supply was brought in by Pete Wires of Wirfs Bros., Dayton. The stock was of the Gold Dollar variety but the biggest of classification ever seen here. The grower asked $2.50 a crate which appeared a trifle high in view of best Californian at $1.25 and the late offering of southern Oregons at $2 crate.

First new crop of beets offered by a Hothouse grower, priced nominally 75c doz. bunches. Hothouse turnips were 60c. New cabbage was generally 50c pony crate for local. Asparagus weaker and lower, $2-$2.40 pyramid for local with bulk $2.25-35.

Onions moved well at 80c-$1 for so-called lb. Radishes moved as high as 25c doz. bunches for real snappy stuff.

General prices ruled:

Asparagus—Canby $2.60-75 pyramid, mid-Columbia $2.50-65 for 30-lb. pyramids; Hermiston 20s $1.65 pyramid, local $1 doz. bunches.

Beets—Local 17½-20c doz. bunches.

Carrots—New local 20c, old 15c doz. bunches, bags 25c.

Turnips—Hothouse 70c doz. bunches; local white 25c, purple top 35c doz., bags 25c.

Rutabagas—No. 1, 30c bag, ordinary 25c bag.

Potatoes—Deschutes $1.25; Yakima No. 1, $1-$1.05 central, 75c orange box.

Cabbage—Local new 60c pony crate, old 85c-$1 crate; red 75c cash crate.

Onions — Green 12½-15c dozen bunches; dry Oregon No. 1, $1; No. 2 80c central.

Radishes—Local spring 15-20c doz.

Apples—Local jumble pack 50-65c box, face-fill 75-85c.

Spinach—Local 35-40c orange box.

Cauliflower-Broccoli—Calif. $1.40-50 crate.

Rhubarb—Outdoor grown 25-30c 15 lb. box; 60c per 30-lb. box.

PORTLAND FLOUR, SUGAR

Portland, April 18 (AP)—Cane sugar granulated $4.55; fruit or berry $4.75; beet sugar $4.45 cwt.

Domestic flour—Selling prices, mill delivery 5 to 25 bbl lots: Patent 40s $6.10-$6.80; blended $5.85-$6.30; baker's bluestem $6-$6.10; soft white pastry $5.55-$5.70; whole wheat $5.80; rye $5.80; graham $5.60.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE

Portland, April 18 (AP)—The following prices were named to be effective today:

Butter—Cube extras 19c, standards 18c, prime firsts 16c, firsts 17c lb.

Cheese—92 score, Ore. triplets 10½c, loaf 11½c lb. Brokers pay ½c less.

Eggs — Pacific Poultry Producers' selling prices: Oversize 18c, fresh extras 16c, standards 15c, medium 10c doz. Cartons 1c higher.

PORTLAND WHOLESALE

Portland, April 18 (AP)—These are prices retailers pay wholesalers, except where otherwise stated:

Butter—Extras 21c lb., standard 19½c.

Butterfat—Port. delivery, Grade A 18c lb. Country routes 15c lb. Grade B 17c, country routes 14c lb. Grade C at market. Farmers' door delivery 13-16c lb.

Cheese—Selling prices to Portland retailers: Tillamook triplets 15c, loaf 16c lb. Tillamook selling prices to wholesalers: Triplets 13c, loaf 14c lb. Coquille triplets to retailers 11c½, loaf 12½c. Swiss wheels 23c lb.

Eggs—Buying price of wholesalers: Fresh extras 17c doz., extras 14c, firsts 14c, mediums 10c, pullets 12c, undergrades 10c doz.

Milk—Contract price, 4% Portland delivery, $1.95 cwt. B grade creame 37½c lb.

Live poultry — Portland delivery buying prices: Colored fowls under 5½ lbs. 13c, over 5 lbs. 14c. Leghorn fowls over 3½ lbs. 11-12c, 2 lbs. 14c; over 2 lbs. 16c; stags 8c; roosters 8c. Pekin ducks 12c, colored 10c lb. Geese 10c lb. Selling prices by wholesalers: Light hens 12-12½c, medium hens 13-13½c, heavy hens 16c; broilers 18-20c lb. Pekin ducks 17c lb.

Turkeys— Buying prices: Dressed, dry picked young toms 14 lbs. down 17c, hens 9 lbs. and up 16c; old toms 13c lb. Selling prices: No. 1 toms 19-20c; ordinary toms and hens 14-16c.

FRESH FRUIT

Strawberries—Fresno 24s $1.35, Sacramento 24s $1.15-35 crate.

Oranges—Calif. navels, fancy $2.25-$2.40; choice $1.90-$2.00 crate.

Cranberries—Northwest and eastern $1.25 box.

Grapefruit—Imperial valley $2 to $2.40 crate; Florida $4.50 crate.

Limes—Box of 100, $1.15-25.

Lemons—California $3.25-75 case.

Bananas—Bunches 5c, hands 5½c

FRESH VEGETABLES

Asparagus—Local $2.40-50 pyramid, 2½ dozen.

New potatoes—Hawaii $1.25-35 25-lb. box, Texas Triumphs $1.75-$2.25 50-lb. sack.

Peppers—California 20c lb.

Cauliflower—Calif. $1.65 crate.

Cucumbers—Sibley hothouse local 90c-$1.25 doz.

Spinach—Local 45-50c.

Onions—Oregon $1-$1.15.

Peas—Calif. 6c lb.

Rhubarb—Field grown 60-65c per 30-lb box.

Sweet Potatoes—Calif. $1.60-75 per crate; Yams $1.90-$2 bushel.

Celery—California $3.75-$4 crate.

Cabbage—Red 4c lb., local 1¾-2c

California Cannon Ball 3c lb.

Lettuce—Salinas $2.50-75; Sacramento $1.50-$2.25 crate.

Tomatoes — Hothouse 20s-25c lb., Florida-Mex. $3.40-50 lug repacked.

Potatoes—Local white and red $1.10 to $1.15 central; Yakima $1.35-40; Deschutes $1.30-35; bakers $1.60.

MEATS AND PROVISIONS

Country meats—Selling prices to retailers, country killed hogs, best butchers under 50 lbs. 8½-9c lb. Vealers 90-100 lbs. 9-9½c, light-thin 6-8c lb., heavy calves 5-6c, yearling lambs 14-16c, spring lambs 15-17c lb. Canner cows 3-4c, cutter cows 5-6c lb. Ewes 3-5c lb. Bulls 5-5½c lb.

Leaf lard—Three basis 8¼c lb.

Bacon—Fancy 22-23c lb.

Hams—Fancy 18½c lb. Picnics 12½.

HOPS, WOOL

Hops—1933 clusters 24-28c lb. Fuggles 40c lb.

Wool—1934 clip nominal: Willamette valley 25-28c lb.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland, April 18 (AP)— Cattle 80, calves 20. Active.

Steers, good, common and medium $2.50-$6.25. Heifers, common, medium $3-$5.25. Cows, good, common, med. $2.75-$4.50, low cutter andn cutter $1.50-$2.75. Bulls, cutter, common and medium $2.00-$2.50. Vealers, good and choice $5.50-$7; cull, common, medium $2.50-$5.50. Calves, good-choice $4.50-$5.50, common-med. $2-$4.50.

Hogs 100. Tops 5c lower.

Lightweight, good-choice $3-$3.60; medium weight, good-choice $3.25-60; heavyweight, good-choice $3.00-$3.35; packing sows, good $2.35-$3.10; feeder and stocker pigs, good-choice $2.75-$3.25.

Sheep 100. Steady.

Spring lambs, good-choice $8-$8.50, medium $6.50-$8; lambs, good-choice $7.75-$8.15, common-medium $5.75-$8; yearling wethers $5-$7. Ewes, good and choice $3.50-$4.50, common and medium, $2-$3.75.

PORTLAND GRAIN

Portland, April 18 (AP)—Wheat futures

	open	high	low	close
May	65⅝	66¼	65⅝	65⅞
July	66	66½	66	66¼
Sept.	66¼	66½	66¼	66½

Cash: Big Bend Bluestem 67; dark hard winter, 12% 71½, 11% 66½, soft white, western white, hard winter, northern spring, western red 65.

Oats, No. 2 white $18. Corn No. 2 yellow $21.75. Millrun standard $15.50.

Car receipts: Wheat 145, barley 3, flour 8, hay 1.

EXPORT WHEAT

Portland, April 18 (AP)—Emergency export corporation's bid for soft white wheat for foreign shipment, 69c per bushel.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago, April 18 (AP)—Wheat, No. 3 red 81½; No. 1 hard 80½-81½.

Corn: No. 2 mixed 46, No. 3 yellow 44½; No. 2 yellow old 45½; No. 4 mixed 42.

Oats: No. 3 feed 27⅝; No. 3 white 28½. Barley 42-80.

Timothy seed $6.25-50 cwt. Clover seed $11-$11.75 cwt.

Lard, tierces $5.85, loose $5.75. Bellies $8.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, April 18 (AP)—(U. S. D. A.) Hogs 18,000; active, strong to 5c higher; 170-280 lbs. $3.90-$4, top $4.02. Sows $3.10-30.

Cattle 11,000, steady to strong, fairly active. Numerous loads all weights $7.25 upward, weighty steers $6; best long yearlings $7.75; yearling heifers steady, best $6.40. Cows barely steady, vealers steady. Natsage bulls to $3.50 and vealers to $7.50. Stockers scarce, slow but strong.

Sheep 6000; fat lambs slow, undertone weak to 25c or more lower; sellers asking steady or $10 with early bids under $9.75; fed clipped lambs, unsold; aged sheep steady, practically no spring lambs on sale.

BOSTON WOOL

Boston, April 18 (AP)—Most manufacturers are showing very little interest in wool in the Boston market. Any buying going on is only to fill small immediate requirements. Quotations on domestic wools are all largely nominal because of the lack of sales. Twelve months Texas wools are available at around 84-85c, scoured basis, for choice lines, and 80-82c for average wools. These asking prices are on a slightly lower level than prices on small sales a few weeks ago.

SAN FRANCISCO BUTTERFAT

San Francisco, April 18 (AP)—Butterfat f.o.b. San Francisco 21½c lb.

SAN FRANCISCO DAIRY

San Francisco, April 18 (AP)—Butter, 92 score 21c, 91 score 20½c, 90 score 20c lb.

Eggs—Large 15½c, med. 13½, small 11½c dozen.

Cheese—Fcy. flats, triplets 11c lb.

NEW YORK HOPS

New York, Apr. 18 (AP)—Hops steady. Pacific coast 1933 prime to choice 34-36c, medium to prime 31-33c lb. 1932 prime to choice 30-31c, medium-prime 28-30c lb.

Salem Markets

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

Wheat, No. 2 white 87c, red sacked 85c bushel.

Feed oats $14 ton, milling oats $15. Brewing barley No. 1 $15, feed barley $14 ton.

Clover $11, oats and vetch $10, valley alfalfa $12 ton.

Hogs—Midget Market: Top grades, 140-160 lbs. $3.35; 160-200 lbs. $3.60; 200-225 lbs. $3.55; 225-250 lbs. $3.50.

Veal 7½c lb. dressed.

Top hogs, 120 lbs. 8½c lb dressed.

Poultry—Light hens 6c, medium 7c lb. Heavy hens under 3 lbs 12c over 5 lbs 11c lb. Colored fryers 10c, medium rainbow fryers 9c, Leghorn broilers 10c. Leghorn medium 8c, light 7c lb. Colored broilers 10c. Stags 6c, old roosters 4c lb.

Eggs—Med. 11c, extras 13c, standard 12c dozen.

Butter—Cubes 21½c, prints 19½c lb. Butterfat 16c lb.

WOOL MOHAIR

Wool—Course and fine 25c, medium 28c, mohair 22c lb.

BERRIES ARE RIPE

Sublimity—Several people report having ripe strawberries. John Bentz has picked enough for a meal and C. J. Roettgers reports having a few ripe ones.

Scotts Mills—Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Pownall drove to Sulton, Wash., where they attended the funeral of Mr. Pownell's sister, Mrs. Edna Mathers, Monday afternoon, returning home that evening.

GRAIN SLUMP HANG OVER OF LAST SUMMER

Washington, April 18 (AP)—Administration grain experts regard the new sensational break in grain prices as a "second morning after" of last summer's precipitate rise and decline.

J. W. T. Duvel, chief of the grain futures administration, said the present collapse could be traced directly to the trading last summer which brought a similar but more severe break in prices. The present market action has focused attention again upon the pending commodity exchange control bill which proponents believe would act to eliminate such sharp price changes.

Duvel suggested price manipulations by large speculative influences was a partial cause of the break along with President Roosevelt's stand against silver remonetization and the continued maintenance of American prices above world export levels.

The drop in wheat prices, Duvel said, was started by unloading in corn by large holders of May futures who said rather than accept delivery of grain.

"To a great extent," Duvel said, "the deflation is a hangover of last summer's excessive speculation—a sort of second morning after."

The pending commodities exchange bill, he said, would prevent the building up of large holdings such as are responsible for widespread fluctuations in prices.

Frank A. Theis, chief of the AAA wheat processing and marketing section ,declared that American quotations "naturally are susceptible to dropping to the export level."

Prices are now about 14 cents above Liverpool quotations. Theis pointed out that most farmers' grain has now been marketed so that the decline had little effect upon producers.

"We are watching the market to do anything we can," he said. "Right now I don't know what action we could take."

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apparent determination to face the ordeal without flinching.

The husband in his side of the story as far as it progressed this morning gave details of his early life, his meeting his future wife, their youthful sweetheart days in high school, the events leading to their marriage and when Walbridge first became acquainted with him. He told of the friendship which existed, of visits of Walbridge to the Laughlin home, of a mutual interest developing in church matters and how Walbridge advised Laughlin as to the organization of a men's brotherhood in the Baptist church of Kelso, where they were residing at the time.

"I knew nothing of Walbridge's visits to our home when I was away," said Laughlin. Laughlin's business with the International Correspondence school took him away from home most of every week and his wife had told of Walbridge dropping in on her about three times a week.

I would have trusted him like I trusted my father," declared Laughlin. "I first became suspicious in 1929 when something happened which made me wonder. I wasn't sure. We thought so much of each other—my wife and I—I couldn't think of distrusting her. It made me feel so mean to distrust her I tried to make it up to her.

"We had an apartment out of Chehalis. I had come home earlier than usual that day. My wife wasn't at home and had not left a note as usual when she had leave home. At 11 o'clock when she hadn't come home I called up a number of friends but they hadn't seen her. At midnight she came home with Mr. Walbridge. They explained it all away. I thought no more about it until next day I went to the hotel to see Mr. Walbridge and happened to glance at the register. I saw him registered there as "P. H. Walbridge and wife." This aroused by suspicions again. I met Walbridge later in the day and he told me his wife was with him. Something about his actions made me suspicious. So I called Mrs. Walbridge at her home in Tacoma. She answered and I recognized her voice and hung up the phone. But the suspicions lingered. Later I called her again and asked her if she had been in Kelso the night before and she said, 'No.' When she asked me who I was I hung up. I asked my wife about this."

Here a long argument between attorneys was interjected and the wife's answer was excluded from the record.

Laughlin said the next time his suspicions were aroused was in January, 1933. He said he'd overheard a telephone conversation in his home one morning. She asked him to take care of the baby that afternoon as she was going shopping. He consented. When she came home, he said, her actions were such he accused her of improper relations with Walbridge. She denied it. Next day he went to see Walbridge but he and his wife drove away as Laughlin arrived, he said. Monday he and his wife had arguments which resulted in her leaving home and later he brought her back.

He told of various developments which he said at last brought about a separation after, he declared, she finally told him that the things he accused her of were true.

"I naturally felt awfully bad," he said. "We'd known each other so long. I trusted her so implicitly it hurt me terribly. It seemed the bottom had dropped out of everything. I secured a gun and wanted to kill myself. She talked me out of it. I'd been worrying so long my health was affected. She called a doctor but we couldn't tell him what was the matter. I stayed on a davenport couch for a week while the doctor gave me examinations at various times. He wanted me to go to a sanitarium but I went to my mother's in the country. That was about July 20. I stayed in bed most of the time there under care of a doctor. My boss told me I had to resign my job and I did. I was supervisor when I resigned. I went back to work in September merely as an agent." He explained on questioning as to his loss of compensation by this move.

Perry H. Walbridge, defendant, was himself called to the stand this morning by plaintiff's counsel to show his worth, how he'd deeded a farm near Tacoma about July 28 when the trial was started here July 26; Walbridge denied he'd had notice of the trial although on final questioning intimated maybe he had been told about it or read something in the newspapers. He said he owned a home here, partly paid for, valued at around $3,000 and a $900 beach home near Olympia. He said the farm near Tacoma now in the name of his wife was first deeded to a third party who planned to buy it if certain stocks acted right. He denied its being transferred because of filing of this action.

Arthur E. Kelley, attorney for Walbridge, was called to the stand by the plaintiff in regard to a paper he admitted he drew up for Mrs. Laughlin to sign in which she was to say she had not seen Walbridge for over nine months before the birth of her second child. The paper was not signed. Kelley declared he obtained the information in the paper from Mrs. Laughlin herself. The matter of the paternity of the child came up for some discussion between attorneys each disclaiming any intention of making it a part of the case. The court also excluded the matter from the record.

Cross examination and re-direct of Mrs. Laughlin was concluded this morning.

During the course of it she said it was five or six months after Walbridge began calling on her that one day he told her that the first time he saw her he had decided she was going to be his sweetheart.

Kelley, Walbridge's attorney, also extracted from her the information that she was driven to Portland last night by her husband accompanied by her sister and Laughlin's father, and that she was driven back in the same company today.

Mrs. Laughlin said after her husband had reached a conclusion as to her relationships with Walbridge that she did not see Walbridge again until she saw him at McMinnville last summer. However, she and her sister went to the office of Walbridge's son in Tacoma to find the father's whereabout she said, after she found herself "in trouble." She explained this by saying that was after she had had her trouble with her husband.

The plaintiff rested its case at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon after Rachel Wilson, sister of Mrs. Laughlin, testified to certain occasions when she said Walbridge had taken Mrs. Laughlin riding, one of them after the express declaration of Laughlin that she should not go and after Laughlin had left the house. She said when Laughlin called up she told him that his wife had gone to town when really she had gone riding with Walbridge.

A dramatic moment came in the trial this afternoon when under cross examination Robert Laughlin declared in a quarrel he and his wife were having over her alleged relations with Walbridge, she declared to him, "Robert, if you want to know it, the baby isn't yours," referring to their second child born after her alleged relations with Walbridge had started. She, he said, repeated this on another occasion with the addition that "I can prove it to the satisfaction of anyone."

Laughlin explained this statement by saying that he had threatened to take the baby from her, that she thought the baby could be taken from her, that they both loved the child very dearly.

"When I threatened to take the baby away from her she made that statement," said Laughlin.

CAKE COMES FROM LONDON

Highland Pupils Made Happy

GIFT FROM UNSEEN FRIENDS

By STEPHEN A. STONE

Do we rate?
I guess so,
Look at that cake—
That's how we know.
PALLANT!

It wasn't a baseball player or a star footracer in whose acclaim this yell was heartily shouted yesterday afternoon by the more than 30 members of the sixth grade at Highland school. The one so honored was a lovable and motherly woman who lives in England, under the eaves of old London, who has never seen one of the boys and girls whom she made happy yesterday, and who has never even been in America.

Mrs. George Pallant is her name. How it came about that the children at Highland school rate so highly in the esteem of Mrs. Pallant is a rare and interesting story. And the story had its climax yesterday afternoon, under a big cherry tree on the Highland playground, when an English fruit cake, Mrs. Pallant's gift to the sixth grade, was cut into more than 30 pieces.

Some years ago two young Englishmen came to Oregon, A. G. Pallant and H. S. Pallant, who now live in Portland. A. G. lived for a time in Salem. He became acquainted with Miss Mabel Murray. They became great friends and Miss Murray is principal of Highland school. Mr. Pallant often spoke of his mother—so often that Miss Murray felt she knew her, and got in a way of writing her letters, to which Mrs. Pallant replied. Young Mr. Pallant has became a very good American, but he was unable to find in Oregon any fruit cakes that quite equaled those his mother used to make. He must have mentioned this in his letters home. Anyway his mother sends him one now whenever he has a birthday, and last Christmas she sent one to Miss Murray.

Miss Murray was so pleased that she took the cake to school and showed it to the children. The children were no less delighted, though they didn't get any of the cake. That was a gift to Miss Murray, and couldn't be shared. But the children asked so many questions about it, and perhaps made so plain their hints about being allowed a slice of it, that Miss Murray wrote of the incident in a letter to Mrs. Pallant. Unexpectedly to the teacher, another cake came a few days ago exclusively for the sixth grade children, and Miss Murray held it back as a surprise for them at the party yesterday.

All wrapped up, the cake was placed on a table under the cherry tree, and Miss Murray told the children they were to guess what was in the package.

"You may lift it," she said. "You may shake it to see if it rattles, or you may smell it. But don't you turn it over."

So, one by one, or in teams of two or three, they examined the bundle. They began to shout their guesses. Some tried to make two guesses, but that wasn't allowed. The prevailing guess was an English plum pudding. One youngster said it was books. And there were some cake guesses too.

Then to one of the girls Miss Murray gave the responsibility of cutting the strings and taking off the paper. Anxiously the rest of them watched from the benches. Off came the paper, then a pack of excelsior. And then there was a shout—"O, boy!" and the whole class made a rush for the table.

The cake, plenty big for the class, was prettily iced, and decorated with candy dolls—a big one and a lot of little ones. "It's the Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe and her children," said one youngster, "and the children are the sixth grade."

Mr. Pallant was present by invitation. As a youngster in England he had the distinction of stoning the raisins when his mother made fruit cakes, so Miss Murray asked him to speak to the children.

"This is just what my mother likes to do," he told them . . . "I had a letter from her this morning. She told me to give you her best wishes, and the hope that you may all grow up to be good citizens of your country, which I love and which she loves."

Miss Murray and Mrs. Carolyn Parker, sixth grade teacher, began to group the class for a picture, but didn't succeed until the youngsters had cornered Mr. Pallant and asked him a lot of questions about fruit cakes. They wanted to know how long it took to make one and if his mother made many of them. Mr. Pallant stood with the class while it was photographed by Mrs. Parker. The picture will go to his mother, and with it words of appreciation from each boy and girl.

It was called an international party. Significant of this were the American and the British flags above the class as the picture was taken. And the cake itself was international, because Mr. Pallant said the fruits in it reached England from various foreign countries.

Mr. Pallant was elected to cut the cake. But it wasn't ready to cut until the class, led by Mrs. Parker, sang a stanza of America, a stanza of God Save the King, gave the flag salute, three rahs for England and the especially prepared cheer for Mrs. Pallant.

While the cake was being cut a picture was passed among the children showing Mr. and Mrs. George Pallant in the yard of their pretty home at Chelmsford. The home is called "Columbia," at the suggestion of the son who was here yesterday, so it, too, has an international touch.

Accompanying the cake Mrs. Pallant sent a letter to the Highland children, dated March 12.

"My dear children," she wrote. "You may be surprised to receive this letter and cake from us here in Old England. But after my dear friend, Miss Murray, had shown you her little cake which she received from us at Christmas, and had told us the sweet way in which you had spoken of us, they appealed to me very much, and I decided at once that I must really send you one for yourselves.

"I have made this especially for you, and I hope that you will all enjoy it. My thoughts are often in your dear country, as I have many dear unseen friends there, also my only two children, sons, are in Oregon. They are very happy, and have also made a great many real friends of your own folks to whom they are very attached. I trust if either of you should ever visit England that you too may receive as much kindness here as our two dear sons have in Oregon, U. S. A.

"I must conclude with wishing you all, dear children, the very best of wishes. And may God grant his blessings to you always is the earnest wish of a very grateful

"Mother and Dad in Old England"

Jefferson—Mildred Rotthoff, who has been visiting relatives and friends in this district, returned to her home in Malin, Thursday. Loel Bilyeu accompanied her home for a visit.

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REDUCTION OF WHEAT SURPLUS AWAITS ACTION

Rome, April 18 (AP)—Delegates to the Rome meeting of the world wheat advisory commission went home today with a lot of work done but with a new unsolved problem awaiting their attention when they meet again at London in June.

A suggestion of the United States that further reduction of wheat acreage would be necessary to eliminate surpluses among wheat-exporting nations was favorably received last night by representatives of the major producers with the exception of Australia.

The commission placed consideration of the question on the agenda for its June meeting in London.

In the meantime interested governments will be asked to instruct their delegates on any definite action they are prepared to take to eliminate surpluses in the next biennium.

The commission gave approval last night to the final text of recommendations to governments calling for world wheat export minimum prices, denaturing wheat to render it unfit for human consumption and reducing the amount of flour to be extracted from wheat.

A decision was reached to change from May 4 to May 7 the date on which as pecial price-fixing subcommittee will meet in London. The commission hopes to have by the later date replies from the governents outlining their attitudes on minimum export prices. The commission made no changes in the 1933-34 crop year export quotas, but decided to discuss quotas for 1934-35 at London.

GOLD STANDARD DESERTED YEAR

Washington, April 18 (AP)—The first anniversary tomorrow of the official abandonment of the gold standard by the United States found increasing signs of recovery in the wake of President Roosevelt's revolutionary monetary action.

Whether or not attributable to the administration's monetary program, it was evident today that economic depression has lightened in the last 12 months.

Business activity is increasing, employment is gaining, and bank deposits are growing in sharp contrast to the situation a year ago.

The extent to which forced depreciation of the dollar has contributed to these economic gains is debated by economists. That it was an important factor is not disputed, however.

It was a year ago tomorrow that President Roosevelt announced at a press conference that the government would allow the American dollar, pegged at 25.8 grains of gold for 33 years, to find its own level. A few hours later, the then secretary of treasury, William H. Woodin said this took the United States officially off the gold standard for its money.

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should not be granted.

Crowley pointed out that Transcontinentail & Western Air's efforts to obtain a similar injunction failed in a New York federal court because it was directed against the government. The federal government cannot be sued without its own consent.

"This is a suit against the United States government," Crowley said, indicating he felt basically the suit was little different from that disposed of in New York.

Attorney General Cummings, he said, would direct the defense.

Senate airmail investigators heard Mark L. Requa, California republican national committeeman, deny he had volunteered to call Former Postmaster General Walter F. Brown "on the carpet" in 1931 in the interest of Century Air Lines. He likewise denied he had sought aid for the company from President Hoover.

Chairman Black (D., Ala.), yesterday read the committee letters which said Requa, a close friend of Former President Hoover, had volunteered his aid to the company in obtaining an opportunity to bid for an airmail contract.

Black today read into the record more communications between officials of the Century Air Line referring to Requa's friendship with Hoover and his purported disagreement with Brown's air mail policy in 1931.

"Requa, in reply, said he did assure Young he would do his best to obtain favorable consideration of the Century company.

Black questioned Requa at length about a conference of republican national committeemen and others prominent in the party in New York last week, which Requa said he attended.

Requa conceded frankly that the meeting was to discuss "how in hell the national committee was going to pay its debts," and raise money for the coming campaign.

When Black pressed him if those present did not discuss plans for radio publicity in connection with the air mail situation, Requa replied:

"It might have been done."

"I should have been glad to have cooperated in a movement to present our views of the matter."

Others at the meeting, he added, included Charles D. Hilles, George Getz, treasurer of the national committee and Walter F. Brown.

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TEDDY JUNIOR STARTS ATTACK ON NEW DEAL

New York, April 18 (AP)—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, distant cousin of the president, described the NRA as a "militaristic, Prussian machine, bullying, corrupt and inefficient," as he led New York republicans today toward formation of a more liberal party.

The picture of one Roosevelt assailing another was seen when Col. Roosevelt last night became head of the National Republican club. He did not refer to the chief executive by name but frequently spoke of "the president" as he sounded one of the most caustic criticisms of the administration ever heard here.

Col. Roosevelt denounced recovery efforts. He saw in them evils potentially wrecking the constitution and regimenting American thought.

"The hard-bought gains in liberalism and liberty will be lost if the so-called new deal prevails," he declared. "Constitutional privileges have been jeopardized. A gigantic bureaucracy has been built up which is stultified, narrow and inefficient. The nation is being swept from democracy to a new autocracy."

The administration's first year in office has resulted in several "ominous acts," he said. He referred to efforts toward federal control of radio and the summary cancellation of air mail contracts.

He called Gen. Hugh Johnson a "German drill sergeant addressing a group of recruits."

"His NRA attitude is militaristic Prussianism," he said.

Col. Roosevelt called upon the republican party to step in the breach of "this increasingly ominous condition."

SLIGHT UPTURN IN GRAIN PRICE

Chicago, April 18 (AP)—Leading grains scored maximum upturns of about a cent a bushel today, helped by firmness of securities and cotton, but reacted sharply at the last.

Buyers were apparently taking advantage of the fact wheat had undergone a setback of more than 10 cents from last week's high point, and that corn and oats were off about 9 cents. Advances failed to hold, however, in the face of late profit taking on the part of new purchasers.

Wheat closed nervous, ¼-⅜ under yesterday's finish, May 77⅝-⅞, corn unchanged to ¼ higher, oats ⅜-⅝ up, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 2 cents.

Grain prices showed an upward trend early today. Many traders acted on belief that insistent liquidation has been at least temporarily halted. Opening unchanged to ⅝ higher, May 76⅛-⅜, wheat later scored advances all around. Corn started ⅝-¾ up, and subsequently altered little.

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become governor upon broken and secret promises for me to add to that number."

Rumors that Holman would grant a pardon to Banks probably have been magnified because he has visited Banks at the penitentiary. Mrs. Banks also has called on Holman at his office. Such visits and calls were considered friendly ones, since Holman knew Banks for many years before the recent political turmoil in Jackson county.

The upheaval resulted in the death of George Prescott, Medford officer, and the famous ballot theft case. Banks and former County Judge Earl H. Fehl, who is serving a term for connection with the ballot theft, were actively connected with or supported by the Good Government Congress.