

GENERAL LEVEL FARM PRODUCTS SHOW INCREASE

Survey Indicates Moderate After March Slump — Spring Production of Butter Will Show Decline.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 17.—(AP)—The general level of farm prices declined sharply during the first two weeks of March and since then have made a moderate recovery, the United States department of agriculture report of April, 1930, indicated.

From an average of 131 on February 15, the index of prices received by producers decline five points to 125 or 16 per cent below the level of last year and about as low as it was in the first part of 1927, according to the report.

Regarding the various commodities the report said:

Wheat: The world wheat supply situation has not changed materially in the past month but the world market situation has improved. The shortage of the Argentine crop is beginning to be felt. Supplies in the United States continue large and the carryover wheat in this country on July 1 may be about as large as on July 1, 1929.

Business: Business activity for the month of March appears to have been somewhat lower than for February. After allowing for seasonal trends, industrial production averaged about two per cent less in March than in February, although about five per cent above the low point of last December.

Potatoes: The general average of farm prices of potatoes on March 15 at 137 cents per bushel was two cents lower than on February 15 and compares with 58 cents on March 15 a year ago.

Hogs: The decline in hog prices which started in late February continued throughout March but was checked in early April when prices steadied and made a slight recovery. The downturn came about a month earlier than the usual spring decline and at a time when supplies were continuing to decrease, thus reflecting a much earlier demand situation than had prevailed earlier in the winter.

Cattle: Supplies of cattle in April and May are expected to exceed those of a year ago and it is doubtful that the movement of unfinished cattle to the country will continue at the relatively high rate of now.

There are indications that a part at least of the country buying this year was due to the anticipation of spring grazing requirements made possible by the abundant supplies of hay and low priced feeds. Cattle prices, after an advance during the first week of March, started to decline and reached the lowest level for the year to date the third week in March. Some recovery took place the following week but prices of all kinds for beef cattle were lower than the first week of April.

Butter: Butter prices have advanced sharply but consumption even at recent low prices has only slightly exceeded that of last year and storage stocks are about 25 million pounds greater. Spring production does not promise to be great and prices probably will decline less than usual.

Eggs: With heavy receipts of eggs and the possibility that the present storage holdings will have a depressing effect on the demand for storage, it is not likely that prices will make their usual seasonal rise in April and May and a small decline may be felt.

Wool: In the latter half of March domestic wool prices declined in response to the lower prices registered at the opening of the London wool sales. Recent prices have become more stable however, the London sales closing at about the opening level and some improvement in prices occurred at the final Wellington sale on April 9.

Poultry: While the seasonal advance in the farm price of chickens may continue during the spring months, it can hardly be as great as last year or on as high a level as prevailed then. Storage stocks of frozen poultry are large; hatchery reports indicate

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CORVALLIS TO FINISH MODEL FIRE STATION

Structure Will Cost \$60,000 and a Monument to Tom Graham, Veteran Fire Chief, Has Novel Location Board.

SALTEM, Ore., May 16.—(AP)—A dream of many years will be realized by Tom R. Graham, veteran fire chief of Corvallis, Ore., when he returns from the Hawaiian Islands early this summer and finds that the city's model fire station has been completed. It is estimated the structure costing more than \$60,000, will be completed about June 1.

Not only is the building the things which Chief Graham is most interested in, but it is the center of attention from the office of Clare A. Lee, state insurance commissioner and ex-officio state fire marshal, for the reason that the building is to be a model of what a modern fire station should be. Lee calls the building "Tom Graham's baby."

Graham has been fire chief at Corvallis for about 30 years. By profession Graham is a druggist, owning a string of stores, and receives no salary for his service as head of the Corvallis fire department. Years ago he made fire prevention his hobby with the result that he built up a remarkably efficient fire department, became president of the Oregon State Fire Chiefs' association, president of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs' association and has won for himself an international reputation. Not long ago Graham suffered a break in his health and is in the Hawaiian Islands for recuperation.

The new fire station will have dimensions of 100x54 feet, two stories high with a fire drill tower four stories high. On the first floor will be the apparatus room with space for 12 pieces of equipment. The alarm room will have two telephones with a man constantly on the job. Upon receipt of the alarm he will get the location of fire on a blackboard with the necessary equipment to fight it. He will then receive the board on a pivot so that it faces the apparatus room. In turning the board it will automatically send the alarm to the dormitories and elsewhere. The building will be of brick finish.

PLUNGE FROM ROAD KILLS K. F. AUTOIST

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 17.—(AP)—G. Herrera, 26, was killed near here last night when his automobile crashed through a high fence near Algoma and rolled 200 feet down a hillside. Relatives said the youth had been drinking.

Origin, Development of Poppy Sale Told

The idea of the poppy as a memorial flower for the World war dead sprang up as naturally as the little wild flower itself grows in the fields of France and Flanders. The flower was the one touch of beauty which survived amid the hideous destruction of war. Along the edge of the trenches, beneath the tangled barbed wire, about the ragged shell holes and over the fresh graves it raised its brave red blossom. It seemed to be the one immortal thing in that region where death reigned. The soldiers of all nations came to look upon it as the living symbol of the sacrifice of their dead comrades.

AGRICULTURAL CHIEF'S TABLE LIKE GARDEN

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Arthur M. Hyde are achieving a reputation in the capital for their attractive table decorations when they entertain.

At a dinner given for Vice President Curtis plaques of yellow and blue Dutch iris adorned the long oblong table.

Between these were tulips of lavender, red and pink, while maiden hair ferns and pansies strewn all over the table transformed it into a regular flower garden.

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STUDENT BODY AIDES NAMED AT OREGON

EUGENE, Ore., May 17.—(AP)—John Creech of Salem has been appointed yell leader at the University of Oregon; Robert L. Miller, Portland, athletic manager; Norman Eastman, Silverton, will manage basketball and Kenneth Moore, Portland, will handle swimming. Appointments were announced by Tom Stoddard, president of the student body.

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Pershing's Silence Balks French Hope of Answer to Clemenceau

By T. T. Topping (Associated Press Staff Writer)

PARIS, May 16.—(AP)—The undisguised hope of the French cabinet tinged with alarm, that General Pershing would hop aboard the Clemenceau-Foch comet and trove beyond the tomb, in which former President-Premier Poincare recently joined, was dashed to the ground when the commander of the A. E. F. landed at Cherbourg recently.

"I have nothing to say," General Pershing told reporters, "and if I did have something to say I should prefer to say nothing." Interviewers pointed out that two entire pages of Clemenceau's book "Grandeur and Miseries of Victory" described the state of affairs behind the American Army's lines in the Argonne, as "chhos" but General Pershing refused to comment.

A few days after Marshal Foch died, a book written by M. Raymond Recouly, a noted French author, purported to quote Foch in some statements which left no doubt as to the allied commander-in-chief's opinion concerning Georges Clemenceau, generally known here as the "Father of Victory."

This was in March, 1929, and Clemenceau immediately began to work on his book, "Grandeur and Miseries of Victory," laboring so hard that he came to an untimely death—the doctors say—at the age of 88.

the following order: Foch: "Clemenceau going to the United States to whimper and sentimentalize, like the old dard he is." This is alleged to have been said when the "Tiger" visited the United States during his French-American "light controversy." Clemenceau: "Foch was an ingrate and a subordinate soldier." Out of the flood of comment which this post-mortem duel is creating in France, there emerges a general feeling of respect that such a situation should have arisen. Clemenceau summed it up by saying that Foch and Clemenceau "both greatly served their country, and in time, this alone will be remembered."

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