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DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL
BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, July 15.—Retail prices of food have been coming down, but by no means as rapidly as wholesale prices. They never do.
When the farmer gets low prices for his products the consumer sometimes eventually gets a little of the benefit, but not until the middle man and the retailer get them, if then.
C. B. Denman of the Federal Farm Board recently pointed to sharp declines in the prices of beef, dressed beef in Chicago, he says, has been selling for from 20 to 37 per cent less than a year ago, the greatest reductions being in the cheaper cuts. Retail prices for beef, he assured all housewives, ought to reflect the full reduction possible under present prices.
Doesn't Help the Housewife
But none of the government's figures available here indicate that the housewife has been getting much of a break on sirloin or round steaks, or rib roasts or chuck roasts.
On a rough estimate, however, it is said that wholesale prices of food are about 10 per cent lower than the high mark last year and retail prices about 5 per cent. The monthly survey of retail food prices made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics covers 23 of the most commonly used articles of food and its wholesale survey 121 items, so no exact comparison is possible. The bureau depends upon about 1500 retailers for the information for its surveys, so it never compares comparative wholesale and retail prices, which would make the retailers sore.
Retailers are reluctant to change their prices, either upwards or downwards, it is explained. Sometimes they feel that slight increases would be justified and yet fear to offend the consumer by making them. On the other hand, it is naturally much easier to refrain from cutting prices when wholesale prices drop. The retailers never notice lower wholesale prices as quickly as they observe increased wholesale prices.
Usually there are two steps between the producer and the consumer—the jobber, or middle man, and the retailer. The wholesale price, as commonly understood, is the price paid by the middle man. The middle man usually gets a slice during the inevitable lag between declining wholesale prices and declining retail prices, but experts on these facts believe the retailer usually gets the larger slice. The wideawake retailer knows his price trends and he can make the middle man observe them easier than the ultimate customer can persuade the retailer to follow them.
Some blame is placed on the consumer, however, for increasing retail costs. It costs more to retail food now than it did. Time was when people bought potatoes by the bushels, flour by the barrel, apples by the peck, meat in huge chunks and eggs at least by the dozen. In these days of kitchenettes the retailer finds himself doing out two or three eggs or a single lamb chop at a time and flour, potatoes, apples and such food are bought often in one-pound lots.
The middle man's margin of profit is usually more or less fixed. He used to get a lot of blame for the high cost of living, but lately the tendency has been to squeeze him out. Mass buyers by chain stores and grocers' leagues, establishment of chains by producers and farmer co-operatives are among the factors threatening to eliminate the jobber.
Latest complete Bureau of Labor Statistics figures on wholesale and retail food prices are for May. Figuring on an annual basis, the bureau finds that food costing \$1.53 in May, 1929, cost \$1.501 in May, 1930. Food sold at wholesale for \$0.977 in May, 1929, cost only 92 cents in May, 1930. The wholesale and retail prices given are not relative, however, and should not be compared with the comparative ratio of decline.

A Good Soldier Passes On
THE marine corps lost a good soldier and the nation lost a valuable citizen in the recent death of Maj. Gen. Wendell C. Neville.
Entering the marine corps in the early 'nineties, on graduation from the naval academy, General Neville found enough action in his military career to satisfy anyone. He fought the Spaniards in Cuba, served in the campaign in China against the Boxers, went to the Philippines to help put down the insurrection there, served in troubled Haiti and the Dominican republic, won the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery in the expedition to Vera Cruz, and took an extremely active part in the fighting in France.
As commander of the famous fifth marine regiment at Belleau Wood and later as commander of the fourth brigade in the hard fighting at Soissons and in the Meuse-Argonne, General Neville rounded out his career. His death removes from our midst a very fine soldier. During his 60 years of life he served his country as wholeheartedly and gallantly as any man could do.

An Exchange Of Visitors
AMERICAN motorists are expected to spend around \$300,000,000 in Canada this summer. The great dominion north of the border has unrivaled attractions as a vacation land—and we're not speaking of its liquor laws now, either. Citizens of the United States are discovering the fact in increasing numbers every year.
However, Canadians do a good deal of touring, too, and a lot of them cross the border to do it. In 1929, according to dominion government figures, Canadian tourists spent more than \$111,000,000 in the United States, and more than 619,000 Canadian automobiles went south over the boundary. The figures probably will be higher this year.
Here is reciprocity of the finest sort. That famous unfortified frontier is in no danger as long as the two nations exchange friendly visits on such a scale.
Alas! The only one that doesn't give honorary degrees is the school of experience.
If you like a Sunday picnic in a quiet place far from the crowd, you can use the front lawn.
Nobody bats a thousand in everything. Washington was first in many particulars, but he married a widow.
The chief difficulty in establishing parity is the fact that a fleet is no stronger than the man in charge of it.
It's a sad commentary on American culture when a reporter's possession of a bank account looks suspicious.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION
THE SILENCE OF DEATH
Spokane Spokesman-Review: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's resignation from the Society for Physical Research is explained by an official as "an honest difference of opinion. Sir Arthur is a spiritualist; we are an investigation society."
Of that society Conan Doyle had been a member for thirty-six years. From investigation he passed to conviction, but it is significant that the society as a whole, after forty-eight years of painstaking investigation of psychic phenomena the world over, has not found, in its stupendous mass of reports and studies, convincing proof that the dead communicate from the spirit world, or that they can be summoned from "the undiscovered country from whose bowels no traveler returns."
By an impressive coincidence, news of Sir Arthur's break with the Society of Physical Research came on the day that Mrs. Harry Houdini, widow of the internationally known magician, confessed that she had abandoned hope of communicating with her husband in the spirit world. Before Houdini's death the twain had formed a pact binding the first to die to communicate, if possible, with the survivor.
There is pathos now in the disappointed widow's admission that "the silence is impetrable: there is only a void."
HIGH-PRESSURE PROGRESS
Chicago News: Hitched to an express wagon, an aged horse, "his every bone astate," collapsed in front of the county building the other day and the crowds that came to gaze caused a traffic blockade. To onlookers the spectacle called up a past which, though only recently parted, seemed already as remote to the era of stage coaches and the pony express.

Local Battery Has Perfect Attendance
At weekly drill of Battery D, 249th Coast Artillery, last night in the armory quarters, it was announced that non-commissioned officers school has been discontinued for the month of July. Capt. Walter W. Abbey also reported that the battery rated 100 per cent attendance for the months of May and June.
Men who have received discharges because of leaving the state are rapidly being replaced, but there are still several vacancies and anyone wishing to join may do so Monday night when drill is being held. New members of the battery are Newton B. Nelson, re-enlisted, and Harold E. Gausson, transferred from Nampa, Idaho.
Pile Sufferers
You can only get quick and permanent relief by removing the cause—congestion of blood in the lower bowel and weakening of the parts. Nothing but an internal medicine can do this—why cutting and salves fail. Dr. J. S. Leonardt discovered a real internal pile remedy. After prescribing it for 1000 patients with success in 960 cases, he named it HEM-ROID. Druggists everywhere now sell it, and guarantees money-back if HEM-ROID does not cure your piles in any form.—Underwood's Pharmacy.—Adv.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH
Judge A. L. Leavitt, who is greatly interested in securing connection with the California highway through Klamath county is of the opinion that the greatest argument this section could offer would be the benefit to the residents of California who desire to make this trip, by the construction of a road from Weed to Dorris.
Judge Leavitt states that there is already a good road from Weed to the northwest of the Cascades, and with the extension of the highway to Dorris the tourist travel would then have a choice of the two routes, which would be a great benefit to the residents of California than would simply one road.
With the announcement that the stopping places in the vicinity of Crater Lake are now open for business, an impetus has been given the tourist travel, and yesterday the roads leading to this country were fairly overrun with outside automobiles.
Sykes Hamaker reports that the mammoth traction engine engaged in hauling lumber from the Doan-Horton mill was loaded Monday and left with about 30,000 feet of lumber for the Sallow Bros. yard at Klamath Falls. The engineer had the misfortune to cut off his fingers while cutting some wood for the engine. It was dressed by Dr. Harris—Bonanza Bulletin.
W. F. Hopka, although he has visited this city every summer for the past four years, and had no intention of coming here this summer when he left Sacramento on a two weeks' vacation, arrived here last night, and will spend the balance of his vacation in this vicinity.
Mr. Hopka is with the well known firm of Weinstein-Lubin and at one time owned property in this city. He is pleased with the prospects here, and expects to make some investments soon.
C. H. Lowry, of Klamath Falls visited Dorris people Wednesday and if our reporter reports according to the Golden Rule, Mr. Lowry intends to take back to Klamath Falls more than fish when he returns.—Dorris Advocate.
The first automobile to make the trip this season from Medford to this city by the way of Crater Lake arrived in the city Sunday night.
J. A. White, proprietor of the White Police saloon of this city, sustained a broken leg Sunday afternoon while on a visit to Mt. Hebron. The injury was sustained by stepping into a rut, throwing him in such a manner to break the bone in his right ankle. The injured member was dressed and Mr. White brought home on the evening train, and placed in the care of Dr. Atkinson.—Dorris Advocate.

Know Your Tunnels?
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40
HORIZONTAL 30 Struck as a bell. 39 Golf device. 6 To accomplish. 1 Where is the Moffat tunnel? 32 Container. 40 Where is Edinburg? 7 Mountains in Switzerland. 33 Prejudiced. VERTICAL 11 In what range is Mount Rainier? 12 Since. 36 Puts up a poker stake. 2 Golf quart. 13 Noise of a trumpet. 37 Snake. 4 Minor note. 14 Southeast. 38 Color. 5 Era. 15 To blind. YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
AREA HAD MOAT
WARN ERA URGE
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II SALINES IT
DAM SEVEN FAK
ATOM RED LUTE
METAL S MOREL
P RAW MOW J
EVE TAMED CAM
RIA IRATE ALE
SET NEWEL WAD
20 To oxidize by heat. 21 Adored. 23 Emittid vapor. 25 Sports. 26 Tumor. 28 Gets up. 29 Old woman. 31 To defeat. 32 Wrap. 33 Ball club. 34 Card game. 35 To hasten. 37 Before Christ. 38 Exclamation.

Thoughts We've Been Thinking
(Continued from Page One)
LABOR has hit at a vital need for the prosperity of this nation, and that is to keep factories at home.
When large manufacturing concerns seek foreign fields where cheap labor can be had and then want to ship their manufactured products into this country there is a double damage done. If foreign countries offer such inducements the least that an American concern could do would be to establish citizenship in that country and become a part of it.
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ERRORGRAMS
WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING, FRANK? IT'S FAMILIAR, BUT I CAN'T NAME IT.
YOU SHOULD KNOW IT, IT'S FROM BEETHOVEN'S CRATORIO, "THE MESSIAH."
There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below—and unscramble it, by switching the letters around. Grade yourself 20 for each of the mistakes you find, and 30 for the word if you unscramble it. Turn to the back page and we'll explain the mistakes and tell you the word. Then you can see how near a hundred you bat.
Thou's Scrambled
GALDIRN
Dearly beloved.

Daily CAPITOL News Letter
Convicts' Time Reading Popular Their Choices Get Encouragement
SALEM, Ore., July 15, (UP)—Convicts at the Oregon state penitentiary here spend their spare time doing something else other than brooding over their ill fate.
READING is one of the most popular pastimes of the inmates, according to Henry W. Meyers, superintendent of the prison, and the prisoners' taste in literature runs the gamut from gunnery yarns and wild west stories to the very highest classics in all literature, with scientific subjects holding prominent among the reading preferred.
Further Desires
THE PRISON library is a model in modern select literature. More than 2500 volumes of every description, from fiction by the foremost writers to the well-thumbed volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica and the most intriguing science, are contained in the glass inclosed shelves.
BUT SELECTIONS are not limited to the books on hand. The desire to read and study is furthered by prison authorities. Twice each week a list of 250 volumes is forwarded by the state librarian to the prison librarian. The latter circulates the list among the inmates, each choosing those books he desires. The list is then returned to the state librarian and the books are forwarded to the prison.
Mechanics Popular
MOST POPULAR are those volumes on mechanics. Next in line are books of adventure. Authors who are most popular as writers of this type of fiction are: Grey, London, Sabatini, Ibanes and Cooper.
THERE ARE inmates who desire the more serious type of reading and for this purpose many of the books on the list are listed under such titles as geology, chemistry, banking and elementary economics and even the "Outline of Logic."
Philosophy In Demand
WILL DURANT's popular versions of philosophy are also much in demand there is no better circulated volume than his "History of Philosophy."

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye
"Let's play Indian."—Michael, deposed boy king of Rumania.
"Responsibility for Chicago can be traced to illicit liquor traffic."—Colonel Robert L. Randolph, of the Chicago crime prevention committee.
"Undoubtedly many who voted for Morrow are opposed to liquor, but saw no danger of dry law repeal by the election of just another wet from New Jersey."—F. Scott McBride.
"To see those rows and rows of crosses would be the greatest appeal to all young mothers for world peace."—Mrs. Charlotte Butler, Gold Star mother returning from France.
"All slumps are the inexorable consequence of the destructive forces of booms."—President Hoover.
"What is needed is not more respectable mediocrity, but high idealism and adventurous daring."—Rev. Dr. James Rattenbury, of England.

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