

Spuds Climb; Sales Seen At \$3.60 Up

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The Klamath potato market appeared to have its feet firmly on the ground today—at least temporarily—as reports of prices to growers reached up above the \$3.50 mark with at least one report of spuds going for \$3.75 per hundred pounds.
Sales of \$3.60 apparently were not uncommon.
The market may be warm merely for the holiday flurries, or it may be a trend upwards farmers have waited for. Time will tell.
Opening prices early in the season were similar to the present top offers reported here. Then the price began to slump and a lot of potatoes have been sold here for prices below the \$3-per-hundred-pound mark. There were some sales of lower grade potatoes as low as \$2.65.
Shipments
Shipments were still running at an unusually high pace here this week, undoubtedly stimulated by the effects of the new look in the spud market. The shipping point inspection service office reported 73 cars were shipped outbound Wednesday, though nothing was reported for yesterday, a holiday.
A complete rundown of the last month's shipments is expected in the next day or two.
A little less than one-half of this year's potato crop has been shipped so far, according to statistics and estimates made here. A good portion of recent shipments were potatoes sold because farmers were feeling the pinch on a tight and low-priced Alaska clover seed market.
Some suspicion on the present potato market seemed indicated by local observers who noted terminal markets described as "dull." Some farmers may sell now, others may hold for something better. If the market slumps back once again, those holding may suffer. On the other hand, if the market improves, those selling now may figure they could have made more by holding.
FIGHT
Such is the farmer's continual fight to market his produce in his own best interest.
At signing this year potatoes were reported of good quality, but there may have been some storage loss in some local areas. The loss will be figured on in grading operations. There have been unconfirmed reports of similar damage in storage in the Idaho area, where shipments have been extremely heavy the past months.
San Francisco terminal market reports according to the USDA and reported by the Associated Press this morning showed brokers sales potatoes as follows:
Market slightly stronger; 100-pound sacks Russets, rack sales, Deschutes District, USDA two-inch minimum, \$4.25; Klamath District, U.S. 1A, few at \$4.30; U.S. 2A, few \$2.50; occasionally higher; six-ounce minimum, \$4.75; bakers, U.S. 1, few \$5.50.

State Dept. Names Reds

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department has named 11 U.S. citizens on the United Nations payroll as persons it believes are "Communists or under Communist discipline."
The Senate internal security subcommittee yesterday made public the list. Along with the names of 27 others who have been dropped from the U. N. payroll on similar security charges.
Secretary of State Acheson testified before a House Judiciary subcommittee Wednesday concerning the list. State Department loyalty checks on U. N. job applicants "had not been a great success," Acheson insisted, however, that national security had not been endangered by this, but that the nation's prestige had suffered "a black eye."
A State Department memorandum, released by the internal security subcommittee yesterday, said 11 Americans remain on U. N. payrolls although the department has told the U. N. they are considered to be of "Communist identification." They were named as:
David Weintraub, director of the U. N. division of economic stability and development; Henry S. Bloch, Abraham Nadel, Irene Pogorsky, Rhoda Rastoff, Anna Rubinstein, Lena Spiegel, Abram Roman, Evelyn Thaler (also named as Evelyn Stern), Dimitry Varley, Marshall Wolfe and David Sabidowski.

ut Budget

These reports are the basis for confidence of Eisenhower's administration that some cuts can be made. But 101 congressional leaders also indicated they feel there probably will be no substantial reduction in federal spending until the year starting July 1, 1954.
Among those on the President's calling list today were Rep. J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the United Nations and Foreign Affairs Committee, and Secretary of Defense. Eisenhower's appointment list included Lt. Gen. Raymond S. and six others.
A member of the National Training Committee announced a plan to give training to 40,000 youths over age group. The plan was by the House of Representatives last March.
Another Eisenhower would be Adm. J. G. Bland, another member of the commission.
The commission has in the past favored universal military

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Langlie Drops Wilson Case

Says Study Shows Guilt Is Certain

OLYMPIA (AP)—Governor Langlie refused Friday to interfere with the hanging of Utah and Turman Wilson early Saturday.
The chief executive issued his decision just 13 hours before the Canas, Wash., brothers were to be executed for the kidnap-slaying of 18-year-old Jo Ann Dewey of Vancouver, Wash., March 19, 1950.
It was the fifth date with the hangman. Four other execution dates were canceled by court order or executive action.
Governor Langlie said the latest study of the Wilson brothers case, made by a three-man committee of leading attorneys recommended by the American bar association, left "no doubt" as to the guilt of Turman, the older of the two convicted brothers.
"Regarding Utah Wilson," the governor said in a statement, "the committee found two items which, considered independently of all other evidence, tended to show that he may not have participated in the actual abduction and murder, but that he did at least have guilty knowledge of the crime, and was probably an accessory after the fact."
RECORD
"One of these items was the record of conversations between the brothers at the time they were in the Vancouver jail."
"However, because of the difficulty in deciphering this record, and the fact that the Wilsons had been warned that their conversations might be recorded, the committee seemed to feel this item was not entitled to much weight."
"The other item was the polygraph test, conducted by Alex Gregory."
"The committee acknowledged that such tests, though widely used, are not generally considered as legally admissible evidence in courts of law."
Whatever weight, however, should be accorded these items, considered independently of all other evidence, the fact is that there was a great deal of other evidence tending to establish the guilt of Utah as well as Turman Wilson.
Reviewing the evidence tending to establish Utah's guilt, Langlie said:
"This, the committee found, re-



KLAMATH FALLS' LITTLE 1953, the first baby born in the new year, was this little fellow, the sixth child and fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Walker, 608 N. 6th, who was checked in at Klamath Valley Hospital 16 minutes after the new year began. He weighed 8 pounds 6/4 ounces, and as of today hadn't been named. That's Mrs. Walker on the left.

Fatalities Rise In Chile Blast

VALPARAISO, Chile (AP)—Rescuers methodically combed wreckage of Valparaiso's New Year's explosion today as the toll in this Chilean seaport's worst tragedy in 48 years mounted to 47 known dead and an estimated 350 injured.
Officials weighing the list of missing expressed fears that the tragic reckoning might rise even higher before the search is completed.
An official investigation already was underway to determine the cause of the blasts that shook this city of 200,000—Chile's second largest—a force reminiscent of the great earthquake of August, 1906.
An estimated 4,000 persons died in that disaster.
The explosions occurred early yesterday when a fire enveloped a highway department warehouse.
The series of blasts rocked the city with such force that crews aboard ships in the harbor said they thought an earthquake had struck.
President Carlos Ibanez with two of his Cabinet ministers rushed here from Santiago, the capital to make emergency plans for the stricken.
The government has decreed a three-day period of national mourning.

Ashland GI 'Flies' Car

FRESNO, Calif. (AP)—Charles Clemence, 23, a soldier from Ashland, Ore., should be in the Air Force, the police say, instead of the Army.
They reported he "flew" his automobile more than 100 feet through the air, crash landed it against a tree and walked away from the wreck.
The unscheduled flight occurred Friday when Clemence encountered a dead end street here at the Herndon Canal.
The police said the car tore through a guard rail and soared over the canal.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy through Saturday with considerable morning fog. High today 38, low tonight 30. High tomorrow 34. Light rain yesterday. High tonight 34. Low tonight 27. Precip. yesterday. 1.50. Since Oct. 1. 3.50. Normal for period. 4.75.

American Armed Forces Gain in Striking Power

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON (AP)—Better stand-ard arms and deadly new ones—from faster jet warplanes and mightier aircraft carriers to atomic warfare—are giving fiercer striking power to an American armed force unchanged in size.
That is the picture presented, directly and indirectly, in a semi-annual report of the defense establishment issued Thursday, a report which showed manpower strength static at 3,600,000.
In his portion of the report, Secretary of Defense Lovett wrote soberly of the difficulties arising from rising costs for arms, of production problems stemming from various causes including strikes and of the need for a continued high level of draft calls to keep the strength of the Army up.
But, in a look back over the two years of what he termed partial mobilization, he said the U. S. "increased its actual and potential military strength to a level which should give pause to even the most reckless aggressor."
The accompanying reports of the Army, Navy and Air Force secretaries presented some flat statements and some interesting hints of the weapons the services have or are developing and the training for their use.
Secretary of the Air Force Finletter told of greater combat readiness in atomic warfare, of new planes in use to counter an enemy atomic attack as well as the better known aircraft for delivery of American bombs in a counterattack should Russia make war.
He wrote of work toward the eventual development of nuclear power to fly planes, a project that could give a bomber virtually unlimited range.
Finletter's report also contained a laconic reference to studies of "the problem of protection of air crews during the delivery of atomic weapons and in the subsequent equipment."
So far as is known, there is no contamination produced from the presence of an unexploded atomic bomb aboard an aircraft.
And, unless the plane deliberately flies into a bomb cloud to determine the degree of radiation and contamination of the air, there is normally no danger of contamination of either the plane or crew.
This, therefore, left open to speculation the possibility that Finletter was speaking of the carrying of radiological warfare weapons in planes.
These would be devices for releasing aerosol clouds of dust, either by sprays or through the dropping of containers with bursting charges.
Secretary of the Navy Kimball put into his report word that the Navy has raised its goal for the 60,000-ton, Forrestal, class carriers, at which it is now building two.
Until this report, Kimball had talked of the need for building a total of 10 of the flush-deck flat-tops capable of handling the heavy jet planes now in use or in design.
But now Kimball said that "based on current world conditions, a minimum of 12" of the supercarriers are needed and "construction should commence immediately."

Holiday Toll Moves Ahead

By The Associated Press
The number of deaths in accidents during the long New Year holiday rose Friday.
The total reached 193. This included 149 in traffic, 18 in fires and 31 in other types of accidents.
The victims lost their lives in the period that began at 6 p.m. (Local time) Wednesday, and will end at midnight Sunday.
The number of deaths in the current holiday period was falling short of the number reported during the long Christmas week end.
During the 102-hour Christmas holiday period fatalities averaged slightly more than seven per hour.
During the first 40 hours of the New Year period they averaged a shade under five per hour.
The heavy Christmas holiday toll, which included a record 86 deaths in motor-vehicle accidents, evoked pleas for caution from safety leaders.
Rain or snow in many sections since the New Year death count began may have slowed motoring.
Traffic fatalities soared to a record high 556 during last week's four-day Christmas holiday. There were 744 accidental deaths.
The violent death toll for the four-day New Year's holiday last year was 611, including 375 in traffic mishaps, 66 in fires and 167 in miscellaneous accidents.

Rules Fight Looms As Parties Confer

By JOHN CHADWICK
WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican senators Friday chose Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio to be their floor leader in the new Congress.
The choice of Taft—a selection made certain by behind-the-scenes jockeying in the months following the election—was announced after a two-hour closed session.
Also picked for key Senate posts by unanimous votes at the morning session were Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire to be president pro tempore; Sen. William Knowland of California to be chairman of the Senate GOP Policy Committee; and Sen. Eugene D. Milliken of Colorado to be chairman of the GOP conference which includes the 48 Republican Senators.
The new Congress convenes at noon EST (9 a.m. PST) Saturday and these selections are expected to be made official by formal vote.
Overshadowing the selection of leaders was a move to force a rewriting of Senate rules at the outset of the session. The aim: to make it easier to put a halt to filibusters, a device for talking civil rights measures and other legislation to death.
Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.), a leader in the move, told reporters that if the conference of Republican senators turns thumbs down on the proposal, any chance for success will vanish.
He said he was hopeful that the GOP conference would not take a party stand against the plan but would leave it up to individual Republican senators to vote as they pleased when the issue is put before the Senate.
Republican Senate leaders planned a full discussion of the matter at their party conference but declined to predict what the outcome might be.
If they should decide to get behind the plan, however, they may be slapping at the very start of the new Congress against Southern Democrats with whom they have worked closely in the past and whose support they may need in session ahead.
ONE VOTE
As it is, the Republicans will have only a one-vote margin in the Senate. The lineup will be 48 Republicans, 47 Democrats and one independent, Sen. Morse of Oregon.
Morse has said he will vote with the GOP, with which he split during the presidential campaign, on senate organization.
Sen. Russell of Georgia, leader of Southern Democrats, has denounced the rules-change as "a goon squad tactic" and said that Senate approval would shatter unbroken precedents of 160 years.
He and other Southern senators have relied for years on the filibuster to block fair employment practices legislation and such civil rights measures as anti-poll tax and anti-lynching bills.
At the conference of Republican senators, Sen. Taft of Ohio was unopposed for post of majority floor leader. Thus to Eisenhower's chief rival for the GOP presidential nomination was the job of guiding the new administration's legislative program through the Senate.
Sen. Milliken of Colorado was slated to be continued as chairman of the GOP conference and Sen. Bridges of New Hampshire to be selected for president pro tempore of the Senate.
Similarly, Sen. Knowland of California was ticketed for chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee despite some talk that Sen. Ferguson of Michigan might be put forward as a candidate.
HOUSE SIDE
On the House side, Republicans were called together to name Rep. Joseph Martin of Massachusetts for speaker and Rep. Halleck of Indiana for majority floor leader.
Following the opening session, most Washington observers agreed the new GOP Congress can be expected to approve most measures Eisenhower asks for—at least for a honeymoon of several months.
At the conference of House Democrats, Rep. Rayburn of Texas, the present speaker, was without opposition for the post of Democratic floor leader in the new Congress.
Another Texan, Sen. Lyndon Johnson, was slated to be chosen by Senate Democrats at their conference as minority floor leader and Sen. Clements of Kentucky as assistant floor leader, or party whip.
In addition to the party conferences preliminary to the organization of the new Congress tomorrow, leaders of the anti-filibuster rules proposals called another strategy huddle.
Humphrey said a decision would be made at this meeting on what

Allied Raiders Attack Reds

SEOUL (AP)—Allied raiders furiously attacked a Chinese Communist position near Bunker Hill on the frozen Western Korean Front, then withdrew early Friday.
The U. S. Eighth Army said the raiders killed or wounded an estimated 45 Reds in a four-hour, and-a-half mile and hand grenade battle before racing back to their own lines.
On the Eastern Front, crackling Allied rifle and machine gun fire halted seven thrusts by North Korean Communists in sub-zero weather Thursday and Friday.
The probing Red units, ranging up to 70 men, were tossed back northeast of the Punchbowl area, 20 miles from the East Coast.
Heavy artillery barrages supported the Reds.
The Communists probed Allied positions at three other spots—two in the center and one in the West. The temperature dipped to six degrees below zero in the Central Sector.
The Fifth Air Force said B-26 bombers destroyed five Communist locomotives during night strikes for the second straight night. Allied planes shot up 30 box cars and 40 supply vehicles.
Fighter-bombers pounded Communist front-line and supply positions.
F-80 jets, diving to only 20 feet above the ground, sealed a tunnel by skipping bombs into the entrance.
No Communist jets were encountered along MGO alley.
Okinawa-based B-29 superforts Thursday night dropped 500-pound bombs on Red barracks at an ore processing plant and marshalling yard near Songchon in North-Central Korea.
Other B-29s blasted the Sopo marshalling yard four miles north of the Red capital, Pyongyang.
Bomber crews reported sighting Red night fighters, but none attacked. There was light Communist ground fire.

Little Girl Gets 'Help'

BALTIMORE (AP)—Twelve-year-old Alice Griffin was cruising down the sidewalk on her roller skates yesterday when she slipped and grabbed at something to hold.
Soon four fire engines sped to the scene.
Alice had grabbed at a fire alarm box which happened to have an open door.

Mercury Drops On Korea Front

SEOUL (AP)—sunshine glinted off snow-covered ridges along the Korean battlefield today.
Temperatures dropped to six degrees below zero on the Central Front last night, and one below on the Western and Eastern Fronts.
No snow fell but snow on the ground ranged from 1 1/2 to three inches deep.



IT WAS BACK TO SCHOOL for these three youngsters this morning. They are (l to r): Barbara Robichaud, 628 Oak; Shanon and Darlene Ward, 510 S. 28th.