

FOOD PRICES FALL; SPECULATORS HIT

Vegetables and Fruits Lead Declines—Holders Unload Sugar at Big Loss

CANTALOUPE AT 2 CENTS

Food prices are falling rapidly—vegetables, fruits and sugar particularly. Dock street was thronged with hundreds of small buyers today, eager to buy farmers' products at surprisingly low prices. Dealers admitted the market was glutted, because housewives generally had not been buying in expected quantities, while poor transportation facilities had prevented the farmers making their accustomed shipments outside the city.

As an example of the prices asked today, cantaloupes were going for two cents apiece, lettuce at two to four cents a head, potatoes four cents a quart, and tomatoes forty cents a basket.

Sugar to Fall Further

Sugar, now selling at the refinery for eighteen and one-half cents a pound, less 2 per cent for cash, is due for a further fall, an official of the McCahan Sugar Refinery Co. said today. Sugar has been dropping rapidly in price, he declared.

White granulated sugar today is selling at eighteen cents a pound in the forty retail butter and egg stores operated in this city and vicinity by Chabrow Bros. Although asking twenty-one cents for sugar, Hanscom Bros., according to Edward Hanscom, are suffering a six-cent loss on every pound sold, having purchased the present supply at twenty-seven cents.

E. L. Smyser, manager of the grocery department of Gimbel Bros., said this store was selling sugar four cents lower a pound than last week, or nineteen cents.

Excessive profiteering on the part of retail food dealers was criticized yesterday by the state fair price commissioner, Frank B. McCallin. He had two

Quite a Difference in Price of Tomatoes

Tomatoes at twenty-five cents a slice! This is the price charged by a Market street restaurant, despite the fact that this famous Jersey vegetable is selling for forty cents a basket.

Of course, the tomatoes in question are enclosed in crackerdust, in which there is mixed a dash of egg. A sprig of parsley is also served with the tomato trio, but as parsley is one cent a bunch, this only costs about one-twentieth of a cent. The picturesque decoration, however, does not allay the indignation of the diner when he gets the check.

As to the exact profit made by the restaurant—that's a job for E. J. Cattell.

Inspectors connected with the State Commission of Public Welfare to make out a detailed comparison of the prices at Dock street with prices charged in retail stores.

Corn an Example

"It was found," he said, "that roasting ears of sweet corn sold on Dock street for fifty-eight cents a basket, containing four dozen ears, or at the rate of little more than a cent an ear. But retail stores in the residential sections are selling identically the same corn at fifty and sixty cents a dozen, receiving for one dozen what they pay for four dozen. Ten large heads of cabbage in a basket sold wholesale at twenty cents—two cents a head—and the cabbage retailed in the stores at eight cents per head.

"Good-sized Dock street tomatoes sold for forty cents a basket, containing 100 tomatoes, when dealers at the Reading Terminal market were selling these baskets at \$1.25.

"The same difference between wholesale and retail prices applies to apples, green peppers, cucumbers, eggplants, green beans, onions, new potatoes and cantaloupes.

"In view of the fact that most of these commodities involve no more labor and expense than that transportation between Dock street and the retailer to the different stalls in the market, the retailer's profits are outrageously large. The public is buying for more than it ought to have paid, and it is exceedingly regrettable that, by reason of the decision of Judge Thompson, of the eastern federal district, we are powerless to put a stop to this, which is nothing but indoor banditry."

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HEALTHY CHILDREN MAKE BEST PUPILS

Director Furbush Urges Examination for Those About to Enter School

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Parents of children about to enter school for the first time are urged by Dr. C. Lincoln Furbush, director of health, to take them to a physician in advance of the opening of the schools for a thorough medical examination. Doctor Furbush has taken that step because he feels that the large percentage of retardation in the first grade of school is mainly due to the physical health of the child.

He pointed out that with the great lack of sufficient school medical inspectors and nurses it was impossible to make a thorough yearly examination of the children now in school as required by law, thus almost neglecting entirely the youngest children.

The figures of the promotion of the public schools at the close of the last term show that in the first grade 27 per cent of the children not admitted, and thus at the start of their school life were being handicapped by retardation.

"Every child who enters school physically defective is a menace to itself and to the rest of the community," said Doctor Furbush yesterday. "If a child has adenoids, bad teeth, defective eyes, or other ailment, very often easily corrected, they should be properly attended to before beginning their school work."

"If they are not taken care of and go into the school system they become backward pupils, having a retarding influence on the whole class, to say nothing of the immediate effects on themselves."

"Every parent who has a child about to enter school this fall should take it to a doctor for a thorough physical examination to see that the child is in every way fit to take up its work. If there is anything wrong it should be taken to a health center or other clinic for correction."

In a like manner in the Lee Special School, out of sixty-five boys known to the worker, fifty-five were found to be physically defective, with undernourishment a factor in almost every case. This was due not so much to the amount of food given the child as to the improper food and excessive tea and coffee drinking.

Send Flowers to Miss Paul

Local members of the National Woman's party yesterday sent a huge bunch of flowers to Miss Alice Paul, their national chairman, in Washington, congratulating her upon her leadership, which contributed toward winning the vote for American women. The flowers are of purple, white and gold, the party colors.

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\$24,000,000 COST OF EACH

Keels for two giant battlecruisers will soon be laid in the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The vessels are to be built faster and will carry far more deadly armaments than any cruiser now afloat, according to naval officers. Hundreds of additional shipbuilders will be employed at the yard to complete them. The cruisers will be 874 feet long and 106 feet wide. They will draw thirty-one feet of water and have a displacement of 43,500 tons each. They will have oil burning engines and be capable of a speed of more than thirty-three knots an hour.

Each vessel will have four armored turrets in which eight sixteen-inch 50-caliber guns will be mounted. Both cruisers will have secondary batteries of sixteen six-inch 53-caliber guns and will be equipped with four three-inch 50-caliber anti-aircraft guns. Each cruiser will have eight twenty-one-inch torpedo tubes.

Neither of the new vessels will carry any armor except on the turrets, as speed will be relied upon to protect the ships from hostile guns. According to naval authorities here, the cruisers will represent the last word in naval construction, being far superior in every way to any ships of their class possessed by any navy in the world.

The cruisers will carry crews of seventy commissioned officers, sixty-four petty officers, 820 enlisted men and seventy-five marines, making a total of 1029.

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Paralyzed Girl Taken From Hospital Paralyzed since Sunday, after she dived into the lake at Clementon Park.

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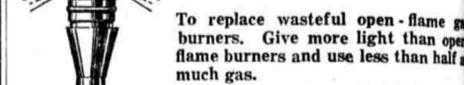
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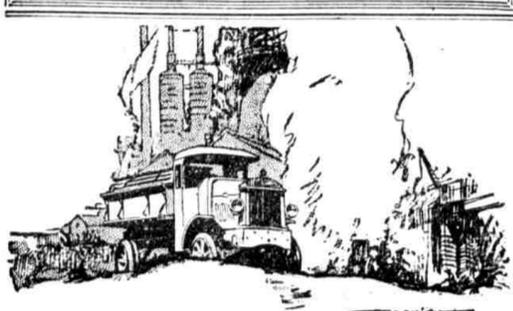
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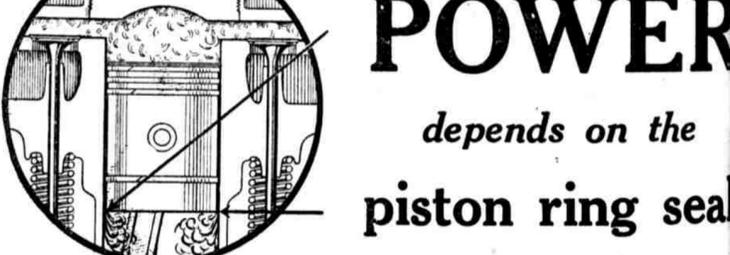
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