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DECLINING PRICES.

Everyone is wondering whether prices are coming down—whether they have come down. There is much confused and contradictory talk and writing on the subject, because the facts available for a conclusion are also contradictory.

Some prices have declined; some are higher than ever. If you buy cotton cloth, you may find that it is not so high as it was. If you buy eggs, you may suspect that the dealer thinks he is selling gold nuggets.

In the broad sense it still remains true that not one of the causes that produced high prices has ceased to be effective, and so long as that is true there is no chance of a general decline. But as to some important classes of merchandise there are signs that those causes are changing, and the result that may follow must not be overlooked.

So long as people will buy at current prices there will be no decline. The seller charges all he can get, the buyer, though he may grumble, still buys. It is when there is a surplus of goods or a lack of buyers that the price has to come down. What is the present situation?

As for most of the articles in regular necessitous, universal demand, there is either a shortage or a barely sufficient supply. Moreover, the supply gives no indication of increasing and the demand no sign of diminishing. That is true of flour, meat, milk, eggs, butter, fruit and a great variety of vegetables and groceries; coal and firewood, lumber, brick and all other building materials.

It is not true of sugar, which is a most important food, because the supply at present is superabundant, or of textiles, raw material or finished product, or of steel. Those are the weak points in the chain of prices, and the key to what is to come may possibly be found in the textile situation. The controlling fact there is that, whereas men must have their daily food and fuel to keep them warm, they can wear old clothes. Prices have been so high that demand has diminished. Wholesalers and retailers of cloth cancelled orders; manufacturers closed their mills or ran on short time; cotton and wool, being in less demand, dropped in price. The next step must be that the price of goods suitable for making clothing will decline in order to clear off accumulated stocks. There has also been a falling off in the demand for steel products that may easily lead to declines in that great industry.

Again, it is well known that a great many traders, large and small, in various classes of merchandise, who have bought goods on credit but who cannot sell them, may be forced by the banks from which they borrowed to dispose of their goods at a loss—that is, at less than the present prices. If that should take place on a large scale, the tendency to a lower level would be much more widespread than has yet become evident.

As children we have all of us set up a line of blocks and amused ourselves by causing the first block to knock over all the others. Sooner or later there will be a crash in some vitally important article of trade that will bring down the rest; but as yet there is no sign that it will happen soon, nor does it seem likely to occur while all the most pressing needs of human life are still scarce and not increasing in quantity.

Halifax Chronicle: Le Canada of Montreal describes the banquet to Sir Lomer Gouin on Thursday evening, which was attended by 600 guests as not only a great tribute to Sir Lomer, but also a magnificent Liberal demonstration, the presence of Hon. Mackenzie King, leader of the Opposition—the enthusiasm of whose reception by a Quebec audience is noted—adding to the resplendency of the gathering. Liberalism in Quebec is as virile and enthusiastic as ever, and although Sir Lomer Gouin disclaimed any intention of entering the Federal field, there is a general expectation that before very long he will have a seat on the Liberal side in the House of Commons, and give the benefit of his ability and experience to his Party in Parliament.

Glasgow Herald: The United States will take their own way of doing things and their own time to do them,

but they will never forget or abandon the principles in which their greatness stands. Nor can they, or we, ever forget that, at a critical moment in our desperate conflict, they united their strength with ours to gain "one of the greatest victories against the organized forces of evil in all history or that the co-operation thus rendered was marked by the grace of friendliness and by the sacrifice of national predictions to the common good as well as by valor and efficiency in the performance of a task the difficulty and the adventure of which we have not yet completely realized.

Ottawa Citizen: "Three-Fingered" Jack Richardson, of Portland, which is a wild and woolly frontier place, and the chief of police of Oregon City, will divide the \$15,000 reward for the arrest of John Doughy. If anything were needed to convince us of the degeneration of the times such an incident would provide it. According to the old standards, now, alas, gone forever, "Three-Fingered" Jack would have bellowed:—"One throw of the dice, sheriff, for the hull pot." And the sheriff who would refuse such an offer would have been despoiled of his large metal star quicker'n a jack rabbit could jump over a cactus bush.

The importation of six million dollars' worth of German toys into America in the first six months of this year seemed large, but the American toy manufacturers say that the people this year have bought one one hundred million dollars' worth of toys, of which eighty million dollars' worth have been manufactured in the United States.

Detroit News: Any community which hopes to keep down its death rate from automobile accidents must somehow in the devising of its traffic regulations keep pace with the increase in traffic. And since this is a matter of educating the public, motorist as well as pedestrian, due allowance ought to be made for the fact that preventive measures are not to be put into operation over night.

All of the provincial governments of Canada have forwarded cables to the Imperial Government urging the immediate removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle. Just why the British authorities insist on maintaining this embargo is a mystery. It was put on as a precaution against foot and mouth disease, but Canadian stock is absolutely free from this ailment.

Yale university is faced with a difficult problem. The college corporation must decide whether it will have a noted surgeon as president or a clergyman named Coffin. The decision to send for a doctor or a coffin must depend, The Ottawa Citizen suggests, on the condition of the sender.

Americans to the number of 27,101,673 voted in the recent presidential election—of whom about 950,000 were Socialists. Whereat The Boston Transcript remarks that "even if one person in twenty-seven in this country were a Socialist, we could probably rub along."

GOING SOME AT OPERA HOUSE

The important event of "Going Some" is a foot race, a contest between a college youth, whose participation in college athletic competitions is in the nature of cheer leader, and a former fleetfooted A. E. F. champion, who was discharged from the navy in disgrace and now serves as cook on a western ranch. The young collegian gets into the contest by his own boastings to the object of his heart. She is a pretty miss, veritable worshiper of physical prowess, who, out of sheer admiration for his supposed ability, urges him into the race.

Much is at stake, Cowpunchers of rival ranches bet several months' pay on the contest and the owners of the properties bet their all on the outcome. Even the disposition of a domestic squabble for which there does not seem any reason for being, depends upon the result of the race. It is indeed an important affair. And who wins? You've guessed right. The short winded and love sick college youth. It wouldn't do to let the better man cross the line first. The purpose is served much better all around with the inferior man triumphant.

"Going Some" is youthful in spirit and full of the gay irresponsibilities of college students. The picture opens upon an exciting college competition and shifts hurriedly to a western ranch to discuss oil prospecting and divorce. The comic foot race is the climax of the affair and is the means of bringing discordant factions into a camp of harmony.

A comedy completes a good programme.

MARYSVILLE HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

Marysville, Dec. 22.—Fred Clark, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark is confined to his home with an attack of pleurisy.

The many friends of William W. Moore are glad to know that he is recovering from his recent illness.

W. Ernest Collings left today for Newport, Maine, to spend Christmas.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne White was the scene on Monday night of a very enjoyable affair, the occasion being the birthday of George White who recently returned from Montreal where he is studying medicine at McGill University. The dining room was beautifully decorated for the occasion, one dozen sat down to dinner in honor of the returned student. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. A very enjoyable evening was spent with lots of music. Miss Edith Staples sang several solos during the evening in her usual excellent manner. William Tracey of Quebec City, a cousin of George White, was among the guests present. Mr. Tracey is a guest of his grandfather Elias White.

The many friends of Mr. Joseph Allan will be sorry to learn that he has taken a bad turn and his condition is considered serious. Mr. Allan was on the road to recovery but had a relapse.

B. P. ROCK PEN STILL LEADS IN LAYING CONTEST

The egg laying contest at the Fredericton Experimental Station has now been going on for seven weeks and a pen of Barred Rocks belonging to the Invicta Farm, Oromocto is still in the lead with a total of 293 eggs. A pen of White Wyandottes belonging to the Experimental Farm is second with 173, and the Second Barred Rock pen from the Invicta farm is in third place with 133. A pen of White Wyandottes owned by Mrs. George Danby of North Devon and a Barred Rock pen from the Experimental farm are tied for fourth place with 131 birds each.

Last week the twenty one pens in the contest produced in all 472 eggs which brings the grand total to date up to 1900. During the past week ten of the pullets laid six eggs each. Included in the list were three belonging to Mrs. George Danby of North Devon and one owned by Allen & Ferguson of this city. All of the pens are now laying except one of White Rocks belonging to a Carleton County man.

How Birds are Fed

As there is a natural curiosity to know the method of feeding, the management is glad to publish the following:

A dry mash composed of 10 lbs wheat bran, 20 lbs corn meal, 10 lbs wheat middlings, 10 lbs ground elevator screenings, 5 lbs of beef scrap and 5 lbs of ground oil cake is kept in hoppers where the birds can help themselves at any time. The scratch feed is composed of 20 lbs. cracked corn, 15 lbs wheat, 10 lbs oats and 10 lbs buckwheat. A small handful, about 3 ounces for each bird, is thrown in the litter on the floor after dark and raked in so that the birds can get busy when the morning light comes.

At noon about 6 ounces of the dry mash above described is moistened to a crumbly condition with skim milk and fed each pen. A raw beat or mangel is stuck on a nail each day for green feed. Clean water is kept always available and grit, shell and beef scrap are in boxes where the birds can help themselves. As soon as the steady cold weather sets in a small allowance of cut green bone will be added to the above rations at the rate of 5 ounces per day every alternate day.

Late Mrs. Cagney.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Cagney took place this morning from her late home at the corner of Brunswick and Regent streets, and was largely attended. The body was taken to St. Dunstan's Church, where Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Dean Carney. Interment was made at the Hermitage.

C. L. Tapley, of St. John, is registered at Windsor Hall.

Wool caps, scarfs and sets at reduced prices at A. Murray & Co.'s opposite City Hall.

Very Quarrelsome Neighbors
Names of the parties are Corns and Toes—both were unhappy till the trouble was remedied by Putnam's Corn Extractor. Any corn goes out of business in 24 hours if "Putnam's" is applied—try it. 25c at all dealers.

Skirts To Tide One Over The Winter

One smart Skirt belongs in every winter wardrobe.

Under the heavy coat, to wear with odd blouses and for general utility purposes, nothing takes the place of a separate Skirt. We have a fine collection just now, new, everyone of them, and abounding in the dash of plaids, panels, stitching or plaids now so popular. Especially fine also for winter sports wear.

John J. Weddall & Son

Agent for Pictorial Fashions. December Review on Sale.

GIVE GIFTS WORTH THE GIVING

THERE WAS A TIME when "the hardware store" seldom found a place on the Xmas shopping list; but that day has long gone by. Our Store is full of Useful and serviceable Christmas gifts.

JUST A FEW SUGGESTIONS OF GIFTS THAT WILL REALLY PLEASE:

FOR BROTHER—Pocket Knife, Shot Gun, Rifle, Skates, Safety Razor, Tools, Sleds, Toboggan, Footwarmer, Bicycle, Razor, Lather Brush, Lunch Set, Snowshoes.

FOR MOTHER and SISTER—Community Silver, Dainty Table Silverware, Percolator, Carving Set, Manicure Set, Casserole, Pyrex Oven Ware, Aluminum Ware, Electric Iron, Toaster, Steel Range, Electric Washing Machine, Oil Cook Stove, Turkey Roaster, Tea Kettle, Carpet Sweeper, Vacuum Sweeper, Food Chopper, etc.

FOR FATHER—Razor, Hammer, Tools, Safety Razor, Razor Strop, Flashlights, Carving Set, Thermos Bottle, Electric Reading Lamp, Rifle or Shot Gun, Mackinaw Coat, Pocket Knife, etc.

Come in and look around; we will be pleased to show you whatever you want. See our windows.

R. CHESTNUT & SONS, Ltd.

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"CHESTNUT'S HARDWARE SERVICE."

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ALONZO STAPLES, Prop.

Xmas at Bebbington's

We have arranged a nice display of New Ferns, Blooming Plants, Wreaths, etc., appropriate for Xmas presents. Price generally 50c. to \$1.00 each. Also celery, lettuce, parsley, etc., at Bebbington's Gardens.

AT THE GAIETY

WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY

TOM MIX in

"DESERT LOVE"

A Wonder Tale of the Golden West.

MOOSE BACK RIDING

The Latest Fad, Patented by Guide Harry Allen.
Thrilling! Genuine! Amazing!

SNUB POLLARD COMEDY

4 Shows Daily—at 2.30, 3.45, 7.15 and 8.40.

Friday—HOUSE PETERS in "THE GREAT REDEEMER"

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If it's for Father, Mother, Sister, Brother or Sweet-heart, you will find something here to suit.

THE REXALL STORE DIBBLEE'S DRUG STORE
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