

GOVERNMENT URGES WEEKLY POTATO DAY

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day and let the public know that you are selling potatoes on close margins as a team worker with the food administration. Advise your customers to buy potatoes in larger quantities, yet not too large—instead of a few pounds, suppose they buy 25 or 50 pounds, or about one week's supply, according to size of family.

With organized sales effort behind potatoes, handled at decent profits, through the entire grocery trade of the country there will be no need for consumers storing the tubers themselves—in some ways this amounts to a form of hoarding and disturbs the market.

Get ready for a long season, because the potato day each week should be fixed from now until the 1917 crop is eaten up, next June.

The nation expects every grocer to do his duty on potatoes, and his duty is not performed entirely by selling, but by helping the public form new buying and dietetic habits with potatoes, purchasing regularly for each week's needs, in more generous quantities, which will eliminate evils of fluctuating supply, and reduce trade costs, and to use potatoes to save wheat and meat.

Not Eating Normal Volume

Washington, D. C. — The potato crop is causing the food administration no little worry because the people are not eating potatoes up to normal. In this connection, E. Percy Miller, of Chicago, in charge of the potato shipments for the food administration, stated Thursday the price ought to be cut and that the retailers should get their customers to buy more at a time. He says they might very properly charge a good price for small quantities but that they would buy a bushel or a half bushel and allow delivery on some day when orders were not usually heavy they could buy much cheaper. Why potatoes have been quoted at seemingly very high prices in some of the markets and in newspaper reports showing the increasing cost of living is explained by Mr. Miller as due in no way to a shortage of supply. He says that the corner grocery store has most of its prices fixed, many of them by national advertising campaigns. Now with the government fixing the retail prices at a scant margin of profit, the retailer takes advantage of these perishable products in which there is sharp fluctuation in price to make his additional profits.

He said there is a big crop of Irish potatoes. Last year the crop was 70,000,000 bushels less than normal and to take care of this deficiency the price went away up. To stabilize conditions, a big New York commission man made a deal with growers for \$1 potatoes. As a result the careful buyer put in a large stock, fearing high prices, and the people trained themselves to be more careful in eating them. The result has been that the consumption is away below normal when there is a crop of 450,000,000 bushels, according to government figures.

Mr. Miller finds the biggest potato problem now is to get cars to move the crop from the points of production to the big consuming centers.

In connection with the sweet potato crop, Lou D. Sweet, in charge of the potato investigations of the food administration, says this crop has been put on the army ration, and that good prices are being paid and adequate transportation facilities have been arranged. Mr. Miller has had the matter taken up with the quartermaster's office arranging for delivery of large quantities of yams at the big army cantonments.

Through the division of co-ordination of purchases for the army and navy and the allies, he hopes to effect a large consumption of this food product, which is declared to be a welcome variation in the rations of the soldiers.

Mr. Miller says the prices for sweet potatoes this year are quite satisfactory, in fact he says that the only kicks he had received are that the prices have been too high. Under his guidance the food administration has done much to stimulate the use of sweet potatoes and as a result the people throughout the country are becoming better acquainted with its deliciousness. Early in the season he sought the co-operation of commission merchants in increasing the demand for southern sweet potatoes.

Heavy Loading Dangerous

Chicago, Ill.—There has been considerable talk among the trade, since the recent cold spell, to the effect that the heavy loading of potato cars, as a result of recommendations and entreaties from various sources, have been responsible for a considerable amount of stock which was frozen in transit.

There has seemed to be a tendency on the part of some members of the trade to criticize the food administration for their recommendations concerning heavy loading. With respect to this matter it should be understood that, while the food administration have recommended that cars be loaded heavier this season than in the past, in order that the car situation might be relieved to some extent, their recommendations have always specifically stated that the cars should be loaded to capacity "consistent with safety." While considerable damage from freezing was undoubtedly caused by the excessive loading of cars it is the view of the operators here that this damage was due not so much to heavy loading as to the poor judgment exercised by many shippers in not following out the heavy-loading idea in connection with a thought to the safety of the cargo.

Many cars were received on this market with potatoes piled practically to the roof of the car and right up to the doors. In the preparation of an insulated car for a cargo of potatoes it should be borne in mind that the insulated or refrigerator car were primarily built as a protection against heat and that therefore it is necessary to take some steps in the preparation of that same car to protect a cargo against cold inasmuch as heat usually attacks a car from the top while cold comes at it from the bottom. In this connection the leading operators here have formulated some rules, which they have followed in the loading of refrigerator cars to insure safety of their contents. There is some difference of opinion among various shippers as to just what space should be left at the top of the car, but it seems to be the general opinion that the potatoes should not be piled within two feet of the top and that, when sacked, the tiers should not be over five, or possibly six, high. It is also stated that potatoes should not be piled closer than 12 inches of the door edge and that false floors should, of course, always be placed on the bottom ends. It also seems to be the general opinion that about 75 per cent of the equipment, in the northern states at least, which is furnished by the railroads require racks on the sides.

Many smaller shippers in the country have been led to load cars heavier than their own judgment dictated was same because of notices which they have received from the Intensive Loading Committee of the American Railway Association. Many notices have been sent out to shippers by this association asking why certain cars were not loaded more heav-

ily and pointing out that in making future shipments the matter of loading to capacity should be adhered to. Their purpose was, without question, sincere, but shippers proceeded to act upon it by loading cars to capacity without keeping in mind the fact that "consistent with safety" provision should also be adhered to.

Freezing Caused Damage

Kansas City, Mo. — Considerable loss by freezing of potatoes in heavily loaded cars during the recent cold wave have been suffered by dealers in this section. Potato men this week said that a good percentage of it was because the cars were too full to allow a stove to be placed inside, and cars shipped to smaller markets have in many instances been refused because of the frost damage and insufficient facilities on the part of smaller buyers for resorting quickly. Potatoes are now being generally loaded to their maximum, 60,000 pounds, because of the car shortage and the request of the food administration for capacity loading, and it is claimed that where heretofore cars holding 35,000 to 40,000 pounds have been taken by the smaller country seat town markets, the big cars hold too many potatoes for some of them, especially when resorting is necessary as has been the case during the late cold wave.

Estimates of the loss caused by freezing of potatoes in this market and in transit to dealers here as high as \$75,000. One firm this week said that its loss in the last three or four weeks from frozen potatoes exceeded that of any similar period in its history, and that heavy loading was the initial cause.

Minneapolis.—Cars loaded heavily with potatoes and shipped during the cold wave which hit the northwest the middle of this month are now arriving at destination considerable damaged by being frozen in transit. The operators report that cars loaded with more than 700 bushels were damaged most while those with 700 bushels or less went through, in better shape. It is almost impossible to load more than 700 bushels in the average size car and give the potatoes the proper protection, shippers declare. In many cases stock was frozen after the stoves had been pulled. The cold wave extended so far south that it caught a considerable number of cars unprotected in which the stoves had been pulled.

Chicago Market Better

Chicago, Ill.—In spite of the fact that the potato trade had anticipated a quiet market for Christmas week prices were on a better basis than they had been at any time in the past month or so and there was a fairly firm feeling to the situation.

The arrivals have been light as only approximately 90 cars were reported in during the first half of the week and advices from shipping sections were to the effect that there was but a limited amount of loading being done. For the most part the quality of arrivals have been fairly satisfactory although damage from freezing continues to show up to a more or less degree in a certain percentage of the arrivals.

The local demand has been quite good and operators report a fair call for cars for prompt shipment coming from the south and east. It also seems to be the opinion of the dealers, from the tone of the inquiries being received, that an improved call may be expected from the usual trade territory immediately following the first of the year. The experiences of former years carries out this supposition, in as much as there has always been an improvement in the demand after the trade has had a chance to turn their attention from holiday lines to staple commodities.

Wednesday receipts were reported as 40 cars. The market was firm with a very satisfactory call coming for good stock. Wisconsin white stock brought from \$2 to 2.10 per cwt., Minnesota stock \$1.90 to \$2.05 per cwt., and good western stock \$2.15 to \$2.25.

Thursday the market was somewhat easier and prices ruled about 5c lower. Trade was fair but the demand was principally for good stock and inferior stock was hard to move. Receipts were 45 cars.

Friday the market was firm with prices a little higher and on about the same basis as those of Wednesday, although concessions were made on some cars to unload quick because of the cold weather. Receipts were light.

New York Market Good

New York City.—The market on clean unfrosted potatoes last week was good. Michigan and New York state supps were bringing \$4.25 to \$4.50 and the few Maines that were offered sold at \$5 to 5.25 per 180 pounds bulk in the yards. Maine shippers were selling the stock delivered New York at \$2.50 to \$2.59 per cwt., and offerings were extremely light. State potatoes were selling at about \$1.83 per cwt., loading station, and shippers were getting \$2.13 to \$2.17 per cwt. delivered New York. Michigan shippers were quoting \$2.17 per cwt. delivered here. Long Island potatoes were selling 25c higher than Maine stock. On the docks potatoes were selling per cwt. as follows: State, Pennsylvania and Michigan \$2 to \$2.50. Maines \$2 to 2.60.

Found a Sure Thing

I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

Monday Jan. 7th

Is the Opening Day at the Big Store—

Owing to delay in constructing the interior fixtures, our new store will not be opened as soon as anticipated.

Everything will be ready on Monday, January 7th

G. M. Burns

The - Store - of - Big - Savings

The Alliance Herald's Little Salesman

Advertising under this head, five cents per line. Count six words to the line. No advertisement taken for less than fifteen cents.

For Sale

HIGH GRADE second-hand automobile for sale cheap. Nicolai & Son. 37-1f

FOR SALE—One of the best quarters in Box Butte county for \$10.00 per acre. Look it up. It is in the NW 1/4 of section 32, township 25, range 50. Geo. A. Gillup, Big Timber, Montana. 45-8683-1f

YOUR CHANCE to get a first-class, high-grade automobile for sale cheap. Used but in excellent condition. Nicolai & Son. 37-1f

Piano At a Sacrifice

We have in the vicinity of Alliance one of our very best pianos. Rather than pay storage or re-ship this instrument to Denver, we will sell it to a responsible party at a special price on easy terms. Or, we will rent the piano with the privilege of buying later, and apply rent on purchase price. In answering, please give full references in first letter. Address Dept. A, KNIGHT-CAMPBELL MUSIC CO., Denver, Colo. 5-2-8883.

115 HIGH-CLASS Registered Hegeforde; 75 females, 20 calves thrown in with their mothers; 40 bulls of serviceable age to be sold by Mousel Brothers in the new steam-heated sale pavilion at Cambridge, Nebraska, Dec. 18, 1917. This comprises the greatest collection ever left our farm. Send for illustrated catalog now. Mousel Brothers, Cambridge, Nebr. 53-8-8964

For Quick Sale — We will take \$125 for Lot 1, Block 4, South Alliance. It has a 3-room house and other improvements. See S. P. Tuttle, of Alliance, for conveyance. J. P. Hazard, Goodline, Idaho. 5-1f-9390

FOR SALE—My residence property at 804 Big Horn avenue, corner Eighth street. In first-class condition; five large rooms; bath. Barn can be used as garage; fine lawn; also mahogany piano—one of the best makes. Good as new. A. J. Welch, phone 361. 3-1f-8970

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On account of financial reverses of one of our customers we are compelled to take back one of our beautiful players which can be bought for small unpaid balance. Terms to

reliable parties. For further information, address the Haddorf Music House, Alliance, Nebr. 3-31-8960

FOR SALE — Man's fur-lined broadcloth coat; size 40; in good shape; at half price. Call at Herald office. 3-1f-8966

Wanted

WANTED, AT ONCE — Several good teams for hauling wood pipe. Phone or write quick. Call Ash 8072, Hoffland, Nebr. Potash Reduction Co. 5-2-9385

SALESMEN WANTED to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address the Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, O. 5-1f

WANTED — Two steamheated rooms for light housekeeping; no children. Address B, Herald, 4-2f

WANTED TO RENT — Furnished house; must be modern, with five or six rooms. Call 340. 53-1f-8707

For Rent

FURNISHED ROOM for rent. 608 West Second St. Tel. 217. 5-2-1f-8882.

FOR RENT—Furnished room for one or two. Phone 796. 4-2f-8998

FOR RENT—Furnished room, 608 West Second St. Telephone 217, Mrs. E. A. Watson. 3-1f-8969

Lost and Found

LOST—One Pennsylvania tire, oil proof; size 34x4, No. 404205; mounted on rim. Finder please return to the Herald office and receive reward. 4-2f-8998

LOST—A small brown grip, containing papers valuable to owner, but worthless to finder. Return to Herald Office and suitable reward will be given. 5-1f-9393

Whenever you begin to look around to see who you can do instead of what you can do, you are on the road called crooked.

Miscellaneous

MOVE FURNITURE SAFELY

We have equipped our dray wagons and auto truck with the latest appliances for moving furniture without marring or scratching or doing damage. Up-to-date wagon pads will be used by us on all moving jobs. JOHN R. SNYDER, Phone 15. 37-1f-5950

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER—Over Mallery's store, Room 10. Phone 474. Office hours, 9 to 4. 1f

Tailor-Made Suits to Order

If the "Knickerbocker" Clothes aren't the best you ever saw; if they aren't a perfect made to measure fit, if they aren't the lowest in price, quality considered—send them back at our expense and we will cheerfully refund your money at once. Our prices are from \$11 to \$42, no extra charges, as price includes everything. With a \$22 suit you are given the choice of a hat or cap to match suit, along with a fancy belt. Call on C. C. Clifton, Burlington Hotel, Room 3, for a classy "Knickerbocker" suit. Chicago's exclusive tailors. 31-1f-8958

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The business of the late A. P. Howe, Hides, Pelts, Wool and Furs, will be continued at Crawford, Nebr., under the supervision of the local manager who has been in close touch with Mr. Howe's plans and purposes since the business started and is in full sympathy with the principle of FAIR DEALING on which he made the business a success.

We will be pleased to have your shipments as usual and can assure you of prompt returns at highest prices justified by the market. 3-1f-9006. L. A. HOWE, Mgr.

MATERNITY nurse, experienced; will go anywhere. Call for Nurse at Western Hotel. 5-1f-9389

Effectual

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effectual for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

NOTICE To Customers

Owing to the great advance in the price of materials, I have been forced to raise my prices. My price list is on display at my shop.

ARTESAN'S LIEN ON PERSONAL PROPERTY

SECTION 1. A person who makes, alters, repairs or in any way enhances the value of any vehicles, automobile, farm implement or tool, or shoes a horse or horses at the request or with the consent of the owner, shall have a lien on such vehicle, automobile, farm implement or tool, or horse or horses shod whether in possession of original owner or not, for his reasonable or agreed charge for work done or material furnished; Provided that the person making such repair or furnishing such material file in the office of the clerk of the county in which such work is done or material is furnished within sixty days a verified statement and description of the work done or the material furnished and a description of the article so repaired, altered or furnished, or the horse or horses shod.

SECTION 2. Such lien, so filed, shall become paramount to all other liens except those of like nature and shall be treated in all respects as a chattel mortgage and be foreclosed in manner and form as provided by law; Provided, however, that such foreclosure proceedings be instituted within six months of the filing of such lien.

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