

CHEESE UP, BUTTER DOWN

Each Product Varies Two Cents in Last Ten Days.

FRESH EGGS ARE COMING NOW

Sugar Down a Little, Flour Steady, While All Pork and Mutton Have Made Good Advances During the Week.

Cheese up and butter down is the anomaly this week in the produce market. For ten days cheese has been climbing up, until all brands of cheese are at least 2 cents a pound higher than they were.

Storage eggs are selling as high as fresh eggs. Storage eggs are said to be somewhat scarce now and fresh eggs are beginning to come in better.

Sugar is down a little and is selling twenty-two pounds for \$1. In the opinion of some of the leading grocers it is likely to go still lower.

Flour is standing at about steady prices and has for some months. The best grade is selling at \$1.19 for a forty-eight-pound sack.

Canned corn and green and string beans of standard brands are selling at 7 1/2 cents per can. Canned tomatoes are off a trifle, selling now at 5 1/2 cents a can, as compared to 10 cents a month or more ago.

Navy beans that sold at 5 cents a pound straight some time ago, are selling six pounds for 25 cents now. Potatoes are holding steady at \$1 a bushel. In the opinion of Al King of Hayden Bros., grocery department, potatoes are apt to go higher before long.

Apples are high. Fancy apples are selling at \$2.75 per bushel box. Barrel stuff is selling at \$5.50 per barrel. Oranges are of a better quality this year than they have been for years and have recently jumped 25 cents per box wholesale. Even at that they are selling cheaper than last year. They are going at 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents, while last year the same grades went at 20, 25, 30 and 40 cents per dozen.

M. and M. Contest is Help to All Against Mail Order Houses

When The Omaha Bee M. & M. voting contest was first announced the public at once accepted it as a real value. The people of Omaha and its surrounding country know that The Bee stands for high-class advertising—nothing else.

A sales plan that offers to consumers an opportunity to secure a share of \$6,000 in cash and premiums is one that cannot fail to excite interest. Especially is the public interested when it realizes that it costs nothing for organizations or individuals to enter the contest.

When you buy the products that carry a voting value you pay the regular price. When you patronize the merchants who give away M. & M. voting coupons you are dealing with men who are enterprising—men who give you the best goods with all the service that a properly conducted store can offer.

"Home goods for home people"—that's the watchword of the M. & M. voting contest. The cheaper variety of household necessities that carry with them a prize offer from some mail order house has no place in the plan outlined by The Bee. The local merchant is your friend. He is always ready to accommodate you. He is a moving spirit in the community. The Bee is offering you special inducements to patronize him. When you spend your money at home it stays at home.

Did you ever think of that when the plausible canvasser asks you to give him an order for goods supplied by a mail order house located in a distant city? Think it over. Then when you are in the market for those articles that you use every day, go to your local merchant with your patronage. Read the list of dealers who give M. & M. voting coupons. Somewhere in the four districts or in the outlying towns you have a friend, or you know of an organization that is striving for one of these valuable and useful prizes. You can help them. Why not do it?

The Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital in Council Bluffs is a deserving institution that should have the support of everyone in its home city. Not a label or coupon should be wasted when to save them for the hospital means a substantial aid. The ladies who are on the contest committee will take care of all labels and coupons donated. If you want to help this worthy cause, save all the labels and coupons that you collect. Send them to anyone of these ladies and they will be voted for the Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital.

Mrs. R. H. Nichols, Shugart apartments, phone 1879; Mrs. E. W. Sprague, 911 Fifth avenue, phone 1623; Mrs. Austin R. Smith, 1109 Fifth avenue, phone Red 1288, will take care of all label donations for the hospital that may be sent to them.

There are, no doubt, certain details that are not entirely clear to all those interested. Won't you call at the contest department and talk the matter over with the contest manager? The room is 224 Bee building. The phone Douglas 3119.

GAS COMPANY REPORTS ON SALES FOR THE YEAR

Total sales of the Omaha Gas company for the year 1913 reached 75,212,046 cubic feet, exclusive of the gas consumed by the city. Total gross receipts of the company for the last quarter of the year were \$2,317,471.

A total royalty of \$7,000 will be paid the city in addition to an occupation tax which for the year amounted to \$26,071.74, which was 1 per cent of the gross receipts.

In 1912 the royalty paid was \$5,000.17.

Colds to Be Taken Seriously. Intelligent people realize that common colds should be treated promptly. If there is sneezing, with chilliness and hoarseness, tickling throat and coughing, the latter especially annoying at bed time, use Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It is effective, pleasant to take, checks a cold, stops the cough which causes loss of sleep, and lowers the vital resistance to disease. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and avoid substitutes. For sale by all dealers everywhere.—Advertisement.

Standard Oil Has Motor Spirit Oil Ready for Market

The Standard Oil's motor spirit plant at Casper, Wyo., will be started February 1, with a capacity of 20,000 barrels per month. This is the first plant of its kind west of Indiana and it is said that the entire output for the first six months of the run has been sold.

HOWELL PLANS BETTERMENTS

Water Board Boss Contemplates Spending Million and Half.

ESTIMATES PUT AT \$1,531,181

This Sum to Be Spent in the Next Three Years in Addition to the Regular Running Expenses of Plant.

General Manager R. Beecher Howell of the Metropolitan Water district and his board of directors have planned improvements and extensions to cost \$1,531,181, work to commence this year and to extend over a period of three years.

The most expensive of the improvements will be rip-rapping and other river protection, to cost \$150,000. Two new reservoirs, one at Leocast hill and another at Oak Hill, will cost a total of \$22,000.

After several executive board meetings the contemplated improvements were agreed upon and will be submitted at an open meeting of the directors for final action.

Some of the improvements will be: Circulating system at Florence, \$12,000; lighting system at Florence, \$10,000; concrete intake, \$20,000; new basin at Florence, \$50,000; river protection, \$100,000; mill creek sewer, \$12,500; two new boilers and chain cranes, \$15,000; enlargement of the Florence station, \$30,000; State street crossing connection, \$30,000; new high service pumping engine, \$70,000; low service engine, \$60,000; Poppleton avenue pump, \$35,000; coal crushers for Florence, \$700; Walnut Hill electric pumps, \$50,000; pump hill reservoir and pipe line, \$125,000; Oak Hill reservoir and pipe line, \$102,000; distributing system, \$100,000; weir protection at Florence, \$1,200; steam flow meters for Florence, \$500; new boiler service pump at Poppleton, \$7,000; south basin for Walnut Hill, \$50,000.

In addition to these expenditures \$50,000 will be set aside for "possible contingencies," \$10,000 for intermediate fire hydrants, \$5,000 for coagulating house and fittings, \$15,000 for baffle wall for basin. General Manager Howell says the expenditures for work now in progress or completed will reach \$463,341 for minor improvements, such as ash pits, underground flues and small contractors' pay, including construction completed, in progress and contemplated the general manager and his board announce that within the next three years the grand total of \$1,531,181 will be expended, exclusive of the usual maintenance and operation cost.

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Returns Made by Contractors More Than the Available Funds.

SOME CUTS MUST BE MADE

Owners to Meet Saturday Morning to Decide What is to Be Done in Order to Make Both Ends Meet.

Because all bids for the erection of the new Fontenelle hotel are greater than the funds available for the purpose and because the conference of the owners, architect and lessee have not yet agreed on what to cut out of the plans to reduce the cost of erection, the contract for the work has not been let. A meeting of the directors of the Douglas Hotel company, which will own the new building, has been called by Secretary A. L. Reed for this morning at 11 o'clock at the Omaha National bank, when the three lowest bids with the alternatives acceptable to William R. Burbank, the lessee, will be reported and a contract chosen.

The elimination of one entire bedroom floor from the plans, the reduction of the number of bathrooms from 200 to about half that number, the postponement of finishing one or two floors until more money is available and a number of lesser alternatives are being considered by the conference at Architect Kimball's office.

To Reduce Cost. One or more of these schemes will have to be adopted in order to reduce the cost of construction to a figure that can be handled with the funds at the command of the owners. These consist of first mortgage funds of \$400,000, preferred stock of \$400,000 and second issue preferred stock of \$100,000, making a total of \$900,000.

The amount actually available for payment to the builders is between \$50,000 and \$100,000 less than that, says Mr. Reed. The architect's fee of \$60,000 or \$50,000 and the cost of excavating, indemnifying insurance, operating and organization of the owning company must be deducted from the original \$900,000 before the money available for erection is determined.

"All the bids submitted exceed the amount of our pile," said Mr. Reed at noon. "We therefore have to cut down the cost of erection by cutting out one of the floors, or making savings in plumbing or finish."

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HIGH SCHOOL CLASS GIVES BUSINESS MEN'S LUNCHEON

A business men's luncheon, more, however, like a course dinner, was served Thursday by the domestic science department of the high school under the direction of its head, Miss Neva Turner, to eight specially favored guests. All of the food was prepared by the members of the class to illustrate the utilization of the study. Those who sat down at the table were Superintendent Gruff, Assistant Principal Reed, W. D. McHugh, J. B. Redfield, Charles R. Sherman, Victor Rosewater, Mac Harding and W. A. Pixley.

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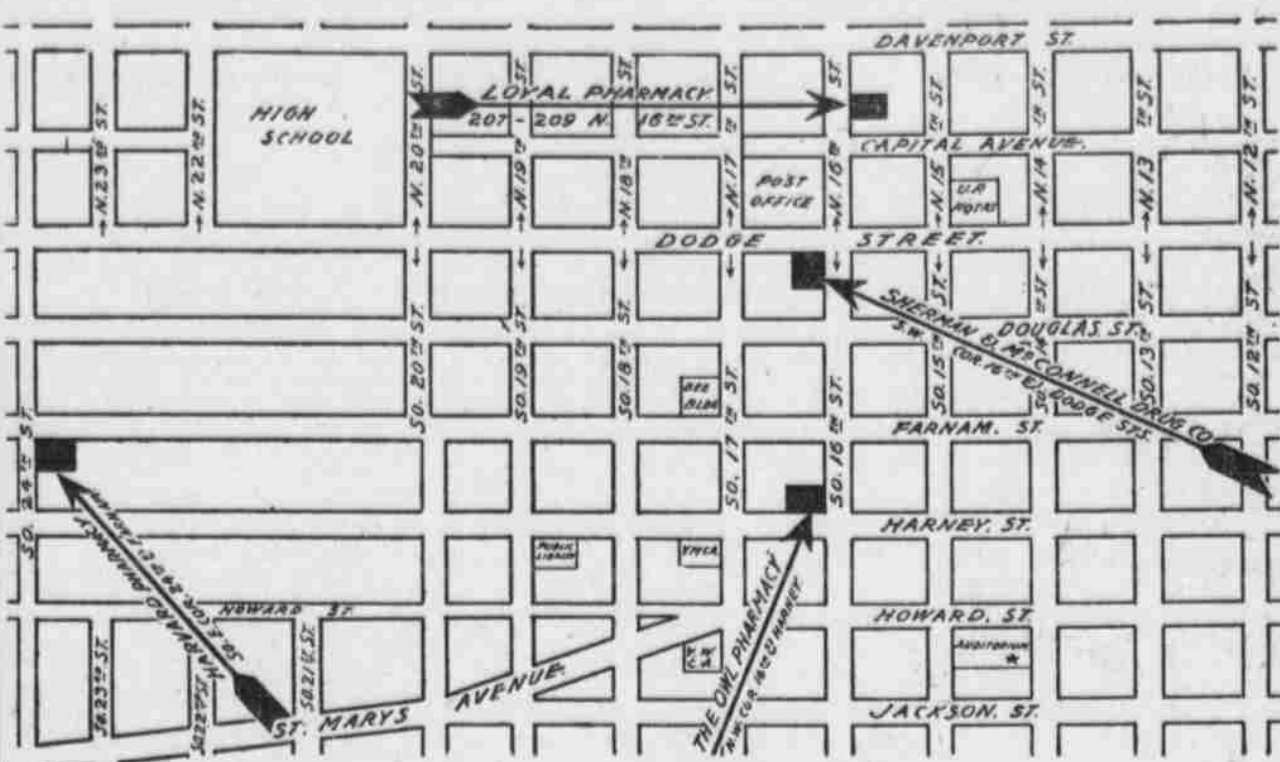
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