FOOD BILLS CUT TO HALF ON PRODUCTS

Rice Bought by Wisconsin Commission Sold at Retail At 100 Per Cent Reduction.

Rice has been bought by the food administration of Wisconsin direct from Louisiana and sold to Wisconsin consumers at less than half the price they were previously paying at their local grocery stores.

Feats of this kind, it is expected by the federal food administration, will be accomplished by the food administrators in the various states just as soon as their organizations get in a little better working order. While nothing of this kind has been done in Omaha as yet, it is expected that things of this kind will be worked out as time goes on.

Less than a week ago State Food Administrator Wattles made a start in this direction when he announced that if the bakeries do not put oatmeal bread on the market as cheap as he thinks it can be put on, he will establish a bakery himself.

Parmely W. Herrick, special representative of Federal Food Administrator Hoover, is in Omaha on his tour of the several states, inspecting the work being done by the local administrations. He expressed himself as very well pleased wtih the way the work is going in Omaha and Nebraska, and with the publicity campaign that is being carried on with it.

Asked regarding the purchase of rice by the Wisconsin food administrator, Mr. Herrick said: "Yes, Food Administrator Swenson of Wisconsin bought direct through Food Administrator John Parker of Louisiana a large quantity of rice, shipped it to Madison, Wis., and there sold it for half the price that was being asked in the stores of Madison."

Must Conserve Milk.

"Do you suppose this will be done in Nebraska?" Mr. Herrick was asked.

"I presume that from time to time the food administrator of Nebraska will work out matters of this kind," he said, "and will eventually handle cases much like this one in Wisconsin. These things are to be left largely for the state administration in each state to work out. It is Mr. Hoover's idea to centralize by states in this work."

The conservation of milk is necessary in order that there may be a greater supply of condensed milk to send abroad, Mr. Herrick said.

"We must send a lot of condensed milk to France and England," he said. "The production of milk in France has decreased two-thirds since the beginning of the war. Conservation of foods in this country means substitution of one food for another. We will have to export 500,000,000 bushels of wheat to France and England this year to supply the deficiency. We must cut down greatly on the consumption of sugar, and of a great many other important commodities, including meats and fats."

Discuss Rural Problems At Welfare Conference

Mason City, Ia., Oct. 15.—Conferences on rural social problems and industrial welfare marked today's sessions of the annual conference of Charities and Correction for Iowa, which opened here yesterday. The conference ends tomorrow evening.

Prof. Reuben McKitrick of Cedar Falls was chairman of the industrial welfare conference, while Prof. G. H. Von Tungein of Ames presided at the rural problems gathering.

A conference on "community health" was set for late today, at which Prof. G. P. Wyckoff of Grinnell was to preside. A mass meeting will be held tonight, at which the speakers will be Prof. Baird T. Baldwin of the University of Iowa and O. E. Klingaman, head of the state university's extension division.

Today's speakers included Julia Robinson, Des Moines; Prof. H. H. Hoffman, Ames, and Mrs. Mary T. Watts of Audubon, all at the rural problems conferences, and A. L. Urick, Des Moines; Robert A. Woods, Boston; F. R. Currie, Mason City; Prof. L. H. Van Houten, Cedar Falls, and Prof. F. E. Haynes, University of Iowa.

Urges Improvement of Negro Labor Conditions

Chicago, Oct. 15.—A plea to improve the condition of negro labor was made here today by President John H. Walker in his report at the annual meeting of the Illinois State Federation of Labor.

Mr. Walker told the 1,000 delegates that the race riots at East St. Louis last July grew out of the importation of negro labor in an effort to defeat unionism.

The speaker asserted that labor stands squarely behind the government in prosecution of the war, but he warned that employers must not try to shape the extraordinary conditions against labor, for, he said, in all situations the federation backs the individual laborer.

Seventeen Drunks Arrested Sunday On Downtown Streets

Police rounded up seventeen drunks on the streets Sunday and barbored them at the station. The majority of them were so imbued with the spirits that they were unable to control the whirl of their brains long enough to admit the "whence" of the liquor. Among the chosen lot picked up by the police was Mrs. Viola Smith, who was acquitted a week ago of the murder of Louis McCarthy.

Southwestern Coal Miners Strike Friday

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 15.—A resolution calling for a strike affecting all mines of the Southwestern Coal Operators' association in Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas, beginning next Friday morning, was passed today at a meeting of the presidents and secretaries of the state organization of the United Mine Workers of America, in this city.

The point of contention between the miners and operators is the fine system for violation of company rules. The miners declare they will not go back to work until the fine system, which deducts certain amounts from their wages for the infraction of rules of the operators, is abolished.

U. P. DELAYS WORK AT BLUFFS TILL SPRING

Scarcity of Men Forces Delay in Contemplated Improvements on Terminals There.

"Nothing will be done before next spring at the earliest in the way of improvements and betterments at the Council Bluffs terminals of the Union Pacific," was the assertion of President Calvin, who has returned from the west after having accompanied Judge Lovett, chairman of the executive committee, and B. L. Winchell, director of traffic, over the lines of the system. Continuing, President Calvin said:

"This contemplated work in Council Bluffs is not new. It was provided for in the annual budget of expenditure. The budget provided for the expenditure of $2,000,000 for the erection of a roundhouse, the laying of new tracks and the enlargement of the yards.

Men Too Scarce.

"We would probably have commenced work on the Council Bluffs building and yards this fall, but we find it impossible to hire men to do the work. On account of the conditions in the labor field all thoughts of commencing work this fall have been deferred until next year."

Speaking of conditions in the plains states and beyond the moutains, President Calvin said:

"I went over practically all of the Union Pacific system and found that the transcontinental business is the heaviest in the history of the road. The crops have been good and high prices have a tendency to start the products to market. Besides this, there are but few vessels passing through the canal and consequently practically all of the freight to and from the orient is moving across the country over the railroads.

Freight Heavier.

"The quantity of freight that the Union Pacific is handling through the Ogden gateway is 30 per cent greater than at this time last year and there is nothing to indicate that it is going to decrease for some time, at least.

"Passenger business is good, but of course, comparatively it is not as heavy as the freight traffic."

Sheriff Wins Test Case To Recover Back Pay

Judge Sears, sitting in equity court, decided in favor of Sheriff Clark in the test case brought against the county board to decide whether the sheriff shall receive 50 cents a day or 32 cents a day for prisoners when the average number is less than 100 a month.

When the county board allowed Sheriff Clark's claims for jail feeding it was at the rate of 32 cents a day from February to August. Frank S. Howell and Benjamin S. Baker, the sheriff's attorneys, then took the matter into court for a decision as to whether the sheriff was entitled to 50 cents a day for May, June and July, when the monthly average of prisoners was less than 100.

Under the court's ruling Sheriff Clark now will collect about $1,200 more, with interest at 7 per cent, the difference between 32 cents a day and 50 cents a day for feeding prisoners in May, June and July.

Wheat in Storage Shows Slight Increase

While the quantity of wheat in storage in Omaha elevators is 53,000 bushels greater than on the corresponding day one week ago, it is still about 1,250,000 bushels less than on the corresponding date of last year. The following figures of the inspection department of the Omaha grain exchange shows the number of bushels of each kind of grain in storage now and on the same date one year ago:

	Now.	Year Ago.
Wheat	274,000	1,558,000
Corn	48,000	15,000
Oats	846,000	2,152,000
Rye	15,000	149,000
Barley	28,000	57,000
Total	1,211,000	3,931,000

Decrease, 2,720,000 bushels, corn leading with a decrease of 1,306,000 bushels.

Rothschild Hudson Six Stolen From Parking Place

J. L. Rothschild, 2214 K street, South Side, reported to the police that his automobile, which he had parked at Eighteenth and Douglas streets last night, was stolen. The car is a large seven-passenger Hudson Super-Six.