Food Prices Show Marked Decline In Last 10 Days

Retail Costs Have Dropped From 10 to 30 Per Cent—High-Grade Flour Takes 25-Cent Slump.

A marked decline in retail prices on foodstuffs during tthe past 10 days is shown by prices quoted in large downtown markets yesterday. The drop ranges from 10 to as high as 30 per cent.

The best grade of flour, which two weeks ago retailed at $2.75 a 48-pound sack, was quoted yesterday at $2.50, showing a decline of 25 cents.

Coffee which sold as high as 38 cents within the last few months was yesterday quoted at 22½ cents a pound.

Best grades of butter were selling yesterday at 52 to 55 cents a pound. The same grade sold at 64 to 68 cents not more than 10 days ago.

Bulk cocoa has dropped from 18 to 15 cents a pound; mixed nuts, important as the yule-tide approaches, have dropped from 30 to 25 cents a pound; shelled popcorn has dropped 2½ cents a pound and now retails at 7½ cents.

There has been little change in prices of dried fruits and canned goods as yet. A marked drop in canned goods is anticipated by some dealers, however.

Southern vegetables, beets, carrots, turnips, shalots and radishes are selling at 7½ cents a bunch. Recently they have retailed at from 10 to 12½ cents a bunch.

Head lettuce is priced at 10 to 12½ cents a head, having dropped from 15 to 20 cents a head; cauliflower is now 12½ cents a pound and potatoes have dropped 5 cents a peck, being priced at 35 cents a peck yesterday.

Humane Society Holding Dog Said to Have Bitten Man

The Humane society is holding for observation a watchdog owned by John Glessman, 1118 Davenport street, upon complaint that the animal bit Joseph Coory, employe of a furniture store, when he went to the Glessman house on business.

The custodian of the Humane society's shelter at Eleventh and Nicholas streets stated that his investigation showed that Coory was bitten on the under part of a foot and he also explained that the Glessman dog was fastened to a chain and that a sign warned callers against the dog.

The dog will be held for 10 days to determine whether it has rabies.

Policeman Who Took Bribe Sentenced to Penitentiary

Eight months ago William J. Wilkening was a respected member of the Omaha police force. Yesterday he was taken by Deputy Sheriff Quackenbush to the state penitentiary at Lincoln to serve a year "at hard labor."

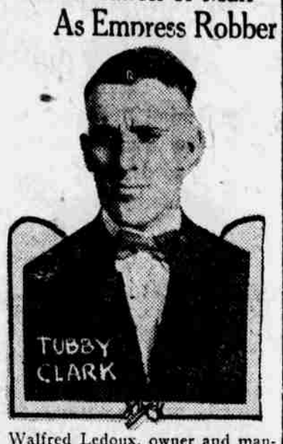
District Judge Troup sentenced Wilkening yesterday morning and Sheriff Clarke ordered him taken to the penitentiary at once.

Wilkening was convicted of accepting a bribe from Mary and Steve Toth, 1207 Izard street, April 14, and refraining from arresting them for alleged violation of the liquor laws.

Booze Maker Fined.

York, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Conrad Zeig was fined $100 in justice court here on a charge of manufacturing intoxicating liquor.

Manager Positive in Identification of Man As Empress Robber



Walfred Ledoux, owner and manager of the Empress theater, pointed to Glenn "Tubby" Clark in District Judge Troup's court yesterday afternoon and declared him to be one of two men who robbed him of $3,140 the night of October 24, while he was putting the day's receipts in the theater safe.

Cross-examination did not break down Ledoux's positive indentification. Clark has been arrested frequently heretofore on charges including automobile stealing, breaking and entering and receiving stolen property.

The identification of Clarke by Walfred Leloux will be battered to pieces by overwhelming testimony. Eugene O'Sullivan declared to the jury impanelled to try Clark.

Former Clarke Home Purchased by Masons For Refuge for Waifs

Tranfer of the former home of Mrs. Frank N. Clarke, Twenty-second and Davenport streets, to the Masonic Home for Children society, to be used for a children's home was consumated yesterday when the deeds were signed by representatives of the home and owners in the conference room of the Conservative Saving and Loan. The consideration was $25,000.

The property, 146 feet by 146 feet, includes the former Clarke home of 14 rooms, and three brick flats, all attached.

The property is directly south of the half block recently purchased by the board of education for the Central grade school site.

Remodeling of the structures will be begun Friday and according to home officials, the home will be ready for occupancy January 1.

Plymouth Man Struck by Hand Car Dies of Injuries

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Struck by a handcar at Plymouth, Neb., Tuesday, Edgar Schopp, 21, died of his injuries. He was the son of George Schopp, an old resident of that city.

Brief City News

Former "Cop" Released.—Robert E. Ford, former police officer, was held not guilty of charges of bootlegging by a jury in Judge Goss' court Wednesday afternoon.

Pastor's Salary Raised—At the annual congregational meeting of the Kountze Memorial Lutheran church, the salary of the pastor, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, was increased to $6,000.

Alleged Thief Held—Paul Shrum, 3618 Clark street, alleged to have disappeared Monday with $300 belonging to a grocer, his former employer, is being held for investigation at police station.

Man Bound Over—Joe Tirro, 1608 Chicago street, was bound over for trial in district court yesterday charged with assault to do bodily injury to Arthur Fry, an employe of the Metropolitan Water district.

Legion to Bury Victim—Funeral services for Jess Sillick, murder victim at a party last Sunday night at Thirteenth and Ohio streets, will be held by the Douglas county chapter of the American Legion at Hoffman's mortuary this afternoon.

Injuries Serious—The condition of Mrs. Rose Laks, 75, inmate of the Jewish Old Peoples home, who was injured when struck by a street car Monday at Seventeenth and Charles street, is still serious, according to authorities at Frederick hospital.

Zoning System Discussed—Trend of public opinion towards the proposed zoning system for Omaha was explained Wednesday night to members of the Men's club of Trinity cathedral by George Morton, president of the city planning board.

Money Stringency Evident.—Many suits in justice of the peace court involving sums ranging from $10 to $102 denote that a money stringency is evident.

Receiver Asked.—A receiver for the Farm Light and Power company was asked in district court yesterday in a suit filed by Thomas F. English, who alleges the concern is insolvent. The company was organized in July, 1919, and capitalized at $100,000.

Wrong Letter Brings Suit.—Because a Western Union telegraph operator struck the letter "i" on his typewriter instead of "o," making the word "none" read "nine" in a message from Major S. R. Dubbar in Omaha to Fred S. Craig in Fort Sheridan last April, the company has been sued in district court for $2,000.

Architects Meet—Representatives of the Nebraska chapter of the American Association of Civil Engineers and of the American Institute of Architects met yesterday at luncheon in the University club to decide on a plan of promoting legislation for the creation of a state board of examiners for engineers and architects.

Divorce Suit Protested.—The suit filed a few weeks ago in district court by Joseph Zekonis for a divorce from his wife, Maggie, on charges of "desertion and extreme cruelty," was answered with vim and vigor yesterday by Maggie, who refuses to let it go by default. She protests in her reply that her husband should be in Chicago supporting her and the four children.

Water Board Asks Loan.—The Metropolitan Water board will make a formal request of the city council for a loan of $125,000, with which to pay interest on gas plant bonds due January 1, and which should be forwarded to New York not later than December 20.