

WAR OVER BUTTER SEEMS TWO-SIDED

Producers: Dealers and Consumers All Interested in the Question.

TRUST SAY SOME—OTHERS NO

Law of Supply and Demand Cited by Creameries—Size of Purses Regulates Mr. Familyman.

In Salt Lake controlled by a butter trust? Has the price of butter fat been boosted to such an extent that the small creameries and dealers can no longer stay in the fight with the alleged trust? These are questions of serious moment to many people in Salt Lake City, not the least of whom are the small dealer and representatives of small dairies and creameries. The consumer, incidentally, figures in that he "pays the freight"—i. e., the cost of the butter, be it at the price set by the small creameries and wholesale dealers, or by the people in the alleged "combine."

Fresh butter is now and has for two or three weeks, been selling at 40 cents per pound retail. Sweet cream butter has been and is now selling at 35 cents the pound, while storage butter, which has been kept in the local storage plant at a temperature of zero since last June, is retailing for 30 cents.

In a conversation in regard to the butter situation this morning, W. M. Williams, manager of the Elgin creamery of this city, stated that the price of butter was controlled entirely by the law of supply and demand.

"There is a scarcity of fresh butter," said Mr. Williams, "and naturally the price goes up, as is the case with every other commodity upon the market. When the supply increases to more than the consumption, the price goes down."

KNOWS NO TRUST.

"There is no 'trust' or 'combine' that I know of, to control or regulate the price of butter. We sell our product with the idea of making a reasonable profit, after paying the farmer for his butter fat. This amounts to 34 cents per pound at the present time, and fresh butter cannot be retained at that basis for butter fat at less than 40 cents per pound."

"One big factor in this discussion that is overlooked by many," continued Mr. Williams, "and that is that the creameries are compelled to lay out large amounts of money in the spring months, when the storage butter is made. We paid out \$100,000 last year in taking care of the surplus milk produced by the farmers, and we were compelled to place the butter in storage, which quality butter is sold at 10 cents per pound less than fresh butter. But it is good butter, and is sold by us, plainly marked storage butter, and there is no attempt to deceive in selling this, or any brand of butter. The quality and weight are plainly marked on each package, and the customer can suit himself which butter he takes. "The Salt Lake public has not been discriminating in the matter of butter choice. Heretofore all butter was butter, and the dealers paid for butter practically the same price for all classes. In all other large cities the butter is carefully classified and sold according to merit. I would rather pay 10 cents per pound more for my butter and know that it was good than to pay 10 cents less and take chances on the quality. We pay 24 cents per pound now for butter fat, and with the overrun of 16 per cent the creamery is able to sell the butter so that it sells at 40 cents. In Seattle they are paying 39 cents a pound right now for fresh butter, and in other cities the same."

NO PROFIT IN COWS.

C. E. Pace, a farmer who runs ranches in Bluff's park, and in the north end of Salt Lake valley, who was present, said that there was hardly any profit in keeping cows even at the rate butter fat is selling for now. "And should the price of butter fat go to less than 25 cents," said Mr. Pace, "the farmers would just as well sell their cows and go out of business." Mr. Pace figured out a list of expenses for keeping cows, which compared with the returns brought the farmer out considerably "in the hole," and said there was no money in the business.

THE OTHER SIDE.

J. M. Christensen, who conducts an establishment at 109 south West Temple street, selling the product of two creameries, said: "We are selling fresh creamery butter at 35 cents a pound retail, or 30 cents a pound wholesale. I do not see why the price of butter fat should have been raised to 34 cents at this season of the year. It has never been the case before, and should not be so now. The only explanation I can give for it is that the 'trust' wants to put all the little fellows out of business by boosting the price of butter fat up. All the small fellows are out of the way, when they will have it all their own way, and can dictate to the farmers what the price of butter fat shall be. We have been able to keep up so far," said Mr. Christensen, "and will continue to sell our fresh butter at 35 cents or five cents less than the 'trust' price, as long as the farmers will stay with us. When they go back on us we will be compelled of course, to quit selling butter."

THINK THERE IS A TRUST.

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can sell every day from our creamery in Idaho and at Charleston, Utah. We also sell storage butter, but at storage price. We give absolutely fresh butter for the fresh butter price, and will continue to do so. There is no justification for the raise in price of butter fat, and it was only done for a purpose. Several small creameries have already gone out of business, and perhaps more will follow."

John Holly, who wholesales butter on Richards street, said there was no question in his mind of the attitude of the "trust." "They are trying to put the small fry out of business," said Mr. Holly, "and they are succeeding to a marked extent. As to what they will do when they get the butter situation in their own hands, one can only surmise," said Mr. Holly, "but each person will have his opinion on that. When the price gets so stiff that we

can no longer handle the product, we will just have to quit selling butter, that's all."

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

The Mapleton Cash Mercantile company has filed articles in the office of the secretary of state, for the purpose of conducting a general merchandise business at Mapleton, Utah county, Utah. S. H. Roudy is named as president; C. W. Houtz, vice president; John H. Lee, secretary and treasurer; William T. Tew, George B. Mason, Jr., and E. M. Snow, directors. The capital stock is \$5,000, the par value of the shares being \$1 each.

By amended articles of incorporation filed in the office of the secretary of state, the name of the Probert & Russell company, of Provo, is changed to the Probert Livory company.

Amended articles of incorporation of the Knight, Mangum, Whitney company, are filed in the office of the secretary of state. The name is changed to the Whitney, Deek company, and the capitalization is \$1, now stands is \$25,000, divided into shares of the par value of \$1 each.

Articles of incorporation of the Bank of Iron County are filed with Secretary of State Tingey. There are more than 100 stockholders named in the instrument, and Parowan is the home of the corporation. There are 2,500 shares of capital stock, each of the par value of \$1. E. L. Clark is president, William Adams, vice president; L. N. Marien, cashier, and these and the following form the directors: Wilford Day, John Mitchell and W. H. Lyman.

Articles of incorporation are filed by the Wynia Development company, of Evanston, Wyo. The avowed principal objects of the incorporation are the development of irrigation and power enterprises. The capitalization of the company is for \$50,000, divided into 50,000 shares at a par value of \$1.

A certificate of incorporation under the laws of New York is filed with the secretary of state by the A. R. Whitney, Jr., Co. The company is a close corporation, found to carry on a building and contracting business, by Alfred R. Whitney, Jr., Livingston Whitney and Thomas J. Stein.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theater—The advance sale went on this morning for the engagement of "Ben Hur" which occurs on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

"The Honeycreepers" opens at the Theater tomorrow night and will also be given Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Orpheum—The management announce a new list of attractions to-night, with several that claim place as headliners.

Colonial—The new bill at the Colonial this week is "On Parole," a military drama played by permission of Henry Miller.

Grand—The first half of the week is to be occupied by the melodramatic attraction known as "Roanoke."

BUS PASSENGERS

H. M. Cake of Portland, Ore., is at the Kenyon. Mr. Cake is the Republican candidate for election to the United States senate from the state of Oregon. He is accompanied by W. E. King of Baker City, Oregon, and F. P. King of Portland, two well known public men of the Webfoot state. A peculiar condition exists in Oregon at the present moment," said Mr. Cake. "The legislature of the state is heavily Republican, and the sentiment of the state is also heavily Republican; but the choice of the people as expressed in the state's system of balloting on United States senators, fell on a Democrat. What the outcome will be cannot be told, but the sentiment of the state as expressed in the results of the election was Republican by a great majority."

F. W. Ross one of the leading business men of St. Anthony, Idaho, is at the Kenyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Henroth, of Chicago, Ill., are in the city and are guests at the Kenyon hotel. Mrs. Henroth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Alf, auditor of Salt Lake City, and is here for a visit with her parents.

WEATHER REPORT

Two high barometric areas cover the country west of the 90th meridian, so the local weather office predicts fair weather for tonight and tomorrow. The minimum temperatures continue fairly high for this time of year.

Fair weather extends over most of the west accompanying an area of high barometric pressure, with crests over the plateau and Missouri valley. A storm of considerable energy is central over the great lakes, causing rain or snow and high winds generally over the country east of the Mississippi river. Heavy precipitation is reported as follows: Knoxville, 1.75 inch; New York, 1.65 inch and Asheville 1.11 inch. A cold wave accompanies the high air pressure area over the Missouri valley, with 12 degrees below zero over portions of South Dakota and Minnesota.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Record at the local office, United States weather bureau, for 24 hours ending at 6 a. m. today:

Temperature at 6 a. m., 23; maximum, 25; minimum, 22; mean, 24, which is normal. Total excess since the first of the month, 36 degrees; total deficiency since Jan. 1, 58 degrees.

Total precipitation since the first of the month, 62 inch, which is 24 inch below normal. Total excess since Jan. 1, 3.27 inches. Relative humidity, 70 per cent.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

6 a.m.	23
7 a.m.	23
8 a.m.	23
9 a.m.	23
10 a.m.	23
11 a.m.	23
12 m.	23
1 p.m.	23

YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

Highest	23
Lowest	20

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bywater desire to tender their sincere thanks to all friends who so kindly assisted them during the recent illness and death of their little son Harvey and especially all those who aided at the grave and for the floral tributes tendered.

CHANGE IN TIME O. S. L.

Effective Sunday, December 6th, O. S. L. train No. 9 for Butte, Portland and intermediate points will leave Salt Lake at 10:45 p. m. instead of 11:45.



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DIED.

NELSON—In this city on Dec. 3, 1908, Milton Wallace Nelson, aged 8 years, 5 months and 7 days, of scarlet fever. Little son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Nelson, of 361 Third East street. Funeral services and interment took place at the city cemetery yesterday at 2 p. m.

BROWN—In Denver, Colo., Dec. 2, 1908, Harold I. Brown, aged 28 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brown.

Funeral services were held from the family residence, 412 east Third South, yesterday, Dec. 6, 1908, at 12 o'clock. Interment city cemetery.

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\$25.00 Suits and Overcoats for	\$15.00	Boys' Suits and Overcoats, \$10.00 values for	\$7.50
\$30.00 Suits and Overcoats for	\$18.75	Boys' Suits and Overcoats, \$9.00 values for	\$6.75
\$35.00 Suits and Overcoats for	\$22.50	Children's Suits and Overcoats, \$7.50 values for	\$5.65
\$40.00 Suits and Overcoats for	\$26.25	Children's Suits and Overcoats, \$5.00 values for	\$3.75
	\$30.00	Children's Suits and Overcoats, \$4.00 values for	\$3.00
		Children's Suits and Overcoats, \$3.00 values for	\$2.25

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