

## TOURIST AMONG THE PRICE TAKERS

Experience of a Lady Who Went  
Shopping in Salt Lake  
City

**SURPRISES ENCOUNTERED.**  
Two Cases Where She Paid  
More Than Advertised  
Prices for Goods

Secretary Jensen Claims That There  
Are Forty Grocer's Stores For

**Sale in Salt Lake.**

A tourist in Salt Lake had an interesting experience with the price takers, this week, and she has given her experience to an hour's shopping on the "News." A certain medical preparation which she had bought in many American cities for \$1 per bottle, was asked for in a prominent local drug store. She received the bottle, gave the clerk a dollar and started to walk out. But she turned back, and was informed that the price was \$1.75. She had her own opinion about that and paid a dollar. The demand for an extra half-dollar. The tourist, who had called a chief clerk, who happened to be the price was \$1.50. Then something occurred to her. It was that inside of the wrapper the label there was a sentence reading: "Pay no more than \$1.50."

In the United States, Canada and Mexico, at \$1 per bottle." She tore off the wrappings, laid bare the label, and when the clerk read it, he appeared to ease still higher up to the manager, and the lady was allowed to go home with with the consulting answer, that the "clerk had made a mistake."

**ANOTHER EXPERIENCE.**

She then wended her way up the street to a trunk store, where she asked for a steamer trunk strap. She had bought one in Denver for \$1.25.

was asked \$1.50 for the same strap, and when she accepted the situation by paying the extra price demanded, she opened the package and found the

was wrapped and found in which it was tagged, requiring that a manufacturer's tag, requiring that the retailer at \$1.25 in every part of the country. The trunk man was approached with this information by a "News" representative and he defended his position by saying he had a business reputation in Salt Lake "extending over many years, and was not a 'robber'." He furthermore maintained that he could not sell the article at the regular price, but admitted he was making more than a 50 per cent profit, if it was sold at that price. He said, was very high, and the landlord would make no improvements, due to the fact that the place

With the butchers and grocers, the complaint of high rents still goes up, with the complaint of high costs in all the other lines.

lines, but the public still pays the high prices for living materials that they are compelled to buy to keep their homes together. An instance of the cursory investigations the public are making, comes from a householder who stopped a wagon load of tomatoes near

paraffin, and asked the price. He was told that the farmer would deliver all that he could get orders for in Salt Lake at \$19 per ton, which amounts to half a cent per pound. The local price is about 4 cents per pound, retail, with the price varying upward for selected goods.

**FORTY STORES FOR SALE.**

The claim that they are not making any money is reiterated by Lorenzo Jensen today on behalf of the retailers. To prove it he says that by tomorrow evening he will have ready a list of 40 stores that are for sale, at invoice prices less 10 per cent, with in-

From the Grocers and Merchants' association of Portland comes a letter quoting flour at \$1.40 per hundred; butter, 40 cents per pound; potatoes, 10c per pound; sirloin steak, 15c and chuck steak 10c, and Mr. Jensen of-

Another serious charge is being made in connection with merchandising methods by the retailers. It is that the farmer puts two or three pounds of dirt in each sack of potatoes, and then weighs them short, two or three

pounds to the bushel; that hams, bacon, all kinds of vegetables and fruit brought in crates are short weight, and that the retailer must stand the discrepancy, except in the well known case of butter, which the public has come to accept at 14 ounces to the

GRAND JURY

TO BE CALLED

## To Investigate the Causes of the Prevailing High Prices in Salt Lake.

The call was given out by the district judge after a session on this morning. Tomorrow County Clerk Eldredge, County Atty. Hanson, and

County Trusts. Groesbeck will meet and summon the venire, subject to immediate return. It is thought that the jury will assemble Monday.