

3 CHEERS! RENTS WILL COME DOWN

Slight Decreases Already Are Noted in Seattle; No Sudden Drop Expected

Slight decreases in rentals are noted in Seattle, and more are expected soon, but there will be no sudden drops.

Strictly modern bungalows are at a premium and will not decrease. Old houses and semi-modern abodes are decreasing.

Rentals on apartment houses handled by rental agencies are not expected to decrease until the cost of operation and of building material are materially reduced.

Apartment houses, however, in which rents were forced to an exorbitant mark during the war by a process of leasing and re-leasing, are now coming down.

A marked decrease is noted in unheated flats.

Business property is registering a slight decrease. At any rate, it will not go up.

People who were forced to live in anything they could get during the shipyard rush are moving into better houses, thus keeping up the price on these and depressing the price on the low-grade houses.

Rental agencies that gave The Star the above facts were John Davis & Co., Henry Broderick, Inc., and West & Wheeler.

Rents are not coming down generally throughout the country, however. This was shown today in United Press dispatches to The Star, which reported landlords planning to increase rather than reduce dwelling rentals.

Only two cities outside Seattle—Detroit and Cleveland—reported decreases in rents.

Chicago—J. R. Patterson, president of the Chicago Tenants' Protective league, predicted rents will not come down for five years.

Detroit—Automobile workers, out of employment, have left the city in great numbers, creating a surplus in moderate priced apartments and resulting in rent reductions from \$5 to \$25 a month.

Cleveland—Slight rent reductions have been made in poorer districts but better apartments are generally higher.

Pittsburgh—Landlords predicted rent increases averaging 5 per cent.

Kansas City—J. C. Nichols, real estate operator, said rents cannot come down until costs of building materials and labor are reduced.

Philadelphia—Reduction in rents will follow increased building but this is not expected for several months, according to W. B. Kelly, secretary of the Philadelphia Real Estate board.

St. Louis—T. S. Gearhart, real estate man, said no rent reductions were expected this spring, but may come a year later if the building schedule is carried out.

Washington—George M. Myers, housing authority, said present levels probably would continue for several months.

Cincinnati—Real estate brokers believe no rent reductions are possible in less than a year.

St. Paul—Tenants, facing the prospect of continued high rents, are building great numbers of cottages.

San Francisco—W. Stevens, manager of the largest renting concern there, said "there was not the slightest possibility of rents coming down this spring."

Famous Star-Gazer of Canada Coming

Dr. J. S. Plaskett, noted astronomer and head of the Canadian government observatory at Victoria, B. C., will address an all-university assembly Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Meany auditorium on "Modern Ideas of the Universe."

Dr. Plaskett is in Seattle for the joint meeting of the Puget Sound section of the American Chemical society, the Puget Sound section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and Sigma Xi, the honorary scientific fraternity, to be held at Bagley hall on the campus Thursday night.

AT END OF THE TRAIL—BALLOONISTS' ARRIVAL AT MATTICE



The arrival of the U. S. navy balloonists at the end of the long trail leading back to the Hudson Bay wilderness where they were lost for days, is shown in these photographs taken at Mattice, a Canadian railroad station.

MAN SENT MY AIRMAIL

The next day's jump from Cheyenne to Springwater, Wyo., takes us over the first range of the Rockies. The skier grows rockier, too. The ship plunges, twists and rears.

BLINDING BLIZZARD WHIPS SNOW IN FACE As we pass to the north of Medicine mountain a blinding blizzard of snow whips us.

We crawl forward at 35 miles an hour in the face of a gale blowing 65. Pilot Harry G. Smith hurdles Elk mountain at 9,000 feet altitude, gets thru the ranges safely, and we are over a stretch of sage brush when—

The wind, taking a cyclonic twist, spins us in a way that makes me fear not so much that we will crash as that we will not crash hard enough.

We do crash, but not too hard. Smith climbs out, looks the ship over, and reports the shock absorber of the tail and the right wing skid broken.

Looking about, we locate ourselves alongside the pumping station at Greenville, 135 miles northwest of Cheyenne and seven miles from Rawlins.

We lash the ship to keep it from blowing away in the gale, and telephone to Rawlins for rescue.

A Ford truck comes bounding thru the snow. The driver is H. Larsen, "coal and lumber, Rawlins, Wyo.," whose avocation is pulling stranded fliers out of the snowdrifts and gulches in the Rockies.

Larsen warns us out of a bottle which he imported from Copenhagen long ago. An hour after our "R. O. S." we are drinking warming drinks by Larsen's hearth.

Next morning mechanics from Rock Springs repair our ship and away we sail over the continental divide to lunch at the Springs, where other mechanics replace repaired parts with new ones.

SAILING OVER SCENES OF WONDERFUL BEAUTY At 3 p. m. we're sailing toward Salt Lake City over mountain scenes of awe-inspiring grandeur.

Between dodging snowstorms and clouds Smith points out gorgeous spots of especial beauty to me. Once or twice, it seems to me, we will crash into a sky-piercing crag, but the pilot cuts around them.

At 10,000 feet altitude we hurdle Porcupine Ridge and dive toward Salt Lake City, bathed in the splendor of the setting sun, whose glow is reflected in the dead stretches of the Great Salt Lake.

After a night's rest in the shadow of the Mormon temple, Pilot Mouton and myself start for Reno, intending to make San Francisco by night.

We leap the Ruby range at 13,400 feet, stop for gas at Elko, and shoot forward again. Things begin to happen near the edge of the alkali flats.

A 50-mile twister hurls itself at us from behind Granite Peak. The ship strains, bucks, rears. Only semi-conscious, I realize Mouton is taking to earth.

LAND WITH BROKEN WING IN SANDSTORM We land with a broken right wing in a cyclonic sandstorm. We can't see 10 feet for dust. Toward sundown the storm—the worst duster in years, we learn—abates.

Mouton's recollection is that the nearest ranch house is 25 miles away. We start for it afoot, hampered by our flying clothes, yea fearful, because of freezing, to leave them. Darkness settles down. "I'm winded," I confess. "Same here," Mouton answers. The vote's unanimous. We rest

beside a clump of sage brush, build a fire, and decide to spend the night in the open. "There's plenty of wild animals hereabouts, I've heard," says Mouton. "They say a ranger some years ago inoculated some coyotes with rabies, in the hope they'd exterminate their kind, but instead they've been attacking man and

THE BON MARCHÉ BARGAIN BASEMENT

Pay Cash and Pay Less By paying cash ourselves we are able to buy at lower-than-usual prices, and these savings are passed on to you for cash in order that we may keep on buying for less.

This also eliminates the expense due to Credit Losses, and again you save!

Coverall Aprons, 79c

Percale Bungalow Aprons in slip-over and front-opening styles, come in blue, lavender, green and pink with narrow white stripes, also in bright colored plaid patterns. All are belted and have one pocket.

Kitchenette Dresses, \$1.49

These smart little garments of durable Scout percales or chambrays come in five attractive styles:

A "V" neck model with polka dots of pink, blue, green or black on white grounds.

A square-neck style in pink, blue or gray plaids, trimmed with solid color at neck, cuffs and pocket.

Lavender, pink, blue and green are the colors shown in a dainty model with ruffle-trimmed novelty pockets, collar and cuffs. It has a novel belt and opens at the side-front.

Chambray in solid pink, blue or green is smartly trimmed with black and white striped bandings on collar, belt and two pockets in another style, while still another has narrow ruffled trimmings of white with fine black stripes.

A Jobber's Cleanup of Women's Knit Underwear

Julius Hirsh and Other Good Makes Several good makes in Lisle and Cotton Union Suits, low-necked, sleeveless, and knee-length, have band, crocheted or bodice tops. In white or pink, sizes 36 to 44. The suit. . . . . 95c

Also fine quality Cotton Union Suits, low neck and sleeveless, with cuff or lace knees. In white with bodice or crocheted tops, in pink with band tops. Sizes 36 and 38, the suit. . . . . 79c

Women's "Cumfy-cut" Union Suits, low neck and sleeveless, with cuff or lace knees. Sizes 36 to 44, the suit. . . . . 69c

RINGSIDE NOTES ON COUNCIL

"Mayor Caldwell's memory is either faulty or convenient to the occasion," declared Councilman William Hickman Moore, rising to a question of personal privilege at Monday afternoon's session of the city council.

Moore said the mayor had questioned his authority to appear before the legislature in behalf of the city in 1917. He read a resolution of the city council to prove he had been assigned the task.

Councilman Philip Tindall also arose to a question of personal privilege to contradict a newspaper report concerning certain remarks alleged to have been made by him at Friday's conference on the Hastings bill.

In committee of the whole it was decided to postpone consideration of the Hastings bill, authorizing municipalities to refund utility bonds.

The following measures were approved: the bill authorizing municipalities to annex unincorporated areas within their limits; legislation for an assistant police judge; removal of the tax limit of 50 per cent of assessed valuation for local improvements, with certain exceptions; the bill authorizing municipalities to sell electrical energy outside their limits; the bill allowing municipalities owning and operating not less than 100 miles of street railway to operate motor buses also.

With it between us, we sleep. But not long. As our fire crackles out, we awake and start walking. Resting and trudging by spells, we pass the night.

RADIO TELLS RANCHER WERE LOST ON DESERT It's nearly 8 a. m. when we sight a ranch house of the D. E. Hudgins ranch.

About the same time Chapple Chapman, who wears chaps and ropes cattle, sees us. "The boss has heard by radio you fellows were lost," he says. "They're beginning to think you're dead."

"We are—dead thirsty," we say; "not a drink of water in 17 hours." We arrive in Reno, full of joy that the Hudgins make us welcome;

they drive us back to the ship with water for the radiator and tools to make repairs.

We reach the ship just in time to see Pilot Parr Nutter, sent out to search for us, fly away without sighting us.

We returned to the Hudgins ranch, where the host tells us exciting stories of the days when he rode the pony express.

The next day Pilot Ray Little discovers us and rescues us from the alkali flats.

WELCOMED BY CATTLEMEN AND INDIANS We fly to Lovelock, where we are welcomed as men returning from the grave by a great crowd, including cattlemen, townfolk and Indians.

We arrive in Reno, full of joy that there's just one more jump ahead

TUESDAY IS BUDGET DAY

"Don't Guess at Expenses Is Advice"

Tuesday is "Make-a-Budget day." That is the slogan for the second day of the National Thrift Week campaign.

Thousands of pieces of propaganda are being distributed through the city, urging the saving of money and telling how to do it.

"You can't expect to run your business of living if you keep track only of what comes in and merely guess at the outgo."

That's what the committee in charge is emphasizing today. Wednesday is "Life Insurance day."

We rest there two days, because of a snowstorm over the Sierras. But on the 14th day out we hop off for Fresno.

The flight is without incident. But the Golden Gate never has looked more golden than it does after these 13 days, 6 hours and 35 minutes of transcontinental endeavor.

The letters sent by train had beaten me by more than a week. In tomorrow's Star I will tell you my conclusions as to the air mail service—its faults, the remedies, its benefits and its future.

The air mail is a fixture—it is here to stay.

The Proper Basis for Price Is Replacement Cost

WITH the marking down of our merchandise to meet the lower level of replacement costs, the Bon Marche is taking severe losses, because what we paid for the merchandise does not figure at all in the new prices. All that counts is what we would have to pay for the same goods today.

Skirts \$10.00 In Smart Sport Plaids

Part of this assortment is a lot purchased at a very advantageous price, and the balance is made up of skirts from our regular stock marked to meet the new replacement figure.

Box Plaited, Knife Plaited and Gathered Styles

Block and Broken Plaids In Blues, Browns, Tans and Black and White

SKIRT SECTION—SECOND FLOOR

NATIONAL THRIFT WEEK JANUARY 17TH TO 23RD

One of the points emphasized during Thrift Week is the owning of your own home. Surely a more praiseworthy idea would be difficult to suggest and you may rely upon the Bon Marche to help you, not only with savings on home-furnishings, but also with genuine economies thruout the store. Here are a few examples of these thrift items:

Cretonnes Reduced to 25c Yard 24- and 27-inch Cretonnes—12 different patterns and colors—full bolt pieces—our 40c cretonnes—specially reduced.

Flannelette Skirts 48c For Wednesday in Thrift Week we offer Warm Flannelette Skirts for 48c—white or colors—on waist or band—in sizes 2 to 14 years.

Broche Bandeaux 45c Bandeaux with front and back closing—of pink broche—well made and a special offer for Thrift Week.

Writing Paper 29c Bulk Writing Paper—pure white, good quality—60 sheets for 29c Wednesday.

THE FOOD SHOPS MADE A SPECIAL BUY OF Alaska Pink Salmon 2 Cans for 21c to Sell at

At this price as long as we have any—it will pay you to buy a case.

- White Bear Soap, 6 bars for 25c.
Sardines (domestic), a can 7c.
Sardines, in olive oil, a can 12c.
Middy Corn, can 15c.
Rex Lye, a can 9c.
Tomatoes, a can 10c.
Parker Beans, a can 17c.
Pumpkin, a can 10c.
Pineapple, a can 30c.
Pitted Pie Cherries, a can 30c.

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