Grocery Prices Thirty Years Ago

Some of The Saturday News' exchanges are printing prices, both high and low, which have prevailed at various times in the country's history.

Prices following the Civil War were away up among the clouds, but it should be reflected that they represented an inflated currency, since gold was commanding a premium which at one period went to nearly three to one—that is to say, a gold dollar would buy nearly three in currency.

But here are some figures taken from the books of a grocery doing business in Watertown thirty years ago. An itemized account was rendered by the Hardie & Stoker firm to the Kampeska Park Association, a copy of which The Saturday News holds, as follows:

In 1887.

10 lbs. breakfast bacon	$1.25
1 ham, 13½ lbs.	2.16
6 dozen eggs, 10c	.60
14½ lbs. butter, 18c	2.61
6 lbs. lard	.60
6 lbs. salt pork	.75
2 sacks Garland flour	2.50
Total	$10.47

The statement from which the foregoing are taken at random was dated June 1, 1887, and covered items bought between April 28 and June 1, the bill having been receipted June 7.

Take the same items today and here's about what we find them to be, with slight variations:

In 1917.

10 lbs. breakfast bacon	$4.50
1 ham, 13½ lbs., about	3.25
6 doz. eggs, about	1.60
14½ lbs. butter, about	5.08
2 sacks Garland, about	8.00
6 lbs. lard, about	1.60
6 lbs. salt pork, about	1.50
Total	$25.43

Beautiful Embryo Lakeside Park

Obviously the city park board builded better than the average citizen of Watertown knew when it purchased the property from the Thomas estate with a view to converting it into a city park.

As a matter of fact, it is practically the only spot on the twenty-odd miles of lake shore that is accessible to the public. All other portions of the lake shore are privately owned, and, except by the consent of the respective owners, makes the party treading thereon a virtual trespasser.

Already the new city park has begun to "draw." Last Sunday, to be specific, many automobiles visited the scene, and scores of people took advantage of the ample shade. Many took their lunches and enjoyed a repast at some of the several tables which the park board has caused to be placed beneath the spreading branches of the trees. Bathers, too, were numerous.

Seventeen Acre Grove.

It is by far the largest acreage of trees on the lake shore. The tract comprises approximately seventeen acres ,and extends from the shore of the lake to the public highway, about a quarter of a mile east of the water line.

The trees adjacent to the lake have reached a height of fifteen to twenty-five feet; those nearer the highway, ten to fifteen feet.

Thus it is a seventeen-acre tract having trees throughout, making it by far the largest grove on the lake, and best adapted to picnics, since several could be held at the same time without one party at all interfering with another, or with private property.

The larger trees have all been trimmed, and workmen are proceeding with the trimming of the smaller trees.

Present Eqiupment.

The present equipment comprises a pump, where cool water may be obtained at any and all times, a pavillion whereon soft drinks and confections may be purchased, a small bath house with eight apartments (four for the ladies and four for the men), the use of which is free to the public, a building of considerable size which is designed to serve as a shelter for picnic parties and others in case of a storm, a few benches, besides several tables.

The intention is to increase this equipment from time to time. One of the improvements now in process of construction is a pier, for the use of boating parties.

Charles Langwill is in charge of the grounds, having been accorded the confectionery concessions for taking care of the place, superintending the bath house and exercising a supervisory control over the grounds.

A Fine Beach.

The beach is as fine as any on the lake. Wading is safe for some rods from the shore, since the slope into deep water is gradual.

Hence, with ample shade extending from the highway almost to the lake shore, with a strip of fifty to seventy-five feet wide as a sandy beach, with a combination of those conditions which serve to make a lake shore inviting, the city of Watertown has commenced to improve what, in but a few years to come, will be recognized, it is believed, to be one of the finest city parks in the northwest.

A generation hence Watertown would refuse to take for its lake shore park fifty times what it will have cost in dollars and cents.

Clowns Not the Fools They Seem

Seldom is a circus clown the fool he represents himself to be. He poses in an apparently idiotic role for the same reason that some other presumably wise individual occupies a professor's chair in some college or university. Both men appreciate their salaries.

However, Dan Ducrow, one of the sixty sawdust comedians with the Barnum & Bailey circus, coming to Watertown on July 5, is sufficiently educated to hold down the job of college professor of languages if he were so inclined. In the game of philosophy he has scored seventeen times, and because of that fact is qualified to hold the position of interpreter for the various races represented in the cosmopolitan circus city.

Because of his ability to speak so many tongues, Ducrow officiates as postmaster for the 1,400 circus people. Of course, congress has never officially confirmed his appointment, but he has a most important position nevertheless. Every morning during the circus season, wherever the big show happens to be exhibiting, Ducrow makes his rounds of the postoffice and the express offices, collects all mail and packages consigned to any one connected with the circus, and then returns to the show grounds. Here he is greeted by a polyglot assemblage in which are spoken all languages from Portugese to Hindoostani. The circus mail averages more than 2,000 letters daily, coming from the four quarters of the globe and addressed in many languages.

The Barnum & Bailey circus boasts of having more world famous clowns on its program than any other show in America. More than twenty of the jesters are over sixty years old and have been clowns practically all their lives. Many of them were colleagues of the late Dan Rice and other famous sawdust entertainers of the last century. Most of the old timers have clowned in every civilized land and some of them have entertained the crowned heads of Europe.

A clown must be a successful judge of human nature and he must never let pessimism control his feelings. He must be original and versatile. The successful clown knows by long experience that the funny bones of the crowds vary in different cities, and in order to make good, the shaly-[illegible] jester must understand many [illegible] the numerous [illegible] of the men, women [illegible] Mike A. [illegible] to [illegible] Ernie Anderson and Dan Ducrow Speak Many Languages.

STOMACH TROUBLES AND CONSTIPATION.

"I will cheerfully say that Chamberlain's Tablets are the most satisfactory remedy for stomach troubles and constipation that I have sold in thirty-four years' drug store service," writes E. H. Murphy, druggist, Wells Bars, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere. Adv. 6[illegible]

It takes two to tell the truth—one to tell it and one to hear it.—Thor[illegible]

Watertown Vis[illegible]

Mrs. Chas. Schafer w[illegible] town several days the p[illegible] ting acquainted with th[illegible] child at the Fingerhut [illegible] Lake Advocate.

S. L. Hjermstad is fitting up a room in the rear of his postoffice building, with expectation of buying cream for the North American Creamery company of Watertown.— Wallace Scout.

Miss Oriet Hafstad returned to her home in Webster, Friday, after spending nine months at Luther hospital in Watertown. Miss Oriet is taking a course in nursing at Watertown and will enjoy her two weeks vacation here with her parents. — Webster World.

Brusie and Morrison voted themselves a two days' holiday which they spent at Watertown Wednesday and Thursday. .... Miss Beatrice Schneider, who spent last week at her home here, returned to Watertown Thursday.—Forestville Correspondence of South Shore Republican.

R. O. Lee of Watertown was in Hayti Monday on business. .... Soon Castlewood and Watertown will be very dry spots on the map of South Dakota. Saturday night, June 30th, John Barleycorn will take his departure. .... Misses Agnes Danielson and Helga Fjeldseth and Andrew Anderson spent Saturday and Sunday at Watertown.—Hayti Herald.

Miss Lois Walkin of Watertown has spent the week here, a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. S. Stevens. Her visit is greatly enjoyed by her many friends. .... Alfred Bushey, Mrs. R. L. Bushey, Misses Ina Bushey, Leah Marshall and Mildred Boswell autoed to Watertown Tuesday afternoon and spent their time shopping and visiting with friends.—Castlewood Republican.

V. Christensen, of Watertown, was here one day the latter part of last week, looking after business matters. .... Mrs. Paul Mead came down from Watertown Tuesday morning for a few days' visit with home folks and also to attend the Distad-Halvorson wedding. .... Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lovre and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evenson autoed up to Watertown last Friday morning where they spent the day visiting with friends.—Toronto Herald.

Chester Davison made the round trip to Watertown Thursday. .... Mrs. George Blegan and children spent Thursday in Watertown. .... Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shaw motored to Watertown Wednesday. .... Hilda Engwell returned last week from Watertown where she spent a couple of weeks. .... Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kellogg and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Keller and Dick Kelsey autoed to Watertown Thursday. .... Wm. McNamara, Leo Clifford, Clarence Pagel and Frank Abraham went to Watertown a few days ago where they joined the cavalry.—Hazel Register.

A. F. Batien and E. W. Anderson were at Watertown Thursday on business. .... Fred Peck was at Watertown Wednesday and Thursday attending the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias. .... A. M. Johnson and daughter, Miss Melva,, and Miss Marie Buck, all of Watertown, visited at the home of the writer and took in the Sport Days doings. .... Donald Peck and George Lord went to Watertown this morning expecting to be mustered into the headquarters division of the First South Dakota cavalry.—Willow Lakes News.

Miss Dorothy Curl came down from Watertown Tuesday morning to spend the day with her mother. She was accompanied by Master Robin Cannon, who remained for a few days' visit. .... Mrs. J. E. Gordon and daughter, Miss Hazel, who have been visiting relatives and friends here, returned to their home at Watertown, Sunday. Harry Gordon came down Saturday night to spend Sunday here, returning Sunday night with his mother and sister. Eugene Gordon went to Watertown Sunday evening, and visited until Monday morning at the parental home.—Gary Inter State.

Miss Schaller of Watertown was a guest of W. I. Noble and family a few hours yesterday. She drove down with Mr. Ransom Babcock, who was best man at the Lockhart and Mead wedding. .... George Schlosser, of Watertodwn, was in the city last Friday. He was out on the road marking the new Twin City, Black Hills and Yellowstone trail, and went from this place to Canby and on to Granite Falls, in Minnesota. .... Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fingerhut of Watertown, are the happy parents of a baby born to them June 9. Mrs. Schafer, mother of Mrs. Fingerhut, who has been with her daughter ever since the little grandson arrived, returned home Tuesday of this week.—Clear Lake Courier.

Ed Sinkbeil and family and Mrs. Augusta Wegner were Watertown callers, Friday. .... Mr. and Mrs. John Hackert and daughter, Marie, and Mrs. Thezenvits autoed to Watertown on Friday. .... Rose Strege visited relatives at Watertown, S. D., the latter part of last week. .... Miss Esther Mix is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. H. R. Baxter, at Watertown, S. D. .... Miss Harriett Baxter, who had spent a couple of weeks in this village, at the W. G. Mix home, left Wednesday evening for her home in Illionis. She was accompanied to Watertown by Wm. Mix, Jr., who spent a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. Harold Baxter.—Nassau (Minn.) Review.

Geo. W. Dixon, of Watertown, grand master of the Grange for South Dakota is a visitor in the city this week, attending the big state meeting. .... Jack Conger and John Green, who were turned over to Sheriff Minder by the Watertown authorities, have plead guilty and will be sentenced by Judge Sherwood. The crime of which they were charged was that of stealing the pockets of Dr. Brooks, of Watertown, while that man was [illegible] the pockets of Dr. Central [illegible] street. The doctor complained of his loss at Watertown [illegible] men were found trying to [illegible] the watch taken. Sheriff [illegible] Attorney Alexander were [illegible] here and brought the [illegible] and after a little persua[illegible] told the whole story and [illegible] the deed.—Brookings Reg[illegible]

Mrs. Hubert Phillips spent Sunday in Watertown. .... Oscar Forest, of Watertown, spent Sunday in Raymond. .... A. H. Danekas went to Watertown Saturday to see his wife, who is in a hospital at that city. Mrs. Danekas has been in a critical condition, but is improving, according to latest reports. .... In a letter from D. F. Jones, of Watertown, president of the state drug committee, resolutions were passed whereby all registered pharmacists give $5 each for an auto ambulance, fully equipped, to be presented to the South Dakota soldier boys at the annual druggists convention to be held at Watertown in August. Danforth & Smith immediately responded to the call. .... Emmett Jones, Jr. and Lee Bradway went to Watertown Monday evening and drove home a new Willys-Knight. .... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurlbut, Mrs. Geo. Hurlbut and Miss Amy Hurlbut went to Watertown via the auto route, Saturday.—Raymond Gazette.

Grand Lodge Officers Knights of Pythias

The Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in session in this city last week, chose the following officers for the ensuing year:

G. C.—John L. Ruckman, of Aberdeen.

G. V. C.—J. J. Urquhart, of Valley Springs.

G. P.—J. M. Holter, of Webster.

G. K. R. S.—W. A Roberts, of Huron

G. M. E.—C .A. Fountain of Clark.

G. M. A.—George Lehr of Tyndall.

G I. G.—William T. Coplan of Lead.

G. O. G.—John E Ogg, of Watertown.

Supreme representative for four years—C. N. Herreid of Aberdeen.

Grand trustee for three years—Miles Clikeman, of Parker.

Pythian Sisters' New Officers.

Meeting separately in the A. O. U. W. hall, the grand lodge of Pythian Sisters, elected officers just before adjourning. They selected the following:

Past Grand Chief—Coralynn A. Kenefick, Dell Rapids.

Grand Chief—Mrs. G. W. Lawrence of Lead.

Grand Excellent Senior—Mrs. Minnie Draheim, Aberdeen.

Grand Excellent Junior—Mrs. Maggie Halbert, Belle Fourche.

Grand Financier—Mrs. Daisy Johnson, Parker.

Grand Mistress of Records and Correspondence—Mrs. Jennie Belk, Henry.

Grand Manager—Mrs. Emma Benedict, Milbank.

Grand Protector—Mabel Barnes, White Lake.

Grand Guard—Mrs. Anna Tisher, Sioux Falls.

Grand Trustee— Lillian Periton, Huron.

14 Take Temple Degree.

A feature of the Pythian Sisters' session was the work in the grand temple degree, which was taken by a class of fourteen candidates. The Sisters adopted the custom at the grand lodge this year of giving a salute to the flag before the formal opening.

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Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Haight had. Foster-Milburn Co. Props., Buffalo, N. Y. Adv. 3

Real Estate Transfers

Reported by Codington County Abstract Co.

Emil Borns to Carl A. Peterson, S. 2.977 acres of lot 1, section 27-118-52, Reservation; $1.

Gunder H. Stuverud to Augusta Lebert, E. 57 feet of lot 8 and 9, block 30, Second Railway Addition; $1.

Mary Belle Harper to Charles C. Govers, lot 27, Hillcrest; $1.

Paul B. F. Born to C. A. Hess, E. 50 feet of lots 8, 18 and 19 in block 1, Mellette & McIntyre Addition; $1.

Herbert J. Hymes to J. N. Hymes, N 110 feet of E. 50 feet of lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, block 5, Pettigrew's Addition; $1,000.

Florence G. Snyder to Bernece N. Klinge, lot 5, block 3, Arends Park; $1.

Ole S. B. Olson to Ethel B. Graham, N½NE¼ 12-117-55; $1.

Wilbur S. Glass to John N. Weber, lots 6, 7 and 8, block 1, Lake Piew Addition; $1.

John [illegible] to Kathryn Glass, lots 6, 7 and 8, block 1, Lake Biew Addition; $1.

[illegible] to F. P. Seguin, lots [illegible] Kransburg; $1.

"What is a skeptic?"

"A man who always puts paste on the back of a postage stamp."—Puck.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Watertown, S. D., June 19, 1917.

City council met in adjourned regular session, Alderman Cornwell, president of the council, presiding.

Present at roll call: Aldermen Brown, Cornwell, Ferguson, Hagna, Hanten, Johnson, Langwill; absent, Alderman Balsiger.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Stewart, representing the Standard Oil Co., appeared before the council and requested permission to erect a service station on the corner of South Broadway and Third Ave. South.

Alderman Balsiger took his seat in council.

A communication from the state tax commission relative to the duties of the board of equalization was read.

Alderman Ferguson introduced a resolution granting to the Standard Oil Co. permission to construct, operate and maintain a filling station at the corner of South Broadway and Third Ave. Southeast.

Moved by Alderman Langwill, seconded by Balsiger, that the resolution be adopted, which motion carried on roll call. Ayes, Aldermen Brown, Balsiger, Cornwell, Ferguson, Hagna, Hanten, Johnson, Langwill. 8 ayes, no nays.

This being the date set for opening bids on tractor engines, the council proceeded to open the bids filed.

Moved by Alderman Hagna, seconded by Brown, that when this meeting is adjourned, it be adjourned to 1:30 o'clock, June 20th, to consider the bids for tractors. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. B-20, introduced by Alderman Hanten, by request of the mayor, passed second reading. Moved by Alderman Balsiger, seconded by Hagna, that this ordinance be now passed, which motion carried on roll call. Ayes, Alderman Brown, Balsiger, Cornwell, Ferguson, Hagna, Hanten, Johnson, Langwill. 8 ayes, no nays.

The official bond and oath of Tom Nicholson, in the sum of $500.00 with Anna Nicholson and John Nicholson as sureties, and the bond and oath of Robert Vetter, in the sum of $500 with E. G. Helbing and C. Vetter as sureties, was filed.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Balsiger, that the bonds of Tom Nicholson and Robert Vetter be approver Motion carried.

The mayor, A. T. Hopkins, took his seat in council and presided.

The mayor appointed B. S. Craig chief of police, which appointment was confirmed by the following vote on roll call. Ayes, Aldermen Brown, Balsiger, Cornwell, Ferguson, Hagna, Hanten, Johnson, Langwill. 8 ayes, no nays.

The mayor wished the records to show that F. J. Weckman be designated as assistant chief.

The following bills were allowed on roll call.

General Fund.	
J. Gullick repairing roof, city hall	$ 18.60
Selmser Fuel and Grain Co., grain for park pheasants	2.95
R. M. Grant Co., exchange on checks	1.16
Selmster Fuel and Grain Co., slab wood for pest house	1.00
F. J. W. Dorman Co., dog license tags	6.00
Star Laundry, laundry for pest house	1.92
H. C. Wood, express on dog tags	.67
Consumers Fuel and Ice Co., coal for city hall	690.25
Court and Police Fund.	
John H. Conley, court certificates paid	109.40
Ed. T. Elkins, boarding prisoners	4.00
B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co., auto casing for police patrol	6.30
F. J. Weckman, express on auto casing	.30
Fire Dept. Fund.	
Dugan & Bennett Imp. Co., supplies for fire truck	.80
Tarbell & Williamson, supplies for fire hall	4.15
Stokes Milling Co., bran for fire horses	3.40
Park Fund.	
Henry Wiersbeck, labor for park board	240.00
R. M. Haight, labor in park	2.00
J. E. Bird, premium on insurance	36.00
Olaf Larson, labor in parks	1.00
H. A. Hildebrandt, boat for lake park	38.40
J. H. Bruns, sharpening lawn mowers	5.50
New Sewer Fund.	
Crane Ordway Co., supplies for pump station	4.57
J. A. Skinner, drayage	4.00
Offerman Const. Co., payment on sewer	2494.56
Street Dept. Fund	
A. B. Tiffany, labor on streets	50.00
Dave Baley, labor on streets	52.50
D. E. Boland, labor on streets	51.00
Ed Werth, labor on streets	51.00
W. H. Edwards, labor on street	28.[illegible]
Leo Breske, labor on streets	31.88
Christ Johnson, labor on street	23.00
Ed. McAleer, labor on streets	23.00
Lee Bros, road drags and repairs	23.50
Melham Bros., culverts for streets	37.80

On motion council adjourned to June 20th, 1917, at 1:30 p. m.

H. C. Wood,
City Auditor.

Watertown, S. D., June 20, 1917

City council met in adjourned regular session, Alderman A. H. Cornwell, president of the council, presiding.

Present at roll call, Aldermen Balsiger, Cornwell, Hagna, Hanten, Langwill; absent, Aldermen Brown, Ferguson and Johnson.

The following bills were allowed on roll call. Ayes, Aldermen Balsiger, Cornwell, Hagna, Hanten, Langwill; absent, Aldermen Brown, Ferguson, Johnson.

Police Fund.	
Albert Jaehn, special police	$5.50
Wm. Olson, special police	5.50

After considering the tractor bids and conferring with the different representatives, the council adjourned to June 25th, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

H. C. Wood,
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