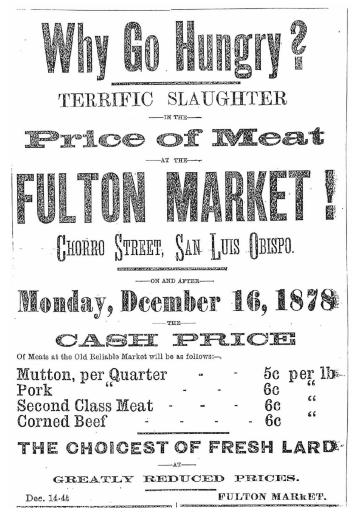
HISTORY CENTER

San Luis Obispo County

Local merchants that made the cut



We don't eat much mutton today, but in 1878 it was a budget-friendly option. Second Class referred not to quality but rather to the cut, including options such as the Round, Flank, and Ribs.

It's what's for dinner

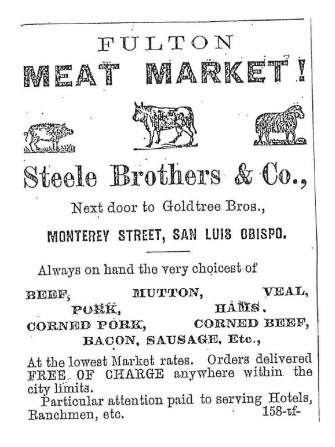
San Luis Obispo County has a long history of producing and consuming meat. In the days before the railroad, cattle were raised for leather. This lead to far more meat than the local market needed. Since the meat couldn't be exported, it was sold for very low prices. Later, drought forced farmers to cut back on the sizes of their herds.

Bacon, Hams and Lard,
IN LARGE OF SMALL QUANTITIES,
At the Store of
BARTOLO BRIZZOLARA,
IN the town of San Luis Obispo; manufactured by the undersigned from the
best quality of grain-fed hogs. Patronize
Home Industry, and quit sending money to
San Francisco, when you can be better

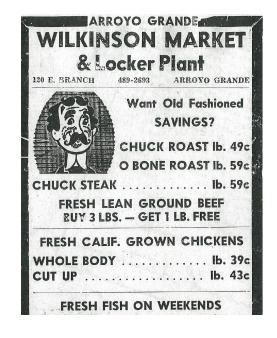
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Eventually the railroad would arrive bringing mass-

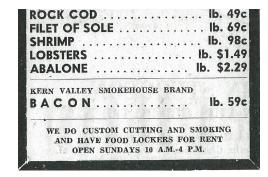
produced wares from the world outside, but local producers continued to serve the market. At right you can see an advertisement for Brizzolara Market published in 1871, bearing the words "...quit sending money to San Francisco, when you can be better served in your own county." Those words still ring true in the ears of local artists, craftspeople, farmers, etc - though the manufacturers they're competing with are now global, not just up the coast.



The Covid pandemic made the concept of grocery delivery popular again, but in 1872 it was a standard service. Note, though, that the city was much smaller than it is today, and there were far fewer customers to take them up on it.



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By 1964, tastes had changed what cuts were being highlighted. Compare these historical meats with your local grocery store's weekly ad!



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