

TODAY'S MARKETS

FRUIT INSPECTOR IS BADLY NEEDED

WORMY APPLES CAUSE CONCERN
NEW MERCHANTS TO SEEK APPOINTMENT OF AN OFFICIAL
HOPS NOW SELLING AT 31 CENTS

POULTRY REMAINS DULL

Front Street, Oct. 5.—The principal features of the Portland wholesale markets today are:
Poultry is not moving.
Fruit market is at 31c.
Fruit dealers want an inspector.
Wheat market is a trifle dull.
Eastern oats yet too high.
Market is still dull.
Sales of doves to east continue.
Second crop of flour to east continues.
Second crop strawberries coming.
Provisions are quoted as usual.
Poultry remains very dull.

Fruit Dealers Want an Inspector.

A determined effort is again being made by some of the larger Front street wholesalers to secure an inspector for the fruit market. It is claimed that a most deal of fruit is now coming on the market which is not fit for food and the class of stock which has a tendency to keep the market dull. The main trouble now exists in regard to apples. The state of Oregon has a reputation of growing the best apples in the world, but a look at the fruit market shows that the quality is not improving. It is very hard to find a box of apples along the street which does not contain fully two-thirds wormy and speckled fruit and the growers expect to dealers to pay a price for them. Some shipper's marks are now in the market, but they cannot be considered as true fruit because most all of the stock has a surplus of worms or other defects. Oregon is about the only state in the country which supply the Portland market with apples. "As long as these growers can sell their wormy apples on this market," says one of the larger dealers, "we will have to wait for a better article." There are now a great many eastern people coming to this city and most of them have heard of the reputation of Oregon as a wonderful apple-growing state. They will be surprised to find yesterday and were surprised that we did not have any apples which did not contain worms. The matter has been taken before the Produce Mart's arbitration board, and the appointment of an inspector would be the best thing that could be done for the furthering of Oregon's fruit industry. Without the wormy and poor apples on the market stocks would not move and the market would be dead. There is no accumulation as now. With the market in that condition better prices could easily be obtained.

Poultry Is Not Selling

There is practically no selling of poultry at the market at the retail trade. Poultry do not seem to eat much of an object and there is not as much interest in chickens now as there was when quotations were practically as high. The market is still dull. The market is still dull and pigeons would have moved by keeping those stocks at home. The Chinese are still buying some ducks. Geese are very slow sellers.

Hops Sell at 31 Cents.

At Independence late yesterday afternoon H. L. McDaniel, head of the lumber firm belonging to Dave Davis. One of the incidents which go to show the strength of the hop market was the sale reported in The Journal yesterday of 90 boxes of hops to the McDaniel company. The price paid for these was sold by Mr. Danvers was what is called baby hops—the best grown on the vines. C. L. Pitchford purchased from Hiriam Wood a box of hops at \$20 per box. The McDaniel firm also bought 50 boxes of hops from Mrs. A. R. Stewart of Woodburn for \$20. Forty-five boxes of the McDaniel crop was bought by the McDaniel company at \$20 per box. Eugene Garberich bought 260 boxes at \$20. The Galloher for 250 boxes of hops at \$20 each. The local hop dealers were satisfied with the value in the amount of hops grown by the growers who are afraid to hold. There is some talk here of offers of \$20, but as yet no sales have been reported this season above. No sales have been made, however, but are on hope at 31c.

Wheat Market Is a Trifle Dull.

The local wheat market, on account of the insufficient number of cars for eastern shipment, is dull and until the promised cars are sent the market will be slow. Word was received here from the eastern word that great pressure had been brought to bear upon the railway officials that had the men men of that section and that some cars would be sent by the end of the month by the Union Pacific at once. Some few sales for western account are reported. The lower prices in the east yesterday caused a slight decline here in wheat and in eastern varieties. A small number of orders for western wheat came from the west today for December shipment. The market is very dull. There is practically no wheat remaining around and prices to that have been paid in the smaller mills up the valley varying a percentage from 10 to 20 per cent over quotations.

Eastern Oats Still Too High.

The oats market here is not quite so firm to day as it was yesterday. The report given yesterday was inaccurate, but the market is still dull on account of the feeling here. According to large buyers in this city the best offers on oats are being received from the east at \$20.00 and the local market under this quotation no eastern oats will come with either. The market goes up or down in that in the east goes down. The barley market is still so firm. Grains are practically sold and quotations are nominal.

Second Crop Strawberries Coming.

Quite a number of crates of second-crop strawberries were received from the vicinity of Clatskanie this morning and were sold at 20c per dozen. A few were sent to market from Merced today. Oregon bushels quotations are weak with no changes in prices. California strawberries were slow. Oregon cantaloupes are very moving well, but there is a fair demand for Idaho and Yakima.

Today's wholesale quotations, as revised, are as follows:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—New and Old Club, 52c; bluestem, 50c; valley, 50c; barley, 32c; rye, 22c; corn, 20c; oats, 20c.

BARTH—Feed, \$21.00-\$21.75; rolled, \$22.00; bran, \$22.00.

BATTS—Producer's price—No. 1 white, 32c; No. 2, 30c.

FLOUR—Eastern Oregon: Patents, \$4.00; extra, \$4.25; fine, \$4.50; graham, \$4.50; \$4.75.

MILLSTONES—Barrel, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, \$25.00; shorts, country, \$22.00; chop, \$24.00.

HAY—Producer's price—Timothy, Williams' value, \$14.00-\$15.00; ordinary, \$15.00-\$16.00; mixed, \$16.00-\$17.00; timothy, \$15.00-\$16.00; grain, \$16.00; chest, \$11.00-\$11.50.

Hops—Wool and Hides.

HOPS—100c, 20c-\$2.00 for choices, 27c-\$2.00 for fine.

WOOL—Nominal. Valley, coarse to medium, 17c-18c; fine, 18c; eastern Oregon, 12c-16c.

SILK—Silk—White, \$4.00; yellow, \$4.50.

COTTON—Cotton—Selling, 14c-\$20c; short wool, 20c-\$25c; medium wool, 25c-\$30c; long wool, 30c-\$35c each.

SEAFOOD—Seafood, per lb., 40c-\$60c; No. 2 and coarse, 20c-\$25c.

CHITTIM BARK—Per lb., buying price.

MEAT—Dry meat, \$1.25-\$1.50 per lb. and up; fresh meat, \$1.50-\$2.00 per lb.; salted meat, \$1.25-\$1.50 per lb.; cold meat, \$1.50-\$2.00 per lb.

SHIRTWEAR—Shirtwear, 14c-\$20c; short wool, 20c-\$25c; medium wool, 25c-\$30c; long wool, 30c-\$35c each.

LEATHER—Leather, per lb., 40c-\$60c; No. 2 and coarse, 20c-\$25c.

BEANS—Beans, 25c-\$30c.

SOUP—Soups, 25c-\$30c.

SPICES—Spices, 25c-\$30c.

CONDIMENT—Condiments, 25c-\$30c.

CHICORY—Chicory—Black, green, 25c-\$30c.

ICE—Ice, \$1.00-\$1.25 per ton.

COKE—Coke, \$1.00-\$1.25 per ton.

COAL—Coal, \$1.00-\$1.25 per ton.

WOOD—Wood, \$1.00-\$1