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MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO WHEAT SATURDAY QUOTATIONS

	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar. (old)	.79⅛			.79⅛
(new)	.83¼ @ ⅝	.82⅞	.82⅛	.82¼
May (old)	.82⅛	.83½ @ ⅞	.83¼ @ ⅞	.83½
July	.68½ @ ¾	.69	.68⅛	.68⅛ @ ¼
Sept.	.69¼	.69½	.68⅞	.66⅞ @ ¾

PORTLAND WHEAT SATURDAY QUOTATIONS

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	.68	.68	.68	.68
July	.63½	.63½	.63½	.63½

Butter And Eggs Unchanged Today

PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP) — Wholesale butter and egg quotations opened unchanged today. Butter market ruled very firm, especially on 90 score cubes, with some dealers unable to fill orders from local receipts.

Tone of the egg trade continued easy under weakening influences of liberal receipts and direct sales from producers to retailers.

Price conditions were stable in markets for fresh fruits, vegetables, country dressed meats and poultry with volume of sales somewhat limited by legal holiday buying conditions.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP) — Cattle 1700, calves 145, looks steady to strong. Steers 600-900 lbs. good $8.00 @ $8.25, medium $7.25 @ $8.00, common $6.25 @ $7.25; 900-1100 lbs. good $8.00 @ $8.25, medium $7.25 @ $8.00, common $6.25 @ $7.25; 1100-1300 lbs. good $7.75 @ $8.00, medium $7.00 @ $7.75. Heifers 550-800 lbs. good $7.50 @ $8.00, medium $6.50 @ $7.50, common $5.50 @ $6.50. Cows, good $6.25 @ $6.75, common and medium $5.00 @ $6.25, low cutter and cutter $2.50 @ $5.00. Bulls (yearlings excluded) $5.00 @ $5.75, cutter common and medium $3.50 @ $5.00. Vealers milk fed $10.00 @ $11.00, medium $8.50 @ $10.00, culls and common $5.50 @ $8.50. Calves 250-500 lbs. $8.50 @ $10.00, common and medium $5.00 @ $8.50.

Hogs 3,130, including 1,457 direct or on contract; steady to 25 cents lower. (Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded). Light lights 140-160 lbs. $7.50 @ $8.50. Light weight 160-180 lbs. $8.25 @ $8.85; 180-200 lbs. $8.25 @ $8.90. Medium weight 200-220 lbs. $7.25 @ $8.25, 220-250 lbs. good and choice $7.00 @ $8.00. Heavy weights 250-290 lbs. $6.75 @ $7.75, 290-350 lbs. medium and good $6.25 @ $7.50. Packing sows 275-500 lbs. medium and good $6.00 @ $7.25. Feeder and stocker pigs 70-130 lbs. good and choice $5.50 @ $6.50.

Sheep 2200, including 785 direct or on contract. Lambs 90 lbs. down $7.00 @ $7.75, medium $6.00 @ $7.00. All weights, common $5.00 @ $6.00. Yearling wethers 90-110 lbs. medium to choice $4.50 @ $5.50. Ewes 90-150 lbs. medium to choice $3.50 @ $4.00. 150-180 lbs. medium to choice $3.00 @ $3.75, all weights, cull and common $1.50 @ $3.00.

SUGAR

PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP) — Sugar: steady, cracked fruits cane, fruit or berry $4.80 per cwt. Beet sugar $4.60 per cwt.

FLOUR

PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP) — Flour: steady, city delivery prices family patents 48s $4.60, white wheat 48s $4.70, graham 48s $4.80, bakers' hard wheat 98s $5.20, bakers' hard wheat patents 98s $5.30, pastry flour 49s $4.30.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Feb. 23 (AP) — (U. S. D. A.)—Hogs 40,000, slow, steady to 10 cents lower than Friday's average. 140-210 lbs. $7.40 @ $7.85, top $7.85, 220-350 lbs. $6.40 @ $7.20.

Cattle 15,000, calves 2,000, very slow, weak to 25 cents lower; fed steers, yearlings and weights above 850 lb. mostly 25 cents lower; steady to weak, most fed cows $4.50 @ $5.50. Slaughter cattle and vealers, steers, good and choice 600-1100 lbs. $8.50 @ $13.50; vealers (milk fed) good and choice $8.00 @ $10.00.

Sheep 25,000; fat lambs weak to 25 cents lower mainly; other classes about steady; lambs 90 lbs. down, good and choice $8.00 @ $8.60, medium $7.25 @ $8.00; 90-98 lbs. medium to choice $7.00 @ $8.00; ewes 90-150 lbs. medium to choice $3.50 @ $5.50.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 23 (AP) — Wheat futures closed quiet: May 89⅝, July [illegible]

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Sugar, 100-lb. sack	$5.70
Vegetables	
N. Gem potatoes, lb.	1½c
Sack	1.25
Parsley, bunch	5c
Cabbage, lb.	3c
Yellow onions, lb.	2c
Cucumbers	25c
Cauliflower, lb.	15c
Celery hearts, bunch	20c
Turnips, bunch	10c
Parsnips, lb.	3c
Lettuce, head	10 @ 15c
Brussel sprouts, lb.	20c
Garlic, lb.	25c
Spinach, lb.	10c
Green pepper, lb.	35c
Carrots, bunch	10c
Sweet potatoes, 3 lbs.	25c
Tomatoes, lb.	25c
Rhubarb, lb.	15c
New potatoes, 3 lbs.	25c
Green beans, lb.	30c
Fruit	
Florida grapefruit, 3 for	20c @ 25c
Bananas, lb.	10c
Apples, box	50c @ $3.00
Lemons, doz.	30c
Oranges, doz.	25 @ 85c
Dry prunes, 30 to 40 size, 2 lbs.	25c
Dairy	
Butter, creamery, lb.	32c @ 35c
Cheese, lb.	29 @ 35c
Honey, comb	25c
Cottage cheese, lb.	20c
Eggs	
Urecoa, doz.	21c
Fresh extras, doz.	18c @ 20c
Medium, doz.	19c
Flour	
Hard Federation, 49 lbs.	$1.25
Per barrel	4.75
Soft wheat, bbl.	4.00
Meat	
Beef boil, lb.	15c
Pot roast, lb.	15 @ 17c
Chops and steaks, lb.	22 @ 30c
Minedemeat, 2 lbs.	35c
Sausage, lb.	20c
Hamburger, lb.	20c
Ham, lb.	35c
Fish	
Clams, lb.	10c
Salmon, lb.	30c
Halibut, lb.	30c
Smelt, 4 lbs.	25c
Poultry	
Spring, lb.	20 @ 30c
Heavy hens, lb.	28c
Light hens, lb.	25c

WALL STREET IDLE

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP) — Wall street was on a holiday today. Following the usual custom when a holiday falls on Sunday, the financial community today observed Washington's birthday. The New York stock and curb exchanges, the banks and all of the commodity markets were closed.

Down and Out

When a hall broke loose in Bristol the other day it ran two miles and then lay down to die in a pool. Possibly it got tired of looking for a chine shop.—London Passing Show.

Stars as Gods' Abode

Modern research tends to show that astrology had its origin in stellar worship, for in ancient times the stars were believed to be the abode of the gods.

Merely Stopping Place

A port of call is an intermediate port at which a vessel puts in for discharging or taking on cargo or passengers, or both, for her final destination.

The One Sure Thing

Wrecks happen so quickly that you can't be sure of anything except that the man's accident policy lapsed a week ago.

Japanese Ruler Puts To Sea As 'Yes Men' Fret On Shore

Hirohito, emperor of Japan, is an active student of biology. He is shown in his private laboratory at the imperial palace, ready to put under the microscope specimens which he gathered himself at Kamakura, a seaside resort.

KAMAKURA, Japan, (AP) — For the first time in history the Emperor of Japan has gone on an outing without a single "yes man" accompanying him.

The emperor is an enthusiastic student of biology and when he contemplates on this point he doesn't care to have any court officials winging in upset his relaxation.

It was on this account that the scientists, who for four operating days time in the seaside palace, to make a specimen collecting trip in a small motor boat accompanied only by three ordinary fishermen.

The ruler went ahead of the persons who got the fish and pulled them in the nearest point upon landing. At the former market, having overtaken which was quoted at $1.70 @ $1.72½, with French wheat selling at Paris at $1.82½. Nearer wheat at Milan was quoted at $1.85 per bushel, the higher price since November.

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Eggs: steady, fresh extras 19c; standards 18c, fresh medium 18c, pullets 15c. Prices to wholesalers in more than 30 cases.

Milk: steady, raw milk 3 per cent $2.20 per cwt. Delivered Portland 4c per quart, grade A milk $2.30. Delivered delivery in Portland 28c.

Poultry: steady, buying prices hens [illegible] over 4½ lbs. 19c, medium hens 3½ to 4½ lbs. 16c, light hens 3½c, springs 23c, ducks 4 lbs. and over 18c, young ducks 5½ lbs. and over 18c, young geese [illegible] No. 1, 22c.

Country meats: steady, buying prices: veals [illegible] lbs. 17c, heavy veals 14c, lambs 18c, heavy lambs 16c, [illegible] 9c, [illegible] 8c.

Onions steady: Oregon 75c @ $1.10 per sack, [illegible] No. 1 yellow $2.50 @ $2.60, No. 2, $1 @ $1.60.

Wool steady: Eastern Oregon medium, valley 16 @ 18c; fine 12 @ 14c; coarse 10 @ 12c.

Hay steady: wholesale buying prices, delivered Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy $26.50 @ $27.50; valley $20.50 @ $21.50; alfalfa $16.50 @ $17.50; clover $16.50; cheat $16.50; grain hay $16.50 @ $17.50; selling prices $1.50 a ton more.

Potatoes: steady, buying prices per cwt. U. S. No. 1 Burbanks 50 @ 60c; Russet Burbanks 40 @ 45c; Russets 35 @ 40c; sacked basis f. o. b. shipping point.

Vegetables: turnips $1.25 per sack; parsnips $1.50 per sack; beets $1.50 per sack; carrots $1.50 per sack; cabbage 1½c per lb.; celery hearts 35c per doz.; celery 60c @ $1 per doz.; lettuce $5.50 @ $6 per crate; onions 3½c per lb.

Apples: steady, buying prices, Oregon Spitzenberg fancy $2.50 @ $2.75; extra fancy $2.25; fancy $1.75 @ $2; Jonathan fancy $1.75 @ $2; Delicious fancy $2.50 @ $2.75; extra fancy $2.25; fancy $1.75 @ $2; Winter Banana fancy $1.75 @ $2; Rome Beauty fancy $1.75 @ $2; Grimes Golden fancy $1.75 @ $2; Winesap fancy $1.75 @ $2; Baldwin fancy $1.75 @ $2; Spitzenberg extra fancy $2.50 @ $2.75; Jonathan extra fancy $2.25; Delicious extra fancy $2.50 @ $2.75; Winesap extra fancy $1.75 @ $2; Rome Beauty extra fancy $1.75 @ $2; Grimes Golden extra fancy $1.75 @ $2; Baldwin extra fancy $1.75 @ $2.

Early Mail Rates

In the times of Benjamin Franklin letters were charged for by the sheet instead of by weight, and also for the distance carried. Ten cents was charged for one sheet, 20 cents for two sheets, and so on, and for every 50 miles another full fee was added. Envelopes were not used in those days, the letter simply being folded up and sealed.

Old Tragedy Revealed

Workmen stumbled on a forgotten tragedy of two centuries ago, while building a mountain road over the Saleve, in eastern France. Buried at a depth of 11 inches, their picks brought to light a woman's skeleton with a dagger sticking between the third and fourth ribs on the left side, where the heart was. Beside it were Swiss coins dated 1722.

Odd Ideas Concerning Nile

The Romans of the empire believed the Nile to be the Niger changed in direction somehow. Ptolemy, the Alexandrian philosopher of the earliest Christian centuries—whose geographical and astronomical writings are said to have inspired Columbus in his search for America, believed that it came from somewhere near to or south of the equator in mid-Africa.

McGuffey's School Books

Estimates as to how many copies of McGuffey's readers were used in this country range from 70,000,000 to 80,000,000 and upward. The American Book company officials have estimated the combined sales of McGuffey's readers, primers and spelling books between 1836 and 1920 at 122,000,000.

Ambassador's Privilege

Among the curious privileges that an ambassador has is that he is the only person about a court who has the right to turn his back on the sovereign at the end of an interview.

Comparative Greatness

"Men who were truly great centuries ago," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "are not esteemed as great as the pallest scholar who succeeds in spelling out their names on old monuments."—Washington Star.

District of Columbia

The original District of Columbia, which was ten miles square, included a tract of the Potomac ceded by Virginia. The present District of Columbia, comprised of about seventy square miles, is entirely in Maryland.

Also Dangerous

"My ancestors," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "were worthy men. They are named only in praise, since they were all so powerful that it would have been foolish to mention their faults."—Washington Star.

First Seaplane Flight

The first seaplane, the Loon, was tried out by its builder, Glenn Curtiss, in December, 1908, but it was not until 1911 that the previous experiments were perfected and the first flight made from water.

Americanism

Visiting the zoo and amusing ourselves by watching the monkeys calling celebrities for much the same purpose.—Exchange.

Old Ways Are Best

A man fell two stories without being injured. In spite of this and the saving of time, however, he will continue to use the lift in the future.—London Humorist.

Right Effects

The great high road of human welfare lies along the old highway of upright, well-doing; and they who are the most persistent, and work in the true spirit, will inevitably be the most successful. Success rests on the heels of every right effort.—Samuel Smiles.

Growth of Day Nurseries

The first permanent day nursery in the United States was founded in Troy, N. Y., in 1858. The decade from 1920 to 1930 witnessed the greatest growth in their number. There are now more than 500 in the United States.

Nobody In Sullivan's

The melody of the song popularized by the "Sullivan Trio" "The King's All Here," was taken from the morning song of "Princes of Penance," which was composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan of the famous English light opera team of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Butterfly's Wings Puzzle

In the course of some experiments a government scientist has discovered that the wings of a butterfly give off a radiation which enables them to photograph themselves. Placed in contact with a sensitive photographic plate and allowed to remain for several days, a perfect picture of the wing was produced. Now the scientists are endeavoring to ascertain what the explanation is.

Two Kinds of Troubles

He who will live for others shall have great troubles, for they shall seem to him small. He who will live for himself shall have small troubles, for they shall seem to him great.—Jean Paul.

Those Who Are Useful

No one is useless in the world who lightens the burdens of it for anyone else.—Charles Dickens.

Confidence in Self First

The confidence which we have in ourselves gives birth to much of that which we have in others.—La Rochefoucauld.

Sting of Bees and Wasps

Honey bees, after stinging do die, though not always immediately. It is possible for them to live several hours. Wasps, hornets and yellow-jackets can sting repeatedly, inasmuch as their stings remain intact.

Happiness in Church Life

At eighteen, when the keenness for games has diminished and work is becoming monotonous, says an English clergyman, girls interested in church life and work are the happiest persons in their communities.

Beginning of Light

It was not until the time of Hippocrates, some four or five hundred years before Christ, that the Greeks began to attribute disease to natural rather than supernatural causes.

Use for Old Calendar

An out-of-date calendar that is considered too pretty to throw away can be transformed into a match scratcher by gumming an oblong of sandpaper to the calendar pad.

Fashion in Speech

There are certain garbs and models of speaking which vary with the times; the fashion of our clothes being not more subject to alteration than that of our speech.—Denham.

Medici Family Honored

The name of the famous Italian family of the Middle ages, the Medici, has been perpetuated through the word "medicine," a tribute to the skill of the members of this house in the art of healing.

Air Mail Old Idea

Interest in air mail dates back to 1822, when the postmaster general was asked to give consideration to an aerial device by James Bennett of Philadelphia in order to expedite mail delivery.

Worth Purchasing

A man reviving from an anesthetic was being very sentimental. The wife nearby said to the nurse: "I have not heard him talk like that since our honeymoon; where do you buy the dope?"

Whoopee Makers

The efforts of many serious men to jingle bells perhaps are inspired by a fear that the world of actuality will catch up with them. —Woman's Home Companion.

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Copy for this Column must be in by 9 a. m.

Hemstitching, pleating, button holes, etc. Norton's Kiddy Shop. —Adv.

SIFT CHIME SPECIAL

As long as they last, 1 double sift chime and glass cake plate for $1 at Melville's. 2-21-2 t.

FOR YOUR CARD PRIZES

You will find many new things now at Richardson's Art and Gift Shop. New Dresser Boxes, Candle Snuffers, New Pewter, New Art Flowers, New Playing Cards, New Tally Sets, New Gauge Dry Balls, and many other new and clever things most suitable for card prizes and gifts will be found now at Richardson's Art and Gift Shop. 2-23-2 t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Union County, as the Executors of the estate of Alfred E. Hartley, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby directed to present them to the undersigned at Cove, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated February 18th, 1931.

CHARLOTTE WALL HARTLEY, ERNEST A. HARTLEY, Executors of the Estate of Alfred E. Hartley, deceased.

E. E. DERCK, Attorney for Executors, La Grande, Oregon.

Feb. 19-26, Mar. 5-12.

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of a foreclosure execution, decree and order of sale issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Union, dated the 21st day of January, 1931, to me directed and delivered, upon a judgment, decree and order of sale duly made and entered in said Court on the 21st day of January, 1931, in a suit therein pending wherein Julia C. LaBine is plaintiff, and Julia LaBine, Jessie LaBine his wife, and Julius Roesch, are defendants, in which said suit a judgment and decree was duly entered in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant, Julia LaBine, in the sum of $956.38, as principal and interest, for the further sum of $75.00, sales paid of $66.65, insurance premiums, and $100.00 attorney fees, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements incurred in said suit, taxed at $18.40; and in which decree it was further ordered and decreed that the hereinafter described real property be sold under execution in the manner provided by law.

Therefore, by authority of said execution, decree and order of sale and in obedience to the command of said writ, I will on Wednesday, the 4th day of March, 1931, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door of the courthouse in the city of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption, the following described real property and all of the title, right, interest and equity of the said defendants and each of them, in and to the said described real property, on the date of the mortgage foreclosed in said suit or since acquired therein or thereto, or that they now have therein or thereto, to-wit:

A strip of land 10 feet wide by 110 feet deep of the northwest side of lot numbered nine (9), and a strip of land 10 feet wide by 110 feet deep off of the southeast side of lot numbered eight (8), in block numbered one hundred and fourteen (114), of Chaplin's Addition to the town of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, together with all the interest formerly owned by Julius Roesch and Annie Roesch in the brick wall on the southeast side of the building now on said premises, which wall is jointly owned with Ulrich Lottes, together with all the furniture and fixtures in said building now belonging to the said John LaBine,

the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the payment of the said judgment and decree after payment of the costs of sale of the said described premises.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 31st day of January, 1931.

JESSE BRESHEARS, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.

Dates of publication: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2.

A PERSONAL SERVICE

When you have a picture which you wish enlarged, hand tinted, or framed, take it to Richardson "The Art Man" at Richardson's Art and Gift Shop. Your work will be quickly and beautifully done at small cost. 2-23-2 t.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is by this given that the undersigned administrator with will annexed of the estate of Matthew Wells Mitchell, deceased, has filed her final account in the County Court of Union County, Oregon, and said Court has set March 4th, 1931, at 10 a. m., at the County Court Room in La Grande, Union County, Oregon, as the time and place to hear objections to, and for consideration of said final account.

LILLIE F. BROWN, Administrator, Cove, Oregon. Feb. 2-9-16-23.

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That are as real as life, and that will not wither and die. They are not waxed and will not collect dust. They cost you no more than cut flowers. See this new beautiful line of Art Flowers now on display in the window at Richardson's Art and Gift Shop. 2-23-2 t.

TREASURER'S CALL FOR CITY WARRANTS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, treasurer of the City of La Grande, Oregon, hereby calls for retirement all warrants drawn on the general fund of the City and registered prior to the 1st day of July, 1930. All interest will cease on above warrants remaining unpaid on the 2nd day of March, 1931.

Dated February 16th, 1931.

J. E. STEARNS, Recorder-Treasurer. Feb. 16-23

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Wheat Markets Steady During The Last Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (Special) — Domestic and foreign wheat markets strengthened slightly during the week ending February 14, influenced largely by a somewhat improved demand from important importing areas, and by a moderate reduction in the estimate of the Argentine crop according to the Weekly Crop Movement Review of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Most points had a good demand at most markets and the active buying of corn were mainly taken up by somewhat unchanged prices. Quotations on oats and barley were somewhat slightly at some points. The rye market was independently firm under a more active demand for the limited offerings. Some strengthening in the Argentine flax market as a result of better demand for Argentine flax in Europe was reflected in strengthening of domestic prices.

No Important Changes

There were no important changes in crop conditions for wheat during the period under review. Rains in the winter wheat belt of the United States relieved surface dryness and stopped soil drifting in parts of Kansas. The condition of the Kansas crop is estimated at 80 per cent of normal. Spring wheat sown in both the United States and Canada, remained dry. Favorable crop conditions are generally reported, with a good stand now in Russia and the more northern parts of the Danubian countries. Milder weather was reported in southern areas. Conditions in Italy and Germany remained favorable and prospects for crops in England are good. Conditions in France are still rather unfavorable. Rains received recently benefited crops in the Balkans and the Danube Provinces, two of the most important producing areas in Italy.

World wheat shipments of wheat continue relatively large, due to the most part to some weakly inquiries which have been placed. Exportable shipments totaled about 6,280,000 bushels and exportable shipments about 6,500,000 bushels. Russia exported nearly 2,500,000 bushels from Black sea ports, and Black sea shipments totaled about 6,500,000 bushels. Stocks at some points were increased by increases totaling about 32,000,000 bushels at the beginning of the week. The official estimate of the Argentine crop has been reduced around 30,000,000 bushels. Based upon this estimate, around 105,000,000 bushels would be available for export and exports for the current season have now reached 80,000,000 bushels leaving and about one month ago. The primary surplus of such exports of Argentine wheat is reported as high as 75 per cent, with the weight averaging 60 lbs. per bushel. Prices at Argentine wheat markets were generally unchanged during the week with quotations at Buenos Aires on March delivery at 78½c per bushel.

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Poultry: steady, buying prices hens [illegible] over 4½ lbs. 19c, medium hens 3½ to 4½ lbs. 16c, light hens 3½c, springs 23c, ducks 4 lbs. and over 18c, young ducks 5½ lbs. and over 18c, young geese [illegible] No. 1, 22c.

Country meats: steady, buying prices veals [illegible] lbs. 17c, heavy veals 14c, lambs 18c, heavy lambs 16c, [illegible] 9c, [illegible] 8c.

Onions steady: Oregon 75c @ $1.10 per sack, [illegible] No. 1 yellow $2.50 @ $2.60, No. 2, $1 @ $1.60.

Wool steady: Eastern Oregon medium, valley 16 @ 18c; fine 12 @ 14c; coarse 10 @ 12c.

Hay steady: wholesale buying prices, delivered Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy $26.50 @ $27.50; valley $20.50 @ $21.50; alfalfa $16.50 @ $17.50; clover $16.50; cheat $16.50; grain hay $16.50 @ $17.50; selling prices $1.50 a ton more.

Potatoes: steady, buying prices per cwt. U. S. No. 1 Burbanks 50 @ 60c; Russet Burbanks 40 @ 45c; Russets 35 @ 40c; sacked basis f. o. b. shipping point.

Vegetables: turnips $1.25 per sack; parsnips $1.50 per sack; beets $1.50 per sack; carrots $1.50 per sack; cabbage 1½c per lb.; celery hearts 35c per doz.; celery 60c @ $1 per doz.; lettuce $5.50 @ $6 per crate; onions 3½c per lb.

Apples: steady, buying prices, Oregon Spitzenberg fancy $2.50 @ $2.75; extra fancy $2.25; fancy $1.75 @ $2; Jonathan fancy $1.75 @ $2; Delicious fancy $2.50 @ $2.75; extra fancy $2.25; fancy $1.75 @ $2; Winter Banana fancy $1.75 @ $2; Rome Beauty fancy $1.75 @ $2; Grimes Golden fancy $1.75 @ $2; Baldwin fancy $1.75 @ $2.

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