

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The dates on the calendar offer about the only business to the fact that we are not meeting winter, for there is but little in the weather for the past week that was winterish, and this fact continues to prevent a generous distribution of winter goods.

HOPE. The hop market is decidedly better at present, and very few transactions are reported. The growers who have held on to their stock through the period of highest prices, hesitate to let go, now that there has been a slight decline.

Imports of California produce are heavier than they have been through the summer and fall months; but the Californians are preoccupied to a certain extent by taking more Oregon potatoes and onions than they were taking a few weeks earlier.

Wool. A few transactions in wool have been reported within the past week, but in comparison with the amount of wool which has been sold in small lots, but have not reached a point where much business can be done.

Wheat. The wheat market continues to hover around a low level of prices, and the spasmodic periods of strength are always followed up by relapses, which leave the cereal in worse shape than when the bulge was started.

Meat and Provisions. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, sheared, \$1.30; dressed, \$1.20 per pound; spring lambs, \$1.40 per pound.

Meat and Provisions. Beef—Gross, best steers, \$1.00; dressed, \$0.90 per pound; dressed beef, \$0.90 per pound.

Meat and Provisions. Pork—Gross, best hams, \$1.20; dressed, \$1.10 per pound; dressed pork, \$1.10 per pound.

Meat and Provisions. Lard—Gross, best, \$0.10; refined, \$0.12 per pound; refined lard, \$0.12 per pound.

Meat and Provisions. Butter—Gross, best, \$1.00; dressed, \$0.90 per pound; dressed butter, \$0.90 per pound.

Meat and Provisions. Eggs—Gross, best, \$1.00; dressed, \$0.90 per pound; dressed eggs, \$0.90 per pound.

Meat and Provisions. Poultry—Gross, best, \$1.00; dressed, \$0.90 per pound; dressed poultry, \$0.90 per pound.

Meat and Provisions. Fish—Gross, best, \$1.00; dressed, \$0.90 per pound; dressed fish, \$0.90 per pound.

Meat and Provisions. Miscellaneous—Gross, best, \$1.00; dressed, \$0.90 per pound; dressed miscellaneous, \$0.90 per pound.

Prices remain steady at 50 and 55 cents for best cranberry, with a good demand for extra and dairy butter.

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Downing, Hopkins & Co. WHEAT AND STOCK BROKERS. Room 4, Ground Floor Chamber of Commerce. BOTH TELEPHONES.

Wheat—Shipping No. 1, 57 1/2; choice, 57 1/2; milling, 57 1/2; feed, 57 1/2; 100 lb. sack, 57 1/2; 50 lb. sack, 57 1/2; 25 lb. sack, 57 1/2.

Chicago Grain and Produce. CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Wheat was moderately active the greater part of the session.

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