

MARKET NEWS

The mid-week holiday, as usual, disarranged business somewhat, and matters were not as lively down in the wholesale district as they would have been under other circumstances. The European wheat markets were about the only ones showing any activity, and the Chicago board was in session, and closed with the market a shade weaker. The California steamer arriving on the night of July 4, brought a fairly heavy consignment of fruit and vegetables, and they were distributed at about the same rates as prevailed on the last previous steamer. California onions are very weak, and sales of the red variety are made at as low as 90 cents per cental. Cherries and berries are more plentiful, since the sunshine set in, but prices showed no change yesterday. A carload of bananas arrived yesterday, but were too green for immediate use. In the dairy division, butter is firm, and cheese is weak.

Receipts of butter are not quite so heavy as they have been, and with a good demand for the advance of the best grades of creamery is not improbable. Store butter is also a shade firmer, but not notably higher. Eggs are holding steady around 17 1/2 cents per dozen, but the market is not very active.

The fourth of July demands left the chickens market more thoroughly cleaned up than has been the case in the past, and there is an excellent demand for poultry.

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dealer feeling in the wheat market at the opening. Trading was dull and within a narrow range, and the pit was hardly deserted during the entire day, the interest of traders centered in the coarse grains. Toward the close the remarkable demand for corn and oats, and the material rise in price of both had a strengthening effect, and when added to reports of rust in spring wheat, in consequence of excessive moisture, the situation became quite strong. September opened 1/2 lower, at 60 1/2 cents, and the fluctuations were within 1/2 cent, the close being at 60 1/2 cents.

Corn opened at 10 1/2 cents, and the fluctuations were within 1/2 cent, the close being at 10 1/2 cents.

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