

HOPS ARE FIRMER

More Activity in the Local Market.

DEALERS DO SOME TRADING

Growers Hold Tightly for Higher Prices They Expect Next Month

Produce and Jobbing Quotations.

Hop dealers report a somewhat firmer tone to the market. Inquiries are more numerous, but whether they are purely local or are from the East is uncertain. It is known, however, that a few orders from Eastern buyers have been received. Trading is not active, and it is worthy of remark that the few sales that were made were not by growers. The farmers of this state who still have hops are firm in their view as ever, and decline to sell under the price they fixed, at least this month. One lot of 100 bales has been purchased by Messrs. Pierce & Son, of Tacoma, from a local dealer at 25 cents, and a very small lot was moved at about 25 cents. This represents the sum total of the business of the past few days.

The latest mail advices from New York dated the 8th, said: Reports were current of slightly more interest being shown by buyers there being a few buyers who, taking advantage of the recent dullness in the hop market were endeavoring to pick up some supplies at concessions from prices recently ruling, and were obtaining occasional small lots.

The following on the English situation is from the Kenith Observer of November 24:

Trade in the borough continues very slow, but there is less pressure to sell, and it is generally more cheerful. A few lots have been changed hands during the week, the price paid being about 40 per cent. Holders of East Kent decline to accept less than 40 all round, but some are unable to get any offers at all, although, it is stated, three or four weeks ago bids of 40 1/2 were forthcoming for the same quality. The market is slow in East and Mid Kent having withdrawn from the market until the turn of the year, when it is expected that value will materialize.

The import returns show that between September 1 and November 10 the imports into London totalled 4,842 packages, against 6,070 packages during the same period last year. The report of the United States Department of Commerce for October shows the following movement:

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ADOPT PROMPT MEASURES

POWERFUL CAPITALISTS AVERT DISASTER IN STOCK MARKET.

Lend Vigorous Support When Raid is Made on Amalgamated Copper.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Stock Exchange spent another half hour after the opening. Prompt and vigorous measures were adopted by several powerful capitalists to avert a disaster, and the heading downward plunge of the whole market showed a close approach to a feverish tone persisted during a part of the afternoon recovery, and then the market settled down. The higher level thus attained was the result of lending a vigorous support to Amalgamated Copper throughout, and it was the determined support of that stock against the opening pressure that gave force to the supporting measures. Amalgamated Copper fell back to its last night's level for a moment, after morning's advance, but it was not when it was perceived that it would not yield below that, the market advanced. This stock again demonstrated its effective dominating power of the market in the last hour. At that time a level of prices had been attained for the principal market leaders from 1 to 2 points above last night. Amalgamated Copper had closed 1/2 over the first price of yesterday.

When the sudden reversal in the movement of Amalgamated Copper was seen, the market fell as the reaction. But it was not entirely convincing to sentiment, and the closing of the market showed a reaction. The break at the opening cost the price level quite generally from 1 to 2 points. There were much larger declines in some stocks, but they were not representative of the entire market. The morning break had the result of making some price lower than those of the low point on Thursday last, but it could not be said to have been a real advance. The market was below that point. It was rather evident that it was the intention of the supporters of the market that it should not, as the reaction and under the effect of the margin and under covering stop-loss orders, which were not disturbed by last week's raid, and thus bring an additional volume of liquidation upon the market. It is evident that down to that level the weak holdings have been pretty well swept out of the market.

General market features received little attention, although the continued rise in sterling exchange caused some discussion of the probability of large gold exports. Money was very tight, and not a few in the market were holding. Heads declined early, but showed some recovery. Total sales, par value, \$7,240,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns: Name, High, Low, Close. Includes stocks like Aitchison, American, and various international shares.

STOCKMEN BEGIN FEEDING.

First Snow of the Season Falls in Wallawa County.

ENTERPRISE, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The first snow of the season fell yesterday, and not a few in the market were holding. Stocks in this county will be compelled to begin feeding now, as the grass on the ranges is well covered. This is the first time this fall that it has been necessary to feed, while last year at this time stockmen had been feeding for a month. It is thought that as the feeding season commences so late, there will be plenty of hay to support all the stock, and furthermore that hay will be cheaper than for years.

ADVANCE IN STOCK RATES.

Folk County Shippers Do Not Take Kindly to It.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The advance in stock rates has been a matter of concern to the shippers in Folk County. The advance in the price of stock is a matter of concern to the shippers in Folk County. The advance in the price of stock is a matter of concern to the shippers in Folk County.

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EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts 8000. Market quiet. Best steers, \$3.50@3.75; medium, \$3.00@3.25; culls, \$2.50@2.75. HOGS—Best heavy, fat hogs, \$5.25; light hogs, \$4.75@5.00.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE AT NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Wheat—Receipts 20,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 1 Northern, \$1.12 1/2; No. 2, \$1.10 1/2. Corn—Receipts 10,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 2 yellow, \$0.65 1/2.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Wheat—Receipts 10,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 1 Northern, \$1.12 1/2; No. 2, \$1.10 1/2. Corn—Receipts 5,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 2 yellow, \$0.65 1/2.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE AT PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—Wheat—Receipts 15,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 1 Northern, \$1.12 1/2; No. 2, \$1.10 1/2. Corn—Receipts 8,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 2 yellow, \$0.65 1/2.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE AT ASTORIA.

ASTORIA, Dec. 13.—Wheat—Receipts 12,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 1 Northern, \$1.12 1/2; No. 2, \$1.10 1/2. Corn—Receipts 6,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 2 yellow, \$0.65 1/2.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE AT SEASIDE.

SEASIDE, Dec. 13.—Wheat—Receipts 10,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 1 Northern, \$1.12 1/2; No. 2, \$1.10 1/2. Corn—Receipts 5,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 2 yellow, \$0.65 1/2.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE AT TACOMA.

TACOMA, Dec. 13.—Wheat—Receipts 10,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 1 Northern, \$1.12 1/2; No. 2, \$1.10 1/2. Corn—Receipts 5,000 bushels. Market steady. Best No. 2 yellow, \$0.65 1/2.

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Bank Clearings.

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TRAVELERS GUIDE

Stock, \$100,000. The amounts announced are to be used for the purchase of land and other purposes. Supplementary articles of incorporation were filed yesterday by the Goldens Extension Gold Mining Company, changing the name to Goldens Extension Mining Company. The directors are George L. Colwell, C. E. Peterson, B. E. Miller, C. W. Miller and A. J. V. Swigert.

Real Estate Transfers.

Bernard Brady and wife to J. C. Christensen and wife, lot 1 of block 7, block 2, North Albina, \$1,100. W. H. O'Connell to W. M. O'