

HOP PRICES FIRMER

Reaction in Favor of Sellers Is Looked For.

BUYERS ARE MORE ACTIVE

Future of Wheat Market Depends on Conditions in Russia—Wool Values Strengthening—Bananas Arrive Under Ice.

HOPS—Hardening tendency in local market. WHEAT—Buyers offer 75 cents for club... WOOL—Eastern markets are stronger. FRUIT—First car of bananas received under ice.

BANANAS UNDER ICE—The first car of bananas ever brought to Portland under ice reached Front street yesterday.

CHICKENS SELL PROMPTLY—Better tone in the egg market—Conflict of opinions on store butter. A good many chickens came in, but old fowl was found in disposing of them.

CUCUMBERS ARE A DRUG—Oregon cucumbers are a drug on the market, and some dealers say they cannot give them away.

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of wool were in demand. Sales of 100,000 pound lots have been made, whereas ten times the amount could have been disposed if the selections were to be had. Large lots have been well broken up, and it is hard to get a large lot of any kind. As one of the largest dealers says: "I haven't a million pounds of any one line left, and from what I understand, other dealers are in the same position."

There has been a large amount of activity, and it is said that a large amount has already been sold. Australian merino has also had good movement, at least 1000 bales having been transferred. Previous to this week, business in these wools had been confined to the purchase of sample bags, but now having tested the wools and found them satisfactory, the laying in of supplies by consumers has begun.

One of the largest lines of choice Wyoming wool has been sold, a lot being rapidly disposed of to 25 and 26, and a movement of 1,000,000 pounds of Oregon staple is said to have taken place at a range of 24 to 27c. Texas wools have sold moderately well, and California has been fairly active.

Wool—Eastern markets are stronger. Fruit—First car of bananas received under ice. Vegetables—Cucumbers a drug on the market. Poultry—Strong demand for chickens. Eggs—Better movement causes firmness. Butter—Various opinions as to advance in store grades.

Reaction in hop prices is imminent, if present conditions can be regarded as an index to the future. While the selling pressure has been relaxed somewhat, the disposition to buy is more apparent than at any time in the past month. Eggs, hives and one or two others, all the large speculators in this state have cleaned out their holdings and buyers now must deal direct with growers. This explains the presence of dealers' agents in all parts of the country.

The majority of growers show considerable interest in further increasing by the presence of buyers in their territory, all trying to secure bids. Whenever a lot is put on the market it is quickly taken up. While prices have not advanced, growers are well satisfied with the fact that they have not declined under the liberal selling of the past week. There is distinctly a hardening tendency in the market, and with no decrease in the buying pressure, a higher level of values should be reached.

There was no change in the butter market. Some dealers questioned the advisability of advancing the quotation on store butter, maintaining that it is not worth over 15 cents or 16c in the market. Cucumbers are a drug. Oregon cucumbers are a drug on the market, and some dealers say they cannot give them away.

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DAMAGE IN RUSSIA

Strengthens Wheat Markets at Liverpool and Chicago.

RAIN IN THE NORTHWEST

Values in the Windy City Are Firm Throughout Most of the Session—Advances Quoted in the Southwest.

CHICAGO, July 27.—The wheat market opened firm with September 1905 to 1906 at 86 1/2c, and the market was generally supposed to favor the spread of the much-feared black rust. The strength at Liverpool was said to be due to reports of damage to the Russian crop, as a result of weather bureau predictions of rain tomorrow, throughout Minnesota and the Dakotas, an active demand developed from commission houses and caused prices to advance above the opening level.

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WHEAT AND STOCK BROKERS

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RELEASED BY A BROTHER Arizona Cattle King Comes to Rescue of Charles D. Amos. Charles D. Amos, who has languished in the County Jail since July 18, and furnished food and lodging which his lawyer thought was of poor quality for such a prisoner, was released yesterday afternoon on the arrival of his brother, who is said to be an Arizona cattle king.

Block Street With Cars. There is considerable protest among occupants of offices and places of business on Alder street, between Second and Third, because the double tracks on that block of the Portland Consolidated Railway loop for Washington-street cars are used for holding cars in reserve, blocking traffic. Yesterday afternoon a light road wagon was caught by a heavy truck between the curb and cars standing on the track and a wheel crushed.

North Irvington Wants Postoffice. Residents of North Irvington section, on the East Side, are desirous of securing a branch postoffice. During the past three years a large population has located in that vicinity and there is no branch postoffice near North Irvington. Residents are about to start a movement by petition to Postmaster Minto to secure the establishment of a branch at Irvington street and Union avenue.

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