

SELL THEIR TOPS

Washington Growers Are Letting Go Freely.

FEELING THERE VERY WEAK

Seventeen Hundred Bales Change Hands at 10 and 11 Cents. Not Much Doing in Oregon. Imports and Exports.

HOPS—Market breaks under heavy selling in Washington. FLOUR—Decline in local prices. FRUIT—Strong demand for peaches. Foreign apple situation.

Butter—Unfavorable conditions in local market. Eggs—Liberal Eastern and storage offerings weaken market. POULTRY—Receipts unevenly distributed and prices vary.

The hop market in Washington has opened up with a sudden lull. The growers of that state have done as they did last winter, underfoot their brethren in Oregon and parted with their goods. Bales were made in the past 10 to 15 days at prices ranging from 10 to 11 cents.

Of the sales made, 1200 bales were Western Washington, grown in the Orting, Green River and White River sections. Some were taken at 10 cents, some at 10 1/2 and others at 11. There is a dispute as to the quality of the hops, a writer from Tacoma saying they are inferior, while others declare they are only grade from common to medium.

The Oregon growers are a rule are just as firm as the Washington growers are weak. The farmers of this state have the advantage this year in one respect, the quality of their hops. Oregon is the only state that will produce choice hops of export quality in any large quantity.

BUTTER IN A BAD WAY.

Prices are maintained, though the market is said to be very weak. According to most reports, the butter market is in a bad shape. The city creameries are generally quoting 22 1/2 cents on their top grade, though one creamery asks no more than 20 cents, and another threatens to take the same action.

POULTRY PRICES UNSETTLED.

Owing to receipts being unevenly distributed—Eggs are weaker. Receipts of poultry yesterday were not evenly divided and the market was, therefore, reported weak in some quarters and steady in others. Prices had a wide range, running from 15 to 14 1/2 cents, with 15 cents asked for fowls.

AMERICAN APPLES IN DEMAND.

Germany and France ask for fine fruit from this side. According to cable received by W. N. White & Co. of New York, says the Journal of Commerce, American apples are in more demand abroad, local crops of plums being finished and English early varieties of apples finishing. Quotations are: Kings, 1902; Baldwin, 24 to 25; Greenings, 1402; various, 1402.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows: Clearings, 78,500; Deposits, 1,102,271; Total, 1,180,771.

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. FLOUR—Patents, 4.20; 4.30; 4.40; 4.50; 4.60; 4.70; 4.80; 4.90; 5.00; 5.10; 5.20; 5.30; 5.40; 5.50; 5.60; 5.70; 5.80; 5.90; 6.00.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUIT—Apples, 4.00; 4.10; 4.20; 4.30; 4.40; 4.50; 4.60; 4.70; 4.80; 4.90; 5.00; 5.10; 5.20; 5.30; 5.40; 5.50; 5.60; 5.70; 5.80; 5.90; 6.00.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creamery, extra cream, 22 1/2; standard, 22; country, 21 1/2; Eastern creamery, 21 1/2; Oregon full cream, 15 1/2; Young America, 14 1/2.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—Normal at 10; choice 10 1/2; 11; 11 1/2; 12; 12 1/2; 13; 13 1/2; 14; 14 1/2; 15; 15 1/2; 16; 16 1/2; 17; 17 1/2; 18; 18 1/2; 19; 19 1/2; 20; 20 1/2; 21; 21 1/2; 22; 22 1/2; 23; 23 1/2; 24; 24 1/2; 25; 25 1/2; 26; 26 1/2; 27; 27 1/2; 28; 28 1/2; 29; 29 1/2; 30; 30 1/2; 31; 31 1/2; 32; 32 1/2; 33; 33 1/2; 34; 34 1/2; 35; 35 1/2; 36; 36 1/2; 37; 37 1/2; 38; 38 1/2; 39; 39 1/2; 40; 40 1/2; 41; 41 1/2; 42; 42 1/2; 43; 43 1/2; 44; 44 1/2; 45; 45 1/2; 46; 46 1/2; 47; 47 1/2; 48; 48 1/2; 49; 49 1/2; 50; 50 1/2; 51; 51 1/2; 52; 52 1/2; 53; 53 1/2; 54; 54 1/2; 55; 55 1/2; 56; 56 1/2; 57; 57 1/2; 58; 58 1/2; 59; 59 1/2; 60; 60 1/2; 61; 61 1/2; 62; 62 1/2; 63; 63 1/2; 64; 64 1/2; 65; 65 1/2; 66; 66 1/2; 67; 67 1/2; 68; 68 1/2; 69; 69 1/2; 70; 70 1/2; 71; 71 1/2; 72; 72 1/2; 73; 73 1/2; 74; 74 1/2; 75; 75 1/2; 76; 76 1/2; 77; 77 1/2; 78; 78 1/2; 79; 79 1/2; 80; 80 1/2; 81; 81 1/2; 82; 82 1/2; 83; 83 1/2; 84; 84 1/2; 85; 85 1/2; 86; 86 1/2; 87; 87 1/2; 88; 88 1/2; 89; 89 1/2; 90; 90 1/2; 91; 91 1/2; 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