

PIE FRUITS GONE

Stocks on Pacific Coast Are Practically Exhausted.

ADVANCES IN QUOTATIONS

No Dried Apples to Be Had From First Hands in Oregon or California—Fancy Walnuts Are Also Cleaned Up.

CANNED GOODS—Advances in gallon pie fruits. HAY—Local market overstocked and lower. OATS—Eastern offered below Oregon. BARLEY—Dealers believed top is reached. BUTTER—California shipments may begin soon. EGGS—Weak and declining. FRUIT—Oriental orders for apples cannot be filled. HOPS—Good attendance promised at growers' meeting.

The feature of the grocery trade at the moment is the extremely firm position of canned and dried fruits. Stocks of pie fruits of all kinds are practically exhausted on the coast and advances have been steady. Gallon plums were quoted yesterday at \$2.75 in the San Francisco wholesale market and gallon plums were held at \$3.

The circular of a leading New Orleans buyer says: "The month opens with good inquiry from both local and out-of-town buyers. Assortments are in fairly good shape, although lower grades are sparingly offered. The bulk of business does not go on good to fancy sorts, which are relatively cheaper than the lower grades. Prices are firm on these latter, and also on fancy heads. On good to choice styles there is a wider range according to quality. Japans are steady, both as to demand and values. Receipts are light, and city mills generally can only run as they secure rough rice from day to day. This gives an uncertainty and restricted supply. In the interior—Southwest Louisiana and Texas—there is but little change to report. Movement is curtailed by the closing of mills, and bulk of business accomplished reduces the small stocks of cleaned on hand. Cables from abroad note firm markets both for cargo and cleaned spot and forward."

Of the tea situation, a Shanghai trade journal of January 13 says: "Black teas—The best advice about 1000 lbs. chests have been sold, mostly to native buyers for shipment to North China. Prices have declined about 3 cents. Stock remaining consists of 2000 half-chests. Green teas—Wentworth and country teas—The market is cleared with only a few hundred local packs in stock. Pineapples—Since our last circular arrivals have been 4000 half-chests, consisting of 'good to fine' teas, all of which have been cleared. The market is now closed."

GOOD ATTENDANCE PROMISED.

Many Hogrogers Expected at the Meeting in This City Wednesday. A good attendance at the hogrogers' meeting in this city Wednesday afternoon is promised. Mr. Durant has received a number of letters in response to the call sent out and it is likely that other important matters, aside from the assignment proposition, will be considered.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries. Extra creamery, 30¢; 20¢; 15¢. Oregon ranch, 22¢; Eastern, 20¢; 15¢. CREAM—Oregon full cream, Western, 14 1/2¢; 14¢; 13 1/2¢. POULTRY—Average old, 12¢; 11¢; 10¢; 9¢. Mixed chickens, 11¢; 10¢; 9¢; 8¢. Turkey, 15¢; 14¢; 13¢; 12¢. Ducks, 10¢; 9¢; 8¢; 7¢. Geese, 10¢; 9¢; 8¢; 7¢.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEES—Columbian, 20¢; Java, ordinary, 18¢; 17¢; 16¢; 15¢; 14¢; 13¢; 12¢; 11¢; 10¢; 9¢; 8¢; 7¢; 6¢; 5¢; 4¢; 3¢; 2¢; 1¢. RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5¢; South Sea, 4¢; 3¢; 2¢; 1¢.

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Provisions and Canned Meats.

HAMS—Picnic, 15¢; 14¢; 13¢; 12¢; 11¢; 10¢; 9¢; 8¢; 7¢; 6¢; 5¢; 4¢; 3¢; 2¢; 1¢. COUNTRY—12¢; 11¢; 10¢; 9¢; 8¢; 7¢; 6¢; 5¢; 4¢; 3¢; 2¢; 1¢. BACON—Fancy breakfast, 16¢; 15¢; 14¢; 13¢; 12¢; 11¢; 10¢; 9¢; 8¢; 7¢; 6¢; 5¢; 4¢; 3¢; 2¢; 1¢. PICKLED GOOSE—12¢; 11¢; 10¢; 9¢; 8¢; 7¢; 6¢; 5¢; 4¢; 3¢; 2¢; 1¢.

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dull. Receipts were large for a Monday and promise to be much heavier today. No more shipments are being made on Alaska account. A local trader must be sure to take care of what comes in. Under the circumstances a falling market must be expected. Dealers yesterday quoted 22 1/2 and 23 cents. There were light receipts of chickens, which were quickly taken up at full prices, and everything points to a strong demand for the week. Thirty dozen rabbits were received yesterday from the big drive on Blackfoot Island. They sold for \$1.50 a dozen.

Oriental Inquiries for Apples.

Inquiries have been received from the Orient for Oregon apples, but owing to the lateness of the season, desirable quantities cannot be found in sufficient quantities to fill the orders. Yesterday's fruit and vegetable receipts consisted of one car each of oranges, lemons and sweet potatoes and a mixed car of cabbage and cauliflower. Three cars of bananas were also received, but will not arrive before tonight at the earliest.

HAY TOO PLENTIFUL.

In Absence of Much Demand, Prices Are Lower. There is too much hay in the local market, according to large dealers. Not only is the supply heavy, but offerings are large and the demand restricted. Values are therefore very easy and lower than a week ago. There is not much movement in barley, but former prices are still maintained, although in the trade it is believed that the top has been reached. Oregon oats remain at previous prices, though Eastern oats are offering in and can be had in quantities at \$2.50, but the superior quality of the Oregon cereal enables a premium to be realized on it.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows: Clearings. Balances. Portland \$907,004 \$36,541 Seattle \$1,200,000 \$12,000 Tacoma \$1,100,000 \$11,000 Spokane \$1,000,000 \$10,000

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Flour, Flour, Feed, Etc. FLOUR—Patents, \$4.00; 4.70 per barrel; straight, \$3.50; 4.20; extra, \$3.00; 3.70; 3.40; 3.10; 2.80; 2.50; 2.20; 1.90; 1.60; 1.30; 1.00; 75¢; 50¢; 40¢; 30¢; 20¢; 10¢. WHEAT—Club, 70¢; 75¢; 80¢; 85¢; 90¢; 95¢; 1.00; 1.05; 1.10; 1.15; 1.20; 1.25; 1.30; 1.35; 1.40; 1.45; 1.50; 1.55; 1.60; 1.65; 1.70; 1.75; 1.80; 1.85; 1.90; 1.95; 2.00; 2.05; 2.10; 2.15; 2.20; 2.25; 2.30; 2.35; 2.40; 2.45; 2.50; 2.55; 2.60; 2.65; 2.70; 2.75; 2.80; 2.85; 2.90; 2.95; 3.00; 3.05; 3.10; 3.15; 3.20; 3.25; 3.30; 3.35; 3.40; 3.45; 3.50; 3.55; 3.60; 3.65; 3.70; 3.75; 3.80; 3.85; 3.90; 3.95; 4.00; 4.05; 4.10; 4.15; 4.20; 4.25; 4.30; 4.35; 4.40; 4.45; 4.50; 4.55; 4.60; 4.65; 4.70; 4.75; 4.80; 4.85; 4.90; 4.95; 5.00; 5.05; 5.10; 5.15; 5.20; 5.25; 5.30; 5.35; 5.40; 5.45; 5.50; 5.55; 5.60; 5.65; 5.70; 5.75; 5.80; 5.85; 5.90; 5.95; 6.00; 6.05; 6.10; 6.15; 6.20; 6.25; 6.30; 6.35; 6.40; 6.45; 6.50; 6.55; 6.60; 6.65; 6.70; 6.75; 6.80; 6.85; 6.90; 6.95; 7.00; 7.05; 7.10; 7.15; 7.20; 7.25; 7.30; 7.35; 7.40; 7.45; 7.50; 7.55; 7.60; 7.65; 7.70; 7.75; 7.80; 7.85; 7.90; 7.95; 8.00; 8.05; 8.10; 8.15; 8.20; 8.25; 8.30; 8.35; 8.40; 8.45; 8.50; 8.55; 8.60; 8.65; 8.70; 8.75; 8.80; 8.85; 8.90; 8.95; 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