

SARDINE PRICES UP

Marked Shortage in Foreign and Domestic Pack.

WILL BE SMALL DELIVERIES

Unprofitable Season Just Closed by the Eastport, Maine, Packers.

Early Clean-Up Is Expected.

SARDINES—Short domestic and foreign pack and higher prices.

FRUIT—Holidays demand opening.

POULTRY—Receipts large, but prices of domestic fowls would be strengthened anyway by the foreign situation.

Added to the shortage in the French sardine pack comes the news that the Maine pack is of very small proportions and the natural consequence is a sharp advance in prices all around in the Eastern markets.

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In view of the conditions, the Eastport packers who have any stock left have determined to raise prices for a case on quarter day and 20c a case on three-quarter mustards.

According to the Chicago Packer, the average egg holdings in the four largest Eastern cities amount to 733,000 cases against 1,352,000 a month ago and 995,000 cases a year ago.

It will be seen by the above that the storage egg deal, taking the four largest centers as a criterion, is in a pretty healthy condition.

Receipts of poultry are larger up to the present time prices have been maintained.

Nothing new developed in the hop market yesterday. A number of deals were under way, but trade on the whole was rather quiet.

Active Market for Fresh Produce.

Bank Clearings.

Portland Clearings, Balance.

STOCKS TURN BACK

Advance Is Checked by Rise in Call Money Rate.

MUCH PRESSURE TO SELL

Interior Banks Disinclined to Accept the Proffered Government Deposits Owing to Short Time for Holding.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The advance in prices of stocks, which came in the latter part of the week, was checked today by a rise in the call money rate.

There was some natural reaction on yesterday's considerable rise, which served to bring about a reaction in the market.

There was, besides, a further advance in the rates for call money and less confidence as a result in the acceptance of the assistance offered by the Treasury Department to carry the money market through the demands of the day.

Reports were received in Wall street today that some of the interior banks were disinclined to accept the offer of government deposits.

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WHEAT PEAK ALL DAY

Heavy Sales of May in the Chicago Market.

PRICES CLOSE AT A LOSS

General News of the Day Is Favorable, but Is Ignored—Receipts in the Northwest Show Decrease.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The wheat market was weak all day, because of sales of between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 bushels of wheat by a prominent operator.

The price of wheat was weakened by selling of each hour, brought out by reports of an increased movement in the corn belt.

The break in the price of wheat and corn caused profit-taking in oats. May closed lower at 37 1/2.

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DRIVE AT COEUR D'ALENES

MANIPULATION AGAIN SUSPECTED BY HEINZ INTERESTS.

Showstern and Showshop Drop Sharply on the Local Exchange.

Other Lines Are Steady.

COEUR D'ALENES stocks were hammered hard on the Portland and Spokane Exchanges yesterday.

There was a 30c reduction in the bid price for Coeur d'Alene today.

The market closed at lower for May at 41 1/2.

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QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market yesterday:

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