

NO HALF MEASURES

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Promoters Discouraged With the Outlook in Oregon—Big Growers Expect the Little Ones to Carry All the Burden.

SALEM, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Promoters of the Pacific Coast Fruit Growers' Union in Oregon are very much discouraged with the outlook at present, and unless growers take more interest and hasten to sign the union agreement, the movement will be a failure.

"It looks like a case of selfishness," said Mr. Baumgartner this evening. "Apparently the large growers expect the small growers to form an association and reduce their acreage or adopt some other plan by which the price will be advanced, and then the large growers will take advantage of it without adding in accomplishing the result."

"Thus far a very few of us have been doing all the work of organization and have been bearing all the expense. This should not be expected. There are many growers who will sign the union agreement if someone visits them and explains the plan, but to send men out to do this work and to handle the correspondence will cost at least \$1000. If growers want a union formed, they must hurry up with their signatures to the by-laws and also contribute to the expense fund. Otherwise the movement will be abandoned and that without much delay."

BUTTER SURPLUS BEING REDUCED.

Shading of Prices Causes Country Creamery to Work Off.

A somewhat surprising undertone is apparent in the butter market and instead of the expected decline, it is probable that present prices will be maintained for some time. The heavy surplus that front street has been carrying has been reduced by judicious shading on all but a few brands. The strength of the Eastern market is having more or less of a sympathetic effect here. If the situation in Tacoma markets, which are largely supplied with Eastern butter, stiffen in response to the advance in the East, it will have a beneficial effect on the local situation. It is understood, however, that the foundry is still well stocked.

NORTH YAMHILL HOPE POOL SOLD.

Most of the Lot is Disposed of at Home. Olds Sold in New York.

The North Yamhill pool of 1903 bales of hops, which J. J. Metzler was sent to New York to dispose of, has been sold at home. W. J. Bishop bought 1870 bales of the pool for T. A. Livestock & Co., payee \$9 and 9/16 cents. This completed all the 1907 hops in the lot. The 380 bales of old hops were sold at \$1.10 per bushel yesterday by Mr. Metzler. The price was not learned, but it is understood to be satisfactory for this class of goods. Mr. Metzler left New York last night, bound for home. He will stop off at Cincinnati and Chicago.

FOUR CARS OF ORANGES ARRIVE.

Market Rules Firm With Reports of Continuous Rains in California.

Four cars of oranges arrived yesterday, but with a general feeling of uneasiness with growers having been reported this week. Buyers are offering 2 1/2 cents and sellers are asking 3 cents.

Onions and Potatoes Dull.

The onion market is nominal, no business with growers having been reported this week. Buyers are offering 2 1/2 cents and sellers are asking 3 cents.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: City, Clearings. Includes Portland, Astoria, Tillamook, and others.

Portland Quotations.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity, Price. Includes Wheat, Oats, Hay, and other agricultural products.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

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Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

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DRUMS DOWNWARD

Support Is Withdrawn From the Stock Market.

PRICES SAG STEADILY

Steel Shares the Weakest Feature, Due to the Unsatisfactory Quarterly Showing—Check to the Decline in Money Rates.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—No effective obstacles were interposed to prevent the downward drift of prices of stock today, which was on a much diminished volume of business from that which has been true for many days past.

The pressure to sell showed no signs of urgency, but the benevolent control which has been apparent since the present week opened was withdrawn, leaving the market to its own tendency. The supporting measures, which have been obvious to even superficial observation, have been attributed to the large banking and capital interests, the supposed motive being the purpose to protect the market from an undue effect from some of the recent developments that had been feared.

The passing of several of these incidents may have accounted for the abandonment of protective measures in the market today. The appearance of the United States Steel Corporation's quarterly report, with its emphatic testimony to the heavy contraction in the business of the corporation following the financial crisis, was the latest of these incidents. The tenor of the report, however, had been so clearly outlined in preliminary estimates, both in the figures of the quarterly net earnings and in the tonnage of steel on hand, that no marked change of sentiment was caused by the reading of the report. The heaviness of United States Steel led the downward turn in prices.

In the opinion of the floor operators, the dominant factor in the reaction today was reports of renewed measures against the power of corporations in contemplation at Washington. Definite rumors were in circulation regarding the consideration of a special message from the President to Congress, said to be intended for an early day, and bearing on a new employer's liability law, enlarged to include the power of corporations to employ labor and domestic restrictions on speculative operations in the markets under the guise of anti-trading regulations.

There was a note of dissatisfaction perceptible in the financial district over the delay in retirement of a remnant of the clearing-house loan certificates issued to tide over the situation, which it is believed would have been caused by forcing their hand at the last moment. A reduction in quotations for copper at the New York Metal Exchange was an incident of the day. Covering by bears late in the day developed a continued supply of stocks and the sagging tendency gave way to a pronounced weakness at the closing.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table with 4 columns: Commodity, High, Low, Closing. Lists various stocks and their prices.

REVEL OF CONFIDENCE

AFFAIRS RAPIDLY MENDING IN FINANCIAL CIRCLES.

But Effect of the Panic Is Being Felt in Commercial and Industrial Spheres.

Henry Clews, of New York, writes of the financial situation as follows:

It is not surprising that there has been a decided revival of confidence. The panic there has been in the street, and in some working itself off in commercial and industrial circles. This revival of confidence is reflected in the business of the country, and in the financial circles. The bond market is in strikingly favorable condition with last Monday's rates for money. Many good issues are still being offered at very attractive figures. What with favorable monetary conditions, the further extension of the business conditions on the other, the outlook is for a recovery in the money market. The movements in either direction. The depression in business is spreading more rapidly than it is generally supposed. Commodity prices are already declining and the process of readjustment in the industrial and commercial circles is well advanced. It is not a question that once prices fall to a lower and more normal level, there will be a resumption of activity on the lower plane. The period of transition, however, is a period of uncertainty and irritation. As already explained, there are reasons for believing that a real recovery will be shorter than usual, owing to the strong financial condition of our banks and manufacturing concerns, and that the country is not suffering from overproduction. There will be, however, more of the enforced idleness of many hands and the economies necessitated by the industrial situation become more settled and the political outlook more clear, there will be a more rapid recovery of business activity—if not before. These conditions, however, are not likely to have the great improvement in the stock market, financial conditions being sufficient to fully compensate for all the unfavorable conditions elsewhere.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity, Price. Lists various produce items and their prices.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Cargoes, dull. California, prompt shipment, unchanged at 35 1/2; Walla Walla do, 28 1/2.

Grain at Duluth.

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STOCKS AT LONDON.

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Chicago Market Is Weak Most of the Day.

Little Change at Close.

Temporary Strength Given Wheat Prices by Small Receipts and Predictions of Loss by Cold Wave in Kansas and Nebraska.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Wheat was inclined to be weak all day with the exception of a short period near the middle of the session, when prices advanced about 1 cent from the low point on small receipts in the Southwest and predictions of damage by cold weather to the fall-sown crops in Kansas and Nebraska. The rally was of short duration, the market during the last hour of trading being dull and weak. May opened 1/2c to 3/4c lower than the close of the previous day, and closed weak at \$1.06 1/2.

WHEAT.

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CORN.

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