

Prevents Shipments of Oregon Potatoes to Southwest.

LOWER TARIFF ASKED FOR Good Markets for Oregon Surplus of Railroads Would Make Temporary Reduction in Freight Rates.

There is a market for Oregon's big surplus of potatoes in the southwestern states, but the present freight rates prohibit the shipment of any large quantity to that section.

If the railroad companies could be induced to lower the rate from 75 to 90 cents to Texas as well as Missouri River points, it is understood that some of the shippers have taken up this matter with the railroad officials.

Should the railroad companies grant such a reduction in freight rates, said George L. Burt, the local representative of the National Potato Growers' Association, it would permit at least 2000 cars of Oregon potatoes to go to the eastern and southwestern markets.

Shipments are being made from Idaho River points and to Texas. Idaho Falls has about 2500 cars of potatoes to ship, and with a 50-cent rate in Texas in effect will probably move all of them.

Not much relief is looked for from the San Francisco market this season. The Bay City is glutted with Salinas and until the southern California stock is cleaned up the supply will last until the middle of the season.

There is no market there for garnet chiles for seed purposes, but there may be some demand for them in the future.

A considerable movement in the hop market was noted yesterday, most of the business being done in the first lot from that section put on sale this week.

A good demand for fat hogs was the only feature of the poultry market yesterday. Arrivals of this class were light and prices were firmer.

Eggs were quoted weak and very slow at 24 to 25 cents.

The butter market was steady to firm with no new developments.

There was no change in the price of 5 cents per hundred on all grades of refined sugar except the new "black" grade, which was reduced 15 cents to a parity with best sugar.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Portland Clearings: Flour, \$173,322; wheat, \$1,000,000; other, \$1,000,000.

Butter, Eggs, Feeder, Etc. BUTTER—City creamery, extra creamery, 37 1/2c per pound.

EGGS—Oregon full cream, 25c; Yuma, 24c; mixed, 23c.

FEEDS—Wheat, 1 1/2c; corn, 1 1/4c; alfalfa, 1 1/2c.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, table, 1 1/2c per box; oranges, 1 1/2c per box.

Portland Livestock Market. Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Livestock prices ruled unchanged yesterday and the tone was steady to firm in all markets.

CATTLE—Receipts, 3000; market, steady. Heavy, \$10.00; light, \$9.00.

SHEEP—Good shorn, \$4.50; fair, \$4.00; poor, \$3.50.

HOGS—Best, \$5.25; lights and feeders, \$4.75.

Eastern Livestock Prices. SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 300; market, steady.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO. Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market:

Vegetables—Garlic, 40c; green peas, 38c; string beans, 10c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, \$2; common, 60c; bananas, 75c.

Wool—Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino, \$1.00; fall, \$0.75.

Receipts—Flour, 3000; wheat, 1200; other, 1000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Closing quotations: Adams, 100; Union, 100.

Metal Markets. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The London tin market was lower today.

London Wool Sales. LONDON, Feb. 7.—The first series of 1908 wool auction sales were concluded today.

Coffee and Sugar. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Coffee futures closed quiet, unchanged to five points lower.

Dried Fruit at New York. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Dried apples unchanged.

Dairy Produce in the East. CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was firm.

Government Buy Silver. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Treasury Department today purchased 100,000 ounces of silver for \$1,000,000.

Detailed Returns Will Hereafter Be Made.

NEW CLEARING-HOUSE PLAN No Opportunity for Confusion or Concealment of the Real Banking Position in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Heaviness and almost total stagnation continued the character of the day's business.

THE PROSPECT FOR GROWING ATTENTION TO THE political canvas and the fear that oratory largely on an issue of speculation and demagoguery of the speculative world.

ON THE WHOLE, THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY in New York City is being helped by the continuing mild weather.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS BUY SPRINGLY Commodity Prices, as a Whole, Are Irregular.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The retail trade in some lines of wearing apparel has been helped by the continuing mild weather.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS. Adams Express, 17.00; Am. Cotton Oil, 1.60.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Wheat—March, 1.00; April, 98c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Cotton—March, 15.00; April, 14.50.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Sugar—March, 11.00; April, 10.50.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Gold—100, 150.00; 500, 750.00.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Silver—100, 75.00; 500, 375.00.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Merchandise—March, 100.00; April, 95.00.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Wool—March, 1.00; April, 95c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Hemp—March, 1.00; April, 95c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Lard—March, 10.00; April, 9.50.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Tallow—March, 10.00; April, 9.50.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Hides—March, 1.00; April, 95c.

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Money Exchange, Etc. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Money on call, 1 1/2c per cent.

Daily Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Today's Treasury statement shows a surplus of \$2,455,000.

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THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK. Portland, Oregon. UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY.

Capital, \$500,000—Surplus and Undivided Profits, \$400,000.

OFFICERS. J. C. AINSWORTH, President; R. W. SCHMEER, Cashier; R. LEA BARNES, Vice President; A. M. WRIGHT, Ass't Cashier; W. A. HOLT, Ass't Cashier.

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DEWELLING ON East Thirtieth street, between Hawthorne avenue and East Clay street, \$2000.

BRUIERS—To repair two-story frame dwelling, 200 Twenty-fourth street, \$400.

KREBS—To erect two-story frame dwelling on Park street, between Williams and Rodney avenues, \$2000.

BRUIERS—To repair two-story frame dwelling on East Sixteenth street, between Kwoon and Stanton streets, \$4000.

PLANN—To erect two-story frame dwelling on Twenty-third street, between Raleigh and Corbin streets, \$2000.

CONTINENTAL COMPANY—Incorporation. L. C. Tobias, C. R. Lowthwaite and Charles J. Barnard, capitalists, \$3000.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY—Incorporation. John Heinrich, Signatus, and J. L. Meier, capitalists, \$100,000.

DELOHMUTT—At 421 Magnolia street, Portland, Ore., to the wife of Miner DeLohmutt, a daughter.

WRIGHTFIELD—At Portland Maternity Hospital, February 8, to the wife of Oscar S. Wright, a son.

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TRAVELERS GUIDE. NORTH GERMAN LLOYD. FAST EXPRESS SERVICE. PLYMOUTH-CHEERBOURG-BREMEN-10.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE FOILED BY PROMPT ACTION AT PRINCETON. PRINCETON, Ore., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Riley Brown, a prospector of Ashwood, attempted suicide this morning by taking enough laudanum to kill four men.

OREGON SUPREME COURT CASES. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Cases have been set for trial in the Supreme Court as follows:

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. James Lawrence to Ann C. Lawrence, undivided 1/2 of lot 6, block 12, subdivision 12, Astoria.

PORTLAND LIGHT & POWER CO. CAIS LEAVE. Ticket Office and Waiting Room, 1000 F.O.R.

San Francisco & Portland Steamship Co. Announce First Voyage of the S. S. ROSE CITY.

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