

MISSISSIPPI BANANA WAR

Portland Escapes What Befell Seattle Trade.

RYAN AND HIS DEPT

Revolution in the Wholesale Fruit Business of the Sound City—Local Jobbers Keep Peace

With the Banana King.

There are complications in the banana trade in the Northwest that for a time have caused the Portland jobbers to be somewhat nervous.

Practically all the bananas sold in the Northwest have been brought here from New Orleans in care of the Ryan Banana Messenger Service, the business of which is controlled by the Ryan Company.

Recently the majority of Seattle fruit jobbers, possessed with the idea that Frank Ryan was making too much money on the deal, severed their business with him.

Instead of quitting, Ryan tried to keep the deal in the city by arranging to supply the usual number of cars weekly to Seattle.

He then went to open a banana depot and then he provided himself with delivery wagons. Now he is supplying the Seattle retail trade exclusively, except for one or two jobbers who stood by him, and the other merchants are in the city in the wholesale market.

Kaufman opened negotiations with the Portland trade, but only two of the jobbers here took up with him, so far as can be learned.

Frank Ryan is now in the city, and he has at once accepted the challenge and opened an independent banana depot in this city.

Arrivals of Green Produce Also Large and Clean Up Well.

Orange receipts for the local trade. The demand was good and prices were firm.

There is a good movement of potatoes to California points and some are going to the Northwest. The general tone of the market is steady.

This weekly grain statistics of the Merchants Exchange follows:

Table with columns: Month, Quantity, Price, etc. for various grains like wheat, corn, etc.

Better Prospects in Hay Market.

Hay is moving well and the market is in steady trim. There is no overabundance locally and receipts are about equal to the demand.

Egg Market Continues Strong.

The egg market continues to show much firmness as a result of the shipping demand. Business does yesterday was generally at 10 cents.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were:

Table showing bank clearings for various cities like Portland, Astoria, etc.

Portland Flour, Feed, Etc.

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