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Strawberry Market Breaks. Advance in Butter.

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The danger to the fibers of the twine in the manufacturing of goods is a serious one, especially in view of the importance of strongly advising the woolgrowers against tying their fleeces with sisal twine.

This is a very serious matter and we have instructed our wool buyers not to purchase fleeces tied with this twine unless a lower price is made, to offset the damage incurred in working wools containing this twine.

"We cannot impress too strongly upon you and your correspondents and buyers the importance of avoiding the use of this twine."

JOIN NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE Portland Organization Will Soon Become a Member.

Secretary Fred Miller, of the Portland Board of Trade, is in correspondence with the National Board of Trade, and local institutions will soon become a member of the National Board.

The May number of the Chamber of Commerce Bulletin and Board of Trade Journal, which has just been issued, contains among other features the range of local market quotations in April, as officially fixed at the Board.

The attendance was good at yesterday's session and the following offers and sales were posted:

Offer to buy—200 tons choice No. 1 white oats, \$28; 100 cubic extra creamery butter, 22c track Portland.

Offer to sell—300 extra eggs, 18 1/2c, f. o. b. Portland.

Many Growers Are Disgusted and Go Out of Business.

Waterside—Roots have wintered well, but there is not much demand for them this Spring.

Smithfield—Hop growing is in order, and the yards are being plowed in the order of the day.

Wintersville—It is safe to estimate that the constantly waning hop acreage in Madison County will be reduced to about one-fourth this Spring.

Butter Sells Well at New Prices. Active Demand for Cheese from Seattle.

The advance in city creamery butter from 22 1/2 cents to 24 cents, as was announced in this paper yesterday, has caused a stir.

There was a good local demand for eggs and orders from Seattle again made their appearance.

Receipts Proved Too Heavy for the Local Demand.

The strawberry market broke badly yesterday. Receipts from California were about 1500 crates and with what was expected from Saturday this proved too much for the market.

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Weekly Grain Statistics.

The weekly grain statistics of the Merchants Exchange follow:

Table with columns: Month, Bushels, Decrease, Increase. Rows for May 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, 1892, 1891, 1890, 1889, 1888, 1887, 1886, 1885, 1884, 1883, 1882, 1881, 1880.

Quantities on passage—Week ending May 11, 1908.

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Outs in Demand and Firmer.

The oat market was much firmer yesterday than it has been for some time.

With a good California demand, the wheat market held up in spite of the slump at Chicago.

Big Sheep Sale in Eastern Oregon.

CONDON, Or., May 11.—John Fleming, representing Thos. of Montana, has bought 35,000 mixed penning sheep in Gilliam and Wheeler Counties at an average price of \$2.50 per head.

Clackamas Fruit Doing Well.

WOODBURN, Or., May 11.—The fruit crop in this section is in excellent condition.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Portland—Clearings, Balances.

Board of Trade Quotations.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 82c per bushel; red Russian, 84c; bluestem, 81c.

Butter—Extras, 24c per pound; fancy, 23c; choice, 22c; store, 19c.

Meats and Provisions.

Dressed Hams—Hogs, 5 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 7 1/2c; heavy, 6c; mutton, extra, 8c; ordinary, 7c; lamb, 6c.

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