

Southwest Beginning to Ask for Oregon Potatoes.

MARKET IS MORE ACTIVE

Prices Heretofore Have Been Above a Parity With Other Markets.

Hops Moving at Low Figures.

There is an indication of a somewhat better movement in potatoes in the near future, but the prospects are not bright for higher prices soon.

The California supply is understood to be about half gone and growers of locally raised potatoes are showing signs of being in the best of luck.

HOPS WEAK AT UNCHANGED PRICES.

Conditions in London as shown by Klaber's. Klaber, Wolf & Natter received the following cable from London yesterday:

On fair to good quality market is quiet at unchanged prices. On poor quality market is very dull.

Among the business reported was the purchase by McNeill Bros. of 200 bales of hops in the silver and Hubbard sections at 5 cents.

English trade reports, bearing dates of November 23 to 25, says: Wild, Neame & Co., London—The almost total absorption of all choice hops on the market has induced a somewhat better demand for lower grades, values for which are rather firm.

Former wheat prices maintained. Holders here are not alarmed by the depression in other markets.

Wheat was weak in most of the world's markets yesterday.

At the Board of Trade a price of 100 tons of oats for January-February delivery at \$31.75 was reported.

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EXPANSION OF GOLD Engagements Cause Heavy Selling of Stocks.

MORE EXPECTED TO GO

Prices Weak Most of Day, but in a Late Rally Most of the Losses Are Regained.

Are Irregular.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The running up of the gold engagements for shipment to France tomorrow to the sum of \$3,000,000, the stock edge of the speculation market, and a considerable amount of gold sold in the market for the larger part of the day.

The reason of the gold shipments was strengthened by the preliminary estimates of the week's currency movement, from which it appears that practically no gain in balance of trade had occurred.

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