

THE DRIED PRUNES

Eastern Demand for Oregon Italians.

INQUIRY MAINLY FOR 40S

Less Interest Shown in California Fruit—Firmness in Wheat Market—Subsidence of Activity in Hops.

Oregon Italian prunes are the active feature of the dried fruit market in the East. The demand, so long awaited, is now making itself felt. It is reported that sales have been made of a good many cars for shipment from the state to Eastern markets on a 2 1/2-cent f. o. b. basis for straight 30s and 40s. The demand appears chiefly for the latter size, the proportion of which in this season's crop was relatively small. The condition of the spot prunes market in the East, the New York Journal of Commerce says: "The continuing demand for spot Oregon Italians, which was limited to drag a while ago, is now brisk. East Side jobbers reporting a very satisfactory business in point of the number of orders they are receiving. A fair jobbing business is being done in California prunes on the spot, but there is little interest shown in offerings for shipment from the Coast, and while the statistical situation there is stronger than it has been in many past seasons at this time, the market seems to be unsettled by the efforts of some holders to get orders. There are no open orders, however, on less than 30 f. o. b. basis for the five sizes, 20s to 90s, in Sonoma, or 3 1/2c basis for Santa Clara fruit, but on a firm offer it is possible that some concession might be made on the less desirable sizes. The premium of a half to three-quarters of a cent on 40s is maintained, and it is difficult to find orders of 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s in combination with other sizes, at any price."

WHEAT FEELING IN WHEAT MARKET

Holders Less Inclined to Sell, With Improvement at Other Points.

There was a much better feeling in the wheat market yesterday in consequence of the improvement in the East and abroad, and holders were less inclined to part with their stocks at the prices lately offered. The Merchants' Exchange's London cables quoted Walla Walla carcase quiet but firmer at 37 1/2, and December options at Liverpool closed 1/2 higher than the last prices of the previous year. May and July wheat made good gains in Chicago. Oats and barley in the local market were quoted strong, with offerings on a small scale. The hay market was about steady. The following bid and asked prices were reported at the Board of Trade:

Table with columns for Wheat, Barley, and Oats, listing prices for various grades and quantities.

HOT BUYING COMES TO A STOP.

Klauer, Wolf & Neiser Withdraw From the Market.

The hog market flattened out completely yesterday, so far as activity was concerned. Klauer, Wolf & Neiser withdrew from the market and made no purchases during the day, but they are buying again, it was reported that Kola Neiser secured the Hedges & Davidson lot at Independence for shipment to London at 8 cents advanced. It was also said that H. I. Bents was in the market with offers.

CHICKENS WEAK AT LOWER PRICES.

Receipts Large and Demand Light—Other Poultry Moves Well.

The chicken market was rather demoralized yesterday. Receipts were large and at the same time buying was lighter than usual, the larger retailers practically being out of the market. As a result prices of hens and mixed chickens were lower. The demand for spring chickens, especially small ones, continued good. Ducks, geese and turkeys sold readily. The egg market was weak. A few dealers still quoted 4 1/2c, but the general quotation on the street was 40-41c for Oregon ranch, with some small sales reported under 40c. Buying was not spirited, as the high prices have checked consumption.

Japanese Oranges Due Today.

Two shipments of Japanese oranges are due today and will be offered at 75c per box, an advance of 10c over the price of the first shipment. California oranges were in good demand at firm prices. Bananas are cleaning up well.

Bank Clearings.

Table showing clearing balances for various banks including Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 100c; 101c; 102c; 103c; 104c; 105c; 106c; 107c; 108c; 109c; 110c; 111c; 112c; 113c; 114c; 115c; 116c; 117c; 118c; 119c; 120c; 121c; 122c; 123c; 124c; 125c; 126c; 127c; 128c; 129c; 130c; 131c; 132c; 133c; 134c; 135c; 136c; 137c; 138c; 139c; 140c; 141c; 142c; 143c; 144c; 145c; 146c; 147c; 148c; 149c; 150c; 151c; 152c; 153c; 154c; 155c; 156c; 157c; 158c; 159c; 160c; 161c; 162c; 163c; 164c; 165c; 166c; 167c; 168c; 169c; 170c; 171c; 172c; 173c; 174c; 175c; 176c; 177c; 178c; 179c; 180c; 181c; 182c; 183c; 184c; 185c; 186c; 187c; 188c; 189c; 190c; 191c; 192c; 193c; 194c; 195c; 196c; 197c; 198c; 199c; 200c; 201c; 202c; 203c; 204c; 205c; 206c; 207c; 208c; 209c; 210c; 211c; 212c; 213c; 214c; 215c; 216c; 217c; 218c; 219c; 220c; 221c; 222c; 223c; 224c; 225c; 226c; 227c; 228c; 229c; 230c; 231c; 232c; 233c; 234c; 235c; 236c; 237c; 238c; 239c; 240c; 241c; 242c; 243c; 244c; 245c; 246c; 247c; 248c; 249c; 250c; 251c; 252c; 253c; 254c; 255c; 256c; 257c; 258c; 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