

BUYING LOW GRADES

Hop Dealers Taking on Cheaper Qualities.

CHOICE NOT ON MARKET

Active Demand at All Points on the Coast—English Market Lively and Higher—Decline in Eggs Checked.

Hop buyers in this state have turned their attention mostly to the lower grades. This is because they cannot get good hops at the prices they have offered. Yesterday's business, which was quite large, was mostly in the inferior qualities at prices ranging from 17 to 19 cents.

Among the transactions reported yesterday was the purchase by Isaac Pincus & Sons of the Burton crop of 250 bales, at Independence, and the purchase by Hal Cain & Linn also bought 200 bales and purchases by the Seavey Hop Company, McNeil Bros., H. S. Hart and Kluber, Wolf & Netter were reported.

John Carmichael is said to be buying freely through his own agents, and it is believed that some of the purchases by other dealers are for him.

For good hops, 21 1/2 and 22 cents is being offered. This does not show any advance over the prices offered a few days ago, but when the quality of the lower grades that are selling is examined, it will be seen that the market has improved to a considerable degree.

The activity has extended to Washington, where orders are numerous in both Western Washington and Yakima. Bird, of London, has secured several hundred bales of medium and prime Western Washingtons on consignment at 10 cents advance. There are left in growers' hands 900 bales in Western Washington and 1200 bales in Yakima.

The California market is also strong. Donovan bought 150 bales of Sacramento at 20 cents, which is 1 to 2 cents higher than the market was quoted last week.

Continental market very firm at the last advance.

GRAIN TRADING ON A LIGHT SCALE

Wheat Markets Firm at Last Prices—Retailers Active at All Points.

Business continues very quiet in the wheat, oats and barley markets. In wheat, the undertone is moderately firm, as sellers are not much in evidence, but in the same time the demand is slack.

Local receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

Monday... 23 1 18 3 6
Tuesday... 16 7 18 3 6
Wednesday... 18 7 18 3 6
Thursday... 17 7 18 3 6
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OREGON EGGS SHIPPED TO MONTANA

Taking Out of a Carload Relieves Front Street Temporarily.

Eggs dropped as low as 20 cents on Front street yesterday, but the decline will probably be checked, at least temporarily, by heavy shipments made last night. A local broker bought up a carload for shipment to Montana points.

Up to the present time the poultry market has held its own, but prices were somewhat unsteady yesterday and in some quarters a lowering of quotations is expected.

There were no new developments in the butter or cheese markets.

Potato Market Shows Strength.

The local supply of potatoes has again become small, but with the moderating of the weather stocks will soon be replenished. Portland prices are on a firm basis and quotations on Oregon potatoes also hold up well as San Francisco as shipments Southward have been small.

All Vegetables Are Firm.

1 1/4c per pound under regular butter prices.)
POULTRY—Hens, 10 1/2@11; Spring, 10 1/2; Ducks, 20@22; geese, 15; turkeys, 15@16; Cows, 20@22; calves, 15@16.

COFFEE—Fresh Oregon, 20@22; per cwt; Eastern, 20@22; per cwt.
CHICKEN—Fresh Oregon, 18@20; per cwt; Eastern, 18@20; per cwt.

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STOCKS DISCARDED

Heavy Unloading Causes Prices to Tumble.

MARKET WITHOUT SUPPORT

Hartman and Hill Shares, St. Paul and Steel Are the Greatest Speculators — Washington Prospects Cause Selling.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The resumption of liquidation in the stock market today set in motion a process which will, it is believed, result in a general movement for stocks. It was feared that legislative and judicial action, having the important bearing on financial affairs, would develop soon.

The stock market showed no rallying power, the highest prices of the day being reached in the first hour. The Hartman shares, St. Paul, United States Great Northern and apparently without support. The closing was very feverish, with practically no recovery from the opening.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change. Includes: Am Agricultural, Am Cotton, Am Oil, Am Sugar, Am Tobacco, etc.

GRAIN AT SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—Wheat easy; barley steady; oats steady; corn steady; hay steady; stock market active.

WOOL MARKET IS MARKING TIME.

Manufacturers Not Buying Actively at This Time. BOSTON, Jan. 14.—The Commercial Bulletin says the wool market Saturday.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.—Unchanged. Territory and Western mediums, 20@25; fine mediums, 20@24; fine, 12@16.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The market for standard copper on the New York Metal Exchange was quiet today, with only a few deliveries up to the end of April closing at 13 1/2.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Evaporated apples quiet and steady. On the spot market quoted at 47 1/2.

GRAIN MARKETS OF THE NORTHWEST.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 14.—(Special).—The market remained unchanged with a tendency downward. One to six days from the coast.

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Today's Treasury Statement.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes: Treasury Receipts, Treasury Disbursements, etc.

Money Exchange.

Table with columns: Location, Rate. Includes: London, New York, etc.

Time loans, very soft and dull; 60 days, 4 1/2 per cent; 90 days and six months, 4 3/4 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER CLOSED AT 4 1/2 PER CENT. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 44.50@45.10 for 60 days and 45.10@45.50 for 90 days.

COMMERCIAL BILLS, 44.50@45.10. Bar silver, 125 1/2. Mexican gold, 100. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.