

## POTATO PRICE GOOD

Farmers Getting One Cent a Pound for Best.

### STEADY LOCAL DEMAND

If Movement Continues Regular Prices Should Show a Gradual Advance as the Season Progresses.

The potato market holds very steady and is likely to continue so as long as the movement is uninterrupted. There is very little shipping demand, in fact the outlets in the Southwest are closed, but local consumption is at a large scale.

Receipts up to this time have been adequate and prices have moved along in a steady way. Jobbers are quoting \$1.25@\$1.25 on the street.

Fancy potatoes will be rather scarce this year. The crop is estimated at 75 per cent of last year's, and the proportion of fancy quality is less than usual. This fact should keep the market in a healthy condition throughout the season. There is a limited demand in California for fancy potatoes, but the market is holding the country around 80 cents and 1.00. Some of the California buyers are trying to cry down the market, but the fact remains that in spite of the free offerings the farmers are getting a fair better price for their product.

If the growers will continue to sell in a regular way and will not hold back, as they sometimes do, the market throughout the season should be a satisfactory one.

It is particularly the after part of the year, when the California demand becomes more active, the buying price will get up to 1.00 cents and may go to 1.10 cents.

Holding back at this time, however, will prevent such as advance, as it will mean a large surplus to be worked off later and that will result in a broken market.

**HOP MARKET IS VERY STRONG.**  
Heavy Speculative Buying Revealed by Star.

The hop market is very strong. The Eastern demand is heavy, there being orders now on hand for many more bales than are offered. Growers are reluctant to sell under 15 cents and the dealers who are carrying stocks are about as firm in their ideas as the growers. Values are gradually getting up on the actual strength of the manipulative point indicated by Paul Morris for purchases last Monday.

Reports from the country are of an occasional sale by a grower at a price well above last week's quotations. The Kirtz lot of 220 bales, at Wallace, was sold to Bishop & Daniels at 12 cents. The Newhall lot of 120 bales, at Dallas, brought the same price. The Cook lot of 50 bales, at St. Paul, is reported to have sold at 10 cents. The lot of 100 bales at Eugene, was sold at 12 or 13 cents. Several lots of Takoma hops, including the Tum Pore crop, aggregating in all 185 bales, were bought by McNeil Bros. at 12 to 12 1/2 cents. They also bought 150 bales in this state.

Shipments from the opening of the season up to yesterday have been 25,772 bales by the Southern Pacific, 27,000 bales by the Union. About 4000 bales are ready to be shipped and will be forwarded in a few days. When account is taken of the stock left in growers' hands, the unshipped purchases of V. Bremsen & Co. and P. R. G. Horst and the stock held by Portland and Salem speculators, it will be found there is a very small part of the crop still to be accounted for. In other words, somebody has bought a lot of hops in this state for some unknown purpose and no effort is being made to ship them East. It is known positively that several Eastern men of means have bought Oregon hops on speculation and these latest developments would indicate that their purchases have been much larger than expected.

The following table, which is subject, of course, to revision, will give some idea of the position of the Oregon market:

	Bales
Shipments to date	27,000
Local growers	10,000
Hold by speculators	10,000
Total bales accounted for	47,000

Estimated for Oregon 1910 crop..... 100,000  
Actual for 1909..... 70,000

Unaccounted for..... 40,000

Advices from California records brought to date show 120,000 bales, 100,000 bales had been sold at 12 cents and several hundred bales of Sonoma at 12 1/2 cents. Sonoma growers now ask 13 cents.

A New York letter stated that one-half of the New York crop has been sold. **FLOUR WILL BE 20 CENTS CHEAPER.**  
Lowest Quotations in Local Market Will Take Effect Monday.

Wheat is Weak and Lower and Barley Quoted at an Advance.

Dairy Produce Quiet.

**SHATTLES.** Wash., Oct. 28.—(Special)—

Shattles at Seattle today announced a cut of 20 cents a barrel for flour.

This cut has been anticipated by the trade for several days and occasioned the following statement: "Flour is really in bad to mouth character, but is expected to improve."

Wheat, barley, oats and flour. Export prices are 52 cents on bluestem, 40 cents on club and rye and 79 cents on red Russian. Wheat and oats are quoted 20 cents higher.

Dairy produce markets were generally quiet. Jobbers report no material change in the market. They were quoted at 40 cents for the large barrels.

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The oats and barley markets are also very quiet.

Weekly foreign wheat shipments are reported by the Merchants' Exchange were 10,000 bushels, 100 bushels, 100 bushels, 100 bushels and 100 bushels.

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**SECOND CAR FLORIDA GRAPE FRUIT.**

Apples in Plentiful Supply, But Slow of Sale.

Another car of Florida grape fruit was received yesterday. Like the first car it was rather slow, but the fruit will be propagated in a few days. The quality of both cars is fine.

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**PORTLAND MARKETS.**

**Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.**

**WHEAT.**—Track prices: Bluestem, \$2.60; club, 100 bushels, red Russian, 77¢ per ton; Western, fortyfold, \$1.00 per ton; brewing, 75¢ per ton.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—Bran, \$25 per ton; mid-

## GAIN IS GRADUAL

Trade Reports Show Steady Improvement.

### RETAIL DEMAND GROWS

Fair Business Doing in Iron and Steel Products—Trend of Dry Goods Values Is Upward. Better Movement in Shoes.

Central of N. J. .... 1,700 85% 82% 283  
Ches & Ohio ..... 1,700 100% 145% 148  
Chicago & N. W. .... 1,700 100% 145% 148  
do preferred ..... 1,700 100% 145% 148  
C. G. C. & St. L. .... 300 75% 75% 72  
Col. Fuel & Iron ..... 400 35% 34% 34  
F. & M. Northern ..... 300 75% 75% 72  
General Gas ..... 8,000 100% 137% 137%  
Corn Products ..... 300 17% 17% 17  
do preferred ..... 300 17% 17% 17  
D. & R. Grande ..... 3,000 24% 32% 32%  
do preferred ..... 1,000 25% 25% 25%  
Dillards' Secur ..... 1,000 25% 25% 25%  
do preferred ..... 1,500 50% 49% 49%  
E. & P. Electric ..... 1,100 150% 150% 150%  
Ed. Northern ..... 5,700 127% 127% 127%  
Illinoian Corp. .... 1,000 123% 123% 123%  
Interior Met. .... 4,700 23% 23% 23%  
do preferred ..... 4,700 23% 23% 23%  
Inter. Harvester ..... 2,400 111% 110% 110%  
Inter-Marine pf ..... 100 11% 11% 11%  
Int. Paper ..... 600 100% 100% 100%  
Int. Steel ..... 1,000 125% 125% 125%  
Iowa Central ..... 200 15% 15% 15%  
Kan. City ..... 1,000 125% 125% 125%  
Laclede Gas ..... 100 105% 105% 105%  
Louis. & Nash. .... 300 120% 120% 120%  
M. S. P. & S. M. .... 4,300 125% 125% 125%  
do preferred ..... 4,300 125% 125% 125%  
Mo. Pacific ..... 700 55% 54% 54%  
Nat. Gas ..... 100 20% 20% 20%  
Nat. Lead ..... 1,700 25% 25% 25%  
Met. N. H. pf ..... 1,700 25% 25% 25%  
N. Y. Central ..... 1,000 125% 125% 125%  
N. Y. Gas & Ws ..... 100 95% 95% 95%  
Norfolk & Ws ..... 1,000 125% 125% 125%  
North American ..... 2,500 120% 119% 119%  
Penns. Main. .... 200 25% 25% 25%  
Pennsylvania ..... 10,000 105% 105% 105%  
P. C. C. & St. L. .... 1,000 25% 25% 25%  
Pittsburgh Car. .... 100 34% 34% 34%  
Pitt. Publ. Car. .... 700 16% 16% 16%  
Pitt. Steel ..... 1,000 125% 125% 125%  
Platt. Gas ..... 1,000 125% 125% 125%  
Preston ..... 1,000 125% 125% 125%  
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