

TAKE NO CHANCES

Buyers Call for Only Live Turkeys.

AFRAID OF STORAGE BIRDS

Pay as Much for Cooped Fowls as for Dressed Stock—Probable Cause of the Holiday Market.

The feature of the holiday poultry market is the strong demand for live turkeys. Orders from city and out-of-town buyers were so large yesterday that they not only cleaned up the receipts early in the day, but they also put prices up to the dressed level. Live birds sold all the way from 22 to 25 cents to people who would not pay the same price for dressed stock.

The reason for this unusual demand for turkeys is the belief that prevails in many quarters that the town is full of storage stock. It is true there are more storage turkeys on hand now than at probably any previous time, but it would seem as if poultry traders, or anyone else, for that matter, should be able to distinguish a storage fowl from a fresh-killed one.

Except for the out-of-town buying, there was nothing doing in dressed turkeys. Local retailers will do their purchasing today and tomorrow. The sales on shipping agents were mostly at 21 and 23 cents. A few jobbers refused these prices, believing the market late in the season.

Live ducks were wanted at 22 1/2 cents, but were scarce. Live chickens were held at 18 to 20 cents. The chicken market was active and steady. Live hens bringing 14 1/2 and 15 cents and Springs 14 1/2 cents.

HOLIDAY GRAIN MARKET IS DULL

Wheat Shows a Steady Undertone, with Little Buying or Selling. The wheat market was a very quiet affair yesterday. Neither buyers nor sellers showing much disposition to get together. Underneath of the market was steady and former prices were quoted by dealers.

There was not much trade in barley, but the market maintained its previous firmness. The same market was quiet and unchanged. Local receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

Monday: Wheat 1000, Barley 1000, Hay 1000. Tuesday: Wheat 1000, Barley 1000, Hay 1000. Wednesday: Wheat 1000, Barley 1000, Hay 1000.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES BOOMING

Large Shipment of Houshain Pineapples Arrives for Christmas Trade. Business was booming in the fruit and vegetable trade and the jobbers found it almost impossible to keep up with the demand. The demand was strong for everything in the list, especially vegetables, citrus fruits and pineapples. Even apples proved to be good sellers, but the demand was particularly for the cheaper varieties.

NO HOPS ON THE MARKET

Growers Refuse Offers of 15 and 16 Cents. Fifteen cents was freely offered for Oregon hops yesterday and for one large lot, 16 cents was bid, but there were no sellers either price. The market is now completely blocked.

Bank Clearings

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows: Portland, \$1,200,000; Seattle, \$1,200,000; Tacoma, \$1,200,000; Spokane, \$1,200,000.

WEST BULL MARKET

PORTLAND MARKETS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 80c; white, 81c; red Russian, 80c; Valley, 82c; 80c; 82c.

Dairy and Country Produce. POULTRY—Hens, 14 1/2@15c; Springs, 14 1/2@15c; ducks, white, 15c@16c; brown, 14c@15c.

Vegetables and Fruits. APPLES—King, 40c@75c per box; Snow, 45c@75c; Wagon, 45c@75c; Baldwin, 45c@75c.

Greeneries, Dried Fruits, Etc. DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 14c@15c; Currants, 12c@13c; Apricots, 14c@15c.

Salmon—Columbia River, 1-pound tallow, \$2.10 per dozen; 2-pound tallow, \$2.30 per dozen.

Wool—Wool, 100 lbs, 12c@13c; 200 lbs, 11c@12c; 300 lbs, 10c@11c.

Meats—Beef, 10c@11c; Pork, 12c@13c; Mutton, 11c@12c.

Butter—Butter, 10c@11c; Cheese, 12c@13c.

Eggs—Eggs, 10c@11c; Hens, 11c@12c; Turkeys, 12c@13c.

Flour—Flour, 10c@11c; Meal, 12c@13c.

Feed—Feed, 10c@11c; Hay, 12c@13c.

Oil—Oil, 10c@11c; Lard, 12c@13c.

Soap—Soap, 10c@11c; Candles, 12c@13c.

Starch—Starch, 10c@11c; Gum, 12c@13c.

Glue—Glue, 10c@11c; Resin, 12c@13c.

Wax—Wax, 10c@11c; Tallow, 12c@13c.

Grease—Grease, 10c@11c; Fat, 12c@13c.

Leather—Leather, 10c@11c; Hide, 12c@13c.

Iron—Iron, 10c@11c; Steel, 12c@13c.

Copper—Copper, 10c@11c; Brass, 12c@13c.

Zinc—Zinc, 10c@11c; Lead, 12c@13c.

Mercury—Mercury, 10c@11c; Silver, 12c@13c.

Gold—Gold, 10c@11c; Platinum, 12c@13c.

Diamonds—Diamonds, 10c@11c; Rubies, 12c@13c.

Sapphires—Sapphires, 10c@11c; Emeralds, 12c@13c.

Gems—Gems, 10c@11c; Pearls, 12c@13c.

Jewelry—Jewelry, 10c@11c; Watches, 12c@13c.

Optics—Optics, 10c@11c; Cameras, 12c@13c.

BETTER FEELING CAUSED BY EASIER MONEY CONDITION.

STOCKS ARE IRREGULAR. Tendency is Upward Until a Drive Against Reading Unsettles the Entire List—Industrials Are Neglected.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A broader and more general demand for bonds was the most striking feature of today's London market in the securities market. The stock market was only moderately active and its tone for the most part irregular and unsettled.

Trading on the stock exchange was almost wholly professional and centered around the more active issues, including the Hariman stocks and the coals. Union Pacific and Southern Pacific made further gains.

The movement in stocks included several of the more obscure railway issues, but the industrial group almost entirely neglected. Late in the session a drive against Reading unsettled the entire list and caused a general reaction. London was again a moderate purchaser.

The West is said to have purchased moderately of ordinary and high-grade securities during recent days. A better feeling prevails in that section, because of the monetary conditions.

There was a further drain on the gold holdings of the Bank of England, which sent the market to a further rise here in foreign exchange practically precludes all possibility of a rise in London.

The Baltimore and Ohio report for November showed a loss in net earnings of \$1,000,000. The annual report of the Missouri Pacific, which was considered a reliable barometer in the capital stock market, showed a 3-1/2 per cent surplus against dividends amounting to \$1,000,000 in excess of the previous year.

Total sales of bonds, \$110,000,000. United States bonds were unchanged.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS

Table with columns: Name, Price, Change. Includes: Allis-Chalmers, 100 29 1/2; Am. Cotton, 100 25 1/2; Am. Sugar, 100 24 1/2.

INTEREST IN FLEECES

SMALL DEMAND FOR TERRITORY WOOLS AT BOSTON. Some Sellers Are Inclined to Make Concessions—Good Movement in Texas Clips.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—More interest is manifested in fleece wool in territory wools in the Boston market, and while the demand is not active, some good sales of fine delaine and Ohio quarter-bloods are reported.

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BEARS TAKE FRIGHT

Buy Wheat to Cover on a Large Scale. MARKET CLOSES HIGHER. Drouth Continues in the Winter Crop Belt—World's Stocks of Wheat Greatly Reduced—Corn and Oats Are Higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Bull leaders kept the wheat busy with advice to buy wheat for the rally. How much effect this maneuver had was a question, but the market showed an upward bent from the start.

Southwestern houses in particular did a great deal of purchasing, especially in the July option. The Northwest sold the May delivery here for considerable amounts.

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