

PACK WELL SOLD UP

Canned Tomatoes Are Advancing in California.

STOCKS IN SINGLE HANDS

Large Shipments Have Been Made to the Middle West, Owing to the Light Crop in the Eastern States.

The feature of the canned goods trade on the Coast is the tomato situation. Advice from California, received yesterday, notes an advance of 2 cents a dozen to 2 1/2 and a rise of 25 cents a dozen on gallons. The market is strong at the advance with higher prices believed to be in sight. The pack is well sold out except for what remains in the hands of the California Fruit Canners Association.

Owing to the short crop in the East this year, there has been an unusually heavy demand for California tomatoes. The Middle Western States, which usually get their supplies from the East, have been drawing on the Coast for tomatoes, and in spite of the fair crop in California, still remains on hand some.

The principal interest so far as any new features are concerned in California caused the market in relation to tomatoes. The market is again stronger and has an upward tendency. There seems to be only one of the larger interests quoting on tomatoes and it has among other things, the shortsightedness of not buying until it is too late to get the best price.

Advice from Maryland under recent date report having in tomatoes as being in the present market and a great many sales reported as having been made on the basis of 20 factory for standard 3 and 60 cents for 25 with plenty of orders coming in. With a buying interest in tomatoes like the present market at this season of the year just before the holidays and stockings, it is a question in the minds of operators as to just how high tomatoes may go before next packing season.

BANANA TRAIN MAKES RECORD TIME Comes From Los Angeles on Passenger Train Schedule.

A trainload of bananas arrived last night from Los Angeles on passenger train. There were 15 cars in the train, of which six were for Portland and the remainder went to the Northern cities.

The train left Los Angeles Wednesday morning and made the trip in the shortest time of any banana shipment that ever reached Portland. It came through as the second section of the Shasta Limited, and this accounts for its fast time. The rail road had time on the train from Los Angeles to Los Angeles and had to make it up on the Coast division.

Several of the Portland cars were at once put on the front-street track and switched to the produce district for unloading. "The front-street track is a decided benefit to the produce men," said T. Pearson, last night. "By bringing up bananas early to our doors we are enabled to unload the fruit with the minimum of expense and risk of handling. In the course of time this track will be extensively used in the handling of produce."

Two cars of oranges were received last night. The orange market is firm and large sales are making.

There was a good movement in apples, stocks in the Valley are becoming well cleaned up. The California apple market is firm.

A car of new crop dates arrived yesterday from the Orient via Seattle.

FOREIGN WHEAT MARKETS HIGHER. No Change Made Yet in Local Prices—Trading in the Country.

The foreign wheat markets were strong yesterday, with higher prices quoted. Real quotations, however, were not raised, as the advance here last week put this market above the export base and the parity has only been restored. A moderate amount of trading was reported in oats, barley or mill feed.

Weekly foreign wheat shipments were as follows:

Table with columns: Destination, Quantity, Date. Lists destinations like Argentina, Australia, India, etc.

WHEAT SHIPPERS OFFER TRENDS. Chickens Sell at Very Low Prices—Egg Trade Poor.

Front-street dealers continue to receive letters from valley shippers, asking for turkey prices and offering supplies in various amounts, which makes certain that shipments from valley points will be heavy next week. There is no local trade in live or dressed turkeys last week. Chickens also dragged and in some cases prices were cut 1 1/2 cents in order to move the receipts. Ducks and geese were scarce.

The egg market shows no improvement. Canned Oregon eggs were quoted at 3 1/2 cents and case count at 35 cents. Buyers are holding off.

There were no changes in the butter or cheese markets.

Apples, \$1.45 per box; pomgranates, \$1.50 per box; peaches, \$1.50 per box; grapes, \$1.15 per box; etc.

STAPLE GROCERIES. RALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound tins, \$2.25; 2-pound tins, \$4.00; etc.

MEATS—Choice, \$1.75 per case; strained hams, \$1.00 per pound; etc.

POULTRY—Hens, \$1.12; chickens, \$1.15; ducks, \$1.10; etc.

DRY FRUITS—Apples, 14¢ per pound; raisins, 10¢ per pound; etc.

DAIRY AND COUNTRY PRODUCTS. BUTTER—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, \$1.25 per pound; etc.

PROVISIONS. HAMS—10 to 12 pounds, 15¢ per pound; 12 to 14 pounds, 16¢ per pound; etc.

MEATS—Lard, \$1.25 per cask; tallow, \$1.00 per cask; etc.

WHEAT—Wheat, \$1.10 per bushel; flour, \$1.50 per barrel; etc.

GRAIN—Corn, \$1.00 per bushel; oats, \$0.80 per bushel; etc.

MARKETS—Various market reports for different commodities.

WHEAT BULGE ABRUPT. MAY SHOWS A GAIN OF 1 1/2-3 CENTS AT CHICAGO.

Buying by Foreigners Follows News of Extensive Crop Damage in Argentina.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Speculative buying of wheat in this market was reported as being very active today.

WHEAT. Open High Low Close. Dec. 15 1.12 1.14 1.12 1.14.

MEATS. Choice pork, \$1.10; ham, \$1.20; etc.

GRAIN. Corn, \$1.00; oats, \$0.80; etc.

MARKETS. Portland, San Francisco, etc.

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FANCY CATTLE HIGH. Another Sale of Christmas Beef at Yards.

STEERS AT TEN DOLLARS. Load of Two and Three-Year-Olds Sold at \$7.50—Extra Choice Cattle and Heifers Also Realize Large Premium.

There was another sale of Christmas cattle at the stockyards yesterday. A fine lot of high-grade stock was put on the market and brought an excellent premium over current values, because of the superior quality.

The feature sales were two fancy steers, which weighed 1640 and 1320 pounds and brought \$10. Another steer weighing 1440 pounds sold at \$9 and one of 1310 pounds weight at \$8. Mr. Orman also had a load of 18 head of 2 and 3-year-olds that averaged 1373 pounds and these were taken at \$7.50.

STEEL PRICES DRIFT. TRADING DECREASES AND MOVEMENT IS IRREGULAR. Steel Declines Under Pressure but Recovers Its Loss—Copper Shares Strong.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Irregularity was the dominant feature of trading in today's stock market. Bullish manipulation and realizing for profits seemed to have again taken the place of the market and professional operators were disposed to allow stocks to drift.

The market's tendency to heaviness was accentuated by a few traders who sold the gold issues. Reading and the copper shares showed some recovery for their strength.

The bond market was irregular, with general movements in narrow limits. The bond market was irregular, with general movements in narrow limits.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS. Table with columns: Name, Price, Change.

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