

INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT

Frosted California Oranges Reach Local Market.

BOXES WITHOUT LABELS

California Citrus Fruit Exchanges Trying to Prevent the Shipment of Such Fruit Out of the State.

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WHEAT HOLDERS WANT FULL PRICES

Demand is Active for Milling and Export Account.

The wheat market was firm yesterday, with holders showing less disposition to let go and the milling and export demand active.

ALL LINES ARE STEADY

TRADE IS QUIET AT THE NORTH PORTLAND YARDS.

Sheep Comprise Most of the Receipts, One Thousand Head Being Unloaded.

Sheep made up most of the receipts at the stockyards yesterday, about six cars being unloaded.

HOP FUTURES ARE ADVANCING.

Twenty-seven cents paid on contract in California for 1909 Bales.

The price of hop contracts is being lifted vigorously, the California market taking the lead in this respect.

SUGAR DECLINES 10 CENTS.

All grades of refined sugar were reduced 10 cents a hundred yesterday.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT TRADE LIGHT.

The demand for fruit and vegetables was slack yesterday, in addition to the carlot receipts from California, previously announced.

PORTLAND MARKET.

GRAIN, FLOUR, FEED, ETC.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 85c; extra, 82c; red, 80c; white, 78c.

FLOUR—Patents, \$4.50 per barrel; straight, \$4.00; extra, \$3.50.

MILLS—Patents, \$2.50 per ton; shorts, \$2.00; middlings, \$1.50.

GRAIN—No. 1 white, \$1.25 per ton; No. 2, \$1.10; No. 3, \$1.00.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, variety, \$2.50 per bushel.

POTATOES—Hawkeye, \$1.50 per bushel; Redskin, \$1.40.

MEATS—Cattle, \$1.50 per hundred; sheep, \$1.40.

POULTRY—Hens, 15c per lb; turkeys, 20c.

STAPLE GROCERIES.

BALMÓN—Columbia River, 1-pound tins, \$2.25 per dozen.

COFFEES—Roasted, in drums, 25c per pound.

PEANUTS—Walnuts, 16c per pound; Brazil nuts, 14c.

SPICES—Black pepper, 12c per pound; white pepper, 10c.

TEAS—China, 10c per pound; Java, 8c.

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THE STOCKS WEAKER

Denial of Rumor of Negotiations for Goulds.

CAUSES PRICES TO DROP

Coalers are Also Easy and United States Steel is Under Pressure.

Bonds are Irregular With Trading on a Large Scale.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—There were indications today that the stock market was taking account of depressing influences which have been intruding themselves recently.

The list was perceptibly softer, price movements very narrow and the trading was too light to indicate a decided change in position.

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COGNAC BIG FACTOR

Lifts Prices of Other Cereals at Chicago.

MARKET UP ALL AROUND

Wheat Strength Aided by Stoppage of Supplies From Russia—Cash Demand Improved—Trading on Broad Scale.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Such strength developed in corn today that the buying force spread to other cereals, making the whole a general disposition to believe that the market would not be out as large as expected.

Latest figures showed net gains all around. Corn, 12c; wheat, 1c; oats, 1c.

Extreme cold and big snowfalls, making worse the prospects for getting supplies from Russia, tended to make the wheat market more improved.

Cash demand here was said to be improved. May wheat fluctuated from 1.00 to 1.02.

Provisions ruled strong. In the end pork showed an advance of 2c to 1.00 and the rest of the list 1c to 1.17c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT: May, 1.00; July, 1.02; Sept., 1.04.

CORN: May, 1.00; July, 1.02; Sept., 1.04.

OATS: May, 1.00; July, 1.02; Sept., 1.04.

MEAT: Pork, 1.00; Beef, 1.02; Lamb, 1.04.

GRAIN: Wheat, 1.00; Corn, 1.02; Oats, 1.04.

CONDENSED MILK: Eagle, 14c; Borden's, 15c.

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STOCKS AT BOSTON

Alcoa, 42; American Copper, 25; B. & O., 20; Boston Edison, 18.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Money on call steady at 4 1/2%.

Time loans steady at 6% to 6 1/2% per cent.

Commercial paper, 2 1/2 to 4%.

Exchange rates: London, 24s 6d; Paris, 165 francs.

Government bonds: 4 1/2% to 5%.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Bar silver, steady at 60c.

London, 60 days, \$4.14; 3 months, \$4.17.

Drats—8 1/2c; telegraph, 7 1/2c.

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