

## BANANA PRICE CUT

War in Front-Street Trade  
Means Cheap Fruit.

## PORTLAND LOWEST MARKET

Big Shipment Just Received Is in  
Perfect Condition, but This Does  
Not Prevent Slashing  
of Quotations.

There is a banana war on now down  
on Pacific Coast and prices are down.  
Fruit is being sold now at \$1.25  
per dozen. The market Portland the  
cheapest banana market on the Coast.  
Hercules Los Angeles has held that position  
but local prices are now under those of  
the Southern California city.

The caravans of bananas reached Portland  
Sunday night. Nearly double the usual sup-  
ply. There were in quality of fruit the best  
delivered since the start of the market, but  
there was not to remain at the lowest  
quotations for good fruit knew here in  
years. Some new on the street, for personal  
reasons, has instigated the report that the  
bananas came through troublous, but inspec-  
tion of the fruit shows this was not the  
case.

The shipment received a week ago was  
held up in the war. The train was  
switched in Texas and the messenger in  
charge was prevented by the splitting up  
of the train from giving the bananas the  
attention they required. These reaching  
Portland were in bad order, but they were  
all shipped off quickly in condition. Some  
of them sold so low as to be no longer a  
bunch.

## CALIFORNIA WEATHER INTERESTS

Local Wheat Market Is Quiet and Prices  
Are Steady.

The wheat market was quiet yesterday  
and prices were steady and unchanged.  
The demand was light and offerings were  
small.

The oats market was also quiet, but  
prices were quoted firm.

Dealers were especially interested in  
weather conditions in California. As yet  
the rainfall there had no effect on  
market.

Local receipts in vary were reported by  
the merchants. Markets as follows:

Wheat—Barley Flour—Oats—Bar-

ley—Cottonseed—Flaxseed—Milk—

Meat—Pork—Pork Products—Pork

Products—Pork Products—Pork