

# COAST APPLES FIRM

Stocks Are Cleaning Up at All Points.

## LOCAL SUPPLY VERY LIGHT

Efforts of Dealers to Depress Market Meet With Failure—Eastern Trade Is Satisfactory. Higher Prices Predicted.

The apple market all along the Coast, in spite of the efforts of some dealers to hammer prices down. This was true in San Francisco last week and for several days thereafter were necessary in order to move stocks, but there has since been a reaction and San Francisco prices are now 10 cents higher than they were at the first of the week. The consumption of apples in California is heavy and there is no doubt that the stocks held in storage there will be entirely cleaned up before the new crop appears, and at prices good or better than those now prevailing.

The local apple market could not be otherwise than firm with the small supplies available. Stocks on Front street are light and in few hands. There is practically nothing left in the country, except a few cars of Hood River and a very small supply at Mosier. These stocks will meet all local requirements during the remainder of the season and a good many cars of California apples will have to be brought up to supply the city demands.

The Eastern markets are in good shape, according to the expectations of many fruit men, who thought the great 1911 crop could not be disposed of. Mail advices from New York, received yesterday, said there was a strong demand for Newtowners on that market, but none were to be had.

A trade report said:

"A good deal of interest locally is centered in the market for apples and for a large part of the week the trade seemed to be more active on all descriptions in both choice and fancy stock, based on quotations in the several grades and varieties. There seems to be a fairly large supply on hand, but any surplus over the requirements of the trade here is finding an outlet at round quotations ruling here for shipment to interior points."

"We look for a good deal of improvement in the market for fruits later on. When the weather conditions improve there is likely also to be a big increase in demand from consumers. This market should take easily several thousand barrels of apples every day. It is to be noted that a little improvement in the export trade is in order, and this opinion is that a very considerable supply will go forward from that direction. We do not believe that the market on the other side will have much to do with the situation, though should the strike be of long duration it is likely to show its effects later on. We understand that the German market is taking on more weight than usual."

Taken as a whole, the apple market, as far as local stock is concerned, is in good shape, and there is a prospect of higher values a little later on when distribution begins.

## MOHAIR SELLING BETTER IN EUROPE

English Market More Active Than for Several Months.

Activity in the Eastern mohair market has been limited to a few lots of Texas Fall hair, largely for carding purposes, although some mohair is available for spinning purposes, says the Boston Commercial Bulletin. The sales of recent date have been made on the basis established some time ago, namely, \$22-\$23 cents. One lot of California hair or carding quality is reported sold within the past ten days at 24 cents.

Demand for Turkey hair, mohair, all at the moment, is active in this market, particularly light. It is reported that a considerable stock of hair is still left in Cincinnati, bought by local dealers at high prices at the beginning of last season and held on the declining market. The new season's hair is practically ready to come upon the market and prices will undoubtedly rule low in first sales in Turkey.

Shipping to Europe, Texas of the present will begin very shortly. Another week or two will see considerable hair ready for the buyer, although no reports of purchases are yet received, although inquiries are coming forward from the various growers as to what offers are likely to be made.

In England, according to recent mail advice, there has been a little more business in mohair than has been seen for some months past.

The increased interest for mohair by manufacturers to buy, however, appears to have come from the concessions of dealers who wished to move their stock. The past year both in England and in this country has been a very good example of the difficulty of mohair when that staple is not in especially good condition.

Current quoted prices: 24¢-\$25¢ ordinary carding; 24¢-\$25¢ ordinary carding, 22¢-\$23¢ carding, 21¢-\$20¢. Previous: Cape Girard, 48¢; Tadlock, Fall average, 42¢-\$2.

## LOCAL OATS PRICES NO HIGHER

### Trade Quiet.

The local oats market was firm yesterday, but not higher. In some quarters it was declared the advance had been too rapid. A large dealer offered to sell 10,000 bushels at \$24, but said he could find no takers. The strongest position of the market, however, is the same, and nearby early grade oats look to be the most popular.

The stamping wheat prices took some of the strength out at the local wheat market. Oats were not numerous but at the same time offerings were light.

Local receipts in care, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

Wheat	Barley	Oats
Monday	40	7
Tuesday	20	7
Wednesday	26	9
Thursday	18	1
Friday	12	1
Saturday	57	187
Sunday	122	219
Total	188	218
Year ago	30,642	500

## EGG MARKET IS WORKING DOWNWARD

Quality Receipts Are Small and Prices Stable.

For a week past, offered as no lower, say to the present time values have held fairly well. The general quotation yesterday was 20 cents for certain receipts. The day's arrivals did not exceed 1000 cases.

Quality receipts were small and sales were at unchanged prices.

The egg market was easy. Supplies were reported to be good and buyers held back. Prices were steady.

Birds and choices sold as the quotations that have ruled for several days. Both were firm.

Vegetable Supply Is Large.

An fair amount of California radish and potato, onions, carrots, turnips, beets, green vegetables and a car of Los Angeles celery and lettuce arrived yesterday. There was a good market for vegetables throughout the day and prices generally were steady. The entire fruit market was unchanged.

Candy Sugar Market Steady.

There was a general decline in various sugar at New York yesterday. The drop was

slightly less in character. The Pacific Coast market was steady.

**Bank Clearings.**  
Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Portland	\$1,904,194	St. Louis	\$337,730
Seattle	2,288,510	St. Paul	281,827
Spokane	218,443	Winnipeg	10,000
Oakland	2,010,010	Montreal	10,000

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