

FURS SELLING WELL

March Auction at London Is Satisfactory.

BUYING ON LIBERAL SCALE

Demand From All Countries Owing to Restricted Purchases Last Year — Sharp Advances Made on Some Skins.

The fur trade has been quite satisfactory during the past few months in all the leading markets of the world. The great portion of the January sale goods and also large quantities of direct shipments to London have since been disposed of, especially the simple articles, such as muskrat, skunk, beaver, raccoon, American and Australian possum, cheap grays, etc., which form the bulk of the imports. There is an eager and admittedly genuine demand from almost all countries, and it would seem that the restriction of purchases by the trade last year is making itself felt.

The following report has been received of the March sale at London:

Otter, \$280 skins (last year \$220)—This article has sold fairly well, mainly by reason of the low price established by the exchange, and stocks are considerably reduced, more especially of dying skins. The result at this sale was an average advance of 17% per cent, the rise being principally on the I and II, while the II are only about 10 per cent to 12 per cent higher. Bought almost entirely for Continental account.

Fox silver, 261 skins (last year \$22)—Did not do as well last year. The article is considered, no doubt, to be too expensive, and was difficult to dispose of. The present collection was a good deal larger than last year, although much less attractive. Prices remain unaltered.

Marten, 25,865 skins (last year 29,260)—Have sold only moderately well during the last year. There is a good demand for this article for America, especially for the finer kinds, and this strengthened the market. The collection was considerably smaller than last year's and prices are on the average about 10 per cent higher, but the advance was principally on the pale skins.

Romine, 54,283 skins (last year 49,887)—Continues to sell well. The collection was somewhat larger than last year and prices advanced about 25 per cent compared with last March.

Mink, 36,918 skins (last year 32,944)—The sale of this article during the past year left a good deal to be desired and consequently lower prices would have been more in accordance with the feeling of the trade. The collection was considerably smaller than last year's and prices are on the average about 10 per cent higher, but the advance was principally on the pale skins.

Hermes, 14,283 skins (last year 49,887)—Continues to sell well. The collection was somewhat larger than last year and prices advanced about 25 per cent compared with last March.

Lynx, 7,682 skins (last year 3,571)—Still in excellent demand for the American market, met with good competition and prices are again 10 per cent up compared with a year ago, although the collection was nearly double last year's.

TRADE IN WHEAT IS HALTED.

High Prices Paid Last Saturday Check Business at All Points.

The wheat market has become very quiet after the excitement of last week. The high prices in the Walla Walla section Saturday have stopped selling by farmers at prices any less than those paid. Other buyers are not disposed to go above Saturday's quotations or even to equal them except for small quantities, and consequently the market has returned to business. Bluestem is quoted heavily at 95¢@\$1.00 and others at 90¢. It is believed that the transactions at Walla Walla were largely speculative.

The flour market is very firm. It is probable that within the next two days the lists of all the mills in the Northwest will be uniform at the 20-cent advance.

Oats were quoted firm at \$3.50, with few offerings.

Local receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

Wheat, Barley, Flour, Oats, Hay, Monday ... 71 24 6 18 Tuesday ... 29 2 1 8 Year avg. ... 29 2 1 8

Year to date 11,900 319 2,070 1,340 1,307

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Foreign crop conditions are summarized by the Liverpool Corn Trade News as follows:

United Kingdom—In the lowlands the weather is favorable and sowing is progressing. Stocks are very small.

France—The weather is favorable and the crop promises well. Offerings of native wheat are moderate.

Germany—The outcome for the new crop is generally good. Supply of native wheat fair and the export demand continued on a large scale, but no unusual complaints regarding germination.

Hungary, Italy and Turkey—The outlook is favorable.

Russia—The crop promise is favorable.

There are fair arrivals at the ports, and these are loaded immediately, as the export demand is urgent. The weather is seasonable.

Russia—The outcome for Winter wheat is good. Spring field work has started and the weather is seasonable.

The weather is unsettled in the north, which is delaying threshing. It is expected that there will be small exports of wheat until June, as reserves of old wheat are very small.

WASHINGTON HOP CONTRACT AT 25.

Australian Crop is Harvested and is Short of Last Year.

A contract for 24,000 pounds of the Van Kelly hop at 25¢ a pound at Chehalis at 25 cents has been secured by the Chehalis & Yamhill Hop Company, of which M. L. Pines is manager.

Advice received yesterday from Australia said the crop of that country, which was harvested at the end of February, is from 1000 to 1500 bales short of last year's. Two-thirds of the Australian crop has been marketed in the next three years.

LIBERAL RECEIPTS OF COUNTRY VEAL.

Eggs Are Steady in Spite of Less Active Trading.

The dressed meat market was liberally supplied yesterday. Prices were just as weak, but 12 cents was obtainable on fancy offerings. Pork was firm at 10 cents.

There was a good demand for chickens of all sizes at first prices.

Some of the speculators who have been putting away eggs have ceased operations, but the market remains in a steady condition.

Butter and cheese held at last prices.

DEMAND FOR VEGETABLES IS ACTIVE.

Shipments of New Crop Onions Is the North Delayed by Rain.

Produce receipts yesterday included a number of California vegetables. The street was well supplied with most kinds of truck and the volume of trade was good. Prices generally were steady.

Advices from Texas were that no more Mexican Bermuda onions will be shipped for several days owing to rain. There are no cars in transit to this market. The car received Monday is cleaning up well.

Mohair Selling Is Slow.

Mohair is selling in a small way at vari-

LIST TURNS STRONG

Stock Prices Advance on Heavy Buying.

MILLION SHARES TAKEN

Union Pacific Sells at the Highest Point of This Year—Coalers and Southern Lines Strong.

Call Money Lower.

ous points in the valley. The majority of growers are very firm in their views and believe the prices now quoted are entirely low. Some of the dealers are still offering no cents, but there are no sellers at this figure. Thirty-three cents is offered elsewhere in the valley. It is reported that a few selected lots were bought at 35 cents.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Portland \$1,000,000. Cleared, \$1,238.

Tacoma 1,350,522. Cleared, 1,07,047.

Spokane 1,058,119. Cleared, 1,02,085.

Seattle 937,925. Cleared, 1,02,047.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 98¢@\$1.00; club, 94¢; red Russian, 93¢; valley, 92¢; 10¢-fold, 90¢.

MILK—Milk, Barren, \$22.00 per ton;

sheds, \$24.00; middlings, \$30.

Straights, \$4.00; exports, \$3.00; \$4.50; grain, \$4.00; wheats, \$4.25 per ton.

CORN—Wheat, 94¢; barley, 94¢; cracked, 95¢ per ton.

No. 1 Valley, 91¢@14¢; alfalfa, \$12@12.50; clover, 95¢@9¢; oats and vetch, \$10@10.50; grain, 94¢ per ton.

OATS—No. 1 white, \$9.50 per ton.

Vegetables and Fruits.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navel, \$2.50@3.25; Calcutta, grapefruit, \$1.50@2.25; lemon, 75¢@1.25.

Apples, 25¢@35¢; pears, 25¢@35¢; pineapples, 10¢ per pound.

PEACHES—Muscat, \$1.50 per box; black, \$1.25 per box; white, \$1.00 per box.

POTATOES—Buying prices: 25¢ per box; 50¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 25¢ per crate.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 75¢@90¢ per dozen; carrots, 15¢ per box; green beans, 15¢ per box.

ONIONS—Lima, 15¢@18¢; red, 15¢@18¢; yellow, 15¢@18¢; green, 15¢@18¢.

SAC—VEGETABLES—Turnips, 15¢@18¢.

SPICES—Lemons, 15¢@18¢.

CHICORY—Roots, 15¢@18¢.

DAIRY AND COUNTRY PRODUCE.

BUTTER—Oregon creamy butter, solid pack, 35¢@45¢ per pound.

EGG—Fresh, 25¢ per dozen; candied, 21¢ per dozen; case, 20¢.

CHEESE—Oregon, 25¢ per pound.

POULTRY—Fancy, 11¢@12¢; Spring, 17¢@18¢; broiler, 12¢@13¢; duck, 20¢; goose, 18¢; turkey, 20¢; dressed, 25¢.

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CLOTHING STOCKS HOLD.

SMALLER SUPPLY OFFERED AT THE YARDS.

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