

WHEAT PRICES WEAK

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QUOTATIONS ARE NOMINAL

Farmers Not Pressing Sales in View of Inactive State of Trade.

Foreign Exchanges Are Depressed.

Wheat buyers in the Northwest have practically all withdrawn from the market for the time being.

The foreign markets were depressed. At Liverpool declines ranged from 1 to 1 1/4.

Cargoes on passage were quoted 1 1/2 to 3/4 lower. Closing prices at Chicago were not materially changed from Monday.

Wheat closed there at 77 1/2 cents, as compared with a quotation of 79 1/2 cents on the same day last year and \$1.02 1/2 on the last day of June two years ago.

Pending a clearer view of the future, local wheat traders are not in a mood to make commitments. At the same time farmers are not pressing sales and inactivity, therefore, prevails all along the line.

In the barley market contracting has also been slow, not much spot barley is being offered, and the market is steady.

Oats are quiet at the prices that have prevailed for the past month. Crop prospects are good, there is no disposition to engage in speculative buying. Supplies in the country are much reduced, but there are still large quantities of oats held here which will probably bring less than the holders paid for them last year.

The hay market is slack and rather weak. Prices are being barely maintained. Reports from the valley are that a good deal of oat and vetch hay was harvested by rain.

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

Table with columns: Wheat, Barley, Oats, Hay, etc. showing quantities and prices.

SUPPLY IS LARGE AT FUR SALES.

Unusually Heavy Stock at Latest Auction at London.

The most important fur sales in London are held in the Spring. At the recent sales the stock was larger than usual, chiefly because the next most important Continental country imported less than its customary quota.

Receipts from the Continent in all, it is estimated that between 10,000,000 and 12,000,000 skins were sold. On a given day, which was Monday, there were 4,000,000 American opossum, 80,000 raccoon, and 3,000 ermine cats. The numbers offered differed, of course, from day to day.

At 4:00 o'clock skins were catalogued for sale in one day, and 2,500,000 musquash or mink, of the latter, 4,000,000 were offered during the sale.

The kinds of skins chiefly in demand this year were those of the seal, mink, musquash, and beaver, but not so eagerly sought, although considerable numbers of them were catalogued for sale. Among the specialties were grizzly and other bears, lynxes, musk ox, wild cat, ermine, wallaby, boya, kangaroo, monkey, gibbon, badger, marmoset, leopard, and house cat. Forty thousand house cats were catalogued for sale.

The prices realized for skins varied from 24 and 49 cents to \$4.51; for musquash and house cats from 12 to 61 cents. In the case of skunk or musquash sample bundles comprising 100 skins were hung on the racks for examination to enable buyers to estimate the value of the whole lot offered, these lots varying from 400 to 800 skins and up to 4,000 musquash. Of the more expensive skins—sable, or silver fox—the whole lot, whether consisting of one skin or half a dozen, was examined. The prices realized for silver fox ranged from \$213 to \$214 per skin.

ALL CROPS MAKE GOOD PROGRESS

Weather in Past Week Beneficial Except to Hay and Vegetables.

The weekly Oregon weather and crop summary of the Weather Bureau follows:

"The first half of the week was showery and cool, the rain that fell during this period was on the whole very beneficial, although they delayed sowing and damaged some hay that was cut and being carried on the ground.

"During the middle of the week the nights were unusually cool and frost formed in a few places in the central portion of the state. This frost was of no account to the gardens, which were badly injured by it. During the last half of the week the weather was dry and warm, and the crops prevailed. All crops during this period made splendid progress.

"Fall wheat in the Willamette valley shows large heads of well-filled grain and the farmers in all portions of the state with very few exceptions well pleased with the present outlook.

"Early planting in Jackson County will be in the market within a week or ten days."

TRADE IN WATERMELONS IS BRISK

Cantaloupes Also Sell Well, but at Low Prices.

Two cars of cantaloupes, one of watermelons and one of mixed fruits, were received yesterday. Melons and cantaloupes were in strong demand, but prices were low. Delectable fruits sold at steady quotations.

Oregon peaches were more plentiful and brought 50 to 75 cents. Some of the Dalles peaches were of fine quality, but were injured by being poorly packed. California peaches were in demand, but prices were not so high as last year.

There were no changes in poultry prices, receipts were fully equal to the demand.

Eggs were firm at unchanged prices. Receipts are only half the present consumption and the deficiency is being made up out of storage stocks.

No changes were reported in the butter and cheese market.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities were as follows:

Table with columns: City, Amount, Date.

Sugar Market Is Firmer.

The sugar market is again looking up, and prices of refined grades may soon be advanced. Wires received yesterday re-

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: New club, 77 1/2; new club, 78 1/2; new club, 79 1/2; new club, 80 1/2.

FLOUR—Pavetta, \$1.80 per barrel; straight, \$1.75; whole wheat, \$1.85; Graham, \$1.80; whole wheat, \$1.85.

BARLEY—Feed, \$2.00 per ton; brewer's, \$2.10; malt, \$2.20; malted timothy, \$1.80; valley grain hay, \$1.00; timothy, \$1.10; white mill, \$2.25 per ton.

OATS—No. 1 white mill, \$2.25 per ton; CORN—Whole, \$2.00; cracked, \$2.00 per ton.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations: TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navela, \$1.75-\$2.25 per box; lemons, \$2.00-\$2.50 per box.

POULTRY—Hens, 10c; broilers, 15c; turkeys, 20c; ducks, 10c; geese, 10c; chickens, 10c; geese, 10c; chickens, 10c.

HOPE—1914 crop, prime and choice, 14c; 1913, 13c; 1912, 12c; 1911, 11c; 1910, 10c; 1909, 9c; 1908, 8c; 1907, 7c; 1906, 6c; 1905, 5c; 1904, 4c; 1903, 3c; 1902, 2c; 1901, 1c; 1900, 1c; 1899, 1c; 1898, 1c; 1897, 1c; 1896, 1c; 1895, 1c; 1894, 1c; 1893, 1c; 1892, 1c; 1891, 1c; 1890, 1c; 1889, 1c; 1888, 1c; 1887, 1c; 1886, 1c; 1885, 1c; 1884, 1c; 1883, 1c; 1882, 1c; 1881, 1c; 1880, 1c; 1879, 1c; 1878, 1c; 1877, 1c; 1876, 1c; 1875, 1c; 1874, 1c; 1873, 1c; 1872, 1c; 1871, 1c; 1870, 1c; 1869, 1c; 1868, 1c; 1867, 1c; 1866, 1c; 1865, 1c; 1864, 1c; 1863, 1c; 1862, 1c; 1861, 1c; 1860, 1c; 1859, 1c; 1858, 1c; 1857, 1c; 1856, 1c; 1855, 1c; 1854, 1c; 1853, 1c; 1852, 1c; 1851, 1c; 1850, 1c; 1849, 1c; 1848, 1c; 1847, 1c; 1846, 1c; 1845, 1c; 1844, 1c; 1843, 1c; 1842, 1c; 1841, 1c; 1840, 1c; 1839, 1c; 1838, 1c; 1837, 1c; 1836, 1c; 1835, 1c; 1834, 1c; 1833, 1c; 1832, 1c; 1831, 1c; 1830, 1c; 1829, 1c; 1828, 1c; 1827, 1c; 1826, 1c; 1825, 1c; 1824, 1c; 1823, 1c; 1822, 1c; 1821, 1c; 1820, 1c; 1819, 1c; 1818, 1c; 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