

FLOUR BIDDERS WANT New-Crop Market Is Not Yet Opened.

Takes have discovered that these Malinda serve as excellent decoys. Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows: Clearings, Balance, Portland, \$1,096,184, \$167,941; Seattle, \$1,214,543, \$11,925; Spokane, \$392,580, \$1,573; Tacoma, \$97,452, \$44,800.

POTATO MARKET QUOTATIONS Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various commodities like flour, grain, and feed. Includes items like 'Merchandise Exchange, noon session' and 'Wheat, No. 1 feed'.

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In milling circles it is believed that new flour will open around \$4.70, if wheat values maintain about the present level. A few small lots are reported to have been offered, and it is said one mill has named a price of \$4.60, but there is little interest yet in the market in any quarter.

Prospects for export trade are uncertain—Oriental Business Hampered by Abnormally High Freight Rate.

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Although the market for particular change in live meats, beef tended upward, while hogs and sheep were rather easy and some reductions were made in provisions. The tone in the market was a mixture of short time ago. The strength of leather, however, is very well maintained on practically all grades, and in some instances holders appear indifferent as to trading at present values.

The steady improvement in iron and steel market conditions is reflected in a hardening of quotations. The price of iron is increasing frequency with which premiums are being paid as an inducement for prompt delivery. There was a notable revival of activity in the market for lead, tin, copper, and zinc, but some decline appeared in tin and antimony.

Cotton moved up sharply and raw wool continued firm, but cotton, coffee, prunes, figs, rubber, sugar and turpentine were inclined to weakness. Lower prices for some kinds of fruits and vegetables, owing to overabundant supplies, were in part offset by some activity and advance in others.

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SALES ARE REFERRED Stocks in Wall Street Are Again Under Pressure.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The market for coffee futures was rather steady today in sympathy with the continued steadiness of the primary markets, and on reports of a somewhat improved spot demand. Trading, however, was very quiet and active opening at an advance of 2 to 3 points, the market advanced comparatively little. March contracts sold at 8 1/2 and May at 8 1/4.

TENDENCY IS DOWNWARD Speculative Sentiment Affected by Latest Aspects of International Situation—Foreign Exchange Market Is Firmer.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Latest aspects of the international situation as suggested by the attitude in relation to the attack upon the Austrian ultimatum, and the demand for the recall of the Austrian Ambassador, acted as the main deterrent to speculative sentiment today. Stocks opened at moderate declines, but recovered almost immediately, only to back off at midday. They closed heavily under the influence of foreign selling because effective to the extent of causing the loss of one to two points in investment issues, with greater losses in the volatile specialties.

There was not much on the market at North Portland yesterday except wheat, and the offerings were disposed of in the market at a price of \$0.85 to \$0.90 per bushel.

There were no transactions in other lines when prices were quoted steady. Receipts for wheat, 50,700 bushels and 64 sheep. Shipments were 24,000 bushels and 10 sheep.

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POTATO CROPS ARE SHORT Eastern Oregon Counties to Have About Enough for Own Use.

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special)—H. H. Weatherpoon, Eastern Oregon member of the State Horticultural Board, has completed a survey of the potato and apple crops in several Eastern Oregon counties. In Malheur he found that the new crop will be exhausted by home consumption next month, due to a variety of diseases which have infected the potatoes, not only in Eastern Oregon, but Southern Idaho. The crop in Union County will be just about enough for home consumption, while Baker, Wallowa and Umatilla counties are not so heavy. The apple crop, he found, over the same area, is about 15 per cent normal.

Wheat Wanted at Chicago for Quick Delivery. Scarcity of Contract Stocks at Leading Centers Cause Sharp Advance in Market, Aided by Rain Reports.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—Wheat made a sharp advance today, influenced chiefly by the virtual exhaustion of contract stocks here and the reports of similar conditions opening up to the west, with September at 80c to 85c and December at 85c to 92c. The market scored a material further gain all around. Corn finished 5c to 6c up and oats with a gain of 1c to 2c. Provisions the advance varied from 5c decline to a rise of 12c.

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE. San Francisco Los Angeles (Without Change En Route). The Big, Clean, Comfortable, Dependable, Sensible Steamship S. S. BEAR. Sails from Alanyworth Dock 9 A. M., SEPTEMBER 14.

IRRIGATION WORK RUSHED. Dirt Is Flying on West Okanogan Project, Says C. E. Leedy. WENATCHEE, Wash., Sept. 10.—(Special)—The dirt is flying on the West Okanogan irrigation project and the work is being done at a rapid pace.

O-W. R. & N. Steamer Service. Steamship I. J. FORTER leaves Ash-street Dock on Monday. Schedule of routes to various ports including Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland.

NORTH PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO. San Francisco Los Angeles and San Diego. S. S. ELDER. Sails Wednesday, September 15, 6 P. M.

FRENCH LINE. Compagnie Generale Transatlantique. Sailing from New York to Bordeaux, Chicago, La Touraine, ESPAGNE, ROCHAMBEAU.

AUSTRALIA. Honohulu and South Seas. "VENTURA" - "SONOMA" - "SIERRA". 1300-ton AMERICAN Steamships. \$130 Honohulu Round Trip Sydney, \$337.50.

STEAMSHIP SAILS DIRECT FOR SAN FRANCISCO. LOS ANGELES - SAN DIEGO. TO AUCKLAND, SYDNEY, MELB. via San Francisco, Portland & Los Angeles.

Signs of Betterment. Many favorable features in trade reports. Confidence in future is spreading, and prosperity rules in many sections of the country.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Bradstreet's tone report will say. Confidence as to the future is spreading, and while holidays, as well as conservatism in the money market, are not allowing the market to trade movements, the week has provided another budget of favorable factors.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Copper quiet and unchanged. The metal exchange quoted in steady at \$38.50.

HOP MEN NEED PICKERS. YARDS IN POLK COUNTY ARE SHORT ON WORKERS. Early Season and Reduced Pay Are Regarded as Cause, Although Some Growers Pay 50 Cents.

Georgiana. Harkins Transportation Co. Leaves Daily (except Mondays) at 7 A. M. Sunday, 7:30 A. M. for ASTORIA and way landings.