

SNOW CHECKS SALES

Wheat Trading in Country on Smaller Scale.

DEMAND CONTINUES GOOD

Prices Are Firmer With Advance at Chicago—Coast Milling Demand Causes Sharp Rise in February Bluestem.

A smaller amount of wheat has been shipped from the country by local dealers than for a long time past. This demand continues and bids are sent out regularly. Not much of the country market seems to respond to absence of foreign buyers in the same sense, which has been general throughout the Northwest. Until the weather improves the trade here looks for slow gains.

The market was firm, to begin with, the advance at Chicago. At the Merchants Exchange bids were raised 1 cent on small delivery of white wheat, while "Fancy" wheat offers were advanced 2½ cents over Wednesday's price on a large demand from milling here and in the south. Dark red wheat was sent higher by 1 cent.

It is to be noted that freight from India to Liverpool, quoted via Cape of Good Hope, have been advanced 20 per cent. A few days ago, it will be recalled, Lloyd advanced the insurance rate for shipment via Suez through. Under these conditions of freight, insurance and shortage of storage space, there is little opportunity where the foreign market is more active than for the country market to increase its sales. It is easy to understand the anxiety of foreign buyers to get hold of American wheat and their quick purchases whenever there is a reaction in the market.

It is estimated that exclusive of the amounts held by Russia, December contracts and the central empire, there is about two weeks' supply of wheat in the European markets. For some time now, however, news reporting a scarcity of open wheat and heavy demand for contracts regarding future supplies. The shortage in storage, however, has presented any accommodation, and the move to banish British ships to carry grain cargoes from the United States and Argentina is an effort to relieve the acute situation.

Technical receipts in early were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13
Year ago	50	51	52	53
January to date	7,721	7,742	7,763	7,784
Year ago	7,279	7,292	7,304	7,315
December, Wed.	8	8	8	8
Year ago	8	8	8	8
January to date	7,052	7,063	7,074	7,085
Year ago	6,803	6,814	6,825	6,836
December, Wed.	8	8	8	8
Year ago	6,811	6,822	6,833	6,844
January to date	5,479	5,490	5,511	5,532

COAST SUGAR MARKET IS STEADY

Not Affected by Decline in Prices on Atlantic Seaboard.

The sugar market is holding steady. The 20-cent decline in the East had no effect here, as the Coast market had not been affected by the fall in prices. Trade sources influence a lack of interest shown in granulated by the country at large. The distributors and manufacturers are of the opinion apparently that nothing will be lost by waiting for developments, as the probabilities favor readjustment in the price of granulated to new crop rates.

The mounting influence in Cuba is still the main argument to be made to the market. It is to be noted, however, that the British government is considering vessels in the coffee trade with this country to carry sugar. Britain is highly import from Cuba to the United States. An inquiry in Cuban writes of the crop situation.

The favorable weather is having a very good effect upon the yield, which is reported to be 20 per cent above last year. A 2 per cent better than last year at this date. We hear of 8 per cent in certain parts of the island where the yield is generally poor, of 18 per cent in the Chiriquian district, and of nearly 10 per cent in one part of Oriente province where this result has never been obtained before at this season of the year. The prospects are therefore favorable for a good crop. The market is not yet certain, while the weather continues favorable. A good many factors are still struggling to get their place in order for grading. A large number of contracts exist to common grading in the next eight to ten days. Producers, as a rule, are not anxious to do so in view of the fact that about 200,000 tons of new crop are already available here. While the available supplies are not so small, encouraging them to the belief that all their January and perhaps those February production will find a good market, while it is in the stage of actual sugar.

MODERATE TRADE IN HOP MARKET

Latest Transactions Reported in Oregon and California.

Although there is no sign in the hop market these days, prices continue at a fairly steady level with a little business passing at the time. The J. W. Beaver Hop Company recently bought the Hopton crop of 30 bushels per acre at \$1.20 per bushel. A. L. Lester & Co. bought 44 bushels from Clarence Miller, of Astoria, at \$1.20 per bushel. California advised noted a fairer series trade. J. C. Pendleton sold 200 bushels of onions and W. Chamberlain 180 bushels of onions, both to Wolf at 20 cents. Half paid 10 cents for the Mendocino crop of J. C. Johnson. Other Mendocino sales were by Tom Garner and Fred Wright to Richardson at 20 cents.

LOCAL EGG RECEIPTS ARE DECREASING

Market Is Firm, but Buying Is Still Limited in Actual Needs.

Receipts of eggs have declined considerably this week. The market is firm and stocks are held at full price, but buyers are taking hold only in a limited way, as far as possible. The market is not without a recognition of the decline.

Producers' arrivals were on a more liberal scale than in the early part of the week, but the demand was good and prices were firm. Receipts of dressed meats were also large. Total sales were made at 12½ cents, but pork continued to bring the old price.

The butter market was firm, without change in quotations.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ORANGE REBATE

First Shipment of Season Is Brought Up by Steamer.

Trade in the fruit and vegetable market, which was checked by the strike, improved yesterday. Stocks in most lines are now more numerous and of better quality. There were a small assortment of vegetables on the market, including parsnips, sprouts, cauliflower and cabbage.

The potato market continues firm locally. Prices are not offering.

Bacon Clearance. Stock clearance of the Northwestern bacon yesterday were as follows:

	1/2 lb.	1 lb.	2 lbs.	4 lbs.	8 lbs.	16 lbs.	32 lbs.	48 lbs.	64 lbs.
Pork	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Ham	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Shoulder	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Stew meat	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Chops	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Steaks	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
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Chops	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Steaks	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Portland Market Quotations

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchandise Exchange, more or less.

Wheat—

Flour—

Feed—

Provisions—

Meat—

Bacon—

Cheese—

Butter—

Eggs—

Meat—

Flour—

Feed—

Provisions—

Meat—

Bacon—

Cheese—

Butter—

Eggs—

Meat—

Bacon—

Cheese—