

WHEAT GOES DOWN

Trading Is at Standstill Until Market Settles.

NO FARMER OFFERINGS

Oats Are Steadily by Government Demand for Border Supplies and by California Inquiry—Barley Season at an End.

Wheat trading is at a standstill in the Northwest and until the Eastern markets settle down to a normal basis nothing will be done here.

The oats market is holding very steady in spite of the downturn in wheat.

Barley is not being offered in the Exchange during the remainder of the season.

A Liverpool cable said: "United Kingdom millers demand quiet, and government offers increasing."

Terminal receipts in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

Table with columns: Wheat, Flour, Oats, Hops, etc. and rows for various grades and quantities.

CITY TRADE IN TURKEYS SMALL

Best Prices Are Obtained on Shipping Orders—Receipts Light.

Turkeys sold at a wide range of prices on a front street yesterday.

Country dressed meats were in good supply. Veal was firm and pork weak and half a cent lower.

HALF OF POTATO CROP SHIPPED

Farmers in This State Are Still Holding About 1000 Cars.

The potato movement is good, considering the car shortage.

Buying in the country is still light. Dealers are offering \$1.25 to \$1.40.

The egg market is firm. During the day and 36 cents, case count, was the general quotation on the street.

Bank clearings helped the market. Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Table with columns: Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, etc. and rows for clearing amounts.

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Table with columns: Grain, Flour, Feed, etc. and rows for various market prices.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extra, 24c; prime firsts, 23c; firsts, 22c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations: TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navel, \$1.50 per box.

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Raw sugar steady. Centralized, \$2.14; molasses, \$4.75.

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WHEAT AT CHICAGO DEPRESSED

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VOLUME OF TRADE LIGHT

Additional Diplomatic Movements Said to Be Coming, if Not Already in Progress Under Cover.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Wheat values averaged somewhat lower today, mainly because of reports that new efforts for peace were being made.

Considerable nervousness was evinced in the wheat trade through the season, but the volume of business did not exceed normal.

Some purchasing of future deliveries by foreign government acted as a temporary stimulus for the wheat bulls about the middle of the season.

LOWEST BIDDER NAMED

PEARSON COMPANY IS RECOMMENDED FOR VIADUCTS.

Contract to Be Awarded February 28, But Council Declines to Bind City Before Date.

The Pearson Construction Company was declared by the City Council yesterday to be the lowest bidder for the construction of viaducts along the line of the O. W. R. & N. on the East Side.

The action was in accordance with demands of the Pearson Company for called for the award of contract February 28 and not before.

The Council has heard rumblings of possible lawsuits to stop the regrade project and therefore declined to bind itself legally to the award of contract.

The holding of the bids and certified checks until February 28 will cost each of the three contractors \$500 in interest.

FLAX PROVED SUCCESS

STATE CONTROL BOARD SAYS EXCELLENT QUALITY IS GROWN.

Sole Remaining Problem is Retting, and Experiments Are Under Way to Determine Best Method.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A statement that the question of the possibility of raising flax in the state is being taken up by the State Board of Agriculture, is made by the State Board of Control in its report on the flax industry.

After briefly reciting the history of the industry, the report says: "Two problems seem to require solution."

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DAMAGES FOR AUTO COLLISION ALLOWED AGAINST CONSIDERER.

Seven Witnesses Testify in Court as to Reckless Driving—Refuge in Law He Sponsored Falls.

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FRUIT POOLS ARE CLOSING

Hood River Growers Will Receive Money This Week.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The clerical force of the Fruit Growers' Exchange is busy closing the season's early varieties of apples and the pear crop handled by the exchange.

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NEW PLANT VOTED

Morton Council Decides Upon Installing Gravity System.

MORTON, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Reading that it is but a question of months before the present water supply will be wholly inadequate on account of either announced or prospective industrial development of Morton, the Council on Monday night voted to install a gravity water plant.

The amount saved each month from reduced operating expenses will pay the entire cost of the plant within a comparatively short time.

The Council meeting the returns were canvassed and verified, whereupon they were accepted as announced.

SHEEPMAN BUYS CATTLE

Grant Thompson, of Crane, Purchases Herd in Willamette Valley.

CRANE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Grant Thompson, a sheepman of Harney County, living four miles south of Crane, who recently sold his flock of 9000 sheep for more than \$65,000, has just purchased a herd of 200 head of cattle in the Willamette Valley.

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POTATOES BEING SHIPPED

Eight Carloads Weekly Are Being Sent Out From Ridgefield.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Potatoes are being shipped from here to points in Nebraska and California at the rate of about eight carloads a week by Charles H. Greely, who has bought up most of the 1916 crop of potatoes in the Early Rose variety and is being bought for \$1.25 per 100 pounds.

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DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Table with columns: Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc. and rows for various city statistics.

ALASKA

Prince Rupert, Alaska, 1916. Prince Rupert, Alaska, 1916.

CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, California, 1916. San Francisco, California, 1916.

AUSTRALIA

Honolulu, Suva, New Zealand. Honolulu, Suva, New Zealand.

SEAMSHIP

SAN FRANCISCO. LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO. TODAY, 2:30 P. M., DEC. 21.

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Maximum temperature, 49 degrees; minimum, 41 degrees.

THE WEATHER.

Table with columns: Station, Direction, Weather.

Seattle, Wash., 49-52; Portland, Ore., 49-52; Eugene, Ore., 49-52.

San Francisco, Calif., 49-52; Los Angeles, Calif., 49-52.

Chicago, Ill., 49-52; New York, N.Y., 49-52.

London, Eng., 49-52; Paris, France, 49-52.

Stockholm, Sweden, 49-52; Copenhagen, Denmark, 49-52.

Helsinki, Finland, 49-52; Moscow, Russia, 49-52.

Beijing, China, 49-52; Tokyo, Japan, 49-52.

Sydney, Australia, 49-52; Melbourne, Australia, 49-52.

Wellington, New Zealand, 49-52; Auckland, New Zealand, 49-52.

Honolulu, Hawaii, 49-52; Suva, Fiji, 49-52.

Manila, Philippines, 49-52; Cebu, Philippines, 49-52.

Batavia, Netherlands East Indies, 49-52; Singapore, 49-52.

Calcutta, British India, 49-52; Bombay, British India, 49-52.

Rangoon, British India, 49-52; Madras, British India, 49-52.

Yokohama, Japan, 49-52; Kobe, Japan, 49-52.

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