

CAR SITUATION BAD

Grain Men Say It Is Worst Ever Known Here.

LOCAL SHIPMENTS STOPPED

May Is Piling Up for Lack of Equipment to Move It to California, Where It Is Urgently Needed for Stock Feeders.

The car situation, according to grain men, is worse than ever known in this territory. Not only is it practically impossible to get cars, but the few cars available cannot be moved, except with extreme difficulty. The roads decide to allow cars to leave their lines, acting on orders from the railroad administration, but this has not improved the situation locally, as empties belonging here have not been returned from the East, as grain dealers were given to understand would be the case.

While car shipments, even to home ports, are thus delayed, a general condition has developed in regard to hay. Not only are some of the warehouses being swamped with hay awaiting shipment to California, but a great number of loaded cars have accumulated here and no progress is being made in transferring them. This hay is from Idaho, Eastern Oregon and the Yakima country, and it is urgently needed by farmers in the southern state. Some of it is being shipped to Army camps in California, but these Government orders appear to have no preference over other classes of shipments.

In the apple and potato trades there is the same complaint, but in the latter case the slowing down of the demand has eased the situation somewhat.

SOUTHERN POTATO MARKETS WEAK

No Change in Local Situation, With Demand Backward.

There was no change in the potato situation at the opening of the week. The demand was slow at shipping points, with buyers quoting \$6c@ \$4 for Burbanks U. S. No. 1 and \$1@ \$1.25 for seed stock. Early Idaho potatoes were also slow and unchanged. But buyers were quoted on the street at \$1.00@ \$1.25 with average price of \$1.00@ \$1.20. Early Rosses were held at \$1.50@ \$1.75 and Yakima Reds at \$1.25@ \$1.45.

Destinations of the latest shipments from the Coast were given by the Bureau of Markets as follows:

From Oregon—New Orleans 3, Sacramento 2, Stockton 2.

From Montana—Minneapolis 1.

From California—Bakersfield 2, Galveston 2, San Francisco 1, Bremerton 2, Los Angeles 11, Stockton 1, El Paso 8, Olympia 1, L. 1, Tucson 2, Fort Worth 1, San Antonio 1, unreported 3, Fresno 1, San Diego 2, Fort Washington-American Lake 1, Kansas City 1, San Antonio 1, Chicago 1, Toledo 1, L. 1, Tacoma 1, Everett 1, New Orleans 1, unreported 3.

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Idaho Round, \$2.20@ \$2.30; Colorado Round, \$2.15@ \$2.25.

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