

LOSS OF POTATOES HEAVY WORKS VERY HEAVY Frost Caught Stocks in Transit and in Storage.

PITS EVEN DID NOT ESCAPE Efforts to Dispose of Damaged Potatoes Prevent Rapid Rise in Prices. Yet Markets Move Up.

Local stocks of potatoes were light and there was a good demand for guaranteed frost-free with some sellers asking \$4.50 for the best Oregon and Yakima.

The unprecedented cold weather in the northwest, particularly in the potato producing sections of Oregon and Washington, has caused considerable loss of stocks.

While prices in the western markets have advanced sharply for frost-free stock, there has been only a very moderate rise in the eastern markets.

Butter and Country Produce. BUTTER—Cuba, extra, 65¢ per pound; prime, 64¢; prints, parchment wrapped, 63¢.

Boxed Stock in Storage 53.3 Per Cent Greater Than Last Year. Statistics on apple holdings in cold storage, issued by the bureau of markets, show a gain of 53.3 per cent in stocks of boxed apples.

SHARP ADVANCES IN FEED GRAINS Bids Are Raised 50 Cents to \$1.50 at Merchants' Exchange. Course grain prices continued to climb yesterday at the Merchants' Exchange.

TURKEY MARKET IS UNCERTAIN Dealers Can Get Word of Only Small Supplies in Sight. There is much uncertainty as to the Christmas turkey market.

EGG MARKET DECLINES AGAIN Cash Buyers Will Offer 45 Cents Delivered Today. The egg market was weak, rather because of the pressure of Australian and other foreign eggs.

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City of Vancouver, B. C. Due: December 15, 1923. DENOMINATIONS: \$973.33 and \$486.66. These are 4 1/2% Bonds and are general obligations of the entire City of Vancouver, B. C., all of the taxable property and resources of the entire city being pledged to pay interest and principal as they come due.

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FINANCE OFFICIAL PICKED Driggs Broker to Succeed Guy E. Bowerman in Idaho. BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 17.—(Special.) C. R. Walker, a young broker of Driggs, Idaho, was today announced by Governor D. W. Davis as the successor to Guy E. Bowerman, state finance commissioner.

RAIN ENDS PENULTION COULD. PENULTION, Or., Dec. 17.—Not the end of the world, but the end of the penultion, was today experienced, was the penultion's record today. The maximum thermometer registration today was 28 above zero, with a minimum of 8 above last night.

Investors study The Wall Street Journal. TWO DOZEN FRESH EGGS \$1.15. Ask Your Grocer Hazelwood Company, Distributors Portland, Oregon.

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