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Dealers Making Offers for 1910 Hops.

Several Contracts Have Been Written in This State—Possible Yield on the Reduced Acreage.

More interest is shown in the hop trade at the present time in 1910 contracts than in 1909. Not that the season for 1909 hops is over, but the dealers are taking advantage of the present fall in business to secure contracts where possible. Two or three have been written at 16 cents, and offers of 16 1/2 cents have been made to responsible growers.

The steady reduction that has taken place in the world's hop acreage makes it evident that the coming crop, even if a full average one to the acre, cannot be anything but a short one, that is, as compared with the average crops of several years ago. The following table, taken from the official records, shows the area under hops in the different countries of the world in which hops are cultivated:

	Area, Acres.	Area, Acres.
England	44,722	44,608
Austria	12,000	12,000
Belgium	10,000	10,000
France	10,000	10,000
Germany	10,000	10,000
Hungary	10,000	10,000
Netherlands	10,000	10,000
Sweden	10,000	10,000
Switzerland	10,000	10,000
United States	10,000	10,000
Canada	10,000	10,000
Other countries	10,000	10,000

The same tendency to reduce the area under hops seems to have continued in 1910, judging from such returns as are available. In England the acreage was reduced last year to 44,608 acres and in Germany to 11,000 acres.

While some of the dealers are willing to pay 16 and 16 1/2 cents for contracts there are others who consider the price unsafe, in view of the halting course of this year's market when all statistics would seem to justify extremely high prices. It is pointed out that the world's acreage, under the most favorable conditions, might produce a crop equal or better than the 1909 crop, and the carry-over surplus in all hands should be entirely worked off by the time the new crop appears. It is a question whether high prices will be maintained.

The spot market during the past fortnight has been very dull, only a few small lots of the 1909 crop changing hands. A sale of 1909 at 11 1/2 cents was made a few days ago.

A number of out-of-town buyers were in the city yesterday to attend the trial of the case of McKeever Bros. against McGilvray & Co., of Grays Harbor, which was decided in favor of the McKeever Bros., who sued the Grays Harbor firm for failure to deliver hops on contract. The court held that the contract was good, as the buyers conformed to it.

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET IS QUIET.

No changes in wheat, oats or barley quoted. Bulkiness prevailed in the local grain market yesterday. Saturday is usually a quiet day, and with the weather so unsettled, there was no business in the local trade. Former prices were quoted.

Local receipts in grain were reported by the Merchants' Association as follows:

Wheat	Barley	Oats	Hay
Monday	10	10	10
Tuesday	10	10	10
Wednesday	10	10	10
Thursday	10	10	10
Friday	10	10	10
Saturday	10	10	10
Sunday	10	10	10

POULTRY AND EGGS CLEAN UP

Supply of City Creamery Butter in Light and Market is Steady.

The week closed with a general clean-up in the poultry market. Chickens were strong and turkeys were in fair demand, but there was not much inquiry for ducks.

Eggs sold at the previous day's prices, 28 and 29 cents. Portland was not heavy and most of the dealers worked off their stock before the short business day closed.

The butter market was not heavy. Most of the city creameries report their make as light, and as there is not an excessive amount of outside butter offering, the tone of the market is very steady.

There is a good demand for cheese at the current prices.

ONION SHIPPING MOVEMENT GOOD.

Seventeen Cars Sent Out in the Past Week.

Seventeen cars of onions were shipped out in the past week, according to the returns made at yesterday's meeting of the Confederated Onion-Growers' Association. The demand is good, and at the present rate of prices, it is expected that the entire supply in the state will be disposed of by the middle of April.

As the Southern crop of new onions will be late, an account of the severe winter, the Oregon growers are well satisfied that they will get good prices for their onions up to the close.

Four Cars of Bananas in.

Four cars of bananas were the principal receipts in the fruit market yesterday. Three of them were in good shape and one was ripe. Apples and oranges moved as formerly. A car of celery was received. A good demand for all classes of vegetables was reported.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Portland	Seattle	Tacoma
1910	1910	1910
1910	1910	1910
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PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.14; 110, nominal; club, \$1.09; 105, red; Golden, \$1.08; 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, 175, 180, 185, 190, 195, 200, 205, 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 235, 240, 245, 250, 255, 260, 265, 270, 275, 280, 285, 290, 295, 300, 305, 310, 315, 320, 325, 330, 335, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 365, 370, 375, 380, 385, 390, 395, 400, 405, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435, 440, 445, 450, 455, 460, 465, 470, 475, 480, 485, 490, 495, 500, 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, 530, 535, 540, 545, 550, 555, 560, 565, 570, 575, 580, 585, 590, 595, 600, 605, 610, 615, 620, 625, 630, 635, 640, 645, 650, 655, 660, 665, 670, 675, 680, 685, 690, 695, 700, 705, 710, 715, 720, 725, 730, 735, 740, 745, 750, 755, 760, 765, 770, 775, 780, 785, 790, 795, 800, 805, 810, 815, 820, 825, 830, 835, 840, 845, 850, 855, 860, 865, 870, 875, 880, 885, 890, 895, 900, 905, 910, 915, 920, 925, 930, 935, 940, 945, 950, 955, 960, 965, 970, 975, 980, 985, 990, 995, 1000.

BARLEY—Feed and brewing, \$2.25; 2.30; 2.35; 2.40; 2.45; 2.50; 2.55; 2.60; 2.65; 2.70; 2.75; 2.80; 2.85; 2.90; 2.95; 3.00; 3.05; 3.10; 3.15; 3.20; 3.25; 3.30; 3.35; 3.40; 3.45; 3.50; 3.55; 3.60; 3.65; 3.70; 3.75; 3.80; 3.85; 3.90; 3.95; 4.00; 4.05; 4.10; 4.15; 4.20; 4.25; 4.30; 4.35; 4.40; 4.45; 4.50; 4.55; 4.60; 4.65; 4.70; 4.75; 4.80; 4.85; 4.90; 4.95; 5.00; 5.05; 5.10; 5.15; 5.20; 5.25; 5.30; 5.35; 5.40; 5.45; 5.50; 5.55; 5.60; 5.65; 5.70; 5.75; 5.80; 5.85; 5.90; 5.95; 6.00; 6.05; 6.10; 6.15; 6.20; 6.25; 6.30; 6.35; 6.40; 6.45; 6.50; 6.55; 6.60; 6.65; 6.70; 6.75; 6.80; 6.85; 6.90; 6.95; 7.00; 7.05; 7.10; 7.15; 7.20; 7.25; 7.30; 7.35; 7.40; 7.45; 7.50; 7.55; 7.60; 7.65; 7.70; 7.75; 7.80; 7.85; 7.90; 7.95; 8.00; 8.05; 8.10; 8.15; 8.20; 8.25; 8.30; 8.35; 8.40; 8.45; 8.50; 8.55; 8.60; 8.65; 8.70; 8.75; 8.80; 8.85; 8.90; 8.95; 9.00; 9.05; 9.10; 9.15; 9.20; 9.25; 9.30; 9.35; 9.40; 9.45; 9.50; 9.55; 9.60; 9.65; 9.70; 9.75; 9.80; 9.85; 9.90; 9.95; 10.00.

FLOUR—Patents, \$5.15; 5.20; 5.25; 5.30; 5.35; 5.40; 5.45; 5.50; 5.55; 5.60; 5.65; 5.70; 5.75; 5.80; 5.85; 5.90; 5.95; 6.00; 6.05; 6.10; 6.15; 6.20; 6.25; 6.30; 6.35; 6.40; 6.45; 6.50; 6.55; 6.60; 6.65; 6.70; 6.75; 6.80; 6.85; 6.90; 6.95; 7.00; 7.05; 7.10; 7.15; 7.20; 7.25; 7.30; 7.35; 7.40; 7.45; 7.50; 7.55; 7.60; 7.65; 7.70; 7.75; 7.80; 7.85; 7.90; 7.95; 8.00; 8.05; 8.10; 8.15; 8.20; 8.25; 8.30; 8.35; 8.40; 8.45; 8.50; 8.55; 8.60; 8.65; 8.70; 8.75; 8.80; 8.85; 8.90; 8.95; 9.00; 9.05; 9.10; 9.15; 9.20; 9.25; 9.30; 9.35; 9.40; 9.45; 9.50; 9.55; 9.60; 9.65; 9.70; 9.75; 9.80; 9.85; 9.90; 9.95; 10.00.

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