

PRICE OF THE BEGGAR

Onion Supply Not Sufficient for the Season.

CROP NOT KEEPING WELL

Severe Shrinkage in Local Stocks as Result of Wet Weather in September—Growers' Price Maintained at \$1.25.

There is going to be a great scarcity of onions in this part of the country before the season is over. The fact was made plain by the reports submitted at yesterday's meeting of the Confederated Onion Growers' Association. There has already been a good clearance of the Oregon crop and the moderate supply that is left is being depleted by the spoiling of a considerable percentage.

Blacks the season began, 72 cars of seed onions have been shipped and 92 cars of commercial stock disposed of. The routine of the crop and the present due to the wet weather that prevailed in September. In some sections the trouble is severe, a third of the stock being lost, while in other sections it is less. About 40 cars all told so far have been eliminated. It is not known how long this rotting will continue, but the growers hope that no more of the onions will be affected.

Onion growers have not experienced this trouble for many years. It is exceedingly unfortunate, as it has a higher selling price than any other vegetable. The selling price of the association is maintained at \$1.25 per bushel, but it has been necessary to consider values elsewhere, but it has been necessary to crowd onions on the market because of their condition, and this has held the price down.

INQUIRY FROM ORIENT FOR FLOUR

Prospects for Export Business Are Gradually Improving.

There is a continuance of inquiry from the Orient for flour, but the amount of new business being worked is small. The prospects, however, are gradually improving.

What buying yesterday was on a limited scale, with prices that have been drawing on at a steady pace. Oats and barley were quiet and unchanged.

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

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Quantity. Includes items like Wheat, Barley, Oats, etc.

HOP HOLDERS SHOW NO ALARM

Market Continues Firm in Spite of Quality.

No business of importance in Oregon hops was transacted during the week. A block of 300 bales of low-grade goods changed hands between dealers at a price quoted as fairly held.

Conditions in the English market are shown by the following reports from London hop factors:

Wild, Neame & Co.—The situation on our market is unaltered. The price is quiet and the few lots available held firmly at recent quotations.

Manager & Henley—A quieter tone has prevailed during the past week. The extreme scarcity of stocks makes it difficult for buyers to do business. Prices are very firm indeed.

W. H. & L. LeMay—The demand continues for all grades of hops, good sound old hops being particularly sought after.

APPLE MARKET GAINS IN STRENGTH

Dealers Expect to Begin Handling Storage Stock Within a Week.

As usual on Saturday there was only a limited demand for vegetables and fruit. Celery was particularly scarce and was firmly held at \$1 a crate. The extreme scarcity of storage apples within the next two weeks.

The apple market is gradually gaining in strength. The demand is still for the lower varieties, but these are becoming scarce. Dealers expect to begin drawing on storage apples within the next two weeks.

Only a few small shipments of poultry were received yesterday and they quickly cleaned up at firm prices. Dressed turkeys were taken at 24 and 25 cents and live chickens of all kinds sold at 15 cents.

The egg market was firm and fairly active. There were no new developments in the butter or cheese markets.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Table with multiple columns listing various commodities and their prices, including flour, sugar, and other goods.

BUOYANT AT CLOSE

Stock Trading Is Brisk at Rising Prices.

SENTIMENT IS CHEERFUL

Active Railway Issues and Many Specialties Record Substantial Gains—Virginia Iron Jumps Eight Points—Bonds Firm.

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The bond market was firm and active. Total sales, par value, \$2,450,000. United States 4s registered last 1/2 and the coupon 4s on call on the week.

CLOSING STOCK MARKET

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CATTLE FIRM AT CLOSE

TEN LOADS HANDLED ON LAST BUSINESS DAY OF YEAR.

Best Steers Bring \$6 and Cows Sell for \$5—No Receipts in Other Lines.

The receipts at the stockyards on the last business day of the year were 10 loads of cattle, which were quickly disposed of in the forenoon. The yards, as usual on Saturday, closed at noon. No further business will be transacted until Tuesday morning.

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In contrast with the foregoing, Colonel Maus states: Without any knowledge of the real facts the advocate of the re-education of the health of the Army has been able to tell us that since its abolition the incidence of leprosy has increased from 1901 to 1910 (the