

SMALL FLOUR ORDER PLACED WITH MILLS

Government Buys Only Third of Normal Amount.

NO CHANGE MADE IN PRICES

High Premiums Still Being Paid in Interior for Hard Wheat.

Coarse Grains Firmer.

Orders for October export flour were placed yesterday. No statement was made by the grain corporation as to the quantity bought, but it was learned from millers that the purchase was limited, only about a third of the normal monthly amount being taken, owing to the lack of tonnage ready and the high cost of shipping.

The wheat market continues excited by the strong buying for contract as well as the coast milling account. Premiums for 10 to 25 cents over the government basic price are being paid for hard wheat.

The coarse grain market was steady to firm. At the noon session of the Merchants' Exchange \$10.25 of December 2020 clipped oats were sold at 45¢, 20¢ less than the previous day's closing.

Weather conditions in the middle west, as wired from Chicago: "Minnesota, clear, fine, 60 to 75; Chicago, clear, fine, 60; Missouri part cloudy to clear, 70 to 81; Kansas cloudy, 70; Iowa, light rain at Hutchinson; Ohio, clear, fine, heavy rain at Springfield; Kentucky, clear, fine, Tennessee, cloudy; Minnesota, part cloudy, cool, little rain last night at Duluth; Wisconsin, part cloudy, cool; Forecast: Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, part cloudy, cool; Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, probable showers tonight and tomorrow, fair and warmer; probably fair, Kansas, tonight; South Dakota, fair and warmer.

Terminal receipts in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows: Wheat, Saturday 41,000; Sunday 14,000; Total this week 260,211; Year ago 220,211.

SHIPMENTS OF APPLES INCREASING Eastern Market Steady on Oregon Boxed Fruit.

Apple shipments from Oregon on Thursday were 35 cars. At the New York auction 175 boxes of Oregon Greenacres sold at \$1.60 to \$1.85, an average of \$1.74. Conditions at shipping points were wired as follows:

Spokane, Wash.—Carloads f. o. b. usual terms, and carloads f. o. b. cash, Yakima-Jonathans, \$1.25 to \$1.35; fancy, \$2.00 to \$2.10; C. 11.00 to \$1.10; Delicieux XP, \$2.00.

Wentworth-Jonathans, \$1.75 medium to large, \$2.25 to \$2.40; fancy, \$2.25 to \$2.40; C. 11.80; Other districts—Delicieux XP, medium to large, \$2.00; fancy, \$2.25; Stylamos XP, \$2.00; fancy, \$2.25; Roman XP, \$2.00; fancy, \$2.25; Cash sales for immediate shipment, Delicieux XP, \$2.75 to \$2.90; fancy, \$2.55. All sizes, small to large, exceptions noted.

AUSTRALIAN EGGS REACH PORTLAND First Shipment From That Country Ever Received Here.

A shipment of Australian eggs was received yesterday by way of the San Francisco. This is the first time eggs from the antipodes have ever been brought to this city.

Provision Prices on Down Grade. Hams, Bacon and Dry Salt-Cured Meats Are Lower.

Provision prices continue on the down grade, with hams showing the largest reduction. A new price list that goes into effect tomorrow morning will quote declines of 3 to 5 cents on hams of various sizes; 3 to 4 cents on skinned hams; 1 cent on pickles and 2 cents on cottage loaf.

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