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PORTLAND MARKETS

Latest Quotations in the Portland Markets.

Complete Market Reports Corrected Each Day, Giving the Wholesale Prices of Commodities, Farm Produce and Vegetables.

PORTLAND, May 27.—Some fine berries came in this morning from Ashland, Or., and sold readily at 20 cents a pound.

WHOLESALE PRICES.

The following are quotations ruling in Portland as reported by jobbers in the various lines:

Grain, Flour, Feed.

Wheat—Club, 87c; Valley, 85c; blue-stem, 84c; red, 80c. Flour—Hard wheat patent, \$5.50; straight, \$4; graham, \$4.15; rye, \$3; whole wheat flour, \$4.25; Dakota, \$4.65; Eastern rye, \$3.50; Pillsbury, \$4.75; Corvallis, \$3.50.

Fruits.

Tropical fruits—Bananas, 5 1/2c per pound; lemons, \$5.50 box; oranges, \$3.75; grape fruit, \$3.50 crate; limes, 75c@1.25 per 100; tangerines, \$2 box; strawberries, 15-pound crate, \$1.50@2.00; home-grown, 12 1/2c per pound.

Vegetables.

Cabbage—Pound, 3@3 1/2c; cauliflower, 75c@1 per dozen; parsley, 25c per dozen; hothouse lettuce, \$2 per box, head, 40c dozen; spinach, per box, \$1.25; artichokes, 75c@1 per dozen; Alaska peas, 6c; telephone peas, 10c lb.; okra, \$1.75; tomatoes, Mexican, \$2.50@3.75; Florida, \$4@4.50; Oregon rhubarb, 3@4c; cucumbers, \$2@2.50 dozen; eggplant, 35c lb.; Cuban peppers, \$4 crate; asparagus, \$1.75 box.

Produce.

Butter—Country creamery, 20@22 1/2c; city creamery, 22 1/2c; store, 15@16c; butter fat, 21c. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17 1/2@18c. Cheese—Young America, 17@17 1/2c; Oregon full cream, flats, 15@16c.

Poultry—Old roosters, 9@10c; hens, 14c; mixed, 13 1/2c; fryers, 18 1/2c; broilers, 20 cents; dressed, 1@1 1/2c higher than live; ducks, old 12@14c; young, 17@18c; geese, live, 8c; dressed, 10@11c; pigeons, \$1@1.25 per dozen; squabs, \$2@2.50 per dozen.

Honey—Dark, 10 1/2@11c; amber, 11@11 1/2c; fancy white, 14@15c.

Fresh Meats and Fish.

Fresh meats—Veal, medium, 75 to 100 lbs., \$ 8 1/2 to 10; 100 to 150 lbs., 7 1/2 to 8c; 150 to 200 lbs., 6 1/2 to 7c; 200 lbs. and over, 5 1/2 to 6c; pork, 5 1/2 to 6c; heavy, 7 to 8c; beef, bulls, 3 to 3 1/2c; cows, 5 to 6c; steers, 4 to 5c; mutton, medium size, 9 to 10c; large 7 to 8c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—Choice, 9 to 11c; prime, 8 to 9 1/2c per lb. Wool—Valley, 21 to 23c; Eastern Oregon, 18 to 19 1/2c; as to shrunken. Feathers—Geese, white, 35 to 40c; geese, gray or mixed, 25 to 30c; duck, white, 15 to 20c; duck, mixed, 12 to 15c.

Hides—Dry No. 1, 16 lbs. and up, per lb., 17 to 19c; kip, No. 1, 17 to 20c; according to size. Dry salted bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; low grades 2-12 to 3c per lb. less; salted steers, 60 lbs. and up, 10 to 11c; under 50 lbs., steers and cows, 9 to 10c; stags and bulls, 7c; kips, 15 to 20 lbs., 10c per lb.; calf, 10 to 14 lbs., 11c; calf, under 10 lbs., 11 to 12c; green, unsalted, 1c per lb. less; sheepskins, shearings, No. 1, 15 to 25c; short wool, No. 1, 40 to 60c each; medium wool, No. 1, 31 to 150 cent; murray pelts, 10 to 20 per cent less; horse hides, salted, \$1.50 to 2, according to size; dry, according to size, \$1 to \$1.25; colt, 25 to 50c each; Angora, woolled, 30c to \$1.50; goat, common, 15 to 25c each.

Groceries, Provisions, Etc.

Sugar, sack basis—D. G., \$5.77 1/2; Star, \$5.67 1/2; Pacific Coast, \$5.67 1/2; Golden C., \$5.17 1/2; Extra C., \$5.27 1/2; powdered, \$5.87 1/2; cube, \$5.37 1/2; fruit sugar, \$5.77 1/2; boxes, 50c cwt. advance over sack basis (less 1/2c if paid for in 15 days). Beans—Small white, 3 1/2c; large white, 3 1/4c; pink, 3 1/4c; bayou, 2 1/2c; Lima, 5 1/4c; Mexican reds, 4c. Coffee—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, fancy, 26@28c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 15 1/2c@17c; Costa Rica, good, 12@15c; Arbuckle, \$16.63 cwt.; Lion, 15 1/2c per lb.; Colombia coffee, 14c; Salvador, 11 1/2@14 1/2c. Rice—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5.95c; Southern Japan, 5 1/2@5 1/4c; broken, 4 1/2c; head, fancy, 6 1/2c; choice, 6c. Sage and tapioca—Scarce; 5 1/2c lb. Figs—White, lb., 6@7c; black, 5@7c lb. Lard—Kettle-rendered, tierces, 12c; tubs, 12 1/2c; 50s, 12 1/4c; 20s, 12 1/2c; 10s, 12 1/2c; 5s, 11 1/2c. Standard pure; Tierces, 1c less; compound, tierces, 3 1/4c; leaf, 13c. Dried Fruits—Apples, evaporated, 10c per lb.; sundried, sacks or boxes, none; apricots 20c; peaches 13 1/2c; pears, 13 1/2c; prunes, Italian, 4 to 6 1/2c; French, 4 to 6c; Figs, California, blacks, 5 to 6c; California whites, 6c; Smyrna, 20c; plums, pitted, 6c.

Provisions—Hams, large 16c; small, 16 1/2c; picnic, 15c; boiled hams, 25c; boiled picnic, 20c; breakfast bacon, fancy, 21 1/2c; English, 17c; dry salted short clears, 12c; backs, 12c. Nuts—Walnuts, No. 1, soft shell, 17@18c; No. 1 hard shell, 15 to 16c; almonds, 19 to 20c; filberts 16c; Brazil, 20c; pecans, 23c; hickory, 8c; Virginia peanuts, 1-2c; Jumbo Virginia peanuts, 10c; Japanese peanuts, 6 1/2c; Chestnuts, Italian, 20c; Italian, 20c; cocoanuts, dozen, \$5 @ 90c; pine-nuts, 17 1/2c. Dates—Golden, 60 lb. boxes, 7c; 1lb. packages, 8c; Fard, 15 lb. boxes, \$1.40 box. Raisins—Loose Muscatels, 3 crown, 9c; 2-crown, 8 1/2c; Bleached seedless Sultans, 10 @ 11 1/2c; unbleached seedless Sultans, 8 1/2c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20lbs., \$2.25; 2-crown, \$2.10.

"TAPPING" STEEL.

The Way Manufacturers Conceal Defects in the Casting.

It might very naturally have been thought that if there was one trade which could be said to be free from trickery and fakery it was that of steel manufacturing. The mere fact that steel is synonymous with strength would seem to bear out this view. And yet methods are sometimes adopted in the making of steel which once again illustrate the saying that there are tricks in every trade.

At the same time it must be admitted that some of these tricks when carried out do not necessarily mean a lessening in the soundness and quality of the material. For instance, it sometimes happens that in casting a piece of steel what is known as a "blow-hole" occurs. Often this is not noticed until the steel has been cut and trimmed for the required purpose. In such a case the hole is usually "tapped" and a well fitting screw inserted, the head of the latter being filed off so closely to the metal that it needs an expert eye to detect any unusual feature. This is a trick which makes no difference in the strength of the metal and consequently is quite harmless.

Sometimes, however, a crack appears in a piece of metal which it is impossible to remedy by the usual expedients of hammering and rolling. The careful manufacturer will put the piece on one side and make a fresh casting, for if such a piece of metal were used as a crank shaft, for instance, it might split at a time of extra strain and so bring untold disaster.

On the other hand, the manufacturer may decide that he cannot afford to throw the faulty casting on one side, and in order to cover the defect it is put in the open air to rust. The weather will most likely be found to have filled the crack by the time the casting is required, and no one outside the foundry will have known of its existence until perhaps it causes a vessel to become disabled. And, as it is almost impossible to tell afterward how the crack originated, the maker is quite secure from blame.

One of the most sensational scandals which have agitated the engineering world for some years past came to light not long ago in connection with the building of a great battleship. After a trial trip she was found to be somewhat leaky, and an examination of some of the plates forming the side of the vessel revealed the startling fact that the rivets had been put in the holes cold and simply caulked.

When a ship's plates are riveted together, it is usual not only of course to drive the rivets in red hot, but also to take them over with a special composition as an extra caution against leakage. In the case mentioned the builder was working under contract and in order to save time resorted to the trick described. The result was that the strain on the plates quickly loosened the caulking, and some of the rivets actually dropped out of the holes—London Tit-Bits.

More News From the New England States.

If any one has any doubt as to the virtue of Foley's Kidney Cure, they need only refer to Mr. Alvin H. Stimpson, of Willimantic, Conn., who, after almost losing hope of recovery, on account of the failure of so many remedies, finally tried Foley's Kidney Cure, which he says was "just the thing" for him, as four bottles cured him completely. He is now entirely well and free from all the suffering incident to acute kidney trouble. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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Senate Gavel Handleless. It is an odd fact that the gavel used by the presiding officer of the senate has no handle, like that used by the speaker of the house. It is an ivory contrivance, modestly ornamented, of cylindrical shape and about four inches long. In wielding it the vice president has to hold the gavel in his hand as if it were a small hammer without a handle. How the custom originated of providing the vice president with a handleless gavel is not known, though the oldest senate attaché cannot remember when it was otherwise, just as the oldest senate attaché cannot remember when the gold snuffbox that occupies its ancient niche at the right of the vice president's raised desk was not dutifully filled every morning, although no statesman now patronizes that once popular box for a gentle sneeze.—Washington Herald.

Barbarians and Perfumes. Though perfumes may be the outcome of civilization and more lavishly used by nations well to the front in manners and polish, there are instances of people of great demoralization who use it in some of their horrible customs. The fetish men of Ashanti supply an illustration of this, who, for the benefit of young soldiers, concoct a mixture of blood, of human hearts and of fragrant herbs, and Betsay, quoting from Becham, says, "All who have never before killed an enemy in battle out of the preparation, it being believed that if they did not their energy would be secretly wasted by the haunting spirits of deceased foes."

A Bad Practice. "I've a good notion," said Plodding Pate, "to join the forestry association." "What for?" "I want de trees preserved in all der venerable beauty. I want to see de monarchs of de wilderness left undisturbed in der peaceful majesty. It's time dis practice of handlin' a man an ax an' tellin' him to chop wood was stopped."—Washington Star.

The Great Difference. Poorman—Of course there's a big difference between a botanist and a florist. Ascum—Is there, really? Poorman—Yes; a botanist is one who knows all about flowers, and a florist is one who knows all about the prices people will pay.—Philadelphia Press.

Not a Chance! Married men will certainly appreciate the grim humor of the States Island schoolboy who wrote in an epic, "Their foes in front, their wives behind—impossible was flight."—New York Herald.

It is well there is no one without a fault, for he would not have a friend in the world.—Haslett.

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