

PORTLAND MARKET

Wholesale Price List as Reported Daily.

PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—The holiday trade is opening up, and while they do not expect it to attain the proportions it did last year, it is likely it will exceed that of other former years.

The butter market shows improvement in some quarters. Two of the outside creameries that maintain city branches have advanced their price from 30 to 32 1/2 cents. A few days ago state creamery brands are going at the latter price, but most of the outside butter is selling at 27 1/2 to 30 cents.

Oregon ranch eggs are very scarce and this has led some of the jobbers to advance their quotations to 40 cents. Eastern eggs holds steady at the former range, though the supply is large.

Poultry receipts were very light yesterday. The market is in good condition to receive a moderate supply of chickens in the next few days. There is also a fair demand for ducks and geese. Live turkeys are not asked for. Advice from the country indicate there will be an adequate supply of turkeys for the Thanksgiving trade, but the extreme prices of last year are not likely to be repeated.

Naval oranges now coming to hand are beginning to show better color and the demand is steadily expanding. With improved conditions in California the local market also has a firmer tone. Another car of Jersey cranberries arrived yesterday and was quoted at \$11.50 per barrel. The demand for cranberries is very strong. A shipment of Almeria grapes was received. California grapes are cleaning up fairly well. Apples are also moving better.

There is a good inquiry for sweet potatoes, celery and all kinds of small vegetables, of which the present supply is ample. Choice potatoes are in good demand in the Southern markets and shippers are paying 60 to 75 cents per sack for quality, but the poor grades are neglected and weak. Some inferior Valley stock has been sold as low as 25 cents per bushel.

WHOLESALE PRICES.

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

- Grain, Flour, Feed. Wheat—New crop prices; Club, 88c; Valley, 87c; bluestem, 90c; red Russian, 85c. Flour—Hard wheat patent, \$4.80; straight, \$4.30; graham, \$4.50@4.75; rye, \$5; whole-wheat flour, \$4.50 @ \$5; Valley flour, \$4.40; Dakota, \$6.25 @ \$6.50; Eastern rye \$6.50; Pillsbury, \$7; Corvallis, \$4.05. Grain bags—Domestic, 8 7-8; Calcutta 9c. Rye \$1.25 @ \$1.30 per cwt. Buckwheat—\$36 per ton. Barley—Producers' prices; Brewing, \$27.50; feed, \$26; rolled, \$28.75@29.00. Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33 per ton. Mill feed—City bran, \$19; country bran, \$20.00; city shorts, \$20.00; country shorts, \$22.50; chop, \$17. Hays—Producers' prices, White, \$28; gray, \$27. Hay—Valley timothy, \$15 @ \$17; Eastern Oregon, \$18 @ \$20; clover, \$11; cheat, \$11; alfalfa, \$13; grain hay, \$14 @ \$15. Cereal foods—Rolled oats, cream, 90-lb sacks, \$8; lower grades, \$6@7; oatmeal, steel cut, 40-lb sacks, \$6.50; 9-lb sacks, \$4.50 per bale; oatmeal (ground) 49-lb sacks, \$8 per bbl; 9-lb sacks, \$4.25 per bale; split peas, \$4.25 per 100—sacks; 25-lb boxes, \$1.25; pearl barley, \$4 per 100 lbs; 25-lb boxes, \$1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-lb sacks, \$5.20 bbl. Fresh Meats and Fish. Oysters—Shoalwater Bay, per gallon, \$2.25; per sack, \$4.50; Toke Point, \$1.00 per 100; Olympia (120 lbs), \$6; Olympia, per gallon, \$2.25. Fresh meats—Veal, medium, 75 to 100 lbs, 8@8 1/2; 100 to 150 lbs, 7 1/2@8; 150 to 200 lbs, 6@6 1/2; 200 lbs and over, 5@5 1/2; pork, 8 lb 5/8; heavies 7@8; beef, bulls, 3 1/2@4; cows, 5 lb 5/8; steers, 5 1/2@6; muttons, medium size, 7 1/2@8; large and coarse, 4@5; spring lambs, dressed, 9@9 1/2. Fish—Halibut, 7c; black cod, 8c; black sea, per pound, 20c; striped bass, 13c; smelt, 7c; herring, 5c; flounders, 6c; catfish, 11c; shrimp, 10c; perch, 6c; strurgeon, 12c; sea trout, 18c; tom cod 7c; Chinook salmon, 8c; silversides, 7c; steelheads, 9c. Clams—Hardshell, per box, \$2.40; razor shells, 10c. Fruits. Tropical fruits—Bananas 5@5 1/2 lb; lemons, 1@1 1/2 lb; grapes 75c@1.50 crate; grapefruit, \$5.00 crate; limes, 75c @ \$1.00 per 100; huckleberries, 6@7c lb; peaches, 60c@1.00 box; pears, \$1.00 @ 1.25 box; watermelons, 1c per lb; grapes 75c@1.00 crate; cantaloupes, 75c@1.25 crate; casabas, \$2 dozen. Dried fruits—Apples, evaporated, 8 1/2

- @9c pound; apricots, 20c; peaches, 13 1/2; pears, 13 1/2; prunes, Italian, 4 1/2@5c; or clams, \$2.25 per box. French, 3 1/2@4c; figs, California blacks, 5 3-4c, California whites, 6c, Smyrna, 20c; plums, pitted, 6c. Domestic fruits—Apples, \$1.00@1.75 box; crabs, 30@50c box; quinces, 75c @ \$1.25. Vegetables. Cabbage—Lb., 1 1-4 c; cauliflower, \$1 @ 1.25 doz; celery, 50c@1.00 doz; parsley, 25c doz; hot-house lettuce, 75c box; spinach, box, \$1.25; Brussels sprouts, 9c lb; artichokes, 75c@1.00 doz; okra, 25c lb; tomatoes, 25@35c box; Summer squash, 15@20c doz; Lima beans, 8c lb; cucumbers, 20@25c doz; eggplant, \$1.50 @ 1.75 crate; peppers, 5@7c lb; green @ 1 per cwt. Potatoes—New, 85c@90c per cwt; sweets, 2 1-4 @ 2 1/2 pound. Produce. Eggs—Ranch, candled, 33@34c. Butter—Country creamery, 30 @ 35c; city creamery, 35c; store, 20@21; butter fat, 33 1/2c. Cheese—Young America, 18c; Oregon full cream, flats, 17c. Honey—Dark, 10 1/2@11c; amber, 12 @ 13c. Poultry—Old roosters, 7@8c; pound; 12c; fancy white, 14@15c. Hens, 11@12c lb; Springs, 10 1/2@11c; dressed stock, 1@1 1/2 higher than live; Jucks, old, 10@11c; young, 12@12c; turkeys, young, 17@18c; old, 16c per lb; geese, old, 7@8c, young, 8@9c; pigeons, \$1@1.25 per dozen; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen. Groceries, Provisions, Etc. Sugar, sack basis—D. C., \$5.67 1/2; XX, \$5.47 1/2; beet, \$5.37 1/2; Golden C, \$4.97 1-2; extra C, \$5.07 1/2; powdered, \$5.67 1-2; cube, \$5.82 1/2; fruit or berry sugar, \$5.57 1/2; boxes, 50c cwt advance over sack basis (less 1-4c if paid for in 15 days). Onions—Oregon, \$2@2.25 per 100 lbs. Coffee—Mocha, 25@28c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 15 1/2@17c; Costa Rica, good, 12@15c; Arbuckle, \$16.50 cwt; Lion, 15 3-4c per lb; Columbia coffee, 14c; Salvador, 11 1/2@14c. DESTROYED BY FIRE. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Nov. 22.—Oceania, a lumbering village of 400 inhabitants, located about fifty miles south of here, was almost entirely destroyed by fire last night which started in the Kelly Hotel from an unknown cause. The town has no fire fighting facilities and the blaze spread rapidly. The loss will exceed \$100,000. COSTLY FIRES. New York, Nov. 22.—With the United States leading all other nations in fire losses every year, New York as the largest city in the country naturally takes first place in this respect in the metropolitan list throughout the world. Every day there are twenty-four fires here, taking the average, or a total of \$700 each year. Throughout the whole country indeed nearly one-half the buildings erected in the course of a year go to replace others that have been destroyed by flames, according to statistics which form the basis of a study of the national loss by fire which is to appear in the next number of Appleton's Magazine. The compiler of these statistics asserts that while no other nation builds so much as the United States, no other burns even a small fraction of the same amount of valuable property. The figures show that in the country at large \$3,500,000,000 worth of property has been destroyed by fire in the past twenty-five years. The cost of fire-fighting is given as \$300,000,000 a year and \$195,000,000 a year is paid over to the insurance companies for protection. Conflagrations consume on the average every week six theatres and public halls, twelve churches, ten schools, eight public institutions, nine department stores and apartment houses, twenty-six hotels, 140 flats and 1000 individual homes. Thirty-six thousand lives are reported to be endangered every day by fire while seven thousand lives are sacrificed annually to the same cause. It is said that 73 percent of all the damage done by fire to buildings aside from those in which it originates is due to improperly constructed windows. Milk at \$10 per gallon; pork at \$118 per pound, chickens at \$35 a pair and cows at from \$300 to \$3500 each; these are not panic prices in New York, but the cost figures of the city's most expensive farm which is now to be discontinued. Surprising as these figures may be they are those of the cost of various articles produced by Mr. Willetts the owner of this, the mostly costly farm in the world, which was run on scientific and cleanly principles, so scientific and cleanly indeed that a meal consisting of a single slice of bacon and a glass of milk from this farm would cost more than the average family spends on food in several days. The cowsheds were all constructed of concrete with no corners and every morning after the cows were turned out the whole structure was scrubbed and scalded. At milking times a corps of milkmen, clad in sterilized white duck suits, appeared with sterilized milk stools and sterilized milk pails

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