

THE HOP MARKET IS IMPROVING

Orders Are Beginning to Arrive.

Quotations Average 19 Cents--Egg Receipts Increase and the Market Is Weak.

HOPS ARE MOVING. Hops are beginning to move in the local markets and the situation is somewhat stronger.

Quite a large number of hop orders were received by local dealers this morning from their Eastern connections. The call was for the choicest grades of the 1902 crop, and prices averaged about 19 cents a pound.

Potatoes Again Weaker. The potato market has gone to pieces in the South and prices are again on the downward move.

Shad in Plenty. Shad from the Columbia River are arriving in large supplies and prices are down today.

Bananas are Scarce. The shipments of bananas into the local markets are not nearly sufficient to meet the demand.

Butter Stocking Up. Butter stock is arriving in larger supply and dealers are experiencing considerable difficulty in keeping their stock clear.

Feed Market Easier. The feed market is easier on account of the opening of the Portland Flouring Mills Company's plant at Albina.

Wheat is Weaker. Both Walla Walla and Bluestem wheat are weaker with few sales reported.

Flour demand is quiet and the market is showing considerable weakness.

Little Meats Arriving. The fresh meat markets on Front street are quiet with very little stock of any kind arriving.

Looks Like Salt Advance. The salt market is stronger with every tendency for an early advance on all refined grades.

Business Falls Off. Prominent wholesale men say that the business on the street has fallen off at least one-third for the city trade.

Chickens are entirely cleaned up and the demand is still strong.

Pedro Tobacco Advanced. Pedro tobacco is advanced 1 cent a pound.

Next Paymaster-General. WASHINGTON, May 5.—The term of Paymaster-General Kenney of the Navy expired today and he was placed on the retired list on account of age.

Local Stock Receipts. PORTLAND UNION STOCKYARDS, May 5.—Receipts of stock in the local stockyards consisted of 300 hogs and 200 sheep.

Good Wheat Receipts. NEW YORK, May 5.—Although the week opened with not much business, brokers say that the market reflected a scarcity of good stocks.

Langdale Here Tomorrow. The British ship Langdale left up from Astoria at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Columbia River Bar Report. (C. A. M., 12th meridian line.) No fog, light breeze, clear sky. Condition of bar obscured. Wind, N. light.

Southwest Gets Rain. CHICAGO, May 5.—Liverpool, 5% to 6% lower. Corn unchanged to 1/4 lower. The map shows rains in the Southwest, where they are needed.

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GRAIN MARKETS ARE SQUEEZED HARD

Pork Advances Rapidly in Chicago.

Eastern Brokers Are Bullishly Inclined on Wheat--Short Crops in Europe.

NEW YORK, May 5.—The Chronicle says: CHICAGO, May 5.—The Record-Herald says: The shorts in May pork found the price at 119 yesterday morning.

NEW YORK, May 5.—The Chronicle says: Stockholders of the Green Consolidated were disappointed by the action of directors in declaring a dividend of only 2 per cent on the stock.

London Stocks. LONDON, May 5, 2 p. m.—A. N. C. unchanged; Atholton advanced 1/4; preferred, unchanged.

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STATUS OF THE STATE ASYLUM

Home of Insane in Good Condition.

The Institution Now Contains 1298 Patients--General Health Excellent.

(Journal Special Service.) SALEM, May 5.—The board of trustees for the insane asylum met at the Capitol yesterday afternoon.

The superintendent placed before the trustees plans and specifications for a new stock barn, to cost \$10,000, and bids will be called for immediately.

Asylum Statistics. The superintendent's report, showing the number of patients in the asylum on March 31, and the number received, discharged, died and eloped during the quarter, gives the following statistics:

Table with 2 columns: Male, Female. Rows: No. of patients March 31, No. received during month, No. returned escapes, Number under care, No. discharged, recovered, No. died, improved, No. discharged, not improved, Number died, Number eloped.

During the month \$7,749.41 was expended by the management for provisions and supplies of all kinds.

Receipts of Live Stock in the Principal Packing Centers of the Country are:

Table with 2 columns: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. Rows: Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Portland.

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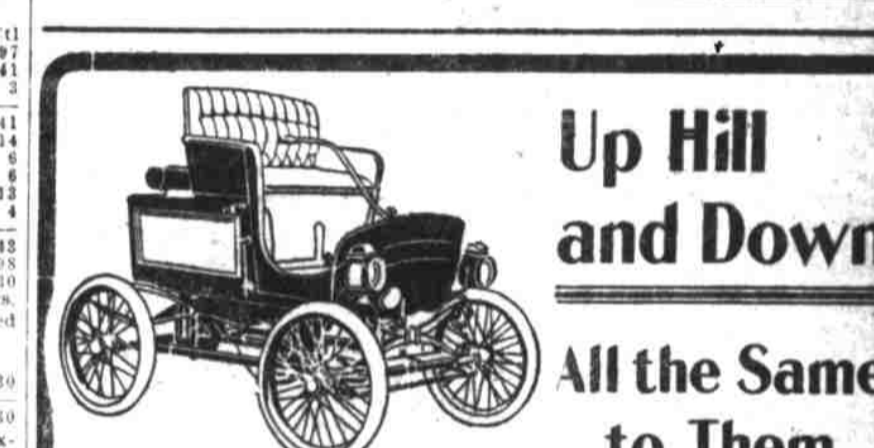
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