

TRAFFIC IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE AND TRADE

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FEED CONTINUES STRONG. The feed market continues strong, with a spirited demand for all the product the local mills can turn out.

The local mills are taxed to their capacity to fill the orders now being received for the various mill feeds. Supplies are very scarce on account of the shortness of wheat and there is about double the amount of orders being received than can be turned out during the present season.

San Francisco Buys Feed. San Francisco feed prices are so high that many of the dealers there are looking to this market in order to get supplies. Some shipments are being made to the Bay City on each steamer from this port but the local men are refusing many outside orders on account of their inability to supply even the local trade.

Prices Too High. Feed prices are so high in the local markets that the movement and call is not exactly what it should be with the market in its present stiff condition. Dealers find that quotations are much too high to use mill feed with profit and have cut it out as much as possible. The feeding of bran and shorts to cows makes some slight difference in the amount of milk produced, but the dairymen consider that this amount is not sufficient to warrant them in investing in mill feeds as present quotations.

Hay Very Short. Perhaps the shortest article in the way of supplies in this city is hay. The Oregon stock has practically disappeared from the market for the balance of the season and what stock is being used is imported from California and other Southern states. Quotations on hay are up to the highest possible notch consistent with keeping the market open at all. Quotations ranging today are: Timothy, \$20; clover, \$17 per ton.

Business Houses to Close. Front street shops will observe Decoration Day. The wholesale grocers will remain closed all day, but the commission houses and dealers in perishable stock will be open until noon. The various railroads have notified the street that no freight will be either delivered or received tomorrow.

Oregon Sweet Peas Arrive. The first Oregon sweet peas of the season to arrive in the local markets were received on Front street this morning from the leading packers. The stock is quoted at 5 cents a pound.

More Hood River Berries. Hood River strawberries are in larger receipt and during the coming week it is expected that the season will be in full swing. The usual car of Florida stock arrived this morning but the condition of the berries was not as good as might be expected. The Oregon fruit's condition is excellent. Hood River stock is being quoted at \$3 per crate of 24 boxes. California prices are packed.

Packed Meats Still Weaker. The markets for both the local and Eastern brands of packed meats are considered weaker today. In consequence of the continued dropping of hog quotations throughout the country. Receipts of hogs are on the increase throughout the entire country and another slump in packed meats is expected by the leading packers. Lard prices are weak in sympathy with those on packed meats.

Japanese Rice Will Advance. Japanese rice prices show an advance of a quarter cent in the San Francisco markets today, according to information received by one of the leading Portland grocers. The local market is firmer and an advance is predicted within the next few days. Rice stocks throughout the country are smaller than for many previous years and with the large scarcity in the better grades of domestic stock and the prospects for a small crop during the coming year there is a likelihood of several advances in quotations.

Plenty of Bull Beef. The bull beef market seems to be badly overstocked all at once, the receipts yesterday and today being very large and the demand poor. Hogs are not arriving so fast as they were at present, but there is very little call from retailers for supplies. A few veal are in receipt but the top of the market will barely reach 7-12 cents. The condition of the stock is very little improved. Mutton and lamb are plentiful and the market is weak.

Today's quotations, as revised, are as follows:

PORTLAND WHOLESALE PRICES.

Wheat—Grain, Yellow, 72c; bluestem, 77c; Valley, 74c.
Barley—Feed, 21c; rolled, 22c; 100 lb. No. 1 white, \$1.17; No. 2, \$1.15; No. 3, \$1.13.
Flour—Eastern Oregon, 10c; 100 lb. No. 1, \$1.15; No. 2, \$1.13; No. 3, \$1.11; No. 4, \$1.09; No. 5, \$1.07; No. 6, \$1.05; No. 7, \$1.03; No. 8, \$1.01; No. 9, \$0.99; No. 10, \$0.97; No. 11, \$0.95; No. 12, \$0.93; No. 13, \$0.91; No. 14, \$0.89; No. 15, \$0.87; No. 16, \$0.85; No. 17, \$0.83; No. 18, \$0.81; No. 19, \$0.79; No. 20, \$0.77; No. 21, \$0.75; No. 22, \$0.73; No. 23, \$0.71; No. 24, \$0.69; No. 25, \$0.67; No. 26, \$0.65; No. 27, \$0.63; No. 28, \$0.61; No. 29, \$0.59; No. 30, \$0.57; No. 31, \$0.55; No. 32, \$0.53; No. 33, \$0.51; No. 34, \$0.49; No. 35, \$0.47; No. 36, \$0.45; No. 37, \$0.43; No. 38, \$0.41; No. 39, \$0.39; No. 40, \$0.37; No. 41, \$0.35; No. 42, \$0.33; No. 43, \$0.31; No. 44, \$0.29; No. 45, \$0.27; No. 46, \$0.25; No. 47, \$0.23; No. 48, \$0.21; No. 49, \$0.19; No. 50, \$0.17; No. 51, \$0.15; No. 52, \$0.13; No. 53, \$0.11; No. 54, \$0.09; No. 55, \$0.07; No. 56, \$0.05; No. 57, \$0.03; No. 58, \$0.01; No. 59, \$0.00; No. 60, \$0.00; No. 61, \$0.00; No. 62, \$0.00; No. 63, \$0.00; No. 64, \$0.00; No. 65, \$0.00; No. 66, \$0.00; No. 67, \$0.00; No. 68, \$0.00; No. 69, \$0.00; No. 70, \$0.00; No. 71, \$0.00; No. 72, \$0.00; No. 73, \$0.00; No. 74, \$0.00; No. 75, \$0.00; No. 76, \$0.00; No. 77, \$0.00; No. 78, \$0.00; No. 79, \$0.00; No. 80, \$0.00; No. 81, \$0.00; No. 82, \$0.00; No. 83, \$0.00; No. 84, \$0.00; No. 85, \$0.00; No. 86, \$0.00; No. 87, \$0.00; No. 88, \$0.00; No. 89, \$0.00; No. 90, \$0.00; No. 91, \$0.00; No. 92, \$0.00; No. 93, \$0.00; No. 94, \$0.00; No. 95, \$0.00; No. 96, \$0.00; No. 97, \$0.00; No. 98, \$0.00; No. 99, \$0.00; No. 100, \$0.00.

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