

TRANSACTIONS IN THE FLOUR WORLD

MARKET ON HOPS RANGING HIGHER

ENGINEERS ARE AGAIN IN NEED OF SUPPLIES—ONE SALE REPORTED AS HIGH AS 50% CENTS—EGGS GO LOWER—POULTRY DEMAND IS BETTER.

Front Street, Jan. 25.—The principal events in the local wholesale markets today were:

Hops selling higher.

Poultry market better.

Eggs weaker and lower.

Hogs not so active.

Veal being cried for.

Small more plentiful.

Dullness in oranges.

Potatoes and onions stranded.

Hops Are Selling Up.

The hop market is now within very small boundaries—the main transactions at this time being the dealers themselves and in some cases with the English buyers. The Englishmen have of late been out of the market but one sale was reported up the valley on Saturday, which is thought to be for the other side of the pond. It was for several hundred bales of the extra choice at 24% cents. The name of the purchaser has been withheld on account of his determination not to boost the market too high. In the city the hop market is dull and trading is confined to very narrow limits. Contracting for the coming season's crop is going steadily on and dealers say that quite a large amount of hops have already been tied up.

Doings in Potatoes.

The fact that the California steamers have of late been carrying small cargoes of potatoes and even these have been for the representatives of San Francisco houses has added strength to the market in that city and the arrival of the next steamer in that city is expected to cause a large advance in quotations. "This condition is not a natural one," say the local buyers and will not last any longer than it takes to get the large accumulated stocks from Portland there. If the stocks don't come down on the docks this city will see a slump in the market. Meanwhile quotations in that city are jumping upward.

Onion Market Firm.

The onion market continues to firm up although no changes are noted in quotations today. The present price on onions is a good one and dealers do not seem to be very anxious to buy at top quotations.

Better Tone in Poultry.

Lighter receipts in the poultry market together with the fact that the market has been inactive for a week and the retail trade is now working off all stocks is causing a better tone to prevail in all lines. There were no changes in the quotations today but light receipts would have a tendency to boost things up a trifle. There were some arrivals of wild fowls this morning and the demand was very good at fair quotations. The demand for ducks and turkeys, live, is very good. Receipts at this time are not over-large. Of late there have been plenty of live and dressed geese in the markets and the demand at the present time is not so great.

Eggs Weaker and Lower.

The egg market saw larger receipts today than for several weeks and the market is somewhat weaker and lower. The market today stands at 27 1/2 cents and the prospects now are that receipts will increase so much that the market will become glutted if present prices are kept up. Today the quotations on eggs stand at about 27 1/2 cents—once in a while a single case being sold at 28 cents and sometimes larger lots going at 27 cents. A cold spell would be the only thing to save the market from going down. About 150 cases of California eggs have arrived and this helped somewhat to cause the market to weaken.

Hogs Not So Active.

Although there is not any real dullness in the hog market, the large receipts of the past week have had the effect of filling up the butchers and the demand is not quite so brisk as it was several days ago. Packing operations continue active with cooler weather and all receipts are sold at prevailing prices.

Still Ory for Veal.

The main cry in the fresh meat markets at this time is for veal. Receipts are extra light and all arrivals are eagerly picked up. The market for veal is good and the demand for mutton is quite good and printed prices are easily maintained.

Small Arriving Faster.

There seems to be no end to the run of small now in the Cowleys and the receipts this morning broke the records of the season. No changes were made in prices. The movement is good. Chinook salmon were scarce today, with no changes in quotations.

Very Dull in Oranges.

All is dullness in the orange market, the receipts being very large and the demand small. Prices are in all shapes and no two dealers are today quoting the same figures. The cause of the dullness is the very large crop in California this year.

Wheat Market Unchanged.

The ups and downs of quotations in the Chicago market have had but little effect in regulating the prices on wheat in this market during the present season. In Chicago the market today was dull while here everything continues steady with the farmers still holding for higher figures. The strength in the wheat market caused the flour market to assume a still steadier tone. No changes in quotations today.

Prune Dullness Continues.

The dullness in the prune market continues unabated and the efforts of the Willamette Valley association to boost prices have so far come to naught. All the sales now being made are at quotations much less than the opening of the season.

Opinions on Today's Market.

B. Glafie company—The creamy butter market is strong with no changes in quotations. The prices on butter in the East are too low to admit of any advance here and if that should be the market will be filled with eastern stocks.

W. T. Turner & Co.—Eggs are coming in much faster and the market is bound to rule lower. Eggs are fairly well cleaned up and the market looks better.

Bell & Co.—Car of bananas arrived today.

Page & Sons—Car of bananas today; eggs coming in more freely and market is ruling lower; expert chicken market is in good shape this week; market is stocked up with hogs; veal continues to be a scarce article, with the call very large.

Mark Levy & Co.—Market today opened better than for many previous Mondays, with full supply of vegetables

and fruit; prices are steady and unchanged.

Chatterton & Co.—Eggs are coming in faster; apples are not so plentiful; demand is good; poultry arrivals slow, with demand good; hogs ready sale, veal very firm.

Levy & Spigel—California steamer in due tonight.

Malarkey & Co.—Smelt more plentiful; Chinook salmon scarcer.

Jagers—No change in potatoes and onions; both markets good and steady.

Davenport-Thompson company—Eggs fairly good; apples firm with steady demand.

Everding & Farrell—As today is Monday, there was nothing doing; egg receipts rather light; chickens cleaned and expect fair market this week.

W. H. Dryer—Only trouble now in potato market is that we cannot get our shipments down to "Frisco."

Smith Bros.—Markets opened with brisk demand for small and medium-sized hogs; also veal and poultry; trade in all kinds of meat good and prospects for coming week very good; see no reason why present prices should not be maintained.

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

PORTLAND WHOLESALE PRICES.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 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