

## TODAY'S MARKETS

COMPLAINT MADE  
ON POTATO PACK

Outside Dealers Say That Last Shipment From This City Is Worse Ever.

STOCK MUST BE GOOD  
TO SELL AT THE TOP

Rumors of Hop Sales—Eggs Quoted at Advance—Poultry Strikes the Top.

Front Street, March 2.—The principal features of the Portland wholesale markets today are: Complaint about potato packing.

Butter scarce and dear.

Eggs quoted at advance.

Chickens quoted at the top.

Dressed birds are still high.

Coffee market on the fence.

Tea is high in every deal.

Eastern brokers looking for buyers.

Fish prices more liberal.

Complaint About Potato Packing.

Of late there has been much complaint about the packing of Oregon potatoes which are sold as local shippers claim that the farmers are becoming lax in their packing and all sorts and shapes of potatoes are put into one sack.

The following are extracts from letters received by the Journal:

Both letters were dated February 28.

Letter from San Francisco Merchant.

"The steamer arrived today with about 8,500 sacks of potatoes and reached a very poor market on account of the stuff being poor."

This market from Oregon, taking all shipments through and through. There perhaps were not more than three cars of fairly good potatoes included in the total."

Another dealer writes:

"The potato market is very quiet on account of the late arrivals of Oregon being in such bad shape."

Notice Packing Gets Better Price.

It is agreed by all the trade that when growners are able to pack fruit well and have their stocks in first-class shape they receive the best price. This is true of potatoes as well as apples and strawberries. In this last hope included in London reports that arrivals of last year's Oregon crop are not bad since among the bales which were supposed to be first class.

Takes Good Stocks to Compete.

Oregon potato-growers are especially warned to be very careful of their packing this season, when doing so will bring them into line with the state's potatoe with those from Germany.

As the market at Greeley is very low the growers there are able to name very low prices, and if Oregon growers do not make a better showing in this respect it will be already made this season the outlook for continuation of the trade between this state and California is not bright.

Trade Shows Very Firm.

Just at present there is a very strong demand for Oregon potatoes, and the prices are really in the market market. Only

French potatoes are, however, included in this list, as all markets are filled up with ordinary goods. The onion market is very firm, but unchanged in prices from last week.

Prices of Eggs.

They are high, but the market has not yet been confirmed.

"That Great Greely market is willing to pay 3c per pound for 3,000 boxes, if he really means business, I believe him," says Mr. Mitchell, "and I am willing to sell to him at that price myself." Other dealers estimate the market today, it is reported that N. Calleifer of New York has entire yield of hops during the coming year at 140 million pounds.

Eggs Quoted at Advance.

The egg market is quoted higher and higher today. Receipts are still liberal, but at the figures there is a good demand. Already a considerable amount of eggs have been placed in cold storage.

Poultry Market Troubles the Top.

The poultry market is very firm, and the trade is in a while's sale of frozen meat.

A house is made at a slight advance over the printed quotations. According to the retailers they will not pay a higher amount for chickens than 15c per pound, and the same for turkeys, unless there will be no demand from the general public. They say that the price of poultry has already advanced to such a figure that the average family cannot afford to buy it.

Trade's Wholesale quotations, as revised, are as follows:

dove, flocks and flocks.

WHEAT—Club and red, \$7.00; bluestem,

BARLEY—Feed, \$2.50; rolled, \$2.00; brew,

OATS—Whole, \$3.50; cracked, \$2.50 per

BUCKWHEAT—Oats, \$4.00 per bushel.

YALE—\$1.00 per cwt.

OATS—Producers' price—No. 1 white, \$2.00;

OATS—Feed, \$1.50; bran, \$1.00;

PARSLEY—Roots, Oreg., \$4.00 per bushel.

CORN—White, \$2.50; yellow, \$2.00;

SUGAR—Rock sugar, \$1.00 per lb.; granulated, \$1.25 per lb.

SUGAR—Cane, \$1.00 per lb.; molasses, \$1.50 per lb.

SUGAR—Golden C. \$1.50 per lb.; dark, \$1.50 per lb.

SUGAR—Rock sugar, \$1.00 per lb.

HONEY—\$1.00 per lb.

HONEY—Package brands, \$1.00 to \$1.50 per lb.

HONEY—Marketed, \$1.00 to \$1.