

TODAY'S MARKETS

LARGE INTEREST TO FORM COMBINE

Hop Dealers and Growers to Effect Organization for Market Control.

FIRST COLUMBIA SHAD ARE NOW IN MARKET

Receipts of Chinook Salmon Fair —Strawberries Coming in Better Shape.

Front Street, April 17.—The principal features of the Pacific wholesale markets today are: Eggs are now to come. Poultry market never better. First Columbia river shad in. Chinook salmon coming fair. Potatoes from all grades. Remaining onions very firm. Strawberries in better shape.

Hop Men Ready to Combine.

According to one of the large hop dealers in the country, the hop market is on the verge of a very sudden change in character. Hence, while the brewing interests have been the leaders in the movement, the combination has not been sufficiently strong up to this time to make the market remain at whatever price is wanted. Large numbers of hops among the dealers here, as well as the growers, indicate that a meeting will be held at the Hotel Portland next Tuesday to prepare plans. The following is from a late issue of the New York Producers' Price Current:

"In New York, stock is still strong, no movement in hops the past week of any consequence. Growers are now beginning to work in the yards, and from present indications it looks as if they will be in full force by May 1st for their crop, but are not yet able to effect any sales. On the local market a sale of 250 bushels prime Pacifics were made at \$2.40, and 100 bushels of Sonoma at \$2.20, etc. With the majority holding their stocks at \$2.60, but some few sales are reported at \$2.20, and even at \$2.00. The German market is reported as very quiet and from here we hear that there are no buyers in the market for our very willing sellers."

Wheat Firm at the Top.

The wheat market is firm at the top values. Eighteen cents is now easily being obtained for all first-class eggs sold on the street, and dealers are offering around 18c at country points. The oilseed market is also firm. The poultry market is in excellent shape with receipts smaller than the demand. Prices hold very firm.

First Columbia River Shad In.

The first Columbia river shad of the season were received in this city today from the Columbia river, and are reported to be in good condition. Shad are quoted firm at 50c per pound.

Receipts of Columbia Salmon Fair.

There were fair receipts of Columbia river salmon in this market today. Demand was good and prices held firm around 8c per pound. There is plenty of salmon in the market, but none on account of the small number of boats.

Marketing Onion Hold Very Firm.

Marketing stocks of onions are being held very firm by those in control of the situation but at the best supplies are only nominal.

Australians are new leaders in the market and are the dominant condition of the wheat and the small difference between them and the hogs.

Potatoes Firm in All Grades.

All grades of potatoes are being held firm. There is a steadily improving demand for fancy stocks and very high grade are being offered at 18c per bushel. About 10 cars of Colorado potatoes are due here within the next few days.

Strawberries in Better Shape.

Strawberries are arriving in better shape and the demand is improved. Crates of 16 boxes each of good ripe fruit are now being offered at 18c per box. The market is firm. A few local points are now in evidence in all markets. Demand is better. Oranges are firm.

Today's quotations as revised, are as follows:

Onions, firm and firm.

WHEAT—Nominal; white and red, 87½c; brown, 86c; valley, 87½c.

BALLET—Feed, 88½c; rolled, 88½c; broken, 88½c.

ZORN—White, 82½c; cracked, 82½c; per bushel.

WHITE—15c per cwt.; 18c per bushel.

WHEAT—15c per cwt.; 18c per bushel.