TODAY'S MARKETS

Shortage in Various Fruit Crops Responsible for Sharp Advance in Opening Values of Dried Product in Pacific Coast Markets.

DRIED APPLES GO UP IN PRICE

Shortage of Supplies Throughout Country Causes a Spirited Advance.

BEANS STIFFEN AND MAKE A SMALL RISE

Japanese Are Buying Flour More Freely — Further Drop in Hop Market—Dressed Meats Not So Firm.

Front Street, Oct. 26.—The principal features of the Portland wholesale markets today are:

Dried apples much higher.
Bean prices stiffen and rise.
Chilled bananas do not sell.
Views of apple holders are high.
Japanese are buying flour.
Wheat and flour both firm at rise.
New lemons are rather green.
Ilwaco cranberries in fine shape.
Salmon receipts are small.
Dressed meats not so firm.
Eggs and chickens are firm.
Further drop in hop market.
Grape market is much muddled.
Demand for fancy potatoes continues.
Onions are dull but firm.

Dried Apples Are Much Higher.

On account of the short crop of apples throughout the United States and the indifferent supplies a year ago, the market on the dried article is very firm and prices are from 1c to 1½c a pound higher in this city. A year ago dried apples could be freely purchased at this time around 6½@7c a pound, while today the best price that the same fruit can be purchased at is 8c a pound, and from that the values rule up to 9c a pound. Even at these quotations apples are not so freely offered as might be supposed. California dryers are offering apples to the local trade around 7½c f. o. b. ports there, which would make the cost price here to the jobbers in the neighborhood of 8c a pound; this without including cartage and other charges. As the California dried apple is not to be compared with the stocks from this state, there is a belief among the trade here that present values are about the lowest that will rule during the 1905 season.

Other Dried Fruits Also Higher.

Apples do not have a monopoly of the advances in the dried fruit market the present season. This year there was a great shortage in the supplies of apricots in California and for that reason alone values will rule about 1½c per pound higher than a year ago. Prunes were also very scarce, this being more especially true in the larger sizes. All prunes are about 1c higher today than at this period a year ago. Pears show a very great shortage this season and the fresh fruit ruled considerably higher than a year ago. The dried fruit is not being offered very freely and prices are nominal as yet. It is believed, however, that they will open about 1½c higher than last season. Peaches likewise showed a short supply during the season of 1905 and prices on the dried fruit are about 1c higher than those that ruled the previous year. Some small advance was likewise shown in fig prices.

Bean Prices Stiffen and Rise.

To date the bean market has shown nothing but severe declines in prices this season. The crop in California and other bean-producing sections was considerably increased over previous ones and jobbers and brokers lost their heads and began offering stocks at much lower figures. At present it seems that the declines have been a trifle too severe and today's market is firm all the way through. Bayous, Limas and Mexican reds show an advance today.

Japanese Are Buying Flour.

Japanese orders for flour are again in evidence even at the advance of 10c quoted in The Journal yesterday. The internal troubles in Russia have been a help to the entire market. Wheat is also firm on this account and today's values are strong. No change since the advance of yesterday. Millstuffs are firm but unchanged.

Dressed Meats Are Not So Firm.

Dressed meat prices are not so firmly held today and some dealers are asking ½c less for dressed veal than yesterday on account of the better supplies. Hogs are coming more freely and, although there is no glut in the market, the product does not move off quite as well as formerly.

Eggs and Poultry Firm.

Eggs and poultry show a very firm tone today. Receipts of chickens are a trifle more liberal, but there is a call for everything that comes at present quoted figures. Turkeys are rather scarce and demand is good. The best tone remains in dressed stock. Small springs and fancy hens form the best inquiry in the chicken market. Receipts of eggs just about equal the demand at printed prices.

Ilwaco Cranberries in Fine Shape.

Some very choice cranberries were received late yesterday afternoon from Ilwaco, stocks being of as good quality as the best received from Jersey a year ago. The arrivals sold well at $11 a barrel. All cranberry prices are held firmer.

The market is filled with chilled bananas and trade on this account is small.

Most of the lemons now in the market are rather green. On account of the demand prices are stiff.

The following prices are being paid along Front street by the retail trade for choice quality in round lots. Producers' prices are so specified:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—New club, 75c; Red Russian, 69c; bluestem, 75@76c; valley, 72@73c.

BARLEY—Feed, $21.50@22.00; rolled, $22.50@23.00; brewing, $22.50@23.00.

CORN—Whole, $27.00; cracked, $28.00 per ton.

RYE—$1.55 per cwt.

OATS—Producers' price—No. 1 white, $23.50@24.00; gray, $23.00.

FLOUR—New, eastern Oregon patents, $4.20; straights, $3.50@3.65; export, $3.40@3.45; rye, $3.65; graham, ¼s, $3.50; rye, 50s, $5.00; bales, $2.75.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $18.00 per ton; middlings, $25.00; shorts, country, $20.00; city, $19.00; crop, $18.00.

HAY—Producers' price—Timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $11.00@13.00; ordinary, $7.00@9.00; eastern Oregon, $14.00@15.00; mixed, $8.50@9.00; clover, $9.00@10.00; grain, $8.50@9.00; cheat, $8.00@8.50.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—City creamery, 30@32½c; outside fancy, 27½@30c; ordinary, 27½c; store, 16@17c.

EGGS—No. 1 fresh Oregon, candled, 29@30c; cold storage and eastern, 26@27c.

CHEESE—New—Full cream, twins, 14@14½c; Young America, 15@15½c; cheddar, 14½@14¾c.

GAME—Jackrabbits, $3 per doz.

POULTRY—Fancy hens, 12½c per lb; roosters, old, 9½@10c per lb; fryers, 12½c per lb; broilers, 12½c per lb; ducks, 14@15c per lb; geese, 9c per lb; turkeys, 18c per lb; dressed, 20c per lb; squabs, $2.50@3.00 per doz.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS — 1905 — Oregon, choice, 11@12c; Washington, 10@11c; 1904 crop, 9½@9¾c for choice.

WOOL—1905 clip, valley, coarse to medium, 24½@25½c; fine, 20@27c; eastern Oregon, 19@22c.

MOHAIR—Nominal, 30@31c.

SHEEPSKINS—Shearing, 15@20c each; short wool, 25@40c each; medium wool, 50@75c each; long wool, 75c@$1.00 each.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 3½@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

CHITTIM BARK—2½@3c per lb.

HIDES—Dry, No. 1, 16 lbs and up, 16½@17½c per lb; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 lbs, 14c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 lbs, 18c; salted hides, steers, sound, 60 lbs and over, 10@11c; cows, 8½@9½c; stags and bulls, sound, 6@7c; kip, 35 to 50 lbs, 9c; calf, sound, under 15 lbs, 11c; green, unsalted, 1c less; culls, 1c per lb less; horsehides, salted, each, $1.25@1.75; dry, each, $1.00@1.50; colt hides, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, each, 25c@$1.00.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—Best Oregon, 65c sack; car lots, 65@70c sack; ordinary, 60@75c; sweets, $1.50 sack, $2.15@2.25 crate.

ONIONS—New Oregon yellow Danvers, $1.25@1.35; car lots, $1.00@1.05; garlic, 8@10c per lb.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, Oregon, $1.00@1.50; fancy, $1.75; crabapples, $1.50; oranges, new navel, $3.50; late Valencias, $4.75@5.25; bananas, 5c lb; lemons, choice, $3.50@3.75 box; fancy, $6.00 box; limes, Mexican, $1.25 per 100; pineapples, $4.00 doz; peaches, fancy, $1.00@$1.25; grapes, Oregon, 50@75c; Concords 5s, 15c; 10s, 30c basket; California, 75c@$1.25; pears, $1.25@1.50 per box; Winter Nellis, $1.25 per box; pomegranates, $1.25 per box; tangerines, $1.75.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new, $1.00 per sack; carrots, $1.00 per sack; beets, $1.00@1.25 per sack; Oregon radishes, 25c per doz; cabbage, Oregon, $1.00@1.25 per cwt; green peppers, 5c per lb; local tomatoes, 50@40c; parsnips, $1.00@1.25; string beans, 4@5c; cauliflower, 75c@$1.00 doz; rhubarb, — per lb; horseradish, 10c per lb; artichokes, 40@50c per doz; hothouse lettuce, $1.25@1.75 per box; green corn, 75c per sack; cucumbers, 75c per sack; celery, local, 50@75c per doz; eggplant, $1.50 per crate; pumpkins, 1¼c; squash, 1¼c; cranberries, Cape Cod, $9.50; Jerseys, $11.00 per bbl; Cape Cod, $9.50; Jerseys, $11.00 per bbl; Cape Cod, $9.50; Jerseys, $11.00 per bbl;