TODAY'S MARKETS

Weather Conditions Are Now Too Uncertain to Predict the Outcome of Prices in the Egg Market — Market Entirely a Climatic One

JAR PRICES OPEN DOWNWARD

Initial Figures Are About a Dollar Lower Than Those of Previous Year.

POTATOES ARE TEN CENTS OFF TODAY

Less Demand in California on Account of Heavier Supplies—Wheat One Cent Higher — Advance of Twenty-Five Cents in Sweets.

Front Street, Jan. 18.—The principal features of the Portland wholesale markets today are:

Jar prices opening lower.
Potatoes are 10c lower.
Wheat market 1c higher.
Four cars bananas arrive.
Sweet potatoes 25c higher.
Eggs are firmer with stormy weather.
Chickens are on the fence.
Hay market is very dull.
Hops in demand; prices same.
All fresh meats are active.
Cheese dull; butter is fair.

Opening Prices on Fruit Jars.

The opening prices on fruit jars have been announced by some of the wholesale grocers, values being considerably lower than those of a year ago. Many reasons are assigned for this, chief among them being the fact that there was but a small demand for jars a year ago on account of the severe shortage in most fruit crops. This left the jobbers and manufacturers, as well as the retail trade, with a very large amount of jars unsold at the end of last season. The prices this season as compared with a year ago are:

	Today	Year Ago
Pints	$5.75	$6.50
Quarts	6.50	7.50
Half gallons	9.25	10.50

Potatoes Are, Ten Cents Lower.

The potato market is 10c per 100 pounds lower in this city today. This is the result of the severe pressure upon the market in San Francisco and the dropping of the prices there. Shipments to California by Oregon dealers have been too great of late, this being the sole cause for the decline. There is still a demand for potatoes from the south, but the shipments will have to be smaller before the market can recover from its present weakness. Supplies of potatoes in this territory are the greatest in recent seasons, but there are but small stocks of fancy left. Ordinary potatoes are quoted even weaker than ever in the California markets and locally there is hardly any sign of demand. Onions are quoted just steady with prices unchanged from yesterday.

There is still a scarcity of first-class celery and hothouse lettuce along the street today and prices are more firm but at present unchanged.

Four cars of bananas, three from Bluefields and one from an independent concern, were among the arrivals this morning. Most of the stocks were green.

A car of sweet potatoes was among the arrivals this morning. Prices are 25c higher because of the shortage of best stocks in California.

Wheat Is One Cent Higher.

There is an advance of 1c in the wheat market today. Liverpool acted better and outside markets were in improved shape.

The flour market remains very dull with no indication of oriental business. The mills are now grinding on some small orders received from China some time ago. Locally the demand is slow.

Millfeeds are quoted firm but unchanged. The hay market is very weak and dull with prices the same.

Eggs Are Firmer With Stormy Weather.

The egg market was firmer today. Stormy weather has interfered with the arrivals and instead of being plentiful along the street today eggs were rather scarce. Prices were ruling between 28@29c, with a sale reported once in a while at 30c. The general market is, however, at the two former figures.

The chicken market stands thus: There continues a good demand for all lines, but stags and old roosters do not find such a good call. Hens and springs are still firm. Geese and ducks likewise. Turkeys are slow in coming, but the trade does not care for them.

All Fresh Meats Are Active.

Activity is shown in all branches of the fresh meat market today. Arrivals cannot be said to be small, but demand is much larger. The greatest call this morning seemed to be in hogs, but veal were just about as eagerly picked up at the printed values.

The cheese market is dull. Creamery butter fair at the present range of price.

Hops in Demand; Prices Same.

Demand for hops continues quite good, but the trade seems unwilling to pay more than prices now quoted. The eastern and European markets continue firm, but prices are practically the same as yesterday. Some sales are still reported at valley points at former figures.

The trade pays the following prices to Front street dealers for choice quality in round lots. Prices paid producers are so specified:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—New club, 73c; red Russian, 70c; bluestem, 74¼c; valley, 74c.

BARLEY—Feed, $25.00; rolled, $26.50; brewing, $28.50.

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

RYE—$1.85 per cwt.

OATS—Producers' price—No. 1 white, $28.00; gray, $27.00.

FLOUR—New eastern Oregon patents, $4.25; straights, $3.70@3.80; export, $3.50@3.60; valley, $3.70@3.80; graham, ¼s, $3.50; rye, 50s, $6.00; belew, $3.75.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $17.50 per ton; middlings, $25.00; shorts, country, $18.50; city, $18.50; chop, $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, $8.00@9.00; grain, $8.50@9.00; cheat, $8.00.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—P. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 31c; sour, 29c.

BUTTER—City creamery, 32½c; outside fancy, 37½@38c; ordinary, 27½c; store, 16@17c.

EGGS—No. 1 fresh Oregon, candled, 30@32c; cold storage and eastern, 23½@25c.

CHEESE—New—Full cream, fancy, 14½@15c; Young American, 15½@16c; cheddar, 15c.

GAME—Jacks, $3bbls, $1.50@1.75 per doz.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 13½c per lb; fancy hens, 14c per lb; roosters, old, 10c per lb; stags, 12c; fryers, 16@17c per lb; broilers, 16@17c per lb; ducks, 16c per lb; geese, 11c per lb; turkeys, 18c per lb; dressed, 20c per lb; squabs, $2.70@3.00 per doz.

Vegetables, Fruit and Nuts.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, "extra," 50@75c per box; fancy, $1.25@1.50; choice, 75c@$1.00; cooking, 50@75c per box; pears, $1.50@2.00 per box; grapes, Malagas, $1.50@2.00 per keg; persimmons, 50@75c per box; pineapples, $3.50 per doz; quinces, $1.25@1.50 per box; pomegranates, $1.25 per box; tangerines, $1.25; lemons, choice, $3.50 per box.

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POTATOES—Best Oregon, 75@80c per sack; producers' price for car lots, 70@75c per sack; ordinary, 65@70c; producers' price, 45@55c; sweets, $3.00@3.25 per crate.

ONIONS—Oregon yellow Danvers, $1.00; producers' price, No. 1, 90c@$1.00; No. 2, 50@75c; garlic, 10@12c per lb.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, "extra," 50@75c; ordinary, 75c@$1.25; fancy, $1.50@2.00; Hood River fancy Spitzenbergs and Newton Pippins, $2.00@2.50; oranges, new navel, $3.00@3.75; seedling, —; bananas, 4½@5c lb; lemons, choice, $1.75@2.00 per box; fancy, $2.50@3.00 per box; limes, Mexican, $1.25 per 100; pineapples, $4.50 per doz; tangerines