

# TODAY'S MARKETS

## HAWAIIANS WOULD BUST TRUSTS

**Not Content to Worry Sugar Company the Island People Are After Bananas.**

## FRUIT FROM THERE IS OF GOOD QUALITY

**Proposed to Establish Regular Steamship Line Between This City and Honolulu Especially for This Trade.**

**Front Street, March 8.—The principal features of the Portland wholesale markets today are: World fight bananas trust. Poultry market follows others. Eggs are lower; larger receipts. California has arrived today. Live poultry better comes faster. Hops moving at former figures. Dressed meats holding firm. Onions advance as per predictions. Steelhead salmon is advanced.**

**Hawaiians to Fight Bananas Trust.** As trust buckers the Hawaiians are coming to the front these days. Small trusts are not molested—the Hawaiians are after the big ones. The sugar trust has been kept in the balance by the other trusts, the tactics of the island promoters, and now the same people come along with another proposition. They would fight the bananas trust. Equipped with all the sinewes of war the Hawaiians are in position to do battle successfully with the banana combine. As a banana producing country dealers say that the Hawaiian Islands cannot be beat for quality—that is for shipment to points far apart. The islands are the fighting ground of the big corporations. With a proposed line of steamers from the islands to Portland the Honolulu people would be able to land their fruit in Oregon and at a lower price than would be possible with the present combine trust because of the heavy haul by rail of the latter's product. Hawaiian bananas could be landed here in a much shorter time than by the present method, and it would not only have a sweeter taste, but it would be considerably more healthy. Once upon a time the entire Pacific coast was supplied with bananas from the islands, but now the fruit is mostly sold at lower prices than now, but was in better condition. Even then the dealers received a profit on their investment, while now they handle bananas just as other at cost or an actual loss. In the islands there is again considerable talk of increasing the acreage so as to be in a strong position when the proposed fight is made with the now reigning trust.

**Orange Market Is Advanced.**

Higher and scarcer hogs have again contributed to an advance in the provision market. Today the Union Meat company announced a rise in various lines. The advances are: Picnic hams, 1c; cottage ham, 1c; shoulders, 1c; hams, 1c; bacon, 1c; etc. The changes take effect today.

**Eggs Are Lower; Receipts Higher.**

Notwithstanding the assertions of a morning report the arrival of eggs are again showing an increase. Shippers are shipping heavier than ever. One firm alone sending in 30 cases to market from their plant. The market is weaker and today's prices are 1c lower, with dealers talking of still lower figures.

The poultry market is very firm, with receipts so small that prices are nominal. Prices unchanged.

**California Butter Arrives Today.**

The first shipment of California butter of any size this season came on the steamer which was unloaded this morning. The local creamery butter is showing larger supplies and the trade is holding its own. Butter ranges in value. Generally expected that prices will stay where they are the present week.

**Onions Advance as Per Predictions.**

As per predictions exclusively made by The Journal the onion market is higher in the south. Considerably more firms are again shown in the California market, and prices are again going up. It is now said that an effort is being made by one of the large firms of San Francisco to corner the available supplies of onions. On this account some growers are not disposed to sell the stock.

**Steelhead Salmon Is Advanced.**

Prices in the salmon market have at last responded to the conditions in this city and the price of steelhead is up to 1c a pound today. Supplies very light. Receipts in other lines are also low. The market is quite fair. Prices otherwise unchanged.

The trade pays the following prices to Front street. Prices paid producers are less than the regular commissions:

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**GAME—Vaccuum, 13½c per lb.**

**POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 7c per lb.; fancy hens, 14c per lb.; roasters, old, 11½c; young, 10c per lb.; turkeys, 19½c per lb.; fowl, 12½c per lb.; pigeons, 10c per lb.; geese, 16½c per lb.; turkeys, 16½c per lb.; dressed, 2½c per lb.; squabs, 3c; 7½c per lb.; poults, 10c per lb.**

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