

TODAY'S MARKETS

Still Another Decline of 10c Per Hundred Pounds Noted in Sugar Market Today—Trade's Wants Very Small.

FARMERS BID ON CONTRACTS

Would Sell Potatoes to Government for Term of Six Months—Low Prices.

Produce market features: Farmers bid on contracts. Sugar refinery is wanted here. Sugar market is very weak. Wheat offers move at 3 1/2c. Chickens receipts still heavy. A local potato demand for Portland highest onion market. Old hops are finding sale.

Farmers Bid on Contracts

At the opening of the bids for potatoes and onions yesterday at Fort Vancouver, it developed that farmers were among the principal bidders. It is stated that about three fourths of the bids submitted to supply Union Sam's soldiers at the various forts in this department were from growers. Hereafter farmer bidders have been rather few. Dealers who attended the reading of the bids yesterday stated that they never before saw so many bids submitted for supplying the various forts, nor did they ever see so many farmers' names among the bidders.

Potato Prices Lowest in Years.

The prices submitted were in most cases the smallest in years and created much comment among the local trade. The prices are all for stocks delivered freight free at the various forts. The lowest ones for potatoes are: Fort Wright, 75c per 100 pounds; Fort Walla Walla, 95c per 100 pounds; Fort Stevens, 1.15 per 100 pounds; Fort Colby, 1.15 per 100 pounds; Fort Columbia, 1.15; Fort Flagway, 75c; a lot in Idaho, 1.15; Fort Vancouver, 1.17.

Onion Prices Rule Rather Well.

For onions the prices submitted in the bids to the government for six months were quite high. This again gives out the impression that onion supplies are not abundant. Local trade anticipated and when the present glut is over the market will be more steady. However the Portland market is already above those of any other on the coast and may have to go lower in order to meet competition.

Sugar Market Very Weak.

There is a very weak tone in the local sugar market. The market considerable business for everyone is at present of the impression that still lower values will prevail before long. The reason the trade is buying from hand to mouth.

Old Hops Are Finding Sale.

There is again a demand for old hops at close to the highest listed by The Journal. Several sales have recently been made, the deals being engineered by Ernest Smith of Irwin & Wells. Mr. Smith has purchased the interest of Mr. Ireland and will conduct the firm under the old name. During the last 24 hours he purchased 100 bales of '06s from G. W. Weldner and 105 bales of the Seavey lot of the same growth. For the same amount Mr. Wells has purchased 50 bales of '07s from Goble & Peters of Aurora. The hops were of choice quality, with price not stated.

Local Fresh Eggs are Moving at 32 1/2c a Dozen, with Eastern Fresh at 30c and Cold Storage at 28 1/2c.

Receipts of eggs are still very liberal and some cleanups are still reported at 12 1/2c and with the latter price ruling will prevail before long. Some small sales made as high as 13c.

Cheese is Still Very Dull.

Cleanups of large lots of out of town farm butter are reported made as low as 30c today, with small lots at 32 1/2c. Market dull and weak.

Several Cars of Bananas are Due to Arrive either on Wednesday or Sunday.

Dressed meats of all kinds will still bring top values. Trade says "send them along".

Peaches are Not Moving Very Fast but Prices are Still Being Held at Former Figures.

Today's front street prices: GRAIN, FLOUR AND FEED. GRAIN BAGS—Calcium, 9c, large lots; small lots, 8 1/2c. WHEAT—Club, 82c; red Russet, 81c; bluestem, 80c; yellow, 80c. CORN—Whole, 35c; cracked, 33c. BARLEY—New—Feed, 22.50; 23.50 per ton; rolled, 24.50; 25.50; brewing, 23.50; 24.00. RYE—\$1.55 per cwt. OATS—New—Producers' price—No. 1 white, 24.00; No. 2, 23.00; No. 3, 22.00. HAY—Eastern Oregon patents, \$4.80; straight, \$4.25; exports, \$3.30; valley, \$4.30; 40 lb; Graham, 4c; 3 1/2c; white wheat, \$4.00; rye, 50c; 35.00; bales, \$3.00. MILLSTUFFS—Bran, \$17.00 per ton; middlings, \$25.00; shorts, country, \$20; city, \$19; \$18.00; \$21.00. HAY—Producer's price—Timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, \$18.00; 17.00; ordinary, \$12.00; 11.00; 10.00; Oregon, \$18.00; mixed, \$10.00; 10.50; clover, \$10; 11; grain, \$10; 11; cheat, \$10; 11.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—F. O. B. Portland—Sweet cream, 33 1/2c; sour, 31 1/2c. BUTTER—City creamery, 35c.

FARMERS ARE BUSY SAYS BILLY DRYER

"There is only a small local demand for potatoes at this time because outside markets are too low in price. The receipts at this time are not heavy because farmers are too busy with their farm work to bring potatoes to town. Onions are holding quite well at very high prices—the highest on the coast. The receipts of poultry have been unexpectedly heavy during the past few days and this has resulted in a lower range of values. On account of the large arrivals the big buyers held aloof from the market. I believe that prices will be more steady the coming week; that is, if arrivals are not too heavy."—Billy Dryer, of Dryer, Bolland & Co.

RECEIPTS OF GRAPES HEAVY SAYS SCHMALZ

"Receipts of grapes have been very heavy the past few days. Some of the finest tokays ever shipped to this market this season are on display in front street today. Concord are rather plentiful.

"Now is the time to can huck-beries, as the price is about as low as they will be this season and quality is well above the average."

"Receipts of Sallow peaches are somewhat smaller today."—Fred Schmalz, with Page & Son.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 12 1/2c; fancy hens, 12 1/2c; roosters, old, 10c; fryers, 14c; broilers, 14c; ducks, 11c; geese, old, 10c; turkeys, 11c; for old, 10c; squabs, 25c; pigeons, 1.25; dressed poultry, 1 1/4c per lb. higher.

HOPS—1907 crop, choice, \$8.50; prime to choice, 7 1/2c; ordinary, 6c; 1906, choice, 5c.

WOOL—1907 clip—Valley, 20¢; 18¢; Oregon, 18¢; Mohair, New York—29¢; 29 1/2c; SHEEPSKINS—Shearing, 15¢; 20c; short wool, 25¢; medium wool, 20¢; each long wool, 15¢; 16¢; TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 3 1/2c; No. 2 and grease, 2 1/2c. CHITTIM BARK—6¢.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—Fancy, \$1.00; 1.25 selling; white, 30¢; 35¢; 40¢; 45¢; 50¢; 55¢; 60¢; 65¢; 70¢; 75¢; 80¢; 85¢; 90¢; 95¢; 1.00; 1.05; 1.10; 1.15; 1.20; 1.25; 1.30; 1.35; 1.40; 1.45; 1.50; 1.55; 1.60; 1.65; 1.70; 1.75; 1.80; 1.85; 1.90; 1.95; 2.00; 2.05; 2.10; 2.15; 2.20; 2.25; 2.30; 2.35; 2.40; 2.45; 2.50; 2.55; 2.60; 2.65; 2.70; 2.75; 2.80; 2.85; 2.90; 2.95; 3.00; 3.05; 3.10; 3.15; 3.20; 3.25; 3.30; 3.35; 3.40; 3.45; 3.50; 3.55; 3.60; 3.65; 3.70; 3.75; 3.80; 3.85; 3.90; 3.95; 4.00; 4.05; 4.10; 4.15; 4.20; 4.25; 4.30; 4.35; 4.40; 4.45; 4.50; 4.55; 4.60; 4.65; 4.70; 4.75; 4.80; 4.85; 4.90; 4.95; 5.00; 5.05; 5.10; 5.15; 5.20; 5.25; 5.30; 5.35; 5.40; 5.45; 5.50; 5.55; 5.60; 5.65; 5.70; 5.75; 5.80; 5.85; 5.90; 5.95; 6.00; 6.05; 6.10; 6.15; 6.20; 6.25; 6.30; 6.35; 6.40; 6.45; 6.50; 6.55; 6.60; 6.65; 6.70; 6.75; 6.80; 6.85; 6.90; 6.95; 7.00; 7.05; 7.10; 7.15; 7.20; 7.25; 7.30; 7.35; 7.40; 7.45; 7.50; 7.55; 7.60; 7.65; 7.70; 7.75; 7.80; 7.85; 7.90; 7.95; 8.00; 8.05; 8.10; 8.15; 8.20; 8.25; 8.30; 8.35; 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