

ONION WALKERS

FRONT STREET QUOTATIONS ARE MOVING UP—AS HIGH AS \$2.60 NOW OFFERED.

Front street features: Onions reach \$2.25 on street. Egg market still tumbling. Poultry source and price. Butter market weaker. Several cars green bananas. Dressed meats are scarce again. Apple movement is slow. Hog sales cleaning up stocks. Car sales in from south. Growers are not selling wheat.

Onions reach \$2.25 on street. Onion prices have reached \$2.25 per 100 pounds along front street. This is an advance of 25c over former quotations. Several firms say they are charging \$3. However, those who are now charging \$3 were formerly charging \$2.50 when they were in the market. Onions in this city are very small; growers letting go of very few large ones. Onions at country points during the past 24 hours, this being moving at \$2.50. There are many offers being put out by buyers at this figure, but a number are not disposed to treat with them. Most of them are holding for \$3 or better. One or two buyers are said to be offering \$2.50 at country points.

Boosters are not buying here. One of the very queer features of the present onion situation is the fact that those who are buying the least onions are the boosters. It is alleged that several California firms have cars of onions in Minnesota which are now rolling to the coast. The boosters are now making the chances toward Portland and several for the Puget sound country. This news is not the least bit alarming to the growers of the situation and prices. They say that the risk of bringing onions in from the east is not great, but that only an unusual famine in supplies will force the trade to take the chances of the long haul during the cold snap. However, they are not making the chances and claim they will be able to bring them in at lower figures than are now ruling.

Onion Contractors Lose Money. Onion contracting is not a very profitable business on the Pacific coast at any time and more especially when prices are on a rampage. Those who are contracting for onions for the government with supplies are said to be losing fully 75c a hundred pounds at this time and as the contracts run for several months, the contractors are looking for some plan to get from under. So say the unsuccessful bidders and they claim that they are heartily glad to get out of the business. It is stated that on many occasions the government does not play fair in the matter of contracts. The claim is made that the government uses the values quoted by the contractors, the needs of the army are so much less than when prices are higher. Several contractors are said to have denied that they purchase outside when contracts are in force.

Butter Market is Weaker. A weaker tone is shown in the local butter market. Creameries are still their best quality at ruling prices but there is tremendous pressure on account of the great surplus of butter made. The creamery situation is weak, but no immediate changes in values are anticipated, but the next movement of prices will be downward.

Brief Notes of the Trade. No smelt being caught in the Columbia. A car of celery was among the day's rail arrivals from the south. Market firmer. Poultry remains scarce and in some instances prices are higher. Several cars of bananas arrived in. Were mostly green but in good shape. Several cars of strawberries are expected at the moment. The coming crop around 1 1/2 a pound. Potato market is steady with dealers offering 25c for 100 pounds. Some small demand for seed coming from the south. Front street deals at the following prices: 100 lb. sack, \$2.25; 50 lb. sack, \$1.15; 25 lb. sack, \$1.15. Regular commissions: less regular commissions.

Grain, Flour and Feed. GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, 80c; large lot, small lots, 90c. WHEAT—Red Russian, 81c; bluestem, 85c; 80c; valley, 83c. COGNAC—Whole, \$22; cracked, \$23; 100 lb. sack, \$24; 50 lb. sack, \$25. FLOUR—Eastern Oregon, 24c; straight, 24c; extra, 23c; 2c; second grade, 22c; 1c; 100 lb. sack, 24c; 50 lb. sack, 25c. EGGS—Extra fancy, candied, 25c; extra, 24c; 1st, 23c; 2d, 22c; 3d, 21c; 4d, 20c; 5d, 19c; 6d, 18c; 7d, 17c; 8d, 16c; 9d, 15c; 10d, 14c; 11d, 13c; 12d, 12c; 13d, 11c; 14d, 10c; 15d, 9c; 16d, 8c; 17d, 7c; 18d, 6c; 19d, 5c; 20d, 4c; 21d, 3c; 22d, 2c; 23d, 1c; 24d, 0c.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry. BUTTER—F. & B. Portland—1st, 24c; 2d, 23c; 3d, 22c; 4d, 21c; 5d, 20c; 6d, 19c; 7d, 18c; 8d, 17c; 9d, 16c; 10d, 15c; 11d, 14c; 12d, 13c; 13d, 12c; 14d, 11c; 15d, 10c; 16d, 9c; 17d, 8c; 18d, 7c; 19d, 6c; 20d, 5c; 21d, 4c; 22d, 3c; 23d, 2c; 24d, 1c; 25d, 0c. EGGS—Extra fancy, candied, 25c; extra, 24c; 1st, 23c; 2d, 22c; 3d, 21c; 4d, 20c; 5d, 19c; 6d, 18c; 7d, 17c; 8d, 16c; 9d, 15c; 10d, 14c; 11d, 13c; 12d, 12c; 13d, 11c; 14d, 10c; 15d, 9c; 16d, 8c; 17d, 7c; 18d, 6c; 19d, 5c; 20d, 4c; 21d, 3c; 22d, 2c; 23d, 1c; 24d, 0c. POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 13c per lb; fancy hens, 13 1/2c per lb; roosters, old, 10c; fryers, 12 1/2c; broilers, 12 1/2c; 1st, 12c; 2d, 11c; 3d, 10c; 4d, 9c; 5d, 8c; 6d, 7c; 7d, 6c; 8d, 5c; 9d, 4c; 10d, 3c; 11d, 2c; 12d, 1c; 13d, 0c.

PRICE OF PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO. (United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 28.—Wheat—No. 1 California club, 1.92; No. 2, 1.75; white milling club, 1.70; 1.75; white Australian, 1.70; 1.80; northern club, 1.72; 1.80; inferior grades of wheat, 1.50; 1.60. HAY—No. 1 feed, 1.47; 1.50; with some fancy at 1.73; common to fancy, 1.40; 1.47; brewing at 1.50; California, 1.55; 1.60; brewing and shipping at 1.52; 1.57; Chevalier, 1.65; 1.68, according to quality.

POULTRY DEMAND IS GOOD FOR THE WEEK. All this week there will in all probability be an extensive demand for live poultry. All varieties will find a sale at good prices but the greatest will be for ducks. These are wanted by the Chinese for their New Year's festivities and sales are still reported along the street at 20c a pound. Some dealers are asking an advance for chickens because of the present scarcity. A few turkeys, live or dressed, would find a welcome at good prices.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE. Chicago, Jan. 28.—New York exchange 30 per cent premium.

IT SEEMS FOOLISH FOR GROWERS TO CONTRACT THEIR HOPS IN VIEW OF THE MANY REJECTIONS MADE BY DEALERS IN THE PAST.

SHEEP ABSENCE AT GROWERS HOLD SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES IS VERY MARKED AND BETTER PRICES LIKELY.

Portland Union Stockyards, Jan. 28.—So scarce are the arrivals of sheep in the local yards that it is quite likely that further advance in values would be made for some time. This was another day without sheep arrivals since Thursday morning when a nominal number were reported in the yards.

A better run of hogs was shown today. The market was fairly steady during the day because of the change in sentiment in the east. However, local conditions are not strong because values here have kept up rather well, even though the east was breaking almost every day.

Cattle tone is steadier with values better maintained at the figures previously quoted. The run is fair for this time of year but practical all the stuff coming is brought in by killers who have been feeding.

A year ago at this time there was a very firm tone in hogs and a good feeling in cattle and sheep. Prices did not change this day a year ago.

TURN STRONG IN EAST. Hog Market Better, With Receipts Not So Heavy—Others Steady. (United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Jan. 28.—Hogs, 23,000; cattle, 10,000; sheep, 15,000.

WHEAT MARKET. Range by Downing-Hopkins Co. WHEAT. Open. High. Low. Close. May ... 100% 101% 100% 101% July ... 97% 98% 97% 97%

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO. San Francisco, Jan. 28.—Noon closing prices. GOLDFIELD DISTRICT. Great Bend 24c, Florence 47.2c, Diamond B. 23c, Comb. Fraction 38c, Frances Mohawk 35c, Red Hill 40c, N. E. 40c, Yellow Rock 22c, Yellow Rose 40c, Golded Comb. 55.7c.

LOWNSDALE TALKS OF GOOD APPLE PACKING. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., Jan. 28.—Millard O. Lownsdale of Lafayette yesterday delivered an address to the apple growers of this section. He confined himself to an actual demonstration of the proper method in which to pack commercial apples. A large and enthusiastic audience heard his discourse on the value of up-to-date methods in apple growing.

STOCK DRAGS AFTER A SPIRITED START. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, Jan. 28.—Most of the trading during today's session of the stock market was shown during the first hour. The opening of the market was quite steady, with the immediate tradable market advanced values. It followed a dull and narrow trade up to the close. The end of the session was weak.

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GOVERNMENT SUBJECTS

BRIGHT AND HAPPY OLD LIFE QUENCHED SUDDENLY AT 108, NEAR SALEM.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Jan. 28.—Grandma Benn, who was probably the oldest white woman living in Oregon, died near this city Sunday, aged 108 years. She was born in Germany and came to Salem from Minnesota about seven years ago. She made her home with her son and daughter, aged 73 and 80 years, respectively. Her remains will be buried today in the Zenia cemetery.

One of the most important meetings of any part of the city government will be called tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the lighting committee of the city council will take up the proposition of providing street lighting for the city after the expiration of the city's contract with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, December 31, 1908.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE BREAKS ALL RECORDS. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pullman, Wash., Jan. 28.—The enrollment at the Washington State college has passed the 1,300 mark, breaking all previous records by more than 200, with five months of the school year yet remaining. It is certain that the enrollment will be increased at the beginning of the next semester in February.

NO REHEARING IN SCHMITZ CASE. Langdon Will Not Ask Appellate Court to Reconsider Its Decision. (United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 28.—The district attorney's office will not apply to the appellate court for a rehearing of the appeal of Eugene E. Schmitz, in which the judgment of the lower court was reversed and Schmitz and Ruff thereby exonerated in the French restaurant cases.

WOULD DIG CANAL TO RIVAL CANADA. New York Official Recommends Deep Waterway From Ontario to Hudson River. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Superintendent of Public Works F. C. Stevens, in his annual report, recommends that congress be memorialized to join with the state in constructing a deep waterway from the Hudson river to Lake Ontario.

PLENTY OF TALENT IN CITY, SAYS CONCANNON. Alderman Protests Against Selection of Eastern Man for Superintendent. (United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 28.—J. F. Manley, for 27 years past in the United States district court under Judge De Haven, died at his residence here early this morning of heart disease. The decedent was the brother of Joseph H. Manley, who was closely associated with Mark Hanna during the McKinley campaign.

CATCHES COW STEALING RIDE ON COW-CATCHER. Horatio Daniels Gets Unexpected Lapful While Riding on Front End of Locomotive. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 28.—Horatio Daniels, who stole a ride on the cowcatcher of a freight locomotive from Ellensburg to this city today, was unfortunate enough to be on a cowcatcher that caught a cow. The animal stood on the track around a turn and broke the young man's leg, breaking the bones of one of his hands and injuring him internally.

DECISIONS BY SUPREME COURT. (United Press Leased Wire.) Salem, Jan. 28.—The supreme court handed down the following decisions today: Turner et al. vs. Oliver T. Turner, Umatilla county, affirmed. McGregor vs. O. R. & N. Co., Union county, affirmed. Beckwith & Co. vs. Galice Consolidated Mines company et al., Multnomah county, affirmed. Deckenbach vs. Rima, Multnomah county, affirmed. Sturgis vs. Sturgis, Umatilla county, affirmed. Trickey et al. vs. Clark et al., Multnomah county, affirmed.

ARBOR LODGE NOW HAS PUSH CLUB. The Arbor Lodge Push club was organized last night in Rust & Horatio. The young men of the lodge are promoting the civic improvement of that portion of the city. Meetings will be held every Monday evening until complete street improvements and other measures for the general welfare of the suburb are well under way.

WELL KNOWN EAST SIDE DRUGGIST DIES. William Chester Tuttle, a druggist who has conducted a drug store at Mississippi avenue and Shaver street for the past seven years, died yesterday at the age of 51 years. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Ruth Tuttle. The funeral will be held from the Zeller-Byrnes chapel, Williams avenue and Russell street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

MISS RACHEL LOVERDY DEAD. Gaston, Or., Jan. 28.—Miss Rachel Lovardy, aged 85, an old-time resident of Yamhill county, died January 22, of apoplexy, and was buried January 24 in Hill's cemetery.

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