

HOP BUSINESS AT LOW FIGURE

Fair Volume of Trade in Valley and in Washington—Talk of Plow.

Front street features: Great scarcity of butter, Onion market is stiff, Potato movement good, Scarcity of small fish, Wheat and flour nominal, Eggs are just steady, Hops are very scarce, Hop business at low figure, Dressed meats not so firm, Shade chicken values.

Hop Business at Low Figure.
There is a small amount of hop business reported from the Willamette valley and Washington points around 3 1/2 to 4c. Offers above the latter figure are hard to get, as buyers only buy when given figures that scarcely pay for the drying of the product. While there is considerable talk of reducing the acreage here by plowing, the fact that very little of this work has yet been accomplished, most of the growers seem to be waiting the first of April before doing anything because they believe at that time the outlook will be sufficiently clear to tell which to plow and which to keep. The New York Producers Price Current gives the following general review of general hop market conditions: The features of the week have been a break in the Sonoma market. After the failure of a fortnight ago in that section, trading suddenly came to a standstill, and holders showed considerable anxiety to sell, resulting under pressure in the sales of over 2,000 bales at 49 1/2c, principally at the lower figure. In Oregon, however, there has been a continued steady demand from exporters at from 4c to 5 1/2c, which has held that market steady. Washington growers indicate a weaker feeling, with growers showing an inclination to sell at best profitable figures. In New York state market, continued demand from the demand passing limited to best remaining growths. The local market has been a little more active, with offers being made at from 6 1/2c to 7c, according to quality. Advances from England and the continent report markets on the whole steady, with a weak undertone. The unfavorable conditions in the hop market will undoubtedly cause a plowing up of a large acreage both in this state and on the Pacific coast, estimates varying from 10 per cent in some sections to 25 per cent in others. The price of hops has been reduced all through the list to conform to the business now doing.

New York Prices.
States, 1907, choice, per lb. 12 @ 13
States, 1907, medium, 9 @ 11
Pacific coast, 1907, choice, 7 @ 9
Pacific coast, 1907, prime, 5 1/2 @ 6
Pacific coast, 1907, medium, 4 @ 5
Germany, 1907, prime to choice, 25 @ 28
States, 1906, 10 @ 11
Pacific coast, 1906, choice, 4 @ 5
prime, 3 @ 4

Great Scarcity of Butter.
There is a great scarcity of butter in the local market at this time. Butter sales are fully up to a point, and city makers say they do not have sufficient stocks to meet the demand at times. While the California supplies have not been reduced, the Oregon supply is down another cent at 23c a pound for extra today, local butter is holding 23c to 24c above that figure. According to the market, there is likelihood of any decline in values here this week, but some change may be forced next week if California supplies are not so abundant. On the present basis the Oregon product is sought.

Oranges Are Very Scarce.
In the orange market supplies continue to be scarce. California supplies are reported to be scarce, especially for the better grades. The Oregon product is in force still another advance. "I could sell several times as many cars as I could last week," says a representative of the local market. "My connections tell me that good fruit is scarce and I feel that it does not pay to bring any other kind to the market." Portland people want the best.

Local Jobbers say they have been having a hard time in getting sufficient supplies of oranges, but they account for it by the recent increase in the demand.

Shade Chicken Values.
While chicken receipts are not even liberal, the market is just about holding its own for best stuff. For some grades receivers are quoting a decline of 1c.

Eggs are just about steady at this time with receipts quite heavy, but with northern shipments increasing. One firm purchased surplus supplies from other jobbers yesterday and this morning at 16c and sent them to the market. The price received by the shipping firm is said to be 16c, so the market rules between the two figures.

Brief Notes of the Trade.
Wheat and flour trade nominal. Hay market is all with small offerings. Prices the same. Small fish of all kinds continue scarce. Movement of potatoes is still quite good to southern California and Arizona points.

Onions remain firm with most sales of fancy at \$3.50 along the street today.
Front street sells at the following prices: Prices paid shippers are less regular commission.
Grain, Flour and Feed.
GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, 8c; large lots, small lots, 8c.
WHEAT—The prices—Club, \$1 @ \$2.00; Russian, \$0.80 @ \$1; bluestem, \$0.84c; valley, \$1 @ \$2.
CORN—Whole, \$1.42; cracked, \$3.20; No. 1, \$1.45; No. 2, \$1.40; No. 3, \$1.35; No. 4, \$1.30; No. 5, \$1.25; No. 6, \$1.20; No. 7, \$1.15; No. 8, \$1.10; No. 9, \$1.05; No. 10, \$1.00; No. 11, \$0.95; No. 12, \$0.90; No. 13, \$0.85; No. 14, \$0.80; No. 15, \$0.75; No. 16, \$0.70; No. 17, \$0.65; No. 18, \$0.60; No. 19, \$0.55; No. 20, \$0.50; No. 21, \$0.45; No. 22, \$0.40; No. 23, \$0.35; No. 24, \$0.30; No. 25, \$0.25; No. 26, \$0.20; No. 27, \$0.15; No. 28, \$0.10; No. 29, \$0.05; No. 30, \$0.00.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.
BUTTER FAT—F. O. Portland—Sweet cream, 23 1/2c; sour 26 1/2c.
BUTTER—Extra fancy Irish cream—27c; fancy 27 1/2c; choice, 27 3/4c; store, 28c a pound.
EGGS—Extra fancy, hatched, 15 1/2c per dozen.
CHEESE—Full cream, 15 1/2c per lb.

Asparagus Habit Now Being Formed
Asparagus is getting down to the level where it was once cheap enough to eat. In the wholesale market the California product was quoted rather dull around 15c, with the prospects that the price will go to 13c to 14c tomorrow morning, when larger supplies are expected from California. The quality of the grass is excellent.

SLIDING VALUES IN ALL DRESSED MEATS

For dressed meats prices are a shade lower today, owing to the somewhat larger supplies. Dressed hogs came in rather freely and unless the quality was excellent prices did not reach the amount of yesterday. Quality is shown in both veal and hogs.

Young America, 17c per lb.; California, Young America, 14c; flats, 14c.
POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 14c lb; fancy hens, 14 1/2c lb; roosters, old, 12c; fryers, 12c; ducks, 12c; broilers, \$4.00 @ 5.00; geese, old, 80c lb; turkeys, alive, 14 @ 16c per lb; dressed, 18 @ 20c lb; squabs, \$2.50 @ 3.00; pigeons, 10 @ 12c each.

Hops, Wool and Hides.
HOPS—1907 crop, first prime, 4 1/2 @ 5c; prime, 4 1/2c; medium to prime, 4c; 1908 crop, 1st prime, 4 1/2c; 2nd prime, 4c; 3rd prime, 3 1/2c; 4th prime, 3c; 5th prime, 2 1/2c; 6th prime, 2c; 7th prime, 1 1/2c; 8th prime, 1c; 9th prime, 1c; 10th prime, 1c.

Wool—1907—Willamette Valley, 15c; Mohair—1908—Nominal, 25c.
HIDES—Dry hides, 12 @ 15c lb; green, 10 @ 12c lb; calves, green, 5 @ 7c; pigs, 5 @ 7c; sheep, 5 @ 7c; goats, 5 @ 7c.

BEER—1907—Nominal, 25c.
SKEEPSKINS—Shearing, 15 @ 20c each; short wool, 25 @ 30c; medium wool, 20 @ 25c; long wool, 15 @ 20c.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb. 1c; 2c; 3c; 4c; 5c; 6c; 7c; 8c; 9c; 10c; 11c; 12c; 13c; 14c; 15c; 16c; 17c; 18c; 19c; 20c; 21c; 22c; 23c; 24c; 25c; 26c; 27c; 28c; 29c; 30c; 31c; 32c; 33c; 34c; 35c; 36c; 37c; 38c; 39c; 40c; 41c; 42c; 43c; 44c; 45c; 46c; 47c; 48c; 49c; 50c; 51c; 52c; 53c; 54c; 55c; 56c; 57c; 58c; 59c; 60c; 61c; 62c; 63c; 64c; 65c; 66c; 67c; 68c; 69c; 70c; 71c; 72c; 73c; 74c; 75c; 76c; 77c; 78c; 79c; 80c; 81c; 82c; 83c; 84c; 85c; 86c; 87c; 88c; 89c; 90c; 91c; 92c; 93c; 94c; 95c; 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 100c.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.
POTATOES—Select, 60 @ 75c, selling; buying, Willamette valley, 40 @ 45c; eastern Multnomah and Clackamas, 45 @ 50c; Idaho, 40 @ 45c; Oregon, 40 @ 45c; California, 40 @ 45c; Washington, 40 @ 45c.

APPLES—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.
PEARS—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.

ORANGES—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.
LEMONS—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.

GRAPEFRUITS—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.
MELONS—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.

VEGETABLES—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.
CUCUMBERS—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.

EGGS—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.
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MEATS—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.
BACON—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.

SAUSAGE—Select, 27 1/2c; fancy, 32c @ 35c; choice, 31c @ 34c; ordinary, 25c @ 28c.
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BEARS FEAR TO TACKLE WHEAT

Show No Disposition to Sell the Market With Liverpool Going Up.

Chicago, March 19.—The credit of the bears may be said today that they kept their hands fairly off the market, although at times there was a disposition among some of the radicals to put the market down. The market opened higher for May and July, the former going to 90c and the latter to 89 1/2c. The closing was at 86 1/2c and 86 1/4c, respectively, and a net loss for May and July of 3/8c to 1/2c.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.
Open. Close. Mar. 18. Gain.
May 90 90 1/2 1/2
July 89 89 1/4 1/4

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.
Today. Hogs. Cattle. Sheep.
1907 26 26 26
1908 121 121 121
1909 208 208 208

PORTLAND UNION STOCKYARDS, March 19.
The tone of the hog market is improving and top values are stiff at \$5.50. Packers may their attitude toward shippers is entirely misunderstood and that they are quite willing to pay all the market affords at all times. In any event they are quoting practically an advance of 25c over former figures today with the probability of still further increasing the value if the present tendency of the eastern market to advance continues.

WHEAT.
May 90 90 1/2 1/2
July 89 89 1/4 1/4

CORN.
May 67 67 1/2 1/2
July 64 64 1/4 1/4

OATS.
May 53 53 1/2 1/2
July 46 46 1/4 1/4

MESS FLOUR.
May 1250 1250 1250 1250
July 1295 1295 1295 1295

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.
Dull Market Rules All Day—Prices Are Held Firm With Some Rise.

Money and Exchange.
London, March 19.—Consols, 87 1/2; silver, 25 1/2; bank rate, 3 per cent.

Northwest Bank Statement.
PORTLAND.
Clearings today \$1,182,042.20
Year ago \$1,182,042.20

GET CREAM READY FOR STRAWBERRIES
Strawberries 75 cents a pound. The retail quotations ruling in the fruit markets today. The season for strawberries opened quickly this morning when two crates were received by Page & Son, a local commission house, from Florida. At wholesale the fruit sold at 46 cents a pound or \$6.75 per crate of 15 boxes. The fruit was in excellent condition for first arrivals. Shippers are expected here almost every day from California. This year's prospects are said to be excellent there.

Crops Are Firmer.
London, March 19.—Cargoes firmer; California prompt shipment, 36 1/2; Walla Walla prompt shipment, 36 1/2; British country markets steady; French country markets quiet.

Tacoma Wheat Market.
Tacoma, March 19.—Wheat, export, club, 82c; bluestem, 84c; red, 80c.

Boston Copper Market.
(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)
Boston, March 19.—Close:
Adventure 1 1/2
Aloues 2 1/2
Atlantic 1 1/2
Copper Range 62 1/2
Daly West 8
Dome 1 1/2
Erie 1 1/2
Essex 1 1/2
Globe 1 1/2
Hess 1 1/2
Iron Bls. Cases. Wood Bls.
Pearl Oil 11 1/2
Head Light 12 1/2
Eocene 21 1/2
Special 21 1/2
Elaine 28
Extra Star 21 1/2
Gasoline—
V. M. and P. Naptha 12 1/2
Red Crown Gasoline 12 1/2
Motor Gasoline 12 1/2
89 per cent Gasoline 12 1/2
No. 1 Engine Disilluante 10 1/2
Benzine 10 1/2
Iron Oil 23c per gal.
Turpentine—In cases, 75c per gal; in drums, 65c per gal.
Linsed Oil—Raw, 62c per gal; 58c; boiled, 64c per gal; 60c per gal; lots of 250 gallons in case.
White Lead—Ton lot, 7 1/2c per lb; 60-lb lots, 8c per lb; less lot, 5 1/2c.
Wire Nails—Present basis at 12.10.

SPRINKLING.
The sprinkling system in the city is in good working order.

Weather.
The weather is clear and pleasant.

Local News.
Several interesting local events are planned for the coming week.

KILLERS RUSH TO HOG'S AID

Are Willing to Support the Market Here—Top Price Stiff at \$5.50.

San Francisco, March 19.—Last night's closing prices: GOLDFIELD DISTRICT. Sandstorm 25c, Bad Top Ext. 13c, Columbia Mt. 25c, Jumbo Ext. 25c, Silver Pick 25c, Black Butte Ext. 25c, Atlanta 25c, Great Bend 47c, Florence 41.15, Diam. B. B. Cons. 18c, Comb. Fraction 75c, F. Mohawk 20c, Lou Dierle, Yellow Tiger 14c, Yellow Rose 2c, Goldf. Cons. 12.10.

TONOPAH DISTRICT.
Ton. Nevada \$6.85, Ton. Montana \$1.70, MacNamara 40c, Ton. Belmont \$1.50, Ton. North Star 11c, Jim Butler 13c.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT.
Granny 6c, Jumping Jack 3c.

SCATTERED DISTRICTS.
Nevada Hills \$2.50, Pittsburgh Silver Peak \$1.20, Eagles' Nest 15c.

SALES OF PANHANDLE ARE QUITE HEAVY—Transactions in Hops.
(Furnished by Downing-Hopkins Co.)
Spokane, Wash., March 19.—Sales were quite liberal in mine shares today, Panhandle showing the largest volume.

ACTIVE CATTLE MARKET.
Prices Show a General Improvement in Average Sales in the East.

Money and Exchange.
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Metallic and Idaho Stocks.
Mammoth, Morning and American Lead stocks are the best buys on the market. Morning-Mammoth concentration stock followed by 2000 dividend. The L. Y. Keedy Investment company, 337-39 Chamber of Commerce.

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