

Oregon Eggs Are Just as Good as Any Despite the Bear Tactics of the Trade.

WHIT WITH AX

Prices Boosted Too High and Surplus Arrivals Will Meet Low Prices.

By Hyman H. Cohen. There is a limit to all prices and it seems that during the past few weeks the value on poultry has struck up several times.

There has been a disposition among the handlers of poultry to force the price too high on the slightest occasion. A temporary shortage would be the occasion for an advance of a pound in some cases—this being greater than the movement in markets where the prices are dictated by trusts.

Beyond a certain value—and 15c has become known of late as that value—there is a noticeable decrease in the amount of poultry consumed. The public cannot afford to buy a chicken when they are forced to pay 22c and 25c a pound for them at retail.

LITTLE WHEAT BUSINESS.

Market is Quiet Though Steady Locally—Flour Trade Stagnant. Wheat was very quiet in the local market during the past week. A few transactions were reported but the market generally was dull.

Editor Lee Peterson of the Commercial Review writes in this strain of the situation: "Comparatively little business is being done with European markets. The flood of wheat shipped from Argentina during the past week has caused a general feeling of uneasiness in the market.

There was nothing of interest in the flour market this week; prices here remaining unchanged, both for local and export brands. The decline of 15c on exports has not affected the market.

BETTER TONE IN RULING.

Prunes Show Heavier Demand Although Prices Not Advanced. The dried fruit market is showing some signs of recovery. Demand for prunes is heavier and although prices have recently suffered on raisins and in a few other lines; the increasing consumption is a help to the trade.

There is a steady tone in hay with a few small changes because of the press of farm work. The dried fruit market has touched bottom and in the natural order of affairs, the market is better than it has been for some time.

FRONT STREET REVIEWS.

Brief Mention of Many Lines of Trade in the Produce District. Close of the salmon season has found the fresh fish markets quite fairly supplied. Small run was small this week and price advanced to 6c.

IN THE FINANCIAL

KNOCKERS' CLUB IS HARD AT WORK ON LOCAL EGG MARKET

By Hyman H. Cohen. Just why local commission men will constantly discard the products of this state, there seems no good reason.

The "knocking" is not confined to any one particular line but several lines are hit at once and there has been scarcely a hint as to the reason thereof. The latest market to feel the hammer of the knockers' club is eggs.

There is one line, however, that the commission trade agrees upon—they all say that Oregon cabbage beats the entire coast for keeping qualities and general appearance. However, they are disposed to send to California for supplies.

PRODUCERS WILL NOT EASE LANDS TO JAPANESE FARMERS

"The Journal's stand upon the Japanese onion question is endorsed by the Oregon onion growers—and they feel highly pleased at the way the paper has presented the facts in this regard."

Japanese are endeavoring to secure the food supplies of Oregon by leasing for a long period the most productive lands in that state. For some time the little brown men have been endeavoring to get options on the best onion and cabbage lands on the west side but they have met with practically no success.

Every effort—financial and otherwise—will be made to prevent the Japanese from taking over the onion and cabbage lands in this regard the growers of onion and cabbage are a unit in refusing.

There was little feature today to the stock market abroad. Paris and Berlin were firm and dull. In London American made good early gains but with later irregularity, Russian bonds and Rio Tinto were also higher.

There were no buyers for May corn at the opening within from 1/2 to 1 1/2c. The price of the decline was wholly consistent with the speculative conditions in the pit.

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COVERING CAUSES ANOTHER ADVANCE—COPPER TRUST ON RAMPAGE AGAIN.

STOCK MARKET GAINS.

By Thomas C. Shotwell. (Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, March 21.—Forced purchases of stocks by the short interest caused a further advance in the stock market this morning.

Several firms in Wall street pretend to have the president's message, but as they are not authorized to do so, it is not to be taken as an indication of the president's policy.

The copper trust has renewed its old fight against the metal exchange. It will be remembered that a year ago, the trust was very favorable but had little influence, because money has ceased to be an argument in Wall street.

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OREGON ONIONS—HIT NEW HIGH MARK WHILE JAPANESE ARE UNSOLD IN THIS MARKET.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

By Hyman H. Cohen. Portland Union Stockyards, March 21.—Although there have thus far pressed all sorts and degrees of friendship and hope for the welfare of the hog producers of the Pacific northwest.

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