

# THE OREGON JOURNAL'S MARKETS

## A FIRMER TONE IN THE EGGS MARKET

Local Supplies Likely to Advance—Rise in Eastern Stock Noted Here.

PORTLAND WHOLESALE MARKETS. Firmer tone in egg market. Chicken market much weaker. Holding price of apples up. Hop trades are quite lively. Western hogs come freely. Veal comes more freely. Fancy turkeys hard to get. Oranges show better color. Potato market easier here. More onions being offered. Poor horseradish trade. Change in cranberry situation.

**Egg Market Turns Firmer.** There was a firmer tone in the egg market along Front street today. Arrivals of strictly fresh local stock are being secured better supplies than they were a short time ago. Today the market was very firm, and a change for the better in the volume of supplies there is little doubt that higher prices will be the outcome within the next few days. There has of late been a firmer tone in the eastern market, and prices along the coast are generally higher than at Portland. At San Francisco the price of selected range eggs stands as high as 55c as compared with 47c at best prices that has been available here. While the market in the north is quoted much higher than at Portland, it is not so high when supplies of select Oregon range eggs are sent there the returns are no higher than at home as compared with the market here, even though our market is much lower.

**Best Selected Eastern Eggs are Now Getting a High Price.** A dozen in Portland market, with sales of various qualities down as low as 27c.

**Most Turkeys are Very Poor.** Unlike the arrivals in the Portland market thus far this year have been generally of poor quality. Few of the birds have contained any special merit, and for that reason the top price was seldom available. The high cost of feed is very likely the cause of the inferior quality. Most turkeys (all) are selling along Front street around 15c a pound, although sales of poor quality are reported made as low as 10c. From the present indications there will be a very wide range in turkey prices this season—the good birds will be in demand at a premium, while the poor quality will find just fair sale.

**Heavy Arrivals of Chickens.** Heavy arrivals of chickens continue in the Front street market, and the channels of the trade are completely glutted at the moment. The indications are that a lower range of values will rule, because this is the time of year when chickens usually sell low. Were the chickens of good quality, they would find a better market, but they are just about as poor as the ordinary run of turkeys.

**Steady Tone in Butter.** A very steady tone is noted in the local butter market, but there are no indications of any early change in value. While the make of local butter is small, the market is likewise reported to be steady. The local people to advance their values it would result in helping the sale of eastern stock at the materially lower values.

**Brief Notes of Front Street.** Arrivals of dressed meats and especially hogs are quite heavy along Front street. Prices same. A better market of dressed meats is likewise reported. Some come in just fair shape, and therefore did not bring top values. Cranberries are quoted freely according to Front street handlers, and the best eastern stock is selling as high as \$12.50 a barrel.

**Butter, Eggs and Poultry.** BUTTER—Extra creamery, 35@36c; fancy, 32@34c; store, 20c. BUTTER—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 34@35c; store, 32@34c per lb. POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 12c; hens, 12@13c; roosters, old, 10c; fryers, 12@13c; broilers, 12@13c; eggs, spring, 8@9c; turkeys, mixed, \$1.00@1.20; ducks, 14c lb; pigeons, squabs, \$2.00@2.50 per doz; old, cream, dressed poultry, 10@12c lb higher. CHICKENS—All cream, cats, triplets and daisies, 14@15c; Young Americans, 15@16c. EGGS—Local, best, 37@40c per doz; eastern, 27@30c.

**Meats, Fish and Hides.** HOPS—1908 crop, choice, 8@9c; pine to choice, 7@8c; prime, 6@7c; medium, 5@6c. WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 15c. SHEEPSKINS—Sheeping, 10@15c each; short wool, 25@40c; medium, 15@20c; long wool, 75@80c. MUTTON—1908—Nominal, 18@19c. TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 3@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2.5c. CHITAM BARK—Old, 4@5c; new, 4@5c lb. HIDES—Dry hides, 13@14c lb; green, 7@8c lb; hogs, green, 8@10c per lb; kips, 6@7c; calf, 8@10c per lb.

**Grain, Flour and Hay.** WHEAT—Buying price—New—Track, Portland—Club, 90c; best, 85c; ordinary, 82c; red, 84c; Willamette valley, 81c. MILLSTUFFS—Selling price—Bran, \$2.50; middlings, short, \$2.00@2.20; chop, \$2.10@2.20; alfalfa meal, \$18.00 per ton. OATMEAL—Selling, \$28.50; rolled, \$28.50; brewing, \$27. FLOUR—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patent, \$4.50; straight, \$3.90@4.55; export, \$3.40@3.90; extra, \$4.50; extra, \$4.50; whole wheat, \$4.95; 77c; \$5.50; bales, \$3.00. HAY—Produced in New Timothey, Willamette valley, fancy, \$14.00@15.00; ordinary, \$12.50@13.00; eastern Oregon, \$12.50; mixed, \$12.00@12.50; clover, \$10.00; grain, \$11.00; cheat, \$11.00; alfalfa, \$10.00@11.00. OATMEAL—Produced in Track, No. 1 white, \$30.50@31.50; gray, \$29.50@30.50.

**Fruits and Vegetables.** FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, new, \$2.00; lemons, \$2.25@2.50; grapefruit, \$1.90@2.50; pineapples, Hawaiian, \$4.50; do, Florida, \$1.50; grapes, \$4.50; cranberries, local, \$9.50@10.50; do, Oregon, \$12.50@13.50. ONIONS—New Oregon, \$11.00@12.50 per 100 lb; California, \$11@12; garlic, 7@8c lb. POTATOES—New, selling, \$1.00@1.25; buying for shipment, per cwt., fancy, 90c@1.00; ordinary, 70@85c; export, 1.75@2.00. VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, \$3.00@3.50; beets, \$1.25; carrots, 50c.

## STOCK PRICES EASIER TODAY

Small Losses Quite General in List—Northern Pacific ex-Dividend.

New York, Nov. 19.—With a weaker tone abroad the stock market opened rather weak this morning with losses in quotations quite general. While trading was on quite a liberal scale the purchases seem to have come from parties who wanted to give the market support. The decline of 1/4c in copper metal weakened the metal shares and brought about general liquidation. Northern Pacific stock ex-dividend 1 1/4 per cent.

The Wall Street Journal says in its summary today: Americans in London weak 3/4 to 1 per cent below parity. London general market heavy with copper showing special weakness. Bank of England rate unchanged. Analysis of the day's trading shows that the market shows practically all taken out of maintenance. Strong attack made on Corn Products (large) because the shipment of off-grade cattle to market. The method they take in this discouraging work is simply to discount the price to such a figure that there is necessarily much complaint from the shippers when their returns are low.

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**Meats, Fish and Hides.** HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 13 lb, 15c per lb; breakfast bacon, 13@14c lb; picnic, 10c lb; cottage, 10c lb; regular short cures, smoked, 13c lb; backs, heavy, smoked, 1c lb; light, smoked, 1c lb; belly, smoked, 15c lb; pickled tongues, 60c each. DRESSED MEATS—Front street—Hog, fancy, 7c; ordinary, 6@7c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 6@9c lb; ordinary, 7@7 1/2c lb; heavy, 7c lb; muttard, 6@7c lb; spring lamb, 7@7 1/2c lb.

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## POOR QUALITY STRIKES A SNAG

Packers and Killers Try to Discourage Shipments of Off-Grade Cattle.

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Tuesday ..... 178 ..... 85 ..... 27 1/2  
Monday ..... 200 ..... 275 ..... 65  
Saturday ..... 200 ..... 275 ..... 65  
Friday ..... 266 ..... 68 ..... 66

Portland Union Stockyards, Nov. 19.—Good fat cattle are quoted very firm in the yards at this time around \$4.25, but in order to get the price the quality must be good. It is in the ordinary stuff—the lean and improperly fed cattle—that the market is inclined to show a degree of dullness. Packers and killers welcome the arrival of fat finished cattle, but they have been fed upon a diet of poor quality for so long that their stomachs have revolted. Just now they are doing everything in their power to discourage the shipment of off-grade cattle to market. The method they take in this discouraging work is simply to discount the price to such a figure that there is necessarily much complaint from the shippers when their returns are low.

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## HIT THE MAY OPTION TODAY

Chicago Wheat Market Bearish With Lower Range in Liverpool Pit.

Wheat Growth Slow. Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 19.—Price Current says today: "Dry weather in central regions is again unfavorable to the wheat crop. Situation is uncertain but not positively discouraging. Planting has advanced and moisture is much desired."

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Chicago, Nov. 19.—The bear clique had it in for May wheat today, and they sold that option from morning to the end of today's session. The market started weak with a lower range abroad, and for deferred deliveries continued slow and weak all day. The close was 1/4 and 1/2c lower for May and