

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

EASIER TONE LOCAL EGGS

Arrivals Come More Freely and Stocks Do Not Move Out Quite So Well.

Portland Wholesale Markets
Cranberries are too high. Egg market is easier. Chickens quoted firm. High price for meats. Cauliflower is scarce. Orange colors better. Apple movement good. Potatoe market easy. Sweet potatoes mixed. Slow tone in fruits. Onions steady here.

Best Market is Easier.

For strictly fresh local eggs the front street market stands today somewhat easier. While dealers report that they are unable to obtain over 42 1/2c for supplies, it is generally impossible to secure more. Several prominent front street handlers state that eggs are not moving any too well, even at the lower price. With milder weather here there is every promise of some increase in the arrivals. Although front street is getting more eggs than it was a week ago, and while every case instantly moved out at that time at high values a slower movement is shown today.

The easier tone in local eggs is not all reflected in the eastern storage at all. The price of the handlers who are still quoting as low as 30c a dozen for good eggs, have advanced their quotations to 31c today, while others are charging from that figure to 34c. Some are asking a still higher figure. The big business of eastern stock has been entirely cleaned up. While the price of cranberries is advancing with swift strides in the east, the local market for imported goods is rather quiet, although the market is being bought by any means considered weak. The price of cranberries has already topped a figure where the general public will buy, and for that reason the consumption will be smaller than is usually the rule at this time of the year. With cranberries at their present price wholesale the retail trade is unable to sell them under 20c a quart or pound, and the general public has been taught to expect them at 15c. Hence the slower sale.

While there are some local cranberries remaining in the market they are not usually of good keeping quality, and therefore find little sale. While the general market for dressed meats has scarcely been changed along front street during the past few days, some of the dealers are said to be obtaining higher figures in a small way. One seller is said to be charging all small butchers 10c a pound for fresh dressed meats, and some range beyond 9c 1/2. For dressed hogs the market is holding firm at unchanged prices.

The late frosts did considerable damage to vegetables, and a scarcity is shown in some lines. There is a shortage of first class cauliflower along front street, and prices are firmer. Advice from California states that the frost there has caused damage of about \$20,000 to tomatoes in the vicinity of Fullerton, Placentia, Whittier and Redondo. The frost there has destroyed the California vegetable union, and at least half the remainder has been destroyed. Growers have been getting \$40 per ton since November 1. However, the price is holding rather easy around 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c a pound, the latter for crates stacked. The movement of apples continues heavy at low prices. Sweet potato prices are still mixed, but most dealers are now asking 2c for best stock.

Brief Notes of Front Street Trade.

Walnuts are being offered at lower prices. Onions of recent arrivals of oranges are better. Price same. Tons in potato market is very slow, with producers offering quite liberal at low prices. Some dealers trying to unload.

Onions are firmer again, but outward movement is small.

Fancy Lady apples have sold as high as \$5 a box in the front street markets during the past 24 hours. The pack in the United States of canned apples this year was not so extensive as in previous years. This means better prices later on for the canned product. The markets already show an advance over opening prices. Front street sellers are holding prices. Those paid shippers are less regular commissions.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Extra creamery, 31c; fancy 32 1/2c; store, 20c. BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland, Sweet cream, 54c; sour, 33 1/2c per lb.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 12c lb; hens, 12 1/2c; roosters, old 11c; fryers, 12c; broilers, 12 1/2c; geese, 12c; turkeys, alive, 17c; dressed, 19c; spring ducks, 14c lb; pig-skins, 12c; geese, 12c; ducks, 12c; chickens, 12c; dressed poultry, 14c lb higher.

CHEESE—Full cream, flats, triplets and singles, 15c; part, Young Americans, 16c lb.

EGGS—Local best, 42 1/2c per doz; eastern, 41c 3/4.

Hops, Willow and Hides.

Wool—1908—Willow valley, 18c; HOPS—1908 crop, choice, 8c; prime to choice, 7c; prime, 6c; medium, 5c; 6c lb. SKINS—Shearing, 10c lb; each, short wool, 25c; medium wool, 20c; long wool, 7c.

MOHAIR—1908—Nominal, 18c lb.

TALLOW—Prime, 18c lb; No. 2, 17c; No. 3, 16c.

CHITAM BARK—Old, 4 1/2c; new, 4 1/4c lb.

SKIN—Dry hides, 12c lb; green, 6 1/2c lb; buff, green salt, 4c lb; kips, 6c; calves, green, 8c lb; pig-skins, 12c.

WHEAT—Buying prices, new—Track, Portland—Club, 91c; bluestem, 96c; fortyfold, 92c; red, 93c; Willamette valley, 94c.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price—Bran, 23c; middlings, 22c; shorts, 20c; chop, 18c; 20c; alfalfa meal, 12c.

BARLEY—Feed, 22c; malted, 25c; 28c; brewing, 32c.

WHEAT—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patent, 58c; straight, 44c; 47c; export, 37c; bakers, 45c; 48c; val-junior, 42c; 45c; 48c; 51c; 54c; 57c; 60c; 63c; 66c; 69c; 72c; 75c; 78c; 81c; 84c; 87c; 90c; 93c; 96c; 99c; 102c; 105c; 108c; 111c; 114c; 117c; 120c; 123c; 126c; 129c; 132c; 135c; 138c; 141c; 144c; 147c; 150c; 153c; 156c; 159c; 162c; 165c; 168c; 171c; 174c; 177c; 180c; 183c; 186c; 189c; 192c; 195c; 198c; 201c; 204c; 207c; 210c; 213c; 216c; 219c; 222c; 225c; 228c; 231c; 234c; 237c; 240c; 243c; 246c; 249c; 252c; 255c; 258c; 261c; 264c; 267c; 270c; 273c; 276c; 279c; 282c; 285c; 288c; 291c; 294c; 297c; 300c; 303c; 306c; 309c; 312c; 315c; 318c; 321c; 324c; 327c; 330c; 333c; 336c; 339c; 342c; 345c; 348c; 351c; 354c; 357c; 360c; 363c; 366c; 369c; 372c; 375c; 378c; 381c; 384c; 387c; 390c; 393c; 396c; 399c; 402c; 405c; 408c; 411c; 414c; 417c; 420c; 423c; 426c; 429c; 432c; 435c; 438c; 441c; 444c; 447c; 450c; 453c; 456c; 459c; 462c; 465c; 468c; 471c; 474c; 477c; 480c; 483c; 486c; 489c; 492c; 495c; 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