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In the Sugar Trade. Local prices down 20c, except for southern Idaho. Much weakness shown in eastern prices.

A further decline of 20c per hundred pounds was shown in the price of all grades of refined sugar along the Pacific coast with the exception of in southern Idaho. No change occurred in the latter section.

The price of sugar was today affected by the extreme weakness in the eastern market, but the drop was in a measure helped along by the competition of the Federal company of Tonkers, New York, which recently entered the Pacific coast trade by sending an entire shipment of sweet stuff from the eastern factory.

Some weeks ago when the Federal company succeeded in making its first shipment of sugar to this city, an announcement was made by this paper that it was the intention of the company to continue to fight for a foothold here and a refinery would be built on the Pacific coast to take proper care of this trade.

Announcement is now made by C. A. Spreckels of the Federal Sugar Refining company of his intention of building a refinery on the coast and it is expected that the site will soon be selected.

An effort is being made in some quarters to secure the plant for Portland and the advantages of this city as a location for the plant as a distributing point for the coast are being shown.

The 20c decline in prices took effect this morning.

Fruit Trade Chilled. Trade in the local fruit market was chilled by extremely bad weather this morning. There was only a moderate change in general quotations, however.

Crab Season Is Open. Season for crabs is open, but no supplies were available for Portland and today. "Owing to the severe storms," says C. J. B. Maloney, a local wholesaler, "it would surprise me if any shipments come forward tomorrow."

Run of Salmon Better. Special advices received by local parties state that the run of salmon has improved at the mouth of the Columbia, but small sizes are still the rule.

Local Cranberries Good. Recent shipments of local cranberries to the front street markets have shown improved quality and sales are being made around \$8.50 per barrel compared with \$9 generally for the eastern.

Eggs Are Steady. Trade in the egg market is steady and best stock brings 35c a dozen along Front street.

Butter is firm at unchanged prices. Cheese, steady to firm.

Chickens Carried Over. Quite a few houses on Front street carried over a portion of their chicken supplies from last week, but as is usual on Monday, no business was shown today. Indications scarcely point to a better demand than last week.

Big Veal at 8 Cents Pound. Veal of large size and other rough that would readily have sold a week ago around 12c a pound is today quoted only fairly steady at 8c. Small veals of best quality are firm at 10c a pound. A few small animals of this quality are now arriving.

FRONT STREET QUOTATIONS. Hops, Wool and Hides. HOPS—Nominal, 1910 crop, 11@13; 1909, prime to choice, 12c; prime, 11c; medium, 9@10c.

Wool—Nominal, 1910, Willamette valley, 15@18c; eastern Oregon, 12@17c. SHEEPSKINS—Shearing, 10@13c each; short, 2@3c; eastern, 2@3c; long, 5@11c each; long, wool, 7@11c.

HIDES—Prime, per lb., 5c; No. 2 and 3, 4c; CHITIM BARK—1909—Nominal, 1910 4 1/2c.

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SHEARINGS—Nominal, 1910, 20@22c. BUTTER—Extra creamy, cubes and tubs, 35c; squares, 37@37 1/2c lb.; stores, 2 1/2@2 1/2c; eastern, 2 1/2@2 1/2c.

BUTTER FAT—F. O. B. Portland, per pound, 36c. POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 15c; hens, 15 1/2@15 1/2c; stags, 12 1/2@12 1/2c; 15 1/2@15 1/2c; fryers, 15 1/2@15 1/2c; geese, old, 12c; young, 12@12 1/2c; live ducks, young, 12@12 1/2c; old, 14c; turkeys, alive, 22@24c; dressed, 12c; pigeons, squabs, 22c; down; dressed chickens, 12c a pound higher than alive.

EGGS—Local extras, 24@25c; No. 1, 24c; No. 2, 23c; eastern best, 22c; ordinary, 21c. CHEESE—New Oregon fancy full cream, triplets and daisies, 17 1/2@18c; Young Americans, 18 1/2@19c lb.

GRAIN, FLOUR AND MEAL. WHEAT—Track delivery, club, 85c; bluestem, 80c; forty-fold, 55c; Willamette valley, 81c; red Russian, 81c; turkey, 83c.

BAKLEY—Producers price—1910—Feed, 22@22 1/2c; rolled, 22 1/2c; brewing, 23 1/2c.

RYE—Whole, 32c; cracked, 32c. HAY—Producers price—1910—Val. Timothy, fancy, \$19@19 1/2c; ordinary, \$18; eastern Oregon, \$20@20 1/2c; mixed, \$14@15; clover, No. 1, \$11@12; wheat, \$12@14; alfalfa, \$13@14.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price—Bran, 45c; middlings, 32c; shorts, 27c; chop, 25c.

OATS—Nominal, producers price—Track, No. 1 white, 27.50; gray, 27.50. FLOUR—Old crop, patents, 45.25; Willamette, 45.40 per barrel local straight, 45.25; bakers, 45.20@45.25; best grades, 45.70; Graham, 4 1/2 sack, 44.50; 4 1/2 sack, 45.25.

GROCERIES. SUGAR—Cane, 24.45; powdered, 25.85; fruit or berry, 25.85; dry granulated, 25.85; conf. A, 25.85; Extra C, 24.15; golden, 24.15; D yellow, 24.15; best, 24.65; barrels, 15c; half barrels, 30c; boxes, 55c advance on sack basis. Federal Freebaker, 50c less than fruit or berry.

ABOVE QUOTATIONS ARE 30 DAYS NET. SUGAR—Japan No. 1, 4 1/2@5c; No. 2, 4c; New Orleans head, 4 1/2@5c; Ureia, 4c.

BALE—Cottons—Half ground 160c.

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Regarding Milk Outlook. Carnation moves 10c higher to \$4.15 today.

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