

FIRST STRAWBERRY SHIPMENT APPEARS IN LOCAL MARKET

Miss M. I. Rupert Gathers Ripe Fruit at Oak Grove—Beats California by a Mile—Acreage Increased.

Portland Wholesale Markets. Eggs weaker. Chickens firmer. Dressed veal firmer.

Oregon strawberries are ripe. The initial picking was gathered yesterday and the fruit was brought to Front street this morning.

Special reports received by The Journal indicate that this year's output of strawberries in Oregon will be the heaviest on record.

California strawberry season is unusually late this year. In fact, no shipments have been distributed from there, while usually southern California begins to ship as early as February.

CABBAGE SUPPLY BETTER

Two Carloads Come From South in Good Condition. Two cars of cabbage came forward from the south today and filled the local trade.

LEMONS TO ADVANCE

Rise of 25c in South Forecasts an Upward Movement Here. An advance of 25c a case in the price of lemons in California forecasts an advance in the local market during the coming week.

CAR RHUBARB ARRIVES

Big Shipment From California Finds a Liberal Call. A full car of rhubarb was reported in from the south by local brokers.

CUCUMBER SUPPLY GOOD

Hothouse Stock From East Coming Forward Freely. Eastern hothouse cucumbers are in good supply in the front street trade.

MORE MEXICAN TOMATOES

Another Carload Comes Forward in Very Good Shape. Still another car of Mexican tomatoes in lugs arrived on the coast today.

STEAMER BRINGS PRODUCE

Green Peas Again Showing on the Street; Asparagus Is Cheaper. Regular liner from San Francisco brought in the weekly supply of greens.

MORE VEAL IS COMING

Yesterday's Top Is Again Out: Light Hogs Are in Demand. Greater supplies of dressed veal are showing in the front street trade.

EGGS PILING UP

Receipts Today Along the Street Are Much Heavier. Eggs are again piling up in the front street trade.

FORECAST FOR SHIPPERS

U. S. Weather Bureau Sends Out Warning to Produce Men. Weather bureau sends out the following forecast to shippers.

FRONT STREET QUOTATIONS

Hops, Wool and Hides. Hops—Contracts, 1911 crop, 18@17c; 1910 crop, 17@16c; 1909 crop, 16@15c.

WIRE NAILS—Basis, \$7.70

Portland Banks. Clearings today \$1,392,825.63; Clearings year ago \$1,127,258.44.

POULTRY MARKET HIGH STRONGER

Live Chickens Bring 21c per Pound and Bidders Are Eager; Turkeys High.

Poultry market locally is holding very firm and 21c a pound is being asked and received for live chickens.

Spring chickens are unusually scarce and the market is firm at 30c a pound. Any sort of fowl will now find an extensive demand in the Portland trade.

Ducks are slow in coming forward and the Chinese are eager bidders for them at the quotations printed in The Journal.

WHEAT—Nominal. Track delivery: Club, \$2.85; western, \$3.25; shorts, \$3.50; red, \$3.85; Willamette valley, \$4.00; Russian, \$2.85; Turkey red, \$3.00.

BARLEY—Producers' price—1910

Feed, \$25.50@26; rolled, \$27.25; brewing, \$27.00.

WHEAT—Selling price—Bran

\$20.00@21.00; middlings, \$22.00; shorts, \$21.00@22.00; chop, \$19.00@20.00.

OATS—Nominal. Producers' price

Track, \$1.75@1.85; second, \$1.50. Buying carloads—Select, \$1.80; ordinary, \$1.25@1.40.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges—New

navels, \$1.75@2.50 box; bananas, 5c lb.; lemons, \$3.50@4.00; grape fruit, \$2.25; pineapples, \$1.50@2.00.

VEGETABLES—New turnips, \$1.35

beets, \$1.25; carrots, \$1.25 per sack; cabbage, \$1.25 per cental; tomatoes, Mexican, \$1.50@1.75 per box.

FRESH BEEF—Wholesale slaughterers'

prices: Best steers, 10@10.5c; ordinary, 9@9.5c; best cows, 8@8.5c; ordinary, 7@7.5c.

DRESSED MEATS—Front street hogs

fancy, 10@11c per lb.; ordinary, 9@10c; heavy, 8@9c; veal, 12@13c; lamb, 15@16c; spring lamb, 18c; mutton, 8c; beef, 10@11c.

LARD—Kettle lard, tierces, \$6.90

steam rendered, tierces, 12c per lb.; compound tierces, 9c per lb.

OLIVE OIL—Showers, 100 lb. per gal.

11.50; canned, eastern, 50c can, \$6.50; western, 50c can, \$7.25 per 100.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Hams, 16@17c

breakfast ham, 18@20c; boiled ham, 22@25c; picnic, 12@14c; cottage roll, 15@16c; reefer, 10@12c.

SALES—Kettle lard, tierces, \$6.90

steam rendered, tierces, 12c per lb.; compound tierces, 9c per lb.

ENTIRE LIVESTOCK MARKET HAS FIRM TONE IN THE YARDS

Even Hogs Are Showing Strength, While Cattle and Sheep Are Advanced for the Day; Eastern Markets Down

In the Stockyards. North Portland—Hogs higher; cattle higher; sheep higher.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN

Thursday... 395 737 53 1632; Wednesday... 182 58 260; Tuesday... 98 72 19 561; Monday... 48 5 405; Saturday... 106 2 44; Friday... 1092 106 2 44; Week ago... 191 43 693

There was a good improvement all through the livestock market today. Even the sheep trade was better.

Receipts at a rule were quite liberal at North Portland during the day and sales were quickly made whenever receivers were willing to accept current quotations.

Among the Shippers. Cattle—F. Fleetwood, Baker, two loads; and calves; Hewitt & Brown, Haines, Or., four loads; G. L. Wurster, Baker, Or., three loads; Kidwell & Caswell, Echo, Or., one load; C. O. Dixon, Durkee, Or., two loads; C. O. Dixon, Durkee, Or., two loads; Joe Cunniff, Echo, Or., three loads; L. Rickert, Ontario, Or., four loads.

Yard's Official Trades. Following are official trades. They are secured direct from sellers, and are therefore absolutely correct as regards price and averages.

STEERS. 25 steers... 1288 \$7.00; 22 steers... 1247 6.20; 20 steers... 1217 6.18; 22 steers... 1217 6.18; 22 steers... 1135 5.75; 27 steers... 1150 5.70; 11 steers... 1081 5.50; 11 steers... 1150 5.50; 22 steers... 1240 6.30; 20 steers... 1175 6.15; 12 steers... 1140 5.75

COWS

12 cows... 1110 \$5.00; 14 bulls... 1522 \$4.00; 1 bull... 1850 4.00; 1 bull... 1960 4.15

CALVES

3 calves... 176 \$8.00; 90 hogs... \$20.00; 87 hogs... \$20.00; 65 hogs... 183 7.75

SHEEP AND LAMBS

255 ewes... \$12.45; 219 sheared wethers... 105 4.50

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10 CENTS OFFERED FOR HOP CONTRACT

Advance of a Cent Paid for Large Lots of 1911s; California Tied Up.

A further advance of a cent a pound is being offered for hop contracts by local dealers. In the Willamette valley contracts for 1911s are ranging from 16 to 17c, the latter being offered for large lots and the smaller figures for nominal purchases.

ARGENTINA WHEAT CROP

(Special Cable.) Buenos Ayres, Argentina, March 30.—The sowing of wheat in the north is progressing satisfactorily. There have been some good rains for the preparation of the soil.

WORLD'S WHEAT MARKET

Portland—Cash club, 82@85c; blue stem, 85@88c. Buenos Ayres—Wheat easy. Melbourne—Wheat easy. Calcutta—Wheat quiet.

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK

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CONFLICTING VIEW HELD BY TRADERS IN WHEAT MARKET

Millers Say They Cannot Sell Flour at Enough to Pay the Price Demanded for Wheat—Oats and Barley Firmer.

While there are conflicting opinions regarding the standing of the wheat trade at this time all are agreed that coarse grains are unusually firm with higher prices offering all along the line.

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CHICAGO WHEAT GAINS

Market Closes 5c to 6c Higher After Mixed Opening. Chicago, March 30.—The advance in the wheat market today came as the result of profit taking by shorts who are becoming somewhat frightened by the various reports of fly and damage by hot weather.

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OMAHA LIVESTOCK LOWER

All Lines in Yards Show a Loss in Price Today. South Omaha, Neb., March 30.—Cattle 4000, market steady to lower. Steers \$6.75; cows and heifers \$4.75@5.75; Hogs 15,000, market 10c lower. Sales: \$6.30@6.40.

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