

## EGG PRICES STARTING DOUBLED WITH BIG INCREASE IN SUPPLY

Market Is Weaker All Around and Softer Trade Adds to Congestion of Fresh Ranch Stock; 33 and 34 Cents Top Today for Best.

Portland Wholesale Markets.  
Eggs lower.  
Chickens lower.  
Turkeys dull.  
Onions steady strength.  
Potatoes trade weak.  
Plenty of cabbage.  
Apples show no change.  
Wheat market easier.  
Best hay is dull.

The egg market has really started on its downward movement for the season. Prices are softening considerably along the street at this time, and lower prices are invariably the result each succeeding 24 hours.

Strictly fresh ranch eggs reached no higher than 34c a dozen in the front street trade today, and few cases could be moved beyond 33c. Increased supplies are showing, and on all sides there is a tendency to cut before the market cuts itself in two.

Eggs are lower this year than during the same period in 1910. This is due to the increase in the industry. From some points in the Willamette valley this year's showing of eggs is fully twice as heavy as a year ago.

With the lower price for fresh ranch stock, there is less call for outside goods. As there is only a nominal amount of this stock available just now, it cuts but little consideration with the trade.

## CHICKEN PRICES OFF HERE

A further cut in the price of chickens has been forced along front street, sales being made as low as 12c a lb. Country fowls are losing money by shipping chickens at this time, because the surplus purchased by big retailers who keep the stock over until stock becomes scarcer. Then they use it as a wedge to hit the price.

## HARD TO SELL DRESSED HOGS

Front street commission handlers are worrying over the present lack of demand for dressed hogs. With receipts greatly increased recently, they have been unable to unload promptly, even at lower prices. Quality of arrivals has been better than usual, too.

## POTATO TRADING WAITING

Trade in the potato market is awaiting action on the part of producers. While quite liberal business is available, the prices are out of line with what producers have been holding for. The result is that practically no outside shipments are being made.

## HOLDING ONIONS FIRM AGAIN

Onions are being held very firm at \$1.50 per cwt. b. country shipping receipts by the Confederated Onion Growers' association. A meeting will be held this afternoon. The situation calls for further slight advance in the price, but some interests are not favorable to such a movement at this time.

## FUN IN CANNED MILK TRADE

Sellers of canned milk are having the time of their lives trying to get a line on what others are offering goods at. The canning of milk has been practically suspended at all northwest centers. The big condensaries in the north are sending their milk to the Puget Sound market, thus affecting the butter trade there. The canned milk market is now thoroughly demoralized.

## FORECAST FOR SHIPPERS

Weather bureau sends out the following notice to shippers:  
Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 45 degrees; northwest to Spokane, 33 degrees; southeast to Boise, 33 degrees; south to Siskiyou, 15 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland to night, about 48 degrees.

## PORTLAND JOBBING PRICES

Grain, Flour and Hay.  
These prices are those at which whole-salers sell to retailers, except as otherwise stated.  
WHEAT—Producers' price nominal; track delivery, club 80c; bluestem, 80c; forty-four, 81c; Willamette valley, 81c; red Russian, 81c; track delivery, 81c.  
BARLEY—Producers' price—1911 crop, \$2.00; rolled, \$3.00; brewing, \$3.00; 40c per bushel.  
OATS—Producers' price—Track No. 1, spot delivery, white, \$3.00; gray \$3.00.  
MILLS—Selling price—Fryer, \$2.00; middlings, \$2.50; shorts, \$2.00; chop, \$1.00; car lots 50c per ton less.  
Setting price—Patents \$4.00; Willamette, \$4.50 per barrel; local straight, \$4.00; bakers, \$4.30; 4.50; spot grades, \$3.60.  
HAY—Producers' price—1911 crop—Valley timothy, fancy, \$15.00; ordinary, \$13.00; eastern Oregon, \$18.00; Idaho, \$17; mixed, \$15.00; timothy, \$10.00; wheat, \$11; chest, \$11; alfalfa, \$12.00; oats, \$11.

## BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY

BUTTER—Extra creamery, cubes and tubs, 35c; prints, 35c; ordinary prints, 35c; 37c; dairy, 19c.  
EGGS—Local, extra, 33c; 34c; spot, buying price, 30c; 31c, f. o. b. Portland; 32c, 33c.  
POULTRY—Fancy hen, 12c; springs, 12c; fryers, 15c; geese, 12c; 14c; dressed, 15c; live, 15c; ducks, 17c; old ducks, 15c; turkeys, alive, nominal, 19c; dressed, 22c; pigeons, old, \$1; young, \$2.00; 2.40.  
GAME—Jack rabbit, \$1.00; 1.25 per dozen.  
CHEESE—Fresh Oregon fancy, full cream, triplets and daisies, 17c per lb.; Young Americans, 18c; eastern daisies, 18c.  
HOPS—Producers' price—1911 crop, choice, 44c; prime, 42c; medium, 40c.

## Picks Three Varieties.

Walla Walla, Jan. 13.—With an aim of picking out the two or three best varieties of apples for the Walla Walla valley, the fruitgrowers of this district held a conference here yesterday, which resulted in the narrowing down of the 50 kinds of apples now grown to a few. This list will be still further slashed until not more than two or three remain, and these two or three will be assigned to the portions of the valley for which they are best adapted.

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## APPLE SUPPLY GOOD AS DEMAND AROUND PRESENT HIGH PRICE

Market Is Holding Its Own and Any Further Increase in Value Would Tend to Decrease the Consumptive Call Locally.

That there is still plenty of apples available for the local trade at this time is indicated by mail advices from Hood River interests to local dealers. The present scarcity of offerings by the country is due entirely to unfavorable weather conditions. The roads are now so poor to the point that the fruit is almost impossible and the railroads themselves are not in any too good condition for quick delivery.

"I don't see where there is much chance for the local market for apples to advance in price, for the reason that the ordinary consumer cannot afford to indulge. While it is true that apples in the country are not so heavy demanded as in the past, the demand is much more limited."

"So far as we are concerned, we are getting plenty of apples and have no intention of raising the price. We have no stock to sell to look at. If prices are placed above the present basis it would mean a further curtailment of consumption. This we are trying to avoid as much as possible."

"The only way that apples will advance within a few weeks but even this may not occur."

## Wool—Producers' price—Nominal.

## CHITIM BARK—Producers' price—

## 1911, less carlots, 60c; carlots, 60c.

## TALLOW—Prime per lb., 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c.

## VEGETABLES—New turnips, 10c; 12c; 15c; 20c; 25c; 30c; 35c; 40c; 45c; 50c; 55c; 60c; 65c; 70c; 75c; 80c; 85c; 90c; 95c; 1.00; 1.05; 1.10; 1.15; 1.20; 1.25; 1.30; 1.35; 1.40; 1.45; 1.50; 1.55; 1.60; 1.65; 1.70; 1.75; 1.80; 1.85; 1.90; 1.95; 2.00; 2.05; 2.10; 2.15; 2.20; 2.25; 2.30; 2.35; 2.40; 2.45; 2.50; 2.55; 2.60; 2.65; 2.70; 2.75; 2.80; 2.85; 2.90; 2.95; 3.00; 3.05; 3.10; 3.15; 3.20; 3.25; 3.30; 3.35; 3.40; 3.45; 3.50; 3.55; 3.60; 3.65; 3.70; 3.75; 3.80; 3.85; 3.90; 3.95; 4.00; 4.05; 4.10; 4.15; 4.20; 4.25; 4.30; 4.35; 4.40; 4.45; 4.50; 4.55; 4.60; 4.65; 4.70; 4.75; 4.80; 4.85; 4.90; 4.95; 5.00; 5.05; 5.10; 5.15; 5.20; 5.25; 5.30; 5.35; 5.40; 5.45; 5.50; 5.55; 5.60; 5.65; 5.70; 5.75; 5.80; 5.85; 5.90; 5.95; 6.00; 6.05; 6.10; 6.15; 6.20; 6.25; 6.30; 6.35; 6.40; 6.45; 6.50; 6.55; 6.60; 6.65; 6.70; 6.75; 6.80; 6.85; 6.90; 6.95; 7.00; 7.05; 7.10; 7.15; 7.20; 7.25; 7.30; 7.35; 7.40; 7.45; 7.50; 7.55; 7.60; 7.65; 7.70; 7.75; 7.80; 7.85; 7.90; 7.95; 8.00; 8.05; 8.10; 8.15; 8.20; 8.25; 8.30; 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