

STOCKS MARKETS BONDS GRAIN CRUISE PRODUCE

Wool Growers of Oregon Are Adversely to Tying Up Their Clip for This Season Owing to Their Having Been Stung by Selling Too Low During Former Seasons; Most of Them Will Await the Regular Sales Days Before Disposing of Lots.

By Hyman H. Cohen. There is a legitimate demand for wool and this is the cause of the better feeling all through the clipper trade. Contracting of new clips has been reported at prices that are fully a cent above those available a year ago and in other instances as high as 20 advance has been paid.

Wool growers are not intent upon contracting this season. Efforts have been made to bring growers to that viewpoint but without success. For years the output of wool has been the scape goat for the entire trade. They have allowed themselves to be influenced by the rest of the country in selling at reduced prices.

While the plans of eastern buyers have not generally proven successful in bringing down the price elsewhere even though Oregon growers did tend to sell themselves unknowingly at a loss.

Wool for Sales Days. Last week the regular sales days of the wool growers were almost a fiasco for the reason that many of the leading growers either sold their wool for less than the sales or did not offer it then. This year sentiment is generally in favor of offering the wool on the regular days.

Speculation Less Active. A Boston mail advice says that the general situation in the wool trade is speculative. It is not as active as during the past few weeks which was one of the features of the local market.

Prices are pretty stiff all along the line, but especially for medium domestic wools, both in the clip and in the fleece. There is something of a famine of medium fleeces, and the manufacturers who must pay what the holder asks. A sale of 100,000 pounds of Ohio quarter-blood wool is reported

STOCK MARKET FEELS ENGAGING DULLNESS DURING PAST WEEK. Slowness of Trade Has Been Chief Characteristic in New York; No Signs of a Public Awakening Are Yet in Sight.

By Benjamin B. Bryan. Of Logan & Bryan, New York. New York, Feb. 17.—Engaging dullness has been the chief characteristic of the stock market of the past week, and as the latter closes there does not appear to be distinct signs of a reawakening of activity except such as may result from a marked change in the conditions surrounding the market.

The foreign markets have been somewhat disturbed by rather distinct signs of future labor troubles in England and in addition the demand for gold on the part of France has been suggestive of a desire to strengthen reserves for purposes not entirely discernible from surface indications.

Weekly Crop Report. During the week ending Feb. 17, planting was started in many cities of the wheat country of the Pacific northwest. Spring seeding is under way in other places and taken altogether the situation is generally improved.



REVIEW OF NORTHWEST PRODUCTS

Wheat Shows Considerable Strength but Trade Is Not Lively. There was considerable strength in the wheat market during the past week although business was not so brisk.

Potato Trade Is in a Firmer Position and Prices Are Better Here. Potatoes are in a firm position and the expected break in values has not yet materialized.

Serious Break in Eggs Caused by Heaviest Run to Reach Front St. Trade. There was a very serious break in egg market prices along Front street during the past week.

Expectations of Bears Are Not Realized; Demand Is Increased. Expectations of short sellers of hogs that they would be able to easily induce growers who remain remaining supplies at low figures.

Run in Columbia Is Improved With More Chinooks Coming Forward. An increase in the catch of salmon is shown at Columbia river points during the week.

APPLE MARKET IS WEAKER. Sales Are Made Fractionally Lower; More Stock Offering. There was a weaker tone in the local apple market during the past week.

DRESSED MEATS HOLDING. Fractional Declines Only Are Shown in Front Street Trade. Dressed meats held rather well in the front street trade during the week.

MUCH WEAKNESS IN HAY. Trade Very Slow With Even Best Varieties in Poor Request. There was much weakness in the local hay market during the week.

CHEESE STOCKS EXHAUSTED. No Fresh Make Available and Poor Storage Goods Sell at 20 Cents. Stocks of fresh cheese of all makes were exhausted in the local market during the past week.

OATS MARKET IS LOWER. Approach of Tax Day Causes Many to Make Effort to Unload. A cut of 50c a ton was shown in the buying price of oats in the local market during the week.

FINDS CORN FOR HOGS IN OREGON. Thrive for him varieties of corn that will find in Oregon. They told Hawley that in the long ago before the white man came to America, maize grew only in what we now call the south.

PRICE OF PRODUCE IN PORTLAND. Grain, Flour and Hay. These prices are those at which wholesalers sell to retailers, except as otherwise stated.

Wheat—Producers' prices, nominal, track delivery 85c; bluestem, 90c; forly-ford, 81c; Willamette valley, 87c; red wheat, 81c; Turkey red, 87c.

Barley—Producers' prices—1911—Feed, 35.00; rolled, 33.00; brewing, 35.00; malted, 38.00.

Oats—Producers' prices—Track No. 1 spot delivery, white, \$31.50; gray, \$31.00; Portland per hundred, 27c.

Flour—Selling price, 'Patentia, 44.00; 'Patentia, 44.00; 'Patentia, 44.00; 'Patentia, 44.00.

Fruits and Vegetables. POTATOES—Selling prices: Ordinary Oregon, \$1.25@1.35; good, \$1.15@1.25; buying price, table stock, \$1.05@1.15; sweets, 22.5c.

Groceries. FRUIT—Cuba, 35.00; powdered, \$6.55; sugar or berry, 55.55; best, 54.45; dry granulated, 18.55; D yellow, 32.25.

Meats, Fish and Poultry. DRESSED MEATS—Front street: Hogs, fancy, 8c; ordinary, 7 1/2c; heavy, 7 1/4c; veals, extra, 13 1/4c.

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WHEAT BUSINESS CALIBERED LIVESTOCK MARKET PRICES GENERALLY ADVANCED. North Portland Trade Pays Up to \$6.35 for Steers During the Week and Lambs Are Firm for the First Time in Many Weeks.

By Preston C. Adams. New York, Feb. 17.—It is quite the proper thing in some circles to hammer the railroad, in season and out of season. It seems to be the proper thing if anything goes wrong in business to blame it on the railroads.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN. Week. Hogs Slaughtered Sheep Fed. 15, 2100, 12, 213. Feb. 10, 1341, 573, 10, 2372. Feb. 3, 1341, 461, 122, 2352.

By Hyman H. Cohen. With a liberal increase in the movement of livestock to market, there was a much improved demand for North Portland during the week.

North Portland cattle prices. Select steers, 5.35. Choice steers, 4.75@5.00. Common steers, 4.00@4.50.

Wheat market shows a firm tone. The net capitalization per mile of line of the railways of the United States is less than one-fifth that of the United Kingdom.

Sheep Trade Is Higher. For the first time in many weeks there has been a really good demand for hogs in a good position for some time at North Portland.

Butter market maintained. Advanced Price Received Although There Has Been Greater Make. At the advance of 2 1/2c a pound quoted at the first of the week, the creamery butter market held intact during the six days.

Monday's Livestock Sales. STEERS. 23 steers, 1350, \$6.00. 22 steers, 382, 3.95. 56 steers, 1044, 3.95.

Trade very slow with even best varieties in poor request. There was much weakness in the local hay market during the week.

Tuesday's Livestock Sales. STEERS. 30 steers, 1225, \$6.10. 40 steers, 1171, 8.25. 20 steers, 1210, 4.25.

Meats, Fish and Poultry. DRESSED MEATS—Front street: Hogs, fancy, 8c; ordinary, 7 1/2c; heavy, 7 1/4c; veals, extra, 13 1/4c.

Wednesday's Livestock Sales. STEERS. 31 steers, 1020, 3.75. 3 steers, 370, 5.75. 1 steer, 600, 5.40.

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Thursday's Livestock Sales. STEERS. 25 steers, 1322, 6.15. 10 steers, 1019, 6.00. 6 steers, 1048, 4.00.