

POTATO MARKET DOWN WEST COAST

Huge Sum Is Said to Have Been
Dropped by Zuckerman of Los
Angeles and Wolf & Son and Dunbar-
Hanson of San Francisco.

Portland Wholesale Markets.
Butter market holding.
Eggs steady.
Meadow reported solid.
Strawberries lower.
Potatoes shaded.
Dressed meats down.
Hops holding firm.
Wool trade steady.

The heavy losses that potato speculators have made in Oregon and California and to a smaller extent in Washington this season is expected to have a further depressing effect upon values, both during the remainder of the present season and at the start of the coming crop.

It is estimated that three leading speculating firms of California alone lost \$140,000 this year, besides their regular profits on the stock handled. Zuckerman of Los Angeles, who was in the lead of the bunch, is said to have lost in round numbers about \$70,000 on the year's potato marketing.

Wolf & Son, who have been at work with Zuckerman, are said to have dropped the net sum of \$25,000, while forcing the latter to drop his wad, and the trade averages that Dunbar-Hanson company dropped close to \$40,000 at the same time. The aggregate losses of these firms alone are estimated at \$140,000.

Smaller dealers in San Francisco are said to have lost collectively, while the speculating interests of Oregon and Washington are said to have lost altogether about \$75,000. This would make the grand total losses of the season \$355,000 for dealers alone. The speculators are estimated to have lost about \$100,000 from what they would probably have received had not the speculators forced to drop their wad, and the extreme market and then allowed the market to break.

EGG MARKET HOLDS WELL.

Prices in the egg market are holding well, even though there has been very heavy marketing recently. Sales of candied stock are almost general at 21c a dozen.

BUTTER TRADE HOLDING.

Prices in the butter market were holding well, although a change in quotations is now daily expected. The market is much heavier, and while northern demand has remained good, it is only the question of a short time before it will be taken care of.

SELL CHICKENS FOR LESS.

Prices in the chicken market show a further shading for cleaners, and some stock was again carried over from Saturday. Spring ducks that weigh less than 3 pounds average are hard to sell, and some of the stock was sold at 20c in order to clean up.

MORE LOS ANGELES BERRIES.

Still another carload of strawberries from Los Angeles entered the local market, making the sixth to date this season. The stock carried over yesterday and while some of the fruit was slightly overripe, general condition was good. Market in general about 10 to 15c lower for all varieties.

GREATER CATCH OF SALMON.

About a ton of salmon, or 31 boxes, was shipped to the Pioneer Packing company from Oregon City during the past 24 hours. The catch in the Willamette remains very good, with the rate of the fish being larger than at first. The price paid to fishermen ranges from 7 to 8c a pound.

MUTTON MARKET DOWN.

The weekly price current sent forward by the local house of Frye, announces a cut of 4c a pound for packing house mutton and a cut of 1c a pound for mutton up to 14c a pound.

FORECAST FOR SHIPPERS.

Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of 45 to 56 degrees to Portland, 45 to 56 degrees; south to Spokane, 45 to 56 degrees; south to Sheldahl, 45 to 56 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland to-night, about 50 degrees.

PORTLAND JOBBING PRICES.

Grain, Flour and Hay.
These prices are those at which wholesale dealers sell to retailers, except as otherwise stated:
WHEAT—Nominal—Producers' prices: nominal, 10c; local delivery, 11c; blue wheat, 11c; red Russian, 10c; Willamette valley, 9c.
RICE—Producers' prices—1911—Feed, \$35.00; rolled, \$36.00; brewing, \$37.00.
SALT—Selling price—Patent—\$25.00; middlings, \$23.00; shorts, \$22.50.
OATS—Producers' prices—Nominal—Track No. 1, spot delivery, white, 33c; gray, 32c.
FLOUR—Selling price—Patent—\$10.00; Willamette, \$9.50; local straight, \$9.00; bakers, \$8.50; extra grades, \$4.00 to \$4.20.
HAY—Producers' prices—1911—Crop—Timothy, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 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