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At the best, the local egg market is a very weak affair at this time. There is a greater accumulation each day with increasing receipts from the Willamette valley and from other parts of the state.

CHICKEN TRADE FAVORABLE. Market for chickens is very favorable in the front street trade at this time and prices are holding firm at 15c a pound.

Market for dressed hogs was in a better position today. There were very limited arrivals and demand was excellent.

CHEESE IS HARD TO MOVE. Trade in the cheese market is very unsatisfactory.

While the minimum price of the Consolidated Onion Growers' association is still nominally placed at 30c per cask, it is stated that many growers are now freely offering supplies at 10c less.

HIDE MARKET IS EXCITED. There is a very excited market for hides and as high as 21c a pound is reported to have been paid.

FORECAST FOR SHIPPERS. Weather bureau sends the following notice to shippers: Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures.

PORTLAND JOBBING PRICES. These prices are those at which wholesalers sell to retailers.

Table of jobbing prices for various commodities including flour, sugar, and other goods.

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Canned Salmon Position Is Less Favorable Broadly.

Only six more days remain before the full-year season closes along the Columbia river, the season will be closed for two months and the spring-summer catch will start May 1.

There has been a notable improvement in the catch of steelheads in the lower Columbia during recent days, but Columbia are exceedingly scarce.

The market for canned salmon is still favorable locally for most grades and no change in quotations is noted.

Regarding the English canned salmon situation during the season, Henry W. Peabody & Co. write from London as follows:

Up to the time of the first arrivals of the 1912 pack of 1/2 flats, there were no stocks in first hands, and very little exchange of parcels took place between the dealers.

What little stock there was for their own needs, such transactions as there were were carried through by prices ranging from 40c to 47c.

Circumstantial reports of the heavy sales made at the above prices were circulated here, and misled both packers and buyers.

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WHEAT MARKET HERE IS DRAGGING AFFAIR. Prices are unchanged because buyers fear this would influence contracts too.

There is a growing demand for spot hops in the local market. With stocks of speculators practically cleaned up, buyers have been forced to go to growers.

With quite a lot of March deliveries to be made and yet unthought, the market is in a waiting position.

There is little doubt in the minds of the trade that the price of hops here would be soaring at the present time were it not for the fact that contracts are so badly wanted.

Higher prices for spot goods would stimulate the country around the world, but the one strong reason why brewing interests are inclined to go slow just at present.

Prices are unchanged in the contract market, 15c is being offered on all sides.

Flour market is quiet but firm at previous prices.

Wheat situation is dragging affair. A small amount of grain is being purchased in the country around the world.

A Chicago paper reported this morning that considerable business was passing for wheat between Portland and Japan, but this cannot be confirmed.

Hay situation remains quiet at previous prices.

Barley - Producers' prices, track basis: Club, \$4.85; bluestem, 90¢; 85c; Turkey, red, 85¢; alfalfa, 11.00; 11.25; vetch and clover, 11.00; 11.25; 11.50.

Wheat - Selling prices: Patent, \$4.70; Willamette valley, \$4.70; local straight, \$3.85; 4.10; export, \$3.85; 3.95; bakers, \$4.50; 4.75.

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MILLSTUFFS - Selling price: Bran, \$21.22; middlings, \$23.50; shorts, \$25.95.

GRAIN BAGS - No. 1 Calcutta, \$9.90; 9.65.

San Francisco Produce Market. San Francisco, Feb. 21 - Wheat - Club, \$1.75; 1.77; northern bluestem, \$1.75; 1.77; Turkey, red, \$1.70; 1.72; red Russian, \$1.53; 1.57; forty fold, \$1.90; 1.92.

Barley - Oregon and California, \$1.74; 1.55; shipping and brewing, \$1.24; 1.40.

Potatoes - Per cental, Oregon burbanks, 90¢; 1.10; river, 60¢; 90¢; Salinas, \$1.25; 1.50; Averts, per sack, \$1.00; 1.15.

Onions - Per cental, California silver skins, 40¢; 45¢; Australian brown, 25¢; 45¢.

Butter - Extras, 33¢; firsts, 23¢; 24¢. Eggs - Extras, 17¢; firsts, 13¢; select pullets, 16¢.

Young America, 15¢; California, 14¢; 17¢; Young America, 16¢; 18¢.

Onions - Per sack, 11.00; standard, 11.00; 11.25; fancy, 11.50; 12.00; 12.50; 13.00.

Potatoes - 3.00; 3.20. Oats - Eastern Washington, \$3.00 per cwt. 2.90; 3.00. Hay - Puge sound timothy, \$11.70; 14.00; eastern Washington timothy, \$13.00; 13.50; alfalfa, \$14.00; 14.50; vetch and clover, \$10.00; 10.50; 11.00.

HOOPS LOSE A NICKEL AT NORTH PORTLAND; TOPS SELL AT \$8.15.

Price here for Best is Same as at South Omaha Today; Big Bunch of Idaho and Utah Cattle Comes Forward to Yards.

Conditions in the hog market were not quite so firm at North Portland for the day. There was only a small run, but even for the best of these a nickel was cut off yesterday's quotations.

Chicago hog market was steady, with no change in prices. Tops continue at \$8.00.

Kansas City hog market was steady, with tops at \$8.15 today.

South Omaha - Hogs 10c higher, tops \$8.15; cattle steady to strong, sheep steady.

Portland Livestock Run. Friday - Hogs, Cattle, Calves, Sheep. 244 615 3 30 300 718 229 223

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Onions - California, 1 1/2¢ per pound; Oregon, 1 1/2¢ per sack; Walla Walla, 1 1/2¢.

NATIONAL COMPANY MILK UNLOAD APPLE SURPLUS WITH SPEED.

The National Apple Company of Hood River has hit upon a plan to clean up the surplus of stock in that section.

This market alone two carloads of apples are being shipped each week. The stock is sent to this city and then distributed among the various commission interests for sale to the retail trade.

Reporters of even the better grade of apples has been found necessary owing to fast increasing rot. According to a local commission man almost every box of extra fancy fruit he has opened recently, has shown two or three rots.

Holland is the greatest purchaser of American cotton seed oil, with Great Britain ranking next.

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