

EGG TRAFFIC ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST

Both in the North and South is holding well and this is an aid to conditions here. Stocks are cleaning up well.

PORTLAND PRODUCE TRADE.

Egg trade, better. Chickens, not so active. Butter, very firm. Cheese, moving better. Apples are weaker. More demand better. Eggs, drug market. Potatoes, dull.

The condition of the egg trade in the front street market continues to show improvement. Prices in general have been lifted over a cent a dozen during the week. This is the most hopeful sign of the present situation. Formerly nothing but declines were shown and as long as that condition existed receivers were unable to unload their holdings from day to day.

Now the trend of the trade is sufficiently strong for everyone to expect a further advance. The situation is the best for a number of weeks.

Eggs are being quickly sold at case prices at 13c a dozen and there are reports that a cent above this has been received, although efforts to confirm the rumors were unavailing.

The market for eggs all along the coast is showing a much steadier position. With the California decline stopped the local outlook has been materially improved. California is always the bearish factor in the egg trade at this period of the year, therefore the steadying of quotations there is taken as a good sign by the Pacific northwest trade.

CHICKENS HOLD STEADY

While general conditions in the chicken trade of Front street is not so active, the market is nevertheless steady at the prices quoted. Buyers were not so keen to take hold during the last 24 hours.

AULIFLOWER TO BE SCARCE

Owing to the rains, which delayed operations in California, a shortage in local stocks of cauliflower is anticipated by the general trade for the coming week. Other greens will be in fair supply.

CANT FILL BUTTER ORDERS

Not the slightest improvement is showing in the output of butter at either factory or country dairies. All local handlers report their inability to fill orders promptly and prices are therefore almost uniform.

BIG HOGS HARD TO SELL

While current demand for small block hogs that average around 135 pounds is quite good, there is a rather slow call for stock that run between 175 and 200 pounds. For top hogs the market today is firm along Front street at 10 1/2c a pound.

APPLE TRADE NOT BETTER

The expected improvement in the apple trade as a result of the agitation of local interests for a regular apple day, has not been materialized. While the sale of fair prices are extremely weak and nothing can be moved beyond 11.5c.

PRUNES HARD TO MOVE

While all lines of dried fruits are showing a very slow tone, the market for prunes is most quiet. The low price of apples is the chief factor, keeping the entire dried fruit market stagnant.

FORECAST FOR SHIPPERS

Weather bureau sends the following notice to shippers:

Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 35 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 30 degrees; south to Portland, 25 degrees; south to Skagway, 24 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland to-night, about 40 degrees.

PORTLAND JOBBING PRICES

These prices are those at which wholesalers sell to retailers, except as otherwise stated:

Butter—Nonfat, extra creamery, cubes and tubs, 27c; plain, 26c; ordinary creamery, 25c; 1/2 lb. tubs, 24c; 1/4 lb. tubs, 23c.

WHEAT AT THE BOTTOM

Chicago Market Suffers a Further Loss of 1/4 Cent During the Day.

Chicago, March 1.—Wheat prices closed today with a net loss of 1/4c a bushel, or the lowest price for the day and week. There was no sun at all to the trade and short sellers have things their own way, although they were not inclined to go far against the price.

Broomhals cabled from Liverpool that the weakness in America was offset there by covering of March shorts on the decrease of local stocks. Prices were unchanged to 1/4 higher. Following the opening, March was firmly supported, while the distant months were inclined lower, with some realizing expectations of American shipments as shown by Bradstreet and the bearish Modern Miller. Platte offerings are liberal and crop advice from India continues favorable. The market on the whole was dull but steady and at the close prices were 1/4 higher to 1/4 lower.

Range of Chicago prices furnished by O'Connell & Cooke company, 215-217 Board of Trade building.

WHEAT

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Sept.	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2

CORN

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Sept.	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2

OATS

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Sept.	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2

BARLEY

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Sept.	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2

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Packers Make Strong Effort to Stop Calf Slaughter

Strong efforts are being made by packers throughout the United States to curtail the marketing of calves. They see far the greater per cent of the calves getting away from them—because they are going generally to commercial interests. They want the killing of calves stopped because they claim that it is one of the means of elevating the cost of living.

Swift & Co. in their annual report, give the packers' side of the story as follows:

The United States is the greatest veal supplying country in the world. To quote from the report, "its demand for veal is so great that the number of calves slaughtered has increased 100 per cent in the past decade. In the United States during 1911 there were slaughtered 8,000,000 calves. These 8,000,000 calves did not average over 70 pounds. If they had been allowed to live one year they would have averaged 200 pounds of weight and would have given to the country 4,000,000,000 pounds of beef instead of only 500,000,000 pounds of meat."

Some of the packers claim that the 100 per cent increase in the number of calves slaughtered during the past decade is due to the fact that the country's immediate need of beef supply by the slaughter of calves.

"South America is, or was previously, a close second to the United States in the consumption of veal. This country long ago recognized the danger in destroying the basis of future beef production and took measures for the conservation of the livestock industry. Laws were enacted making it an offense subject to a severe penalty to slaughter female calves, heifers or cows under six years of age. The purpose of these laws was to insure a steady increase in herds."

"The results have been altogether beneficial and in no sense have the packers' efforts been in vain. In fact, there is a greater abundance of those

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NOMINAL MARKET AT WEEK'S CLOSING IN PORTLAND YARDS

Two Loads of Cattle Are Total Live-Stock Offerings for the Day; General Trend of Hog Market Is Toward an Advance.

The recovery of these bodies brings the death total to 46, and further search has had to be abandoned because of the force of fire which still rages in portions of the mine.

After allowing four months to go by the shaft was sealed up in order to smother the fire. It has at last been conceded by mine experts that the whole works will have to be flooded.

Salado Wants Mail Service. (Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, March 1.—Representative Hawley has asked the postoffice department to provide for mail service at Salado, Lincoln county, where a postoffice was established June 1, 1911, and patrons of the office are still regarding the expense of the supplying mail. The new town of Sutherland is asking that a rural free delivery route be established to serve 35 families located near it.

Target Practice Far at Sea. (United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., March 1.—Admiral Fletcher cabled the navy department today denying reports that shots fired by American warships had damaged any buildings or killed anyone at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Admiral Fletcher said the warships in their target practice 25 miles off shore.

Charge Realty Man With Fraud in Deal. Behind a suit to compel George F. Quiggle, a real estate dealer, to make good promises and covenants regarding title to a house and lot at Institute place is claimed to be misrepresentation in a real estate deal which swept away the savings of Mary Ellen Sawyer, 72 years old. According