

Suppliers Want of the Potato Market. Market is Receiving More Than Its Requirements by Consignment; Outside Market Cry to Stop Shipping in That Direction.

Strong Interests in Beans Attempt to Hold Market Prices. Want Growers to Contract and the Latter Won't Do It; Therefore by Staying Away From Trade They Expect to Force Hand.

Portland Produce Trade. Cheese offerings small. Butter - fatness worse. Egg trade steady. Apple demand steady. Onions lower. Potatoes very weak. Pork situation dull. Dressed meats steady.

The market for hops is very quiet, both for spot and contract goods. A determined effort is being made by strong parties to keep down prices and to accomplish this it is planned to stop making bids for a while.

BUTTER SCARCER EVERYWHERE Situation is Acute at All Points and Highest Prices on Record Are Continued for All Grades; No. 2 Stock is Out of the Question, Offering All Grading at No. 1.

The extreme scarcity of all grades of butter is causing intense interest in the trade throughout the country. With an almost entire absence of storage stock, even in the big markets of the east and middle west, the fresh make is not nearly up to expectations.

PRINEVILLE CATTLE AT NO. 1 PORTLAND YARDS BRING NEW RECORD. Heifers Sell at \$7.75 During the Morning Trade; Four Loads Are the Entire Offerings in Stockyards for Day; Choice Mutton Sought.

A new record was established in one branch of the cattle market at North Portland yesterday when one lot of Prineville heifers sold at \$7.75.

CHICAGO HOGS HIGHER. Tops Reach \$9.40 With An Advance of 5 Cents in the Yards Today.

Position of the hog trade at North Portland is extremely good. There were no arrivals here yesterday, but the trend of the trade was fully up to that shown yesterday and during the early part of the week.

CLARKE COLLECTY TAXES MORE THAN HALF PAID. Large Amount of Land Clearing During Year Increases Valuation.

(Special to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., March 27.—Footings were made at County Treasurer Fletcher's office yesterday which show that \$399,882.58 of the \$488,000 tax of the county was collected up to March 15, and on which a rebate of 3 per cent was allowed.

EGG MARKET IS UNCHANGED. There was no change in sentiment in the egg trade about as earnest during the last 24 hours.

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NORTHWEST BANK STATEMENT. Clearings, Portland Banks, This Week.

San Francisco Produce Market. San Francisco, March 27.—Wheat—Northern bluestem, 1.77 1/2 @ 1.80; club, 1.72 1/2 @ 1.75.

CHEESE SEASON IS LATE. According to a telephone message from Tillamook, the cheese season there is several weeks later than usual.

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GREEN PEAS ARE LOWER. Lower prices are being named for green peas in the local market.

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RHUBARB PRICE IS CUT. A cut of 25c a box is shown for rhubarb in the local market.

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CAULIFLOWER MARKET FIRM. There is a very firm tone ruling for cauliflower and prices are generally firm and higher at \$2.50 per crate of two dozen heads.

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STRING BEANS DOWN AGAIN. A further cut in the price of Florida string beans is shown for the day.

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

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