

STRAWBERRY OFFERS INCREASE NEARLY UPON STREET

Over 100 Cases Arrive During 24 Hours and a greater Supply is Expected Within a Short Time; Price is Sliding.

Local strawberries are now coming forward in very liberal quantities and prices are sliding rapidly. Sales were reported this morning down to \$2.25 for good fruit.

Receipts of local berries during the 24 hours were fractionally more than 100 cases of 24 pounds each. Sales were down to \$2 and up to \$3.50 during the period.

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Regular produce shipments from the south which usually arrive by steamer on Friday will be a full day late this week on account of an accident to the steamer Rose City in the south.

There will be two trainloads of bananas in the local market this week. One train is due here tomorrow and the other Monday morning.

Shipments of gooseberries to the front street market are increasing. Local stock is coming forward and as this is generally of better size than outside shipments, it is getting the preference in the buying.

Market for creamery butter is weakening, but some of the creameries are putting stock into storage in order to maintain values.

Much dullness is shown in the local trade for country killed meats today. While prices are practically the same as yesterday, some receivers fear that they will not be able to clean up unless prices are shaded.

The weather bureau sends the following notice to shippers: Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 46 degrees.

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

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Today's Produce Market. Egg trade steady. Chickens held steady. Strawberries are lower. More gooseberries come. Cheese situation active. Creamery butter shipping. Slight increase in wheat. Country meats dull. Asparagus stocks short.

Today's Hog Prices. Chicago \$8.75; Kansas City 8.65; South Omaha 8.40; North Portland 8.35.

Portland Livestock Run. Hogs, Cattle, Calves, Sheep. Wed. 230 154 1636; Tues. 81 675 4 1917; Mon. 1743 675 4 1917; Sat. 100 144 21 265; Friday 115 148 85 265; Thurs. 213 148 85 265; Week ago 415 491 11 655; Year ago 409 491 11 655; 2 Y. ago 218 8 19 846.

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Northwest Bank Statement. Clearings, Year Ago. This Week \$1,277,522.99; Last Week \$1,437,798.98; Week before \$1,791,748.87; Week before \$1,438,886.48; Week before \$2,643,405.23; Week before \$1,972,322.84. Week to date \$6,062,904.89; \$4,849,988.04.

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Foreign markets for wool continue to reflect aggressive strength with prices being \$27.12 pounds against 28.40c in the Atlantic seaboard. A Boston mill advice says:

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There is a firm but very quiet tone in the local grain trade. Lack of offerings is the principal factor at this time, with holders intent upon forcing values higher for all grains.

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Some small sized deals are reported in the wool trade at Pacific Northwest points, but buying has not been generally resumed.

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Wheat, Barley, Flour, Oats, Hay. Monday 28 14 8 11; Tuesday 27 19 7 7 14; Wednesday 23 4 7 7 13; Thursday 18 1 1 1 10; Friday 10 21 23 14 20; Saturday 10 21 23 14 20; Sunday 10 21 23 14 20; Year ago 14067 375 2308 1518 2023.

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The prevalent opinion on the domestic wool market is that prices will not go much below today's levels for some time to come.

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