

STATE OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING AFTER DISEASED POTATOES

State Inspector Stansberry Refuses to Allow Sale of Minnesota Stock Here; Says Company Would Hide Shipment. A carload of Minnesota Early Rose potatoes has been refused admittance into the Portland market by state officials because of various diseases.

Big Infected Potato Shipment Allowed to Remain Limited Runs Are Shown in the Yard; Mart Remains Good

Situation Excellent in All Lines at North Portland; No Sheep for Trade. The carload was brought forward by the Pacific Fruit & Produce company of this city and according to State Inspector J. Stansberry, a strenuous effort was made by certain parties to keep the inspector from inspecting the potatoes.

Peace Talk May Be Wedge to Get More U. S. Money

New York, March 21.—(I. N. S.)—The stock market today reacted to the news that the peace talks in London are making headway. The market was buoyant and the Dow Jones industrial average closed at 107.14.

Financial, Industrial, Development

Three More National Banks in Territory Tributary to Portland Will Change to State Institutions—Seattle's Claim of Having Depository With Largest Deposits Disproved.

Inactive Tone Now Shown in Wheat in Pacific Northwest

Market Extremely Quiet; Growers More Willing to Sell, But Buyers Balking. The cold storage season for eggs is now well under way along the whole coast, and buyers are offering from 18 to 20 cents for case count eggs.

Prices Continue to Show Strength in Wholesale District—White Stock to Bring Premium, But Would Demoralize Trade.

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First Strawberries Poor

First strawberries of the season have appeared in the local market, but the quality was not so good as that of the California crop.

Canned Salmon Is Firmer

Market for canned salmon is generally firmer. This is true especially of the cheaper grade fish, but a better feeling in all grades.

Country Meats Are Firmer

All lines of country meat are showing strength at extreme prices. Front street is wondering what has become of the city industry.

Rhubarb Sales Are Active

With the market quite well supplied, trade in rhubarb is rather good with average sales of California and Oregon crops.

Onion Sales Are Good

Quite good sales of onions are reported during the last week, although the exact number of sales is not known.

Brief Notes of the Trade

Wheat market is steady. Butter and eggs are just about holding; broilers scarce and firm. Corn is inactive at lower prices.

Shippers' Weather Notice

Weather bureau advises: Protect shipments during the next 48 hours as far north as 36 degrees; north to Spokane 34 degrees.

Jobbing Prices of Portland

These prices are those at which wholesalers sell to retailers, except as otherwise stated: BUTTER—City creamery cubes, extra, 31c.

Portland Livestock Review

Thursday: Hogs, Cattle, Calves, Sheep. Hogs: 2,008; Cattle: 627; Calves: 11; Sheep: 4.

Bear Clique Has Control of Wheat in Chicago Trade

Chicago, March 21.—(I. N. S.)—Wheat prices faced another disturbing movement in the pit. The opening in all three classes was fractionally under yesterday's level.

Range of Chicago Prices

Table with columns for various livestock and commodity prices, including Hogs, Cattle, Sheep, and various grades of wheat and flour.

Boston Copper Quotations

Table listing copper prices for various grades and types, such as No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3.

Weather Stops Spraying

Walla Walla, Wash., March 21.—Owing to the exceedingly heavy rain here, the orchardists will be unable to get to their trees with spraying machines until after the blossoms are past.

Good Broccoli Returns

Roseburg, Ore., March 21.—The Empora Valley Fruit Union has received returns on the first shipment of broccoli to the east.

Potatoes Along the Coast

San Francisco, March 21.—Potatoes—Per cent. Delmas & Co. report, 1.10@1.15; Idaho extra large, 2.10@2.15.

New York Cotton Market

Table showing cotton market data for New York, including prices for various grades and types of cotton.

As High as 31c Being Offered for Best Quality and Light Shrink; Boston Sales Made at Surprising Rate During Recent Days.

Contracts on the coming wool clip in the Pacific northwest are being sought as high as 31c a pound or the highest price ever known for similar stuff, aside from pioneer day bargaining.

Professional Staff Fixing

New York, March 21.—(U. P.)—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today says that the professional staff is fixing the price of wool.

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Table listing American livestock prices for various commodities, including hogs, cattle, sheep, and various types of wool.

Domestic Exports Increase

Domestic exports from the United States in January showed a total value of \$24,474,235 compared with \$22,910,000 in December.

Various Wheat Markets

Liverpool—Cash wheat unchanged. London—Wheat cargoes on passage to Europe.

Portland Fire Record

4:30 p. m. Ford Motorcar company, 481 East Eleventh street, explosion in gas oven; slight damage.

Overbeck & Cooke Co.

Advertisement for Overbeck & Cooke Co. featuring financial services, insurance, and bonds. Includes text: "DIRECT PRIVATE WIRES TO ALL EXCHANGES" and "Capital and Surplus - \$3,500,000".

Present Issues to Be Met

"Seven millions of the Philippine bonds were issued to provide money for buying the friar lands," explained the chairman of the senate committee.

Portland Bank Largest in Pacific Northwest

In reviewing the report of the condition of the banks of that city, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer states that Seattle has the distinction of having the bank with the largest deposits of any bank in the Pacific northwest.

United States Not Obligation of Philippine Bonds

This column has contained references from time to time several referred to the campaign being carried on by the national bank section of the American Bankers' association to have congress provide for some form of guarantee of payment for the outstanding issues of Philippine bonds.

Senate Committee Takes Opposite Point of View

The report of the Washington bureau of The Journal says: "While the insular affairs committee of the house, in charge of the Philippine bill, has received numerous protests from bankers and business men, the committee has been directed to report the bill to the house just as it came from the senate."

United States Having any Moral Obligation in Contracting with Insular Bonds

United States having any moral obligation in contracting with insular bonds, says Mr. Jones. "I was a member of this committee when these bonds were authorized, and remember the circumstances quite clearly. Besides, it is all a matter of record in hearings held at that time."

Messrs. Taft and Root Oppose Idea

Mr. Taft was secretary of war, and William H. Taft was governor of the Philippines, asserted Chairman Jones. "Both appeared before the committee and testified. Mr. Root stated it was not necessary to make

Violations of Dry Law Charged

Whiskey alleged to have been served from a coffee pot in best glasses at 15 cents a drink, was the cause of the arrest of Al Wolbers, ex-almshouse man, in his soft drink establishment, 275 Burnside street, this morning.

Church Cooperation Urged

A desire and need for greater cooperation between the churches of the city was voiced by ministers and laymen at a mass meeting in the Norwegian Lutheran church, Fourteenth street, between Couch and Davis streets, last night.

Advertisement for BEAVER, featuring a large illustration of a beaver and text: "3 P. M., MARCH 25".

Advertisement for San Francisco Wool Market, listing various wool grades and prices.

Advertisement for PORTLAND FIRE RECORD, listing fire insurance companies and their policies.

Advertisement for THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND, OREGON, featuring financial services and capital/surplus information.