

EGG TRADE STAGNANT IN NORTHWEST CALLS STILL NOT GOOD

Sales of current receipts made in lots at 4¢ with small business at 4 1/2¢—Candled Trade at Low Ebb—Montana Is Buying Here.

Trade in the egg market continues to show a steady feeling along the wholesale way with the selling price of current receipts in lots at 4¢ a dozen while the candled trade at 4 1/2¢ a dozen. Little business is shown in candled.

DRESSED HOGS RULING FIRMER Market for country killed hogs is ruling firmer and somewhat higher along the street, with sales reported as high as 27¢ a pound.

HEAVY CALVES HARDER TO SELL Sales of heavy calves are being made at lower prices generally, with quite a few of these offerings being made at 15¢ a hundred.

RISE IN RICE IS NOW FORECAST Owing to the purchase by the government of 500,000 sacks of rice, a rise in value for that cereal may soon be expected by the trade.

HENS SELL AT RECORD FIGURES Sales of hens in the local market were made from 22 to 25¢ a pound for the last 24 hours.

TURKEY PRICES CLIMB HIGHER Dressed turkeys advanced to 35¢ a pound for fancy stock here during the day.

BRIEF NOTES OF PRODUCE TRADE Potato trade remains quiet at former prices. Onions are slow and rather weak.

WEATHER NOTES FOR SHIPPERS Weather bureau advises: Protect shipments during the next 24 hours against the following temperatures.

SMELT RUN IS NOW VERY SMALL Run of smelt in the Columbia river was very small during the last 24 hours.

JOBING PRICES IN PORTLAND These prices are those at which wholesalers sell to retailers, exclusive of stated.

Butter—Creamery, prints, in cardboard wrappers, 40¢ per 100 lbs. extra fancy.

Apples—Orney, extra fancy, \$2.00; Orley, fancy, \$1.75; Winter, extra fancy, \$2.00.

Vegetables—Tomatoes, 1.50 per sack; green onions, 1.50 per sack; cabbage, 1.00 per sack.

Meat, Fish and Provisions Depressed Meats—Selling price, country black best beef, 21¢ per lb.

Wheat—No. 1, 1.10; No. 2, 1.05; No. 3, 1.00; No. 4, 0.95; No. 5, 0.90.

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General Situation In Livestock Here Has Steady Feeling

Packers Control Mutton With Holdings of About 20,000 Head in Feed Lots.

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APPLE MARKET NOT FAVORABLE IN EAST BUT IS ACTIVE THERE

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Apple trade of the nation: Kansas City—Washington extra fancy Delicous, medium to large, \$2.25 @ 2.50; small, \$2.00 @ 2.25.

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Finance: Timber: Industry

Portland Banks Set Aside 1 Per Cent of Their Gross Resources Each Week for the Purchase of United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness in Compliance With McAdoo's Request.

Portland Banks Buy Treasury Certificates—Portland banks and trust companies are very generally complying with the certificate, and thus build up a fund for the purchase of bonds of the Third Liberty loan.

Foreign Trade of the United States.—Exports for the past 12 months were over three billion dollars.

Condition of Security Market.—The stock markets remained practically stationary during January. The payments

Seizure Decision Expected Chicago, Feb. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Hew Chicago packers "kept tab" on men and events in all parts of the world and in all lines of activity will be revealed.

Titles of the various files, made public in list attached to the warrant on which they were seized, are as follows:

Contract List on Fee Basis The general committee also developed from several sources that the American International Shipbuilding corporation had

At least one of the subcontractors, it was shown, is an officer of the American-International corporation.

War Department Reduces Number of Fatalities Still Further by Publication of Names of Other Soldiers Also.

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Early Trading Has Firm Oats Market

Chicago Has Excellent Call and Initial Values Are Up—Corn Holds Rather Firm.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Oats showed net gains of 1/4¢ to 1/2¢ for the day, and new high prices were reached for the larger commission houses in the trade led in the buying, and those takings were credited to the government.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Strong buying pressed oat prices up to 27¢ 1/2 for No. 1 white, and 27¢ for No. 2 white.

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MAKES REPORT OF HIGHER AVERAGE

Herbert Nunn, State Highway Way Engineer, Submits Figures for Year to Commission.

Salem, Or., Feb. 14.—Estimated total cost of construction of highway and bridge work pending before the state highway department at the close of the fiscal year on November 30, 1917, was \$7,930,150, of which amount \$685,618.24 had been spent, according to

yearly report of Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer. The report was completed today for submission to the state highway commission.

Of the amount expended \$541,974.33 was for construction work and \$143,643.81 was for engineering. Following is a summary of the total estimated costs, as segregated in the report, and amounts expended:

Construction work, \$541,974.33; engineering, \$143,643.81; total, \$685,618.24.

State location surveys, estimated cost, \$1,151,000; expended for engineering, \$249,537.

Administrative, engineering, supervision, etc., expended from 1914 to 1917, total, \$1,131,000.

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