

OLD FASHIONED BEAN SOUP SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED

POTATO MARKET HAS A STAGNANT FEELING ALL ALONG THE COAST

Practically no demand is showing from shipping interests and the situation is considered worst known for many seasons.

Market for potatoes is utterly stagnant in the local territory at this time and there appears a very weak tone in practically every primary market of the country.

While as high as \$1.00 per cent is still being nominally offered for No. 1 potatoes at country points, there is no special desire among the trade to stock up.

With March but a few days away the season is fast coming to its close and stocks of potatoes unsold in the Pacific Northwest are unusually limited.

Wholesale holdings in the territory immediately tributary to buyers are not heavy, still the almost general absence of demand is creating apprehension among shippers.

This does not appear to be shared by the moment by local growers-holders but the fact remains that with March and Eastern Washington, the buyers in this market for an outlet, the situation is not good.

Yakima stock is not giving satisfaction in this part and the same reports are reported from other markets. For that reason the stock from that section is being offered at lower prices than the holders in this section refuse to entertain.

EGG MARKET IS STEADY AGAIN

During the morning the market for eggs showed a fully steady tone here with receipts unacceptably light.

Most of the day is to buyers, bidding \$8c a dozen for current receipts with the selling price frozen at 40¢ to 41¢.

TURKEY DEMAND VERY LIBERAL

While there were rather liberal supplies of dressed turkeys on the market during the 24 hours, the market reflected a very good tone.

SALES were made from 40¢ to 48¢ a pound for the better class.

Market Bureau a Money Spender

Huge Sums Used in Work That Is Not Necessary Here.

By Hyman H. Cohen

Nearly a dozen people are being employed by the government in the bureau of markets in Portland to furnish information to the newspapers and trade that is already being supplied by news-papers which only employ a single man each for this purpose.

That the bureau of markets has been wasting huge sums of the people's money has been reported for some time in the trade. Complaints are coming from various parts of the country that not only are many of the reports unavailable for general use because they are not given out promptly, but that many more employes are utilized in giving out this information than is necessary.

The government has just established a branch of the dairy products bureau in Portland for the purpose of giving out information to the newspapers and trade. This information has been available in the newspapers for many years and that reason are given little attention by the trade generally.

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BEAN TRADE IS IN A VERY BAD SHAPE IN AMERICAN MARKETS

Little Demand is Showing at Any Point Just Now and General Lowering of Quotations Shown—Huge Stocks Held by Growers.

What has become of all the bean extra? The trade all over the United States is eagerly asking this question, and it is very difficult to answer.

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HOG MARKET BULGES A DIME HERE WITH TOPS HITTING \$16.95

Select Load of Porkers Brings the Highest Price—Cattle and Sheep Situation Also Strong With a Death of Arrivals Here.

HOW LIVESTOCK RULED

Portland Livestock Run

Thursday 201 25 133

Two weeks ago 263 74 133

Year ago 290 57 133

Two years ago 231 11 276

Four years ago 212 13 4 45

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Scrap in Eggs Is Cause of a Rise in Prices

During the day a "scrap" developed in the market for eggs and buyers began to advance their bids. As high as 40¢ to 41¢ a dozen was bid late in the day for receipts on an advance of about 2¢ generally over what was being paid the previous day.

SOCKS OF HAY ARE EXTREMELY LIBERAL IN THE NORTHWEST

High Priced Purchases by Livestock Men Early in the Season Not Yet Needed and Warehouses Are Full—Millfeeds Are Weakening.

INITIAL OATS BID MADE

The first bid on oats made on the Portland market during the day on January 25 was shown during the day at \$48 a ton.

Some of the mills are still asking up to \$43 a ton for millfeed to dealers, others are quite willing to sell for \$32 a ton lower in order to get rid of their stocks.

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Finance, Timber Industry
Big Shipment of Oregon Apples
Wanted by Quartermasters Department of the U. S. A.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Representatives of 40 or more small packers throughout the Northwest today were engaged in organizing a jointly-owned corporation to operate under the Webb-Pomeroy export bill, through which the small packers will be able to compete for foreign business against the "Big Five" packers.

Washington, Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—The soldiers and workmen of the Detroit and Cleveland plants of the Ford Motor Co. are demanding that the government discontinue its support of a number of conservative officials.

Washington, Feb. 20.—(I. N. S.)—A measure designed to cope with Bolshevism in this country, for passage before the Senate, has been reported to the Senate by the judiciary committee this afternoon.

Vienna, Feb. 19, via London, Feb. 20.—(I. N. S.)—The Ukrainian revolutionaries, Przemysl and Grodek. The attack on Lemberg was resumed today.

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LIBERTY BOND SALES
Liberty bonds official closing price, New York, 3 1/2% 1st 4c, 4th 1/2c