

GOVERNMENT IS WEAKENING FACTOR; OFF 2 CENTS POUND LOCAL MARKET HAS ANTI-CRITICAL FEELING FOR COARSE GRAINS

Best Prints Go to 55c for Plain Wrappers with Butter Fat Down 3c for the Day at 55c to 54c a Pound—Surplus Stock Is Held Here.

The 2c a pound drop that became effective in the local print butter market during the day had been expected for several days in view of the accumulation of supplies here not only of local make but the liberal shipments from California and other points.

Indicating that the market is even weaker than the drop in butter prices showed was the fact that butterfat values were off 4c a pound at the same time. As a rule, under such conditions, a radical change toward lower values for butter, butter prices show the same price movement as does the butterfat. City creameries are not quoting butterfat at 53¢ to 54¢ a pound at country stations with the usual premium for city delivery.

California extra butter is in abundant supply here and there has been a noticeable movement during the last few days on account of the expectations of low prices for prints.

Butter prices are as follows: Portland Saturday: California, 4.35; Oregon, 4.15; Washington, 4.10. Total, 12,924 pounds.

CHEESE—20,045 pounds. Oregon, 14,911 pounds. Washington, 5,134 pounds. Total, 20,045 pounds.

EGGS—Cases—Oregon, 20; Washington, 20. Total, 40 cases. Grand total, 1,287.

EGG TRADE INCLINED LOWER While most of the f. o. b. buyers were offering 40c a dozen during the day for current receipts, although they had been offering 39c some of the buyers were not bidding above 39c a dozen for supplies.

STRAWBERRIES MORE ACTIVE With another carload of Los Angeles strawberries on the market, and with better weather, the local movement is improving at 53¢ per crate. Quality of the last arrivals from the south was excellent.

POTATO SITUATION IS QUIET Situation in the potato trade is quiet for the day at Oregon country points, with only limited business shown at country points. Local demand is somewhat improved. Onions are steadier at former prices.

CABBAGE PRICES HIGHER HERE Still higher prices have been offered for cabbage in the local market as a result of additional arrivals from California. The cheapest available is 1 1/4c a bushel, and some of the better grade in a limited way.

APPLES SELL AT A NEW RECORD With sales up to \$4.50 a box, the highest price ever known in local trade has been reached. Sales of extra fancy Winesaps, red cheeks and homes of 4 1/2c a bushel, show at the extreme figures along the coast.

WHEAT NOTES OF PRODUCE TRADE East arrivals of Florida spring wheat for the season are being handled in the market. Supplies are rapidly clearing up season's offerings.

WEATHER NOTICE FOR SHIPPERS Weather bureau advises: Protect shipments during the next 48 hours against the following minimum temperature: Going north, 44 degrees; west to Baker, 38 degrees; south to Astoria, 40 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tomorrow about 44 degrees.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN PORTLAND These are the prices retailers pay wholesalers, except as otherwise noted.

Table of wholesale prices in Portland for various commodities including flour, sugar, and other goods.

WHEAT MARKET HAS A FIRMER FEELING OVER COUNTRY

Manufacturers Showing an Unseasonable Call for Offerings and the Price List Holds Firm—Fleece Situation Attracts Attention.

With the government auctions being held in Portland during the day and a huge demand for wool shown at all points by manufacturing interests, the market for fleece is showing unexpected attention at this time notwithstanding the fact that speculative interests have been trying to depress the market by offering large quantities of wool.

Regarding the general situation, the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse company advises: "The acceptance of the government wool to secure wools at this season of the year is annual, and their anxiety to buy has resulted in receiving good prices at the government auction sales now being held in Boston. The wool is being offered in the market at a price favorably with the best prices paid last year, especially for fine, fine medium and half blood wools of good staple."

"We are just in receipt of a wire from our Boston office which states that the situation there, and which we quote as follows: 'Average to choice territory wools in demand here by buyers, and the wool dealers competing keenly for such spot wools. Prices paid for choice wools at present government auctions are 10c to 12c above last year's prices. Government wool now offering at auction many inferior and defective clips which are being purchased by the wool buyers at a price of 10c to 12c below the price of the wool secured in the market. Desirable wools in demand, indicating steady improvement in wool manufacturing conditions.'"

"In a word, it appears that the best property in the wool market is being held in the hands of the wool buyers, and that the wool market is now turning attention a little to the coarse wool."

"However, the interest in these wools is not very strong, and the prices being bid on quarter blood and three-quarter blood wools are only slightly above the government spot value, but the fact that more attention is being paid to the coarser grades and to the wool of the lower grades, and in fact, fine grades and being the grower of coarse wool much encouragement."

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AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 10,000; market, 10c to 12c; heavy, 10c to 12c; medium and mixed, 11c to 12c; light, 12c to 14c; top, 15c to 16c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Cattle—Receipts 14,000; market, 14c to 16c; heavy, 14c to 16c; medium and mixed, 15c to 16c; light, 17c to 18c; top, 19c to 20c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Sheep—Receipts 12,000; market, 12c to 14c; heavy, 12c to 14c; medium and mixed, 13c to 14c; light, 15c to 16c; top, 17c to 18c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—Receipts 1,000; market, 10c to 12c; extra, 10c to 12c; standard, 11c to 12c; U.S. grade, 12c to 14c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Eggs—Receipts 1,000; market, 10c to 12c; extra, 10c to 12c; standard, 11c to 12c; U.S. grade, 12c to 14c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Wheat—Receipts 1,000; market, 10c to 12c; extra, 10c to 12c; standard, 11c to 12c; U.S. grade, 12c to 14c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Corn—Receipts 1,000; market, 10c to 12c; extra, 10c to 12c; standard, 11c to 12c; U.S. grade, 12c to 14c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Oats—Receipts 1,000; market, 10c to 12c; extra, 10c to 12c; standard, 11c to 12c; U.S. grade, 12c to 14c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Rye—Receipts 1,000; market, 10c to 12c; extra, 10c to 12c; standard, 11c to 12c; U.S. grade, 12c to 14c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Barley—Receipts 1,000; market, 10c to 12c; extra, 10c to 12c; standard, 11c to 12c; U.S. grade, 12c to 14c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Malt—Receipts 1,000; market, 10c to 12c; extra, 10c to 12c; standard, 11c to 12c; U.S. grade, 12c to 14c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Flour—Receipts 1,000; market, 10c to 12c; extra, 10c to 12c; standard, 11c to 12c; U.S. grade, 12c to 14c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Sugar—Receipts 1,000; market, 10c to 12c; extra, 10c to 12c; standard, 11c to 12c; U.S. grade, 12c to 14c.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Cocoa—Receipts 1,000; market, 10c to 12c; extra, 10c to 12c; standard, 11c to 12c; U.S. grade, 12c to 14c.

CHICAGO MARKET Mixed for Grain In Opening Trade

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Those in the corn market who believed during the early part of the season that the new high prices reached for that grain there would be a runaway market in favor of the bulls have been misled.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Corn prices were up 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ at the opening of the market. The market was mixed and the volume of business fair.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Wheat prices were up 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ at the opening of the market. The market was mixed and the volume of business fair.

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Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Rubber prices were up 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ at the opening of the market. The market was mixed and the volume of business fair.

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Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Lumber prices were up 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ at the opening of the market. The market was mixed and the volume of business fair.

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Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Paper prices were up 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ at the opening of the market. The market was mixed and the volume of business fair.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Textile prices were up 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ at the opening of the market. The market was mixed and the volume of business fair.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Leather prices were up 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ at the opening of the market. The market was mixed and the volume of business fair.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Fur prices were up 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ at the opening of the market. The market was mixed and the volume of business fair.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Miscellaneous prices were up 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ at the opening of the market. The market was mixed and the volume of business fair.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Commodity prices were up 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ at the opening of the market. The market was mixed and the volume of business fair.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Market summary and closing prices for various commodities.

Finance, Industry and Enterprise

Trade Opportunities in Mexico—Portland manufacturers should turn their attention to the opening for export trade offered by the rehabilitation of Mexico.

Australia Firm Wants Trade Connections—A firm in Australia that conducts an advertising campaign among retail houses desires to secure agencies for the sale to wholesale firms of products of South Africa desired to retail.

South African Wants Machinery—Department of mines and industries in a country of South Africa desires to receive information in regard to the manufacture of mica lubricant, mica grease and boiler packing, also the class of machinery required and from whom it can be obtained.

Belief in Reality of "Blue Bucket" Mine—Recent heavy takings by placer miners in the vicinity of Canyon City have revived interest in the story of the "Blue Bucket" mine, discovered and lost by pioneer settlers in Oregon.

Bids Asked on Construction Work—Sealed bids will be received by George Irvin of Monument, Grant county, Mr. Irvin declares that he was personally acquainted with members of the party of emigrants who are said to have picked up a number of brick nuggets in the neighborhood of Spanish gulch in 1846.

Lower Insurance Rates for Astoria—A request of the city of Astoria being conducted by Ormond Rankin, F. J. Whittless and G. H. Groker, of the Oregon insurance rating bureau, will result in material reductions of insurance rates in that city, according to predictions of officials of the bureau.

Man in Canada Wants Goods for England—A man from Canada, who is soon to sail for England, desires to secure an agency for the sale of general merchandise, food products, novelties and notions.

Umapine First in Divisional Track Meet of Schools—Freewater, April 28.—The schools of the east end of Umatilla county held the divisional track meet Saturday at Umapine, the following schools taking part: Umapine, Milton, Freewater, Ferndale, Tum-A-Lum, Pleasant View and Fruitvale.

Big Red Cross Profits—Los Angeles, Cal., April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Gross receipts of the famous Red Cross shop and Alvarado tea room here for the past year amounted to \$214,604.62. A check for \$201,295.04 was paid over to the American Red Cross after all expenses were paid.

Excited Trading And Stiff Rises Shown in Stocks

STOCKS CLOSE STRONG New York, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Stocks closed strong today, with a general advance in all classes. The market was excited and trading was very active.

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