

FACTORY POTATOES SHOW A STRONG DEMAND FOR SEEDING

BUTTER MARKET GROWING STRONG

Cube Prices Here Are Firm With Some Quoting a Further Advance of 1/2 Cent—Interior Is Buying.

Butter market situation continues to gain strength in the local section and the demand for cubes is still improving. While generally a purchase of extras are shown around 65 a pound, some offers for fancy makes are out as high as \$1.60 a pound, a rise of 1/4 over recent figures.

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Livestock Trading At Strong Prices; Sheep Are Higher

Wethers and Yearlings Are Higher in North Portland Alleys—All Lines Hold.

Portland Livestock Market. Hogs, Cattle, Sheep, Poultry, etc.

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SEED POTATOES IN ACTIVE CALL

California Purchasing Liberal Whenever It Can Secure Selected Stock—Country Prices Are Firm.

By Hyman H. Cohen. Present demand for potatoes at Oregon and other Pacific Northwest country is excellent, even though shipments are somewhat curtailed on account of the cold weather and the almost general absence of refrigerator cars.

California is buying liberally of seed stock in the Pacific Northwest. Growers there are exceedingly willing to pay the price. A number of sales have been made at high as \$3 1/2 a bushel.

Table stock is in good demand, although many of the purchases in this class consist of fancy goods which are not used for seed.

Little activity is shown in the onion market because of weather conditions, but prices are being held firm.

Those desiring special information regarding any market should write the Market Editor, Oregon Journal, enclosing stamp for reply.

CORN PRICES ARE MIXED AT THE CHICAGO OPENING. By Joseph F. Pritchard. Chicago, Dec. 4.—(U. P.)—The action of December corn during the latter part of the week was sharp and continuous.

Provisions started steady to 10c higher, with limited offerings and scattered buying.

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PRICE OPTURNS IN STOCK LIST

New York Market Opens Irregular but Early Trade Is Generally at Advance—Some Very Good Gains.

New York, Dec. 4.—(U. P.)—The stock market closed strong today. Most of the leading issues closed at practically the best of the day. Creditable stock advanced 1/2 to 3/4 points.

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Millstuffs Prices Are Up Another Dollar a Ton With Greater Call—All Cereals Quoted Stronger.

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DECISION OF COURT ON BEAN BARRETT ACT REQUESTED

Mandamus Suit Filed to Determine if State May Meet Big Road Fund of Government.

Salem, Dec. 4.—In an effort to secure a court interpretation as to the extent to which the state board of control may go under the authority of the Bean-Barrett act of 1917 in meeting the federal appropriation for post and forest projects in Oregon, a petition in mandamus was filed this morning with the supreme court by J. M. Devers, assistant attorney general, representing the state highway commission.

Prior to 1917 the federal government appropriated funds for post and forest road construction, under which the state of Oregon was entitled to \$1,800,000 on the condition that a similar amount be appropriated by the state.

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The state highway commission contends, however, that it is the intention of the Bean-Barrett act that the state shall meet any appropriation for highway work within the state made available by the federal government, and it is with a view to testing out this contention that the action in mandamus is instituted today.

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Widow Asks State To Compensate Her For Husband's Death

Salmon, Dec. 4.—Compensation for the death of Louis Jensen, who died at the state hospital recently, will be sought by the widow at the next state legislature, according to word received here. Jensen was assaulted by an attendant at the institution the night following his commitment from Multnomah county. His death followed a week after the assault, but an autopsy failed to reveal any connection between the assault and the death. A coroner's inquest which investigated the death brought in a verdict of death from natural causes. The basis of the claim which Mrs. Jensen is said to be preparing is not known here.

S. P. Lines North Of Ashland Lead With No Mishaps

The Southern Pacific railroad north of Ashland was the largest system in the United States to pass the entire two weeks of the national accident prevention campaign without an accident, according to final reports received by J. P. Grodzki, manager of the safety campaign in Oregon.

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