

150 PER CENT IMPROVEMENT IN DRESSED MEATS

Slight improvement was shown Saturday in the meat market, but conditions are far from being normal. A large amount of meat went to waste this week in Portland because the market was overstocked. Wholesalers endeavored to clean up their stocks by lowering their prices, but even with lower prices only the top quality of stock was desired.

Veal sold as low as 10 cents per pound for common stuff and 12 cents per pound for quality. Saturday the market had almost returned to normal, but the price for dressed meats was still below the level of the real article here, they were green and unfit for human consumption, so they were hauled to crematorium.

Dressed hog market has been steady all week except in heavy weather. During the hot weather there is practically no demand for heavy dressed hogs.

These dealers special information regarding any market should be sent to the Oregon Journal, enclosing stamp for reply.

FIRST OREGON APRICOTS ARRIVE

First Oregon apricots of the season were received Friday by Bollam & Co. from J. J. Miller & Sons, of Astoria, at \$1.90 per 2.00 per two tier peach box.

STRAWBERRIES RIPENING FAST

If the present weather continues all local strawberries will be gone by the end of next week. The berries are ripening fast under the hot sun. Wholesalers are predicting no trouble in moving all they can secure from the growers. Berry market is bright for Saturday, \$3.50 being about the lowest price.

BRIEF NOTES OF PRODUCE TRADE

California apricots will soon be gone. There not many Oregon apricots this year, so this practically means the end of the season. California apricots are selling for \$2.50 per crate of four boxes.

Potatoes market unchanged. Eastern market firm, causing California to cut down Oregon supply.

Local potatoes coming in. They bring prices asked for California.

Pears plentiful at 87¢ per pound.

Fancy cherries in good demand; poor cherries at 18¢ per pound; Royal Anas quoted at 18¢ per pound; Bismarck, 23¢ per pound.

Carrots market in big boxes arrived. Quoted at \$4.50 per crate.

Domestic watermelons expected by Pacific Fruit & Produce company next week.

Cantaloupe market very firm on good quality stuff.

Green beans 9@15¢; wax, 12@15¢ per crate.

WEATHER NOTICE FOR SHIPPERS

Weather bureau advises: Protect shipments during the next 36 hours against the following minimum temperatures: doing north 30 degrees; northeast over S. P. & S. R. R. 95 degrees; east to Baker, 95 degrees; south to Ashland, 85 degrees; and maximum temperature at Portland tomorrow about 86 degrees.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN PORTLAND

These are prices retailers pay wholesalers, except as otherwise noted.

Dairy Products

BUTTER—Sweetened, 23¢; Creamery, prime, parchment wrapped, 75¢ lb.; prime firsts, 55¢ lb.; firsts, 54¢ lb.; smaller lots as an advance, jobbing prices. Cube extra, 54¢; prime firsts, 52¢ @ 53¢.

CHEESE—Portland delivery, 56¢ @ 58¢; country station, 54¢ @ 55¢.

CONDENSED MILK—Borden's, 44¢; Borden's, 43¢; Borden's, 42¢; Borden's, 41¢; Borden's, 40¢; Borden's, 39¢; Borden's, 38¢; Borden's, 37¢; Borden's, 36¢; Borden's, 35¢; Borden's, 34¢; Borden's, 33¢; Borden's, 32¢; Borden's, 31¢; Borden's, 30¢; Borden's, 29¢; Borden's, 28¢; Borden's, 27¢; Borden's, 26¢; Borden's, 25¢; Borden's, 24¢; Borden's, 23¢; Borden's, 22¢; Borden's, 21¢; Borden's, 20¢; Borden's, 19¢; Borden's, 18¢; Borden's, 17¢; Borden's, 16¢; Borden's, 15¢; Borden's, 14¢; Borden's, 13¢; Borden's, 12¢; Borden's, 11¢; Borden's, 10¢; Borden's, 9¢; Borden's, 8¢; Borden's, 7¢; Borden's, 6¢; Borden's, 5¢; Borden's, 4¢; Borden's, 3¢; Borden's, 2¢; Borden's, 1¢.

THE MARKET BASKET

Refusal of the consumer to pay 25 cents or more per pound for sugar has lessened the demand to such an extent that the price is on the wobbler. Wholesale prices took their third slump for this week on Friday, when a 50 cent decline was announced by the refiners. This makes a total decline of \$1 for the week.

Wholesalers believe that the market is not definitely on the down grade. Saturday's wholesale price is 123.00.

The United States market is the highest in the world today. Even Europe, where a shortage of sugar is said to exist, is shipping to this country in order to take advantage of the high price. The sugar companies are said to have been previously purchased by European interests in Cuba.

Wholesalers admit that the consumer has shown considerable wisdom in the methods used. He has refused to buy in large quantities, even when he knew prices were about to advance. But few grocers are selling more than \$1 worth at a time to a customer. The high price of sugar has also kept many housewives from canning early fruits, which has caused an overabundance at the refiner's. This condition has forced the refiners to cut down the price, local jobbers believe.

The following prices are averages on the consumer and are for retail stores. Quality is average, fancy stuff being slightly higher and inferior stuff fractionally lower.

Butter—Best, creamery price, 52¢ @ 54¢.

Eggs—Fresh laid, 50¢ per dozen; fancy fresh, 45¢ @ 47¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 35¢ @ 40¢ per lb. (Salmon, 50¢ @ 55¢ per lb.; halibut, 30¢ per lb.)

Flour—Best local patent, \$3.50 @ 4.50 per sack @ 49 lbs.

Potatoes—Burbank, 9¢ @ 15¢.

Chickens—Dressed, 35¢ @ 40¢ per lb.

Strawberries—Oregon, 15¢ @ 20¢ per box.

Raspberries—Local, 20¢ @ 25¢ per box.

Grays Harbor Dairy Units Declare War

Hopkins, Wash. July 3.—Milk on Grays Harbor is now selling for 12 cents a quart, with indications of it going down to 9 cents, as a result of a strike declared by the Grays Harbor Dairymen's association against a number of independent farmers of the Satsop district who have been operating through the Satsop Farmers' dairy here.

Members of the Dairymen's association claim the price of 9¢ cents a quart, which has been charged by the Satsop Farmers' dairy since it began operations here a little more than a month ago, is below cost of production, and is 10¢ less than the price of the same milk in other parts of the state.

Following the cut by the Dairymen's association the Satsop organization is contemplating a reduction. Officials of the Dairyman say they believe it will win for the Dairyman in the hope of "ultimately winning for all the farmers."

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New York Markets To Close Two Days

New York, July 3.—(I. N. S.)—All the local markets were closed today because of the Independence Day holiday. The markets will remain closed on Monday, July 5.

Wool Men Waiting For Higher Prices

Eugene, July 3.—The representatives of the Portland Woolen Mills, who came to Eugene to buy the 80,000 pounds of wool collected by the Lane county pool, departed today with only 25 per cent of the amount, the majority of the growers concluding to hold on a while longer. Some of the stock had been brought over from last year and was worth 50 cents a pound or more, while the price offered by the Portland buyers ran from 20 to 35 cents.

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NEW POTATOES WANTED

VEAL—Market badly demoralized. Tops selling 17-18¢.

HOGS—Blockers selling 12-20¢.

POULTRY—Following prices: Hens, 4 lbs. and up, 25¢; 3 to 4 lb. Hens, 20¢; Light Hens under 3 lbs., 15¢; Broilers, 1 lb. 10¢; 2 1/2 to 3 lb., 21¢. Do not ship Broilers under 1 1/2 lbs. Old Roosters, 8¢.

EGGS—Selling 38 to 39¢.

WHEAT—Market Charge—1c lb. on Pottery, Veal, Hogs; 1c Dozen on Eggs.

BEING MADE HERE ON FRIED ONIONS

California onions are netting splendid returns to local retailers, especially those in the retail trade along Yamhill street. Onions are selling on Front street for \$1.75 per 100 pounds in one or two sack lots, and for \$1.50 per 100 pounds in five sack lots.

Signs displayed by the retailers Saturday read: "Special 5¢ per sack, five pounds for 25 cents." This would make the retail price approximately 5¢ per sack, not counting a slight loss occasioned in weighing the onions. The profit to the retailer on this sale would be about 15¢ per sack.

There is no necessity of the housewife paying these exorbitant prices, as the market is over supplied with onions. As the market is over supplied with onions, the price is low. Telegraphic information from California states that the growers are suffering heavy losses, because the onions are bringing them 65 cents per sack.

Rather than dig their crop and stand further losses by having to pay for the labor, the growers are reported to have plowed about 500 acres of onion under.

Portland wholesalers say the absolute top price on onions is \$1.75, this being for the very fancy stuff. As the California growers have been discouraged, they are not packing to grade their onions this year. Quality of the receipts is, therefore, badly mixed, and the sacks containing cull stock, which brings the price still lower.

"When the merchants are only paying \$1.25 per hundred pounds for their onions," one jobber said Saturday.

Turkey housewives should demand a lower retail price on onions, or the California stock will sell in the market until late in the summer at which time the Oregon crop is harvested. When the Oregon crop arrives prices will probably be forced lower and local growers will also face heavy losses.

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COOL SPRING HAS DELAYED HARVEST NORTHWEST CROPS

Cool spring weather will cause a slightly later harvest this year in most sections of the west, according to a crop bulletin issued Friday by Edward A. Beals of the United States weather bureau. The report follows:

Good rains fell near the end of the week in the Owens Valley in California, and in Nevada and southeastern Idaho. A few showers also fell in western Washington, in extreme northwestern Oregon and at scattered places elsewhere, especially in the mountainous districts. Sunshine was generally deficient, and temperatures were everywhere below normal, except in the San Francisco bay section where it was slightly warmer than usual. Light frosts on several mornings slightly injured some vegetables in Oregon.

Generally, throughout the district, crops are backward, and growth during the week was slow, but otherwise satisfactory. Drouthy conditions in Utah have become more acute in many unirrigated grain regions, and the streams in the interior of California are unusually low. The Sacramento valley is the lowest of record so early in the season.

Grain.

The barley and wheat harvest is progressing under favorable conditions in California, and the oat harvest is practically completed. The grain harvest has yet been done. More grain has been cut for hay than usual. Drouthy conditions have caused some depreciation in value of the unirrigated grain regions in Utah, though showers near the end of the preceding week were beneficial. Both spring and winter wheat, barley and oats are making satisfactory progress in Nevada and in the North Pacific states. Barley is reported to be exceptionally good and oats excellent in Washington. Some rye has been cut in Idaho.

Truck Crops and Potatoes.

The cool weather was favorable for truck crops which, though backward, are generally in all stages of growth. Many have finished digging their first crop, while in some localities planting is only just begun in alfalfa.

Haymaking made excellent progress during the week, though interrupted somewhat by rain in Nevada during the last day or two. The alfalfa crop in California is lower levels in Utah is being retarded by weevil, and this crop which has been cut in Idaho is cutting slowly on account of deficient sunshine.

Ranges and Livestock.

Stock generally throughout the district are in excellent condition, though lower ranges are drying up rapidly and green feed in the low valleys has disappeared. Dry feed still holds out fairly well and so far there has been little, if any, suffering from lack of water among range cattle and sheep.

Fruit Needs Sun.

Oranges and lemons as well as deciduous fruit in the southern counties are in all stages of growth. Some quality in the northern counties, hot weather during the fore part of the week did considerable damage to fruit, and especially the cherry and apricot harvest is well advanced in California and peaches are coming into the market in great quantities. Fruit in the north being marketed in that state as well as in California. Rice and sugar beets made satisfactory progress.

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Prices Slashed on The Chicago Market

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