

BUY A BARREL OF FLOUR SCHEMERS BEING PROPOSED PETROLEUM SHARES ARE RULING VERY ERRATIC

EGG PRICES ARE APPROVED LOCALLY

COLD STORAGE REPORT Portland Last week Dec. 6, 1920. Butter (lbs.) 302.650 695.587 Cheese (lbs.) 89.594 821.124 Eggs (cases) 2.250 18.180

Trade in eggs is showing some improvement locally with a firm tone generally indicated in the Eastern markets. F. O. B. bids are showing a general advance and there is more incentive among holders to take hold at this time.

BUTTER TRADE HOLDING STEADY

Trade in the local butter market continues steady with no change in either bids or prices for the day. Nevertheless there is an undercurrent of uneasiness due to the fear of further Australian supplies.

POTATO TRADE STAGNANT HERE

Trade in the potato market is stagnant. Practically no business is reported at country points, although California buyers are still here.

BULK HONEY MARKET IS WEAK

For extracted honey the market here is not only extremely dull but weak. Dealers report only a few sales and purchases in California.

MEAT MARKETS UNDER PRESSURE

Meat markets are under pressure along the coast, with slightly shaded prices again for veal. The trade does not anticipate much movement until after the turn of the year.

LARGE APPLES HARD TO SELL

While the market for small sized apples of ordinary quality is unusually drab, there is a good demand for large sized stock of fairly good quality.

BRIEF NOTES OF PRODUCE TRADE

Country market about normal. Orange prices continue to show shading. Onions remain weak with limited movement at low prices.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN PORTLAND

These are prices retailers pay wholesalers, except as otherwise noted: BUTTER—Selling price, box (lbs.) Cream, extra, 50¢; buttermilk, 45¢.

THE MARKET BASKET

By Hyman H. Cohen

Retail meat prices continue out of line with wholesale values but dealers are showing no inclination to meet the charged conditions.

Investigation of government and other interests into the retail meat situation throughout the country indicates that the consumer is securing little benefit from the extreme low prices for livestock.

The following prices ruled generally in retail shops for the day. Some values are fractionally higher and inferior still fractionally lower.

Chicago Wheat Price Bobs Up And Down Again

Chicago, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Grains worked in an irregular manner today, reflecting a nervous feeling among the trade.

WEDNESDAY WHEAT MARKET

Hard white... 1.45 1/2c Soft white... 1.40 1/2c White elab... 1.48 1/2c

WEDNESDAY HOG MARKET

Portland... 56c lower \$12.00 Omaha... 56c lower \$12.00 Denver... Steady \$10.10

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WEDNESDAY FRUITS MARKET

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WEDNESDAY OILS MARKET

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WEDNESDAY METALS MARKET

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