

Commercial.

MARKET REPORT.

HOME PRODUCE MARKET.

The following represent wholesale rates from producers of first hands: FLOUR.—In jobbing lots standard brands, \$1.75@5.00; best country brands, \$1.25@1.75.

WHEAT.—Valley \$1.55 @ 1.57; Walla Walla, \$1.55 for new crop; 57 to 60 cents net to farmer a bushel at Walla Walla and near points.

OATS.—White, 50c firm for good feed 7 bushel. WYOMING.—@1.40. POTATOES.—@4.50 per bushel. ADDITIONALS.—Jobbing, for feed, \$22.50 @ \$25.00 per ton.

BAKING.—Jobbing at \$15 per ton. HAMS.—Sides 16 cents; Hams, country, 15c; 16c; City cured, 16c; Shoulders, 16c @ 11c.

POULTRY.—Chickens, small and medium, 2.00 @ 2.50 per doz.; Full grown, \$3.00 @ 3.50. EGGS.—Near by fresh laid, 35c. HOGS.—Dressed, 7c @ 8c.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE. RICE.—China, No. 1, 6c; China No. 2, 5c; Japan, 7c; Sandwhich Islands, 8c @ 9c.

SOAP.—Good, 75c @ \$1.75. OILS.—Ordinary brand of coal, 25c; high grade, 30c @ 35c.

COMMERCIAL.

Thursday, Dec. 22, 1881.

The wheat market is weaker than ever and nothing of importance doing. The nominal figures are \$1.55 @ 1.57 per cental; the latter for choice shipping.

The San Francisco market has declined from \$1.77 per cental to \$1.57, yet our prices are within 5 to 7 per cental of what they were while California prices have dropped 15 to 20 cents.

Salem Mills dropped last week below 80 cents to 58, the first time since October 1st. They say they couldn't save themselves on it at 80 cents any longer.

All persons holding wheat seem to prefer to hold for the future to selling at below \$1.60, and the general impression is that there will be a better market towards Spring.

Very little wheat is moving towards the Atlantic seaboard. During October and November shipments to Europe from Atlantic ports fell off over half as compared with 1880.

This looks as if there would be little more wheat to be shipped abroad on that side. It is said that receipts of wheat and flour at the chief Western grain markets have also decreased.

Freights are so low from Chicago to Liverpool that wheat and flour bears a proportionately higher price there than ever before.

We publish statements from various sources to show the condition and amount of the world's bread supply, but that seems a difficult matter to decide on.

During the week there have been four arrivals of the wheat fleet. Owners are asking 80c for wooden vessels to U. K., but they will have to ask a good while before they get it.

Oats firm are 50 cents a bushel for best choice feed. Potatoes hold their own with prospect of a heavy advance later; at least so interested dealers claim.

Arrived to-day; quote at 29c @ 30c. Butter—Supplies smaller than demand; quote fresh roll 37 1/2 @ 40c.

RECHARTERED.

For wheat to Cork, U. K., for orders, Br ship Padibah, 1,317 tons, 75c.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 21. Wheat—\$1 25 1/2 January.

Pork—\$16 50. Lard—\$10 80. Ribs—\$8 45 January.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 21. Wheat—Market unsettled; \$1 32 @ 1 38.

BERLIN'S ENGLISH REPORTS.

London, Dec. 21. Floating cargoes—Dull. Cargoes on passage—Dull.

MARK LANE—FRANCE.

English and French country markets—Turn easier.

Imports of wheat into U. K. during last week, 210,000 to 215,000 qrs.

Imports of flour into U. K. last week, 70,000 75,000 bbls.

Liverpool spot—Very little enquiry.

San Francisco Markets.

[S. F. Commercial Herald—Dec. 15.] The course of the wheat market here and elsewhere for weeks past has been a great surprise.

"That figures will not lie" can be variously construed by experts. Recently high English authorities in breadstuff statistics seem inclined to reverse their tactics, as will be seen by tables of supplies published herein.

Our experience in the flour and grain business for nearly half a century has led us to believe that English and other crop statistics are too often made to order to supply existing circumstances.

There is no question but that the wheat and corn crops of the great west are now short and less than an average, and comparatively little grain is now going forward to water.

This deficiency the Pacific coast cannot supply but in part, yet with all this California grainers have long been under the impression that they could control the prices of wheat here to exporters, but in this regard they, too, have been egregiously disappointed.

The Herald adds: Much is being said as to the possibilities of the Southern Pacific Railroad to carry our wheat to England across the continent. The New Orleans Times, counting largely on California wheat, says:

The delivery by rail in this city in the course of a single year and by a single line of road of 25,000,000 bushels of California wheat will be a great affair. At the rate of 250 bushels to the carload, 100,000 cars will be required to move the crop.

Supposing the business to be done in ten months of the year, and allowing twenty-five working days to the month, 400 cars carrying 100,000 bushels of wheat would have to be delivered each day in the elevators of the city for transfer to the shipping.

There will be grain coming in also from Indian Territory, South Kansas and Texas, which will enable this city to become a grain market as well as a great grain port. The California merchants are heavy importers of foreign merchandise, and they will doubtless use this port largely for the entry of European imports, but they propose to rely mainly on European immigrants to load their 400 cars a day on the westward trip.

The following item is clipped from the New York Produce Exchange Reporter: We have alluded from time to time since the 1st of October to the large supplies of wheat coming from British India, and on one occasion to those from the Persian Gulf, but it now seems certain that the supplies from the latter source will prove much larger than we had expected, and its importance, we do not think, is appreciated in this country.

From the Bulletin des Halles, the New York Commercial Bulletin and Bradstreet's we have compiled the following estimates of the world's wheat supply, using our own estimate of the surplus in the United States:

Table with columns: Countries, Bushels. Includes Great Britain (120,000,000), France (70,000,000), Belgium (12,000,000), Netherlands (5,500,000), Germany (8,250,000), Switzerland (12,375,000), Italy (13,750,000), Other countries (17,875,000).

Table with columns: Countries, Bushels. Includes United States (154,000,000), Russia (75,000,000), Austria-Hungary (8,000,000), Chili and Australia (16,000,000), British India (5,000,000), Other countries (27,000,000).

Apparent surplus in the world's supply 22,250,000. O. & C. R. R. EXTENSION.—Extensive preparations are being made for the active prosecution of work on the extension of the O. & C. R. R. Large quantities of tools are being sent to the front.

TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.—A motion for a new trial in the case of Robert Lampert, convicted of manslaughter, was argued before Judge Stott yesterday by Messrs. Page and Bingham, counsel for the defense, and by Messrs. Caples and Mulkey for the State.

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE

Arriving at Portland by Leading Transportation Lines for the Past 12 Months—1881.

Table with columns: MONTH, FROM, Wheat, Flour, Oats, Potatoes, Wool, Barley, Flax Seed, Apples. Shows monthly arrivals from January to November.

MONTHLY SHIPMENTS.

Comparison of Monthly Shipments of Wheat and Flour to European Ports for the Three Years Past.

Table with columns: Year, Month, Wheat, Flour, Value. Compares monthly shipments for 1879, 1880, and 1881.

FLOUR EXPORTS FOR 1881.

Shipments of Flour for the First Eleven Months of 1881, Have Been as Follows to European Ports.

Table with columns: SAILED, VESSEL, Tons, Flag, Dispatched by, Destination, Barrels, Value. Lists flour shipments to various destinations.

WHEAT EXPORTS FOR 1881.

Shipments of Wheat for the First Eleven Months of 1881 Have Been as Follows to European Ports.

Table with columns: SAILED, VESSELS, Tons, Flag, Dispatched by, Destination, Centals, Value. Lists wheat shipments to various destinations.

NEEDS OF IMPORTING COUNTRIES.

Table with columns: Countries, Bushels. Lists needs for Great Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and other countries.

SURPLUS OF EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

Table with columns: Countries, Bushels. Lists surplus for United States, Russia, Austria-Hungary, Chili and Australia, British India, and other countries.

GOLD AND STOCK COMPANY'S REPORTS.

San Francisco Markets. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21. Wheat.—The market cannot be said to show the least sign of improvement.

Barley.—The market is firm at full prices; the demand is good; sales of poor brewing, \$1.50 @ 1.51; good choice feed, \$1.47; old musty, \$1.45.

Oats.—The market is strong and tending higher; sale of 3000 sacks fur Oregon, \$1.70; feed quotable at \$1.70 @ 1.75.

Potatoes.—Market is quiet with prices against sellers; we quote as before; sweet sold to-day, \$1.75 @ 2.00; quote choice and extra choice shipping, \$1.55 @ 1.57; extra choice including, \$1.60 @ 1.61; ask.

Wool.—The market is firm at full prices; the demand is good; sales of poor brewing, \$1.50 @ 1.51; good choice feed, \$1.47; old musty, \$1.45.

Wheat.—The market cannot be said to show the least sign of improvement; sale of 100 tons No. 2, ad. at, \$1.50; quote choice and extra choice shipping, \$1.55 @ 1.57; extra choice including, \$1.60 @ 1.61; ask.

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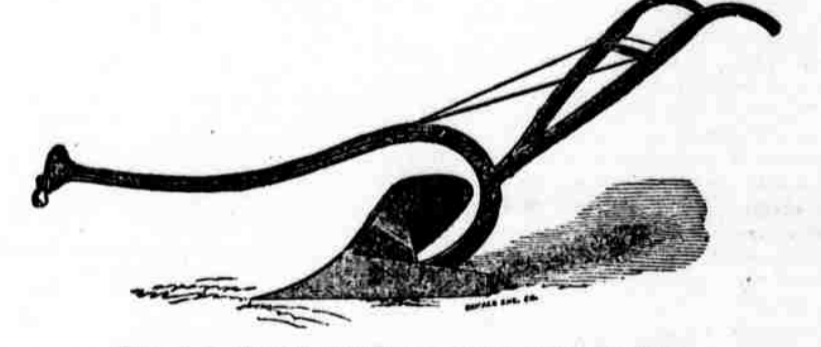
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