



Commercial.

MARKET REPORT.

HOME PRODUCE MARKET.

These quotations are for Portland.]
The following represent wholesale rates,
from producers or first hands.
WHEAT—Walla Walla, \$1.70; Valley
\$1.75@1.77 per cental.
FLOUR—Best country brands, \$4.50@4.75;
best standard, \$5.
OATS—50 to 57c.
ONIONS—1@1 1/2c.
POTATOES—50c per bush.
MIDDLINGS—\$25@30; shorts, \$23@25.
BEAN—\$20@22.
BACON—Sides, firm 11 1/2@12 1/2; Hams,
15 to 16c; Shoulders, 11@12.
LARD—Eastern pails, 12 1/2@13; Oregon, 11
tins, same; kegs, 11@12.
CHEESE—Cal., 14c; Oregon, 18c @ 19c.
HONEY—In comb, 18c@20c; strained, in 5
gallons, 10 1/2@11c.
APPLES—\$1@1.25; extra choice \$1.50.
DRIED FRUITS.—Apples, sun dried quar-
tered, 12c; sliced, 14c; machine dried, firm, 16c;
Pears, machine dried, 15c; Plums, sun dried,
18c, and machine dried, 18c.
POULTRY.—Chickens, full grown, \$4 50
@5.00; geese, \$8; turkeys \$12 50@15 per doz.
EGGS.—Fresh laid bring 40c; Eastern 35c.
BUTTER—30c@40c, last for very choice,
HOGS.—4c on foot; dressed 7c.
BEEF.—4c@4 1/2c on foot.
SHEEP.—Gross weight, 3c on foot.
VEAL—8 to 10c.
WOOL.—Eastern Oregon, 15a19c; Will-
amette Valley, 13a19c; Umpqua, 20c@23c.
HIDES.—Butchers' hides, dry, 15c;
country cured, dry, 14c; onls 1/2 off, green
skins, salted, 7c; country ditto, 7c;
deerskins, dry, 30c @ 1/2; sheep pelts each
1.00@1.01; dry elk, 20c per lb.
TALLOW.—Quotable at 8c. per lb.
HAY.—Choice timothy, \$20@22.50.
HOPS.—Can bring 18c; holders insist on 20
cents.
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.
RICE.—China No. 2, 5 1/2; Sandwich
Islands, 6c@6 1/2.
TEA.—Japan, 36@40; Black, 40@75c
Green, 45@60c.
COFFEE.—Costa Rica 14@15c; Java, 20
@22c.
SUGARS.—Crushed A 11@11 1/2; Fine
crushed 11 1/2@11 3/4; Cane, 11@11 1/2; Extra C,
10 1/2; Golden C, 9 1/2@10c; Sandwich Islands
No. 1, 8 1/2@9c; D, 9 1/2@9c.
SYRUP.—Five gallons 70c
CANDLES.—12@15c.
RAISINS.—California, \$2.75 @ \$3.25 @ 25 lb
box.
SOAPS.—Good, 75c@81.75.
OILS.—Ordinary brands of coal, 30c; high
grades, Down's & Co., 37 1/2; Balled Lined,
50; ditto Raw, 77c; Walmon oil, 65c; Turpen-
tine, 70c; Pure Lard, 41 3/4; Castor, 11.25@
11.40.
SALT.—Stock, hay, \$10 @ 10 1/2 ton; Carmen
Island, 12 1/2; Coarse Liverpool, 15; Fine qual-
ity, 16@20; Ashton's dairy, ditto, 30

COMMERCIAL.

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, Jan. 3d.
The last day of the year brought a
touch of frost which lasted two days and
then turned to sleet and soon disap-
peared altogether. Bountiful rains have
visited all sections of the country and
farmers begin the New Year with favor-
able conditions for stock are in good
order and pastures have kept in fair con-
dition, even though we have had two
protracted rain storms.

Fall sown wheat looks well and con-
siderable plowing is done in anticipation
of spring.

The orchards have naturally prepared
heavy settings of fruit for another year
as the result of failure to bear last year
and everywhere we hear of great promise
that the coming crop may be very heavy
if nothing occurs to injure fruit; for in-
stance: last spring it was cold and pro-
tracted rain that blighted the fruit and
we may fear this to occur again or
that untimely frosts will come. So far
as appearances indicate, farmers gener-
ally have good prospects for 1883.

The wheat in the country has very
nearly changed hands and turns out to
be much less than any one dared to pre-
dict. The export surplus will be smaller
than known for many years and the
greater part is already shipped. Only a
comparatively small per centage of the
wheat crop now remains in the hands of
producers.

Tonnage is low enough—say 40s per
ton of 2000 lbs—and abundant at that.
The freight market is utterly stagnant
as well as the wheat market. Prices in
England remain low and the market is
lifeless. The quantity of breadstuffs in
sight at English ports is greater than it
was a year ago, and that was a year
when we heavily over-produced. The
"spot" markets abroad are heavily loaded
down but will soon work off and the
wheat "in sight" at American points is
proportionately small. The situation is
as follows: English markets tempo-
rarily well supplied, but stocks are small in
all American ports and the full surplus
of Indian and Russian wheats has been
shipped to England. This leaves it
probable that the actual deficiency in
general production will soon be felt and
we may expect to see foreign markets—
that have shown no radical change in
six months—take an upward turn within
six weeks. The present depression is
caused by the presence of great stocks
in English markets.

Exporters here have dropped their fig-
ures to \$1.75 per cental and Salem mills
offer only 90 cts instead of 93 1/2 cts of-
fered last week. The mills keep the

market up and have kept it up all the
fall until now.

The new mill at Portland is doing a
splendid business and making a fine
quality of flour, perhaps the finest ever
made on this coast. They purchased
half a million bushels to grind and will
this season make a little over a hundred
thousand barrels.

The Worthy Master of the State
Grange, in his address that we to-day give
a synopsis of, speaks of the value of mar-
ket quotations Salem patrons used to re-
ceive from Mr. W. J. Herren, their agent
at the Farmers' warehouse. Mr. Her-
ren said to us when the address was over
that he felt like assuring the meeting
that all the market figures of importance
and many market facts are given with
reliable accuracy in the WILLAMETTE
FARMER. We call attention to our pre-
sentation of the markets this week as
being of more practical use to farmers
than will be furnished by any of the
great Portland dailies. None of them
have better opportunity to obtain gen-
eral news and none of them take the
pains we do to inform farmers.

SALEM MARKETS.

SALEM, JAN. 3, 1884.
Salem mills give 90 cents for wheat
and sell bran at \$14; shorts at \$22.
Potatoes are 40 cents per bushel; pork
6 cents net; hams, 13@15c; shoulders,
9@10c; bacon, 11c; lard, 13@14c;
butter, 30@35c; eggs, 30@35c; oats, 50
@55c; hay, \$12@20 ranging from loose
oat and wheat hay to baled timothy.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

San Francisco Markets
SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 2.
Freights—Market dull, no business
reported.

Wheat—Market very quiet. The in-
active condition to foreign markets de-
presses export business. No. 1 shipping,
nominal at \$1.75@1.77 1/2; choice milling,
\$1.80.

Flour—Inactive.
Barley—Firm; spot, 97 1/2@1.02 1/2. Fu-
tures, dull but steady.
Oats—Steady but quiet, \$1.50@1.75;
extra choice quantities held in a jobbing
way at \$1.80@1.85.

Corn—New, \$1.40@1.50; old, \$1.00@
\$1.65.
Potatoes—Dull and nominally un-
changed.

Wool—The demand is good consid-
ering the time of year.
Hops—Quiet but firm, 17@20c baled,
20@22c asked. The surplus stock in
the State is estimated at 4000 bales.

Eggs—Stocks are increasing. Fresh
California, 36@38c.
Butter—Weak; market well supplied.
Fresh roll, 35@36c.

CHICAGO MARKETS.
CHICAGO, JAN. 2.

February options—Wheat, 94 1/2; pork
\$14.40; lard, \$8.95; ribs, \$7.27 1/2; short
ribs, \$7.35.

NEW YORK MARKETS.
NEW YORK, JAN. 2.

Wheat—Irrregular. Flour—Steady.
Wool—Steady.
BERDOHN'S FOREIGN BREADSTUFFS RE-
PORT.

LONDON, JAN. 1.
Floating cargoes—Very little demand.
Cargoes on passage and for shipment
inactive.

Mark Lane—Slow.
Imports into U. K. past week, wheat,
145,000 to 150,000 quarters.
Imports into U. K. past week, flour,
225,000 to 230,000 barrels.

DRAINING SWAMPS.

"In Western Michigan," says the
Michigan Farmer, a large swamp lay for
years on the southern edge of a village,
a noisome barrier to progress and a bone
of contention in village and township
politics. To drain it a large ditch a
mile or two long would have been re-
quired; but some one fortunately dis-
covered that a thin sheet of clay was all
that kept the water from going down
into a deep strata of gravel, bowlders and
sand. The wells were sunk and the
swamp thoroughly drained at an almost
nominal cost, leaving rich, black soil,
which is the most productive and val-
uable in all that district. There are
many places where the sinking of test
shafts would show that they might
easily and inexpensively be drained and
converted into exceedingly fertile land.

A GOOD THING.—Enterprise
agents are good qualities in business,
but unless you have something that will
stand composition, and will find it up
hill work to succeed. There are many
patent medicines for colds and coughs,
some of which are first-class and prob-
ably do all that could be expected of
them; but we have never heard of any
such mixture that has been so success-
ful in winning its way into public favor
as "Ammen's Cough Syrup." It is hav-
ing an immense sale, and everyone that
uses it speaks loud in its praise.—Editor
Pioneer, San Jose, March 25th, 1882.

American oatmeal has a future before
it as an article of export to Great Britain.
Considerable quantities have already
been exported in years past, and the re-
cent arrivals in London of new crop of
oatmeal, from this country are meeting
with a large demand by reason of its ex-
cellence. The domestic use of oatmeal
in this country has already reached im-
mense proportions.

VACANT LANDS.

A large amount of vacant land may be
found in the Willow Creek country, Umatilla
county. The town of Hopper is in the midst
of this section. The Hopper Gazette, pub-
lished there by J. W. Robinson, can be had
at \$2.50 a year, \$1.50 for six months, \$1 for
three months. Subscriptions may be left at
the FARMER'S OFFICE. FARMER AND GUESTS
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What Mr. Bonner says about Trotting Horse
Affairs.

A reporter of the Tribune recently in-
terviewed Mr. Bonner on his experience
with trotting horses, his views of breed-
ing, etc., and we clip the following inter-
esting report from that paper:

Unlike his office in the Ledger build-
ing, the walls of which are covered with
the portraits of famous trotters and
famous authors, Robert Bonner's sitting-
room at his private house gives no evi-
dence of the tastes of the owner for
horse-flesh and literature. Mr. Bonner
who is a thick-set, youngish looking
man, with keen eyes and a reddish
beard, sat in his easy chair the other
evening caressing one foot with his hand,
and chatting on his favorite hobby to a
Tribune reporter.

"I think I may lay a modest claim,"
said he, "to be an authority on the trot-
ting horse, and it was curiously enough,
a mere chance that led me to take an in-
terest, which subsequently became an
engrossing one, in that subject. It is
more years than I care to recall that I
came to this city from Hartford, on the
Courant of which city I had been work-
ing in a literary capacity. Soon after
my arrival I started a venture which soon
took my whole care and attention. For
some years I worked day and night, till
my health began to give way. One day
my old family physician walked into the
office, and after telling me how ill I
looked, said: 'Robert, I want a check
for \$300.' 'What for?' I asked. 'To
buy you a horse,' answered he. Well,
he did so, and for a while I tried saddle
horse exercise, but soon found that it
did not agree with me. Then I took to
driving, and I have driven ever since,
and behind some pretty fast horses, too,
let me tell you. I have seen great
changes, though, since the day I first
drove out by my doctor's orders to gain
health and strength. In those days the
owners of fast trotters were, as a rule,
either 'sports' (which was then another
name for gamblers) or butcher-boys and
the like. For several years old Commo-
dore Vanderbilt, Colonel Harper, the
senior member of the publishing firm,
and myself were perhaps the only re-
spectable members of society who made
a practice and were proud of driving
fast trotters. A man then was given to
depreciating the speed of any horse he
owned—a state of mind which is curi-
ously rare nowadays, when a man's
powers of imagination rather incline to
the contrary order of things. Little by
little, however, it began to be recognized
that a man could drive a fast horse and
still be a respectable member of society.
Speaking for myself, I may say that
from the first day I took the lines in my
hands I made one resolve, which I have
rigidly adhered to. It was that under
no circumstance would I allow a horse
owned by me to compete for stakes. As
soon as a horse enters my stable his pub-
lic career is over. It was the knowledge
of this fact which prevented my secur-
ing Dexter earlier in his career, at a
much lower price than I subsequently
paid for him and this is how it was:
George Ally, as I dare say you know,
bought Dexter for \$200 odd, the original
check with which he paid for his pur-
chase being in my possession to-day.
Under Ally's ownership Dexter soon
began to develop his wonderful powers
of speed. Well, one day Ally, who
was then suffering from pecuniary pres-
sure, came to me and offered me the
horse for \$15,000, stating that he had
made certain time which was then below
the record. I was not very eager at that
time for the horse, but told Mr. Ally that
if he would make that time in my pre-
sence at Fleetwood I would buy him. We
went out to the track, but the well-
known driver who then had him in
hand did not want me to become his
owner, as he knew that would be tanta-
mount to the horse's retirement from the
race-track. He accordingly pulled him
in when making the trial, and refused to
repeat the experiment. I, of course,
said the bargain was off, and a short
time after Ally sold him at auction to a
man from Chicago for \$13,000. A friend
of this man about a year after asked
me if I would give him \$2,000 com-
mission, supposing he obtained the
horse for \$33,000. I assented and thus
really paid \$35,000 for the horse, who is
now in my stables, as I suppose you
know."

"Do you think the present system of
trotting exhibitions prejudicial?"
"I think I must answer yes. Every
true sportsman fears the degenerating
of his sport into a form of hippodroming,
and judging from recent disclosures and
the facts I know myself, that is what
things are coming to. This trotting for
the gate money and the prevalence of
pool-selling on matches cannot be too
severely condemned, and the latter I
should like to see more severely pun-
ished and vigorously repressed by the
authorities."

"Don't you think that these public
trials of speed have done much to de-
velop the trotter?"
"No. I think they principally serve
to develop the gains of the gamblers. I
myself make a rule of never attending a
public match unless I want to see a new
horse, or one I think of purchasing."

"To what do you attribute the rapid
and marvelous lowering of the record in
the last twenty years?"
"To several causes. In the first place
what I may call the mechanical adjuncts
to the sport have been wonderfully im-
proved. Our modern sulkeys and bug-
gies represent almost the perfection of
scientific skill applied to carriage build-
ing. Friction and weight are reduced to
a minimum, while strength and stability
remain a maximum. Then several sec-
onds have been gained by the improved
scrapers and rollers used to prepare the
track. On my own farm, for instance,
after using for some time a roller which
I regarded as perfect, I was induced to
try the latest novelty which is used at
Fleetwood, and found I had gained two
seconds at least by doing so. Then the

introduction of toe-weights has done
wonders in this direction. In fact, I
think this latter invention has almost
revolutionized the science of trotting
and will have a powerful influence on
future breeding. It is to careful breed-
ing, after all, that we must look for the
greatest results in the future develop-
ment of the trotting horse. Our origi-
nal trotting stock, as you may know,
came from Canada—the Kanuck stock,
as it was called; then Orange became
the great breeding centre, and a little
better blood was bred from; now Ken-
tucky, which for generations has been
the home of the thoroughbred, is send-
ing us our best animals. That, I think,
is the great secret—the introduction of a
thoroughbred strain. I do not think
that one can breed a good trotter straight
from a thoroughbred mare, but if you
take the product of a trotter and a thor-
oughbred and breed that again to a good
trotting stock, you are likely to get good
results. That is the history of Jay-Eve-
see's success. He has the staying prop-
erties of his thoroughbred ancestors.
That staying power, united to the action
of a good trotting strain, will make the
ideal trotter of the future, and the action
is nowadays become a greater matter of
certainty, thanks to the kindly assistance
of the toe-weights. Without these, for
instance, Maud S. would never have
become the horse that she is."

"What do you think will be the ulti-
mate speed attained?"
"Well, I can only say that I have a
horse in my stables that has trotted a
quarter in 30 1/4; so when we manage by
breeding to obtain that staying power I
spoke of, I suppose a two-minute record
will be a common enough thing. A
worthy mathematical professor has, I
see, been calculating that the trotter will
eventually equal the running horse in
his speed. Every horseman must know
this is absurd nonsense at first glance.
A horse that has to be pulled in with
tremendous force, so as not to exert him-
self to the utmost, can never equal the
speed of one who is given his head and
can proceed by a series of bounds as it
were, and almost fly through the air.
Trotting is, after all, an artificial gait,
and must of necessity be slower than a
natural one."

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