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Commercial.

MARKET REPORT.

HOME PRODUCE MARKET.

These quotations are for Portland.

The following represent wholesale rates from producers or first hands

WHEAT—Walla Walla, $1.67½; Valley $1.65@1 67½ per cental.

FLOUR—Best country brands, $4.50@4.75; best standard, $5.

BARLEY—$1.10@1 25.

OATS.—55 to 58c.

ONIONS.—1½c.

POTATOES.—50@60c per pound.

MIDDLINGS—$25@30; shorts, $23@25.

BRAN—$20@22.

BACON—Sides, firm 12½c; Hams 14@15; Shoulders, 11@12c.

LARD—Eastern pails, 11@12c; Oregon, in tins, same; kegs, 11@12c½.

CHEESE.—Cal., 14c; Oregon, 18c ₱ lb.

HONEY—In comb, 18a20c; strained, in 5 gallons, 10½@11c.

APPLES—$1.50 per bush.

DRIED FRUITS.—Apples, sun dried quartered, 12c; sliced, 14c; machine dried, firm, 16c; Pears, machine dried, 12c; Plums, sun dried, 16c, and machine dried, 18c.

POULTRY.—Chickens, full grown, $4 00 @4 50; geese, $8; turkeys $12 50@15 per doz.

EGGS.—30c.

BUTTER—Brine, 25@30c; solid, 20@25c; rolls, 20@25c; choice table butter, 35c,

HOGS.—6½@7c net.

BEEF.—4@4½c on foot.

SHEEP.—Gross weight, 3c on foot.

VEAL—9 to 10c

WOOL.—Eastern Oregon, 15a17c; Willamette Valley, 16@18c; Umpqua, 2C@23c.

HIDES.—Butchers' hides, dry, 14c; country cured, dry, 13c; cuts & off, green sides, salted, 7c; country ditto, 7c; deerskins, dry, 30c ₱ lb; d sheep pelts each 15a1.00; dry elk, 20c per lb.

TALLOW—Quotable at 8c. per lb.

HAY—Choice timothy, $20@$25.

HOPS—Can bring 18c; holders intist on 20

SEED—Timothy, 7½@8c; red clover, 15@16c.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

RICE.—China No. 2, 5½; Sandwich Islands, 6@6½c.

TEAS.—Japan, 36@40; Black, 40@75c Green, 85@80c.

COFFEE—Costa Rica 14@15c; Java, 20 @22c.

SUGARS.—Crushed A 11@11½c; Fine Crushed 11@11½c; Cube, 11@11½c; Extra C, 10½c; Golden C. 9½@10c; Sandwich Islands No. 1, 8½@9c; D, 9½@9½c.

SYRUP—Five gallons 70c

CANDLES—12@15c.

RAISINS. California, $2.75@$3.25₱25 ₱ box

SOAPS.—Good, 75c@$1.75.

OILS.—Ordinary brands of coal, 30c; high grades, Downer & Co., 37½c; Boiled Linseed, 80; ditto Raw, 77c; Salmon oil, 65c; Turpentine, 70c; Pure Lard, $1 30; Castor, $1.25@$1.40.

SALT.—Stock, bay, $10 ₱ ton; Carmen Island $12½; Coarse Liverpool $15; Fine coal, $15@20; Ashton's dairy, ditto, $30

COMMERCIAL.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.

The weather continues frosty and clear, and as beautiful winter weather as any country ever saw. The ground is frozen about an inch deep and farmers are plowing for spring sowing. As to injury to growing grain, some people say their grain is unhurt while others complain that their wheat sown late, that has just come up and had not taken good root, shows the effect, has turned red and the top dried up. That is said of wheat in north Salem. Those who have early harm but they are apprehensive lest a sown grain say it has as yet received no continuance of cold weather and increase of cold shall injure even the early sowing; cold weather and thawing days would do great injury and it is useless to say that there is no danger. The nights are becoming colder and the cold is apparently firmly seated, though not severe weather, the lowest we have heard of being 22 degrees above zero, ten degrees below freezing. An old weather veteran says this cold began at the last quarter of the moon and we need not expect any change until after the moon fulls; this would give us three weeks of cold. We give these speculations for what they are worth, which isn't much.

Wheat is weaker, Portland quotations being $1.72½ per cental for valley, $1.65 for good Eastern. Salem Mills are paying 90 cents, which is on the basis of there figures. Exporters say they are disappointed in the outlook, for they expected now to have better prices abroad, whereas, their early shipments are arriving there and they cannot sell without a loss. The consequence is they are carrying their shipments and receiving calls for more margins and remitting money instead of realizing on sales. The outlook is not encouraging.

Tonnage is abundant and no charters are made since a wooden ship went for 32s 6d.

Oats range 50@55c, large stocks in hand of poor quality, extra good might being several cents more.

Barley sells at $1.10@$1.25. It seems as if cultivation of this grain was unreasonably neglected and as it does so well in eastern Wasco and Umatilla farmers there could easily supply this market. Some of our Willamette farmers should try barley as wheat follows it well.

Potatoes are abundant of poor quality, choice are worth one cent per pound, and common 50@55c per bushel.

Poultry is fairly high in view of the approaching Chinese New Year. The quotations are $4.50@$5.00 a dozen.

Eggs are plentiful at 30c a dozen.

Flour ranges from $3.75 for superfine to $5.25 for extra brands of favorite mills. The reduction process being preferred. A mechanic in Salem, the Mayor, Andrew Kelley, tells us he had lately a letter from his brother in Ireland saying that he was using flower ground in Salem, the "Pride of Oregon" brand, so our flour reaches a wide market.

Butter commands 35c for choice rolls, while common grades vary from 20 to 30 cents a pound.

The market is well supplied with dry fruits. Apples, machine dried, are worth 15 to 16 cents; pears 12 cents; plums 16 to 18 cents. Apples, very choice, are scarce and quoted, according to quality, at $1.25 to $1.75 a box.

Hops are quoted here at 15 to 18 cts.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

San Francisco Markets

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.

Charters—The spot market is dull. Chartered prior to arrival for Cork, U. K., Br bk Remonstrant, from, 1045 tons; private.

Wheat—Spot—The market shows no improvement. Prices are nominal and unchanged: futures slow and irregular. No. 1 white, seller the year, $1 65@1 66; seller the season, $1 72@1 72½; buyer the season options declined to $1 80½, but reacted to $1 81½.

Flour—Quiet; prices favor buyers.

Barley—Spot, steady; feed, $1.02½@1.06½; futures, easier: No. 1 feed, May, $1.10½; season, $1.02½@1.03½; buyer the season, $1.12¾@1,13½.

Oats—Market well supplied with common feed. The demand is slow. Common Nebraska offering at $1.85.

Potatoes—There are more sellers than buyers, and concessions are frequent. Red selling 40@85c.

Hops—Somewhat firmer. Sales reported of medium at 20c; for choice, 22c bid and refused.

Eggs—Weak, and sellers anxious; 26@27½c top of the market for fresh California.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.

Wheat, quiet and weak; flour and hides, dull; wool, steady.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.

February options—Wheat steady, 91c; Pork higher, $15.32; Lard higher, $8.91½

BEERBOHM'S FOREIGN BREADSTUFFS REPORT.

LONDON, Jan. 23.

Floating cargoes—Not many bids in market.

Cargoes on passage and for prompt shipment—Neglected.

Mark Lane—Heavy.

Red Winter, off coast, 39s.

No. 2 Red Winter, prompt shipment, 41s 6d.

English and French country markets—Generally cheaper.

Imports into U. K. past week, wheat, 135,000 to 140,000 quarters.

Imports into U. K. past week, flour, 150,000 to 155,000 barrels.

Marks of a Good Cow.

Those who keep but one or two cows naturally want them for general purposes, they do not want a mere butter cow, nor yet a mere milk animal, but one which combines both in as great a degree as can be found. Such cows are not plentiful, we admit, or at least are not often for sale at a moderate price, so that when they are offered, it behooves would-be purchasers to be able to tell them when offered.

We do not believe in very small cows, nor yet in large, heavy animals, as neither as a rule, are capable of filling the bill, the former too often falling short in the quantity, while the large ones are apt to run too much to flesh to make them profitable dairy animals. The medium sized ones invariably produce the best results, and a heavy milker and a large butter maker is seldom fat, as the majority of the food she consumes is converted into milk and butter. The head should be fine and bony, with small horns, large mealy nose and shapely ears. The base of the horns and the inside of the ears should be of a bright golden color. We have never yet seen an animal with horns and ears well colored (golden yellow) which failed to make a fine quality of butter and highly colored. It is an unmistakable sign. The body should be of good size, and the width and depth rapidly increase as it runs to the rear or hind-quarters. The milk veins should be large and prominent, and the udder need not necessarily be large, so it is not meaty, but is very small when milked out. The teats should be of good size, and only have a single hole in each; we have seen quite a number with teats having two holes. The hair should be fine and soft while the skin should be soft, pliable, and almost as soft to the feel as velvet or kid. In color it should be tinged deeply with yellow, especially on the shoulders and flank, and along the back. The color of the hair is rather a secondary matter, though the best cows are generally yellow, fawn, gray or white with dark marks edged with yellow. Black cows but seldom prove to be good general purpose ones though, of course, there are exceptions frequently met with.—Cor Maryland Farmer.

At a public meeting held in Spokane Falls Friday a committee of fifteen citizens were appointed to organize a board of trade.

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Coal in Yamhill County.

From the Yamhill Reporter we learn the following:

For the last year or more we have heard reports of there being signs of coal found in the foot-hills west of North Yamhill; but not until recently has there been prospecting enough, to demonstrate the fact that coal could be found in sufficient quantities to pay for working. But recently the matter was taken in hand by Messrs T. B. Nelson and Charles English, of Lafayette, and judging from the specimens handed us that came from the vein found, their labor and trouble will be well repaid. These gentlemen have gone to a depth of about eighty feet and find a vein about three feet wide and of unknown depth, and it is their opinion that the hill into which they are at work is one solid body of coal. The specimens given us shows it to be of a superior quality—better than any we have seen produced from the various mines of this coast, being perfectly clean and pure; in fact a genuine article. This find is situated about 2½ miles west of North Yamhill, on the Mayhew farm, as near as we can ascertain; and should it prove as productive as those interested say it will, then indeed those working it have struck a bonanza, and the whole of Yamhill will be given a boom such as she has never enjoyed before. We are told that the outcroppings of coal can be traced for miles around the foot-hills of that section and that it is highly probable that the opening made by Nelson and English will soon be followed by others of that locality. Being less than three miles to railroad, and within forty miles of Portland, the whole Willamette Valley would be greatly benefitted if these mines should prove a success.

Look Out!

Between the year 1880 and the year 1885, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune will make their perihelion passage. This has not before occurred during the Christian era at so near a coincidence. The question is, will the position of these planets when in perihelion cause any disastrous consequence on the earth? The experience of the past eighteen centuries answers yes, and of the most fearful kind. We have an abundant proof that the influence of the celestial bodies upon the life and health of man has been held to be true in either a superstitious or practical way. Hypprocates, the father of the science of medicene, was a consistent believer in those influences upon the health of man. So persistant was he in prognosticating the oncoming evil from atmospheric influences, he journeyed to Athens to meet the results and did meet them in the mortal plague which devastated that city in 407, B. C. Now, Jupiter made his passage in September, 1880; Uranus in August, 1882; Neptune in December, the same year; Saturn will make his in September, 1885. A similar event has occurred, beginning in 1702, with Jupiter, which was followed by Saturn in 1708, and again by Jupiter in 1718. This period of sixteen years is recorded as the most mortal of the 18th century. Now, whilst in the latter case, the space of time covered by the near conjunction of the planets was sixteen years, which points to a rapid and persistently high death rats commencing with 1882. The past history is full of proof that pestilential periods of the large, superior planets; especially Jupiter and Saturn. During the past eighteen years Jupiter has made one hundred and fifty-five perihelious followed by as many epidemics. We now have Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune for the first time in two thousand years against us, which will put to the most severe test all animal life. The next two years will be noted in history as years of epidemic-diseases and frightful fatality.—East Portland Vindicator.

Fire at Dayton.

On the 18th inst, the grist mill, warehouse and 100 cords of wood, belonging to the Dayton Flouring Mill Company, burned between the hours of 11:30 and 3:30. The various losses are estimated as follow; Dayton Flouring Mill Company, $15,000; insurance, not known; A. Callian, 1000 bushels of wheat; no insurance; Duncan Ross, 500 bushels of wheat, uninsured; M. Bannister, 500 bushels of wheat, uninsured; B. E. Harris, $100 worth of tools. The fire originated in the engine house. Opinions as to the cause differ, but the prevailing one is that it is the work of an incendiary, though what the motive could have been is not known.

Southern sugar growers protest that the tariff on sugar shall be left alone or at least not reduced.

The Mexican Treaty.

Concerning the rejection of the Mexican treaty the dispatches say;

Many Congressmen view the rejection of the treaty as a calamity. Its ratification would have opened up a vast market for American manufactured products and left open the door for only a few raw articles which are produced in the United States; but it appears some principles of tariff which divide the lower house were here apparent. Louisiana wants free trade for everything but sugar, North Carolina everything but rice, Virginia and a few other States everything but tobacco, Ohio everything but wool, and States further west everything but hogs, concerniug which they are just now crying for retaliatory measures against France and Germany. High protectionists in the Senate voted against the treaty, because it tends toward free trade, and the free traders because it was aimed at raw material produced in their special localities. The two classes mustered enough votes probably to kill it, and it is doubtful if the time for ratification, which expires Monday, can be extended. There is some hope, however, that the Mexican authorities will consent to an extension of time, and if they do friends of the treaty will try to bring in some absent Senators who favor the treaty.

Literary Notice.

The Painter, of Clevland, O., an illustrated monthly, devoted to painting, and decoration, starts on its third year in most comely grade and with rare prospects for growth and usefulness. It has a new and artistic design for its cover, a handsome colored plate of wall decorations, and a list of contents more attractive than we usually find in the technical journals. The leading rrticle is a notably practical one on exterior painting, followed by the first of a series of "Open Letters on House Furnishing" by Clarence Cook, the well-known writer on decorative art subjects; Mrs. C. S. Jones has an illustrated paper on the treatment of "Walls;" an article on "Painters' Measurements" presents some fresh ideas on the subject, and will be found valuable to painters; a choice collection of miscellany, the editorial and practical departments, and two useful supplements complete the number. Typhographically, the Painter is usually neat and tasteful. If it continues as it has begun this year, it will prove an almost indispensable aid to painters.

It was a Woodward avenue car. A lady richly dressed sat in the corner of the car and said to some one with her, 'I smell kerosene oil." "So do I," answered her friend. One after another got into the car, and the lady in the corner sniffed suspiciously, and at last fixed her eyes upon a quiet-looking little man near the door. "I believe he's got the oil," she said in a stage whisper to her friend. "I know it," replied the friend. "There ought to be a law against carrying kerosene in the street cars. Such an odor!" and she glanced at the little man. "I shall inform the superentendent," said the first lady aloud. "I shall inform the president of the road," said her friend, with a fix and glassy stare. "Ladies," said the little man cheerfully, "hadn't you better move. The kerosene from the lamp in the corner of the car has been dripping down on ye ever since we started; but seein' ye both know so much I thought I wouldn't say anything."

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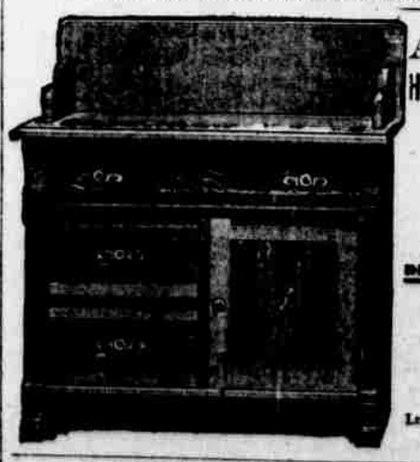

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