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MARKET REPORT.

DOMESTIC PRODUCE MARKET.

These quotations are for Portland. The following represent wholesale rate, from producers or first hands. WHEAT—Walla Walla, \$1.97; Valley, \$1.19; 1.13 per cental. FLOUR—\$4.25; 4.30, standard; superfine, \$3. BARLEY—\$1.10; 1.20. OATS—30c; 35c. ONIONS—75c to \$1 per cwt. MIDDINGS—\$2.25; shorts, \$1.60. BRAN—\$1.14; 1.16. BACON—Sides, from 11 to 15c; Hams 14c to 15c; Shoulders, 10c to 11c. LARD—5c; western pairs, 11c; Oregon, 10c; fine, 12c; in half barrels, 12c; 13c. CHEESE—Cal., 16c; Oregon, 17c; 18c. HONEY—In comb, 18c; strained, in 5 galons, 19c to 21c. APPLES—25c to 40c per box. DRIED FRUITS.—Apples, sun dried (quarter), 8c; sliced, 14c; machine dried, 6m, 10c; Peas, machine dried, 10c; Plums, sun dried, 8c, and machine dried, 13c. EGGS—35c. POULTRY.—Chickens, \$2.50 to 3.50; turkeys, 13 to 14c, live weight. POTATOES—\$3.00; 75c per cwt. BUTTER—23c; 30c. HOGS.—Live weight, 5c; ditto fat, 6c; dressed, 6c to 7c. SHEEP.—3c to 3 1/2c on foot. VEAL—9c to 10c. HIDES.—Butchers' hides, dry, 16c; country cured, dry, 15c; ovis 1/2 off, green tanned, 8c; country ditto, 7c; American, dry, 25c; 1/2; sheep pelts each 15c; 1.00; dry elk, 20c per lb. TALLOW—Quotable at 6c per lb. HAY—\$10.00; 12 for baled. WOOL.—Eastern Oregon, 12c; 15c; Willamette Valley, 13c; 15c; Umpqua, 15c; 20c. HOPS—Can bring 18c to 20c. SEED—Timothy, 7c; 8c; red clover, 15c to 16c.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

RICE—China No. 2, 5c; Sandwich Islands, 6c to 7c. TEAS.—Japan, 36c; 40c; Black, 40c to 75c; Green, 65c to 80c. COFFEES.—Costa Rica 12c; 15c; Java, 20c to 22c. SUGARS.—Crushed A 9c; Golden C, 8c; in barrels, 8c; in halves; Dry Granulated 9c to 10c. SYRUP.—Five gallons 70c. RAISINS.—California, \$2.75 to \$3.25; 25 lb box. CANDLES.—12c to 15c. SOAPS.—Good, 75c; 81.75. OILS.—Ordinary brands of coal, 30c; high grades, Downe & Co., 37c; Boiled Linseed, 50c; ditto Raw, 77c; Salmou oil, 65c; Turpentine, 70c; Pure Lard, 41c; Castor, \$1.25; \$1.40. SALT.—Stock, bay, \$10 per ton; Carmen Island, \$12; Coarse Liverpool, \$15; Fine quality, \$15; Ashton's dairy, ditto, \$30.

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PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 30.

It is needless to pretend to give market rates at present because the prevailing prices for family supplies from the country bear a price that is based on the snow blockade. As soon as the weather moderates and farmers can send their products to market prices will drop.

Portland butchers have put meat up to 25c a pound. Eggs are scarce and sell for almost any price. Choice butter retails at 40c. Of course this state of things is not permanent and it will do the farmer no good to depend on it. However, all may look for better prices than usual because the cold weather must have destroyed a great deal of vegetables exposed and it is common for all sorts of dairy products to become scarce in such severe weather.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

The Senate is considering a treaty with Nicaragua for the right to construct a canal over the isthmus at that point. We have proof that this route is feasible and that the canal can be built with moderate outlay, much less than the cost must amount to of constructing the canal at Panama. Some time ago the WILLAMETTE FARMER showed the immense benefits to inure to our coast by the construction of this canal, and the need of every exertion on our part, through our Congressmen to secure it. This treaty places the matter in the hands of this nation, and with the advantage of having the right to construct will come the responsibility of refusal to accept the commission and perform the work.

Should the Eads' ship railway prove practicable, that will be even shorter and more direct, and one or the other should be constructed and owned by the United States. Our State and region are peculiarly interested in such a measure, as it will bring us within easy reach of New York and Europe by either steam or sailing vessels. The possession of this Nicaragua route this season would give us far greater opportunity to compete with all other countries and the Eastern United States for English trade. Give us quick ocean transportation at a reasonable cost, say the same average cost as now, with saving of time made,

and we would occupy a much stronger position with regard to the world's trade. Our State and its members of Congress should spare no effort to strengthen the proposed Nicaragua canal, and all commercial bodies and Boards of Trade should express themselves forcibly in that relation.

Domestic and Fat Stock Show Meeting.

Pursuant to call of Messrs. W. M. Ladd, A. H. Johnson, Van B. DeLashmunt and E. J. Jeffery, for a meeting at the office of the North Pacific Rural Spirit, on the 27th inst., to consider the possibility of organizing a domestic and fat-stock show, the following gentlemen were present: Joseph Watt of Yamhill county; E. J. Dawne of Marion county; J. L. Hallett, Jerome Porter and T. L. McElroy of Washington county; A. Leavelle of Clackamas county, and R. Scott, E. J. Jeffery, Van B. DeLashmunt, Joseph Buchtel, L. B. Lindsey, Mr. Lacy, William Frazier and W. W. Baker of Multnomah county. Mr. DeLashmunt was elected chairman, and W. W. Baker secretary. The chairman stated the object of the meeting, and the secretary ventured to say if it had not been for the snow blockade there would have been parties present from various points in the North Pacific. He also stated that he had been assured by many who were not present that they would attend, and was satisfied that their non-attendance was attributable to the lack of conveyance. After quite a liberal and profitable discussion of the merits of such an organization in Portland, a committee of five were appointed Messrs. Baker, Jeffery, Buchtel, Scott and McElroy—to select grounds, estimate the probable cost of suitable buildings, and make such suggestions as they deem proper, and to notify the chairman of their readiness to report, who shall issue a call for a public meeting, to be held in this city at such time and place as he may consider most convenient. Oregonian.

The State Insurance Company is emphatically a Farmer's Company—a company organized and controlled in the interest of the farmer, and one which affords the cheapest and best security against loss or damage by fire. The money paid to this company is not used to pay losses on hazardous risks in towns and cities, as is the case with other companies, but while it receives its money from the farming community, it is constantly paying it back to them, thus making it emphatically a home institution devoted to the interest of the farmers and owners of private dwellings of the Northwest alone. All policies of the State Insurance Co., provide for arbitration. Do not fail to secure a policy of this reliable home company at once. Remember that nearly \$200,000 worth of farm property and dwellings have been destroyed by fire in Oregon and Washington during the last year (about one dwelling a day.) Your home may be the next to burn! Can you afford the loss? You say that "times are hard," if so, your need of the protection of an insurance policy upon your home is the greater. The best indorsement a Company can have is the patronage of the people of the State in which it is located. The State leads in Oregon, where a faithful corps of agents, assisted by prompt and liberal adjustments has placed her in advance of all competitors.

Care for the Hens.

One of the difficulties which many farmers experience with their poultry is that fowls persist in leaving their own houses, however comfortable and well fed they may be, and will betake themselves to the barn, where they soon become a nuisance around stock. The best way to remedy this evil is to partition off a small room in the barn exclusively for their use. It should be removed from horses or other stock, and the fowls should be confined to their own apartments, at least during the night. A few fowls thus kept by themselves around barns will prove very profitable, as they will eat much that would otherwise be wasted.

At the Churn.

Heating the milk slightly causes the cream to rise more rapidly at this season, and this will make the butter come more quickly and be of better quality. Much of the inferiority of winter butter is due to the fact that the cream rises slowly and a fungus forms on it before it is churned. Stirring the cream a little, at least once a day, is very important where only one cow is kept and the cream is a long time accumulating in quantity sufficient for churning. Unless this is done the butter will be apt to have a bitter taste.

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