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Commercial.

STARKEY REPORT.

HOME PRODUCE MARKET.

[These quotations are for Portland.]

The following represent wholesale rate, from producers or first hands

WHEAT—Walla Walla, $1.15; Valley, $1.26@1 27 per cental.
FLOUR—$4.75, standard
BARLEY—$1 10@1 12.
OATS.—36@42c.
ONIONS.—1c per pound.
MIDDLINGS—$22@25; shorts, $17.
BRAN—$12@15
BACON—Sides, firm 7 8; Hams 10c@11c; Shoulders, 7@8c; country meats ½c to 1c lower.
LARD—Eastern pails, 11@11c; Oregon, in tins, 9@9½c; in half barrels, 10@11c.
CHEESE.—Cal 15c; Oregon, 14c ℔ lb.
HONEY—In comb, 18@20c; strained, in 5 gallons, 10½@11c.
APPLES—50@60c per box.
EGGS.—10 to 15c.
POULTRY.—Chickens, $3 00 to 3 50; turkeys, 10 to 12c, live weight
POTATOES.—20@30c per bu.
BUTTER—25c.
HOGS.—Live weight, 3c; ditto fat, 3½c; dressed, 4@4½c.
BEEF.—3½@4c on foot.
SHEEP.—Gross weight, 2c on foot.
VEAL—8 to 10c
HIDES.—Butchers' hides, dry, 16c; country cured, dry, 15c; calls ¼ off, green hides, salted, 7c; country ditto, 7c; deerskins, dry, 25c ℔ lb; d sheep pelts each 15@1.00; dry elk, 20c per lb.
TALLOW—Quotable at 6c. per lb.
HAY—$7@8 for baled.
WOOL.—Eastern Oregon, 14@18c Willamette Valley, 12@17c; Umpqua, 15@17c.
HOPS—Can bring 6@8c.
SEED—Timothy, 7½@8c; red clover, 15@16c.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

RICE.—China No. 2, 5½c; Sandwich Islands, 3@6½c.
TEAS.—Japan, 30@40; Black, 40@75c Green, 65@80c.
COFFEE — Costa Rica 12@15c; Java, 20@22c.
SUGARS.—Crushed A 7@7½c; Golden C, 5¾@6c, in barrels; 5c in halves; Dry Granulated 7½c.
SYRUP.—Five gallons 70c
RAISINS. California, $2.75@$3.25@25 lb box.
CANDLES—12@15c.
SOAPS.—Good, 75c@$1.75.
OILS.—Ordinary brands of coal, 30c; high grades, Downs & 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 quality, $15@20; Ashton's dairy, ditto, $20

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY May 20, 1886.

The weather is perfect and although Wednesday night looked like rain yet it cleared away and to-day is as beautiful day as one could wish. Times seem to be easier, and merchants are buying stocks freely, more so than for any time in the past year.

We had a conversation this week with Mr. Henry Ach, of Portland, who had just returned from a tour of the valley in the interest of one of our leading business firms, and he said that there was no use talking, every thing was livelier up the valley than he had known them to be for a year past. During the the past month cattle buyers have been in the southern counties even down as far north as Lane county and as a result had left $150,000 or more money in these counties. Besides which shearing was progressing and wool was being sold freely. And what puzzled him was the fact that wool in Roseburg, and in fact all of Douglas county, sells for 18@20c, while in Portland, wool only commands 16@18c. This has often puzzled many, but we account for it from the fact that Douglas county, covered as it is by rolling hills clothed in oak timber and to a great extent devoid of underbrush, has cleaner pastures, and again the sheep there are well bred up At any rate Umpqua wool rates well along with Ohio and Michigan wools. The prospects for crops and their present appearance throughout all the counties south, he said, were very flattering indeed.

The foreign wheat market is quiet. Chicago and New York improved slightly but the gain is unimportant. San Francisco rules easy. With us receipts are quite fair, but they represent interior buying of several days ago. Present offerings bring out few bids, and the market is easy. It is claimed that there is a more hopeful outlook and we see no reason to doubt it.

Oats are quite firm and quotations range from 39 to 42c, the latter for local use and of choice quality.

In conversation with Mr. W. J. Herren, commission merchant at Salem, we are informed that small lots of wool have arrived and that the quality of the fleece is good, as the sheep have wintered well. He says the outlook is that present rates will not be advanced. Boston quotations of May 7 are 17 to 22 cents per pound, and if we deduct freight and commission, will find that present ruling prices are fully up to the current rates paid there. Our valley wool rates about 19 to 21c for fair average lots in Boston.

In Portland as high as 17c has been paid for choice grades of wool. There is a number of buyers from abroad, but there seems to be no disposition to bid up. We doubt if any advance can be had.

Salem quotation 14 to 16c, the latter for extra choice.

Potatoes—For a good quality buyers have paid 60@70c per sack all week, filling orders at 70@75c. The movement toward San Francisco is nothing, for prices here are relatively higher.

Dealers generally quote very low prices for butter as the qualities coming into their hands being for the most part poor to good, and for these 10@18c are best prices. Choicer grades may be quoted 20@22½c.

Chickens have ruled low of late and while $4@$4 is still quoted few lots bring more than $3.50. Ducks bring $6@7. Geese, $6@$7. Turkeys, 12@14c.

Provisions are weaker caused by large arrivals from the East; quote city-cured hams, 9@10c; do bacon, 6½@7c; do shoulders, 5@6c; country-cured generally ½ to 1c less; Eastern hams 10½c; do breakfast bacon, 10c, nominally. Best Eastern lard in tins, 7¼@7½c; do local, 7¼@7½c, common local in large packages, 6c.

Dried fruits quotable with more firmness and choice qualities find a good market at the following quotations: Sun-dried quartered apples 3@4c, sliced 4@5c, factory 5@5½c; sun-dried quartered pears 6c, sliced 7c; factory 8c; pitted plums, 6@8c; Oregon prunes 6c, French 8c, graded 7@8c; common peaches 7½c, peeled 11@12c; dried grapes 5½@6c; choice raisins $2.25 per box.

Hides, Skins.—Quote wet salted 7c @7½c, dry 16@17c. Furs dark, beaver, $1.37½@1.75, valley summer deerskins 20@25c, do winter 20@25c, Eastern Oregon summer deerskins 15@20c, do winter 12½@15c, elkskins 15c per pound. The following sell by the skin: Black bear $1 50@6, brown do, 50c@$5; dark fisher $2.50@5, pale do 50c@$1, silver fox $5@25, cross do $2@5, red do 75c@$1.50, lynx 37½@50c, prime dark marten 25@75c, dark mink 10@40c, land otter $1.50@5.50, wolf 37½@50c, wolverine 50@$1.50.

Mark Lane Review

LONDON, May 17.—The Mark Lane Express, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says:

The floods and snowstorms during the past week have injured crops. The wheat market is not materially altered. Sellers were firm during the week, and millers were apathetic. Sales of English wheat for the week were 61,172 quarters, at 31s 11d per quarter, against 46,467 quarters, at 37s 5d, for the corresponding week last year. Flour was very scarce, and values have improved. Foreign wheats are weaker, owing to large stocks, the large quantity afloat, the acute position of the American trade, and the outlook for the next crop of the world. There is no prospect at present of an improvement. There were two arrivals and four sales of cargoes off coast during the week. The market to-day was bare and business very slow. English wheats were difficult to sell. For foreign there was no inquiry. American red was rather cheaper. Good American was flat. Maize, although scarce, was 3d cheaper. Other grain were dull.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, May 17.—Wheat, in fair demand; No. 2 winter, 7s 1d, firm; spring 7s 11½d, firm. Corn, spot in a fair demand at 4s 3½d; May and July, 4s 2d, easy; June 4s 2d, steady. Receipts of wheat the past week from Atlantic ports were 7,600 qrs; Pacific ports 1,400 qrs; from other sources, 5,000 qrs. American corn, 20,500 qrs.

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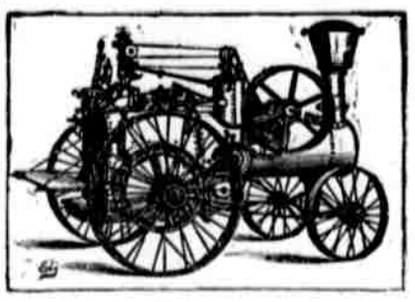

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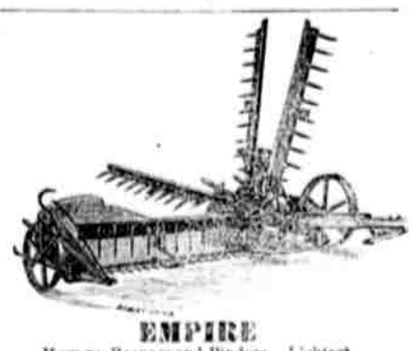

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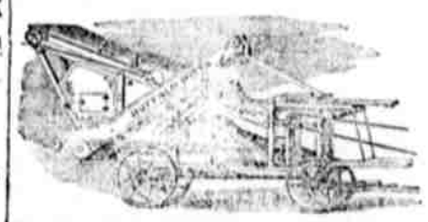

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