



Commercial.

MARKET REPORT.

These prices are for Portland and represent wholesale rates from producers or first hands.

WHEAT:— Valley, \$1.30@1.37 per cental. Walla Walla, \$1.35
FLOUR:— Standard, \$4.25 per bbl.
BARLEY:— \$1.10@1.12 per cental.
OATS:— 43@50c per bushel.
MILL FEED:— Middlings, \$22@25 per ton. Bran, \$12@13 per ton.
PROVISIONS:— Hams, 10@11c per pound. Shoulders, 6@7c per pound. Sides, firm at 7@8c per pound. Lard, Eastern pairs, 10@11c per pound. Oregon, in tins, 8@9c per pound. In half barrels, 10@11c per pound.
CHEESE:— California, 15c per pound. Oregon, 14c per pound.
HONEY:— In comb, 18@20c per pound. Strained, in 5-gallon, 10c@11c per lb.
GREEN FRUIT:— Apples, 50@60c per bushel.
POULTRY:— Chickens, \$3@3.50 per dozen. Turkeys, live weight, 10@12c per lb. Ducks, 14@15c per dozen.
VEGETABLES:— Potatoes, old, 50@60c per bushel. Onions, 1c per pound.
FRESH MEATS:— Pork, live weight, 3c; fat, 3c per lb. Pork, dressed, 4@4c per pound. Beef, on foot, 3@3c per pound. Mutton, 2c per pound gross weight. Veal, 8@11c per pound. Tallow, quote 6c per pound.
BUTTER:— Common, 20@25c per pound. Choice rolls, 30@32c per pound.
EGGS:— Fresh laid 25@30 cents per dozen.
WOOL:— Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound. Valley, 20@24c per pound. Umpqua, range a trifle higher.
HAY:— Baled \$10@12 per ton.
GRASS SEED:— Timothy, 7c@8c per pound. Red clover, 15@16c per pound.
HOPS:— Quote 19c@20c per pound.
RICE:— China No. 2, 4c@5c per pound. Sandwich Island, 5c@6c per pound.
TEAS:— Japan, 36@40c per pound. Black, 40@75c per pound. Green, 65@75c per pound.
COFFEE:— Costa Rica, 12@15c per pound. Java, 20@22c per pound.
SUGARS:— D, in bbls, 4c per pound. C, in bbls, 5c per pound. Extra C, in bbls, 5c per pound. Crushed, etc., in bbls, 6c per pound. In half-bbls 1c more.
SYRUP:— Five gallon kegs, 70c per gallon.
OILS:— Ordinary grades c oil, 25@26c per gal. Boiled Lined oil, 50c per gallon. Raw lined oil, 77c per gallon. Turpentine, 70c per gallon. Pure lard oil \$1.30 per gallon.
SALT:— Stock, bay, \$16 per ton. Carmen, brand, \$18 per ton. Coarse Liverpool, \$20 per ton. Sea quality, \$18@25 per ton.

COMMERCIAL

THURSDAY February 24, 1887.

February is yet snowing and wintry, far more than usual for Oregon, but so far the winter has done no harm. For a few days we had melting days and frosty nights after the ground was bare and wheat was thrown out to some extent and roots exposed on some land. Had this continued a few days longer the result would have been disastrous to the wheat crop but with warm rains to let the plant will root well again.

The prospect for the wheat crop is good throughout the Columbia valley. East of the mountains there has been snow and rain fall, and the snow made a good blanket for the growing wheat. The moisture is sufficient to insure good crops, with the usual spring showers.

The foreign wheat market is weak and prices are not firm. The season for shipping to Europe is past for 1887, and it remains to be seen what the home demand will be. Salem mills drop one cent a bushel on their price. They have given 72 cents for a month and now give 71 cents. Every one looks to spring for a solution of the European war question and if there is continued peace we shall see low prices continue.

Stock is dying by thousands in Montana and Wyoming and some parts of Idaho, but is doing fairly on Eastern Oregon ranges. Some losses are occurring in this valley and there must be considerable suffering, as the supply of feed is not abundant. Those who keep stock must put up feed and keep enough on hand to see their animals well through March.

The range of quotations for wheat is \$1.30@1.36 1/2 per cental. Oats, 48@50 cents is the range, with

no shipments. Choice will bring more. It is thought the valley holds enough to fully supply local demands.

Provisions show an advance at the east. Choice hams 11@11 1/2 cts.; bacon 9@9 1/2 cts.; shoulder 7@7 1/2 cts.; eastern hams 12 1/2 cts.; breakfast bacon 11 cts.; lard 8@8 1/2 cts.

Dried fruits are in light arrival with prices firm. Sundried apples 6c@7c; sliced 7c@8c; factory 9c@10c; bleached 11c@12 1/2 cts. Prunes 10c@12 cts.; French 8 cts.

Poultry in full supply and prices declining—best \$3@3.50. Turkey 1c. Geese being oversupplied sell for 6@7. Ducks 4 to \$5.

Hay—Choice \$12@14 per ton, lower grades command \$8 to \$12.

Hops—14 to 16c. for new crop and 5@6c. for 1885 crop.

Wool—Dull market at the East and stocks held at full figures.

Eggs—Firm at 30c. per dozen and light stocks.

Hides—Dry hides 15@16c, light salted 6 1/2@7c, heavy do 7@8c, dry kip and calf 14@16c, salt kip 6@8c, salt calf 8@10, salt veal 8c, valley deerskins 20@25c for winter and summer, Eastern Oregon 15@20c for winter and summer, sheepskins 75@1 25 for short and long wool, elk hides 15c, beaver \$1 50@2 25, bearskins \$1 50@6. Tallow 3c@3 1/2c for common.

CARE OF STOCK IN WINTER.

We have heard of young cattle dying close to town, supposed to be on account of not getting water. Since the first of this month there has been times when snow and ice covered the ground; and where no running water or springs are found stock must often suffer and die.

We hear of sheep, cattle and horses, dying every winter, supposed to be owing to dry feed and blind staggers. Any hand of sheep will die on timothy hay alone in the best of winters. That is well established. We all of us know, or should know, that dry feed is unwholesome to stock without something green. Plenty of water and salt will frequently carry stock through, but it is safest to have some vegetables to give them when winters are severe. There is nothing better than potatoes and all animals will eat them and they will help dissolve dry food and keep stock from binding up with insoluble dry stuff that cannot digest and pass away without some aid for the digestion. It is common for sheep well fed to die, when a handful of oats every day will save them; but turnips, cabbage, potatoes and apples will answer the purpose and every farmer should grow some such stuff to have on hand for winter feed, and should save all the small and imperfect vegetables to use in case of need. There is never a winter when it will not be profitable to feed such articles, for stock will relish green and succulent food as a change and thrive on it.

For fifteen years we can go back to our files and show that we have given this same admonition to farmers. If they had heeded or remembered and practiced it there would in that time have been hundreds of thousands saved to them and to the wealth of Oregon. In growing crops an acre or so planted to some succulent vegetable to feed to stock will yield more profit, if well used afterwards, than any part of the farm crop.

The Century has a long comprehensive article on Lincoln—his life from boyhood till death, with engravings of all the houses that he occupied at various times. It is a story one never tires of hearing. "The Relative Strength and Weakness of Nations" comes part just now when Europe seems on the eve of war. "The Hundredth Man" is an odd sort, which loses nothing from its originality. The Century should be found on every table. The February number is especially interesting.

The Brooklyn Magazine is a late publication issued in that city. It is a family magazine. The matter included within its pages is of a character of which one might do for "Sunday reading" for it is pure and elevating. Mrs. Beecher has contributed to it in previous numbers. H. W. Beecher, with other noted divines, contribute sermons and religious discourses from texts found in the Bible. Sufficient other miscellaneous matter combine to make the Brooklyn Magazine a desirable family paper.

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