

EGGS POWER BUTTER STRONG POULTRY FIRM

Portland, Feb. 9.—Choice light veal and hogs are bringing a 16 cent top in the local market for county dressed meats. Today's receipts were light and trading moderate.

There is a lower trend in the egg market with receipts good and demand easier. Extras today were 27 cents on the exchange but offered at 25 cents on the street.

The butter market is strong with prices unchanged. High score stock is scarce.

Live poultry receipts were very light today and the market has a firm undertone. Prices are unchanged.

Onion trade is quiet. The crop still in the hands of growers is estimated at less than 30 carloads. Beet offers at country points are around \$3.75 per sack.

The local potato market is steady but other primary markets of the northwest are firm. Bad weather has curtailed haulings and warehouses at Yakima and Idaho Falls are almost bare.

Flour is steady. Offers of 17 cents are freely made but get little response.

LIVESTOCK

Portland, Feb. 9.—Cattle market active; receipts 1900; steers good \$7.50@8.00; medium \$6.50@7.50; common \$5.50@6.50; canner and cutter steers \$4.50@5.50; heifers, good \$4.50@5.00; medium \$3.50@4.50; common \$2.50@3.50; cull and medium \$1.50@2.50; cows, good \$4.75@5.25; common and medium \$3.50@4.50; canners and cutters \$3.00@4.00; bulls, good (beef yearlings excluded) \$4.00@4.50; cull and medium \$1.50@2.50; cull and common \$1.00@1.50; lambs (canner and bologna) \$3.00@4.00; calves and calves to be weaned \$1.50@2.50; medium \$1.00@1.50; cull and common \$1.00@1.50; medium \$1.50@2.00; cull and common \$1.00@1.50; hogs higher; receipts 2400; heavyweights \$12.50@13.50; medium \$11.50@12.50; good and choice \$11.00@11.50; lightweights \$10.50@11.00; common \$9.50@10.50; packing hogs smooth \$10.00@11.00; packing hogs rough \$9.50@10.00; slaughter pigs (130 lbs. and down) \$8.00@9.00; feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 130 lbs.) \$8.00@9.00; medium, good and choice \$8.50@9.50; soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotations.

Sheep steady; receipts 1700; lambs, light and handweight, medium to choice \$14.00@15.00; heavyweights \$12.00@13.00; medium to prime \$11.00@12.00; all weights, cull and common \$11.00@12.00; yearling wethers, medium to prime \$10.50@11.00; wethers (2 years old and over) medium to prime \$9.00@10.00; ewes, common to choice \$8.00@11.00; canner and cut \$7.00@8.00. (Above quotations except lambs on short basis.)

POTATOES

Portland, Feb. 9.—Potatoes steady with \$1.75@1.85 for Oregon stock; onions steady, \$2.75@4.00 paid in country.

BUTTER AND BUTTERFAT
Portland, Feb. 9.—Butter steady; extra cubes, city, 43¢; standards 42¢; prime firsts 40¢; firsts 38¢; undergrade, nominal; prints 45¢; canners 46¢.

Butterfat steady, best churning cream 43¢ net shippers' track zone; 45¢ delivered Portland.

WHEAT

Portland, Feb. 9.—Wheat bids: hard white, blue stem, hard \$2.10; soft white \$1.85; western white \$1.87; hard winter \$1.87; northern spring \$1.89; western red \$1.84; R.R. hard white \$2.20. Today's car receipts: wheat 46, flour 10, corn 1, oats 6, hay 15.

POULTRY AND EGGS

Portland, Feb. 9.—Eggs steady; rent receipts 21¢; pullets 29¢; firsts 31¢@34¢; henner 30¢@32¢ delivered Portland.
Portland, Feb. 9.—Poultry firm; heavy hens 22¢@23¢; light 7¢; spring 22¢@23¢; old roosters 16¢; ducks white Pekin 20¢@21¢; live turkeys 23¢ dressed turkeys 32¢@34¢; geese 16¢.
Portland, Feb. 9.—Hops firm; new clusters 17¢@18¢; fuggles 15¢@16¢; old crop nominal.

Salem Markets

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers for the guidance of Capital Journal readers. (Revised daily.)

Grain: No. 1 white wheat \$1.75; No. 1 red wheat \$1.72 (sacked).

Wholesale Prices

Meat: Top hogs 10¢; cows 7¢@9¢; dressed hogs 15¢; top steers 6¢@7¢; cows 4¢@5¢; canner cows 1¢; pigs 3¢@5¢; spring lambs up to 30 lbs. 14¢; veal 9¢; dressed veal 14¢.
Poultry: Springers 15¢; light hens 15¢@17¢; heavy hens 20¢; old roosters 8¢; ducks 16¢@18¢; turkeys 22¢ dressed; alive 23¢@25¢; geese 15¢@20¢ dressed; live 12¢@14¢; white Pekin ducks 16¢@18¢; India Runner ducks alive 14¢@16¢.
Butterfat 44¢; creamery butter 45¢@46¢; eggs 20¢; standards 23¢; select 35¢; milk \$1.80 cwt.

Vegetables: Potatoes \$1.75@2.25 cwt. head lettuce \$4.50@4.75 crate California cabbage 4¢@4.5¢; celery hearts \$1.25@2.25 doz.; crate 16¢@20¢; onions \$3.00; No. 1; butternut \$2.50 per cwt.; sweet potatoes, fancy \$3.00@3.50; spinach greens 3¢; peppers 25¢; green Hubbard squash \$1.50 per cwt. rutabagas 2¢; carrots 2¢; parsley 3¢; sacked cauliflower \$2.25; crates: carrots \$2.50; Brussels sprouts 18¢; local turnips 2½¢ lb.; California bunch vegetables: carrots, beets and turnips 10¢ dozen; parsley 75¢; radishes, green onions 6¢; grape fruit \$4.00@4.75 crate; fruit \$4.00@4.75 crate; rhubarb 17¢@21¢; tomatoes \$1.30 lb.; Texas cabbage 6¢ lb.; sacked beets 4¢.

Fruit: Apples \$1.50 box, face and fill, fancy \$2.00@2.50; extra fancy \$2.50@3.00.

Prune Shipments

Prune shipments from the Port of Portland in the intercontinental trade during this month amounted to 2,595,963 pounds compared with 2,139,806 pounds in January 1924 and 1,608,524 pounds in 1923. Practically the entire amount shipped to intercontinental ports was delivered in New York which received 2,362,165 pounds. Smaller shipments were made to Boston, Philadelphia and New Orleans.

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FUTURE SALES OF CANNED GOODS SLIGHT IN EAST

Future sales of canned goods are slight in the eastern market according to reports from there which state that (sales will not be definitely settled until canners have concluded the contracts with growers for their acreages which will establish a definite packing cost. Such contracts in the local territory continue to be made in apt to be a little slow in the making as growers already are showing an abatement to the few approaches which have been made because of the generally fine outlook for a good fruit year and the cleanup of last year's supply in many lines.

A report from New York carries the following interesting information on the canned goods situation which is bound to have its reflection in the situation here: "A more active spot market in all lines of canned foods is likely from now on as the several handicaps to trading have been removed. Indeed, there are numerous reasons why the distributor should anticipate his wants in many staples before it is too late to take advantage of the present market and available holdings. It is admitted that as a whole there is no excess in fruit or in second hands, but whether there is such a stringency as some factors picture, remains to be seen. Consumption is large and the turn overs are making profits for distributors which gives them encouragement and makes them confident of the future. On all hands the trade is optimistic as to the balance of the season as to the sale of spot canned goods. Futures are somewhat different. The wave of optimism noticeable at the late election as to general business has not been followed by any reaction, but in the canned food industry advance buying is far in the future at least, has not been as extensive as the forecast made last fall indicated. This refers chiefly to vegetables and to what has been accomplished to date, which by no means indicates that there will be curtailed buying this season. Future trading here has been postponed more than expected, but there is plenty of time to make up for the later start than last season. When future California fruits are once available there is no doubt that buyers will be vitally interested and that they will buy freely to anticipate their normal requirements. The spot market was quiet last week since so many prominent trade factors were at the canners' convention in Cincinnati. Tomatoes were firm throughout the week at no material advances in the south. Futures will not be definitely settled until canners have concluded their contracts with growers for their acreages which will establish a definite packing cost. Such contracts in the local territory continue to be made in apt to be a little slow in the making as growers already are showing an abatement to the few approaches which have been made because of the generally fine outlook for a good fruit year and the cleanup of last year's supply in many lines.

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OREGON PRUNE MARKET ACTIVE; PRICES ADVANCING

The dried fruit market continues its gradual advance in quotations in most lines under a good inquiry for the "Ding of year, considering the supplies available and gradually distributing stocks, says the California Fruit News.

Some even of the good-sized operators are practically entirely out of many of the grades in different lines and assortments are badly broken. The small pack of canned fruits last year and the severity of the winter of all sorts in the general markets of the country is, of course, a material factor in enlarging the dried fruit demand this spring. Some of our items are getting into real scarcity, and buying back of peaches by coast sellers in some eastern markets is reported. This latter line is in very small supply here and some grades are practically out altogether. Prices of peaches in first hands on the coast continue to advance.

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SPUD SHIPMENTS WESTERN STATES 5000 CARS SHORT

Shipments of potatoes out of the 1924 crop by the five western states, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, and Colorado have been 23,196 cars of the 1923 crop moved to a similar date last year, but if the same proportion of the crop is marketed as a year ago, it leaves only 5293 cars yet to be shipped from these western states, which sent out 12,167 cars after February 1, 1924. These figures, which were compiled by R. L. Ringer, the federal potato expert show an apparent shortage in the western states of 3374 cars, or if Colorado is excluded, a shortage on the Pacific coast of 1527 cars. Whether it is an actual shortage or only an apparent one is the uncertain feature of the market that is of vital interest to the growers at this time.

The crop in the states in question, Ringer says, is about 5,000,000 bushels less than the previous one, so the actual conditions hinge upon the quality of that crop. In years of relatively high prices, more of an effort is made by growers and dealers to market the crop with the result that much is shipped that might be fed to stock or wasted. Also some seasons the crop runs a much lower grade than others, so that a much larger percentage is fit for market. That is the case in western Oregon this year, even though the rains considerably improved the commercial crop. If only last year's proportion of the crop should be moved, Washington would ship only 511 cars more than California, but, but unofficial estimates place the remaining tonnage in Washington around 1800 to 1500 cars.

The movement has been heavy from Washington all season, so the crop must be reaching depletion and California has been compelled to draw on its own Burbanks, because the Oregon crop has begun to move. It leaves Idaho and Oregon in the key positions in the deal, as both have shipped less than a year ago, whereas Washington and California have shipped more from smaller crops.

FAVORS POOLING OF 1925 OREGON PRUNE CROP

"A man can stand at Halsey and within the territory a hundred miles each way will be found practically all of the Italian prunes grown in the world, which cut any figure in dried consumption," declared W. E. Pierce, of the Dried Fruit company today. "The only competition there is for our Italian prunes is in small portions of Washington and Idaho and this is not actually competition as the bulk of their prunes are shipped to the east in a green state."

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FRUIT CROP OF 1924 LESS THAN YEAR PREVIOUS

The total production of fruit and field crops in California for 1924, as far as the summary of the annual crop report for California from the office of the agricultural statistician at Sacramento, is about 1,924,000 or 17 per cent less than in 1923. The total value, however, of the same crops is but less than 1 per cent below the value of the 1923 crops. This would seem to show that the value of the reduced tonnage because of the drought and other unfavorable weather conditions, to have been more profitable than the preceding year, as the cost of handling the smaller tonnage is, obviously, less by more than the fraction of 1 per cent less total value that these statistics show to have been retained below the 1923 crop figures. The total value in 1924 of fruit and field crops in California is placed at \$265,437,000, and in these figures only the main field and fruit crops are included, no account being made of vegetables, animals and animal products. The total acreage of field crops harvested in California last year was 75.3 per cent as great as that of 1923 and the acreage of bearing age for the 1924 crop in California was 8 per cent greater than in 1923.

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With virtually 30 tons of black cherries now signed up from the coming crop the Oregon Black Cherry Growers association will sign up but very little tonnage over that amount, according to George Vick, member of the association, who states that in the main the tonnage secured is from larger orchards and that all of the acreages that have been taken into the fold are in fine condition and the cherries are being given the best of care to avoid maggots and brown rot.

"We intend to get out the best pack even seen in the valley this year," is the statement of Vick in regard to the outlook.

CONTRACTING 100 ACRES FOR CUCUMBER PICKLES

According to word received from Woodburn the Oregon Pickle Company already has contracted for over 100 acres of cucumbers for its pickling plant there and it is expected will want about 150 acres, while possibly as high as 200 acres will be offered by farmers. Indications are that the company will shut down on its contract in the near future. Reports are that those who are handling the pickling proposition at Woodburn believe there is a bright future ahead for it this year and the plant will handle its full capacity, according to present plans.

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