

WHEAT PRICES TAKE CLIMB OF 5 CENTS A BUSHEL

WHEAT SURPLUS FOR EXPORT LESS THAN REQUIRED

Chicago, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Wheat prices made a steep climb today ascending as much as 5 1/2 cents a bushel. May delivery reached \$1.69 against \$1.63 3/4 to \$1.63 7/8 at yesterday's finish. Estimates were current that the world's exportable surplus of wheat is 24,000,000 bushels less than import needs.

Opening wheat prices 1 1/4 to 2 1/4 cent higher, new style, December \$1.62 1/2 to \$1.63 7/8 and May \$1.66 to \$1.66 1/2, were followed by a rise to \$1.70 3/4 for December and \$1.67 5/8 for May.

After opening at 3 1/2 to 7 1/2 advance, May 5 1/2, corn continued up, May touching 85.

Oats started unchanged to 1/2 cent higher, May 44 7/8. Later, all months showed a moderate advance.

Wheat closed strong 3 5/8 to 5 1/2 cents net advance May \$1.68 3/4 to \$1.69.

Corn closed firm, 3 1/2 to 1 cent net higher, May 84 1/4 to 84 3/4.

FRUITS WORTH \$82,000 PACKED AT SILVERTON

Silverton, Ore., Dec. 15.—(Special)—Better than \$82,000 worth of fruit was canned at the Silverton Food Products company this year according to a report given at a special meeting of the company Saturday at the company warehouse.

Of this, less than \$10,000 worth of goods is left at the cannery and of the \$10,000 worth very little is unsold, but has been sold for future delivery.

The meeting, which was an all day get-together of the stockholders and their friends was a particularly successful meeting in that it showed the stockholders the equipment of the company, the way the business was carried on and gave them an idea of the prospects for the future. A basket dinner was enjoyed at noon making the affair informal. The coffee which was served to everyone present was cooked in the steam pre-heating kettle.

John Copeland, president of the company conducted the business meeting which was held after the basket dinner. Mr. Copeland also explained the purpose of the meeting and spoke of the future prospects of the cannery being particularly good. Speakers during the afternoon included T. P. Ristgen, who spoke the finances and on business confidence; W. P. Gerlin, who spoke on "Getting Behind the Cannery"; Neal Cooley and F. Gillette who had for their subject, "Preparing the berry for the cannery"; A. Steelhammer, who spoke in a humorous vein on the favorable prospects of the business; G. H. Ottaway, Norris Ames, A. E. Cooley, and E. Nelson, M. Elmore, the company accountant gave a good summary of the year's business.

The next meeting will be held at the company warehouse on January 11. At this time another basket dinner will be served and election of officers will take place.

Mr. Copeland said, in speaking of the cannery, that it certainly was putting Oregon and Silverton on the map as Oregon prunes, canned at the Silverton plant, are being served regularly on the Northern Pacific dining cars, and that letters were continuously received from various points asking where the Oregon prunes canned by the Silverton Food Products company can be purchased.

SWEET CLOVER SEED IN SLUMP

Sweet clover seed movement has been slower this season than last year. The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that 55 per cent of the crop had left growers' hands by December 1 compared with 65 per cent last year. Growers are not free sellers and seedmen are not active bidders despite the prevailing low prices. The percentages of the crop already sold by growers in important producing districts are as follows: eastern North Dakota 55 per cent; northeastern South Dakota 70 per cent; southeastern South Dakota 60 per cent; northeastern Minnesota 55 per cent; northeastern Nebraska 40 per cent; southeastern Nebraska 25 per cent; northern Kansas 25 per cent; southern Kansas 50 per cent; western Colorado 60 per cent; Montana 40 per cent; Utah 30 per cent; and northern Illinois 55 per cent.

Prices advanced a little in some districts but declined in others. On December 1 prices paid to growers averaged for all districts \$6.30 per 100 lbs. basic clean seed, compared with \$6.05 a month ago, and \$9.50 a year ago. Prices in important districts averaged as follows: north eastern North Dakota 55; southeastern North Dakota 55; northeastern South Dakota 55; southeastern Nebraska 55; western Nebraska 55; northern Kansas 55; southern Kansas 55; Montana 55; Utah 55; and northern Illinois 55.

During November 225,000 pounds of blennial white sweet clover was imported compared with 787,000 pounds last year, and 633,200 lbs. two years ago for the same month.

A permit to operate in Oregon was issued to the Pacific Highway association of California. Lester D. Calhoun of Grants Pass is attorney-in-fact for Oregon.

"The House Will Come to Order"



Nicholas Longworth, Speaker of the House, opened the Sixty-ninth Congress with knowledge that the radicals will fight the "gag rule" of the regular Republicans.

BEE KEEPERS

TO ORGANIZE ON SATURDAY

Members of the organization committee of two Marion County beekeepers association have issued a call for a second meeting to effect permanent organization, the meeting to be held at the chamber of commerce Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Members of the committee are H. J. Hendricks, chairman, Salem; J. Peimulder, Woodburn; Russell Brooks, Turner.

In the call for the meeting the organization committee outlined some of the objects of the meeting and the association as follows:

Bee keepers have many problems but none can be settled without organization, for instance. The county assessor is required by law to keep a record of all beehives in Marion county.

There is a law regarding inspection of hives, but this will not be done until the beekeepers get together as an organization and cooperate with the county court.

As a member of the Marion County Bee Keepers association, you will not only work as a body for the protection of the great honey industry, but you will also have these advantages:

1. All members of a bee keeping association can buy their supplies from 15 to 20 per cent under the regular price from wholesale houses. When the association buys for its members, there is a discount of 25 per cent on your supplies.

2. All bee magazines give a special discount to members of an association.

3. By the payment of an extra \$2.00 you become a member of the Oregon State Beekeepers association and also of the National Honey Producers association of America.

This gives you the protection of the National association in case of theft and also assistance in various legal matters.

BULK OF FALL

GRAIN PLANTINGS ARE ALREADY IN

The bulk of fall grain plantings are now in in this section reports H. White and the grain is said to be looking in wonderful condition. Only an extreme freeze would damage it, he states, regardless of its growth and it unquestionably will weather an ordinary winter trouble.

Wheat sowing he figures are a little below that of last year in acreage while oats and vetch are about the same as last year. A little more fall barley has been put in than a year ago and also a little more alfalfa.

The drop in the wheat planting, in the face of the fact that good wheat prices were enjoyed during the last year, has been due to weather conditions, he states. The ground remained dry so late that farmers found it almost impossible in many cases to make their plantings by usual times and they rather take a chance on discing in oats than to attempt to handle wheat in that manner.

Considerable plowing has been done, he reports, for the sowing of wheat in the spring and it is expected a considerable quantity of wheat will be sown.

FIRST CAR OF TURKS SHIPPED

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 15.—The first carload of turkeys for the Christmas market was shipped from Oak land today, the birds having been received at Drun, Yoncalla, and Roseburg. The car was consigned to Los Angeles. Buyers were receiving today at all parts of the county for another carload, while the bulk of the birds will come in on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Practically all the turkeys in Douglas county have been sold on contracts to be delivered at the place specified by the buyer. Only a few thousand remain to be sold on the open market Thursday and Friday. The greater part of the turkeys are to go to San Francisco and Los Angeles distributing houses.

All sales and contracts have been made on a 4 cent for prime stock with a drop of 5 cents on seconds. It is believed that this price will hold, although some buyers claim that there may be a drop after orders are filled.

Salem Markets

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

Wholesale prices: Grain No. 1 white wheat \$1.44; red wheat (sacked) \$1.40; oats 45c; hay, oat and vetch, \$17 ton.

Meat, top hogs \$11.75; sows \$9.50; dressed hogs 15c; top steers \$2.60; cows \$2.50; top veal \$2.50; bulls 3 1/2 @ 4c; spring lambs \$2.50; and under 1 1/4 @ 12c; heavier 9c @ 10c.

Poultry: Springers 20 @ 22c; light hens 16c; heavy hens 10 @ 21c; old roosters 6 @ 8c; stag roosters 16 @ 18c.

Butterfat 40c; cream butter 51c; pullets, medium 32c; standards 26c; milk \$2.44 cwt.; eggs per pounds 21c.

Vegetables and fruits: oranges \$5.00 @ \$5.50; Japanese oranges \$2.25; lemons \$5.50 @ \$6.50; grapefruit 5.75 @ 6.50; bananas 10 @ 10 1/2c; apples \$1.50 @ \$2.50 box; new potatoes \$3.25; Yakima potatoes \$3.25 @ \$3.75; sacked vegetables: beets 20c; carrots 1 1/2 @ 2c; turnips 2 1/2c; local 40 @ 50c; onions, radishes 40c; doz. bun. tomatoes 20c lb. hot-house Ore. celery 80c @ \$1.10 doz; 15 crate, home grown cabbage 1 1/2c; local cauliflower 1.50 @ 2.50 peppers 12 1/2c; garlic 20c lb.; onions 12.35 cwt.; sweet potatoes \$5 @ \$5.25; cranberries 15.25 box, \$20 bbl. Eastern Cape Cod cranberries; cucumbers \$1.50; bulk dates 11c lb.; lettuce, California local \$4.50 @ \$5.00.

MILD WEATHER BEARS BUTTER AND EGG PRICES

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—(A.P.)—Dairy commodities continue on the downward trend in the local market with further losses shown in butter and egg prices for the day. Mild weather and increased production are the principal bearish factors at this time and the local trade does not look for improved market conditions as long as receipts continue on the increase.

On the dairy exchange the egg market is 1 to 2 cents lower. Fresh standard extras and firsts are marked down a cent at 39 cents a dozen respectively while fresh medium or pullets were lowered two cents a dozen to 33 cents. Current receipts remain unchanged at 32 cents a dozen.

Egg buyers are none too keen for supplies and bids in the country are being reduced almost daily. In the butter division extras, standards and firsts cubes each declined one cent, with the top on fresh extras at the 49 cent level with standards and prime flats at 48 cents. Ordinary flats are down to 47 cents.

Cream production is increasing and butter stocks accumulate in this market in spite of all efforts to prevent a surplus.

Poultry continues scarce and firm. There is a brisk call for heavy hens at 24 to 25 cents. Dressed turkeys are selling at 41 to 43 cents depending on quality.

There is an improved demand for choice light veal in the country dressed meat market and prices are fractionally firmer at 15 1/2 to 16 cents.

LIVESTOCK: Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Cattle slow; receipts: calves 65; steers 60; good, \$2.40 @ \$2.50; med. \$2.30 @ \$2.50; common \$2.20 @ \$2.50; canners and cutter steers \$4.50 @ \$5.50; heifers, good \$6.00 @ \$6.50; common and medium \$4.50 @ \$5.00; cows, good \$5.00 @ \$5.50; common and medium \$3.20 @ \$3.25; canners and cutters \$2.00 @ \$3.50; bulls, good beef (yearlings excluded) \$3.75 @ \$4.50; common to medium (canners and beefing) \$3.00 @ \$3.75; calves medium to choice (milk flats excluded) \$5.50 @ \$6.50; culls and commons \$4.50 @ \$5.50; vealers, medium to choice \$9.00 @ \$12.00; culls and commons \$5.00 @ \$9.00.

Hogs, steady receipts 1865; heavyweights (250 to 350 pounds) medium, good and choice \$11.50 @ \$12.50; medium weight (200 to 250 pounds) medium, good and choice \$11.75 @ \$12.00; light weight (160 to 200 pounds) common med. good and choice \$12.00 @ \$12.25; light lights (130 to 180 pounds) common, medium, good and choice \$11.00 @ \$12.00; packing hogs (rough and smooth) \$8.50 @ \$10.50; slaughter pigs (90 to 130) medium good and choice \$11.00 @ \$11.75; feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 130 pounds) medium, good and choice \$11.00 @ \$12.00.

(Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotations). Sheep, nom. steady receipts 400; lambs good and choice, 31c; Adams \$14.00 @ \$14.00; lambs medium to good (valley) \$12.50 @ \$14.00; heavyweights (22 lbs. up) \$10.00 @ \$12.50; all weights; culls and commons \$9.00 @ \$12.00; yearling wethers, medium to choice \$5.50 @ \$11.50; ewes, common to choice \$5.00 @ \$8.00; canners and culls \$2.50 @ \$5.00.

Portland Grain: Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Wheat: HBB hard white \$1.57; hard white, bluestem, hard, soft white, western white, \$1.56; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.53; western red \$1.52.

Today's car receipts: wheat 102; flour 11; corn 1; hay 7.

BUTTER AND EGGS: Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Eggs current 32c; fresh standards firsts 31 @ 31 1/2c; fresh standard extras 33 @ 33 1/2c; undergrades 24 @ 24 1/2c.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Butter slow; extra cubes, city 48c; standards 48c; prime firsts 48c; firsts 47c; undergrades nominal; prints 61c; cartons 52c.

Milk steady; best churning cream 45c; net appears track in zone 1; raw milk (4 per cent) \$2.60 cwt., f. o. b. Portland.

POULTRY: Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Poultry firm; less five per cent commission.

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ONIONS AND POTATOES: Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Potatoes slow, new \$2.50 @ \$2.60; onions \$1.70.

NUTS, HOPS AND CASCARA: Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Nuts steady; walnuts, No. 1 30 @ 32c; filberts 26c; almonds 27 @ 31c.

Hops quiet; new crop clusters 22 1/2c; fuggles 25c.

CUNNINGHAM TO PLANT 70 ACRES OF POTATOES

Bruce Cunningham, who last year raised 70 acres of potatoes in this vicinity, contemplates planting a similar acreage next year, he stated today. Cunningham, while having a short crop along with other potato growers last year, nevertheless realized well of them, selling about 2000 sacks at \$2.50.

He has not determined definitely yet where he will put in his next year's acreage. It is difficult to ascertain as yet just how heavy the potato plantings will be. Ordinarily, after a high market year, planting is heavy, and it results in a depression of the market. Farmers are pretty well aware of this fact, and as a result some of them will withhold planting, just for the same reason that in past years they have planted after a high price year.

NINETY PERCENT CLOVER SEED NOW MARKETING

The clover seed crop is about 90 per cent disposed of in this section according to a report by Charles R. Archard, and clover is still selling at 26 cents a pound, virtually the price it has held all the season. In fact he figures that 80 per cent of the crop that has been sold was sold by farmers at 25 cents, with about 15 per cent of it selling at 28 cents and five per cent of it selling at 30 cents. The higher prices were secured very early in the season when clover was scarce and a certain demand for quick deliveries developed.

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