

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

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Exports of flour and wheat from both coasts last week were 4,595,000 bushels, or 700,000 bushels more than the previous week, and double the same week last year. Receipts are expected to fall off. We have now reached the time where the exports generally decrease; at least they have in the past years, as the first six months of the crop year generally marks the largest export business. There is every indication, however, of a good export movement from now on, as liberal engagements have been for wheat, corn and oats. Foreigners continue to buy moderately when the market gets weak, so that the outward movement will gradually cut into the wheat stocks, which are none too heavy if the exports are to keep up large. Argentine news favors an exportable surplus of about 35,000,000 bushels, but some good authorities make it only 3,000,000 bushels. This is used as a club by the bears and consumers to prevent an advance here. There will be no Argentine wheat available in European markets before the latter part of March. In the meantime their light stocks will be reduced, and they will have to come in as buyers. The American visible supply of wheat increased this week 47,000 bushels, and now totals 28,863,000 bushels against 53,872,000 bushels for the corresponding period a year ago. Although the movement of corn for 1897 was 116,747,000 bushels, and the shipments 97,427,000 bushels an increase in the receipts of 24,000,000 bushels and in 10,000,000 bushels in the shipments, they were less than the arrivals of oats, receipts of the latter being 1,338,000 bushels in excess of corn, while the shipments were 7,000,000 bushels greater, aggregating 104,466,000 bushels. The feeling in corn and oats is bullish. There is a strong disposition on the part of many local traders to keep on the long side. The Trego-Smith people have accumulated a big line, and they are getting quite a following. Exports of corn for the week were heavy.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 72@73c; Valley and Best, 76@77c per bushel. Four—Bluestem, 74.25; Graham, \$3.40; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 35@36c; choice gray, 33@34c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$20 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$18. Hay—Timothy, \$12.50@13; clover, \$10@11; California wild hay, \$10; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton. Eggs—18@20c per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 55@60c; fair to good, 45@50c; dairy, 40@50c per roll. Cheese—Oregon, 12 1/2c; Young America, 12 1/2c; California, 9@10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@3.25 per dozen; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; geese, \$5.50@6.50; ducks, \$5.00@6.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per pound. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 40@50c per sack; sweets, \$1.25 per cental. Onions—Oregon, \$1.75@2.00 per sack. Hops—5@16c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c. Wool—Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@8c; mohair, 20@22c per pound. Mutton—Gross, dressed wethers and ewes, \$3.50; dressed mutton, 5 1/2c; spring lambs, 5 1/2c per pound. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.00; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$4.50@5.00 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.50; dressed beef, 4 1/2@6c per pound. Veal—Large, 4 1/2@5c; small, 5 1/2@6c per pound.

Seattle Market.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 30c; ranch, 16@18c. Cheese—Native Washington, 13c; California, 9 1/2c. Eggs—Fresh, 23c. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10c; spring chickens, \$2.50@3.00; ducks, \$3.50@3.75. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$23 per ton. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$19@20. Corn—Whole, \$23; cracked, per ton, \$23; feed meal, \$23 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$22; whole, \$22. Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c; cows, 5 1/2c; mutton sheep, 8c; pork, 6c; veal, small, 7. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 5@6c; salmon, 3c; salmon trout, 7@10c; flounders and sole, 3@4c; ling cod, 4@5c; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 2 1/2@4c. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 40@90c per box; pears, 25@75c per box; oranges, navel, \$2.75 per box.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Nevada 11@13c; Oregon, 12@14c; Northern 7@8c per pound. Hops—12 1/2@16c per pound. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$22@24; California bran, \$18.50@19.50 per ton. Onions—New red, 70@80c; do new silverskin, \$2.25@2.50 per cental. Eggs—Store, 22@24c; ranch, 25@28c; Eastern, 15@19; duck, 16c per dozen. Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 12 1/2c; fair to good, 7@8c per pound. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, navel, \$1.50@2.50; Mexican limes, \$4.00@4.50; California lemons, choice, \$1.50@2.00; do common, 75c@1.25 per box. Hay—Wheat, \$13.50@15; wheat and oat, \$13@14.50; oat, \$11@13.50; best barley, \$11@13; alfalfa, \$11@11.50; clover, \$10.50@12. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 50c@1.25 per large box; grapes, 25@40c; Isabella, 80@75c; peaches, 50c@1; pears, 75c \$1 per box; plums, 20@35c. Butter—Fancy creamery, 28c; do seconds, 26@27c; fancy dairy, 26c;

COTTON FOR THE NORTHWEST.

New Crop to Be Tried East of Cascades Other Plants Will Be Tried.

Oregon and Washington will raise cotton next season. Their cotton crop will probably not "bear" the market the first year, but there is no telling what effect cotton will have on the industrial conditions of the future. The cotton production of this year will be under the fostering care of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, which has just opened an industrial department that will experiment with various things to develop the country reached by its transportation lines. This is a far-sighted scheme of President Mohler. H. C. Judson, who has had considerable experience in such matters in the East, has been put at the head of the department. He will be guided to a great extent in his operations by the agricultural colleges of Oregon and Washington.

Cotton is successfully grown in the pan-handle of Texas, at altitudes ranging from 1,000 to 1,500 feet above the sea, where frosts occur in April. In some parts of Eastern Oregon frost has been absent through the entire year. Portions of Umatilla county are especially favored in this respect. The experiments with cotton will be made in the arid and semi-arid sections of Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington—in Wasco, Sherman, Morrow and Umatilla counties, of Oregon, and Whitman and Adams counties, of Washington. While the cotton plant will stand a great deal of moisture, it can also endure drought. It sends roots deep into the ground. In many places where wheat is not a reliable crop, or cannot be grown at all on account of the lack of moisture, it is believed cotton will flourish. If so, it will solve the irrigation problem for those sections. A thorough test will be made the coming season.

Among the other things in view by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company's industrial department is the introduction of tobacco raising. A considerable colony of Cubans in Florida are negotiating to come out to the Pacific Northwest to raise and manufacture tobacco, and the parts of Oregon and Washington lying east of the Cascade mountains are believed to possess all of the conditions suited to the business. The destruction of the trade in Cuba has turned the attention of these people to other fields of operation, and they have sent agents here to look the matter up. Martinez, the great cigar man of Key West, examined the country east of the mountains recently, and he did not doubt that tobacco of a superior quality could be produced in the vicinity of Blalock, in Gilliam county.

The production of forage plants in the Inland Empire will also engage the attention of this move for industrial development. Incidental to this will come a thorough investigation of the possibilities of dairying and raising livestock under different conditions than now prevail—conditions that will admit of a fuller development of the country. A number of new trees will also be experimented with, to see if they will not have the effect of precipitating moisture, so as to make arable areas now arid. Among the exotics is a tree that is said to have redeemed a portion of France from desert conditions ages ago—a gum tree that is a native of Assyria. It is reasonable to suppose that the tree would be valuable in the dry sections of the Inland Empire, and it will be given a trial there.

The mechanical device of a Boise man for raising water from streams for irrigating purposes will also be thoroughly tested. It consists of a cylinder, on the outside of which are buckets and the contrivance is said to work well in a current so slow even as two miles an hour.

The excitement over gold in Alaska will bring thousands and thousands of men, many of whom will for the first time see the great natural advantages of the farming country and not go to the Yukon at all, stopping to plant their own vines and fig trees, under which they will repose in comfort and happiness, while the goldhunters suffer the hardships and uncertainties of the chase for sudden affluence.

In speaking of the proposed enterprise a prominent business man said recently:

"Many will go up the Alaska coast and return to Oregon and Washington to make their homes. Still others will go to the gold fields and then return to engage in more sober pursuits. Practically all will have to pass through the northwest country, and the trip will educate them. A new era is opening for these states, and the far-seeing and energetic ones are preparing to meet the new conditions. Prosperity and progress are not in the dim distance, but are at the door, and it is common sense and business sagacity to take these steps for opening and developing the resources of the country."

Northwest Notes.

A Coos county paper says that there are a number of Chinese pheasants in the vicinity of Remote, in that county. The close of 1897 witnessed an improvement in Olympia trade of at least 25 per cent over the corresponding period of 1896. Garfield has shipped more than 20 carloads of apples to the mining camps this season, besides large quantities of pears and other fruits.

Professor F. L. Washburn, biologist at the university of Oregon, has for some time been in correspondence with the commissioner of fish and fisheries at Washington, D. C., to secure an additional lot of Eastern oysters for Yaquina bay, and has just received word from Commissioner Brice to the effect that no more oysters can be supplied until further developments are made in the plant already located. Professor Washburn is of the opinion that the oysters already planted will thrive, and feels in no way discouraged.

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COULDN'T MAKE IT.

The bull that tried to butt down a bridge, and the goat that tackled an anvil, couldn't make it, and were knocked out, bruised and bleeding. From such bruises down to pin-head blue spots they are curable, easily and surely. The men who get the worst bruises always get the best cure. They make it every time. There are right ways and wrong ways of doing things, as the bull and the goat found out. The best cure for a bruise is St. Jacobs Oil. The right way to cure is to use it and find out.

Blind fishes, two inches long, similar to those found in the Mammoth cave, have been taken from a well belonging to Mrs. Jennie Bristen, at Russellville, Ky.

DESTRUCTIVE STORMS ALONG THE COAST.

Reports of maritime disasters along the coast come in thick and fast. People who "go down to the sea in ships" should bear in mind one thing in particular, namely, that it is highly desirable to take along a supply of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a remedy for sea sickness, nausea, dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation, malaria, nervousness and kidney trouble, all succumb to its beneficent and speedy action.

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Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, gave a pardon to Ralph Wintersgill, a life prisoner, on Christmas day, which was promptly refused. Wintersgill is now 70 years old, and has served 30 years. In declining the pardon he said the state had unfitted him for life, and that he did not care to go back in his old age to a world that had forgotten him and preferred that the state should continue to care for him to the end.

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