

SHARP ADVANCE POTATO MARKET LATE LAST WEEK

CONDITIONS POINT TO STEADIER PRICE LEVELS SAYS THE PACKER

Washington Acreage Shows Decrease Due to Increased Sugar Beet Acreage in West.

The firmer tendencies which developed in the Chicago potato market late last week were carried out during this week with the price levels seeking a sharply higher basis almost daily the latter part of the week, according to The Packer of Kansas City, Missouri, of Sunday. An improved local and outside demand, and a pronounced reduction in the number of cars held on track, were determining factors in the improved tone. Another feature entering into the situation was the possible prospect of a railroad tie-up and possible embargoes on perishables which gave impetus to the buying of anything that was in sight for early movement.

Minnesota is now shipping early stock quite freely and will have a good run for the next week or so before the first early stock starts to move out of Wisconsin. From reports the early stock coming in is of about average quality with some of it more or less immature.

Tuesday Minnesota sacked field run Early Ohio brought \$3.50 @ 3.80 per cwt.; Kansas, Missouri and Illinois Early Ohio, field run, \$3.70 @ 3.90; California long whites, field run \$3.85 @ 4, and Eastern Cobblers \$8.25 for No. 1 barrels. Receipts were 30 cars and there were 109 cars on track at the beginning of the day's trading.

With the railroad situation presenting a more serious aspect and with receipts of but 21 cars and holdings on track reduced to 75, the potato market jumped from 35 to 50¢ per cwt. Wednesday with Minnesota Early Ohio quoted \$4.20 @ 4.25; Kansas and Missouri and Illinois Early Ohio \$4.25; California whites \$4.20 @ 4.35 and Eastern Cobblers \$9 per barrel.

On Thursday the market continued its rapid rise with Ohio from Minnesota and other states selling from \$4.60 to \$4.85 per cwt., California whites \$5 and Eastern Cobblers \$10 per barrel. Receipts were 15 cars and holdings on team track were reduced to 51 cars.

The market again continued its upward flight on Friday with early Ohio selling at \$5 and California whites at \$5.25. Eastern barrel stock moved at \$9 @ 9.25. There were absolutely no new arrivals Friday morning until after the morning trading was over when a few cars came in from the outer yards. The tracks are practically clean of unsold and unbroken cars and the supply is undoubtedly lower than it has been at this season for many years.

Minnesota Potato Market Active.
Minneapolis, Minn.—With light supplies and very good demand the potato market was strong this week and a little inclined to be bullish. Growers have not been digging lately as there has been too much rain and operators are going slow on account of the impending strike on the railroads. It is easily seen what the situation would be if an operator had ten or 15 cars rolling when a general strike was called.

The quality is not as good as it might be, there being quite a few that are dirty and scabby. Tuesday field run were bringing \$3.25 @ 3.45 per cwt. sacked.

Portland Prices Lower.
PORTLAND, Ore.—Increased offerings of new potatoes were shown in the local territory last week with unexpected lowering of values. Sales were made by growers recently as high as 2 3/4¢ a pound while the best prices obtainable later were around \$1.25 @ 1.40 per cwt. Sufficient stock is now coming for immediate requirements and the trend of the market appears easier.

Market Quiet in Boston.
BOSTON.—The potato market has been quiet, although high prices rule as receipts have been light. Eastern Shore stock has held at \$8 per barrel, but the season is declining and

Rhode Island and Long Island stock has been supplying the market with New Jersey potatoes. The latter have been selling mainly at \$6.50 per 150 pound bag and \$4.50 @ 4.65 per cwt.

Decrease in Potato Acreage.
OLMPIA.—The latest report of the state department on crop conditions indicates that there will be from 10 to 12 per cent decrease in the potato acreage for the state of Washington this year. The 1919 total is figured at 58,500 acres as compared with an average of 62,500 acres over the ten year period.

The Western Washington acreage will show an increase over the previous year's total, but the Yakima Valley and the Walla Walla section show decreases. These are partly attributed to the increased plantings of sugar beets, and partly to unfavorable weather in the spring which killed off some young stands that have not been replanted. The yield per acre promises to exceed that of 1918, however, with 89 per cent of a normal crop predicted as against 84 per cent last year.

While no complete record of the onion crop for this season is available as yet, it is evident that the Walla Walla section will beat the 1918 figures on both prices and quantity.

Efforts of the California potato growers to get their stock past the inspection rule for Washington were frustrated recently at Walla Walla, according to the inspector's report. A car of new California stock affected by tuber moth was condemned at Portland by the Oregon state inspectors, and the Southern owners routed it on to Walla Walla. Inspector Wood found it, however, and the contents of the car were condemned.

AMERICAN LIFE CONVENTION IN OMAHA, SEPTEMBER, 22-26

T. W. Blackburn of Omaha, Secretary-Treasurer and Counsel of the American Life Convention, which is national in scope, has just issued an attractive program for the Fourteenth Annual meeting of the convention. Men nationally prominent in life insurance will take part in the discussions. E. G. Simmons, Vice-President Pan American Life Insurance Co. of

New Orleans, is president of the American Life Convention and will preside. The legal section of the convention will meet two days, September 22 and 23, preceding the regular sessions. E. M. Grossman, General Counsel Central States Life Insurance Co., St. Louis, is chairman of the legal section and will preside over the meeting of this section. The American Life Convention membership is composed of 118 leading life insurance companies in thirty-six states, and is the largest insurance company organization in the world. The volume of risks carried by these companies is over four billion dollars, and assets \$600,000,000.

PROGRAM FOR STATE ASSN. OF THE DEAF COMPLETED

Dr. J. S. Long of Washington, D. C., President Gallaudet College Alumni Association, will attend the Nebraska State Association of the Deaf, which meets in Omaha, August 15-18, as one of the principal speakers, and will talk on "How the Deaf of Iowa Organized and Accomplished

Results." Henry W. Rothert, former Superintendent of the Iowa School for the Deaf, will speak on "My Experience with Methods of Educating the Deaf;" "Vital Problems Confronting the Nebraska Deaf" will be discussed by R. E. Stewart; Mayor

Ed. P. Smith will welcome the visitors, and Mr. Tom L. Anderson of Winden, Nebr., will respond to the Mayor's welcome.

Herald Want Ads Bring Results—Try one and be convinced.

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