

been buying many boxes at 75 cents. With the better prices at eastern and southeastern points it looks as though buying and shipping Yakima apples would prove a paying business just now. It should cost no more, or very little more, to ship to Denver, Omaha and Kansas City from North Yakima and other points along this portion of the N. P. line, than from Baker City.

Wet Wheat Rates.

The Northern Pacific directory has notified the traffic department that the 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c rate on wet wheat from the Palouse country, which was to expire on the 17th, has been extended to April 15, which will be welcome news to holders who have been unable so far to get their product to the depots.

North Yakima Lumber Market.

The stocks of lumber on hand at the North Yakima yards are not large but sufficient to meet the demand as new shipments are arriving daily from the Sound region. We quote the following as the retail rates.

Rough and sized, per M.	\$	13	00
No. 2 flooring and rustic		16	00
No. 1 flooring and rustic		20	00
No. 1 finish	20	00@24	00
Lath		2	50
Posts, each		10	
Wood, per cord		4	00

The Wool Market.

These are the latest quotations at San Francisco: Spring—California, year's fleece, 7@8c; do, six to eight months, 7@9c; do, foothill, 10@11c; do, Northern, 12@13c; do, extra Humboldt and Mendocino, 15@13; Nevada, choice and light, 12@14c; do, heavy, 8@10c; Oregon, Eastern, choice, 10@11c; do, Eastern, poor, 7 to 9c; do, valley, 12 to 14c. Fall—Free mountain, 6 to 8c; Northern, defective, 6 to 7c; Southern and San Joaquin, 3 to 5c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Cattle in good demand, top steers selling at \$4.35@4.65; Texas \$2.25@4 15. Hogs slow sales and lower; rough heavy \$4@4 50; prime heavy \$4.85@4 90; light \$4.90@5. Sheep steady with westerns at \$3@3.85.

HOP NEWS AND NOTES.

Our exchanges in the Puget Sound hop growing districts have little to say about sales or outlook. The markets are dull and few bales are changing hands. Prices are low and unsatisfactory to growers.

The last Waterville Times reports the hop market dull in central New York. The highest quotation given is 18 cents for choice, but most of the sales have not been above 16 cents. The Producers Price Current, N. Y. city, reports a further shrinkage of about one cent per pound. Best Pacifics bring but 21 cents; medium to prime grades 18 to 20 cents. Brewers are buying from hand to mouth and shippers but sparingly.

Work in the old yards in the Yakima district is being pushed with vigor. Poling and pruning are the order of the day. Regarding the local market nothing new is

to be reported. No sales are reported and buyers seem to have abandoned the field for the present. In fact, though, there is little for them to do as the number of bales in grower's hand is very limited. Quite a number kilns are being constructed and more will be begun later on. Wages in the hop fields range from \$20 to \$25 per month board included, but we

understand that these rates will be considerably lowered in the immediate future as a great many laborers are idle and more are arriving daily. Growers are disposed to be liberal with their workers but they feel that in these times of low prices for the producer of all kinds that labor must stand its share of the pressure.

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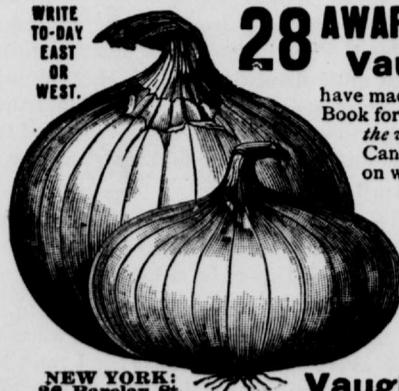
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