

Portland Dairy Produce.

Butter—Oregon fancy creamery, 20@22½c; fancy dairy, 15@17½c; fair to good, 12½@14c; common, 10c per lb; California, 30@40c per roll. Cheese—Young America, 12@15c; California flat, 11½@12c; Swiss, imported, 30@32c; domestic, 16@18c. Eggs—Oregon, 9@10c per dozen. Poultry—Chickens, old, \$3.50 per doz.; broilers, \$3.50@4.50; ducks, \$6 per doz.; geese, \$8; turkeys, live, 14@15c; dressed, 16@17c per lb.

Butter is lower at all Sound points; cheese unchanged.

San Francisco Wool.

Spring—Year's fleece, per pound, 5@7c; six to eight months, San Joaquin, poor, 5@6c; ditto fair, 7@9c; Oregon and Washington, heavy and dirty, 6@7c; good to choice, 7@10c; valley, 10@13c. Fall—Northern, defective, 5@6c; Southern and San Joaquin, 3@4c.

New York Wool.

Steady; domestic fleece, 19@25c; pulled, 20@28c.

The Hop Situation.

The hop vines in this part of the country have made rapid growth during the past week. Some damage was done by frost to the growing vines of the Moxee yards, but the effect will not be at all serious. Training the first time is over in many fields. Nearly all the yards are as clean as well kept gardens, and there seems to be a general determination to grow the crop for "all there is in it" this year. The good words of eastern and foreign dealers regarding the Yakima product are encouraging growers considerably, and we hear little talk nowadays about the danger of overproduction in this part of the state. Growers are beginning to believe that the Yakima output can hold its own in the markets of the world. As yet there is little of encouragement regarding prices. Buyers do not seem anxious to make investments, and growers make no advances in that direction. Old quotations hold in coast and eastern markets.

AROUND KENT.—It cannot be said that the cold, wet weather which has been such a marked characteristic of the past seven days has done the hops any good, although, according to L. A. Dow, no appreciable damage has resulted therefrom. Mr. Dow states that his hops could look no finer. The vines are nearly to the top of the poles, although the same cannot be said of the greater number of yards in this section. Mr. Dow's land is somewhat higher than other land in this vicinity, and his crop is usually two weeks earlier than that of his neighbors.—White River Journal.

AROUND BUCKLEY.—The weather during the past week has been gloomy and rainy in western Washington, so

that the growth of the vine has been slow as compared with the previous week's growth, but farmers aver that their yards are doing equally as well, if not better than at this time last year. Reports from the yards in the Puyallup valley and in the Yakima country are very encouraging.—Banner.

AROUND PUYALLUP.—Joe Meeker and Joe Fernandez finished training the first time yesterday. E. M. Dana has a yard to be proud of. He has extended his acreage this year, is paying especial attention to the cultivation, and is now twining. E. Meeker & Co.'s hops are in fine condition, cultivation well under way, poles all trimmed, the vines more advanced than last year, and not a louse to be seen yet. The vines are from four to eight feet high. Moxie Wasmund, who is managing his father's hop ranch at Alderton, reports the vines in fine condition, with but few lice. Training has begun in most of the yards in that section.—Citizen, May 11.

WASHINGTON WEATHER AND CROPS.

Director Alciatore, of the Washington state weather service, reports dry and cold for the eastern part of the state. During the early part of the week the temperatures were as low as 32 degrees, with several pretty general frosts. At Kiona potatoes, tomatoes and corn were injured. In the extreme eastern counties light showers were reported. In portions of Spokane county the ground is so cold that seed does not germinate readily. Squirrels are doing considerable damage in portions of Garfield county. Wheat

makes slow progress in eastern Washington. The fruit crop was not materially hurt by the frosts of the 9th and 10th.

Cold and cloudy in western Washington. Frosts did considerable injury to plums, prunes and cherries in Lewis and Clark counties; some of the gardens also were stricken. The snowfall was light, but sunshine was scarce also, and vegetation made slow growth. Farm work made little progress. Pastures are in good condition.

As we go to press, we are just in receipt of conclusion of contract by which the Washington State Weather Reporter, conducted by Director Alciatore at Seattle, will soon become a regular department of THE RANCH, still continuing under the editorship of Director Alciatore. Full particulars next week.

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