

**MARKET REPORT.**

**JOBGING PRICES.**

Potatoes—\$40@50.  
Hides, Pelts and Wool—Heavy salted steers, over 60 lbs, 8c; medium, per lb, 7c; light, under 56 lbs, 7c; cows, all weights, 7c; salted kips, 7c; calf, per lb, 7@8c; green hides, 1c less than salted; dry hides, per lb, 11@12c; dry culls, one-third less; sheep pelts, 25@90c; shearling, 15c; tallow, 2½@3c.  
Wool—We quote Western Washington fleece, 10@12c; Eastern Washington fleece, 8@9c.

**PAYING PRICES.**

Eggs are 17½c.  
Butter—Ranch, 12c; native creamery, 16@17c.  
Cheese is 11½@12c.  
Live Poultry—Chickens, 14@15c.  
Live stock—Choice beef cattle, cows, 4c; steers, 4½@5c; choice sheep, 4½@5c; good hogs, live, 4¼c; hogs, dressed, 6½@7c; calves, dressed, large, 8c; small, 10c; calves, live, large, 6c; small, 8c.

**HAY AND GRAIN.**

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$13; Eastern Washington timothy and wild hay mixed, \$9; Eastern Washington clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$6.50@8; Puget Sound, \$6@7.50.  
Oats—No. 1 stock, \$28.  
Chicken feed wheat, No. 1, \$21.  
Wheat—Export, No. 1 club, 59c; milling, No. 1 club, 60c; No. 1 bluestem, 62c.  
Hops—Medium, 12c; prime, 14c.  
**PORTLAND.**  
Wheat—Walla Walla, 59c; valley, 58c; bluestem, 62c.

A meeting of farmers of the Yakima valley has been called for Saturday the 17th at Yakima, at which time it is proposed to effect a permanent organization of the Yakima County Milk Producers' Association.

W. H. Babcock, the successful wheat rancher of Eureka Flat, and who is known as the wheat king of the state, has purchased the well known Helm band of horses, with the intention of making horse raising a specialty. This lot of horses is very well bred, and of the sort that are coming into good demand. Mr. Babcock has shown good judgment in his investment, and from the present outlook he will make a fine profit on them. He has also bought 40,000 acres of railroad land on the Columbia river, which he is enclosing. Mr. Helm, the well known horse breeder of Kittitas county, has engaged in the mule raising business. He has recently imported several fine jacks from the east.

**BUTTER FROM ALFALFA.**

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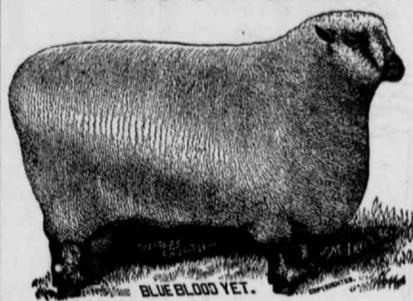
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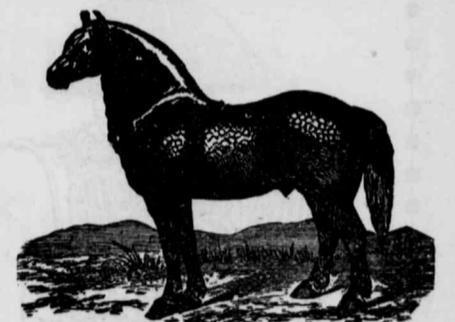
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