# COMMERCIAL.

## Another Quiet Day in the San Francisco Produce Market.

### Wheat Firm, With Light Offerings—Barley Dull and Inactive—Fruit Affected by the Late Rains.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18, 1892.

To-day was another quiet one for the local markets. Wheat in the spot market continues firm, with light offerings. Options were dull, only 1,000 tons of Wheat changing hands. The Eastern market was weaker to-day, which had some effect on the ardor of local speculators. Of the 1,000 tons sold, 600 tons were buyer December, at $1 36¾, and 400 May delivery, at from $1 40½ to $1 40⅝.

Barley was dull and inactive, as far as the spot market was concerned, but on call was strong, 1,000 tons being sold—800 tons December at 90 cents, 100 tons May at 94½ cents, and 100 tons October at 87 cents.

Oats are steady. Corn has declined and is weak at quotations. Feed Cornmeal and Cracked Corn are also less in value.

Butter continues very weak, with slight changes noted. Cheese is steady as yet. Choice Ranch Eggs are somewhat lighter in receipts, with a fairly artive inquiry.

Potatoes for shipping purposes are in good inquiry. Onions are firm. Garden Truck of all kinds is weak.

Considerable of the fruit which arrived this morning was affected by the late rains, more especially Grapes. Receipts were not extra large, and the market was fairly active. Strawberries and Raspberries sold for $10 ₱ chest.

Poultry is unchanged except for Pigeons, which are a little higher.

Game sold better to-day, for some kinds higher prices being realized.

#### Cereals.

WHEAT—No. 1 Shipping, $1 32½@1 33¾; choice, $1 33¾@1 35; milling, $1 37½.

BARLEY—Feed, 80@82½c; choice, 85@87½c; No. 1 Brewing, 97½@$1 00.

OATS—Fair to good White, $1 15@1 25; choice to fancy, $1 30@1 37½; off lots, $1 05@1 15; milling, $1 30@1 37½; Surprise, $1 40@1 45; Black, $1 10@1 25; Gray, $1 20@1 25.

CORN—Yellow, large, $1 12½@1 15; small, $1 20@1 22½; White, $1 32½@1 37½.

RYE—We quote: $1 15@1 16¾.

#### Other Cereals, Etc.

The market is quoted as follows:

BRAN—$15@15 50 ₱ ton.

MIDDLINGS—$22@23 ₱ ton.

ROLLED BARLEY—$21@22 ₱ ton.

FEED CORNMEAL—$27 50@28 50 ₱ ton.

CRACKED CORN—$28@29 ₱ ton.

FLOUR—Net cash prices: Family Extra, $4@4 25 ₱ bbl; Bakers' Extra, $4@4 15; Shipping, superfine, $2 75@3.

BEANS—Pea, $2 50@2 65 ₱ ctl; Pink, $2 20@2 30; Bayos, $2 10@2 20; Small White, $2 40@2 60; large do, $2 30@2 40; Butter, $3; Red, $2 25@2 50; Lima, $3@3 15.

SEEDS—Rape, 2¼@2½c ₱ lb; Hemp, 5c; Canary, 4½@5c for imported; do California, nominal; Flax, 2¼@2½c; Alfalfa, nominal; Mustard, 4@4½c for yellow and 3¼@3½c for brown.

HOPS—18@21c ₱ lb.

STRAW—35@45c ₱ bale.

HAY—We quote as follows: Clover, $8@9 50; Alfalfa, $7 50@9; Wheat, $7@13; Wheat and Oat, $7 50@11 50; Barley, $6@8; Island (Sacramento River) do, $5@6; Oat, $8@9 ₱ ton.

#### Dairy Produce.

BUTTER—We quote: Fancy Creamery, 36½@37½c; Fancy Dairy, 33@36c; good to choice 27½@29c; Common to fair, 17@24c; Pickled Roll, 24@26c; Keg, 22½@25c ₱ lb.

CHEESE—The market is quoted as follows: Skim, 3@5c; California, ¾@10c; California, new, 10½@11½c; Young America, 11@12c; New York Cream, 13@13½c; Western, 12@12½c.

EGGS—Choice Store, 32@35c ₱ doz; Choice Ranch, 37½@40c; Eastern, 23@25c for fair to good and 27½c for extra selected.

HONEY—White Extracted, —@8c; Light Amber, 7@7½c; Comb, 1-lb frames, 10@13c; do, 2-lb, 9@13½c.

BEESWAX—From 25@27c ₱ lb.

#### Vegetables.

GARDEN TRUCK—We quote as follows: Green Peppers, Chiles, 30@40c ₱ box; Bell Peppers, 30@40c; Egg Plant, 40c for large boxes; Cucumbers, 30@40c ₱ box; Summer Squash, 40@60c; Tomatoes, 20@40c ₱ box; Cabbage, 40@45c ₱ ctl; Feed Carrots, 40@60c; Turnips, 60@65c; Beets, 60c; Parsnips, 1½c ₱ lb; Garlic, 2@2½c ₱ lb; Green Corn, $1@1 25 ₱ sack or box; Green Okra, 40@50c ₱ box; Lima Beans, 4½@5c ₱ lb; Marrowfat Squash, 15c ₱ 100 lbs; Cauliflower, 40@50c ₱ sack; String Beans, 2½@3c; Peas, 3½@4c.

ONIONS—Sales were made on the wharf at the following prices: Silverskins, 45@55c ₱ cwt.

POTATOES—We quote as follows from wharf: River Burbanks, 50@65c; Early Rose, 45@60c; Alameda and Salinas Burbanks, 85c@$1; Garnet Chiles, 60@70c; Peerless, 60@70c; Reds, 45@55c.

SWEET POTATOES—From wharf, 75c@1 12½ in sacks and boxes.

#### Fruit.

GREEN FRUITS—The market is quoted as follows, the range varying with quality: Pears, Bartletts, $1 50@1 75; Winter Nellis, 50c@$1; other grades, 35@75c; Red Plums, 65@85c; Peaches, Freestones, 75c@$1 25 ₱ box; Cling, 40@75c; Apples, 35c@$1; Cantaloupes, 40c@$1; Nutmegs, 25@50c ₱ crate; Watermelons, $6@8 ₱ 100; Raspberries, $8@10 ₱ chest; Strawberries, Sharpless, $8@10; Longworth, $8@10; Grapes, Sweetwater, 25@40c ₱ box; Black, 25@40c; Muscats, 25@50c; Tokays, 35@60c; Isabellas, 60c@$1 ₱ crate; Wine Grapes, $14@16 per ton; Figs, black, 40@75c; White, 50@75c; Huckleberries, 4@5c; Blackberries, $3 50@5 ₱ chest; Quinces, 65@85c ₱ box; Cranberries, $9 50@10 ₱ bbl; Pomegranates, 50@90c ₱ box.

CITRUS FRUITS—Lemons, Santa Barbara, $6@7 50; Sicily, $8 50@9; Mexican Limes, $4 50@5 50; Bananas, $1 25@2 25; Pineapples, $3 ₱ dozen; Mexican Oranges, $2 75@3 ₱ box.

DRIED FRUIT—The market is quoted as follows: Apples, evaporated, in boxes, 8@10c ₱ lb; sundried, sliced, 4@4½c; do quarters, 4@4½c; Peaches, bleached, 10@12c; do sundried, 6@8c; Apricots, bleached, Royal, 12½@13½c; do Moorpark, 14@15c; Prunes, ungraded, 9c; four sizes, 9½c; futures on Grapes, 2½c; Pears, sliced, 6@9c; do evaporated, 8@10c; Figs, pressed, 6@8c; unpressed, 3@4c; Plums, pitted, 9@10c; unpitted, 3@4c; Nectarines, Red, 10@11c; do White, 11@12c.

RAISINS—We quote: London-layers, $1 65@1 70 ₱ box; loose Muscatel, 3-crown, $1 30; do unfaced, $1 25; bags, 3-crown, 5c ₱ lb; do 2-crown, 4c; Seedless Muscatel, 5c; Wine Grapes, 3¾c; Sultanas, 7@7½c.

#### Poultry.

We quote: Hens, $6@7 ₱ dozen; Old Roosters, $6@6 50; Young, $4@6; Broilers, large, $4; small, $2 50@3; Ducks, $4@6 50; Geese, $1 75@2 ₱ pair; Turkeys, Hens, 17@18c ₱ lb; Gobblers, 18@20c; Pigeons, young, $2@2 50 ₱ dozen; old, $1 50@1 75.

GAME—Wild Ducks: Mallard, $4@4 50 ₱ doz; Sprig, $2@2 50; Teal, $1 50@1 75; small Ducks, $1 50; Gray Geese, $2 50; Quail, $1 25 ₱ doz; Hare, $1 50 ₱ doz; English Snipe, $2 ₱ doz; Jack Snipe, $1.

#### Live Stock.

The market is quoted as follows:

BEEF—Steers, first quality, 4½@5c; second, 3½@4c; third, 2½@3c; Cows and Heifers, 3½@4c.

CALVES—Heavy, 4½@5½c; light, 6½@7½c.

MUTTON—Wethers, 6½@7c ₱ lb; Ewes, 6@6½c.

LAMB—From 7@8c ₱ lb.

PORK—Hogs on foot, hard, grain-fed, heavy average, 4¾c ₱ lb; medium, 4½@4¾c; feeders, 4¼@4½c.

#### Provisions.

The market is quoted as follows:

BACON—Eastern Breakfast Bacon, 12@13c ₱ lb; California Smoked Bacon, heavy and medium, 11½@12c; light, 12½@13c; extra light, 13@14c; Bacon, clear, sides, 11c.

HAM—Eastern Sugar-cured Hams, 13½@14c ₱ lb; California Hams, 13@13½c.

LARD—Eastern, compound tierces, 7½@8c; Eastern, pure, 10-lb pails, 12c; 5-lb pails, 12½c; 3-lb pails, 12¾c; half-bbls, Eastern, 10¾c; California, compound tierces, 7@7½c; compound, half-bbls, 7½@8c; California, pure, 10-lb and 5-lb pails, 9@10c.

PORK—Extra Prime, $14@14 50 ₱ bbl; Prime Mess, $15@15 50; Mess, $19@20; Extra Clear, $21@22; Clear, $20@21; Pigs' Feet, $12 50; half-bbls, $6 50.

BEEF—Mess, $7 50@8 ₱ bbl; Extra Mess, $8 50@9; Family, $11@11 50; Extra do, $12 50@13; California Smoked, 10½@11c.

## SACRAMENTO MARKET.

### The Late Rain Has a Damaging Effect on Grapes.

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 18th.

The late rain had a very damaging effect on Grapes, and at present writing there are no choice to be had. The season is now so far advanced that there is little prospect from this on of securing any good quality except in small quantities. Apples are plentiful, but the quality is of the lower grades. Receipts of Quinces are large, with little inquiry. There is no demand whatever for Watermelons and Cantaloupes, and dealers report that the stocks on hand will be almost a total loss. A very good quality of mountain Pears are in market, and meet with ready sale. Dried Fruit is showing up well, and bring good figures. Pealed Peaches, however, are very scarce.

Poultry is coming in more freely, though the demand holds up well and prices remain firm. There are enough Ranch Eggs in market to meet all present wants, yet 40c per dozen continues to rule. Butter continues firm, with little prospect of decline in rates until grass begins to grow.

Wild Game is not so plentiful as last week, Hare, Geese and common Ducks being the only varieties coming in in anything like free supplies. Hunters seem to have quit hunting Quail, saying it does not pay. Large Ducks, such as Mallards and Canvasbacks, are not to had at any price, but few of either having been killed in this section since the season opened.

Garden stuffs remain about the same, plenty of all varieties in market, with no change in quotations.

#### Retail Prices.

Following are the prices asked by retailers for the various articles mentioned:

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, fancy, $1 25@1 50 ₱ box; choice, $1@1 20; cooking, 75c@$1; Pears, $1 25@1 50; Grapes, 50@60c ₱ box; Coe's Late Plums, $1 ₱ box; Quinces, $1 25 ₱ box; Peaches, $1 ₱ box; Cantaloupes, 10c each; Watermelons, 10@15c each; Cranberries, new crop, 60c ₱ gal; Raspberries, 15c ₱ basket; Strawberries, 20c ₱ basket.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 10c ₱ lb; Peaches, 12½c; Apples, 10c; Plums, 12½c; Prunes, 12½c; Pears, —c; Nectarines, 10c; Raisins, 10c; Grapes, 10c; Figs, 10c.

CITRUS FRUITS—Limes—Mexican, 10c ₱ dozen; Bananas, 35c ₱ dozen, Cocoanuts, 10c each; Mexican Oranges, 60c ₱ dozen; Los Angeles, 20c; Pineapples, 35c each; California Lemons, 45c ₱ dozen; Sicily, 50c ₱ dozen; Australian Lemons, 40c ₱ dozen.

DAIRY PRODUCE—Ranch Butter, 25@30c ₱ lb; Valley, ₱ roll, 70c; Fancy Petaluma, 80c; California Creamery, 80c; Eastern Creamery, 27½c ₱ lb; Firkin, 25@27c ₱ lb; Pickle Roll, 50c ₱ roll. Cheese—California, 12½ ₱ lb; Young America, 15c; Eastern Creamery, 20c; Limburger, 20c; genuine Swiss, 40c; American, 25c; Martin's Creamery, 20c.

EGGS—Ranch, 40c ₱ dozen; Eastern, fresh 35c ₱ dozen; cold storage, 20c ₱ dozen.

POULTRY — Turkeys — Live, 20c ₱ lb; dressed, 22c; Chickens — Hens, $7 50 ₱ dozen; 65@75c each; Roosters, $5 50 ₱ dozen; 60@70c each; Large Spring, $5 50@6 50 ₱ dozen; 60@65c each; medium Springs, $4 50@5 ₱ dozen; 50@55c each; Broilers, $4 ₱ dozen; 40@50c each; Tame Ducks, $6@6 50 ₱ dozen; 65@75c each; Geese, $1 25 each.

GAME—Hare, 35c ₱ pair; Rabbits, 40c ₱ pair; Squirrels, 35c ₱ pair; Pigeons, $2 ₱ dozen; Quail, $1 50; Doves, 75c; Larks, 50c; Plover, $1; English Snipe, $2 50; Ducks—Mallards, 75c ₱ pair; Canvasbacks, $1 25; Teal, 35c; Widgeon, 40c; Sprigs, 50c; Common, 30c; Gray Geese, 75c; Brant, 50c; White, 40c.

VEGETABLES — Onions, 2c ₱ lb; Red Onions, 2½c; Cabbage, 1½c ₱ lb; Bunch Vegetables, 12½c ₱ doz; Sprouts, 8c ₱ lb; Yellow Preserving Tomatoes, 35c ₱ box; Squash, 1c ₱ lb; Horseradish, 12½c ₱ lb; Garlic, 5c; Dried Peppers, 20c ₱ lb; Cauliflower, 10c ₱ head; Peas, 8c ₱ lb; String Beans, 5c ₱ lb; Wax Beans, 5c ₱ lb; Lima Beans, 8c ₱ lb; Shell Beans, 6c ₱ lb; Summer Squash, 2½c ₱ lb; Marrowfat Squash, 2c ₱ lb; Cucumbers, 10c ₱ dozen; Green Peppers, 5c ₱ lb; Tomatoes, 35c ₱ box; Green Corn, 20@25c ₱ dozen; Green Peppers, 5c ₱ lb; Egg Plant, 5c ₱ lb; Bay Lettuce, 3 for 10c; Okra, 5c ₱ lb; Artichokes, 40c ₱ dozen; Yellow Crookneck Squash, 5c ₱ lb; new Hubbard Squash, 2c ₱ lb; Celery, 10c ₱ bunch; Green Onions, 2 bunches for 5c; Pickle Onions, 2½c ₱ lb; Mushrooms, 25c ₱ lb.

POTATOES — Salinas Burbanks, $1 25 ₱ sack; Early Rose, new, 75c ₱ sack; Fancy Snowflakes, 95c@$1; Peerless, 85c ₱ cwt; Oregon Burbanks, $1 ₱ sack; River Burbanks, 90c ₱ sack; Centennials, 80@85c; River Reds, 75c ₱ sack; Sweets, 2c ₱ lb.

MEATS — Beef, prime Rib roast, 12½c; Chuck roast, 10c; Rump, 8c; Brisket, 8c; Corned Beef, 8c; Porterhouse Steak, 15c; Loin Steak, 12½c; Round Steak, 10c, Chuck, 10c; Veal—Loin and Rib chops, 15c; Roast Veal, 12½c. Mutton — Leg, 10c; Loin and Rib Chops, 12½c; Mutton Stew, 8c; Shoulder Chops, 10c. Pork—Roast or Chops, 12½c; Corned Pork, 12½c; Sausages, 12½c; Vienna Sausages, 15c; Bacon, 14@16c; Ham, 14@16c.

LARD—Eastern, 12½c; California, 10@12½c ₱ lb.

BREADSTUFFS — Flour, $4 25 ₱ bbl; $1 10 for 50-lb sacks; $2 15 for 100-₱ sacks, Oatmeal, 10-lb sacks, 40c; Cornmeal, 10-lb sacks, 30c; Cracked Wheat, 10-lb sacks, 35c; Hominy, 10-lb sacks, 40c; Graham Flour, 10-lb sacks, 30c; Buckwheat, 10-lb sacks, 50c; Rye, 35c ₱ 10-lb sack.

HAY AND GRAIN—Hay, Oat, 60@65c ₱ cwt; Wheat, 60@65c; second quality, 55c; Alfalfa, 55@60c; White Wild Oats, $1 15@1 25; Ground Barley, $1 15; Feed Oats, $1 60@1 85; Middlings, $1 10; Bran, 95c; Straw, 60@70c.

SEEDS—Alfalfa, 15c ₱ lb; Timothy, 10c; Popcorn, ears, 10c; Popcorn, shelled, 10c; Red Clover, 20c; Red Top, 10c.

#### Rates to Producers.

Following are the prices to producers of the various articles mentioned:

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, 65c@$1 ₱ box; Peaches, 50@65c ₱ box; Coe's Late Plums, 50c ₱ box; Pears, $1@1 25; Watermelons, 75c@$1 ₱ doz; Cantaloupes, 35@50c ₱ doz; Muskmelons, 60c ₱ doz; new Cranberries, $11 50 ₱ bbl; Grapes, 35c ₱ box; Prunes, 60@90c ₱ box; Quinces, $1 ₱ box. Fancy grades of fruit may be quoted at about 35 per cent. advance over above prices.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 6@7c ₱ lb; Peaches, 9@10c; Apples, 5@8c; Plums, pitted, 8@9c; Prunes, 9@10c; Pears, 4@5c; Nectarines, 7@8c; Raisins, $1 50 ₱ box; Figs, 5c; Grapes, 7c.

CITRUS FRUITS—Limes, Mexican, $5 ₱ box; Bananas, $2 25 ₱ bunch; Cocoanuts, 7c each; Oranges—Mexican, $5 ₱ box; Pineapples, $4 50 ₱ doz; Lemons—California, $7 50 ₱ box; Sicily, $8@9.

DAIRY PRODUCE—Butter—Valley, 28@30c ₱ lb; Fancy Petaluma, 37½c; Eastern Creamery, 23@25c; Firkin, 20c; Pickle Roll, 25c. Cheese—California, 8c; Young America, 9c; Eastern Creamery, 12c; Limburger, 15c; Genuine Swiss, 29c; American Swiss, 18c; Martin's Creamery, 13c.

EGGS—Ranch, 35c ₱ doz; Eastern, 25c ₱ doz.

POULTRY—Turkeys—Live Hens, 13c ₱ lb; Gobblers, 15c. Chickens, Hens, $6@6 50 ₱ doz; Roosters, $5; Broilers, $3@3 50; Large Spring Chickens, $4 50@5 50; Tame Ducks, $5; Geese, $1 50 ₱ pair.

GAME—Hare, 25c ₱ pair; Rabbits, 20c ₱ pair; Squirrels, 20c ₱ pair; Pigeons, $1 50 ₱ dozen; Quail, $1 25; Doves, 50c; Larks, 35c; Plover, 75c; English Snipe, $1 50. Ducks—Mallards, 60c ₱ pair; Canvasbacks, 90c@$1; Teal, 25c; Widgeon, 30c; Sprigs, 40c; Common, 25c; Gray Geese, 50c; Brant, 20c; White, 25c.

VEGETABLES—Onions—Silverskins, 65@75c; Red, 50@65c; Pickle, 1½@2c; Cabbage, Flat Dutch, 50@60c ₱ dozen; Savoy, 75c ₱ dozen; Red, 1c ₱ lb; Carrots, 60c ₱ sack; Beets, 75c ₱ sack; Turnips, 60c ₱ sack; Horseradish, 8c ₱ lb; bunch Vegetables, 8c ₱ dozen; Garlic, 3c; Dried Peppers, 10c; Cauliflower, 50c ₱ dozen; Peas, 4c; String Beans, 2c; Wax Beans, 2c; Lima Beans, 4c; Summer Squash, ½c; Hubbard Squash, ¾c ₱ lb; Cucumbers, 3c ₱ dozen; Tomatoes, ¾c ₱ lb; Green Corn, 15c ₱ dozen; Egg Plant, 3c; Green Peppers, 2½c ₱ lb; Lettuce, 25c ₱ dozen; Celery, 40c ₱ dozen; Shell Beans, 3c ₱ lb; Okra, 5c; Yellow Crookneck, 2c; Spinach, 3c ₱ lb; Green Onions, 10c; Yellow Tomatoes, 2c ₱ lb; Artichokes, 50c ₱ dozen.

POTATOES—Early Rose, 50@60c ₱ cwt; Peerless, 50@70c; Oregon Burbanks, $1 ₱ sack; River Burbanks, 65@75c ₱ sack; Centennials, 65c ₱ ctl; Salinas Burbanks, choice stock, $1 25; River Reds, 50c ₱ sack; Fancy Snowflakes, 65@75c; Sweets, $1 ₱ cwt.

MEATS—Beef 5@6c ₱ lb; Mutton, 8c; Lamb, 9@10c; Veal, large, 5@7c; large, dressed, 7@7½c; Hogs, 5½c; dressed Pork, 7@8c; Hams, Eastern, 10@12½c ₱ lb; California, 10@12½c; Bacon, 10@12½c.

BEADSTUFFS—Flour, $4 ₱ bbl; Oatmeal, 10-lb sacks, 3½c ₱ lb; $3 35 ₱ 100-lb sacks. Cornmeal—White, $2 25 ₱ 100-lb sacks; Yellow, $2 25 ₱ 100-lb sacks; Cracked Wheat, $2 35 ₱ 100-lb sacks; Graham, $2 ₱ 100-lb sacks.

HAY AND GRAIN—Oat Hay, $9@10 ₱ ton; Wheat, $9@10; second quality, $8@9; Alfalfa, $8@10; Wheat, whole, $1 25 ₱ cwt; Barley, $2½@90c; White Wild Oats, $1@1 15; Corn, $1 25@1 50; Bran, $17 ₱ ton; Middlings, $20 ₱ ton; Ground Barley, $1 05 ₱ cwt; Straw, 40@50c ₱ bale.

SEEDS — Alfalfa, $11 ₱ cwt; Timothy, $6 50; Popcorn, ears, $2 75; shelled, $3 50; Red Clover, $16; Red Top, $6.

NUTS—Chile Walnuts, new, 10@11c; California Walnuts, 9@10c; Almonds, new, 11@13c; Peanuts, California, 5@6c; Eastern, 7@7½c.

CANNED GOODS—Jobbing rates are as follows: Assorted Table, $1 60@1 75; Apples, $1 60; Apricots, $1 60; Blackberries, $1 90@1 95; Cherries, $2@2 50; Currants, $2 25; Gooseberries, $1 95@2; Muscat Grapes, $1 40@1 50; Plums, $1 40@1 45; Quinces, $1 70@1 75; Strawberries, $2 30; Raspberries, $2 60@2 65; Peaches, $1 80@1 90.

HIDES AND SKINS—Jobbing rates are as follows: Wet Salted Hides—Heavy Steers, 7c ₱ lb; Medium Steers, 6c; Light Steers, 4c; Cows, 4c; Kip, 3¾c; Veal, 5c; Calf, 6½c; Culls, about 25 per cent. lower. Dry Hides—Sound Hides, 9c; do Culls, 6c; Dry Kip, 9c; Culls, 6c; Deer Skins, Summer Skins, 37½c; Medium Skins, 30@32½c; Winter and Longhair Skins, 20@25c. Goat Skins—Prime Skins, 30@50c; Damaged Skins, 10@25c; Kids, 50@10c. Sheep Skins—Long Wool, 96c@$1 40; Medium Wool, 70@90c; Short Wool, 40@70c; Shearlings, 10@25c.

## CALIFORNIA FRUITS.

### Prices Realized at Yesterday's Sales in Eastern Cities.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—The Porter Brothers Company sold three cars of California fruit to-day at auction. Double-crate Tokay Grapes, $2 30 to $3 40; half-crate Tokay Grapes, 70c to $1 55; half-crate Muscat Grapes, 65c to $1 70; half-crate Cornichon Grapes, $1 35 to $1 40; double-crate Cornichon Grapes, $2 35; Bartlett Pears, $3 30 to $3 50; Bartlett Pears in crates, $1 65 to $1 80; Pears, $2 20 to $3 55; Verdell Grapes, $1 10; Diel Pears, $3 10; Glout Morceau Pears, $2 80 to $3 15.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—The Earl Fruit Company sold California fruit at auction to-day as follows: Full crates Tokay Grapes, $2 95 to $3 30; half crates Tokay Grapes, $1 10 to $1 40; full crates Muscat Grapes, $2 65; half crates Muscat Grapes, $1 10 to $1 25; half crates Black Morocco Grapes, $1 60; Glout Morceau Pears, $3 15; Winter Nellis Pears, $2 35 to $2 95; Beurre D'Aremcon Pears, $2 50; Easter Beurre Pears, $2 35; Quinces, $1 30; Salway Peaches, $1 25 to $1 60.

AT NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The Porter Brothers Company sold four cars California fruit to-day at auction: Double-crate Tokay Grapes, $2 70 to $2 80; single-crate Tokay Grapes, 90c to $1 70; single-crate Muscat Grapes, 50c to $1 80 Emperor Grapes, $1; Black Ferrara Grapes, 75c to 95c; Black Morocco Grapes, 75c to $1 30; Coe's Late Red Plums, $2 03; Salway Peaches, 75c to $1 35; Hillyeau Peaches, $1 85 to $2 05; Cling Peaches, $1 05; Pears, $1 to $3 10; Quinces, $1 70 to $2 30.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The Earl Fruit Company sold California fruit at auction to-day, realizing prices as follows: Tokay Grapes, $3 to $3 90 per crate; half-crates Tokay Grapes, $1 10 to $1 95; half-crates Cornichon Grapes, $1 65 to $1 70; Winter Nellis Pears, $3 per box; Quinces, $1 90 per box.

## SAN FRANCISCO STOCK MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 18, 1892.

MORNING SESSION.

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| Alpha | 30c | Lady Wash | 15c |
| Andes | 50c | Mexican | 1 55@1 50 |
| Belcher | 3 10@3 15 | Mono | 30c |
| Benton | 1 25 | Mt. Diablo | 1 00 |
| B. & B. | 1 80 | Ophir | 2 70 |
| Bullion | 70c | Overman | 65c |
| Challenge | 80c | Potosi | 1 00 |
| C. C. & V. | 3 45@3 50 | Savage | 1 00 |
| C. Point | 1 35@1 40 | Seg. Belcher | 55c |
| Chollar | 80c | S. Nevada | 1 50 |
| Exchequer | 20c | S. Hill | 15c |
| G. & C. | 1 20 | Union | 1 25@1 30 |
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| Kentuck | 15c | Y. Jacket | 1 30 |

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| Belcher | 3 20@3 25 | Mexican | 1 50 |
| B. & B. | 1 75@1 80 | Nev. Q. | 10c |
| Belle Isle | 10c | Ophir | 2 65 |
| Bullion | 75c | Overman | 65c |
| Caledonia | 25c | Potosi | 1 10 |
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| C. Point | 1 40@1 45 | S. Nevada | 1 65 |
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| G. & C | 1 15 | Utah | 20c |
| G. Prize | 10c | Y. Jacket | 1 35@1 40 |

## FRUIT DISTRIBUTION.

### Comments on the Plan Proposed by William H. Mills.

[Los Angeles Daily Times, October 16th.]

It is to be hoped that the project of fruit distribution which William H. Mills of the Southern Pacific has advanced, and which he advocated before the State Board of Trade last Tuesday, may be carried into effect. And if any man is capable of promoting this good work, Mr. Mills, in his double capacity of a public-spirited citizen and a trusted adviser of the railroad company, ought to be that man. The proposition is to establish such an equitable scale of freight tariffs as will allow the distribution of fruit in small or large consignments all along a trunk line with just as much advantage as to ship in large consignments to an Eastern terminal point. For example, it ought to be feasible to drop off any part of a carload desired at any intermediate point this side of Kansas City, St. Louis or Chicago, instead of shipping the entire carload to the trade center and then have a part of it shipped back along the same line to supply the jobbers. Not only would the consignor save the expense of double shipment if the new system could be inaugurated, but our fruit men would be brought into direct communication with jobbers all over the country, instead of being obliged to deal through the wholesale agent or consignee in the larger cities. This would make Los Angeles a real distributor instead of Chicago, St. Louis or other Eastern focal point. It would magnify our importance commercially, save to our producers a part of the extra commissions paid the wholesalers of the East, and cheapen the price of fruit somewhat for the consumer. All this would amount to a great stimulus to the fruit industry in this State, as it could not fail to increase the demand for our fruits and make fruit-growing more remunerative.

A better project for booming California could hardly be suggested, and we believe that in booming the State the great railroad companies would come in for their full share of the reward. In one of his lately published letters, Mr. Huntington urged the farmers of California to bid for cheaper railroad freights by increasing the quantity of their export products. Here is a chance for Mr. Huntington, the local dealers and the producers to work together to that end. If Mr. Huntington will adopt the plan proposed by Mr. Mills he will see how soon the fruit-growers of this State will come up to his requirements by doubling the tonnage of freight which they give him.

## MILLARD FILLMORE.

### How a New York Wool-Carder Became President.

There came a traveling preacher into Western New York State a good many years ago when Thomas Jefferson was President, and in one of his sermons he told the uncultured fathers and mothers who gathered in a little log cabin schoolhouse to hear him, that it was quite possible that some of them were the parents of a son who might some day himself hold the office which Jefferson then exercised. It was such preaching as this that revealed to the people of that day in part what this republic is, and how it is possible in it for even the humblest child to look forward to posts of honor and influence.

Of all that company who heard this preacher probably none would have been regarded as less likely ever to become President than a bare-footed little fellow who sat upon one of the benches and listened quite eagerly to the sermon of the preacher. For this little chap was absolutely poor. It did not seem likely that he would be able to get so much schooling as would serve him in the trade for which he was designed. He could only look forward, seemingly, to a life of drudgery. He was sure to be apprenticed either to some farmer or some tanner in that vicinity in the expectation that he would learn either to become a journeyman or a farmer's help.

The words which this little fellow heard from the preacher made a great impression on his mind. He did not believe that it would ever be possible for him to be President, but he was shrewd enough to see that if any boy might hope to gain that honor, certainly so humble a chap as he might also hope to better his condition.

When he was in his teens the boy was apprenticed to a wool-carder, and it was believed that he would make that his business for life. He was intelligent, industrious and his habits were very good, so that after he served his apprenticeship and became a journeyman, some of those who knew him thought that he might some day do so well as himself to control a little business of this sort. But those things which the preacher had said were constantly in his mind, so that he not only did his duties as a wool-carder well, but he spent his spare hours in reading and in study. Thus he taught himself many things which other lads more fortunate than he were able to learn in the schools.

One day this wool-carder, being now almost a man in years, happened to stray into a court-room, and there he heard a lawyer pleading a case before a jury, and then he said to himself (for he afterward told the story to a gentleman who repeated it to the writer): "Ah, this is the way for me to get along. I will get a law book and study it, and then I will get another, so that, perhaps, by and by I may become a lawyer myself. It is easier for a lawyer to gain political honor than for any one else." So the young man borrowed some law books and while he worked at wool-carding during the day he read these law books at night, and of the two tasks the reading was the harder, for there were many things which he did not understand. A lawyer who learned of his energy took compassion upon the young man and explained those things he did not understand to him. By and by after several years had passed this young man believed that he had learned enough of the law to justify him in asking to be admitted to the bar. He went before the Judge and the lawyers and they asked him his name.

"Millard Fillmore," he said.

"How long have you been reading law?"

"Several years." And he answered with some timidity, fearing that he would be told that he must study more before he could be admitted.

The lawyers were kind to him, however, and examined him, saying that he was well fitted to begin practice. And so the wool-carder became a lawyer, and nothing that ever came to him in the way of honor in his life, he afterward said, gave him such exquisite joy as when he saw his little sign, "Millard Fillmore, Law Office," hung from the door of his office. He began practice in Buffalo, in which city many years after another poor boy began the study of law, little dreaming that he should become President one day.

There was a political meeting in Buffalo during the campaign which first resulted in the election of Andrew Jackson for President. This meeting was held by those who were opposed to Jackson's election. There came into the hall where it was held a tall young man who was a stranger to most of those gathered there. He seemed to have come merely as a spectator, and he was with a friend. The speeches did not seem to interest this stranger greatly until a young man, tall, muscular, with a finely shaped head and a pleasing voice, although hesitating in his speech, began to speak. He seemed a little timid, for it was his first speech in a political gathering. But he had not uttered many sentences before the attention of this stranger was fixed upon him.

"Who is that young man?" said the stranger to his friend when the speech was finished.

"That is a young lawyer named Millard Fillmore, who used to be a wool-carder, and has only recently begun to practice law."

"Well, there is something in him," replied the stranger, "and I would like to meet him."

So it happened that within an hour this young speaker, Millard Fillmore, was presented to the stranger, whose name was Thurlow Weed, and that was the first meeting between one who was to become the most successful politician of his time and the man whom he was largely instrumental in bringing to the Presidency.

They chatted for an hour, each of them talking about his early struggles, and then Mr. Weed told young Fillmore that his party ought to send him to the New York Legislature. The young lawyer said that it would give him great joy to be elected, but he did not see how he could get the nomination.

"I think I can arrange that," said Mr. Weed, and he did. He saw the politicians and urged them to nominate young Fillmore, and they did so and elected him.

Thus Millard Fillmore began his political career at 28 years of age. In Albany he met Mr. Weed and another man who was to become very famous as a politician and a statesman and almost to attain the Presidency—Wm. H. Seward. From that time on, through the friendship of Mr. Weed and his own abilities, young Fillmore's progress was rapid. Mr. Weed helped him secure a nomination for Congress, and in less than fifteen years from the time when he was a wool-carder Mr. Fillmore was the Chairman of the most important committee in Congress, for it was the one which prepared the bills providing for the raising of money, and also at that time for the expenditure of it for the support of the Government.

Through Mr. Weed's efforts very largely Mr. Fillmore was nominated for Governor of New York, but he was beaten, a defeat which afterward brought him to the Presidency, for had he been elected Governor of New York he would not have been nominated for Vice President when General Taylor was nominated for President.

Of course Mr. Fillmore would not have been President had it not been for the death of General Taylor, but that does not detract from his ability or the success of his career. The little bare-footed boy who heard forty years before the preacher say that some of those who heard him might become President some day found in his own experience that this preacher had told the truth.

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