

Business Side of Farming.

LIBERAL PRODUCE MOVEMENT.

Marketing has very generally followed harvest operations on the farm, and early Dec finds a large part of the staple crops out of first hands.

Other farm staples are going into consumption at a good pace. Such crops as potatoes, onions and winter apples are not proving as burdensome as their liberal volume earlier suggested.

SWINE AT LOW PRICES.

Four-cent hogs have been very much in evidence at all markets of the middle west, and in fact the price has ruled but a small fraction above that point at Buffalo and Pittsburg.

The demand for fresh pork and product is relatively better on home account than for export. The stocks of provisions and cured meats generally are said to be smaller than usual at this time of year.

APPLES MOVING FREELY.

Now that the season for packing has closed, and much of the soft and inferior fruit out of the way, the undertone is steadier. Such heavy apple centers as N Y and Mich are shipping liberal quantities.

AN UNEVEN CATTLE MARKET.

This is the rule at all centers, fancy lots commanding prices of \$6 50 to \$7 75, and occasionally close to 7, while common heaves are plentiful and market weak.

The market as a whole is healthy, however, with an excellent demand for shipment to the east and abroad. A good many cattle are on feed in the central and middle states.

THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN PRODUCE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

The highest quotations of wholesale prices for standard grades of farm produce in the leading markets of the world on the dates named; poorer stuff lower.

Table with columns for various produce items (Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc.) and their prices in different markets (Boston, New York, Chicago, etc.).

† P cental. ‡ Pdz. § Estimated dressed wt.

The Depression in Wheat continued into Dec when the contract grade sold under 64c p bu at Chicago. There was the old cry of too much wheat in sight in this country and abroad.

Christmas Greens are meeting about the usual demand at this time of year, and prices so variable as to be scarcely quotable in our columns.

Cold Storage Eggs are coming upon the market rapidly, holders always endeavoring to push these out when price conditions warrant during late autumn and early winter.

American Wheat Flour is competing in Denmark with the home product, according to the dept of agri. During the fiscal year '93 our shipments of this article to Denmark were 61,000 bbls.

The Advance in Cotton has been well sustained, the market working to a level close to 5c p lb for the contract grade in northern trade centers.

Government Bonds at 2 1-2 Per Cent—A plan is on foot for refunding the natl debt, proposing to make a new issue of bonds at the phenomenally low rate of 2 1/2 per cent.

not been made public. A 2 per cent bond has been discussed, but it is objected that such could not be easily sold at par.

The New York Central railroad is increasing its capital stock \$15,000,000 in these days of consolidation of vast interests.

Potatoes Doing Better—Recent sales have shown an advance, supply at trade centers proving moderate but not burdensome.

Continued Firmness in Butter has prevailed at all markets, choice western creameries selling in N Y at 27@27 1/2c p lb, or the highest figures of the year.

Beans 3c a Pound—Former high prices are continued with hand-picked pea and medium beans quotable at \$1 80 @ 1 85 per bu at Chicago, but market quiet.

The World's Wheat Crop is estimated by European authorities at 2540 million bu, a considerable shortage compared with '98.

An international live stock exposition will be held at Chicago, Dec 1-8, 1900, of a magnitude probably never before attempted in America.

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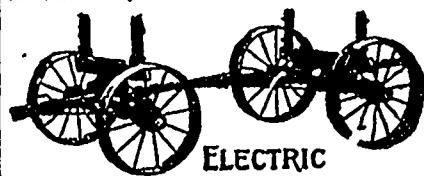
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