

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

There was a healthier tone to the wheat markets yesterday, and prices were a shade higher in the East. A scarcity of ships near at hand prevents much activity in the local market, and farmers are not disposed to sell very freely at the prices which are offered. Quotations are generally from \$3.60 to \$3.70 for winter wheat, but as high as \$3.80 was paid yesterday. Tonnage for distant loading is weaker—a moderate-sized March ship offering yesterday at \$3.80, while it was reported that a big cargo was obtainable for December-January at \$3.65. There are but five ships in the river to finish, and one of them will complete her cargo tomorrow. The barley market is flat, except for limited quantities of feed. Exports have been very light, due to an account of the high ocean freight.

In the produce markets yesterday, there was a continuation of the weakness in poultry, and some of the ordinary offerings were sold at low prices. Seldom, if ever, even at Christmas time, have there been larger stocks of poor chickens on the market than there were this week, and there is little hope for an improvement until shipments are smaller.

In other lines of produce, business was fairly good yesterday, and prices are holding steady, except for veal and calves, which are easier under heavy receipts.

Bank Clearings.

Bank	Clearings	Balance
Portland	\$1,172,323	\$1,172,323
Tacoma	107,522	107,522
Seattle	262,337	262,337
Spokane	194,588	194,588

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

Wheat—Winter, 1900-1901; Valley, non-milled, 1900-1901, \$3.65; 1901-1902, \$3.70; 1902-1903, \$3.75; 1903-1904, \$3.80; 1904-1905, \$3.85; 1905-1906, \$3.90; 1906-1907, \$3.95; 1907-1908, \$4.00; 1908-1909, \$4.05; 1909-1910, \$4.10; 1910-1911, \$4.15; 1911-1912, \$4.20; 1912-1913, \$4.25; 1913-1914, \$4.30; 1914-1915, \$4.35; 1915-1916, \$4.40; 1916-1917, \$4.45; 1917-1918, \$4.50; 1918-1919, \$4.55; 1919-1920, \$4.60; 1920-1921, \$4.65; 1921-1922, \$4.70; 1922-1923, \$4.75; 1923-1924, \$4.80; 1924-1925, \$4.85; 1925-1926, \$4.90; 1926-1927, \$4.95; 1927-1928, \$5.00; 1928-1929, \$5.05; 1929-1930, \$5.10; 1930-1931, \$5.15; 1931-1932, \$5.20; 1932-1933, \$5.25; 1933-1934, \$5.30; 1934-1935, \$5.35; 1935-1936, \$5.40; 1936-1937, \$5.45; 1937-1938, \$5.50; 1938-1939, \$5.55; 1939-1940, \$5.60; 1940-1941, \$5.65; 1941-1942, \$5.70; 1942-1943, \$5.75; 1943-1944, \$5.80; 1944-1945, \$5.85; 1945-1946, \$5.90; 1946-1947, \$5.95; 1947-1948, \$6.00; 1948-1949, \$6.05; 1949-1950, \$6.10; 1950-1951, \$6.15; 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