

WHEAT GOES SOUTH Heavy Movement on Grain Toward California.

SHIPPING BY WATER AND RAIL San Francisco Millers Have Bought Freely in This State—No Inquiry From Foreign Sources.

The grain markets have been reduced almost to a condition of stagnation. The disposition of growers to hold wheat for better prices coupled with the absence of any foreign inquiry for our wheat, has reduced business to a minimum. A little trading is still under way for millers, but that is all.

The principal interest now attaches to the movement of wheat already stored. The direction that much of the wheat is taking at present is toward California. The rise in the San Francisco wheat market has compelled millers of that state to look elsewhere for a supply, so they have turned Oregon.

In addition to the ocean movement, a large quantity of wheat is about to go from Portland to California by rail. Most of this is understood to be for millers at Stockton. The rail rate is \$3.10 per ton against a steamer rate of \$2.50.

With the oats and barley markets very dull, with quotations unchanged.

FRANES AND SALMON DUL IN THE EAST—Lima Beans Lower. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Hops closed steady and quiet. State wheat report continued firm, but little movement. Foreign markets are reported unchanged.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. WHEAT—Valley, 74 1/2c; bluestem, 85c; barley, 78c; corn, 42c; rye, 48c; clover, 42c; alfalfa, 42c; timothy, 42c; hay, 42c.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc. EGGS—Fancy, 22c; medium, 21c; common, 20c. POULTRY—Fancy, 1.25; medium, 1.15; common, 1.05.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc. CARROTS—Large, 1.00; small, .75. POTATOES—Large, .75; small, .60.

Meats and Provisions. BEEF—Cows, 4.00; steers, 3.75. PORK—Cured, 10.00; fresh, 8.00.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The cotton market closed steady, at an advance of 1/16 point, and 1/2 cent.

ST. LOUIS WOOD MARKET. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—Wood market closed steady, with prices 1/2 cent lower.

REBID SUGAR ADVANCES. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—All grades of refined sugar advanced 5 points today.

RECOVERY OF PRICES STOCK MARKET CLOSES ACTIVE AND AT THE BEST.

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INTERFERES WITH TRADE MIDWINTER STORM COMPLICATES SITUATION.

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REMARKED BUT NOT CHECKED. Spring Jobbing Trade Far in Advance of a Year Ago.

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Commission Co. Capital and Surplus, \$300,000.00. Buys and sells GRAIN, PROVISIONS, STOCKS, BONDS and COTTON.

WAR NEWS UNCONFIRMED. Causes Easiness in Wheat at the Opening. Chicago Market Closes Stronger on Small Argentine Shipments, Light Clearances, Fair Export Demand.

Real Estate Transfers. P. H. Marley to Wm. J. McClure, Jr., lot 1, block 14, Highland.

WHEAT. Opening Highest Lowest Closing. February 40 40 39 40. July 40 40 39 40.

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Bank Clearings. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended February 19, with the percentage of increase or decrease compared with the corresponding week last year.

Daily Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Today's statement of the Treasury shows: Available cash balances, \$221,486,226.

Bank Clearings. PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—Clearings: Balance, \$1,000,000.00. Deposits, \$1,000,000.00.

Mining Stocks. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks: Alta, \$9.00; Justice, \$9.00.

Closing Stock Quotations. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Closing quotations: Adams, \$25.00; American Express, \$45.00.

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