Potato Shippers Unable to Sell at Bay City.

### BUYERS ARE HOLDING OFF

First Shipment Since California elsen Market-Steady Decline in Eggs Is Expected.

each the San Francisco market since the recent flood, which was expected to prices on a high level, is still awaiting buyers, at least advices to the shippers yesmorning were that the potntoes were still unsold. There were four cars fancy stock in the shipment and the shipners asked \$1.85@2. Buyers' views were considerably below these figures. The trade re is anxiously awaiting the enteeme of the deal, as the valuations fixed in the Bay will govern future operations here. About 15 cars of Oregon potatoes are now In transit to the South.

Buying continues in a rather small way valley. So far as can be learned \$1.35 is the ton price paid for potatoes. The onion market is quite firm on the s-cent basis to growers. There is a good outside demand and a number of cars dation stock have been placed this

TOP PRICES ASKED FOR WHEAT. Flour Very Strong, but Higher Prices Are Not Certain.

Full prices are asked for wheat by local holders, but the amount of business passing is not large. Oats and barley continue very

The local flour market is strong and on vance in flour quotations would seem to be due. The possibility of Eastern flour coming has, however, to be reckoned with in this

Bid and asked prices were posted at the Board of Trade as follows: WHEAT.

February	1.00	\$ 1.	99 02
OATS.		- 4	
MarchBARLEY	1.67%	1,	78 71 16
February Murch Receipts in cars were re Merchants Exchange as follo	ported	1. by	4134 42 the
Wheat Barley I		Date	Hay
Jan. 20-31 43 8	17	+9	18
Feb. 1 16 3 Total last week, 56	28	4	54

### HOP QUESTION IN ENGLAND. Government Introduces Bill to Govern Im-

portations. Consul Lorin A Lathrop, of Cardiff, forvards the following brief summary of the provisions of an act introduced in the British House of Commons by the Chanceller of the Exchequer. The proposed act pro hibits hop substitutes in the browing of eer, and provides for the marking of imported hops. According to English newspapers this bill will meet considerable opn, and doubt is expressed whether will be enacted. Hop-growers of Kent, wever, are united in urging the passage of the measure and have succeeded in grousing considerable sympathy throughout fore, that this or a similar bill may uftimately be placed on the statute book. Con-

sul Lathrop's report follows:

The measure will undoubtedly be prosective in its effects, and the English hopgrowers, who have had a continuous series of bad years, will be benefited at the expense of California and other non-British growers. Under this act a brewer is pro-hibited from using any hop substitute unfor penalty of \$100 (\$486.63.) "Hop subbeer, including any preparation of lops, the use of which in brewing has not been previously sanctioned by the commissioners the time being having the management

for the time being having the management of duties of excise.

Hops must be imported in bags, marked on the outside, in words and figures not less than three inches in length and half an inch in breadth, with the name of the ewner, planter or grower, the country, and the year in which grown, and the gross weight. The penalty for mencompliance to be 120 (197.32) for each bag unmarked. Customs antinoclies are authorized to retain

from the country, which show that the soft, warm weather has caused the hens to resume laying. There was some disposition on the part of local handlers to hold the market steady yesterday in view of the considerable supply of California and Eastern eggs carried, but the efforts did not meet with much success and prices were inclined to sag. The general quota with a street was 45 cents.

Receipts of poultry were small and the demand was light, but good prices are

strength. In response to California advices, prices on small white, large white and

Bank Clearings,	
Clearings of Northwestern cli	ies yester-
Clearings   Clearings   Portland   \$1,114,152   Sentile   1,743,353   Tecoma   677,331   Spokane   2,160,948	Balances. \$166,237 125,231 46,472 451,190

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc. DHIED FRUITS Apples. Sign per ib.; peaches. Tr. \$80; prunes. Italians. 54 \$64; c; prunes. French. 45 \$6; currants. unwashed. cases. 102. \$65; white fascy. 50-ib. boxes. \$5;c; dates. cases. 25c currants washed, cases, 10c;
fgs. white famey. 50-th boxes, dic. dates,
flating fig.
114 15c.
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115 15c.
115 20c; Cesta Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good,
160 15c; ordinary, 125 0 loc per pound

BALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls,
fg per dozen; 2-pound talls, \$2.95; 1-pound

Eggs—Easier; Western firsts, \$44c; seconds, 33@34c.

-Southern Japan, 4%c; head, 6% 0

C. NUTS-Walnuts, 12@18c per pound by ack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15c; pecans, c: almonds, 13@14c: chestnuts, ltalian, lc; pennuts, raw, 5% 6%c; pinenuts, 10c; ecceanuts, 90c per SUGAR—Granulated, \$5.05; extra C. \$5.45; golden C. \$5.35; fruit and berry sugar, \$5.83; plain bag, \$5.75; beet granulated, \$5.75; cubes (tarrels), \$6.35; powdered (barrel), \$6.20. Turms: On remittances within 15 days, deduct 4c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 20 days, deduct 5c per pound. Maple sugar, 15.215c per pound. SALT—Granulated, \$13 per, ton, \$1.00 per bale; half ground, 100s, \$1.50 per ton; 50s, \$5 per ton. BEANS Smalt white, 5%c; large white, BEANS Smalt white, 5%c; large white, 4%c; Lima, 5%c; pink, 3%c; bayou, 4c; Mexican red, 4%c.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. BARLEY-Producers' prices: Feed, \$28 per ton.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.08;
club, \$7c git; red Russian, \$4c

FLOUR — Patents, \$5.25 per barrel;
straights, \$4.20; exports, \$5.50; Valley, \$5.
4-sack graham, \$4.00; whole wheat, \$4.85;
OATS—Producers prices: No. 1 white,

OATS-Froducers' prices: No. 1 white, \$14 per ton.
MILLSTUFFE-Bran, \$20826.50 per ton; middings. \$12; shorts, \$25830; chop, \$20823; rolled barley, \$20820.

HAY-Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$16@17 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17@18; clover, \$12@13; alfalfa, \$14@15; grain hay, \$12@13.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, \$162.75 bex;
Spanish malaga grapes, \$8 per barrel; persimmons, \$161.25.
POTATOES—Buying price, \$160.25 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2%c per pound.
TROPICAL FRUITS—Granges, navels, \$2 63 per box; lemons, \$364, graps fruit, \$4.2564.75 per box; bananas, \$6525c per pound; pineapples, \$2.7561.25 per dozon; angerines, \$1.75 per box.
ONIONS—Oregon, buying price, \$2 per hundred. hundred.
SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1; parsnips, \$1.50; heets, \$1.50; herseradish, 10c per pound.
VEGETABLES—Artichokes, \$1@1.25 doz; cabbage, \$c bt; cauliflower, \$1 per crate; celery, \$4.50 per crate; \$1.75@2.25 dozen; petas, \$1.50 per loc; parsley, \$20c dozen; penas, \$1.50 lb; radishes, \$100 per dozen; spinach, \$20c per lb.; sprouts, \$10c per lb.; squash, \$25c per lb.; tomatoes, \$1.75@2.25.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—City creamery, extras, 54c; ancy outside creamery, 32°534c per Bu; tore, 15°520c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 45°550c per dozen; california and Eastern, 42°5°647°5°c.

POULTRY—Hens, 12°613°5°c bi. Spring, arge, 12°5°610°c, small, 13°620°c; mixed, 12°55°10°c; ducks, 18°620°c; goese, 10°c; turkeys, 28°12°c. @13c: ducks, 18@20c; goese, 10c; turkeys, 18@19c.
CHEESE—Fancy cream twins, 15%@16c per lb.; full cream triplets, 15%@16c; full cream Young America, 16%@17c.
VEAL—Extra, 10@10%c per pound; ordinary, 7@8c; heavy, 5c.
PORK—Fancy, \$@8%c per lb.; large, 1@8%c.

BACON-Fancy, 21c per pound; standard, for choice, 17c; English, 151/2616c; strips, BACON—Panty
18c; choice, 17c; English, 15/5,215c; strips,
18c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears,
dry salt, 12c; smoked, 13c; short clear
backs, heavy dry saited, 12c; smoked, 13c;
Oregon exports, dry sait, 18c; smoked, 14c.

HAMS—19 to 13 lbs., 141;c; 14 to 18 lbs.,
14c; 1a to 29 lbs., 14c; hams, skinned,
14c; picnics, 5/5c; cottage roll, 11c; shoulders, 11c; botted hams, 12/5/20/4c; bottled
picnics, 17c.

LARD—Rettle rendered; Tisrces, 12%c; tubs, 12%c; 50s, 13%c; 7cs, 12%c; 19s,
14%c; 5a, 14%c; 3s, 14%c, 5is, 13%c; 7cs, 12%c; 19s,
14%c; 5a, 14%c; 3s, 14%c, 5a, 13%c; 7cs,
12%c; 10s, 12%c; 5a, 13%c; 7s, 13%c; 7cs,
25s, 5%c; 5s, 8%c.
SMOKED BEOF—Beef tangues, each,
70c; dried beef sets, 15c; dried beef outsides, 15c; dried beef insides, 18c; dried
beef knuckles, 18c.

PICKLED GOODS—Barreis; Pigs' feet,
512; regular tripe, \$10; honeycomb tripe,
512; pigs' tongues, \$1950.

MESS MEATS—Beef, specials, \$11 per
barrel; plate, \$14 per barrel; family, \$14
per barrel; pork, \$21 per barrel; family, \$14
per barrel; pork, \$21 per barrel; brisket, \$25
per barrel; so, pig ears, \$12.50.

COAL OIL Pearl and astral oil, cases, type per gallon; water white, from barrels, ic; cocene and extra star, cases 21½; head-ght oil, cases, 20c; from barrels, 18c; elaine, lic; social and sees, 20c; mon barrens, 10c; and light oil, oness, 20c; mon barrens, 15c; 28c.

GASOLINE—Union and Red Crown, barrels, 154;c; cases, 274;c; motor, barrels, 154;c; cases, 274;c; 86 degrees, barrels, 19c; cases, 374;c; engine distillate, barrels, 19c; cases, 19 9c; cases, 16c.
LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrel lots, 65c; in cases, 71c; boiled, barrel lots, 67c; in cases, cases, 71c; bolled, barrel lots 72c. GIL MEAL—Ton lote, \$37.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

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HOPS-1908. 6@8c per pound; 1907, 2@

lo: 1906. 1@1%c.

WOOL-Eastern Oregon, average best. 10

@14c per pound, according to shrinkage;
Valley. 15c 14%c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 28@21c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides. No. 1, 16@1fc pound;
dry kip. No. 1, 14@16c pound; dry calfskin, 17% elfc pound; salted hides. heavy,
@10c; light and cows, 2@5%c; salted calfskin, 14@16c pound; green, 1c less.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Angora goat, 31 to
\$1.25; badger, 25@50c; bear. \$5@20; beaver,
26.50@8.50; cat, wild, 90c@\$1; cougar, perfect head and clawa. \$3@10; fisher. eark.
\$7.50@11; pale. \$4.90@7; fox. coma. \$3

to \$4; fox. silver. \$35 to \$100; lynx, \$10@

15; marten, dark, \$5@12; mink, 75c.@\$4.50;
muskrat. 10@15c; otter. \$7; raccoon. 45c@

90c; sea otter, \$1@2.50, as to siz; skunks.

50@75c; civet cat. 10@15c; wolf. \$2@3;
coyots. 70c@\$1.10; wolverine, dark. \$3@5;
wolverine, pale. \$2@2.30.

CASCARA BARK—Small tota 4%@5%c;
old in carlota selling at 7% 98c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET. Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and

weight. The penalty for noncompilance to be 120 (197.12) for each bag unmarked. Customs authorities are enthorized to retain unmarked hops, which shall be forfeited if not marked by the importer within a short specified time.

HENS HAVE RESUMED LAYING, Figure 1.

Hens have resulted in the Near Future.

That the egg market will steadily decline from now on is evident from reports from the country, which show that the soft, warm weather has caused the hens to resume laying. There was some disposition on the part of local handlers to hold the

leaked for throughout the week nevertheless.

The butter market was active and steady

It the recent decline and cheese was firm

It last prices.

The bean market is again showing much
strength. In response to California advices, prices on small white, large white and

strength. In response to California advices, prices on small white, large white and reds made a sharp advance of 'g cent yesterday. It is reported that the floods in the Sheramento-San Joaquin delta district have considerably reduced the acreage in beans for next season.

Three Cars of Bananas Arrive.

Three cars of bananas, two of which were green, arrived yesterday. A small shipment of truck also came in by steamer. The vegetable market was firm on everything extines.

SOUTH OMAHA. Feb. 2 — Cattle—Receipts, 4100: market 10@15c lower Native ateers, \$4@6.25; Western steers, \$1.25@5.50; cows and heiters, \$1.25; calves, \$1.27; Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; market 10@20c lower Heavy, \$6@6.25; light, \$5.85@6.10; bulk of sales, \$5.90@6.10. Sheep—Receipts, 9000; market 10@20c lower. Yearlings, \$6@6.50; wethers, \$5@6.25; swes, \$4@4.65; lambs, \$6.50@7.40.

Dairy Produce in the East. CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—On the Produce Ex-change today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 21@28c; datries, 21@28c. Eggs. Weak: at mark cases included, 30 @33c; firsts, 33c; prime firsts, 14c. Cheese—Firm, 14@154c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.-Butter-Fancy.

Market Affected by Advance in London Warrants.

EQUIPMENTS ALSO HIGHER

Professional Element Is Cautious in Risking Short Sales in View of Sound Position of Holders. Bonds Move Stendily.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The stock market today was ruled largely by technical considerations. The professional element was chary of risking short sales in view of yesterday's demonstration of the small liquidation induced by the considerable decline of last week. That decline, in fact, had built up a short interest of considerable proportions, and the room traders found a falcrum in the necessities of these uncovered shorts for lifting prices.

Some importance was attached to a single advance in the price of copper warrants in the Lendon market, the first that has occurred in many days, during which the price of the metal went intermittently downward. Copper mine shares abroad felt the advantage of this showing, and the effect was reflected here, although news was lacking to show any vital change in the stuntion in the copper industry, in which no demand has yet developed sufficiently to absorb supplies at the rate of output from the mines.

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the mines.

Rallway carnings reported for December,
1808, show an increase in expenditures over
the same month of the preceding year.

The item of operating expenses of raliroads in December of 1907 was maintained
above the 1906 level to the proportion of
nearly 3 per cont. The December excess
over that level, when it occurs, must be
regarded, therefore, as showing a more
generous allowance for maintenance. A
policy of something like starvation of these
expenditures is known to have been adopted
by the railroad world during the period
of greatest depression. Whether the present shange in policy is of necessity from
the long postponement of proper outlay,
or whether it marks a growth of greater
confidence in future earnings, the effect
is good on the demand for equipment and
matorial. Some of the firmness of stocks of
rallroad equipment industrials may be
traceable to this cause.

Bonds were steady. Total sales, par

Bonds were steady Total sales, pa-value, \$5,994,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS

6,900 108% 107% | Strain | Control | Strain | 300 85% 100 154 2,200 142 800 71½ 100 142 300 15½ 900 42 100 11½ 38% 30% 41% 72% 

BONDS. | B

Stocks at Lendon. LONDON, Feb. 2 — Consols for money, \$34; do for account, \$31-16.

Anaconda 2.25 N. X. Central 130.00

Atchison 102.25 Norfik & West 93.25

do pref. 193.75 do pref. 90.00 

Money Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Money on call easy,
13, 22 per cent; ruling rate and closing
bid, 1% per cent; offered at 2 per cent.

Time loans very dull and steady; 50 days
214 per cent; 90 days 214 per cent; six
months 3 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 214, 24 per cent.

Sterling exchange steady, with actual
business in bankers bills at \$4.8530 24.8540
for 60-day bills and at \$4.8770 for demand.

Commercial bills, \$4.84% 24.854.

Bar silver—51 %c.

Har silver-51%c. Mexican dollars-44s. erument bonds, steady; railroad bonds,

LONDON, Feb. I.-Bar silver-Steady, 23%d per ounce.

Money—1% #2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market

for short bills is 2% per cent; three months bills, 2% @27-16d per ounce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—Silver bars-Mexican dollars is to Drafts Sight, 7150; telegraph, 18c. Sterling on London, 60 days, \$4.85%; sight, \$4.80%.

Dried Fruit at New York. Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The market for evaporated apples is unchanged with fancy quoted at \$1,094c; choice, 74,07%c; prime, 64,07c; common to fair, 6964c.

Prunes are somewhat steadler on spot with quotations ranging from 4 to 7%c for new-crop California fruit ranging up to 40-30s, and from 64; to 9c for Oregon ranging from 40-30s to 20-30s.

Apricots firm, owing to the strong statistical position with choice quoted at 9%c 9%c; extra choice, 9%@10c; fancy, 11% 13c.

gloc. Raisins in fair demand and easy, with loose mustatels, 4% \$50; choice to fancy seeded, 56 ac; seediess, 3% \$50c; London layers, \$1.50@1.60.

Gold Engaged for Export. NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Goldman, Sachs & Co. engaged today \$530,000 in gold comfor shipments to the Argentine Republic.

ONIONS AND POTATOES WEAK IN SEATTLE MARKET.

Heavy Receipts of Bananas Due and Present Supplies Are Too Large.

SEATTLE. Wash, Feb. 2—(Special.)—
Lower prices on butter became general today. Every one is now selling local firsts
at 35 cents. Eggs were stiffer, California
stock selling as high as 48 cents. Fresh
locals went as high as 50 cents. Poultry
was active with an upward tendency.
Onlone were lower with the best fancy
stock selling as low as 2½ cents. Potatoes
held at yesterday's prices, but were very
weak. held at yearrany's prices, weak.

Heavy banana shipments are due the last of the week. The supply now is quite heavy, 'recent receipts not having been cleaned up.

Veal receipts are heavier and deniers have difficulty in securing more than 11 to 12 cents.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO. Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:
Milstuffs—Bran, \$28.50@30; middlings, \$33.50@36.50.

Vegetables—Garlic, \$695c; green peas, 598c; string beans, \$615c; naparagus, 12@20c; tomatoes, \$1@1.25.

Butter—Fancy creamery, \$3c; creamery seconds, \$25c; fancy dairy, 25c; pickled, nominal.

Chees—New, 124.@134c; Young America, 154.@154c; Parage, 17c. Butter—Faincy creamery, see, creamer, seconds, 32\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; fancy dairy, 25c; pickied, nominal.

Cheese—New, 12\(\frac{1}{2}\)did\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; Young America, 15\(\frac{1}{2}\)did\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; Eastern, 17c.

Eggs—Store, 35c; fancy ranch, 40c; Eastern, nominal.

Poultry—Roosters, old. \$4\(\theta\)4.50; young, \$6\(\theta\)5; brollers, small, \$3.50\(\theta\)4.50; brollers, large, \$4\(\theta\)4.50; fryers, \$6\(\theta\)5; hens, \$5\(\theta\)6; ducks, old. \$4\(\theta\)6; 5young, \$6\(\theta\)8, old. \$4\(\theta\)4.50; fryers, \$6\(\theta\)8, hens, \$5\(\theta\)6; dicks, old. \$4\(\theta\)6; young, \$6\(\theta\)8, hens, \$5\(\theta\)6; Mountain, \$4\(\theta\)9\(\theta\)c; Nevada, \$9\(\theta\)16; Hay—Wheat, \$10\(\theta\)22; wheat and onto Hay—Wheat, \$10\(\theta\)22; wheat and onto Potatoes—Early Rose, nominal; Oregon Burbanks, \$1.85\(\theta\)2; sweets, \$150\(\theta\)1.75.

Fruits—Apples, choice, \$125\(\theta\); common, 60c; barnans, 73\(\theta\)62; sweets, \$150\(\theta\)1.75.

Fruits—Apples, choice, \$125\(\theta\)6.

Receipts—Flour, 38\(\theta\) sucks; wheat, 505 centals; barley, \$80\(\theta\)centals; oats, \$75\(\theta\)centals; beans, \$24\(\theta\)sacks; cont, 1275 centals; potatoes, 1960 sacks; bran, 195 sacks; middilings, 160\(\theta\) sacks; hay, 230\(\theta\)6, 10s; wooll, 80\(\theta\)bales; hides, 325.

WOOL SPECULATORS CEASE OP-ERATIONS IN THE WEST.

Nearly 30,000,000 Pounds Have Been Bought to Date on the Sheep's Back.

Sheep's Back.

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BOSTON, Feb. 2.—The local wool market is awaifing the arrival of the new city. What little remains of the old is being offered at top prices. Montana half-bred combings have sold at 25c, while other wools are correspondingly strong.

It is reported that speculators have withdrawn from the West, after contracting for nearly 30,000,000 pounds on the sheep. It is claimed that Montana growers obtained 20 cents for their unsheared wools. Shearing is actively progressing in Arizona and 18 to 19 cents is bid with growers bolding out for 20 cents.

Pulled wools are strong and fairly active, but the foreign market is duil.

Leading domestic scoured quotations range as follows:

Teras—Fine 12 months, 62@66c; fine 6 24%.

California—Northern. \$2@54c; middle county, 49@50c; Fall free, 42@44c.

Oregon—Eastern No. 1 staple. 62@65c; fine meters.

Eastern cooling, Sagote, Value, No. 1, 18950c; Territory—Fine staple, 62@55c; fine medium staple, 60@62c; fine clothing, 58@60c; fine medium clothing, 55@57c; three-sighths blood, 55@56c; quarter-bloods, 50@52c.

Pulled—Extra, 60@62c; fine, 57@60c; A supers, 50@55c.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Offerings at the wool suction sales today amounted to 13,475 bags in good condition. Bidding was animated and prices were steady except for heavy qualities, which were easy. Americans secured well-grown merino greasy and light crossbreds at full rates, after strong competition with home buyers.

Eastern Mining Stocks. NEW YORK, Feb. 2 - Floating quotations Alice 225 Little Chief,
Brunawick Con, 3
Com Tun stock 25
do bonds, 18
C C & Va. 85
Horn Silver, 79
Leadville Con, 5

Metal Markets,

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Copper advanced to 158 hs for spot and at 158 hs for futures in the London market. The focal market was weak but nominally unchanged, with lake quoted 18.75@14c; electrolytic at 18.35@18.50c, and casting at 18.12%,0 18.35 is a control of the local market and local market remained dull at 5.05 so the local market remained dull at 5.05 so 150 line unchanged in the Lendon market and locally.

Coffee and Sugar. NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The coffee market closed inactive at a net gain of 5@10 points. Sales were reported of 5203 bags, including March, at 6c; May, 6.05c; December, 5.00@5.65c. Spot. steady; Rio No. 7, 79-16c; Santos No. 4. 8½c. Mild, steady. Cordova, 34@12½c.
Sugar—Haw, steady; fair refining, 3.14c; centifugal, 90 test, 2.64c; molasses sugar, 2.59c. Refined, steady; crushed, 5.35c; powdered, 4.75c; granulated, 4.65c.

New York—The Red Star liner Finland will be placed in the Mediterranean serv-ice as a substitute for the White Star liner Republic.

Wheat Prices Sag in the Chicago Market.

TONE BEARISH ALL DAY

Large Increase in World's Visible Supply Is Chief Weakening Factor-Traders Shift From May to July.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—There was a reversal of local trade condition in the wheat pit today from the bull market of the previous session, sentiment in the pit being bearish throughout the entire day. The course of the market was largely shaped by the leading bulls who sold quite freely from start to finish. The fact that the short interest was eliminated to a great extent the market buller helped to short interest was eliminated to a great extent by yesterday's bulge belied to weaken the market. A noticeable feature of today's proceedings was the shifting over from the May delivery to the July option, owing to the congested condition of the former delivery. The chief weakening factor was Bradstreet's statement of the world's visible supply which showed an increase of 4,806,000 bushels for the week. There was a mild show of firmness at the opening, due to the strength of foreign wheat markets, but this was soon dissipated. The market closed weak and only a triffe above the lowest point of the day, with May at \$1.08% and July \$75,628c.

The corn market developed considerable weakness on the expectation of increased receipts of corn from the interior. The slump

weakness on the expectation of increased receipts of corn from the interior. The slump in wheat also had a depressing effect. The market closed weak with prices down % & 16 % c compared with the previous close. Final quotations on May were at 65 % 66 % c and on July at 53% c. Onts exhibited a weak tone during the entire session. The market closed weak with prices down 14 6 %c to 14c with May

with prices down 1, 19 %c to 16 with any at 51%c and July at 45%c.

Provisions were weak on general figuidation, the local packers being among the chief sellers. At the close prices were 71/c to 15q lower.

			HEAT.		10
May July Sept.	*******	98%	High. \$1.0954 .98% .94%	Low. \$1.08% .97% .94%	\$1.08 % .98 .94 %
			CORN.		
May July Sept.	******	.63 % .63 %	.63%		63%
			OATS.		
May July Sept.	11111		:46%		-56 % -46 % -39 %
		MES	S PORI	C.	
May July	1	7.12%	17.10 17.1214 LARD.	16.95 17.00	16.95 17.00
May July	*****	9.65	9.6716	9.61%	9.6215
		SHO	RT RIB	S.	
July.		0.10	9.10	8.8736 9.05	8.90 9.05
15 cc Wi 3, \$1	our—Steents. neat—N .04@1.1 rn—No.	o. 2 S	pring. \$	advance 1.08%@1. \$1.08%@2 2 yellow	11; No.

ribs—Bioes (loose), \$8.37½ @8.75.

Mess, per barrel, \$15.67½ @3.75.

Per 100 pounds, \$9.45.

Short, clear (boxed), \$8.75@9.

Barrels Receipts. Shipmen

43,900

Spot quotations— Whoat—Shipping, \$1.72 % @1.75; milling, \$1.75 @ 1.77 %. Barley-Feed, \$1.374 @1.40; brewing, \$1.47\@1.47\. Outs-Red, \$1.70@2.10; white, \$1.50@1.00; Call board sales— Wheat—No trading. Barley—May, \$1.36% @1.37%. Corn—Large yellow, \$1.65@1.70.

European Grain Markets. LONDON, Feb. 2.—Cargoes firmer, more nquiry. Walla Walls, prompt shipment, at 7s 9d; California, prompt shipment, at 38s English country markets, firm; French suntry markets, firm.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 2.—Wheat, March, 7s 94d; May, 7s S4d; July, 7s S4d. Weather, overcast. TACOMA. Feb. 2.—Wheat—Milling, blue-tem, \$1.06@1.07; export, bluestem, 98c dub, 91c; red, 89c.

Changes in Available Supplies NEW YORK, Feb. 2—Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreets this week show the following changes in available supplies as compared with the previous account:

Wheat, U. S., east of the Rockles, 2,508,00 Canada
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New York Cotton Market. NEW YORK, Feb. 2 - Cotton Spot closed quiet, five points higher, Midding uplands, 2.50c; do Guir, 10.15c. Sales, none.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—Wool, unchanged, erritory and Western mediums, 17@21c; no medium, 15@17c; fine, 12@14c. SUNDAY LAW AGITATION

Writer Denounces It as Intolerant and Unconstitutiontl.

MOUNT TABOR, Or., Feb. 2—(To the Editor.)—The friends of Sunday legislation, from their point of view, doubtless see something very desirable in such laws; but evidently only a minority of the citizens want such legislation. Such laws are generally obtained through the influence of a minority. From the days of Constantine, such enactments have been the vogue. They are among the things which have come down to us from the dark ages: and the human mind is so accustomed to running in that channel that, to some, it seems almost sacrilegious to question the wisdom of that kind of legislation. With the dawn of the Reformation, legislation enforcing religious duties began to be questioned. As the true Protestant idea of the jurisdiction

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of civil government developed in the minds of men, opposition to religious legislation strengthened. It became more and more evident that such laws savored of intolerance and even persecution. Savere and prolonged persecution has never been known to prevail except where such laws were enforced. History shows that religious legislation and persecution go hand in hand. The Blair Sunday bill, now before Congress, should it become a law, will be a violation of our Constitutional principles; and the way once spened for religious legislation, influences from the same source will continue for further legislation of the same nature, until we shall have such collusion between church and state that the church will dominate the exercise of authority by the civil power, and in that manner become the arbiter in religious matters, as was the case in past times; and our religious therether will become restricted. The liberty to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience will be greatly abridged, or at an end.

Most of the states in the Union have enacted Sunday laws. They have done this in violation of our Constitutional rights as given to this Nation by the adoption of its Constitution.

The church is at least strong enough to

Grain and Proluce at New York.

NSW YORK, Feb. 2.—Flour—Recelpts, 21,202 barrels; exports, 12,077 barrels. Market held firmly but slow.

Wheat—Receipts, 65,000 bushels. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, \$1,104, \$1,114; elevator; No. 2 red, \$1,104, \$1,

WILL FORM ASSOCIATION AND MEET IN PORTLAND.

About 700 Members Will Be Enlisted in Movement in Behalf of Better Roads.

The organization of threshermen of Oregon has been started and it is expected to form a strong association of owners of threshing machinery and others directly interested. It is expected to get about 700 members in all parts of the state, and a convention is planned to be held in Portland in May, when steps will be taken to promote the interests of mem-

bers. Phillip S. Bates, editor of the Pacific Northwest, has taken up the matter of Northwest, has taken up the matter of organizing the threshermen. He field a meeting last Saturday at Albany, organizing Linn County. Next Saturday a meeting will be held at Oregon City to form an association in Clackamas County, and some county seat of the state will be visited on each succeeding Saturday until all parts of the state shall be organized. "There is capital aggregating about \$3,00,000 invested in threshing machinery in this state," said Mr. Bates. "Every other industry of equal importance on the farm is organized. Dairymen, fruitmen, farm is organized. Dairymen, fruitmen, cattlemen and poultry-growers have associations, and threshermen should also unité to look after their interests. I be-

unite to look after their interests. I believe this movement will accomplish much
good for those engaged in the industry.
At the convention to be held here in May,
we expect to have three men of National
fame to address the gathering.
"The machinery end of the industry is
big. Despite the failing off in wheatgrowing in the Williamette Valley, the
business of threshing clover for its seed
has increased, and this industry is constantly growing. One great trouble the stantly growing. One great trouble the threshermen have to contend with is the difficulty in getting good roads and bridges throughout the state. in moving threshing machinery, long detours are frequently made in order to find bridges strong enough to carry the grachines. "This difficulty would be largely done away with if we could arrange it so that threshermen were placed in office as road supervisors, so they could overcome these difficulties and secure the building of bet-ter roads. If men held these jobs who

are directly interested, we would have

better roads throughout the state and stronger wagon bridges."

Month's Rain 11.12 Inches.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 2-(Special.)-According to the records in the local Weather Bureau, the rainfall in Astoria during the month of January was 11.12 inches. The maximum temperature was 57 degrees and the minimum was 15. There were 20 cloudy days, six partly cloudy

Marriage Licenses. SCHOLD-SHELBURNE — William J. Schold, Missaurie, Or., 28; Bertin Shurie, 21; Mr. Garitz, Horbert A. Miller, city, 21; Mary A. Garitz, 18.

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