Extensive Winter Feeding in All Sections.

LOSSES IN OREGON SMALL

Wyoming Stockmen Suffer Loss of About 35 Per Cent-Quality of the Wool May Be Affected. Hop Market Strong.

Sheepmen in some parts of the West have met with severs losses this Winter, but up to date there have been no reports of material loss in Oregon, except in a few ections. The critical period, however, is et to come and the growers of the state ny not escape entirely.

The Winter has been a long and severe ne on the sheepmen and stockmen of Oreon and feeding has been extensive. Where gon and feeding has been extensive. Where sufficient preparations were made they have no fear of loss, but the growers who depend on the desert for Winter feed will have a hard time when the weather breaks up, and in case of rain storms in March they may have a hard time to get through without serious financial loss. The case is reported of a Morrow County grower with several hundred head of sheep. His supply of feed was exhausted and, as the stock could not get at short grass, he has been effering them at \$1 a head. As they were too weak to get to the shipping station,

he was unable to find a buyer.

An instance of the expense attached to feeding is furnished by the case of a Canyon County grower, who is Wintering 60,000 hend of sheep on the range east of Caldwell. They consume 80 tons of sifalfa distly, and the total cost of feed and extra elo for this band is \$1000 a day.

It is also feared that the weakened condition of many of the sheep will tell at lambing time, and the dealers believe an-other effect will be the making of a tender. shorter and lighter staple.

Details of actual loss up to date in this

state are lacking, but the greatest damage is said to be in the Stein Mountains, in Harney County. One authority places the total sheep loss in Oregon up to this time

at only I per cent.
Secretary Smythe, of the State Woolgrowers' Association, estimates the extra
expense entailed by this Winter on the I mattha County flockmasters at more than \$100,000. This estimate, according to the East Oregonian, is coincided with by J. E. Smith, of the Smith Livestock Company, who says they have been compelled to pay our about 15 cents more per head than in an ordinary Winter. The extra expense of this one company will therefore proba-

by be about \$10,000.

According to Secretary Smythe it was a fortunate thing that the sheepmen of the county were induced to sell off all their surplus work last Full. The good prices surplus stock last Fail. The good prices and the short crops combined to cause the sheepmen to take a step which has worked out to their advantage. Smythe says fewer sheep were Wintered in Umatilla County and in all of Eastern Oregon, for that matter, than for many seasons. The greatest sufferers in the West thia Winter have been the growers of Northern Wyoming, south of the Yellowstone, where losses are estimated at fully 35 per cent. In Montana, Neyada and Idaho losses are

The only late report of contracting comes rom Soda Springs, Idaho, where some 1910 wool has been bought on the basis of 23 5 zents. As a rule, however, the Eastern buyers are not anxious to buy wool on the sheep's back at current asking prices. The prediction is made by dealers that the market in Oregon will be a slow one. Many of them claim to have lost money last year, and they will be in no hurry to enter on contracts.

LOCAL GRAIN TRADE IS NOT ACTIVE. Wheat, Oats and Barley Hold at Former Prices.

The wheat market was quiet in all parts of the Northwest yesterday. No sales in he local market were reported. The barley market was barely steady. Sales at \$28 were reported. Oats were also

dull, with helders asking \$31.50. Weekly foreign wheat shipments were re-ported by the Merchants Exchange as fol-

This week, Last week, Last year,
Argentina 2.068,000 2.896,000 6.329,000
Australia 2,480,000 2.040,900 1.296,000
India 40,000 240,000
Local receipts, as reported by the Merchants Exchange, were:
Wheat Barley Flour, Osta Hay,
Monday 28

FIRM UNDERTONE IN HOP MARKET Eastern Inquiry Promises Activity This Month

There was no news in the hop market yesterday of further buying by H. L. Bents, and the other exporters were quiet. Some activity in the poor grades at low prices is

a very firm position by the recent export buying There is said to be a good number of Eastern orders on hand and the trade looks for continued activity throughout the remainder of the month. Growers and other holders are firm in their views.

Sweet Potatoes Advancing A mixed car of cauliflower and celery was received yesterday. The celery, like much that has come up lately, was small in size and poor in quality. Otherwise the market was firm. Sweet potatoes have been advanced to 2% cents, and the next car re-

ceived will sell at I cents. Cabbage is about Oranges are selling briskly and good apples are also in demand.

Less Demand for Chickens.

Poultry receipts were fairly large yester-day and buyers did not show the keen desire to take hold that was noticeable early in the week. A few choice lots of hens brought is cents, but much of the business was at 17@ cents. Other poultry was unchanged Eggs were steady at 28 cents with the supply and demand about equal. Butter was quoted firm at the old price. Cheese was also firm.

Monster Dressed Hog.

One of the largest dressed hogs ever reone of the largest dressed hogs ever re-ceived in this market was brought up on the steamer Mascot yesterday morning. It was shipped by N. C. Hall, of Ridgefield, Wash, to the Frank L. Smith Meat Com-pany, and weighed 650 pounds dressed. It required the labor of three men to get it from the boat to a truck.

Advance in Hams

which quotes an advance of is cent on all slace of hams. No other changes in provi-

PORTLAND MARKETS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. WHEAT-Track prices: Bluestem, \$1,13@ 1,13%; club, \$1.06; red Russian, \$1.04; Vai-ley, \$1.50; 40-fold, \$1.10. BARLEY-Feed and brewing, \$28@38.50

SEVERE ON SHEEP

STANDARD STAN

PRESH FRUITS Apples, \$1.25@1 box; pears, \$1.50@1.75 per box; Spanish Malaga, \$5.50@6 per barrel; cranberries, \$8@9 per

POTATOES—Carload buying prices; Oregon, 789 50c per gack; sweet potatoes, 2's \$2's per pound, VEGETABLES—Artichokes, \$181.55 per dozen; cabbage, \$1.5692 per hundred, camiliower, \$1.75 per dozen; celery, \$4.00 per crate; eggplant, 25c per doz, head lettuce, 40875c per doz, hothouse bettuce, \$1.25 \$1.50 boz; garlic, 12'sc b.; horseradish, \$610c per pound; green onions, 35940c per doz, radishes, 25c per doz, rhubard, 15c b.; sprouts, \$8 per 1b.; tomatoes, \$3.2593.50 per crate.

per crate.
TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges. \$2.62.75;
lemons. \$1694.50; grapefruit. \$3.50@4 per
box: banarias. \$4551c per pound; tangerhes.
\$1.75 per box: Japanese oranges. \$2 per bur-

dle. ONIONS-Oregon, \$1.50 per sack. SACK VEGETABLES-Turnips, \$1.25 per sack: rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.

Dairy and Countary Produce. BUTTER—City creamery extras, 27@39c; sney outside creamery, 25@39c per lb.; store, 20@23 bc. (Butter fat prices average bc per pound under regular butter prices.) EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, 28c per

dozen.
CHEESE—Full cream twins, 19@20c per pound, young Americas, 20@21c.
PORK—Fancy, 11@12c per pound.
VEAL.—Fancy, 12@13½c per pound.
POULTRY—Hens, 17@13c; Springs, 17½
Ø13c; ducks, 18@20c; geese, 13@14c; turkeys, 11%c, 23@25c; dressed, 27@20c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 10c per pound; peaches, 7c; pranes, Italians, 4 %5c; prunes, French, 4 %5c; currants, 10c; apricots, 12½c; dates, 7½c per pound; figs, 100 half pounds, \$2.25 per box; 50 six-cunce, \$4.75 per box; 12 18-cunce, 75c per box self, 10c; apricots, 12½c; dates, 7½c per box; 12 18-cunce, 75c per box; 50 six-cunce, \$4.75 per box; 12 18-cunce, 75c per box; 12 per dozen; 2-pound talis, \$2.9c; red, 1-pound talis, \$1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talis, \$1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talis, \$2.10½; Alsska pink, 1-pound talis, \$1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talis, \$2.10½; Alsska pink, 1-pound talis, \$1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talis, \$1.45; sockey hais, \$2.10%; Almska pins, 1-point tall, 90c; red, 1-pound talls, \$1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, \$2. COFFEE—Mocha, 24@25c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 15@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12% @15c per pound, NUTS—Wainuts, 15c per pound, Reaginuts, 12½@15c; filberts, 15c; almonds, 16@17c; pecans, 15@16c; cocoanuts, 90c@\$1 per dozen.

per dozen.

BEANS-Small white, 5.66c; large white, the; Lima, 5c; pink, 5.20c; red Mexican, BEANS—Small wate, 5.20c; red Mexican, 1%c. Lima, 5c; pink, 5.20c; red Mexican, 1%c. SUGAR—Dry granulated, fruit and berry, 86.05; beet, 55.85; extra C, \$5.55; golden C, 55.45; cubes (barrel), 36.45; powdered (barrel), 36.30. Terms on remittances, DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 15%c; smoked, 17c; oregon exports, dry salted, 16c; smoked, 17c; within 15 days deduct %c per pound, if later than 15 days and within 20 days, deduct %c per pound. Maple sugar, 15%18c per pound. SALT—Granulated, \$14.50 per ton; half per pound.

SALT—Granulated, \$14.50 per ton; half ground, 160s, \$10.50 per ton; 50c, \$11 per ton.

HONEY—Choice, \$2.25@3.50 per case; strained, 7c per pound.

BACON—Fancy, 25c per pound; standard, 21c; choice, 26½c; English, 19½ 20c.

HAMS—16 to 13 pounds, 17½c; 14 to 14 pounds, 17½c; 13 to 26 pounds, 17½c; chans, skinned, 18c; plenics, 12½c; cottage rolls, 13½c; bolled hams, 23@24c; bolled pienics, LARD—Kettle rendered, 10s, 17½c; stand-ard pure, 10s, 15½c; choice, 10s, 15½c; com-pound, 12½c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each 60c; dried beef sets, 19c; dried beef outsides, 17c; dried beef insides, 21c; dried beef knuckles, 20c. 20c.
PICKLED GOODS—Barrels: Pigs' feet, \$12.50; regular trips, \$10; honeycomb tripe, \$12; lunch tongues, \$19.50; mess beef, extra, \$12; mess pork, \$25.

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Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc. Hops. Wool, Hides, Erc.

HOPS—1909 crop, prime and choice, 20 @

22c; 1908s 17%c; 1907s, 11%c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 15@22c pound;
olds, nominal.

MOHAIR—Choice, 25c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—4% @5c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, 18%18%c per pound.

Hy kip, 18@18%c pound; dry caffskin, 15@

21c pound; salted hides, 10@10%c; salted calfskin, 15c pound; green, ic less.

WHEAT RECEIPTS SMALL

SEATTLE AVERAGES ONLY TWO

CARS DAILY.

But Demand Is Equally Light. Apple Market Is Firmer.

SPATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—With a freight blockade on the Great Norther and other roads devoting all their attention to the passenger business, wheat receipts have dwindled to practically not ping, totaling only two cars today. The L at receipts, however, had no material effect on prices. The demand is slight and several large buyers are holding off anticipating further declines. Considerable feed wheat has been sold at Puget Sound points by Seattle dealers this week.

As a result of the let-up in apple shipments, the market is firmer and some varieties of fancy fruit are quoted a little higher than earlier in the week. Fancy varieties command \$2.75.

Potatoes were steady. Several large holders in the Kittlas district are here trying to dispose of a part at least of their holdings.

The car of Florida celery arrived in good. craits.

All dairy produce prices were unchanged today, Supplies were equal to the demand. Several hundred cases of California eggs are due to arrive on the boat temorrow night, but will not affect prices this week.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Market. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The follow-ng were the quotations in the market today; Millstuffs—Bran. \$25.50@27.50; middlings,

Vegetables—Cucumbers, \$1.25@1.50; gar-He, 1@5c; green pens, 7@10c; string beans, Butter-Fancy creamery, 32c; creamery

Eggs Store, 22%c) fancy, 23c, Cheese New, 18@15c; Young Americas, Hay—Wheat, \$14@19; wheat and cats, \$12 @16; alfaifa, \$9@12; stock, \$6@9; atraw, per bale, \$0@75c. 1

Wool-South Plains and San Joaquin, 30 Fruits—Apples, choice, 75c@\$1; common, 50@75c; bananns, 75c@\$3; limes, \$4@4.50; lemons, choice, \$2@2.50; common, \$1@1.50; oranges, navels, \$1.25@1.75; pineapples, \$2@

Potatoes-Oregon Burbanks, \$1.25 @1.46; Potatoes—Oregon Burbanka \$1.20 21.40; Salinas Burbanka \$1.40@1.55; sweets, \$2@2.25. Poultry—Roosters, old. \$5@5.56; young, \$7 @3; broilers, small, \$3@4; large, \$4.50@5; fryers, \$6@7; hens, \$5@10; ducks, old. \$3.50 133 12 club, \$1.06; red Russian, \$1.04; Valley, \$1.50; 10-fold, \$1.16; red Russian, \$1.04; Valley, \$1.50; 10-fold, \$1.16; red Russian, \$1.04; Valley, \$1.50; roung, \$1.28 quarier sacks; BARLEY—Feed and brewing, \$28@18.50 per ton.

PLOUR—Patents. \$6.15 per barrel; for alley, \$5.76; export, \$4.50; alley, \$5.80; tons, hides, \$280.

Reading Advances Sharply on Enormous Deals.

OTHERS SLOW TO RESPOND

Market in General Is Firm Until Late Profit-Taking Sales Cause Irregularity-Banks Are Still Gaining in Cash,

the epeculation had begun to show signs flagging today, they were revived by the sumption of the strong upward movement in eading. On enormous transactions, the price ose to 172%, only a shade more than a point

Reading. On enormous transactions, the price rose to 172%, only a shade more than a point below the record price touched in the speculative era of last year.

The general list was slow to respond, and the appropriate terreigh was not uniform or all-embracing. Speculative sentiment continued to feel the relief of the passing of immediate apprehension over the anti-corporation question. A factor in this belief was the character of the amendments proposed to the bill to extend the scope of the interstate commerce law. These, it was felt, were calculated to allow latitude to the financial exigencies of railroad corporations.

Incoming reports of renewed storm blockades through the West and Southwets did not interfer with the rise in prices. Special interest attached to a report of a large reduction in the St. Paul working forces. Reports of an intended entry of the Vanderbilt connection into Baltimore through the Western Maryland and of Chesspeake & Oho designs upon Hocking Valley had their effect on the special stocks involved.

Preliminary estimates of the week's currency movement indicated a large gain in cash by the banks, in spite of the \$1.509,000 gold shipped to Argentina today. The movement of gold from London to Parls aroused the interest of New York bankors as an indication that Parls was calling home credits from the London market. There was a rice in the private discount rate in Berlin, showing that the gain in strength of the Imperial Bank of Germany had removed resources from the open money market there.

Profit-taking sules made some impression on the market at the advance and accounted for the irregular tone of the dose.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, \$4.300,000. United States Sonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS. 2,100 125% 624% 2,700 137% 138 300 80% 90% 1,190 385 35 2,880 51 50% 17,000 116% 114% nda Min Co.. | Section | 100 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 143 |

m Steel Fdy . 700 601, 60 nited Dry Goods . 800 907, 8915 Total cales for the day 806,000 shares BONDS. NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Closing quotations:
U. S. ref. 3s reg.100½ N. Y. C. gn 3½ s 90
do coupon . 100½ No. Pacific 3s. . 93½
U. S. Rs reg. . 102½ No. Pacific 4s. . 161B
do coupon . . 101½ Union Pacific 4s. 101½
U. S. new 4s reg.114½ Wis. Central 4s. 94½
do coupon . . 114½ Japanese 4s. . 92
D. & R. G. 4s . 96B

Money Exchange, Etc. LONDON, Feb. 18-Bar silver, steady, 24d

Money, 14 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 3-16 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for three months bills is 2 3-16 per cent.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Money on call, easy, 2% 93 per cent; ruling rate and clos-ing bid, 2%; offered at 2%.
Sterling exchange steady, with actual bus-

ess in bankers' bills at \$4.8440@4.8450 for day bills, and at \$4.8650 for demand. Time loans easier: 00 days. 3½ per cent; days. 3½@3%; six months, 3%. Prime mercantile paper, 4% 65 per Commercial bills, \$4.83% 64.84%.

Commercial bills, \$4.83% \$4.84%.

Bar silver—52c.

Mexican dollars—44c.

Government bonds, steady; railroads, iregular. SAN PRANCISCO. Feb. 18.—Sterling or London, 60 days, \$4.54%; sterling on London

sight, \$4.87.
Silver bars, 52c.
Mexican dollars, \$5c.
Drafts, sight, 10c.
Drafts, telegraph, 22c.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Feb. 18.-Closing quotations:

 Bank clearings for the Northwestern cities

 posterday were as follows:
 Clearings
 Balances

 Portland
 \$1,199,128
 \$153,895

 Seattle
 1,831,554
 285,915

 Tacoma
 897,013
 72,647

 Spokane
 655,440
 52,665

UNLOAD WHEAT AND PRICES GIVE WAY.

Much Northwestern Grain Is Dumped at Chicago - Fluctuations in Provisions.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—A good demand at the outset in wheat quickly ran prices up from \$1.13% to \$1.14% for May, at which point the bulls unloaded quantities of their holdings and precipitated as sharp break. May soon touched bottom at \$1.12%, 1% below the high point. Other futures fell off from 1% to 1%c. Northwest wheat was thrown into to 1%c. Northwest wheat was thrown into 1%c. Northwest wheat was thrown into the selling carnival which marked the decline. The finish came at nearly the bottom prices, with May at \$1.13@1.13%, %c lower, and the finish came at market the bottom prices, with May at \$1.13@1.13%, %c lower, Corn fell off sharply. May went down from 68c to 60%c, July and Soptember falling from 1c to 1%c. The close was weak at nearly the low point, with May at 68% 900%c, 1%6 1%c lower. Trading in oats followed closely the course of corn. May closed \$10 lower at 47

May closed %c lower at 4756 for live hogs, which touched \$9.47½ today, the highest point since 1870, advanced early in the day, May pork going up to \$23.95, 25c higher than yesterday's close. Later provision prices began to sag and fell off to a close unchanged to 5c higher for pork and 2½65c lower for lard and ribs.

| Total and total | OF TOT HE | CAT STATES EX | ACCEPT. | |
|--|--|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | VHEAT. | | |
| May July Sept | \$1.14 1.04% | | 1.00%, \$1.12% 1.03% .99% | Close. \$1.13% 1.04 .90% |
| May July Sept | .68% | .68 .68% | .66% .67% | .6615 .6715 .6752 |
| | | OATS. | | |
| May July Sept, | .48 .41½ | .48% .44% .41% | .47 % .43 % | .4734 .41 .4034 |
| MESS PORK. | | | | |
| May | $\frac{23.77 \%}{23.70}$ | 23.95 23.90 | 23.70 23.67% | 23.70 23.67 14 |
| - | | LARD. | | |
| May | 12.80 12.77 | 12.92% | 12.77 % | 12.80 |
| 1 40 00 | SHO | ORT RIE | 38. | |
| May July Cash que Flour-F | 12.45 otations | 12.57.14 | 12.42% | 12,45 12,423 <u>6</u> |
| Rye—No Barley— choice mai Flax see No. 1 Nor: Timothy Pork—M | Feed or lting, 60 d—No. thwester seed—\$ ess, per | mixing, @73c. 1 South n, \$2.22 4.05. | \$23,75 @ 25 | \$2.12\6; |

Grain and Produce at New York.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Flour—Steady, with a moderate local trade, Roceipts, 21,810 barrels; shipments, 16,628 barrels.

Wheat—Spot, easy. No. 2 red, \$1.31 sales elevator domestic and nominal f. o. b. affoat; No. 1 Northern Duiuth and No. 2 hard Winter, \$1.27 nominal f. o. b. affoat; No. 1 footnotern pounts and prices up early, but later declined under general liquidation and under large stocks of flour. Prices closed % to 15c net higher. May closed at \$1.21%, July at \$1.11%. Receipts, 9600 bushels.

Hides Easy. Petroleum and wool, steady. Minneapolis Grain Market. Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. Feb. 18.—Close: Wheat—May, \$1.13; July, \$1.12%; cash, No. 1 hard. \$1.14% \$1.15\%; No. 1 Northern, \$1.113\% \$1.15; No. 2 Northern, \$1.113\% \$1.15; No. 3 Northern, \$1.07\% \$1.11\%; \$1.12\%; Corn—No. 2 yellow, 59\% \$600\%; Corn—No. 2 yellow, 59\% \$6000\%; Corn—No. 2 yellow, 59\% \$6000\%; Corn—No. 2 yellow,

LONDON, Feb. 18,—Cargoes quiet and in-active. Walla Walla for shipment, nominal 49s 2d. English country markets, some higher, some lower; French country mar-kets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 18.—Wheat—March, 8s 21/4; May, 8s 24/d; June, 2s 1/4; July, 7s 11d. Weather showery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 418 .- Wheat and

barley—weak.

Spot Quotations—Wheat—Shipping \$1.90@
\$1.90%; barley-feed, \$1.32%@1.40; brewing.
\$1.41%@1.42; oats, red, \$1.50@1.50; white,
\$1.62%@1.70; black, \$1.50@2.50.

Call Beard Sales—Wheat, no trading; barley, May, \$1.36%; Dec. \$1.26; corn, large yellow, \$1.75@1.80. Grain Markets of the Northwest.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 18.—Wheat—Blue-em, \$1.14@1.15; club, \$1.06@1.07; red Rus-

SEATTLE, Wash, Feb. 18.—Milling quotations: Bluestem, \$1.12; club, \$1.09; ffc, \$1.09; cred Russian, \$1.07. Export wheat: Bluestem, \$1.09; club, \$1.08; ffc, \$1.66; red Russian, \$1.04. Car receipts up to noon: Wheat, two cars. Yesterday's receipts: Wheat, 22 cars; oats, one car. LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 18.—Grain markets unchanged. Bluestem, 94c; fortyfold, sec; club and Turkey red, 84c; red Russian, 82c; oats. \$1.20; feed barley, \$1.10.

Dried Fruit at New York. NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Evaporated apples mehanged. Spot, fancy, 104@11c; choice, 69%c: prime, 6%67c; common to fair, 69

Prunes firm, Culifornia up to 30-40s, 24.69
94c; Oregons, 669c.
Apricots, steady, Choice, 114.6114c; extra
choice, 114.6124c; fine, 12.6184c.
Peaches, active. Choice, 64.67c; extra
choice, 76.74c; fancy, 74.68c.
Raisins, quiet. Louse Muscatel, 44.64c;
choice to fancy seeded, 5665c; seedless, 24.64c;
London layers, \$1.1561.25.

Wool at St. Louis. ST LOUIS, Feb. 18.—Wool, unchanged. Territory and Western mediums, 25@28c; fine mediums, 20@24c; fire, 18@21c.

Expansion in Business With Advance in Season.

BUYERS ARE TAKING HOLD

Nothing to Substantiate Exaggerated Reports of Cancellations--Large Orders Are Booked With Manufacturers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Bradstreet's tomorow will may: Trade reports are rather more cheerful. Vis-ble evidence of expansion in jobbing trade, in consonance with the advance of the meason, are found in the reports that the large number bers of buyers in leading markets, espein the West, Southwest and parts of the South, have taken hold more freely.

in the West, Southwest and parts of the South, have taken hold more freely. Inquiry at leading markets fails to substantiate the exaggerated reports of cancellations noted for sometime past, and there are few signs of the widely heralded reaction in distributive trade. Many points report no cancellations to speak of, several cities report countermands no greater than notward and only a very few report that in a few lines—notably clothing—has there been any special effect exercised.

Manufacturers are well supplied with orders. Western shoe men are running to capacity. There is rather less pessimbsm in the iron and steel trade, Reports from the Pacific Coast lumber trade are good. Collections range from slow to fair.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with February 17 were 269, against 240 last week. 282 in the like week of 1909, 326 in 1968, 177 in 1967 and 186 in 196. Wheat, including flour, exports, from the United States and Canada for the week ending February 17 aggregated 1,617,080 bushels, against 2,468,003 last week and 2,273,500 this week last year. For the 33 weeks ending February 17 exports are 105,234,121 bushels, against 183,189,719 in the corresponding period last year.

Cure exports for the week are 171,616 bushagainst 135,185,175 in the week are 771,616 bush-last year.

Corn exports for the week are 771,616 bush-els, against 1,125,908 last week and 1,289,518 in 189. For the 33 weeks ending February 17 corn exports are 17,177,397 bushels, against 19,231,638 last year.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s
weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:
Improved financial conditions serve to
strengthen business confidence. Sentiment
in Iron and steel is cheerful. No cancellations are reported and shipments are well
sustained, except where severe weather has
delayed transportation. Some railreads have
found it necessary to replenish old rolling
stock because of the wear and tear caused
by an unusually hard Winter, and a Western system alone has placed an order for 75
locomotives.

The drygoods jobbing trade was more active this week, and a large sale of dress goods in a leading New York house proved eminoacily successful.

The leather market shows renewed activity. Pronounced weakness continues in all kinds of domestic hides and foreign dry hides have sold at the reduction from former selling rates. Prices of about all varieties of packers and country hides are nominal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending Feb-ruary 17 shows an aggregate of \$5,127,103,-000, ag against \$5,517,918,000 last week and \$2,484,922,000 in the corresponding week Sporadence
Providence
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Dairy Produce in the East CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Butter — Steady— Creameries, 25 @28c; dairies, 71 @25c. Eggs.—Receipts 3637; strong at mark, cases included, 22 @24c; firsts, 25 %c; prime firsts, 26 %c. Cheese Steady, Daisses, 16% @17c; Twins,

16% (16% c; Young Americas, 16% c (16% c; Long Horns, 16% (116% c. creamery specials, 51 ½c; Western 140.55; 21 ½ 67 25c. Cheese—Firm, unchanged. Eggs—Firm. Western firsts, 27 ½ 6003c; seconds, 27c; refrigerators, 23 ½ 67 25c.

Coffee and Sugar, NEW TORK, Feb. 18.—Coffee futures closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points lower. Sales, 4500 bags, including March at 7.20s, 7.23c, May at 7.10c, July, September, October 1.25c. May at 1.16c. July, september, October and December at 1.15c. Spot, steady. No. 7 Rio, 8%c; No. 4 Santos, 9% 99%c. Mild, quiet. Cordova, 9% 912%c.
Sugar—Raw, firm. Muscovado, 89 toet.
S.76c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4.20c; molasses sugar, 89 test, 3.45c. Refined, steady. Crushed, 5.85c; granulated, 5.15c; powdered, 5.25c.

New York Cotton Market. New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Peb. 18.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet. Mid-uplands, 14.50c; mid-Gulf, 10.50c. Sales, 100 halos. Futures closed easy, 8 to 19 points lower. Pebruary, 14.38c; March and April, 14.40c; May, 14.51c; June and July, 14.36c; August, 13.88c; September, 13.05c; October, 12.62c; November and December, 12.45c.

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