# WHATSTORAGEDOES

Produce Prices Kept Near a Uniform Level.

## ARGUMENT FOR COOLERS

Chicago Butter and Egg Board Says the Institution Is a Blessing to Both the Consumer and the Producer.

much has been said for and against bold storage products lately that the Chipamphlet on the subject, which contains some information of general interest. From the pamphlet the following statements are

In these days of agitation against high prices of food products, the cold storng? warehouses are often blamed for existing conditions, but that they are really a blessing instead of a curse to the consumer, ing instead of a curse to the consumer, is very apparent when one is made acquainted with the actual facts in the case. Cold storage warehouses are specially constructed buildings with up-to-date facilities for carrying perishable products. In the aggregate, they represent an outlay of many millions of dollars and they are really concerns of public utility, or common carriers, as but very few of them buy or own the goods stored.

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The rates of storage are uniform to all No distinction whatever is made and anyone No distinction whatever is made and anything who wishes to do so, has the privilege to buy and store during the season of plenty that he may sell or consume in the time of scarcity. Everyone, therefore, is given an opportunity to deal in perishable products and a trust under these conditions becomes

impossible.

Cold storage houses have become a veritable necessity to mankind, as they absorb large quantities of the finest perishable products in the season of plenty, when products in the season of plenty, when production is heaviest, to take care of the consuming demand in the time of light consuming demand in the time of light or no production, thereby maintaining to the producer a fair price for his output during the flush, and preserving to the average consumer many of the necessities of the table at a season when the fresh article would be absolutely beyond the reach of his purse, if indeed at all obtainable.

According to late Government statistics, the annual crop of eggs is almost 60,000,000 cases, of which less than 8 per cent is stored and the balance, over 92 per cent, goes direct to the consumer. In the City of

goes direct to the consumer. In the City of Chicago, in 1909, there were stored ap-proximately 1,000,000 cases of eggs, and a pareful canvass of the leading houses showed that these eggs were owned by 619 persons or firms. This fact alone should be convinc-

or firms. This frot alone should be convincing as an argument, that no cold storage trust could or did exist.

The highest wholesale price at which storage eggs sold in round lots was 28½ cents, and that only for a short time during the severe cold weather, the latter part of December and fore part of January. The average wholesale solling price for the entire holdings was not over 21½ cents. Only 10 per cent of the eggs stored made a profit for the holders, while 80 per cent showed a loss and the rest broke about even.

In the days before cold storage houses were in existence, the price of eggs in the flush of the season often was as low to the farmer or producer as 5 cents to 8 cents per dozen, while in the Winter months 50 cents to 60 cents per dozen wholesale was not at all unusual.

farmer, with his high-priced land and general prosperity, would not bother to raise poultry, unless assured a fair price in the eason of plenty.

Of all the butter produced in the coun-

mest fresh butter, during the period of storms and unusually cold weather, did not go above 38 cents, yet we find, in 1882, before modern cold storage was known, that the price of butter at Elgin for the week of February 20, was 48@50 cents, and that the average price for the month was 45%

Getting down to the fresh meat problem we find that over \$7 per cent of the product is for prompt use and that less than 3 per cent is placed in storage. While as to poultry, it is difficult to arrive at actual figures, yet the best-posted men put the holdings on about the same basis as meats.

It is certain that fair prices must be maintained in the season of greatest production or else there would be no inducement for the producer to continue in the business, and it is equally certain that un less we had some extra stocks to draw upon in the time of lightest production the aver-age consumer would have to go without many table necessaries; therefore, the cold storage house is an absolute necessity, stands as the leveler of prices the year through and makes for a fair deal to both

TRADE IN ALL GRAINS IS QUIET Hay Market Is Very Firm—Supplies Going to Eastern Oregon.

The local wheat market was very dull yesterday and inclined to be weak. Former

The hay market shows a very firm tone all around. Eastern Oregon timothy is now quoted at \$23@24 and alfalfa at \$17.50@ 18.50, while grain hay is selling at \$17@18. Heavy shipments &f California hay are still being made to this city and a good portion is being sent on to points east of the

The weekly foreign shipments of wheat

This week, Last week, Last year,
Argentina 1,352,000 3,848,000 6,224,000
Australia 2,320,000 1,880,000 2,600,000
India... 224,000 376,000
Local receipts, in cars, as reported by the Merchants' Exchange were:

Wheat Barley Plour Oats Hat Wednesday ... 17
Thursday ... 18
Friday ... 18
7 2 2 3
Year ago ... 10178 1472 1127 699 2243
Vear ago ... 10178 1472 1127 699 2243

Prices of Eggs, Poultry and Dressed Ments

Maintained—Butter Active.
There was no apparent change in the egg situation yesterday. One or two dealers called the market weak, but others quoted it all the way from steady to strong. The demand, both on local and shipping account, was good. The general quotation on the street was 23 cents, with the usual variation from this figure according to the

Poultry was scarce and sold at the usual

There was a fair supply of dressed veal and pork available. The demand was not as keen as recently, but prices were well

Butter moved out freely at the new price. Eastern butter is being offered to the jobbing trade.

### BUSINESS UNDER WAY IN HOPS. Some Trading for Both Export and Domestic Account.

A small amount of business to passing in the hop market, buyers operating on both domestic and export account. Among the late purchases were the Joe Converse lot of 104 bales and the George Miller lot of 50 bales, at Reedville, both taken by H. L. Hart at 17 cents.

ock of 1968s to the London market. The Wales lot of 93 bales, at Chebalis, has been sold, but the price was not learned. The Orton Brow, lot of IIS bales, at Sumner, has been consigned to London on a 15-cent ad

Vegetables in Good Demand. There was a good cleanup in most lines o vegetables Festerday. Aspuragus was quoted tirm af 12%@15 cents a pound and rhubsrb was higher at \$3.50@4 per box. Peas were the where from 6 to 10 cents a pound and slow

at that, There is so improvement in the potato market and not likely to be any soon, Onions Oranges and bananas are in good demand.

but apples do not move briskly. Mohair Growers Meet Today. The Polk County Mohair Growers' Associa tion will hold a meeting at Dallas today to

fix a date for the sale of the big Polk County mohair pool.

Bank Clearings. Bank Clearings for the Northwestern elties

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. WHEAT—Track prices: Bluesteam, \$1.08 &1.10; club, \$1.01; red Russian, \$1; Valler, \$1.02.

FLOUR—Paients, \$5.75 per barrel; straights, \$5.50; export, \$4.50; Valley, \$5.60; graham, \$5.50; whole wheat, quarters, \$5.70.

BARLEY—Foed and brewing, \$28@28.50 per ton.

CORN-Whole, \$34; cracked, \$35 per ton.

HAY-Track prices; Timothy; Willamette Valley, \$20 221 per ton. Eastern Oregon, \$23224; alrain, \$17.50918.50; grain hay, \$17619.

MILLSTUFPS-Bean, \$24225 per ton; middlings, \$33.50; shorts, \$25226; rolled barkey, \$30.50631.59.

OATS-No. 1 white, \$31 per ton.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, \$1.25@3 box; pears, \$1.50@1.75 per box; Spanish Malaga, \$5.50@7 per barrel; cranberries, \$5.00 per barrel.

POTATOES—Carload buying prices; Oregon 50@00c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 8c per pound.

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VEGETABLES—Artichokes, \$1@1.35 per

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TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, \$2.95; lemons, \$2.94; grapefruit, \$2.75@6 per box; binanis, 5.95; per pound; tangerines, \$1.75 per box.

ONIONS—Oregon, \$1.50@1.75 per hundred. dred. SACK VEGETABLES Turnips, nominal; ratabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25; parenips, \$1.

Dairy and Country Butter. BUTTER—City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 34@35c per lb.; store, 20c. (Butter fat prices average, 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.) EGGS—Freeh Oregon ranch, 22½@23c per dozen.

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CHEESE—Pull cream twins, 21c per pound; young Americas, 22@22½c.

FORK—Fancy, 13@18½c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 12@13c per pound.

POULTRY—Hens, 19@19½c; broilers, 25@
27c; ducks, 18@20c; geese, 12@13c; turkeys, llye, 22@25c; dressed, 25@29c; aquabs, \$8 per dozen.

BETTER FEELING IN WOOL MARKET. Business at Boston Larger Than for Past

Two Months.

BOSTON, March 18.—The Commercial Bulletin will say of the wool market:

With increased buying of wools suitable for carded woolens, there is a better feeling in the market, and some leading houses report a larger business than has been recorded for two months. The large worsted mills, however, are still inactive season of plenty.

Of all the butter produced in the country, not over 6 per cent is put away into storage, while 04 per cent goes into immediate use. Such a small proportion of the erop (as with eggs), could not control the market on the balance, that is evident.

The top price for storage butter this season was \$2½ cents per pound, while season was \$2½ cents per pound, while finest fresh butter, during the period of storms and unusually cold weather, did not market on the balance was above \$6 cents yet we find in 1882 betime last year. The peccipts to March 17 inclusive were \$7,675,981 pounds against 69,-

> Wool at St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Wool—Unchanged. Territory and Western mediums, 23@25c; fine mediums, 18@22c; fine, 11@15c.

Metal Markets.

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NEW YORK, March 15.—The market for standard copper closed steady with spot. March and april quoted at 12.95.913.20c; May, 13.913.25, and June at 13.913.25 on the New York Metal Exchange. The English market was steady with spot quoted at 158 178 6d and futures at 160. Local dealers quote lake copper at 13.371.90; 13.925c. Imports at Atlantic ports by steamers since March 1 have been 3065 tons copper, 185 tons matte and 410 tons ores. Exports since March 1, 8718 tons. Tin closed firm with spot quoted at 31.05 (\$2.10c; March, 31.95.210c; April, 31.95.932.15c, and May, 33.95.932.25c. The London market was firm and higher, with spot quoted at 1145 7s 6d and futures 1147 fos. Lead was easy with spot quoted at 4.45.94 4.55c. New York and 4.20.94.321/sc East St. Louis. The London market was lower at 113.

Spelter closed easy at 5,50@5.75c for spot New York and at 5,40@5.50 East St. Louis. New York and at 5.40@5.50 East St. Louis.
The London market was unchanged at £23.
The English from market was higher with
Cleveland warrants quoted at 5s 10½d. Locally no change was reported. No. 1 foundry
Northern. \$18@18.50; No. 2 foundry
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No. 1 foundry Southern soft. \$17.75@18.25.

Coffee and Sugar.

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NEW YORK, March 18.—Coffee closed dull net 2 points higher to 5 points lower. Sales, \$250 bags. Closing bids follow: March, 6.80c; April, 6.85c; May, 5.90c; June, 7.00c; July, August, September, October and November, 7.10c; December, 7.15c; January, 7.16c and February, 7.17c. Spot coffee quiet; Rio, No. 7, 8 11-16@ 8%c; No. 4 santos, 9%c Mild coffee quiet; cordova, 9% 612%c.

Sugar—Raw, steady; Muscovado, S9 test, 3.86c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4.36c; molasses sugar, 89 test, 3.61c. Refined, steady; crushed, 5.95c; granulated, 5.25c; powdered, 5.35c.

Dried Fruit at New York. NEW YORK, March 18.—Evaporated ap-les firm; spot fancy, 10% 211c; choice, 9.99 the; prime, 6% 274c; common to fair,

es steady; Californias up to 30-40s, Prunes steady; Californins up to 30-40s, 2% @94c; Oregons, 5% @7c.
Apricots steady; choice, 10% @11c; extra choice; 11% @12c; fapcy, 12@13c.
Penches about steady; choice, 6% @6% c; extra choice, 6% @7% c; fancy, 7% @7% c.
Raisins quiet. Loose muscateis, 3% @5% c; choice to fancy seedled, 5@6% c; seedless, 3% @4% c; London layers, \$1.15@1.25.

New York Cotton Market. NEW YORK, March 18.—Cotton—Spot closed steady, 5 points higher, Mid-uplands, 15.20c; mid-gulf, 15.45c. Sales, 5455 bales, Cotton futures closed steady, 5@16 points higher, March, 15.07c; April, 15.03c; May, 15.01c; June, 14.78c; July, 14.78c; August, 14.26c; September, 13.34c; October, 12.93c; November, 12.78c; December, 12.77c; January, 12.78c.

London Wool Sales, LONDON, March 18.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today amounted to 11,761 bales. Under an increased demand, fine merines were advanced 5 per cent higher than the opening rates. Americans bought a few greasies. Continental buyers took scoureds eagerly, Americans fine, light-haired cross-breds and the home trade, coarse grades.

Hups at London. ville, both taken by H. L. Hart at 17 cents.

H. L. Bents is continuing his shipments to Pacific Coast, dull, 45 to 16.

Buyers of Stock Take a Cheerful View.

IGNORE UNFAVORABLE NEWS

Demand From Influential Interests Helps on the Advance-New York Money Market Easier.

NEW YORK, March 18,-The steady up lift of prices in today's stock market and the indifference shown to any but favorable developments made an impressive demon-stration of hopefulness on the part of

takers of stocks. Some part of the buying was attributed to a short interest overtaken by the con-tinued recovery in prices. The persistence of the demand of the principal longs was taken to indicate satisfaction with condi-tions on the part of some interests well equipped with resources to express their confidence. A further rise in American Tobacco stock

A further rise in American Tobacco stock in the outside market kept alive predictions that the Supreme Court decision in the tobacco case would be in favor of the company. Cliation from the President's speech before the Traffic Club, in Chicago, were used as evidence of fairness in the attitude of the Government authorities towards the railroad corporations.

Strength of special stocks traceable to

Strength of special stocks traceable to of special stocks traceable to individual causes helped the general advance by sympathy. The rise in Norfolk & Western was a noticeable case in point. This was accompanied by rumors of an increase in the dividend and of a guarantee by the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St.

There was published during the day cheerful views of the copper trade from the president of the Amaigamated Copper Company, which served as a stimulus to the buying of that stock. Rumors of divi-dend increases applied to some other stocks, including United States Steel.

Estimates of the week's currency moveestimates of the week's currency move-ment promised a gain in cash by the banks ewing to excess of receipts from the in-terior over shipments. The higher rates for time money during the week have op-erated to attract funds to this center. There crated to attract funds to this center. There was a relaxation in the London discount rate from the violent advance caused by the rise in the bank rate. The call ioan market in New York relaxed slightly in view of the gala in cash indicated for the banks. Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, \$2.155,000. United States bonds were un-changed on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

CLOSING STOCK C	MOTA	FIGNS.	
Attis Chalman of	High	Low	Hosing
Allis Chaimers pf.	15455		42%
Am Agricultural . 500	48	47	714% 47
Am Beet Sugar . 400	3934	39	88%
Am Car & Form 800	76% 05%	7612	76
Am Cotton Oil 700	68%	68	67.56
Am Hd & Lt pf. 200	40.15	4014	39%
Am Linseed Oil . 200	14%	14%	14.8
Am Locomotive 700	53	5214	52%
do preferred 200	10880	1000	5614
Am Sugar Ref 1,100	127%	126%	12614
Am Tel & Tel 1,800	141%	140%	14114
Am Woolen 1 000	3944	2850	2008
Anaconda Min Co. 800	49%	49%	4934
Atchison 8,000	116	115%	1154
Atl Const Line 300	13234	132	1324
Bult & Ohlo 1.500	112%	112%	1125
Bethlehem Steel 200	3136	3144	3034
Brook Rap Tran. 6,100	7376	76%	76%
Central Leather 800	497/	1987	17935
do preferred	42.76	2478	10614
Central of N J	12227	*****	300
Chicago & Alton	8816	87	87 % 57 h
Chicago Gt West, 600	31	30%	30%
C. M & St Paul 6700	15536	155	155
C. C. C & St L 1.800	9214	90%	9016
Colo & Southern 500	61	40%	40
Atlis Chaimers pf.  Amal Copper . 28,500 Am Agricultural . 300 Am Beet Sugar . 400 Am Can pf . 300 Am Can can k Foun . 800 Am Can color . 500 Am Louder . 600 Am Sugar Ref . 1,6300 do preferred . 800 Am Tel & Tel . 800 Am Tel & Tel . 800 Am Woolen . 1,000 Am Woolen . 1,000 Am Woolen . 1,000 Am Color . 800 Anaconda Min Co. Alchison . 800 Anaconda Min Co. Balt & Sho . 1,500 Canadian Pacific . 1,500 Canadian Pacific . 800 Central Leather . 600 Con Free . 600 Con Ma St Paul . 6,700 Colo Fuel & Iron . 500 Con Products . 200 Del & Hudson . 200 De	-		80
do 2d preferred	20,000	22330	78
Corn Products 2300	1846	1875	181/
Del & Hudson 200	175	174	175
do preferred 1, 1,100	5016	41%	42
Distillers' Securi 600	314	3315	80% BB16
Erie 2,300	20196	30%	30%
do 2d preferred.	819-16	491/2	39%
General Electric 200	154%	35434	15434
Gt Northern pf 2,400	13614	186	13614
Illinois Central	177	till 74	141
Interborough Met., 6,200	22%	2071	22%
Inter Harvester 100	9016	9234	56%
Inter-Marine pf	****	22.73	21
Int Paper		184424	1354
Iowa Central 200	24%	9414	24
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Louisville & Nash 900	15316	150	E9
Minn & St Louis. 300	41.5%	41%	40
M. St P & S S M. 100	144	144	14314
Mo, Kan & Texas 1,500	4332	425	4932
do preferred	*****		72
National Blacuit	8400	2000	112%
Mex Nat Ry 1st pf	CO. CO.	25000	64
N Y Central 4,400	12514	12436	124%
Norfolk & West, 28,100	10674	104	1065
North American 100	78%	78%	78
Pacific Mail	1854	134%	134%
Pennoylvania 20,100	137%	137	13714
Property Gas 3,000	10216	101	10134
Pullman Pal Car. 100	196	196	756
By Steel Spring. 300	4434	4416	44
Republic Steel 700	3974	39	2037
do preferred	20000	(5355)	101
do preferred Co., 17,300	811	49%	4914
St L & S F 2 pf. 300	55	54	54
do preferred National Biscuit National Biscuit National Biscuit National Lead 400 Mex Nat Ry 1st pf N Y Central 4,400 N Y Ont & West 28,100 North American 100 Northern Pacific 2,600 Pacific Meail Pennsylvania 20,100 Prople's Gas 3,000 Prossed Steel Car. 100 Ry Steel Spring 300 Republic Steel Car. 100 Ry Steel Spring 119,500 Republic Steel 700 do preferred 700 do preferred 700 St L & S F 2 pf 300 St L Southwestern do preferred 100 St L Southwestern do preferred 100 St L Southwestern Stores Sheffleld Southern Pacific 19,800			29
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Southern Pacific 19,800	128%	12776	12814
do preferred 200	665	29	29
Tenn Copper 100	33.14	8834	3214
Tol. St L. & West 200	30 Ug	30	80%
do preferred 500	0812	6616	68
Union Pacific 64,900	188%	1865	1884
U S Realty 200	78	78	78
U S Rubber 500	45%	475	45
do preferred 1 200	1915	85%	86.14
Utah Copper 1 000	40%	4934	49
Wabash Chemical, 2,700	591/2	28	59.54
do preferred 5.100	48%	48	480
Western Md 4,000	0.2%	52%	52
Western Union 200	7514	71	71
do preferred Southern Pacific 19,800 Southern Railway 200 do preferred 800 Tenn Copper 100 Texas & Pacific 200 Union Pacific 64,900 do preferred 500 Union Pacific 64,900 US Realty 200 US Realty 200 US Rubber 500 US Rubber 100 US Rubber 100 Us Steel 141,700 do preferred 1,200 Us Arbone 1,000 Va-Caro Chemical 2,700 Wabase 300 do preferred 5,100 Western Md 4,000 Western Md 4,000 Western Union 200 Wheel & L. Erie.	7514		10
Wheel & L. Erie	54	71 75 54 22	1707
Pittsburg Coal	80	56	5934
Unifed Dry Goods	300	101	11716
Total males for the day	KEG MAN	AUG	101

Total sales for the day, 583,600 shares. BONDS. NEW YORK, March 18.-Closing quota-U. S. ref. 2s reg.100% N. Y. C. gn 3½s 96¼ do coupon .100% No. Pacific 3s... 73½ U. S. 3s reg... 102¼ No. Pacific 4s... 101½ do coupon .102½ Union Pacific 4s... 101½ U. S. new 4s reg.114¼ Wis. Central 4s.94½B do coupon .114% Japanese 4s ... 92½ D. & R. G. 4s. 92½B

Daily Treasury Statement.

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WASHINGTON, March 18.—The condition of the Treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust funds—
Gold coin \$554,020,500 Silver dollars of 1890 \$3.514,000 Silver dollars of 1890 \$3.514,000 Silver certificates outstanding \$89,296,000 General fund—
Standard silver dollars in general fund \$2.403,370 Silver certificates outstanding \$2.403,370 Silver certificates outstanding \$2.403,370 Silver certificates outstanding \$2.403,370 Silver certificates outstanding \$2.403,370 Silver certificates \$2.403,370 Silver certificates \$2.403,370 Silver certificates outstanding \$2.403,370 Silver certificates \$2.403,370 S fices
In banks to credit of Treasurer
of the United States
Subsidiary silver coin
Munor coin In names to credit of freasurer of the United States. 28.543.593 Subsidiary silver coin 21.505.307 Minor coin 1.86.223 Total balance in general fund \$2.002.350

Money, Exchange, Etc. NEW YORK, March 1s, Money on call, firm, 24,63 per cent; ruling rate, 25; closting, bld, 2; offered at 25.

Time loans, very steady and dull; 60 days

90 days, 194% per cent; six months, per cent. me mercantile paper, 4195 per cent.

Sterling exchange steady, at a decline, with actual business in bankers' bills at 14.8315@4.8385 for 60-day bills; and at 24.8315@4.8385 for demand.

Commercial bills, \$4.825@4.84%.
Bar silver, 51%c.
Mexican dollars, 44c.
Blonds—Governments, steady; railroads.

firm.

Marlect Has Advanced a Dollar firm.

LONDON, March 18.—Bar silver, steady at 23 11-16d per ounce.

Money, 383% per cent.
The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3%83% per cent; for three months bills, 3%83% per cent.

Consols for money, 81%; do, for account, 81%.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Sterling London, 60 days \$4.84%; sight, \$4.87%; Silver bars, 31%c. Mexican dollars, 44c. Drafts—Sight, 7c; telegraph, 10c.

Eastern Mining Stocks,

MARKET WEAK MOST OF DAY AT CHICAGO.

Effect of Crop Damage Reports Offset by Large Receipts and Poor Flour Demand.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Wheat was erratic the greater part of the session, but the volume of trading was not large. A further break in corn prices, liberal primary receipts and an extremely stack demand for flour in the Northwest offset the effect of additional crop damage reports. The market displayed its greatest strength on opening transactions which were at gains of a shade to \(\frac{1}{2}\) \(\frac{1}{2}\) \(\frac{1}{2}\) and \(\frac{1}{2}\) \(\frac{1}{2}\), while July ranged between \(\frac{1}{2}\). In this the lowest level. Final quotations on May and July were in each case \(\frac{1}{2}\) \(\frac{1}{2}\) \(\frac{1}{2}\) and \(\frac{1}{2}\). Level. Final quotations on May and July were in each case \(\frac{1}{2}\) \(\frac vious close at \$1.12% and \$1.06% \$1.06% respectively.

An exceedingly poor demand for the cash grain, which resulted in declines of % to 1% at the sample tables, inspired general selling of corn. Sellers centered their attack on the May option and this delivery was the weakent of the list. No. 3 yellow corn sold at 55% \$60% c. The May delivery ranged between \$2c and \$5c. The market closed weak, with May at \$2.052% c.

Outs were weak. The market was bear-ishly affected by the heaviness of corn and by a decline of %c to 1c in cash prices. The market closed weak at almost the bottom with May at \$5.00% for the hottom with \$2.000 for may products were: Pork, \$25.95; lard, \$14.12%, and ribs, \$12.70.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

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LARD. May ... 14 15 14.30 14.86 14.12 14 15 13.97 14 14.02 13.87 14 13.95 13.95 13.80 13.90 SHORT RIBS.

Flour-East,
Rye-No. 2, 79@80c.
Barley-Feed or mixing, 57@59c; fair to choice maiting, 53@69c.
Flax seed-No. 1 Southwestern, \$2.15; No. 1 Northwestern, \$2.25.
Clover-\$12.
Pork-Mess, per barrel, \$26@56.25.
Lard-Per 100 pounds, \$14.22½.
Short ribs-Sides (loose), \$12.25.\$25.
Grain statisties:
Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 52,000 bushels. Exports for the week, as shown by Bradstreet's, were equal to 1.281.000 bushels. Primary receipts were \$55,000 bushels, compared with 562,000 bushels to 1.281.000 bushels. Primary receipts were \$55,000 bushels, compared with 562,000 bushels to 1.281.000 bushels. Cars; hors, 7000.

Receipts Shipments compared with 562,000 bushels concepts for tomorrow; Wheat, 31 cars; corn, 200 cars; oats, 160 cars; hogs, 7000.

7000l Receipts Shipments.
Flour barrels 24,100 17,800
Wheat bushels 85,000 22,400
Corn bushels 333,300 277,200
Onts bushels 455,400 175,300
Ryc, bushels 2,000 7,600
Barley, bushels 215,500 47,300 Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Plour, quiet and about steady. Receipts, 16,485 barrels; shipments, 6400 barrels.

Wheat—Spot easy. No. 2 red, \$1,251,27.

1.26 cif. Wheat was inactive and without much feature with small price changes, Crop news was generally buillish, but cash markets were quiet and traders were waiting for developments. At the close prices ing for developments. At the close prices were \( \frac{1}{2} \) of lower to \( \frac{1}{2} \) a dvance. Exporters took 18 loads. May, \( \frac{1}{2} \) 1.22\( \frac{1}{2} \) 1.23\( \frac{1}{2} \) 1.24\( \frac{1}{2} \) 1.25\( \frac{1}{2} \) 1 Receipts, 6000 bushels:

3000 bushels.
Hops—Dull.
Hides—Pirm.
Petroleum and wool—Steady.

European Grain Market. LONDON, March 18.—Cargoes, quiet but teady, with more inquiry. Walla Walla for hipment at 39s, 3d. English country markets, firm, French country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL March 18.—Wheat—March, 8s ad; May, 8s %d; July, 7s, 11%d. Weather, Minneapolls Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 18.—Wheat—May, \$1.12% \$1.13%; July, \$1.13% \$1.12%; Cash: No. 1 hard, \$1.13% \$1.15%; No. 1 Northern, \$1.13% \$1.14%; No. 2 Northern, \$1.11% \$1.11% \$1.12%; No. 5. Northern, \$1.67% \$1.11% 10%. Flax closed at \$2.24%. Corn. No. 3 yellow, 56%@58%c. Oats. No. 3 white, 41%@41%c. Ryc. No. 2, 70%@74%c.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.-Wheat easy, barley firm.
Spot quotations: Wheat—Shipping, \$1.824@ 1.874 per cental.
Burley—Feed, \$1.40@1.42½ per cental; browing, \$1.424@1.45 per cental.
Cats—Red, \$1.65@1.70 per cental; white, \$1.65@1.70 per cental; white, \$1.65@1.70 per cental.
Call board sules: Barley—May, \$1.65% per cental; December, \$1.294.@1.30½ per cental.
Corn—Large yellow, \$1.65@1.70 per cental.

Grain Markets of the Northwest. TACOMA, March 18.—Wheat, bluestem, \$1.09@1.12; club, \$1.02@1.04; red Russian, \$1.02.

SEATTLE, March 18.—Milling quotations, bluestem, \$1.10; club, \$1.03; fife, \$1.03; red Russian, \$1. Export wheat bluestem, \$1.07; club, \$1; fife, \$1; red Russian, 97c. Testerday's car receipts, wheat one car; oats, five

Dairy Produce in the East. Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Butter — Steady.
Creameries, 25@31c; dairies, 22@27c.
Eggs—Receipts 12.282 cases; steady at
mark, cases included, 19½c; firsts, 21c; prime
firsts, 22c
Cheese—Steady. Dulsies, 16% 216½c; Twins,
15% 215½c; Young Americas, 16% 216½c;
Long Horns, 16% 216½c.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Butter—Fancy
grades, very firm; pthers quiet. Prices unchanged. Cheese—Firm, unchanged, Eggs—Firm, unchanged,

in Few Weeks.

SUPPLY IS VERY SMALL

Fifty-one Head Are Sold at the Stockvards at \$7.50 Per Hundred - Cattle and Hogs Hold Their Own.

An opportunity was offered yesterday t ascertain what sheep values are in the local market when a small bunch was disposed of at the Portland Union Stockyards. There were only 51 head in the bunch, but as no sheep have been sold here for some weeks. the sale was important. The price realized was \$7.50 a hundred, which is an even dollar better than the price paid at the

The impression prevails among livestock nen that sheep will be scarce throughout the season, especially good sheep, owing to the hard Winter that has prevailed in Eastern Oregon and Washington and the poor feeding facilities that many of the growers had.

Cattle sold freely, six loads of extra good steers going at \$6.50 and two loads almost as good at \$6.35.

The best price paid for hogs during the day was \$11.10, but they were not equal in quality to those that lately brought the extreme price of \$11.25. In a general way the local hog market can be classed as steady and it is not safe to make a prediction that it is going either up or down. The tendency in the Eastern markets yesterday was strongly upward, after the two days' setback. Hogs at Chicago advanced 10 m 15c to \$11.05 as the top, Kansas City had a similar advance to \$10.75 and Omaha with the same top con vances of 15 (25c.

Receipts during the day were: 301 cattle, 31 calves, 51 sheep, 302 hogs and 8 horses. Shippers of stock weres Thirman & Harris, three cars of cattle from Dillon, Mont.; J. J. Smith, of Pocatello, Idaho, one car of hogs; Carroll & Schaefer, of Colfax, Wash., two cars of hogs; C. S. Walker, with 13 cars of cattle and horses from Joseph and Ontario; S. E. Ferguson, of McMinnville, one car of cattle and horses, and M. Gale, who drove in 51 sheep.

24 steers, extra good ... 1280 \$8.50 24 steers, extra good ... 1284 6.50 25 steers, extra good ... 1213 6.50 24 steers, extra good ... 1213 6.50 24 steers, extra good ... 1275 6.50 26 steers, extra good ... 1275 6.50 17 steers ... 1250 17 steers 1259 6.50
6 steers 1241 6.00
1 steer 1241 6.00
1 steer 1258 6.35
23 steers 1258 6.35
201 hogs, good 1252 6.35
201 hogs, good 184 11.10
101 hogs, good 180 11.00
Frices quoted on the various classes of stocks at the yards yesterday were as follows:

CATTLE—Best steers, \$6@6.50; fair to good steers, \$5@5.75; strictly good cows, \$5@5.50; fair to good cows, \$4.75; light calves, \$6@6.50; heavy calves, \$4@5; buils, \$3.60@4.25; stage, \$3@4.50, HOGS—Top, \$11@11.25; fair to good, \$9.50@10. \$10.5 -109, \$11\(\psi\) 11.25; fair to good, \$9.50 \$10.5 -109; fair to good even, \$6; \$6; \$6; \$6; \$6; \$6; \$6; \$7.75.

Enstern Livestock Markets.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 1500; market, strong, 10c higher. Beeves, \$5.60,68.76; Texas steers, \$5.90,30; Westorn steers, \$5.90,50; tockers and feeders, \$1.75,66.75; cows and heifers, \$2.75,67.75; cough, \$10.45,611.95; pigs, \$9.75,610.40; bulk of sales, \$10.80,610.90.

Sheep—Receipts estimated at 11,000; market, \$10.80,610.90.

Sheep—Receipts estimated at 5000; market, steady, Native, \$5.25,85.50; Western, \$5.75,88.50; vearlings, \$8.9.10; lambs, native, \$8.50,210; Western, \$9.010.35.

OMAHA, March 18.—Cattle—Receipts 1200; market strong to 10c higher. Native steers, \$5.75,88.50; cows and heiters, \$5.95,00; canners, \$3.25,5; stockers and feeders, \$466.25; calves \$438.25; bulls, stags, etc., \$1.25,60.25.

Hogs—Receipts 5000; market 156,25c higher, Heavy, \$10.50,910.75; mixed, \$10.55,210.65; light, \$10.30,210.50; pigs, \$8.50,95,50; bulk of sales, \$10.50,910.75; mixed, \$10.55,20,65; light, \$10.30,210.50; pigs, \$8.50,95,50; bulk of sales, \$10.50,910.75. Eastern Livestock Markets.

KANSAS CITY, March 18.—Cattle—Receipts 1000; market strong to 10c higher, Native steers, \$8.4098.50; cows and heifers, \$3.50 97.25; stockers and feeders, \$4.5096.40; bulls, \$4.5096.25; calves, \$569.25; Western steers, \$5.7598; Western cows, \$459.25;
Hogs—Receipts 5000; market 10915c higher, Bulk of sales, \$10.30910.35; heavy, \$10.909 10.75; packers and butchers, \$10.45910.70; light, \$10.20910.55; pige, \$999.75;
Shep—Receipts 5000; market strong, Muttons, \$798.25; lambs, \$9910.20; fed Western wethers and yearlings, \$790.40; fed Western ewes, \$748.

ALASKA ORDERS FOR 400 CASES ARE PLACED.

Large Quantity Is Going North From San Francisco-Stocks of Onions Heavy.

SEATBLE. Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—
Eggs were firm today. Alaska orders, aggregating about 400 cases, were placed and
added to the strength of the market. Country shippers are still holding. It was said
that shipments leaving San Francisco tomorrow and the next day will be the heaviest
of the season.

Butter receipts on today's boat were 205
packages. A car of Eastern cheese arrived
but sold during the day.

Four carloads of onlons have reached
Western avenue during the past two days.
Onlon stocks are heavy in some quarters
and as a result the market has lost some
of the firmness noticeable for some time
hack. Prices, however, are unchanged with
extra fancy stock commanding 1 cents.

Potato receipts fell off to two carloads.
It is stated that faw potatoes have been
loaded out in the country since the last
decline here. Celery stocks are plentiful
and prices somewhat lower.

There were no changes in hay and grain.
A shipment of 1000 tons of wheat goes South
to Mexico on the next boat.

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

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—The following were the quotations in the market to-day; Millstuffs-Bran, \$25.50@27.50; middlings. \$13.036.
Vegetables—Cucumbers, \$1.25@1.80; garlic,
405c; søren peas, 507c; string beans, 35c;
asparagus, 7c.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 28½c; creamery,
seconds, 28c; fancy dairy, 27c.
Eggs—Store, 21c; fancy, 21½c.
Cheese—New, 14½@15c; Young Americas,
18% 219½c. Cheese—Now, 144@15c; Young Americae, 181@194c.

Hay—Wheat, \$14@19; wheat and oats, 18
@17c; alfaifa, \$9@13; stock, \$6@9; straw, per bale, 50@75c.

Hops—18@22c per pound.

Wool—Spring; Humboldt and Mendocano, 18@15c; South Plains and San Joaquin, 8@10c. Fruits—Apples, choice, 75c@\$1; common. 50@65c; bananas, 75c@\$3; limes, \$5.50&6; lemons, choice, \$1.50@2; common. \$1@1.25; oranges, navels, \$1.25@2.50; pincapples, \$2@1.50.

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