BIG FLURRY IN OATS

Higher Prices Offered and Sellers Hold Back.

EIGHTH OF CROP LEFT

Steadily Advancing Market Expected During Remainder of Season. Consumption in the Interior Is Increasing.

The flurry in the oats market is the feature of the grain trade at the present time. There is every reason to believe the bulge is not temporary, but that prices will continue to advance up to the close of the season. It has become a question merely of supply and demand. The facts point to a prospective shortage in view of the increased consumption.

Only an eighth of the crop is left, according to statistics compiled, and there are five months of the season yet to be taken care of. Under the circumstances the market cannot be otherwise than a bull one. Not only is California a strong buyer, but consumption in the country is also heavy, as is shown by the inquiry from the country. The Government order for 6000 tons has to be filled out of the old crop and this quantity would completely exhaust the supply held in either of the Sound cities.

A local buyer was in the market yesterday for 2000 tons for which he offered $33.75, but was unable to find sellers.

The wheat market was firm and ½ to 1 cent higher because of the better California demand.

Hay continues weak with free offerings by farmers.

Local receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants' Exchange, as follows:

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Monday	43	1	18	14	11
Year ago	43	8	17	4	10
Season to date	11,224	317	1886	1241	2171
Year ago	10,620	503	1628	708	2152

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants' Exchange follow:

American Visible Supply—

	Bushels.	Decrease.
March 11, 1912	55,748,000	1,232,000
March 12, 1911	28,222,000	1,646,000
March 14, 1910	26,417,000	*654,000
March 15, 1909	36,996,000	*54,000
March 16, 1908	46,149,000	1,215,000
March 18, 1907	47,324,000	*1,094,000
March 25, 1906	42,972,000	428,000
March 26, 1905	23,368,000	1,151,000
March 14, 1904	23,386,000	1,292,000
March 16, 1903	16,060,000	761,000

*Increase.

Quantities on Passage—

	Week ending Mar. 9	Week ending Mar. 2	Week ending Mar. 11, '11
For	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
U. K.	27,176,000	24,752,000	20,720,000
Continent	3,483,000	10,088,000	22,640,000
Totals	30,661,000	35,430,000	53,360,000

World's Shipments (flour included)—

	Week ending Mar. 9	Week ending Mar. 2	Week ending Mar. 11, '11
From	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
U. S., Can.	1,839,000	2,208,000	2,248,000
Argentine	2,784,000	1,570,000	2,600,000
Australia	1,640,000	1,600,000	2,400,000
Danub. ports	768,000	880,000	1,168,000
Russia	968,000	1,384,000	2,024,000
India	72,000	1,104,000	2,656,000
Totals	8,131,000	9,613,000	14,177,000

World's shipments, season to date:

From	Total since July 1, 1911.	Same period Last season.
U. S. and Canada	114,249,000	84,781,000
Argentine	31,280,000	42,800,000
Australia	18,264,000	14,560,000
Danubian ports	56,263,000	72,784,000
Russia	30,878,000	154,400,000
India	31,804,000	25,432,000
Total	281,887,000	427,657,000

NEW POTATOES COME FROM FLORIDA.

Part of a Car Arrives, the First Direct Shipment From That State.

New potatoes are on the market, the first shipment arriving from Florida yesterday. T. Pearson, who received the entire shipment, said:

"This is the first shipment of new potatoes that has ever come to Portland direct from Florida. The car contained 200 hampers, also 300 crates of Florida tomatoes and 25 crates of Florida peppers.

The new potatoes sold at $3@3.50 per 50-pound hamper. They were of excellent quality. A few crates were sold by Mr. Pearson to other jobbers on the street, and the remainder of the shipment was quickly bought up by retailers. No straight car of Florida potatoes has ever been brought to this market, but the good reception given to yesterday's arrival will probably lead to other business."

The tomatoes were offered at $3.75@4.50 per crate, and the peppers at 25 cents a pound. The street was well supplied with most sorts of California vegetables, which were steady in price.

SHIPPING DEMAND FOR EGGS SLOW.

Some Front Street Dealers Are Shading Prices.

A slowing down in the shipping demand for eggs has taken much of the strength out of the local market. Most dealers quoted the old price, but a few offered current receipts at half a cent under Saturday's quotation.

Poultry receipts were very light. A few dressed hogs and veal came in and sold at unchanged prices.

There were no new developments in the cheese or butter markets.

Fenton Expects Good Mohair Price.

H. L. Fenton, of the Polk County Mohair Association, advises growers, through the Dallas Herald, to commence fitting their fleeces with hide for the annual mohair pool sale. He thinks that while mohair is not commanding a very large price at the present time, the market will begin to look up in the near future and that growers may be confident of nearly or quite as good a price as they received last year. The date of the sale of the pool will be announced soon.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,876,337	$ 297,333
Seattle	3,788,294	1,254,421
Tacoma	744,479	87,516
Spokane	784,483	59,037

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Vegetables and Fruits.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2.50@3.25; California grapefruit, $2.50@4; Florida grapefruit, $3.75@4; bananas, $1.75@2 per bunch; lemons, $4.50@5.50 per box.

FRESH FRUITS—Almeria grapes, $5.00 per barrel; cranberries, $10@11.50 per barrel.

POTATOES—Buying prices: Burbanks, $1.70@1.75 per hundred; sweet potatoes, $3.25 per crate.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, $@6 per dozen; beets, $1@1.75c; cabbage, 1¾@2¼ per lb.; cauliflower, $2.25 per crate.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 90c; club, 87@88c; red Russian, 86c; Valley, 87@88c; fortyfold, 87@88c.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $20@22 per ton; shorts, $22@24; middlings, $30.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.50 per barrel; straights, $4.05; exports, $3.80; Valley, $4.30; graham, $4.35; whole wheat, $4.85.

CORN—New, whole, $74; cracked, $35 per ton.

HAY—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, $18@19; No. 1 Valley, $13@14; alfalfa, $12.50@13; clover, $10; cut and vetch, $11@13.50; other grain hay, $9.

OATS—No. 1 white, $32@32.50 per ton.

Staple Groceries.

COFFEE — Roasted, in drums, 20½@40c per pound.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.25 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.95; 1-pound flats, $2.40; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, $1.35.

NUTS—Walnuts, 16@16½c per pound; Brazil nuts, 14@16c; filberts, 14@15c; almonds, 17@21c; pecans, 18c; cocoanuts, 90c@$1 per dozen; chestnuts, 12½c per pound; hickory nuts, 8@10c per pound.

HONEY—Choice, $2.75 per case; strained honey, 10c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $15 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $8.50 per ton; 50s, $9 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 4.85c; large white, 4¾c; Lima, 7½c; pink, 5¾c; Mexican, 5½c; bayos, 5c.

RICE—No. 1 Japan, 5½c; chesper grades, 4¾@5c; Southern head, 5¾@7c.

SUGAR—Dry granulated, $5.85; fruit and berry, $5.55; Honolulu plantation, $4.50; beet, $5.35; extra C, $5.05; powdered, barrels, $5.85; cubes, barrels, $5.95.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 14c per pound; apricots, 14@18½c; peaches, 12@14c; prunes, Italian, 10½@10¾c; silver, 13c; figs, white and black, 6½@7½c; currants, 10@11c; raisins, loose, Muscatel, 6¼@7¼c; bleached Thompson, 11¼c; unbleached Sultanas, 8¼c; seeded, 7½@8¾c; dates, Persian, 8¾c per pound; Fard, $1.60 per box.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Oregon creamery butter, solid 32½c; prints, extra.

EGGS—Oregon, current receipts, 20½@21c per dozen.

CHEESE—Oregon, flats, 21½@22c per pound; daisies, nominal.

PORK—Fancy, 8½@9c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 13@14c per pound.

POULTRY—Hens, 16c; Springs, 15@15½c; ducks, 16c; geese, 9@10c; turkeys, live, 16c; dressed, 20@21c.

Provisions.

HAMS—10 to 12 pounds, 15@16c; 13 to 14 pounds, 12@16c; 14 to 16 pounds, 15@16c; 16 to 18 pounds, 14½@15½c; skinned, 15c; picnics, 11c; cottage roll, 12c.

LARD—Kettle rendered, tierces, 13½c; tubs, 12¾c; standard tierces, 11½c; tubs, 11¾c; shortening, tierces, 8½c; tubs, 8¾c.

BACON—Fancy, 24c; standard, 20c; choice, 18½c; English, 15½@16c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 11½c; smoked, 13c; short clear backs, 12 to 16 pounds, dry salt, 12½c; smoked, 14c; short clear backs, 16 to 20 pounds, dry salt, 11½c; smoked, 13c; Oregon exports, dry salt, 13c; smoked, 14c.

Linseed Oil and Turpentine.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in barrels, 77c; boiled, in barrels, 79c; raw, in cases, 82c; boiled, in cases, 84c.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 70c; wood barrels, 67½c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1911 crop, 28@30c; olds, nominal; 1912 contracts, 26@27c.

MOHAIR—1911 clip, 30@31c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 14@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 16@17c per pound.

PELTS—Dry, 11c; lambs, salted, 75@90c; short-wool pelts, 65@85c; butcher pelts, Jan. take-off, 90c@$1.05; Feb. take-off, $1.10@1.15.

HIDES—Salted hides, 10½@10¾c per pound; salted calf, 16@17c; salted kip, 11@12c; green hides, 9½c; dry calf, 21c; dry hides, 18@19c; salted stags, 7@7½c; green stags, 6@4½c.

CASCARA—Per pound, 5¾@6c.

GRAIN BAGS—In car lots, 7½c each.

Furs.

FURS—Portland prices for prime, well-handled skins, according to sizes: Mink, $4@8.50; raccoon, 30c@$1.50; skunk (narrow stripes), $1@2; skunk (broad stripe), 75c@$1.50; muskrat, 20@25c; gray fox, 75c@$1.50; red fox, $6@8.50; marten, $4@8; beaver, $6@8.50; fisher, $11@20; badger, 40c@$1; lynx cat, $7@9; wildcat, 75c@$1.50; otter, $10@14; lynx, $25@30; ringtail cats, 25@80c; civet cat, 10@25c; house cat, 5@20c; mountain lion, $5@10; bear, $7@12.

LARGE SHEEP SALES

BIG BUNCHES OF EWES AND WETHERS SOLD AT YARDS.

Cattle Also Move Freley at Steady Prices for All Classes—Stock Hogs Bring $6.80.

There was a good supply of cattle and sheep at the opening of business at the stockyards yesterday. The demand was good throughout the day.

The bulk of the trading was in the mutton division, where the features were two of the largest sales of the season. A bunch of 1953 ewes, averaging 109 pounds, sold at $4.60, and a lot of wethers, 1045 head, averaging 107 pounds, were delivered on contract at $5.35. These sheep came from Billings. A bunch of 252 lambs brought $6. About 18 loads of steers were disposed of at $5.25 to $6.40. Two loads of contract steers were delivered at $6.65. Cows ranged in price from $5 to $5.65.

Two lots of good stock hogs were sold at $6.80.

Receipts for Sunday and Monday were 523 cattle, 4 calves, 215 hogs and 2429 sheep.

Shippers were Hugh Cummings, Albany, 1 car of sheep and hogs; Fruit Sheep Company, Billings, Mont., 9 cars of sheep; D. C. Blandy, Orilla, Wash., 1 car of cattle and calves; H. Striker, Hansen, Idaho, 5 cars of cattle; W. I. Dishman, Pomeroy, Wash., 2 cars of cattle; Stilwell & Richter, La Grande, 1 car of cattle; La Grande Meat Company, La Grande, 1 car of cattle and hogs; Kidwell & Caswell, Echo, 2 cars of cattle and calves; J. W. Powers, Wallowa, 1 car of hogs; McCarthy & Carl, Manida, Mont., 3 cars of cattle; L. E. Snasden, St. Anthony, Idaho, 2 cars of cattle; Kilpatrick Bros., Pocatello, Idaho, 2 cars of cattle and sheep; P. J. Brown, Baker, 1 car of cattle, and M. E. Tonnish, Franklin, Idaho, 3 cars of cattle.

The day's sales were as follows:

		Weight.	Price.
37	hogs	191	$6.80
2	bulls	1510	4.50
1	ofcaf	1340	6.00
1	cow	811	5.25
22	steers	1127	5.25
231	lambs	76	6.00
1	cow	1300	5.75
24	steers	1213	6.40
121	stock hogs	142	6.80
1	bull	1670	4.75
6	steers	1048	6.00
20	steers	1097	6.40
21	steers	1130	6.45
9	steers	1148	6.40
5	steers	11008	6.00
25	steers	1139	6.30
8	steers	1008	6.40
9	steers	1009	6.40
2	steers	880	5.50
1	steer	960	5.25
26	steers	1074	5.70
22	steers	1204	6.60
23	steers	1037	5.75
48	steers, contract	1302	6.65
23	steers	1088	5.65
99	steers	1061	5.65
26	steers	1000	5.65
16	cows	1156	5.00
4	bulls	1357	5.50
1	bull	1030	4.50
3	bulls	1583	5.75
10	bulls	1420	4.25
7	bulls	1482	4.50
1045	wethers, contract	107	5.35
1953	ewes	109	4.60

The range of prices at the yards was as follows:

Choice steers	$6.10@6.35
Good to choice steers	5.90@6.10
Choice cows	5.30@5.50
Good to choice cows	4.75@5.00
Choice spayed heifers	5.50@5.65
Good to choice heifers	5.25@5.50
Choice bulls	4.50@4.75
Good to choice bulls	4.00@4.25
Choice calves	8.00@8.50
Good to choice calves	7.00@8.00
Hogs—	
Choice light hogs	5.90@5.75
Smooth heavy hogs	5.75@5.60
Rough heavy	5.50@5.75
Sheep—	
Choice yearlings	5.60@5.75
Choice 2c and 3c	4.75@4.50
Choice ailing ewes	4.25@4.00
Culls	2.50@3.25
Choice fed wooly lambs	5.75@6.25
Choice grain-fed lambs	5.50@5.60
Choice Spring lambs	6.75@6.00
Good to choice lambs	4.50@4.75
Fair to good lambs	4.25@4.50

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, March 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 4500; market, slow, strong. Native steers, $5.40@7.90; cows and heifers, $3.50@6.10; Western steers, $4.00@6.80; Texas steers, $3.90@5.30; range cows and heifers, $3.25@5.10; canners, $2.85@3.85; stockers and feeders, $3.50@8.50; calves, $4@8; bulls, stags, etc., $3.35@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 5800; market, strong to 5c higher. Heavy, $6.40@6.55; mixed, $6.30@6.40; light, $6.10@6.45; pigs, $5@6; bulk of sales, $6.20@6.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 9500; market strong to 10c higher. Yearlings, $5.40@6; Western, $4.85@5.30; ewes, $4@5; lambs, $5.90@7.60.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 11.—Turpentine, firm, 49c; sales, 51 barrels; receipts, 102 barrels; shipments, 224 barrels; stocks, 26,809 barrels.

Rosin, firm; sales, 431 pounds; receipts, 238 pounds; shipments, 1800 pounds; stocks, 51,998 pounds. Quote, B, $6.75; D, $6.80; E, $6.85; F, G, H, I, $6.90; K, $7.05; M, $7.25; N, $7.30; WG, $7.35; WW, $7.45.

BOND DEMAND BROAD

Stock Prices Work Lower at the Close.

FOREIGN NEWS INFLUENCE

Adverse Decision by Supreme Court Expected—Railroad Traffic in West Shows Improvement. Demand for Loans.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The movement of stocks today was characterized by uncertainty during the greater part of the session, but in final dealings prices crumbled all around, with quotations not only at the lowest, but generally under Saturday's low level.

Foreign exchanges seemed to reflect increased apprehension over the labor situation. The United States Supreme Court, holding its weekly open session, adjourned for an hour just before the market closed, which gave rise to the possibility of some adverse decisions later in the day, a contingency which was not without effect on Reading, whose status in relation to its coal holdings is now before the court.

Railroad traffic in the West shows some improvement, but abnormal cold has caused considerable delay in freight movement and a resultant increase in cost of operations. It is a foregone conclusion that net returns of all the important roads in the West, Northwest and Southwest for the three months ending March 31, will be disappointing.

Loans were made to Berlin today at a rate, it is said, slightly better than those of last week. The local inquiry is broadening with a slight increase for 60 and 90-day accommodations. Bankers look for higher rates.

The bond market ruled steady with a fairly broad demand. Total sales, par value, $2,117,000. United States Government bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Allis Chal pf	100	5	5	4½
Amal Copper	22,400	71¼	70¼	70¾
Am Agricult	1,500	58⅝	58⅝	59¼
Am Beet Sugar	400	56	55¾	55¾
American Can	14,500	14	13¼	13¾
Am Car & Fdy	3,600	55¼	54	54
Am Cotton Oil	100	49½	49½	49¼
Am Hd & Lt pf	.....	.....	.....	21½
Am Ice Securi	800	22¾	22¼	22
Am Linseed	.....	.....	.....	10
Am Locomotive	300	36¾	36	35¾
Am Smel & Ref	10,700	76⅛	74½	74½
do preferred	100	104¼	104¼	104
Am Steel Fdy	200	29¾	29¼	29¼
Am Sugar Ref	200	118	117¾	117¾
Am Tel & Tel	1,600	146¼	145¾	146
Am Tobacco pf	400	103¾	103¼	103¼
Am Woolen	100	28	28	27½
Anaconda M Co	3,100	38¾	38	37¾
Atchison	2,200	105¾	105¼	105¼
do preferred	700	103¾	103½	103¼
Atl Coast Line	600	139	138½	138½
Balt & Ohio	1,300	102¾	102½	102¾
Bethlehem Steel	200	30¼	30	30
Brook R Tran	700	80¼	79¾	79½
Canadian Pac	7,000	232¾	231¼	231¾
Central Leather	1,400	20½	20¼	20¼
do preferred	100	85¼	85¼	85
Central of N J	.....	.....	.....	375
Ches & Ohio	1,800	74⅛	73⅝	73½
Chicago & Alton	.....	.....	.....	17¼
Chi Gt West	100	18	18	18
do preferred	300	35¾	35¾	35
Chicago & N W	100	141¾	141¾	141
C M & St Paul	3,700	108¼	107¼	107¾
C C C & St L	.....	.....	.....	55
Col Fuel & Iron	100	24½	24½	24¾
Col & Southern	.....	.....	.....	43
Consol Gas	4,300	141	140	140½
Corn Products	3,500	12	11½	11½
Del & Hudson	1,900	170	169	169½
D & R Grande	.....	.....	.....	26½
do preferred	2	41½	41½	41½
Distillers' Securi	.....	.....	.....	25½
Erie	12,500	34½	33½	33½
do 1st pf	3,200	55	54	53¾
do 2d pf	300	45	44¾	44
Gen Electric	2,100	165¾	164½	164½
Gt North pf	3,500	133	132¾	132¾
Gt North Ore	1,100	18½	18¼	18¾
Illinois Central	400	136¾	136	135¾
Interbor Met	6,900	18¾	18¼	18¼
do preferred	11,000	59¾	57¾	57¾
Inter Harvester	3,500	113¾	110¾	112
Inter Marine pf	.....	.....	.....	10
Int Paper	.....	.....	.....	10½
Int Pump	.....	.....	.....	30
Iowa Central	.....	.....	.....	10
K C Southern	.....	.....	.....	26½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	62
Laclede Gas	200	105	105	105
Louis & Nash	2,000	157½	155¾	156½
Minn & St L	.....	.....	.....	22
M S P & S S M	900	128	126¾	126½
Mo, Kan & Tex	100	28¾	28¾	28½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	61¾
Mo Pacific	100	40½	40½	40
Nat Biscuit	100	147½	147½	147
National Lead	500	53½	53	53
N Y Ry Mex 2 pf	300	29½	29½	29½
N Y Central	1,000	112¾	112	111¾
N Y, Ont & Wes	500	36¾	36¼	36½
Norfolk & West	500	109½	109	108¾
North Am	300	75¾	75¾	75½
Northern Pac	3,100	118¾	118¾	118¾
Pacific Mail	300	21½	21½	21½
Pennsylvania	4,200	123¾	122	123¾
People's Gas	500	106½	106½	106½
P C C & St L	200	105¾	105½	105½
Pittsburg Coal	2,400	19¾	18½	19
Pressed S Car	1,500	32¾	31	32
Pull Pal Car	100	159	159	158½
Ry Steel Spring	200	30	29½	29½
Reading	47,200	157½	155¾	155¾
Republic Steel	500	19½	19¼	19½
do preferred	800	71½	71¼	70¾
Rock Island Co	900	23¾	23¼	23¼
do preferred	500	49¾	49	48¾
St L & S F 2 pf	600	41	40½	40½
St L Southwest	.....	.....	.....	32
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	79
Sloss Sheffield	1,100	42	42	41¾
Southern Pac	3,000	106½	106¼	106¼
Southern Ry	7,500	29	28¾	28¾
do preferred	1,400	74¼	74	73½
Tenn Copper	600	38	37¼	37
Texas & Pacific	.....	.....	.....	22
Tol, St L & Wes	200	15	15	12¾
do preferred	100	32½	32½	32
Union Pacific	23,700	168¾	166½	166¾
do preferred	400	94	94	5
U S Realty	.....	.....	.....	67½
U S Rubber	1,600	48½	48¼	48¼
U S Steel	72,200	65¾	64	64
do preferred	700	110½	110	110½
Utah Copper	2,900	57½	56¾	56¾
Va-Caro Chem	500	34	33¾	33¾
Wabash	100	7	7	7
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	18½
Western Md	.....	.....	.....	58¾
Westing Elec	2,100	74¾	74	73
Western Union	700	84¾	84½	84½
Wheel & L E	1,500	8¾	8¾	8¾
Lehigh Valley	32,000	162	161¾	122¾
Chino Copper	2,300	26¼	25¾	25½
Ray Consols	3,200	17¾	17½	17¾
Am Tobacco	300	246	244¾	244

Total sales for the day, 400,600 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Closing quotations:

U. S. 2s reg.	100	N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	87½
do coupon	100½	North Pacific 2s	69¾
U. S. 3s reg.	102½	North Pacific 4s	100
do coupon	102½	Union Pacific 4s	100¾
U. S. new 4s reg.	113¾	Wis. Cen. 4s	93
do coupon	113¾	Japanese 4s	89¼
D. & R. G. 4s	90¾		

Boston Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, March 11.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	59	Mohawk	56
Amalg. Copper	70¾	Nev. Con.	17½
A. Z. L. & S.	23¾	Slpissing Mine	7¼
Ariz. Com.	4¾	North Butte	27½
B. C. C. & C.	1	North Lake	8
Cal. & Ariz.	61¾	Old Dominion	47
Cal. & Hecla	450	Osceola	114
Centennial	20¼	Quincy	78½
Cop. R. C. C.	34½	Shannon	12
East Butte C. M.	12	Superior	27¾
Franklin	13¼	Sup. & Bos. M.	3¾
Giroux Con.	4¾	Tamarack	50
Granby Con.	35¾	U. S. R. & M.	38
Isle Royalle cop.	28¾	do preferred	48
Kerr Lake	2¾	Utah Con.	15¾
Lake Copper	37	Utah Cop. Co.	50¾
La Salle Copper	5¼	Winona	8¾
Miami Copper	23¾	Wolverine	108

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—At the beginning of business today the condition of the United States Treasury was:

Working balance in Treasury office, $61,224,180; in banks and Philadelphia Treasury, $33,553,323; total balance in general fund was $122,315,873.

Ordinary receipts Saturday were $3,358,046, with ordinary disbursements of $4,184,056.

Deficit to date this fiscal year is $29,396,096, as against a deficit of $5,939,391 at this time last year.

These figures exclude Panama Canal and public debt transactions.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Money on call, steady, 2¾@2½ per cent; ruling rate and closing bid, 2¾ per cent; offered at 2½ per cent.

Time loans, firmer; 60 days, 2 per cent; 90 days, 3¼ per cent; six months, 3½ per cent.

Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8425 for 60-day bills and at $4.8725 for demand.

Prime mercantile paper closed at 4@4¼ per cent.

Commercial bills, $4.83¾.

Bar silver, 58½c.

Mexican dollars, 47c.

Government and railroad bonds, steady.

LONDON, March 11.—Bar silver, steady, 26 15-16d per ounce; money, 3@3¼ per cent; rate of discount for short bills, 2¾@2⅞ per cent; do, three months' bills, 3½@3⅝ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.84¾; sight, $4.87¾.

Silver bars—58½c.

Mexican dollars—46½c.

Drafts—Sight, 1c; do, telegraph, 3c.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Standard copper, easy; spot and March, 14.10@14.30c; April and May, 14.17@14.25; June, 14.17½@14.30. London, firm; spot, £64 8s 9d. Futures, £65 6s 9d. Arrivals reported at New York today, 250 tons. Custom-House returns show exports of 8510 tons so far this month. Lake copper, 14½@14¾c; electrolytic, 14½@14¾c; casting, 13¾@14¼c.

Tin—Steady; spot, 42.65@42.25c; March, 42.70@42.95; April, 42.26@42.62½c; May, 41.50@42.00c; June, 41.15@41.75c; July, 41.00@41.65c. London, steady; spot, £192 15s; futures, £187 10s.

Lead—Quiet, $4.00@4.10c. New York; 3.95@3.97½c. East St. Louis. London, £19 6s 9d.

Spelter—Firm, 6.90@7.00c. New York; 6.90 bid, East St. Louis. London, £26 10s.

Antimony—Quiet; Cookson's, 7.25c.

Iron—Cleveland warrants, 50s 6d in London. Locally iron was unsettled. No. 1 foundry northern, $14.75@15.25; No. 2, $14.25@14.75; No. 1 southern and do soft, $14.75@15.25.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Quoted at the Bay City for Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The following produce prices were current here today:

Butter—Fancy creamery, 31½c.

Eggs—Store, 19½c; fancy ranch, 21c.

Cheese—17@19½c.

Onions—$3.

Fruit — Apples, choice, $1.15; common, 75c; Mexican limes, $5@6; California lemons, choice, $4; common, $1.25; naval oranges, $1.25@2.75; pineapples, $2@3.

Millstuffs — Bran, $28@24; middlings, $31@34.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, $1.85@2.15; Salinas Burbanks, $2.10@2.20; river Burbanks, $1.60@1.85; sweets, $2@2.25.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, $2@2.50; garlic, 2@3c; green peas, 5@8c; string beans, nominal; asparagus, 4@6c; tomatoes, nominal; eggplant, 25@30c.

Hay—Wheat, $16@21; wheat and oats, $14@19; alfalfa, $13@16.50.

Receipts—Flour, 1854 quarter sacks; wheat, 3915 centals; barley, 7600 centals; potatoes, 2945 sacks; hay, 1462 tons; wool, 8 bales.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 28,000; market steady to 10c lower. Beeves, $5@8.80; Texas steers, $4.70@6; Western steers, $5.10@7; stockers and feeders, $4.10@8; cows and heifers, $2.20@6.60; calves, $6.60@8.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 37,000; market, slow. Light, $6.40@6.62½; mixed, $6.40@6.70; heavy, $6.40@6.72½; rough, $6.40@6.50; pigs, $4.60@6.25; bulk of sales, $6.55@6.65.

Sheep—Receipts, 28,000; market, steady to strong. Native, $3.75@5.30; Western, $4.25@5.70; yearlings, $5.10@6.30; lambs, native, $5.25@7.40; Western, $5.75@7.50.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Evaporated apples, quiet with prices nominal to unchanged. On the spot, fancy are quoted at 9¾@10½c; choice, 8@8½c; prime, 7½@8c.

Prunes, easy, but this is said to be due to offerings of inferior grades. Quotations range from 4¾c to 12c for Californias up to 30@40s and 8½c to 12c for Oregons.

Peaches, steady, with more activity in a speculative way. Choice, 10½@19¾c; extra choice, 11@11½c; fancy, 11½@12c.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, 20 points higher. Middling uplands, 10.80c; do, Gulf, 11.05c. Sales, delivered on contract, 10,700 bales.

Futures closed barely steady. March, 14.62c; April, 10.46c; May, 10.53c; June, 10.55c; July, 10.46c; August, 10.51c; September, 10.64c; October, 10.70c; November, 10.74c; December, 10.77c; January, 10.72c; February, 10.70c.

Chicago Produce Market.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Butter, strong. Creameries, 27@30c; dairies, 24@28c.

Eggs, steady; receipts, 8906; at mark, cases included, 19@19½c; ordinary firsts, 19c; firsts, 20c.

Cheese, steady. Daisies, 17½@18c; Twins, 17¼@17½c; Young Americas, 17½@18c; Long Horns, 17½@18c.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., March 11.—The quotation committee of the Elgin Board this afternoon declared butter firm at 29c a pound. Output for the week, 756,000 pounds.

Duluth Flax Market.

DULUTH, March 11.—Close: Linseed in store, $2.01¾; on track, $2.02¾; to arrive, $2.02¾; March, $2.01¾; May, $2.02¾; July, $2.02¾.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Hops—Steady.

Y.M.C.A. PLANS TRIPS

THREE PARTIES WILL GO TO TOP OF MOUNT HOOD.

Josephine County Caves and Mount Rainier Also Will Be Objective Points This Summer.

At least three trips to Mount Hood are included in the programme of Summer outings for senior members of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association. One excursion to Mount Rainier and another to the famous caves of Josephine County are also under consideration. Altogether the Y. M. C. A. has more elaborate plans for vacation outings than ever before.

Each of the Mount Hood trips will be conducted on a different plan. The first will be the sixth annual "hike" to the top of this peak. It will take about a week, the excursionists walking from Bull Run. The camping outfit will be taken by wagon and the party will fish and enjoy side trips along the way. It is expected that a large crowd will go on this "hike."

In order to accommodate business men who do not find it convenient to leave the city for so long a period, a second trip to Mount Hood will be taken by automobile and will require not more than three days, possibly only two. This will be arranged by the two Noon Business Men's gymnasium classes. A number of members of these classes own automobiles and will supply them for the party.

The third Mount Hood trip will be for both men and women. Ten days will be taken up by this outing. The party will pitch tents a short distance above Government Camp.

The trip to the Josephine County caves, if it materializes, will be the most elaborate excursion of the Summer. From 15 to 20 automobiles will be used to carry the party to Southern Oregon, where it will visit these caves, which are one of the greatest natural wonders in this country. It depends upon the number of people who desire to participate whether this trip is taken. No dates have been set for this or the excursions to Mount Hood.

The Portland Y. M. C. A. is planning to join with the Seattle association in sending a party to the top of Mount Rainier. A group of men will be made up here, but the outing will really be under the auspices of the Seattle Y. M. C. A.

In addition to these excursions the association will conduct week-end canoe trips throughout the Summer. The most important canoe trip will be the annual event from Salem to Portland on Decoration day and the day following.

The oldest map of the heavens, containing 1460 stars, was made in China in 600 B. C. and is in the National Library at Paris.

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