EXPECT LOWER HOPS

Eastern Dealers Figure on Declining Market.

CROP PROSPECTS ARE GOOD

Larger Output in California Indicated by Increased Acreage—Course of Values This Year Depends on Conditions in Europe.

A. M. Lilienthal and Morris Hartig, members of the hop firm of Lilienthal Bros., of New York, were in the city yesterday. They have spent some time in California, where they closed a considerable amount of business in contracts on the basis of 13 cents for the new crop.

Mr. Hartig believes dealers are taking chances in buying 1913 Oregons at 15 cents, the prevailing price here. Unless something happens to the European crops, he thinks new hops will sell at lower prices. He said:

"California can have a crop of 130,000 bales this year, if everything goes right. In the Sacramento Valley the acreage was increased 40 per cent in 1912 over 1911, and last year the state produced 117,000 bales. The second crop from this new acreage will be heavier than the first. Oregon, with proper weather conditions, such as have prevailed up to this time, can grow 125,000 bales, and Washington 40,000 bales. In New York State the acreage is the same as it was two years ago—10,000 acres—and as the growers have been busy eradicating the plant diseases which lately cut down the crop, they can turn off four bales to the acre. This would make the total United States crop 325,000 bales. Consumption is not over 225,000 bales, and, allowing 50,000 bales for net exports, will leave a surplus in this country of 50,000 bales. A shortage in the European crop, of course, would result in heavier exports.

"Beer consumption in the United States is on the increase. The average consumption of hops per barrel of beer for the season covering the 1911 crop was five-eighths of a pound. I expect to see the consumption increased in the coming year to seven-tenths of a pound, as the cheaper price of hops and malt will eliminate the necessity for such strict economy as was practiced last year.

"Statistically, prices should not go very low, but in the event of a maximum yield, values may be forced down by sentiment."

MORE OATS NEEDED BY GOVERNMENT

Wheat Market Is Quiet With No Change in Local Prices.

The week opened with no improvement in the wheat market, so far as the volume of business was concerned. The demand was slow and sellers continued firm.

There was a somewhat stronger feeling in the oats market, as it was reported the Government will soon call for bids for 5000 to 10,000 tons of old crop oats.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Four	Oats	Hay
Monday	21	2	19	7	7
Year ago	23	....	19	....	9
Season to date	18,165	1793	1321	1252	1373
Year ago	11,033	318	1929	1384	2242

Foreign crop conditions are summarized by the Liverpool Corn Trade News as follows:

United Kingdom—There are no complaints heard regarding the Winter wheat crop. The sowing of the Spring crop is well advanced. The weather is seasonable.

France—There are some complaints of a poor thin plant, and some damage to wheat by vermin, but the outlook generally is fair. The outlook for the Spring crops is excellent. Supplies of native wheat are light. The weather is favorable.

Germany—The outlook for the Winter crops is favorable. Plowing for the Spring crops has commenced. Supplies of native wheat are smaller, with better foreign demand.

Russia—Supplies of wheat are varying, but generally are moderate. The weather is more seasonable, with early opening of navigation expected.

Roumania—The crop outlook is favorable, with the weather seasonable.

Hungary—According to an official report, the shortage of 10 per cent in the acreage is confirmed. According to unofficial reports, crop conditions are improving with the weather seasonable.

Italy—Crop reports are mostly favorable, with the weather seasonable. Imports are on a large scale.

Spain—There are continued complaints of drouth.

Portugal and North Africa—The crop outlook is favorable.

India—The weather conditions are favorable for the growing crops.

BUTTER WILL BE HIGHER TODAY

Local Creamery Prices Will Be Advanced Cent and Half.

Local butter prices will be advanced 1½ cents this morning to 39 cents for cubes and 40½ cents for prints. This will be the highest quotation known in this market in March for many years. There is no question about the scarcity of butter in Portland, as storage stocks are sold out and the fresh make is backward. Some of the dealers, however, think the advance is not wise, as there will be an increase in fresh butter very soon, and nothing can be gained by higher prices now in bringing forward fresh supplies.

The egg market was firm at Saturday's quotations. A few of the dealers reported an increase in receipts.

Poultry and dressed meats were in light supply and firm at last week's prices.

SUPPLY OF VEGETABLES IS LARGE

Demand Is Checked by Continued Cold Weather.

Vegetables of all kinds were plentiful yesterday, but the continued cold weather retards the demand. Asparagus was quoted at 8 to 10 cents a pound for white and $3.25 per box for green. Rhubarb was unchanged. New California peas were lower at 15 cents. Florida wax beans were received by express and quoted at 25 cents a pound.

Oranges and grapefruit sold fairly well at firm prices. There was some sale for apples at 35 and 40 cents a box. Higher grade fruit was not wanted.

Sale of Carlton Hops.

The Joe Williams lot of 118 bales of hops at Carlton was reported yesterday to have been sold to T. A. Livesly & Co. at a fraction better than 14 cents.

No new business was reported in the contract market.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,112,719	$249,643
Seattle	2,142,196	344,442
Tacoma	472,225	19,101
Spokane	1,080,607	186,239

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.70 per barrel; straights, $4.10; exports, $2.85@3.95; valley, $4.70; graham, $4.60; whole wheat, $4.80.

WHEAT—Track prices: Club, 86c; bluestem, 97@98c; red Russian, 85c; valley, 87c.

BARLEY—Feed, nominal; brewing, nominal; rolled, $25.50@26.50 per ton.

CORN—Whole, $27; cracked, $28 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $20.50@21 per ton; shorts, $23 per ton; middlings, $30 per ton.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, $18@17; mixed, $10@12.50; cat and vetch, $12; alfalfa, $11.50; clover, $10; straw, $6@7.

OATS—No. 1 white, $27.50 per ton.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, Navels, $3.50@4.25; California grapefruit, $2.75@3.25; Florida grapefruit, $4@4.50; lemons, California, $7.50@8 per box, Sicily, $8 per box; pineapples, 6@7c per pound.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1.00@1.25 per dozen; asparagus, 8@10c pound; beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c per pound; cauliflower, $2@2.25 per crate; celery, $2.50@4.25 per crate; cucumbers, $2@2.50 per dozen; eggplant, 25c pound; head lettuce, $2@2.25 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 90c@$1 per box; peas, 15c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 25@50c per dozen; rhubarb, 5@7c per pound; spinach, 5@6c per pound; sprouts, 10c; tomatoes, $2 per box; garlic, 5@6c per pound.

GREEN FRUIT—Apples, 50c@$1.50 per box according to quality.

ONIONS—Oregon, 90c@$1 per sack; Mexican, $3.50 per crate.

POTATOES—Burbanks, 45@50c per hundred; new, 10c per lb.; sweet potatoes, 4c per pound.

SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, 90c@$1 per sack; parsnips, 90c@$1 per sack; carrots, 90c@$1 per sack.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

POULTRY—Hens, 17c; broilers, 25c@30c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; dressed, choice, 23@25c; ducks, 17@18c; geese, 12@13c.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, 19½@20c per dozen.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, 17c; Young Americas, nominal.

BUTTER—Oregon creamery butter cubes, 39c per pound; prints, 40½c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 11½@12c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 14@14½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River, one-pound talls, $2.25 per dozen; half-pound flats, $1.40; one-pound flats, $2.45; Alaska pink, one-pound talls, 85c; silversides, one-pound talls, $1.25.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25@3.75 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15c per pound; Brazil nuts, 12½@15c; filberts, 14@15c; almonds, 18c; peanuts, 5@5½c; cocoanuts, 90c@$1 per dozen, chestnuts, 11c per pound; hickorynuts, 3@10c; pecans, 17c; pine, 17½@20c.

BEANS—Small white, 5.29c; large white, 4@5c; Lima, 6½c; pink, 4.55c; Mexican, 5c; bayou, 4.65c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $5.25; Honolulu plantation, $5.20; beet, $5.05; extra C, $5.75; powdered, barrels, $5.50; cubes, barrels, $5.60.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 21½@40c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $14 per ton; half-ground 100s, $10 per ton; 50s, $10.75 per ton; dairy, $12.50 per ton.

RICE—No. 1, Japan, 6@5½c; cheaper grades, 4½c; Southern head, 5¾@6¾c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 10c per pound; apricots, 12@14c; peaches, 8@11c; prunes, Italians, 8@10c, silver, 18c; figs, white and black, 6¼@7c; currants, 9½c; raisins, loose Muscatel, 6¼@7½c; bleached, Thompson, 11¾c; unbleached, Sultanas, 8½c; seeded, 7½@8½c; dates, Persian, 7½@ per pound; fard, $1.65 per box.

FIGS—Twelve 10-ounce, 85c; 50 6-ounce, $1.85; 70 4-ounce, $2.50; 30 10-ounce, $2.25; loose, 50-pound boxes, 6½@7c; Smyrna, boxes, $1.10@1.25; candied, $3 per box.

Provisions.

Local jobbing quotations:

HAMS—10 to 12 pounds, 19@20c; 12 to 14 pounds, 19@20c; picnics, 12½c; cottage roll, 12c.

BACON—Fancy, 23@29c; standard, 23@24c; English, 19@20c.

LARD—In tierces, choice, 14½c; compound, 9½c.

DRY SALT MEATS—Regular short clears, 12½@15c; short clear backs, 12 to 16 lbs., 14@13½c; short clear backs, 18 to 25 lbs., 14@15½c; exports, 15@16c.

BARRELED BEEF—Extra mess beef, $19; mess beef, $18; plate beef, $21; rolled boneless beef, $30.

BARRELED PORK—Best pig pork, $24; pickled pork, $23@25.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1912 crop, 11@16c per pound; 1913 contracts, 15c per pound.

PELTS—Dry, 11@12c; lambs, 25@35c; full wool, $1.25@1.55.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 10@14c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18@20c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 11½@12c per lb.; salted calf, 16@18c; salted kip, 12@14c; green hides, 11c; dry hides, 21@22c; dry calf No. 1, 23c; No. 2, 20c; salted bulls, 8c.

CASCARA—Per pound, 5c.

GRAIN BAGS—Portland, buyers July, 10c.

MOHAIR—1913 clip, 30@32c per pound.

Linseed Oil and Turpentine.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 56c; boiled, barrels, 58c; raw, cases, 61c; boiled, cases, 63c.

TURPENTINE—Barrels, 61½c; cases, 64c.

GASOLINE—Naptha, in iron barrels, 16c; in cases, 23c; motor gasoline, in iron barrels, 17c; cases, 24c; engine distillate, in iron barrels, 8½c; in cases, 15½c.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Evaporated apples quiet. Fancy, 7¼@8¼c; choice, 6¼@6½c; prime, 5x@5½c.

Prunes irregular. California is up to 30s, 11@11¼c; Oregons, 5½@9½c.

Peaches quiet and steady. Choice, 6½@6¾c; extra choice, 6¾@7c; fancy, 7½@8c.

Cotton Markets.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Cotton closed barely steady, net unchanged to two points higher. Spot closed quiet. Uplands, 12.50c; middling, 12.85c. Sales, 50 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, March 24.—Cotton—Middling, 12 7-16c.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 24.—Wool, steady. Territory and Western mediums, 21@25c; fine mediums, 18@20c; fine, 13@17c.

RAYMOND BOOM IS BIG

BUILDING ACTIVITY PROMISES TO EXCEED PAST RECORDS.

Two Additional Units to High School Building Will Soon Be Completed—Church Used Today.

RAYMOND, Wash., March 24.—(Special.)—Though Spring has hardly begun, Raymond is already experiencing a building boom that bids fair to eclipse all previous records in that line. There has not been a vacant storeroom, office-room or residence in this city during the entire Winter, and an urgent demand for all three has started the Spring building off with a bound.

At the beginning of the school year it was seen that the school buildings were going to be taxed to their capacity and the School Board immediately ordered the building of two additional units to the High School building. This work is well under way and the new school will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the Fall term this year. The building is of concrete.

Following the fire on First street last Fall, Frank Nixon replaced his two burned buildings with a handsome two-story concrete block which was rented a month prior to its completion, February 6. Dr. Edward R. Perry is just completing a two-story office and residence block of concrete blocks on Commercial street, between Fifth and Sixth.

A new Catholic church has just been completed at a cost of $3000 and will be occupied for the first time tomorrow.

H. A. Kalb, a prominent logger of this city, within a few days, will begin the erection of a three-story concrete block opposite the building of Dr. Perry and adjoining the building of the latter; Contractor Blauvelt will soon begin the construction of another concrete building of two stories.

The foundation material for the opera house, on the corner of Third and Commercial, and a concrete building to be erected by L. V. Raymond on the corner of Duryea and Second, is being assembled at this time preparatory to early construction work.

Plans are being drawn for a church building for the Presbyterians which will cost about $8000 and which will be built this Summer.

Harrisburg Students Busy.

HARRISBURG, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—The high school students are preparing for an old-fashioned school exhibition to be held in the city hall Friday night. The student body has been more active this year than for some time. A new piano has been purchased, an art exhibit held and a successful basketball team maintained. A baseball team will be organized this week.

Queen Mary spends $4000 yearly on her dresses.

MONEY STRAIN OVER

Period of Stringency Abroad Drawing to Close.

WALL STREET IS CHEERFUL

Stocks Advance on Brisk Demand After Triple Holiday—New Industrials Strong—Better Undertone in Bond Market.

NEW YORK, March 24.—When the stock market opened today after the triple holiday there was a brisk demand for stocks for about an hour. Leading shares were advanced a point or more. Early gains were cut into for a time, but toward the close stocks moved up again, and final figures were at about the highest points of the day.

Speculative sentiment was more cheerful, but there was the same absence of buying power which has been a feature of the market for several weeks.

A reduction in loans of about $80,000,000 has been effected in the last three weeks, and for the first time in several months an increase in surplus over the corresponding week of the previous year was reported. Time money was easier and advices from abroad indicated that the period of stringency was drawing toward an end.

One sign of strength was found in advances by a number of the newer industrials which recently have shown marked weakness. The petroleum shares, Woolworth and Goodrich made gains. There were a few weak spots, however. Rumely fell three points to 52½, a new low record. New Haven again collapsed after a brief showing of strength.

Bonds were irregular with a better undertone. Total sales, par value, $1,533,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Reported by J. C. Wilson & Co., Lewis building, Portland.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	....	68¾	68	68¾
Am Beet Sugar	....	26½	26¾	26½
Am Can Co	....	30¼	27¾	28¾
do preferred	....	121	119½	119½
Am Car & Fdy	....	48¾	48½	48¾
Am Cotton Oil	....	43¼	43½	43½
Am Smel & Ref	....	67	65⅞	66¾
do preferred	....	101¾	101¼	101¼
American Sugar	....	111¾	111	111¼
Am Tel & Tel	....	132¾	131¾	132¾
Am Tobacco	....	239¾	239¼	239¾
Anaconda	....	35¾	35½	35¾
Atl Coast Line	....	122½	122½	122½
A T & Santa Fe	....	101¼	100¾	100¾
do preferred	....	100	100	100
Balt & Ohio	....	....	....	100¼
Brook R Tran	....	87¼	87¼	87¼
Canadian Pac	....	226¾	223	226¾
C & O	....	71½	71	71½
C M & St Paul	....	109¼	109	109
Central Leather	....	24¾	24½	24½
Chino	....	35¾	35½	35½
Consol Gas	....	130	129½	129½
Erie	....	27¾	27	27¼
Gen Electric	....	137½	136	137
Gt North Ore	....	127½	126¾	127½
Gt North pf	....	127½	126¾	127½
Illinois Central	....	122	122	121½
Interboro Met	....	16¾	16¾	16¾
do preferred	....	57½	56¾	57¼
K C Southern	....	24½	24½	24½
Lehigh Valley	....	153½	152½	153¾
Louis & Nash	....	135¾	135¼	135½
Mo, Kan & Tex	....	24¾	24¾	24¾
Mo Pacific	....	37	36¾	37
Nat Biscuit	....	114¼	114¼	114¼
N Y Central	....	104½	104¾	104½
N Y, Ont & West	....	29¾	29¾	29¾
Norfolk & West	....	104¾	104	104¾
Northern Pac	....	115½	115	115½
Pennsylvania	....	118¾	118¾	118¾
People's Gas	....	109½	109½	109½
Reading	....	157½	155½	156¾
Republic I & I	....	24	24	24
Rock Island	....	21	20¾	20½
Southern Pac	....	99⅞	98¾	99¾
Southern Ry	....	25¼	24¾	24¾
Union Pacific	....	148¾	147½	148½
U S Steel	....	60½	59½	60
Utah Copper	....	51½	51	51¼
Western Union	....	66¼	65½	66¼
Westing Elec	....	62	62	62

Total sales for the day, 218,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S Ref 2s reg	100¾	N Y C gen 3½s	84
do coupon	100¾	Nor Pac 3s	75¾
U S 3s reg	102¾	do 4s	95¼
do coupon	102¾	Union Pac 4s	96¼
U S new 4s reg	113¾	Wis Cent 4s	90
do coupon	113¾		

Boston Mining Stocks.

Allouez	36	Mohawk	48½
Amal Copper	68¾	Nev Con	16¾
Am Zinc L & S	28¼	Nipissing Mines	9½
Arizona Com	2¾	North Butte	20
B & C C & S M	6	North Lake	1¾
Cal & Ariz	65	Old Dominion	46
Cal & Hecla	450	Osceola	91
Centennial	14	Quincy	66
Cop R Con Co	48½	Shannon	10¼
E Butte C M	21¾	Superior	29¾
Franklin	6½	Sup & Bos Min	34
Giroux Con	7¼	Tamarack	26
Granby Con	57¾	U S Ref & Min	40¼
Greene Can	7¾	do pfd	48¼
Isle Roy (Cop)	21	Utah Con	9
Kerr Lake	8½	Utah Cop Co	57
Lake Copper	1¾	Winona	22
La Salle Cop	3¾	Wolverine	60½
Miami Copper	22½		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Money on call, firm, 4@5 per cent; ruling rate, 4¾; closing bid, 4; offered at 4¼.

Time loans easier; 60 days, 5½@5¾ per cent; 90 days, 5½ per cent; six months, 5¼@5½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83 for 60-day bills and at $4.8750 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.82¼.

Bar silver, 56¾c.

Mexican dollars, 47½c.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Silver bars, holiday. Mexican dollars, nominal. Drafts, sight, .02; do telegraph, .05.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.83; do sight, $4.87½.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The condition of the United States Treasury at the beginning of business today was:

Working balance	$ 80,469,501
In banks and Philippine treasury	43,343,573
Total of genetral fund	148,920,708
Receipts Saturday	2,853,694
Disbursements	837,813

The surplus this fiscal year is $13,360,885, as against a deficit of $17,866,384 last year. The figures for receipts, disbursements, etc., exclude Panama Canal and public debt transactions.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 24.—Turpentine firm at 38¼ to 39¼c. Sales, 245; receipts, 267; shipments, 87; stocks, 15,208.

Rosin firm. Sales, 1108; receipts, 658, shipments, 820; stock, 108,042. Quote: A, B, $5.10; C, D, $5.15; E, $5.20; F, $5.25; G, $5.30; H, $5.35; I, $5.45; K, $6.25; M, $6.90; WG, $7.40; WW, 7.60.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Copper steady. Standard spot and March, 14.00@14.75; April, 14.00@14.70; May and June, 14.00@14.67; electrolytic, 15.00@15.12; lake, 15.25@15.37; castings, 14.75@14.87.

Tin quiet. March and April, 46.00@46.25; May, 45.75@46.00.

Lead steady, 4.30@4.40.

Spelter, easy, 6.15@6.30.

Antimony dull, Cookson's, 9.00@9.25.

Iron quiet. No. 1 Northern, 17.75@18.25; No. 2 Northern, 17.25@17.75; No. 1 Southern, 17.75@18.25; No. 1 Southern soft, 17.75@18.25.

Copper arrivals, 720 tons; exports this month, 33,748 tons, London holiday.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Coffee futures opened steady at a decline of 11 points to an advance of one point. The close was a little off from the best, but steady and from 2 to ten points net higher.

Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 11½c; Santos, No. 4, 13Z3. Mild, dull, Cordova, 15@17c, nominal.

Raw sugar easy. Muscovado, 89 test, 3.05c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.55c; molasses sugar, 89 test, 2.80c. Refined sugar quiet.

ALL LIVESTOCK STRONG

STEERS SELL TWENTY CENTS HIGHER AT NORTH PORTLAND.

Similar Gain Is Made in Hog Market—Choice Lambs Advance 50 Cents—Day's Run Fair.

Prices were lifted on all classes of livestock at the North Portland yards yesterday. Top grade steers advanced 20 cents, hogs made a similar gain and lambs were raised a full half dollar. The day's run was fairly large.

Five loads of prime steers found buyers at the new price of $7.90. Two loads were moved at $7.85 and four at $7.80. The bulk of steer sales were at $7.50 to $7.65. A few calves were disposed of at full prices, but in other cattle lines not much was done.

The best light hogs were sold at $9.35, against the top quotation of $9.15 at the close of last week. Heavy hogs were also strong, selling up to $8.35.

The only transactions in the sheep market were the lambs, two loads of which sold at $8.00.

Receipts were 750 cattle, 8 calves, 799 hogs and 231 sheep.

Shippers were C. G. Mellus, Tikura, Idaho, 1 car of hogs; R. Page, Twin Falls and Kimberly, 2 cars of sheep and hogs; J. L. Carter, Gooding, 3 cars of cattle; Ed Coles, Haines, 1 car of hogs; Kiddle Brothers, Union Junction, 1 car of hogs; F. A. Phillips, Baker, 2 cars of cattle; Adams Brothers, Stanfield, 2 cars of cattle; James Nixon, Brownlee, 1 car of cattle; Butter Creek Land & Livestock Co., Echo, 1 car of hogs; James Doyle, Monida, 3 cars of cattle; O. A. Brown, Halsey, 1 car of cattle and calves; A. B. Gale, Airlie, 1 car of hogs; Nate Ruins, Cecil, 5 cars of cattle; M. J. Sevier, Boise, 1 car of hogs; O. E. Weed, Jerome, 1 car of hogs; Featherly & Thorpe, Red Rock, Mont., 3 cars of cattle; F. Pinkham, Nampa, 2 cars of cattle; Pence & Nesbit, Payette, 1 car of cattle, and M. Townsend, Ontario, 2 cars of cattle.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Weight.	Price.
1 cow	1110	$3.50
2 hogs	245	8.50
94 hogs	184	9.30
100 hogs	181	9.30
1 hogs	300	8.30
93 hogs	227	9.25
231 lambs	106	8.00
241 lambs	92	8.00
25 steers	1089	7.60
25 steers	1168	7.85
26 steers	1192	7.85
27 steers	1256	7.90
1 steer	970	7.90
28 steers	1226	7.90
22 steers	1075	7.65
24 steers	1080	7.65
22 steers	1081	7.65
21 steers	1254	7.90
28 steers	1219	7.90
1 steer	1160	7.90
2 calves	145	8.75
3 calves	126	9.00
14 steers	1142	7.90
13 steers	1099	7.25
12 steers	1098	7.50
3 steers	933	7.50
23 steers	1003	7.50
26 steers	1099	7.75
27 steers	1105	7.75
27 steers	1185	7.75
32 steers	1117	7.60
25 steers	1155	7.80
25 steers	1184	7.80
12 steers	1164	7.65
25 steers	1216	7.65
25 steers	1242	7.50
2 steers	1015	7.00
22 steers	1183	7.50
26 steers	1250	7.80
1 steer	920	5.00
8 steers	1062	7.65
1 steer	1100	7.00
15 steers	1297	7.65
1 stag	1230	6.75
8 bulls	1510	6.00
1 bull	1170	5.50
139 hogs	158	9.10
92 hogs	182	9.35
1 hogs	390	8.35
90 hogs	182	9.35
102 hogs	142	9.10
1 hog	340	8.10

The range of prices at the yards was as follows:

Choice steers	$7.50@$7.90
Good steers	7.00@ 7.50
Medium steers	6.50@ 7.00
Choice cows	6.50@ 6.85
Good cows	6.00@ 6.50
Medium cows	5.50@ 6.00
Choice calves	8.00@ 9.00
Good heavy calves	6.50@ 7.50
Bulls	5.50@ 6.00
Hogs—	
Light	9.00@ 9.35
Heavy	7.75@ 8.35
Sheep—	
Yearling wethers	5.75@ 6.50
Ewes	4.00@ 5.25
Lambs	6.00@ 8.00

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 25,000; market, steady. Beeves, $7@9.15; Texas steers, $6.50@7.80; Western steers, $8.50@8.10; stockers and feeders, $6@8.20; cows and heifers, $3.45@8; calves, $7@11.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 34,000; market, steady to shade higher than Saturday's average. Light, $8.85@9.22½; mixed, $8.75@9.15; heavy, $8.55@9.15; rough, $8.55@8.70; pigs, $8.90@9.00; bulk of sales, $9@9.10.

Sheep—Receipts, 23,000; market, steady to shade lower. Native, $5@7; Western, $6.25@7.60; yearlings, $7.80@8.25; lambs, native, $7@8.85; Western, $7.25@8.85.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, March 24.—Close: Linseed on track, $1.26¾@1.27; to arrive, $1.26¾; May, $1.28¾; July, $1.30 asked; October, $1.31¼ asked.

BULLS BUY WHEAT

Trading at Chicago Local in Character.

NO WIRE COMMUNICATION

Active Support Is Given at Every Easing Off in Prices, and Close Is Firm—Advances in Coarse Grains.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Active support was given wheat today by bull leaders. The close was firm, unchanged to ¼@½c higher. Corn closed the day at a net advance of ⅛ to ⅜c. Oats were a shade lower to ⅛c higher and provisions showed a gain of 5 to 15c.

The wheat market was practically "home made" at the opening because of prostrated wires in the Western storm belt and the Easter holidays in England. Bulls bought readily at every easing off in prices.

Statistics as to primary receipts had no effect on the market, as today's figures were not completed. Seaboard clearances of wheat and flour equaled 649,000 bushels.

Bulls turned a corn market that opened weak into one of strength.

Oats, after a weak opening, showed some strength at the close on covering by early sellers.

Light hog receipts sent provisions up to a new high level for the season.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$ .90⅝	$ .91⅛	$ .90⅛	$ ....
July	.90⅛	.89⅞	.89⅜	.90⅛
Sept	.89⅝	.90⅛	.89⅝	.89⅝
CORN.				
May	.53½	.54	.53¼	.53⅝
July	.54⅝	.55⅛	.54½	.54⅞
Sept	.55⅝	.56	.55⅝	.55⅞
OATS.				
May	.32¾	.34⅛	.33⅝	.33⅞
July	.33⅝	.34	.33¾	.33⅞
Sept	.33⅝	.33⅞	.33⅝	.33⅞
MESS PORK.				
May	20.85	21.00	20.85	20.87
July	20.55	20.65	20.55	20.62
LARD.				
May	11.10	11.22½	11.02½	11.15
July	10.92½	11.07	10.90	11.02½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	11.12½	11.20	11.10	11.20
July	10.90	10.97½	10.90	10.92½

Cash prices were:

Cash: Rye No. 2, 59@60c.

Barley, 45@68c.

Timothy, $2.50@3.50.

Clover, $12@19.00.

Corn, No. 2, 52@52½c; No. 3 yellow, 52⅞@53c.

Puget Sound Wheat Markets.

SEATTLE, March 24.—Wheat—Bluestem, 98c; fortyfold, 86c; club, 88c; Fife, 85c; red Russian, 84c.

TACOMA, March 24.—Wheat—Bluestem, 96c; fortyfold, 86c; club, 88c; red Russian, 84c. Car receipts, wheat 5, hay 2.

Grains in San Francisco.

SAN FFANCISCO, March 24.—Spot quotations: Walla Walla, $1.56¼@1.57½; red Russian, $1.53¾@1.55; Turkey red, $1.75@1.77½; bluestem, $1.75@1.77½; feed barley, $1.30@1.32½; brewing barley, $1.37½@1.40; white oats, $1.50@1.52½; bran, $22.50@23; middlings, $30@31; shorts, $24@24.50.

Call board: wheat firm, no trading; barley, steady. December, $1.29⅞; May, $1.29½ bid; $1.30 asked.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 24.—Wheat—Closing: May, 86c; July, 88¼c; September, 88¾c; Cash, No. 1 hard, 87c; No. 1 Northern, 85@86¼c; to arrive, 85@85½c; No. 2 Northern, 82¾@84½c; No. 3 wheat, 80¾@81½c.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The following produce prices were current here today:

Fruit—Apples, choice, 60c; common, 40c; Mexican limes, $4@5.50; California lemons, choice, $7; common, $4; navel oranges, $1.25@3; pineapples, $1.25@2.50.

Cheese—Young Americas, 16@18c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35c.

Eggs—Store, 17c; fancy ranch, 17½c.

Hay—Wheat, $23@25; wheat and oats, $21.50@22; alfalfa, $13@16; barley, $18@20.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 50@75c; Sacramento Burbanks, 85c@$1.25; sweets, $2.25@2.50.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, $2.75@3; green peas, 7@9c; string beans, nominal; eggplant, 7@12½c; onions, 50@60c.

Receipts—Flour, 64 quarter sacks; barley, 5155 centals; potatoes, 3535 sacks; hay, 484 tons.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Butter, steady. Creameries, 28@35c.

Eggs, steady; receipts, 16,820; at mark, cases included, 17@17½c; ordinary firsts, 16@16½c; firsts, 17c.

Hops, Etc., at New York.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Hops quiet. Pacific Coast, 1912, 16@21c; 1913, 11@15c.

Hides easy. Central America, 29¼c; Bogota, 28¾@29¾c.

Petroleum steady. Refined, New York, barrels, $8.50; refined New York, bulk, $4.80; Philadelphia, barrels, $8.50; refined, Philadelphia, bulk, $4.80.

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