DALY HITS SYSTEM

Efficiency Plan Is Failure, Is Argument for Repeal.

ORDINANCE DUE IN COUNCIL

Move to Discard Present Rating Rule That "Won't Work Out" Expected to Meet With Approval of Majority of Members.

Declaring that the so-called efficiency system which has been in use in the city service for more than a year is a complete failure, City Commissioner Daly yesterday asked City Attorney LaRoche to prepare an ordinance repealing the ordinance which was passed a year ago providing for the system. Mr. Daly favors casting the whole affair into the waste basket as a dismal failure. His move, it is expected, will meet with the approval of the majority of the members of the City Council.

The efficiency system was brought here by an organization known as the New York Bureau of Municipal Research. The bureau was brought here on a contract by a local organization and under a $4000 contract with the city prepared the efficiency system and several other systems for the regulation of the city service and the city government. The efficiency system was the only part of the work of the research bureau that was adopted by the Council, although the $4000 promised in the contract was paid.

Under the provisions of the efficiency system employes were to get demerits for various offenses, such as inefficiency, inaccuracies, tardiness, lack of ability and for various other reasons. Provision also was made for merit marks for exceptional service and for bravery. On the basis of the efficiency reports promotions in service were to be made and increases in salary granted. The increases were to be made at the end of six months.

When the system was put into working order no two departments used it the same. Most of the departments ignored it entirely. Others used it on some occasions. Only one department, that under Commissioner Dieck, applied it vigorously. He carried out the letter and the spirit of the affair with the result that the system caused all kinds of trouble among employes.

Inasmuch as the system costs considerable for operation each month and entails much work for employes, Commissioner Daly says he believes it is time to get rid of it. "It is a dismal failure," said Commissioner Daly yesterday. "I have seen this for a long time, but I have withheld action in the hope that it might work out. But it won't work out. The system is wrong and it cannot be made to work rightly."

It is expected that the abolition of the system will be an issue before the Council next week. City Attorney LaRoche says he will get the repealing ordinance ready as soon as possible.

MULE ACTS IN COURT

LIPMAN, WOLFE & CO. SUIT BRINGS ANIMAL BEFORE JUSTICE.

Oregon City Jurist Sees Quadruped Chew Tobacco and Decides Case Against Portland Store.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.) — Komical Kactus, a trick mule which recently completed an engagement in a local theater, gave a complete performance in the courtroom of Justice of the Peace Sievers this morning in the course of an attachment suit by Lipman, Wolfe & Co., of Portland, against Charles Simpson, owner of the animal. The department store lost.

Simpson was recently in Portland, and when he left that city the department store attempted to attach his mule. The case was filed in the local Justice Court and Simpson, in self-defense, entered a plea that the mule was his only means of gaining a living and that is was exempt from attachment.

The court was doubtful and Constable Frost sent for the animal. Komical Kactus was led into the courtroom and his master put him through his tricks, including such antics as chewing tobacco, sitting on a chair and answering simple questions by nodding his head.

"After that mule completed its performance there was no doubt in my mind that Simpson's contention was sound," said Judge Sievers after he had made his decision. "The only objection I have to the mule is that he missed the cuspidor while he was chewing the tobacco."

POLITICIAN-SLAYER FREED

New Mexico ex-Speaker's Bond Is Fixed by Court at $7500.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 2.—Elfego Baca, ex-Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives and Republican candidate for United States Senator, was released under $7500 bond by the District Court today on a writ of habeas corpus.

Baca was indicted by the grand jury Monday on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Celestino Otero last Sunday. Eyewitnesses to the shooting testified yesterday that Otero fired the first shot, which passed through Baca's coat, and that Baca fired in self-defense.

POTATO GROWERS UNITE

Clarke County Men Organize With W. F. Hidden as President.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The Clarke County potato-growers formed an organization here today, with W. Foster Hidden president and Carl English, secretary. The meeting in the Vancouver Commercial Club rooms was attended by a number of potato-growers, including J. O. Wing, Professor H. W. Sparks and A. W Moody.

Professor Sparks pointed out that potatoes raised here mature at least 10 days before points farther north. J. O. Wing, who has been raising pototoes 35 years, urged all in raising of potatoes of the same grade to standardize the Clarke County output.

SCHOOL RALLIES DRAW 700

Rural Problems Being Discussed in Yamhill County.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Four rural school rallies were held in Yamhill County last week with a total attendance of nearly 700 patrons, pupils and teachers.

Standardization of schools, the work of the Parent-Teacher Circle and rural problems were discussed. Helen Cowgill, State Industrial Club worker from the Agricultural College, explained the extent and possibilities of that development of country life.

Four meetings will be held in different parts of the county next week, and the work will be continued until every rural district has participated. Several districts are gathered in a central location and 18 groups have been arranged. The meetings will close March 24.

ALL LINES ARE STEADY

SMALL RUN AT NORTH PORTLAND STOCKYARDS.

Trading Is Mainly in Hog Division, Where Best Light Weights Again Bring $7.10.

The livestock market held very steady yesterday. Receipts were small and most of the trading was in the hog division. The best light hogs held at $7.10, the price established on Monday. The tone of the sheep market is very good and it is evident that prices will have to be advanced to attract supplies to this market.

Receipts were 100 cattle, 162 hogs and 5 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle—S. C. Miller, Dillard, 1 car; Dick DeArmond, Hote, 3 cars.

With hogs—C. Frasliut, Roosevelt, 1 car.

With mixed load—Shult Bros., Payette, 1 car hogs and sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

12 lambs	92	$7.65	104 hogs	185	$7.10
50 hogs	184	7.05	8 hogs	177	7.10
1 hog	390	6.00	1 hog	160	7.10
5 hogs	150	6.25	8 hogs	666	6.25
6 hogs	171	7.10	2 hogs	430	6.10

Prices current at the local stockyards on the various classes of stock:

Cattle—	
Prime steers	$7.50@8.00
Choice steers	7.25@7.50
Medium steers	6.75@7.25
Choice cows	6.00@6.50
Medium cows	5.00@6.00
Heifers	5.00@7.00
Bulls	3.50@6.00
Stags	4.50@6.00
Hogs—	
Light	6.25@7.10
Heavy	5.25@6.25
Sheep—	
Wethers	5.75@6.70
Ewes	5.00@5.50
Lambs	6.25@7.85

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 2.—Hogs—Receipts, 3000; market, higher. Heavy, $6.80@6.85; pigs, $5.50@6.50; bulk of sales, $6.80@6.85.

Cattle—Receipts, 2000; market, slow. Native steers, $6.25@8.25; Western steers, $3.75@4.75; calves, $7@9.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 4600; market, steady. Yearlings, $6.75@6.85; Western, $6.25@7.75; lambs, $8.10@8.85.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; market, strong, 5 to 10 cents above yesterday's average. Bulk of sales, $6.80@6.95; heavy, $6.50@7; pigs, $5.50@6.65.

Cattle—Receipts, 1000; market, firm. Native steers, $5.65@9.25; Western steers, $5@5.70; calves, $7.50@10.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000; market, strong. Sheep, $6.10@6.85; lambs, $7.50@8.95.

Special Trains to Run to Beach.

Special trains will run to Clatsop Beach for parties planned for the Washington's birthday holiday. The Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway passenger department announced last night that arrangements have been completed whereby a special will leave the city Saturday afternoon, February 20, and will leave Seaside, returning, at 6:30 P. M. Monday, February 22. Various clubs are said to be preparing a week-end holiday at the beach at that time.

Centralia Lodge Honors State Head.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The Centralia Lodge of Eagles held a big class initiation last night in honor of L. E. Wolfe, state president of the Eagles, who paid an official visit to the local lodge. Fifteen candidates were taken into the order. A big banquet followed the ceremonies.

Baker Postal Receipts Still Grow.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—For the 12th consecutive month, postal receipts showed an increase over the corresponding month of the previous year, as shown by the January receipts, which were $2719.58. In January, 1914, the receipts were $2611.32.

285 Acres Are Sold for $28,875.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The latest land deal of importance to be announced here is the sale of 285 acres near Milton by Oscar Drumheller, of Walla Walla, to Henry Koepke, of Athena. The price paid was $28,875.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Maximum temperature, 46.0 degrees; minimum, 39.6 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 3.4 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.6 foot rise. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), 0.21 inches; total rainfall since September 1, 1914, 19.24 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 20.26 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1914, 7.02 inches. Total sunshine, 55 minutes; possible sunshine, 9 hours 46 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level), 5 P. M., 29.11 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp.	Minimum temp.	Precipitation past 24 hours	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of Weather
Baker	44	0.20	4	SE		Cloudy
Boise	34	0.08	6	SE		Cloudy
Boston	20	0.98	16	N		Snow
Calgary	22	0.00				Clear
Chicago	28	0.04	12	NE		Snow
Cincinnati	48	0.00	6	NE		Clear
Des Moines	22	0.04	4	NE		Cloudy
Duluth	20	0.00	18	NE		Cloudy
Galveston	60	0.00	4	E		Clear
Helena	40	0.00	4	W		Cloudy
Jacksonville	60	0.00	4	SW		Clear
Kansas City	28	0.04	10	NW		Cloudy
Los Angeles	58	0.88	20	SW		Cloudy
Marshfield	54	0.54	16	SE		Rain
Medford	52	0.42	10	SW		Cloudy
Minneapolis	20	0.06	8	NE		Cloudy
Montreal	22	0.50	24	NE		Snow
New Orleans	56	0.00	6	W		Clear
New York	30	1.50	22	NE		Cloudy
North Head	42	0.30	4	NW		Rain
North Yakima	38	0.21	6	W		Cloudy
Phoenix	68	0.00	4	NE		Rain
Portland	48	0.10	12	SE		Rain
Portland	46	0.21	4	NE		Rain
Roseburg	52	0.24	6	S		Pt. cloudy
Sacramento	52	0.28	14	S		Cloudy
St. Louis	36	0.12	14	N		Cloudy
Salt Lake	34	0.01	18	S		Pt. cloudy
San Francisco	54	1.66	18	W		Cloudy
Seattle	44	0.02	10	N		Rain
Spokane	36	0.24	6	E		Cloudy
Tacoma	44	0.60	16	N		Rain
Tatoosh Island	48	0.00	8	NE		Pt. cloudy
Walla Walla	36	0.28	4	SE		Cloudy
Washington	40	0.08	10	NE		Cloudy
Winnipeg	20	0.00	20	SE		Cloudy

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A severe storm is central between Marshfield and the mouth of the Columbia River, and warnings for same were issued at 7 A. M. at all stations in this district. No high winds have yet occurred in this district from this storm, but along the California coast a southerly gale has prevailed during the entire day. Rain has fallen generally on the Pacific Slope, being heaviest in California. Another of marked energy is central over the Upper Ohio Valley and this disturbance has caused general rains in the south and snow in the north portion of the territory east of the Mississippi River. It is much colder in the South Atlantic and East Gulf States.

The conditions are favorable for rain in this district Wednesday with a southerly gale along the coast, and strong southerly winds in the interior.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity — Rain; southerly winds.

Oregon—Rain; cooler southwest portion; southerly winds reaching gale force along the coast.

Washington — Rain; winds shifting to westerly and increasing along the coast.

Idaho—Rain. EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.

Horse and Auto.

Judge.

"Driving a horse, eh? The horse is a back number." "So will that car be in another year."

WHEAT JUMPS AGAIN

Local Prices Are 3 to 51-2 Cents Over Monday's.

SALES ARE 35,000 BUSHELS

Market Follows Big Upturn in Chicago and Liverpool Values—Spot Oats Are Now Worth $40 Ton. Stocks in Country Light.

The Portland wheat market yesterday saw the greatest advances since the war began. Prices were lifted on actual sales from 3 to 5½ cents over those of Monday. The jump is not to be marveled at in view of the performances in the Eastern market. At Chicago, wheat rose 8¾ cents.

Fifty-five thousand bushels of wheat and 500 tons of oats and barley were sold on the Merchants' Exchange. The sales in detail were:

Bushels—
5,000 prompt forty-fold $1.52
15,000 March forty-fold 1.54
10,000 March club 1.53
5,000 March Russian 1.46
10,000 April Russian 1.47
5,000 prompt fife 1.49½
5,000 March fife 1.49½
Tons—
100 prompt oats 38.75
100 March oats 39.50
100 March oats 39.50
300 May oats 42.00
200 March feed barley 36.00

Forty-fold prices were 4 to 5 cents higher than on the preceding day, club sold at a gain of 3 cents, red Russian advanced 3 to 3½ cents, and red fife sold 4 to 5½ cents better. Bluestem alone was inactive, but not for want of higher bids, as offers were raised 3 to 4 cents. Spot bluestem was wanted at $1.53, and for the May delivery $1.60 was bid.

Local exporters were without cables, and the market appeared to follow Chicago solely, where the factors were heavy buying by the Italian government and a big upturn at Liverpool, due to the fear that German submarines would cut off England's supply of breadstuffs.

A $40 oats market has at last been reached. Spot oats were bought on the local exchange at $38.75, but in the Palouse country there was a sale at $36, equal to $40 here. Oats bids on the exchange were raised 50 cents to $1.50 over Monday's prices. Advices from some parts of the interior, where oats are grown extensively, are that not enough are left for home consumption.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland	41	11	2	3	4
Year ago	52	6	13	4	12
Sean'n to date	13127	1445	1568	1511	1412
Year ago	12767	1919	1767	1285	1883
Tacoma, Mon.	92	2	....	7	27
Year ago	44	1	....	8	13
Sean'n to date	7452	423	....	401	2546
Year ago	6889	484	....	360	1701
Seattle, Sun.	16	2	17	2	27
Year ago	27	3	12	2	36
Sean'n to date	5981	885	1548	888	3548
Year ago	5299	978	1278	957	3922

NEW HIGH LEVELS AT BAKER

Oats and Barley Prices Are Advanced Sharply.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Again, new high levels for grain prices were reached in Baker today, when sales of oats in wholesale lots were made at $1.75 a hundredweight, an advance of 15 cents over yesterday's price and 10 cents a hundred more than has been paid in Baker hitherto. Barley also advanced, the price going to $31 a ton, and ranging upward from there. The record hitherto has been $30 a ton. The high prices in oats offered today brought out several large offerings, but barley did not move, except in comparatively small quantities.

Wheat prices remained at from $1.25 to $1.50 a bushel with no movement.

RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN GERMANY

Living Becomes Expensive in Emperor William's Domain.

The Brunswick Landeszeitung of December 6, 1914, reports the following prices for meats and vegetables in the city markets:

The Saturday markets were well supplied, and buyers were numerous, being of the opinion that it would be cheaper to buy in the markets than at the city provision stores. In this they were mistaken, as there was little or no difference in the prices. Geese and hares were cheaper than in the preceding week. Hares, with the pelts on, brought 78 cents in the the markets, or, for the largest size, 90 cents; in provision stores, (skinned by housekeepers), 71 to 83 cents. Geese brought 21 cents a pound (German pound—1.1 avoirdupois pounds); those weighing about 8 pounds, 20 cents. Fine Christmas apples sold at 7 cents a pound; cheaper sorts cost 5 cents. Cabbage was 2 cents a head; onions 2 to 3 cents a pound.

The reason why onions have become so dear is unknown. The same is to be said of butter, for which 35 to 40 cents a pound was paid. Domestic cheese, of which there was a large supply, remained cheap. Ducks weighing 3½ to 4 pounds, sold at 71 cents; poultry for soup, 35 to 47 cents; venison — shoulder, 47 cents; leg, $1.19. Veal and mutton were cheaper, at 19 cents; cutlets, 20 cents; pork sausage, minced (Mettwurst), cost 21 to 23 cents for whole sausages; brain sausages from hog (Magenwurst), 19 cents. Winter cabbage (Braunkohl) brought 6 cents per mandel (15 pieces). Eggs were especially dear, fresh country eggs being 3 to 3 cents apiece.

APPLES IN ENGLISH MARKETS

Buyers Are Not Satisfied With Eastern Fruit.

Mail advices from J. C. Houghton & Co., of Liverpool, give the following report on apples in the English market:

"New Hampshire apples continue to arrive in unsatisfactory condition, and many Maine apples also show up badly. The difference in price between tight and slack is now more accentuated, buyers seeming to have lost confidence in anything not absolutely reliable. Virginia apples have been rather more in evidence, and anything choice is appreciated. Many results of Canadian and Nova Scotian apples are disappointing. Newtown box apples from the Western states are of excellent quality, which makes the discouraging returns to shippers the more regrettable.

"The arrivals of American and Canadian apples to January 5, 1915, are given as 549,539 barrels and 228,126 boxes."

EGG PRICES ARE DECLINING STEADILY

Sales Are Made as Low as 25 Cents—Buyers Hold Back.

There was not much of a market for eggs yesterday. With the price strongly inclining downwards buyers could not be induced to take hold, except in a hand-to-mouth way. Dealers considered it a 25-cent market and a few sales, it is known, were made at that price. Receipts were not heavy, but were in excess of the buying. Another car of Chinese eggs has reached this market from Seattle. A shipment of Petaluma eggs is said to be also on the market.

Poultry arrivals were small, but the market was dull and rather weak. Dressed veal was also slow, but pork was firmer.

Supplies of country creamery butter are accumulating. Cubes were quoted at 25@26 cents. Prints are also reported easier.

SUPPLIES OF ORANGES DIMINISHED

Rains in California Check Shipments to the North.

The steamer brought four cars of oranges and receipts by the next boat will be lighter, rains in the South checking shipments. Medium sizes are very scarce and will probably be higher.

There was an advance of 25 cents in celery in the California markets yesterday and dealers look for a further rise, which will also affect this market. Lettuce is also firm in the South.

There is a continued steady movement in the cheaper grades of apples at ruling prices.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,255,698	$381,926
Seattle	2,117,392	132,920
Tacoma	355,112	32,854
Spokane	333,671	54,487

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed., Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.
Prompt delivery.

	Bid.	Ask.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ 1.53	$ 1.54
Fortyfold	1.52	1.53½
Club	1.51	1.52
Red Russian	1.43	1.45
Red Fife	1.47	1.47½
Oats—		
No. 1 white feed	38.50	39.00
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	35.00	36.00
Brewing	35.00	36.00
Bran	30.25	31.00
Shorts	31.00	32.50
Futures—	Bid	Ask.
March bluestem	1.56	1.58
April bluestem	1.58	1.62
May bluestem	1.60	1.63½
March fortyfold	1.53½	1.55
April fortyfold	1.54	.....
March club	1.52½	1.53
April club	1.53	.....
March red Russian	1.45½	1.47
April red Russian	1.48	1.49
March red Fife	1.49	1.50
April red Fife	1.50	1.55
March oats	39.50	40.00
April oats	40.00	42.00
May oats	42.00	43.00
March feed barley	35.50	36.50
April feed barley	36.50	38.00

FLOUR—Patents, $7 a barrel; straights, $6.20; whole wheat, $7.20; graham, $7.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $30.50@31.50 per ton; shorts, $32.50@33.50; rolled barley, $37@38.

CORN—White, $37 per ton; cracked, $38 per ton.

HAY — Eastern Oregon timothy, $14@16; Valley timothy, $12.50; grain hay, $10@12; alfalfa, $12@13.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $1.75@2.25 per box; Japanese, per box, 90c@$1; lemons, $3@3.50 per box; bananas, 4@4½c per pound; grapefruit, $3.50; pineapples, 7c per pound; tangerines, $1.25 per box.

VEGETABLES — Cucumbers, hothouse, $1.25@1.50 dozen; eggplant, 8@10c pound; peppers, $4 per crate; artichokes, 85@90c per dozen; tomatoes, $1.75 per crate; cabbage, 1¼@1½c per pound; beans, 12½c per pound; celery, $2.50 per crate; cauliflower, $2.25 per crate; sprouts, 8c per pound; head lettuce, $1.85@2 per crate; squash, 1½c per pound.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, 75c@$1.50 per box; casabas, $1.65 per crate; grapes, $3.50 per barrel; cranberries, $11 per barrel.

POTATOES—Oregon, $1@1.25 per sack; Yakima, $1.10@1.15; sweet potatoes, 2½c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregon, selling price $1 per sack, country points.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, $1.25 per sack; beets, $1.25 per sack; parsnips, $1.25 per sack.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 25@26c; candled, 27@28c.

POULTRY—Hens, 14½@12c; broilers, 18@20c; turkeys, dressed, 21c; live, 18c; ducks, 13@14c; geese, 11½@12c.

BUTTER — Creamery, prints, extras, 32c per pound in case lots; ½c more in less than case lots; cubes, 29@28c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbers' buying price, 15c per pound, f. o. b. dock, Portland; Young Americas, 16c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 11½@12c per pound.

PORK—Block, 9c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON — Columbia River one-pound talls, $2.50 per dozen; half-pound flats, $1.50; one-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pink, one-pound talls, $1.05.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15@24c per pound; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 15@24c; almonds, 23@24c; peanuts, 6¾c; cocoanuts, $1.00 per dozen; pecans, 19@20c; chestnuts, 12½@15c.

BEANS—Small white, 6½c; large white, 6¼c; Lima, 6½c; pink, 5¾c; Mexican, 6½c; bayos, 6½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 18½@33½c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $5.95; beet, $5.75; extra C, $5.45; powdered, in barrels, $6.20.

SALT —Granulated, $15.50 per ton; half ground, 100s, $16.75 per ton; 50s, $11.50 per ton; dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 6¼@6½c; broken, 4c per pound; Japan style, 4¾c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8c per pound; apricots, 13@15c; peaches, 8c; prunes, Italians, 8@9c; raisins, loose Muscatels, 8c; unbleached Sultanas, 7½c; seeded, 8¾c; dates, Persian, 10c per pound; fard, $1.65 per box; currants, 9¾@12c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1914 crop, 10@12½c; 1913 crop, nominal.

HIDES—Salted hides, 14c; salted bulls, 10c; salted kip, 15c; salted calf, 19c; green hides, 13c; green bulls, 9c; green kip, 15c; green calf, 19c; dry hides, 26c; dry calf, 25c.

WOOL—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 15@20c, nominal.

MOHAIR—1914 clip, 27½c per pound.

CASCARA BARK — Old and new, 4@4½c per pound.

PELTS—Dry long wooled pelts, 13c; dry short wooled pelts, 10c; dry shearings, each, 10@15c; salted shearings, each, 15@20c; dry goats, long hair, each, 12@12½c; dry goat shearings, each, 10@20c; salted sheep pelts, January, $1@1.50 each.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, 17½@18½c; skinned, 17@18c; picnic, 12c; cottage roll, 13½c; broiled, 19@28c.

BACON—Fancy, 19@28c; standard, 23@24c; choice, 17½@22c; strips, 17½c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 15@15½c; exports, 15@17c; plates, 11½@13c.

LARD — Tierces basis: Kettle rendered, 12½c; standard, 12c; compound, 8¾c.

BARREL GOODS—Mess beef, $23; plate beef, $24.50; brisket pork, $28.50; pickled pigs' feet, $12.50; tripe, $9.50@11.50; tongues, $25@30.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; special drums or barrels, 11½c; cases, 17½@20½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 12½c; cases, 20c; engine distillate, drums, 7½c; cases, 14½c; naptha, drums, 12c; cases, 19c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 71c; raw, cases, 76c; boiled, barrels, 73c; boiled, cases, 78c.

TURPENTINE — In tanks, 60c; in cases, GTC; 10-case lots, 1c less.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Current in Bay City on Fruits, Vegetables, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2. — Butter — Fancy creamery, 29c; seconds, 25½c.

Eggs—Fancy ranch, 23½c; pullets, 22½c; Cheese—New, 19@15½c; Young Americas, 12½@14½c; Oregon, 14½c.

Vegetables—Bell peppers, 5@10c; do, Chile, 5@6c; string beans, 2½@3c; hothouse cucumbers, 75c@$1.25; eggplant, 5@7c.

Onions—Yellow, 80c.

Fruit—Lemons, fancy, $2.25@2.50; choice, $1.75@2, standard, $1.50@1.75; bananas, Hawaiian, $1.25@1.75; pineapples, do, $1.50@3; California apples, Newtown Pippins, 85c@$1; Bellefleurs, 50@75c; Baldwins, 50@75c; Winesaps, 50@75c; do, Oregon, Newtown Pippins, $1@1.25; Winesaps, 90c@$1.10; Baldwins, 90c@$1.10.

Potatoes—Burbanks, Salinas, $1.75@2.10; delivered, $1.10@1.30; Oregon, $1.60; sweets, 75c@$1.50.

Coffee Futures.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The coffee market closed at a net decline of 6 to 13 points in the absence of any important support. Sales, 3250 bales. Closing bids: February, 5.97c; March, 6.01c; April, 6.10c; May, 6.19c; June, 6.17c; July, 7.19c; August, 7.30c; September, 7.39c; October, 7.45c; November, 7.51c; December, 7.58c.

Spot irregular. Rio 7s, 8¾@9¼c. Santos 4s, 9 5-9@10c.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 2.—Turpentine firm 41¼c; sales, none; receipts, 169 barrels; shipments, 182 barrels; stocks, 25,096 barrels. Rosin, none A to I, firm; K to WW, dull; sales, 123 barrels; receipts, 1618 barrels; shipments, 1452 barrels; stocks, 137,627 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, $3.00; G, $3.05; H, $3.10; I, $3.15; K, $3.60; M, $4.25; N, $5.30; WG, $5.70; WW, $5.80.

Melbourne Wool Sales.

MELBOURNE, (via London, Feb. 2, 2:45 A. M.)—Wool prices generally have advanced another 5 per cent. The strong American demand continues. Brokers have adopted a ruling under which they reserve the right to refuse any bid.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2. — Butter firm. Creamery, 24@32c.

Eggs—Receipts, 5284 cases, higher; at mark, cases included, 24@27½c; ordinary firsts, 20@21c; firsts, 21½@23c.

STOCK TONE STRONG

Market Not Affected by Wheat Flurry or Weather Conditions.

SOME SELLING BY EUROPE

Specialties Less Prominent in Speculation Than of Late—Money Rates Are Easier—Bond Market Is Firm.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. — Stocks were consistently strong for the better part of today's session on the exchange, regardless of another spectacular rise in wheat and adverse weather conditions, which were partly responsible for the relatively light dealings. Best prices were registered in the later operations, but recessions were general toward the end when it became known that the British government had declared its intention to regard all foodstuffs shipped to its enemies as contraband.

There was some early selling of Canadian Pacific and other international shares, which seemed to proceed from London, where our securities again manifested an uncertain tone. Latest developments in the war were reflected in the uncertain attitude of the British and French markets. Selling of gilt-edged securities was a feature at both centers, with little effect, however, on our markets for foreign exchange.

Less than the usual number of specialties participated in today's movement, but among these Sears-Roebuck was prominent for a sharp decline from its recent rise. American Can sold off, publication of the annual report showing a decrease in net earnings.

Local and interior financial institutions bought moderately of commercial paper, but the low rates for these contracts is now on a par with ruling quotations for time loans on collateral.

An indication of the widespread ease of money is found in the fact that Chicago is quoting the same rates for commercial paper as prevail in this market.

Bonds were firm, the features being American Telephone 4½s, which touched a record figure. Total sales, par value, were $2,040,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Alaska Gold	1,400	28⅝	27⅞	28
Amal Copper	7,100	55	54¼	54¼
Am Beet Sugar	2,800	29½	28⅝	28⅝
American Can	13,700	29¼	27⅝	28¼
Am Smel & Ref	1,400	62⅝	62	62⅛
do preferred	.....	....	....	102¼
Am Sugar Ref	1,800	110	108¾	108¾
Am Tel & Tel	2,100	121½	120¼	120⅝
Am Tobacco	.....	....	....	231
Anaconda Min	3,900	27½	27¼	27¼
Atchison	600	94⅝	94½	94½
Balt & Ohio	600	71	70½	70½
Brook R Tran	400	88⅝	88	87⅝
California Pet	6,400	20⅝	19	19⅝
Canadian Pac	4,300	159⅝	157	157½
Central Leather	500	34½	34¼	34⅝
Ches & Ohio	500	44⅝	44	44
Chicago Gt West	.....	....	....	11¼
C M & St Paul	1,900	89	88¼	88¼
Chicago & N W	.....	....	....	126
Chino Copper	1,800	36⅝	36	34
Col Fuel & Iron	.....	....	....	24
Col & Southern	.....	....	....	25
D & R Grande	.....	....	....	6½
do preferred	.....	....	....	11
Distillers' Secur	.....	....	....	11½
Erie	1,400	23¼	22⅝	22⅝
Gen Electric	200	143¼	142½	142½
Gt North pf	400	115½	115⅛	115
Gt North Ore	300	31	30⅝	30⅝
Guggenheim Ex	600	51½	51⅛	51
Illinois Central	.....	....	....	107⅝
Inter Met pf	3,400	54⅝	54	54¼
Inter Harvester	200	98	98	98¼
K C Southern	500	23	23	23
Lehigh Valley	800	137	135¼	135
Mex Petroleum	9,300	74⅝	73½	74½
Miami Copper	400	19	18⅝	18⅝
Mo, Kan & Tex	400	11½	11¼	11¼
Mo Pacific	2,200	12¾	11⅝	11⅝
Nat Biscuit	.....	....	....	127
National Lead	.....	....	....	46
Nevada Copper	600	12⅝	12¼	12¼
N Y Central	600	80½	80⅛	80½
N Y N H & H	.....	....	....	50
Norfolk & West	.....	....	....	102½
Northern Pac	1,000	105½	104¾	104¾
Pacific Mail	.....	....	....	18½
Pac Tel & Tel	.....	....	....	20
Pennsylvania	900	106⅝	106	106
Pull Pal Car	200	152½	152½	152
Ray Con Copper	700	17½	17⅛	17⅜
Reading	23,500	147⅝	146⅝	146⅝
Republic I & S	700	20	19½	19⅝
Rock Island Co	100	⅝	⅝	⅝
do preferred	.....	....	....	1⅝
St L & S F 2 pf	.....	....	....	2½
Southern Pac	2,500	85⅝	85	85⅝
Southern Ry	800	17	16⅝	16⅝
Tenn Copper	600	50½	50⅛	50⅛
Texas Company	.....	....	....	134
Union Pacific	4,800	120⅝	120	120¼
do preferred	100	81	81	81
U S Steel	44,000	41¼	40½	40½
do preferred	1,400	103½	102½	102½
Utah Copper	2,100	54⅝	53⅝	53½
Wabash pf	.....	....	....	2⅝
Western Union	200	72	71½	71

Total sales for the day, 197,300 shares.

BONDS.

U S Ref 2s, reg	99	Nor Pac 4s	97⅝
do coupon	99	do 3s	*97
U S 3s	101½	Or Sh L Ref 4s	*91½
do coupon	101½	Pac T & T 5s	*98
U S 4s, reg	109½	Pa Cv 3½s (1915)	82⅝
do coupon	110¼	do Con 4s	87⅝
Panama 3s, cou	101½	do Con 6s	100¼
N Y Cen G 3½s	80¼	Reading Gen 4s	96⅝
do deb 4s	105	Rep Steel 5s	90
N Y City 4¼s (1913)	108¼	SL & SF Ref 4s	102⅝
N Y State 4½s