FRAUD IS ASSAILED

Death Knell of Graft in Paving Petitions Is Sounded.

AFFIDAVITS ARE REQUIRED

Ordinance Prepared by City Attorney Provides That Property Owners Shall Give Reasons for Having Signed Lists.

The death knell of fraudulent preferential paving petitions is sounded in an ordinance which will be presented to the City Council this morning by City Attorney LaRoche requiring all petition signers to make affidavit to the effect that he or she understands fully the substance of what is being signed and requiring a full statement on the petition as to who circulated it and for what reason.

Preferential paving petitions have been the cause of trouble for the Council for many years. Particularly has this been true in the last two years. The present City Council has had much difficulty and a few heated controversies over the subject.

Paving Company Men Active.

When bids are opened for a paving contract the paving companies send men into the district and get signatures of property owners favoring one or another type of pavement. It may not be the type upon which the lowest bid is submitted. At present the petition may be in almost any form. It is signed and sent in. The Council does not know who circulated it or why.

Upon many occasions it has been charged that paving concerns have bribed property owners into signing the petitions on promise of remittance of part or all of the cost of the pavement to be assessed against that property owner. This has led to many abuses.

Affidavits Are Required.

The ordinance which will start on its course this morning provides that "hereafter no petition requesting the laying of pavement shall be received for filing by the Auditor of the City of Portland unless the same shall have attached thereto an affidavit or affidavits signed by all persons who have signed such petition, which affidavits shall contain the following statements: That the affiant has read such petition and is familiar with its contents; that it expresses his wishes in regard to the character of pavement requested; that he has received nothing of value and will receive nothing of value or benefit of any kind for signing such petition or refraining from opposing such petition, and that his only interest relative to the matters set forth in such petition is the interest of the property owner whose property will be affected by the laying of the pavement petitioned for.

"Each and every such petition requesting the laying of pavement shall, before being filed with the Auditor, have appended thereto a statement showing who has circulated such petition and the names of all persons interested in the circulation thereof."

RURAL CARRIERS INVITED

North Yakima Association Is After State Convention for 1916.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The Yakima County Rural Carriers' Association yesterday passed resolutions at its annual meeting against the reduction of first-class postage to 1 cent, and extending an invitation to the State Association of Rural Mail-carriers to hold its 1916 convention in this city. J. H. Reed was re-elected president and H. R. Hull secretary-treasurer. T. P. Myers was elected vice-president and also was named as a delegate to the state convention in Everett next July.

J. D. Medill, postmaster of this city, in an address to the carriers, told them that they would be called on to play an important part in the work of the Federal employment bureau which is being established.

CHARLES J. CANNON DIES

Long Illness Fatal to Cashier of North Powder Farmers' Bank.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—After a lingering illness with anaemia, Charles J. Cannon, cashier and a large stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank of North Powder, died today at his home in North Powder. Several months ago Mr. Cannon was taken to a Walla Walla hospital, but without benefit, and he was returned to North Powder last Tuesday.

Mr. Cannon was prominent in business affairs of North Powder, having gone there from Southern Oregon about a year ago when the bank was reorganized. He was born in Missouri 43 years ago, but had been in Oregon several years. He is survived by his widow and two children.

The body will be sent to Tecumseh, Neb., tomorrow night for burial.

SHERWOOD CATTLE BOUGHT

Washington Banks Purchase Oregon Holsteins for Small Farmers.

SHERWOOD, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—To alleviate the present conditions in the apple-growing districts at Wenatchee, Wash., the banks at that place are purchasing milch cows for the small land owner. A carload of blooded Holsteins was shipped from Sherwood to Independence today, which later will be shipped to Wenatchee and distributed from that point.

The animals were purchased from E. Lauber, of Tualatin, by William Block, a Portland stockbuyer. The average price was $85 a head. Mr. Lauber disposed of about 12 head and about the same number will be purchased at Independence.

MARSHFIELD CALL TAKEN

Rev. J. S. Stubblefield Resigns Charge in Klamath Falls.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Rev. J. S. Stubblefield, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, last Sunday tendered his resignation to accept a call of the First Presbyterian Church of Marshfield. Rev. Mr. Stubblefield has served this charge about three years and a half, and came here from the Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Kansas City.

Recently the Presbyterian Church has accepted from Major C. E. Worden a site for a new $12,000 edifice to be erected immediately.

TAX PENALTY SUIT FILED

Action Brought to Enjoin Lane Treasurer From Collecting.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Suit to enjoin the Treasurer of Lane County from collecting penalties on the second half of taxes not paid by April 1 was filed today by the First National Bank of Eugene. The suit is identical with a suit filed last year, under which Judge Harris enjoined the Treasurer from complying with the terms of the 1913 law that abolished the two payment system.

The law recently passed by the Legislature changing this provision will not go into effect for 90 days. In the meantime, a penalty of 2 per cent would accrue on the unpaid second half.

The Circuit Court, it is understood, will give this suit immediate attention and it is believed that an injunction can be obtained within the next two or three days.

The case is based upon a technicality in the law of 1913, which eliminated the two payment system. The court held it the intent of the Legislature to allow two payments even though the words did not so state.

LIVESTOCK MARKET LOW

ONLY FOUR LOADS RECEIVED AT NORTH PORTLAND.

Hogs Sell at Price Range Established on Monday—Few Deals in Other Lines.

The livestock market was quiet, with only a small supply available. A number of sales of hogs were closed and the top price of the preceding day, $6.75, was repeated. In the cattle division a few odd lots were disposed of within the ruling range of quotations.

Receipts for the day were 26 cattle, 17 calves, 283 hogs and 2 sheep. The shippers were: C. E. Lucke, of Estacada, and J. S. Flint, of Junction City. The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.			W.	Price.
5 hogs	135	$6.50	1 cow		800	$3.75
5 hogs	124	6.10	1 cow		670	3.50
3 hogs	180	6.75	2 cows		640	4.50
1 hog	280	6.25	2 cows		925	5.50
10 hogs	122	6.10	5 calves		288	5.50
45 hogs	175	6.75	7 calves		122	7.50
26 hogs	172	6.75	2 heifers		625	6.25
2 bulls	1189	4.50	1 steer		962	6.50
1 bull	800	4.00				

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

Prime steers	$7.50@7.75
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@6.25
Bulls	3.50@6.00
Stags	4.50@6.00
Hogs—	
Light	6.25@6.75
Heavy	5.50@6.20
Sheep—	
Wethers	6.00@7.15
Ewes	5.00@6.15
Lambs	7.00@8.25

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 23.—Hogs—Receipts, 20,000; market, strong. Heavy, $6.55@6.60; light, $6.30@6.60; pigs, $5@6.25; bulk of sales, $6.55@6.57½.

Cattle—Receipts, 5600; market, steady. Native steers, $6@8; native cows and heifers, $4.75@7; Western steers, $5.50@7.40; Texas steers, $5.75@7.10; Texas cows and heifers, $4.50@6.50; calves, $7@10.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; market, steady. Yearlings, $7.25@8.10; wethers, $6.40@7.00; ewes, $6.25@6.70; lambs, $8@8.80.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Hogs—Receipts, 19,000; market, firm. Bulk of sales, $6.55@6.70; light, $6.50@6.75; mixed, $6.45@6.70; heavy, $6.15@6.65; rough, $6.15@6.30; pigs, $5.50@6.75.

Cattle—Receipts, 2000; market, strong. Native steers, $5.50@8.75; Western, $5@7.50; cows and heifers, $3.50@7.65; calves, $7@10.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 6000; market, strong. Sheep, $6.65@7.50; yearlings, $7.50@8.15; lambs, $7.65@9.10.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Raw sugar firm. Molasses, 4.00; centrifugal, 4.77; refined steady; cut loaf 6.65; crushed, 6.55; mold A, 6.20; cubes, 6.00; XXXX powdered, 5.90; powdered, 5.80; fine granulated, 5.75; Diamond A, 5.75; confectioners' A, 5.65; No. 1, 5.50.

The futures market continued to decline in the afternoon and closed easy from two to eight points lower. Sales, 1450 tons. February, 3.78c; May, 3.85c; June, 3.89c; July, 3.94c; September, 4.02c.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Tin easy; five-ton lots, 38.50@39.50c; 25-ton lots offered at 39.50c.

Copper steady. Electrolytic, 14.75@14.87c; casting, 14.25@14.62c.

Iron steady. No. 1 Northern, $14.50@15; No. 2 Northern, $14.25@14.75; No. 1 and 2 Southern, $14.25@14.75.

Lead steady at 3.82@3.87c.

Spelter strong, 9.45c bid.

Hops, Etc., at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Hops quiet. State common to choice, 1914, 12@16c; Pacific Coast, 1914, 12@15c; 1913, 9@11c.

Hides, steady. Bogota, 32½c; Central America, 31½c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Spot cotton quiet. Mid-uplands, 8.35c. No sales.

Centralia to Nominate Director.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—A citizens' caucus today was called for March 1 to nominate a candidate for school director to succeed J. C. Watson at the election on March 6. Mr. Watson is the only candidate who has announced himself.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Maximum temperature, 52 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees. River reading at 8 A. M., 2.6 feet; change in last 25 hours, 0.2 foot rise. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), 0.09 inch; total rainfall since September 1, 1914, 21.04 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 20.84 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1914, 9.80 inches. Total sunshine February 23, none; possible sunshine, 10 hours, 49 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea-level) at 5 P. M., 29.86 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 24 hours.	Wind Velocity.	Wind Direction.	State of Weather
Baker	44	0.02	10	SE	Cloudy
Boise	50	0.01	6	E	Cloudy
Boston	48	0.00	6	E	Cloudy
Calgary	40	0.00	...	...	Clear
Chicago	50	0.58	12	SW	Rain
Denver	44	0.00	6	NE	Pt. cloudy
Des Moines	32	1.22	12	NW	Snow
Duluth	22	0.60	4	NE	Clear
Eureka	58	0.08	14	SE	Cloudy
Galveston	60	0.00	14	N	Clear
Helena	44	0.00	6	W	Clear
Jacksonville	66	0.16	4	E	Cloudy
Kansas City	36	0.78	28	W	Cloudy
Los Angeles	62	0.00	6	SW	Cloudy
Marshfield	50	0.54	4	SW	Rain
Medford	52	0.00	20	SE	Cloudy
Minneapolis	28	0.12	16	N	Snow
Montreal	26	0.16	20	NE	Rain
New Orleans	66	0.40	4	N	Clear
New York	50	0.00	10	S	Cloudy
North Head	48	0.38	16	E	Cloudy
North Yakima	50	0.00	6	W	Cloudy
Phoenix	64	0.00	4	W	Cloudy
Portland	42	0.00	6	SE	Cloudy
Portland	52	0.60	6	E	Rain
Roseburg	48	0.04	4	NW	Cloudy
Sacramento	56	0.01	8	SE	Cloudy
St. Louis	40	0.38	18	SW	Cloudy
Salt Lake	52	0.00	4	NW	Clear
San Francisco	60	0.04	6	S	Rain
Seattle	52	0.02	4	NW	Pt. cloudy
Spokane	50	0.02	4	E	Cloudy
Tacoma	50	0.06	4	N	Cloudy
Tatoosh Island	46	0.02	24	E	Cloudy
Walla Walla	58	0.62	6	SE	Cloudy
Washington	68	0.00	10	S	Rain
Winnipeg	22	0.00	6	NW	Clear

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A depression which may prove to be of decided character is approaching the Oregon Coast and southwest warnings were ordered for the same at Marshfield only at 6:30 P. M. They will be extended to other stations in the morning should it be necessary. Another storm is central over the Lakes Region and the barometer is relatively high over the Plains States. Rain has fallen on the Pacific Slope as far south as San Francisco and also generally throughout the Middle West, except in Southern Minnesota, Iowa and Eastern South Dakota, where a portion of the precipitation was in the form of snow. The temperature changes since yesterday have been unimportant.

The conditions are favorable for rain in this district Wednesday, with increasing southeast shifting to southwest winds along the coast.

FORECASTS:

Portland and vicinity—Rain; southeasterly winds.

Oregon and Washington—Rain; southeast, shifting to southwest winds, increasing along the coast.

Idaho—Rain.

EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.

WHEAT DROP SEVERE

Local Market Shares in General Weakness.

BIDS CUT 5 TO 11 CENTS

Sellers Are Anxious to Unload, but Do Not Make Such Extreme Concessions—Only One Sale on Merchants' Exchange.

The local wheat market had a sick appearance yesterday. The discouraging export outlook was intensified by the 8-cent break at Chicago and holders in this market thought it was high time to dispose of their loads. Buyers took advantage of the situation and bid very low prices. Sellers, while weak, however, did not go to such extremes, yet the average prices asked represented a material reduction from last week's values.

There was only one sale, a 5000-bushel lot of April red Russian, at $1.39. This was 6½ cents under Saturday's price.

White wheat was weaker than the red varieties. Bluestem bids were 8½ to 9½ cents under Saturday's figures, fortyfold was 9 to 11 cents lower and club 9½ to 10½ cents reduced. Sellers' concessions, based on Saturday's bid market, were 2½ to 4½ cents, except in the case of April fortyfold, which amounted to 6 cents.

In the read wheat division the declines ranged from 5 to 8½ cents in the bids and 1 to 3 cents in the asked prices.

The local traders were not disposed to place so much importance on the Dardanelles affair, as this bogie has been overworked by the Chicago manipulators, yet they recognize the possibility of Constantinople proving the weakest spot in the German defense line and do not minimize the effect of its fall on the American wheat market. It is the submarine blockade of Great Britain, however, which is causing the speculators worry. They see little chance of the market bettering itself in the near future and holders of the nearby deliveries are, therefore, seeking buyrs.

The oats and barley markets were weak, as they usually are when wheat goes off. Three hundred tons of May oats sold at $36.25, a decline of $1.25 from Saturday's price. Spot oats were $1 lower. Barley bids were reduced $1 to $2 a ton.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland	197	30	17	49	27
Year ago	193	46	39	5	13
Sea'n to date	14296	1694	1048	1726	1345
Year ago	13658	2077	1982	1367	2065
Tacoma, Sat. and Monday	99	4	...	11	29
Year ago	16	...	...	1	11
Sea'n to date	8045	449	...	523	2385
Year ago	7580	581	...	378	1802
Seattle, Fri.	9	2	48	...	9
Year ago	7	22	18	1	12
Sea'n to date	6782	943	1676	958	4385
Year ago	5685	1084	1399	1002	3759

Broomhall's summary of foreign crop conditions follows:

United Kingdom—The weather is fine and planting of the new crop continues. Offers of native wheat are liberal. The acreage to wheat is expected to be largely over last year.

France—Weather is now more favorable and crop prospects fair. The government is releasing territorials to assist threshing and planting. Native offers are scarce.

Germany—The weather is milder, following heavy freezing, and much of the snow cover has disappeared. Foodstuffs are scarce.

Russia—Snow cover general, except in the south. Generally crop outlook favorable.

Roumania—Winter has been mild and crop conditions generally good, on a full acreage.

India—Weather and crop conditions fine. Native offers are larger and cheaper.

Argentina—Weather favorable for the new corn crop and prospects excellent.

Austria—Stocks are light and very dear.

Hungary—Weather unfavorable for the new crop. The acreage will be very small. Heavy freezing and thawing is reported.

Spain—Light, beneficial rains are reported

OREGON HOP MARKET IS BLOCKED

Large Contract Orders on Hand That Cannot Be Filled.

Almost every hop dealer in Oregon has orders for new-crop contracts, but they cannot fill them, as the limits are not up to growers' ideas, and many of the latter, affiliated with the association, will not deal with outsiders. Most of these orders are said to be at 12 and 12½ cents. The best price so far reported paid for the new crop is 13 cents. The spot market is also blocked.

Recent heavy trading in California has reduced growers' holdings to less than 20,000 bales. Unsold stocks of Sacramentos amount to 14,311 bales, and in Sonoma there are about 2000 bales of 1914s and 1000 bales of 1913s. The Uhlmanns bought 375 bales of Sacramentos from Oki at 10¾ cents and Donovan paid 11 cents to Harvey Cassellman for 184 bales of Yolos.

Eastern brewers are not interested in spot hops, according to the Chicago Brewers' Bulletin, which says:

"The activity at the primary markets has absolutely failed to stimulate business with brewers, who apparently have purchased their season's needs and are taking no further interest in the market. As a result of this condition the advance on the Pacific Coast is not fully reflected by dealers' quotations to brewers, and apparently applies only to export business for English account."

The Waterville Hop Reporter says:

"A very dull market prevails here. The only sale reported is that of the Lewis & McHugo lot of 94 bales, which was sold this week for 10½ cents. The hops are reported to have been of medium grade. Orders for hops are received occasionally from outside, but unless filled at once the order is very likely recalled the next day. There seems to be no life manifested on the part of grower or dealer, and the hop market of 1914 is quite as dead as before the new year opened."

According to the Department of Commerce, the imports and exports of hops in December and in the calendar year compare with previous reports as follows:

Imports for December—

	Quantity.	Value.
1912	1,728,367	883,457
1914	2,652,910	655,921

Imports for 12 months ending December—

	Quantity.	Value.
1912	9,863,839	2,591,716
1913	7,312,615	2,945,848
1914	7,482,519	2,584,095

Exports for December—

	Quantity.	Value.
1912	2,460,538	724,908
1914	1,028,298	297,352

Exports for 12 months ending December—

	Quantity.	Value.
1912	15,572,237	4,402,239
1913	20,701,497	1,483,609
1914	11,056,449	2,926,401

DECREASE LESS THAN EXPECTED

Visible Supply Statement Change for Week Is Moderate.

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants' Exchange show the following changes in the American visible supply:

		Bushels.	Decrease.
February 23,	1915	51,759,000	1,513,000
February 24,	1914	57,866,000	1,392,000
February 24,	1913	63,735,000	848,000
February 26,	1912	57,473,000	963,000
February 27,	1911	41,770,000	1,006,000
February 28,	1910	28,824,000	211,000
March 1,	1909	38,214,000	1,754,000
March 2,	1908	42,908,000	1,564,000
March 4,	1907	44,884,000	*1,271,000
March 5,	1906	47,283,000	*381,000

*Increase.

No figures are available for the quantities on passage for the current week.

Shipments of wheat, flour included, from the Western Hemisphere were as follows:

	Week ending Feb. 20.	Week ending Feb. 13.	Week ending Feb. 14.
U. S. & Canada	15,200,000	9,896,000	8,176,000
Argentina	3,184,000	1,472,000	2,376,000

Total shipments from the United States and Canada for the season to date are 277,744,000 bushels, compared with 186,356,000 bushels in the corresponding period last year.

Shipments from exporting countries last year up to this date were:

	Bushels.
United States and Canada	186,356,000
Argentina	32,075,000
Australia	36,218,000
Danube	29,062,000
Russia	107,404,000
India	25,693,000
Total	416,808,000

LOCAL APPLE TRADE IS BOOMING

Retailers Cut Price on Diamond Brand Newtowns and Increase Sales

Apples are easily the feature of the Front-street produce trade this week. The special retail campaign has proved a success and there is a steady stream of fruit passing through jobbers' hands. Some of the retailers are not maintaining the advertised price of $1.25 on Diamond brand Hood River Newtowns, but have cut the price to $1.15, and thereby largely increased their sales.

The orange market was very firm, particularly on medium sizes. The tramp car of bananas, due tomorrow, is still in California and may not come in before the regular banana train.

A shipment of cranberries was brought down from Seattle yesterday and put on sale at $11 a barrel.

TWENTY-CENT EGG SALES REPORTED

Buyers Operate in Limited Way, Fearing Further Declines.

The local egg market is now practically on a 20-cent basis. Sales were made at that price on the street yesterday and more were offered at the same figure, but buyers were reserved. Single cases sold at 21 cents. There was some shipping business, but not enough to clean up the surplus. Seattle reported an overstocked market.

Poultry receipts were light and were worked off at the old prices. Dressed meats were also steady.

The butter market is in fairly good shape, and not so much cutting is reported as was the case last week. Cheese was steady.

Cascara Firmer East and Abroad.

Cascara bark in the East is firmer. London mail advices say of the bark market there: "A good spot demand and holders are very firm after the recent advance. The Coast traders are still fighting for the business and are already trying to cut prices to arrive: 35s c. i. f. is very probable for new crop if it were bid."

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,976,225	$156,738
Seattle	2,041,494	147,664
Tacoma	428,455	60,172
Spokane	668,279	40,183

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Prompt delivery—	Bid.	Ask.
Bluestem	$ 1.45	$ 1.50
Forty-fold	1.43	1.48
Club	1.41	1.48
Red Russian	1.35	1.39
Red fife	1.37	1.44
Oats—		
No. 1 white, feed	35.50	35.00
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	27.00	30.00
Brewing	27.00	30.00
Corn	27.00	27.50
Bran	26.00	28.00
Futures—		
March bluestem	1.45	1.52
April bluestem	1.48½	1.54
May bluestem	1.50	1.55
March forty-fold	1.43	1.48
April forty-fold	1.43	1.49
March club	1.42	1.48
April club	1.42	1.50
March red Russian	1.36	1.40
April red Russian	1.38½	1.40
March red fife	1.37	1.44
April red fife	1.38½	1.45
March oats	33.00	35.00
April oats	33.00	35.50
May oats	35.75	36.25
March feed barley	27.00	30.00
April feed barley	28.00	32.00
Sales—		
5000 bushels red Russian		$ 1.39
300 tons May oats		36.25

FLOUR—Patents, $7.20 a barrel; straights, $6.50; whole wheat, $7.40; graham, $7.20.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $26@28.50 per ton; shorts, $31@31.50; rolled barley, $35@36.

CORN—White, $37.50 per ton; cracked, $38.50 per ton.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $14@16; valley timothy, $12.50; grain hay, $10@11; alfalfa, $12@13.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $1.75@2.25 per box; lemons, $2.25@3.50 per box; bananas, 4@4½c per pound; grapefruit, $3@3.50; pineapples, 6c per pound; tangerines, $1.50@1.75 per box.

VEGETABLES — Cucumbers, hothouse, $1.25@1.50 dozen; peppers, 30@35c pound; artichokes, 75@85c per dozen; tomatoes, $3@5.50 per crate; cabbage, 1½c per pound; celery, $4@4.25 per crate; cauliflower, $2 per crate; sprouts, 8@9c per pound; head lettuce, $2 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 75c per box; squash, 1½c per pound; rhubarb, 10@12c per pound.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, 75c@$1.50 per box; cranberries, $11@12 per barrel.

POTATOES—Oregon, $1.10@1.15 per sack; Yakima, 90c@$1.15; sweet potatoes, 2¾@3c 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, 20@21c; candled, 22@22½c.

POULTRY—Large hens, 13@13½c; ordinary hens, 12@12½c; broilers, 13@20c; turkeys, dressed, 30c; live, 18c; ducks, 11@16c; geese, 8@9c.

BUTTER—Creamery, prints, extras, 32c per pound in case lots; ½c more in less than case lots; cubes, 26c.

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

VEAL—Fancy, 12@12½c per pound.

PORK—Block, 8½@9c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON — Columbia River one-pound talls, $2.30 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, 13@24c per pound; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 15@24c; almonds, 23@24c; peanuts, 6¾c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; pecans, 19@20c; chestnuts, 12½c@15c.

BEANS—Small white, 6½c; large white, 6¼c; Lima, 6½c; pink, 5@6c; Mexican, 6½c; bayou, 6½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 18½@33½c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $6.55; beet, $6.35; extra C, $5.05; powdered, in barrels, $6.80.

SALT—Granulated, $15.50 per ton; half ground, 100s, $10.75 per ton; 50s, $11.50 per ton; dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 6¼@6½c; broken, 4c per pound; Japan style, 4@5c.

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

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1914 crop, 12@14c; 1913 crop, 13@14c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 15c; salted bulls, 10c; salted kip, 15c; salted calf, 19c; green hides, 13½c; green bulls, 9c; green kip, 13c; green calf, 19c; dry hides, 26c; dry calf, 28c.

WOOL—Valley, nominal; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c.

MOHAIR—1914 clip, 27c per pound.

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

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

Provisions.

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

BACON—Fancy, 27@28c; standard, 23@24c; choice, 17½@22c; strips, 17½c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 13@15½c; exports, 15@17c, plates, 11½@12c.

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

BARREL GOODS—Mess beef, $23; plate beef, $24.50; brisket pork, $25.50; pickled pigs' feet, $12.50; tripe, $9.50@11.60; tongues, $25@30.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; special drums or barrels, 13½c; cases, 17½@20½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 11c; cases, 19c; engine distillate, drums, 7½c; cases, 14½c; naptha, drums, 11c; cases, 18c.

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

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 60c; in cases, 67c; 10-case lots, 1c less.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 23.—Turpentine, firm at 41½c, sales, 514 barrels; receipts, 302; shipments, 292; stocks, 53,940.

Rosin, firm. Sales, none; receipts, 1492 barrels; shipments, 7968; stocks, 29,215: Quote: A, $2.60; C, D, $5.02½; E, F, G, $5.40; H, $5.65; I, $5.20; M, $4; N, $5; WG, $5.40; WW, $5.55.

STEEL HOLD$ WELL

Steadiest of Stocks in Spite of Large Overturn.

OTHER ISSUES ARE WEAK

Wall-Street Market Affected by Unfavorabe Foreign Development. Most Encouraging News Comes From Western States.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Professional selling, prompted mainly by further unfavorable foreign developments, provoked fresh selling of securities on the resumption of operations today. There was a comparatively large accumulation of orders over the double holiday. European offerings were most noticeable in the bond department, where numerous sales for future delivery at concessions were effected.

The overhanging fear of international complications was plainly reflected in the several markets for exchange, most of which were again demoralized and in favor of this country. Exchange on Paris, Berlin, Rome and Geneva were quoted at unprecedented figures.

Many of the principal shares made their lowest prices for the current movement and a number of new minimums were made. Baltimore & Ohio common and preferred, Seaboard Air Line preferred, Southern Railway preferred, New Haven and Chesapeake & Ohio were among the stocks to fall to latest established quotations.

Most of the specialties, including the petroleum, motors and a score of dormant issues fell from one to ever five points. United States Steel was again steadiest of the speculative favorites, despite the large overturn.

Almost the only encouraging news of the day came from the West, where general conditions pointed to an increase of business. This was offset, however, by another sharp drop in grains. Weakness in the cotton market accounted for the heaviness of Southern transportation issues.

Losses in some of the investment bonds ranged from one to two points, with a larger volume of trading. Total sales par value aggregated $2,535,000. United States Government bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Alaska Gold	1,600	28	27½	27¾
Amal Copper	13,500	51¾	51	51
Am Beet Sugar	2,700	37	36	36
American Can	3,600	26¾	25¾	25¾
Am Smel & Ref	2,800	61½	60¾	61
do preferred		.....	.....	99
Am Sugar Ref	1,000	101¾	100¾	100¾
Am Tel & Tel	200	118	117½	118
Am Tobacco		.....	.....	200
Anaconda Min	1,100	25¾	25¼	25½
Atchison	1,700	93¼	92¾	92¾
Balt & Ohio	2,200	63½	62	62½
Brook R Tran	500	85¾	83¾	85¼
California Pet	400	18¼	15½	17½
Canadian Pac	2,000	157	156½	156¾
Central Leather	1,600	33¼	33	33¼
Ches & Ohio	2,400	40¾	40	40
Chi Gt W	1,200	11	11	10¾
C M & St Paul	2,600	85	83¾	84
Chicago & N W	.....	.....	.....	123¼
Chino Copper	500	34½	34	34
Col Fuel & Iron	200	23½	23¼	23¼
Col & Southern	200	25	24	25
D & R Grande	.....	.....	.....	8¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	30
Distillers Secur	.....	.....	.....	20½
Erie	5,800	21¾	20¾	20¾
Gen Electric	500	141	140	140
Gt North pf	1,100	114	113	113¼
Gt North Ore	900	30	29	29
Guggenheim Ex	1,200	47	48½	48½
Illinois Central	200	103¼	103½	103½
Interbor Met pf	800	54¼	54	54
Interboro Cop	400	18¾	18	18
Inter Harvester	100	92¼	92	90
K C Southern	.....	.....	.....	20¾
Lehigh Valley	2,900	130½	129½	130
Louis & Nash	100	114¾	114	114
Mex Petroleum	5,000	64	62¼	63½
Miami Copper	600	18¾	18¼	18¼
Mo, Kan & Tex	600	10½	10¼	10¼
Mo Pacific	1,100	10¾	10¾	10½
Nat Biscuit	400	122	119¾	119
National Lead	300	48½	48	47
N Y Central	2,800	83	82½	82¾
N Y, N H & H	2,900	45½	45	45
Norfolk & West	600	100	100¼	100
Northern Pac	1,400	101	100¾	100
Pacific Mail	.....	.....	.....	19
Pac Tel & Tel	.....	.....	.....	25
Pennsylvania	2,200	104¾	104¼	104¼
Pull Pal Car	.....	.....	.....	151
Ray Con Cop	1,400	16½	16	16
Reading	37,500	141½	140¾	140¾
Republic I & S	100	19¼	19¼	19¼
Rock Island Co	300	⅝	⅝	⅝
do preferred	300	1¼	1¼	1¼
St L & S F 2 pf	.....	.....	.....	3¼
Southern Pac	6,500	83¼	82⅝	82⅝
Southern Ry	6,000	15	14	14
Tenn Copper	4,600	27¼	25¾	26¼
Texas Company	200	125½	124¾	125
Union Pacific	10,700	117¾	116¾	117½
do preferred	300	81	80¾	81