SELLERS ARE FEW

Lower Wheat Prices Bring Out Light Offerings.

MARKET ON EXPORT BASIS

Buyers' Efforts to Pick Up Bargains Not as Successful as They Anticipated—Flour Quotations May Be Lowered.

Yesterday's local wheat market was an unsatisfactory affair. Prices were handicapped at the start by the break at Chicago, due to the tightening of the export blockade. Buyers in this market evidently thought they had sellers at their mercy, but this did not prove to be entirely the case. Bids were sharply reduced, in some cases being 16 and 17 cents under the prices offered Saturday, but sellers made no such concessions. Where actual transactions were closed, the declines were only 5 to 7 cents, and asking prices, as a rule, averaged only 4 cents under those of last week.

There was a steady export demand on the market and buying was not done as easily, perhaps, as the purchasers anticipated. The transactions in detail were:

Bushels—
5,000 May bluestem $1.37
5,000 May fortyfold 1.37
5,000 April club 1.35
10,000 May Russian 1.30

The bluestem sale noted above was 7 cents under Saturday's price, May forty-fold sold 6 cents lower, club 5 cents lower and red Russian was down 6 cents.

There is no reason for wheat selling cheaper than the present prices, as the market is on an export basis and Europe still wants grain. There is a scarcity of tonnage just now, but ships will be coming along later, and but little wheat is finding its way out of the interior.

The oats market is holding fairly steady, but there is no demand for barley and it is weak.

The patent flour market is also weak and local quotations are likely to decline in the near future. The cut in prices may be 20 cents or even 40 cents a barrel.

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland	154	20	6	17	17
Year ago	139	46	22	7	13
Sea'n to date	14,707	1745	161	1778	1592
Year ago	15,964	2125	2043	1385	2100
Tacoma, Sat.	15	4	....	....	4
Year ago	66	5	....	1	7
Sea'n to date	8,096	459	....	530	2614
Year ago	7,522	605	....	387	1848
Seattle, Fri.	19	....	7	....	9
Year ago	71	3	6	7	33
Sea'n to date	6,364	951	1722	963	4580
Year ago	5,899	1112	1435	1024	3874

QUANTITIES ON PASSAGE INCREASED

Large Gain in Wheat Shipments to United Kingdom and Continent.

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

	Bushels.	Decrease.
March 1, 1915	49,686,000	2,673,000
March 2, 1914	57,021,000	785,000
March 3, 1913	65,785,000	*51,000
March 4, 1912	57,080,000	293,000
March 6, 1911	39,868,000	1,902,000
March 7, 1910	25,783,000	*267,000
March 8, 1909	36,982,000	1,272,000
March 9, 1908	41,362,000	1,544,000
March 11, 1907	45,730,000	*866,000
March 12, 1906	47,701,000	*418,000

*Increase.

Quantities on passage to the United Kingdom and the Continent compare as follows:

	Bushels.
Week ending February 27, 1915	48,520,000
Week ending February 20, 1915	49,760,000
Week ending February 28, 1914	45,008,000
Week ending March 1, 1913	51,128,000

Shipments of wheat, flour included, from the Western Hemisphere compare:

	This wk.	Last wk.	Last yr.
U. S. and Can.	8,513,000	10,200,000	2,948,000
Argentina	3,512,000	3,184,000	2,136,000

Shipments from the United States and Canada for the season to date are 286,237,000 bushels, as compared with 189,304,000 bushels in the same period last season. World's shipments last year at this date for the season were:

	Bushels.
United States and Canada	189,304,000
Argentina	21,121,000
Australia	38,374,000
Danubian ports	39,980,000
Russia	109,324,000
India	25,818,000
Total	426,961,000

RENEWED INQUIRY FOR SPOT HOPS

Contracts Are Also in Demand, but Growers Are Holding Firm.

There was a good inquiry yesterday on the market for spot hops and a big reduction could be made in the small available supply, but holders decline to sell at going prices. Contracts are also wanted, but few can be had.

California reports told of the sale of 200 bales of the Oki crop of Sacramento to Uhlmann at 10½ cents, and the purchase by Marks of 375 bales of Tehamas at 9½ cents. The Waterville Hop Reporter says of the New York market:

"We can learn of but one sale since our last report, that of Patrick Ryder's lot of 70 bales. The price is not given, but is understood to be about in line with other recent sales.

"The market is lifeless, no interest apparently being taken on either side and the little spurts of activity shown from week to week are but of short duration.

"It is understood locally that several growers are contemplating plowing up their hops this Spring, or at least, a considerable part of their acreage. Opinion seems to be divided as to the wisdom of this action, however, and it is possible when the time comes that the total acreage will be reduced but little."

FOREIGN CROP CONDITIONS NOT GOOD

Weather Is Unfavorable in Most Parts of Europe.

Foreign crop conditions are summarized by Broomhall as follows:

United Kingdom—Rains hindering farm work and preventing wheat sowing. This is causing apprehension as to acreage, and many are estimating an acreage only equal to that of last year. Conditions very unfavorable on bottom lands.

France—The agricultural outlook is only fair. The government has released territorials to assist in sowing and threshing. Native supplies are more liberal. The acreage planted will be short and the yield light.

Germany—Crop accounts are good and a full acreage is expected.

Austria—The government is taking steps to plant a large acreage to Spring grain.

Hungary—Seeding is as yet on a very small scale. Weather unfavorable.

Russia—Snow cover holds except in the extreme south. Prices of wheat and oats advancing. All grain is stagnant, with very little moving.

Australia—Weather unfavorable. Our agent estimates the imports at 1,750,000 bushels.

Argentina—Rains have checked the movement of wheat and oats. Prices are firm, with shipping difficult. Estimates of the exportable surplus of wheat and oats are being further reduced.

India—Wheat offers are increasing and cheaper.

Italy—Continuous rains in the center are very damaging to wheat. Imports continue unabated.

Spain—The weather is fairly seasonable, but dryness is reported over a wide area.

Shipping Trade in Produce Large.

There was a big shipping and local business on Front street yesterday. The street was well supplied with all lines, vegetable receipts for the day being a car each of cauliflower, sweet potatoes and small mixed vegetables. Prices were unchanged. A car of lettuce and a car of celery are due today.

There was some movement in apples, but the trade was not as brisk as last week. Oranges were firm at unchanged prices.

Egg Market Unchanged.

The week opened with but little change in the egg market. There were sellers at 18 and 18½ cents, case count, quantity lots, and there was a moderate shipping demand.

There was a better demand for poultry, but no change in prices. Dressed meats were also steady.

There is a good movement in country creamery butter. There was no change in the city creamery situation.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,150,721	$441,362
Seattle	2,188,875	232,306
Tacoma	338,836	41,897
Spokane	796,436	50,578

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.
Prompt delivery:

	Bid.	Ask.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ 1.26	$ 1.32
Fortyfold	1.22	1.32
Club	1.25	1.32
Red Russian	1.15	1.30
Red fife	1.15	1.30
Oats—		
No. 1 white feed	33.25	34.75
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	26.00	29.00
Brewing	26.00	.....
Brew	23.00	28.00
Shorts	24.00	29.00
Futures—		
April bluestem	1.26	1.34
May bluestem	1.26	1.38
April fortyfold	1.30	1.36
May fortyfold	1.36	1.42
April club	1.35	1.40
May club	1.37	1.39
April red Russian	1.27½	1.28½
May red Russian	1.29	1.33
April red fife	1.27	1.35
May red fife	1.27	1.37
April oats	34.50	35.50
May oats	35.00	37.00
April feed barley	27.00	30.00
May feed barley	28.00	31.00

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

MILLFEED — Spot prices: Bran, $28@28.50 per ton; shorts, $30@30.50; rolled barley, $34@35.

CORN—Whole, $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; lemons, $2.25@3.50 per box; bananas, 4½c per pound; grapefruit, $3@3.50; pineapples, 6c per pound; tangerines, $1.25@1.75 per box.

VEGETABLES — Cucumbers, hothouse, $1.25@1.50 dozen; peppers, 20@35c pound; artichokes, 75@80c per dozen; tomatoes, $4.50 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; spinach, $1.25 per box; hothouse rhubarb, $3 per box.

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, 2¾c per pound.

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

BACK 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, 18@19c; candled, 20c.

POULTRY—Hens, 13½@14c; broilers, 18@20c; turkeys, dressed, 20c; live, 18c; ducks, 11@16c; geese, 8@9c.

BUTTER—Creamery, prints, extras, 34½c per pound in case lots; ¼c more in less than case lots; cubes, 28@29c.

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

VEAL—Fancy, 12½c per pound.

PORK—Block, 9c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON — Columbia River one-pound talls, $2.35 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 per dozen; pecans, 19@20c; chestnuts, 10c.

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@8½c; 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@14½c; 1913 crop, 13c per pound.

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

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, coarse, 22@23c; Eastern Oregon, fine, 18@20c; Valley, 25c, nominal.

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@13c; salted shearings, each, 15@25c; dry goats, 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@13c.

LARD — Tierce 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@11.00; tongues, $25@30.

Oils.

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

GASOLINE—Bulk, 12c; 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, 73c.

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

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 1. — Butter — Creamery, 27½c; store, 27c.

Eggs—Fancy ranch, 21c; pullets, 18½c.

Cheese—New, 16@16c; Young Americas, 13½@16c; Oregons, 14½c.

Vegetables — Bell peppers, 5@15c; do, Chile, 7@16c; hothouse cucumbers, 90c@$1.10; eggplant, 4@6c; sprouts, 2@2½c.

Onions—Yellow, 80@90c.

Fruit — Lemons, $1.50@2.50; bananas, Hawaiian, $1.50@2; pineapples, do, $1.25@2; California apples, Newton Pippins, 60@85c; Bellflowers, 25@50c; other varieties, 50@75c; do, Oregon, Newtown Pippins, $1@1.25; Winesaps, 85c@$1.10; Baldwins, 75c@$1; Spitzenbergs, $1.35@1.50.

Potatoes—Delta, 90c@$1.15; Oregon, $1.40@1.50; Lompoc, $1.65@1.75; Idaho, 90c@$1.30; sweets, $1.80@2.10.

Receipts — Flour, 140 quarters; barley, 71,210 centals; potatoes, 3940 sacks; hay, 429 tons.

Coffee Futures.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The market for coffee futures opened 3 to 4 points higher this morning on scattered covering and trade buying, which seemed to be inspired by the steadier ruling of Brazilian exchange and reports of large Brazilian shipments to Europe last week. Prices later eased off, however, owing to apprehensions that the British embargo on the shipments of commodities to Germany might lead to some falling off in demand, and the close was one point higher to six points lower, with near months relatively easy. Sales, 7250. March, 5.44c; April, 5.55c; May, 5.59c; June, 5.64c; July, 6.64c; August, 6.73c; September, 6.87c; November, 6.94c; December, 7c.

Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 7¾c; Santos, No. 4, 9¾c.

Milreis prices in Brazil were unchanged. Rio exchange was 1-16d higher.

Cotton Slumps at New York.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1. — Cotton broke 19 points, or nearly $1 a bale here today upon receipt of authentic news of the allies' plans to place a virtual blockade against shipments of all commodities to German ports. October contracts sold off from 9.05c to 8.86c.

Spot cotton quiet. Middling uplands, 8.25c. Sales, 300 bales.

SHEEP MARKET HIGH

Wethers and Ewes Bring Good Quarter Advance.

LAMB PRICES ARE FIRM

Hogs Are Steady at Last Week's Quotations—Best Steers Sell at $6.80 — Day's Run of Fair Size.

The sheep market was again the strong feature of the livestock trade. Cattle and hogs were steady. The week opened with a fair sized run.

About 20 loads of steers were disposed of at a wide range of prices, according to quality. The top price paid was $7.80 for a single load. The bulk of sales were at $6.90 to $7.50. Good cows sold at $6 to $6.50, heifers brought $5.75 and $6.85, bulls sold from $4.75 to $6 and calves from $7.75 to $8.50, according to grade.

Top quality hogs opened at $7, the closing price of last week. The bulk of the sales were of this grade.

While lambs sold at the prevailing quotation of $8.50, there was a good quarter lift in sheep values, choice wethers bringing $7.50 and the best ewes $6.50.

Receipts were 682 cattle, 24 calves, 1908 hogs and 4302 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle—H. L. Friday, Gateway, 3 cars; John Bolter, Gateway, 2 cars; Ben Taylor, Shaniko, 2 cars; S. P. Miller, Dillard, 2 cars; J. L. Cox, Stanfield, 1 car; Minor Bros., Heppner, 1 car; W. L. Connors, Caldwell, 1 car; L. Y. St. Clair, Burley, 3 cars; S. W. Andrews, Echo, 2 cars; D. McGill, Ontario, 2 cars.

With hogs (1 car each)—A. L. Knox, Grants Pass; L. L. Steiner, Condon; L. L. Miller, Nampa; W. H. Pabbers, Lexington; "H. L. A." Brogan; T. H. Morelock, Enterprise; D. E. Meyers, Imbler; J. W. Chandler, La Grande; same, Union Junction; W. B. Hunter, Lostine; Elgin Forwarding Company, Wallowa.

With sheep—Stanfield & Howard, Walla Walla, 1 car; R. N. Stanfield, Hansen, Idaho, 6 cars; same, Stanfield, Or., 5 cars; C. A. Hale, Waitsburg, 7 cars.

With mixed loads—C. J. Johnson, Terrebonne, 2 cars cattle and calves; A. S. McSee, Washougal, 1 car cattle and calves; J. W. Davis, Woodland, 1 car cattle, calves and hogs; L. V. Gentry, Heppner, 1 car cattle and hogs; Joseph Cunha, Echo, 3 cars cattle and calves; Elgin Forwarding Company, Joseph, 4 cars cattle, calves, hogs and sheep; Fred Cuniff, Robinette, 1 car cattle and hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price		Wt.	Price
5 cows	1034	$6.00	2 hogs	313	6.40
3 cows	1080	6.25	2 hogs	420	6.60
4 calves	240	8.50	99 hogs	160	7.00
2 cows	1260	5.00	69 hogs	200	6.95
6 cows	1045	6.15	1 hog	320	6.45
23 steers	1380	7.50	90 hogs	200	7.00
2 steers	1485	7.00	160 hogs	192	7.00
22 steers	1341	7.50	10 hogs	142	6.25
3 steers	1270	7.00	17 hogs	241	6.00
1 steer	1240	7.00	3 hogs	110	6.25
18 steers	1400	7.15	32 hogs	170	6.85
1 calf	300	8.50	98 hogs	188	7.00
1 bull	1470	6.00	10 hogs	135	6.25
3 bulls	1820	5.50	1 hog	340	5.90
25 steers	1256	7.10	81 hogs	167	6.90
1 bull	1700	5.00	11 lambs	109	8.40
1 steer	970	6.50	97 hogs	163	6.85
7 heifers	924	6.35	57 hogs	172	6.90
5 hogs	286	7.00	8 hogs	261	7.00
23 hogs	167	6.35	1 bull	1450	5.00
66 hogs	125	6.40	4 steers	1375	7.00
22 hogs	123	6.50	20 steers	1307	7.35
1 cow	1010	6.50	26 steers	1048	7.15
1 cow	1050	4.00	2 steers	910	6.50
1 cow	800	3.50	25 steers	1181	6.90
2 cows	1195	5.75	27 steers	1192	6.90
24 cows	1154	6.60	1 bull	1610	4.75
1 cow	870	5.25	3 heifers	660	5.75
17 mixed	500	5.50	2 bulls	895	5.00
27 steers	1031	6.85	11 calves	272	7.75
26 steers	1209	7.20	21 steers	1264	7.55
23 steers	1400	7.25	3 steers	1176	7.00
27 steers	1170	7.80	3 calves	168	7.75
25 steers	1170	7.80	25 steers	1128	8.00
24 steers	1344	7.25	10 steers	1114	7.10
2 bulls	1470	6.25	7 steers	721	6.75
255 lambs	78	8.50	1 bull	1520	5.00
158 lambs	76	8.50	17 steers	921	6.10
38 wethers	105	7.50	12 steers	1080	6.35
50 ewes	103	6.50	27 steers	1162	7.60
4 hogs	217	7.00	1 bull	1580	5.50
1 hog	350	6.00	12 cows	1093	5.50
98 hogs	186	7.00	1 bull	1500	5.75
100 hogs	195	7.00	1 bull	1650	6.00
110 hogs	179	6.90			

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

Prime steers	$7.50@7.80
Choice steers	7.25@7.50
Medium steers	6.75@7.25
Choice cows	6.00@6.50
Medium cows	5.00@5.25
Heifers	5.00@6.25
Bulls	3.50@6.00
Stags	4.50@5.00
Hogs—	
Light	6.35@7.00
Heavy	5.85@6.40
Sheep—	
Wethers	6.00@7.50
Ewes	5.00@6.50
Lambs	7.00@8.50

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 1.—Hogs—Receipts, 9500; market, higher; heavy, $6.50@6.65; light, $6.45@6.60; pigs, $5.25@6.25; bulk of sales, $6.50@6.55.

Cattle—Receipts, 5000; market slow; native steers, $6.50@8.50; cows and heifers, $5@7; Western steers, $6@7.75; Texas steers, $5.80@7.20; cows and heifers, $4.75@6.50; calves, $7@10.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; market, higher; yearlings, $7.50@8.50; wethers, $6.75@7.50; lambs, $8@9.35.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Hogs—Receipts, 44,000; market fairly active, 5c above yesterday's average; bulk, $6.50@6.75; light, $6.55@6.75; mixed, $6.45@6.80; heavy, $6.25@6.75; rough, $6.25@6.35; pigs, $5.75@6.90.

Cattle—Receipts, 17,000; market, weak; native steers, $5.50@9; Western, $5@7.50; cows and heifers, $3.50@7.70; calves, $6.75@10.

Sheep—Receipts, 13,000; market, strong; sheep, $6.90@7.85; yearlings, $7.70@8.65; lambs, $7.90@9.75.

Foodstuffs at Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, March 1.—Following are the stocks of breadstuffs and provisions in Liverpool:

Wheat, 1,578,000 centals; corn, 749,000 centals; bacon, 22,800 boxes; hams, 10,000 boxes; shoulder, 5000 boxes; butter, 2400 centals; cheese, 27,100 boxes; lard, 8500 tierces of prime Western steam and 1940 tons of other kinds.

Recent advices from Liverpool estimated the food stored there as enough to feed the country for a year, even should the German submarine blockade shut off Great Britain from outside supplies.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Tin, strong; five-ton lots, 39.75@40.05c; 25-ton lots, 39.75@41c.

Copper, firm; electrolytic, 14.75@14.87c; casting, 14.25@14.62c.

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

Lead, firm, 3.87@3.92c.

Spelter, strong, 10.12@10.62c.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, Mar. 1.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today were 8500 bales and were quickly sold at very firm rates. America paid 15 per cent advance for greasy and 20 per cent for scoured merinos. The American buyers also purchased Queensland scoureds at 7¼d. A large assortment of cross-breds were taken by the home trade at hardening rates.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Raw sugar, easy. Molasses, 3.87c; centrifugal, 4.64c.

Refined, steady. Cut loaf, $6.65; crushed, $6.55; mould A, $6.20; cubes, $6; XXXX powdered, $5.90; powdered, $5.85; fine granulated, $5.75; diamond A, $5.75; confectioners' A, $5.65; No. 1, $5.50.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Evaporated apples, dull; fancy, 8@8½c; choice, 7¾@7¾c; prime, 7@7¼c.

Prunes, steady; California, 4½@11c; Oregons, 8¾@11c.

Peaches, quiet; choice, 6@6¼c; extra choice, 6½@6¾c; fancy, 7@7½c.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, March 1.—Linseed, cash $1.85¼; May, $1.85¼; July, $1.87¾.

WAR ON SHACKS BEGUN

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO AID CITY-BEAUTIFUL WORK.

Inspection and Condemnation of Old Structures Planned—Attention to Be Given Sullivan's Gulch.

War on shacks in the residence districts of the city was declared yesterday by the municipal department of public works. Inspectors will be ordered to examine unsightly buildings and report on them. Proceedings for the condemnation of the structures then will be begun if the owners are not willing to remove them voluntarily.

The campaign is to be part of the city's co-operation in the city-beautiful movement, and every effort will be made to get the co-operation of the property owners.

Special attention will be given to the arterial streets. Efforts will be made to remove rubbish, to raze unsightly buildings and to cause a general clean-up. The health bureau will co-operate in the work.

Commissioner Dieck, City Health Officer Marcellus and Building Inspector Plummer made a tour of part of the East Side and of South Portland yesterday. Bad conditions were found in a number of good residence sections, it was said.

Special attention is to be given first to Sullivan's gulch. It is proposed to have a series of unsightly and insanitary shacks torn out.

The city is backed by an ordinance under which the Council may require the removal of a structure when it has depreciated to the extent of 40 per cent.

Klamath Indians Hear Farm Talks.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 1.—(Special.)—A short course for Indians opened today at Chiloquin on the Klamath reservation near here. Lectures and demonstrations in agriculture and stockraising will be given by Professor W. L. Powers, agronomist from Oregon Agricultural College, assisted by County Agriculturist Glaisyer and E. E. McKean, farmer for the Klamath reservation.

$100,000 Park for Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 1.—(Special.)—A $100,000 amusement park is planned here this Summer. W. B. McCarthy, of Walla Walla, and John Kelly, of Portland, are to have the management. It is announced that the park will include a natatorium, a dance pavilion, large enough to accommodate conventions; a scenic railway and a picture theater.

CLUB MERGER FORESEEN AS GOOD ROADS BOOSTER

E. E. Coovert, Well Known in Columbia Highway Work, Predicts Vigorous Support Minus Waste of Time and Lack of Set Procedure.

TALKS ON CONSOLIDATION, NO. 7.

"THE reason I have remained away from the Commercial Club and outside the Chamber of Commerce is that it took so much time to try to get anything pertaining to good roads before the membership of those organizations," said E. E. Coovert, associated with S. Benson and John B. Yeon in working for the completion of the Columbia Highway. "Give us a consolidated organization, the membership of which has something to say about its policies, and the good roads advocates will bring before it at once all movements pertaining to highway improvement.

"We need an organization with a 'push' in it. We need an organization to which men whose motives are for public good may turn and secure vigorous support if their cause is worthy. We need an organization to which members can initiate movements. Then a subject can be brought up on its merits, and the membership, as well as the governing board or committee, will have an opportunity to pass upon it.

"Instead of wasting a lot of time wondering which organization to appeal to first, and wondering how to get before it, we would know there was one big representative body, with its established method of procedure, to whom our proposal could be submitted. We could feel we were talking to the 'real bunch.' Then, if the big organization backed a movement with its membership all thoroughly understanding the issue, its influence would be stupendous.

"Today, to interest the business public, it is necessary to go before ten lunch clubs where the rank and file of our younger business element gather to discuss public questions. We are glad to do this, as we have found in these noonday organizations a live enterprising membership that responded quickly to anything proposed for the public good. How much more could be accomplished if we could go before the smaller bodies with the indorsement of the one great central organization. As it is, the three big organizations today are practically ignored on many live issues.

"Concentrated activity is what we need. That is what gets results. Give us an opportunity to go at one time, to one place, and get before the main organization. Then, if they turn us down, we will know it is after a proper investigation. If they support us we will have the great power of a truly representative business body behind us, and the other organizations will be glad to support such a move.

"Next June Multnomah County is to vote on a $1,000,000 bond issue for hard-surfacing the Columbia Highway and other main traveled roads of the county. This issue should be brought before the consolidated commercial organization and discussed on its merits. We rejoice in the prospect of merging the disunited bodies into one strong unit which will command the confidence and support of the busines men of Portland."

E. E. Coovert, Who Believes Good Roads Movements Will Be Helped by Consolidation of Commercial Bodies.

STOCK VALUES FIRM

Market Little Affected by Latest Developments Abroad.

TRADE IS PROFESSIONAL

Industrials More Active Than Railway Issues—Coppers Make Favorable Response to Advance in Metal Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Considerable firmness was shown by today's stock market, despite the injection of new and unfavorable developments here and abroad. Trading lost none of its professional character and prices showed little change until late in the session, when the cables told of England's decision to declare an absolute embargo on all shipments to and from Germany.

Anticipation of this move was seen in the markets for foreign exchange, all of which were again unsettled with acute weakness in remittances to Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland. There was also increased selling of American bonds for future delivery, most of which was traceable to German sources. These offerings, however, made no impression on quoted values.

The statement of January earnings of the Pennsylvania Railroad showed on its lines east of Pittsburg a net decrease of $277,000, while west of Pittsburg the loss amounted to $780,000.

Industrials were more active than railway shares and specialties again absorbed a large share of attention, with gains of one to two points in the speculative issues. Copper made further favorable response to the recent advance in the metal and reports of large February sales. The day's new minimums included Louisville & Nashville, which declined two points to 110; American Locomotive, preferred, three to 78, and American Express, seven to 88.

Two small imports of American gold were received from London, the metal having been acquired, according to reports, at the low rates of the past fortnight.

Dealings in bonds were on a larger scale, with fair maintenance of the price level. Total sales, par value, aggregated $2,242,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

STOCKS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Alaska Gold	1,800	29	28⅞	28⅞
Amal Cop	6,600	54⅛	53⅛	53⅛
Am Beet Sugar	4,400	39⅝	38⅝	38⅝
American Can	1,400	26½	26	26
Am S & R	2,400	62½	61⅞	61⅞
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	100½
Am Sugar Ref	.....	.....	.....	100
Am Tel & Tel	900	119⅞	119⅞	119⅞
Am Tobacco	.....	.....	.....	224
Anaconda Min	200	26⅛	26⅛	25⅞
Atchison	1,200	94⅞	94⅝	94⅞
Balto & Ohio	700	64⅞	64½	64⅝
Br R T	200	87	87	86
Cal Petro	1,200	17⅞	17	17⅛
*Can Pac	5,200	155¼	153¼	154
Cen Leather	2,500	34⅝	33¼	33½
Ches & Ohio	.....	.....	.....	80
Chi Gt West	.....	.....	.....	10⅛
C M & St P	200	85¼	84⅝	84⅝
*Chi N W	.....	.....	.....	122
Chino Copper	1,700	36	35¼	35⅛
Col F & I	.....	.....	.....	23¼
Col Southern	.....	.....	.....	24
D & R G	500	6⅝	6⅛	6
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	11⅞
Dist Securities	200	10½	10½	10
Erie	900	21	20⅝	20⅞
Gen Elec	.....	.....	.....	138
Gt Nor pfd	700	114	113¼	113¼
Gt N Ore ctfs	1,100	31⅞	31⅛	31⅛
Gug Exploration	400	49⅝	49¼	48⅝
Illinois Central	.....	.....	.....	102½
Inter-Met pmd	200	56	55⅞	55
Inspiration Cop	2,300	19¼	18⅞	18⅞
Inter Harvester	.....	.....	.....	92½
K C So	.....	.....	.....	22
Lehigh Valley	700	132⅞	132¼	132
Louis & Nash	1,400	110½	110	110½
Mexican Petro	4,200	67½	65⅝	66
Miami Copper	.....	.....	.....	19
M K & T	600	10⅝	10	10
Mo Pac	2,700	12⅝	11⅝	11⅝
Nat Biscuit	.....	.....	.....	114
Nat Lead	800	51⅛	49⅞	50⅞
Nev Copper	200	12⅛	12⅛	12
N Y Cen	2,700	82⅛	81½	81⅞
N Y N H & H	10,800	47⅞	45	46⅞
Nor & Western	.....	.....	.....	100
Nor Pac	1,200	101	100½	100⅞
Pac Mail	200	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞
Pac T & T	.....	.....	.....	25
Pennsylvania	2,700	104⅛	103⅞	104⅛
Pull Pal Car	200	151	151	150
Ray Con Cop	.....	.....	.....	16⅛
Reading	17,800	145	142¼	142⅞
Rep I & S	.....	.....	.....	19½
Rock Island Co	900	X	⅝	⅝
do pfd	400	1⅛	1	1
St L & S F 2 pf	.....	.....	.....	32
Southern Pac	1,900	82½	82	82⅛
Southern Ry	.....	.....	.....	13½
Tenn Copper	500	28	27⅞	27