BONDS TO BE TOPIC

Labor Body Is to Confer Tonight on Campaign.

HOME LABOR IS URGED

Progressive Business Men Expected to Indorse Issue at Meeting Today. Prizes Offered for School Essays to Increase Interest.

The executive committee of the Central Labor Council will hold a conference tonight at the Labor Temple with representatives of the good roads movement, concerning the campaign for the issue of bonds for hard-surfacing the trunk highways of Multnomah County.

Among those who will appear at the meeting and address the committee are S. Benson, Julius Meier and John Yeon, County Roadmaster.

Indorsement of the road bonds already has been made by some of the civic bodies of Portland and the matter is being brought up before others at their regular meetings. The subject will be brought before the Progressive Business Men's Club at its meeting at the Multnomah Hotel today and it is expected that it will be indorsed unanimously.

Many for Home Labor.

Regarding the proposed work, many are expressing themselves as in favor of assuring home labor on the job.

Joseph Buchtel, who favors the proposed bond issue of $1,250,000 for hard-surfacing the trunk roads of Multnomah County, urges that Multnomah County contractors and Multnomah County men be employed, and that measures be taken to prevent outsiders from coming into the county to do this work. Mr. Buchtel suggests that as a protection for home labor no one be employed who has not been a resident of the county for at least six months.

To bring about a wider interest in the movement and a closer study of the importance of the proposed road improvements in the county, S. Benson has announced that he will award three cash prizes, one of $50, one of $25 and one of $10, in a contest open to pupils in the grammar schools or first year work in the trades schools for the best essays in favor of the proposed bond issue.

Rules for Contest Given.

The following rules and arrangements for the contest have been announced:

The paper must not contain more than 200 words, not including the title and signature.

The article must be presented to the principal of the school which the pupil attends, duly signed by the writer, with age and address.

The three best in each school will be selected by the principal and O. K.d by him, to insure bona fide work of the pupil, and mailed to the chairman of the judges on or before Thursday, April 8, 1915.

The judges will be L. R. Alderman, Superintendent of City Schools, chairman; W. L. Lightner, chairman of County Commissioners; H. R. Albee, Mayor of Portland. Merits of composition will be judged, first, on argument, second, on form, third, on originality.

FRUIT DRIER FOR ROSEBURG

Construction of Modern Plant Is Announced to Start Soon.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—It was announced here yesterday that F. F. Patterson, of Roseburg, and Mr. McDaniels, of Salem, soon will begin the construction of a public fruit drier here. Mr. Patterson says the building will be 24 by 76 feet with basement of concrete and the superstructure of finished rustic.

In the basement will be located the furnaces, four tunnels being required to dry the fruit. All of the apparatus will be modern. It is the intention of the builders to dry all kinds of fruit and berries, taking as much as possible of all the produce and excess fruits brought here by farmers. The capacity of the plant will be about two tons of finished product a day.

SPRAYING TEST CASE MADE

Fruit Inspector at Estacada Held on Charge of Trespass.

ESTACADA, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—The inspection and spraying of fruit trees in the Garfield district, near here, will be decided in a test case, the outgrowth of the arrest on a charge of trespass of Fruit Inspector P. F. Standish, who took upon himself the duty of spraying fruit trees belonging to Thomas Yocum, vice-president of the Estacada State Bank.

When notified, 40 days ago, to spray his trees, Mr. Yocum refused and the official acted, whereupon he was arrested, and the case probably will come to trial this week. As a matter of protection, the sentiment of the district has been in favor of inspection and spraying.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. H. Albert, of Salem, is at the Imperial.

C. H. Cracraft, of Seattle, is at the Oregon.

D. H. Drew, of Los Angeles, is at the Oregon.

John H. Kilbury, of Buxton, is at the Perkins.

R. P. Willard, of Dallas, is at the Imperial.

C. A. Wheelock, of Denver, is at the Portland.

W. E. St. John, of Sutherlin, is at the Imperial.

W. R. Knight, of Corbett, is at the Nortonia.

J. B. Rainer, of Astoria, is at the Nortonia.

L. E. Levinson, of Seattle, is at the Cornelius.

E. H. Jordan, of Spokane, is at the Cornelius.

J. F. Summerville, of Medford, is at the Oregon.

P. B. Laraway, of Hood River, is at the Perkins.

F. E. Newby, of Hood River, is at the Imperial.

L. A. Marsh, of Seattle, is registered at the Eaton.

Adam Aulback, of Murray, Idaho, is at the Carlton.

S. A. Walker, of Seattle, is registered at the Carlton.

A. Jaloff and family, of Astoria, are at the Seward.

Floyd L. Daggett, of Olympia, is at the Multnomah.

J. M. Hannaford, of St. Paul, president of the Great Northern; George T.

Mrs. C. A. Fickey, of Davenport, Ia., is registered at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morgan, of La Grande, are registered at the Eaton.

Slade and George F. Baker, Jr., of New York, are at the Multnomah.

R. W. Derby, of Baker, is registered at the Imperial.

T. J. Early, of Denver, is registered at the Portland.

Mrs. William Schnabel, of Hillsboro, is at the Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Kinne, of Albany, are at the Seward.

J. C. Turner, of Airlie, Or., is registered at the Eaton.

E. B. Mason and family, of Eugene, are at the Cornelius.

C. E. Lathrope, of Carbondale, Pa., is at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Overman, of Seattle, are at the Nortonia.

J. N. Greave, of Spokane, is registered at the Perkins.

T. T. Ristbigen, of Grand Forks, N. D., is at the Nortonia.

L. A. Scott, of San Francisco, is registered at the Oregon.

Mrs. R. S. Bacon, of Chicago, is registered at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Gay, of Medford, are at the Perkins.

A. W. Howard, of Chicago, is registered at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Gilchrist, of Kerry, are at the Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burg, of Willamina, are at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Johnson, of Nahcotta, are at the Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Myers, of Los Angeles, are registered at the Carlton.

HOT LAKE, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—F. H. Bramwell, assistant manager of the Hotel Oregon, has arrived at the Hot Lake Sanatorium, suffering from a severe attack of liver complaint. His son, Frank C. Bramwell, Government Land Agent at La Grande, is with his father for a few days.

CHAMBER IDEA OUTLINED

H. V. CHASE EXPLAINS PLAN FOR BUREAU OPERATION.

Nine Separate Divisions to Handle Work and Scope of Energies Will Be Extended.

In working out the plan for the consolidated New Chamber of Commerce of Portland, H. V. Chase has outlined in a general way the scope of the work of each of the nine main bureaus and the machinery of organization is being assembled rapidly.

Traffic and transportation, manufacturers, wholesale and jobbing business are distributed under three special bureaus. Mr. Chase outlines the work of these bureaus in part as follows:

Problems relating to traffic and transportation will be handled by a special bureau, with large powers, strengthened by having its duties divided among a number of special committees, operating in conjunction with a trained secretary.

The traffic and transportation bureau will cover such matters as placing complaints of shippers before the Interstate Commerce Commission, furnishing advice respecting the rulings of that body and otherwise furthering the interests of the shippers and merchants as they may be effected by the rulings of the Commission. It will have charge of entering and adjusting claims for the members of the chamber and of auditing freight bills, handling car service matters, adjusting rates and switching charges, arranging for proper routings, obtaining terminal facilities, procuring rates for extending trade territory, improvement of train, mail and express service, parcel post changes, river, harbor and port facilities, the publication of a pocket edition of the rate book and other such needed operations.

These matters have been handled, in part, by the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, but will be largely increased in scope and made more effective.

It will form an effective medium through which the manufacturers, jobbers and retailers may co-operate and secure adjustment of differences with the transportation companies, open at all times to members of the chamber, and having the backing of the organization in all just claims.

The industries and manufactures bureau work will be carried forward by special committees, classified under a number of designated heads in each of the bureaus.

While the outline of the field to be covered by the trade and commerce bureau is pretty well determined by the committee, it is said there is likely to be some extension of the work as the needs of this field develop.

Five general heads have been designated to cover the activities of the trade and industries bureau. These are: (a) Foreign trade, embracing trade with South America, Europe and the Orient. (b) Pacific Coast trade, including trade with Alaska. (c) Coast-to-coast trade. (d) Extension of trade territory. (e) Buyers' week and other trade-developing features.

PAY FOR SHOCK UPHELD

Supreme Court Affirms $10,000 Hood River Verdict.

SALEM, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court Tuesday affirmed the decree of the Circuit Court of Hood River County for judgment for $10,000 for plaintiff in the suit of C. C. Sonniksen against the Hood River Gas & Electric Company. The plaintiff, while employed by the company, was seriously injured as the result of an electric shock.

Allegation that Circuit Judge Bradshaw erred in his instructions relating to contributory negligence was the ground upon which the appeal by the defendant company was based.

Other opinions today were as follows:

Guy C. Barnum vs. Herbert Lockhart, appellant, appealed from Coos County, action to recover installments alleged to be due on contract purchase real estate; affirmed.

Elizabeth Wiley vs. J. J. Whitney et al., appellants, appealed from Linn County, suit to quiet title to land; affirmed.

Frank Nye vs. Lincoln County Bank, appellant, appealed from Lincoln County, to cancel mortgage; affirmed.

William D. V. Bailey vs. Inland Empire Company, appellant, appealed from Multnomah County, action to recover on note; affirmed.

W. C. Spence vs. O. J. Hull and wife, appellants, appealed from Multnomah County, judgment of Circuit Court modified.

West Linn vs. J. A. Tufts, treasurer Clackamas County, appellant, to compel treasurer to turn over to plaintiff money from road tax; reversed.

John Nichols and wife, appellants, vs. Elizabeth Ingram et al., appealed from Polk County, suit to recover money; reversed.

St. John Lumber Company vs. Robert Fritz et al., appellants, appealed from Multnomah County; judgment of Circuit Court modified as to costs.

Rehearings were denied in cases of Byron vs. First National Bank of Roseburg; Blair vs Western Cedar Company; Oregon Lumber & Fuel Company against Nolan and French vs. Goin et. al.

SUGAR PLANT HOPED FOR

Springfield Expects Factory to Be Built There by 1916.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—Confidence that the Eccles sugar interests will establish a beet sugar factory, costing between $400,000 and $500,000, in Springfield in time to handle the 1916 crop is expressed by members of the Business Men's Club. Don Jolley, of Portland, representing the sugar people, has been here for 10 days and at a recent meeting of the Business Men's Club gave a talk on the beet sugar industry.

The club re-elected John Kestly president and Jesse Seavey, secretary. The executive committee consists of J. J. Bryan, B. A. Washburne, E. E. Kepner, A. J. Perkins and Welby Stevens.

Cowlitz Court to Sit April 12.

KELSO, Wash., March 17.—(Special.)—The next jury term of the Cowlitz County Superior Court has been set for April 12. The list of jurors was announced recently. The docket will be set at next motion day. There are a number of interesting cases to be set for trial.

GREEN COFFEE FIRM

Prices of All Kinds Are Tending Upward.

MOCHA JUMPS SEVEN CENTS

Brazilians Advance in Primary Markets and New York Responds. Scandinavia Large Buyer of Central Americans.

It is one of the peculiarities of the coffee market that periods of business depression in consuming countries are nearly always accompanied by advances in prices. Times cannot be considered good in any part of the world just now and coffee prices everywhere are tending upward.

Several weeks ago the coffee world was surprised by a jump in the price of Mocha of 7c per pound. This price has been maintained, as shipment from Arabia seems to be out of the question. Several large green coffee concerns in New York bought Mocha coffee, all they could find on the continent and in England, and shipped it to this country.

In the last 10 days there has been some little advance in Brazilian exchange and an advance of about 1c per pound on coffees for shipment from Brazil. New York has finally responded and an advance there of about ⅝c per pound has taken place.

Central American coffees are and have been firm during the entire season thus far, and the Scandinavian countries have been paying from 1 to 3c per pound more for coffee than the United States has paid.

As far as Brazil is concerned, even at the present prices there is not much more in it for the growers than there has been for the growers of apples in this section, and they have held back coffees to the best of their ability under the unfavorable financial conditions prevailing in Brazil.

Except in the case of Mocha no advances have yet been made by local roadsters, but with a further upward movement this is more than likely to come about.

POOR OUTLOOK FOR EXPORT WHEAT

California, Instead of Buying, Would Sell Grain Here.

Local wheat trading is of small volume these days. The export situation is decidedly unsatisfactory and there are no indications it will improve in the near future. California is out of the market and instead of being a buyer would sell. In fact, wheat can be bought in California now and shipped here at a profit.

Only 15,000 bushels were sold on the Merchants' Exchange yesterday, as follows:

5000 bushels April forty-fold $1.42
5000 bushels April forty-fold 1.41½
5000 bushels April club 1.40½

The sales of forty-fold were at advances of ½ to 1 cent, and club brought ½ cent more than Tuesday's bid. Other white wheat offers ranged from a cent under to a cent over the preceding day, while red wheat bids were reduced ½ to 5 cents.

The barley and oats markets were dull and inclined to be weak.

Reporting on Portugal's purchases of wheat Consul-General Lowrie, of Lisbon, writes:

"The Portuguese Government has bought from local commission houses between 97,000,000 and 110,000,000 pounds of wheat, which is the amount used in about two months with the ordinary consumption of bread. The expenditure was $3,830,000. In order to cope with present conditions, the Government has established two new types of bread known as "common" and "mixed." The first must weigh 1000 grams (gram equals 0.03527 ounce) and be made in the proportion of 4 grams of flour of second quality wheat to a gram of sifted white cornmeal. The second type is made of a mixture of sifted flours of wheat and rye and wheat and cornmeal or rye and cornmeal. Several of the usual types of white bread will be maintained."

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland	5	1	3	1	2
Year ago	8	....	7	1	5
Season to date	15,205	1844	1706	1828	1667
Year ago	14,575	2196	2208	1450	2263
Tacoma, Tues.	8	5	....	....	11
Year ago	6	....	....	....	11
Season to date	8,466	494	....	571	2719
Year ago	7,932	666	....	397	2018
Seattle, Mon.	9	2	9	2	21
Year ago	12	....	11	7	25
Season to date	6,950	1030	1846	1054	4734
Year ago	6,091	945	1623	1079	4141

FINE DELIVERY, NEW STEAMER LINE

Vegetable Jobbers May Dispense With Express Service.

Front-street dealers were more than pleased yesterday with the delivery of vegetables brought by the new steamer Great Northern. They were received on express time at a freight rate. It is probable that when the steamer Northern Pacific is added to the service all southern vegetables will be brought by these vessels instead of by rail express, as heretofore.

Vegetable prices were unchanged, except asparagus, which was lower, at 12@13 cents for white and 17 cents for green. The California asparagus market was weaker, owing to warmer weather. With lower prices here, consumption is increasing. A car of Los Angeles Cannonball cabbage was received and quoted at 2½ cents, the same as Winningstadt. Flat Dutch cabbage offered at 1½ cents.

The first crate of California strawberries of the year arrived from Loomis and sold at $2. Shipments will not be large until after the first of the month. Carlot shipments of strawberries from Los Angeles are expected about April 10.

A good supply of oranges is due on the next steamer. It is probable that Front-street dealers thereafter will cut out steamer transportation and bring the oranges up by rail under ice. This will lessen the shrinkage, which will offset the increased freight charges.

EASTERN MOHAIR MARKET IS DULL

Moderate Business Is Reported in Yorkshire. Imports Light.

Commenting on the Eastern mohair market the Boston Commercial Bulletin says:

"Business in mohair has been practically at a standstill in the local market. Prices are hardly more than nominal and are without any material change from the values which have been prevalent for several weeks.

"Advices from Yorkshire report a moderate business on home account and some business being done for America.

"Imports to this side are not heavy, but a little wool continues to come in from week to week. Imports during the month of February were 180,513 pounds valued at $63,821.

"Boston quotations: Best common, 36@38 cents; good combing, 34@35 cents; ordinary combing, 30@32 cents; best carding, 33@34 cents; good carding, 28@30 cents; ordinary carding, 25@26 cents. Foreign: Cape first, 34@55 cents; Turkey fair average, 35@37 cents.

WOOL BUYING IN WEST IS LIMITED

Purchase of Clips in Triangle and Other Sections Reported.

Trading in new wools in the Western states is still limited. No transactions in Oregon have been reported this week and th Idaho market is also quiet. There has been buying in the Triangle and medium Montana clips have been taken at 27 cents. There has also been a little operating in North Dakota. A Boston trade report says:

"It is reported that something has been done in the new clip of the Triangle. A few houses in this market are involved in the purchases, medium clips being secured on the basis of 22½ to 25 cents. The tendency of growers to accept more reasonable figures is evinced by the fact that, in some cases, they are asking for the renewal of bids which they promptly rejected some time ago. The foreign wools already received at this port and the imminence of heavy arrivals the next six weeks has materially affected the situation in regard to the disposition of the new clip in the primary markets."

Prospects Are for Medium Crop.

KENNEWICK, Wash., March 17.—(Special.)—From present prospects the Winter wheat in this section will yield a medium crop. While in some districts in the Horse Heaven country considerable damage was done by the heavy frosts in December and January, others have not suffered at all. Considerably more acreage is planted to wheat this season than in the past few years, due to the prospects of good prices holding out for this year's crop.

Seattle Demand for Eggs Strong.

The egg market is very firm, with a continued active demand from Seattle. The price holds at 19 cents, with prospects of advancing. A few local firms are also storing.

Poultry was scarce and firm. Dressed veal was rather weak, but pork was steady.

The butter market was steady and unchanged.

Linseed Oil Advances.

A 4-cent advance in linseed oil prices, over the quotations named on January 14, was announced yesterday. The new prices on boiled oil are 82 cents in cases and 77 cents in barrels; on raw oil, 80 cents in cases and 75 cents in barrels.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,680,526	$394,568
Seattle	2,824,495	954,239
Tacoma	511,493	72,089
Spokane	566,065	94,903

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants Exchange, noon session. Prompt delivery.

	Bid.	Ask.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ 1.41	$ 1.45
Forty-fold	1.40	1.41
Club	1.38½	1.41
Red Russian	1.28½	1.34
Red fife	1.30	1.35
Oats—		
No. 1 white feed	32.50	34.25
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	28.00	28.50
Bran	23.00	24.75
Shorts	23.50	26.50
Futures—		
April bluestem	1.42	1.44
May bluestem	1.44	1.45
April forty-fold	1.41	1.42
May forty-fold	1.43½	1.45
April club	1.39½	1.41
May club	1.42	1.42½
April red Russian	1.30	1.35
May red Russian	1.32½	1.37
April red fife	1.31	1.37
May red fife	1.35	1.39
April oats	33.75	34.75
May oats	34.50	35.25
April feed barley	27.00	28.25
May feed barley	28.00	29.00
April bran	23.50	24.50

FLOUR—Patents, $7@7.20 a barrel; straights, $6.50; whole wheat, $7.20; graham, $7.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $27.50@28.50 per ton; shorts, $29.50; rolled barley, $32@33.

CORN—Whole, $35 per ton; cracked, $36 per ton.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $14@15; valley timothy, $12@12.50; grain hay, $10@12; alfalfa, $12.50@13.50.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $2@2.50 per box, lemons, $2.25@2.50 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 dozen; peppers, 30@35c pound; artichokes, 75c per dozen; tomatoes, $4.50 per crate; cabbage, 1½@2½c per pound; celery, $3.75@4 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, 75c@$1 per box; hothouse rhubarb, $1.50@2.25 per box; asparagus, 12@17c per pound; eggplant, 30c per pound; peas, 18c per pound.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, 50c@$1.50 per box; cranberries, $11@12 per barrel.

POTATOES — Oregon, $1@1.10 per sack; Yakima, $1@1.10; Idaho, $1@1.10; new potatoes, 10c per pound; sweet potatoes, 3¾@3½c per pound.

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

SACK VEGETABLES — Carrots, $1.25 per sack; beets, $1.50 per sack; parsnips, $1.25 per sack; turnips, $1.75 per sack.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 19c; candled, 20c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, large, 14½@15c; hens, ordinary, 13½@14c; broilers, 18@20c; turkeys, dressed, 20c; live, 15c; ducks, 10@14c; geese, 8@10c.

BUTTER—Creamery, prints, extras, 29½c per pound in case lots; ½c more in less than case lots; cubes, 26@28c.

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

VEAL—Fancy, 12c per pound.

PORK—Block, 10@10½c 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, 15@24c per pound; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 15@24c; almonds, 23@24c; peanuts, 6¾c; cocoanuts, $1.00 per dozen; pecans, 19@20c; chestnuts, 10c.

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

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 18½@33½c.

SUGAR — Fruit and berry, $6.45; beet, $6.25; extra C, $5.95; powdered, in barrels, $6.70; cube, barrels, $6.85.

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@6¾c; broken, 4c per pound; Japan style, 5@5¾c.

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, 13@15c; 1913 crop, 13@14c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 14½c; salted kip, 14½c; salted calf, 18c; green hides, 13c; green kip, 14½c; green calf, 18c; dry hides, 25c; dry calf, 27c.

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

MOHAIR—New clip, 27@30c per pound.

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

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 15c; dry short-wooled pelts, 12c; dry shearings, each, 10c; salted shearings, each, 15@25c; dry goats, long hair, each, 13c; dry goat shearings, each, 10@20c; salted sheep pelts, March, $1@2 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@11.60; tongues, $25@30.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water write, 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, 75c; raw, cases, 80c; boiled, barrels, 77c; boiled, cases, 82c.

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

Leading futures ranged as follows:

COFFEE FUTURES MARKET IS STRONG

Close at New York Is 12 to 17 Points Net Higher.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The market for coffee futures opened at an advance of 8 to 17 points, owing to the continued strength of Brazil. Realizing caused slight reactions during the middle of the day, but the market firmed up again in the late trading on reports of an improving spot demand and a sharp advance in cost and freight prices. The close was 12 to 17 points net higher. Sales, 37,250. March, 6.12c; April, 6.17c; May, 6.24c; June, 6.27c; July, 7.24c; August, 7.46c; September, 7.46c; October, 7.50c; November, 7.54c; December, 7.58c; January, 7.62c; February, 7.66c.

Spot—Firm. Rio No. 7, 8c; Santos No. 4, 10@10½c.

Rio 7s in the cost and freight market were reported some 40 to 50 points higher, quotations ranging from 7.50 to 7.70c, while well described Santos 4s were quoted at about 10.15 to 10.50c.

Rio exchange on London was 3-16d higher.

UNDERTONE IS FIRM

Stock Market in Good Position, but Dull.

MINOR ISSUE PROMINENT

Favorable Metal Trade Advices Include Further Large Sales of Copper for Export and Advance in Price of Lead.

NEW YORK, March 17. — Dealings in stocks showed today the smallest total of any recent period, but the undertone was consistently firm, except for some irregularity at the outset and toward the close.

Trading was devoid of actual significance, the only noteworthy changes occurring in the semi-active or highly speculative issues.

Metal and allied stocks failed to reflect to any appreciable extent the more favorable advices, such as further large sales of copper for export, an advance in the price of lead and resumption of dividends by the Rio Tinto Company, which has the support of the foremost financial interests in London and Paris.

United States Steel was barely more than steady at any time, its place in point of activity being taken by stocks of far less prominence.

Trade authorities reported better prospects in the country as a result of large foreign contracts now in course of consummation.

Foreign exchange moved in its recent contrary manner, cables and drafts on London being firmer.

Bonds reflected the stock market for most important issues, but became irregular later. Total sales, par value, $1,821,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Alaska Gold	3,000	33¼	32¾	32¾
Amal Copper	7,200	54⅝	54⅛	54⅜
Am Beet Sugar	2,400	41¼	40⅝	40⅜
American Can	700	27½	27⅛	27¼
Am Smel & Ref	1,600	64⅜	64	63⅞
do preferred	......	.....	.....	102
Am Sugar Ref	......	.....	.....	102½
Am Tel & Tel	900	120¼	120	119⅞
Am Tobacco	......	.....	.....	223
Anaconda Min	500	26¾	26½	26½
Atchison	600	96	96	95¾
Balt & Ohio	800	67¼	66¾	66⅞
Brook R Tran	800	86⅝	86⅝	86¼
Cal Petroleum	300	16⅝	16½	16⅜
Canadian Pac	1,400	159¼	158½	158½
Central Leather	600	33¾	33⅜	33½
Ches & Ohio	......	.....	.....	41
Chi Gt West	......	.....	.....	10½
C. M & St Paul	300	86½	86¼	86
Chicago & N W	200	124¼	124	124
Chino Copper	1,100	35¼	35⅛	35¼
Col Fuel & Iron	......	.....	.....	23¼
Col & Southern	......	.....	.....	24
D & R Grande	......	.....	.....	5⅝
Distillers' Secur	1,100	7½	7	7¼
Erie	1,400	23	22⅝	22⅝
Gen Electric	......	.....	.....	138
Gt North pf	300	115¾	115½	115⅝
Gt North Ore	1,300	32⅜	32	33
Guggenheim Ex	400	49½	49⅜	50
Illinois Central	......	.....	.....	103
Interbor Met pf	1,700	60	59½	59¾
Inspiration Cop	5,000	21⅜	21⅛	21½
Inter Harvester	......	.....	.....	92
K C Southern	......	.....	.....	21¼
Lehigh Valley	1,800	135⅝	135	135
Louis & Nash	200	113	112¾	113
Mex Petroleum	13,200	69⅜	67	69¼
Miami Copper	3,700	21⅝	21¼	21½
Mo, Kan & Tex	400	10⅝	10⅜	10⅝
Mo Pacific	3,300	10⅝	10⅜	10¼
Nat Biscuit	......	.....	.....	119½
National Lead	......	.....	.....	51
Nevada Copper	400	12	12	12
N Y Central	800	83⅛	82¾	82⅝
N Y, N H & H	500	51⅝	51⅜	51½
Norfolk & West	......	.....	.....	100½
Northern Pac	400	103	102⅞	102½
Pacific Mail	400	18¼	18	18½
Pac Tel & Tel	......	.....	.....	25½
Pennsylvania	700	105¼	105	104⅞
Pull Pal Car	400	150¼	150¼	150½
Ray Con Cop	1,700	17⅜	17¼	17¼
Reading	1,000	144⅜	142⅞	142⅞
Repub I & S	......	.....	.....	19½
Rock Island Co	300	⅝	⅝	½
do preferred	......	.....	.....	1¼
St L & S F 2 pf	......	.....	.....	3⅜
Southern Pac	1,400	83⅝	83⅛	83⅛
Southern Ry	1,700	15⅛	15	15
Tenn Copper	900	28	27⅝	28¼
Texas Company	......	.....	.....	132
Union Pacific	2,200	120½	119⅞	120⅛
do preferred	......	.....	.....	79⅛
U S Steel	9,100	45⅜	44⅞	44⅞
do preferred	400	105	104⅞	104⅞
Utah Copper	400	52⅝	52¼	52⅛
Western Union	900	64⅝	64½	64⅝
Westing Elec	200	68½	68⅛	68⅜

Total sales for the day, 122,100 shares.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	98½	N Y C gen 3½s	79¾
do coupon	98⅝	Nor Pacific 3s	64
U S 3s reg	101¼	do 4s	90¼
do coupon	101¼	Union Pacific 4s	94⅞
U S new 4s reg	109½	S P Co. 5s	98½
do coupon	110½		

Money Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Mercantile paper, 3½ per cent. Sterling exchange, weak; 60-day bills, $4.77.25; for cables, $4.80.15; for demand, $4.79.75. Bar silver, 50⅝c. Mexican dollars, 38¼c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

Time loans, steady; 60 days, 2½ per cent; 90 days, 2¾; six months, 3¼. Call money steady; high, 2 per cent; low, 1¾; ruling rate, 2; last loan, 1⅞; closing bid, 1¾; offered at 1⅞.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Silver bars, 50⅝c. Sterling, 60 days, $4.77½; demand, $4.80¼; cable, $4.80¾.

LONDON, March 17.—Bar silver, 23 15-16d per ounce. Money, 1@1½ per cent. Discount rates, short and three months, 2½ per cent. India Council bills, 1s 3 31-32d.

London Stock Exchange.

LONDON, March 17.—American securities on the stock market today were neglected. There were a few markings among the leaders during the day and the closing was dull.

YARD PRICES STEADY

FAIR SUPPLY IN NORTH PORTLAND MARKET.

Largest Part of Trading Is in Hog Division, Where Top Grade Still Brings $7.60.

The local livestock market was steady yesterday and former prices prevailed in all lines. Ten loads were received and there was a fair day's business.

Most of the trading was in the hog division, where all the light stock, except one load, brought $7.60. Steers sold at $6.25 to $7.25, according to grade.

Receipts were 78 cattle, 2 calves, 613 hogs and 21 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle—H. Land Company, Gilman, 2 cars.

With hogs—F. B. Decker, Silverton, 1 car; Will Block, Suver, 1 car; R. McGraw, Goldendale, 1 car; A. D. Conrad, Kalispell, 2 cars; Huntley Mercantile Company, St. John, 1 car.

With mixed loads—F. B. Decker, Gervais, 1 car cattle, hogs and sheep; A. S. McPhee, Richfield, 1 car cattle and calves.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
3 steers	1106	$7.25	95 hogs	206	$7.60
5 hogs	264	6.00	97 hogs	202	7.60
5 hogs	318	6.50	1 hog	550	6.60
25 hogs	156	7.55	88 hogs	200	7.60
116 hogs	194	7.55	1 hog	320	7.60
5 hogs	424	6.60	2 hogs	135	7.00
5 hogs	236	7.10	4 steers	978	6.25
7 hogs	106	6.75	25 steers	1035	7.25
97 hogs	165	7.60	25 steers	1011	6.85
8 hogs	106	6.75	1 cow	850	5.75
1 hog	350	6.50	1 cow	750	5.50
52 hogs	162	7.60			

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@6.60
Medium cows	5.00@6.25
Heifers	6.00@7.00
Bulls	3.50@6.00
Stags	4.50@6.40
Hogs—	
Light	6.50@7.60
Heavy	5.90@6.50
Sheep—	
Wethers	6.00@7.50
Ewes	5.00@6.50
Lambs	7.00@8.85

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., March 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 14,300, lower. Heavy, $6.45@6.55; light, $6.50@6.60; pigs, $5.50@6.50; bulk of sales, $6.50@6.55.

Cattle—Receipts, 4200, steady. Native steers, $6.40@8.10; cows and heifers, $5.00@6.75; western steers, $6.00@7.50; Texas steers, $5.75@7.25; cows and heifers, $4.75@6.50; calves, $7.00@10.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 4500, slow. Yearlings, $8.50@9.00; wethers, $7.50@8.00; lambs, $9.00@9.75.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 36,000, slow, 5c under yesterday's average. Bulk, $6.75@6.80; light, $6.60@6.85; mixed, $6.60@6.85; heavy, 6.30@6.85; rough, $6.30@6.45; pigs, $5.50@6.70.

Cattle—Receipts, 9000, firm. Native steers, $5.80@8.75; Western, $5.20@7.45; cows and heifers, $3.20@7.70; calves, $6.50@9.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000, unsettled. Sheep, $7.00@8.10; yearlings, $7.50@9.20; lambs, $7.50@9.85.

CROP OUTLOOK GOOD

BRILLIANT PROSPECTS WEAKEN WHEAT AT CHICAGO.

Liverpool Cables Are Lower On Reports of Allies Making Further Progress On Dardanelles.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Splendid crop promise on a big acreage had much to do today with lowering the wheat market here. Values were unsettled at the close, which was ⅝c to 3¼c under last night. Other articles, too, showed net declines, corn ⅛c to ⅝c; oats, ⅛@¼c to ⅝c, and provisions 7½@10c to 22½c.

"Magnificent" was the term used by one expert in describing the outlook for the Illinois Winter crop. He had just completed an inspection that extended from Chicago to Cairo. Bearish cable news and slackness of export call tended to discourage wheat buyers even before prices came noticeably under the shadow of the new crop. Lower quotations came from Liverpool, where reports were current that the fleet attacking the defences of the Dardanelles was again making progress. There were also predictions of larger shipments to Europe from Argentina.

Fine weather weakened the demand for corn. The weight of the big stocks in sight promptly told against prices when it was apparent that no strength would be reflected from wheat.

Miscellaneous holders unloaded oats. On the ensuing break, however, there was evidence of renewed cash call from the seaboard.

Provisions swung down with hogs and grain. Leading packers let go of holdings quite freely.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$1.55⅜	$1.57	$1.53⅜	$1.54½
July	1.22⅜	1.23⅜	1.20⅞	1.21½
CORN.				
May	.74⅝	.74½	.72⅞	.72⅞
July	.76½	.76⅝	.75⅜	.76⅛
OATS.				
May	.59⅝	.59⅜	.59	.59¼
July	.54⅛	.54⅜	.52⅝	.52⅞
MESS PORK.				
May	17.75	17.75	17.55	17.57
July	18.17	18.20	17.97	18.00
LARD.				
May	10.60	10.62	10.57	10.60
July	10.90	10.95	10.85	10.85
SHORT RIBS.				
May	10.10	10.10	10.02	10.05
July	10.42	10.43	10.25	10.27

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.56⅝; No. 2 hard, $1.61.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 74c; No. 4 yellow, 70@71⅛c; No. 4 white, 72c.

Rye—Nominal.

Barley—75@84c.

Timothy—$4.50@6.25.

Clover—$9@13.

Primary receipts—Wheat, 612,000 vs. 621,000 bushels; corn, 585,000 vs. 865,000 bushels; oats, 924,000 vs. 725,000 bushels.

Shipments—Wheat, 722,000 vs. 257,000 bushels; corn, 595,000 vs. 629,000 bushels; oats, 981,000 vs. 847,000 bushels.

Clearances—Wheat, 286,000 bushels; corn, 396,000 bushels; oats, 426,000 bushels; flour, 48,000 barrels.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 17.—Cargoes on passage lower.

LIVERPOOL, March 17.—Options—Corn opened ½d higher, closed ½d higher.

PARIS, March 17.—Wheat, ½ higher. Flour, unchanged.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 17.—Wheat—May, $1.46⅜ asked; July, $1.40½ to $1.41⅛; No. 1 hard, $1.52⅝; No. 1 Northern, $1.49⅝@$1.52⅝; No. 2 Northern, $1.45⅝@1.49⅝.

Barley—71@79c.

Flax—$1.97¾@2.01¼.

Other Eastern Grain Markets.

PEORIA, March 17.—Cash corn, unchanged to ¼c lower. Oats, ½c to 1c lower.

OMAHA, March 17.—Cash wheat, 3c lower.

DULUTH, March 17.—Wheat closed: May, $1.49⅝; July, $1.44¼@1.44⅜.

WINNIPEG, March 17.—Wheat closed: May, $1.42¼ bid; July, $1.51⅜. Oats, July, 65⅝c bid; May, 65½c bid.

ST. LOUIS, March 17.—Wheat closed: May, $1.49@1.50; July, $1.17¼ bid.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Spot quotations, nominal: Walla Walla, $2.40@2.42½ per cental; red Russian, $2.40@2.42½ per cental; Turkey red, $2.45@2.50 per cental; bluestem, $2.50@2.55 per cental. Feed barley, $1.35@1.37½ per cental. White oats, $1.77½@1.80 per cental. Bran, $26.50@27.50 per ton. Middlings, $31@32 per ton. Shorts, $28.50@29.00 per ton.

Call board—Barley: May, $1.30 per cental bid; December, $1.33½ per cental bid, $1.36¼ asked.

Puget Sound Grain Markets.

SEATTLE, March 17.—Wheat—Bluestem, $1.41; forty-fold, $1.39; club, $1.38; fife, $1.33; red Russian, $1.29.

Barley—$27 per ton.

Yesterday's car receipts: Wheat 8, oats 2, hay 4, flour 8.

TACOMA, March 17.—Wheat—Bluestem, $1.42; forty-fold, $1.40; club, $1.39; red fife, $1.38.

Car receipts: Wheat 8, barley 5, corn 1, hay 11.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Butter—Fresh extras, 22c; prime firsts, 21½c; fresh firsts, 21c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 20½c; pullets, 18½c.

Cheese—New, 8@10½c; Young Americas, 12½@14½c; Oregon, 14½c.

Vegetables—Bell peppers, 4@17½c; hothouse cucumbers, 90c@$1.10; peas, 5@8c; asparagus, 5@11c.

Onions—Yellow, 60c@$1.

Fruit—Lemons, $1.50@2.50; bananas, Hawaiian, 90c@$1.75; pineapples, do, $1.50@3; California apples, Pippins, 65@85c; Bellefleur, 25@30c; other varieties, 50@75c; do Oregon, Pippins, $1@1.25; Spitzenbergs, $1.75@2.25; Winesaps, 85c@$1.10.

Potatoes—Burbanks, Oregon, $1.40@1.50; Lompocs, $1.70@1.85; Idaho, $1@1.40; sweets, $2.25@2.50; new, 6c per pound.

Receipts—Flour, 726 quarters; barley, 20,870 centals; potatoes, 3545 sacks; hay, 519 tons.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, March 17.—There were 9000 bales offered at the wool auction sales today. The quality was good, competition was more active and the tone was better. A report that licenses are in the course of preparation for some of the recent American purchases stimulated the demand from Americans, who bought a good quantity of the best scoured and greasy merinos. The home trade and France were eager buyers of the other qualities. Cross-breds were strong and from 5 to 10 per cent dearer and greasy realized 1s 7d.

Early Grain Movement on Lakes.

DULUTH, March 17.—Chartering in the grain trade on the Great Lakes becomes more active with the approach of the season of navigation and considerable grain is being offered for early shipment. High prices for grain in the May delivery is responsible for the demand for vessel room. There is also the consideration of taxes, to avoid which shippers are eager to get their grain loaded for shipment by May 1. Shippers have obtained vessel capacity for 2,000,000 bushels so far this season and the early movement promises to be heavy, though probably of short duration. Most of the business was done at 1½ cents on wheat to Buffalo. Three steamers were chartered today, making eight that have been taken this week.

Big Advance in Dyestuffs.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Chemical companies today notified textile mills of an advance of 25 per cent in German dyestuffs, effective tomorrow. Two leading lines of Southern ginghams have been withdrawn from sale because of a shortage of color, and two large manufacturers of denims have ceased taking further orders for indigo shades.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, March 17.—Turpentine—firm; 42c. Sales, none; receipts, 63; shipments, 23; stocks, 30,991.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 292; receipts, 1059; shipments, 254; stocks, 113,699. Quote: A, B, $2.90@3.95; C, D, E, F, G, H, $2.90; I, $3.10; K, $3.30; M, $4.30; N, $5.35; W. G, $5.50; WW, $5.60.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Evaporated apples, dull. Prunes barely steady. Peaches, dull and nominal.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Raw sugar, easy. Centrifugal, 4.77c; molasses sugar, 4c. Refined, quiet.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Hops—Quiet.

Why Bonds Are Safe Investments

The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago has issued a booklet entitled "Why Bonds Are Safe Investments," intended for the use of persons planning to invest in bonds for the first time. Its aim is to explain in simple terms the purposes and uses of various classes of bonds as safe investments for individuals as well as institutions. Copies may be had free on request.

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