EUROPE BUYS WHEAT

Pacific Coast Grain Taken, Eastern Turned Down.

QUALITY IS CHIEF FACTOR

Northwestern Exporter Sells Four Steamer Cargoes, While Chicago Market Slumps. Owing to Lack of Foreign Demand.

Chicago wheat prices went off over 5 cents yesterday. The chief reason for the heavy selling was the slackness of export demand. For some time past the Eastern market has been under pressure for this reason.

While cables continue almost uniformly strong, English buyers are turning down offers of wheat from the Middle West. The reason for this action is not given out in the Eastern markets, but it is well known here that the cause of the reduced foreign buying is the poor quality of wheat that the Eastern shippers have been sending over. They have been mixing damaged wheat, of which they have plenty, with their cargoes, and while the appearance of the grain is good its inferior quality becomes evident when it is made into flour.

The Pacific Northwest is fortunate in having a high grade of wheat to export this season. No complaints are coming back from Europe and there is no abatement of the demand.

Although Chicago yesterday sent out reports of a slow export call a Northwestern exporter sold 1,000,000 bushels, four steamer cargoes, on Saturday and Monday.

No reports were received of operations in the country. Portland dealers are not trying to do anything in the interior, and will wait until the roads are open before they resume buying. The Eastern milling demand for wheat at present is indifferent.

At the Merchants Exchange bidders were influenced by the slump at Chicago. Offers for bluestem were lowered 4 to 5 cents and for other wheats 2 to 4 cents. Oats and barley bids were also reduced.

Terminal receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland, Mon.	1	...	...	...	...
Year ago	101	1	10	2	4
Season to date	8966	1201	5111	792	1494
Year ago	11661	1190	1586	1528	1457
Tacoma, Sat.	...	24	...	13	24
Year ago	...	...	...	...	...
Season to date	1717	484	...	249	1614
Year ago	1962	455	...	452	2277
Seattle, Sat.	11	...	2	1	6
Year ago	23	14	4	4	19
Season to date	6529	1962	1435	719	2419
Year ago	6174	874	1822	922	2211

HIDES STRONG AT UNCHANGED PRICES

No Receipts From Country, Owing to Storm Conditions.

The local hide market continues very strong, but without change in prices this week. Practically no hides are coming in on account of the storm. The dealers have sounded their buyers, except in Valley territory, and no operations east of the mountains can be expected until traffic conditions improve.

Mail advices just at hand from the East show that trading in packer hides during the past fortnight has been exceptionally active, it being estimated that around 100,000 hides have changed hands. Decided strength continues to prevail and latest sales were at still further advances, both brands commanding up to 19½c for January selling, Colorados 18½c, branded cows 17c, and all-weight native cows 17c. One feature of the latest business was the awakened interest displayed in heavy native steers, two of the larger packers moving fair to good-sized lines of chiefly previous to January selling at 17½c, while one packer moved December-January's at this price. Probably the heavy movement during the past fortnight, chiefly of branded descriptions, filled the gap for the time being, as the inquiry since then has been light compared with the activity that has prevailed since the commencement of the new year.

While country hides in the East are stronger in sympathy, the tanners of these are slower to operate at the higher prices than tanners of packer takeoff, chiefly because the leather is strongest demand is tanned from packer slaughter. However, the market is strong all around with sales reported of good lots of outside Western point 25 pounds and up hides at 16c, selected and delivered, while some asking prices on bulls, 45 pounds and up, are as high as 24½c. In a general way the heavier weights are quoted firm at 15c, while extremes are in brisk request and strong at 20c to 19½c, as to lots.

Foreign hides are strong in all the Eastern markets.

VISIBLE SUPPLY TOTAL IS RECORD

Large Increase in American Stocks in Past Week.

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

	Bushels.	Decrease.
February 7, 1916	67,718,000	1,240,000
February 8, 1915	46,944,000	3,256,000
February 9, 1914	30,540,000	417,000
February 10, 1913	64,961,000	*77,000
February 12, 1912	59,815,000	610,000
February 14, 1911	49,132,000	118,000
February 15, 1910	25,879,000	*394,000
February 16, 1909	41,443,000	1,849,000
February 17, 1908	45,633,000	627,000
February 18, 1907	43,183,000	963,000

*Increase.

Quantities on passage compare as follows:

	Wk end'g Feb. 5	Wk end'g Jan. 29	Wk end'g Feb. 6 '15.
For U. Kingdom	17,264,000	16,528,000	17,480,000
Continent	25,436,000	24,000,000	25,952,000
Totals	42,344,000	40,342,000	42,432,000

World shipments for the past and former weeks:

	Wk end'g Feb. 5	Wk end'g Jan. 29	Wk end'g Feb. 6 '15.
U. S. and Can.	11,321,000	8,424,000	7,264,000
Argentina	1,062,000	324,000	1,344,000
Australia	272,000	272,000	...
India	...	...	128,000
Totals	12,704,000	10,064,000	9,208,000

Shipments for the season to date compare with the same period last season:

	Total since July 1, '14.	Same period Last season.
U. S. and Canada	200,752,000	258,728,000
Argentina	13,078,000	8,428,000
Australia	8,216,000	8,208,000
Danube	...	3,648,000
Russia	8,192,000	12,144,000
India	12,136,000	17,625,000
Totals	227,749,000	305,112,000

Exports from North America last week included 280,000 bushels of corn and 1,304,000 bushels of oats.

LINCOLN WHEAT PRICE DROPS

Big Loss to Farmers on Millions of Bushels Results.

DAVENPORT, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The bottom has fallen out of the market for wheat in Lincoln County, where between 2,000,000 and 4,000,000 bushels are still held by growers, whose best offers here today were 90 cents for bluestem, 10 cents below the quotations of a week ago, when the farmers could see nothing short of $1.25 wheat.

As a result, not more than 10 per cent of the crop was sold above the dollar mark, and the prospective loss by market declines in the past week is more than $250,000 in Lincoln County alone. Half a million bushels of wheat is estimated to be in storage here, representing practically half the crop tributary to Davenport.

CAPE MOHAIR SELLS IN BOSTON

Very Strong Market in Africa for Stocks That Are Left.

There was some business done in Boston last week in cape mohair, which is quotable at about 28 cents for good firsts, although some business has been done lately at about a cent less than this price. In Yorkshire, [illegible] advices the market has been considerably more active and spinners there who for many months had their machinery tied up on Army contracts in the woolen line are now ready to devote some attention to the spinning of mohair yarns again, says the Commercial Bulletin.

Advices from the Cape indicate a very strong market for the small stocks now left. There has been nothing to indicate any relief in the dry weather conditions there which are likely to result in a very serious shortage in the clip and very likely will also affect the staple more or less.

Alpaca in Liverpool continues very firm with demand fairly continuous both for finenes and for inferiors.

Boston quotations: Best combing, 27@28c; good combing, 25@27c; ordinary combing, 23@25c; best carding, 25@27c; good carding, 20@23c; ordinary carding, 18@20c.

Foreign: Cape first, 24@25c; Turkey, fair average, 35@37c.

EGG MARKET IS ON DOWN GRADE

Supplies Augmented by Local, California and Eastern Shipments.

The egg market was weak yesterday and prices were 1 cent to 2 cents lower than on Saturday. Candled stock was quoted on the street at 40 cents to 42 cents, and uncandled at 28 cents to 29 cents. Trade was slow, as buyers were cautious in view of the declining tendency of the market. Local ranch receipts were larger than on any day last week. A car of Eastern storage also arrived and those eggs were offered at 28 cents. Another car of storage eggs is near at hand. It is reported that a car of fresh Eastern eggs will be on the tracks today. Two hundred cases of California eggs are also due today. Altogether, the market appears to be in line for a drop.

Very little arrived in the way of poultry and dressed meats, and Saturday's prices were repeated.

The butter market was very firm.

ORANGE PRICES ADVANCE QUARTER

Local Market Responds to Higher Quotations in South.

Orange prices were advanced 25 cents a box yesterday as a consequence of higher markets in California.

Business on the street is gradually improving, but will not become normal until the suburban districts are cleared of snow and the rail lines are giving their accustomed service.

Among the receipts yesterday was a car of hand lettuce. Steamer vegetables are due today.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,804,642	$212,340
Seattle	2,203,517	291,005
Tacoma	780,618	65,413
Spokane	892,507	216,228

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session. February delivery.

Wheat—	Bid.	Ask.	Yr. ago.
Bluestem	$ 1.04	$ 1.06	$ 1.58
Fairfield	.93	.99	1.57½
Club	.93	.95	1.53
Red fife	.94	...	1.53
Red Russian	.96	.97	1.49
Oats—			
No. 1 white feed	26.50	27.50	38.50
Barley—			
No. 1 feed	28.50	31.00	32.00
Milfeed—			
Bran	21.50	22.00	29.00
Shorts	23.50	27.00	...
Future—		Bid.	Ask.
March bluestem		$ 1.04	$ 1.05
March fortyfold		.94	.99
March club		.93	.96
March fife		.94	...
March Russian		.94	...
March oats		27.50	28.00
March feed barley		28.50	31.00
March bran		21.50	22.50
March shorts		23.50	27.00

FLOUR—Patents, $5.50 per barrel; straights, $4.90@5.40; exports, $4.70; Valley, $5.10; whole wheat, $5.80; graham, $5.40.

MEAL—Eastern Oregon timothy, $17.50@18.50; Valley timothy, $14@16; alfalfa, $13@29; oats and vetch, $13@14.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $23.50 per ton; shorts, $26; rolled barley, $31@32.

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

Fruits and Vegetables.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels $2@3.50 per box; lemons, $2@4.50 per box; bananas, 5c per lb.; pineapples, 4½@6c per pound; grapefruit, $1@3.25; pomegranates, $1.50 per box; tangerines, $1.50@1.75.

VEGETABLES — Artichokes, $1.10@1.30 per dozen; asparagus, California, $1.75@2.00; cabbage, $1.50@1.75 per hundred; garlic, 12½c per lb.; peppers, 20@25c per pound; carrots, 25c per pound; sprouts, 9@9c per pound; horseradish, 8½c per pound; cauliflower, $1.50@2.50 per crate; peas, 8@10c; cucumbers, $1.50@2.

GREEN FRUITS—Grapes, $4@5 per barrel; cranberries, $11 per barrel.

POTATOES—Oregon, $1.50@2; Yakimas, $1.65 per sack; sweets, $2.75@3 per hundred.

ONIONS—Oregon, buying price, $2 f. o. b. shipping point.

APPLES — Spitzenbergs, extra fancy, $3.75; fancy, $3; choice, $1.25@1.50; Jonathans, extra fancy, $2.50; fancy, $1.25; choice, $1; Yellow Newtowns, extra fancy, $1; fancy, $1.75; choice, $1@1.25; Baldwins, extra fancy, $1.50; fancy, $1.25; choice, $1; russets, orchard run, $1.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Jobbing prices: Oregon ranch, candled, 40c per dozen; uncandled, 38@39c.

POULTRY—Hens, small, 14@14c; large, 14@15c; small springs, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 24@25c; ducks, 13@15c; geese, 10c.

BUTTER—Creamery prints, extras, 34c; firsts, 32c; seconds, 29c per pound. Butterfat: No. 1, 32c; No. 2, 30c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbing buying prices, 17c per pound, f. o. b. dock Portland; Young Americas, 18c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 12c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 9c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.30 per dozen; one-half flats, $1.30; 1-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 95c.

HONEY—Choice, $2.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, soft shell, new, 16c; Brazil nuts, 12@13c; filberts, 16@18c; almonds, 18@19c; peanuts, 5½c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; pecans, 10@10c; chestnuts, 10c.

BEANS—Small white, 7.20c; large white, 7.15c; lima, 6c; bayos, 6½c; pink, 5½c.

COFFEE—Roasted in drums, 14@23c.

SUGAR — Fruit and berry, $6.12; beet, $6.52; extra C, $6.32; powdered, in barrels, $7; cube, in barrels, $7.15.

SALT—Granulated, $12.50 per ton; half ground, 100s, $9.50 per ton; 50s, $10.50 per ton; dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 5½@6½c pound; broken, 4c; Japan style, 4½@5c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8c per pound; apricots, 13@15c; peaches, 8c; prunes, Italians, 8@9c; raisins, loose Muscatels, 6c; unbleached Sultanas, 9½@10c; seeded, 8c; dates, Persian, 7½c pound; fard, $1.65 per box; currants, 8½@12c; figs, 50 6-oz. cs, $2; 10 4-ounce, $2.25; 24 10-ounce, $2.40; 12 16-ounce, 85c; bulk, white, 7@8c; black, 6c per pound.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1915 crop, 9½@12½c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 pounds and up, 14½c; salted stags, 50 pounds and up, 11c; salted kip, 15 pounds to 25 pounds, 13c; salted calf up to 15 pounds, 18c; green hides, 25 pounds and up, 13c; green stags, 50 pounds and up, 9½c; green kip, 15 pounds to 25 pounds, 12c; green calf, up to 15 pounds, 18c; dry flint hides, 25c; dry flint calf, up to 7 pounds, 27c; dry salt hides, 20c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 18@25c; Valley, 25@29c; Fall lambs' wool, 25c.

MOHAIR—Oregon, 28c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 3½@4c per pound.

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 16c; dry short-wooled pelts, 12c; dry shearlings, 10@15c each; salted shearlings, 15@25c each; dry goat, long hair, 13c each; dry goat shearlings, 10@20c each; salted long-wooled pelts, December, 75c@$1.50 each.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 19c; standard, 17½c; skinned, 14@17c; picnics, 9½c; cottage roll, 15½c.

BACON—Fancy, 27@28c; standard, 21@22c; choice, 15½@20c.

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 11½@12½c; exports, 11½@12c; plates, 9@10½c.

LARD—Tierces basis, kettle rendered, 11½c; standard, 10½c; compound, 10½c.

BARREL GOODS—Mess beef, $18; plate beef, $19; plate pork, $18; tripe, $10.50@11.50.

Oils.

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

GASOLINE—Tank, 17½c; cases, 24½c; naptha, drums, 13½c; cases, 22½c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 86c; raw, cases, 91c; boiled, barrels, 88c; boiled, cases, 93c.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 61c; in cases, 74c; 10-case lots, 1c less.

STOCKS RISE AGAIN

Speculative Shares Make Upward Progress.

RAILS FIRM BUT INACTIVE

Wall Street Cheerful Over Probable Early and Final Settlement of Lusitania Case—Merger Rumors Factors.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Prospects of an early and final settlement of the vexed Lusitania case and promises of developments of a favorable character contributed in no uncertain measure to the enhancement of quoted values today. Prices opened with gains of 1 to 2 points, which were doubled and even trebled later in some of the highly speculative leaders, while various unclassified issues rose more unevenly.

The movement in oils was accompanied by authoritative statements of a merger or consolidation of the leading companies operating in Mexico and California Petroleum preferred rose 2½ to 87½ and Associated Oil 2 to 68.

Baldwin Locomotive's gain of 6¼ to 118½ followed reports of that company's probable amalgamation with one or more kindred concerns and the strength of metals was directly traceable to the much higher prices quoted by leading producers of copper for deliveries running into the middle of the year.

United States Steel gave a good account of itself, with optimistic forecasts of the unfilled tonnage statement for January, which is to issue Thursday. Lackawanna Steel made a maximum loss of 5¾ to 7½ on abandonment of the merger with the Youngstown and Cambria companies and Republic Steel denoted moderate pressure. Incidentally, Wall street was surprised at Midvale's acquisition of Cambria.

Rails again lagged in point of activity, but were firm to strong.

Dealings were moderate at all times, lapsing into dullness and some easing of prices toward the close. Total sales amounted to 600,000 shares.

Firmness ruled in the bond market with further extensive dealings in Anglo-French fives. Total sales, par value, aggregated $2,570,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold	1,900	24¾	22¾	24
Allis-Chalmers	9,200	30½	28	29¾
Am Best Sugar	2,100	67¾	66¾	67
American Can	8,600	62¾	61¾	62
American Car	10,700	64½	60¾	60½
Am Sm & Ref	12,800	102¾	100¾	101¾
do pfd	...	...	...	114½
Am Sug Refg	2,000	114¾	113¾	114½
Am Tel & Tel	600	127	126¾	126¾
American Tob	100	205½	205	205½
Anaconda Cop	11,400	87¾	84¾	86½
Atchison	1,500	104	103	103¾
Baldwin Loco	84,500	118¾	114½	117¾
Balt & Ohio	...	...	...	86½
Beth Steel	...	...	...	87
Calif Petrol	9,000	24¾	22¾	23
Canadian Pac	400	171	170	170½
Central Leath	900	23¾	23	23¾
Ches & Ohio	400	62¾	62¾	62¾
Chi Gt West	400	13	13	13
Chi Mil & P	600	98	97¾	97¾
Chi & N W	...	...	...	129¾
C R I & P Ry	26,600	28¾	18¾	20¾
Chino Copper	4,200	54¾	52¾	53¾
Colo Fu & Iron	...	...	...	46¾
Colo Southern	1,200	84	81¾	82¾
D & R G pfd	...	...	...	84
Del Securities	14,000	49¾	48¾	49
Erie	5,000	38¾	37¾	38¼
General Electric	1,000	172¾	171¾	172
Gt Nor pfd	600	122¾	121¾	121¾
Gt N Ore ctfs	2,000	46	45¾	45¾
Guggenheim Ex	8,000	23¼	22¾	22¾
Illinois Central	...	...	...	100¾
Int Con Corp	700	18¾	...	18¾
Inspiration Cop	8,200	46	45¾	45¾
Int Nickel	200	111	111	111
N C Southern	1,200	27¼	26¾	27
Lehigh Valley	200	77	77	76½
Louis & Nash	...	...	...	141¾
Mexican Petrol	43,200	117¾	108¾	109¾
Miami Copper	1,700	28¾	26¾	28¾
M K & T pfd	...	...	...	14¾
Missouri Pac	...	...	...	5¾
National Lead	7,200	72¾	70¾	71¾
Nevada Copper	500	15¾	15¾	15¾
N Y Central	...	...	...	100
N Y N H & H	1,100	68¾	67¾	67¾
Nor & Western	1,000	117¾	116¾	117¾
North Pacific	800	112¾	112¾	112¾
Pacific Mail	1,600	17¾	15	16¾
Penn R R	4,500	56¾	56	56¾
Pennsylvania	...	...	...	56¾
Pull Pal Car	...	...	...	163¾
Ray Cons Cop	1,700	23¾	23¼	24
Reading	800	77¾	77¾	77¾
Rep Iron & Steel	5,400	84	82¾	83¾
Southern Pac	2,400	100¾	99¾	100¾
Southern Ry	2,500	21¾	21	21¾
Studebaker Co	12,900	154¾	150¾	152¾
Tennessee Cop	2,200	27¾	26¾	26¾
Texas Company	2,200	207¾	200¾	205¾
Union Pacific	2,200	134¾	133¾	133¾
do pfd	...	...	...	83¾
U S Steel	37,600	84¾	83¾	84¼
do pfd	1,400	117	116	116¾
Utah Copper	2,900	79¾	78¾	79¾
Western Union	400	88¾	88¼	88¼
Westing Elect	17,300	67¾	66¾	67¾
Montana Power	...	...	...	67¾
General Motors	...	...	...	420
Wabash R pfd	1,200	28¾	28¼	28¾
Int-Marine pfd	29,000	18	15	16¾

Total sales for the day, 608,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	99¾	North Pac 3s	66¾	
U S ref 2s coup	*99	Pac T & T 5s	*100¾	
U S 3s reg	*101¼	Penn conv 4s	103¾	
U S 3s coupon	*101¼	South Pac ref 4s	90¾	
U S 4s reg	*109¾	do cv 5s	105¾	
U S 4s coupon	*110¼	Union Pac 4s	97¼	
Am Smelts 5s	102	do cv 4s	94	
N Y C gen 3½s	71¾	U S steel 5s	100¾	
North Pac 4s	92¾	Anglo-French 5s	94¾	

*Bid.

Boston Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Feb. 7.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	71¾	Nevada Con	7¾
Am. Z. L. & Sm.	69¾	North Butte	28¾
Ariz Com	8¾	Old Dom	68
Calumet & Ariz.	70¾	Osceola	90¾
Cal & Hecla	360	Quincy	91¾
Centennial	17	Shannon	9¾
Con Mer Con	3¾	Superior	21¾
East Butte Cop.	15¾	Sup & Bos Min.	3¾
Franklin	9¾	Tamarack	51
Granby Con	65¾	U S Sm, R & M.	50
Ineeca Con	47¾	do pfd	50
Island Cr (Cop)	28¾	Utah Con	13¾
Kerr Lake	4¾	Winona	4
Lake Sup	18	Wolverine	64
Mohawk	91¾	Butte & Sup	79¾

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Mercantile paper, 2@3½ per cent.

Sterling, cables $4.76 7-16.

Bar silver, 56¾c.

Mexican dollars, 43¾c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, firm.

Time loans, easy. Sixty and 90 days, 2¼@2¾ per cent; ruling rate, 1¾ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Sterling, 60 days, $4.75¼; demand, $4.75¾; cable, $4.76¾.

Mexican dollars, 41c.

Drafts, sight 1c, telegraph 3c.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Bar silver, 27 1-16d per ounce.

Money, 4¼@4¾ per cent.

Discount rates: Short bills and three-months, 5⅛ per cent.

Stocks Dull at London.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—American securities on the stock market were dull with the exceptions of Canadian Pacific and United States Steel. Several bonds changed hands privately and a good turnover was reported under the mobilization scheme.

Gasoline and Rope Advance.

An advance of 1 cent in gasoline prices was announced yesterday, which puts the market at 17½ cents in bulk and 24½ cents in cases.

Sisal prices were advanced another cent to 12 cents, with 12½ cents quoted on white.

COFFEE FUTURES' TONE STEADY

Visible Supply Decrease and Tonnage Situation Are Factors.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—While somewhat irregular, the market for coffee futures showed a generally steady tone today, owing to continued steadiness in Brazil, a good decrease in the world's visible supply and reports of continued difficulty in securing ocean tonnage. There was some liquidation of March at the opening, but the near months soon steadied up and the general list sold 1 to 3 points net higher during the middle of the day on European buying and covering. The advance carried March contracts up to 7.35c, while September sold at 7.36c, with last prices showing reactions of 2 to 3 points under realizing. Part of the day's business was in the way of switching, March being exchanged for July at 12 points and for September at 23 points. The market closed 1 to 2 points net higher. Sales, 42,250 bags. February, 7.44c; March, 7.36c; April, 7.35c; May, 7.30c; June, 7.27c; July, 7.24c; August, 7.14c; September, 7.19c; October, 7.32c; November, 7.36c; December, 7.39c; January, 7.95c.

Spot coffee, steady; Rio 7s, 8¼c; Santos 4s, 9¾c.

Few cost and freight offers were reported here today, being restricted, it was supposed, by ocean freight and insurance uncertainty.

Quotations for Santos 4s were said to range from about 9.75c to 9.90c, English credits.

The official cables reported a decline of 50 reis at Rio, with Santos unchanged and Rio exchange on London 1-32d higher.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Current on Butter, Eggs, Fruits, Vegetables, Etc., at Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Butter—Fresh extras, 30½c; prime firsts, 29½c; fresh firsts, 28c.

Eggs—Fresh firsts, 32½c; pullets, 31½c.

Cheese—New, 17c; California cheddars, 17½c; Young Americas, 17½c.

Vegetables—Lima beans, 8@10c; tomatoes, $1@1.25; bell peppers, 15@20c; cucumbers, $2.25@2.75; squash, 75@90c; Florida eggplant, 25c; green peas, 8@10c.

Fruit — Lemons, $3.25@3.50; grapefruit, $1.25@2; oranges, $1.75@2.50; bananas, Hawaiian, $1@1.75; pineapples, Hawaiian, $1@1.75.

Potatoes—Delta, $1.50@1.60; Salinas, $1.85@2.15; sweets, $2.25.

Receipts—Flour, 2370 quarters; barley, 9280 centals; beans, 1595 sacks; potatoes, 2909 sacks; hay, 476 tons.

HOG MARKET IS STRONG

HIGHER PRICES ARE LOOKED FOR TODAY.

Monday's Arrivals Are Unusually Small, Owing to Traffic and Weather Conditions.

Owing to the traffic difficulties from which the railroads are suffering and the unwillingness of shippers to start the movement from shipping points while the weather continues bad, arrivals at the stockyards yesterday were only eight loads, as compared with 75 to 100 loads, the usual over-Monday run.

The bulk of yesterday's receipts came in late in the day and the market was consequently a slow affair. The hogs sold were valley stock and did not bring over $7.90, but it was predicted at the yards that $7.75 would be realized today on offerings from east of the mountains, as this price has been guaranteed by packers. The few cattle sales were made at going prices. No sheep or lambs were sold, but the mutton market is in a very strong position and a $9 market for top-grade lambs in the near future is possible.

Receipts yesterday were 44 cattle, 389 hogs and 417 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle—R. H. Dillantij, Corvallis, one car.

With hogs—C. A. Jungst, Twin Falls, one car; George Zimmerman, Yamhill, one car; T. T. Lanel, La Crosse, Wash., one car; Ira Scott, La Crosse, Wash., one car; Charles Christensen, Newdale, Idaho, one car.

With sheep—R. M. Stanfield, Idaho Falls, two cars.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
25 steers	1124	$7.20	2 cows	1140	$5.75
10 steers	1130	6.50	14 cows	1135	6.75
4 steers	670	4.00	1 heifer	820	6.00
4 steers	1242	7.65	70 hogs	174	7.90
6 steers	1195	7.15	6 hogs	190	7.40
1 steer	850	5.00	3 hogs	270	6.50

The range of prices at the local yards for various classes of livestock follows:

Cattle—	
Choice steers	$7.25@7.75
Good steers	6.75@7.25
Medium steers	6.50@6.75
Choice cows	5.50@6.50
Medium cows	4.75@5.25
Heifers	4.00@6.40
Bulls	2.50@4.50
Stags	3.00@5.25
Hogs—	
Light	6.75@7.65
Heavy	6.00@7.00
Sheep—	
Wethers	6.00@7.25
Ewes	4.25@6.75
Lambs	7.00@8.75

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Feb. 7.—Hogs—Receipts, 12,500, market lower. Heavy, $7.60@7.80; light, $7.40@7.70; pigs, 6.50@7.60; bulk of sales, $7.50@7.65.

Cattle—Receipts, 8500; market steady. Native steers, $6.25@8.25; cows and heifers, $5.25@6.75; Western steers, $6@7.60; stockers and feeders, $5.50@7.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,500; market steady. Yearlings, $8.40@9.40; wethers, $8.00@8.60; lambs, $10.25@10.80.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Hogs—Receipts, 62,000; market slow, 5c above Saturday's average. Bulk, $7.90@8.10; light, $7.65@8.10; mixed and butchers, $7.80@8.20; rough, $7.75@8.05; pigs, $6.25@7.20.

Cattle—Receipts, 21,000; weak. Native beef steers, $6.35@9.60; Western steers, $6.60@8.15; cows and heifers, $3.15@8.20; calves, $5@11.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; weak. Wethers, $7.60@8.15; lambs, $8.50@11.15.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 7.—Turpentine—Steady; 54½c; sales, 57 barrels; receipts, 49 barrels; shipments, 581 barrels; stock, 12,690 barrels.

Rosin—Firm; sales, 1680 barrels; receipts, 569 barrels; shipments, 2401 barrels; stock, 32,511 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, $5.15; F, $5.12@5.22; G, $5.15 to $5.25; H, $5.20; I, $5.50; K, $5.90; M, $6.50; N, $6.75; WG, $7; WW, $7.50.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Copper, firm; electrolytic, nearby, 27@28c.

Iron, steady; No. 1 Northern, $20.25@20.75.

The Metal Exchange quotes tin quiet; spot, 41.37½c.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead 6.00c. Spelter not quoted.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Raw sugar—Steady; centrifugal, 4.83c; molasses, 4.06c. Refined—Firm; cut loaf, 6.90c; crushed, 6.80c; mould "A," 6.40c; cubes, 6.55c; XXXX powdered, 6.15c; powdered, 6.10c; fine granulated, 6c; diamond "A," 6c; confectioners' A, 5.90c; No. 1, 5.75c.

Ohio Oil Prices Higher.

FINDLAY, O., Feb. 7.—The Ohio Oil Company today advanced prices of North Lima, South Lima, Indiana and Wooster oils 5 cents a barrel. The new prices are: North and South Lima, $1.65; Indiana, $1.43; Wooster, $1.75.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Butter, higher. Creamery, 25¾@30½c.

Eggs, lower. Receipts, 3634 cases; firsts, 28½c; ordinary firsts, 27@28c; at mark, cases included, 24@28½c.

Hops at London.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 7.—Hops at London—Pacific Coast, £4 10s@£5 10s.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 7.—Linseed—Cash, $2.28; May, $2.31; July, $2.31.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Spot cotton—Quiet; middling uplands, 11.95c; no sales.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Evaporated apples, dull. Prunes, firm. Peaches, quiet.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Hops, steady.

SHEEP LOST IN GARFIELD

One Raiser Estimates Damage to His Flock at $1000.

POMEROY, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—C. R. Dodge, one of the largest sheep raisers in Garfield County, estimates his loss due to the cold spell as $1000. Many of his early lambs died from exposure. He is feeding 12,000 head.

Reports from other sheep and cattle men confirm the statement that all are feeding their stock. J. H. Jackson says that his feed is covered with snowdrifts, so that he is only able to draw from that source with packhorses. Inability to get his flocks to the feed necessitated his buying from the outside.

Davenport School Election Pends.

DAVENPORT, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The calling of a special election to vote on a $20,000 bond issue for a new school building will be decided at a mass meeting for the Almira district on February 10. The directors are: C. M. Phillips, Mrs. Nellie Hyde and J. A. Murbach. The present building is congested.

SALES BREAK WHEAT

Chicago Prices Are Carried Down 53-8 Cents.

BULL LEADERS UNLOAD

Slow Export Demand, Large Domestic Stocks and Expected Gain in Primary Receipts Are Depressing Factors.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Extremely heavy selling, some of it said to be to hedge European purchases made in Argentina and Australia, brought about a downward swing of 5¾c a bushel today in the wheat market here. Prices closed weak at almost the bottom point reached, with May $1.27¼ and July $1.20⅝@1.21, a net loss of 3¼ @4c to 3c. Corn declined 1¾c to 1¾c and oats 1⅝c to 2c, while provisions closed 2¼c to 5c over Saturday's.

Even the chief bull leaders sold out their wheat. One widely known speculator was alone said to have thrown over 2,000,000 bushels. At first the decline that resulted from the continuous selling was orderly, but after the losses had amounted to 2¾c many stop-loss orders were uncovered, and the market broke rapidly.

Big domestic stocks and a relatively slow export call appeared to be the chief reason for the discouragement of the wheat bulls. Primary receipts for the day were heavy, and there was gossip that they would soon be substantially enlarged in the Northwest.

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Leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	$1.23	$1.27½	$1.27½	$1.27⅝