EAST RAISES BIDS

Offers for Wheat Are 1 1-2 to 2 Cents Higher.

FARMERS' OFFERINGS LIGHT

No Liberal Selling Movement Is Expected Until Near End of Present Month—Car Situation Is Gradually Improving.

pearance yesterday. The 2-cent advance at Chicago, due to the urgent demand from England, increased the bullish feeling here

The wheat market had a much better ap- and bids were raised, locally and in the country.

Offers from the East came through strong and 1½ to 2 cents higher. The orders were chiefly for March shipment. The car situation is improving in the northern sections of the Northwest, but there is still more or less difficulty in accepting prompt business. Another obstacle to trade is the scarcity of offerings by farmers. Dealers do not look for much selling in the country until nearer tax time.

At the Merchants' Exchange all wheat bids were advanced from 1 to 2½ cents, except March club, which was unchanged. The oats and barley markets were quiet.

The Canadian visible wheat supply decreased 1,324,000 bushels in the past week.

The Argentine wheat crop as reported by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome is 183,930,000 bushels, an increase of 9.3 per cent over last year; oats 75,185,000 bushels, an increase of 31.8 per cent.

Broomhall's international wheat review says in part: "Total wheat shipments for the first half of the season aggregate 288,000,000 bushels, of which 234,000,000 were for Europe, and most of the shipments were from North America. It is suggested that the season's total European requirements will be 435,000,000 bushels, plus 56,000,000 for ex-Europe and allowing for addition to reserves foreign requirements this season will be 560,000,000 bushels.

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

	Wheat.	Bar.	Flr.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Wednesday	3	1	2	8	8
Year ago..........	61	23	8	27	9
Season to date....	9690	1317	1177	817	1631
Year ago..........	13837	1614	1621	1628	1498
Tacoma, Tuesday..	2	...	...	...	4
Year ago..........	25	1	...	5	8
Season to date....	5761	487	...	232	1690
Year ago..........	7872	443	...	492	2469
Seattle, Tuesday..	4	1	4	1	2
Year ago..........	4	...	7	...	3
Season to date....	6332	1071	1576	737	3027
Year ago..........	6259	892	1674	954	3426

EASTERN MOHAIR MARKET IS STEADY

Cape Stocks Are Well Cleaned Up and Prices Are Firm.

There has been a fair movement in domestic mohair at Boston in the past week at steady prices, according to the Commercial Bulletin. There has been an opportunity to do business in Cape firsts, but at prices which holders did not care to consider. This hair is held in the neighborhood of 35 cents and offers are being made at around 33 cents. It is doubtful if much hair could be bought under 33 cents.

Advices from the West Riding of Yorkshire indicate a very firm market and prices are steady at 31 cents or slightly better for good Cape firsts.

Advices from the Cape state that prices are very firm there and the clip is fairly well cleaned up.

The movement of alpaca in Liverpool continues fairly steady and prices are well maintained. Stocks in Liverpool were slightly in excess of 2000 bales on January 19, last.

Boston quotations: Best combing, 37@40 cents; good combing, 35@37 cents; ordinary combing, 31@33 cents; best carding, 35@37 cents; good carding, 30@32 cents; ordinary carding, 26@28 cents. Foreign: Cape firsts, 34@35 cents; Turkey, fair average, 35@37 cents.

WOOL CONTRACTING AT FULL PRICES

Big Nevada Clip Reported Taken Recently at 22 Cents.

Eastern wool dealers are wide in their estimates as to the amount of new clip that has been contracted to date in the West. In this connection, the Boston Commercial Bulletin says:

"Most dealers estimate the quantity at around 5,000,000 pounds, while others, also well posted, believe the quantity contracted to be in excess of 5,000,000 pounds. The purchases have been made on a basis of at least 70 cents, clean landed here, and some think the basis has been even more in some cases. Certainly if reports are correct that the Taylor clip in Nevada amounting to some 400,000 pounds has been bought at 22 cents, on an estimated shrinkage approximating 70 per cent and a freight rate of about 2 cents, the clean landed cost is very materially in excess of 70 cents; indeed, it would be nearer 80 cents, although this basis is undeniably excessive.

"The greater part of the contracts have been placed in Utah and the Southern Idaho sections, although scattering clips have been bought at various points through the territory sections."

CALIFORNIA HOPS 1 CENT HIGHER

Strong Demand in Oregon, but Growers Are Not Offering.

Several dealers were in the market for hops yesterday and orders were numerous at various prices, but no purchases of Oregons were reported.

The strength of the California market was shown by the sale of 285 bales of Sonomas by J. A. Ford at 12 cents. This lot was on the market a week ago at 11 cents.

The Beriran crop of 160 bales of Western Washington was sold at Olequa at 11½ cents, and the Jackson crop of 50 bales at 12 cents.

A London cable again reported that no English hops were available under £7 a hundredweight, which is equal to 30 cents a pound.

EGGS ARE TEMPORARILY STEADY

Lower Prices Are Looked for as Receipts Increase.

Egg recipts were liberal yesterday, but again cleaned up, with sales generally made at 28 cents, case count. While the market was steady for the day, a weaker tendency is looked for from now on, as the supply increases. Cheap offerings from California also tend to create an easier undertone.

There was a good demand for poultry, especially small hens. Dressed veal was weak, with 11 cents the extreme top price, and many sales made at 10 and 10½ cents. Pork was plentiful and slow.

There were no new developments in the dairy produce markets.

NINETEEN CARS OF ORANGES ARRIVE

Market Is in Good Shape, With Active Local Demand.

There were 19 cars of oranges on the steamer Bear, which arrived last night. Several cars came by steamer earlier in the week, so there will be no scarcity for some time to come. Prices are being well maintained, as there is a first-class demand and the market in the south is very firm.

Apples continue to move readily. A shipment of Winter pears reached the street and they were put on sale at $1.50 and $1.75.

Hothouse cucumbers from Illinois are offering at $2.50 a dozen. The steamer brought a varied assortment of California vegetables.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,913,211	$125,187
Seattle	2,215,802	219,539
Tacoma	251,435	43,313
Spokane	622,786	91,969

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session, February delivery.

	Bid.	Ask.	Bid Yr. ago.
Bluestem	$ 1.09	$ 1.12	$ 1.57
Fortyfold	.99	1.04	1.56½
Club	.97	1.02	1.55
Red fife	.98	......	1.50
Red Russian	.97	......	1.46
Oats—			
No. 1 white, feed...	26.00	27.50	33.75
Barley—			
No. 1 feed	29.00	......	30.00
Brewing	30.50	......	30.00
Bran	21.50	24.00	27.00
Shorts	23.50	26.00	28.00

Futures—	Bid.	Ask.
March bluestem	$ 1.10	$ 1.13
April bluestem	1.10	1.15
March fortyfold	.99	1.05
April fortyfold	1.00	......
March club	.97	1.03
April club	.97	....
March red fife	.98½	......
April red fife	.98½	......
March Russian	.98	......
April Russian	.98	......
March oats	26.00	27.50
April oats	26.00	28.50
March feed barley	29.00	......
March bran	22.00	24.00
March shorts	24.00	26.00

FLOUR — Patents, $5.60 per barrel; straights, $4.90@5.40; exports, $4.70; valley, $5.10; whole wheat, $5.80; graham, $5.60.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $18.50@19.50; valley timothy, $16; alfalfa, $20.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $23.50@24 per ton; shorts, $26@26.50; rolled barley, $31.50@32.50.

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

Fruits and Vegetables.

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $1.85@3.25 per box; lemons, $3@4.50 per box; bananas, 5c per lb.; pineapples, 4½@6c per pound; grapefruit, $3@5.25; tangerines, $1.50@1.75.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1.10@1.30 per dozen; tomatoes, California, $2.00; cabbage, $1.50@1.75 per hundred; garlic, 10c per lb.; peppers, 20@25c per pound; eggplant, 25c per pound; sprouts, 8@9c per pound; horseradish, 8½c per pound; cauliflower, $1.25 per dozen; celery, $4.75 per crate; lettuce, $2.40@2.50 per crate; cucumbers, $1.50@2.50; hothouse lettuce, 75c@$1 per box.

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

POTATOES — Oregon, $1.50@1.65; Yakimas, $1.75 per sack; sweets, $3.25@3.50 per hundred.

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

APPLES—Spitzenbergs, extra fancy, $2.25; fancy, $2; choice, $1.25@1.50; Yellow Newtowns, extra fancy, $2; fancy, $1.75; choice, $1.35@1.50; Rome Beauty, fancy, $1.50@1.60; Winesaps, choice, $1.15@1.25; Stayman, choice, $1.25@1.35.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Jobbing prices: Oregon ranch, candled, 29@30c per dozen; uncandled, 28c.

POULTRY—Hens, small, 14c; large, 15@15½c; small Springs, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 24@25c; ducks, 12@14c; geese, 10c.

BUTTER—Prices from wholesaler to retailer; Portland city creamery prints, 60-pound case lots, standard grades, 34c; lower grades, 28@32½c; Oregon country creamery prints, 60-pound case lots, standard makes, 32½c; lower grades 28@31c; butter packed in cubes, 2c less. Prices paid by jobbers to producers: Cubes, extras, 29½c; firsts, 27½c; seconds, 25c; dairy butter, country roll, 16@18c; butter fat, No. 1, 32c; No. 2, 29c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbing buying prices, 20c per pound, f. o. b. dock Portland; Young Americas, 21c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 10½@11c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 10c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.30 per dozen; one-half flats, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 95c.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, sack lots, 16c; Brazil nuts, 15@18c; filberts, 16@18c; almonds, 16½c; peanuts, 5½c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; pecans, 10@20c; chestnuts, 10c.

BEANS—Small white, 7.20c; large white, 7.15c; lima 6c; bayou, 6½c; pink, 5¾c.

COFFEE—Roasted in drums, 14@33c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $6.85; beet, $6.65; extra C, $6.35; powdered, in barrels, $7.10; cubes, barrels, $7.25.

SALT—Granulated, $15.50 per ton; half ground, 100s, $9.50 per ton; 50s, $10.50 per ton; dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 5¼@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, 8c; unbleached Sultanas, 9½@10c; seeded, 9c; dates, Persian, 10c pound; fard, $1.65 per box; currants, 8¼@12c; figs, 50 6-ounce, $2; 10 4-ounce, $2.25; 36 10-ounce, $2.40; 12 10-ounce, 85c; bulk, white, 7@8c; black, 6c per pound.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1915 crop, 10@13c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 pounds and up, 15c; salted stags, 50 pounds and up, 11c; salted kip, 15 pounds to 25 pounds, 16c; salted calf up to 15 pounds, 19c; green hides, 25 pounds and up, 13½c; green stags, 50 pounds and up, 9½c; green kip, 15 pounds to 25 pounds, 16c; green calf, up to 15 pounds, 19c; dry flint hides, 26c; dry flint calf, up to 7 pounds, 28c; dry salt hides, 21c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 18@25c; valley, 25@26c.

MOHAIR—Oregon, 28@29c per pound.

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

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 17c; dry short-wooled pelts, 12c; dry shearlings, 10@15c each; salted shearlings, 15@25c each; dry goat, long hair, 15c each; dry goat shearlings, 10@20c each; salted long-wooled pelts, February, $1.25@2 each.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 19c; standard, 17½c; skinned, 14@17c; picnics, 9½c; cottage roll, 13½c.

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

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 11½@13½c; exports, 11½@13c; plates, 9@10½c.

LARD—Tierce basis, kettle rendered, 11¾c; standard, 10¾c; 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 wagons, 10c; cases, 17½@20½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 18½c; cases, 25½c; naptha, drums, 15½c; cases, 22½c.

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

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 67c; in cases, 74c; 10-case lots, 1c less.

COFFEE FUTURES CLIMBING STEADILY

March Contracts Touch Eight-Cent Level in New York Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The market for coffee futures showed renewed strength and activity today, with prices making further high records. Firmness in the Brazilian markets and the continued light primary receipts seemed to increase the confidence of buyers, and there was buying for trade account as well as covering, and some fresh support through commission-houses. The market opened at an advance of 4 to 6 points and sold 14 to 17 points net higher during the day, with March contracts reaching the 8-cent level or 189 points above the low level of last September, while December sold at 8.34c, or 55 points above the low level of last week. There was a good deal of realizing on the advance, but the demand continued active and the close was 14 to 17 points net higher, or at the best point of the day. Sales, including exchanges from March to later deliveries, amounted to 93,750 bags. February, 7.94c; March, 8c; April, 8.05c; May, 8.11c; June, 8.16c; July, 8.20c; August, 8.25c; September, 8.27c; October, 8.29c; November, 8.31c; December, 8.34c; January, 8.27c.

Spot coffee firm. Rio 7s, 9½c; Santos 4s, 10¼c.

The cost and freight market was unsettled, with quotations irregular. The official cables reported advances of 50 to 100 reis in the primary markets and a further advance of 3-32d in the rate of Rio exchange on London.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feg. 16.—Turpentine, dull, 53c; sales, none; receipts, 39 barrels; shipments, 358 barrels; stock, 10,767 barrels.

Rosin, steady; sales, 574 barrels; receipts, 2397 barrels; shipments, 1811 barrels; stock, 55,821 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, $5.20; F, $5.20@5.25; G, 5.20@5.25; H, $5.35; I, $5.40; K, $5.85; M, $6.20; N, $6.75; WG, $1.20; WW, $7.50.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Spot cotton quiet. Middling uplands, 11.85c. No sales.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Evaporated apples dull. Prunes dull and irregular. Peaches quiet.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Hops steady,

WAR TAX IS FEARED

Canadian Stocks Weakest Issues in Market.

MEXICANS ALSO DEPRESSED

General List Suffers From Professional Selling — Coppers Are Steady Until Final Hour and Rail Losses Are Small.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Increased pressure was brought to bear on the stock market today with further depreciation of values. Selling was more obviously of a professional character, with here and there a sprinkling of liquidation. Declines were orderly, however, except in a few isolated instances, in which prices yielded precipitately.

The market's failure to respond to good news, which was not altogether lacking, seemed to result more from its technical weakness or over-extended position on the bull side than from apprehension concerning impending events.

Canadian Pacific and shares of other companies operating in the dominion were conspicuously weak in consequence of the heavy war tax which it is proposed to levy on corporations in that country. Canadian made an extreme decline of 5¾ at 166½, Granby Consolidated fell 4¾ to 92¾, and International Nickel lost 6¾ at 46.

Mexican issues, especially Mexican and California Petroleum, Texas Company and American Smelting were heavy to weak on reports affecting the stability of the existing government in the Southern republic.

Rails in general registered only moderate losses, but United States Steel noted unceasing pressure, while the active war issues, with the noteworthy exception of Crucible Steel, were 1 to 2 points down, but still well above minimums of last month.

Coppers as a class gave a good account of themselves until the final hour. Weakness prevailed at the close. Total sales aggregated 600,000 shares.

Bonds were lower, with dealings more diversified. Total sales, par value, aggregated $3,200,000. United States coupon 4s declined ¼ per cent, and the registered 3s declined ½ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold....	1,700	22½	22½	22⅝
Allis-Chalmers..	1,600	31	30	30
Am Beet Sugar.	1,100	70½	69¾	70
American Can..	8,900	63¼	62	62
American Loco.	2,200	66¼	65	65¼
Am Sm & Refg.	9,300	102¾	99¾	100¾
do pfd	......	.....	.....	112
Am Sug Refg...	200	113	113	112
Am Tel & Tel..	300	127⅝	127½	127½
American Tob..	4,300	143	138	139½
Anaconda Cop..	26,600	90¼	89	89⅝
Atchison	1,100	103¼	102⅝	102½
Baldwin Loco..	28,500	112½	110¼	111
Balt & Ohio....	1,800	87¼	87	86⅞
Beth Steel......	......	.....	.....	468
Br Rap Trans..	600	85½	85	85
Calif Petrol....	2,100	31½	30¾	30¾
Canadian Pac..	14,700	171	166½	166½
Central Leath..	700	53⅜	53	52⅞
Ches & Ohio....	1,500	62⅝	61½	61½
Chi Grt West......	......	.....	.....	12⅝
Chi Mil & St P.	1,700	95¼	93¾	94
Chi & N W.....	400	129	128⅝	128⅝
C R I & P Ry..	1,300	19½	19	19
Chino Cop......	8,600	58⅞	57½	59
Colo Fu & Iron.	700	46	45½	45⅝
Crucible Steel...	56,300	83¾	80½	80½
D & R G pfd......	......	.....	.....	19
Dist Securities..	5,400	48¼	46½	47¼
Erie	10,200	37⅝	36⅝	36⅝
General Elect...	700	170½	170	168¼
Grt North pfd..	400	121	120¼	120¼
Gr Nor Ore ctfs.	1,000	46	45½	45⅝
Guggenheim Ex.	4,300	21⅝	21¼	21⅝
Illinois Central......	......	.....	.....	103¼
Int Cons Corp...	1,800	16⅝	16½	16½
Inspiration Cop.	6,900	46⅞	46	46¼
Int Harv N J......	......	.....	.....	110¼
K C Southern...	300	26½	26¼	26½
Lehigh Valley......	......	.....	.....	77½
Louis & Nash...	300	124¼	124	123½
Mexican Petrol.	18,600	110¼	107¼	107½
Miami Copper..	1,900	37¼	36⅝	36⅝
M K & T pfd......	......	.....	.....	14½
Missouri Pacif..	500	5⅜	5⅛	5
Nat'l Biscuit...	800	.....	.....	123
National Lead..	800	70½	69	69
Nevada Copper.	1,100	16½	16¼	16¼
N Y Central....	3,800	106½	104½	105
N Y N H & H..	1,300	69	68¼	68¼
Nor & West....	560	117¼	116¼	116
North Pacific...	1,500	113⅜	112⅝	112⅝
Pacific Mail....	200	15⅝	15½	15
Pac Tel & Tel......	......	.....	.....	36¼
Pennsylvania ..	1,300	57¼	57	57
Pull Pal Car....	300	164¼	163½	162½
Ray Cons Cop..	3,400	25⅝	25½	25½
Reading	2,200	78⅝	77⅝	77⅝
Rep Ir & Steel..	3,500	53⅞	52⅝	52⅝
Southern Pacif..	3,300	100	99½	99⅝
Southern Ry....	400	20⅞	20⅝	20⅝
Studebaker Co..	8,100	153½	149¼	150¼
Tennessee Cop..	2,200	59	58	58⅝
Texas Company.	1,600	213	209¾	210
Union Pacific...	4,500	134¼	132⅝	132⅞
do pfd	200	83⅝	83⅜	83⅜
U S Steel......	47,600	84⅛	82⅝	83
do pfd	......	.....	.....	116⅜
Utah Copper...	11,300	85¼	83⅝	83⅞
Western Union.	400	88⅝	88½	88½
Westing Elect..	10,400	67⅞	66½	66½
Montana Power.	......	.....	.....	73
General Motors.	400	480	480	480
Wabash B pfd..	2,100	27⅞	27⅝	27½
Int-Marine pfd.	43,300	68¼	66¼	67½

Total sales for the day, 600,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg..	*99¾	Northern Pac 3s.	66⅝
U S ref 2s coup.	*99¾	Pac T & T 5s..	101
U S 3s reg....	*102	Penn con 4s...	106⅝
U S 3s coupon.	*102	South Pac ref 4s	90½
U S 4s reg....	*110¼	do cv 5s.....	105⅜
U S 4s coupon.	*111	Union Pac 4s...	97¼
Am Smelts 6s.	*111	do cv 4s....	93¼
Atchison gen 4s	94⅝	U S Steel 5s....	104⅞
N Y C gen 3½s.	115	Anglo-French 5s.	94¼
Northern Pac 4s	94		

*Bid.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Mercantile paper, 3@3¼ per cent.

Sterling, 60-day bills, $4.71; demand, $4.76; cables, $4.76½.

Bar silver, 56¾c.

Mexican dollars, 43c.

Government bonds, irregular; railroad bonds, easy.

Time loans firm. Sixty days, 2½ per cent; 90 days, 2¾ per cent; six months, 2¾@3 per cent.

Call money steady. High, 2 per cent; low, 1¾ per cent; ruling rate, 1¾ per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closing bid, 1¾ per cent; offered at 2 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Sterling, 60 days, $4.71¼; demand, $4.76¼; cable, $4.76¾.

Mexican dollars, 41c.

Drafts, sight 1c, telegraph 3c.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Bar silver, 26 15-16d.

Money, 4@4½ per cent.

Discount rates, short bills and three months, 5¼ per cent.

Stocks Irregular at London.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—American securities on the stock market moved quietly and irregularly.

BETTER RUN AT YARDS

TEN LOADS OF CATTLE BROUGHT IN FROM UTAH.

All Lines Are Holding Steady—Sheep and Lambs Are Now Selling at Top Quotations.

There was a better run of stock at the North Portland yards yesterday. Among the cattle receipts were 10 cars from Utah, most of them for a Puget Sound packer. There were no changes in the day's market, which was, in general, steady.

A few loads of good hay steers were sold at $7 to $7.10 and odd lots of cows sold within the established range. The best light hogs on the market brough $8 and $8.05. Lambs and yearlings sold at top going prices.

Receipts were 377 cattle, 848 hogs and 452 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle—S. Grice, Provo, Utah, 1 car; Spanish Fork, Utah, 2 cars; Carstens Packing Company, Spanish Fork, 7 cars; Luxton Brothers, Idaho Falls, 2 cars.

With hogs—F. B. Decker, Silverton, 1 car; Langlais & Galloghy, Marion, 2 cars; J. O. Bowker, New Plymouth, 1 car; H. Sinclair, Weiser, 1 car; A. S. McPhee, Rock Quarry, 74 head by boat.

With mixed load—Robert McCrow, Goldendale, 1 car hogs and sheep; J. A. Martin, Blackfoot, 3 cars cattle, hogs; J. D. Jensen, Sugar City, 3 cars hogs and sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
3 cows ...	1030	$5.50	99 hogs ...	182	$7.90
15 steers ..	1060	7.00	3 hogs ...	243	7.30
141 hogs ...	180	7.90	1 heifer ..	990	6.00
7 hogs ...	115	6.85	1 bull	1050	4.25
19 hogs ...	250	7.00	26 lambs ..	80	9.00
30 hogs ...	180	8.05	4 yearlings	90	8.00
36 hogs ...	212	7.85	28 steers ..	1032	7.10
6 hogs ...	270	7.85	1 steer ...	800	5.25
76 hogs ...	170	8.00	25 steers ..	900	7.10
34 hogs ...	200	8.05	3 cows ...	1250	6.50
3 hogs ...	295	7.40	1 cow	1070	5.25
18 hogs ...	111	6.85	1 cow	910	5.50

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@7.00
Medium steers	6.50@6.75
Choice cows	5.50@6.75
Medium cows	4.75@5.20
Heifers	4.00@6.40
Bulls	2.50@4.50
Stags	3.00@5.25
Hogs—	
Light	7.50@8.05
Heavy	6.50@7.25
Sheep—	
Yearlings	7.00@8.00
Ewes	5.75@7.00
Lambs	7.50@9.00

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Feb. 16.—Hogs—Receipts, 16,000, higher. Heavy, $7.65@8; light, $7.70@7.90; pigs, $6.50@7.50; bulk of sales, $7.80@7.90.

Cattle—Receipts, 4800, strong. Native steers, $6.25@8.25; cows and heifers, $5.25@6.25; Western steers, $6.00@7.75; Texas steers, $5.70@6.70; stockers and feeders, $5.25@7.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000, steady. Yearlings, $8@9.65; wethers, $7.25@8; lambs, $10.40@11.00.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Hogs—Receipts, 45,000, slow, 5c to 10c above yesterday's average. Bulk, $8.05@8.30; light, $7.70@8.30; mixed, $7.90@8.35; heavy, $7.90@8.35; rough, $7.90@8.05; pigs, $6.25@7.35.

Cattle—Receipts, 15,000, firm. Native beef steers, $6.60@9.65; Western steers, $6.70@8.15; cows and heifers, $3.15@8.20; stockers and feeders, $5.60@7.25; calves, $8.50@11.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000, steady. Wethers, $7.75@8.35; lambs, $9@11.50.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Butter—Fresh extras, 32c; prime firsts, 30½c; fresh firsts, 29c.

Eggs—Fresh firsts, 21½c; pullets, 20½c.

Cheese — New, 17½c; Young Americas, 17½c.

Vegetables—Egg plant, 10@20c; turnips, 60@65c; Lima beans, 12½@15c; string beans, 12½@15c; bell peppers, 20@25c; cucumbers, $2.25@2.50.

Onions—California, $1.75@2.25.

Fruit — Lemons, $2.75@3.50; grapefruit, $1.25@1.50; oranges, $2.15@2.70; bananas, Hawaiian, 50c@$1.50; pineapples, Hawaiian, $2@3; grapefruit, $1.50@2.75.

Potatoes—Delta, $1.25@1.50; Salinas, $1.75@2; sweets, $2.40@2.50.

Receipts—Flour, 4530 quarters; barley, 4080 centals; beans, 40 sacks; potatoes, 4240 sacks; hay, 811 tons.

Airbrake Dividend Raised.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The New York Airbrake Company directors today declared a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent, placing the stock on an 8 per cent basis, as against the previous 6 per cent rate. The airbrake company is reported to have received large and profitable war contracts.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Copper firm. Electrolytic, nearby, 28.50c; later, 26.75@27.50c.

Iron steady and unchanged.

Metal Exchange quotes tin steady. Spot, 41.75@42.25c.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead 6.20c.

Spelter not quoted.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Butter, unchanged.

Eggs lower. Receipts, 4702 cases. Firsts, 21c; ordinary firsts, 20c; at mark, cases included, 19@21c.

Crude Oils Advance.

LIMA, O., Feb. 16.—Western Indiana and Illinois crude oils advanced to $1.72 a barrel today, another high record.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 16.—Linseed, cash, $2.33½@2.34; May, $2.36; July, $2.36½.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Raw sugar firm. Centrifugal, 5.02c; molasses, 4.25c. Refined, firm.

COUNTIES RULE ROADS

EXEMPTION OF CITIES MUST BE SPECIFIC, SAYS MR. BROWN.

Provision Made for Expenditure of Funds Which Remain in Treasury Until Earned.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Where city charters do not specifically exempt cities from the jurisdiction of the County Courts in road matters, the money raised in such municipalities for road improvements is to be expended by the County Courts and not by the municipal authorities, according to an opinion of Attorney-General Brown today.

After citing the road law, the Attorney-General in his opinion says:

"The language does not provide for payment by the county to the road district, or to the city in case the road district is composed of an incorporated city or town, but it provides for the expenditure of such road funds in such district by the county itself in the manner provided by the road law, the money remaining in the county treasury until the same has been earned, as provided by statute.

"In case the County Court appoints a street commissioner or other road supervisor of the municipality as road supervisor for the county or to supervise the expenditure of that portion of the county road fund apportioned to the district, consisting of an incorporated city or town, the procedure is in no wise changed. The money is not to be paid over to the city and does not become the property of the city in any respect, but remains in the county treasury and is to be paid out in the same manner as the road funds in any other district."

TROLLEY CARS TO OPERATE

Caldwell-Wilder Branch Line Will Be Electrified.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Electrification of the Oregon Short Line branch from Caldwell to Wilder, a distance of 12 miles, was assured Wednesday. The improvement will be financed by the business men of Caldwell and farmers along the line through a bond issue of $25,000. Subscriptions for bonds exceeded the amount asked for.

The branch has been leased by the Caldwell Traction Company, and will be operated in connection with the company's present system. Officials of the company declare that the line will be in operation within 30 days after the arrival of material necessary for the electrification.

1155 REGISTER IN COOS

Many Re-sign Books Because of Error in Giving Party Affiliations.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—With a month and a half of the registration period passed, there are only 1155 electors registered in Coos County and interest is low.

Because many people were registering in such a manner they would be unable to vote at the primaries, quite a few have registered a second time and have stayed by party lines. Many were styling themselves Progressive-Republicans or Independent-Republicans.

Grant County Valuation $6,706,315.

CANYON CITY, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The assessed valuation of Grant County for 1915 is $6,706,315.48. The amount of taxes to be collected is $124,731.17. There are 21 road districts in the county and the road taxes total $32,119.05. There are 49 school districts which will bring in $29,283.05.

NEEDS ARE URGENT

England Takes Steps to Secure Supplies of Wheat.

SEABOARD BUYING HEAVY

Chicago Market Advances 2 Cents on Strong Foreign Demand. Stocks of Grain at Liverpool Are Insufficient.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Wheat prices bulged to a considerable extent today, influenced largely by talk of urgent need for supplies in Great Britain. The market, although somewhat unsettled at the close, finished 1½@1⅝c to 2c net higher, with May at $1.30½ and July at $1.23½. Other leading staples, too, all scored gains—corn 1⅛@1¼c, oats ⅜c to ½@⅝c, and provisions 17½c to 25c.

Assertions that the British government was buying wheat at the seaboard did a good deal to force the trade to notice rumors of authority having been granted to British officials to take drastic measures to insure more adequate supplies. According to dispatches from Liverpool, the stock of wheat there was insufficient. The effect of such bullish advices was little offset by New York reports just before the close that big clearances were expected, as 14 steamers for Europe were to take grain out within the next four days.

Many unfavorable crop reports that were received from the Southwest and the Central West formed a handicap on the bears in wheat.

Corn advanced mainly as a result of receipts being smaller than expected.

Oats derived their firmness principally from the strength of other grain.

Higher prices on hogs and cereals carried provisions upgrade.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$1.28¾	$1.30⅝	$1.28¾	$1.30½
July	1.22	1.23⅝	1.22	1.23½
CORN.				
May	.78½	.79⅝	.78¼	.79⅞
July	.78	.79⅛	.77⅞	.79
OATS.				
May	.48⅝	.49½	.48½	.49¼
July	.46¼	.46⅞	.46¼	.46⅝
MESS PORK.				
May	20.70	20.97	20.70	20.95
July	20.75	21.00	20.75	20.97
LARD.				
May	10.20	10.45	10.20	10.40
July	10.57	10.60	10.55	10.60
SHORT RIBS.				
May	11.47	11.62	11.47	11.62
July	11.55	11.75	11.55	11.72

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.31¼@1.31½; No. 3 red, $1.25@1.29; No. 2 hard, $1.29@1.30¾; No. 3 hard, $1.25¼@1.30.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, 72½@73½c; No. 4 white, 72½@73½c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 47¼@48c; standard, 49@50¼c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.02.

Barley—65@78c.

Timothy—$5.50@8.

Clover—$10@15.50.

Primary receipts—Wheat, 1,308,000 vs. 902,000 bushels; corn, 1,888,000 vs. 971,000 bushels; oats, 1,169,000 vs. 1,170,000 bushels.

Shipments—Wheat, 858,000 vs. 736,000 bushels; corn, 664,000 vs. 970,000 bushels; oats, 750,000 vs. 1,161,000 bushels.

Clearances—Wheat, 784,000 bushels; corn, 17,000 bushels; oats, 140,000 bushels; flour, 10,000 barrels.

Foreign Grain Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 16.—Cash wheat, ½d higher. Corn, unchanged.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 16.—Wheat, ½ higher. Corn, ½ higher.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Cargoes on passage, 6d higher.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 16.—Wheat—May, $1.29 to $1.29⅛; July, $1.27⅛. Cash, No. 1 hard, $1.36½; No. 1 Northern, $1.30@1.34; No. 2 Northern, $1.26@1.31.

Barley, 65@78c.

Flax, $2.35@2.39.

Kansas City Wheat.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—Cash wheat, strong, 1½c higher.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCMO, Feb. 16.—Spot quotations: Walla, $1.75@1.77½; red Russian, $1.75@1.77½; Turkey red, $1.87½@1.90; bluestem, $1.90@1.95.

Barley—Feed, $1.32½@1.35; brewing, $1.40@1.42½.

Oats, white, $1.45@1.50.

Millfeed: Bran, $24.50@25.50; middlings, $30@31; shorts, $25.50@26.

Call board: Barley, May, $1.34¾; December, $1.35 asked.

Puget Sound Grain Markets.

SEATTLE, Feb. 16.—Wheat, bluestem, $1.10; Turkey red, $1.09; forty-fold, 98½c; club, 98c; fife, 99c; red Russian, 97c. Barley, $28.50 per ton. Yesterday's car receipts: Wheat 4, oats 1, barley 1, corn 4, hay 2, flour 4.

TACOMA, Feb. 16.—Wheat, bluestem, $1.09@1.10; forty-fold, 98@99c; club and red fife, 97c. Car receipts: Wheat 7, corn 2, hay 4.

RAILWAY HEARING SET

RULES GOVERNING CLEARANCES TO BE DISCUSSED MARCH 15.

Topic Taken Up on Motion of State Commisson and Copy of Tentative Regulations Provided.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The Oregon Public Service Commission today notified all railroads and street railways operating in the state of Oregon that it would hold a general investigation of the rules governing side and overhead clearances on Oregon railways.

The hearing will be at the State Capitol March 15. More than 20 lines are affected by the commission's order.

The decision to investigate conditions on all roads is the result of the Commission's inquiry on its own motion of the regulations as to clearances now existing on state lines.

For the consideration of the railroads prior to the hearing, the Commission has forwarded to each one a copy of tentative general regulations governing minimum side and overhead clearances.

In brief they are: Between top of platform or running board of the highest freight car or load on freight car and any overhead structure, clearance six feet, six inches.

Between side of widest freight car and any permanent obstruction, not less than 30 inches.

Between parallel lines of track distance shall be sufficient to provide clearance between sides of widest cars or locomotives of not less than 30 inches.

Certain exceptions will be permitted as to clearances in tunnels and on bridges.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. S. Bond, of Riddle, is at the Imperial.

J. G. Baddige, of Astoria, is at the Eaton.

L. D. Pitts, of Weed, Cal., is at the Eaton.

F. S. Ward, of Salem, is at the Cornelius.

W. E. Lowell, of Corvallis, is at the Oregon.

Frank Albright, of Salem, is at the Perkins.

N. Van Meer, of Salem, is at the Perkins.

Fred Miller, of Roseburg, is at the Seward en route to Salem to take charge of the Marion Hotel.

R. M. Bett, of Cornucopia, is at the Portland.

Max Mayfield, of Boise, is at the Portland.

E. L. Givens, of Marshfield, is at the Imperial.

G. A. Codding, of Medford, is at the Oregon.

E. S. McCord, of Seattle, is registered at the Portland.

N. Krites, of Eugene, is registered at the Perkins.

C. A. Fuller, of Canby, is registered at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lokan, of Astoria, are at the Eaton.

H. H. Tinker, of Long Beach, Wash., is at the Seward.

C. S. Meston, of Tacoma, is registered at the Nortonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bourne, of Rainier, are at the Cornelius.

J. C. York, of Newberg, is registered at the Imperial.

T. C. Lacy, of Enterprise, is registered at the Perkins.

W. M. Bickford, of Missoula, is registered at the Portland.

V. R. Dennis, of McMinnville, is registered at the Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bailey, of Walla Walla, are at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hannon, of Roseburg, are at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Frank, of Sacramento, are at the Eaton.

L. R. Traver, of Seattle, registered yesterday at the Nortonia.

Morris Johnson is at the Nortonia from White Salmon, Wash.

Charles F. Kleinschmidt, of Baker, is registered at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Jonnson, of Eugene, are at he Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Coleman, of St. Paul, Or., are at the Nortonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Proctor, Jr., of Bay City, are registered at the Seward.

LOGGING ENGINES BURN

POLSON PLANT NEAR HOQUIAM DAMAGED TO EXTENT OF $20,000.

Explosion Starts Fire in Roundhouse, Destroying Building and Two New Locomotives.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Started by an explosion in the firebox of a locomotive, the roundhouse at the railroad camp of the Polson Logging Company, ten miles north of Hoquiam, was destroyed by fire this morning. Two locomotives were burned. The loss is believed to be about $20,000. The Polson Company uses oil-burning locomotives on its logging railroad. This morning when the fire was started on one of the engines standing in the roundhouse an explosion followed almost immediately. The oil dripping in the pit under the engines ignited and a sheet of flame enveloped the locomotive and, before water from the camp plant could be turned on the flames, the whole building was doomed.

Four of the locomotives in the roundhouse were got out of the burning building, but the one where the fire started and another, both new engines, could not be saved. The men at the camp were able to confine the fire to the roundhouse. Nobody was injured by the explosion or fire.

Date of Erection Found on Pioneer Oregon City Hotel.

Inscription on Board of Cliff House Shows It Was Built in 1852.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The date of the erection of the pioneer Cliff House—a puzzle which could not be answered by the closest students of early history of Oregon City—was learned today, when William Cassedy, a laborer, ripped a board from a door casing of the building and revealed written on the under side of the board the following inscription: "H. Emery, Oregon City, house carpenter; built 1852. G. Abernathy, owner of the house."

The Cliff House, now being destroyed to make room for the $750,000 addition to the Hawley mill, played an important part in the early history of Oregon City at a time when this city was the social and industrial center of the district.

The hotel was built of cedar, evidently brought to Oregon around Cape Horn. Many of the planks are 18 inches across and an inch thick. The laths used in the building were cut from native woods by hand.

Part of the second story of the building was papered, copies of The Oregonian, printed in the '50s, being used under the outside coat of paper. Carpenters tearing down the structure pause in their work to read the news of half a century ago.

G. G. Faulkner has charge of removing the building. He found a wedding ring between the partitions on the second floor. He is keeping the cedar board on which the carpenter marked the date of construction of the hotel. A large number of empty liquor bottle were found under the floor of the building.

KLAMATH SPELLERS READY

County Schools Prepare to Compete for Prizes.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—With the Klamath County spelling contests due to start in a short time, there is great preparation being made in the schools. Several inter-class and inter-school contests have already been held. Superintendent Peterson has divided the county into 12 districts.

Local contests in the various districts will begin not later than March 7, and the finals for the county championship will be held in Klamath Falls on March 24. Each school will be allowed a maximum of three contestants in each local contest. Each one of the 12 spelling districts will be allowed two contestants in the county contest. One hundred words in each test will be written, the remainder will be oral.

A number of valuable prizes have been offered.

TWO IN GRANT BUY LIQUOR

Express Company and Druggists File Affidavit With County.

CANYON CITY, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—According to affidavits filed with the County Clerk of Grant County by the American Express Company, only two shipments of liquor have been sent into the county since the prohibition law went into effect. Eleven druggists' affidavits were filed up to February 10.

Numerous complaints of thefts have reached the District Attorney's office from different sections of the county, and District Attorney Cozad is carrying on an investigation.

Rev. C. E. Cline to Talk at Stayton.

STAYTON, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Rev. C. E. Cline, the well-known Civil War veteran of Portland, will be in this city next Sunday and will deliver his famous lecture on "Abraham Lincoln," in the Methodist Church in the evening. The Mayor, the editors of the two newspapers and the principal of the public schools will be invited to sit on the platform during the patriotic service. Mr. Cline will preach for Rev. Mr. Lockhart at the morning service.

FACTS

Wireless telegraphy, airships, telephones, railways, etc., etc., are intensified methods of transportation, and in their use are more or less diminished in comparison to the great public highways of our country upon which the masses must depend for their mode of transportation and over which must be transformed from the fields food and clothing to the teeming millions of the world. Hence, it is obligatory that our roads should be commensurate with their importance which is equal to declaring they should be hard-surfaced with

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 16.—Maximum temperature, 56 degrees; minimum temperature, 43 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 12.8 feet. Change in last 24 hours, 1.5 feet fall. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), none. Total rainfall since September 1, 1915, 35.52 inches. Normal rainfall since September 1, 29.31 inches. Excess of rainfall since September 1, 1915, 6.21 inches. Total sunshine, 3 hours 59 minutes. Possible sunshine, 10 hours 24 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) 5 P. M., 30.25 inches. Relative humidity, 2 P. M., 75 degrees.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp.	Precipitation last 24 hours.	Wind Velocity...	Wind Direction...	State of Weather.
Baker	44	0.00	..	S	Pt. cloudy
Boise	48	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Boston	34	0.00	10	SW	Cloudy
Calgary	30	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Chicago	48	0.00	16	W	Clear
Denver	61	0.00	..	NE	Clear
Des Moines	50	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Eureka	58	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Galveston	66	0.00	..	S	Clear
Helena	52	0.00	..	SW	Pt. cloudy
Jacksonville	60	0.00	10	SE	Clear
Kansas City	62	0.00	..	W	Clear
Los Angeles	82	0.00	..	W	Clear
Marshfield	70	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Medford	66	0.00	..	N	Clear
Minneapolis	42	0.00	..	NW	Cloudy
Montreal	20	0.12	12	SW	Snow
New Orleans	66	0.00	..	SW	Clear
New York	34	0.00	18	SW	Cloudy
North Head	50	0.08	12	N	Pt. cloudy
North Yakima	56	0.01	..	N	Clear
Phoenix	82	0.00	..	W	Clear
Pocatello	44	0.00	..	W	Pt. cloudy
Portland	56	0.00	..	NW	Cloudy
Roseburg	60	0.00	..	NW	Pt. cloudy
Sacramento	64	0.00	..	SE	Clear
St. Louis	60	0.00	..	SW	Clear
Salt Lake	46	0.00	..	NW	Clear
San Francisco	72	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Seattle	52	0.20	..	N	Cloudy
Spokane	50	0.00	..	NW	Cloudy
Tacoma	54	0.22	..	N	Cloudy
Tatoosh Island	46	0.70	24	NE	Clear
Walla Walla	40	0.00	..	SE	Clear
Washington	42	0.00	..	S	Cloudy
Winnipeg	42	0.10	..	..	Cloudy

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The high pressure area over the Great Salt Lake Basin continues to remain nearly stationary and at the same time its intensity is diminishing. A small depression is passing down the St. Lawrence Valley. During the last 24 hours light rain has fallen in extreme Northwestern Oregon, Washington and extreme Western Montana, while elsewhere in the United States fair weather has prevailed. It is warmer in the Mississippi Valley and the temperatures are above normal on the Pacific slope and below normal in the South Atlantic and East Gulf states.

Conditions are favorable for generally fair weather in this district Thursday.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Probably fair; winds mostly northerly.

Oregon and Washington—Probably fair; northeasterly winds.

Idaho—Fair.

E. A. BEALS,
Forecaster.

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