COFFEE RISE IS DUE

All American Markets in Strong Position.

HIGH FREIGHTS ARE CAUSE

Rates From Brazil Have Trebled. Shortage of Certain Grades Adds to Strength of Prices—One Cent Advance Expected.

Partly due to the fact that ocean freight rates have trebled and the further shortages in certain grades, all coffees have advanced of late. Rio No. 7 has gone up to 1⅛ cents in the last four or five weeks, with other coffees following in its wake, and the market generally is considered extremely firm. As the present season is practically over, it is only by paying premiums that desirable coffees, particularly in Santos, can be obtained, and this situation cannot possibly be relieved until new-crop coffees appear, which will not be until around September at the earliest.

As to what are known as milds, some few of these were contracted for early in the season at prices far below today's market, but what is still left in the country of production or held in the United States by commission men, is being held very firm. No concessions whatever are made and, in fact, no replies made to offers cabled.

Coffee is one of the last commodities to feel the effect of the advance in ocean freight rates, which in itself will be ample to advance the market a full cent above its present price.

New High Records at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—There was a less active demand in the market for coffee futures here today, while there appeared to be more disposition to take profits after the recent sharp advances, and prices eased off in consequence. The opening was at a decline of 6 to 11 points in response to less favorable cables from Brazil, but there was a good demand around the initial prices and the market rallied to about last night's closing figures during the early trading, with May selling at 8.12c and December at 8.36c, or into new high ground for the season. Offerings increased around these figures and the market later eased off with May selling down to 8 cents and December to 8.26c. Closing prices were 9 to 15 points net lower. Sales, 57,000 bales. February, 7.83c; March, 7.88c; April, 7.92c; May, 7.97c; June, 8.01c; July, 8.06c; August, 8.11c; September, 8.16c; October, 8.19c; November, 8.22c; December, 8.25c; January, 8.28c.

Spot coffee, steady; Rio 7s, 9¼c; Santos 4s, 10¾c. A fair business was reported in the spot market here, but the cost and freight situation was still unsettled and it seemed difficult to obtain representative quotations.

The official cable reported a decline of 5-32d in the rate of Rio exchange on London, with the Rio market 50 reis lower and Santos unchanged. Santos reported a clearance of 28,000 bags for New York.

GOODS MARKET WAS NEVER STRONGER

Prices in Some Cases Sixty Cents Over Year Ago.

The exceedingly strong and active position of the goods market is held by wool men to insure the maintenance of high wool prices throughout the season. Commenting on the goods situation, the Boston Commercial Bulletin says:

"The situation in the goods market is probably unparalleled in the history of the trade. Certainly only the oldest men in the trade can remember any situation similar to that now obtaining and it is doubtful if even then the conditions were comparable with those now obtaining. The conviction is steadily being forced upon the trade that stocks of goods on the shelves of clothing men and manufacturers are exceedingly light and the domestic demand for cloth is exceedingly heavy.

"Some manufacturers are said to have found themselves in the position of being able to sell the production of their mills considerably beyond the possibilities of production, and this fact has had no tendency to lessen their confidence in the situation and prices which which have been advanced in some cases as much as 60 cents per yard over the prices prevailing a year ago seem to deter buyers hardly at all.

"Yarn manufacturers and wool combers report a decidedly strong market for their products and prices are steadily rising, advances of two or three cents a pound demanded from the weavers meeting with only perfunctory objection if indeed any at all. Deliveries are the cry with most of the buyers of yarns and tops and the call for shipments is urgent."

LOWER PRICES BID FOR WHEAT.

Market Slower and Easier In View of Decline at Chicago.

Prices in the wheat market underwent something of a setback yesterday, as a consequence of the break at Chicago. The demand in the country was less pronounced and business at all points was on a limited scale. At the Merchants Exchange bids averaged about a cent lower.

The coarse grains were quiet, but in both barley and oats the undertone was steady.

Argentine wheat shipments this week are estimated at 2,400,000 bushels.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland, Thur.	14	....	11	1	7
Year ago	30	19	5	21	11
Season to date	9104	1217	1188	818	1628
Year ago	12917	1822	1626	1649	1509
Tacoma, Wed.	2	....	....	....	12
Year ago	40	5	....	16	5
Season to date	5763	487	....	252	1702
Year ago	7912	448	....	508	2478
Seattle, Wed.	11	1	9	2	22
Year ago	6	1	3	5	7
Season to date	6563	1072	1588	739	2050
Year ago	6265	893	1677	959	2433

FIRST ASPARAGUS ON FRONT STREET

Initial Shipment From California Sells at 45 Cents Pound.

Two boxes of California asparagus, the first of the season, arrived from San Francisco yesterday. They sold at 45 cents a pound. Walla Walla spinach, of fine quality, also made its appearance, and was put on sale at $1.50 a box.

Special prices have been named for a few days on large sizes of oranges, $2 for 64s to 80s and $2.25 for 90s to 100s, fancy grades, with choice grades a quarter under these prices. The movement is good. Apples are also selling freely. Stocks of cheap apples are closely cleaned up.

HOPGROWERS ARE HOLDING FIRM

Steady Demand in This State, Washington and California.

The hop market continues firm with growers making no effort to press sales, and most buyers supplied with orders.

The F. S. Johnson Company bought three lots at Butteville yesterday, aggregating 90 bales, at 11 cents. McNeff Bros. purchased the Beaulier crop of 160 bales of Yakimas.

A California wire reported the purchase by Flint of 500 bales of Butte County hops from Fraser, Hailey & Waltz. Three hundred bales of Del Paso olds also changed hands.

DEMAND FOR EGGS NOT SO KEEN

Butter Market Is Weak, With Free Offerings—Dressed Meats Drag.

There was still a little outside demand for eggs yesterday, but the buying was not as keen as on the two preceding days, and the market was barely steady. Sales were reported on the street at 27½ and 28 cents, case count.

Butter was weak, with freer offerings and no shipping outlet. The old prices are still quoted.

Country dressed meats dragged. Pork arrivals were not heavy, but dealers found it difficult to clean up, even at shaded prices. The demand for veal was also far under the supply and lower prices were quoted.

The poultry supply was moderate, and the market was about steady at a lower range for hens.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,803,211	$161,091
Seattle	1,938,879	212,402
Tacoma	332,475	27,531
Spokane	809,929	67,893

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session, February delivery.

	Bid.	Ask.	Bid Yr. ago.
Wheat—			
Bluestem	$1.08	$1.11	$1.54½
Fortyfold	.98	1.01	1.53
Club	.96	.99	1.52½
Red fife	.97	......	1.47½
Red Russian	.97	......	1.42
Oats—			
No. 1 white, feed	26.00	27.50	34.50
Barley—			
No. 1 feed	29.00	......	29.00
Brewing	30.50	......	......
Millfeed—			
Bran	21.00	24.00	26.50
Shorts	23.50	26.00	27.50

Futures—	Bid.	Ask.
March bluestem	$1.09	$1.11
April bluestem	1.09	1.14
March fortyfold	.98½	1.01
April fortyfold	.99	......
March club	.97	1.00
April club	.97	......
March fife	.97	......
April fife	.97	......
March Russian	.97	......
April Russian	.97	......
March oats	26.50	27.50
April oats	26.50	28.00
March feed barley	29.50	......
April feed barley	29.50	......
March brewing barley	31.00	......
March bran	21.50	24.00
April bran	21.50	23.00
March shorts	23.50	26.00
April shorts	23.50	27.00

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@1.50 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, $1.65@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@1.35; Stayman, choice, $1.25@1.35.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Jobbing prices: Oregon ranch, candled, 29@30c per dozen; uncandled, 27@28c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 14@15c; 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, 10c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 9½@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, 14@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, 6¾c; 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, 8½@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@12c 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, 13c; 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, 15½c; 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.

WINTER WHEAT IS UNHARMED

Fears of Winona Farmers Groundless and Season Early.

WINONA, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The warm weather has shown that Winter wheat in this section of the country is practically uninjured, declare farmers who have been examining the crop. A strong wind in January left much of the wheat exposed and the opinion was that a large part of it was killed. As seed wheat is high and scarce, there was general alarm over the situation.

The frost is coming out of the fields fast and the wheat getting green. If the warm weather continues a few days more, farmers will be working in the fields, which is not common so early in the season.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Copper, firm; electrolytic, near-by, 28.50c; June and later, 26.75@27.50c.

Iron, steady and unchanged.

Metal Exchange quotes tin strong; spot, 41.50@42.25c.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead firm; spot, 6.27½c bid.

Spelter, not quoted.

At London, £32; spelter, £102.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Butter—Unchanged.

Eggs—Higher; receipts, 1999 cases; firsts, 21@21½c; ordinary firsts, 20@20½c; at mark, cases included, 19@21c.

Dried Fruits at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Evaporated apples, dull and nominal. Prunes, quiet but steady. Peaches, dull.

DROPS NOT SEVERE

Stock Market Better Able to Resist Pressure.

SHORT INTEREST CAUTIOUS

Speculation Held in Check, Owing to Uncertainties Arising From International Situation—Outside Demand Is Small.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The uncertainties arising from the international situation were again utilized today to impair quoted values, but declines were less severe than in the sessions immediately preceding.

The financial district was agog with many conflicting rumors growing out of the Lusitania affair, and conditions in Mexico also served further to depress specific issues. Trading was lighter and more narrow in its scope than at any recent period, with frequent intervals of absolute inertia. The short interest evidently hesitated to pursue its advantage and at times the list bore unmistakable signs of an oversold condition. On the other hand, there was a further absence of substantial support in standard issues, and outside of investment demand seemed at a low ebb.

Opening prices were mainly at lower levels, followed by variable, inconclusive rallies. Canadian Pacific's recovery of 2⅜ points from yesterday's final quotation imparted some steadiness, and the relative strength of Crucible Steel, American Can and a few other issues comprising the munitions group also was helpful. Advances in these stocks were neutralized, however, by the recurrent weakness of Petroleums, coppers, sugars, United Fruit and various unclassified shares. Apart from Canadian Pacific and Norfolk & Western rails were without material change with a minimum of offerings.

During the mid-session, the market was apathetic to an unusual degree, except for a sudden spurt in Mercantile Marines at substantial advances.

In the final hour, Butte & Superior and American Zinc offered some diversion by their activity at higher levels, while specialties manifested greater irregularity. The net result was negligible, minor gains in representative shares scarcely offsetting losses elsewhere. Total sales of stocks amounted to 467,000 shares.

Among the day's favorable developments was an increase in the National Lead common dividend to the 4 per cent basis, together with advances in prices of baser metals, while industrial companies continued to submit excellent statements of earnings for the past year.

In the bond division, speculative issues were under moderate pressure, while seasoned issues were firm. Total sales of bonds, par value, were $3,930,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold	500	23	22½	22½
Allis-Chalmers	800	30¾	30	30¼
Am Beet Sugar	4,100	70¼	69¼	69½
American Can	5,400	62½	61⅜	61½
American Loco	1,400	65¾	65	65
Am Sm & Refg	9,000	100⅜	99¼	100¼
do pfd	200	112½	112	112½
Am Sug Refg	......	......	......	112½
Am Tel & Tel	300	127¾	127½	127½
American Tob	600	192½	190	190½
Anaconda Cop	26,100	89¾	88⅛	89
Atchison	400	103	102¾	102¾
Baldwin Loco	20,200	112	108⅜	108⅜
Balt & Ohio	1,300	86¾	86½	86½
Beth Steel	......	......	......	368¾
Br Rap Trans	600	86	85	85¼
Calif Petrol	1,300	31	30¼	30⅜
Canadian Pacif	4,900	168⅝	166½	168
Central Leath	800	53⅜	53	53¼
Ches & Ohio	3,500	62	61	62
Chi Grt West	......	......	......	12⅜
C M & St P	600	94¾	94⅜	94¼
Chi & N W	300	128½	128	129
C R I & P Ry	2,200	19	18⅜	18¾
Chino Copper	6,100	57⅝	56⅝	57⅛
Colo Fu & Iron	2,700	45¾	44⅝	44⅞
Crucible Steel	35,800	82¾	79½	80¼
D & R G pfd	......	......	......	19
Distillers' Secur	2,100	47⅛	47	47
Erie	3,300	37	36½	36¾
General Elect	......	......	......	169
Grt North pfd	500	120¾	120½	120½
Gr Nor Ore ctfs	2,300	45½	45¼	45¼
Guggenheim Ex	400	21¾	21½	21¾
Illinois Central	......	......	......	102¾
Int Cons Corp	1,700	17	16½	16¾
Inspiration Cop	7,900	46¼	45⅝	46
Int Harv, N J	400	110¼	110¼	110¼
K C Southern	400	26⅜	26	26⅛
Lehigh Valley	900	77½	76¾	76¾
Louis & Nash	300	124⅝	123½	122
Mexican Petrol	13,300	107¼	105⅝	106
Miami Copper	2,400	36¾	36½	36⅝
M K & T pfd	......	......	......	14⅛
Missouri Pacif	500	5	4⅜	4⅝
Nat'l Lead	1,900	69	68¼	68⅞
Nevada Copper	600	16⅜	16¼	16⅛
N Y Central	2,800	105⅜	105	105⅛
N Y N H & H	800	68	67⅞	67⅝
Nor & Western	1,300	117½	116½	116½
Northern Pacif	700	113	112½	112⅝
Pacific Mail	1,000	16½	15⅝	16¼
Pac Tel & Tel	......	......	......	36⅛
Pennsylvania	2,300	57¼	56⅝	56⅝
Pull Pal Car	......	......	......	162¼
Ray Cons Cop	3,700	25¼	24⅞	24⅞
Reading	2,800	77⅞	77	77⅛
Rep Ir & Steel	2,300	52⅞	52½	52⅛
Southern Pacif	5,700	99⅝	99	99½
Southern Ry	300	20⅝	20½	20⅛
Studebaker Co	10,700	151½	148¾	148¼
Tennessee Cop	2,800	58⅝	57½	57½
Texas Co	200	210	206½	207
Union Pacific	2,300	133⅜	132¼	133¼
do pfd	700	83¼	82⅝	82¾
U S Steel	54,100	83⅞	82¼	82⅝
do pfd	......	......	......	116⅝
Utah Copper	12,700	84⅝	83½	84¼
Western Union	600	89	88⅝	88½
Westing Elect	6,400	66¾	66	66
Montana Power	......	......	......	71¼
General Motors	......	......	......	455
Wabash B pfd	1,100	27⅛	26⅝	26⅝
Int-Marine pfd	48,300	70⅝	67	67½

Total sales for the day, 467,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	*99¾	Northern Pac 3s	66¼
U S ref 2s coup	*99¾	Pac T & T 5s	*101
U S 3s reg	*102	Penn con 4s	106¼
U S 3s coupon	*102	South Pac ref 4s	90⅜
U S 4s reg	*110¼	do cv 5s	105¼
U S 4s coup	*111	Union Pac 4s	97⅜
Am Smelts 6s	111½	do cv 4s	93⅜
Atchison gen 4s	94⅝	U S Steel 5s	104⅛
N Y C gen 3½s	114½	Anglo-French 5s	94⅜
Northern Pac 4s	94		

*Bid.

Boston Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	71	North Butte	29¼
Am Z. L & Sm.	78½	Old Dom	69½
Ariz Com	9⅞	Osceola	92
Calumet & Ariz	73½	Quincy	94½
Cal & Hecla	572	Shannon	11
Centennial	16⅞	Superior	20
Cop Rge Con	65	Sup & Bos Min.	3½
East Butte Cop.	74½	Tamarack	50
Franklin	9⅝	U S Sm, R & M	61⅛
Granby Con	93	do pfd	50¾
Greene Can	47	Utah Con	14⅞
Isle Royal Cop	28½	Winona	4½
Kerr Lake	4⅞	Wolverine	66
Mohawk	93½	Butte & Sup	92
Nipissing Mines	6¾		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Mercantile paper, 3@3¾ per cent.

Sterling—60-day bills, $4.70¾; demand, $4.76; cables, $4.76 9-16.

Bar silver, 56⅝c. Mexican dollars, 43c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

Time loans—Steady; 60 and 90 days, 2½@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, offered at 2 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Sterling—60 days, $4.71¾; demand, $4.76¼; cable, $4.76⅝. Mexican dollars, 41c.

Drafts—Sight, 1c; telegraph, 3c.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Bar silver, 26⅝d per ounce. Money, 4@4¼ per cent.

Discount rates—Short bills and three months, 5¼ per cent.

Lead Dividend Increased.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The National Lead Company today declared a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent on its common stock, placing that issue on a 4 per cent basis as against the 3 per cent rate of recent years.

Stocks Sag at London.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—American securities on the stock market sagged under the lead of Canadian Pacific, which was affected by the tax proposals.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 17.—Linseed, cash, $2.32½; May, $2.34½; July, $2.34.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Spot cotton, quiet; middling uplands, 11.60c. No sales.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Raw sugar—Firm; centrifugal, 5.02c; molasses, 4.25c. Refined, firm.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 17.—Turpentine—Nothing doing; last sale February 15 at 53c; sales, none; receipts, 82 barrels; shipments, 11 barrels; stock, 10,838 barrels.

Rosin—Steady; sales, 712 barrels; receipts, 989 barrels; shipments, 1660 barrels; stock, 55,150 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, $5.20; H, I, $5.25; K, $5.85; M, $6.20; N, $6.75; WG, $7.20; WW, $7.50.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Butter—Fresh extras, 32c; prime firsts, 30½c; fresh firsts, 29c.

Eggs—Fresh firsts, 21½c; pullets, 19c.

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@2.25.

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, 5780 quarters; barley, 8140 centals; potatoes, 9830 sacks; beans, 1020 sacks; hay, 355 tons.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Hops, steady.

YARD TRADE IS LIMITED

VALUES ARE UNCHANGED AT NORTH PORTLAND.

Few Head of Fancy Valley Steers Taken at $8—Top of Hog Market Now $8.05.

Business was limited at the stockyards yesterday. Only four loads of hogs and a few head of cattle were received. Four head of strictly fancy Valley steers were sold at $8, but the general level of the cattle market was unchanged. Hogs did not sell over $8, and the top quotation now is placed at $8.05.

Receipts were 435 hogs and four cattle. Shippers were:

With hogs—Arlington Lumber Company, Condon; E. H. Hildebrand, Condon, and J. J. Marcus, Heppner, one car each.

With mixed load—C. W. Edwards, Corvallis, one car cattle and hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price		Wt.	Price
7 steers	991	$6.65	1 cow	1130	$5.75
4 steers	1175	8.00	3 cows	1105	6.40
9 steers	843	4.85	1 heifer	550	4.85
4 steers	839	4.45	24 hogs	246	7.85
3 cows	993	4.00	6 hogs	195	8.00

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@7.05
Sheep—	
Yearlings	7.00@8.00
Ewes	5.75@7.00
Lambs	7.50@9.00

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 18,400; higher; heavy, $8@8.15; light, $7.90@8.05; pigs, $6.75@7.75; bulk of sales, $7.90@8.05.

Cattle—Receipts, 4200; steady; native steers, $6.25@8.75; cows and heifers, $5.25@6.25; Western steers, $6@7.75; Texas steers, $5.70@6.70; stockers and feeders, $5.25@7.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 6500; steady; yearlings, $8@9.65; wethers, $7.25@8; lambs, $10.40@11.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 33,000; strong, 5c to 10c above yesterday's average; bulk, $8.15@8.35; light, $7.80@8.40; mixed, $8.05@8.45; heavy, $8.05@8.50; rough, $8.05@8.15; pigs, $6.25@7.40.

Cattle—Receipts, 5000; steady; native beef steers, $9.60@9.65; Western steers, $6@8.15; stockers and feeders, $5.60@7.25; cows and heifers, $3.15@8.25; calves, $8.50@11.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 13,000; steady; wethers, $7.75@8.30; ewes, $5.50@8.25; lambs, $9@11.35.

Genesee Ships Two Cars of Hogs.

GENESEE, Idaho, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Farmers' Union Warehouse Company shipped two carloads of hogs from here to the Empire Packing Company, of Spokane, yesterday. It paid the farmers $7.25 for this shipment.

PROJECT OFFER IS MADE

Owners Propose to Take Control of Lower Klamath Lake System.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—According to the sentiment expressed at a meeting of marsh land owners of Siskiyou County, California, who met yesterday at Dorris, Cal., if the Federal Government will give the owners around the Lower Klamath Lake permanent control of the intake gates in the Straits at the Southern Pacific embankment, where the railway crosses Klamath Straits, by means of which the flow of water into the Lower Lake can be regulated, the marsh land owners are willing to sign up to reimburse the Government all money it has thus far spent in investigations and experiments in connection with the project.

Project Manager J. G. Camp, of the Klamath project of this city attended the meeting.

ROAD FUND BILL OPPOSED

Baker Commercial Club to Seek Defeat of Taylor Measure.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Baker Commercial Club will oppose the Taylor road fund bill. This was decided today at the weekly club luncheon, which was held at the Geiser-Grand Hotel. A committee composed of Walter E. Meacham, secretary; Ephriam Barnes, Minam Forest Supervisor, and W. C. Calder, a prominent timber man, reported that after an exhaustive investigation they were convinced that the passage of the bill would cut down the county's receipts by 65 per cent.

The club directors were authorized to write to the Oregon Representatives in Congress, requesting them to oppose the bill.

Genesee Society in New Home.

GENESEE, Idaho, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The clubrooms which have been leased by the Columbian Society from the Vollmer interests have been completed and the society has moved into its new quarters. The newly elected officers are: George Ebel, president; Edwin Smolt, vice-president; C. P. Whalen, secretary and treasurer; A. Murphy, Joseph N. Hasfurther, John Broemmeling, H. J. Bielenberg, George Graham and John Cunningham, trustees.

Deer Caught in Columbia Ice Jam.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—A deer with a magnificent head of horns was seen Tuesday floating down the Columbia River. Frank Rice, of East Wenatchee, saw it pass under the Columbia River bridge and lodge in the ice jam, caught by its horns. It disappeared under the ice.

Washouts Delay Pasco Trains.

PASCO, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—On account of washouts between Pasco and Spokane on the Northern Pacific railway, all trains from the east were between 12 and 15 hours late yesterday. The trains are being routed over the S., P. & S. tracks, as the Northern Pacific line to Spokane is not yet open.

Union High School Proposed.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—To ascertain the sentiment in regard to a union high school from the consolidation of four schools in the vicinity of Green, five miles south of Roseburg, a mass meeting of school patrons will be held there Saturday.

BEARS IN CONTROL

Argentine Situation Affects Wheat at Chicago.

PRICES OFF AT CLOSE

Larger Shipments From Australia Are Also Predicted—France and Italy Arrange Transportation for South American Grain.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Estimates that Argentine receipts had trebled in volume, as compared with a week ago, gave control of the wheat market today to the bears. Prices closed heavy, ⅝c to 1¼c net lower, with May at $1.29¾ and July, $1.22¾. Other speculative articles, too, showed a setback—corn ⅜c and ⅜@⅝c, oats ⅜c to 1⅛@1¼c and provisions 12½c and 25c.

Reports of big shipments of wheat from Argentina were accompanied by advices that Australian shipments would also be substantially enlarged. The effect was to wipe out speedily all trace of an advance which has taken place here in the first part of the session and to send the market later almost uninterruptedly downgrade. It was said in this connection that France and Italy had made special freight arrangements to provide transportation for large amounts of wheat already under contract in Argentina.

Hessian fly danger was chiefly responsible for a temporary bulge at the outset in the value of wheat. According to a leading crop expert, the pest has spread westward in Kansas over an important wheat-producing territory.

Coarse grains eased off with wheat. Oats were bearishly affected late in the day by word of Canada offering oats freely to the East for shipment at the opening of navigation.

Provisions weakened under heavy selling by longs.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$1.30⅝	$1.31⅜	$1.28⅞	$1.29¾
July	1.23⅝	1.24⅛	1.22½	1.22¾
CORN.				
May	.79½	.80¼	.78⅞	.78⅞
July	.79⅛	.79½	.78⅝	.78⅝
OATS.				
May	.49⅜	.49⅞	.48¼	.48⅜
July	.46⅜	.47	.45⅝	.45⅝
MESS PORK.				
May	20.50	20.95	20.70	20.70
July	21.00	21.00	20.72	20.72
LARD.				
May	10.45	10.45	10.22	10.22
July	10.62	10.62	10.40	10.40
SHORT RIBS.				
May	11.65	11.65	11.50	11.50
July	11.75	11.70	11.60	11.60

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.30½@1.31; No. 3 red, $1.28@1.29; No. 2 hard, $1.30; No. 3 hard, $1.25@1.30.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, 73½c; No. 4 white, 72@73½c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 46⅝@47c; standard, 48½@50c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.02.

Barley—68@78c.

Timothy—$5.50@8.

Clover—$10@18.50.

Primary receipts—Wheat, 1,329,000 vs. 920,000 bushels; corn, 2,556,000 vs. 760,000 bushels; oats, 672,000 vs. 729,000 bushels.

Shipments—Wheat, 897,000 vs. 604,000 bushels; corn, 536,000 vs. 674,000 bushels; oats, 711,000 vs. 697,000 bushels.

Clearances—Wheat, 627,000 bushels; corn, 496,000 bushels; oats, 297,000 bushels; flour, 30,000 barrels.

Foreign Grain Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—Cash Wheat, 1½d higher; demand good.

Minneapolis Grain Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 17. — Wheat—May, $1.27⅝@1.27¾; July, $1.25⅜. Cash No. 1 hard, $1.33⅝; No. 1 Northern, $1.28⅝@1.32⅝; No. 2 Northern, $1.24⅝@1.29⅝.

Barley, 66@73c.

Flax, $2.33½@2.37½.

Eastern Wheat Futures.

DULUTH, Feb. 17.—Wheat closed: May, $1.26½; July, $1.27⅛.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17.—Wheat closed: May, $1.27⅝; July, $1.26⅛.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—Wheat closed: May, $1.19⅝; July, $1.16⅛.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—Wheat closed: May, $1.24½; July, $1.19⅝.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Spot quotations—Walla, $1.77½@1.80; red Russian, $1.75@1.77½; Turkey red, $1.37½@1.90; bluestem, $1.90@1.95; feed barley, $1.32½@1.35; brewing, $1.40@1.42½; white oats, $1.45@1.47½; bran, $24.50@25.50; middlings, $30@31; shorts, $25.50@26.

Call board—Barley, May, $1.35⅝ bid; December, $1.30 bid.

Puget Sound Grain Markets.

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—Wheat — Bluestem, $1.09; Turkey red, $1.08; fortyfold, 99c; club, 98c; fife, 98c; red Russian, 97c. Barley, $29 per ton. Yesterday's car receipts—Wheat, 11; oats, 2; barley, 1; corn, 1; hay, 23; flour, 0.

TACOMA, Feb. 17. — Wheat — Bluestem, $1.07; fortyfold, 98@99c; club, 97c; red fife, 97c. Car receipts—Wheat, 2; hay, 12.

BERRY UNION PROGRESSES

Kennewick and Richland Directors to Work Together.

KENNEWICK, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Mayor Johnson reported at the Commercial Club luncheon today that the strawberry growers of the Richland district had elected directors to work with directors chosen from the Kennewick district and that practically all of the acreage of the Richland district has signed to enter the new organization.

He also reported that the necessary 85 per cent from this district had not yet been signed, several of the largest growers holding out.

The Pacific Fruit & Produce Company, through President Youell, pledged support to the local co-operative strawberry organization. This company has recently established a branch house.

Grays Harbor Rose Club Forms.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Organization of a Grays Harbor Rose Club was perfected here Wednesday night and plans were made for launching a campaign to obtain 1000 members for this association. J. C. Smith, of the Board of Education, was elected president of the new organization. Frank Gillett, of Hoquiam, and H. M. Delanty, of Aberdeen, were named vice-presidents, and William Baumert, of Aberdeen, secretary and treasurer.

School Building Is Advocated.

DAVENPORT, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Patrons of the Almira School District, who packed the school building in a mass meeting, were strongly in favor of calling an election for the purpose of voting $20,000 bonds for the erection of a new building to relieve the congested condition of the schools there. The Board of Education decided to submit an issue of $17,500 in an election to be held March 4.

Both Jails at Pasco Are Empty.

PASCO, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—For the first time in many years, the Franklin County Jail is empty. The last prisoner, W. M. Hunter, was taken to the Penitentiary at Walla Walla Monday night by Warden H. E. Crosno, to serve a term of from six months to five years for perjury. The City Jail is also empty, which makes a record for Pasco.

French hospital attendants have succeeded in impregnating rubber gloves with the salts of certain metals and making them impervious to X-rays for the protection of persons using the rays.

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PIONEERS AID PROJECT

OLD FORT DALLES HISTORICAL SOCIETY HELPS VISTA FUND.

Miss Elva Apperson Interests Members of Family That Settled in Oregon in 1847.

Pioneers are contributing to the fund being raised to erect Vista House at Crown Point, on the Columbia River Highway, which is designed as a memorial to the early Oregonians.

The committee received a contribution to the fund yesterday of $10 from the Old Fort Dalles Historical Association, an organization of 50 women of The Dalles, which is active in preserving the records and traditions of Oregon's pioneer period. This gift came unsolicited and was especially appreciated by the committee.

Another addition to the Vista House fund that came from a pioneer source was the donation received from Miss Elva Apperson, member of an Oregon family whose forbears came to this state in 1847. She became interested in the proposed memorial at Crown Point, and as a result took the matter up with members of her family, the result being that she forwarded $10 yesterday to be added to the fund.

A pioneer of Lakeview sent in a contribution yesterday of $5. The money so far raised and in hand for the erection of Vista House amounts approximately to $3300.

CLUB HOLDS "SCHOOL DAY"

Progressive Business Men Are Entertained With Programme.

When Dr. Edmund Myers failed to put in an appearance at the meeting yesterday of the Progressive Business Men's Club and accept the challenge of Superintendent Alderman, of the Portland public schools, who said he would be glad to pit four of his grade pupils against the doctor, J. G. Swenson wanted to give Mr. Myers another chance, but the club voted down the motion almost two to one.

The "School day" programme was carried through much to the enjoyment and benefit of the "tired business man," who has almost forgotten what he used to do in school, and he welcomed comparisons with the modern methods.

Professor Robert Krohn and Professor Arthur M. Cannon, of the new Couch School, carried off the honors of the day with the pupils under their instruction, the latter showing what 8-year-old pupils could do in rapid mathematical calculations, much to the revelation of the club members. Harry Lee, a Chinese boy, and little Dorothy Oppenheimer received rounds of applause by their showing in arithmetic. Alice Abbott, Margaret Levinson, Margaret Daniel and Elmer Clark, of the Couch School, spelled big words with little or no hesitation. The school orchestra made a hit.

COUNCIL DELAYS MEETING

Members to Attend Funeral of Mrs. Milford Johnston.

On account of the funeral today at 10 o'clock of Mrs. Milford Johnson, daughter of Commissioner Daly, the regular Friday Council meeting was postponed from 10 o'clock until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The funeral will be held from the Daly residence, 757 Missouri avenue. Commissioner Daly's department at the City Hall will be closed during the morning and the employes will attend. The Council will attend in a body.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—Maximum temperature, 57 degrees; minimum temperature, 45 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 12.7 feet. Change in last 24 hours, 0.6 foot 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, 29.51 inches. Excess of rainfall since September 1, 1915, 6.01 inches. Total sunshine, 7 hours. Possible sunshine, 10 hours 30 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) 5 P. M., 30.24 inches. Relative humidity, 1 P. M., 53 per cent.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 24 hours.	Wind Velocity.	Wind Direction.	State of Weather.
Baker	42	0.00	..	NE	Clear
Boise	52	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Boston	38	0.08	..	E	Cloudy
Calgary	48	0.00	..	E	Clear
Chicago	50	0.00	16	W	Cloudy
Denver	54	0.00	12	N	Cloudy
Des Moines	44	0.00	14	NW	Clear
Duluth	46	0.00	28	W	Clear
Eureka	68	0.00	..	N	Pt. cloudy
Galveston	68	0.00	10	SW	Clear
Helena	46	0.00	..	N	Clear
Jacksonville	68	0.00	16	SW	Clear
Kansas City	58	0.00	12	NW	Clear
Los Angeles	80	0.00	12	W	Pt. cloudy
Marshfield	72	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Medford	72	0.00	..	NE	Clear
Minneapolis	48	0.00	26	NW	Clear
Montreal	32	0.00	12	SW	Cloudy
New Orleans	72	0.00	..	SW	Clear
New York	44	0.01	10	N	Cloudy
North Head	62	0.00	20	E	Pt. cloudy
North Yakima	48	0.00	..	NW	Pt. cloudy
Phoenix	80	0.00	..	W	Clear
Pocatello	44	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Portland	57	0.00	12	E	Pt. cloudy
Roseburg	70	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Sacramento	70	0.00	..	N	Clear
St. Louis	56	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Salt Lake	44	0.00	..	NW	Cloudy
San Francisco	70	0.00	..	N	Clear
Seattle	56	0.00	..	NE	Cloudy
Spokane	52	0.00	..	N	Pt. cloudy
Tacoma	46	0.00	..	NE	Cloudy
Tatoosh Island	50	0.00	42	E	Clear
Walla Walla	36	0.00	..	W	Cloudy
Washington	52	0.00	..	NE	Cloudy
Winnipeg	38	0.00	26	N	Clear

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The high-pressure area yesterday over the Great Salt Lake Basin has advanced slowly northeastward and it is central this evening over Montana. No rain of consequence has fallen anywhere in the United States, except a small amount in New England. It is warmer in the Atlantic states and colder in the Dakotas and the Canadian Northwest. Temperatures on the Pacific slope are decidedly above the seasonal average.

Conditions are favorable for fair weather in this district Friday, except in the extreme western portion of Western Oregon and Western Washington, where cloudiness will increase and probably be followed by rain.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Fair; easterly winds.

Oregon—Fair except rain near the coast; easterly winds.

Washington—Fair east, rain west portion; easterly winds.

Idaho—Fair.

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