LOSSES NOT GREAT

Sheep Go Through Winter as Well as in Other Years.

CONTRACTING HAS BEGUN

Quarter of Million Pounds Bought on Sheep's Back in Eastern Oregon at Strong Prices. Buying in Other States.

Sensational statements have been circulated in certain quarters of enormous sheep losses in the Northwest during the recent cold spell. These reports are branded as false by E. W. Rumble, manager of the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse Company. His agents have made a personal investigation of conditions in the sheep-growing districts, and they found the Winter losses were very little, if any, greater than in other years. Considering the severity of the recent weather conditions are exceedingly good throughout Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho.

Wool contracting has started in a limited way in Eastern Oregon. About 25,000 fleeces have so far been bought on the sheeps' back in the Pendleton, Condon and Baker sections. The buyers did not make public the prices paid, but they are known to be strong.

In Idaho, rather more contracting has been done, but the operators were home buyers. The heaviest trading in future wools has been in Utah and Nevada, with some operations at high prices in Montana.

Dealers in the East consider the prices paid for new Western wool as altogether too high, inasmuch as some of these purchases represent a clean cost landed in the East of about 80 cents. The great bulk of the wool taken, however, has been more nearly on a 70-cent basis and some was bought at even less. Good staple clips, however, are generally bringing from 70 to 75 cents. Montana growers are said to be asking 32 cents for medium wools. The total contract movement to date is figured at about 10,000,000 pounds.

There have been sales in Boston in the past week of fine staple Oregon wool of last year's clip at 73@77 cents, clean basis, and of No. 2 Oregon at 70 cents. Fine staple Montana sold as high as 31 cents in the grease, and half-blood Montana staple has been sold at 32 cents, in one instance at 33½ cents, for an exceedingly choice lot, which means all of 80 cents, clean basis. Quarter and three-eighths Soda Springs wools have been sold at 26 cents for light shrinking wool.

Commenting on market conditions at Boston, the Commercial Bulletin says:

"The steady movement of wool to consuming channels continues and has been augmented more or less this past week by trading between dealers, although this latter feature of the business has not been especially pronounced as was the case two or three weeks ago. All told, rather more than a normal week's business has been done, demand being strong for practically everything, except possibly short scoured wools, which have been, by comparison, rather draggy.

"Prices are generally firm to higher. East India wools are decidedly dearer, as a result of the embargo announced on last Saturday, and medium domestic wools are slightly higher, while fine wools of all kinds are a bit stronger.

"All the events of the week have tended to strengthen the market, if anything, and while there must be an end sometime to the advance now being experienced it apparently is not yet in sight."

WHEAT BUYING IS AT A STANDSTILL

Bids Are Reduced Sharply in Response to Slump in East.

Wheat buying in the Northwest is practically at a standstill. The car situation is better in some quarters and worse in others. The demand yesterday was poor and no bids, so far as reported, were sent into the country. At the Merchants' Exchange wheat bids were reduced 1 cent to 4 cents. Business in the coarse grains was stagnant.

Bradstreet's estimates the world's visible decrease at 1,903,000 bushels, the corn increase at 2,219,000 bushels and the oats increase at 535,000 bushels.

The Canadian wheat visible stands at 85,483,000 bushels and the oats supply at 16,175,000 bushels.

The increase in the seeded acreage of Spain is officially announced at 6 per cent for wheat, 21 per cent for barley and 17 per cent for oats.

Broomhall says of the wheat situation in his international review:

"Market has fluctuated irregularly during the past week, with the undertone firm.

"World's shipments were large, but the great bulk of these came from North America, which continues to create an abnormal situation. It is evident that purchases of North American wheat must continue as long as the Southern Hemisphere is shut off from shipping anywhere near its normal quota, by the unusual freight situation. Argentine offers are light and Australia offering moderately.

"Argentine prices are more in line and larger shipments are likely from there, especially to France and Italy, as large contracts have been consummated and special freight arrangements made by officials.

"British merchants find trading difficult as prices are firm and tonnage scarce and port stocks keep low, with consumption liberal.

"Hopes of European importers are centered on the big Canadian visible and reports of good farm reserves in Canada and also United States, while both Argentina and Australia are showing themselves for enlarged exports as the chartered fleet is steadily increasing. India is reporting further good rains."

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portla'd, Wed.	2	2	7	4	15
Year ago	....	....	....	....	....
Seas. to date.	9,158	1323	1213	827	1688
Year ago	14,832	1707	1650	1739	1556
Tacoma, Tues.	....	....	....	....	....
Year ago	11	1	....	2	3
Seas. to date.	5,836	457	....	259	1534
Year ago	8,088	454	....	526	2022
Seattle, Tues.	14	2	3	3	53
Year ago	6	2	5	....	1
Seas. to date.	6,601	1083	1607	750	3144
Year ago	8,329	902	1717	963	3477

NO DEMAND YET FOR MOHAIR

Eastern and Foreign Markets Are Firm. Sales of Imported Hair.

There appears to be no interest yet in mohair in the West, although shearing time is not far distant. Some of last year's clip is still unsold here and there is said to be no demand for it. Dealers are puzzled over the situation, for they believe mohair should reflect some of the strength shown by the wool market.

There has been a fair demand for Cape mohair in the Boston market during the past week. Cape firsts have sold to a very fair extent at 35 cents and in two or three instances 36 cents has been obtained for choice lots. Domestic hair has been less active, but prices are quoted very firmly for all grades, says the Commercial Bulletin.

Advices from Yorkshire report a very firm market there and consumption continuing on a healthy level. Cape firsts are quoted at 15 to 15½d.

Reports from the Cape are very strong and to the effect that demand has been brisker there latterly. Basuto hair has been sold there at a full shilling and Winter kids have brought 1s 2½d.

Alpaca is up considerably at Liverpool. Arequipa fleeces having been sold for a very superior lot as high as 21½d. Inferiors are also up very considerably and the demand continues steady.

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 first, 34@35 cents; Turkey, fair average, 35@37 cents.

CHEAP SALMON CLOSELY CONTROLLED

Market Nearly Cleaned Up for Shipment to Europe.

The cheaper grades of salmon are practically cleaned up on the Coast, according to trade reports. The steady demand which has been in progress for the past few weeks for the low and medium grade salmon from foreign sources has resulted in depleting stocks to such an extent that only small quantities are said to remain in the hands of the packers. Large foreign orders that are now pending will have to be filled, the reports say, by purchasing small lots from several packers, as no one operator is believed to have sufficient supplies on hand to furnish a large block.

There are at the present time orders pending, which in several cases were said to be practically closed, of more than 250,000 cases of medium-grade fish for foreign shipment.

No Reseeding at Lewiston.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Although the past Winter was the most unusual in the history of the valley, growing grain has not suffered in the least. Farmers are joyous, to put it mildly, that the 26 inches of snow disappeared gradually, practically all of the moisture finding its way into the soil. On account of the sandy soil of this district it is almost impossible for too much moisture to fall. That both the Fall-sown and the Spring-grown grain will make a record growth is considered certain.

Another unusual but favorable circumstance is that the fields were protected by snow at all times when the weather was cold enough to cause damage. No reseeding will be done on this score.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,283,709	$334,584
Seattle	2,554,549	227,741
Tacoma	382,249	28,002
Spokane	846,700	63,018

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session:

Wheat—	Bid.	Ask.	Yr. ago.
Bluestem	$ 1.02	$ 1.07	$ 1.45
Fortyfold	.92	1.00	1.43
Club	.90	.98	1.41
Red fife	.92	.99	1.37
Red Russian	.92	.99	1.35
Oats—			
No. 1 white, feed	25.50	27.00	33.50
Barley—			
No. 1 feed	28.50	31.00	27.00
Millfeed—			
Bran	21.25	22.00	25.00
Shorts	22.00	23.00	26.00
Oats—		Bid.	Ask.
March bluestem		$ 1.03	$ 1.00
April bluestem		1.03	1.10
March fortyfold		.94	1.00
April fortyfold		.92	1.02
March club		.91	.98
April club		.91	.99
March red fife		.92	.99
April red fife		.92	1.00
March Russian		.92	.99
April Russian		.92	1.00
March oats		23.75	27.00
April oats		25.00	27.50
March barley		24.25	24.50
April barley		23.50	24.25

FLOUR—Patents, $5.60 per barrel; straights, $4.90@5.10; 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, $2@5.25; tangerines, $1.50@1.75.

VEGETABLES — Artichokes, $1@1.15 per dozen; tomatoes, California, $2.75; cabbage, $1.50@1.65 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; spinach, $1@1.10 per box; asparagus, 25c per pound.

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

POTATOES—Oregon, $1.40@1.50; Yakimas, $1.65 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, $1.25@1.50; Rome Beauty, fancy, $1.50@1.60; Winesaps, choice, $1.15@1.35; Staymans, choice, $1.25@1.50.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Jobbing prices: Oregon ranch, dled, 25c per dozen; uncandled, 22½@23½c per dozen.

POULTRY — Hens, 15@15½c; small Springs, 15c; broilers, 18@20c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; turgeys, 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, 31c; No. 2, 28c.

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

VEAL—Fancy, 9c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 9½@10c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River 1-pound talls, $2.80 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, 19½c; 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, $7; beet, $6.80; extra C, $6.50; powdered, in barrels, $7.25; cubes, barrels, $7.40.

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, 59 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; 1916 contracts, 11@12c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 pounds and up, 15c; salted stags, 50 pounds and up, 13c; salted kip, 15 pounds to 25 pounds, 18c; 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, 19c; dry flint hides, 26c; dry flint calf up to 7 pounds, 28c; dry salt hides, 21c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 18@25c; valley, 25@28c.

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@13c 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, 18c; standard, 17½c; skinned, 14@17c; picnics, 9½c; cottage roll, 12½c.

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, 89c; raw cases, 94c; boiled, barrels, 91c; boiled, cases, 96c.

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

TRADERS HOLD BACK

Wall-Street Stock Dealings Are Smallest in Months.

TONE OF MARKET HEAVY

Bulk of Business Is Done in Minor Specialties—Steel Moves Within Narrow Limits—Continuance of Activity in Metal Trades.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—To find a parallel for today's sluggish and meaningless market, it is necessary to go back almost six months to September of last year. Dealings barely aggregated 300,000 shares, and these consisted largely of professional operations in speculative issues whose intrinsic worth remains to be established.

The hollow character of the trading may be gauged from the fact that American Can, United States Industrial Alcohol, Mercantile Marine preferred and Baldwin and American locomotive were among the most active stocks.

United States Steel rose and fell within fractions of Monday's final figure and Mercantile Marine, which was firm at the outset, broke sharply in the final hour on rumors of further differences among the reorganizers. High-priced specialties moved irregularly with a break of 10 points in Bethlehem Steel at 470.

A novel departure in dividend disbursements was furnished by the Dupont Powder Company, which declared an "extra" dividend of 22½ per cent on the common stock, the greater part payable in Anglo-French bonds, to which the company was a large subscriber.

Developments at home and abroad over the holiday were not calculated to restore confidence and sentiment was more strongly inclined to lower prices. In the main, however, quotations were not materially impaired. According to market gossip, commission-house business was at a complete standstill, indicating an utter abstention of public interest.

Trustworthy advices told of a continuance of activity in the steel trade, a condition borne out by the placing of further orders for home and foreign consumption, as well as additional advances in prices in various manufactured products. Copper metal was lower in London, but the decline was without effect here, where recent high record quotations were maintained.

For the first time in months, railroad returns were rather conflicting. Baltimore & Ohio reporting a net gain of $516,000 for January, whereas Southern Pacific showed a decrease of $235,000, due mainly to adverse weather conditions.

Trading in Anglo-French 5s at concessions featured the heavier bond market. Total sales, par value, aggregated $3,050,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold	500	22¾	22½	22½
Allis-Chalmers	400	30½	30¼	30¾
Am Beet Sug	1,100	70¼	70	70
American Can	21,400	64	62¾	63¾
American Loco	19,000	70	65¾	69¾
Am Sm & Refg	10,400	102	100¾	100¾
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	112
Am Sug Refg	200	112½	112½	112½
Am Tel & Tel	800	127¾	127¼	127¾
American Tob	.....	.....	.....	192
Anaconda Cop	13,800	89¾	88¾	88¾
Atchison	1,400	103¾	103	103½
Baldwin Loco	10,800	109¾	107¾	109
Balt & Ohio	1,000	86¾	86½	86½
Beth Steel	200	475	470	469
Br Rap Transit	300	86¼	86¼	86
Calif Petrol	400	30½	30¼	30
Canadian Pacif	1,100	169	168¼	168¾
Central Leath	5,000	55¾	54¾	55
Ches & Ohio	.....	.....	.....	62¾
Chi Gt Western	.....	.....	.....	12¾
Chi Mil & St P	800	95	94¾	94
Chi & N W	.....	.....	.....	128
C R I & P Ry	900	19	18¾	18¾
Chino Copper	4,100	59	58½	58½
Colo Fu & Iron	1,300	45	44	44¾
Crucible Steel	9,000	80¾	78¼	79½
D & R G pfd	.....	.....	.....	15
Dist Securities	2,100	47	46¾	46½
Erie	2,200	37	36½	36½
Gen Electric	.....	.....	.....	168¼
Grt North pfd	1,200	121	120¾	120¾
Gr Nor Ore ctfs	1,100	45	44¾	44¾
Guggenheim Ex	.....	.....	.....	21¾
Illinois Central	.....	.....	.....	103
Int Cons Corp	1,800	17¾	17¾	17
Inspiration Cop	8,800	46¾	46	46¼
Int Harv, N. J.	2,100	110¼	110¼	110¾
K C Southern	200	25¾	25¾	25¾
Lehigh Valley	300	77¼	77	76¾
Louis & Nash	.....	.....	.....	121¾
Mexican Petrol	5,700	106¾	105¼	105¼
Miami Copper	500	37	36¾	36½
M K & T pfd	.....	.....	.....	14¾
Missouri Pacific	.....	.....	.....	4¾
Nat'l Biscuit	.....	.....	.....	12
National Lead	900	68½	67¾	67¾
Nevada Copper	1,300	16¾	16¼	16½
N Y Central	700	105	104¾	104¾
N Y N H & H	1,300	67¾	67	67¾
Nor & West	200	116¾	116¾	116¾
North Pacific	.....	.....	.....	112¾
Pacific Mail	300	19¼	18¾	18
Pac Tel & Tel	.....	.....	.....	30¼
Pennsylvania	5,300	57¾	56¾	56¾
Pull Pal Car	900	165¾	165¼	165¾
Ray Cons Copp	2,600	25¾	25¾	25¾
Reading	600	78¾	78¼	78
Rep Ir & Steel	1,300	52¾	52¼	52½
Southern Pacif	1,800	49¾	49½	49¾
Southern Ry	600	20½	20¼	20¼
Studebaker Co	4,600	147¾	145	146
Tennessee Cop	800	58¼	58¼	58¼
Texas Company	200	207	205	206
Union Pacific	1,000	134	133¾	133¾
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	82¾
U S Steel	21,100	84	83¾	83¾
do pfd	200	116¾	116¼	116¾
Utah Copper	7,600	85¾	85	85
Western Union	.....	.....	.....	88½
Westing Elect	2,400	66¼	65¾	66
Montana Power	.....	.....	.....	71¾
General Motors	600	480	479	480
Wabash B pfd	600	26¾	26¾	26¼
Int-Marine pfd	21,100	72¼	68¾	69¼

Total sales for the day, 300,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	*99¾	Northern Pac 3s	66¾
U S ref 2s coup	*99¾	Pac T & T 5s	100¾
U S 3s reg	*102	Penn con 4s	106¾
U S 3s coupon	*102	South Pac ref 4s	90¾
U S 4s reg	*110¼	do cv 4s	105
U S 4s coupon	*111¼	Union Pac 4s	97¾
Am Smelts 6s	111¾	do cv 4s	93¾
Atchison gen 4s	94¾	U S Steel 5s	104¾
N Y C gen 3½s	71¾	Wabash ref B 5s	72¾
Northern Pac 4s	93¾		

*Bid.

Mining Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—Closing quotations:

Alloucz	7¾	Nipissing Mines	8¼
Am Z, L & Sm	82½	North Butte	29¾
Ariz Com	9¾	Old Dom	70
Calumet & Ariz	74	Osceola	93¾
Cal & Hecla	572	Quincy	96
Cop Rge Con	66¼	Shannon	11¼
East Butte Cop	13	Superior	19¼
Franklin	9½	Sup & Bos Min	5¾
Granby Con	91½	Tamarack	55
Hancock Con	47¼	U S Sm, R & M	63
Isle Roy (Cop)	29	do pfd	50¼
Kerr Lake	41	Utah Con	14¾
Lake Cop	17¼	Winona	4½
Mohawk	94	Wolverine	66

DIVIDEND IS PAID IN BONDS

Anglo-French Notes Distributed by Du Pont Powder Company.

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 23.—At a quarterly meeting of the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co. directors today a regular dividend of 1¼ per cent was declared, along with a special dividend of 22½ per cent on the company's common stock. These dividends are payable 5 per cent in cash and 19 per cent in Anglo-French bonds with coupons attached at 95. A regular dividend of 1½ per cent on debentures was also declared.

The E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company directors also declared a regular dividend of 1½ per cent on preferred stock and a regular dividend of 1¼ per cent on common stock.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—It was recalled in the financial district today in connection with the use of Anglo-French bonds for payment of the dividends declared by the Du Pont Powder Company that the company was among the heavy industrial subscribers to the issue and was said to have purchased with affiliated interests between $35,000,000 and $40,000,000 worth. The company had received large war orders from the allied governments.

It was estimated that 19 per cent distribution to the company's common stockholders called for $16,000,000 of the bonds, par value of $15,200,000 at 95. They were originally sold by the Anglo-French loan syndicate at 96½. The payment of a dividend in bonds was commented upon in the financial districts as a novelty.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Mercantile paper, 3@3½ per cent.

Sterling—60-day bills, $4.71½; demand, $4.76½; cables, $4.77.

Bar silver, 57c. Mexican dollars, 43¾c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, heavy.

Time loans—Steady; 60 days, 2½@2¾ per cent; 90 days and six months, 2¾@3 per cent.

Call money—Firmer; high, 2½ 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. 23.—Sterling—60 days, $4.72¾; demand, $4.76¾; cable, $4.77¼.

Mexican dollars, 43½c.

Drafts—Sight, 1c; telegraph, 3c.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Bar silver, 27 1-16d per ounce.

Money, 4@4½ per cent.

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

Stocks Inactive at London.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—American securities on the stock market were inactive and uninteresting except Canadian Pacific. The closing was dull.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—Butter—Fresh extras, 32c; prime firsts, 31c; fresh firsts, 29c.

Eggs—Fresh firsts, 20½@19c.

Cheese—New, 17½c; Young Americas, 18c.

Vegetables—Egg plant, 20@25c; green peas, 12½@15c; cucumbers, $2@$2.35; asparagus, 12½@20c; tomatoes, 50@75c; bell peppers, 25@30c.

Onions—California, $1.50@1.75.

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

Potatoes—Delta, $1@1.35; sallnas, $1.75@2.00; sweets, $2.30@2.50.

Receipts — Flour, 6720 quarter sacks; barley, 162,775 centals; beans, 1825 sacks; potatoes, 7445 sacks; hay, 896 tons.

Coffee Futures.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—After opening at a decline of 1 point to an advance of 4 points, the market for coffee futures improved slightly during the early trading on European buying and covering, promoted by the steadiness of Brazil over the local holiday. May contracts sold up to 7.35c and December to 8.30c, with more active positions working about 1 to 6 points over last night's closing figures. This bulge seemed to bring out a good deal of realizing from Western and Wall Street sources, however, while the market was also unsettled by March liquidation and a little selling by trade interests. The decline carried May off to 7.15c and December to 8.05c and the close was at a net decline of 9 to 10 points. Sales, including switches, 68,000 bales. February, 7.58c; March, 7.61c; April, 7.68c; May, 7.75c; June, 7.79c; July, 7.82c; August, 7.87c; September, 7.92c; October, 7.97c; November, 8.02c; December, 8.07c; January, 8.10c.

Spot, steady; Rio 7s, 9¼c; Santos 4s, 10¾c.

Cost and freight offers were said to be a little more numerous, but about unchanged, with quotations ranging around 10 to 10.50c for Santos 4s. Two large steamers are reported to be loading in Brazil for this country.

The official cables reported no changes in milreis prices, while Rio exchange on London was 1-32d higher.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Copper—Firm; electrolytic, near by, 28.50c; June and later, 27@27.50c.

Iron, steady and unchanged.

The Metal Exchange quotes tin firm; spot, 42.50@42.75c.

At London—Spot copper, £106 10s; futures, £104 10s; electrolytic, £156.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead 6.27½c.

Spelter not quoted.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23. — Butter — Steady; creamery, 24@32½c.

Eggs — Steady; receipts, 6962 cases; firsts, 20¾c; ordinary firsts, 19¾c; at mark, cases included, 18@20¾c.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Raw sugar—Nominal; molasses, 4.28@4.31c; centrifugal, 5.05@5.08c. Refined, steady.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Spot cotton, steady. Middling uplands, 11.53c. Sales, 500 bales.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 23.—Linseed—Cash, $2.31; May, $2.33; July, $2.33.

HOG MARKET IS WEAKER

EIGHT CENTS IS TOP PRICE FOR DAY AT YARDS.

Receipts Are Fairly Large—No Changes in Other Lines—Sheep Are Strong.

The hog market was not able yesterday to maintain its former level, and 8 cents was quoted as the top for the day. Receipts were fairly large.

In other lines there was no change worth noting. The cattle offered were largely of medium and low grade and sold accordingly. The sheep market continued firm.

Receipts were 23 cattle, 8 calves, 779 hogs and 13 sheep. Shippers were: S. Molfoed, Beaver Creek, 1 car cattle and hogs; F. M. Mielke, Olequa, 1 car hogs; Amdahl Bros., Montura, 1 car cattle, calves and hogs; George Bonner, Kenton, and Mr. Nelson, Kenton, who drove in 20 head of hogs each; C. J. Hurd, Eugene; H. Wagner & Co., Sutherland; F. B. Decker, Silverton, 1 car hogs each; J. C. Davis, Shedd, 1 cattle, hogs; M. L. Forester, Tangent, 1 cattle, hogs, sheep; J. D. Dinsmore, West Scio, 1 cattle, calves, hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wgt.	Pr.		Wgt.	Pr.
10 hogs	252	$8.00	1 cow	820	$4.00
2 hogs	335	8.00	1 cow	850	5.00
26 hogs	190	7.90	2 cows	850	4.60
80 hogs	176	8.00	1 cow	1060	5.75
2 hogs	230	7.50	1 cow	710	5.75
1 hog	190	7.50	1 cow	840	4.60
1 hog	120	6.50	1 cow	1070	5.50
7 hogs	174	7.90	2 cows	905	6.00
2 hogs	200	8.00	1 hog	200	7.90
1 hog	200	8.00	1 hog	470	6.00
1 hog	140	7.90	12 hogs	220	6.75
2 steers	815	5.75	10 hogs	201	7.90
1 steer	670	6.00	28 hogs	210	7.90
1 bull	690	3.25	8 hogs	180	7.90
1 bull	1170	4.50	6 lambs	82	9.00
1 bull	1360	4.40	4 lambs	57	8.00
1 bull	1020	4.00	5 lambs	72	8.25
4 cows	782	4.75	4 hogs	205	8.00
1 cow	900	3.25	6 hogs	105	7.00
1 cow	760	3.50			

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

Cattle—	
Choice steers	$6.50@6.75
Good steers	6.75@7.00
Medium steers	6.50@6.75
Choice cows	6.50@6.75
Medium cows	6.25@6.00
Heifers	4.00@6.40
Bulls	2.50@5.50
Stags	3.00@5.25
Hogs—	
Light	7.50@8.00
Heavy	7.00.....
Sheep—	
Yearlings	7.00@8.00
Ewes	6.00@7.00
Lambs	8.00@9.05

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Feb. 23.—Hogs—Receipts 21,000, steady. Heavy, $8.10@8.25; light, $7.90@8.15; pigs, $6.75@7.75; bulk of sales, $8@8.20.

Cattle — Receipts 5500, strong. Native steers, $6.50@8.50; cows and heifers, $5.50@7.25; Western steers, $6@7.75; Texas steers $6@6.75; stockers and feeders, $5.75@7.75.

Sheep—Receipts 6300, steady. Yearlings, $8.25@9.75; wethers, $7.25@8; lambs, $10.60@11.10.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Hogs—Receipts 40,000; slow, 5c above yesterday's average. Bulk, $8.30@8.50; light, $7.95@8.50; mixed, $8.15@8.60; heavy, $8.10@8.60; rough, $8.10@8.25; pigs, $6.50@7.60.

Cattle—Receipts 16,000, firm. Native beef steers, $6.75@9.65; Western steers, $6.75@8.20; stockers and feeders, $5.65@7.30; cows and heifers, $3.20@8.25; calves, $8.50@11.25.

Sheep—Receipts 18,000, weak. Wethers, $7.90@8.50; lambs, $9@11.30.

EGGS NOW SELLING AT LOWER PRICE

Receipts Are Larger Than Can Be Cleaned Up On Limited Orders.

Shipping orders for eggs yesterday were small and were filled early. As more were received than could be cleaned up, the market made a further decline. Sales were made in the forenoon at 23½ cents and late in the day at 22½ cents, case count. Candled eggs sold in single case lots at 25 cents.

There was a good demand for poultry and hens were firm. Dressed meats were steady and unchanged.

The butter market at present is holding fairly steady.

Fresh Shipment of Vegetables.

A shipment of tomatoes, egg plant and peppers from Florida arrived yesterday. The tomatoes were in six-basket crates and sold at $7 a crate. Peppers and egg plant were quoted at 25 cents. A car of tomatoes is in transit and will arrive early next week. California asparagus was lower at 25 cents. A supply of steamer vegetables is due today.

PIT PRICES SLUMP

Break of Over Four Cents in Chicago Market.

RALLY COMES NEAR CLOSE

Acute Depression Due to Big Receipts and Decline at Winnipeg, European Visible Increase, Enlarged Surplus in Australia.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23. — Wheat suffered breaks today that in some cases amounted to as much as 4½@4¾c, the result chiefly of weakness at Winnipeg and Liverpool. Closing quotations were unsettled, ¾c to 1⅝@1¾c net lower, with May at $1.23¾ and July at $1.19⅝. Corn gained ⅞@1c to 1⅜c, oats finished ⅝c to ⅞@1c off, and provisions 10c to 17½c up.

Depression in wheat proved most acute at the outset, when the trade was dominated by bearish announcements regarding big receipts and liberal reserves in Winnipeg and by word from Liverpool that the European visible supply had notably increased and that the Australian surplus was more than double any ever before obtained. Gossip of liberal export business helped the wheat bulls to bring about a further rally during the last half of the session. The fact, though, that most of the sales to Europe were of Manitoba wheat and for deferred shipment acted as somewhat of an offset.

Corn developed remarkable strength in the face of the break in wheat.

Oats sympathized with wheat instead of corn.

Provisions responded to higher quotations on corn and hogs.

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