SURPLUS NOT LARGE

Northwest Supply Statement Is Not Bearish.

FOURTEEN MILLIONS LEFT

More Wheat Will Be Required for Spring Seeding Than in Any Former Year—Farmers' Views Are Firm.

The Government's estimate of the unsold supply of wheat in the Pacific Northwest on March 1, 14,490,000 bushels, is regarded by local grainmen as being about correct. The statistics for this and former years follow:

	1916.	1915.	1914.
Oregon	2,000,000	1,820,000	1,720,000
Washington	7,580,000	5,021,000	6,890,000
Idaho	5,910,000	2,442,000	2,678,000
Total	14,490,000	9,283,000	10,893,000

The prices paid to producers on March 1 of this and former years were:

	1916.	1915.	1914.
Oregon	$ .93	$1.28	$ .90
Washington	.94	1.28	.77
Idaho	.85	1.22	.67

The figures on farm reserves are not looked upon as in any way bearish. It will be five months before new wheat in quantity is available, which will allow ample time for the marketing of the surplus. Some grain will be carried over, regardless of market conditions, and more will be required for Spring seeding than probably in any former year. Even with a lighter movement eastward than in recent months, the stocks on hand in the latter part of the season, in the opinion of graindealers, will not be burdensome.

The country markets were again inactive yesterday. There was a moderate demand and a few bids were put out, but there were no offerings by farmers. At the local exchange, wheat bids were reduced 1 to 3 cents.

There is no change in the flour situation. The domestic market is quiet, but with wheat farmers holding firm, millers are not disposed to reduce flour quotations. There is a little export inquiry from the Orient, but freights are so excessively high that the Orientals cannot do business. There is no West Coast trade owing to the lack of tonnage. A little flour has been sent across the continent in parcels for European shipment.

Bradstreets' reports wheat clearances this week at 9,600,000 bushels and corn at 379,000 bushels.

Argentine wheat shipments this week are 2,944,000 bushels, against 2,864,000 bushels last week and 3,360,000 bushels last year.

Australian wheat shipments this week are 632,000 bushels, against 1,242,000 bushels last week.

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Fri.	6	2	3	4	15
Year ago	3	4	2	3	4
Sess. to date	9,238	1212	1341	851	1911
Year ago	15,059	1833	1604	1823	1657
Tacoma, Thur.	4	....	....	1	6
Year ago	14	1	....	2	2
Sess. to date	6,030	492	....	271	1836
Year ago	8,412	486	....	370	2615
Seattle, Thur.	13	7	5	2	9
Year ago	19	7	4	3	15
Sess. to date	6,783	1137	1704	785	3287
Year ago	6,915	989	1835	1150	3597

WOOLGROWERS URGED TO HOLD

Advised Not to Sell Until After Clips Are Shorn.

Although Eastern woolbuyers have been trying to operate in the West, they have succeeded in purchasing large quantities in only a few states, as growers have been urged to hold until shearing. On this subject, a mail report from Boston says:

With woolgrowers being advised to hold their supplies for disposition after shearing, instead of selling them on the sheep's back, Eastern buyers are not able to operate on a very favorable level in the Western primary markets this season. Trade papers and associations are advising strongly that the sellers hold control of their clips until shearing time. The National Wool Warehouse & Storage Company has circulated a letter which deprecates the practice of contracting, on the ground that it tends to "demoralize an orderly system of preparation and marketing and results in lessening competitive buying when wools are shorn and ready for sale."

Also this letter says that "the supply of wool is undoubtedly falling below the world's present immediate needs and we see no way in which this seeming requirement can be quickly supplied." In view of the circumstances, it is no wonder that reports from Montana state that woolgrowers look for the best season on record. One of the largest growers of that state reports that recently some of last year's wool was sold at 33 cents and that record prices already are being offered for the 1916 clip. Most of the wool secured to date is in Utah and the Triangle section. Yet the contracting movement has spread to Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

FLORIDA VEGETABLES ARE DUE TODAY

California Produce Shipment Is Delayed. Potatoes Firm.

A car of Florida vegetables, en route from Chicago to Seattle, will pass through the city today, and a part of the shipment, consisting of beans, peppers and eggplant, will be left here.

Asparagus and rhubarb were scarce, owing to the delay in arrival of steamer vegetables. Asparagus will be lower today at 25@15¼ cents on the arrival of the shipment. California rhubarb is quoted at $2.25, $2.50 and $2.75, according to grade.

The potato market on the street is firmer, with only a moderate supply on hand. New Texas onions are offered to the jobbers with promise of delivery in the first week of April.

EGGS STEADY AND UNCHANGED

Firm Demand for Nearly All Kinds of Poultry.

The egg market was steady and unchanged yesterday at 28½ cents, case count.

There was a strong market for almost every kind of poultry. The best hens and Springs sold at 17 cents. Broilers and fryers are wanted and will bring high prices.

There has been no improvement yet in the veal market, sales still being made at 10 cents, but a reaction is expected before long. Pork was firm at 10 cents.

No change was reported in the dairy produce market.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,067,664	$197,444
Seattle	2,381,415	51,716
Tacoma	553,051	64,032
Spokane	642,843	73,558

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.
March delivery

Wheat—	Bid.	Ask.	Bid yr. ago.
Bluestem	$ 1.01	$ 1.04	$ 1.40
Forty-fold	.93	.99	1.40
Club	.92	.98	1.38
Red fife	.92	.98	1.32
Red Russian	.92	.98	1.30
Oats—			
No. 1 White, feed	24.00	25.50	34.75
Barley—			
No. 1 feed	28.75	.....	26.25
Brewing	31.25	.....	.....
Millfeed—			
Bran	21.25	22.00	22.00
Shorts	22.00	23.00	23.00
Futures—		Bid.	Ask.
April bluestem		$ 1.02	$ 1.03
April fortyfold		.98	1.00
April club		.92	.99
April red fife		.92	.99
April Russian		.92	.99
April oats		24.50	25.75
April feed barley		28.00	.....
April brewing barley		31.25	.....
April bran		21.50	22.00
April shorts		23.25	24.00

FLOUR — Patents, $5.40 per barrel; straights, $4.70@5.20; exports, $4.50; Valley, $4.90; whole wheat, $5.60; graham, $5.40.

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

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $23@23.50 per ton; shorts, $25.50@26; rolled barley, $31.50@32.50.

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

Fruits and Vegetables.

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $2.00@3.25 per box; lemons, $3.00@4.25 per box; bananas, 5c per lb.; pineapples, 6½@7c per pound; grapefruit, $2@3.25; tangerines, $1.50@1.75.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 85@90c per dozen; tomatoes, $4@4.50 per crate; cabbage, $1.50@2.50 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, $2@2.25; celery, $4.50 per crate; lettuce, $2.50@3.25 per crate; cucumbers, $1.25@1.50; hothouse lettuce, 75c@$1 per box; spinach, $1@1.25 per box; asparagus, 17c per pound; rhubarb, $2.25@2.75 per box.

POTATOES—Oregon, $1.40@1.50; Yakimas, $1.50@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, $1.75@1.50; Yellow Newtowns, extra fancy, $2; fancy, $1.75; choice, $1.35@1.50; Rome Beauty, fancy, $1.50@1.60; Winesaps, choice, $1.13@1.35; Stayman, choice, $1.25@1.35.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS — Jobbing prices: Oregon ranch, candled, 29c per dozen; uncandled, 18½c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 17c; Springs, 17c; stags, 10c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 25@26c; ducks, 13@16c; geese, 10c.

BUTTER—Prices from wholesaler to retailer: Portland city creamery prints, 60-pound case lots, standard grades, 34c; lower grades, 31½c; Oregon country creamery prints, 60-pound case lots, standard makes, 32½@33c; lower grades, 31@31½c; packed in cubes, 2c less. Prices paid by jobbers to producers: Cubes, extras, 29½@30c; firsts, 28@28½c; dairy butter, 15@19½c; butterfat, No. 1, 32c; No. 2, 30c.

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, 10c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River 1-pound talls, $2.30 per dozen; one-half flats, $1.80; 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, 9½c; 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, $7.25; beet, $7.05; extra C, $6.75; powdered, in barrels, $7.50; cubes, barrels, $7.65.

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

HIDES—Southern head, 5¾@6½c per pound; broken, 4c; Japan style, 4½@5c.

DRIED FRUITS — Apples, 8c per pound; apricots, 15@15c; peaches, 8c; prunes, Italians, 8@9c; raisins, loose Muscatels, 8c; unbleached Sultans, 9½@10c; seeded, 9c; dates, Persian, 5½c pound; fard, $1.65 per box; currants, 8¾@12c; figs, 50 6-ounce, $2; 10 4-ounce, $2.25; 36 10-ounce, $2.40; 12 10-ounce, $5c; bulk, white, 7@8c; black, 6c per pound.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1915 crop, 10@13c per pound; 1916 contracts, 11½@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, 14c; salted calf up to 15 pounds, 17c; 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, 20@30c; valley, 27@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@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, 11½c; standard, 10½c; compound, 10½c.

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

Oils.

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

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

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 92c; raw, cases, 97c; boiled, barrels, 94c; boiled, cases, 99c.

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

BUYING IS EXTENSIVE

SUSTAINED ACTIVITY IN LEADING BUSINESS LINES.

Labor in Scant Supply and Jobs More Numerous Than Seekers and Wages Are Rising.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Bradstreets' tomorrow will say:

Trade reports vary little in tenor from those of preceding weeks, the story being one of sustained activity, with production much below sustained demand.

Buying in most parts of the country proceeds on an extensive scale; car shortage and embargoes have become more serious; vessels to take out exports are lacking; the scarcity of dyestuffs is acute; labor is in scant supply, jobs are more numerous than seekers; wages keep on rising and large employers find it more profitable to placate their employes than to resist their demands.

Better employment at relatively high wages has brought on increased demands for staple articles and enlarged savings accounts. In fact, banks practically everywhere are surfeited with money; there is more doing in real estate; the leading producer of steel reports record orders on its books, pig iron is being produced at an unprecedented rate; sales of the metal are heavy; mills making finished steel are heavily oversold and such extraordinary necessity for it exists that shippers cannot wait for nature to thaw the ice-clogged shipping ports.

Weekly bank clearings are $4,532,626,000.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET LESS ACTIVE

Buyers Take Advantage of London Weakness to Bear Market.

BOSTON, March 10.—The Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow:

"Business has been less active in the wool market here during the past week. A fair business is reported, with sales ranging from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 pounds. Prices are generally firm and only defective short scoured wools are really at all weak, although buyers are taking advantage of the weakness in London to talk down the market here. The primary markets are closing very firm as a rule. The situation at the mills is still very healthy and consumption continues at a very marked rate.

"Scoured basis—Texas, fine, 12 months, 72@75c; fine, eight months, 62@65c.

"California, Northern, 72@75c; Southern, 60@62c.

"Oregon, Eastern No. 1, staple, 78@78c; Eastern clothing, 70@72; Valley No. 1, 62@65c.

"Territory, fine staple, 80c; fine medium staple, 75@76c; fine clothing, 73@75c; fine medium clothing, 70@71c; half-blood combing, 70@71c; ¾-blood combing, 70@72c.

"Pulled—Extra, 78@80c; AA, 70@73c; line A, 70@72c; A supers, 65@68c.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Butter—Fresh extras, 30c; prime firsts, 29½c; fresh firsts, 29c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 19½c; pullets, 17c.

Cheese—New, 18c; Young Americans, 18c; Oregon twins, new, 19c.

Vegetables — Eggplant, 10@20c; green peas, 7@10c; rhubarb, 6@7c; tomatoes, 50@75c; cucumbers, $1@2; asparagus, 8@12c; string beans, 15@20c.

Onions—California, $1.65@2.

Fruit — Lemons, $2.75@2.80; oranges, $1.60; grapefruit, $4.50@2; bananas, Hawaiian, 50c@$1.50; pineapples, Hawaiian, $2@3.

Potatoes — Delta, $1@1.35; Salinas, $1.60@2; sweets, $2.50.

Receipts — Flour, 1912 quarters; barley, 2665 centals; beans, 701 sacks; potatoes, 2200 sacks; hay, 219 tons.

ADVANCE IS HALTED

Mexican Situation Is Factor in Stock Market Trading.

IMPORTANT ISSUES SHADED

Shares of Companies Having Interests in Southern Republic Advance Sharply—Coppers Continue Upward Movemnet.

NEW YORK, March 10. — The Mexican situation loomed large on the financial horizon today, more than neutralizing the feeling of quiet confidence created by the recent turn of affairs across the water. News that the Government had decided to send a punitive force into Mexican territory caused a marked halt in the strength and activity of the forenoon. Quotations of important stocks shaded 1 to 2 points from their best, but shares of companies having interests across the Southern border, notably Southern Pacific, Mexican Petroleum and American Smelting, rose smartly.

Conspicuous among the strong features in the first half of the session were Butte & Superior and American Zinc at the new high records of 90 and 59, respectively. Butte sold minus its regular and "Easter" dividends of 10¾ per cent. Coppers in general were moderately higher.

Equipments, which figure prominently among the munitions, scored gains of 2 to 4 points. Among semi-war descriptions, such as Mercantile Marine preferred, motors, Continental Can and Cuban-American Sugar, gains ranged from 2 to 5 points.

United States Steel yielded active leadership to Crucible Steel and American Locomotive and failed to make more than light response to the February statement of unfilled tonnage. Bethlehem Steel was more than ordinarily active, opening off more than 3 points at 481, rising to 495 and closing at 486. Total sales of stocks amounted to 615,000 shares.

Bonds developed an irregular tone, chiefly as a result of renewed heavy offerings of the Anglo-French 5s at 84, a marked concession from the recent maximum. Total sales of bonds, par value, $2,735,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold	9,200	21⅝	20½	21⅝
Allis-Chalmers	4,100	31⅛	30	30⅝
Am Beet Sugar	400	62	61	61
American Can	10,100	61⅝	60¾	60¾
American Loco	48,700	83¾	79½	79¾
Am Sm & Refg	32,400	103⅝	100⅝	103
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	112½
Am Sug Refg	800	109	109½	109
Am Tel & Tel	1,800	128½	128¼	128¼
American Tob	.....	.....	.....	199
Anaconda Cop	9,000	47⅝	46⅝	46⅝
Atchison	2,180	103	102⅝	102⅝
Baldwin Loco	21,800	108⅛	105⅝	106⅝
Balt & Ohio	600	88	87⅛	87⅝
Beth Steel	900	495	480	485
Be Rap Trans	.....	.....	.....	82
Calif Petrol	4,000	25½	24¼	24⅝
Canadian Pacif	4,300	166½	164⅝	164⅝
Central Leather	5,400	54⅛	52⅝	53⅛
Ches & Ohio	500	61⅛	60⅝	61
Chi Grt West	300	13	12⅝	12⅝
Chi Mil & St P	2,100	93⅝	93	93½
Chi & N W	.....	.....	.....	122
C R I & Pac	1,500	17⅝	16⅝	17⅛
Chino Copper	3,400	56⅛	55⅝	55⅝
Colo Fu & Iron	4,000	44⅝	43⅝	43⅝
Crucible Steel	65,400	86	82	84
D & R G pfd	.....	.....	.....	75
Distillers' Secur	2,600	48⅛	47⅝	47⅝
Erie	9,400	37⅛	36⅝	36⅝
General Elect	500	170½	170	169
Grt. North pfd	.....	.....	.....	121½
Gr Nor Ore ctfs	6,100	44⅝	43⅝	44
Guggenheim Ex	1,700	21⅛	21	21⅛
Illinois Central	.....	.....	.....	102
Int Con Corp	.....	.....	.....	31
Inspiration Cop	8,600	46⅝	46¼	46⅝
Int Harv, N J	.....	.....	.....	109½
K C Southern	.....	.....	.....	25½
Lehigh Valley	300	78⅛	77⅝	77½
Louis & Nash	.....	.....	.....	122½
Mexican Petrol	26,400	105⅛	100	105⅛
Miami Copper	2,500	36⅛	36	36⅛
M K & T pfd	.....	.....	.....	11
Missouri Pacif	.....	.....	.....	4½
National Biscuit	.....	.....	.....	120
National Lead	400	67	67	67½
Nevada Copper	600	16	15⅝	15⅝
N Y Central	3,200	104½	103⅝	104⅛
N Y N H & H	1,100	66	65⅝	65⅝
Nor & Western	2,800	118½	117	117½
Northern Pacif	1,200	112	111	111
Pacific Mail	300	25½	25½	25
Pac Tel & Tel	.....	.....	.....	35
Pennsylvania	1,200	57	56⅝	56⅝
Pull Pal Car	.....	.....	.....	162½
Ray Con Copper	2,200	24⅝	24¼	24½
Reading	8,900	84⅞	84⅛	84⅛
Rep I & Steel	2,700	52⅝	52⅛	52⅛
Southern Pac	5,900	97⅛	95⅝	95⅝
Southern Ry	2,700	21⅛	20½	20⅝
Studebaker Co	6,400	142½	140⅛	140½
Tennessee Cop	200	57	56⅝	56⅝
Texas Co	3,500	193	190	192
Union Pacific	3,800	132½	132	131⅝
do pfd	600	83⅛	82½	83½
U S Steel	45,200	84⅝	83⅝	83⅝
do pfd	1,400	116⅝	116⅛	116⅛
Utah Copper	4,100	83⅛	83	83
Western Union	1,200	90	89½	88⅞
Westing Elect	12,500	65⅝	64⅛	65⅛
Montana Power	600	76	75⅝	76⅝
Gen Motors	200	470	469⅝	465
Wabash B pfd	200	26½	26⅛	26⅛
Int-Marine pfd	15,800	71⅛	70⅛	69½
Kennecott Cop	13,200	56⅛	56	56

Total sales for the day, 615,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	99⅝	do 3s	66⅛
U S ref 2s coup	99⅝	Pac T & T 5s	101
U S 3s reg	*102⅝	Penn con 4s	*100½
U S 3s coupon	*102⅝	South Pac ref 4s	*90½
U S 4s reg	*111	do cv 5s	103
U S 4s coupon	*111⅝	Union Pac 4s	97⅝
Am Smelts 6s	112	do cv 4s	92½
Atchison gen 4s	94½	U S Steel 5s	104⅝
N Y C gen 3½s	114⅝	Anglo-French 5s	84
Northern Pac 4s	93⅝		

*Bid.

Mining Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, March 10.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	7¾	Nipissing Mines	6⅝
Am Z, L & S	8⅞	North Butte	30⅝
Cal & Hecla	560	Old Dom	75
Centennial	16	Quincy	94½
Cop Rge Con	65	Shannon	10½
East Butte Cop	18½	Tamarack	85½
Franklin	9⅝	U S Sm, R & M	79⅝
Granby Con	90⅝	do pfd	99⅝
Greene Can	31½	Utah Con	15
Kerr Lake	8½	Winona	4½
Lake Cop	18⅝	Wolverine	61⅝
Mohawk	101	Butte & Sup	97

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Mercantile paper, 3@3¼ per cent.

Sterling—60-day bills, $4.71½; demand, $4.76 5-16; cables, $4.77.

Bar silver, 56⅝c. Mexican dollars, 43⅝c.

Time loans—Firm; 60 and 90 days, 2⅝@3 per cent; six months, 3@3½ per cent.

Call money—Steady; high, 2¼ per cent; low, 1⅝ per cent; ruling rate, 2¼ per cent; last loan, 2¼ per cent; closing bid, 2 per cent; offered at 2¼ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Sterling—60 days, $4.72½; demand, $4.76½; cables, $4.77. Mexican dollars, 41½c.

Drafts—Sight, 1c; telegraph, 3c.

LONDON, March 10.—Bar silver, 27d per ounce. Money, 4@4½ per cent.

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

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, March 10.—Turpentine, firm, 49 to 49½c; sales, 221 barrels; receipts, 27; shipments, 372; stock, 9729.

Rosin, firm; sales, 424 barrels; receipts, 283; shipments, 873; stock, 84,519. Quote: A, $5.20; B, $5.20; E, $5.25; G, $5.30; H, $5.20; I, $5.20; K, $5.30; M, $5.40; N, $5.45@5.50; WG, $5.65@5.70; WW, $5.80@5.85.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, March 10.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today amounted to 8000 bales. The selection was better and the demand was brisk. Queensland scoured sold at 3s 1½d and New Zealand greasy at 1s 11½d. The withdrawals decreased.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Copper—Steady; electrolytic, near-by, 28@28.50c; June and later, 27.25@27.50c.

Iron, firm and unchanged.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead 6.90c bid. Spelter not quoted.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Butter, unchanged.

Eggs—Lower; receipts, 16,949 cases; firsts, 18½@19½c; ordinary firsts, 17½@17½c; at mark, cases included, 18@18½c.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Raw sugar—Firm; centrifugal 3.39c; molasses, 4.62c. Refined, firm.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Evaporated apples, dull and nominal. Prunes, firm. Peaches, steady.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Hops, quiet.

Coffee Futures.

NEW YORK, March 10.—The market for coffee futures opened at an advance of 1 point to a decline of 3 points. There seemed to be quite an active demand from domestic trade interests as well as considerable covering at the start, but buyers were supplied by scattered selling, which came partly from European sources, and the volume of business soon tapered off. Prices showed comparatively little change until well along in the afternoon, when offerings seemed to increase and the market eased off to 8.06c for May and 8.14c for September. Mexican affairs were not much discussed around the ring as a market factor and the late selling was most generally attributed to realizing. The close was 2 to 7 points net lower. Sales, 32,500 bags. March, 7.97c; April, 8.00c; May, 8.05c; June, 8.06c; July, 8.08c; August, 8.10c; September, 8.13c; October, 8.16c; November, 8.19c; December, 8.22c; January, 8.27c; February, 8.31c.

Spot coffee, steady; Rio 7s, 9¼c; Santos 4s, 10¼c. Cost and freight offers were reported unchanged.

The official cables showed an advance of 1-16d in Rio exchange on London with the Rio market 75 reis higher and Santos unchanged.

Stocks Firm at London.

LONDON, March 10.—Mexican news appeared to have little effect in the American section of the stock market, where the tendency was firmer.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Spot cotton—Steady; middling uplands, 11.90c; sales 300 bales.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, March 10.—Linseed—Cash, May and July $2.31½.

HOGS ARE HIGHER AGAIN

TWENTY CENT ADVANCE AT NORTH PORTLAND.

Top Grade Swine Now Bringing $8.60—Supply Is Not Equal to the Demand.

Only half a dozen loads of hogs came to the yards yesterday, and as there was a brisk demand for the arrivals, prices were forced up 20 cents to $8.60 for the best offerings, about 40 head going at that price. The bulk of the sales of good light hogs was at $8.55. In the cattle division only odd lots were available and these sold at steady prices. The sheep market was nominal.

Receipts were 21 cattle, 1 calf, 686 hogs and 2 sheep. Shippers were: Grover Bros., New Plymouth, 1 car hogs; Ontario 4; J. O. Hawkes, Payette, 1 car cattle and hogs; T. A. Phillips, Baker, 1 car hogs; George Russell, Nyssa, 2 cars hogs and sheep; Armdahl Bros., Monitor, 1 car cattle and hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price		Wt.	Price
11 hogs	130	$7.60	1 calf	210	$5.00
9 hogs	145	8.60	1 cow	950	6.00
8 hogs	251	8.50	1 cow	1170	6.00
1 hog	140	6.00	1 cow	1010	6.00
1 hog	170	7.50	1 cow	1020	4.00
135 hogs	138	8.50	2 lambs	130	9.10
3 hogs	193	8.60	4 hogs	190	8.60
10 hogs	172	8.60	52 hogs	165	8.55
6 hogs	140	8.60	11 hogs	181	8.50
1 hog	170	6.00	1 hog	270	8.00
1 calf	410	4.00	1 hog	250	8.00
1 cow	1180	5.75	1 hog	140	7.90
4 steers	800	6.00	15 hogs	130	7.55
3 cows	1029	4.50	11 hogs	133	7.55
1 calf	390	5.00	7 hogs	178	8.00
1 cow	1000	5.75	56 hogs	180	8.55
1 bull	1470	5.75	3 hogs	327	8.05
1 cow	950	5.00	1 hog	230	8.00
1 heifer	770	5.75	104 hogs	199	7.90
1 cow	1070	5.25	8 hogs	367	7.55
1 cow	1080	6.00	4 hogs	132	7.60
2 cows	1075	6.50	5 hogs	86	7.00
1 heifer	760	6.00			

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

Cattle—	
Prime steers	$7.00@7.90
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@5.00
Stags	3.00@5.25
Hogs—	
Light	8.00@8.60
Heavy	7.00@7.60
Sheep—	
Yearlings	7.00@8.00
Wethers	6.00@7.00
Lambs	8.00@9.25

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, March 10.—Hogs—Receipts 10,000, higher. Heavy, $9.35@9.55; light, $9.20@9.45; pigs $8.00@9.00; bulk of sales, $9.25@9.45.

Cattle—Receipts 1300, steady. Native steers, $7.50@9.25; cows and heifers, $5.50@7.50; Western steers, $6.25@8.00; Texas steers, $6.00@7.00; stockers and feeders, $6.00@8.00.

Sheep—Receipts 9000, steady. Yearlings, $8.50@10.00; wethers, $7.50@8.50; lambs $10.75@11.15.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Hogs—Receipts 16,000, strong, 25 to 30 cents above yesterday's average. Bulk, $9.80@10.00; light, $9.50@10.00; mixed, $9.60@10.05; heavy, $9.55@10.10; rough, $9.55@9.70; pigs, $7.90@9.10.

Cattle—Receipts 1000, firm. Native beef cattle, $7.40@9.90; Western steers, $7.25@8.45; stockers and feeders, $5.85@8.00; cows and heifers, $3.60@8.60; calves, $8.50@11.25.

Sheep—Receipts 7000, strong. Wethers, $8.25@8.85; lambs, $9.75@11.05.

FOREST PATROL PRAISED

TIMBER OWNERS CONFER ON MEANS OF FURTHER FIRE PROTECTION.

Private Concerns Spend $100,000 a Year, It Is Brought Out, and Officers Are Elected.

Private timber owners expend $100,000 a year in maintaining a force of 300 fire wardens as insurance against great loss by forest fires.

That fact was brought out at the annual meeting of the Oregon Forest Fire Association yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was attended by 30 timber owners and Government and state forestry officials.

Resolutions were adopted indorsing the work of the Forest Service and of the state forester during the past year, and also expressing appreciation of the work done by the Weather Bureau in prognosticating prolonged dry spells and dangerous winds.

Through the efficient organization of state, private and National forest fire-fighting units it was demonstrated that the loss from fire had been comparatively small.

Methods of fire prevention and control were topics of discussion at yesterday's meeting.

Officers chosen for the coming year are: President, George B. McCleod, of Portland; first vice-president, George Palmer, of La Grande; second vice-president, R. M. Fox, of Sutherlin; treasurer, Wells Gilbert, and secretary and manager, C. S. Chapman.

DRAINAGE WORK OUTLINED

Klamath Board Authorized to Bond Project for $100,000.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 10.—(Special.)—At a recent election the members of the Klamath drainage district voted authority to the board of directors to bond the district for $100,000. At the last meeting of the board it was decided that a dredger should be purchased.

The County Court is to be petitioned at once to appoint viewers, as provided for under the drainage district law. These three viewers will ascertain what lands will be benefited by the different bond issues, and those tracts will be assessed for those particular bonds.

Johnson First to Report to Butte.

TACOMA, Wash., March 10.—Eddie Johnson, former left fielder for the Tacoma Tigers, is the first of the Butte, Northwestern League team to report for Spring practice. He informed President McGinnity, the new Butte leader, he was ready to go into training camp whenever the word came.

CABLES ARE FIRMER

Light Shipments From Southern Hemisphere Lift Wheat.

CHICAGO MARKET STRONGER

Movement From Argentina Is Not Up to Expectations—Crop Reports From Winter Grain States Are Bullish.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Scantiness of shipments to Europe from the Southern Hemisphere tended today to strengthen the wheat market here. Largely in consequence, values closed firm at ¼@⅝c to ¾c net advance, with May 11.11⅝ and July $1.10⅝. Other leading staples showed gains—corn ¾ to 1c; oats ⅜@¾c to ⅝c and provisions 10 to 27c.

Higher quotations from Liverpool gave the first upward impetus to the price of wheat in Chicago. The chief reason assigned for the British advance was that the forwarding of supplies from Argentina had proved disappointingly small. Another element which influenced a temporary reaction from the early strength was a supplemental Washington report that showed as much as 151,000,000 bushels yet on hand in country mills and elevators. Bullish crop reports from the mild Winter states also counted towards making firmness in the last part of the session.

Corn received good support, owing to the main to sensational advances in the price of hogs. Besides, receipts were light and prospects were for a continued