

WHEAT

Northwest Again on Parity
With Chicago.

NEW BUSINESS IS WORKED

Late Advances in Cash Markets in
Mississippi Valley Revive In-
terest in Trade Here.

Oats Bids Raised.

The recent advances in the Eastern cash wheat markets have resulted in putting more life into the wheat trade here than has had for several weeks. Prices in the Northwest are now more on a parity with Chicago, and a fair amount of business is being done in wheat mainly for the export, for shipment to the Eastern states.

At the Merchants' Exchange, the feeling was more cheerful and bids prices were quoted in line with existing values, posted offers being 10 cents higher than that of the preceding day.

Bids for oats were raised \$1 to \$1.25 a bushel, probably because of a rumor that Alberta had a Government order to ship to Mexico, but it was early known that no such shipment was to be made. Spot barley bids were quoted \$1.50 higher, but April bids were reduced \$1.

Redeemers estimate the visible wheat increase at 1,300,000 bushels.

Continued demand from Europe is indicated by Broomhall, who says in his international wheat review:

"It is considered that American markets are now reaching a safe level, but it must be remembered that the time for marketing the remaining surplus is rather short. High prices in the United Kingdom are mainly due to the freight situation, but larger supplies of steamers and better reconditioning conditions have already caused a decline, and further additions to the merchant fleet from active tonnage is expected to further relieve the situation. There are no fresh developments in the situation, although prospects are improving slowly. India is not offering new crop, but negotiations may begin soon.

Large and likely to absorb very much from Argentina and Australia, and United Kingdom is wanting liberal supplies for the immediate future, and such conditions will serve to guarantee a certain amount of activity."

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

Wheat	Barley	Oats	Flour
1451	1451	1451	1451
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FLURRY IN LOCAL EGG MARKET

Urgent Buying for Month Price on

The local egg market was excited yesterday by rather urgent buying by a Seattle firm at higher prices than have lately prevailed. The result of the day's operations was to put the market firmly on a 20-cent basis. At this price dealers had no difficulty in disposing of their limited stocks, and some reported sales at half a cent below.

Several dealers held out for 20 cents and expected to get this price today. The northern buying is believed to be for shipment to Alaska. Local storage operators withdrew from the market, and such conditions as the flurried as any temporary.

There was a steady market for poultry at all descriptions. The local market continues weak and over-supplied, but pork is strong.

CHEESE PRICES WILL DECLINE TODAY

One Cent Reduction Is Announced From

Tillamook.

A decline of 1 cent a pound in cheese prices will become effective today, which will put the local market on a 19-cent basis. This is the first reversal the Oregon market has had for several months. It will be two or three days before fresh stocks are available from Tillamook.

There were no new developments yesterday in the butter market, which continues firm.

Aurora Hops Bring 12 Cents.

Aurora, Ore., March 28.—(Special.)

One of the last lots of choice hops in this section was sold here yesterday and is being delivered today. This is the C. S. Arnold lot of 77 bales, purchased by Henry L. Bents at 12 cents. Several hop buyers have bid on this lot. But one or two other lots of hops of quality are left in the Aurora section and only a few hundred bales of any quality.

Bulk Grain Handling Discussed.

DAYTON, Wash., March 28.—(Special.)

At the tri-county meeting of the Farmers' Union of the counties of Walla Walla, Columbia and Garfield, the subject of handling the grain this year was discussed. The price of sacks is practically prohibitive, so it is quite probable that many grain tanks will be erected preparatory to handling the crop in bulk.

Shrimp Sweet Potatoes Received.

A shipment of Jersey sweet potatoes was received yesterday and put on sale at 5 cents a pound. Asparagus was steady at \$9.11 a ton. Broccoli was scarce and quoted at \$1.50 a crate for the best.

The Orange Market Is Firm, with an Upward Tendency.

Sugar Advances Ten Cents.

A 10-cent advance in sugar is announced, effective today. The market is similar to similar advance in New York yesterday.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Portland	Seattle	Spokane
1,374,200	1,374,200	1,374,200
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PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

March delivery	March delivery	March delivery
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