WHEAT BIDS HIGHER

Local Market Is Advanced One to Four Cents.

CHICAGO RISE IS FOLLOWED

Portland Exporters Know Nothing of Eastern Report of Allies Trying to Buy Large Quantities of Grain Here.

The wheat market was firm in view of the Eastern advance and bids at the Merchants' Exchange were raised 1 to 4 cents. There was some inquiry from the East, though the prices indicated were for the most part too low to be considered. It is the traffic situation, however, which is the chief obstacle, as business could be worked if dealers could guarantee quick shipment. California is in the market for good milling wheat and chicken feed and is taking small quantities.

One of the influences in uplifting prices at Chicago durinng the day was a report that the entente allies were inquiring on the Pacific Coast for 1,750,000 bushels of wheat. This would be very important to grain men in the Northwest, if true, but local exporters said yesterday they knew nothing of any such inquiry. They described the report as Chicago boardroom gossip.

The oats and barley markets were steady. California is buying small lots of oats here when they can be bought at reasonable prices.

Mill feed sales at the Exchange were 100 tons of March bran at $23.50, 100 tons of February shorts at $27 and 100 tons of March shorts at $27.

The Liverpool grain cable said:

"Wheat dull, but steady; more arrivals and expectation shipping will receive protection. Corn firm, arrivals light, some export offerings. Argentine shipments expected to be light. Flour steady, with fair demand. Oats easier. American supplies liberal. American and Canadian offers increasing. Better reports from America regarding outlook for shipping. India—Further light showers, general crop prospects excellent. Argentine shipments estimated this week: Wheat 1,042,000 bushels, corn 1,200,000 bushels, oats 300,000 bushels. Corn prospects improved, recent heavy rain in south. Russia—The railway connection with a free port in north is now in operation; expected port stocks of grain will commence to accumulate for shipment."

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland—					
Thursday	19	....	2	10	9
Year ago	14	....	11	1	7
Season to date	3,901	157	1060	1782	1646
Year ago	9,305	1343	1176	848	1683
Tacoma—					
Wednesday	6	....	....	....	3
Year ago	49	....	....	4	25
Season to date	4,968	110	....	248	1510
Year ago	5,843	485	....	262	1738
Seattle—					
Wednesday	1	1	4	3	....
Year ago	4	7	5	4	27
Season to date	3,998	380	1123	1056	2909
Year ago	4,180	1233	1571	762	3255

WAR ORDERS ARE ANTICIPATED

Speculative Buying Is Feature of Eastern Wool Market.

Speculative buying of wool in the East, based on possible war orders from the Government, has been the feature of recent trading. Much of this business has been in pulled wool and scoured grades, but grease territory sorts have also been in demand.

Three-eighths-blood wools, the territory grade in largest supply, is more active now than formerly. A single house has disposed of upward of 1,000,000 pounds, according to mall report, at prices said to be on the top edge of quotations. Other lots of the grade have been distributed at 42 to 46 cents in the grease, estimated to cost 95 cents to $1 clean. An aggregate of more than 2,000,000 pounds of territory wool probably has been sold the past week. Some of the individual transfers are about 350,000 pounds various grades at private terms; some fine and fine medium Montana at 40 cents, or $1 to $1.05 clean; New Mexico fine and fine medium at $1 scoured; a lot of 75,000 pounds Wyoming on the basis of $1.10 clean; further transactions in clothing wools within the range of former quotations.

It is said to be a poor lot of territory wool which now will not bring a basis of $1 per scoured pound, although the range for fine and fine medium is as low as 95 cents. The top quotation is $1.05. The quotations now given for staple territory are as follows: Fine, $1.15 to $1.25, half-blood, $1.05 to $1.10, three-eighths-blood, 95 cents to $1 and quarter-blood 85 to 90 cents. Fine and half-blood staple, it is asserted, would bring about any price asked therefor.

MONTANA WOOL BRINGS 40 CENTS

Grower Caries Clip Year and Half and Gets Big Price.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Fred I. Long, of, Frazier, Mont., who is spending several days in this city, stated that he sold 160,000 pounds of wool for $64,000, or 40 cents per pound. The wool had been stored in a wool warehouse, having been clipped in 1915, and was tentatively sold to a Boston firm. At the time the wool was sheared, a year and a half ago, the fleece was selling at from 24 cents to 25 cents per pound, but Mr. Long held out for 26 cents. The buyers would not consider it at that figure, so Mr. Long placed it in storage and for some time he has been predicting 40-cent wool. The expectation was realized in the sale last week. The news has aroused interest in wool circles and flockmasters feel very optimistic concerning this season's prices.

Mr. Long at one time was one of the largest sheep owners in Northern Idaho and Montana. Last year he disposed of most of his holdings in that line and retired.

FIRST ASPARAGUS IS RECEIVED

Initial Shipment Quoted at 65 Cents a Pound—Large Oranges Higher.

The first asparagus of the season arrived from California yesterday. It was in pyramid boxes and was quoted at 65 cents a pound.

A car of mixed Los Angeles vegetables is due today. Lettuce is very firm in the south, with shippers in the Imperial Valley asking a price equivalent to a $4 market here.

Sixteen cars of oranges arrived on the steamer. The orange market is strong and higher at $2.75 on large sizes.

Potato buyers are quoting $3 to $3.10 at country points. One sale of three cars of extra fancy stock, for which there was competition to secure, was reported at $3.25. Stocks in first hands are running low and a continued high market can be expected.

NO CHANGE YET IN BUTTERFAT

City Creameries Put Out Prints at New Quotations.

Butter was put out by the city creameries yesterday at the reduced prices of 39 and 40 cents. It was expected that the buying price of butterfat would be lowered, but no change has yet been made in this respect. As the market for cubes has declined with prints, 37 cents now being the outside price on extras, the country creamery men can be excused for feeling nervous over the situation. It was intimated that butterfat prices would probably be put down today.

The only reason given for the 4-cent drop in city butter was the general easing off of the market. It is known, however, that an inquiry was received from the East a few days ago at a price that could not then be considered and it is believed in some quarters that the market is being put down to a level where outside orders can be filled. If this is the case, the present relatively low prices may not hold after the Eastern business is out of the way.

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE STORED

Stocks of Latter in Northwest Are Larger Than Year Ago.

Government statistics of storage holdings of butter, cheese and eggs on February 1 were received yesterday. As compared with the same date last year, butter stocks in the Pacific Northwest are 87.6 per cent and in the country as a whole 96.7 per cent of the holdings last year.

The figures on butter holdings in pounds on February 1, 1917 and February 1, 1916, are given as follows:

	1917.	1916.
Northwest	259,978	268,698
United States	30,102,348	31,139,173

Cheese stocks in the Northwest are heavy, the per cent comparison with last year being 359.6, but for the entire country the stock is only 85.9 per cent of that of last year. The cheese figures, in pounds, are:

	1917.	1916.
Northwest	502,432	130,723
United States	16,243,956	18,908,447

Egg holdings are light, as might be expected at this date. Northwestern stocks, however, are somewhat greater than a year ago, amounting to 136.6 per cent, but total stocks in the United States are only 32.1 per cent of last year's. Stocks of eggs in cases compare as follows:

	1917.	1916.
Northwest	853	625
United States	146,966	457,954

Egg Market Is Steady.

Eggs were steady yesterday with sales at 31½ and 32 cents, case count. There was a moderate amount of buying for Seattle, but the demand altogether was not quite as strong as earlier in the week. Receipts were not heavy.

Poultry was steady and cleaned up well. Hens and large young Springs were quoted at 18@19 cents. Dressed meats were firm at last prices.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwest cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,771,754	$284,864
Seattle	3,025,383	463,184
Tacoma	390,218	84,781
Spokane	963,055	87,444

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session. February delivery.

	Bid.	Bid yr. ago.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ 1.58	$ 1.08
Fortyfold	1.54	.97½
Club	1.52	.96
Red fife	....	.96
Red Russian	1.50	.96½
Oats—		
No. 1 white feed	36.00	25.50
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	39.50	29.00
Futures—		Bid.
March bluestem		$ 1.60
March fortyfold		1.55
March club		1.53
March russian		1.51
March oats		36.25
March barley		39.50

FLOUR—Patents, $8.20; straights, $7.40@7.60; Valley, $7.70; whole wheat, $8.40; graham, $8.20.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $26.50 per on; shorts, $30.50 per ton; rolled barley, $42@43.

CORN—Whole, $47 per ton; cracked, $48 per ton.

HAY—Producers' prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, $19@20 per ton; alfalfa, $14@16; Valley grain hay, $12.50@14.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extras, 37c; prime firsts, 35½c; firsts, 35c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 39c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 43c; No. 2, 41c, Portland.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland; Tillamook triplets, 20c; Young Americas not quoted.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 31½@32c per dozen; Oregon ranch, candled, 33@34c per dozen; Oregon ranch, selects, 36c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 18@19c per pound; Springs, 18@19c; turkeys, live, 21@23c; dressed, 25@28c; ducks, 20@22c; geese, 12½@13c.

VEAL—Fancy, 15c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 15½c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $2.25@2.75; lemons, $2.50@3.75 per box; bananas, 5c per pound; grapefruit, $4.50@5.50; tangerines, $2@2.75 per box.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1@1.20 per dozen; tomatoes, $6@7.50 per crate; cabbage, $5 per hundred; eggplant, 25c per pound; lettuce, $3.50; cucumbers, $1.50@1.75 per dozen; celery, $5.50 per crate; cauliflower, $2.60 per crate; peppers, 30c per pound; sack vegetables, $1.25@2 per sack; sprouts, 12½c per pound; rhubarb, 10@11c per pound.

POTATOES—Oregon buying prices: $3@3.10 per hundred, sweet potatoes, 4½c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregon buying prices, $7.50 per sack, country points.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, 45c@$2.25 per box; cranberries, $10@11 per barrel.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $7.60; Honolulu Plantation, $7.55; Grants Pass beet, $7.40; California beet, $7.40; extra C, $7.20; powdered, in barrels, $8.10; cubes, in barrels, $8.35.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.40 per dozen; one-half flats, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pinks, 1-pound talls, $1.25.

HONEY—Choice, $3@3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, sack lots, 18c; Brazil nuts, 19c; filberts, 19c; almonds, 18@19c; peanuts, 7c; cocoanuts, $1.10 per dozen; pecans, 18@19c; chestnuts, 10c.

BEANS—Small white, 11¾c; large white, 11.10c; Lima, 11½c; bayous, 8.20c; pink 8½c; red Mexicans 9¼c; Manchurian, 8½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@35c.

SALT—Granulated, $16.75 per ton; half ground 100s, $11.30 per ton; 50s, $12.10 per ton; dairy, $14.75 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 7@7¾c per pound; broken, 4c; Japan style, 4@4½c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 10@11c; apricots, 16@19c; peaches, 8½@10c; prunes, Italian, 8@9c; raisins, 8¾@15½c; dates, Persian, 15c per pound; fard, $2.50 per box; currants, 15@16c; figs, $2@3.50 per box.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1916 crop, 5@9c per pound, 1917 contracts, 10@11c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides (25 lbs. and up), 18c; salted stags (50 lbs. and up), 14c; green and salted kip (15 lbs. to 25 lbs.), 18c; green and salted calf skins (up to 15 lbs.) 27@28c; green hides (25 lbs. and up), 16c green stags (50 lbs. and up), 12c; dry hides, 30c; salt hides, 25c; dry horse hides, $1@2; salt horse hides, $3@5.

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 24c; dry short-wooled pelts, 17c; dry shearlings, 10@25c each; salted, long-wooled pelts, $1@1.50; salted short-wooled pelts, 50c@$1.

TALLOW—No. 1, 8½c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, fine, 28@33c; coarse, 33@36c; Valley, 33@41c.

MOHAIR—Nominal.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 6½@7c per pound.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 25c; standard, 24c; skinned, 21@22c; picnics, 16½c; cottage rolls, 19c.

LARD—Tierce basis; Kettle rendered, 19c; standard pure, 18½c; compound, 16c.

BACON—Fancy, 31@33c; standard, 27@28c; choice, 22@26c.

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 19@21c; export, 20½@22c; plate, 16@17½c.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; cases, 18½@22c.

GASOLINE — Bulk, 21½c; cases, 30c; naphtha, drums, 19½c; cases, 30c; engine distillate, drums, 10½c; cases, 19c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $1.08; cases, $1.15; boiled, barrels, $1.10; cases, $1.17.

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

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Copper—Electrolytic continued firm on an improved demand, while little metal was offered this side of July. Quotations for spot and nearby were entirely nominal. Small lots were said to be available for the second quarter at 33@34c, with leading interests quoting 31@32c for third quarter.

Iron, steady and unchanged.

Metal Exchange quotes tin easy. Spot, 50@52c.

At London, spot copper, £140; futures, £136; electrolytic, £149; spot tin, £199 10s; futures, £198 15s.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead strong, 9.25@9.75c.

Spelter dull. Spot, East St. Louis delivery, 10¾c.

At London, lead, £30 10s; spelter, £47.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 15.—Turpentine, quiet, 49c; sales, none; receipts, 28 barrels; shipments, 2 barrels; stock, 14,947.

Rosin, firm; sales, 318 barrels; receipts, 269 barrels; shipments, 30 barrels; stock, 79,449 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, $6; H, I, K, M, $6.20; N, $6.40; WG, $6.50; WW, $6.75.

NEW FRENCH LOAN

Commercial Credit Arrangement Is Being Made.

MORE GOLD FROM CANADA

Dealings in Stock Market Are Lightest of Any Day Since Last Summer—Recessions General. Bonds Are Featureless.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—All records for dullness since the stagnant sessions of last Summer were surpassed today, total dealings amounting only to 290,000 shares.

Leading industrials, including United States Steel, yielded 1 to 2 points, similar tendencies being manifested by most of the shipments and munitions with a 10-point break in Bethlehem Steel (old stock) on a single transaction.

Motors, metals and utilities made extreme recessions of 1 to 3 points.

Such firmness as was shown by rails at the outset was nullified later by fresh selling of New Haven, which fell to 37⅛, the lowest level yet recorded. Canadian Pacific, Lehigh Valley and a few other stocks of the highest class were subject to further moderate pressure.

Indications of another international loan, probably in the form of commercial credits to French banking interests, were furnished by the visit of a leading financier to Washington.

An additional $7,000,000 in gold was received from Canada, and the weekly statement of the Bank of England showed an appreciable recovery in reserve liabilities.

Remittances to London and the continent were generally easier, but transactions were nominal.

Aside from slight irregularity, the bond market was featureless. Total sales, par value, $2,435,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am Beet sugar	20,200	102½	99½	101⅝
American Can.	2,000	44⅛	43	42¾
Am Car & Fdy.	300	62½	62¼	61⅞
Am Locomotive	1,100	70⅛	69	69
Am Sm & Rfg.	2,400	96⅜	95½	95⅝
Am Sugar Rfg.	......	.....	.....	107
Am Tel & Tel.	1,000	124½	123¾	124
Am Z, L & S.	200	36	36	36
Anaconda Cop.	6,400	75⅜	74¾	74⅝
Atchison	1,100	102¼	101¾	101⅝
Bal Locomotive	1,800	52⅛	51⅜	51⅝
B & O	800	76⅛	76	76
Bkyn R Transit	......	.....	.....	67½
Butte & S Cop.	......	.....	.....	44½
Cal Petroleum.	200	22⅝	22⅜	22½
Can Pacific	4,000	153	151⅛	151
Central Leather	25,600	87	84⅞	85¼
Ches & Ohio	500	59¼	58½	58½
C, M & St. P	1,000	80⅛	79⅝	80
C & N W	1,600	117⅝	115⅞	116
C, R I & P	......	.....	.....	25¼
Chino Copper	900	53⅞	53	53
Col F & Iron	600	43⅝	53½	43½
C Prds Rfg	3,100	21⅛	20½	20⅝
Crucible Steel	7,600	65	63⅝	63⅞
Dist Securities	400	26	26	25⅞
Erie	2,500	26⅛	25⅞	25⅝
Gen Electric	300	164	163½	163
Gt Northn pfd	......	.....	.....	112⅜
Gt Nor Ore ctfs	600	31¼	31	31
Illinois Cen	......	.....	.....	101
Int Consol Corp	......	.....	.....	12⅜
Insp Copper	3,500	55⅛	54⅜	55
Int Harvester	......	.....	.....	111⅜
In M M pfd ctfs	7,800	67⅛	66½	67
K C Southn	......	.....	.....	21¼
Kenn Copper	3,000	43⅛	42½	42⅝
L & Nash	......	.....	.....	123½
Mex Pet	8,300	86⅛	84½	84⅝
Miami Copper	200	37	36⅝	36½
Missouri Pac	......	.....	.....	28
Montana Power	......	.....	.....	95⅜
Nat Lead	200	54¼	54½	54½
Nevada Copper	900	23⅞	23⅜	23⅜
N Y Central	1,600	94	93⅜	93⅜
N Y, N H & H	7,900	38⅜	37⅛	37⅞
Nor & Western	......	.....	.....	128⅜
Nor Pacific	1,400	103⅜	103	103⅜
Pacific Mail	......	.....	.....	20½
Pac Tel & Tel.	200	30⅛	30	29
Pennsylvania	1,200	54⅜	54⅜	54½
Ray Con Copper	1,700	25⅞	25½	25½
Reading	2,000	91⅞	91⅛	91⅛
Rep Irn & Steel	4,100	75½	73⅞	74
Shat Ariz Cop.	200	26⅜	26⅜	26⅜
Sou Pacific	900	93⅛	93	93
Southern Ry	2,800	28½	28	28⅛
Studebaker Co.	2,200	102	100⅜	101
Texas Company	200	216⅜	215⅜	215½
Union Pacific	2,700	138	137	137½
U P pfd	......	.....	.....	82
U S Ind Alco	4,700	125⅛	123	122⅜
U S Steel	50,400	106	104⅜	104⅝
U S Steel pfd	300	117⅛	117⅜	117¼
Utah Copper	2,300	107	105⅜	105⅜
Wab pfd "B"	1,300	25¼	24⅞	24⅞
Western Union	700	94⅜	93⅞	93⅜
Westing Elec	3,000	50⅞	50	50⅛

Total sales for the day, 290,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg.	*99	North Pac 3s	66
U S ref 2s coup.	*99	Pac T & T 5s	100½
U S 3s reg.	*100	Penn con 4½s	*104⅛
U S 3s coup.	*100⅛	South Pac ref 4s	92⅛
U S 4s reg.	107½	Union Pac 4s	96⅛
U S 4s coup.	*109	Union Pac cv 4s	92½
Atchison gen 4s	94	U S Steel 5s	105⅜
N Y Cen deb 6s	108⅛	South Pac cv 5s	100½
North Pac 4s	94	Anglo French 5s	91⅝

Mining Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	61	North Butte	20⅜
Ariz Com	13	Old Dom	67
Cal & Ariz	79¼	Osceola	84
Cal & Hecla	545	Quincy	90
Centennial	20	Shannon	8¼
Cop Range	63¼	Superior	14
East Butte	13½	Sup & Boston	5⅜
Franklin	7½	Tamarack	56
Granby	81	Utah Con	19⅜
Isle Royalle	32½	Winona	4
Lake Copper	13	Wolverine	47½
Mohawk	80½		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Mercantile paper, 4 per cent.

Sterling, 60-day bills, $4.72; commercial 60-day bills on banks, $4.72; commercial 60-day bills, $4.71¾; demand, $4.75 7-16; cables, $4.76 7-16. Francs, demand, 5.85⅝; cables, 5.83⅝. Marks, demand, 67 11-16; cables, 67⅝. Kronen, demand, 10.92; cables, 10.94. Guilders, demand, 40⅝; cables, 40-11-16. Lires, demand, 7.28; cables, 7.27. Rubles, demand, 28⅝; cables, 28⅞.

Bar silver, 78⅛c.

Mexican dollars, 60⅝c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

Time loans firm; 60 days, 3¾@4 per cent; 90 days and six months, 4@4½ per cent.

Call money, steady; high, 2½ per cent; low, 2 per cent; ruling rate, 2 per cent; last loan, 2¼ per cent; closing bid, 2 per cent; offered at 2¼ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Sterling on London, $4.70½; demand, $4.75½; cables, $4.76⅜.

Mexican dollars, 60c.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Bar silver, 38¼d per ounce.

Money, 3⅝ per cent.

Discount rates, short bills, 5¼ per cent; three months, 5½ per cent.

Stocks Dull at London.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—American securities were dull on the Stock Exchange today.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15. — Butter — Fresh extras, 35½c; prime firsts, 36c; fresh firsts 34c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 34c; pullets, 30c.

Cheese—New, 19½c; Young Americas, 21c.

Poultry—Hens, 22@24c; old roosters, 14@15c; fryers, 24@26c; broilers, 30@33c; large, 28@30c; squabs, $2.75@3; pigeons, $1.50@2; ducks, 18@20c; geese, 19@21c; turkeys, 23@24c.

Vegetables—Lettuce, southern 75c@$1.75; peas, southern fancy, large, 8@9c; small, 6@7c; tomatoes, Mexican, $3@3.25; repacked: egg plant, 22½@25c; green peppers, Florida, 30@40c; garlic, 3@4c; sweet potatoes, $3.25; celeary, $3.00; rhubarb, $1.50@2; marrowfat and hubbard squash, 2c pound.

Potatoes—Rivers, $3.65@3.75.

Onions—$11.

Fruit—Pears, Winter Nellis, $2.50@3; lemons, $3@3.25; grapefruit, $2.25@2.50; oranges, navels, $2.35@2.75; bananas, $1@1.50; pineapples, $2@2.50; apples, Newtown pippins, $1.10@1.25; bellefleur, 60@75c.

Feedstuffs—Cracked corn and feed corn meal, $48.50@49.50; rolled barley, $45@47; alfalfa meal, $20.50 carloads; less, $21.50.

Receipts — Flour, 7580 quarters; barley, 2410 centals; beans, 5120 sacks; potatoes, 3020 sacks; hay, 320 tons; hides, 325; wine, 87,600 gallons.

Coffee Futures Less Active.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The market for coffee futures was less active today. The opening was 1 point higher to 1 point lower and March sold off to 8.12c after the call, or about 3 points under last night's close. Later deliveries held steady, however, while March rallied to 8.17c in the later trading and September sold up to 8.50c, or about 2 to 8 points net higher. The close was net 1 point lower to 5 higher. Sales, 36,750. February, 8.11c; March, 8.14c; April, 8.20c; May, 8.28c; June, 8.33c; July, 8.37c; August, 8.42c; September, 8.47c; October, 8.50c; November, 8.53c; December, 8.57c; January, 8.61c.

Spot, quiet; Rio 7s, 10c; Santos 4s, 10½c. The cost and freight market was reported nominal. Santos 3s and 4s were said to be offered here at 10c, American credits, and 4s at 9.90c.

The official cables reported an advance of 75 to 100 reis in Santos futures, with spot unchanged.

APRICOT GROWING IS URGED

Canneries Offer $25 a Ton for Crop in The Dalles District.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—In the endeavor to further apricot culture in this section, the two local canneries are offering as an inducement to sign contracts for all the growers can produce at $25 a ton delivered at the plants.

There has been in the past a tremendous demand for this fruit, and the canneries have not been able to fill their orders. They are also willing to contract for the future with those who put out new plantings. Several orchard men have already taken advantage of the offer.

ALL LINES ARE FIRM

LIVESTOCK TRADE LIGHT WITH SMALL RECEIPTS.

Hogs in Demand With Sales at $12.15 to $12.25 — Lambs Have a Tendency Upward.

The livestock market continued firm in all departments with trade light because of the small receipts. Good hogs sold at $12.15 to $12.25 with a brisk demand. The cattle offered are for the most part medium grade and sold accordingly. In the sheep and lamb trade better prices are being bid for valley stock.

Receipts were 58 cattle, 7 calves, 174 hogs and 437 sheep. Shippers were: E. G. Young & Co., Oakland, 1 car hogs; W. Givens, Estacada, 1 car cattle, hogs, sheep; W. K France, Rock Creek, 2 cars hogs, sheep; Marsh & Orear, Chehalis, 1 car cattle, calves.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price		Weight.	Price.
1 bull	1400	$6.50	3 calves	117	5.00
1 cow	830	4.50	1 calf	660	8.75
1 cow	940	6.50	1 hog	230	12.20
1 bull	1440	6.00	7 hogs	167	12.20
1 bull	1320	5.25	77 hogs	183	12.20
1 cow	1050	5.75	1 hog	340	12.00
1 heifer	720	6.75	3 hogs	133	11.20
1 calf	150	10.00	21 hogs	113	11.00
6 steers	553	5.00	2 hogs	165	10.75
2 steers	490	4.00	1 hog	270	11.50
5 steers	1032	8.25	9 hogs	151	12.10
1 steer	920	7.50	1 hog	490	11.10
12 cows	750	5.00	7 hogs	184	12.10
6 cows	735	5.00	2 hogs	270	11.10
1 cow	770	3.50	1 hog	230	12.20
1 cow	950	6.50	33 hogs	205	12.15
1 cow	880	5.00	4 hogs	412	11.15
2 cows	1015	7.50	12 hogs	181	12.20
1 cow	790	4.50	27 hogs	140	10.75
1 bull	900	4.50	11 hogs	75	12.25
1 bull	1210	5.50	11 lambs	75	12.25
1 calf	130	10.00	2 ylgs	75	12.25
2 calves	275	5.00			

Prices current at the local yards were as follows:

	Price.
Cattle—	
Steers, prime	$ 8.50@ 9.25
Steers, fair to good	7.00@ 8.00
Steers, medium	6.50@ 6.75
Cows, choice	7.35@ 7.75
Cows, medium to good	6.50@ 7.00
Cows, ordinary to fair	5.75@ 6.25
Heifers	5.00@ 8.00
Bulls	3.75@ 6.00
Calves	5.00@ 9.00
Hogs—	
Light and heavy packing	11.50@12.35
Rough heavies	9.85@10.00
Pigs and skips	9.35@10.00
Stock hogs	8.50@ 9.00
Sheep—	
Yearling wethers	10.25@10.75
Old wethers	10.00@10.50
Ewes	8.75@ 9.75
Lambs	11.00@12.75

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Feb. 15.—Hogs—Receipts, 15,500, steady. Heavy, $12.00@12.25; light, $11.80@12.15; pigs, $9.75@11.00; bulk of sales, $11.85@12.15.

Cattle—Receipts, 2900, steady. Native steers, $8.25@11.25; cows and heifers, $7@9; Western steers, $7.25@10.25; Texas steers, $7@8; stockers and feeders, $6.50@10.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 21,000, slow. Yearlings, $11.25@13.25; wethers, $9.50@11.50; lambs, $13.70@14.60.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Hogs—Receipts, 39,000, slow, 5 to 10c under yesterday's average. Bulk, $12.20@12.40; light, $11.60@12.50; mixed, $12@12.40; heavy, $12@12.40; rough, $12@12.10; pigs, $9.50@10.75.

Cattle—Receipts, 7000, weak. Native beef cattle, $7.85@12.15; Western steers, $7.85@10.25; stockers and feeders, $6.25@9.25; cows and heifers, $5.20@10.40; calves, $10@14.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 16,000, weak. Wethers, $10.85@11.85; lambs, $12.50@14.75.

Bean Second to Wheat Crop.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Farmers of this district are just learning the value of the pea and bean crop. Heretofore it was thought that every available acre should be planted to wheat, but during the past year more than $1,000,000 worth of peas and beans were raised in this district for commercial purposes. The bean crop is now second to the wheat crop. Mrs. Dora May, of American Ridge, has a 400-acre ranch upon which she raised beans, and received $18,000 for them.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today amounted to 6300 bales. It was a good selection and demand was animated at firm prices. Victorian scoured merinos sold at 4s 11½d, and greasy crossbreds at 2s 7d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal grades were neglected, as most of the crossbreds have been commandeered by the authorities.

Farm Sells for $20,000.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Columbus Clark, of Juliaetta, Idaho, has purchased the Eli Johnson farm, near Genesee, Idaho, for $20,000. It is understood Mr. Clark will take immediate possession.

Federal Smelting Dividends Larger.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Federal Mining & Smelting Company today declared a quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock as compared with 1¼ the last previous disbursement.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Butter, unchanged. Eggs, easier. Receipts, 4082 cases; firsts, 41½@42c; ordinary firsts, 38½@39c; at mark, cases included, 39@40½c.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 15.—Linseed on track, $2.78¾; choice, $2.80¾; to arrive, $2.80¾; May, $2.81¾ asked; July, $2.82 nominal.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Raw sugar, firm. Centrifugal, 5.40c; molasses, 4.53c. Refined, steady; fine granulated, 7@7.25c.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Evaporated apples, steady; prunes, better inquiry; peaches, firm.

Hops, Etc., at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Hops, easy; hides, firm; wool, steady.

MANY SETTLERS EXPECTED

Wasco County Lands Are Being Listed for Disposal.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Word has been received by the Chamber of Commerce from Omaha that the colonization department of the O.-W. R. & N. Company is having excellent responses from settlers who desire to locate in the West, and it is anticipated that within 30 days there will be many homeseekers here to look over lands. More than 12,000 acres of land have been listed, covering practically every character of land in Wasco County.

The Chamber is calling for more bottom land that can be used to grow beans and other vegetables that need more or less irrigation, as there is considerable call for this class.

"Blackleg" Disease Causes Alarm.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The spreading of "blackleg" disease among cattle in Wrentham district has caused alarm among cattlemen of that section. No deaths are reported. A veterinary surgeon from The Dalles is in the vicinity and will co-operate with state authorities in an endeavor to wipe out the plague.

COTTON MUST WAIT

England Gives Preference to Cargoes of Grain.

TRAFFIC SITUATION BETTER

Chicago Wheat Market Responds Sharply to Improvement in Shipping Outlook—Netherlands Settles Freight Difficulties.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Wheat jumped up today largely as a result of assertions that British ships would load grain in preference to cotton, and that The Netherlands government had been successful in solving difficulties which had brought to a standstill all Dutch traffic with the United States. The market closed strong, 1⅝c to 3⅛c net higher, with May at $1.74⅜@1.74½, and July at $1.49¼@1.49½. Corn gained ⅝c to 1c and oats 1c to 1¼@1⅜c. In provisions the outcome was the same as yesterday's finish to 10 cents lower.

Nearly 6 cents advance from the lowest prices of the day in wheat took place before the session ended. A portion of the strength which developed during the late trading was generally ascribed to reports that the British government was asking for offers on about 1,750,000 bushels of wheat on the Pacific Coast. It was said also that some speculators were able to anticipate the action of railway officials looking to an outlet for eastbound daily trainloads of grain and flour to meet domestic requirements on the Atlantic seaboard. Knowledge of unprecedented measures to clear up railway congestion was not general, though, until after the wheat market had closed.

Corn derived strength from wheat.

Oats showed independent firmness, owing chiefly to assertions that the United States Government had purchased 2,000,000 bushels for shipment to El Paso.

Provisions averaged lower. Weakness in the hog market was largely responsible, and so, too, was the embarrassing condition of the railways.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$1.70½	$1.75⅜	$1.69⅜	$1.74⅜
July	1.46⅜	1.49⅝	1.46½	1.49¼
CORN.				
May	1.00⅝	1.01⅞	.99⅝	1.01½
July	.98⅞	1.00⅞	.98½	1.00⅝
OATS.				
May	.56⅞	.57¼	.55⅜	.57¼
July	.54⅛	.55⅜	.53⅞	.55⅜
MESS PORK.				
May	29.75	30.00	29.70	30.00
July	.....	.....	.....	29.30
LARD.				
May	16.70	16.72	16.57	16.72
July	16.82	16.87	16.72	16.85
SHORT RIBS.				
May	15.72	15.77	15.67	15.77
July	15.82	15.90	15.80	15.87

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, $1.74½; No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 3 hard, $1.70⅜.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, $1.01; No. 4 yellow, 98¾c@$1; No. 4 white, 98¾@99¾c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 57@58¾c; standard, 57½@59c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.47.

Barley—$1@1.30.

Timothy—$3.50@5.50.

Clover—$12@18.

Primary receipts—Wheat, 272,000 vs. 1,329,000 bushels; corn, 912,000 vs. 2,556,000 bushels; oats, 401,000 vs. 682,000 bushels.

Shipments—Wheat, 623,000 vs. 797,000 bushels; corn, 426,000 vs. 536,000 bushels; oats, 434,000 vs. 711,000 bushels.

Eastern Wheat Futures.

DULUTH, Feb. 15.—Wheat closed: May, $1.78¾; July, $1.74.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 15.—Wheat closed: May, $1.74½; July, $1.72½; October, $1.40½.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—Wheat closed: May, $1.74; July, $1.45⅝; September, $1.35⅝.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—Wheat closed: May, $1.75⅝; July, $1.46⅞; September, $1.37½.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 15.—Barley, 90c@$1.20.

Wheat, May, $1.77⅝@1.77⅞; July, $1.73⅜. Cash: No. 1 hard, $1.87¾@1.89¾; No. 1 Northern, $1.79⅜@1.83⅜; No. 2 Northern, $1.75⅜@1.83⅜.

Flax—$2.77⅛@2.84⅛.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Spot quotations—Walla, $2.72½@2.75; red Russian, $2.72½@2.77½; Turkey red, $2.95@3; bluestem, $2.85@2.90; feed barley, $2.20@2.22½; white oats, $1.95@1.97½; bran, $28@29; middlings, $38@40; shorts, $30@31.

Call board—Barley, May, $2.26 bid, $2.29 asked; December, $1.67 bid, $1.69 asked.

Puget Sound Grain Markets.

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—Wheat—Bluestem, $1.55; turkey red, $1.56; fortyfold, $1.53; club, $1.53; red Russian, $1.52.

Barley—$39.50 per ton.

Yesterday's car receipts—Wheat 1, oats 3, barley 1, flour 4.

TACOMA, Feb. 15.—Wheat—Bluestem, $1.54; fortyfold, club and red fife, $1.50; red Russian, $1.45.

Car receipts—Wheat 6, hay 3.

CANNERY GAIN IS HEAVY

STOCKHOLDERS OF LEWIS COUNTY ASSOCIATION GATHER.

Chehalis Plant's Output in 1916 Is Increase of 170 Per Cent Over 1915. Value Gains 300 Per Cent.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Stock holders of the Lewis County Canning Association held a meeting at the Citizens' Clubrooms here today. A picnic dinner was served, the stock holders bringing basket luncheons, while the cannery furnished pork and beans, saurkraut and coffee.

Dan W. Bush, manager of the association, gave a report on the business of the cannery for the past year. For the year of 1915 the gross tonnage was 312,983 pounds while for 1916 it was 854,124 pounds, a gain of almost 170 per cent.

There was more than 300 per cent gain in the invoice value of the manufactured output of the cannery as the figures for 1915 were $10,000 in round figures while for 1916 the total invoice value of the manufactured output was $41,606.98.

The bulk of output of raw product either was newly created wealth or a latent resource of the community in the way of the wild evergreen blackberry, which crop alone yielded more than $5000.

The Canning Association owns its property and further negotiations under way will insure a site capable of handling a business of many times greater volume than at the present. A number of additions have been made to the plant in the way of equipment.

CENTRALIA PAYS JUDGMENT

Receiver for Defunct Bank Gets $1061.41 on Warrants Held.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Yesterday City Treasurer Dickerson paid to the receiver of the United States National Bank $106.41, representing the face value of city warrants plus interest held by the bank when it closed its doors two years ago. Warrants to the amount of $9863.70 were held by the bank and were involved in recent litigation, as a result of which the bank receiver was awarded judgment in the Supreme Court against the city for the amount named.

The City Treasurer was yesterday served with a Superior Court order commanding him to pay the judgment on or before March 1. The warrants, outside of those paid yesterday, however, were local improvement districts warrants, the funds covering which were in the bank when it failed. Mr. Dickerson stated today that in his opinion the only way the balance of the judgment can be settled is by a special tax levy next year.

POSTOFFICE SAFE BLOWN

Robbers at Rochester Get Stamps Worth $200, and $10 Cash.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Last night robbers dynamited the safe at the Rochester postoffice and made a successful escape with about $200 worth of stamps, $10 in money and several money-order blanks. The robbery was discovered this morning by Postmaster H. R. James, who immediately notified Federal officers. The latter arrived today.

It is believed that the robbery was the work of professionals. No one in the town heard the explosion. Entrance to the office was obtained by smashing a glass in the front door.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Births.

LAWRENCE — To Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence, 621 East Seventh street South, December 29, a son.

LUTZ—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Lutz, 399 Russell street, January 29, a daughter.

BURLEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Moses J. Burley, 505 North Twenty-sixth street, January 29, a son.

MOORE—To Mr. and Mrs. George E. Moore, 1081 Michigan avenue, February 6, a daughter.

GRIFFITH—To Mr. and Mrs. William H. Griffith, 5617 Thirty-ninth avenue Southeast, February 6, a son.

LAW—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Law, 631 East Couch street, February 6, a son.

RAMEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Ramey, 1007 Albina avenue, February 7, a son.

BRAKKE—To Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Brakke, 444 East Eighteenth street North, February 7, a son.

ROBINSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Robinson, 955 Vancouver avenue, February 8, a son.

Marriage Licenses.

TROOST-CAREY — Neal H. Troost, 1522 East Thirteenth street, and Mary A. Carey, 1523 East Thirteenth street.

RICE-MILLER—John C. Rice, Hillsdale, Or., and Phoebe Z. Miller, Hillsdale.

WESTLUND-WEST—Gustav A. Westlund, 671 Seventy-ninth street North, and Annie West, 472 Holladay avenue.

Building Permits.

EMMA N. AUSTIN — Repair two-story frame dwelling, 1671 Sixth avenue, between Fulton Park boulevard and Hood; builder, same; $500.

METHODIST CHURCH—Repair one-story frame church, 5804 Eighty-sixth street Southeast, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth avenues; $100.

THE OREGON HOME BUILDERS—Erect one-story frame dwelling, 1534 Virginia street, between California and Florida; builder, same; $2000.

THE OREGON HOME BUILDERS—Erect two-story frame dwelling, 906 Bryce avenue, between East Twenty-ninth and Regents Drive; builder, same; $3500.

THE OREGON HOME BUILDERS—Erect one-story frame dwelling, 1530 Virginia, between California and Florida; builder, same; $2500.

THOMAS WEST—Repair two-story frame dwelling, 580 East Pine, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth; J. A. Zeller, builder; $300.

THOMAS PRINCE, Dundee, Or., owner; the Oregon Home Builders, agents—Erect two-story public garage, 209 Tenth street, between Salmon and Taylor; the Oregon Home Builders, builder; $12,000.

FRANK PAULSEN — Repair one-story frame dwelling, 1205 East Harrison, between East Fortieth and Forty-first; builder, same; $50.

M. FREEMAN — Repair one-story frame store, 844 East Ankeny, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth; builder, same; $50.

E. M'EWING — Erect one and one-half-story frame dwelling, 292 East Eighty-seventh, between Hawthorne and Clay; Arthur Vanderberg, builder; $1200.

S. MOYES — Repair one-story frame dwelling, 744 Fourth, between Porter and Woods; William Doherty, builder; $150.

S. MOYES—Repair one-story frame dwelling, 742 Fourth, between Porter and Woods; William Doherty, builder; $125.

Assessments to Draw Interest.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Tomorrow is the last day for paying the assessments in the huge improvement district created in the entire northwest quarter of the city last Summer for the purpose of laying cement sidewalks. After tomorrow the amounts still unpaid will start drawing interest. Today a little over $9000 had been paid in on the improvement, which is only about one-fourth of the total cost. City Treasurer Dickerson this morning received a check from the Milwaukee for $549.94 in payment of the railroad company's assessment.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—Maximum temperature, 46 degrees; minimum, 38 degrees. River reading at 8 A. M., 2.7 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.5 foot fall. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), none; total rainfall since September 1, 1916, 15.91 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 29.09 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1916, 13.18 inches. Total sunshine February 15, none; possible sunshine, 10 hours, 24 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 30.39 inches. Relative humidity at noon, 89 per cent.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Min. temp. 8 A. M.	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 24 hours	Wind. Velocity	Wind. Direction	State of weather.
Baker	14	40	0.00	..	SE	Cloudy
Boise	24	46	0.00	..	NW	Pt. cloudy
Boston	18	32	0.00	..	NE	Cloudy
Calgary	34	56	0.00	..	NW	Cloudy
Chicago	24	28	0.00	14	SW	Cloudy
Denver	16	40	0.00	..	S	Cloudy
Des Moines	24	30	0.00	..	W	Clear
Duluth	20	22	0.01	..	SW	Snow
Eureka	38	58	0.00	10	N	Clear
Galveston	44	56	0.00	..	N	Clear
Helena	32	44	0.00	..	NW	Cloudy
Jacksonville	54	74	0.16	26	SW	Clear
†Juneau	40	*..	1.58	..	W	Rain
Kansas City	28	38	0.00	..	SW	Clear
Los Angeles	44	70	0.00	..	SW	Pt. cloudy
Marshfield	26	62	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Medford	25	60	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Minneapolis	24	26	0.01	10	SW	Cloudy
Montreal	8	16	0.00	..	SW	Clear
New Orleans	52	58	0.00	..	NW	Clear
New York	26	36	0.06	16	N	Snow
North Head	40	42	0.02	10	SE	Rain
North Yakima	34	38	0.00	..	E	Cloudy
Omaha	..	40	0.00	..	SW	Clear
Phoenix	40	64	0.00	..	SW	Clear
Pocatello	16	32	0.00	..	W	Pt. cloudy
Portland	39	46	0.00	..	W	Cloudy
Roseburg	34	46	0.00	..	NW	Cloudy
Sacramento	48	72	0.00	..	SE	Clear
St. Louis	28	46	0.00	10	NW	Clear
Salt Lake	20	32	0.00	..	NW	Clear
San Diego	48	66	0.00	16	NW	Clear
San Francisco	50	72	0.00	16	SW	Clear
Seattle	38	44	0.01	10	S	Rain
*Sitka	..	52	0.00	..	E	Rain
Spokane	32	36	0.00	..	SW	Snow
Tacoma	38	46	0.00	..	NE	Rain
Tatoosh Island	40	44	0.16	28	S	Rain
†Valdez	32	*..	0.58	..	....	Snow
Walla Walla	34	48	0.05	..	W	Cloudy
Washington	28	36	0.56	..	N	Rain
Winnipeg	12	20	0.00	10	W	Cloudy

†A. M. today. *P. M. report of preceding day.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The North Pacific high-pressure area has moved south and a storm of marked energy has made its appearance over Alberta. Southwest warnings for this storm were ordered at 6:15 P. M. at all Washington seaports and at the mouth of the Columbia River. The storm yesterday over the lower Mississippi Valley has moved rapidly northeastward to the Middle Atlantic States. Light rain has fallen in Western Washington, in the Atlantic States from New York to Florida and in the lower Mississippi Valley. Light snow has occurred in Northeastern Washington, the Upper Mississippi Valley and the lakes region. Temperatures have risen in Florida and fallen along the west gulf coast. It is also cooler in the Upper Mississippi Valley.

Conditions are favorable for rain Friday in Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho. Fair weather will probably continue in Southern Idaho. It will be warmer in Southeastern Idaho.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Rain; southerly winds.

Oregon and Washington—Rain; southerly winds, increasing to gale force along the north coast.

Idaho—Rain north, probably fair south portion, warmer southeast portion.

North Pacific Coast—Rain; fresh southerly gale north, strong southerly winds south portion.

E. A. BEALS, Forecaster.

FACTS

WITHOUT A BLEMISH

Fourteenth street, from Jefferson to Hall, was paved in 1910, seven years ago. Sufficient time has elapsed to test the merits of the pavement, yet this much-traveled street is in fine condition, as it was paved with

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FAIR SANITATION PROVIDED

$6500 Provided for Equipment at Grounds at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Allowance of $4000 for additional water system and $2500 for additional toilet facilities and a septic tank to the State Fairgrounds equipment is considered as a decided important step for the fair for this year.

The State Board of Health, through one of its members, Dr. W. B. Morse, of this city, made an exhaustive examination of the fairgrounds as to the sanitary conditions there. This investigation was made some time ago and a report filed with the Governor and the State Fair Board. The improved sanitary conditions are largely due to the filing of that report. Members of the board are satisfied that the appropriations recommended by the ways and means committee will go a long way toward improving the general sanitary arrangements at the fair.

ALBANY MERCHANTS ELECT

W. A. Eastburn Is Chosen President of Association.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—W. A. Eastburn was chosen president of the Albany Retail Merchants' Association in the annual election of that organization last night. W. H. Holman was elected vice-president, J. W. Reeder secretary and Clarence C. Cameron treasurer. To serve with the four officers on the board of directors H. R. Worth, A. M. Hammer and G. A. Flood were elected.

A. M. Hammer, A. L. Fisher, W. A. Barrett, D. P. Mason, F. M. French and W. A. Eastburn were elected delegates to represent the local association at the meeting of the State Merchants' Association in Portland next week.

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