FARM STOCKS LOW

Oregon Wheat Holdings Estimated at 2,740,000 Bushels.

LESS THAN A YEAR AGO

Reserves of Oats and Barley in First Hands in State Are Slightly Larger—According to Government's March Crop Report.

A summary of the March crop report for the State of Oregon as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

Wheat on farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 2,740,000 bushels, compared with 3,004,000 bushels a year ago and 1,826,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, $1.50 per bushel, compared with 93 cents a year ago and $1.28 two years ago.

Corn on farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 134,000 bushels, compared with 116,000 bushels a year ago and 59,000 bushels two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 95 cents per bushel, compared with 92 cents a year ago and $1 two years ago.

Corn of merchantable quality—The percentage of the 1916 crop which was of merchantable quality is estimated at 69 per cent, compared with 80 per cent of the 1915 crop and 75 per cent of the 1914 crop.

Oats on farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 4,070,000 bushels, compared with 4,836,000 bushels a year ago and 2,950,000 bushels two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 48 cents per bushel, compared with 50 cents per bushel a year ago and 50 cents per bushel two years ago.

Barley on farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 1,078,000 bushels, compared with 936,000 bushels a year ago and 549,000 bushels two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 88 cents per bushel, compared with 68 cents per bushel a year ago and 76 cents per bushel two years ago.

COUNTRY WHEAT BIDS CENT HIGHER

No Business Is Passing With East—Oats and Barley Quiet.

There was nothing doing in the wheat market yesterday, according to word from the country. Bids were a cent higher throughout the interior, but produced no results, and the terminal markets were quiet.

Few inquiries came from the East, as buyers were awaiting the announcement by the Government of farm reserve statistics, which showed holdings on March 1 of 101,356,000 bushels against 244,448 bushels a year ago. In the milling sections of the East the demand for wheat was held back by the fact that millers could not sell flour.

Merchants' Exchange bids for wheat were 2 to 3 cents higher jhan Wednesday's and repeated the former record quotations. Oats and barley were quiet and not materially changed.

The Liverpool grain cable follows:

Wheat firm, with moderate arrivals and dearness of export offers. Corn firm, with good demand for spot and light offers. Arrivals moderate. Oats firm, with moderate arrivals and dearer Platte offers. American offers increasing. Canadian offers liberal, prices firm.

"Argentine weather fine, clear and warm; crop prospects have improved in south. Export duty of 5 per cent, which was expected to be imposed on all grains in April, has been indefinitely postponed. Shipments this week: Wheat, estimated, 925,000; corn, 600,000; oats, 120,000 bushels."

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

Portland—	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Thursday	4	..	2	11	5
Year ago	6	8	2	2	8
Sea's to date	4061	176	1114	1945	1741
Year ago	9242	1359	1356	847	1928
Tacoma—					
Wednesday	6	..	..	1	..
Year ago	4	..	..	1	6
Sea's to date	5126	110	..	278	1459
Year ago	6069	489	..	277	1882
Seattle—					
Wednesday	....	4	1	8	4
Year ago	13	7	5	2	9
Sea's to date	4190	295	1244	927	8095
Year ago	6766	1172	1674	802	3226

EASTERN MOHAIR MARKETS FIRM

American Operators Buying Where They Can in South Africa.

The Eastern mohair markets are very firm. Interest of the Boston trade now centers in the Western situation. The Commercial Bulletin says of the foreign market:

Advices from the Cape are that American buyers have been taking a little of almost every class of stock in sight at good prices.

The situation in Yorkshire is without material change. Weavers of cloths in imitation of skins have been exceedingly busy, so much so that they will hardly guarantee deliveries this side of April, 1918.

Alpaca has been in steady demand at full rates in Liverpool, transfers being largely of inferiors.

Boston quotations: Best combing, 62@65c; good combing, 57@60c; ordinary combing, 53@55c; best carding, 58@63c; good carding, 55@58c; ordinary carding, 50@52c. Foreign: Cape first, 56@58c; Turkey, fair average, nominal.

FAILURES IN FEBRUARY ARE LIGHTER

Number Smallest Since 1910 and Indebtedness Lightest Since 1907.

Reduction in the country's business mortality is customary at this season, and during February there were fewer failures than in any month back to September, 1916, with the smallest liabilities since last November. Exclusive of banks and other fiduciary suspensions, defaults numbered 1165, and the indebtedness reported to R. G. Dun & Co. was $16,617,883, as against 1540 for $18,253,120 in January, 1688 for $18,744,105 a year ago, 2278 for $32,404,630 in February, 1915, and 1505 in 1914, when the amount involved was $22,354,193.

Last month's commercial death rate, in fact, was the lowest in point of number since 1910, while it is necessary to go back to 1907 to find a lighter indebtedness for the period. Moreover, the numerical decrease from January, 375, was the largest for recent years, with the exception of 1915, when there was a falling off of 570 insolvencies.

CUBE BUTTER MARKET IS WEAK

Eggs Are Steady, With Surplus Going Into Storage.

The market for cube butter was weak. A few sales of extras were reported at 35 cents, and this was announced to be the top price obtainable. City primes were unchanged at the 39-cent basis.

The egg market was steady at 24 cents for small and 23½ cents for large lots. The demand is fair and the surplus is going into storage.

Poultry of all kinds was firm at unchanged prices. Dressed pork was strong and veal was barely steady.

Advances in Canned Milk.

Canned milk prices have advanced because of the strong Eastern demand. The quotation on Borden's was lifted yesterday 30 cents to $4.75 and on Eagle milk 53 cents to $8.80 a case. Other brands are being held down for the purpose of retaining local trade.

Early Bart Seed for Klamath.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 8.—(Special.)—H. Roland Glaisyer, County Agriculturist of Klamath County, today received 3000 bushels of Early Bart seed wheat, which will be used by Klamath County farmers this year. Mr. Glaisyer says this wheat was experienced with in this county last year, and better yields were received from it than from other kinds of seed. This shipment is from the Burns, Or., experimental station and has been selected for its adaptability to Eastern and Central Oregon especially.

Linn Farmers Plan Big Year.

ALBANY, Or., March 8.—(Special.)—With wheat and oats bringing a record price last season Linn County farmers are working hard for a big acreage the coming harvest, and more Fall grain has been planted in this county than for many years. Everywhere possible farmers planted a great deal of grain last Fall, and will be in shape to devote all remaining acreage to Spring crops. There will be no waste of available farming land in this section of the state this year.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings	Balances
Portland	$2,235,269	$181,492
Seattle	2,537,059	308,427
Tacoma	456,467	79,253
Spokane	1,061,700	118,082

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants Exchange, noon session.

March delivery.	Bid	Bid yr. ago
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ 1.70	$ 1.01
Fortyfold	1.68	.94
Club	1.65	.92
Red fife	....	.92
Red Russian	1.62	.92
Oats—No. 1 white feed	37.00	24.50
Barley—No. 1 feed	39.00	29.50
Futures—		Bid
April bluestem		$ 1.72
April fortyfold		1.63
April club		1.66
April Russian		1.66
April oats		37.50
April barley		39.00

FLOUR—Patents, $8.40; straights, $7.60@7.80; Valley, $7.00; whole wheat, $8.60; graham, $8.40.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $27.00 per ton; shorts, $30.50 per ton; rolled barley, $42@43.

CORN—Whole, $48 per ton; cracked, $49 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, 35c; prime firsts, 34c; firsts, 33c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 39c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 40c, Portland.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook triplets, 23c; Young America, 24c per pound.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 23½@24c per dozen; Oregon ranch, candled, 25c per dozen; Oregon ranch, selects, 27c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 18@20c per pound; Springs, 18@20c; turkeys, live, 20@22c; dressed, 26@26½c; ducks, 22@24c; geese, 12½@13c.

VEAL—Fancy, 14c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 16½@17c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2@3.50; lemons, $3@4.75 per box; bananas, 5c per pound; grapefruit, $3@5.75; tangerines, $1.75 per box.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1.10@1.25 per doz.; tomatoes, $4@7 per crate; cabbage, $5.50@6 per hundred; eggplant, 25c per lb.; lettuce, $2@3.50; cucumbers, $1.25@1.75 per doz.; celery, $1.00@1.50; cauliflower, $2.50@2.75 per crate; peppers, 40c per pound; sack vegetables, $1.40@2.15 per sack; sprouts, 12½c per pound; rhubarb, $2.25@2.65 per box; peas, 15@17½c per pound.

POTATOES—Oregon buying prices, $2.75@3 per hundred; new Floridas, 10c pound.

ONIONS—Oregons, jobbing prices: No. 1, $9; No. 2, $7 per sack.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, 50c@$2.25 box; cranberries, $10@11 per barrel.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $8.10; Honolulu plantation, $8.05; Grants Pass beet, $7.90; California beet, $7.90; extra C, $7.70; powdered, in barrels, $8.00; cubes, in barrels, $8.85.

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, soft shell, 18c; Brazil nuts, 19c; filberts, 19c; almonds, 18@19c; peanuts, 7c; cocoanuts, $1.10 per dozen; pecans, 18@19c; chestnuts, 10c.

BEANS—Oregon, small white, 9¾c; California, small white, 11¾c; large white, 11½c; Lima, 11½c; bayous, 9c; pink, 9¼c; red Mexicans, 9c; Manchurian, 8½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@35c.

SALT—Granulated, $16.75 per ton; half-ground 100s, $19.30 per ton; 50s, $12.10 per ton; dairy, $14.15 per ton.

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

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 10@11c; apricots, 16@19c; peaches, 8½@10c; prunes, Italian, 5@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, 3@8c per pound; 1917 contracts, nominal.

HIDES—Salted hides (25 pounds and up), 19c, salted stags (50 pounds and up), 14c; green and salted kip (15 pounds to 25 pounds), 18c; green and salted calf skins (up to 15 pounds), 20c; green hides (25 pounds and up), 16c; green stags (50 pounds and up), 12c; dry hides, 30c; salt hides, 25c; dry horse hides, $1.50@2.50; salt horse hides, $3@5.

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 25c; salted long-wooled pelts, $1.50@2.

TALLOW—No. 1, 9c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, fine, 28@35c; coarse, 33@36c; Valley, 33@41c.

MOHAIR—Nominal, 50c per pound.

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

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 26c; standard, 25c; skinned, 23@24c; picnics, 18c; cottage rolls, 22c.

LARD — Tierce basis, kettle-rendered, 20½c; standard pure, 20c; compound, 16½c.

BACON—Fancy, 32@33c; standard, 27½@28½c; choice, 23@26½c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 32@33c; export, 21@23c; plate, 20@22c.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; cases, 15½@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.

LAMBING RESULTS UNUSUALLY GOOD

Fine Record at Farm of University of Idaho From Pure-Bred Stock.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 8.—(Special.)—"The first 13 ewes to bring lambs on the University of Idaho farm this year yielded 26 lambs," said E. J. Iddings, superintendent of animal husbandry at the university. "Three of the ewes had single lambs only, but the average of 200 per cent was maintained when three of the ewes brought triplets. Two sets of triplets were from Hampshire ewes and one set from a Shropshire."

The unusually good results from lambing this year at the university, according to Professor Iddings, are attributed to the fact the ewes are all pure-breds, were on pasture until late in the Fall, and went into Winter quarters in a thrifty, vigorous condition. Other reasons are fairly thin flesh during the Summer and good feed and gain in flesh at breeding time, plenty of exercise during the Winter, and the use of succulent feed as a considerable part of the daily ration.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Copper firm. Electrolytic spot and nearby nominal; second quarter, 33@35c, nominal; third quarter, $31.50@32.50c.

Iron steady and unchanged.

Metal Exchange quotes tin firm. Spot, 54@55c.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead steady, 10¾c.

Spelter steady. Spot, East St. Louis delivery, 11c, asked.

At London—Lead, £30 10s; spelter £47.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 8.—Turpentine, nominal, 48½c; sales, none; receipts, 33 barrels; shipments none; stock, 13,055 barrels.

Rosin firm; sales, 372 barrels; receipts, 201 barrels; shipments, none; stocks, 79,302 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, $6; H, I, K, M, $6.20; N, $6.35; WG, $6.30 to $6.45; WW, $6.70.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Evaporated apples steady.

Prunes, exporters buying: Californias, 8¾@10¼c; Oregons, 9¼@10c.

Apricots and peaches, firm.

Raisins, steady.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, March 8.—Butter unsettled. Creamery, 33@40c.

Eggs lower. Receipts, 7188 cases. Firsts, 27½@27¾c; ordinary firsts, 26½@26¾c; at mark, cases included, 26½@27½c.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Raw sugar steady. Centrifugal, $5.27; molasses, $4.40. Refined steady. Fine granulated, $7 to $8.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Minn., March 8.—Linseed on track, $2.90¼@2.90¾; May, $2.92¼ bid; July, $2.94 asked.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Spot cotton quiet. Middling, 17.80c.

A dealer in British East Africa is in the market for cotton and silk hosiery.

BONDS ARE STEADY

Trading in Stock Market Again Becomes Listless.

METAL SHARES HOLD WELL

Early Advances in Specialties Are Generally Eliminated in Later Dealings—Moderate Liquidation in High-Grade Rails.

NEW YORK, March 8.—A relapse to the listless conditions of last month was the most striking feature of today's market. Dealings fell away by 30 to 40 per cent in comparison with the operations of recent days, and the number of issues traded in suffered corresponding reduction.

Such changes as occurred in prices of important stocks represented little more than the caprices of the trading element. United States Steel and allied shares were steady to strong most of the session, with coppers, oils, motors, sugars and the usual equipments, utilities and fertilizers.

The more substantial advances, very few of which were fully retained, included Texas Company, which rose 5¾ to 234, with 3 each for International, Agricultural Chemical preferred and American Cotton Oil preferred.

Rails continued to show general heaviness, with further moderate liquidation of high grade, including Chicago & Northwestern and other grangers. Total sales, 540,000 shares.

Operations in exchange were nominal, sterling and marks hardening with another setback in rubles. Maintenance of the prevailing discount rate by the Bank of England was ascribed to the reduced liability reserves reported by that institution.

Bonds were steady, except for a further decline in Distillers' Securities 5s to the new low record of 63. Total sales, par value, $2,365,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am Best Sugar	1,300	92¾	91¾	91¾
Am Can	5,600	47¼	46	46
Am Car & F	1,300	68¾	67¼	67¼
Am Locomotive	1,100	71¾	71¼	70¾
Am Smelt & Ref	30,100	102¾	101	102¾
Am Sugar Refin	.....	.....	.....	110
Am Tel & Tel	700	126¾	126¼	126¼
Am Zinc L & S	300	37¼	37¼	37¼
Anaconda Cop	15,300	84¾	84	84¼
Atchison	900	102	101¾	101¾
Baldwin Loco	1,600	53¼	53	53
Balt & Ohio	1,000	53¼	53	53
Brook Rap Tran	2,000	69¾	68¼	69
Butte & Sup Cop	3,700	50	48¾	49¾
Cal Pet	1,200	24¼	23¾	23¾
Can Pacific	.....	.....	.....	152¾
Cent Leather	16,800	93¾	91¼	91¾
Ches & Ohio	400	58	57¾	57¾
Chi M & St P	1,500	81	80¾	80¾
Chi & Northw	2,500	114¼	113¼	113¼
Chi, R I & P Ry	.....	.....	.....	55¾
Chino Copper	4,600	63	62¼	62½
Col Fuel & Iron	1,400	48¼	46	46
Corn Prod Refin	30,200	25¼	24¼	24¾
Crucible Steel	18,800	67	65¾	65¾
Distillers' Secur	4,800	20¾	19¾	20¼
Erie	.....	.....	.....	26
Gen Electric	600	164¼	163¾	164
Gt Nor pfd	600	113¼	112¾	112¾
Gt Nor ore ctfs	4,800	36¼	35¾	35¾
Illinois Central	300	101¼	101	101¼
Int Consol Corp	200	13¾	13¾	13¾
Inspiration Cop	10,800	60¾	60	60¼
Int Harv, N J	.....	.....	.....	115
Int Mer M pfd	26,700	75¼	73½	74
Kansas City So	.....	.....	.....	22
Kennecott Cop	11,500	47	46¾	46¾
Louis & Nash	200	125¼	125	124¾
Mex Petroleum	7,400	89¾	87¾	88
Miami Copper	1,200	41¼	40¾	40¼
Mo Pac (new)	500	29	28¾	29
Mont Power	.....	.....	.....	102
Nat Lead	.....	.....	.....	58¼
New Cornelia Copper	2,200	28¼	28	28
N Y Cent	1,200	95	94½	95
N Y, N H & H	700	43¾	43¼	43½
Norfolk & W	300	128	127¾	128
Northern Pacific	500	103	102¾	102¾
Pacific Mail	.....	.....	.....	22¾
Pac Tel & Tel	.....	.....	.....	29
Pennsylvania	3,800	54	54	53¾
Ray Con Copper	11,000	30¾	30	30¾
Reading	1,800	93½	93	92¾
Rep I & Steel	6,500	81¼	79¾	80
Shat Ariz Cop	.....	.....	.....	29
So Pacific	1,800	93	92¼	92¾
So Railway	1,900	27¾	27	27¾
Studebaker Co	3,300	103	100¾	101½
Texas Co	4,000	234	229	230
Utah Copper	16,000	137	134¾	135¾
U S Ind Alcohol	18,900	122¾	118¾	119½
U S Steel	86,800	110¾	109¾	110
U S Steel pfd	200	117¾	117¾	117¾
Utah Copper	15,900	116¼	116¼	116¼
Wabash pfd "B"	700	25	24¾	24¾
West Union	600	94¾	94¼	94
Westing Electric	5,700	50¾	49½	50

Total sales for the day, 540,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	*99	Pac T & T 5s	100¾
do coupon	*99	Pa con 4s	*100½
U S 3s reg	*100½	Pa con 4½s	*105½
do coupon	*100½	S P ref 4s	91
U S 3s reg	*107	S P 4s	97¾
do coupon	*108½	U P cv 4s	*92¾
Atch gen 4s	94	U S Steel 5s	106
N Y C deb 6s	107¾	S P cv 5s	101
Mex 4s	94	Anglo-Fr 5s	92
N P 3s	66¾		

*Bid.

Mining Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, March 7.—Closing prices:

Allouez	69	Nipissing Mines	8
Arizona Com	13¾	North Butte	22¾
Cal & Ariz	88	Old Dominion	65
Cal & Hecla	558	Osceola	93
Centennial	21	Quincy	88
Cop R Con. Co.	64¾	Shannon	9¼
E Butte Cop M	11½	Superior	15
Franklin	8¾	Tam & Bos M	8
Granby Con	88	Tamarack	57½
Greene Can	43	Utah Con	19
Isle Roy Cop	4	Winona	45
Lake Copper	14¼	Wolverine	50¼
Mohawk	85		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

Sterling, 60-day bills, $4.71; commercial 60-day bills on banks, $4.71; commercial 60-day bills, $4.70¾; demand, $4.75¼; cables, $4.76 7-16. France, demand, 5.85¼; cables, 5.84¼. Marks, demand, 68¾; cables, 68½. Kronen, demand, 11¼; cables, 11¾. Guilders, demand, 40¾; cables, 40½. Lires, demand, 7.72; cables, 7.71. Rubles, demand, 27¾; cables, 27¾.

Bar silver, 75¾c.

Mexican dollars, 58¼c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, steady.

Time loans easier; 60 days, 3½@3¾ per cent; 90 days, 3¾@4 per cent; six months, 4@4¼ per cent.

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

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Sterling on London, $4.70½; demand, $4.75½; cables, $4.76½.

Mexican dollars, 57.45c.

LONDON, March 8.—Bar silver, 37¼d per ounce.

Money, 4¼ per cent.

Discount rates: Short bills, 4¾ per cent; 3 months bills, 4¾ per cent.

Stocks Lifeless at London.

LONDON, March 8.—American securities were lifeless, apart from a few dealings in the low-priced shares on the Stock Exchange today.

ALL CEREAL RESERVES ARE LIGHTER

Farm Holdings of Wheat, Corn, Oats and Barley on March 1.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Inventory of the quantity of cereals of the 1916 crops remaining on farms March 1, made by the Department of Agriculture and announced in its March crop report today, disclosed a material reduction of stocks as compared with other years. Heavy exports of wheat, corn and oats to supply the warring European nations have reduced farmers' stocks. High prices offered for those cereals have been so tempting to farmers that the department has issued warnings to farmers not to part with their valuable seed and thereby endanger the coming season's crops.

Wheat held on farms March 1 was about 101,365,000 bushels. Last year 244,448,000 bushels remained on farms March 1.

Corn on farms March 1 was about 789,416,000 bushels, compared with 1,116,559,000 bushels last year.

Oats on farms was about 393,985,000 bushels, compared with 598,148,000 bushels last year.

Barley on farms was about 32,841,000 bushels, compared with 58,301,000 bushels last year.

A supplementary statement said wheat in country mills and elevators on March 1 is estimated to be 89,614,000 bushels (14 per cent of 1916 crop), compared with 155,027,000 bushels a year ago.

Coffee Futures Steadier.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The market for coffee futures showed a steadier tone today on a comparatively small volume of business. The opening was unchanged to three points lower under further scattering liquidation, but prices soon rallied on scattered covering. May contracts sold up from 7.34c to 7.43c and September from 7.63c to 7.72c, or five to eight points net higher, and the market closed at a net advance of five to seven points. Sales 43,000. March, 7.29c; April, 7.35c; May, 7.42c; June, 7.48c; July, 7.55c; August, 7.62c; September, 7.70c; October, 7.75c; November, 7.80c; December, 7.85c; January, 7.90c; February, 7.95c.

Spot quiet. Rio 7s, 9¾c. Plenty of steamers are reported at Santos, but the cost and freight situation was irregular. Santos 3s and 4s were said to be offered at 9.65c, London credits, on a neutral vessel. Bids cabled to Brazil at concessions are said to have been refused.

The official cables reported no change in the Brazilian markets except a decline of 75 reis in Santos futures.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Butter—Fresh extras, 35c; prime firsts, 32½c.

EGGS—Fresh extras, 25½c; extra firsts, 25c; pullets, 23½c.

Cheese—New, 21c; Young Americas, 22½c.

Poultry—Hens, 24@25c; old roasters, 15@16c; broilers, 35@40c; large, 30@33c; fryers, 27@30c; squabs, $2.75@3; pigeons, $1.75@2.25; ducks, 19@20c; geese, 18@20c; turkeys, 23@24c.

Vegetables—Mushrooms, 25c@$1 box; asparagus, 25@35c; lettuce, Southern, iced, $1.50; uniced, $1@1.25; Imperial Valley, $2.50; tomatoes, Mexican, $2.50@3; repacked; eggplant, 30@40c; green peppers, Florida, 50@65c; garlic, 3@4c; celery, $4@4.50; rhubarb, 7@8c; marrowfat and hubbard squash, 2½@3½c; peas, Southern fancy, large, 10@11c; small, 7@8c.

Potatoes—Rivers, $3@3.75.

Onions—$6@8.

Fruit—Lemons, $3.25@3.50; grapefruit, $2.50@3; oranges, navels, $2.65@2.90; bananas, $1@1.50; pineapples, $2.25@2.50; apples, Newtown Pippins, $1.35@1.50; Bellefleur, 65@75c.

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

Receipts—Flour, 7580 quarters; barley, 4453 centals; beans, 1500 sacks; potatoes, 1005 sacks; onions, 76 sacks; hay, 180 tons; hides, 1940; wine, 33,300 gallons.

FARM LOANS TO BE MADE

Associations Formed at The Dalles and at Mosier.

THE DALLES, Or., March 8.—(Special.)—A Farm Loan Association has been formed in this city. Loans of $40,000 have been asked for by the members. The directors are Mr. Brooks, G. Rankin, O. Skickerman, L. B. Brittian, H. A. Welp and Mr. Morgan. L. B. Brittian is president of the association and Carlton Pepper is secretary.

The Mosier Farm Loan Association, with loans aggregating $30,000, has been formed. The directors are C. J. Littlepage, Ed Reeves, P. W. Simpson, Henry Bauer, C. C. Clements, Mrs. E. J. McClure, D. P. Harvey and Mrs. A. S. Marsh. George Chamberlin is president.

The two loan associations will cover the northern end of Wasco County. Steps are being taken to form other associations in the southern part of the county.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses.

NEPOM-BLACKMAN—Dan Nepom, 443 North Twenty-third street, and Clare Blackman, 586 Second street.

TRAVERSE-BABCOCK — Charles Edward Traverse, 605 Marshall street, and Madge D. Babcock, 152 Ainsworth.

YEOMANS-SHIPLEY — Fred Yeomans, Oregon City, and Mella I. Shipley, 100 East Webster street.

HANSON-REED—Dean R. Hanson, 147 East Sumner street, and Laura M. Reed, Corbett, Or.

STEVENS-MILLER—Jack R. Stevens, 760 East Eleventh street North, and Marie Miller, same address.

Vancouver Marriage Licenses.

ROBINSON-METCALF—Joseph Robinson, 37, of Oregon City, Or., and Miss Edith Metcalf, 23, of Oregon City, Or.

LIVELY-COOPER—Edwin B. Lively, 21, of Portland, and Miss Beulah L. Cooper, 16, of Portland.

HIGGINS-BOYE—Charles M. Higgins, 33, of Portland, and Miss Minnie Boye, 19, of Portland.

HILLIGAS-SPORTSMAN — Roy Hilligas, 24, of Portland, and Mrs. Barbara Idella Sportsman, 28, of Portland.

GARRISON-MITZEL—T. B. Garrison, 37, of Portland, and Miss Myrtle Mitzel, 28, of Portland.

STERES-MOORECRAFT—Chris Steres, 29, of Portland, and Miss Bessie Moorecraft, 19, of Portland.

M'TIMPENY-BARKER—J. A. McTimpeny, 21, of Portland, and Miss Mary Ellen Barker, 18, of Portland.

GREER-CARRIER—Tom Greere, 32, of Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. Mary E. Carrier, 26, of Vancouver, Wash.

MAGGETT-SOVERN—Charles Maggett, 33, of Hillsboro, Or., and Miss Pearl Sovern, 22, of Portland.

Births.

TURNER—To Mr. and Mrs. William H. Turner, 919 Kirby street, January 17, a son.

COOPER—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooper, 915 Prescott street, January 30, a son.

CLEMINGER—To Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cleminger, 553½ East Ankeny street, February 6, a daughter.

LAING—To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Laing, 1275 East Sixth street North, February 14, a daughter.

HAMMOND—To Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hammond, 973 East Eighth street North, February 14, a son.

ELLERBY—To Mr. and Mrs. James Ellerby, 515 Mill street, February 14, a daughter.

BALE—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Bale, 850 East Twenty-fourth street North, February 17, a son.

BENSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Amos S. Benson, Polk and Crawford streets, February 18, a daughter.

OGDEN—To Mr. and Mrs. George F. Ogden, Hood River, February 19, a daughter.

FULLENWEIDER—To Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fullenweider, 1043½ East Thirtieth street North, February 20, a daughter.

STEVENS—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Stevens, 6011 Forty-seventh street, February 22, a daughter.

NATHAN—To Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Nathan, 462 Leo avenue, February 23, a daughter.

GRABLER—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grabler, 1280 Atlantic street, February 23, a daughter.

COOK—To Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cook, Knott and Cooper streets, February 23, a daughter.

PICKEL—To Mr. and Mrs. Forest Pickel, 1783 Phelps street, February 24, a son.

Building Permits.

FLANDERS ESTATE—Repair one-story frame dwelling, 707 Pettygrove street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets; Walter R. Thorne, builder; $100.

A. R. RICE—Erect one-story frame garage, 671 East Sixteenth street, between Siskiyou and Klickitat streets; builder, same; $350.

P. J. M'MAHON—Repair two-story frame dwelling, 428 Harrison, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets; builder, same; $25.

O. A. RITAN—Alter three-story brick ordinary (stores), 49-51 Fifth street, between Couch and Davis streets; John Bingham, builder; $1200.

PACIFIC BLOW PIPE CO.—Erect one-story frame blow pipe factory, 114 East Eleventh street North, between Glisan and Flanders; builder, same; $2000.

KING ESTATE—Repair one-story frame dwelling, 148 North Twenty-first street, between Hoyt and Johnson streets; James Moe, builder; $150.

B. HOGEBOOM—Alter five-story brick ordinary (Hotel Arthur), 170 Eleventh street, between Yamhill and Morrison; B. T. Allyn, builder; $100.

F. BOHLMAN—Move and alter one-story frame dwelling, 585 Claybourne, between Fourteenth and Sixteenth streets; builder, same; $500.

MRS. ZELLER—Alter brick ordinary dry kiln, 500 Lincoln street; Mr. Valentine, builder; $50.

MRS. G. HARTNESS, 290 Flanders street, between Fourth and Fifth—Repair four-story building (stores-restaurant-hotel); B. N. Kido, builder; $75.

HARRY COHEN—Repair one-story frame dwelling, 690 First street, between Arthur and Meade streets; A. Grover, builder; $75.

SARAH R. JONES—Repair one-story frame stable, 911 Oregonian avenue, between Mears and Olympia streets; $50.

AMELIA M. HURST—Erect one-story frame garage, 1177 East Ash street, between Thirty-ninth and Forty-first streets; builder, same; $75.

CONRAD SOLUM—Alter one-story frame dwelling, 630 East Fifty-seventh street North; E. Lingaas, builder; $50.

C. R. HELLYER—Erect one-story frame garage, 1462 Cleveland avenue, corner Bryant street; builder, same; $100.

FAIRCHILD—Repair two-story apartments, 457 Taylor street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth; William Isenses Company, builders; $85.

A. P. HERRICK—Erect frame dwelling, 626 Leo avenue, between East Fifteenth and East Sixteenth streets; builder, same; $1400.

VAUGHN MOTOR WORKS—Two-story frame factory, 473-475 East Main street, between East Eighth and East Ninth streets; F. G. Deo, builder; $2000.

WHEAT HAS UPTURN

Big Clearances of Grain Reported From Baltimore.

ALL OPTIONS ARE HIGHER

Guesses as to Bullish Government Report on Farm Reserves Prove to Be Correct—Foreigners Reported to Be Buying Futures.

CHICAGO, March 8.—Big clearances at Baltimore and correct forecasts that the Government crop report on farm reserves would prove bullish did a great deal to bring about advances today in the price of wheat. Quotations closed from 1¼c to 1¾c net higher, with May at $1.88¾ to $1.88¾ and July at $1.58¾ to $1.59. Corn finished 1c to 1½c up, and oats gained ½c to ¾c. In provisions the outcome ranged from 12½c decline to a rise of 15c.

Despite bullish sentiment, which ultimately ruled the wheat market, prices tended downward at the outset, owing largely to the fact that railway traffic difficulties had caused export contracts in the West and Southwest to be cancelled. One railroad was reported as alone having 4500 cars filled with freight standing in the Kansas City yards. Gossip was current that foreigners were buying future deliveries here.

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