

ALL TRADES CEASE

Wheat Market Tied Up by Strike Prospects.

NO INQUIRIES FROM EAST

Strong California Demand for Northern Millfeed Has Developed and Higher Prices Are Bid for Early Shipments.

The strike prospects have had the effect of completely tying up the wheat market so far as eastern business is concerned. There has not been much doing in that line for several weeks, though inquiries were received regularly up to two days ago.

At the Merchants' Exchange wheat bids were reduced all around, bluestem by 1 to 2 cents, while other sorts were 3 to 5 cents lower than on Tuesday.

The oats market was quiet with a firm undertone. There was inquiry from California with prospects of a fair demand developing in the latter.

California buyers were also keen for mill feed and bid \$30 for shorts and \$28.50 for bran. Millers are carrying small stocks of feed, and as the local as well as southern demand is stronger, prices are inclining upward.

Liverpool cables reported the British wheat market quiet but firm. Larger shipments from this side are expected.

The government crop report for March, in estimating farm receipts, was reported for the Northwest the following percentages of wheat and barley shipped out of countries where grown:

Table with columns for Wheat, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, 1892, 1891, 1890, 1889, 1888, 1887, 1886, 1885, 1884, 1883, 1882, 1881, 1880, 1879, 1878, 1877, 1876, 1875, 1874, 1873, 1872, 1871, 1870, 1869, 1868, 1867, 1866, 1865, 1864, 1863, 1862, 1861, 1860, 1859, 1858, 1857, 1856, 1855, 1854, 1853, 1852, 1851, 1850, 1849, 1848, 1847, 1846, 1845, 1844, 1843, 1842, 1841, 1840, 1839, 1838, 1837, 1836, 1835, 1834, 1833, 1832, 1831, 1830, 1829, 1828, 1827, 1826, 1825, 1824, 1823, 1822, 1821, 1820, 1819, 1818, 1817, 1816, 1815, 1814, 1813, 1812, 1811, 1810, 1809, 1808, 1807, 1806, 1805, 1804, 1803, 1802, 1801, 1800, 1799, 1798, 1797, 1796, 1795, 1794, 1793, 1792, 1791, 1790, 1789, 1788, 1787, 1786, 1785, 1784, 1783, 1782, 1781, 1780, 1779, 1778, 1777, 1776, 1775, 1774, 1773, 1772, 1771, 1770, 1769, 1768, 1767, 1766, 1765, 1764, 1763, 1762, 1761, 1760, 1759, 1758, 1757, 1756, 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Storage produce holding reduced. Small stocks of eggs and butter held on first of month.

Storage holdings of eggs and butter, as is to be expected at the end of winter, have been sharply reduced. The March report of the office shows a decrease in holdings lighter than a year ago. Cheese stocks, for the country as a whole, have been cut down, though in the West they are much larger than at this time last year.

The report gives the following figures for the Northwestern section, comprising Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, the comparison being for March 1, 1917, and March 1, 1916.

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