WHEAT BIDS AT TOP

Former Local Record Prices Are Exceeded.

CENT GAIN OVER JANUARY

Demand Comes From California Points Where Tonnage Is Not Available—Inquiry From East Small—Oats Market Firm.

The highest wheat prices on record were posted at the Merchants' Exchange yesterday. For bluestem prompt and April delivery $1.73 was bid, and for May there was an offer of $1.74. The latter price is a cent better than the former top, which was reached on January 18. Forty-fold, at $1.69, equaled the best previous quotation for this sort of wheat, while club, at $1.68, and red Russian, at $1.64, were each a cent higher than the January figures.

The local uplift was in line with the advance in Eastern option markets. There was not the same gain, however, in cash prices throughout the East, and the inquiry from that quarter was by no means active. There was some demand from California for wheat, but it came from points for which tonnage is not available.

Oats were firmer with inquiry from the South. One hundred tons of March oats were sold at the exchange at $37.50. One hundred tons of April shorts were sold at $31.

The Liverpool grain cable said:

"Freight market strong, holders reserved, bottoms insufficient, this is against arrivals at United Kingdom or continental ports. Political situation practically unchanged, activities favor allies. Wheat steady on moderate world's shipments and dearer export offers. American strength causing holders to remain firm. Corn firm on moderate arrivals and first-hand offers. North America shipments last week: Corn, 1,752,000; oats, 1,724,000. Argentina—Weather, clear and warm, reports on corn unfavorable as to yield; wheat moving slowly."

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland Mon.	14	1	5	4	12
Year ago	45	14	17	3	15
Season to date	4166	183	1145	2069	1821
Year ago	6391	1428	1444	869	2031
Tacoma Sat.	....	....	....	....	....
Year ago	36	....	....	....	19
Season to date	5232	111	....	284	1568
Year ago	6235	491	....	290	1948
Seattle Sat.	....	....	9	....	....
Year ago	20	8	4	4	22
Season to date	4219	298	1301	973	3137
Year ago	4974	1217	1743	823	3468

VISIBLE SUPPLY STEADILY LESSENS

Another Large Decrease Reported for Past Week.

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants Exchange follow:

American visible supply—

	Bushels.	Decrease.
March 19, 1917	41,410,000	1,727,000
March 20, 1916	61,174,000	2,721,000
March 22, 1915	43,328,000	1,998,000
March 23, 1914	54,707,000	1,677,000
March 24, 1913	60,486,000	1,762,000
March 18, 1912	34,380,000	1,368,000
March 20, 1911	36,562,000	1,660,000
March 21, 1910	26,798,000	*351,000
March 22, 1909	37,978,000	*80,000
March 23, 1908	39,118,000	1,031,000
March 25, 1907	47,783,000	*399,000

*Increase.

World's shipments, principal exporting countries (flour included)—

From—	Week ending Mar. 17.	Week ending Mar. 10.	Week ending Mar. 18, '16.
U. S. Can.	5,004,000	5,920,000	10,422,000
Argentina	1,665,000	1,532,000	8,276,000
Australia	580,000	540,000	1,624,000
India	260,000	220,000	.....
Total	7,599,000	8,218,000	15,322,000

World's shipments, season to date—

	Total since July 1, '16.	Same Period last season.
U. S. and Canada	263,958,000	350,546,000
Argentina	83,130,000	37,426,000
Australia	50,219,000	12,638,000
Russia	6,352,000	4,192,000
India	26,248,000	12,196,000
Total	398,907,000	391,076,000

The United States visible corn supply decreased 97,000 bushels and the oats supply increased 106,000 bushels.

LIGHTER DEMAND FOR RANCH EGGS

Movement Is Slower, but the Prices of Last Week Prevail.

Eggs sold at Saturday's prices of 27@27½c, but the demand was not as brisk as at the close of last week, evidently due to the settlement of the strike.

The poultry market was firm, with a good demand for all lines. Hens were quoted at 19@20c and Spring roosters at about the same price. Stags were worth 14 cents. Ducks were scarce at 20@22c. Geese were quoted at 12@14c and live turkeys at 22@24c.

Dressed meats were firm. Top-grade pork was quoted at 17½@18c and the best veal at 14@14½c.

POTATO MARKET QUOTED STEADIER

Sharp Decline in Asparagus Prices—Pineapples Again Offered.

There was a somewhat firmer feeling in the potato market yesterday, but shippers still quoted $2.50@2.75. On the street up to $3.25 was obtained in a limited jobbing way.

Asparagus was quoted sharply lower, at 20 cents a pound. A car of Southern cauliflower was received and cleaned up quickly at $2.75. The usual assortment of steamer vegetables is due today. Hawaiian pineapples are again available and are quoted at 9 cents.

Butter Market Advancing.

The butter market opened strong. Receipts of creamery cubes were of fair size, but there was a good outlet on shipping account and stocks cleaned up readily. Extras sold at 36½ and 37 cents. An early advance in print quotations is expected.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings	Balances
Portland	$2,503,795	$275,039
Seattle	8,203,893	746,901
Tacoma	748,878	177,406
Spokane	1,180,427	190,700

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

March delivery:	Bid	Bid yr. ago
Wheat—		
Bluestem	1.73	.98
Fortyfold	1.69	.90
Club	1.68	.88
Red Russian	1.68	.87
Oats, No. 1 white feed	$37.25	24.00
Barley, No. 1 feed	$39.00	28.00
Futures—	Bid	Bid
April Bluestem		1.73
May bluestem		1.74
April fortyfold		1.69
May fortyfold		1.69
April club		1.68
May club		1.68
April Russian		1.63
May Russian		1.63
April oats		37.25
May oats		38.00
April barley		39.00
May barley		39.00

FLOUR—Patents, $8.40; straights, $7.60@7.80; valley, $7.90; whole wheat, $8.60; graham, $8.40.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $29.00 per ton; shorts, $33 per ton; rolled barley, $42@43.

CORN—Whole, $51 per ton; cracked, $52 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, 36½@37c; prime firsts, 35½@36c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras 38c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 39c; No. 2, 37c. Portland.

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

EGGS — Oregon ranch, current receipts, 27@27½c per dozen; Oregon ranch, selects, 2½c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 19@20c per pound; Springs, 18@20c; turkeys, live, 22@24c; ducks, 20@22c; geese, 12@14c.

VEAL—Fancy, 14@14½c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 17½@18c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $2.35@3.25; lemons, $3.50@4.25 per box; bananas, 5c per pound; grapefruit, $2.60@6.25.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1.10@1.25 per dozen, tomatoes, $3.75 per crate; cabbage, $4@5.50 per hundred; eggplant, 25c per lb.; lettuce, $2.50@3.25; cucumbers, $1@1.50 per dozen celery, $1.00@1.50; cauliflower, $2.50@2.75 crate; peppers, 50c per pound; sprouts, 12½c per pound; rhubarb, $2.50@2.75 per box; peas, 15@17½c per pound; asparagus, 20c per pound; spinach, $1.25@1.50 per box.

POTATOES—Oregon buying prices, $2.50@2.75 per hundred; new Floridas, 10c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregons, jobbing prices: No. 1, $9@9.50; No. 2, $6 per sack.

GREEN FRUITS — Apples, 90c@$2 per box; cranberries, $8 per barrel.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $8.10; Honolulu plantation, $8.03; 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, sack lots, 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, 10c; California, small white, 12½c; large white, 12½c; Lima, 14c; bayous, 9½c; pink, 10c; Mexicans, 9½c; Manchurian, 9c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@25c.

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@7½c per pound; broken, 4c; Japan style, 4@4½c.

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

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1916 crop, 4@7c per pound; 1917 contracts, nominal.

HIDES—Salted hides (25 pounds up), 18c; 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), 28c; 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@3.

TALLOW—No. 1, 9c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, fine, 30@35c; coarse, 40c; valley, 40c.

MOHAIR—Nominal, 50c per pound.

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

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 27c; standard, 26c; skinned, 24@25c; picnics, 19c; cottage rolls, 22c.

LARD — Tierce basis, kettle - rendered, 21½c; standard pure, 21c; compound, 16½c.

BACON—Fancy, 33@34c; standard, 28½@29½c; choice, 24@27½c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 21@23c; export, 22@24c; plate, 18@19½c.

Oils.

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

GASOLINE—Bulk, 21½c; cases, 30c; naptha, drums, 19½c; cases, 30c; engine distillate, drums, 10½c; cases, 18c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $1.14; cases, $1.21; boiled, barrels, $1.16; cases, $1.23.

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

ROAD MEETING IS HELD

Orenco Farmers Hear Discussion of Bond Measure.

ORENCO, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—A good roads meeting was held in Orenco, Saturday, which was attended by a large number of farmers from the surrounding country. The foundation was laid for a permanent organization to work for better roads in this section of Washington County.

The sentiment was strongly emphasized that co-operation and a united community were necessary to get results. State Senator Conrad P Olson, of Portland, explained the provision of the $6,000,000 bond issue to be voted upon at a general election in June. Postmaster Myers and D. C. Lewis, from Portland, were also speakers.

A committee was appointed to meet the State Highway Commission relative to making the Cornell road, leading from Portland to Forest Grove, a state highway. This road is the shortest and most direct route. Preparatory measures were discussed which will be necessary to put the roadbed in condition for paving. Another meeting will be held next Saturday and a lunch will be served at noon.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses.

BEYER-GLADY—Herman F. Beyer, Fairview, Or., and Emilie Glady, 693 Glisan street.

M'GEE-HAYES—George W. McGee, 353 Harrison street, and Lucille Hayes, 131 Idaho street.

SCHADE-CARLSON—John Schade, Seattle, Wash., and Edith M. Carlson, 435 Newton street.

PETRARCA - BERALDONE — Salvatore Petrarca, 886 East Forty-fourth street, and Emilia Beraldone, 669 Fifth street.

WARNE-HURLBURT — Walter Charles Warne, 8 East Seventy-second street, and Blanche V. Hurlburt, same address.

VAUGHN-THORNTON—Clarence Vaughn, legal, West Hotel, and Louise Thornton, aged 18 years, 198 Eighty-sixth street Southeast.

VENN-MASTERS—Ray W. Venn, Edmonds, Wash., and Vera P. Masters, 361 Falling street.

PEACH-HOUSTIN—James S. Peach, East Sixtieth and Belmont streets, and Mattie E. Houstin, Portland.

Vancouver Marriage Licenses.

LEWIS-MUIR—John H. Lewis, 18, of Portland, and Rhoda M. Muir, 18, of Portland.

OWENS-BRENNAN—William S. Owens, 24, of Portland, and Grace A. Brennan, 26, of Portland.

GRIMES-NISH, Lloyd A. Grimes, 21, of Wasco, Or., and Louise N. Nish, 19, of Wasco, Or.

LANGMAN-NEDVIDECK—James Langman, 22, of Portland, and Bernardine Nedvideck, 20, of Portland.

LAWHEAD-LAWHEAD—John H. Lawhead, 29, of Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. Nellie Lawhead, 34, of Vancouver, Wash.

PIACENTINI-HARRIS—Angelo Piacintini, 22, of Portland, and Beatrice Harris, 18, of Portland.

Births.

CRONAN—To Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cronan, 301 Albermarle, March 2, a son.

WESS—To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wess, 335 North Twenty-second street, March 4, a daughter.

WILSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Rembluton Wilson, 195 Thirteenth street, March 6, a son.

GATES—To Mr. and Mrs. William F. Gates, 269 Market street, March 6, a son.

ROSS—To Mr. and Mrs. Forest L. Ross, 50½ North Ninth street, March 7, a son.

GLUTH—To Mr. and Mrs. William Gluth, 729 Liberty street, March 7, a son.

HINES—To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Hines, 88½ Texas street, March 8, a daughter.

KALBUER—To Mr. and Mrs. August Kalbuer, 1883 East Madison street, March 3, a son.

JOSEPH—To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Joseph, 55 East Seventy-eighth street North, March 9, a son.

WAISTE—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Waiste, 1039 Gantenbein, March 11, a son.

MEWEN—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. McEwen, 304 East Fifty-second street, March 12, a son.

Building Permits.

J. BORN—Erect frame garage, 1545 Mississippi avenue, between Holland and Stafford; builder, same; $30.

O. W. R. & N. COMPANY—Alter three-story brick ordinary warehouse, 148, 150, 154 Thirteenth, between Irving and Hoyt, Bissinger & Co., builders; $100.

BUSHONG INVESTMENT COMPANY—Alter eight-story fireproof reinforced concrete, 127 Broadway (stores and offices); J. H. Joyce, builder; $475.

CORBETT ESTATE—Alter ten-story fireproof steel frame (stores and offices), 288 Morrison, corner Fifth; Anton Teller, builder; $3500.

WEINHARD ESTATE—Repair three-story brick ordinary, cold storage house, 34 Thirteenth street, between Burnside and Couch; J. W. Thurman, builder; $50.

F. H. WALTERS—Repair one-story frame dwelling, 1169 Campbell; builder, same; $1050.

HENRY VAN ANKEN—Erect frame garage, 1440 Oneonta, between Bellevue and Claremont; builder, same; $100.

W. B. RICHARDS—Erect two-story frame store, 1530 Union avenue, between Buffalo and Holland; W. B. Richards, builder; $1000.

GRANT SMITH SECURITIES COMPANY—Alter nine-story fireproof steel frame hotel, 59 Third, between Pine and Ash; Grant Smith Company, builders; $5000.

HOGS DIME HIGHER

Best Grade Brings $14.50 at North Portland.

LOCAL DEMAND IS KEEN

Top Steers and Butcher Cattle Sell at Full Prices—Run for Opening of Week Is Under Normal.

The run at the stockyards was the lightest for Monday in many weeks, amounting to only 49 loads. The market was firm throughout. A number of sales of prime hogs were made at $14.50, a dime over the best price heretofore obtained, and other loads were sold at $14.25 to $14.30.

Top grade steers sold in full loads at $9.75 and $9.85, and half a dozen loads of good quality brought $9 to $9.40. There was an active trade in butcher cattle at last week's prices. No sheep or lambs were offered on the local market.

Receipts were 870 cattle, 27 calves, 1267 hogs and 204 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle—George Russell, Redmond, 2 cars; Blanchard & Co., Redmond, 3 cars; J. H. Prahl, Sunnyside, 1; C. C. Clark, Arlington, 1; A. B. Cooper, Caldwell, 1; S. B. Sarls, Caldwell, 1; H. O. Sherritt, Pendleton, 1; C. M. Sutton, Homedale, 1; P. J. Brown, Baker, 1; J. P. McCulloch, Shaniko, 1; Mace & Coford, Redmond, 2; F. C. Oxman, Baker, 1; C. B. Hoffman, Parma and Nampa, 2.

With hogs—H. Morden, Sherrer, 1 car; F. B. Ferguson, Amity, 1; Dalles Dressed Meat Co., The Dalles, 1; W. J. Welch, Haines, 1; G. W. Delay, La Grande, 1; B. Cartino, Athena, 1; Grover & Bowker, Payette, 1; H. Ziegler, Grass Valley, 1; C. B. Hofman, Parma, 1.

With sheep—R. N. Stanfield, Stanfield, 2 cars.

With mixed loads—H. Taylor, Sarah, 1 car cattle, calves, hogs; R. L. Rice, Willamina, 1 car cattle, calves, hogs; Sam Flint, Junction City, 1 cattle, calves, hogs; M. L. Forester, Tangent, 1 cattle, hogs; C. A. Bladt, Kalama, 1 cattle, calves, hogs; F. E. Graham, Imbler, 1 cattle, calves, hogs; Elgin Forward Co., Joseph, 1 cattle, calves, hogs; J. A. Younce, Nampa, 1 cattle, calves, hogs; J. O. Bowker, Payette, 1 cattle, calves; L. L. Miller, Nampa, 5 cattle, calves, hogs; Ben Taylor, Shaniko, 1 cattle, hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
1 bull	880	$5.00	25 hogs	198	14.40
2 calves	125	8.75	1 hog	380	13.40
1 calf	240	6.00	22 hogs	186	14.30
28 steers	1148	9.85	2 hogs	145	12.75
30 steers	1022	9.85	1 hog	140	12.50
4 calves	202	8.50	27 hogs	203	14.40
3 calves	230	7.00	9 hogs	149	13.40
3 calves	140	8.50	3 hogs	197	13.90
13 cows	806	3.60	69 hogs	187	14.30
22 steers	943	8.50	5 hogs	408	13.35
1 bull	1360	6.50	1 hog	160	13.50
1 stag	1130	8.25	1 hog	280	14.50
1 bull	1230	6.50	8 hogs	225	14.40
1 stag	1130	5.50	40 hogs	141	13.00
1 cow	1030	7.00	1 hog	140	13.00
1 calf	270	8.50	8 hogs	188	14.25
6 steers	537	8.50	59 hogs	190	14.30
2 calves	340	6.50	28 hogs	154	13.00
1 bull	870	5.50	5 hogs	420	13.50
1 heifer	570	5.50	1 hog	120	13.00
1 calf	180	8.50	24 steers	785	9.75
1 bull	970	6.25	6 steers	548	7.50
1 cow	790	4.25	27 steers	889	9.00
6 cows	558	4.00	28 steers	823	9.00
26 steers	1145	9.40	22 steers	1049	9.10
3 steers	930	9.25	6 steers	927	8.50
2 steers	1375	8.50	2 steers	850	8.25
21 steers	1163	9.00	5 steers	1153	8.50
2 steers	1025	8.75	15 steers	1195	9.00
1 bull	1740	6.50	5 steers	1146	9.00
25 steers	1207	9.00	5 steers	1086	8.50
21 steers	904	7.75	8 steers	1290	9.35
1 cow	960	5.00	6 steers	960	8.25
1 stag	950	5.25	1 steer	740	7.25
1 cow	1150	8.00	8 steers	1383	9.10
1 heifer	670	6.50	2 steers	1150	8.50
1 heifer	710	7.75	2 steers	1140	8.50
1 cow	1250	7.75	5 steers	1007	8.00
2 heifers	715	7.75	13 steers	1137	9.00
1 steer	940	7.50	1 steer	1190	10.00
1 stag	980	8.00	3 steers	1190	8.75
30 steers	969	9.75	2 steers	1010	7.50
1 calf	160	8.00	10 cows	1050	7.25
2 hogs	320	14.50	1 cow	1280	7.25
3 hogs	417	13.40	1 cow	1100	6.75
4 hogs	138	13.00	4 cows	895	5.75
1 hog	260	13.00	1 cow	1210	6.00
25 hogs	202	14.30	1 cow	960	2.00
9 hogs	178	14.50	1 cow	840	3.75
18 hogs	205	14.50	1 cow	890	6.75
1 hog	220	14.50	2 cows	720	5.00
11 hogs	235	14.50	2 cows	994	7.50
2 hogs	300	14.50	1 cow	1160	6.00
3 hogs	233	14.50	1 cow	660	3.50
5 hogs	193	14.40	20 cows	891	6.55
1 hog	130	12.75	1 cow	1200	7.50
88 hogs	166	14.25	2 cows	985	7.00
2 hogs	250	14.25	8 cows	910	6.50
13 hogs	214	14.25	1 cow	930	5.00
2 hogs	445	13.30	1 cow	1320	8.00
36 hogs	170	13.00	1 cow	1020	6.50
54 hogs	202	14.40	1 cow	1040	7.50
2 hogs	270	13.40	1 cow	840	6.25
9 hogs	134	13.25	1 cow	1180	7.00
4 hogs	168	14.25	1 cow	1010	8.00
30 hogs	194	14.30	1 cow	1200	7.50
7 hogs	136	13.25	2 cows	930	5.50
14 hogs	79	11.00	4 cows	1020	6.75
22 hogs	171	14.30	1 bull	1340	6.50
2 hogs	315	13.75	1 bull	1650	6.00
12 hogs	165	13.30	1 bull	1350	6.25
17 hogs	177	12.75	1 bull	760	5.00
96 hogs	198	14.30	8 bulls	1223	6.50
1 hog	300	14.25	1 bull	1460	6.00
12 hogs	158	14.10	1 bull	1020	5.00
5 hogs	182	14.10	1 bull	1490	6.75
1 hog	200	13.00	4 calves	175	7.00
1 hog	240	13.00	1 heifer	940	8.00
2 hogs	145	13.00	2 heifers	1050	7.75
15 hogs	129	13.25	4 hogs	385	13.30
21 hogs	161	14.35	20 hogs	179	14.30
3 hogs	190	14.25			

Prices current at the local yard were as follows:

Cattle—	Price.
Steers, prime	$ 9.65@9.85
Steers, good	8.90@9.25
Steers, medium	8.25@8.75
Cows, choice	7.75@8.00
Cows, medium to good	7.00@7.50
Cows, ordinary to fair	6.50@7.00
Heifers	6.50@9.00
Bulls	5.00@8.00
Calves	8.00@10.00
Hogs—	
Light and heavy packing	14.00@14.50
Rough heavies	13.00@13.50
Pigs and skips	12.75@13.00
Stock hogs	11.50@12.75
Sheep—	
Wethers	11.50@12.00
Ewes	8.75@10.00
Lambs	10.75@13.00

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, March 19.—Hogs—Receipts, 1800, higher. Heavy, $14.30@14.65; light, $14.20@14.50; pigs, $12@13.50; bulk of sales, $14.25@14.50.

Cattle—Receipts, 900, higher. Native steers, $9@12.25; cows and heifers, $7.50@10.25; Western steers, $7.75@10.75; Texas steers, $7.25@8.25; stockers and feeders, $6.75@10.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 4300, higher. Yearlings, $11.50@13.25; wethers, $10.50@12.50; lambs, $13.50@14.75.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Hogs—Receipts, 6000, weak, early advance of 15c lost. Bulk of sales, $14.65@15; light, $14.20@14.90; mixed, $14.50@15; heavy, $14.50@15.05; rough, $14.50@14.60; pigs, $10.85@13.40.

Cattle—Receipts, 2000, strong. Native beef cattle, $9.15@12.65; stockers and feeders, $6.70@9.80; cows and heifers, $5.75@10.85; calves, $10.25@14.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 9000, strong. Wethers, $11.10@12.65; lambs, $12.50@14.90.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—Butter—Fresh extras, 34½c; prime firsts, 34c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 26½c; extra firsts, 25½c; fresh extra pullets, 25c; extra firsts, pullets, 24½c.

Cheese—New, 21c; young Americas, 23c.

Poultry—Hens, 23@24c; old roosters, 15@16c; fryers, 30@35c; broilers, 38@40c; large, 30@35c; squabs, $2.75@3; pigeons, $1.75@2.25; ducks, 19@20c; geese, 19@20c; turkeys, 23@24c.

Vegetables—Mushrooms, 40c@$1; asparagus, 10@12½c; lettuce, Southern loaf, $1.25@1.50; uniced, $1@1.25; peas, Southern fancy, large, 9@10c; small, 7@8c; tomatoes, Mexican repacked, $1.50@2.25; green peppers, Florida, 40@50c; garlic, 3@4c; celery, $3 50; rhubarb, $1@1.50; marrowfat and hubbard squash, 2½@3½c.

Potatoes—Rivers, $2.80@3.25.

Onions—$5.

Fruit—Strawberries, Imperial Valley, 15@25c; lemons, $2.50@3.75; grapefruit, $2.50@$3; oranges, navels, $2.65@2.90; bananas, $1.50@2; pineapples, $2.25@2.50; apples, Newtown pippins $1.35@1.50.

Feedstuffs—Cracked corn and feed corn meals, $51@51.50; rolled barley, $45@47; meal, alfalfa, $20.50, carloads; less, $21.50.

Receipts—Flour, 3994 quarter sacks; barley, 60 centals; beans, 727 sacks; potatoes, 3612 sacks; onions, 50 sacks; hay, 121 tons; hides, 1079; wine, 39,965 gallons.

Rye Hay May Prevent Shortage.

BAKER, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Reports from Riverview say that a number of farmers who experimented with rye hay this year are jubilant over the results, and believe they have found the solution to the feed shortage problem. Rye produces two tons to the acre, according to their average yield, and stock fed on it are reported to be doing well. The fact that it is possible, by cutting early, to get two crops, has made the farmers and stockmen hopeful that the annual hay shortage will be minimized. The feed shortage in the Riverview district is reported to be acute.

ADVANCE IN COFFEE OPTION MARKET

Rumors on Revolution in Germany Add to Upward Movement.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The market for coffee futures was firmer today on renewed buying of the later deliveries, believed to be based on the hope of peace before the end of the year, and covering of the near positions. The market opened at an advance of 6 to 9 points, with May selling up to 7.80c and September to 8.10c during the afternoon, or new high ground for the movement. Rumors of a revolution in Germany probably contributed to the late advance, and the market closed at the best point of the day, or 17 to 19 points net higher. Sales were estimated 62,250 bags. March, 7.74c; April, 7.80c; May, 7.86c; June, 7.94c; July, 8c; August, 8.07c; September, 8.13c; October, 8.19c; November, 8.25c; December, 8.31c; January, 8.37c; February, 8.43c.

Spot firm. Rio 7s, 9⅝c; Santos 4s, 10c. Offers of Santos 4s were reported here from Brazil at 9.50c to 9.75c and of Rio 7s at 8.50c, London credits. A small sale of Santos 4s was reported at 9.50c, London credits, in the cost and freight market.

The official cables reported a decline of 75 reis in the Rio market. Santos spots were unchanged and futures unchanged to 25 reis higher. Santos cleared 40,000 bags for New York.

WHEAT ADVANCE SHARP

GAINS EXCEED FOUR CENTS IN CHICAGO PIT.

Railway Strike Settlement and Supreme Court Decision Give Market Sudden Upturn.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Decided advances today in the value of wheat followed the railway strike settlement and the Supreme Court decision that the Adamson eight-hour law was constitutional. Prices closed strong, 2½c to 4½c net higher, with May at $1.88 to $1.88¼ and July $1.58⅛ to $1.58½. Corn gained 1⅜c to 3c, oats ⅜c to ⅞c, and provisions 27c to $1.15.

At first the wheat market made only moderate upturns in response to announcements that the threatened walkout of railroad employes had been declared off. Temporarily bullish sentiment was restrained by the expected continuance of such freight embargoes as had been due to congested facilities. Besides, demand from would-be purchasers was checked by uncertainty over the increasing destruction of American shipping in the war zone.

Bearish crop reports from the Southwest as well as a revival of rumors of efforts for a separate peace between Austria and Russia acted further as a transient weight on the Adamson law decision, however, the buying movement broadened out and quotations went up with a rush.

A substantial decrease in the United States visible supply total counted likewise in favor of higher prices, and so, too, did the cancellation of railroad embargoes.

Corn advanced to new high price records. Seaboard buying and active demand from industries were strongly in evidence and were ascribed largely to the strike settlement.

Oats rose with other grains. Southern call for cash oats was keen and premiums were offered for immediate shipment.

Sharp gains in provisions accompanied the improvement in the rail situation. Scarcity of hog arrivals formed another stimulus to buyers. May delivery of pork, lard and ribs went to the topmost prices yet.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	$1.84½	$1.88¼	$1.82	$1.88
July	1.55	1.58½	1.54¼	1.58½
CORN.				
May	1.09⅜	1.12	1.09⅛	1.11⅞
July	1.07⅞	1.10⅛	1.07⅜	1.10
OATS.				
May	.58¼	.59	.57¼	.58⅝
July	.56½	.57¼	.55½	.57
MESS PORK.				
May	$3.50	$4.40	$3.40	$4.40
July	$2.60	$3.35	$2.60	$3.30
LARD.				
May	19.30	19.55	19.25	19.55
July	19.40	19.65	19.25	19.55
SHORT RIBS.				
May	17.75	17.97	17.65	17.97
July	17.80	18.02	17.72	18.02

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, $1.81; No. 2 hard, $1.92; No. 3 hard, $1.80@1.89⅝.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, $1.10¼@1.10¾; No. 3 yellow, $1.09@1.11¼; No. 4 yellow, $1.06@1.10.

Oats—No. 3 white, 58½@60¼c; standard, 59@60¾c.

Rye—Nominal.

Barley—$1@1.32.

Timothy—$3.75@5.75.

Clover—$12@18.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 19.—Barley, 96c@$1.24.

Wheat—May, $1.89⅛; July, $1.82¼. Cash: No. 1 hard, $2.04⅛@2.05⅛; No. 1 Northern, $1.94⅛@1.99⅛; No. 2 Northern, $1.91⅛@1.99⅛.

Flax, $2.88¼@2.97¼.

Wheat at Duluth.

DULUTH, March 19.—Wheat closed: May, $1.89¾; July, $1.83¾.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—Spot quotations—Walla, $2.72½@2.75; red Russian, $2.95; Turkey red, $3.05@3.07½; bluestem, $3@3.05; feed barley, $2.20@2.22½; white oats, $2.07½; bran, $31@32; middlings, $43@44; shorts, $34.50@35.

Call board—Barley, $2.22 bid; December, $1.56½ bid, $1.60 asked.

Puget Sound Grain Market.

TACOMA, March 19. — Wheat—Bluestem, $1.70; fortyfold, $1.66; club and red fife, $1.65; red Russian, $1.62.

Car receipts—Wheat, 16; oats, 1; hay, 13.

SEATTLE, March 19. — Wheat—Bluestem, $1.74; turkey red, $1.74; fortyfold, $1.68; club, $1.68; fife, $1.67; red Russian, $1.65.

Barley—$39 per ton.

Yesterday's car receipts—Flour, 9.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Copper, quiet; electrolytic, spot and nearby, nominal; second quarter, 33@35c, nominal; third quarter, 31@32.50c.

Iron, steady; No. 1 Northern, $36@37; No. 2, $35.50@36.50; No. 1 Southern, $31@32; No. 2, $31@31.50.

Metal exchange quotes tin firm; spot, 54@55c.

At London—Spot copper, £136; futures, £135 10s; electrolytic, £151; spot tin, £208 15s; futures, £208 10s.

The metal exchange quotes lead quiet, 9¼c asked.

Spelter, quiet; spot, East St. Louis delivery, 10⅝c asked.