BARLEY UP AGAIN

Bids at Local Exchange Are Advanced 50 Cents.

NO SELLERS ON MARKET

Oats Also Rise Sharply With Lack of Offerings—Feeding of Wheat at North Portland Stock Yards Discontinued.

There was another advance of 50 cents in barley bids at the Merchants' Exchange yesterday, with $71.50 offered for brewing and $67.50 for feed grade. There were no sellers. Just what barley is worth is hard to determine, as the supply left in this territory appears to be widely scattered and holders are not disposed to offer it on the market. A sale was recently put through at an interior point at $74 and another choice lot is known to have been bought to come here at $78 landed. Rolled barley prices have been raised to $76, but there is hardly any demand. Barley flour has not changed in price since the advance noted in these columns Sunday. With the whole grain climbing a higher flour price in the near future is inevitable.

Oats were even stronger than barley. Bids at the Exchange on No. 2 white feed were advanced 75c@$1.50 to $69 a ton, while offers for Eastern barley were raised $1.50@2 a ton.

Feeding of wheat to livestock at the Portland Union Stockyards has been discontinued as a measure of economy. The discontinuance of this practice has not been limited to the stockyards, for, with the exception of instances where farmers are feeding wheat raised by themselves, there is very little feeding of this grain in the entire Northwest. Instead of wheat the Stockyards Company sells the stockmen either cracked corn or crushed barley. Corn sells at 4½ cents and barley at 3 cents a pound as compared with a price of 3 cents for wheat when that cereal was being fed. Stockmen claim it is impossible to fill hogs as well on either corn or barley as on wheat and the fact that packers admit getting slightly better dressing yields since wheat feeding was discontinued would seem to add weight to the stockmen's contentions. However, the fills obtained are accomplished at a lower cost than formerly. Very few complaints are heard, most of the farmers and stockmen taking a patriotic view of the matter and apparently looking upon it as a part of "doing their bit" toward conserving the world's supply of wheat.

Weather conditions in the Middle West, as wired from Chicago: "Minneapolis, Duluth, clear, 10 below; Winnipeg, clear, 28 below; Chicago, clear, cold; Peoria, clear, 10 above; St. Louis, 12; Kansas City, cloudy, 10; St. Joseph, clear, 1 below; Hutchison, Topeka, clear, 2 above; Davenport, clear, 3; Ohio, clear, 15 to 25 above; Omaha, clear, 10 below."

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland, Wed.	4	1	1	....	4
Year ago	10	1	1	11	3
Season to date	5842	234	700	1010	1498
Year ago	3965	164	1082	1826	1698
Tacoma, Tues.	....	....	....	....	....
Year ago	6	....	....	....	....
Season to date	3960	74	....	212	1302
Year ago	5015	108	....	265	1536
Seattle, Tues.	10	....	2	4	5
Year ago	12	....	2	2	8
Season to date	3711	238	701	1018	2347
Year ago	4043	282	1185	1062	2996

POTATO BUYERS ARE HOLDING OFF

Market Is Reported Weaker at Interior Oregon Points.

The potato market is reported weaker in the country with buyers holding off. The ruling quotation on U. S. No. 1 is $1. There is no demand for U. S. No. 2 stock. The jobbing market was inactive at unchanged prices.

Destinations of the latest shipments from the Coast are given by the Bureau of Markets as follows:

From Oregon—El Paso 1; New Orleans, 1; Stockton, 2.

From Washington—Chicago, 1; Kansas City 3; Denver, 2; Seattle, 2; Stockton, 1.

From California—Alexandria, La., 1; El Paso, 4; Fresno, 1; Galveston, 1; Laredo, 1; Los Angeles, 14; San Bernardino, 12; San Diego, 1; Santa Paula, Cal., 1; Stockton, 1; Tucson, 1; Santa Rosa, 1. To San Francisco by boat, 10.

Market conditions as reported by telegraph:

San Francisco, Cal.—Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Burbanks sacked, from Stockton Delta, fancy $1.40@1.60; choice, $1.10@1.35. Oregon, Idaho and Washington, no sales reported.

New Orleans, La.—Colorado, 3; Washington, 1; California, 2; Wisconsin, 4; Minnesota, 1; Michigan, 1; Utah, 1 arrived. Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Idaho and Colorado Round Whites, $2.40; Oregon Burbanks, $2.40@2.50.

Houston, Tex.—Wisconsin, 1; Minnesota, 1; Oregon, 2; California, 2, arrived. Demand and movement good, market steady. Idaho, California, Oregon Burbanks, $2.30@2.40; Russetts, $2.30@2.40; California Round Whites, $2.15@2.25.

EASTERN APPLE MARKETS ARE STEADY

Good Demand for Northwestern Boxed Fruit at New York.

Apple shipments at the opening of the week from the Northwest amounted to 105 cars to the following destinations: Abilene, Kan., 1; Aberdeen, 1; Akron, 1; Birmingham, 2; Billings, 1; Chicago, 7; Cincinnati, 1; Cleveland, 2; Cutbank, Mont., 1; Dayton, O., 1; Denver, 4; Des Moines, 1; Detroit, 4; Dubuque, 1; East Portland, 1; Edmonton, 2; El Paso, 2; Forsyth, Mont., 1; Great Falls, 1; Houston, 2; Kansas City, 1; Livingston, 1; Los Angeles, 4; Melrose, Cal., 1; Milwaukee, 3; Minneapolis, 28; New Orleans, 1; North Platte, 1; New York City, 6; Oklahoma City, 1; Omaha, 3; Philadelphia, 4; Pittsburg, 3; Sacramento, 1; St. Paul, 1; San Francisco, 1; Sheridan, Wyo., 1; Sweetwater, Tex., 1; Tacoma, 1; Vancouver, Can., 3; Wallace, 1; Washington, 1; Whitefish, 1; Winnipeg, 1; Wichita, 1.

Market conditions in the East are reported by wire as follows:

Chicago—Arrivals: Illinois, 2; Washington, 3; Oregon, 1; Oklahoma, 1; unknown, 1; 12 cars on track, including broken and unbroken. Demand and movement, moderate. Very few early sales. XF Spitzenbergs, Romes, medium to large, $2.25@2.50; fancy, medium, $2.00@2.25; XF Jonathans, Winesaps, medium to large, $1.90@2.25; fancy, $1.75@1.90; XF Delicious, large, $2.75@3.00; medium fancy, $2.50@2.75.

New York—Arrivals: Washington, 22; New York, 20; Virginia, 17; Oregon, 1. Demand and movement good, market steady; wide range in quality and condition. Today's sales jobbing. Dock sales: XF Spitzenbergs, Winesaps, large, $2.50@2.75; medium, $2.25@2.50; small, $2; extra fancy Romes, large, $2.75; medium, $2.50; small, $2.25; extra fancy Newtowns, Pippins, large, $2.25@2.50; small, $2.00; extra fancy Romes, large, $2.75; medium, $2.50; small, $2.25. Sales from storage: Quality and condition good, all sizes, all varieties, 25 cents higher. Auction prices: Quality and condition variable; Winesaps, $1.50@1.55; XF Jonathans, $2.40@2.45.

Minneapolis—Arrivals: Wisconsin 3; 20 cars unbroken. Demand and movement good. XF Spitzenbergs, medium to large, mostly $2.75; XF Winesaps, small, $1.75@1.85; XF Jonathans, medium to large, $2.50.

Boston—Jobbing: Demand and movement moderate. XF Winesaps, medium, $2.75; XF Ganos, Black Twigs, medium to large, $2.00.

RAIN STOPS SHIPMENTS OF ORANGES

Small Sizes of Navels Are Exhausted in Southern California.

With the rains in Southern California the orange movement has come to a stop, and no shipments are expected to be made for 10 days. Small sizes are now exhausted, except Seedlings, Mediterranean Sweets and Valencias.

A mixed car of vegetables was received yesterday, including spinach in hampers, which sold at 9@10 cents; chicory lettuce at 65 cents a dozen and bunch beets at 75@85 cents a dozen.

Egg Market Easier.

In spite of the colder weather the egg market weakened yesterday as a result of declines in other markets. The ruling case count quotation was 42½ cents.

Butter was in good demand, and buyers readily paid 48 cents for country creamery extras.

Dressed meats and poultry were unchanged.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,779,473	$644,812
Seattle	4,217,715	763,431
Tacoma	751,142	83,190
Spokane	1,221,797	383,899

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Feed, Flour, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

February delivery—

	Bid.	Yr. Ago.
Oats—		
No. 2 white feed	$69.00	$36.23
Barley—		
Standard feed	67.50	39.50
"A" brewing	71.50	.....
(Thirty days.)		Bid.
Oats—		
No. 2		$69.00
Barley—		
Feed	67.50	
Brewing	71.50	

Eastern oats and corn in bulk:

Oats—	
No. 3 white	65.50
Thirty-eight-pound clipped white	66.50
Corn—	
No. 3 yellow	68.50
No. 3 mixed	67.50
March clipped oats	67.00
(Thirty days.)	
Oats—	
No. 3	65.50
Clipped	67.00
Corn—	
Yellow	68.50
Mixed	67.50

WHEAT—Bulk basis, Portland, for No. 1 grade: Hard white—Bluestem, Early Bart, Allen, Galgalus, Martin Amber, $2.03. Soft white—Palouse bluestem, fortyfold, White Valley, Gold Coin, White Russian, $2.03. White club—Little club, Jenkins' club, white hybrids, Sonora, $2.01. Red Walla—Red Russian, red hybrids, Jones fife, Coppel, $1.98. No. 2 grade, 3c less. No. 3 grade, 6c less. Other grades handled by sample.

FLOUR—Patents, $10; Valley, $9.60; whole wheat, $9.60; graham, $9.20; barley flour, $11.50@12 per barrel; rye flour, $10.60@12 per barrel; cornmeal, $5.75 per bale; rice flour, 8½c per pound.

MILLFEED—Net mill prices, car lots: Bran, $30 per ton; shorts, $32 per ton; middlings, $30; mixed cars and less than carloads 50c more; rolled barley, $72; rolled oats, $74.

CORN—Whole, $76; cracked, $77 per ton.

HAY—Buying prices f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, $27 per ton; Valley timothy, $24@25; alfalfa, $22@22.50; Valley grain hay, $22; clover, $18; straw, $8.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER — Cubes, extras, 48c; prime firsts, 47½c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 52c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 55c delivered.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 42½c; candled, 44c; selects, 45c per dozen.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook triplets, 25c; Young Americas, 26c per pound; longhorns, 24c. Coos and Curry f. o. b. Myrtle Point: Triplets, 24½c; Young America, 25½c per pound; longhorns, 25½c per pound; ¼c discount to Portland trade.

POULTRY—Roosters, old, 20c; young, 24c; springs, 24c; broilers, large, 24c; young, 30@35c; ducks, 32@33c; geese, 20@21c; turkeys, alive, 25c; dressed, 35c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 20@20½c; thin, 16@19c; per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 21@21½c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $3.75@6.50; lemons, $6.50@7.50 per box; bananas, 5½c per pound; grapefruit, $2.25@6.50; apples, $1.25@2.75; tangerines, $2.50@2.75.

VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, $2.50@3 per crate; cabbage, 5½@4c per pound; lettuce, $2.19@2.50 per crate; cucumbers, $1.40@2 per dozen; cauliflower, $2.10@2.85 per crate; artichokes, 95c@$1.15 per pound; garlic, 7@8½c per pound; celery, $4.25@4.50 per crate; peppers, 40c per pound; sprouts, 11@12½c per pound; rhubarb, 15c per pound.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, $1.50 per sack; beets, $1.50@2; turnips, $1.50@1.75; parsnips, $1.50@1.75.

POTATOES—Oregon Burbanks, $1.15@1.25 per hundred; Yakimas, $1.35@1.50.

ONIONS—Oregon, buying price, $1.50 per hundred.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Sack basis: Fruit and berry, $7.95; beet, $7.85; extra C, $7.55; powdered, in barrels, $8.65; cubes, in barrels, $8.85.

NUTS—Walnuts, 24½c; Brazil nuts, 18@21c; filberts, 22@23c; almonds, 19@22c; peanuts, 14@15c; cocoanuts, $1.10 per dozen; pecans, 17½@19c; chestnuts, 20c.

BEANS—California jobbing prices: Small white, 15½c; large white, 15c; bayou, 19½c; pink, 15c; Lima, Oregon beans, buying prices; White, 9½@10c; colored, 8½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@25c.

SALT—Granulated, $10.75 per ton; half-grounds, 100s, $15 per ton; 50s, $16 per ton; dairy, $18.75 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 9@9½c per pound; Blue Rose, 8½c; Japanese style, 8¼@8¾c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 13½c; peaches, 11@12c; prunes, Italian, 11@13c; raisins, 85c@$3 per box; dates, fard, $2.50@3 per box; currants, 19c; figs, $2@2.50 per box.

Hides and Pelts.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 lbs. and up, 14c; salted stags, 50 lbs. and up, 12c; salted and green kip, 15 to 25 lbs., 13c; salted and green calf, 10 to 15 lbs., 21c; green hides, 25 lbs. and up, 11c; green stags, 50 lbs. and up, 10c; dry flint hides, 26c; dry flint calf, 28c; horse hides, $1.25@1.50; salted horse hides, $3@4.

PELTS—Dry long-wool pelts, 33c; dry short-wool pelts, 25c; salted pelts, January takeoff, $2.50@3.50.

Hops, Wool, Etc.

HOPS—1917 crop, 16@17c per pound; 1916 crop, nominal.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 50@60c per pound; Valley, 50@55c per pound; Valley lamb, 45@50c.

MOHAIR—Long staple, full year, 50c; six months, 40@50c; burry, 35@40c.

CASCARA BARK—New and old, 8½@9c per pound.

TALLOW—No. 1, 14@15c per pound; No. 2, 12c per pound.

Provisions.

Local jobbing quotations:

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 33c; standard, 32c; skinned, 27@29c; picnics, 23c; cottage rolls, 28c.

LARD—Tierce basis, standard pure, 27½c; compound, 24½c.

BACON—Fancy, 46@48c; standard, 42@44c; choice, 33@41c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 29@33c; exports, 30@33c; plates, 24@26c.

Oils.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 20½c; cases, 28c naphtha, drums, 19½c; cases, 28c; engine distillate, drums, 10½c; cases, 16c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $1.44; cases, $1.54; boiled, barrels, $1.46; cases, $1.56.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 65c; cases, 75c.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 20.—Turpentine, 42c. Sales, 46 barrels; receipts, 34 barrels; shipments, 361 barrels; stock, 25,297 barrels.

Rosin firm. Sales, none; receipts, 175 barrels; shipments, 930 barrels; stock, 88,651 barrels. Quote: B, D, E, F, G, H, I, $3.95; K, $6.55; M, $6.95; N, $7.25; WG, $7.40; WW, $7.50.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Butter steady. Creamery, 44@49c.

Eggs higher. Receipts 1178 cases; firsts, 51c; ordinary firsts, 49@50c; at mark, cases included, 49@51c.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Metal Exchange quotes lead firm. Spot, 7.12½@7.25c.

Spelter dull. East St. Louis, spot delivery, offered at 7.87½c.

WE BUY
RAW MOLESKINS
We Pay 17c Apiece and Express Charges.
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Kohn & Baer
116-118-120 West Thirty-Second St.,
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Reference—National City Bank, N. Y.
National Park Bank, N. Y.

MEAT USE LESSENS

Decrease of Half Million Head Slaughtered in January.

FIGURES FOR NORTHWEST

Decline in Consumption of Pork and Mutton Is Marked—Movement of Livestock at All Points in First Month of Year.

The Bureau of Markets has issued from its North Portland office, through C. E. Gibbons, local representative, the following statistics of receipts at all United States stockyards in January, 1918, as compared with January, 1917:

	January 1918.	January 1917.
Cattle	1,689,161	1,651,745
Hogs	4,295,319	4,917,802
Sheep	1,270,983	1,540,123
Horses and mules	137,036	125,074

Comparative receipts at the Portland stockyards in January:

	1918.	1917.
Cattle	7,767	7,763
Hogs	22,851	26,252
Sheep	8,654	13,035
Horses and mules	368	235

Spokane receipts for January compare:

	1918.	1917.
Cattle	1,917	1,692
Hogs	4,752	3,947
Sheep	3,681	450
Horses and mules	74	501

Seattle receipts for January compare:

	1918.	1917.
Cattle	3,544	4,543
Hogs	11,141	20,641
Sheep	19	264

Total United States shipments, including stockers and feeders, millkers and springers driven out:

	1918.	1917.
Cattle	521,071	493,968
Hogs	1,238,678	1,512,657
Sheep	505,639	558,078
Horses and mules	134,579	121,791

Portland shipments in January were as follows:

Cattle	3,527
Hogs	7,987
Sheep	2,916
Horses and mules	370

Spokane shipments in January compare:

	1918.	1917.
Cattle	125	410
Hogs	199	1,188
Sheep	3,257	434
Horses and mules	24	468

Seattle shipments in January were 29 cattle.

Total United States shipments of stockers and feeders, including drive outs:

	1918.	1917.
Cattle	210,623	255,082
Hogs	38,089	77,634
Sheep	111,089	139,808

Shipments of stockers and feeders from Portland compare:

	1918.	1917.
Cattle	1,103	884
Hogs	1,400	944
Sheep	529	3,101

Stocker and feeder shipments from other Northwestern points were:

Cattle: Spokane 55, Tacoma 9, Pasco 32.

Hogs: Spokane 199, Tacoma 96, Pasco 138.

The following are comparative slaughter statistics for the United States, the figures representing receipts minus shipments:

	1918.	1917.
Cattle	1,066,933	1,064,892
Hogs	2,953,745	3,288,661
Sheep	744,027	956,542

Slaughter statistics for Portland in January, 1918, follow:

Cattle	4,173
Hogs	14,133
Sheep	6,424

Spokane slaughter statistics compare:

	1918.	1917.
Cattle	1,523	684
Hogs	4,552	2,583
Sheep	27	16

Seattle slaughter statistics are:

	1918.	1917.
Cattle	3,514	4,343
Hogs	11,141	20,641
Sheep	19	264

Tacoma slaughter statistics follow:

	1918.	1917.
Cattle	1,643	953
Hogs	1,794	3,219
Sheep	2,051	1,676

Pasco in January slaughtered 40 cattle, 8 hogs and 5 sheep.

SMALL RUN AT PORTLAND YARDS

Lighter Demand for Top Grade Steers—Hogs Are Steady.

There was a small run of stock at the yards yesterday and trading was limited. With a lighter demand for high-grade steers, $11 is now quoted as the top of the market.

In their weekly review of market conditions at the opening, Kidwell & Caswell say: "The common and medium grades of steers found a outlet at prices 15c to 25c lower than a week ago; the steer market in general is fully 25c lower. One load of fancy steers sold at $11; a very good class selling from $10.25 to $10.65 and off grades from $9 to $10. The outlet for cows and heifers is fairly good and tops sold from $9.50 to $9.60, with bulk of the sales from $7.75 to $8.50, and common kinds from $4.50 up. There is a strong demand for bulls and prices are fully steady, with tops selling as high as $8, bulk of the sales from $7 to $7.50. The hog demand is slack and prices 50c lower than last week, with extreme tops at $16.60, bulk of sales at $16.50 and pigs from $14.50 to $15. There was a small run of sheep and lambs on the market the demand was good and prices steady with last week. Strictly top lambs selling from $15 to $15.50, wethers from $12.50 to $13.50 and ewes from $10 to $11."

A survey to determine the number of meat animals that will be marketed from sugar-beet feeding districts shows approximately 101,857 cattle and 303,645 sheep. At many of the factories, especially those in Michigan and other Middle Western states, the pulp is dried and sold to dairymen and as a result most of the feeding operations with meat animals are carried on in California, Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states. The usual custom is to feed the beet tops until the middle of November or the first of December and then continue the feeding with pulp.

Reports received by the Bureau of Markets from garbage contractors who have contracted with the Government for the garbage at military camps, show that on January 1 there were approximately 22,950 hogs being fed for market on the garbage from 15 camps. These hogs range in weight from 100 to 150 pounds and the average daily gain is about one pound per head. The number of hogs kept on feed at the different camps fluctuates throughout the season because of variable conditions which govern the number that can be fed profitably. Hogs on feed at American Lake number 5100 head.

Receipts yesterday were 91 cattle, 2 calves and 350 hogs. Shippers were W. O. Minor, Heppner, 1 load cattle; A. F. McFee, Yelm, 1 load cattle and calves; Frank Mann, Mount Angel, 1 load cattle and hogs; Robert McCrow, Goldendale, 1 load cattle and hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
2 cows	770	$ 5.50	1 bull	1240	$ 7.85
7 cows	850	6.50	1 bull	1800	8.50
2 cows	920	8.50	2 bulls	1385	7.50
6 cows	985	7.50	1 bull	890	6.25
1 cow	790	5.50	1 bull	990	6.00
1 cow	980	5.50	16 steers	1043	10.45
1 cow	1060	8.00	1 steer	1030	7.50
2 cows	785	6.50	24 steers	1182	9.25
1 cow	640	5.50	1 stag	840	8.50
2 cows	780	5.50	2 heifers	695	5.25
1 cow	1100	7.25	4 calves	145	12.50
2 cows	850	5.75	1 calf	250	10.00
17 cows	891	7.50	1 hog	310	15.60
6 cows	990	6.00	1 hog	230	16.60
1 cow	1000	6.00	15 hogs	172	16.60
2 cows	950	7.50	16 hogs	172	16.60
2 cows	810	7.75	8 hogs	161	16.50
2 cows	845	6.00	5 hogs	216	16.60
2 cows	1150	9.00	1 hog	150	16.50
2 cows	815	8.50	4 hogs	180	16.60
1 bull	660	6.00	8 hogs	200	16.70
1 bull	1510	7.50	1 hog	220	16.60
1 bull	1590	6.75	45 hogs	209	16.60

Quotations at the yards follow:

Cattle—	Prices.
Medium to choice steers	$10.35@11.00
Good to medium steers	9.25@10.35
Common to good steers	8.00@ 9.40
Choice cows and heifers	8.00@10.00
Com. to good cows and heifers	6.75@ 8.15
Canners	4.25@ 6.25
Bulls	5.00@8.00
Calves	7.50@11.00
Stockers and feeders	6.00@ 9.50
Hogs—	
Prime light	16.45@16.60
Prime heavy	16.40@16.55
Pigs	14.50@15.00
Sheep—	
Western lambs	15.00@15.50
Valley lambs	14.50@15.00
Yearlings	13.00@13.50
Wethers	12.50@13.00
Ewes	9.00@11.00

DESTINATIONS OF STOCK LOADED

Shipments En Route to Leading Livestock Markets of the Country.

Destinations of livestock loaded February 19. (Carloads reported west of Allegheny Mountains; double decks counted as two cars):

	Cattle, calves	Hogs	Sheep	Horses, mules	Mxd. stock.
Atlanta, Ga.	....	....	....	15	....
Austin, Minn.	1	22	....	....	....
Brightwood	....	10	....	....	....
Boston	8	116	....	....	1
Buffalo	1	56	31	....	1
Cedar Rapids	3	26	....	1	....
Chicago	334	426	77	4	33
Cincinnati	12	32	....	1	10
Cleveland	13	36	....	....	19
Cudahy, Wis.	5	31	....	....	....
Denver	17	27	6	3	1
Detroit	28	48	12	1	40
E. St. Louis	108	234	4	31	32
Ft. Worth	109	26	....	12	11
Indianapolis	24	124	1	....	35
Jersey City	19	12	....	....	....
Kansas City	310	176	32	15	41
Kearneys, N.J.	....	28	2	....	....
Los Angeles	3	6	16	1	....
Louisville	4	9	....	....	....
Mason City	1	26	....	....	....
Milwaukee	7	34	....	1	22
New Haven	....	17	....	....	....
New Orleans	17	....	....	2	....
New York	39	31	24	....	4
Ogden	4	1	....	....	....
Oklahoma City	37	10	....	1	....
Omaha	187	185	43	....	29
Ottumwa	16	20	....	....	....
Peoria	....	39	....	1	....
Pittsburg	7	36	....	....	2
Portland, Or.	8	8	....	....	2
St. Joseph	132	155	20	1	33
St. Paul	46	42	....	....	89
San Francisco	21	2	....	1	....
Seattle	2	....	....	....	....
Sioux City	58	128	4	....	....
Sioux Falls	3	14	....	....	....
Spokane	1	3	....	....	....
Tacoma	9	....	....	....	....
Wheeling	....	16	....	....	2
Wichita	17	14	....	4	4
Worcester	....	17	....	....	....
Various	370	123	56	217	14
Totals	2007	2400	330	320	431
One week ago	2097	1919	355	232	408
Four w'ks ago	2340	2350	556	184	462

State Origins of livestock loaded February 19:

For Portland—					
California	....	5	....	....	....
Oregon	8	3	....	....	1
Washington	....	....	....	....	1
Totals	8	8	....	....	2
One week ago	5	6	....	....	1
Four w'ks ago	8	....	....	....	....
For Seattle—					
Washington	2	....	....	....	....
Totals Seattle	2	....	....	....	....
One week ago	1	1	....	1	....
Four w'ks ago	12	1	8	....	....

Eastern Meat Trade Conditions.

Report Eastern meat trade conditions February 20 (8:30 A. M., Eastern time):

Boston—Beef, fresh: Receipts heavy, considerable accumulation of stale stuff, market dull and draggy, demand very light. Kosher beef: Supply moderate, market steady, demand good.

New York—Beef, fresh: Receipts normal, steady on stuff in good condition, demand slow. Kosher chucks and plates: Supply adequate market stronger, demand good. Hinds and ribs: Supply liberal, market weak, demand light.

Philadelphia—Beef, fresh: Receipts moderate, market fairly steady at yesterday's prices, demand a little slow. Kosher beef: Supply moderate, market steady, demand fair.

Washington—Beef, fresh: Receipts heavy, market weak, demand poor. A large number of stale cattle among the receipts are being sacrificed at prices considerably below the market.

Pork.

Boston—Supply heavy, trade almost at a standstill, market weak showing a very wide range of prices.

New York—Receipts liberal, demand slow, most arrivals must be moved quickly, market draggy.

Philadelphia—Receipts moderate, demand light, market weak and uneven.

Washington—Receipts moderate, demand light, market fairly steady at yesterday's close.

Lamb.

Boston—Receipts heavy, demand unusually slow, market dull and weak.

New York—Receipts liberal, demand light, market about steady on light lambs in good condition. Sales of stale lambs being made at ridiculously low prices.

Philadelphia—Receipts liberal, demand poor, market draggy, some lambs being frozen.

Washington—Receipts moderate, demand light, market unchanged.

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Feb. 20.—Hogs—Receipts, 16,000; market 15c higher. Heavy, $16.40@16.70; mixed, $16.45@16.65; light, $16.35@16.65; pigs, $10@15.50; bulk of sales, $16.45@16.65.

Cattle—Receipts, 3200; market 10@15c higher. Native steers, $9.00@13.10; cows and heifers, $7.00@11.00; Western steers, $8.50@12.00; Texas steers, $7.50@10.50; cows and heifers, $7.00@9.50; canners, $6.50@7.75; stockers and feeders, $6.50@11.75; calves, $9.00@13.00; bulls, stags, etc., $7.50@10.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 3200; market steady to strong. Yearlings, $11.50@14.50; wethers, $11.00@13.00; ewes, $10.50@12.00; lambs, $14.25@16.25.

FALL ACREAGE LARGER

WHEAT CROP IN GOOD CONDITION IN WESTERN OREGON.

Grazing Situation Was Never Better, Owing to Mild Weather Throughout Winter.

Winter wheat and grass conditions in the Willamette, Rogue River and Umpqua Valleys are compiled by H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific, as follows:

Independence—Account of the mild and open Winter, Fall grain is looking healthy and well advanced. Acreage is not equal to normal owing to very dry weather last Fall, which did not permit of preparing the ground and sowing. Grazing conditions good, account of continued warm weather and rains.

Woodburn—Fall wheat in very good condition. Acreage slightly increased over normal. Grass in good condition, account of continued rains and warm weather.

Eugene—Acreage of Fall wheat sown is estimated at 110 per cent of last year's crop which was about normal, and has made good growth and is in good condition. Pastures are in the very best condition for grazing.

Salem—Fall wheat in good condition and indications for a good crop are very encouraging. Acreage this year is about the same as last year. Grazing exceptionally good owing to the grass which has been growing all Winter due to the warm rains and open Winter.

Cottage Grove—Plenty of rain and mild temperature has been very beneficial to Fall wheat, which is in the very best condition at this time of the year. Grazing conditions were never better.

Monroe—Fall wheat in this vicinity is looking exceedingly well. Acreage indicates slight increase over last year. Grazing conditions were never better.

Banks—Fall wheat in this vicinity in very good condition, but growing too fast, and estimate acreage 125 per cent of normal. Grass making splendid growth and is good color.

Carlton—Fall wheat acreage estimated normal. Present indications are for yield of 50 per cent greater than last year. Pastures better than normal account of open Winter.

Sheridan—Acreage sown to Fall grains especially wheat in this vicinity is somewhat above normal. All Fall-sown crops look promising. Grazing conditions were never more encouraging.

Hillsboro—Estimated that there is a slight decrease in acreage of Fall grains due to the continued drought last Fall and shortage of labor which prevented sowing of wheat. Grass for grazing in excellent condition.

Albany—Estimated acreage of Fall wheat 120 per cent of normal; good healthy stand and looks very promising. Grass has made an exceptional growth owing to warm weather and plenty of moisture.

Lebanon—Estimated acreage of Fall wheat in this vicinity about 75 per cent of normal—decrease due to continued drought which prevented preparing of the ground and sowing of grain. Indications are that there will be a large increase in Spring grain. Grass in fine condition for grazing; much better than in any year past.

Medford—Fall wheat about four inches high and looking exceedingly well. Estimated acreage 20 per cent above normal. Grass on the foothills in good condition and stock was able to graze throughout the Winter.

Ashland—Acreage of Fall grain estimated at normal and is in very good condition. Conditions were never more promising than at the present for a good heavy yield. Grass has been making good growth throughout the Winter furnishing sufficient grazing for stock.

Roseburg—Winter has been very mild, with little frost or snow and the warm rains have been beneficial to Fall-sown wheat. Acreage about 20 per cent above normal. Prospects were never better for a heavy yield. Grazing has never been better. Will begin harvesting broccoli crop next week. The broccoli is in good condition and estimate yield of about 60 carloads.

OATS AT TOP MARK

Chicago Price Jumps to Highest Known Level.

TRANSACTIONS ARE HEAVY

Chief Impetus Is Prospect of Advanced Guaranteed Quotation on New Crop Wheat—Fluctuations May Be Curbed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Falling off in receipts tended to put strength today into the corn market. February delivery closed firm at the maximum limit allowed, $1.28, but other options eased back a little after midday and finished steady, $1.27⅝ for March and $1.26⅛ for May, unchanged to ¼c off compared with 24 hours before. Oats gained 1⅛@1¼c to 1½c net and provisions 2½c to $1.

Oats, which have as yet been subjected to no formal curb, jumped to the highest known level. Transactions reached a big total. Likelihood that the Government guaranteed price on the 1918 wheat crop would be raised 50c a bushel furnished the chief impetus. Profit-taking, though, was heavy on the bulge, especially after gossip spread that a movement was on foot to confine fluctuations within set bounds for any single day.

Provisions rose with hogs and grain. Arrivals of hogs were much short of the estimate.

Leading futures closed as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
CORN.				
March	$.....	$1.27⅝	$1.27⅛	$1.27⅝
May	1.26⅞	1.27½	1.26⅞	1.26⅞
OATS.				
March	.90¼	.92¼	.90¼	.91
May	.88	.90½	.88	.88⅞
MESS PORK.				
May	48.70	49.55	48.70	4955
LARD.				
May	26.35	26.57	26.32	26.47
July	.....	26.82	26.57	26.75
SHORT RIBS.				
May	26.00	26.80	23.57	23.70
July	26.00	26.20	26.00	26.05

Cash prices were:

Corn—Nos. 2 and 3 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow,