BARLEY BOOM IS ON

Malsters and Millers Are Competing for American Supply.

PRICES ADVANCE RAPIDLY

Restrictions on Brewers Reported to Have Been Removed — Choice Grade on Pacific Coast Worth $80 Ton for Shipment East.

A barley boom has struck all the American markets. In addition to the strong demand from millers, malsters are again buying heavily and prices are soaring. At Chicago yesterday cash barley was 4 to 6 cents higher than on Tuesday, while at Minneapolis there was an advance of 3 to 5 cents.

Private wires from the East said the restrictions in the use of barley imposed last Fall on brewers had been removed by the Food Administration, and this was borne out by the active buying of malting grades. The news came as a surprise, as it was expected that if anything would be done the reverse would be the case, and the limitations on brewery use of barley made more strict or entirely prohibited. Domestic barley supplies are generally believed to be limited and it was presumed all the better grade remaining would be reserved for millers' use.

At the Merchants' Exchange bids on brewing barley were advanced $1 to $75 a ton with no sellers. On the basis of the latest sale of Northwestern barley at Minneapolis, a good lot would now be worth $80 on the Coast. Practically all the dealers' barley left in the Northwest is understood to be sold and awaiting shipment. A few lots are held by growers at scattered points, but they are in no hurry to sell.

The local oats market is very dull. Bids on No. 2 white were unchanged at $69.50. Offers for Eastern oats were 25@50 cents higher. Corn was unchanged.

Snow's report of stocks of grain on farms shows: Wheat, 133,000,000 bushels, or 19.4 per cent of the crop; oats, 634,000,000 bushels, or 39.4 per cent; corn, 1,454,000 bushels, or 44.3 per cent.

Weather conditions in the Middle West, as wired from Chicago: "Winnipeg clear, 10 below. Duluth, Minneapolis cloudy, 12 above. Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Topeka, Davenport, Decatur all cloudy, 22 to 35. Ohio Valley cloudy, 50."

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland, Wed.	....	....	11	13	17
Year ago	1	....	4	10	4
Season to date	2845	282	174	1691	1644
Year ago	4064	173	1165	1836	1739
Tacoma, Tues.	5	....	....	1	7
Year ago	....	....	....	3	3
Season to date	4013	75	....	227	1413
Year ago	3121	108	....	287	1562
Seattle, Tues.	29	....	4	....	2
Year ago	8	1	7	3	....
Season to date	3860	241	756	1039	2605
Year ago	4142	288	1258	1096	3086

EASTERN APPLE MARKETS UNCHANGED

Tone Is Steady to Firm on Western Boxed Fruit.

The destinations of the latest shipments of Northwestern apples is given by the Bureau of Markets as follows: Baltimore 1, Beaumont 1, Boston 8, Buffalo 1, Centralia 1, Chicago 7, Cincinnati 1, Denver 4, Detroit 2, Meridian 1, Minneapolis 17, New York City 12, North Platte 1, Omaha 7, Philadelphia 2, Pittsburg 2, Pomona 1, San Francisco 1, San Jose 1, Seattle 1, Tacoma 1, Washington 1, Watertown 1.

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

Chicago—Arrivals, Illinois 1, Washington 8, New York 1, Oregon 2, Idaho 1, Missouri 1. Fifty-two cars on track, including broken and unbroken. Demand and movement moderate; market steady. Extra fancy Spitzenbergs, medium to large, $2.25@2.50; choice to fancy medium, $2@2.25; extra fancy Jonathans, medium to large, $1.90@2.25; choice medium to large, $1.75@1.90; extra fancy Winesaps, large, $2.25@2.50; choice, medium to large, $1.75@1.90; extra fancy Romes, medium, $1.75@2; large, $2@2.25; extra fancy Delicious, large, $3@3.25; choice, medium average, $1.50; Idaho Jonathans, medium to large, average, $1.25.

New York—Arrivals, New York 20, Washington 8, Virginia 7, Oregon 4, Maine 2. Received yesterday, Oregon 1, Washington 27. Market firm. Northwestern extra fancy Winesaps, medium to large, $2.50@3; small, $2.25; extra fancy Romes, large, $2.75; small to medium, $2.25@2.50; Newtowns, Pippins, some scalded, large, $2@2.25; few higher; small to medium, $1.65@2. Auction prices, extra fancy Newtons, Pippins, $1.55@2.50; extra fancy Winesaps, $1.65@2.80; extra fancy Romes, $1.55@1.65.

Boston—Arrivals, Washington 7. Demand and movement, good; market, steady. Extra fancy Winesaps, large, $2.75@3.25; medium, $2.50@2.75; small, $2.25@2.50; fancy Winesaps, small, $2@2.25; extra fancy Fearmains, small to medium, $2; extra fancy Newtowns, medium to large, and small, $2; extra fancy and fancy Winesaps, quality poor, condition fair, $1.50. Auction prices, extra fancy Ben Davis, all sizes, $1.75@2; fancy, all sizes, $1.75@1.85; extra fancy Winesaps, large, $2.95@3.15; medium, $2.60@2.75; small, $1.85@2.45; fancy, small, $2; choice, large, $2.10; extra fancy Romes, large, $2.60@2.75; medium, $2.35@2.40; small, $2.25; fancy, large, $2.20@2.30; Oregon fancy Spitzenbergs, $2.30; medium, $2.10@2.25.

HOPS SOLD FOR ENGLISH ACCOUNT

One Thousand Bales Change Hands at 20 Cents—Will be Stored Here.

A rumor current in the hop market that T. A. Livesley & Co. had sold 1000 bales of 1917 hops at 20 cents for export to London was confirmed yesterday by John Roberts, of Salem. This is the first sale of hops to an English buyer that has been reported for several years. The hops will be stored in this country until it is possible to ship them across the Atlantic. English reserve stocks in the hands of dealers and growers are exhausted, and should the war end this year an excited hop market is likely to result.

There is some business under way in Oregon in 1918 contracts with 17 cents bid. Considerable acreage has been plowed up during the Winter, but with favorable weather the coming crop should be larger than last year's.

CAR SHORTAGE CHECKS SHIPMENTS

Oregon Potato Market Weak, With Limited Outside and Local Demand.

The car shortage is curtailing shipments of potatoes out of the Willamette Valley. The demand at best is light and buying prices are unchanged at 85c@$1 for U. S. No. 1 Burbanks. In the jobbing market the bulk of sales are at $1@1.15 for ordinary stock, $1.50@1.75 for fancy and as low as 65 cents per poor grade.

The destinations of the latest shipments from the Coast follow:

From Oregon—Denver 1, New Orleans 1, Stockton 2, Galveston 1, Sacramento 1, unreported 1, Miami 1.

From California—Barstow, Cal., 3, Los Angeles 5, Tucson 2, El Paso 2, Oakland 3, Waco 1, Fresno 1, Sacramento 1, unreported 2.

From Washington—Chicago 1, El Paso 1.

Market conditions as reported by telegraph:

Spokane—Demand light. Mixed reds and whites, $1.25.

Butte—One car arrived. Burals, sacked, $1.50.

Dallas, Texas—Idaho 1, Washington 1, Colorado 1, Montana 1, arrived. Demand and movement very slow. Market unsettled. Idaho, Washington and California Burbanks, $2.20@2.30; Washington Gems, mostly $2.35.

Houston—Colorado 2, Idaho 3, India 2, California 1, Mississippi 1, arrived. Demand and movement moderate. Market only fair. Idaho, California and Washington, Burbanks and Russetts, $2.25@2.40; Colorado round whites, $2@2.25.

New Orleans—Wisconsin 2, Oregon 2, Nevada 1, arrived. Demand and movement slow. Market weaker. Oregon Burbanks $2; Washington Burbanks $1.50; Nevada Burbanks, $2.25.

CHEESE ONE AND TWO CENTS HIGHER

Wider Premium Is Now Quoted on Young Americas and Longhorns.

Tillamook Cheese prices were advanced yesterday, 1 cent on triplets to 26 cents, and 2 cents on Young Americas and longhorns to 28 cents, f. o. b. The wider differential on the latter is due to their scarcity.

Butter was firm with an active demand for country creamery extras at 50 cents.

The egg market was steadier in consequence of the firmness at San Francisco. Sales were made on the street at 34 and 35 cents, case count.

Dressed meats were steady with light receipts. Poultry arrivals were very small.

Storage Stocks of Fish Increased.

Reports from 189 cold storages show that their rooms on February 15, 1918, contained 44,066,945 pounds of frozen fish, while on January 15, 177 storages reported 58,542,436 pounds. The 156 storages that reported for February 15, of this year and last, show a present stock of 26,225,692 pounds as compared with 23,290,633 pounds last year, an increase of 2,935,059 pounds, or 12.1 per cent. The reports show that from January 15 to February 15, the January 15 holdings decreased 23.1 per cent. Last year the decrease during the same period was 39.1 per cent.

First Walla Walla Spinach Received.

The first Walla Walla spinach made its appearance yesterday and sold at $1.50 a box. The steamer brought a small shipment of sweet potatoes, which were offered at 7@7½ cents. Tangerines, lemons and oranges were also on the boat.

A shipment of California asparagus is due today and it will sell at 20@22½ cents a pound.

Linseed Oil Again Advances.

Another advance of 4 cents in linseed oil was announced yesterday. The new quotations follow: Raw, in barrels, $1.58; in cases, $1.68; boiled, in barrels, $1.60; in cases, $1.70. Linseed oil prices are now 24 cents higher than on the first of the year, and 47 cents higher than one year ago.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$3,239,929	$888,538
Seattle	3,808,339	593,949
Tacoma	593,601	84,490
Spokane	1,307,802	309,842

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants Exchange, noon session.
March delivery:

	Bid	Yr.ago.
Oats—		
No. 2 white feed	$69.50	$37.00
Barley—		
Standard feed	71.00	39.00
"A" brewing	72.00	....
(30 days)—	Bid	
Oats—		
No. 2	$69.50	
Barley—		
Feed	71.00	
Oats and corn in bulk, Eastern—		
Oats, No. 3 white	69.50	
Oats, 38-lb. clipped white	69.00	
Corn, No. 3 yellow	70.00	
Corn, No. 2 mixed	69.00	
Oats, No. 3	69.50	
Oats, clipped	69.00	
Corn, yellow	70.00	
Corn, mixed	69.00	

WHEAT—Bulk basis, Portland, for No. 1 grade: Hard white—Bluestem, Early Bart, Allen, Galgalus, Martin Amber, $2.06. 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, Coppei, $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, $12@13 per barrel; rye flour, $10.60@12.50 per barrel; cornmeal, $5.75 per bale.

MILLFEED—Net mill prices, car lots: Bran, $30 per ton; shorts, $32 per ton; middlings, $39; mixed cars and less than carloads, 50c more; rolled barley, $76@78, rolled oats, $76.

CORN—Whole, $77; cracked, $78 per ton.

HAY—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, $27 per ton; Valley timothy, $24@25; alfalfa, $24@24.50; Valley grain hay, $22; clover, $18; straw, $8.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extras, 50c; prime firsts, 48c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 52c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 55c delivered.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 34@35c; candled, 36c; selects, 38c per dozen.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook triplets, 26c; Young Americas, 28c per pound; longhorns, 28c; Cows and Curry, f. o. b. Myrtle Point: Triplets, 24½c; Young Americas, 25½c per pound; longhorns, 25½c per pound; ¼c discount to Portland trade.

POULTRY—Roosters, old, 20@22c; stags, 24@26c; springs, 27@28c; broilers, 35c; ducks, 32@35c; geese, 20@21c; turkeys, alive, 26@27c; dressed, 35@36c 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@6.75; lemons, $3.50@7.50 per box; bananas, 5½c per pound; grapefruit, $3.75@6.75; apples, $1.25@2.50; tangerines, $2.75 per box.

VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, $2.10@3 per crate; cabbage, 3@4c per pound; lettuce, $2.10@2.50 per crate; cucumbers, 90c@$1.75 per dozen; cauliflower, $1.75@2.85 per crate; artichokes, 95c@$1.15 per pound; garlic, 7@9½c per pound; celery, $4.25@4.50 per crate; peppers, 40c per pound; sprouts, 11@12½c per pound; rhubarb, 10@12½c per pound; asparagus, 20@22½c per pound.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, $1.50 per sack; beets, $1.50@2.50; turnips, $1.50@1.60; parsnips, $1.25@1.75.

POTATOES—Oregon Burbanks, $1@1.20 per hundred; Yakimas, $1.25@1.40; sweet potatoes, 7@7½c per pound.

ONIONS—Jobbing prices, 1@1½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Sack basis: Fruit and berry, $7.87½; beet, $7.87½; extra C, $7.47½; powdered, in barrels, $8.37½; cubes, in barrels, $8.77½.

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, 13c; bayou, 10½c; lima, 14½c; pink, 10c. Oregon beans, buying prices: White Navy and Lady Washington, 10½@10½c; White Kidney, 10c, colored 9c.

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, 8½@8½c.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 13½c; peaches, 11@12c; prunes, Italian, 11@12c; raisins, 85c@$3 per box; dates, fard, $2.50@3 per box; currants, 18c; figs, $2@2.50 per box.

Hides and Pelts.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 lbs. and up, 12c; salted stags, 50 lbs. and up, 10c; salted and green kip, 35 to 25 lbs., 12c; salted and green calf, 10 to 15 lbs., 21c; green hides, 25 lbs. and up, 9c; green stags, 50 lbs. and up, 8c; dry flint hides, 20c; dry flint calf, 20c; horse hides, $1.25@1.50; salted horse hides, $3@4.

PELTS—Dry long-wool pelts, 28c; dry short-wool pelts, 23c; salted pelts, January takeoff, $2.50@3.50.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Butter, firm. Creamery, 43@46c.

Eggs, higher; receipts 2342 cases; firsts, 36c; ordinary firsts, 32@33c; at mark, cases included, 32@33c.

RAILS HOLD GAINS

Investment Stocks Firm, but Specialties React.

STEEL HAS SMALL NET LOSS

Liberty Issues Strongest Feature of Bond Market—Promise of Better Money Conditions Is Fulfilled With Abundant Offerings.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Rails and steels shared the honors of today's desultory stock market, the former advancing one to three and one-half points on intimations of early Federal developments bearing upon transportation, and the latter responding quite substantially on some very favorable exhibits of earnings.

St. Paul common and preferred enjoyed especial prominence for a time to the accompaniment of rumors indicating dividend action, and Rock Island featured the lower priced Western rails.

Gross gains in equipments extended from one to two points, Republic Iron and Crucible and Lackawanna Steels frequently rivalling United States Steel in activity. The latter closed at a small fractional loss, others of the same group concelling their gains in the final hour on a general reaction in shippings and specialties.

Pools were less conspicuous, prominent issues like General Motors, Baldwin Locomotive and Mexican Petroleum holding within comparatively restricted limits and ending at net recessions of one to two points. Sales amounted to 335,000 shares.

Promise of better money conditions was fulfilled, call loans ruling at 4½ per cent, with an abundance of offerings.

Lire were again the only feature of the foreign exchange market, rallying slightly from recent acute weakness.

Investment bonds continued to shade on light dealings, but the liberty group hardened after early irregularity. Total sales, par value, aggregated $3,450,000. United States old 4s declined ½ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Am Beet Sugar.	400	80	79¾	79¾
Am Can	300	40	40	37½
Am Car & Fdy.	2,600	77¾	76	76
Am Loco	5,800	66½	65¾	65¾
Am Sm & Rfg.	1,600	81½	80¼	80¼
Am Sug Rfg	....	....	....	105
Am Tel & Tel..	600	105½	105½	105½
Am Z L & S....	....	....	....	14½
Anaconda Cop..	2,200	63¾	62½	62½
Atchison	7,400	85	84¼	84
A G & W I S S L.	1,800	113¾	110	110½
B & O.....	1,700	53½	52¾	53½
B & S Cop.....	200	19½	19½	19½
Calif Petrol.....	....	....	....	15¾
Can Pacific ...	500	146	144½	144½
Cent Leather ..	700	71¼	70¾	70¾
Ches & Ohio ...	500	55¾	55¾	55
C M & St P....	8,600	43½	40¾	42½
Chi & N W....	300	92	92	92
C R I & P ctfs.	1,100	29¾	28¾	28¾
Chino Cop	700	42¾	42¾	42¾
C F & I.....	....	....	....	39¾
Corn Prod Rfg.	4,600	35¼	34¾	34¾
Crucible Steel ..	7,400	64	62½	62½
Cuba Cane Sug..	1,000	32¼	31¼	31¼
Dist Secur.....	1,000	40½	39	38¾
Erie	800	15	14¾	14½
Gen Electric ...	200	141¾	141¾	140½
Gen Motors	6,800	126	123	123½
Gt Nor pfd ...	7,700	91¾	91	91½
Gt Nor ore ctfs.	900	28½	28	28
Ill Cent	....	....	....	94½
Insp Cop.....	1,400	45	44¾	44¾
I M M pfd.....	10,500	98¾	96¾	96¾
Int Nickel	1,600	29¼	28¾	28¾
Int Paper	5,800	32½	32½	32
K C Sou.....	....	....	....	16½
Kennecott Cop..	800	33¼	32¾	32¾
Louis & Nash..	....	....	....	112½
Max Motors....	200	29½	29	28¾
Mex Petrol ...	13,400	97¾	95	96
Miami Cop	....	....	....	31
Mis Pacif	900	23	22¾	22¾
Mont Power ...	....	....	....	66½
Nev Cop	1,800	20	19¾	19¾
N Y Cent	1,200	72	71¼	71¼
N Y N H & H..	....	....	....	28
Nor & West ...	....	....	....	102¾
Nor Pacif	1,500	85¼	84¾	85
Pacif Mail	300	20	19¾	20
Pennsylvania ..	500	44¾	44¾	44¾
Pitts Coal	....	....	....	54¾
Ray Cons Cop ..	2,600	24¾	24¾	24¾
Reading	9,800	77¾	76½	76½
Rep Ir & Steel..	13,200	81¼	79	79¼
Shat Ariz Cop..	....	....	....	16½
Sou Pacif	1,500	85¾	85¼	85¾
Sou Railway ...	1,800	23¾	23¾	23¾
Studebaker Cor.	14,400	48¾	46½	46¾
Texas Co	1,200	151¾	150	150
Union Pacif ...	6,700	123½	122	122¾
U S Ind Alc ...	3,100	124½	122	121½
U S Steel	47,700	91¾	90¾	90½
do pfd	500	110¾	110	109¾
Utah Cop	1,800	82½	81½	81½
Wab "B" pfd...	....	....	....	22¾
Western Union	....	....	....	89¾
Westing Elec...	....	....	....	41

Total sales for the day, 335,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg..	*97¾	Nor Pacific 3s..	68½
do coupon ...	*97¾	Pac T & T 5s..	92¾
U S ref 4s reg..	*98¾	Penn con 4½s..	97
do coupon ...	*97¾	Union Pac 4s...	87¾
U S reg 4s reg..	*104½	U S Steel 5s...	97½
do coupon ...	*104½	South Pac cv 5s	91¼
Atchison gen 4s	*82¾	Anglo-French 5s	89¾
D & R G ref 5s	49½	Liberty 3½s	98.88
N Y C deb 6s..	92¾	Liberty first 4s..	96.88
Nor Pacific 4s.	81	Liberty sec 4s...	96.56

* Bid.

Mining Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, March 6.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	52	Old Dom	40½
Ariz Com	12½	Osceola	58
Cal and Ariz...	64½	Pennsyl	72
Cal and Hecla.	430	Superior	4¼
Centennial	13½	Sup & Bos Min..	2¾
Cop R Con Co..	45	Shannon	5
E Butte Cop M..	9½	Utah Cons	10¾
Franklin	6¾	Winona	1½
Isle Royl Cop..	21½	Wolverine	33
Lake Copper ...	..	Granby Con	75
Mohawk	62	Greene Cananea.	41
N Butte	15¾		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Mercantile paper, 5¾ per cent.

Sterling, 60-day bills, $4.72½; commercial 60-day bills on banks, $4.72; commercial 60-day bills, $4.71½; demand, $4.76.30; cables, $4.76 7-16. France, demand, 5.72½, cables 5.70 11-16. Guilders, demand 44½, cables 45. Lire, demand 8.91½, cables 8.90. Rubles, demand 13, cables 15¾, nominal.

Bar silver, 85¾c.

Mexican dollars, 68c.

Government bonds, irregular; railroad bonds, easy.

Time loans, strong; 60 days, 90 days and six months, 6 per cent bid.

Call money firm. High, 4½ per cent; low, 4½ per cent; ruling rate, 4½ per cent; closing bid, 4 per cent; offered at 4½ per cent; last loan, 4½ per cent.

LONDON, March 6.—Bar silver, 42½d per ounce.

Money, 3 per cent.

Discount rates, short bills, 3¾ per cent; three months' bills, 3¾ per cent.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 6.—Turpentine, firm; 40¼c. Sales, 44 barrels; receipts, 17 barrels; shipments, 315 barrels; stock, 24,189 barrels.

Rosin, firm. Sales, 237 barrels; receipts, 416 barrels; shipments, 924 barrels; stock, 90,444 barrels. Quote: B, D, E, F, G, H, $5.85; K, $6.50; M, $6.75; N, $7; WG, $7.25; WW, $7.50.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Raw sugar, steady. Centrifugal, 6.05c; molasses, nominal; refined steady; fine granulated, 7.45c.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Metal Exchange quotes lead steady. Spot, 7.50@7.75c.

Spelter, dull. East St. Louis delivery, spot offered at 7.70c.

SMALL RUN AT YARDS

LOCAL MARKET HOLDS STEADY IN ALL LINES.

Lambs Are Moved at $14.50 and $15.25. Bulk of Hog Sales Again at $16.85.

Only four loads of stock were received at the yards yesterday, and the market was quiet throughout the day. Prices were steady in all lines. A few transactions were reported in the mutton division, which has been inactive of late. A small bunch of good lambs brought $15.25 and another lot went at $14.50. The bulk of the hog sales were again at $16.85. Receipts were 80 cattle, 277 hogs and 23 sheep. Shippers were: Davis & Pugh, Shedd, 1 load cattle; B. L. Briggs, Carlton, 1 load cattle and hogs; A. R. Cooke, Ballston, 2 loads cattle and hogs; H. L. Forrester, Tangent, 1 load hogs and sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
1 cow.....	880	$7.45	10 hogs....	164	$16.85
2 cows....	890	3.00	3 hogs....	128	15.00
1 cow.....	1020	8.00	1 hog.....	150	15.00
2 cows....	940	7.00	18 hogs....	132	16.25
1 cow.....	1040	7.50	3 hogs....	100	10.00
1 cow.....	850	8.50	3 hogs....	143	15.25
1 cow.....	710	3.75	22 lambs...	96	15.25
1 cow.....	880	7.00	2 ewes....	106	11.00
2 cows....	920	7.25	5 steers...	782	8.50
1 cow.....	950	7.75	6 steers...	622	6.00
3 cows....	840	6.75	1 cow.....	790	5.50
1 cow.....	1040	6.75	2 cows....	1058	8.00
1 cow.....	1070	7.25	1 cow.....	920	6.00
1 heifer...	630	7.00	1 cow.....	1070	6.50
1 bull.....	1120	8.00	1 cow.....	930	6.25
1 bull.....	920	7.25	1 cow.....	960	8.00
21 hogs....	81	14.75	18 heifers..	430	5.50
22 hogs....	182	16.85	4 hogs....	222	16.90
4 hogs....	142	15.00	1 hog.....	460	16.00
1 hog.....	350	15.85	14 hogs....	214	16.85
2 hogs....	135	15.00	5 hogs....	182	16.85
2 hogs....	215	16.95	19 hogs....	257	16.75
3 hogs....	193	16.85	1 hog.....	400	15.90
3 hogs....	160	16.85	5 hogs....	124	15.00
9 hogs....	225	16.85	90 lambs...	71	14.50
7 hogs....	240	16.85			

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@ 9.00
Com. to good cows and heifers	6.75@ 8.15
Canners	4.25@ 6.25
Bulls	5.00@ 8.00
Calves	7.50@12.00
Stockers and feeders	6.50@ 9.50
Hogs—	
Prime light	16.85@17.15
Prime heavy	16.60@16.85
Pigs	14.00@15.25
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@12.00

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Hogs—Receipts 27,000, tomorrow 40,000, strong, 25c above yesterday's average. Bulk, $16.40@16.90; light, $16.70@17.25; mixed, $16.20@17.15; heavy, $15.75@16.75; rough, $15.75@15.95; pigs, $12.50@16.50.

Cattle—Receipts 10,000, steady. Native steers, $8.60@14.10; stockers and feeders, $7.70@11.25; cows and heifers, $6.60@13.75; calves, $8.50@14.50.

Sheep—Receipts 8000, firm. Sheep, $16.50@18.50; lambs, $14.25@18.

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, March 6.—Hogs—Receipts 16,000, market 15@25c higher. Heavy, $16.25@16.75; mixed, $16.50@16.65; light, $16.40@16.75; pigs, $10@15.75; bulk of sales, $16.50@16.65.

Cattle—Receipts 6500, market steady. Native steers, $9@13.25; cows and heifers, $7.25@10.50; Western steers, $8.50@11.75; Texas steers, $7.75@10.25; cows and heifers, $7@9.25; canners, $6.50@7.75; stockers and feeders, $6.50@11; calves, $9@13; bulls, stags, etc., $7@9.50.

Sheep—Receipts 16,000; market strong, 25c higher. Yearlings, $12@14.50; wethers, $11@13; ewes, $10.75@12.65; lambs, $16.25@17.25.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Current on Eggs, Vegetables, Fresh Fruit, Etc., at Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—Butter—Extras, 51½@53c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 39c; fresh extra pullets, 37½c.

Cheese—Young Americas, fancy, 28½c.

Poultry—Hens, nominal. White Leghorn roosters, 25@27c; fryers, 40@45c; broilers, 50@55c; squabs, $5@4; pigeons, $1.75@2; geese, 18@20c; turkeys, mixed and off stock, 30@35c.

Vegetables—Asparagus, No. 1, 15@20c; squash, cream 75c@$1, hubbard $1.25@1.50; eggplant, 8@12c; peas, small sizes 7@12½c, telephone 12½@15c; peppers, 20@25c; tomatoes, $1.50@1.75; lettuce, $1.25@1.50; celery, $1.25@2; potatoes, river $1@1.25, Cuba Cane Sug., 3.50; sweet, $4.25@4.50; onions, Australian brown, $1.25@1.50; garlic, 2@3c; cucumbers, $2@2.50; pumpkins, $1; beets, $1.50; carrots, $1@1.25; turnips, $1@1.35; rhubarb, $2@2.50.

Fruit—Alligator pears, $2@2.50 dozen; Winter Nellis pears, $2.25@2.75; lemons, $5.50@6; grapefruit, $2.75@3.50 box; oranges Navels, small sizes, $5@6; tangerines, $2.50@3; bananas, Hawaiian, 5@6c; pineapples, 24s, $6@7; apples, Newtown Pippins, $1.25@1.35; Spitzenberg, $2.50.

Hay—Wheat and wheat and oat, $27@29; tame oat, $28@29; barley, $25@27; alfalfa, $25@27; barley straw, 60@90c.

Millfeed—Cracked corn and feed cornmeal, $77@80; alfalfa meal, $36@38; cocoanut meal, $44.50.

Flour—$10.80 per barrel.

Receipts—Flour, 3986 quarter sacks; barley, 1824 centals; beans, 3437 sacks; potatoes, 7639 sacks; onions, 52 sacks; hay, 260 tons; hides, 875; wine, 61,500 gallons.

COFFEE FUTURES MARKET IRREGULAR

Spots More Active, With Rumors of Sales for Export.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The market for coffee futures was quiet again today with fluctuations irregular. Reports of a more active spot demand, including rumors of sales for export, were accompanied by some trade buying of the near months, while there was scattering liquidation of later deliveries. The market opened unchanged to 5 points higher and closed net 4 points higher to 1 point lower. May fluctuated between 8.47 and 8.50c, while December dropped from 8.74 to 8.80c. March, 8.34c; May, 8.47c; July, 8.54c; September, 8.61c; October, 8.64c; December, 8.71c.

Spot coffee firm. Rio 7s, 8¾c; Santos 4s, 10¾c.

Apprehensions as to the supply of tonnage were probably increased to some extent by reports that negotiations for the use of Dutch vessels were not making the expected progress.

The official cables showed a decline of 50 reis at Rio with the Santos spot market unchanged and futures unchanged to 50 reis higher. Brazilian port receipts 39,000.

Dried Fruits at New York.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Evaporated apples, nominal. Prunes, firm. Peaches, quiet.

Hops, Etc., at New York.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Hops, hides and wool unchanged.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, March 6.—Linseed, $4.11@4.23; arrive, $4.11; May, $4.11 bid; July, $4.08½ bid; October, $3.70 asked.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Spot cotton quiet. Middling, 33.25c.

PREMIUM AWARDS CHANGE

Multnomah County Fair Management Makes Announcements.

GRESHAM, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—Some important changes in the premium awards for the coming Multnomah County Fair are under consideration. In the livestock department the number of awards will be cut from four to three. The first premium of last year will be discontinued and the first prize this year will be the same as the second was last year. The other two awards in livestock will follow in the same order with regard to the new first prize.

Premiums in the grange exhibits will be $1 for each point scored, with an additional $10 to the winner of the highest money, $5 to the winner of second prize and a special prize of $10 to the grange having the most attractive decorations.

Tickets this year will be season, $1; day tickets, adults 35c, race track separate 25c, admission and race track tickets together, 50c; children between 10 and 15 years old, 20c; school children having exhibits free on a day set apart for them, if they have exhibits.

The Browning Amusement Company will be here again with their Ferris wheel, merry-go-round and several other attractions.

President H. A. Lewis was authorized to spend $250 for improving the floral gardens, and this feature will be more attractive this year than ever before. Two hundred dollars will be awarded to the Portland school children for project work.

Gresham to Hear Judge Gatens.

GRESHAM, Or., March 6.—(Special.)—At the lecture hour of the Gresham Grange, on Saturday, the grangers will be given an opportunity to listen to an address by Judge Gatens, on a patriotic subject. Other numbers of the programme will be "Our Pledge to the Flag," by the children; song, "America"; piano solo, Miss Gladys Neal; song, "Wayside Blosoms," from Grange Melodies; rollcall, current events; vocal solo, Dr. J. E. Clanahan; reading, Mrs. J. Montcalm Brown; closing song, "Star-Spangled Banner." Mrs. E. A. Leonard and Mrs. J. E. Clanahan will be given the third and fourth initiatory degrees by the grange degree team.

CORN IS STEADIER

Small Improvement Noted in Quality of Offerings.

STOCK ON FARMS LARGE

Oats Gain With Inadequate Offerings and Reports of New Export Business by Way of Gulf—Winter Provision Pack Short.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Corn brought somew