

ALL GRAIN MARKING

Active Bidding at the Merchants' Exchange.

BUYER AND SELLER APART

Shipping of Hay to San Francisco Is Possible—Steady Movement in the Hop Market—Eggs Hold Their Own.

There was active bidding on wheat, oats and barley yesterday at the Merchants' Exchange, but there was so much difference between the views of buyers and sellers as to values that not much business was accomplished. Offers of club wheat were made at \$1.00 and small quantities of bluestem were on sale. One lot of the latter was offered at \$1.15 on dock but found no takers. Strictly No. 1 milling bluestem was held by some grain men at \$1.20, while No. 1 shipping was valued at about 10 cents less. A California report stated that millers there were offering to sell their bluestem holdings, which probably accounted for the comparatively low prices prevailing in the San Francisco market. Certain millers in the North have also been selling bluestem, and some of them may have overdone the matter of their future needs.

Oats and barley were also firm, with a strong local demand at the prices already quoted.

The hay market holds steady. Receipts for the week were 44 cars compared with 44 cars last week. There is a prospect that some business may be done in hay with San Francisco, owing to the sharp advance in hay prices there.

Flour continues firm and fairly active in a local way. The export flour trade is still light. An advance of 10 cents per barrel in rolled oats prices will go into effect tomorrow morning. This is the result of the high price of milling oats.

Bid and asked prices were posted at the Board of Trade as follows:

WHEAT.	Bid.	Asked.
February	1.43	1.45
March	1.44	1.46

OATS.	Bid.	Asked.
February	1.15	1.16
March	1.17	1.18

BARLEY.	Bid.	Asked.
February	1.10	1.12
March	1.11	1.13

RECEIPTS IN CARS WERE REPORTED BY THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.	
Wheat	1,200
Oats	1,000
Barley	800

LARGE DECREASE IN BEER OUTPUT.

Hopmen Disappointed by the January Returns.

The United States Internal Revenue Bureau yesterday issued the figures on the beer tax for January. As was estimated by Eastern brewery experts, the return showed a sharp decrease from the figures of January, 1908. The beer production of the country last month was 3,350,000 barrels, a decrease of 318,765 barrels from the output of the same month last year. Compared with the corresponding month two years ago the production decreased 340,453 barrels. The total output in the month of January in the three years was as follows:

Year	Output
1908	3,668,765
1907	3,709,218
1906	3,712,921

As the output in December last gained 14,414 barrels over the same month last year, it is thought that January might also show a good increase, and the showing just made is, therefore, a disappointment to the advocate of higher hop prices. It is probable that some part of the shrinkage in business last month was due to the extremely unfavorable weather conditions.

A steady movement and a strong tone characterize the hop market, but all efforts to get the price of last year's crop above 8 cents have so far been unavailing.

Several purchases lately made by Joseph Harris, owner of the same month last year, taken at 7 1/2 cents, and the Salem lot of Otto Wilson, 192 bales, and Prince Byrnes, 55 bales, for which 8 cents was paid. John Carmichael was reported to have secured 34 bales from D. W. Moore, of Buena Vista, at 8 cents.

FIFTY CARS OF GOOD ONSIONS LEFT.

Association Growers Satisfied with the Market Outlook.

Only about 50 cars of first-class onions remain in the hands of members of the Confederated Onion Growers Association. Reports submitted at the meeting of the association yesterday showed unsold stocks to be as follows: Gaston, 500 sacks; Sherwood, 25 cars, of which 17 are in good condition; Cedar Mills, 5 cars; Tualatin, 15 cars; Beaverton, 4 cars; Milwaukie, 3 cars. Other sections are practically bare of onions.

With this showing made the association sees no reason why prices should not be maintained at the level of 17 cents a letter, as was the case at the meeting from a San Francisco dealer that new Imperial Valley and Texas onions would be on the market by March 15, but the onion men present took no stock in the statement. They said the same predictions have been made for several years, and in April 1908 last year before these new onions appeared, and then they sold at 5 cents. As for the Roberts Island onions, they will be late this year because of the floods.

Sales of association onions made during the past week were at 2 cents for all good stock, while seconds brought 1 1/2 cents.

ALL COUNTRY PRODUCE IS FIRM.

Egg, Poultry and Butter Prices Are Maintained.

The country produce markets were all firm yesterday. Receipts were good, but most of them cleaned up at the same price as Friday. A few dealers that still had eggs on hand in the market are now ready to shade prices to move them. Reports from Valley points were that Northern buyers had become active in making offers. This may check local buyers in the coming week.

Poultry of all kinds was in good demand at last prices and nothing was carried over. The butter market was quoted firm at unchanged prices.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

City	Clearings
Portland	\$3,326,275
Seattle	1,400,721
Tacoma	810,000
Spokane	870,962

Clearings of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma for the past week and corresponding week in former years, were:

City	1909	1908	1907
Portland	\$3,326,275	\$3,326,275	\$3,326,275
Seattle	1,400,721	1,400,721	1,400,721
Tacoma	810,000	810,000	810,000
Spokane	870,962	870,962	870,962

1901	2,511,460	2,511,460	2,511,460
1902	2,511,460	2,511,460	2,511,460
1903	2,511,460	2,511,460	2,511,460
1904	2,511,460	2,511,460	2,511,460
1905	2,511,460	2,511,460	2,511,460
1906	2,511,460	2,511,460	2,511,460
1907	2,511,460	2,511,460	2,511,460
1908	2,511,460	2,511,460	2,511,460
1909	2,511,460	2,511,460	2,511,460

Standard bank clearing for the month of February, 1909, were \$24,406,225, compared with \$21,216,350 in February, 1908.

Oranges and Cabbages Received.

Three cars of oranges and one of Los Angeles cabbages were distributed on the street yesterday. The latter sold at 3 1/2 cents a pound. California cabbages were received and was quoted at \$1.50 per box. No asparagus was received from the South. The steady rains there have made prices so high that the jobbers are not disposed to bring up more until prices are reasonable.

Two or three cars of bananas will be on hand for Monday's trade and the new price will be 5 1/2 to 6 cents.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Producers' prices: Feed, \$1.19 per ton. WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.20 @ 1.25; club, \$1.05; red Russian, \$1.01; Valparaiso, \$1.00.

WHEAT—Patents, \$1.45 per barrel; straight, \$1.44; extra, \$1.43; choice, \$1.42; Graham, \$1.40; No. 2, \$1.39; No. 3, \$1.38; No. 4, \$1.37; No. 5, \$1.36; No. 6, \$1.35; No. 7, \$1.34; No. 8, \$1.33; No. 9, \$1.32; No. 10, \$1.31; No. 11, \$1.30; No. 12, \$1.29; No. 13, \$1.28; No. 14, \$1.27; No. 15, \$1.26; No. 16, \$1.25; No. 17, \$1.24; No. 18, \$1.23; No. 19, \$1.22; No. 20, \$1.21; No. 21, \$1.20; No. 22, \$1.19; No. 23, \$1.18; No. 24, \$1.17; No. 25, \$1.16; No. 26, \$1.15; No. 27, \$1.14; No. 28, \$1.13; No. 29, \$1.12; No. 30, \$1.11; No. 31, \$1.10; No. 32, \$1.09; No. 33, \$1.08; No. 34, \$1.07; No. 35, \$1.06; No. 36, \$1.05; No. 37, \$1.04; No. 38, \$1.03; No. 39, \$1.02; No. 40, \$1.01; No. 41, \$1.00; No. 42, \$0.99; No. 43, \$0.98; No. 44, \$0.97; No. 45, \$0.96; No. 46, \$0.95; No. 47, \$0.94; No. 48, \$0.93; No. 49, \$0.92; No. 50, \$0.91; No. 51, \$0.90; No. 52, \$0.89; No. 53, \$0.88; No. 54, \$0.87; No. 55, \$0.86; No. 56, \$0.85; No. 57, \$0.84; No. 58, \$0.83; 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