

EAST WANTS WHEAT

Demand Continues but Rail Traffic Is Halted.

WEATHER CHANGE AWAITED

Limited Business in Country Markets at Prices Current Before Storms — Local Quotations Lower, Following Chicago.

Local railway traffic conditions bemoaned there is not going to be much difference in the wheat market. It is difficult to get grain out of the country now and the rail road rates do not make but little effect to buy. The office forces of the local firms are mostly occupied in catching up with past business.

Communication with the country was disrupted yesterday, but it was learned that a little grain had been bought. Prices in the interior were practically the same before the storm. There was received no demand for wheat from the West, but with transportation conditions as they are, the importers had no effect on the market. Farmers did not make their appearance at the country selling centers.

The local wheat market was inactive. At the Merchants Exchange bluebon net was posted unchanged, but others elsewhere in the list were a little lower in response to the decline at Chicago.

Normal receipts for eastbound shipments have ceased, owing to the decline in Eastern markets.

The wheat movement from the Southern Hemisphere is increasing rapidly. In the past week Argentina shipped 1,022,000 bushels, against 224,000 bushels last week; and 1,344,000 bushels a year ago. Australia shipped 522,000 bushels, against 312,000 bushels last week.

Normal receipts in new were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

Wheat Barley Flour Data Mar.

Portland, Mar.	18	1	2	3
Year ago...	122	122	122	122
Dec. 31	122	122	122	122
Season to date	2,364	1,224	1,111	982
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No SHORTAGE OF POTATOES HERE

State Cars Are Held in Storage in Addition to Dealers' Supplies.

There is no shortage of potatoes in the local market and not likely to be any. In some quarters, efforts are being made to work up a scare, and likewise work up prices, by talking of a possible famine and quoting a higher market. A few of the jobbers are short, but others are well stocked and most of the retailers have good supplies, in addition to those taken on carloads or pallets from eastern warehouses. While the situation will not be possible to put in any more figures, but plenty of Yanktonas are to be had. One dealer was offered by wire any quantity of Yanktonas potatoes up to 20 cwt., Oregon potatoes were offered to the trade yesterday at \$1,000.175, according to quality, and Yanktonas joined in the movement.

The potato market is still steady at unchanged prices. The situation in the potato field is about 20 cars at \$2.25, f. o. b. the former quotation. Cold weather at shipping points and railroad difficulties presented a larger movement.

CALIFORNIA EGGS IN LOCAL MARKET

Prices Are Weakening With Larger Supply Available.

California eggs have reached the local market and large shipments are due in the next few days. The high price of local eggs is not maintained, and as a consequence, the market is almost closed. Sales of unconsuming eggs were made on the street yesterday at 40 cents. It is understood the Potomac eggs can be had down here at 27 cents. There are indications that production in the valley is again increasing, and unless a new start is made in the production, the course of the egg market should be gradually downward from now on.

Receipts of poultry were fairly large yesterday, but everything cleaned up as first price.

There were liberal arrivals of hogs. Yea was scarce. Both hogs were unchanged.

The butter and cheese markets were firm at last quotations.

VEGETABLE SUPPLIES NOW AMPLE

Local California shipments Make Up for Local Shortage.

Conditions are nearly normal are being restored in the vegetable and fruit markets. No local vegetables are available, but adequate supplies are coming up from California and Frost street is now well supplied by nearly every line. All prices are on a firm basis, as the markets in the South are steadily advancing because of continued high weather and the heavy demand.

Rains and washouts in Southern California are having a stimulating effect on the orange market; there, f. o. b. prices have been higher for the past two weeks, but local quotations have not been materially advanced.

An improvement in the orange market is expected as soon as the weather moderates. Reports of damage from frost are already coming along, and with a stronger demand, prices may advance.

CHICAGO Stock Equaled Last Year's.

No trading was reported in the local hog market yesterday, but there are but few orders for hams, and with communication with the East becoming normal again, the market is expected to remain quiet.

CHICAGO Hog stocks in California are announced as 25,000 hams, practically the same quantity that was on hand a year ago. Of the present supply 22,000 hams are carcasses.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Portland, \$1,000,000; Seattle, \$1,000,000;

Oakland, \$1,000,000; San Fran., \$1,000,000;

Spokane, \$1,000,000; Missoula, \$1,000,000;

Coeur d'Alene, \$1,000,000; Pullman, \$1,000,000;

Spokane Falls, \$1,000,000; Lewiston, \$1,000,000.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Copper continued to fluctuate yesterday, quoted for May shipment and at \$2.00 per pound.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Butter—Higher; creamery, 25¢ per lb.; eggs—unchanged; bacon—Receipts, 17½ cts; unshucked.

Dried Fruit of New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Evaporated apples, dull; French, quiet; Peaches, steady.

Hops at New York.

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Bacon Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., Feb. 5.—Butter—20 lbs.

Two Pe Ell Mills Shut Down.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special)—One of the boilers at the Yeomans mill in Pe Ell gave out this morning, necessitating a shutdown in the plant until it is replaced. The cross arm factory also was forced to close down Wednesday on account of snow blowing in on the pulleys and belting.

The plant of the Omakala Lumber Company at Omakala will not start operations until March 1.

March Bean, feed... 27.00 28.00 28.00

No. 1 Feed... 29.00 31.00 24.00

Milk... 34.25 34.25 34.25

Bean... 21.25 22.25 22.25

Flour... 24.00 24.00 24.00

Meal... 24.00 24.00 24.00

Oil... 24.00 24.00 24.00

Wheat... 27.00 28.00 28.00

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