SUGAR SELLS AT RECORD QUOTATION

Local Market Advances to 16 Cents Wholesale.

RAWS FIRM AND HIGHER

Without Government Check, Consumers in This Country Are at Mercy of Producers.

An advance of one cent a pound on sugar of all grades was announced by jobbers yesterday following the receipt of word from California refiners of a similar advance in refinery prices. Sugar is now up to the 16-cent mark, wholesale, the highest price at which it has ever sold in this market. The advance was not entirely unexpected as raw sugars have been very firm in the east, brokers' wires showing an advance of $1.75 in raws in the past few days. A further lift in the price of refined sugar would occasion no surprise.

The trade is of the opinion that had the president been disposed to authorize the purchase of sugar last fall, no such extreme prices would be ruling in the domestic market today. At that time the Cuban growers were ready to contract for the sale of their output at reasonable prices, but some interests, presumed to be the southern cane growers and the beet sugar people, were opposed to government interference and the market was thrown wide open. Since that time, the strong European demand, as well as American buying, have enabled the Cuban planters to advance their prices to a very high level.

Referring to the favorable position now occupied by the Cuban producer because of this large world demand, an official of one of the largest American refineries said:

"He is being further assisted through the large demand that refiners are experiencing, because of the present desire of everyone to accumulate supplies, and this will keep refiners running at full capacity during a period of the year when they normally have to operate with a reduced melt. This serves to prevent the accumulation in Cuba of such large stocks as otherwise would be the case. Sellers claim that this demand will continue to be sufficient to take care of all surplus stocks until we get into the summer season when there is a normal increased demand. Whether they are correct in this remains to be seen.

"As to the summer demand, naturally a great deal will depend upon how much of the distribution taking place during the first six months of the year will be consumed during that period and how much will be on hand July 1 in the way of invisible stocks to meet summer and fall wants. In this connection we must not overlook the fact that high prices are likely to have an effect on consumption, and any savings effected now, through conservation on the part of housewives and the use of substitutes where possible by manufacturers, will in the end make itself felt. There is also now some loss in consumption on account of the uneven distribution, making it impossible in spots to purchase to cover current needs, and this loss will not be made up."

MARCH CORN IN STRONG DEMAND

Bids Are Advanced $2 at Merchants' Exchange—Wheat Higher East.

The Minneapolis wheat market was strong yesterday and about 10 cents higher. There was not much trading in this section. A little was offered by dealers, but there were not many buyers in the market. Club was quoted at 15½ cents premium and hard wheat at 45@60 cents.

Coarse grains were generally firm. March corn bids were raised $2 at the Merchants' Exchange while April and May were up 50 cents. Offers for oats ranged from unchanged to $1 higher. Barley bids were the same as Friday. At San Francisco August barley sold at 2.81½ and December at $2.80. May barley at Chicago closed 4 cents higher at $1.50.

Weather conditions in the middle west, as wired from Chicago: "Generally clear and fine all over. Forecast, all states fair tonight and Sunday, warmer."

Argentine wheat shipments this week were 1,225,000 bushels to the United Kingdom, 1,670,000 to the continent and 260,000 to other ports.

Broomhall cabled from Liverpool: "The undertone of the corn situation remains firm with a fairly good demand for the Plate grades. For April-May shipment from Argentina 89c cif to $1c appears to be the market. Trade in American mixed corn is not active. Argentina shipments of corn are again disappointing and no improvement in the outward movement is expected. The market for foreign oats countinues heavy, with offerings in excess of demand."

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

	Portland.	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Saturday	....	78	....	22	....	25
Year ago	..	11	1	4	2	8
To'l this week		295	....	104	1	93
Year ago	..	76	3	71	6	93
Sea'n to date		6962	169	3309	412	1633
Year ago	..	6848	929	2144	616	2796
Tacoma—						
Friday	....	19	....	18	1	1
Year ago	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sea'n to date		6123	72	2412	101	731
Year ago	..	4965	32	....	140	1067
Seattle—						
Friday	....	15	....	3	....	....
Year ago	..	3	....	3	....	2
Sea'n to date		5270	231	641	822	1122
Year ago	..	5002	71	1039	312	2346

NORTHWESTERN APPLES CLEAN UP

Prices Are Strong Locally and at Shipping Points.

The moderate arrivals of apples clean up readily and with stocks in the country much reduced, local prices are on a very firm basis, ranging from $1.50 for ordinary cooking apples up to $3.50 for extra fancy stock, with an occasional sale made at $4.

The tendency at northwestern shipping points, as well as in the consuming markets, has been upward during the week. Yakima shipping points quoted extra fancy Winesaps, medium to large sizes, at $3.15@3.25, f. o. b., compared with $2.75@3. Jobbing sales for this stock in distributing markets showed little change at mostly $3.50@4 with New York and Boston quoting $4@4.25. Baldwins, A-2½-inch, from cold storage, at western New York shipping points ranged 25 cents higher, at $7.75@8.50, mostly $8 per barrel, f. o. b. Consuming markets for this stock still held mostly $8@9. Middle-western Ben Davis in middle-western distributing markets were 25@50c higher, at $7.25@8 per barrel.

Shipments of barreled apples decreased to 407 cars from 490 the present week, but showed an increase over the movement of 334 cars for the same week last year. The movement of boxed apples was 445 cars, compared with 587 last week and 181 a year ago.

ONION SEASON DRAWING NEAR CLOSE

Prices Are Firm in Oregon Market and Steady Throughout East.

The Oregon onion market is firm as the shipping season draws to an end. A car of California Australian browns will be put on sale in a few days. The onion market throughout the east is steady. Total shipments from all states in the past week were 733 cars, 53 less than in the previous week and 50 less than in the same week last year.

The acreage of southern Bermuda onions is estimated at 18,240, which at the average yield of the past five years gives 4,049,280 bushels or 8,098 cars of 500 bushels each, which is 248 cars less than in bumper year 1917, when the same states, Texas, California and Louisiana supplied 8346 cars. The condition of southern Texas Bermuda onions is 70 per cent. Growers are reported receiving $3 per crate for late March delivery. The onion crop of Coachella valley, California, is estimated at 3000 acres. The condition of Bermuda onions is 70 per cent in Louisiana compared with 70 per cent a month ago, California 94 per cent compared with 87 per cent; Texas 84 per cent, compared with 79 per cent; four-year average, March 1, California 88, Louisiana 67, Texas 76.

EGGS SENT TO SEATTLE STORAGES

Portland Dealers Take Advantage of Lower Charges North.

Portland egg dealers are shipping eggs to Seattle for storage because the storage charges there are only about half as high as here. They figure they can pay the freight on shipments both ways and save materially over the Portland rates. There was no change in the market. The few bidders for country supplies offered around 32 cents. On the street current receipts moved in a moderate way at 35@33½ cents and candled ranch at 35 cents. Storage pack was offered at 38 cents, but buyers were not willing to pay over 37.

The butter market was steady at 63@64 cents for cubes. While the make is increasing, the shortness of the supply of under grades and storage is a factor that is counted on to hold prices where they are for the next fortnight at least.

Poultry was in small supply all the week and firm prices were maintained. At the close dressed veal was easy and pork was steady.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$8,014,805	$1,714,847
Seattle	7,004,697	1,982,525
Tacoma	998,151	319,841
Spokane	2,405,929	849,316

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

	Portland.	Seattle.	Tacoma.
1920	$44,528,036	$60,130,909	$6,817,585
1919	31,472,820	42,745,422	5,297,400
1918	20,853,890	33,750,534	4,968,457
1917	18,649,812	21,237,376	4,012,804
1916	10,669,242	13,542,989	2,322,932
1915	10,945,052	10,551,453	1,763,962
1914	12,972,658	11,626,487	1,961,544
1913	10,381,681	11,051,394	2,352,014
1912	10,222,511	9,722,062	4,200,283
1911	9,582,398	8,531,911	4,117,086

Demand for Hops Improves.

The demand for spot hops has improved and sales have again been made as high as 82 cents. A number of dealers' lots, amounting to two or three carloads, have been sold in the past week.

Contracts are holding steady at about a 40-cent average.

PORTLAND MARKET CONDITIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

	Bid—		
Oats—	March.	April.	May.
No. 3 white feed	59.50	$60.00	$61.00
Barley—			
Standard feed	65.50	65.25	65.25
No. 3 blue	66.25	66.50	66.50
Corn—			
No. 3 yellow	62.00	62.50	63.50

Eastern oats and corn in bulk—36-pound clipped 59.50 60.00 60.00
38-pound clipped 60.00 61.00 61.00

Corn—
No. 3 yellow 66.50 64.50 64.00

WHEAT—Government basis, $2.20 per bushel.

FLOUR—Family patents, $13.15; bakers' hard wheat, $13.75; whole wheat, $12.05; graham, $11.80; valleyq, $11.40; straights, $11 per barrel.

MILLFEED—Prices f. o. b. mill, city cartage $1.50 extra. Mill run, car lots of mixed cars, $40 per ton; rolled barley, $72; rolled oats, $64.50; ground barley, $72; scratch feed, $80.

CORN—Whole, $74; cracked, $76 per ton.

HAY—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, $30.50; cheat, $19; oats and vetch, $26; valley timothy, $27@28.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER — Cubes, extras, 64c per pound; prints, parchment wrappers, box lots, 64c per pound; cartons, 65c; half boxes, ½c more; less than half boxes, 1c more; butterfat, No. 1, 68@69c per pound at stations; Portland delivery, ordinary grades, 70c; A grade, 72c.

EGGS—Jobbing prices to retailers, Oregon, ranch, case count, 33@33½c; candled, 35@36c; selects, 39@40c.

CHEESE—Tillamook, f. o. b. Tillamook: Triplets, 32c; Young Americas, 33c; longhorns, 33c. Coos and Curry, f. o. b. Myrtle Point; Triplets, 31c; Young Americas, 32½c.

POULTRY—Hens, 32@36c; springs, 32@35c; broilers, 40c; ducks, 35c; geese, 20@25c; turkeys, live, 40c; dressed, choice, 50c.

VEAL—Fancy, 25c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 21c pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRUITS—Oranges, $4.50@7.75; lemons, $3.75@6.25 per box; grapefruit, $3.25@7.50 per box; bananas, 10@11c per pound; apples, $1.50@4 per box; cranberries, $4.50 per box; $12 per barrel.

VEGETABLES—Cabbage, 5@6c pound; lettuce, $2.50@3.25 per crate; beets, $3.50@4 per sack; cucumbers, $2.50@3 dozen; carrots, $1.75 per sack; celery, $9@10 per crate; horseradish, 15c per pound; garlic, 40c per pound; turnips, $4 per sack; cauliflower, $2.25@3.75 per crate; tomatoes, $4.50 per box; parsnips, $3.50 per sack; artichokes, $1.75 per dozen; peppers, 40@50c per pound; spinach, $1.75@4.25 per box; rhubarb, 12@14c pound; peas, 15@16c per pound; sprouts, 17c per pound; asparagus, 17½@20c per pound.

POTATOES—Oregons, $5.25@5.50 per sack; Yakimas, $5.50@6; sweets, 8½@9c pound.

ONIONS—Oregon, 5¾@6½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Sack basis: Cane granulated, 16c per pound; extra C, 15.60c; Golden C, 15.50c; Yellow D, 15.40c; cube, in barrels, 16.85c; powdered in barrels, 17.45c.

NUTS—Walnuts, 32@35c; Brazil nuts, 30c; filberts, 35c; almonds, 35@38c; peanuts, 15@15½c; chestnuts, 25c; pecans, 32c; hickory nuts, 15@16c; cocoanuts, $2 per dozen.

SALT—Half ground, 100c, $17.75 per ton; 50s, $19.50 per ton; dairy, $26.50@28 per ton; best refined, 50s, $36.50.

RICE—Blue Rose, 10c per pound.

BEANS—White, 8¼c; pink, 8¼c; lima, 13c per pound; bayous, 10c; Mexican reds, 8c per pound.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 39@51c.

Provisions.

Local jobbing quotations:

HAMS—All sizes, 35@38c; skinned, 28@38c; picnic, 24@25c; cottage roll, 30c.

LARD—Tierce basis, 25½c; compound, 25cet per pound.

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 25@25c per pound; plates, 25c.

BACON—Fancy, 48@50c; standard, 33@39c per pound.

Hides and Pelts.

HIDES—Salt hides, under 45 pounds, 22c to 24c; green hides, under 45 pounds, 20c to 22c; salt hides, over 45 pounds, 18c to 20c; green hides, over 45 pounds, 16c to 18c; salt or green calf, 35c to 60c; salt or green bulls, 12c to 14c; dry hides, over 7 pounds, 30c to 32c; dry calf, under 7 pounds, 65c to 65c; salt horse hides, large, $8; salt horse hides, medium, $7; salt horse hides, small, $6.

PELTS—Fine dry long wool pelts, 35c; coarse, dry, long-wool pelts, 25c.

Hops, Wool, Etc.

HOPS—1919 crop, 82c per pound; 2-year contracts, 40c average.

MOHAIR—Long staple, 40c; short staple, 25@30c.

TALLOW—No. 1, 10@11c; No. 2, 8@9c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Per pound, 11½c; car lots, 12½c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, fine, 40@50c; medi ium, 45@50c; coarse, 35@37c; valley, medium, 50@52c; coarse, 35@37c.

Oils.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $2.06; raw, cases, $2.21; boiled, barrels, $2.08; boiled, drums, $2.11; boiled, cases, 2.23.

TURPENTINE—Tanks, $2.25; cases, $2.40.

COAL OIL—Iron barrels, 14½@17c; cases, 25@32c.

GASOLINE—Iron barrels, 27c; tank wagons, 27c; cases, 37½c.

FUEL OIL—Bulk, $2.10 per barrel.

Naval Stores

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 20.—Turpentine firm, $2.15½; sales 46 barrels; receipts none; shipments 230 barrels; stock 1506 barrels.

Rosin steady; sales none; receipts 164 barrels; shipments none; stock 23,808 barrels. Quote: B, $16.50; D, N, F, G, H, $17.50; I, $17.50@17.75; K, $18.75; M, N, WG, WW, $19.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Total stocks of turpentine on hand February 2 were 54,174 barrels, the department of agriculture announced today, instead of 56,023 barrels as previously reported.

MOTOR SHARES SOARING

SPECTACULAR ADVANCES IN WALL STREET STOCKS.

General and Stutz Motors Register Unusual Gains—Metal List Is Active.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Sharp advances in several of the motor shares and related specialties monopolized the attention of traders during today's brief but very active stock market session. General Motors were the spectacular feature, scoring an extreme rise of 46½ points at 398 on an enormous turnover and closing at 380. Stutz Motors were next in favor at a net gain of 16 points to 229, a new high record and an advance of 77 points for the week.

Equipments and oils were in demand with coppers and shippings. Sales were 675,000 shares.

Buying of metals resulted from reports that steps were under way for the organization of a finance corporation to provide funds for huge exports of coppers and other base metals.

A moderate reversal in foreign exchange seemed to exert little influence upon the stock market. The clearing house statement disclosed a deficit of actual excess reserves, which was ascribed to heavy transfers of cash in connection with the week's tax payments.

Liberty bonds remain unsteady, but the general bond market was firm on a fairly wide variety of dealings. Total sales (par value), $7,775,000. Old United States government bonds were unchanged on call during the week, except the 2s, coupon and registered, which advanced half per cent.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last Sale.
Am Can	2,800	50⅞	50¼	50⅞
Am Car & Fdy	3,200	143	141½	142½
Am H & L pfd	1,800	118	116⅞	118
Am Loco	5,400	105½	103½	105½
Am Sm & Rfg	6,400	70¼	68⅞	69
Am Sugar Rfg	400	132¼	130	131
Am Sum Tob	7,200	106	101¾	102⅞
Am Tel & Tel	600	98⅞	98	98
Am Z L & Sm	600	19⅞	19¼	19¼
Anaconda Cop	25,400	64	61⅞	63¼
Atchison	200	84⅞	84¼	84¼
A G & W I S S.	800	163½	162½	162⅞
Baldwin Loco	19,400	135⅞	132	133
Balt & Ohio	1,000	36⅞	36½	36⅞
Beth Steel B	7,900	96½	95	96
B & S Copper	800	27⅞	27	27¼
Calif Petrol	200	41¼	40⅞	40⅞
Canadian Pac	1,200	125⅞	124⅞	125⅞
Cent Leather	2,600	91⅞	90⅞	91⅞
Chi M & St P	1,000	39½	39	39½
Chi & N W	200	88⅞	88⅞	88⅞
Chi R I & Pac	2,200	37⅞	37⅞	37½
Chino Copper	3,600	36½	35⅞	36¼
Corn Products	9,600	95	92⅞	95
Crucible Steel	5,400	237	227⅞	232
Cuba Cane Sug	2,000	49	48⅞	48⅞
U S Fd Prods	1,200	68⅞	67⅞	68
Erie	200	14⅞	14½	14½
Gen Electric	400	161½	161½	161½
Gen Motors	31,200	389	345	380
Gt No pfd	1,400	83	82½	82½
Gt No Ore ctfs	600	41	41	41
Inspir Copper	11,600	58	56½	57½
Int M M pfd	9,800	99½	96⅞	98⅞
Inter Nickel	1,600	22½	21½	22½
Inter Paper	4,400	88⅞	87	87½
K C Southern	400	17½	17½	17½
Kennecott Cop	12,600	32	31½	31⅞
Mexican Petrol	5,400	194½	191	194
Miami Copper	200	23⅞	22⅞	23⅞
Midvale Steel	5,600	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞
Missouri Pac	1,400	29⅞	29	29
Montana Pow	1,000	67½	66½	67½
Nevada Copper	600	15½	15¼	15⅞
N Y Central	200	75⅞	75⅞	75⅞
N Y N H & H	2,000	35⅞	35⅞	35⅞
Norf & West	800	96½	96	96
Northern Pac	800	83	81½	83
Pacific Mail	200	34	34	34
Pan-Am Pet	11,400	105⅞	101¼	101¼
Pennsylvania	1,200	43⅞	43	43
Pitts & W Va	200	28⅞	28⅞	28⅞
Ray Con Cop	1,800	19½	18⅞	19½
Reading	4,200	86⅞	85½	86⅞
Rep Ir & Steel	15,300	104⅞	102⅞	104½
Sin Oil & Rfg	5,200	44¼	42⅞	43⅞
Southern Pac	6,000	102⅞	101	102½
Southern Ry	4,600	24⅞	24¼	24½
Studebaker Co	32,000	19½	18⅞	18⅞
Texas Co	2,600	212½	210	211
Tobacco Prods	1,400	73	72	72½
Union Pacific	2,200	122½	121⅞	121⅞
Utd Rail Strs	5,200	77½	76⅞	77
U S Ind Alco	8,800	101⅞	99⅞	100½
U S Steel	59,400	103½	102⅞	102⅞
Utah Copper	9,800	78⅞	76⅞	77⅞
Westing Elect	800	53⅞	53½	53⅞
Willys-Overland	6,000	25½	25	25⅞
National Lead	2,600	85⅞	84	85
Ohio Cities Gas	2,600	45	44⅞	44⅞
Royal Dutch	8,400	105½	104⅞	104⅞

BONDS.

U S Lib 3½s	97.00	Anglo-Fr 5s	97½
do 1st 4s	90.40	A T & T cv 6s	98⅞
do 2d 4s	89.10	Atch gen 4s	77⅞
do 1st 4¼s	90.78	B & O con 4s	64
do 2d 4¼s	89.40	N Y C deb 6s	92
do 3d 4¼s	92.48	N P 4s	75½
do 4th 4¼s	89.68	N P 3s	53½
Victory 3¾s	97.52	Pac T & T 5s	84½
do 4¾s	97.50	Pa con 4½s	90
U S 2s reg	*101	S P cv 5s	103½
do coupon	*101	So Ry 5s	86
U S 4s reg	*106	U S 1st 4s	82½
do coupon	*106	U S Steel 5s	96½
Pan 3s reg	*88		
do coupon	*88		

*Bid.

Mining Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, March 20.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	35	North Butte	16⅞
Ariz Com	12½	Old Dom	82½
Calu & Ariz	63½	Osceola	53½
Calu & Hecla	350	Quincy	57
Cop Range	43	Superior	5½
East Butte	14⅞	Sup & Boston	4½
Franklin	3	Shannon	1⅞
Isle Royale	32½	Utah Con	8½
Lake Copper	4	Wolverine	19
Mohawk	67	Greene Can	35

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Mercantile paper unchanged.

Exchange weak. Sterling 60-day bills, $3.74⅞; commercial, 60-day bills on banks, $3.74⅞; commercial, 60-day bills, $3.73¼; demand, $3.78⅞; cables, $3.70½. Francs, demand, 13.77; cables, 13.79; Belgian francs, demand, 15.22; cables, 15.29; guilders, demand, 38⅞; cables, 38⅞; lire, demand, 18.82; cables, 18.89; marks, unchanged.

Sterling showed further weakness later in the day. Quotations were: 60-day bills, $3.73; commercial, 60-day bills on banks, $3.73; commercial, 60-day bills, $3.72½; demand, $3.77; cables, $3.77¼.

Bar silver, $1.26.

Mexican dollars, 95¼c.

Government bonds heavy; railroad bonds steady.

LONDON, March 20.—Bar silver, 72¾d per ounce.

Money unchanged.

Discount rates—Short and three-months' bills, 5¾@5¾ per cent.

Swift & Co. Stocks.

Closing prices of Swift & Co. stocks at Chicago were reported by Overbeck & Cooke company of Portland as follows:

Swift & Co	124
Libby, McNeill & Libby	27
Swift International	46
National Leather	14

Deficit in Actual Reserves.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that the reserve held is $7,075,000 below legal requirements. This is a decrease of $37,015,320 from last week.

WEEK'S MARKET ACTIVE AND STRONG

Unusual Interest Attaches to Rally in Sterling Exchange.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The hope that congress may formulate a constructive tax programme, progressive advances in British exchange to the highest point since December and a free supply of call money at low rates provided the motive power for this week's busy and irregularly strong stock market.

Unusual interest attached to the rally in London remittances, because of the sharp decline of February exports from this country, accompanied by indications that Britain's foreign trade is rapidly expanding.

Acting on the supreme court decision, several industrial companies declared large stock bonuses and the movements of other shares of kindred character pointed to continuance of such disbursements. Rails had their occasional intervals of activity and strength.

There were times when the market's expensive operations suggested an unmistakable accession of public interest.

According to observers, however, an overwhelming proportion of the business emanated from professional sources.

The only changes noted in the investment market were those occasioned by several new capital offerings. These were easily absorbed.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Current on Vegetables, Fresh Fruits, Etc., at Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Butter—Extra grades, 63c; prime firsts, 61½c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 46½c; firsts, 45c; extra pullets, 40½c; undersized, 35c.

Cheese—California old style, flats, fancy, 30½c; firsts, 28c; Young America, 35c.

Vegetables—Bell peppers, southern, 10@20c; chile, Florida, 20@25c; pimentos, 7@9c; squash, cream, 75@81; hubbard, 3@4c per pound; summer squash, per crate, $2.50@3; tomatoes, Mexican, $1.50@2 per crate; fancy, repacked, $2.25@2.75 per 30-pound lug; Florida, 20@25c per pound; potatoes, rivers, white, $5@5.50 per cental; sweet, 5@5½c per pound; Oregon Burbanks, $5.75@6; Oregon Wonders, $5.75; Idaho Gems, $5.75; onions, white, $5; Australian brown, $5@5.25; cucumbers, hothouse, $3@3.50 per box; English, $3@3.25; Illinois, $3.60@4 per dozen; beans, 12½c per pound; celery, $2.50@6.50; artichokes, 45@75c; turnips, per sack, $1.75@2; carrots, $1.25@1.50; beets, $2.25; cauliflower, 75c@$1.35; lettuce, $1.50@2; peas, 7@11c; asparagus, 8@18c per pound; spinach, 3@5c per pound, $2@2.25 crate; green onions, $1.60@1.75 per box.

Fruit—Oranges, navels, $3.25@6.25, according to size; lemons, $3.50@5.75; grapefruit, $2.25@3.50; tangerines, $2.50@4 per half orange box; bananas, 8@10c per pound; pineapples, $4@6 per dozen; apples, Newtown Pippins, 3½-tier, $2.40@2.65; four-tier, $2@2.25; 4½-tier, $1.85@2; Oregon Spitzenberg, $2.50@3.25; Oregon Newtown Pippins, $2.50@3; Arkansas Black, per box, $3.25; California, $2@2.25; rhubarb, Bay stock, per box, $2.75@3.25; strawberries, $4@5 per crate of 15 baskets.

Receipts—Barley, 1070 centals; oats, 1890 centals; beans, 483 sacks; potatoes, 2156 sacks; hay, 300 tons; eggs, 105,850 dozen.

Coffee Futures Work Lower.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The market for coffee futures was very quiet today with prices working a few points lower, owing to the easier ruling of Rio, nervousness over foreign affairs, and a little scattering liquidation for over the week end. The opening was two to five points lower and the market closed at a net decline of 7 to 11 points, but the only business reported was in May and September at 14.70, both months selling at the same price. Closing bids follow: March, 14.43; May, 14.68; July, 14.87; September, 14.04; October, 14.62; December, 14.88.

Spot coffee quiet; Rio 7s, 15@15¼; Santos 4s, 24@24½.

Eastern Dairy Produce.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Butter strong, unchanged.

Eggs easier; fresh gathered, extra firsts, 49@49½c; ditto, first, 47½@48½c.

Cheese steady, unchanged.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Butter—firm. Creamery, 52@68c.

Eggs—Lower. Receipts, 10,279 cases; firsts, 44@45c; ordinary firsts, 41@42c; at mark, cases included, 40@44c.

Poultry—Alive, unsettled. Springs, 37c; fowls, 39c.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Evaporated apples dull and weak. Prunes moderately active. Peaches dull.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Cotton—Spot steady. Middling, 41.25c.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, March 20.—Linseed, $5.12.

LITTLE STOCK FOR OPEN MARKET

Most of the Supply at Yards Comes Direct.

Only a few head of stock changed hands at the yards yesterday. Fifteen loads were received, consisting of 76 cattle, 755 hogs and 581 sheep, but most of the stock came direct. There was no change in the market situation at the close of the week. Hogs continued steady, but other lines were inclined to be weak.

Livestock prices at the Portland stockyards were as follows:

Cattle—	Price.
Best grain, pulp-fed steers	$11.50@12.00
Choice steers	11.00@11.50
Choice to good steers	10.00@11.00
Medium to good steers	9.00@10.00
Fair to good steers	7.50@8.50
Common to fair steers	6.50@7.50
Choice cows and heifers	9.00@10.00
Good to choice cows, heifers	8.00@9.00
Medium to good cows, heifers	6.50@7.50
Canners	5.00@5.50
Cutters	5.00@5.50
Prime light calves	15.00@17.00
Medium to light calves	10.00@15.00
Heavy calves	7.00@10.00
Stockers and feeders	7.50@8.50
Hogs—	
Prime mixed	15.75@16.25
Medium and mixed	15.50@15.75
Rough heavy	11.00@15.25
Pigs	12.00@15.00
Sheep—	
Eastern lambs	16.75@17.75
Light valley lambs	15.50@16.75
Heavy valley lambs	14.50@15.50
Common to medium lambs	11.00@14.50
Yearlings	14.50@15.00
Wethers	13.00@15.50
Ewes	10.00@12.00

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Hogs—Receipts, 9000, light grades steady to 10c higher. Heavy weight slow; mostly steady. Quote: $14.50@16; top, $16.50; heavy, $14.10@15.50; medium, $15@16.50; light, light, $13.65@16.50; light, light, $14.85@15.90; heavy packing sows, smooth, $13.15@13.65; packing sows, rough, $12.40@13; pigs, $13.40@15.25.

Cattle—Receipts, 1000, compared with a week ago: Strong; beef steers about steady; others and she-stock below choice, steady to higher; fat bulls strong to 25c higher; bologna mostly 50c higher; veal calves $1 to $1.50 higher; stockers and feeders steady to strong.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000, compared with a week ago: Lambs 25c to 50c lower; sheep steady to 25c lower.

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, March 20.—Hogs—Receipts, 12,000, unevenly steady to 25c lower; top, $15.30; bulk, $13.75@15; heavy weight, $12.50@14.30; medium weight, $14.50@15.30; light weight, $15@15.30; light light, $14.25@15; heavy packing sows, smooth, $12.25@13; packing sows, rough, $11.50@12.25; pigs, $11.50@14.

Cattle—Receipts, 860, compared with week ago: Heavy steers in-between grades, butcher cattle, 50c lower. Yearlings, good, choice she-stock and bulls, 25c lower. Canners, cutters, veals, light stockers and feeders steady. Heavy feeders 25c lower.

Sheep—Receipts none, compared with week ago: Lambs, 50c to 75c lower; other classes steady.

Kansas City Livestock Market.

KANSAS CITY, March 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 120; market for week: Steers, steady to 25c lower; she-stock, bulls and canners steady; calves, steady to 25c lower; feeders, weak to 25c lower.

Sheep—Receipts, 250; market steady; all grades and classes steady.

Seattle Livestock Market.

SEATTLE, March 20.—Hogs—Receipts, 142; steady; prime, $16@16.50; medium to choice, $15@16; rough heavies, $14@14.50.

Cattle—Receipts, 134; steady. Best steers $11.25@11.75; medium to choice, $9@10.75; common to good, $6.75@9; cows and heifers, $9.75@10.25; common to good, $6.50@9.25; bulls, $7@8.25; calves, $7@15.00.

Divorced Folks Rewed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—John W. Johnson and Mrs. Nellie Johnson concluded about a year ago that they could not live together and got a divorce, but they found living apart more difficult and yesterday were remarried. Both are old residents here. Their first marriage took place at Grants Pass, Or., in 1905. They were divorced here last April, the decree being granted the wife on the ground of cruelty.

Omaha May Buy Gas Plant.

OMAHA, March 20.—Opposition to purchase by the city of the gas plant at $4,5000,000, court appraisal price, ceased today with a majority vote of the city commission to table a rejection ordinance. The water board will operate the plant. It asked for $1,000,000 working capital.

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WHEAT CROP THREATENED

DAMAGE FROM DRY WEATHER IN SOUTHWEST FEARED.

Reports Have Strengthening Effect on Price of Corn at Chicago. Market Rallies Early.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Apprehension of damage to the wheat crop in the southwest gave a smart upturn today to the price of corn. Closing quotations were strong, 2½c to 3c net higher, with May $1.55¼ to $1.55⅝ and July $1.48⅝ to $1.48¾. Oats gained 1c to 1⅜c and provisions 15 to 50 cents.

Corn opened weak, but soon began to rally. Free selling on the part of commission houses was responsible for the initial declines. Talk of a federal investigation of big upward swings in the market of late was also a bearish factor. Setbacks today, however, found shorts ready to take profits and it only needed a moderate stimulus to send values kiting again. The incentive was supplied by reports that dry weather in the southwest threatened the wheat crop.

Strength of oats was for the most part in response to the action of corn.

Provisions rallied with grain.

The Chicago market letter received yesterday by Overbeck & Cooke company of Portland said:

Corn—Too much short selling was indulged in this morning and an oversold condition was created, with the result that the market rebounded rapidly and closed at top prices of the day. There was little in the news to account for the recovery other than technical conditions. The spot demand was sluggish and prices quoted unchanged to 1 cent lower than yesterday. Weather conditions generally favorable, and fair receipts are expected here Monday. A California house reports the purchase of Mexican corn for San Francisco on the basis of $1.55 per bushel. All this corn, it is said, would grade No. 2 white. The situation at present is a most unusual one in that stocks at terminals are small, while supplies in the country are large and the pit prices above a profitable feeding basis.

Oats—Following a lower opening this market gained strength and the tendency continued upwards throughout the session. Receipts remain small and country offerings light, but the demand is equally unimportant, hence the stagnation in the cash market. The eastern shipping situation is the all-important factor and western interests are patiently awaiting a better supply of cars to fulfill their contracts.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
CORN.				
May	$1.54½	$1.55⅝	$1.54½	$1.55¼
July	1.44	1.48⅝	1.