TRANSACTIONS IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD

FRESH MEATS ARE HIGHER PRICED

PORK, BEEF AND MUTTON ARE ADVANCED ON ACCOUNT SMALLER RECEIPTS AND LARGER DEMAND —EGGS CONTINUE TO RANGE DOWNWARD.

Front Street, Feb. 20.—The principal events in the Portland wholesale markets today were:

Hogs are higher.
Veal not so firm.
Eggs are tumbling.
Beef is advanced.
Onions are higher.
No movement in wheat.
Poultry sells at top.
Mutton is higher.
Speculators buy potatoes.

Hogs Are Higher.

The smallness of receipts of block hogs has caused an advance of about ½-cent in quotations. There is about enough of the heavier grades coming to supply the demand, and prices in that line are not showing any changes.

Veal Not so Firm.

The heavier receipts of veal during the past few days has had a bad effect on the market, and although there were no changes in prices today the market is weaker and has a downward tendency.

Mutton Is Higher.

There is an excellent demand now ruling for mutton, and prices today show an advance of about ½-cent a pound. For some time there was no demand for mutton at all, and the arrivals could barely be sold at any figure.

Beef Is Also Up.

Along with the other grades of fresh meats the prices on beef are showing a slight advance on account of the larger demand and the smaller receipts. The price of beef has been so low that stockmen did not make their usual shipments into this market.

Onions Are Higher.

The onion market is full of excitement and rumors of very high prices are frequently heard along Front street. As high as $2.20 and $2.25 have been paid out in the country, and it now looks as if the prices will not stop their upward movement until they reach the 3-cent mark. "Talk of the high prices on wheat in Chicago," says an onion man. "I would rather have 10,000 sacks of onions on speculation at this time than that many bushels of wheat."

Speculating in Potatoes.

Fancy prices are being paid for potatoes by some of the local speculators, but as far as the market is concerned it is no higher. The quotations in San Francisco will probably do a little better than they have on account of the failure of the usual steamer to leave here during the past week.

Poultry Strong at Top.

The quotations on poultry are strong at the top, and even better than these are obtained for some goods. The arrivals of dressed poultry late yesterday afternoon and this morning were quite good, but a very strong demand cleaned them up as soon as they reached the street. Prices are ranging higher.

Very few sales of eggs were made along Front street today, the extra heavy receipts causing the retailers to withhold their offers in the expectation of lower figures. Some sales were made, however, as low as 25 cents early in the day, and later on most of the transactions were at that figure.

No Movement in Wheat.

There is absolutely nothing doing in the Portland wheat market—the millers being anxious to buy at present prices, but farmers are now determined to get the benefit of some of the advances in the eastern markets and are holding until something is done in this market. Portland wheat quotations have shown no change since the recent upward movement in the east, but a change is expected Monday. The flour market reflects the strong tone of the wheat market and, like that commodity, shows no change in quotations.

Opinions on Today's Market.

W. B. Glafke & Co.—The butter market is unchanged.

Smith Bros.—The large shipments and the good quality of hogs, veal and chickens that arrived this week show that the Willamette valley shippers are wide-awake to the fact that it pays to have their stocks well finished before sending them in.

Bell & Co.—Today is steamer day.

W. H. Dryer—Both pointoes and onions are in fine condition—the latter market being very firm; prices are looking up.

Mark Levy & Co.—Steamer came in today, but stuff was rather late in coming on the street.

Chatterton & Co.—Markets are in about the same shape as yesterday.

Levy & Spiegl—Waiting for steamer stocks this morning; car of celery came in today.

Malarkey & Co.—A few gillnet smelt came in today; same old story of short supplies in all kinds of fish.

W. S. Swank—Potato market about the same; higher prices being offered for onions.

L. Jaggar—Onion market in better shape and higher.

Davenport-Thompson company—The steamer brought in fair supply of California cabbage, cauliflower and artichokes; cauliflower is higher.

Everding & Farrell—Market short on poultry; veal weaker, but no changes in quotations; hogs are scarcer, with prices looking better; eggs and butter are in very large receipt.

Page & Son—Eggs are going to slump; lots of stocks in, but no one seems to want to buy; chicken market good and higher; butter not moving at all; pork has advanced about ¼ to ½-cent; veal about the same; steamer stuff came in today.

McKinley Mitchell—Same old story in the potato and onion markets; both of these are as high in Portland as they are in the San Francisco market.

Toft, Hine & Co.—Receipts continue to be liberal in our lines, but still everything is cleaned up at top prices, with the exception of eggs, which are weaker.

Today's quotations, as revised, are as follows:

PORTLAND WHOLESALE PRICES.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 75@78c; bluestem, 80@81c; valley, 80c.

BARLEY—Feed, $20.00; rolled, $21.00@22.00; brewing, $22.00@23.00.

OATS—No. 1 white, $24.00@25.00; gray, $24.00@25.00 per ton; price to farmers, white $22.00@22.50; gray, $22.50 per ton.

FLOUR—Eastern Oregon: Patents, $4.10@4.40; straights, $3.60; valley, $3.75@3.85; graham, ¼s, $3.40; 10s, $3.70.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19.00 per ton; middlings, $26.00; shorts, $20.00; chop, $18.50.

HAY—Timothy, $15.00; Eastern Oregon, $16.00@16.50; mixed, $13.00@13.50; clover, $11.00@12.00; wheat, $12.00@12.50; cheat, $12.00@13.00; oat, $12.00@12.50.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—27c for choice; 24@25c for prime; poor quality, 18½@20½c; contract, 1904, 17@18c.

WOOL—Valley, coarse to medium, 16@16½c; fine, 16@16½c; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, nominal, 25@26c.

SHEEPSKINS—Shearing, 10@20c; short wool, 20@30c; medium wool, 30@50c; long wool, 50c@$1.00 each.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 lbs and up, 14c per lb; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 lbs, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 lbs, 15c; dry salted, bulls and stags, 1-3 less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, sound, 60 pounds or over, 6@7c; 50 to 60 lbs, 6c; under 50 lbs and cows, 5@6c; stags and bulls, sound, 4c; kip, sound, 15 to 30 lbs, 6c; sound, 10 to 14 lbs, 6c; calf, sound, under 10 lbs, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per lb less; culls, 1c per lb less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.25@1.75; dry, each, $1.00@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.00.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—Sweet, 28c; sour, 26c.

BUTTER—Creamery, extra fancy, 28@30c; ordinary, 22½@27½c; cold storage, 24c; eastern, 25c; renovated, 19@20c; dairy, 16@17½c; store, 10@12½c.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon, 25c; cold storage, 22c; bakers', 22c.

CHEESE—Full cream, twin, 12@13½c; Young America, 14½c.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 13c per lb; hens, 13@13½c per lb; roosters, 12c per lb; broilers, 14c per lb; fryers, 14½c per lb; ducks, old, 12c per lb; young, 13c per lb; geese, 9c per lb; turkeys, 15@16c per lb; dressed, 17c per lb.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—$1.00@1.20; buyers' prices for shipping, 95c@$1.10 cwt; ordinary, 70@80c sack; buying, 70c; sweets, 2½c per lb; new, 4c per lb.

ONIONS—Oregon, $2.50; buying prices, best, $2.10@2.15; f.o.b. Portland, $2.20@2.25.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, Oregon, 70c@$1.75 per box; oranges, navels, $1.50@2.25 per box; seedlings, 80c@$1.25 box; Japanese, 45@50c bananas, 3@3½c per lb; lemons, choice, $2.00@2.75 per box; fancy, $3.00@3.50 per box; limes, Mexican, 65c per 100; pineapples, $3.50; cranberries, local, $7.00 per bbl; Jersey, $10.00; persimmons, $1.50.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 85c per sack; carrots, $1.00 per sack; beets, $1.00 per sack; radishes, 12½@15c doz; cabbage, Oregon, 2c; California, 2c per lb; lettuce, head, 15c doz; hot house lettuce, $1.00@1.50 per box; green peppers, 5c per lb; horseradish, 7@8c per lb; celery, 50@60c per doz; tomatoes, $1.25@1.50 per box; parsnips, $1.25; cucumbers, $2.25 per doz; butter beans, 10c per lb; Lima beans, 8c; sprouts, 6c; cauliflower, $1.75; artichokes, 75@90c per doz; green peas, 7@8c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 6@7c per lb; apricots, 11@13c per lb; sacks, ½c per lb less; peaches, 6@9c per lb; pears, 8½c per lb; prunes, Italian, 3½@4½c per lb; French, 3½@4½c per lb; figs, California blacks, 6@6½c per lb; do whites, 6½@7c per lb; plums, pitted, 5¾@6c per lb; dates, golden, 6½c per lb; fards, $1.50 per 15-lb box.

RAISINS—Seeded, fancy, 1-lb cartons, 50 packages to case, 9¾c pkg; seeded, 12-oz cartons, 7¾c; loose Muscatels, 50-lb boxes, 7@8½c per lb; London layers, $1.85@2.00; clusters, $2.50@3.75; ½s, 25c; ¼s, 50c advance over pound cartons.

FIGS—Ten 1-lb cartons, choice brand, $1.00; 10 1-lb cartons, fancy brand, $1.10; 10 1-lb bricks, 2-crown, 90c; 10 1-lb bricks, 3-crown, 65c; 50 ½-lb bricks, per box, $2.25; 4-row layers, per 10-lb box, 90c; loose, 50-lb boxes, per lb, 6@6½c. Calimyrnas—Six-crown, 10-lb cartons, per box, $2.00; 5-crown, 10-lb carton, per box, $1.75; 4-crown, 20 ½-lb cartons, per box, $1.75.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—"Sack basis"—Cube, $5.60, powdered, $5.55; dry granulated, $5.45; beet granulated, $5.25; extra C, $4.95; golden C, $4.85; bbls, 10c, ½ bbls, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis, less 25c cwt for cash, 15 days.

MAPLE, 14@16c per lb.

HONEY—14½@15c.

COFFEE—Green Mocha, 21@23c; Java, fancy, 28@32c; Java, good, 20@25c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 19@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 11@13c per lb; package coffee, $13.75.

TEAS—Oolong, different grades, 25@65c; gunpowder, 28@32@35c; English breakfast, different grades, 12½@60c; spiderleg, uncolored Japan, 30@55c; green Japan (very scarce), 50@60c.

SALT—Fine—Bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s, $2.00, fine table, dairy, 50s, 35c; 100s, 65c; imported Liverpool, 50s, 50c; 100s, 98c; 224s, $1.90. Worcester—Bbls—2s, 3s, $5.50; 5s, $5.25; 10s, $5.00; bulk, 320 lbs, $5.00; sacks, 50s, 85c.

SALT—Coarse, half ground, 100s, per ton, $6.50; 50s, per ton, $7.00; Liverpool lump rock, $22.50 per ton; 50-lb rock, $6.50; 100s, $5.00.

GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, $5.75@6.00 per 100.

RICE—Imperial Japan—No. 1, 5¼c; No. 2, 5c; New Orleans head, 7@7½c.

BEANS—Small white, 3½c large white, $3.50@3.60; pink, $3.40@3.50; bayou, 3¼c; Limas, $4.00.

NUTS—Peanuts 7c, jumbos 8½c lb raw, 9@10c per lb for roasted; cocoanuts, 85@90c per doz; walnuts, 14¾@15¾c per lb; pine nuts, 10@12½c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; chestnuts, Eastern, 15@16c per lb; Brazil nuts, 15c per lb; filberts, 15@16c per lb; fancy pecans, 14@15c per lb; almonds, 18@15c per lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present base at $2.85.

ROPE—Pure Manila, 13½c; standard, 12¾c; sisal, 10½c.

Paints, Coal Oils, Etc.

COAL OIL—Pearl or Astral—Cases, 23c per gal; water white, iron bbls, 18½c per gal; wooden, —; headlight, cases, 25c per gal; headlight, iron bbls, 18½c per gal.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in bbls, 47c per gal; cases, 52c per gal; genuine kettle boiled, cases 54c per gal, bbls 49c per gal; ground cake, car lots, $25.00 per ton; less than cars, $28.00 per ton.

GASOLINE—86-deg., cases 32c per gal, iron bbls 23c per gal; stove, cases 24½c per gal, iron bbls 15c per gal.

BENZINE—63-deg., cases, 22c; iron bbls, 15½c.

PAINT OIL—Raw, bbls 33c per gal, cases 38c per gal; boiled, cases 40c.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 88c per gal, wooden bbls, 84½c per gal, iron bbls 82c per gal, 10-lb case lots, 87c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—500-lb lots 6½c per lb, less lots 7c per lb.

Meats and Provisions.

FRESH MEATS—Inspected—Beef, prime, 6½@7½c per lb; cows, 6½@7c per lb; mutton, dressed, 6½@7½c per lb; lambs, dressed, 8c per lb.

FRESH MEATS—Front street—Beef steers, 5¾@6¾c per lb; pork, block, 7c per lb; packers, 6½c per lb; bulls, 4½@4¾c per lb; mutton, dressed, 6@6½c per lb; lambs, dressed, 6½@7c per lb; veal, small, 8½@8¾c per lb; large, 6½@7c per lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 14 lbs, 13c per lb; 14 to 16 lbs, 12c per lb; 10 to 20 lbs, 12¼c per lb; cottage, 9¾c per lb; picnic, 8¾c per lb; breakfast bacon, 14¾17c per lb; regular short clears, unsmoked, 10c per lb; smoked, 11c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 10c per lb; smoked, 11c per lb; Union butts, 10 to 18 lbs, unsmoked, 8c per lb; smoked, 9c per lb.

EASTERN PACKED HAMS—Under 14 lbs, 13¾c per lb; over 15 lbs, 13¼c per lb; fancy, 13½@13¾c per lb; picnics, 9¾c per lb; shoulders, 11c lb; dry-salted sides, unsmoked, 10¼c per lb; smoked, 11¼c per lb; breakfast bacon, 14¼@16½c per lb; fancy, 18¼c per lb.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 10¾c per lb; 5s, 11c per lb; 50-lb tins, 10¾c per lb; steam-rendered, 10s, 9¾c per lb; 5s, 10c per lb; 50s, 9¾c per lb; compound tierces, 7½c per lb; tubs, 7¾c per lb; 50s, 7¾c per lb.

EASTERN LARD—Kettle leaf, 10-lb tins, 11½c per lb; 5s, 11¾c per lb; 50-lb tins, 11c per lb; steam-rendered 10s, 10¾c per lb; 5s, 10¾c per lb; 50s, 10c per lb.

(Above packing-house prices are net cash, 15 days.)

CANNED SALMON—Columbia river 1-lb talls, $1.75; 2-lb talls, $2.40; fancy 1-lb flats, $1.00; ½-lb fancy flats, $1.15; fancy 1-lb ovals, $2.60; Alaska talls, pink, 80c; red, $1.50; 1-lb talls, $2.00.

FISH—Rock cod, 7c per lb; flounders, 5c per lb; halibut, 7½c per lb; crabs, $1.25 per doz; razor clams, 0@10c per doz; little-neck clams, 3c; striped bass, 12½c per lb; Puget Sound smelt, 5c per lb; catfish, 7c per lb; black cod, — per lb; salmon trout, 12½@15c per lb; lobsters, 15c per lb; perch, 5c per lb; salmon, silversides, —— per lb; steelheads, 9c per lb; chinook, 12½c per lb; herring, 4c per lb; per lb; soles, 6c per lb; tom cod, 6c per lb; Columbia river smelt, 8c per lb; sturgeon, 7c per lb; shrimps, 10c per lb.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gal, $2.25; per sack, $3.75 net; Olympia, per sack, $5.25.

BROKERS' OPINIONS ON NEW YORK STOCKS

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

Logan & Bryan, New York: The market is as it has been the past two days—fractionally lower. It is still a surprising market in that the conditions dislodged so few long stocks. The political news or, more accurately, the political rumors, from Europe are sensational and other European exchanges are reported in a condition of semi-panic. Foreigners are also selling our stocks. The bank statement was favorable. There is enough short selling to make a better market in case the news from abroad improves, but without that we do not see how it can keep going lower.

Dick Bros., New York: The market has shown increased activity today and has been persistently sold. Short covering afforded the market some support, but the general tone was heavy and practically everything lost ground. The situation abroad was xery unfavorable. The bank statement was in every way better than expected, showing a reduction in loans and increased reserves, but it did not help stocks any. Short covering gave the close an appearance of firmness.

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Anaconda Mining Co.	61	62	61	61
Amal. Copper Co.	45¾	46½	45¼	46¼
Atchison, com.	66⅛	66⅛	65¾	65¼
do preferred	89	89	88¾	88⅞
Am. Car & Found., com.	19	19	19	19
do preferred				67
Am. Sugar, com.	123¾	123⅞	123½	123½
Am. Smelt., com.	48	48	47½	47½
do preferred	91	91	90⅛	90⅛
Baltimore & Ohio, com.	75⅛	75½	75⅛	75⅛
do preferred				87
Brooklyn Rapid Transit.	40⅛	40¾	40	40¼
Canadian Pacific, com.	114⅞	115⅝	114¾	114¾
Chi. & Alton, com.	36¾	36¾	36¼	36¼
do preferred				82
Chi. & Gt. West., com.	15	15	14⅞	14⅞
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	138⅛	139¼	138⅛	139
Chi. & North., com.	163	163	162½	162½
Chi. Terminal Ry.	8½	9	8½	8½
Chesapeake & Ohio	30	30	29¾	29¾
Colo. Fuel & Iron, com.				30⅝
Colo. South., com.	15	15⅛	14¾	15
do 2d preferred	24	24	23¼	23¼
do 1st preferred	52	52	52	52
Delaware & Hudson	159	159	158½	158½
D. & R. G., com.	19	19	19	19
do preferred	67¼	67¾	67¼	67
Erie, com.	23⅞	24	23¾	23¾
do 2d preferred	40¼	40¼	39⅝	39½
do 1st preferred	62½	62½	62½	62½
Illinois Central	127¼	127¼	127¼	127¼
Louisville & Nashville	102⅛	102⅝	102⅛	102
Metro. Traction Co.				116
Manhattan Elevated	141¾	141⅞	141¾	141¾
Minn., St. P. & Ste. M.	60	60½	60	60¼
do preferred				118½
Missouri Pacific	88¾	89	88¾	88¾
M., K. & T., com.	16	16	15½	15½
do preferred	36	36	35¾	35¾
New York Central	114	114	113⅞	113⅞
Norfolk & Western, com.	56	56¼	55⅞	56
do preferred				88
North American				82¾
N. Y., Ont. & West	20¾	20¼	20¼	20⅜
Pennsylvania Ry.	113¾	114⅛	113¾	114
P. G., L. & C. Co.	98	98	97½	97½
Pressed Steel Car, com.				28
do preferred				68½
Reading, com.	41¼	41¼	41⅛	41⅛
do 2d preferred				55½
do 1st preferred	79	80	79	79
Rep. Iron & Steel, com.	7¼	7¼	7	7⅛
do preferred				43
Rock Island, com.	21⅝	21⅝	20¾	20¾
do preferred	60⅛	61¼	59½	59½
Southern Ry., com.	19⅛	19¼	19	19⅛
do preferred	80	80	80	80
Southern Pacific	45	45	44⅝	44⅝
St. L. & S. F., 2d pfd.				42¼
do 1st preferred				69
St. L. & S. W., com.	14	14	13½	13⅝
do preferred	31¼	31¾	31	31
Texas & Pacific	23⅛	23⅛	22½	22½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	35½	35½	35¼	35¼
T., St. L. & W., com.	22	23½	22	23½
do preferred				33
Union Pacific, com.	76¾	76½	76⅛	76⅛
do preferred	89½	90	89½	89½
U. S. Leather, com.	7	7	6⅞	6⅞
do preferred	76	76	76	76
U. S. Rubber, com.	10⅞	10⅞	18½	10½
do preferred				47
U. S. Steel Co., com.	56	56¼	56	56
Wheel. & L. E., com.	15	15	14½	14½
Wisconsin Central, com.	18	18¼	17⅞	18
do preferred	40	40	40	40
Western Union Tele.	87	87	87	87
Wabash, com.	18	18¼	18	18
do preferred	34¼	34¼	34¼	34

Total sales for day, 177,000.

BOSTON COPPER CLOSE.

Boston, Feb. 20.—Copper close:

	Bid.	Ask.
Adventure	1¾	2¼
Atlantic	7	8
Calumet	440	447
Osceola	55¼	56
Parrot	22½	23¼
Copper Mountain	55	60
Shannon	8¼	8½
Winona	5	5¼
Wyandot	85	87½
United States	20¼	20¾

NEW YORK COFFEE CLOSE.

New York, Feb. 20.—Coffee close:

	Bid.	Ask.
February	$5.60	$5.70
March	5.65	5.70
April	5.75	5.80
May	5.85	5.90
June	6.00	6.05
July	6.15	6.20
August	6.25	6.30
September	6.35	6.40
October	6.45	6.50
November	6.50	6.55
December	6.60	6.65
January	6.65	6.70

PRIMARY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Chicago, Feb. 20,—The primary receipts show

	Today. Bushels.	Year ago. Bushels.
Wheat	476,000	377,000
Corn	53,000	571,000
The shipments were:		
Wheat	355,000	110,000
Corn	345,000	245,000

AMERICAN STOCKS IN LONDON.

London, Feb. 20.—2 p. m.—Atchison preferred declined ½; Baltimore & Ohio declined ¼; Canadian Pacific declined ¼; Chesapeake & Ohio declined ¼; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul declined ⅛; Erie declined ¼; Illinois Central unchanged; Louisville & Nashville declined ½; New York Central declined ⅝; Ontario & Western unchanged; Pennsylvania declined ⅝; Reading declined ⅛; Southern Pacific declined ½; Southern Railway declined ⅛; Union Pacific declined ⅝, preferred declined 1¼; United States Steel preferred declined ⅝; Wabash unchanged, preferred declined ½. Consols declined ¾.

SAN FRANCISCO LOCAL STOCKS.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—10:30 a. m.—Local stocks:

	Bid.	Ask.
Spring Valley water, 2s	99¼	100¼
San Francisco Gas & Electric	105	..
Contra Costa Water	..	41
Spring Valley Water	39¾	40
Central Light	35¾	..
Bank of California	..	440
Giant Powder	61	62
Hawaiian Commercial	44	..
Hutchinson Sugar	8	8¼
Paauhau Sugar	11	11½
Alaska Packers	138	138½

ST. LOUIS CLOSE.

St. Louis, Feb. 20.—Close: Wheat—May, $1.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT CLOSE.

Minneapolis, Feb. 20.—Close: Wheat—May, $1.02⅝; July, $1.02⅛.

MILWAUKEE GRAIN CLOSE.

Milwaukee, Feb. 20.—Close: Wheat—May, $1.05⅝; July, 96c bid.

Corn—May, 56⅞@57c; July, 45⅝c.

SAN FRANCISCO CLOSE.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Close: Wheat—May, $1.48¾; December, $1.46⅝.

Barley—May, $1.11¾; December, $1.06.

DULUTH WHEAT CLOSE.

Duluth, Feb. 20.—Close: Wheat—May, $1.01¼.

CHICAGO WILL CLOSE.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The Chicago board of trade will be closed Monday on account of George Washington's birthday.

PORTLAND CLEARING-HOUSE REPORT.

The report of the Portland clearing-house for yesterday was:

Clearings	$442,748.81
Balances	34,894.39

WILD EXCITEMENT IN WHEAT MARKET

ANOTHER ACTIVE MARKET TODAY CAUSES PRICES TO GO FROM 2 TO 3 CENTS HIGHER — FOREIGN MARTS AGAIN SHARPLY UP—CORN HIGHER.

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Logan & Bryan advise:

In wheat it was another active market, with prices at the close from 2 to 3 cents higher. The foreign markets were again sharply up. There was during the first hour or so enough scattered profit-taking to hold the market about steady, but later, on the sensational character of the political news, it advanced sharply. It did not hold all the advance. The market has had a big advance and there is a large scattered long interest who will make it vulnerable to anything in the way of news that is unfavorable to prices. At the same time the awakening of interest in the European markets on account of the war and the curtailment of Russian shipments has tended to place the market in an artificial position heretofore, although prices here are still, in the main, out of line for business to the other side.

Corn Closed ⅝ Cent Up.

The corn market closed ⅝ cent higher. Its action was the same as in wheat and from about the same causes. It was steady early, advanced sharply on the war news, but did not hold all the advance. The influences at work are purely speculative and there is the same large outside interest on the long side of corn that there is in wheat. So far as the cash situation is concerned it is largely disregarded. The market is subject to sharp reactions in case the political news favors it.

Oats Sentiment Bullish.

Oats sentiment is bullish for the time being on the war news. We are inclined to think the Patten interest is well out. There is, we think, a good deal of bear sentiment among local traders and more or less short selling of oats on the theory that the new crop and prices will make a large acreage under normal conditions. War news, however, dominates the market for the present.

Shorts Are Covering.

The covering of local shorts and buying general outside trade were again the features of the provision market. In fact there is little else to be said about it. There is, of course, some scattered short interest, but we are inclined to think it is moderate. Packers are very bearish, selling against their products and the general long interest is very large throughout the country through commission houses. The force of this latter buying may carry prices higher and we are inclined to think it is a good thing to take profits.

AMERICAN BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Feb. 20.—The report of Bradstreet of the bank clearings for the week ending February 18 show, as compared with the same period a years ago:

		Inc.	Dec.
New York	$ 982,231,000	....	32.7
Chicago	151,334,000	....	14.2
Boston	115,948,000	....	18.1
Philadelphia	86,534,000	....	25.0
St. Louis	53,412,000	17.6	....
Pittsburg	30,458,000	....	22.0
San Francisco	29,038,000	....	2.2
Baltimore	17,258,000	....	18.8
Cincinnati	22,026,000	.3	....
Kansas City	22,519,000	24.8	....
New Orleans	24,880,000	58.2	....
Cleveland	12,174,000	....	18.6
Minneapolis	12,745,000	....	7.8
Detroit	8,668,000	....	6.6
Louisville	12,123,000	8.3	....
Omaha	6,978,000	4.6	....
Milwaukee	8,785,000	11.3	....
Providence	6,475,000	....	13.8
Buffalo	5,601,000	....	17.0
Indianapolis	6,480,000	29.1	....
St. Paul	5,220,000	....	10.8
Los Angeles	6,175,000	7.0	....
St. Joseph	4,387,000	1.2	....
Denver	3,927,000	11.2	....
Columbus	4,240,000	4.2	....
Memphis	5,861,000	39.8	....
Seattle	3,136,000	....	28.8
Richmond	4,564,000	18.3	....
Washington	3,671,000	....	7.6
Savannah	3,006,000	....	32.6
Albany	2,877,000	....	28.9
Portland, Or	3,182,000	....	2.3
Fort Worth	4,745,000	....	60.3
Toledo, O	2,565,000	....	12.9
Salt Lake City	2,776,000	6.9	....
Peoria	2,946,000	....	6.4
Atlanta	3,175,000	3.6	....
Rochester	2,352,000	....	5.5
Hartford	2,130,000	....	27.6
Nashville	2,609,000	....	13.9
Des Moines	2,109,000	....	17.7
Spokane, Wash	2,350,000	12.0	....
Tacoma	1,832,000	....	17.6
Grand Rapids	1,527,000	....	2.3
New Haven	1,785,000	....	.9
Scranton	1,781,000	....	....
Dayton	1,565,000	2.5	....
Norfolk	1,492,000	....	8.9
Springfield, Mass	1,224,000	....	20.9
Worcester	1,127,000	....	40.1
Portland, Me	1,340,000	....	5.6
Augusta, Ga	1,232,000	....	46.1
Topeka	734,000	....	44.3
Sioux City	1,144,000	....	16.5
Syracuse	1,153,000	....	25.2
Evansville	1,045,000	2.3	....
Birmingham	1,256,000	16.4	....
Wilmington, Del	1,051,000	....	13.3
Knoxville	986,000	.9	....
Davenport	761,000	4.1	....
Little Rock	1,065,000	11.7	....
Wilkesbarre	728,000	....	21.2
Fall River	1,305,000	20.7	....
Macon	793,000	....	10.3
Wheeling, W. Va.	616,000	....	23.5
Wichita	1,019,000	52.3	....
Akron	617,000	....	1.9
Chattanooga	715,000	8.6	....
Springfield, Ill	612,000	....	6.5
Kalamazoo, Mich	623,000	....	.9
Youngstown	441,000	....	26.9
Helena	628,000	10.8	....
Lexington	621,000	3.1	....
Fargo, N. D	371,000	....	4.1
New Bedford	574,000	7.9	....
Canton, O	453,000	11.0	....
Jacksonville, Fla	806,000	88.7	....
Lowell	481,000	....	1.5
Chester, Pa	383,000	....	1.8
Greensburg, Pa	339,000	....	6.4
Rockford, Ill	398,000	3.4	....
Binghamton	366,000	....	15.6
Springfield, O	415,000	23.1	....
Bloomington, Ill	344,000	....	....
Quincy, Ill	420,000	16.9	....
Sioux Falls, S. D	202,000	7.1	....
Mansfield, O	181,000	7.1	....
Decatur, Ill	246,000	9.3	....
Jacksonville, Ill	166,000	....	17.0
Fremont, Neb	163,000	....	8.9
Houston	14,038,000	4.1	....
Galveston	8,261,000	....	7.0
Charleston, S. C	1,231,000	....	6.5
Cedar Rapids	322,000	....	....
Totals, U. S	$1,734,205,000	....	24.0
Outside N. Y	751,074,000	....	8.4
Canadian Banks.			
Montreal	$ 15,484,000	....	15.3
Toronto	12,442,000	....	26.9
Winnipeg	3,975,000	22.6	....
Ottawa	1,515,000	....	17.2
Halifax	1,445,000	1.6	....
Quebec	914,000	....	24.5
Vancouver, B. C	1,188,000	12.4	....
Hamilton	1,051,000	8.6	....
London, Ont	726,000	....	4.3
St. John, N. B	750,000	....	2.7
Victoria, B. C	599,000	20.1	....
Totals, Canada	$ 40,695,000	....	14.8

LIVERPOOL COTTON UP.

Liverpool, Feb. 20.—Cotton closed 1 to 3 points higher than yesterday's close.

NEW YORK CLOSE.

New York, Feb. 20.—Close: Wheat—May, $1.04.

DULUTH FLAX CLOSE.

Duluth, Feb. 20.—Close: Flax—May, $1.12 bid.

OPEN DITCH A DANGEROUS TRAP

LITTLE SON OF I. M. WALKER NEARLY SUFFOCATES WHILE STRUGGLING IN A MUDDY HOLE IN WHICH HE HAD SLIPPED—UNKNOWN RESCUER SAVES HIM.

Little Emerson Walker fell into a sewer ditch at East Thirty-sixth and East Alder streets at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was nearly drowned. I. M. Walker of the Behnke-Walker business college, father of the child, said today:

"Emerson is about 4 years old. He was on his way from our home, 1085 East Morrison street, to visit a little playmate when he slipped and fell into this ditch. His nose, eyes, mouth and ears were completely filled with the soft yellow mud and he was nearly suffocated when rescued. The ditch for the sewer pipe was only partially filled and there is now about four feet of water standing in it. A stranger was passing on a bicycle and noticed Emerson's struggles in the water. He pulled the boy out. Neighbors found it was our child and took him to our home. He was a very sick boy the rest of the afternoon and all night, but this morning he is better. We have not been able to learn who rescued our boy; when he took him to our home Mrs. Walker was so wrought up over the occurrence that she did not ask his name, and before she thought to do it he had gone."

MIKE DOOLEY SAYS HE IS A "ROOSHIAN"

"Me name's Mike Dooley and I'm a Rooshian," declares the prisoner brought to Portland this morning from Moro by Deputy Marshal James Wilson. The man is accused of robbing the postoffice and store at Bialocks and stealing clothing. He is under bonds of $1,000 to appear before the federal grand jury.

Three other prisoners accused of robbing the Bialocks postoffice were brought to the Multnomah jail. They are said to have entered the place a week before Dooley made