TODAY'S MARKETS

Tomorrow Portland Board of Trade Will Begin Its First Calls—New Arrangement Will Be Better for Shipper.

PROVISIONS GO HIGHER AGAIN

Sharp Advances in the East and Higher Hogs Add to Strength Here.

Front street features:
Move provision prices up.
Dressed veal rules higher.
Dressed hogs are firm.
Eggs are quoted firmer.
Chickens are in demand.
Heavy shipments E. O. potatoes.
Small fish very scarce.
Bananas arrive in good shape.
Orange market has good tone.
Heavy arrivals eastern cucumbers.
Heavy production hothouse lettuce.
Onions stiffen again to $4.50.

Provisions Are Advanced Again.

...nd provision market has been ... by the recent sharp advance ... price of various products in the ... including live hogs and the manu...red stock. The Union Meat com... here is quoting small hams up to ...o a pound, which is a net advance ...½c over former rulings. Picnics and ...tage rolls are advanced a full cent ... pound; the former going to 10c and ... latter to 11c a pound. A like ad...nce put the price of shoulders to 11c ...ay. In bacon the tendency was frac...ally downward owing to the fact ... prices in that line had scarcely ... hit by the avalanche of declines ...ch struck the general provision mar... about a month ago. The drop today ...unts to but a fraction. The general ...vision market is in very fine form ...ay; the advance in the price of live ...s in the yards here yesterday to 6c ...ing somewhat of a help toward main...ining the advanced standard for the ...anufactured line.

Higher Price for Veal.

In the dressed veal market a higher ...ge of values is again in effect. The ...rket for best stock is all the way ...m 9 to 10c a pound, the latter figure ...g received by a large receiver. At ... high values the returns to the ...pper should be heavy. For dressed ... the Front street market is in fine ...e because of the very scant arrivals ...the stockyards and the higher prices ...ing there. Some of the best stock is ...ving off as high as 8c a pound. This ... for select small sizes. Large hogs, ...ile showing a disposition to move, ... not bringing the top values by any ...ans. This should be taken into con...ideration by shipper.

Small Fish Are Scarce.

There is a great scarcity of small ...ish in the local wholesale market. The ...torms off the coast have prevented the ...sual catch and in consequence avail...ble supplies all over the coast are ...mall, with prices stiff. Razor clams ...nd crabs are likewise hard to obtain, ...or the same reason. Sacramento sal...mon is in good supply, but high prices ...re still the rule in the south, and of ...ourse here. The run of smelt has been ...erminated and no fresh supplies are to-...ay shown in the local market.

Eggs Are Quoted Firmer.

A firmer tone is shown throughout ...he local egg market today. Available ...upplies are not so liberal and outside ...hipments are still very heavy. Alaska ...hipments predominate, but the local ...onsumption is taking most of the pro-...uction. The salmon fleet is taking ...ome supplies for use in the far north. ...ome of these eggs intended for late ...inter use are packed solid with gran-...lated salt.

For chickens the market remains in ...ery fine shape with supplies inade-...ate to fill the demand.

Heavy Output of Lettuce.

...cording to growers, the present sea-... much larger growth of hothouse ...ce in this vicinity than in any pre-... season in the history of the in-...ry. The number of houses is ma-...ly increased and the plants show ...re growth than usual. This is due ... the rather mild weather that pre-...led during the winter.

Hothouse cucumbers from the east ...e in very large supply here and prices ...e being shaded. Supplies from Cali-...rnia heavier, too.

Brief Notes of Front Street.

...o cars of bananas arrived in to-...n fine shape. Prospects for a ba-... war growing brighter every day. ... trade is inclined to call the bluff ...yan of Seattle and several dealers ... ordered supplies from other ...es.

...pments of eastern Oregon potatoes ... Missouri river points are growing, ...cause of the low rate.

While receipts of oranges are heavy, ... sales are increasing and prices are ...ffening instead of weakening here.

Wheat and flour trade continue nom-...al.

The temporary weakness in onions ... been turned into intense strength ...y and the price for best stock ... firm at $4.50 today along Front ... While the price in the south ... higher than this, there are few ... from here being offered there at ...resent time.

...nt street sells at the following ... Prices paid shippers are less ...r commissions:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

...AIN BAGS—Calcutta, 9c; large ... small lots, 9½c.

...HEAT — Track prices—Club, 81@ ...ed Russian, 80@81c; bluestem, 83 ... valley, 81@82c.

...N—Whole, $32; cracked, $33 ton.

...LEY—New—Feed, $28 per ton; ... $29@31; brewing, $29.

...—$...55 per cwt.

...TS—New—Producers' price—No. ...ite $27 per ton; gray, $26@26.50.

...UR—Eastern Oregon patents, ... straights, $4.35; exports, $3.70; ... $4.45; graham, ¼s, $4.50; ... wheat, $4.75; rye, 50s, $5.50; ... $5.

...L STUFFS—Nominal—Bran, $26 ...on; middlings, $30.50@31; shorts, ...ry, $28.50; city, $27; chop, $21@24.

...Y—Producers' price — Timothy, ...mette valley, fancy $15; ordin-... $12.50@13; eastern Oregon, $16@ ...ixed, $10@10.50; clover, $10@12; ... (—); cheat, (—); alfalfa, $12@

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

...TTER FAT—F. o. b. Portland— ... cream, 28½c; sour 26½c.

...TTER—Extra fancy fresh cream-...0c; fancy 27½@30c; choice, 27½c; ... 20c a pound.

...GS—Extra fancy, candled, 16½c.

...HEESE—Full cream, flats, 15@15½c ... Young Americas, 17c per lb.; Cali-... Young Americas, 16c; flats, 14 ...c lb.

...ULTRY—Mixed chickens, 14½c ...ancy hens, 15c; roosters, old, ...c; fryers, $4.50@6.00 doz; broilers, ...5.00; geese, old, 8@9c lb; turkeys, ... 14@16c per lb; dressed, 18@20c ...uabs, $2.50 dozen; pigeons, $1.25 ...; dressed poultry, 1@1½c per lb ...r.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

...PS—1907 crop, first prime, 5c;

APPOINT COMMITTEES FOR BOARD OF TRADE

Practically everything is in readiness for the initial call on the Portland board of trade at 11:45 o'clock tomorrow morning. Most of the committees have been filled and the few uncompleted ones will probably be completed tonight. Two members have already been appointed for the fruit and vegetable committee, but the butter, egg, cheese and poultry committee has been completed. Temporary appointments are;

Fruits and vegetables—W. B. Glafke and John A. Bell.

Butter, eggs and poultry—T. S. Townsend, W. H. McCorquodale and Fritz Knecht.

prime, 4½c; medium to prime, 4c; medium, 3@4c lb; 1906 crop, ½@1½c lb; contracts, 1908, 8@8½c lb.

WOOL—1908—Willamette Valley, 15@17c.

MOHAIR—1908—Nominal, 25c.

HIDES—Dry hides, 13@13c lb; green, 4@5c; calves, green, 5@7c; kips, 5c lb; bulls, green salt, 2½@3½c lb.

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 15@20c each; short wool, 25c@40c; medium wool, 50c@$1 each; long wool, 75c@$1.25 each.

TALLOW— Prime, per lb, 3c@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

CHITTIM BARK—3@3½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES — Select, 60@75c, selling; buying, Willamette valley, 40@45c; eastern Multnomah and Clackamas, 45@50c per cwt; sweets, 3¾@4c; seed stock f. o. b, Portland, American Wonders, $1; Early Rose, $1; new potatoes, 5½@6c.

ONIONS—Jobbing price, best, $4.50; seconds, $3.75@4.25; garlic, 7c lb.

APPLES—Select, $3; fancy, $2.25@2.50; choice, $2.00; ordinary, $1.25@1.50.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $2.00@2.75; bananas 5½c per lb; crated, 6c; lemons, $2@3.50 box; grapefruit, $2.50@3.50; pineapples, $4@6 doz; pears, fancy, $1.50@1.75; tangerines, $1.25 a box.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new, 50@60c sack; carrots, 50c per sack; beets, 65@75c per sack; parsnips, 85c@$1; cabbage, $1.50@1.60; tomatoes, Mexican, $2.75@3.00; beans, 15c; cauliflower, Oregon, $1.00@1.25 per doz; peas, 12½@14c; horseradish, 7½@8c lb; artichokes, 75c@$1.00 dozen; green onions, 40c dozen; peppers, bell, 25c; Chile, 15c lb; hothouse lettuce, $1.00@1.50 box; head lettuce, 65c dozen; cucumbers, hothouse, California, $1.75 dozen, radishes, 25c dozen bunches; eggplant, 20c lb.; celery, $4.50@4.75 crate; cranberries, eastern, $9@10.50; sprouts, 8½c lb; asparagus, 9@10c lb; spinach, 90c box.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—Western Refinery — Cube, $6.60; powdered, $6.45; fruit, $6.25; dry granulated, $6.45; XXX granulated, $6.15; conf. A., $6.25; extra B., $5.80; golden G., $6.30; D, yellow, $5.55; beet granulated, $6.05; barrels, 15c; half barrels, 30c; boxes, 55c advance on sack oasis.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

HONEY—$3.60 per crate.

COFFEE—Package brands, $15.88@16.63.

SALT—Coarse—Half ground, 100s, $13.50 per ton; 50s, $14.00; table, dairy 50s, $19.90; 100s, $18.75; bales, $2.50; imported Liverpool, 50s, $20.00; 100s, $19.00; 4s, 18.00; extra fine barrels, 2s, 5s and 10s, $4.50@5.50; Liverpool lump rock, $20.50 per to; 50-lb rock, $12.50; 100s, $12.00.

(Above prices apply to sales of less than car lots. Car lots at special prices subject to fluctuations.)

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5½@5¾c; New Orleans, head, 7c; Ajax, 5c; Creole, 5¾c.

BEANS—Small white, $4.25; large white, $4.10; pink, $4.10; bayou, $3.90; Limas, $6.50; Mexican reds, 4½c.

NUTS— Peanuts, Jumbo, 7c per lb; Virginia, 6¾c per lb; roasted, 9c per lb; Japanese, 6¼@6½c; roasted, 8½c per lb; walnuts, California, 16c per lb; pine nuts, 15c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; brazil nuts, 15c per lb; filberts, 15c per lb; fancy pecans, 16@20c per lb; almonds, 16c.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS—Front street—Hogs, fancy 8c lb; ordinary, 7@7½c; large, 5@6c; veal, extra, 9½c per lb; ordinary, 8½c per lb; heavy, 7@8c per lb; mutton, fancy, 11c per lb.; spring lamb, 13@15c.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 12 lbs., 13½c per lb; 14 to 16 lbs., 13c per lb; 18 to 20 lbs., 13c; breakfast bacon, 14½@22c per lb; picnics, 10c per lb; cottage roll, 11c lb; regular short clears smoked, 11½c per lb; unsmoked, 10½c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 10½c; smoked, 11½c; Union butts, 10 to 13c lb; unsmoked, 12c per lb; smoked, 13c per lb; clear bellies, unsmoked, 12½c per lb; smoked, 13½c per lb; shoulders, 11c per lb; pickled tongues, 70c each.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 12½c per lb; 5s, 12¾c per lb; 50-lb. tins, 12c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 11½c per lb; 5s, 11¾c per lb; compound, 10s, 8½c per lb.

FISH—Rock cod, 12½c lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 5@6c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 11c per lb; salmon, chinook, 12½c lb; steelhead (—) per lb; frozen, 9c; herrings, 5c lb; soles, 7c lb; shrimps, 10c per lb; perch, 6c per lb; tomcod, 11c per lb; lobsters, 25c per lb.; fresh mackerel, 8c per lb; crawfish, 25c per dozen; sturgeon, 12½c per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; silver smelt, 6@7c per lb; Columbia smelt, (—); black cod, 7½c lb; crabs, $1.00@1.50 dozen; shad, 10c.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon, $2.50; per 100-lb sack, $5.00; Olympia, per gallon, $2.40; per 100-lb sack, $6.00@6.50; Eagle, canned, 60c can; $7 dozen; eastern in shell, $1.75 per hundred.

CLAMS—Hardshell, per box, $2.40; razor clams, $2.00 per box; 10c per doz.

Paints, Coal Oil, Etc.

ROPE—Pure manila, 13c; standard, 11½c; sisal, 9¾c; I. B. sisal, 8½c.

Coal Oils—

	Iron Bbls.	Cases.	Wood Bbls.
Water White	10½c	.....	14½c
Pearl Oil	.....	18 c	.....
Head Light	12½c	19½c	.....
Eocene	.....	21 c	.....
Special W. W.	14 c	.....	18 c
Elaine	.....	28 c	.....
Extra Star	.....	21 c	.....

Gasoline—

	Iron Bbls.	Cases.
V. M. and P. Naphtha	12½c	19½c
Red Crown Gasoline	15½c	22½c
Motor Gasoline	15½c	22½c
86 per cent Gasoline	30 c	37½c
No. 1 Engine Distillate	9 c	16 c

BENZINE—86 deg., cases, 25c per gal; iron bbls 23c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 72c per gal; wood bbls, 69½c per gal.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls 52c, cases 58c; boiled, bbls 54c, cases 60c a gal; lots of 250 gallons 1c less.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c per lb; 500-lb lots, 8c per lb; less lots, 8¼c.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis at $3.10.

70,000,000 Salmon Eggs.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, March 31.—During the fiscal year ending today between 65,000,000 and 70,000,000 salmon eggs have been taken and nurtured by fish hatcheries of the state of Washington. Trout eggs to the number of 2,000,000 have been taken and several millions of humpbacks, steelheads and dog salmon have been hatched and turned loose. Of all the species the spring and Chinook varieties are in the majority. The number of salmon caught in Washington will be small this year.

Cargoes Dull and Inactive.

London, March 31.—Cargoes dull and inactive. Walla Walla prompt shipment 2d lower, 35s 3d; California, 35s 9d. English country markets quiet but steady. French country markets firmer.

EAM SUPPLIES MAY PULL BUTTER LOWER

Cream supplies are increasing, according to butter manufactur...rs and while the increase is ...ow just now the volume of ar...vals is expected to be suffi...nt soon to enable the trade to ... prices down a fraction. The ...lifornia market is down 2c ...n; the best product ranging ...nd 21c in San Francisco to-

RUMOR GIVES ERIE RECEIVER

Report of Trouble Sends New York Stock Market to a Low Level Today.

New York, March 31.—The rumor that the Erie railway had asked for a receiver and an accumulation of bearish conditions in general aided by the need for a natural reaction in prices, caused a severe downfall of stock market values today. The market was not steady at any time during the day; quotations ebbing away with rapid pace during some periods. Union Pacific, Reading and American Smelter common, were among the principal losers; the former dropping 2⅞ points and the latter two, 3 points. St. Paul was hit for 2½ points and Hill's Northern Pacific fell back 2 points. Amalgamated Copper was unable to withstand the severe selling pressure and closed 2 points under yesterday.

Call loans ranged between 1½ and 2 per cent with a fractional increase in business.

Range by Downing-Hopkins Co.:

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Copper	60	60⅛	58½	58⅝
Sugar	124½	125	124	124
Colo. F. & I.	24	24⅞	23¼	23⅝
Brooklyn	46⅝	46⅝	44⅝	44⅝
People's Gas	89⅛	89½	89	89
U. S. Steel, c.	33⅞	34	33⅝	33½
U. S. Steel, p.	98⅝	98⅝	97⅝	98
Atchison	73¼	73⅞	72⅝	72⅝
Balt. & Ohio	83⅝	83⅝	81⅝	82⅛
Can. Pacific	152¼	152¼	150⅝	151
Erie	14½	15	13⅝	13⅝
L. & N.	97	97	96½	96½
Mo. Pac.	41⅛	41⅛	40	40⅛
Penn.	116⅝	116⅝	115⅛	115⅝
Reading	104⅝	105	102⅝	103
Rock Island	14⅛	14⅛	14	14
South. Pac.	75⅛	75⅛	74⅞	75
St. Paul	117⅛	117⅛	115⅞	115⅞
Union Pacific	125⅝	125⅞	123⅛	123⅝
Am. Smelter	70	70	67	67⅛
N. Y. Central	97⅜	97⅜	96⅝	97
Northern Pac.	127⅜	127⅞	126⅛	126⅛
Anaconda	38⅜	38⅜	37⅝	37⅝
Southern Ry.	13⅛	13⅝	12⅝	12⅝
Soo, common	108½	.....	.....	108
Smelter, pfd.	95⅛	96	95	95
Ches. & Ohio	31⅛	31¼	30⅝	30⅞
Cen. Leather	20	.....	.....	20
R. I., pfd.	27¼	.....	.....	27
Am. Woolens	19	.....	.....	18⅝
Wabash	18¼	18⅜	17	17
Soo, pfd.	.....	.....	.....	125

Total sales, 709,100 shares.

Money, high 2 per cent, low 1½ per cent, close 2 per cent.

FOREIGN INACTIVITY BEATS DOWN WHEAT

Chicago Unable to Stand the Strain and May Drops 1 1-8c at Close.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Mch. 30.	Loss.
May	93⅛	92⅛	93¼	1⅛
July	88⅛	87⅞	88½	⅝

Chicago, March 31.—Wheat opened slow and weak here, with the foreign markets lower. May dropped ⅛c to 93⅛c, and July started the session ¼c lower at 88¼c. Liverpool came unchanged at the opening, but closed at 6s 11d, a net loss of ¼d from yesterday. There was but a fractional gain after the weak start, putting May to 93⅛c and July 88⅛c. These were the high points for the day and the reaction carried the market down to the low point. The close was but a fraction above this, or 1⅛c under yesterday for the May. July held somewhat better and its loss for the day amounted to ⅝c at 87⅞c.

Coarse grains and provisions were slightly depressed for the day on account of the weakness in wheat.

Range by Downing-Hopkins company:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	93¼	93½	92	92⅛
July	88¼	88½	87⅝	87⅞
CORN.				
May	66⅝	66⅝	65⅞	66⅛
July	64½	64½	63⅝	64
OATS.				
May	52¼	52¼	51⅜	51⅜
July	45¼	45¼	44⅞	44⅞
MESS PORK.				
May	1380	1395	1360	1367
July	1425	1440	1400	1405

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE.

San Francisco, March 31.—Wheat—No. 1 California club, per cental, $1.57½@1.65; white milling club, $1.62½@1.67½; white Australian, $1.70@1.72½; northern bluestem, $1.62½@1.67½; northern club, $1.57½@1.62½; inferior grades of wheat, $1.35@1.50.

Barley—No. 1, feed, $1.35@1.40, with some fancy at $1.38¾; common to fair, $1.27½@1.32½; brewing at San Francisco, $1.40@1.45; brewing and shipping, at Port Costa, $1.40@1.45; chevalier, $1.65@1.85, according to quality.

Butter—Fresh California, extras, 21c; firsts, 20c; seconds, 19c; fresh packing stock, No. 1, 18½c; No. 2, 18c.

Fresh eggs, per dozen—Extras, 18c; first, 16½c; seconds, 15½c; thirds, 15c; dirties, No. 1, 15c; No. 2, 14c.

New cheese, per lb.—California flats, fancy, 11½c; firsts, 11c; seconds, 10c; California Young America, fancy, 14c; firsts, 12c.

Storage—Eastern, fancy New York, 18c; Oregon, 13½c.

Potatoes, per cental—Lompocs, $1.10@1.20; Oregon Burbanks, 85c@$1.10; River Whites, fancy, 40@85c; Early Rose, $1.25@1.35; River Reds, $1.35@1.40; sweet potatoes, per crate, $3.25@3.50; new potatoes, per lb., 2½@3c.

Onions—Oregon yellow, $4; eastern, $4.

Oranges, per box—Navels, fancy, $2@$2.25; choice, $1.72@$2; standards, $1.50@1.75; tangerines, $1.75@2.

Northwest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$ 852,924.83
Year ago	1,296,196.54
Balances today	136,555.14
Year ago	36,201.11

SEATTLE.

Clearings	$1,085,450
Balances	97,051

TACOMA.

Clearings	$661,448
Balances	102,208

Northwest Crop Weather.

Western Oregon and western Washington—Fair tonight and Wednesday; light frost tonight; westerly winds.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and northern Idaho—Fair tonight, with freezing temperatures; Wednesday fair.

Southern Idaho—Fair tonight west, with freezing temperatures, snow tonight east portion; Wednesday fair.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, March 31.—May wheat opened at 6s 11¼d, closed at 6s 11d, a net loss of ¼d from Monday.

CATTLE ADVANCE TO $4.85 TODAY

Another Rise of 15c Shown in Yards—All Best Hogs Move at $6.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	30	25	...
1907	...	...	...
1906	60	66	186
1905	94	125	600

Portland Union Stockyards, March 31.—Great strength is displayed today in all lines of livestock. For cattle the tone is exceedingly firm and prices have advanced as high as $4.85 for best steers, while the lower grade are moved up somewhat. This is practically an advance of 15c for the day, which, combined with yesterday's rise in that line, puts the total advance thus far this week in cattle 25c.

Hogs are firmly maintained at $6 for best stuff, the advance price exclusively told in this report yesterday. Receipts in this line continue small, but the higher prices ruling in the east force this market higher in sympathy. Best stuff brings the top price in all instances.

Spring Lambs Are Wanted.

The trade is after spring lambs and for this year's lambs weighing about 50 pounds each, the trade is quoting out $7.50@8.00. So few sheep have arrived of late that the market here can be but nominally quoted. For select stock a fractional advance is sometimes obtained over the figures listed.

A year ago no arrivals were shown in the yards and all lines were quoted at former figures. Two years ago hogs and cattle were each advanced 25c on this day.

Official yard values:

Hogs—Best stuff, $6.00; stockers and China fats, $5.25@5.50; block, $5.25@5.50.

Cattle—Best eastern Oregon steers, $4.75@4.85; medium, $4.25@4.35; best cows and heifers, $3.75@4.00; medium, cows, $3.25@3.50; bulls, $2.25@2.50.

Sheep — Best wethers, $5.75@6.00; spring lambs, weighing 50 pounds, $7.50@8.00; ewes, $5.00@5.50; mixed, $5.00@5.50.

WOOL BUYERS ARRIVE.

Dean of Purchasers Puts in Appearance at Pendleton Early.

Pendleton, Or., March 30.—Wool buyers are coming into Pendleton every day from the east for the opening of the wool season. Charles H. Green, dean of the woolbuyers and representative of Koshland Brothers, has arrived here. He predicts that the prices of wool will be lower than last year, though at this time it is too early to foretell what prices will be paid. He says that in the southwest much of the wool has been sold on consignment from 10 to 15 cents. It is not believed that wool will be sold on consignment here, however.

The following sales days are arranged for eastern Oregon:

Arlington, May 23, approximate offerings, 700,000 pounds.

Pendleton, May 25 and June 8.

Pilot Rock, May 26 and June 9. Approximate offerings for both places, 2,500,000 pounds.

Heppner, May 29 and June 11; 2,500,000 pounds.

Vale, June 5 and 23, 2,000,000 pounds.

Baker City, June 22 and July 11, 2,000,000 pounds.

Elgin, June 25 and July 9, 2,000,000 pounds.

Condon, June 19, 750,000 pounds.

Shaniko, June 2 and 16, and July 6, 3,400,000 pounds.

SHOVE HOGS UP AGAIN.

Price Is Advanced 25c at the Close After a Higher Opening.

Chicago, March 31.—Hogs, 14,000; cattle, 3,500; sheep, 15,000.

Hogs opened 5c higher; left over yesterday, 3,800. Mixed, $5.65@6.15; heavy, $5.90@6.15; rough, $5.60@5.85; light, $5.50@6.15. Cattle and sheep steady.

Hogs closed 15c to 25c higher than yesterday. Mixed, $5.75@6.35; heavy, $6.05@6.10; rough, $5.75@5.95; light, 5.75@6.30.

Cattle—Steady.

Sheep—Steady.

Kansas City, Mo., March 31.—Hogs, 12,000; cattle, 9,000; sheep, 7,000.

Omaha, Neb., March 31.—Hogs, 7,500; cattle, 5,200; sheep, 10,000.

Ship Fine Horses.

North Powder, Or., March 31.—Shaw and McDonald shipped a carload of gray Percherons today to Walla Walla, said to be the most valuable 20 horses ever before shipped at one time out of North Powder.

BOSTON COPPER MARKET.

Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.

Boston, March 31.—Official prices:

Adventure	1½	Giroux	3⅞
Allouez	25¼	Old Dom.	37¾
Atlantic	9⅛	Osceola	82
Bingham	85	Quincy	84A
Cal. & Hecla	630	Tamarack	60
Daly West	8	Victoria	3
Cop. Range	63½	Winona	5¾
Dom. Cop.	2⅛	Wolverine	125
C. Ely	8⅝	Butte Coala	21½
Gold Hill	⅝B	United Cop.	4⅞
Greene	8¼	Trinity	14½
Michigan	11A	Parrot	18⅝
Mohawk	49¼	Nipplssing	6¾
No. Butte	53⅝	Ely Cons	¾A
Nevada Cons.	11⅛		

YUKON GOLD COMPANY.

New York, March 31.—There was tremendous business in Yukon gold shares—the Lawson security—today. The market had a bearish tendency in sympathy with the drop of shares on the exchange. On the curb Yukon Gold Mining opened at $6, was high at $6, low at $5.25 and closed at $5.37½. It is stated that Lawson supported the shares on the breaks.

Money and Exchange.

London, March 31.—Consols, 87 11-16d; silver, 25 9-16d; bank rate, 3 per cent.

New York, March 31.—Sterling exchange, long 485, short 487½; silver bullion, 55⅝c.

San Francisco, March 31.—Sterling exchange, 60 days, 483¼; sight, 486; documentary, 482⅝; transfers, telegraphic, 13½ per cent premium; sight, 11 per cent premium.

Grain Futures.

San Francisco, March 31.—Close: Wheat—May, $1.57 bid.

Barley — May, $1.31½; December, $1.16¼.

World's Grain Visible.

New York, March 31.—World's visible supply: Wheat, decrease 1,971,000 bushels.

Weekly Grain Exports.

New York, March 31.—Weekly exports: Wheat, 1,601,699 bushels; flour, 245,220 barrels.

Chicago Cash Barley.

Chicago, March 31.—Close cash barley, 70@84c.

Tacoma Wheat Market.

Tacoma, March 31.—Wheat—Export, club, 82c; bluestem, 74c; red, 80c.

REPORT RAILROAD IS IN TROUBLE

Persistent Rumors Affect Erie Stock—No Confirmation of the Story.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

New York, March 31.—Among financial circles the report is persistent today that the Erie Railway company had been placed in the hands of a receiver. The rumor caused much selling on the stock market, and, although it was unconfirmed, the market lost heavily, with Reading and American Smelting shares each down $3 for the day. Union Pacific came in for its share of the selling, with the result that the Harriman issue was down nearly $3 a share at the end of the day. Northern Pacific and Amalgamated Copper each dropped $2 a share as a result of the Erie report. The entire market closed lower. There was, nowever, no tightening of call loans, and rates ruled between 1¼ and 2 per cent during the day.

PARIS HATS REACH HIGH WATER MARK

Milliner Distributes $18,000 Among Her Employes as Result of Boom.

Paris, March 31.—The most profitable business in Paris just now is that of the milliners. There is a boom in hats, which have reached high water mark in elaborateness and price, and the Parisian woman is so enamored of the present style in millinery that she will pay almost anything for a chic model.

One milliner has coined money to such an extent since last autumn that on New Year's day she distributed a sum of $18,000 in presents among her hands.

Her leading employe draws a modest salary of $14,000 a year.

The reason of the boom is the modern woman's need not only for expensive hats, but for many of them. It appears that almost every hour of the day calls for a different hat.

What is worn at a tea party at a private house will not do for tea in a teashop. The hat that suits a classical picture show would be hopelessly wrong for an impressionist exhibition.

At concerts the millinery depends upon the program, and there are Claude Debussy hats, as there are Beethoven hats, and Richard Strauss hats, and hats for orchestral music, and hats for chamber music.

There are also special hats for M. Jules Lemaitre's lectures on Racine, now drawing all Paris, and different hats for the different plays about which he lectures.

As $50 is said to be a common price for one of these harmonious hats, and $200 is not considered an absurd figure, the boom in the millinery trade is explained.

INCOME FOR CAPTAIN THOMPSON'S WIDOW

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, March 31.—An allowance of $4,000 a month from the estate of her late husband, Captain Robert R. Thompson, was granted Mrs. Harriet Thompson this afternoon by Judge Graham. Mrs. Thompson is 86 years of age. Captain Thompson left an estate of $3,000,000, two thirds of which is in California and the balance in Oregon.

The children of Mrs. Thompson were represented by counsel, and no objection was made to the order of the court. The size of Mrs. Thompson's allowance was left in the hands of Judge Graham, who fixed the amount.

The will was admitted to probate and letters testimentary were issued to Mrs. Thompson and Ivey L. Borden, a son-in-law. Among those who testified as to Thompson's signature and mentality was Joseph Knowland, father of Congressman Knowland of California.

CLAIM FRAUD IN SALE OF LANDS

Judge O'Day in the circuit court today is hearing argument in the case of W. G. Gosslin and Harry L. Hamblet against H. J. Martin. The plaintiffs claim that Martin fraudulently represented that he was the agent for John Denny for the sale of a tract of land. They say that Denny repudiated the bargain after they had paid $5,000 down, but Martin would not return the money.

SNOWSTORM STILL CLIMBS.

Spokane, Wash., March 31.—Snowstorm is still climbing upward and a sale today was made at $2.18.

Range by Downing-Hopkins company, members Spokane exchange:

	Bid.	Asked.
Ajax	10	15½
Alameda	4	....
Alhambra	6	....
Alberta Coal & Coke	15	....
Am'n. Commander	4	....
Bell	6¾	9½
Bullion	5	6
Chas. Dickens	17½	19¼
Can. Cons Smelter	70	80
Copper King	3½	4⅛
Dominion Copper	200	250
Evolution	1½	3
Echo	1	2¼
Galbraith Coal	20	27
Gertie	3⅞	4¼
Granby Smelter	92	....
Hecla	300	450
Happy Day	2½	4
Holden Gold & Cop.	4	5½
Humming Bird	6	10
Hypotheek	1	1½
Idaho Giant	6	7
International C. & C.	60	72
Kendall	102	120
Lucky Calumet	16	22
Missoula Copper	11	12½
Mineral Farm	1	2¼
Moonlight	3	4½
Nabob	3¾	4
Nine Mile	....	2
O. K. Cons.	1½	....
Oom Paul	6	7½
Panhandle Smelter	5¾	6½
Park Copper	1	2½
Rambler-Cariboo	25½	....
Reindeer	2⅝	4
Rex (16 to 1)	13	18
Sonora	2⅛	3¼
Snowshoe	11	11¾
Snowstorm	216	218
Sullivan	⅝	1½
Sullivan Bonds	60	67½
Stewart	75	90
Wonder	1½	3

Today's sales: 1,000 Missoula, at 12½c; 800 Snowstorm, at $2.17; 200 Snowstorm, at $2.18.

Metaline and Idaho Stocks.

Mammoth, Morning and American lead stocks are active traders. We will buy any amount of Mammoth at the market price. The L. Y. Keady Investment company, 337-339 Chamber of Commerce.

NEVADA MINING STOCKS.

San Francisco, March 31.—Last night's closing prices:

GOLDFIELD DISTRICT.

Sandstorm 35c, Red Top Ext. 16c, Columbia Mt. 21c, Jumbo Ext. 38c, Silver Pick 24c, Black Butte Ext. 1c, Atlanta 35c, Great Bend 40c, Florence $4.25, Diam. B. B. Cons. 16c, Comb. Fraction 70c, F. Mohawk 15c, Red Hill 27c, Lou Dillon 4c, Yellow Rose 3c, Goldf. Cons. $5.12.

TONOPAH DISTRICT.

Ton. Nevada $7.12, Ton. Montana $1.70, MacNamara 23c, Ton. Belmont $1.07, Ton. North Star 12c, Jim Butler 20c.

SCATTERED DISTRICTS.

Pittsburg Silver Peak $1.07, Eagles' Nest 15c.

STATEMENT ONE TICKET AFTER THE PRIMARIES

Plan to Nominate Candidates by Petition Is Receiving Favorable Consideration All Over the State—Real Issue Gradually Being Understood by the Voters.

Voters of Oregon, awakening to the real issue before the people in the coming election, are preparing to see that in every district and county the fight for or against Statement No. 1 shall be clearly defined and definitely settled. In order to make the issue plain, it is now being planned to put forward full Statement No. 1 tickets by petition after the primaries in all those counties and districts where candidates supporting the principle have not been nominated in the primaries.

Voters throughout the state now realize that it is not a question of a Republican or a Democratic senator; it is not a question of Fulton or Cake or Chamberlain, or any individual, but the issue is whether or not the people of Oregon shall continue to hold the power of determining by their votes who shall serve the state in Washington. They are beginning to see that it is a question of whether the people shall rule or the machine and the boss.

Because this knowledge has come plainly before the people the one main issue of the present campaign is recognized to be the issue involved in Statement No. 1. In nearly every district and county the issue is clearly defined. In most of the counties and districts all legislative candidates have come out either for or against Statement No. 1 and the battle will be fought on that issue.

Begin to Understand.

In some counties, as in Washington and Wasco, few or no Statement No. 1 candidates have appeared. In these counties the legislative candidates have pledged themselves to vote for the "Republican choice" or have remained unpledged. But in these counties, and in other districts where full Statement No. 1 tickets have not appeared, a disposition is being shown to put up Statement No. 1 men as independent candidates as soon as the primaries are over.

Slow to see the true significance of the fight being waged around Statement No. 1 and befogged by the machine manipulators' bugaboo of a Democratic United States senator, a large number of the voters throughout the state at first looked askance at Statement No. 1. Beginning to see it now in its true light, the meaning of the opposition to Statement No. 1, these same voters are turning in great masses to the support of their principle of direct election secured to them by their own ballots several years ago.

It is provided by the laws of the state that independent candidates, supporting any principle, may make their appearance in the political field by the circulation of a petition in a manner similar to that required of candidates for regular party nominations. To these petitions of nomination the law requires the signature of 3 per cent of the voters of the district or county. If the prospective candidate secures that number of signers to his nominating petition he can be placed on the official ballot in June. It is also provided that 100 electors of a district or county may meet in mass convention and nominate men to run for office.

Reports being brought in from different sections where there is not a full complement of Statement No. 1 candidates for the legislature tell of the growth of the movement to fill out the ticket by the nomination of Statement No. 1 men in order to make the issue clear cut in those districts. These reports have it that when the June election comes there will be found full Statement No. 1 legislative tickets in every legislative district in the state.

Sentiment Is Growing.

As an evidence of the growth of the Statement No. 1 sentiment the situation in Clackamas county may be pointed out. There most of the candidates were in favor of Statement No. 1, though some had taken a pledge to be guided in the senatorial question by the vote of the people in June on the proposed law instructing the legislators to support the people's choice for United States senator.

The people of Clackamas county looked with suspicion on these pledges and as a consequence the candidates who took it were forced by public opinion to change their attitude and get squarely on a Statement No. 1 platform. In all there are eight candidates for the legislature in Clackamas county and seven of them are pledged to Statement No. 1.

Throughout eastern Oregon the sentiment in favor of Statement No. 1 is growing rapidly and reports brought in from these districts point to the overwhelming success of the principle in that part of the state.

Believers in the principle of the direct election of United States senators by the people accordingly are most optimistic of the outcome of the June election, and contend confidentially that the legislature will reflect the sentiment of the state by a substantial majority of Statement No. 1 members.

COUNTERFEITER HANDS OUT LEMON IN SHAPE OF A YELLOW BILL

Counterfeiters in several parts of the country have been busy during the winter and recently efforts of their work have just appeared in the money market. Notification of three new spurious notes have been received by the treasury department agents in Portland.

One of them is a $20 gold certificate and while it is a good representation of the original issued by Uncle Sam, the color is a little off, the counterfeiter not being particular regarding the ink, the result being that his new bill is the shade of a nice ripe lemon instead of the orange shade in the genuine bills.

This new bill turned up in New York. It is remarkably well done, the counterfeiter having paid particular attention to nearly all the minor details except the color. The bill was done by means of photo etched plates, afterward given impressions on two sheets of paper with silk threads between.

Another of the recent bills first was discovered in southeastern Missouri and was evidently the work of farmer boys who tired of following the plow and doing chores about the old homestead and decided to get rich quick and live with ease without working. Uncle Sam will attend to the question of meals and beds for the young men if they are caught.

This note is a particularly crude affair of the national bank note issue of the $10 denomination. It is also the result of photo etched plates and the inks being roughly and carelessly handled. It is a poor imitation. Another note which has appeared recently is that of a $5 silver certificate of the Indian head variety.

REGISTER! ONE WEEK MORE

One week from today, at 5 o'clock p. m., the registration of voters will cease. There is little more time for procrastination, and those who desire to have their names inscribed on the roll of honor with the least inconvenience will be wise if they do not delay. However many weeks might be allowed for registering, there will always be a certain quota that waits until the last hour, and this will cause a rush at the close.

This morning there were 26,073 names on the rolls. An average of nearly 700 per day will therefore be required to carry the total beyond 30,000, but the figures will be boosted to some extent before the week is finished by receipts of affidavits filed in the county districts. Yesterday 564 voters appeared at the counter of the county clerk.

Of the total registration the Republicans have 20,388, the Democrats 4,386 and all others, 1,298. The books are kept open every evening until 9 o'clock for the accommodation of those who cannot come in daylight hours.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET JUNE 10

The Republican state central committee has been called by State Chairman George A. Westgate to meet June 10 for the purpose of considering the call for a state convention. At a meeting of several prominent Republicans held last night the matter of calling the central committee together was discussed and April 10 fixed as the day.

When the central committee meets it will determine upon the date of the state convention, and also the manner in which the delegates are to be selected and the proportional representation from the different districts of the state.

According to Chairman Westgate, the convention will be held down to about 250 members. These will be apportioned among the different districts according to a ratio to be established by the central committee and based upon the last congressional vote.

The chief topic which the central committee will have to discuss will be the manner of selecting the delegates. There is no provision in the primary law for the selection of delegates to a state convention, and it is therefore left to the state committee. It is believed that the delegates will be selected by primary nominating elections held in each county, though it is possible either to direct the county central committee to elect them or for them to be designated by the state central committees.

The members of the state central committee are as follows:

Baker, George Chandler, Baker City; Benton, George W. Denman, Corvallis; Clatsop, W. R. Hume, Astoria; Columbia, E. E. Quick, St. Helens; Coos, E. Mingus, Marshfield; Douglas, A. C. Marsters, Roseburg; Gilliam, C. A. Danneman, Condon; Grant, O. L. Patterson, Canyon City; Harney, H. M. Horton, Burns; Josephine, J. C. Campbell, Grants Pass; Klamath, W. E. Bowdoin, Klamath Falls; Lake, F. P. Light, Lakeview; Lane, E. O. Potter, Eugene; Linn, G. A. Westgate (chairman), Albany; Malheur, W. H. Pullen, Vale; Marion, Frank W. Waters, Salem; Morrow, E. L. Freeland, Heppner; Multnomah, W. W. Banks, Portland; Polk, R. E. Williams, Dallas; Sherman, ... V. Littlefield, Moro; Tillamook, W. H. Cooper, Tillamook; Umatilla, Lee Morehouse, Pendleton; Wallowa (no election); Washington, E. B. Tongue, Hillsboro; Wheeler, W. W. Steiwer, Fossil; Yamhill, W. T. Vinton, McMinnville.

Lane County Out of Debt.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Eugene, Or., March 31.—County Treasurer R. E. Eastland today issued a call for all outstanding warrants against Lane county, thus indicating that the county is entirely out of debt. This is the second time that this condition has prevailed within the past two years, and the taxpayers are very much pleased, as it means lower taxes.

AGED MAN KNOCKED DOWN BY CYCLIST

As he stepped from the curb to the pavement at Fifth and Washington streets at 10:30 o'clock this morning, Myron Baldwin, aged 78 years, father of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, was run into by a bicyclist and severely injured. Fearing that the aged man's hip might be broken an X-ray examination is to be made this afternoon to determine the extent of the injury.

This is the third or fourth accident of the kind that has happened recently, and efforts are being made to have the police department exercise greater care in regulating the speed of the cyclists in the downtown district. Messenger boys are the greatest offenders, and the police will strive to curb their speeding in the business part of the city.

Mr. Baldwin resides in Birmington, Vermont, and has been visiting his daughter for several weeks. He intended to leave for his home tonight. Because of his advanced age his injuries are regarded as serious.

NO LICENSE MEANS NO COMMISSION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., March 31.—Judge Burnett of department No. 1 of the circuit court of this district yesterday rendered a decision that will drive out of existence a whole swarm of curbstone real estate dealers who have been doing business without a license.

The suit on which the decision was based was brought by S. Page for $306.25 commission for selling some property of C. W. Brashier in the Englewood addition of this city for $8,000. Judge Burnett in his decision states that no person not holding a real estate license from the city can compel the payment of a commission.

Attorney M. E. Pogue, representing Page, contended the city charter was not broad enough to compel persons to take out license. McNary & McNary, representing the defense, secured a dismissal of the case with costs.

Take Physical Test.

A city civil service examination was held today at the city hall for laborers. About 14 men took the physical test which is required for this position.

New Notaries.

Salem, Or., March 31.—Notarial commissions have been issued to Frank Vanduyn and J. E. Spier of Portland.

New Hampshire Republicans will meet in Concord, April 21, to choose their delegates to the national convention at Chicago.