THE WORLD'S MARKETS

ONION OUTLOOK IS UNINVITING

Growers Outside of Association Offer Supplies Freely at $1.50 a Hundred.

TODAY'S WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Onion situation is poor.
Fish prospects for Lent.
Cabbage comes from south.
Fresh salmon very scarce.
Seeking hop contracts at 10½c.
Egg market likely to drop.
Chickens quoted higher.
Some cheese in from Tillamook.
Butter is strong at price.

Onion Situation Is Very Poor.

To the onion grower the present situation is far from being a pleasing one. The price is dragging with speculators showing no inclination to dabble around present prices. While the association is strongly entrenched at $2 per 100 pounds, many grocers are very willing to let go at $1.50 and this is practically stopping the sale of association stock. To make matters even more displeasing to the producer, much the larger per cent of his holdings do not show good keeping quality and therefore must be moved with as little delay as possible. Therefore for that reason, if for no other, most of them are inclined to let go around $1.50 now rather than hold for a month or so with the prospect of getting more. The fact that his onions will not keep for a long period hurries the selling.

Late Onions May Be Good.

There is still another side of the story in the onion market that will prove even more interesting to the growers. While there is a very heavy surplus of onions remaining unsold in the hands of growers of this state the fact that most of them will not keep long gives out the impression that there will be a scarcity of onions toward the last of the season and those who have the keeping quality are confident that they will secure very good returns by holding back for the higher price.

Onions Come From Bermuda.

Just why onions are imported from Bermuda when the supplies of Oregon onions are very liberal with low prices in effect, cannot be told except perhaps that some people want a novelty and are willing to pay almost any price to secure it. These onions are imported and are of the new crop. Only a small shipment has arrived here but it has found quite a good call around 15c a pound wholesale. In the retail market it sells in a limited way around 20c a pound. Some new potatoes from the same section are selling at similar prices.

Fish Prospects for Lent.

Lent begins today and to properly celebrate the event there was a very small run of Columbia smelts in the Cowlitz. So say the reports from Kelso today. Yesterday and the day previous there was a good run which caused some of the local wholesalers to put the price down to 2c a pound yesterday afternoon in an effort to unload.

Fresh salmon is unusually scarce and the price has advanced to 10c a pound in the wholesale market. A year ago at this time fresh salmon was so plentiful that the trade moved the accumulations with much difficulty. Last year the season closed March 15 but this year owing to the new joint law passed by the Oregon legislature the season ends 15 days earlier.

Several Seeking Hop Contracts.

It is stated that Messrs. Pincus & Sons of Tacoma have already secured contracts for 5000 bales of the coming hop crop and the firm is still seeking additional supplies in order to cover its huge short sales. Liellenthal is likewise said to be after contracts with about the same amount of futures already purchased as Pincus. Both of these firms are said to be very heavily short of the coming market and are making every effort to induce growers to cultivate their crops so that they will not lose on these sales. A report comes from England that many growers are plowing up their yards because of the continued depression in prices, but the trade does not know whether to believe these rumors or not because last year the same sort of information came forward and was found to be untrue.

Brief Notes of Wholesale Trade.

Egg market is unsettled and future of prices depends upon arrivals this afternoon and tomorrow morning. General impression of the trade is that market will drop a fraction or two.

Chicken market is firmer with sales at 15@16c.

The first car of California cabbage of the season arrived today. Sold at 2¾@3c. Some liberal supplies on steamer too.

A small shipment of cheese arrived from Tillamook last night and sold at higher prices.

Butter is firm at unchanged prices. Front street sells at the following prices. Those paid shippers are less regular commissions:

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER — Extra creamery, 35@36c; fancy, 32½@35c; store, 18c.

BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 34½c, sour, 32½c lb.

EGGS—Local best, 21c.

CHEESE—Fancy full cream flats, 16@16½c; triplets and daisies, 16½@17c; Young Americas, 17c; storage twins, 15½@16c; triplets and daisies, 15@16c.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 14½@15c; fancy hens, 15c; roosters, old, 11c; fryers, 16@17c; broilers, 20@22c; geese, 10c; turkeys, alive, 17½@20c; dressed, 20@25c; ducks, 18@20c; pigeons, squabs, $2@2.50 dozen; old, $1.00; dressed poultry, 1@1½c higher.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 18c. 1909 contracts, eastern Oregon, 16@20c lb.

HOPS—1908 crop, choice, 8c; prime to choice, 7½c; prime, 6@7c; medium, 6c.

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

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 10@18c each; short wool, 25@40c; medium wool, 50c@$1 each; long wool, 75c@$1.25 each.

HIDES—Dry hides, 16c per lb; green, 9c per lb; bulls, green salt, 6c per lb; kips, 9c; calves, green, 14@16c per lb.

MOHAIR—1908—Nominal, 18@19c.

CHITTIM BARK—Old, 4½@5c; new, 4½@5c lb.

FARMERS AND COUNTRY MERCHANTS.

Ship us all the good fat chickens you can get hold of. We will pay as follows:

Hens and Springs, alive, 14c.
Hens and Springs, dressed, 16c.

We want turkeys, too. We will pay:

Live Turkeys, 17c.
Dressed Turkeys, 20c.

For ducks we will pay:

Live Ducks, 15c.
Dressed Ducks, 18c.

For dressed meats we pay:

Veal, under 130 pounds, 9c.
Pork, any size, 9c.
Large Veal, 7c to 8½c.

For eggs we pay the market price.

All produce must be good, fat quality, and it must reach us in sweet, fresh shape. We will send check the next day. No commission charged on anything.

FRANK L. SMITH MEAT CO.
"Fighting the Beef Trust."
Portland, Oregon.

Foster & Kleiser-Signs

JULY-SEPTEMBER FIRMEST TODAY

While May Wheat Is Higher Deferred Options Take Lead in Trading.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Feb. 24.	Feb. 23.	Gain.	1908.
May	116 A	115⅝B	¼	94⅞
July	103⅛	101½B	1⅝	89⅞
Sept.	97⅞	96½A	1⅜	86⅞

Chicago, Feb. 24.—A very strong foreign situation and the belief that the forecoming government report will aid the bull campaign, caused a higher range of prices in the wheat market both at home and in Europe.

There was a very strong feeling abroad in general although Budapest was weak and 5⅜ lower due to relieving by longs. At liverpool the opening today was ⅛d above yesterday, while the closing showed gains ranging from 1⅛ to 1⅝d above yesterday's final figures. Berlin closed ⅝ higher after a day of very strong prices.

Minneapolis reported a scattered cash demand with prices generally unchanged.

Cash wheat sales: No. 2 red, 121⅛@123; No. 3 red, 117½@122½; No. 2 hard, 114½@117½; No. 3 hard, 110@116¾; No. 1 northern spring, 116⅛@118½.

Range of Chicago values furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	115¾	116⅜	115⅛	116A
July	101⅜	103⅜	101⅜	102½
Sept.	96⅝	98	96⅝	97⅞A
CORN.				
May	65⅝	65⅞	65¼	65¾
July	64⅝	65¼	64⅝	65⅛
Sept.	64½	65⅛	64½	65A
OATS.				
May	54⅝	55	54½	54½
July	49¼	49⅝	49⅛	49⅝
Sept.	40	40⅝	40	40⅛
PORK.				
May	1707	1712	1705	1705A
July	1715	1720	1710	1710
LARD.				
May	970	972	967	967A
July	985	987	982	982A
Sept.	...	...	...	992A
RIBS.				
May	895	897	892	892B
July	912	912	910	910A

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Feb. 24.—Wheat:

	Open.	Close.
March	8s 10½d	8s 11⅝d
May	8s 10⅝d	8s 11⅝d
July	8s 11¼d	8s 12¼d

Grain, Flour and Hay.

BARLEY—Feed, $26.50@27.00; rolled, $28; brewing, $27@27.50.

WHEAT—Buying price, new—Track, Portland—Club, $1.01@1.03; bluestem, $1.15, fortyfold, $1.01@1.03; red Russian 99c@$1; Turkey red, $1.06@1.07; Willamette valley, $1.00@1.03.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price—Bran, $26.50; middlings, $33.00; shorts, $30; chop, $21@29; alfalfa meal, $20 per ton.

FLOUR—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patent, $5.45; straight, $4.45; export, $4.00; bakers, $5.20; valley, $5.20; graham, ½s, $5; whole wheat, $5.20; rye, 5s, $5.50; pales, $3.00.

OATS—Producers' price—Track, No. 1 white, $35@36.50; gray, $34@35.

HAY — Producers' price—New timothy, Willamette valley fancy, $16.00; ordinary, $14@18; eastern Oregon, $18; mixed, $11.50@12.00; clover, $11.00; grain, $13.00; cheat, $13.00; alfalfa, $13.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, new navels, $2.25@2.75 per box; tangerines, $1.65; bananas, 5c lb; lemons, $3.25@5.00 box; grapefruit, $3@4; pineapples, Hawaiian, $3@3.25 dozen; pears, $1.25@2; cranberries, eastern, $13.50@15.00.

POTATOES—New, selling $1.25@1.50; buying for shipment, per cwt., country, fancy, $1.25; ordinary buying, $1.00@1.10; sweet, $2.50.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, $1@1.10; beets, $1@1.10; carrots, $1@1.10 sack; parsnips, $1@1.10; cabbage, $3@4; tomatoes, $2.50@2.65 crate; beans 12½c lb; cauliflower, $1.50@2 crate, peas, 12½c; horseradish, 8c lb.; artichokes, 65@75c doz.; green onions, 15c per doz; peppers, bell, 5c; Chile (—); head lettuce, 40c doz; hothouse, $1.50@1.75 box; radishes, 15c doz bunches; celery, 75@85c; eggplant, (—) lb; asparagus, 15@16c lb.

ONIONS — Jobbing—Fancy Oregon, $2.90@2.00 per cwt; ordinary, $1.50; garlic, 8c pound.

APPLES—Fancy Hood River, $2.50@$3.00; ordinary, $1.50@1.75; poor, $1.25@1.40 per box.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—Cube, $6.35; powdered, $6.50; fruit or berry, $5.75; dry granulated, $6.75; coffee A, $5.95; extra B, $5.25; Golden G, $5.55; D, yellow, $5.05; beet, granulated, $5.55; barrels, 15c; half barrels, 30c; boxes, 55c advance on sack basis. Idaho prices are 45c lower.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

SALT—Coarse—Half ground, 100s, $11.00 per ton; 50s, $11.50; table, dairy, 50s, $16.50; 10s, $16.00; bales, $2.35; imported Liverpool, 50s, $20.00; 100s, $19.00; 40s, $18.00; extra fine, barrels 2s, 5s and 10s, $4.50@5.50; Liverpool lump rock, $20.50 per ton.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans, head, 6@6¾c; Ajax (—); Crescle, 5¼c.

HONEY—New, 15c per lb.

BEANS—Small white, $6; large white, $5.00; pink, $3.50; bayou, $4.00; Limas, $5.55; Mexican reds, $5.75.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 13 lbs., 14½c per lb; breakfast bacon, 18@21c lb.; picnics, 9½c; cottage roll, 11c lb.; regular short clears, smoked, 12c lb.; backs, heavy smoked, 12c lb.; light, smoked, 12c lb.; bellies, smoked, 15c lb.; pickeled tongues, 60c each.

DRESSED MEATS — Front street hogs, fancy, 9c; ordinary, 8@8½c; veals, extra, 10c; ordinary, 9½@10c; heavy, 9c; mutton, fancy, 7@8c.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 13¾c per lb; 5s, 14⅜c per lb; 50 lb. tins, 13½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 12¾c per lb; 5s, 12¾c per lb; compound, 10s, 8¾c per lb.

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

FISH—Rock cod, 10c lb; flounders, 6c lb.; halibut, 10c per lb.; striped bass, 15c pound; catfish, 10c pound; salmon, fresh steelhead, 10c pound; chinook, 12½@15c; herrings, 5c per lb; soles, 7c per lb; shrimp, 12½c per lb; perch, 6c per lb; tomcod, 10c per lb; lobsters, 35c per lb; fresh mackerel, (—) per lb; crawfish, 30c per dozen; sturgeon (—) per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; Columbia smelts, 2½c lb; silver smelts, 6c per lb; black cod, 7½c per lb; crabs, $1.25@1.75 per dozen.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon, $2.50; per 100 lb. sack, $5; Olympia, per gallon, $2.40; per 100 lb. sack, $6.00@6.50; canned, 60c can, $7.00 doz; eastern in shell, $1.75 per 100.

Paints, Coal Oil, Etc.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls., 65c; cases, 71c; boiled, bbls., 67c; cases, 73c a gal; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less; oil cake meal, $37 ton.

ROPE—Manila, 9½c; sisal, 7½c lb.

BENZINE—86 deg., cases, 19c per gal; iron bbls., 11½c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 58½c per gal.

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

WIRE NAILS—Present basis, $2.65.

BEST HOGS AT $7.25 IN YARDS

Sales of Select Quality at Advance of 25c—Cattle Firm —Sheep Run Is Good.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Wednesday	82	490	1906
Tuesday	...	none	...
Monday	183	584	12
Saturday	...	...	258
Friday	92	400	...
Thursday	...	200	...

Portland Union Stockyards, Feb. 24.—There were better arrivals of sheep today than for any day during the past few months. The run, which consisted of 1906 head, was a surprise to the trade in general, both as regards quality and volume. The trade has become too accustomed to hearing of the arrival of a few head each day or none at all that when a real fair supply puts in appearance there is in consequence real surprise.

The big run which came from Prineville found a good demand because of its fine quality and former prices were safely maintained.

Cattle market showed a good run during the day but prices held well, especially for the better class of stuff.

Hog Market Goes to $7.25 Today.

There was only a very small run of hogs in the local yards during the past 24 hours, arrivals totaling 83 head compared with none yesterday and 183 head the day previous. Demand for hogs is very good and prices are therefore firm with an advance of 25c for the day; best stuff going to $7.25 with ease. This advance was not due exactly to any betterment in the tone of the local market, but to the arrival of the stock in better condition.

Arrivals of livestock in the yards today compared with this day in recent years show:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1909	83	490	1906
1908	140	38	105
1907	70	160	443
1906	...	54	...
1905	35	157	524

A year ago today all lines of livestock were firm at unchanged values.

Because of the fact that arrivals would not be weighed up until late in the afternoon and too late for today's report, it is impossible to give a detailed report of the sales in this issue.

The following is the general range of values on stock ruling in the yards for late shipments:

Hogs—Best east of mountains, $7.25; ordinary, $7.00; blockers and feeders, $5.75.

Cattle — Best steers weighing 1200 pounds, $5.35@5.50; medium steers, $5.00@5.25; poor steers, $4.50@4.75; best cows, $4.25@4.50; medium cows, $3.50@3.75.

Sheep—Best wethers, $6.00; ordinary wethers, $5.50@5.75; lambs, $6.50@6.75; straight ewes, $5.25@5.50; mixed lots, $6.00.

Veal — Choice young calves, $5.50; heavy and rough, $4.50@4.75.

GILLIAM WOOL CLIP LIKELY MILLION AND HALF

Condon, Or., Feb. 24.—The sheep of Gilliam county have wintered unusually well considering the hard winter that we have had, and from all indications a big crop of wool is expected. Several wool men predict that Condon will have at least 1,500,000 pounds and look for wool and sheep to be a very good price. On account of the good condition of the sheep the wool has made an unusual growth, and the indications are that the quality of the clip this year will be better than has been had for a number of years. There have been several buyers from Montana and Wyoming in already this year and several rather large buys have been reported with others in view for March and April delivery.

News Gossip of Finance

Growth of Mutual Insurance.

While definite figures are not obtainable at this time as to the great growth made by mutual insurance companies along the Pacific coast, and especially in Oregon and Washington, the increase in business is said even by old line companies to be tremendous. Several new companies have made their appearance during the past two years and each has attained considerable success in policy writing. While today the mutuals have not hurt the old line people to any great extent, it is stated that some new policies will have to be adopted in order to meet the future increase of mutual writing. That this increase will be shown is judged entirely by the past history of mutual organizations.

Railway Springs Dividend.

New York, Feb. 24.—Railway Springs preferred will receive a quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent March 20. Books close March 10 and reopen March 22.

Today's Metal Prices.

New York, Feb. 24.—Copper down ¼c in both bid and ask prices. Lake, 12¾@13c; electrolytic, 12⅝@12⅝c; castings, 12¼@12½c.

Pacific Mail Losing.

New York, Feb. 24.—Indications are that the latest report of the Pacific Mail Steamship company will show a decrease.

United States Government Bonds.

New York, Feb. 24. — Government bonds:	Bid.	Ask.
Twos, registered	100½	.....
Threes' registered	100½	.....
do coupon	100¾	101½
Threes' small bonds	100	.....
Fours, registered	119¾	.....
do coupon	119¾	.....
Twos, Panama	100½	101½
do coupon	102	103
Fours, new, registered	121½	122½
District of Columbia	108½	.....
Fours, Philippine	100	.....

Foreign Exchange Rates.

New York, Feb. 24.—Sterling: Cables, 487.60@487.65; demand, 487.30@487.35; 60 days, 485.12½.

Your rent money will buy a home. See Gregory's ad, page 4.

U. S. Treasury Statement.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The treasury report today shows:
Receipts $2,087,023.
Disbursements $1,890,000.

Your rent money will buy a home. See Gregory's ad, page 4.

PORTLAND THE FLOUR CENTER OF NORTHWEST

Minneapolis of the West.

That Portland is destined to be the milling as well as the wheat center of the west, is the opinion of N. C. Westerfield, a milling man of prominence from Minnesota, who was a visitor on the Portland board of trade today. "From what I can see," he states, "Portland is destined to be the Minneapolis of the west and will not only control the wheat trade but will have a cinch on the milling business. It isn't natural for men to carry wheat up hill when they can roll it down—and being a downhill roll, it is but natural that most of the wheat will come here. Wherever the wheat comes you will always find the milling center. Nature wins out in the end. I knew when Pillsbury was operating a small 50 barrel mill at Minneapolis and the conditions there will be repeated here."

Mr. Westerfield intends to start a mill in this territory.

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Wheat, Cars.	Barley, Cars.	Oats, Cars.	Hay, Cars.	Flour, Sacks.
Wed	37	..	2	26	4,500
Tues.	100	10	3	20	14,810
Mon.		—Holiday—			
Sat.	31	5	5	17	6,600
Fri.	30	..	2	6	8,875
Thurs.	33	..	..	5	3,800

The wheat market has advanced to such a high position that the leading holders are selling their supplies. They state that it is impossible to buy wheat at these values and make money by grinding it into flour. Therefore they would rather have the ready cash than the actual wheat or flour. While there is a prospect that flour prices will be advanced, some of the leading operators argue against such a move because if prices here go too high it will force a much larger quantity of eastern hard wheat product on this market—a condition that the milling trade in general is trying to avoid.

Sales of No. 1 club wheat are reported here at $1.05 a bushel, the highest price for that grade during the present season. With millers offering as high as $1.14 a bushel for bluestem wheat at Walla Walla it means that this grade would cost about $1.24 a bushel to land here.

Paul D. Roberts of the Riverside Milling company of Reno, Nev., has been a purchaser of a small amount of wheat here during the past few days at top prices, but even at those figures supplies are hard to obtain.

Oats market is firmer with some interests asking an advance for No. 1 white, which grade is scarce. There are still quite liberal stocks of gray oats and some interests are taking these at close to white oats prices.

While the barley market is firm, there is little activity in the local trade.

No change is shown in grain futures on the Portland board of trade for the day.

Board of trade prices:

	Bid.	Ask.
CLUB WHEAT.		
February	102	103½
March	103	105
NO. 1 WHITE OATS.		
February	172½	175
March	175	177½
NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.		
February	140	141½
March	141½	142

Board of Trade Election.

The annual election of the board of directors of the Portland Board of Trade will be held this evening. The meeting promises to be a lively one. There are several candidates for president of the institution. The board of directors elects the president, secretary and treasurer.

RECOVERY MADE IN STOCK LIST

New York Market Generally Higher—Short Covering Puts Prices Higher.

New York, Feb. 24.—The stock market made a very good recovery today. Short covering was responsible for most of the improvement, but the speculative trade in general believed that prices had received too great a setback all at once. The improvement was general throughout the list, New York Central being the only exception. This issue closed weak and lower than yesterday.

Range of New York prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

Discription.	Open.	Close.
Amalgamated Copper Co.	68⅞	70½
American Car & Foundry, c	44⅝	46¾
do pfd	.....	108
American Loco., c	49½	50¾
American Sugar, c	128⅝	128¾
American Smelt, c	79½	81½
Anaconda Mining Co.	40½	41⅝
American Woolen, c	28⅝	28½
Atchison, c	99½	101¼
do pfd	101⅞	101⅞
Baltimore & Ohio, c	104⅝	106½
do pfd	.....	92½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	68½	69¾
Canadian Pacific, c	168½	169¾
Chicago & Great Western, c	7	7
Chi. Milwaukee & St. P.	142¼	143
Chicago & Northwestern, c.	174	174
Chesapeake & Ohio	61¾	64⅜
Colorado Fuel & Iron, c	28	31
Colorado Southern, c	60	.....
D. & R. G., c	40⅞	42½
do preferred	82	83
Erie, c	26⅝	26½
do 2d pfd.	.....	32
do 1st pfd.	41	42¾
G. Northern, pfd.	137½	139
Illinois Central	138	139½
Inter. Metropolitan, c	.....	14¼
do preferred	38	38
Louisville & Nashville	125	128
Mex. Central Ry.	19¾	20¼
M. K. & T., c	36⅞	38⅛
do preferred	.....	71½
Distillers	32¾	32½
Ore Lands	65½	67
Missouri Pacific	66	67¼
National Lead	72	74
New York Central	121	122½
N. Y., Ont. & Western	42½	43⅞
Northern Pacific, com	134¾	135¼
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	29⅛	31¼
Pennsylvania Ry.	126⅜	128½
P.'s G., L. & C Co.	111	110⅞
Pressed Steel Car, com	32	33
Reading, com	120	122¾
Republic I. & S., c	17	19¼
do pfd	69	70½
Rock Island, com	21½	21⅞
do pfd	58	60
St. L. & S. F., 2d pfd	.....	36¼
Southern Pacific, com	115	116½
Southern Railway, c	23¾	23½
do preferred	60½	61½
Texas & Pacific	30¾	31
Union Pacific, c	173½	175¾
do preferred	.....	95½
United States Steel Co., c	41½	43⅞
do preferred	107⅝	108¾
Wabash, c	15½	16⅞
do preferred	42	43⅝
Western Union Tel.	65½	65⅞
Wis. Central, c	39	40¾
do preferred	81¼	83¼
Westinghouse	74¼	75
Utah Copper	40¾	42
Third Avenue	37	.....
Consolidated Gas	121	123¾
Big Four	72½	.....

PORTLAND PRODUCE RECEIPTS

Egg receipts were quite liberal today, 843 cases arriving.

Portland board of trade furnishes following list of produce arrivals for the 24 hours ending 11:30 a. m. today:

757 boxes apples, 30 boxes grape fruit, 181 boxes lemons, 6 crates melons, 712 boxes oranges, 30 crates pineapples, 39 boxes tangerines, 11 crates honey, 27 boxes artichokes, 55 boxes asparagus, 100 crates cabbage, 1 car cabbage, 6 crates cauliflower, 52 boxes lettuce, 215 sacks onions, 1 car onions, 392 sacks potatoes, 2 cars potatoes, 16 sacks parsnips, 3 barrels parsley, 2 cars sweet potatoes, 12 crates rhenbarb, 39 crates tomatoes, 5 sacks squash, 76 packages vegetables, 78 packages butter, 343 cases eggs, 13 boxes cheese, 3491 gallons cream, 1950 gallons milk, 69 boxes clams, 6 boxes crabs, 1 box mussels, 448 boxes fish, 85 sacks, 6 boves, 2 palls oysters, 61 coops chickens, 1 coop ducks, 2 coops geese, 1 coop turkeys, 965 pounds dressed poultry, 161 dressed hogs, 113 dressed veal, 2 cars meat.

BOSTON COPPER MARKET

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)
Boston, Feb. 24.—Bid prices:

Ariz. C.	32¼	Newhouse	4⅝
Adventure	7¾	No. Butte	69¼
Arcadian	4¼	E. Butte	14⅛
Atlantic	15¾	Old Dom.	49
Boston C.	11⅜	Osceola	133
Butte Coals	22½	Parrot	27¼
Cal. & A.	101	Phoenix	100 A
Cal. & H.	620	Quincy	86½
Cent.	20	Royale	30¾
Copper Mt.	30	Shannon	14⅛
Cop. Range	71½	Tamarack	85
C. Ely	7⅝	Trinity	13
Daly West	9½	Utah M.	38¾
Franklyn	13¾	Utah	42
Granby	96	Victoria	4¾
G. Can.	9¾	Wolverine	140
Giroux	16⅞	Winano	5⅛
Mass	5	Yukon	4¼
Mich.	10¼	U. S. Mining	89½
Mohawk	61	U. S. Oil	30¾
Miami	13¼	Sup. & B.	15
Nev. Cons.	17¼		

SPOKANE MINING EXCHANGE

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)
Spokane, Feb. 24.—Mine shares:

	Bid.	Ask.
Almeda	1½	2⅝
Copper King	5	5¾
Gertie	3	3¼
Humming Bird	5	.....
Idaho S. & R.	7	8½
Int. Coal	67	73½
Kendall	60	95
Lucky Cal.	6½	8½
Missoula	2⅞	3¼
Monitor	27	29½
Nabob	2¾	3
Rex	8¾	9
Snowshoe	173	174
Stuart	60	70
Wonder	2⅞	3⅛
O. K. Cons.	⅞	1⅛
Oom Paul	2	5
Rambler	13	16
Tamarack	51	78

NORTHWEST BANK STATEMENT

Portland Banks.

Clearings today	$1,237,962.34
Year ago	934,516.60
Gain today	$ 303,445.74
Balances today	$ 133,924.26
Year ago	208,267.07

Seattle Banks.

Clearings today	$1,745,002
Balances today	200,050

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	914	915	910	915@917
March	930	932	922	931@932
May	926	930	918	929@930
July	927	929	917	928@929
August	922	927	919	927@928
September	918	921	917	920@922
October	920	923	914	922@923
December	916	918	912	918@919

Hogs Are Up Again.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Receipts: Hogs, 28,000; cattle, 13,000; sheep, 16,000. Hogs opened 5c higher; cattle 10c to 15c higher; sheep steady.

Kansas City, Feb. 24.—Receipts: Hogs, 8000; cattle, 6000; sheep, 6000.

Omaha, Feb. 24.—Receipts: Hogs, 4500; cattle, 2000; sheep, 2500.

Death Calls Aged Pioneer of Oregon.

John Slater, one of the oldest of the Oregon pioneers, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. G. Randall, yesterday. Mr. Slater had been a resident of Oregon for 58 years and had been in that time closely identified with the development and history of the state. He was nearly 84 years of age and came to Oregon in 1850. He was a veteran of the Indian war.

BABY HANDS

Will get into mischief—often it means a burn or cut or scald. Apply Ballard's snow liniment just as soon as the accident happens, and the pain will be relieved while the wound will heal quickly and nicely. A sure cure for sprains, Rheumatism and all pains.

Price 25c, 50c and $1.00 a bottle. Sold by Skidmore Drug Co.

SPECIAL NOTICE To Farmers and Country Merchants

Ship us anything and everything, and we will pay you TOP market prices.

Hens and Springs, alive..14¢ — Dressed.....16¢
Veal, under 130 lbs.....9½¢ — Large veal.....7¢ to 8½¢
Pork, any size.....8¢ — Eggs—best market price

For potatoes we pay $1.25 per sack.

Everything must be of extra good quality and all remittances will be made promptly. No commissions charged.

People's Market & Grocery Co.
COR. FIRST AND TAYLOR STS. PORTLAND, OR.

ASH WEDNESDAY USHERS IN THE PENITENTIAL SEASON OF LENT

Today church bells rang all over the country and good church people went to church. The uninitiated looked again at their calendars and wondered if they had confused Wednesday with Sunday. But the open stores convinced them that they had counted aright and they resumed their work with the decision that the churchgoers were the ones that were mixed up.

But the latter, too, knew what day it was, and far from considering it Sunday, they remembered that it was Wednesday and the most important Wednesday of the year—Ash Wednesday. And they straightway donned their church garments and their church faces and set off. For this is the day marked by generations of churchgoing and religious people as the day when the long period of penitence shall begin; when frivolous people shall withdraw for a while from their selfish amusements and give thought to higher things; shall consider their sins of the past and repent for them.

Ash Wednesday has been observed since the time of the Romans and was so named because of the Roman custom of sprinkling the penitent's head that day with ashes and so admitting him to penance. It marks the beginning of the period of fasting and penitence which lasts for 40 days, excluding Sundays, till Easter Sunday. This is to commemorate the fasting of Jesus prior to his crucifixion. During this interval good members of the churches that observe Lent are expected to give up their pleasures; to abstain from theatre-going, entertainments, weddings and the like; to devote themselves with extraordinary energy to charity; to fast at certain intervals, and to do a great deal of praying and church going.

Formerly the custom of this observance was followed only by the Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches. Lately many other churches have taken it up, though not in the letter of the creed, in the spirit of observance. Aside from its importance as a religious rite it has been accepted as an advantageous custom, good for the physical man as well as the spiritual. Consequently, practically all entertaining is suspended at that time and society takes a rest from its strenuous duties. Many not in the churches that observe Lent, nevertheless discipline themselves through denial at this time.

Yesterday was Shrove Tuesday, called by various names in Europe. Sometimes it is known as Fat Tuesday, because it immediately preceded the season of fasting and denial, and so is made a day of merrymaking. In old England it was customary on that day, after the confessions which gave the day its rightful name, and which prepared one for the penitential season to follow, to feast on a certain kind of fritter or pancake which bore the name of the day. Thus the peasantry came to name the day Pancake Tuesday.

Literally the period of Lent called for constant fasting, but now fasting is observed only at certain intervals in Lent and is not rigid. Fish is the only meat to be eaten on Fridays of Lent. Of course the usual shortage of fish comes every Lent. This year it is noticeable. Smelt, which have been coming in plenty heretofore, are now becoming bashful and dealers are striving with difficulty to keep up the supply. The closed season for salmon on the Columbia begins Saturday and the salmon seems to have mistaken the date for early in the week. The fish generally seem to recognize the approach of this season and observe it by going into retirement.

The period of Lent closes with the days commemorating the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord. Good Friday, immediately preceding Easter Sunday, is the most solemn day of the entire church calendar, and even though church people may have been lax in observing strictly the rules of Lent, they all remember this one day. On that day commemorating the death of the Lord, church going and prayer reach their height. Services for the orthodox churches begin at sunrise and some attend church all day long. Many regard Lent as over with Good Friday and bid goodbye then to their Lenten vows and penitential attitude. Others observe it till Easter Sunday.

"FIGHTING BOB" EVANS WILL LECTURE HERE

Rear Admiral Robley ("Fighting Bob") Evans will lecture at the Armory March 31 on the subject, "From Hampton Roads to San Francisco in Command of the Atlantic Fleet." In common with other sailor folk, Admiral Evans has the gift of story telling and yarn spinning, and it is certain that his lecture will contain more of anecdotes and stories than facts concerning the trip of the fleet.

One Portland man, upon hearing of the coming of Admiral Evans today, recalled to his mind a story told on the sulphuric sailor. Said he:

"A number of years ago relations were strained between this country and Chile, and Admiral Evans was in command of the cruiser Yorktown, in the harbor of Valparaiso. The harbor was full of Chilean war craft, any of them able to cope with the Yorktown. The order had been given to keep them moving about the cruiser. This got on "Fighting Bob's" nerves. He called the admiral to him, and without preliminaries, said:

"'See here, you; I'm getting tired of garbage boats moving around my ship. If one of them touches the end of our booms I'll raise such a commotion that h—l will smell of garlic.'"

Admiral Evans has nearly recovered from his illness. For some time he has been devoting himself to preparation of the lecture.

1500 people at Gregory Heights last Sunday. See Gregory's ad on page 4.

Mrs. William Wehrli.

Condon, Or., Feb. 24.—Word was received this morning of the death of Mrs. William Wehrli, wife of William Wehrli, who lives near Mayville, this county. She was the daughter of W. J. Taylor of Mayville.

Your rent money will buy a home. See Gregory's ad, page 4.