SHAD TO RIVAL OUR CANNED CHINOOK IN WORLD'S FISH TRADE

Orders Coming Forward Are Much Heavier Than Expected; Eastern Grocery Salesmen Pronounce Fish Taste Best They Ever Secured.

Portland Wholesale Market.
Eggs easier.
Chickens firm.
Dressed hogs firm.
Dressed veal steady.
No cheese offering.
Spinnach is lower.
Too much asparagus.
Hop market quiet.
Wool holds firm.
Potatoes for south.

Columbia river canned shad promises to secure a reputation for itself that will duplicate the one held by the Royal Chinook salmon.

The attention of the east has been called to the fact that Columbia river packers will can shad in greater numbers than ever before, and orders for supplies are coming forward.

"The reception that our inquiries regarding canned shad received in the east," says Robert S. Farrell of the Pillar Rock Packing company, "has surprised men, although I was enthusiastic before.

"I have an advice from one of the leading grocery houses of the east stating that the canned shad and shad roe sent them has been tasted by their salesmen and pronounced the best tasting fish they have ever seen. While the color of canned shad is not very good, the quality is there and a sample is always sure to bring results.

"Even before the season has started we have orders for canned shad that will take a much large pack than we had anticipated experimenting with."

It is likely that shad will be priced at 90 to 95c for talls and shade roe at $1.25 per dozen.

EASIER TONE FOR EGGS

An easier tone was showing in the egg market today. With greater offerings sales are being made a fraction lower. Nothing over 20½c is now being asked. A large per cent of the business is at 20c.

CHICKEN TRADE VERY STRONG

Trade in the chicken market is very strong at the prices being quoted in The Journal. Receipts are quite fair but dealers are taking hold quite well.

SPINACH NOT SO HIGH

With greater offerings of spinnach by Walla Walla houses, the demand is oversupplied and lower prices are the result. Sales are being made from 75c to $1 a box. Quality is good.

CHEESE STILL OUT OF TRADE

There is still an absence of cheese offerings in the Portland market. Even the leading dealers have none to offer at any price. Quotations are therefore nominal.

SMELT RUN HEAVY AGAIN

There is again a very heavy run of smelts in the Cowlitz and the market is badly overstocked with afferings at 75c a box generally. Quality remains good.

DRESSED HOGS ARE FIRMER

A firmer tone was showing in the dressed hog trade along the street today. Tops were easily moved at 9c. Efforts to get more than this failed.

Dressed veal is steady at the prices quoted.

FORECAST FOR SHIPPERS

Weather bureau sends out the following notice to shippers:

Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 32 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 20 degrees; southeast to Boise, 20 degrees; south to Siskiyou, 22 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight, about 32 degrees.

PORTLAND JOBBING PRICES.

Grain, Flour and Hay.

These prices are those at which wholesalers sell to retailers, except as otherwise stated:

WHEAT—Nominal—Producers' prices, nominal track delivery, 87@87½c; bluestem, 90@91c; fortyfold, 87½c; Willamette valley, 88c; red Russian, 86c; Turkey red, 88c.

BARLEY—Producers' prices—1911—Feed, $25.00; rolled, $26.00; brewing, $30.00@40.00.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price—Bran, $23.00; middlings, $29.50; shorts, $25.00; chop, $19.00@25.00. Car lots 50c per ton less.

OATS—Producers' price—Track No. 1, spot delivery, white, $33.50@34; gray, $33.50.

FLOUR — Selling price — Patents, $4.50@4.70; Willamette, $4.50 per bbl.; local straight, $4.05@4.25; bakers' $4.30@4.50; export grades, $3.80.

HAY—Producers' price—1911 crop—Valley timothy, fancy, $14.50@15; ordinary, $13@14; eastern Oregon, $16.00@17; Idaho, $16@17; mixed $13@14; clover, $9@10; wheat, $11@11.50; cheat, $11@11.50; alfalfa, $12.50@13; oats, $11@11.50.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Extra creamery, cubes and tubs, 33@34c; prints, 32@35c; ordinary prints, 31c; dairy, 19c; eastern creamery, 31c.

BUTTER FAT—Producers' price—F. o. b. Portland, per lb., 35c.

POULTRY—Fancy hens, 17c lb.; springs, 16c; broilers and fryers, 22@24c; geese, 10c; dressed, 12c; live young ducks, 16c; old ducks, 15c; turkeys, alive, nominal, 17c; dressed, 18@20c; pigeons, old, $1; young, $2.00@2.40.

EGGS — Candled extras, 20@20½c; spot buying price, 19½@20c, f. o. b. Portland.

CHEESE—Nominal; fresh Oregon fancy, full cream, triplets and daisies, 22c; young Americas, 23c.

GAME—Jackrabbits, $2 per dozen.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—Selling price: Extra choice, $2.25; choice, $2.00; ordinary, $1.75@1.90 per cental. Buying price: Extra fancy, $2.00; extra choice, $1.90; choice, $1.50@1.75 per cental, f. o. b. country shipping points; sweets, $3.50.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.00@1.25 sack; beets, $1.50; carrots, $1.25@1.50; cabbage, $1.25; Mexican tomatoes, $2.50@2.75; beans, 12c; green onions, 30c doz. bunches; peppers, bell, 20c lb.; head lettuce, $2.50 crate; hothouse, $1 box; radishes, 15c dozen bunches; celery, $5.50@6 crate; egg plant, 20c lb.; peas, 17c; egg plant, 30c lb.; cauliflower, local, $1.00 per doz.; California, $1.75@2 per crate; asparagus, 6@6½c.

FRESH FRUITS — Oranges, $2.75@3.00; tangerines, $1.50; bananas, 4½c lb.; lemons, $5@$5.50; limes, $9 a case; grapefruit, $3.50@6.50; pineapples, 5c lb; cranberries, $9.

APPLES—$1.50@3.00.

ONIONS—Yellow, No. 1, $3.50; No. 2, $1.50; garlic, 7½@8c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—Producers' price—1911 crop, choice, 39c; 1912 contracts, 26@26½c; 1913 and 1914, 17c.

WOOL—Producers' price — Nominal, 1912: Willamette valley, 16@18c; eastern Oregon, 14@15c.

MOHAIR—1912, nominal, 32c lb.

CHITTIM BARK—Producers' price—1911, less carlots, 5½@8c; carlots, 6½c f. o. b. Portland.

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

HIDES—Dry hides, 20c; green, 9@10c; salted hides, 10½@11c; bulls green salt, 8c; kips, 11c; calves, dry, 26c; calf skins, salted or green, 17c; green hides, 1@1½c less than salted; sheep pelts, salted, November, 90c; December, $1; dry, 10½c lb.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS — Front street: Hogs, fancy, 9c; ordinary, 8c; heavy, 7@7½c; veals, 12½c; ordinary, 12c; poor, 10c; lambs, 9@10c; mutton, 8c; goats, 1@1½c; beef, 6@9c.

HAMS, BACON, Etc.—Hams, 15@16c; breakfast bacon, 12@20c; boiled ham, 28c; picnics, 11c; cottage, 13½c; backs, 10½c.

LARD—Tierces, 11c lb; compound, tierces, 8½c per lb.

FISH—Nominal—Rock cod, 10c lb.; flounders, 6c; halibut, 8@11c; striped bass, 20c; catfish, 12@12½c; salmon, 12c lb.; soles, 7c per lb.; shrimps, 12½c lb.; perch, 7@8c; tomcod, 8c; lobsters, 25c; herrings, 5@6c; black bass, 20c; sturgeon, (—) per lb.; silver smelt, 8c lb.; black cod, 7½c; dressed shad, 7c; roe shad, 10c; shad roe, 20c lb.; Columbia smelt, 20c@$1.00 per box.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon (—); per 100 lb. sack (—); Olympia, per gallon, $3; per 100 lb. sack, $9; canned eastern, 85c can, $6.50 dozen; eastern in shell, $1.75@2.00 per 100; razor clams, $2@2.25 box.

Groceries.

SUGAR—Cube, $6.95; powdered, $6.65; fruit or berry, $6.55; beet, $6.45; dry granulated, $6.55; D yellow, $6.25; Honolulu plantation cane granulated, 5c less. (Above quotations are 30 days net cash.)

RICE—Japan, No. 1, 5@5½c; No 2, 4½c; New Orleans head, 5½@6c; Creole, 5c.

SALT—Coarse, half grounds 100s $8.50 per ton; 50s, $9.00; table dairy, 50c, $13; 100s, $17, bales, $2.20; extra fine barrels, 2s, 5s and 10s, $4@5.; lump rock, $20.50 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, $4.90; large white, $4.85; pink, $4.25; bayou, $4.75; Limas, $7; reds, $5.50.

HONEY—New, $3.75 per case.

Paints, Coal Oil, Etc.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls., 77c gal.; kettle boiled, bbl., 79c; raw, in cases, 82c; boiled, in cases, 84c; gal lots of 250 gallons, 1c less; oil cake meal, $44 per ton.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 8c per lb.; 500 lb. lots, 8c per lb.; less lots, 8½c per lb.

ROPE—Manila, 8¼c; sisal, 7½c.

GASOLINE—Red crown and motor, 15@22c gallon; 86 gasoline, 28@36½c gallon; V. M. & P. naphtha, 18@20½c gallon.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 73c; wood barrels, 70½c; iron barrels, 66c per gallon; 10 case lots, 72c.

BENZINE—86 degrees, cases, 24½c gallon; iron bbls., 21½c per gallon.

COAL OIL—Cases: Pearl, 15½c; Star, 19½c per gallon; water white, bulk, 9@13½c per gallon; special water white, 13@17c.

NORTHWEST BANK STATEMENT

Portland Banks.

Clearings today	$1,675,265.33
Year ago	1,559,126.85
Gain today	$ 116,138.48
Balances today	189,130.33
Year ago	167,993.22

Tacoma Banks.

Clearings today	$ 847,822.00
Balances today	137,397.00

Seattle Banks.

Clearings today	$1,768,865.00
Balances today	178,266.00

San Francisco Grain Market.

San Francisco, March 21.—Grain calls:

	Open		Close	
BARLEY				
May	185½	B	185	A
December	149½	B	150	
WHEAT.				
May	163	B	164	A
OATS.				
March	185	B	189	A
April	186¼	B	187¼	A

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CALIFORNIA CALLS FOR FANCY POTATO —IS NOW SEEDING

Best Price Available for Shipments That Are Going Direct to Southern Growers; Present Movement Is Heaviest on Record.

California is demanding an increasing supply of potatoes for seed and the bulk of the business is being offered in the local market.

Growers are beginning to offer much more freely and for extra select stock $2 is now being freely offered and paid. While there were reports that $2.05@2.10 had been paid at one point in the Willamette valley during the past 24 hours, nothing above $2 could be confirmed. In fact, the same growers who were talking of a nickel to a dime above this being available were actually selling at $2. This alone would indicate that the reports were warm air.

The outward movement of potatoes from the Willamette valley is now the heaviest ever known to the trade at this period of the year. Potatoes are now being shipped to all centers along the Pacific slope. Texas and Arizona are still buying, notwithstanding the assertions that the price was too high. Southern California and central California are taking heavy supplies and are paying the price.

Best values are being obtained for shipments that are wanted for seed. The river district of California is this season a very liberal buyer of Oregon stock for that purpose, and price is scarcely an object. Some of the leading growers who have a reputation for select quality along the river are said to be offering as high as $2.25 for something better, but cannot get the stock because nothing better is to be had.

The jobbing price of potatoes is mixed along Front street. Sales are reported as high as $2.25 for seed and one leading handler is securing this price for extra choice table stock. Others are not asking over $1.10@1.15 for this quality.

EAST EXCITED AND HOGS REACH $7.60 IN CHICAGO YARDS

Highest Price of Season Is Shown at All Points East of Rockies; Smaller Run Everywhere Is Scaring the Big Packers.

In the Stockyards.

North Portland—Hogs nominally firm, cattle dull, sheep nominally firmer.

South Omaha—Hogs 20c to 25c higher, cattle 10c higher, sheep 10c higher.

Kansas City—Hogs 10c higher, cattle 5c to 10c higher, sheep 5c to 10c higher.

Chicago—Hogs 10c higher, cattle steady, sheep strong.

HOG PRICES FOR TODAY.

	Tops.
Chicago	$7.60
Kansas City	7.25
South Omaha	7.25
Portland	7.00

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs	Cattle	Calves	Sheep
Thursday	71	162	17	11
Wednesday	216	153	..	302
Tuesday	154	19	..	35
Monday	2003	1032	9	2744
Saturday	716	230	1	5
Friday	203	198	..	....
Week ago	588	746	9	203

There were no hogs available for the market at North Portland today, the small number arriving being purchased at a country point by the Union Meat company.

With no swine available for the trade today prices were not given any test. Last sales were made here at $7, which showed that the tone was strong.

The great strength of the outside hog markets is attracting much attention here. Sales show sensational advances, while but little change has been shown here. The premium that formerly existed here over eastern markets has been displaced by a much smaller price than is existing there.

At Chicago there was another sensensational day in the hog trade. Offerings are not heavy and this is having a bullish influence upon the prices.

Eastern Receipts Decreasing.

Forecasts made by this paper some weeks ago to the effect that there would be a serious decrease in the offerings of hogs at all American points after the first rush to market was over, have been confirmed by events that are now transpiring. At Chicago there were only 13,000 head of hogs in the yards this morning. This compares with receipts of 27,000 a year ago. The smaller offering together with the heavier demand caused tops to ascend to $7.60, the highest mark of the season.

Kansas City was a dime higher for hogs, with tops at $7.20@7.25. The run of hogs there for the day was only 7000 head; a further indication that farmers have less stock to market than at first supposed.

At the Missouri river market there was an advance of 20 to 25 cents in the price of hogs for the day. South Omaha tops were $7.25. Run for the day was but 2600 head.

Packers Getting Scared.

The very small showing of hogs in the yards of the country is scaring packers and they are scrambling for supplies. Bids are quickly raised to get the stock away from competitiors and shippers are reaping the benefits.

Up to a short time ago it was generally believed that at least double the number of hogs would be marketed in eastern centers during 1912 as during the previous year, but recently the showing has been much the best in favor of the old season. The erratic condition of the trade, with the sharp downward fluctuations in the price whenever a liberal supply was available in the east has caused many to go slow in extending their broods.

On the Pacific coast there has been a marked increase in the number of hogs produced, but this is due to the fact that up to this time the coast packers have been forced to purchase the bulk of their needs at Missouri river points.

Nominal North Portland prices:

Fancy	$ 7.00
Good heavy	6.90
Medium light	7.00
Rough and heavy	6.80
Stockers	6.95

Cattle Market Is Dull.

Dullness continues in the cattle trade. Extreme top for steers at this time would be $6.50, according to leading sellers, but nothing has been marketed today that would bring close to this figure.

Four loads of steers were sold at $6.20 and one load of $6.10 this morning.

Killers still have a heavy surplus on hand, and the market needs a further rest before shipments can be properly taken care of. This is the opinion of those closest to the trade.

Cattle shippers today: L. E. Webb, Eaton, Idaho, 1 load; A. J. Henry, 2 loads; J. E. Reynolds, Terrebonne, 2 loads cattle and calves; S. C. Longhurst & Son, Moore, Idaho, 1 load.

At Chicago there was a steady tone in the cattle trade, with a run of 4500 head for the day.

Kansas City cattle market was strong with a run of 2000 head. Prices there show a rise of 5c to 10c for the day.

A dime was added to the cattle market at South Omaha today. Offerings included 1400 head. Tops remain unchanged.

North Portland cattle prices:

Heavy fancy steers	$ 6.50
Choice steers	6.35@6.40
Select steers	6.25
Common steers	4.75@5.00
Feeder steers	4.75
Speyed heifers	5.90@6.00
Ordinary heifers	5.50
Ordinary cows	500@5.25
Fancy cows	5.00@5.60
Fancy light calves	8.50
Medium light calves	7.50
Fancy lambs	4.50@5.00
Ordinary bulls	4.00@4.25
Common bulls	3.75@4.00

Much Strength for Mutton.

Much strength continues to be shown in the mutton trade. The only arrivals for the day were 11 head, these being purchased at Suver, together with 71 hogs, by the Union Meat company. The action of buyers in going direct to the country is the result of the very small showing in the yards recently.

At Chicago there was a strong tone in the sheep trade, with a run of 12,000 head.

Kansas City sheep were firm at an advance of 5 to 10c. Run was 10,000 head.

South Omaha sheep were 10c higher with top lambs at $7.50, yearlings $6.15, wethers, $5.90 and ewes $5.55.

Nominal sheep price range:

Select spring lambs	$ 8.00
Wool lambs, best	6.25
Ordinary lambs	5.50@6.00
Yearlings	5.75
Old wethers	5.25@5.50
Fancy ewes	4.50@4.65
Ordinary ewes	4.25

Shorn mutton is less.

Thursday Livestock Sales.

STEERS.

	Ave. lbs.	Price.
14 steers	1066	$6.10
6 steers	981	6.10
8 steers	1056	6.10
1 steer	960	5.25
53 steers	*1105	6.20

*Weight estimated.

A girl is awfully disappointed shortly after marriage to discover that her husband is merely an ordinary man like her brother.

WOOL TRADE QUIET EVERYWHERE WITH INTERESTS INACTIVE

Manufacturers Looking for Lower Prices While the Producers Are Asking More Money; All Eyes Are Turned on the South.

The position of the wool market is strong, but trade is quiet in all centers at the present time.

Shearing operations have been somewhat delayed owing to the heavy frosts of recent days, but in some sections the clip is progressing favorably.

Buyers are paying little attention to the Pacific northwest on account of the delay in shearing. On this basis they are turning their eyes toward the southern shearers.

In Modoc county, California, shearing is now general. Little business has passed there because growers are asking more money than buyers are willing to pay. As high as 14c a pound is available there at the present time, but 15c or better is being asked.

Similar conditions rule at other southern points. The situation as a whole is uniform throughout the country. Manufacturers are making a play for lower prices, while growers want more money. A smaller amount of business has passed recently in the country than during any similar period in recent years.

A small amount of eastern Oregon wool is reported sold to local parties on the basis of 12¼c to 16c a pound, according to quality. On this basis the Willamette valley article should be worth from 16c to 18c.

RAILROAD GROUP IS LOWER AT CLOSING

New York, March 21.—The early gains in the railroad group were lost during the late portion of the trade, and the closing was somewhat lower.

Some strength was forced in mining and smelting shares, with a quick upward spurt for American Smelter.

American stocks were quiet and irregular in the London market today. No change was made in the bank rate.

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

Description—	Open	High	Low	Bid
Amal. Copper Co.	76⅞	77⅜	76½	76⅞
Am. Car & F., c.	56¼	56¼	55⅝	56¼
Am. Can., c.	17⅞	18⅛	17½	17⅝
do pfd.	99¼	100⅛	99¼	99¼
Am. Ct. Oil, c.	51	51	50½	50½
Am. Loco., c.	38	38⅜	37½	37½
Am. Sugar, c.	125	127½	125	127¼
Am. Smelt., c.	79⅝	80⅝	78⅞	80⅜
do pfd.	106	106⅝	105½	106½
Anaconda M. Co.	40⅞	40⅞	40¼	40⅜
Atchison, c.	108	108⅝	107¾	107⅞
do pfd.	103¼	103½	103¼	103¼
B. & O., c.	105⅜	105⅜	105⅛	105⅜
Beet Sugar	58⅝	58⅞	58	57⅞
Brooklyn R. T.	81⅜	81⅜	81	81
Canadian Pac., c.	24⅛	24¼	23⅞	23¼
Central Leath., c.	24⅛	24⅜	23⅞	23¼
do pfd.	....	....	....	89
C. & G. W., c.	19¼	19¼	19	19
do pfd.	37½	37½	37	37
C., M. & S. P.	10[illegible]	[illegible]	108⅜	108⅜
C. & N. W., c.	141⅞	142¼	141¾	142
Ches. & Ohio	77	77⅛	76⅝	76⅝
Colo. F. & I., c.	28	28	27½	26⅝
Colo. South., c.	43½	43½	43¼	43½
do 2d pfd.	....	....	....	68
do 1st pfd.	....	....	....	76
Cons. Gas	141⅜	141⅝	141	141
Corn Products, c	14	14⅛	13⅞	14
do pfd.	81½	82	81½	81½
Dela. & Hudson	170½	171¼	170	171
D. & R. G., c.	22¼	22¼	21½	21½
do pfd.	41⅝	41⅝	41	40
Erie, c.	36⅝	37	36⅝	36⅝
do 2d pfd.	....	....	....	45½
do 1st pfd.	56⅝	56⅛	56⅛	56⅜
General Electric	166⅝	167	166	166
Gt. Nor., O. L.	40⅜	40⅜	39½	39½
Gt. Nor., pfd.	134⅞	134⅞	133¾	133¾
Ice Securities	22	22⅝	22	22½
Illinois Central	130½	130½	130	129⅜
Inter. Harv.	115¼	115⅜	115	114½
Inter. Met., c.	17⅜	19⅝	19¼	19¼
Lehigh Valley	164⅞	167	164¼	166⅜
Kan. City South.	....	....	....	27
Louis. & Nash.	157	157	156½	156⅛
Mex. National, 2d	....	....	....	30⅞
M., S. P. &S. S. M.	139⅞	140½	139⅞	140¼
M., K. & T., c.	29⅜	29⅞	29½	29⅜
do pfd	....	....	....	63⅜
Missouri Pacific	44⅜	44⅜	43⅝	43⅜
National Lead	55⅞	56⅜	55⅝	56⅜
Nevada Cons.	19⅜	20	19⅜	19⅜
N. Y. Central	113⅜	113⅜	113⅜	113⅜
N. Y., O. & W.	37⅞	38⅜	37⅞	37⅞
Nor. & West., c.	110¼	110¼	109¼	109⅜
North American	79¼	79½	79	79⅜
No. Pacific, c.	122⅜	122⅜	121⅞	122
Pacific M. S. Co.	32⅜	32⅜	32	32
Pennsylvania	125	125	124⅝	124⅝
P. G., L. & C. Co.	107⅜	107⅜	107	107⅛
Pressed S. Car, c	33⅜	34¼	33⅜	34
do pfd	....	....	....	100
Reading, c	158⅜	159½	157⅞	158⅛
do 2d pfd	97	97	96½	96½
do 1st pfd	....	....	....	89½
Rep. I. & S., c.	22⅜	22⅜	22⅜	22¼
do pfd.	74	74	73¼	73⅜
Rock Island, c.	27⅛	27⅛	26½	26½
do pfd.	52½	52⅝	52	52½
S.L.& S.F., 2d pf.	42	42	41⅜	41½
do 1st pfd.	....	....	....	87
S. L. & S. W., c.	....	....	....	32⅜
do pfd.	74⅜	74⅜	73⅜	74
South. Pacific, c.	112½	112¼	112¼	111⅜
Southern Ry., c.	30¼	30⅜	29⅝	29⅝
Texas & Pacific	23½	23½	22⅜	22⅜
T., S. L. & W., c.	13⅛	13½	13⅛	13½
Union Pacific, c.	169⅝	170⅝	168⅞	169½
U. S. Rubber, c.	53	53¼	52½	52⅝
U. S. Steel Co., c.	68	68⅜	67½	67⅜
Utah Copper	59⅛	59⅝	58⅛	58⅜
Va. Chemical	53½	53⅝	53⅛	53
Wabash, c.	7	7	6⅞	6⅞
W. U. Telegraph	83⅜	83⅜	83¼	83¼
West. Electric	74½	74⅜	74½	74½
Wheeling, L. E.	....	....	....	8⅜

Total sales—784,300 shares.
Call money—2½ per cent.

FARMERS HAVE ONLY LIMITED STOCK OATS SAYS M. H. HOUSER

Local Grain Dealer Returns From Extensive Trip Through Interior; Little Real Good Quality Grain Remains on the Farms.

Grain Trade Summary.

Wheat—Bids are generally firm at 87 to 87½c for club and 90½ to 91c for bluestem.

Oats—Leading buyer says only nominal amount of quality oats remains on Pacific northwest farms.

Hay—Offerings increased with corresponding decrease in the demand.

Flour—Patent market firmer at unchanged price. Export brands show smaller demand.

Millstuffs — California still buying at Pacific northwest points.

FOREIGN WHEAT MARKET.

Liverpool—Wheat opened ⅝ to ¼d higher, closed ⅝ to ⅞d up.
Buenos Ayres—Wheat ⅝ to ⅞c up.
Antwerp—Wheat ⅝c higher.
Berlin—Wheat, ¼c lower.
Budapest—Wheat ⅝c higher.
Paris—Wheat ¼c lower.

WHEAT CARGOES FIRM.

London, March 21.—Wheat cargoes firm, Walla Walla for shipment at 37s 3d.

English and French country markets firm.

PORTLAND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

	Cars.				
	Wheat	Bar	Flr	Oats	Hay
Monday	43	..	16	11	11
Tuesday	32	..	7	..	6
Wednesday	23	1	4	1	7
Thursday	16	..	5	..	..
Year ago	7	4	9	..	8
Season to date	11453	318	1916	1381	2226
Year ago	10156	517	1750	717	2247

That there is only a nominal amount of oats remaining in the hands of Pacific northwest producers was the assertion made to The Journal this morning by M. H. Houser, the local grain man, who has just returned from an extensive trip throughout eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

"Farmers' holdings of oats are very small at this time," says Mr. Houser, "and the larger per cent of those retained are of poor quality.

"The same condition applies generally to the quality of the wheat remaining on the farms. With the exception of Eureka Flat, the Big Bend and the Palouse, the holdings of good milling wheat are limited. While there is some good stock at other points the amount available is not at all liberal."

According to Mr. Houser, wheat crop conditions throughout the Pacific northwest are very good. "The only exception," he says, "is in the light land districts where the ground was summer fallowed late and then put in grain while not thoroughly worked. Where the ground was worked properly the crop outlook is good everywhere."

Wheat market is firm but quiet. As high as 87½c is being paid for club and 90½ to 91c track basis tidewater for bluestem. Some growers are still holding for about a cent above these figures but millers and other buyers are showing no disposition to pay them. Market interests are neither anxious to buy nor sell.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET SAGS

Only Fractional Gain Shown in May With Others Unchanged.

Chicago, March 21.—A sagging tone was shown in the wheat market with July and September unchanged and May ⅛c higher than yesterday at the closing. There was a gain of ¼c all around at the opening.

Foreign markets were mixed but generally higher.

Antwerp continues to purchase in the New York market, and a good cash tone is shown at milling centers.

Range of Chicago prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	102	102¼	101⅛	101⅞
July	98⅜	98⅜	98¼	98⅛B
Sep.	96½	96⅝	96⅛	96¼
CORN.				
May	71⅝	71⅝	70⅝	71¼ A
July	71⅝	72	71¼	71⅝
Sep.	72	72	71⅛	71½ B
OATS.				
May	53⅜	53⅜	52⅝	52⅝
July	49⅞	50	49⅛	49⅜A
Sep.	42⅛	42¼	41⅝	41⅜
PORK.				
May	1655	1655	1635	1637A
July	1690	1690	1665	1672
Sep.	1715	1720	1695	1700
LARD.				
May	965	965	955	955B
July	980	985	975	975B
Sep.	995	1005	995	995B
RIBS.				
May	935	935	932	935
July	945	947	932	935A
Sep.	965	965	952	955B

Everybody'll Do It Now!

The head of every family having no piano, who sees one of the pianos advertised on page 10 of today's Journal will be sure to buy one.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

GENERAL FIRE ASSURANCE CO.

OF PARIS, FRANCE,

On the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

INCOME.

Premiums received during the year in cash	$315,715.64	
Interest, dividends, and rents received during year	21,033.54	
Total income		$ 336,749.18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Losses paid during the year	$ 69,394.40	
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	35,857.53	
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year	11,274.89	
Amount of all other expenditures	19,221.95	
Total expenditures		$ 135,748.77

ASSETS.

Value of stocks and bonds owned	$603,790.00	
Cash in banks and on hand	64,490.19	
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission	71,761.83	
Interest and rents due and accrued	8,317.82	
Total assets	$748,359.84	
Less special deposits in New York and Ohio	$301,180.00	
Total assets admitted in Oregon		$ 447,179.84

LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 20,443.26	
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	221,549.99	
All other liabilities	22,578.93	
Total liabilities		$ 264,572.17
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911		$38,628,707.00

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR.

Total risks written during the year	$ 675,733.00
Gross premiums received during the year	11,962.54
Premiums returned during the year	1,136.14
Losses paid during the year	12.64
Losses incurred during the year	1,012.64
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon Dec. 31, 1911	$ 510,000.00

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KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK

Hogs Advance to $7.25; Other Lines Are 5 to 10 Cents Up.

Kansas City, Mo., March 21.—Hogs—Receipts 7000; market 10c higher; tops, $7.20@7.25.

Cattle—Receipts 2000; market firm at 5c to 10c advance.

Sheep—Receipts 10,000; market firm, 5c to 10c higher.

OMAHA HOGS HIT TOP

Best Offerings at $7.25; Sheep and Cattle Are Up.

South Omaha, March 21.—Cattle 1400; market strong to 10c higher. Steers, $7.00@8.00; cows and heifers, $4.75@6.30.

Hogs 2600; market 20c and 25c higher, at $7.00@7.25.

Sheep 3500; market strong to 10c higher. Yearlings, $5.85@6.15; wethers, $5.60@5.90; lambs, $7.10@7.50; ewes, $5.25@5.55.

CHICAGO HOGS AT $7.60

Further Advance Brings Market to Season's High Record.

Chicago, March 21.—Run: Hogs 13,000, cattle 4500, sheep 12,000.

Hogs are 10c higher. Left over $100; receipts a year ago 27,00. Mixed, $7.05@7.55; good and heavy, $7.30@7.60; rough and heavy, $7.05@7.20; light, $7.05@7.45.

Cattle—Steady.

Sheep—Strong.

CRAZED BY SPIRIT STUDY; KILLS SELF, 3 CHILDREN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Toronto, March 21.—Crazed as the result of studying spiritualism, Mrs. Emma Orr, 40 years old, killed herself and her three children here today. The woman locked herself and the children in their bedroom and turned on the gas. She left a note saying her husband would welcome their death.

Money and Exchange.

London, March 21.—Consols, 77⅛; silver, 24 13-16; bank rate, 3½ per cent.

New York, March 21.—Sterling exchange, long $4.86; short, $4.88; silver bullion, 58¾.

San Francisco, Sterling exchange, 60 days, $4.83⅝; sight, $4.86⅝; doc, $4.83; transfers, telegraphic 5 premium; sight 2½ premium.

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	1065	1065	1050	1054@55
Mar.	1033	1035	1028	1032@33
May	1046	1046	1033	1038@39
July	1057	1058	1043	1049@50
Aug.	1047	1048	1047	1048@50
Sept.	1047	1047	1042	1047@48
Oct.	1062	1062	1050	1053@54
Dec.	1068	1069	1054