EGG MARKET SHOWING STRENGTH ON STREET WITH SUPPLY SMALLER

Country Interests Are Holding for Higher Figures and This May Hurt Them Later; Production Increasing Rapidly in the Valley.

PORTLAND PRODUCE TRADE.
Eggs are firm.
Chickens are slow.
Country hogs firmer.
Veals not so active.
Cheese and butter holding.
Local spinach arrives.
Poor apples hurt trade.

The egg market continues to show strength and handlers are generally asking 18c a dozen for case count in the wholesale market today. There is a noticeable decrease in offerings and this is attributed to the fact that country interests are holding back for a further advance in the price.

This is the greatest drawback to the trade at this time of the year and as a rule is the direct cause of loss to those that speculate on such a perishable commodity. Eggs fail to improve with holding, therefore when this held stock arrives it seldom sells for as much as the country shipper could have received when the market was lower, even though an advance is forced thereby for fresh supplies.

Front street handlers are today offering 17@17½c a dozen for case count. Some of them are working on a margin of but ½c a dozen, which is scarcely considered sufficient to pay them for the handling.

Storage operations are greater, but it is noted that some of the bigger interests are holding back their purchases with the expectation that the market will ease up within a short time and lower values quoted after present storers get tired or are filled up.

CHICKEN TRADE IS QUIET

Market for chickens is rather quiet in the Front street trade, although there were no changes in quotations for the day. Buyers are not taking hold as well as formerly.

LOCAL SPINACH OFFERING

Local spinach is now being offered to the trade at 3c a pound, and as this is fresher than arrivals from Walla Walla, it is gradually forcing the latter down in price. Walla Walla stock is quoted down to 85c this morning.

ASPARAGUS IS WEAKER

While no further changes were shown in the price of fresh asparagus along the street today, the market was weaker and indications are for a further sharp break. Supplies are increasing.

COUNTRY HOGS ARE FIRMER

Firmer tone is showing for country killed hogs in the Front street trade. While the top price remains unchanged at 11c a pound, it is likely that a better market will be shown next week.

CLAMS OUT OF MARKET

Owing to unfavorable weather off the coast, there were no arrivals of razor clams in the local market today. Up to this time there have been very liberal offerings.

STEELHEAD SALMON VERY POOR

Very poor quality is shown among latest arrivals of steelhead salmon in the local market. The stock is "snaky" looking and is causing much complaint. All salmon prices are unchanged.

FORECAST FOR SHIPPERS

Weather bureau sends the following notice to shippers:

Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 34 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 24 degrees; southeast to Boise 20 degrees, south to Siskiyou 20 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight, about 36 degrees.

PORTLAND JOBBING PRICES

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

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER — Nominal. City creamery, cubes and tubs, 37½c; prints, 39c; state creamery, 37@38c lb.; dairy, 23c.

EGGS—Nominal. Candled local extras, 18½@19c; ordinary candled, 18@18½c; spot buying price, loss off, 17@17½c f. o. b. Portland.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens 15@15½c; springs, 15@15½c; broilers, 22½c; geese, 12½c; Pekin ducks, 18c; Indian Runners, 16@16½c; turkeys, 20c; dressed, 23@25c; pigeons, old, $1; young, $1.50 dozen.

CHEESE—Nominal, fresh Oregon fancy, full cream twins and triplets, 17c; daisies, 17½c; Young America, 18½c.

GAME—Jackrabbits $1.50 per dozen; wild geese, $4.50 dozen.

BUTTER FAT—Producers' price, for Portland delivery, per lb., 39c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS—New navel oranges, $2.25@3.75; bananas, 4½@5c lb.; lemons, $7.00@8.00; limes, $1 per 100; grapefruit, California, $3.00@3.50; Florida, $4.50@4.75; pineapples, 6c lb.; pears, $1.50 box; cranberries, local, $9.75 bbl.; eastern, $10.00@11.00; Persian dates 4½@5c lb.

APPLES—Eating apples, 50c@$1.50; cooking, 40@60c a box.

POTATOES—Selling price: Extra choice, 55c; choice, 45c; ordinary, 40c per sack; buying price, carloads, 35@40c country points; sweets, $4 per cental.

ONIONS—$1.10; association selling price, 80c per cental f. o. b. shipping point; garlic, 7½@8c.

VEGETABLES — Turnips, 75c; beets, 75c; carrots, 75c per sack; parsnips, 75c sack; cabbage, $1.00@1.50; tomatoes, per box (—); lugs $2.00; green onions, 12½@15c dozen bunches; peppers, bell, 30c lb.; head lettuce, $2.25 crate; celery, 90c@$1.00 dozen, $4.50 crate; egg plant, 20c lb.; cauliflower, $2@2.25 crate; rhubarb, 10c; artichokes, $1.25@1.75 dozen; sprouts, 10c lb.; asparagus, 12½@14c lb.; spinach, local 3c lb.; Walla Walla, 85c box.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

WOOL—Nominal—1912 clip—Willamette valley, coarse, Cotswold, 19@20c lb.; medium, Shropshire, 21c; choice, fancy lots, 22c lb.; eastern Oregon, 14@20c, according to shrinkage.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK—1912 nominal, car lots, 5½c; less car lots, 5c lb.; 1911 bark, car lots, 5@5½c; less car lots, 5c lb.

MOHAIR—1912—32½c lb.

HIDES—Dry hides, 21@22c; green, 11c; salted hides, 13c bulls, green salt, 9c; kips, 13@14c; calves, dry, 21@25c; calf skins, salted or green, 17@21c; green hides, 10@1½c less than salted; sheep pelts, salted, 85c@$1.10; dry, 13c lb.

HOPS—Producers' price—1912, 16@20c, according to quality. 1913 contracts, 15c lb.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS — Country killed: Hogs, fancy, 10½c; ordinary, 9½@10c; rough and heavy, 8@8½c; fancy veals, 14@14½c; ordinary, 13c; poor, 11c; lambs, 10@10½c; mutton, 7@8c; goats, 5@4c; beef, 9@11c.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Hams, 18½@20½c; breakfast bacon, 17@27c; boiled ham, 27½c; picnics, 12½c; cottage, 18c.

MEATS—Packing house—Steers, No. 1 stock, 13@13½c; cows, No. 1 stock, 12@12½c; ewes, 10½@11c; wethers, 11½@12c; lambs, 13½c; pork loins, 16½c.

OYSTERS—Saulwater bay, per gallon, (—); per 100 lb. sack (—); Olympia, per gallon, $4.25; per 100 lb. sack, $9; canned, eastern, 55c can; $6.50 dozen; eastern, in shell, $1.75@$2 per 100; razor clams, $2@2.25 box.

LARD — Tierces, 14c; compound, tierces, 9½c.

FISH—Nominal—Rock cod, 10c lb., dressed flounders, 7c; halibut, 10c; striped bass 20c; catfish, 12c; salmon, 12@15c; soles, 7c lb.; shrimps, 12½c; perch, 8c lb.; tomcod, 8c lb.; lobsters, 20c lb.; herring, (—); black bass, 20c; sturgeon, 12½c; silver smelt, 8c; Columbia smelt, $1 box; black cod 8c.

Groceries.

SUGAR—Cube, $5.65; powdered, $5.50; fruit or berry, $5.35; beet, $5.05; dry granulated, $5.25; D yellow, $4.55. (Above quotations are 30 days net cash.)

HONEY—New, $2.75 per case.

RICE—Japan style, No. 1, 5½@5¾c; No. 2, 4½c; New Orleans head, 5¾@7c; Creole, 5¼c.

SALT—Coarse, half grounds, 100s, $10 per ton; 50s $10.75; table dairy, 50s, $18; 100s, $17.50; bales, $2.25; extra fine barrels, 2s, 5s and 10s, $6.25@6.00; lump rock, $20.50 per ton.

Daughtrey Will Visit Texas to Study Livestock Affairs

For the purpose of investigating thoroughly the livestock conditions of some of the other sections, William H. Daughtrey, president of the Portland Union Stockyards, will leave within a day or so for El Paso, Texas.

He will attend the annual meeting of the Texas Livestock association at El Paso, March 18, 19 and 20.

"While I am taking the trip somewhat in the nature of a resting tour," says Mr. Daughtrey, "I will make a thorough investigation of livestock conditions, and especially cattle, when I am in the south. The meeting is rather important and I will represent the Portland stock yards while there.

"The livestock industry is growing fast, but we need more hogs. It looks to me as if the supplies are now dwindling so fast that it will be the question of but a short time when we will again be forced to bring in hogs from the Missouri river section to supply our needs. There is money in the hog business, but naturally it will take some time to increase the industry sufficiently to fill our wants for all time."

W. H. Daughtrey.

IDEAS OF WHEAT MEN ARE FOR A DECLINE

While Market Price Is Unchanged There Is Less Inclination to Secure Stocks.

BY JOHN INGLIS.

Woodward, Okla., March 13.—Woodward over 200 miles from Wichita Falls; wheat still continues very promising through western Oklahoma; good rainfall last night. Farmers are pleased with the outlook. They are close up with the work and are getting ready for corn planting. Soil is in fine condition. There is an abundance of rough feed.

FOREIGN WHEAT MARKETS

Liverpool—Wheat closed unchanged to ⅛d lower.

Antwerp—Wheat closed unchanged to ⅛c higher.

Berlin — Wheat closed unchanged to ½c higher.

Budapest—Wheat closed unchanged.

Paris—Wheat closed ¼@½c higher.

CARGOES UNDER PRESSURE

London, March 13.—Wheat cargoes on passage quiet: more pressure to sell.

English country markets quiet.

French country markets steady.

PORTLAND GRAIN RECEIPTS

	Cars				
	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Monday	69	4	19	7	22
Tuesday	28	2	10	3	14
Wednesday	22	2	7	1	4
Thursday	30	2	10	3	8
Week ago	9	...	2	4	3
Season to date	14,898	1781	1689	1716	1519
Year ago	11,287	317	1849	1359	2189

There is a very quiet tone in the local grain trade. Ideas of buyers are weaker locally and there has been practically no activity reported from the country districts. While quoted prices are nominally the same as during the last few days, buyers at tidewater are less keen to take hold at these figures.

Only the better grades of wheat are being sought and according to buyers there is little of this quality remaining in the hands of farmers. Most of the offerings is stock that was rejected earlier in the season because it did not come up to the standard set by the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

There is a lack of offering in the oats trade but buyers are not anxious bidders. Most of them say they have ample stocks on hand to take care of present requirements and therefore are not rushing after holders.

Barley market remains in the same nominal position it has maintained for many weeks.

WHEAT—Producers' prices, track basis: Milling club, 86@87c; milling bluestem, $1.00. Export prices: Club, 86c; bluestem, 97@98c; red Russian, 85c; fortyfold, 90c; Turkey red, 93c; Willamette valley, 89c.

BARLEY—Producers' prices track basis: Feed, $23.50; brewing, $25; rolled, $24.50.

OATS—Producers' prices, track basis: No. 1 milling, $27.50@28.00; white, $27 per ton.

FLOUR—Selling prices: Patent, $4.70; Willamette valley, $4.70; local straight, $3.80@4.10; export, $3.85@3.95; bakers', $4.50@4.75.

HAY—Producers' prices: Willamette valley timothy, fancy, $15; ordinary, $12@14; eastern Oregon-Idaho fancy timothy, $15@16; alfalfa, $11@12; vetch and oats, $11; cheat, $10@11; clover, $8@9 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price: Bran, $21@22; middlings, $29.30; shorts, $23@24 per ton.

GRAIN BAGS—No. 1 Calcutta, $9.60@9.65.

COUNTRY INTERESTS ASKING ABOUT DEMAND

Want to Know What Crops Pay Best; Loganberries Rapidly Coming to the Front.

Many inquiries are now coming to the country from late settlers who want to know what crops to raise that will show a profit. The congested condition of the fruit and produce trade during last season has alarmed many and they are now wondering what to plant that will insure them a profit.

All who planted potatoes last season lost money by their work and naturally there will be a decreased acreage this season. This may possibly elevate prices next season, but much will depend upon what other sections will do. It is the general opinion of the trade in most of the producing sections that the entire country will show a decreased potato acreage this season.

Many of the inquires are in regard to the producing of small fruits, such as berries. The strawberry market generally shows a profit of some size to producers but the extent of this naturally depends upon the season. Taking the average, the business is highly profitable at Pacific Northwest points.

Loganberries have come to the front as a farm product during the last few years. Demand for this fruit is now so great that good prices have generally prevailed. The best buyers are the canneries as they offer a stated price per pound all season and stock that goes to them does not need the careful attention that fruit going to the general market must command. The acreage set to Loganberries has been greatly increased during the last two years, but according to canning interests the outlook is very favorable.

People Are Eating Luxuries

A Department For Consumers

It was not many years ago that many of the fruits and produce which are now almost considered necessities by the average consumer, were then practically impossible so far as the average family was concerned. There are tomatoes, for instance, which are now to be had practically all the year in their fresh state. Nowadays they come to the markets from all points of the American continent.

A few years ago California was considered the earliest source of supplies for fresh tomatoes in the local market, but the southern state is now taking a back seat so far as earliness or an exclusive control of the first market is concerned. A few years ago California's first tomatoes sold here at extremely high prices, but such is no longer the case. Mexico is now the early shipping point for tomatoes for the United States, and supplies come from there practically all the time until our home grown stuff is available.

Mexican tomatoes come to this market in carload lots. Sometimes as many as three cars a week are consumed in this market alone. Even after paying the high freight rate with duty added, the stock is actually sold to consumers at a lower price than the earliest California stock formerly brought. At retail fancy Mexican tomatoes are selling at 10c a pound, and in some instances three pounds for 25c. Within a short time even this price is expected to be shaded. While this price is still rather high for the average consumer, he insists upon buying them.

Florida and Mississippi are the next two earliest points that supply tomatoes for this market in carload lots. Shipments from there are expected within a short time, which will therefore affect the price received for the Mexican supplies.

It would be hard for consumers to go back to the old system of waiting for local sections to supply their needs of fresh vegetables. Southern California sends many carloads of lettuce to this market each season, and the demand is always good. At the present time head stock is selling generally at 5c each in the retail shops, although some of the larger sizes may be quoted at two heads for 15c. The importations of head lettuce from southern California have been so liberal during the last two seasons that it has practically ruined the hothouse industry of the Pacific northwest so far as lettuce is concerned. While hothouse lettuce is preferred by some for certain purposes, the head stock can be brought forward from southern California at so much lower price that there has been a gradual diminishing of the local industry.

There is no time of the year when cauliflower is now out of the market because of the excellent transportation facilities which enable dealers to get stocks elsewhere. All of this stock is now coming from the south, but the price at 10c a head is no higher than is charged most of the year even when the home grown article is available.

Spinach from Walla Walla is a very early vegetable in the local market. Growers have the production there down to a system so that they are able to reach consumers fully a month earlier than the home people, although the latter are now entering the field. As a health product, spinach is given front rank by many physicians, and its use is increasing every year. Supplies are obtainable at 10c a pound in most places, but two pounds for 15c is the general limit.

There are few times in the year when celery is not obtainable in the local market, although home growers supply little of the wants of the public. There are certain sections of California that devote their entire energies to the production of celery, and they have made a science of this branch of truck farming. Ten cents a head at retail is the general price today.

Within a few days everyone will be eating fresh asparagus, because the price is dropping to the level where the general public can afford to indulge. Some are already selling grass at 15c a pound, although the general retail price is a nickel above this. Supplies are increasing so fast that a sharp drop in the price is daily expected. Practically all of the asparagus received here at the start of the season is from the delta sections of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers. There are thousands of acres that are utilized for the growing of this vegetable alone. Huge corporations are engaged in the business, and the product is shipped to all points in the United States. Within a short time Walla Walla will be shipping asparagus to the local market. The California stock is generally of the white variety, while that from Walla Walla is green. The appetites of the public change from green to white with a suddenness at times that leaves a surplus of one color and a shortage of the other.

It is one of those strange whims of the general public which seems to not care for a product when it is really in season at home and demands a supply when stock must come from the outside. For a number of months there was practically no demand for cabbage from local consumers—in fact, the call was so limited that the price was in many instances too low to pay the freight charge from the country. This was when there was plenty of the local growth of best quality. Now there is a shortage of local cabbage and naturally everyone wants it. Therefore carloads are again being brought forward from California, and while it is of far inferior quality to the home product, the demand is excellent. Cabbage is now retailing at 5c to 10c a head, according to size.

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APPLE MARKET IS HIT BY A FLOOD OF SMALL STOCK FROM COUNTRY

Fruit Smaller Than 4½ Tier Is Practically Unsaleable in Wholesale Market; Some Rotten Stock Is Coming Forward.

The market is flooded with extremely poor quality apples and this is hurting the trade. Some stock has been received from Hood River and White Salmon during the last few days that will net the shipper a loss to the amount of the freight charge. The stock is so bad that it will be impossible to sell it at any price. One shipper, who is quite well known at The Dalles, sent forward some apples that have on an average of perhaps one apple to the box that is neither rotten nor specked. Naturally this is having an effect upon the trade.

Most of the apples now being offered are of small size and big fruit is really scarce and in demand. There is but little call for apples that are smaller than the 4½ tier size, but a large percent of the recent arrivals run 5 tier to the box and are really of poor grade too.

Apple handlers are making complaint about this sort of stock being shipped, as it ruins the trade for good fruit. They have sent hundreds of letters to the country telling them not to send forward such supplies, but they continue to come and must be handled.

NEW PLAN MAY SUCCEED

Attorney General McReynolds Believes That U. P.-S. P. Merger May Be Dissolved.

New York, March 13.—A new plan for the dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific has been submitted to Attorney General McReynolds who says that it will probably be acceptable to the government. This caused a sharp advance in the stock market during the last half hour of the session, forcing Union Pacific about 2 points above last night's closing. The entire market was like affected.

Range of New York prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co., 216-217 Board of Trade building.

DESCRIPTION	Open	High	Low	Bid
Amalgamated Copper Co.	69	70¼	68½	70¼
American C. & Fdy., c.	49½	49½	49½	49½
American Can, c.	32½	32½	31½	32⅝
American Can, pf.	121⅝	121½	121⅝	121¼
American Cotton Oil, c.	45	45	45	45
American Loco., c.	36½	36½	36⅜	36
American Sugar, c.	112	113½	112	112½
American Smelt, c.	68¼	69⅞	68¼	69⅝
American Smelt, pf.	...	...	...	102½
Am. Tel. & Tel.	132⅞	132⅞	132⅞	132¾
Anaconda Mining Co.	36⅛	36⅝	35⅞	36½
American Woolen, c.	...	...	...	17
Atchison, c.	100⅞	101½	100⅞	101½
Atchison, pf.	...	...	...	100⅛
Baltimore & Ohio, c.	100½	100⅝	100	100⅝
Beet Sugar	29	29	27	28⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	87⅛	87½	86⅝	87¼
Canadian Pacific, c.	222½	224¼	221	223¾
Central Leather, c.	26½	26½	26	26½
Central Leather, pf.	...	...	...	93
Chi. & G. W., c.	14	14	14	14
Chi. & G. W., pf.	...	...	...	28½
C., M. & St. P.	108½	109½	108	109¼
Chi. & N. W., c.	134¾	134½	134¼	134
Chino Copper	38⅞	39½	38¾	39⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	71⅝	72¼	71⅜	72¼
Colorado F. & I., c.	33	33½	32⅞	33¼
Consolidated Gas	130¾	130¾	130½	130¾
Corn Products, c.	10½	11	10½	11
Corn Products, pf.	65	66¼	63½	65
Delaware & Hudson	160	160⅛	160	159
Denver & R. G., c.	19½	19½	19¼	19½
Denver & R. G., pf.	33½	33½	33¼	33½
Erie, c.	27	27⅝	27	27⅝
Erie, 2d pf.	...	...	...	33¼
Erie, 1st pf.	44	44	44	44
General Electric	138	138	137⅞	138
G. Northern, ore lands	34⅝	35	34⅝	34½
G. Northern, pf.	126½	127	126½	127
Illinois Central	...	...	...	123⅛
Int. Harvester	105	105	104½	104½
Inter. Metropolitan, c.	16¾	17⅝	16¾	17¼
Inter. Metropolitan, pf.	58	59⅝	58	59⅝
Lehigh Valley	154	155	153⅞	154¾
Kansas City Southern	...	...	...	24
Louisville & Nashville	133⅝	134	133	134
Missouri Pacific	37½	38	37½	37¾
National Lead	...	...	...	49¼
Nevada Consolidated	...	...	...	17⅛
New York Central	106	106	105¾	105¾
N. Y., O. & W.	30½	31	30½	31
Norfolk & Western, c.	104½	104⅝	104	104½
Northern Pacific, c.	115½	116	115⅜	116
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	...	...	...	25½
Pennsylvania Railway	118¾	119	118¾	118¾
P., C., L. & C. Co.	110	110	110	110
P. Steel Car, c.	26	26	26	26
P. Steel Car, pf.	...	...	...	95
Ray Cons. Copper	18¾	18⅝	18⅛	18½
Reading, c.	155	156¾	154½	156½
Reading, 2d pf.	...	...	...	89½
Reading, 1st pf.	...	...	...	99
Republic I. & S., c.	24⅞	24⅞	24½	24¾
Republic I. & S., pf.	87	87	86⅞	86⅞
Rock Island, c.	21½	21⅝	21½	21¾
Rock Island, pf.	36½	36½	35½	37
St. L. & S. F., 2d pf.	24⅛	24⅝	24⅛	25
Southern Pacific, c.	99⅞	100¼	99⅝	100½
Southern Railway, c.	25⅝	25⅝	25¼	25⅝
Southern Railway, pf.	80⅛	80⅛	80	80¼
Tenn. Copper	36	36	35⅞	35⅞
Texas & Pacific	...	...	...	18
T., St. L. & W., c.	11	11	11	11
T., St. L. & W., pf.	...	...	...	25
Union Pacific, c.	147⅞	150¼	147¼	150
Union Pacific, pf.	83½	83½	83	83¾
U. S. Rubber, c.	60¼	61	60	61
U. S. Rubber, pf.	104½	104⅝	104½	104½
U. S. Steel Co., c.	59⅝	60⅝	59	60½
U. S. Steel Co., pf.	107⅝	107⅝	107½	107⅝
Utah Copper	52½	53⅛	52¼	53⅛
Virginia Chemical	32⅝	33⅛	32¾	33
Wabash, c.	...	...	...	3¾
Wabash, pf.	...	...	...	11
W. U. Telegraph	66¾	67¼	66½	66½
Westinghouse Electric	68¼	68¼	68	68
Wis. Central, c.	...	...	...	47⅛

Total sales 294,300 shares.
Money closed 4½%.

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	1138	1141	1137	1141@42
March	1120	1126	1115	1125@26
May	1185	1192	1184	1191@92
June	...	...	...	1185@86
July	1179	1186	1176	1184@85
August	1176	1176	1169	1175@76
September	...	...	...	1149@51
October	1140	1146	1138	1144@45
December	1146	1146	1141	1145@46

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HOGS ARE NICKEL TO DIME LOWER TODAY IN NO. PORTLAND YARDS

Best Offerings Go at $9.20 Today, but Even This Is 15 Cents Better Than Any Other Market in the Country; Sheep Are Up a Quarter.

IN THE STOCKYARDS.

North Portland—Hogs, 5 to 10c lower; tops, $9.20; cattle, steady; sheep 25c higher.

South Omaha—Hogs, 10 to 15c higher; tops, $8.70; cattle, steady; sheep 10 to 15c higher.

Kansas City—Hogs, steady; tops, $8.95; cattle, steady; sheep firm.

Chicago—Hogs, 5c lower; tops, $9.05; cattle and sheep, steady.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RCN

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Thursday	283	18	9	...
Wednesday	899	176	1	483
Tuesday	208	...	1	260
Monday	902	438	8	1799
Saturday	179	18	1	633
Friday	143	...	..	248
Week ago	524	549	1	472
Year ago	588	746	9	703

There was a loss of 5 to 10c in the price of hogs at North Portland for the day, but the local market continued 15c above any other in the United States. Select offerings were sold this morning at $9.20. This stock was better than the stuff that sold at a nickel more yesterday, therefore the general trade can be safely considered a dime off.

There were only three loads in the yards this morning, and two of these sold early at $9.40. The other load was not bid for so freely, but it will likely be sold around $9.15 later in the day.

At Chicago there was a loss of 5c in the hog trade, with tops at $9.05 this morning.

Kansas City hog market was steady to firm at $8.95 for best.

South Omaha was the only hog market to show an advance for the day. It closed at $8.70, or 10 to 15c better than yesterday.

Hog shippers today: Arlington Lumber company, Condon, 1 load; T. H. Stevenson, Condon, 1 load; J. C. Cooper, Condon, 1 load.

North Portland hog market range:

Best light	$ 9.20
Medium light	9.10@9.15
Best heavy	9.00@9.05
Rough and heavy	6.75@7.00

Sheep Market Is Higher.

Sheep market prices are at least 25c higher. While there were no additional arrivals in the yards for the day, some heldover stuff was sold about a quarter better than recent days. There is an especial good demand for ewes, but none of these have been coming recently. Top lambs with wool on will sell around $7.50, and best wool wethers at $6.50.

At Chicago there was a steady tone in the sheep trade, with no change in prices.

Kansas City sheep market was steady at unchanged prices.

South Omaha sheep trade was firmer, with an advance of 10 to 15c for the day.

North Portland wool sheep values:

Best grain fed lambs	$7.25@7.50
Ordinary lambs	6.75@7.00
Best yearlings	6.50
Ordinary yearlings	6.25
Old wethers	6.15
Fancy ewes	5.00@5.25
Ordinary ewes	4.00@4.75

Sheared stock 75c less than wool stock.

Cattle Market Is Firm.

There was only a single load of cattle in the yards today. No top stuff was available there. Best prices were not tested in the North Portland trade this morning. General conditions in the cattle trade are good at the prices generally quoted.

At Chicago there was a steady tone in the cattle trade at unchanged prices.

Kansas City cattle market was steady for the day.

South Omaha cattle market was steady with top steers at $8.60.

The only shipper of cattle for the market today was Fred A. Hadbain, who had a load of cattle and calves in from Turner.

North Portland cattle range:

Heavy feed steers	$ 7.75
Choice steers	7.65
Common steers	7.50
Spayed heifers	7.40
Fancy cows	7.00
Ordinary light calves	6.50@6.75
Fancy light calves	9.00
Heavy calves	5.00@6.50
Best bulls	5.50
Ordinary bulls	4.50@5.90

Wednesday Afternoon Sales.

STEERS

Buyer.	No.	Ave. lbs.	Price.
Carstens Packing Co.	26	1174	$7.50
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Commission Co.	25	1136	7.25
Ray Fairchild	24	1218	7.25
Ray Fairchild	20	1110	7.25
Carstens Packing Co.	16	1048	7.00
Union Meat Co.	2	865	6.50

CALVES

Union Meat Co.	1	140	$8.75

STAGS

Union Meat Co.	1	1160	$5.75

BULLS

Union Meat Co.	7	1462	$5.75
Union Meat Co.	7	1664	5.75
C. A. Pauley	1	1490	5.50
Union Meat Co.	1	1690	5.15
Union Meat Co.	4	1380	5.15

COWS

C. A. Pauley	1	800	$6.75
C. A. Pauley	1	1230	6.25
Union Meat Co.	1	1080	5.75
Union Meat Co.	2	810	5.50
C. A. Pauley	1	870	5.25

Thursday Morning Sales.

STEERS

Buyer.	No.	Ave. lbs.	Price.
Blachell Bros.	14	907	$7.15
Blachell Bros.	1	1130	7.15

HOGS

Barton & Co.	89	175	$9.20
Barton & Co.	94	174	9.20
Union Meat Co.	3	183	9.20

SHEARED LAMBS

Barton & Co.	147	90	$6.50
Barton & Co.	156	83	6.50

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK

Hogs Are Holding at $8.95 for Tops; Sheep Trade Is Firm.

Kansas City, March 13.—Hogs 6000. Market steady. Tops $8.95.

Cattle—3000. Market steady.

Sheep—9000. Market firm.

CHICAGO HOGS LOWER

Tops Drop to $8.05, or Nickel Under High Figure of Yesterday.

Chicago, March 13.—Hogs—17,000. Year ago 30,000. Left over 3500. Market 5c lower. Mixed and butchers $8.00@9.00; good and heavy, $8.05@8.95; rough and heavy, $8.55@8.70; light, $8.70@9.05.

Cattle—5000. Market steady.

Sheep—12,000. Market steady.

OMAHA SWINE ADVANCE

Rise of 10 to 15 Cents for the Day; Mutton Up a Like Amount.

South Omaha, March 13.—Cattle 3000. Market steady. Steers $8.25@8.60; cows and heifers, $6.75@7.90.

Hogs—10,700. Market 10@15c higher at $8.55@8.70.

Sheep—4600. Market 10@15c higher. Yearlings $7.50@7.75; wethers, $6.50@6.75; lambs, $8.45@9.00; ewes, $6.15@6.35.

NORTHWEST BANK STATEMENT

Portland Banks.

Clearings.	This week.	Year ago.
Thursday	$2,634,184.41	$1,993,808.60
Wednesday	2,995,749.30	2,968,749.76
Tuesday	2,238,619.61	2,732,225.22
Monday	2,609,964.33	2,876,337.15
Week to date	$10,478,517.65	$10,571,120.73

Tacoma Banks.

Clearings	$ 636,985.00
Balances	108,885.00

Seattle Banks.

Clearings	$2,861,348.00
Balances	831,200.00

Today's Metal Market.

New York, March 13.—Metals:
Copper—Lake, $14.15 bid.
Lead—$4.30@4.40.
Spelter—$6.35@6.45.
Tin—$48.50@48.75.
Bar silver—New York, 57⅞c; London, 26⅝d.

San Francisco Grain Calls.

San Francisco, May 13.—Grain calls:

BARLEY

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	135⅝B	....	....	135½A
December	135	135	134¾	134¾

WHEAT BEARS STRONG

Are Able to Ignore All News of a Bullish Nature in Chicago; Closing Is Lower.

Chicago, March 13.—All bullish news was ignored in the wheat market today. The market started with a loss of ⅝c a bushel for May and July while the September was ⅛c off. Closing was ¼c off for the May, unchanged for the July and ⅛c lower for September option.

The second official report covering India shows the acreage of wheat at 524,000 acres under last year. The condition of the growing crop was considered good.

Broomhall cabled from Liverpool that the late strength in America yesterday served to offset the effect