ALLEGED REPORT OF BIG STOCKS OF WHEAT IS HURTING THE MARKET

EGG MARKET WEAKER WITH PRICE DOWN A FRACTION ON STREET

Receipts Continue Liberal and With Lower Values in California the North Will Buy There Unless the Cut Is Met by Home Trade.

Today's Produce Trade.
Egg market weaker.
Chickens are higher.
Country meats firmer.
Cheese and butter unchanged.
Hop market quiet.
Oranges selling fast.
Asparagus sells well.
Local apple trade good.

The market for eggs is slightly weaker along Front street and quotations are generally ½c a dozen lower. Receipts continue to come forward quite freely and while the outside demand has up to this time been quite good, the lower prices offering in California are having their effect. The best price that receivers are able to clean up their holdings of case count today was 23c a dozen. Even this is a cent better than select candled stock is being quoted at in San Francisco.

The outlook for eggs is for lower prices within the immediate future. While it is impossible to state at this time what Alaska will want during the next few days, the fact that the trade there can purchase for less in the California market is a factor of importance that should not be overlooked by the trade generally and country shippers in particular.

Egg market prices here at this time are very favorable considering the period of the season. They are fully equal to values received during any recent year at this period.

CHICKEN PRICES ARE HIGHER

Further advance of ½c a pound has been forced in the price of live chickens along Front street, owing to the great demand for supplies. While receipts are quite liberal the wants of the trade are better.

MEAT PRICES QUOTED FIRMER

All through the market for country killed meats, the price is being held rather firm along Front street today. This applies to both veals and hogs. Receipts of hogs are now picked up at extreme prices for best.

ORANGE STOCKS MAY DWINDLE

Owing to the heavy storms in the south, making it impossible to ship at this time, it is likely that a shortage of oranges will be shown after the present shipment arrives. Present values are holding steady but unchanged.

HELPING JOBBING BUSINESS

The establishment of a fast freight service for fish shipments from the north to Portland by the Northern Pacific it is expected to aid this city in establishing a good wholesale business with California. The new service will allow this city to compete with Puget Sound for the southern trade.

MORE CHINOOKS ARE COMING

Slight increase in the volume of arrivals of chinook salmon are show from the Columbia and Willamette rivers. The price was placed generally at 12¼c a pound for dressed stock, with heads attached, today. Steelheads are firm at former prices.

NO CALL FOR POTATOES HERE

There continues a stagnant tone in the potato trade here and in California and values remain low. No buying for outside account is reported, dealers saying that values are too low elsewhere to admit even of present values here.

SHIPPERS WEATHER GUIDE

Weather bureau sends the following notice to shippers: Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 42 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 32 degrees; southeast to Boise, 30 degrees; south to Ashland, 42 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight, about 42 degrees.

JOBBING PRICES OF PORTLAND

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

BUTTER—Nominal Willamette valley creamery cubes, selling price, 32c; best prints, 34@35c; ranch butter, 19c; city creamery, 34@35c.

EGGS—Selected. Candled local extras, 24c; case count, 23@23¼c, buying price f. o. b. Portland, 21@22c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 16½@17c; springs, 16½@17c; stags, live geese, 12c; Pekin ducks, 17@18c; Indian Runners, 13@15c; geese, 12@13c, turkeys, 18@19c; dressed, 20@27c; pigeons, old, $1.00, young, $1.50 dozen; jackrabbits, $2.00@2.25.

CHEESE—Nominal. Fresh Oregon fancy full cream twins and triplets, 21c; daisies, 21c; Young America, 22c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—Buying price, choice, 18c; prime, 17c; medium to prime, 16½c, contracts, 15@15½c.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK—Car lots, 4½c; less than car lots, 4¼c.

MOHAIR—1913—Nominal, 25@27c.

WOOL—Nominal, 1913 clip: Willamette valley coarse Cotswold, 16c lb.; medium Shropshire, 17c; choice fancy lots, 18c lb.; eastern Oregon, 10@16c, according to shrinkage.

HIDES—Dry hides, 22@23c lb., green, 11@12c; salted hides, 12½c; bulls, green salt, 8@9c, kids, 13@14c; calves, dry, 25c; salt skins, salted or green, 18@20c; green hides 1c less than salted; sheep pelts, salted, shearings 10@25c; dry, 10c.

Fruit and Vegetables.

BERRIES—Cranberries, local, $9@9.50 per barrel; eastern, $12.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $1.75@2.00; tangeriens, $1.75@2.00; bananas, 4½@5c lb.; lemons, $3.50@4.50; limes, $1.00 per 100; grapefruit, Florida, $6.00@6.25; pineapples, 6½@7c; persimmons, $1.75 crate.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.00; beets, $1.00; carrots, $1.00; parsnips, $1.00 sack; cabbage, local, $2.50; California, $2.25; Mexican tomatoes, (—) Cuban tomatoes, $5.00 per crate; green onions, 15c dozen bunches; peppers, bell, 12½c, head lettuce, $2.00 crate; hot house lettuce, $1.00@1.25 per box; celery, California, $3.75 per crate; egg plant, 15c; cauliflower, California, $2.25 crate; French artichokes, $1.75 dozen; sprouts, 11c; string beans, 7@10c; lima beans, 11c lb.; peas, 15c lb.; spinach, $1.25 box; asparagus, 35c lb.

ONIONS—Jobbing price $3.50@3.75; carload buying price $3.00 f. o. b. shipping station; garlic, 12½@15c lb.

APPLES—Spitzenberg, $1.25@2.50; Northern Spy, 75c@1.25; Jonathan, $1.00@2.00; Rhode Island Greening, $1.00@1.25; Winter Bananas, $1.50@2.50; Ortley, $1.50@2.00; cooking grades 75c@1.00.

POTATOES—Selling price: Extra choice, $1.00; choice, 90c; ordinary, 80c sack; buying price, carloads, 65c; extra fancy, sorted, 75c; sweets, $2.25 per cwt.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS—Selling price — Country killed: Hogs, fancy, 10½@11c; ordinary, 9½c; rough and heavy, 9c; fancy veals, 14c; ordinary, 13@13½c; poor, 9@10c; hams, 10c; mutton, 8c; goats, 2@4c.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Hams, 18¼@19½c; breakfast bacon, 19@27½c; boiled ham, 29½c; picnics, 15c; cottage (—).

MEATS—Packing house—Steers, No. 1 stock, 12@12½c, cows, No. 1 stock, 11@11½c; ewes, 9½c; wethers, 10½@11c; lambs, 12½c; pork loins, 18c; dressed hogs, 11c.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon (—); per 100 lb. sack (—); Olympia, per gallon, $3.50; per 100 lb. sack (—); canned eastern, 55c can; $6.50 dozen; eastern, in shell, $1.75@2.00 per 100; razor clams, $2.00@2.25 box; eastern oysters, per gallon, solid pack, $3.00.

FISH—Nominal. Dressed flounders, 6c; striped bass, 17c; chinook salmon, 12½c; steelheads, 11½@12c; halibut, 4@5½c; Columbia smelt, 60@75c per box; shrimps, 12½c; perch, 8c lb.; lobsters, 30@35c lb.; black bass, 10c; silver smelt, 7c; herring, 6c lb.; black cod, 8c; sturgeon, 13c; dressed tomcod, 8c.

LARD—Tierces, 12½c; compound, tierces, 11c.

CRABS—Large, $1.60; medium, $1 dozen.

Groceries.

SUGAR—Cube, $5.20; powdered, $5.00; fruit or berry, $4.80, beet, $4.60; dry granulated, $4.80; D yellow, $4.10. (Above quotations are 30 days net cash.)

BEANS—Small white, 6¼c; large white, 5c. pink, 4½c; limas, 6¼c; bayo, 6¼c; red 5½c.

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

HONEY—New, $3.25@3.50 per case.

SALT—Coarse, half grounds, 100s, $10 per ton; 50s, $10.75; table dairy, 50s, $18; 10s, $17.50; bales, $2.25; extra fine barrels, 2s, 5s and 10s, $5.25@6.00; lump rock, $20.50 per ton.

HIGHEST MARKET PRICES
Ship Us Eggs, Poultry, Hogs, Veal
Net prices f. o.b. Portland: no commission. fresh valley chicken eggs, 18 to 20c per doz., case count. Dairy butter, 17c. Hens and springs, 14@15c; 6 pound hens 17c pound; ducks 9@12c; turkeys, 18c, dressed 18@25c; geese, 10@12c; pigeons, $1@2 doz.; fancy pork, 9½@10c; veal, fancy, 13@14c; cascara bark, 4½c lb. Prices in effect until further notice. RUBY & Co., 107 Front St., Portland, Or., Assets, $30,000.00.

FISH RULING IS BLOW AT LOWERING COST OF LIVING IN PORTLAND

Shipments of Catfish and Dolly Varden Trout Are Sent Back Because of the Law Which Prohibits Their Sale Here.

Local fish interests are very much excited over the ruling of the fish commission that catfish, trout and black bass from other states be no longer sold here.

Many tons of Dolly Varden trout are said to be dumped each week in the north because of the ruling, and local consumers are no longer able to secure this fish at any price.

One big shipment of catfish which came from California has been returned to that state by the receivers because of the commission ruling. The fish will likely be rotten when it reaches its destination.

According to fish interests the ruling of the commission means that the consumer will be compelled to pay more for fish supplies hereafter, if able to get them at all. Formerly the trade here was well supplied with various varieties of fish, but since the ruling of the commission that "tagging" will no longer be allowed, the markets show only a small assortment.

STOCKS ARE VERY DULL

New York Transactions Are Small; Price Changes Are Small Except for Louisville.

New York, Feb. 20.—The stock market was extremely dull today with total sales but 156,700 shares. Call loans ruled nominal around 2 per cent.

The market showed only limited price changes during the day but most shares closed at an advance. Louisville & Nashville was exceptionally strong and active for a dull session, closing with a net gain of a point.

London reported January flotations of new securities at $221,000,000, a new high record for the month. Consols for both money and account declined ⅛d.

Reorganization plans for Rock Island are expected to be ready within a few days.

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

DESCRIPTION	Open	High	Low	Close
Amalg. Copper Co.	75¾	76¼	75¾	75⅞
Am. Car & Foundry, c.	51¾	52	51¾	51¾
Am. Can, c.	31	31¼	31	31¼
Am. Cotton Oil, c.	....	....	....	44¾
Am. Loco., c.	35	35	34⅛	34⅜
Am. Sugar, c.	....	....	....	105½
Am. Smelt, c.	68½	68½	68½	68¼
Am. Tel. & Tel.	....	....	....	121
Anaconda Mining Co.	36⅝	36¾	36⅝	36⅝
Atchison, c.	....	....	....	97¾
Baltimore & Ohio, c.	92½	92⅝	92½	92⅜
Brook. Rapid Transit	92⅝	93¼	92½	93
Canadian Pacific, c.	214⅝	214⅝	214¼	214½
Central Leather, c.	33	33¼	32⅜	32½
C., M. & St. Paul	103	103	103	103
Chino Copper	41⅞	42⅜	41⅞	42¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	64	64⅝	64	64⅝
Colo. Fuel & Iron, c.	32⅜	32½	32⅜	32½
Den. & Rio Grande, c.	....	....	....	15⅝
Erie, c.	30¼	30½	30¼	30⅜
General Electric	149⅞	150⅝	149	148⅞
Great Northern, pfd.	129⅛	129½	129⅛	129¼
Illinois Central	111½	111½	110¾	111
Inter. Met., c.	15⅝	15½	15¼	15¼
Lehigh Valley	151¼	151½	150¾	151
K. C. Southern	....	....	....	25
Mexican Petroleum	67½	68½	67½	68¼
Louisville & Nashville	136	137	136	136
Mo. Kan. & Texas, c.	....	....	....	21⅝
Mo. Pacific	26½	27	26½	26¾
National Lead	....	....	....	50
Nevada Consolidated	16	16⅛	16	16⅛
New Haven	69¼	69¾	68⅞	69
N. Y. Central	90⅝	90⅝	90¼	90⅜
N. Y., O. & W.	28¾	28¾	28⅝	28⅝
Norfolk & Western, c.	104½	104⅝	104½	104½
Northern Pacific, c.	116	116⅛	115⅞	115⅞
Pa. Mail Stem. Co.	....	....	....	26¼
Penn. Railway	112⅝	112¾	112¼	112½
Pressed Steel Car, c.	44⅛	44⅞	44¾	44¼
Ray Cons. Copper	....	....	....	20⅛
Reading, c.	167⅝	167¾	167¼	167⅜
Rep. Iron & Steel, c.	26	26¼	26	25¾
Rock Island, c.	6⅛	6¼	5⅝	5⅞
St. L. & S. F., 2d pfd.	....	....	....	7
Southern Pacific, c.	96⅜	96½	96¼	96⅜
Southern Railway, c.	26¾	27	26¾	26¾
Tenn. Copper	....	....	....	36
Union Pacific, c.	162¼	162½	161⅞	161⅞
U. S. Rubber, c.	60¼	60½	60⅛	60
U. S. Steel Co., c.	66	66¼	66	66
U. S. Steel Co., pfd.	....	....	....	110¼
Utah Copper	55¼	55⅝	55	55
Virginia Chemical	30⅝	31	30½	31¼
Wabash, c.	2⅛	2½	2⅛	2⅜
Western Union Tel.	65¼	65¼	65	65
Westinghouse Electric	71½	72½	71½	71½
Wisconsin Central, c.	....	....	....	45

Total sales, 156,700 shares.
Money, 2%.

Bond Market.

	Bid.	Asked.
Atch. Gen. 4s	95½	¾
Atl. Coast Line, 1st, 4s	93¼	¾
B. & O. Gold 4s	95¼	
B. R. T. 4s	91¾	92
Ches. & O. 4½s	95¾	96½
C. M. & St. P. Gen. 4½s	103	⅛
C. R. I. Col. 4s	45½	⅛
Cal. Gas 5s	94	½
C. B. Q. Joint 4s	96¾	½
Erie Gen. 4s	73¼	74⅞
Int. Met. 4½s	77¾	78
Louisville & Nash., Un. 4s	95⅝	½
Missouri Pacific 4s	60	63
N. Y. C. Gen. 3½s	63	⅜
N. & W. 1st Con. 4s	94¾	95½
Northern Pacific 4s	95½	¾
Oregon Short Line Ref. 4s	....	94
Oregon Ry. Nav. 4s	93	94
Pacific Tel. 5s	98¼	⅝
Penn. Con. 4s	100¼	101
Reading Gen. 4s	94½	95½
St. L. & San. Fran. Ref. 4s	77	⅝
So. P. Ref. 4s	92	½
S. P. Col. 4s	91	93
So. Ry. 5s	105¼	¼
So. Ry. 4s	75⅛	½
Un. Ry. Inv. 4s		60
Un. Pac. 1st and Ref. 4s	93¼	94½
U. S. Steel 5s	102¼	102⅝
West Shore 4s	93	94
Wabash 4s	59½	60
W'house Elec. cv. 5s	94	95
Wisconsin Central 4s	88	¾
U. S. GOVERNMENT BONDS.		
United States 2s registered	98¾	99¼
United States 2s coupon	98¾	99½
United States 3s registered	102	103
United States 3s coupon	102	
United States 4s registered	111¾	112¾
United States 4s coupon	112	

NORTH PORTLAND IS HIGHEST MARKET FOR SWINE IN COUNTRY

Firmer Feeling Here Together With Lower Price in East Is Cause of New Record; Feeder Sheep From Montana.

Today's Hog Market.

	Tops.
Portland	$8.75
Chicago	8.70
Kansas City	8.65
Omaha	8.45
Denver	8.45

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Friday	700	75	2	1440
Thursday	223	145	.	....
Wednesday	912	175	.	368
Tuesday	259	....	.	126
Monday	4688	1168	1	4316
Saturday	239	....	.	13
Week ago	390	23	.	444
Year ago	244	613	3	30
Two years ago	248	268	.	489

By a drop in prices in the east and a further strengthening of quotations here, North Portland today became the highest priced hog market in the entire country. Hogs sold here at $8.75 for tops this morning, while the best price available in the east was not above $8.70. Quality considered, it is believed that the local market is fully 15c above any other in the country.

The strength in the local hog market for the day was maintained in the face of a fairly liberal run overnight. The demand for hogs is daily showing an increase in this market and the outlook is most favorable, although to a more or less extent, the trade here will likely follow the action of the eastern markets.

At Chicago there was a weaker tone today for hogs with a loss of 5c to 10c in the price.

Kansas City hog market was weaker with a loss of 5c for the day.

Denver hog market was weaker with a loss of 10c to 15c today.

Omaha hog market was 10c lower for the day.

General hog market range:

Best light, 175 to 225 lbs.	$8.70@8.75
Prime heavy, 225 to 250 lbs.	8.50@8.65
Rough and heavy	7.50@7.75
Pigs, 75 to 125 lbs.	7.50@8.00

Feeder Sheep Arrive.

There was a big run of sheep from Montana today but a large per cent of the arrivals were in the feeder class. They came to a local feeder and seller.

The general trend of the mutton market here is quite favorable with former values very well maintained.

Demand for mutton products is gaining here and the outlook for the immediate future is considered good.

At Chicago there was a strong tone for mutton today but prices were unchanged.

Kansas City mutton market ruled strong at an advance of a nickel for the day.

Denver sheep market was easy today.

Omaha sheep trade ruled steady and active.

General mutton market quotations:

Best lambs	$6.50@6.75
Poor lambs	5.50@6.00
Best ewes	4.50@4.75
Ordinary ewes	3.50@4.00
Best yearling wethers	5.75@6.00
Wethers	5.40@5.65

Cattle About Steady.

The situation in the cattle trade at North Portland is just about steady. There was a small run for the day and this consisted of mixed varieties. The market is considered at practically the same height as quoted during recent days.

At Chicago there was a stronger tone in the cattle market today but prices were stationary.

Kansas City cattle market ruled strong at an advance of a nickel for the day.

Denver cattle market was steady.

Omaha cattle prices were steady and unchanged generally.

General cattle market range:

Prime steers, 1100 to 1200 lbs.	$7.85@8.00
Good to choice steers	7.35@7.60
Common steers	6.75@7.25
Prime speyed heifers	7.00@7.25
Good choice dehorned cows	6.85@7.10
Fair to good cows	5.50@6.25
Best bulls	5.50@5.75
Good bulls	5.00@5.50
Common bulls	4.00@5.00
Best light calves	9.00@9.50
Ordinary calves	8.00@8.75

Today's Livestock Shippers.

Hogs—Arlington Lumber company, 1 load; McCaw & Ldystrom, Weiser, 2 loads; E. A. Rugg, Athena, 1 load; Grover Bros., Ontario, 1 load; L. McGregor, North Powder, 1 load.

Cattle—Lester Wade, Ione, 2 loads; George Dunn, Ashland, 1 load.

Sheep—J. P. McAndie, Holson, Mont., 12 loads.

Mixed stuff—J. D. Dinsmore, West Stayton, 1 load cattle, calves and hogs direct to Union Meat company.

Comparative statement of North Portland livestock run:

	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Month to date	4130	7	14,459	16,327
Same 1913	3949	39	11,797	18,899
Increase	181	...	3662	......
Decrease	...	32	......	2572
Year to date	9002	44	39,106	44,555
Same 1913	10,483	170	32,859	36,576
Increase	...	...	6247	7979
Decrease	1481	126	......	......

Thursday Afternoon Sales.

Section—	No.	Av. lbs.	Price.
STEERS.			
Oregon	27	1177	$7.35
Oregon	1	910	6.00
COWS.			
Oregon	19	1080	$6.40
Oregon	6	1133	5.50
Oregon	2	1130	5.50
Oregon	1	1110	5.00
YEARLING WETHERS.			
Oregon	71	90	$6.00
WETHERS.			
Oregon	70	82	$5.00
EWES.			
Oregon	100	103	$4.75

Friday Morning Sales.

Section—	No.	Av. lbs.	Price.
STEERS.			
Oregon	14	1361	$7.50
Oregon	1	1600	6.75
Oregon	15	1237	7.65
BULLS.			
Oregon	1	1420	$5.50
Oregon	9	1571	5.50
Oregon	26	1054	5.25
HOGS.			
Idaho	96	199	$8.75
Oregon	89	178	8.70
Oregon	72	185	8.70
Idaho	90	159	8.65
Oregon	3	247	8.20
Oregon	15	127	8.20
Oregon	18	127	8.15
Idaho	30	122	8.15
Idaho	9	416	7.75
Oregon	5	368	7.70
Oregon	6	340	7.70
Oregon	68	188	8.70
Oregon	16	178	8.70
Oregon	14	140	8.15
Oregon	1	150	7.50

DENVER HOGS QUOTED LOWER

Yard Prices Off 10 to 15c Again; Sheep Situation Easier.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 20.—Hogs, 400; market 10@15c lower at $8.40@8.45.

Cattle, 100; market steady; steers, $6.00@8.15; cows and heifers, $5.25@6.75.

Sheep, 500; market easy; yearlings, $6.00@6.50; wethers, none; ewes, $4.50@5.10; lambs, $6.50@7.10.

San Francisco Barley Calls.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Barley calls:

	Feb. 19. Close.	Open.	Feb. 20. Close.
May	112½	115½	115½
December	112½	114	116

SOME HOPS SELLING AT LOWER PRICE IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Chinese Lot Goes at 17½c, the Extreme top at Present; Others Sell Around 17c for Primes; Contract Market Is Firm.

While there is a quiet tone in the hop trade generally, a fair amount of business has recently passed at lower prices. The extreme top quotation at this time is 17½c a pound and it takes exceptionally good quality to bring that price at the moment. In fact, some very good primes were sold during the last 24 hours at 17c a pound. John Hackett of McMinnville is reported the seller of 141 bales to Livesley at 17c. Lee Loy sold 271 bales of No. 1 hops to Klaber, Wolf & Netter at 17½c, topping the market, while a lot of 44 bales was reported sold at Newberg around 17c.

There is a difference of opinion among the trade regarding the contract market. Some report that nothing above 14c is available, but it is known that growers are not willing to go below 15c.

A late New York mail advice says of the general situation:

	Bales.
Receipts for week	1,090
Receipts since Sept. 1	98,430
Exports to Europe for week	174
Exports from September 1	90,961
Imports for week	63
Imports from September 1	3,749

"The main cause of weakness in the situation of late has been the fact that exporters are holding off under dull and weaker advices from English markets. Then, too, dealers in this country have been quite indifferent buyers, most of them having decided opinion that without further export business we have too many hops left. This has been the feeling here in the east for some time past. Brewers being pretty well stocked have not been disposed to purchase further important lots, especially in view of the strong temperance agitation and uncertainty as to what legislation may result. Our local market remains very slow and generally easier. So few state 1913 hops that they are held relatively high, but all grades of Pacifics are offering 1@2c lower, and we revise our quotations accordingly."

New York hop prices, per pound:

State, 1913, choice	45@46c
State, 1913, med. to prime	40@44c
State, 1913, lower grades	30@38c
State, 1912	15@20c
State, old olds	10@14c
Pacific Coast, 1913, choice	24@25c
Pac. Coast, 1913, med. to prime	21@23c
Pac. Coast, 1913, inferior grades	19@20c
Pac. Coast, 1912, com. to prime	16@20c
Pacific Coast, old olds	13@16c
Imported, 1913	60@70c

WHEAT CHANGE SMALL

Chicago Market Is Unchanged for May and ⅛ Up for July and Start and Closing.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Only fractional change was shown in the wheat market at the closing today, May being unchanged and July ⅛c better than yesterday's finals. Opening figures were unchanged for May and ⅛c up for July.

After the opening the market showed a rise of ¼c for May and but ⅛ for July. The weakness at the opening was due to the unfavorable start of the Liverpool market, although the closing there was higher.

Broomhall cabled from Liverpool that the larger shipments from Argentina caused some pressure at the opening, with liberal exports from Australia expectations of larger world's shipments this week. Later there was covering and speculative support induced by fewer Manitoba offers, firmness in spot improved millers demand and firmness of Australian offers.

Range of Chicago prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke company, 216-217 Board of Trade building:

Month—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	
WHEAT.					
May	94½	94¾	94¼	94½	A
July	89⅜	98½	89⅛	89⅜	B
CORN.					
May	65⅞	66½	65⅞	66¾	B
July	65¼	65¾	65¼	65¾	
Sept.	64⅞	65⅜	64⅞	65¼	
OATS.					
May	40	40¼	39⅞	40¼	B
July	39¾	39⅞	39¾	39¾	
PORK.					
May	2162	2167	2162	2162	
July	...	....	....	2162	
LARD.					
May	1077	1080	1075	1077	A
July	1097	1097	1095	1095	B
RIBS.					
May	1150	1152	1147	1150	A
July	1162	1165	1162	1162	A

NORTHWEST BANK STATEMENT

Portland Banks.

Clearings—	This week.	Year ago.
Friday	$2,495,920.21	$1,473,241.27
Thursday	1,945,427.00	1,818,073.49
Wednesday	1,972,441.77	1,991,102.05
Tuesday	1,882,841.64	1,814,802.36
Monday	2,202,828.55	2,334,705.90
Week to date	$10,499,459.17	$9,431,929.07

Tacoma Banks.

Clearings	$328,574.00
Balances	32,676.00

Seattle Banks.

Clearings	$1,743,482.00
Balances	230,524.00

HOGS ARE LOWER AT OMAHA

Tops Drop to $8.45 With Loss of a Dime in the Yards Today.

South Omaha, Feb. 20.—Cattle, 700; market steady; steers, $8.20@8.75; cows and heifers, $6.50@8.00.

Hogs, 12,000; market 10c lower at $8.20@8.45.

Sheep, 8700; market active and steady; yearlings, $6.25@6.50; wethers, $5.50@5.85; lambs, $7.35@7.75; ewes, $5.25@5.40.

CHICAGO HOGS ARE LOWER

Market Down 5 to 10c Today; Cattle and Sheep Are Strong.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Hogs, 25,000; market 5 to 10c lower; mixed, $8.40@8.70; heavy, $8.60@8.70; rough, $8.40@8.55; light, $8.45@8.65.

Cattle, 2000; market strong.

Sheep, 12,000; market strong.

KANSAS CITY CATTLE HIGHER

Sales Made at Rise of 5c; Similar Advance for Sheep.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 20.—Hogs, 4000; market 5c lower. Tops, $8.65.

Cattle, 400; market 5c higher.

Sheep, 5000; market 5c higher.

San Francisco Produce Market.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 20.—Wheat—Club, $1.60; northern bluestem, $1.72½@1.75; Turkey red, $1.62½@1.67½; red Russian, $1.57½@1.60; fortyfold, $1.62½@1.65.

Barley—Good to choice feed, $1.05@1.07½; lower grades, $1.00@1.02½.

Eggs—Extras, 22c; select pullets, 20c.

Butter—Extras, 26c; firsts, 25c.

Cheese—Oregon twins, 17c; triplets, 18c; Young America, 18c; California, 16½@19c; Young America, 16@20c; eastern, 18@20c.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, $1.00@1.35; delta whites, 75c@$1.10.

Onions—Oregon, $3.25@3.40; Australian, $3.75@4.00.

SHORT SELLERS ARE BEARING PRICE FOR BARLEY OF NEW CROP

California Interests Reported as Offerers and Sellers at Reduced Quotations; Efforts to Bear Down Price of Wheat Fail.

Indian Wheat Damage.
(Special Cable.)
Calcutta, India, Feb. 20. — There was further general rain, causing damage where harvesting is in progress. In the Punjab the rain is beneficial and the crop is assured.
Offers of new wheat are practically none and shipments likewise.

FOREIGN WHEAT MARKETS.

Liverpool—Wheat closed ⅛@⅜d higher.
Antwerp—Wheat closed ⅝c lower.
Berlin—Wheat closed 1⅝c higher.
Budapest—Wheat closed ½c lower.
Paris—Wheat closed unchanged to to ½c lower.

IMPROVED CARGO DEMAND.

London, Feb. 20.—Wheat cargoes on passage show an improved demand.
English country markets firm.
French country markets quiet.

PORTLAND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
	Cars				
Monday	81	17	34	4	21
Tuesday	43	12	5	7	7
Wednesday	55	6	7	3	6
Thursday	36	14	10	1	15
Friday	35	5	14	4	13
Year ago	59	2	7	2	12
Season to date	13,379	2027	1911	1359	2038
Year ago	13,687	1772	1513	1207	1424

Some California interests are already offering and selling new crop barley. A cargo of the coming crop was sold yesterday by a California interest at 28 shillings and buyers are generally offering 27 shillings. This is better than what can be obtained for Pacific northwest supplies, as the quality is above standard.

This premature selling of new crop barley by California interests is likely to have an effect upon the market here during the coming season. The fact that the southern state is expected to have a big crop this season is the reason why some interests are freely offering at such a low price. Locally the belief is general that recent rains in the south have done more or less damage to the quality of the crop.

Efforts to bear down the price of wheat are not proving successful at Pacific northwest points. The price is being firmly held at 88@88½c a bushel for club, tidewater, track basis, and little is being sold by farmers at this price.

Further complaints are coming from England regarding the alleged report in a local publication of the heavy stocks of wheat remaining unsold in farmers' hands in Oregon and Washington. The publication of the report has caused Irish buyers to withhold their support from the market, delivering a bad blow to the market. As fully 80 per cent of the white wheat of this section is annually sold to Irish interests, the effect of the report can be imagined, although local dealers agree that only limited stocks remain.

WHEAT — Producers' prices, track basis: Club, 88@88½c; milling bluestem, 97c; fortyfold, 89c; red Russian and hybrids, 86@87c; valley, 89c.

OATS—Buying prices: No. 1 white feed, $23@23.50; gray, $23 per ton.

BARLEY—Nominal producers' price, track basis: Feed, $20; brewing, $21 per ton.

FLOUR—Selling price: Patent, $4.50@4.60; Willamette valley, $4.60; local straight, $4; export, $3.65@3.80; bakers', $4.40@4.60.

HAY—Producers' price: Willamette valley timothy, fancy, $13.50@14; eastern Oregon-Idaho fancy timothy, $16@16.50; alfalfa, $13@13.50; vetch and oats, $11; clover, $9@9.10 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price: Bran, $21.50@22.50; middlings, $30.50@31.00; shorts, $23.50@24.00 per ton.

CLOVER SEED—Buying price: No. 1 red, country points, 12c; alsike, 14c.

GRAIN BAGS—No. 1 Calcutta, future delivery, 8¼c.

COPPER MARKET AT BOSTON

Boston, Feb. 20.—Copper close:

	Bid.		Bid.
Mont. C & C.	15	Stewart	1¼
Cordova	75	Verde	50
Cal.-Ariz.	50	Black Mt.	44⅛
Crown	1¾	Apex	22⅛
East Butte	12	Arcadian	4
Franklin	3	Adventure	1⅞
Cons. Mines	2¾	Allouez	43
Baltic	17	Cal. & Hecla	445
Ohio	298	Centennial	17⅞
Riveria	11	Granby	86
Royal	22¼	La Salle	5¼
Mass.	3⅜	Michigan	1¼
Mohawk	45½	Nevada	16
Nippissing	65	Old Colony	4½
Old Domin.	16	Osceola	82
Quincy	66½	Santa Fe	2
Shannon	⅞	Salt Lake	3
Tamarack	41⅞	Superior	31⅛
Trinity	4¼	U. S.	42
Utah Copper	12¾	Utah Mining	12¾
Victoria	1¾	Winona	4½
Wolverine	47	Wyandotte	99

Seattle Produce Market.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20.—Eggs—Select ranch, 26c; Chinese, 21c.

Butter—Washington creamery firsts, cubes, 33c; do brick, 34c; city creamery, brick, 33c; New Zealand, cubes, 30@31c; do brick, 31@32c; Yakima creamery, bricks, 32½c.

Cheese—Tillamook, 20c; Young America, 21c; Wisconsin twins, 21c; Oregon triplets, 21c.

Onions—Oregon, $3.50@3.75 per 100 pounds.

Potatoes—Local, $18@20; Yakima gems, $20@21 per ton.

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Mch.	1231	1235	1221	1223@24
May	1201	1204	1195	1196@97
July	1194	1198	1188	1189@90
Aug.	1176	1177	1172	1171@72
Sept.	....	....	....	1148@50
Oct.	1150	1152	1142	1142@50
Dec.	1155	1156	1148	1148@49

Oregon City License.

Oregon City, Feb. 20.—Just two days over 16 years old, Miss Elta Beck of Oregon City was granted a license to marry John F. Verville, also of this city.

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ANGRY MOTHER IS PROBABLY TOO LATE

Lover Takes Her Daughter, Cupid Refusing to Wait for Years.

(Special to The Journal.)
Centralia, Wash., Feb. 20.—On a charge of abducting Myrtle Robertson, the 14-year-old daughter of J. D. Robertson, a rancher living in the Hannaford valley, a warrant was issued yesterday by Judge Hoss for the arrest of Samuel Shove, proprietor of a local stationery store. According to the story told by the girl's mother, the runaway and her father came into Centralia Tuesday to buy a pair of shoes for the girl. After waiting for her to return with her purchase, a note was handed Robertson from Shove, in which Shove stated that he and the girl had gone to Portland to be married.

Mrs. Robertson immediately took steps to secure Shove's arrest. She states that the man had been calling on her daughter and that she had heard from outsiders that he intended marrying her, but that she had secured his promise to wait until the girl was of age before marrying. Shove is about 30 years old. The officers are watching incoming trains and Shove will be arrested as soon as he arrives here.

Inquiry in Portland today shows that Samuel Shove and wife were registered at a local hotel yesterday. They settled their bill late in the afternoon and left without making known their destination.

LANGUAGES IN SCHOOLS UP TO SUPERINTENDENT

City School Superintendent Alderman was authorized yesterday by the school board to use his discretion about introducing foreign languages into the city schools. Several schools already have classes in German and other schools have been considered for German and French.

Domestic science classes were allowed in the Ainsworth, Arleta, Albina, Creston, Lents, Vernon and Woodmere schools. Plumbing was ordered installed in the Buckman school to prepare for dental clinics in the basement of the building. The sum of $300 was allowed for rental of school garden tracts for the Woodlawn school for two years.

New teachers were appointed as follows: Ida Pritchett, history and English, Jefferson high school; Katherine Kahley, English, Lincoln high school; J. B. Ruhle, electricity, School of Trades; Ella Hose, sewing, School of Trades.

COLFAX MAN KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Colfax, Wash., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Zell M. Beebe wired relatives at Colfax today that her husband, Zell M. Beebe, age 68 years, was killed at San Diego, Cal., Thursday, in an auto accident. No arrangements have been made for burial.

Mr. Beebe came to Colfax in 1877. He was a retired farmer and business man, and was well-known throughout Washington. He was grand trustee and secretary of the Odd Fellows Home at Walla Walla, and also a member of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Beebe has served as councilman and mayor of Colfax. His later residence has been Seattle.

COURT HOUSE JANITOR IS INJURED BY A FALL

Overcome by a fainting spell while at work last night, on the second floor of the courthouse, William L. Trumbull, a janitor, fell to the marble floor and was rendered unconscious. John Padden, a fellow worker, took him to his home at 1795 Woolsey street, University Park, where examination proved he suffered concussion of the brain and hemorrhage. He is resting easily this morning, and his physician expects no complications to retard his early recovery. He has a wife and four children and is 46 years old.

Money and Exchange.

London, Feb. 20.—Consols, 76 1-16d; silver, 26 9-16d; bank rate, 3%.

New York, Feb. 20.—Sterling exchange, long, 4.84½; sterling exchange, short, 4.86½; silver bullion, 57½c.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Sterling exchange, 60 days, 4.83; sterling exchange, sight, 4.85¾; sterling exchange, Doc., 4.82½; transfers teleghaphic, 6% premium; transfers sight, 3% permium.

N. P. OFFICIALS DUE TO ARRIVE TOMORROW

President Hannaford and Vice President Slade Are Coming.

President Jule M. Hannaford and Vice President George T. Slade of the Northern Pacific railway are expected in Portland tomorrow on a general inspection trip. It is believed their visit will have something to do with the joint ownership of the S., P. & S., particularly with regard to the operation of steamships between Astoria and San Francisco during the exposition.

The two officials probably will remain in this territory for several days and possibly may join President L. C Gilman on a trip to the mouth of the river early next week.

Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern, is on his way here from St. Paul and may arrive either Sunday or Monday. He probably will spend a day or so here and continue on his way to California.

FAMILY WORRIED BY MAN'S DISAPPEARANCE

The prolonged absence of John D. Mann, the attorney, from his home in this city is causing his family and friends much anxiety. No word of his whereabouts has come since last Monday, when he was seen on the street near the Chamber of Commerce building. Inquiry has been made without avail at his accustomed haunts. It is the general opinion of his friends that Mr. Mann has met no untoward fate, but is visiting somewhere in the country, and they are very hopeful that he will make his presence known soon. When last seen he expressed himself as worried over business matters, it is said, and it is thought that he decided to take a vacation, and not wishing to be disturbed left no address.

AGED RAILROAD MAN DEAD AT GARDEN HOME

Funeral services for Thomas J. Brooke, veteran O.-W. R. & N. traffic man, who died at his residence in Garden Home Wednesday, will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m. at the Portland crematorium. Mr. Brooke, who was 68 years old, was retired on a pension by the company January 1, because of his years and failing health.

Born in London, England, Mr. Brooke came to America as a young man, and engaged in the railroad business. For nearly a quarter of a century he was associated with the company in Portland, mostly in the traffic department.

Mr. Brooke is survived by his widow, Elizabeth Brooke, and by a son, W. B. Brooke of Kellogg, Idaho, and a daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Gjedsted, of this city.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON CURTIS' RESIGNATION

Although Deputy Sheriff Frank Curtis, under indictment on two charges of graft and attempting extortion, tendered his resignation and star to Sheriff Word Wednesday, no action has been taken in the matter by the sheriff. Curtis yesterday was arraigned and was allowed until February 28 to plead. No warrant was issued for his arrest, and no bond has been required for his appearance.

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INDEPENDENTS ARE FIGHTING PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON MEAT

Measure Allows Trust to Gain Control, Says Attorney to City Council.

"I represent the independent meat packers and that means all of the meat packers except the Union Meat company. We are opposed to the meat ordinance and want to be given time to state our objections. While in favor of meat inspection, we do not want to be put out of business by such an ordinance and allow the trusts to control everything."

This was the assertion of Dan J. Malarkey, representing several meat packers, before the council meeting this morning, when the ordinance providing for meat inspection was given first and second readings. Today had been the date set for hearing objections, but as an entirely new ordinance was proposed and Friday afternoon, March 6, was the date set for discussion.

Present at today's meeting were a large number of commission men and packers opposed to the ordinance, as well as delegations from women's organizations favoring the measure.

The city health officials, who prepared the ordinance, say that a number of independent packers were considered in drafting the measure and that all were in favor of it.

MINISTER IS SPONSOR FOR ANOTHER MINISTER

Rev. J. W. McDougall, superintendent of the Portland district of the Methodist Episcopal church, was made sponsor of the good conduct of R. L. Mathison, 75 years old and a Methodist preacher of 54 years' standing, by Circuit Judge Kavanaugh. Mathison was sentenced to one to five years in the penitentiary this morning for his share in the fraud charges of which he and Mrs. Helen M. Geren, his daughter, were convicted on Wednesday, and paroled. J. H. Tipton was convicted yesterday of similar charges and he with Mrs. Geren will be sentenced Tuesday afternoon.

The three were convicted of borrowing $2000 from Miss Flynn and giving her a mortgage on a vacant lot when they had agreed to give her a mortgage on a house and lot adjoining the vacant lot.

Ellenbecher-Cannon Nuptials.

Oregon City, Or., Feb. 20.—Thursday morning Miss Kathryn Ellenbecker of St. Paul, Minn., was married to Leo Cannon of this city. The wedding took place at the residence of Rev. Hillebrand, who performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. George Woodward were witnesses. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of Miss Peterson. After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Cannon will make their home on Center street in this city.

Vancouver Marriage Licenses.

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 20. — Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the county auditor to the following persons: Salerio Paola and Miss Almastica Augusta, both of Portland, and Orval Beall, 19 years old, and Miss Ethel Mal Delanoy, both of Felida.

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