RECORD SUPPLIES OF LIVESTOCK COMES TO THE PORTLAND MARKET

EAST MAY PURCHASE COAST BUTTER AND CAUSE AN ADVANCE

California Surplus Is Needed in Other Parts of Country and This May Affect the Price There and Along the Coast.

Today's Produce Trade.
Egg market holds.
Chickens are firm.
Halibut sells low.
Country meats firm.
Onions rule weaker.
Cheese stocks scant.
Vegetables from the south.
Hop market weak.
Butter may rise.

While in certain quarters there has been more or less talk of a further loss in the price of butter here, such action is not considered likely by the local trade at this time. In fact, conditions are generally considered strong and it would not be surprising if an advance was forced instead of a decline.

Owing to the fact that the eastern markets are so firm and high, it is quite probable that the California market will be forced to strengthen soon. California was quoting butter last week around 24½c a pound and the cost of shipping to the east is 2¼c a pound. With the eastern price at 31c and the market very firm at that figure, the outlook is seemingly for a better feeling all along the coast.

According to Roy Goodhue of the Hazelwood company, the market for butter is rather firm. "In fact," says Mr. Goodhue, "we have been cleaning up quite easily from day to day and look for an advance instead of a decline in the price. With the east so high, California will be able to market whatever surplus it has in the eastern trade."

EGG MARKET HOLDS STEADY

Market for eggs is holding steady, Front street with the price showing no change from Saturday at 21c a dozen for case count. Receipts this morning were fair but were not up to expectations.

CARLOAD OF HALIBUT HERE

The regular semi-weekly shipment of halibut from the north was reported in the local market today. The shipment came to various dealers. The price here continues lower than the same class of fish is selling in Seattle.

SOME VEGETABLES COMING

Several cars of vegetables are reported in from the south and to some extent the local famine is broken. Arrivals consist of celery, cauliflower and lettuce. Shipments are in far better condition than the trade had anticipated.

SALMON SUPPLIES ARE SCANT

Supplies of fresh salmon are scant in the local market and there is no relief in sight for the immediate future. While most fish interests have been holding back some of their recent arrivals, total stocks are light. Prices firm.

ONION PRICES ARE SHADED

With onions being offered by growers at lower prices, values along Front street are being shaded 10 to 15c cental. While the association is asking the former price, some of the outside growers are selling for less.

BRIEF NOTES OF THE TRADE

The next steamer from the south will bring liberal supplies of oranges.

Asparagus is being more freely offered by the south and prices are lower.

Potato demand continues extremely weak.

Chickens continue scarce and former prices are maintained.

One brand of canned milk was lowered a dime in price today but others are holding unchanged.

No improvement is shown in cheese supplies but the market is quiet.

SHIPPERS' WEATHER NOTICE

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, 25 degrees; south to Ashland, 40 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight, about 44 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, 27c; best prints 30c; ranch butter, 19c; city creamery, 30c.

EGGS—Selected, candled local extras, 21@21½c; case count, 21c, buying price f. o. b. Portland, 20c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 17½c; springs, 17½c; stags, live geese, 12c; Pekin ducks, 17@18c; Indian Runners, 13@15c; geese, 12@13c; turkeys, 18@19c; dressed, 20@27c; pigeons, old, $1, 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, 17c; prime, 16½c; medium to prime, 15@16c, contracts, 14@14½c.

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

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@18c, according to shrinkage.

HIDES—Dry hides, green, 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@2.25; tangerines, $1.75@2.00; bananas, 4½c lb.; lemons, $3.50@4.50; limes, $1.00 per 100; grapefruit, Florida, $5.00@6.25; pineapples, 6½@7c.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.00; beets, $1.00; carrots, $1.00; parsnips, $1.00 sack; cabbage, local, $2.75; California, $2.25@2.50; Mexican tomatoes, $3.25@3.50; Florida tomatoes, $6 per crate; green onions, 15c dozen bunches; peppers, bell, 12½c, head lettuce, $2.25 crate; hot house lettuce, $1.00@1.25 per box; celery, California, $4.00 per crate; egg plant, 15c; Cauliflower, California, $2.50 crate; French artichokes, $1.25 doz.; sprouts, 10c; string beans, 15c; lima beans, 11c lb.; peas, 15c lb.; spinach, $1.25 box; asparagus, 18c lb.

ONIONS—Jobbing price $3.40@3.50; 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,

HIGHEST MARKET PRICES

Ship Us Eggs, Poultry, Hogs, Veal

Net prices f. o.b. Portland; no commission, fresh valley chicken eggs, 20c per dozen, case count. Dairy butter, 17c. Hens and springs, 17@18c; 6 pound hens 18c pound; ducks 9@12c; turkeys, 18c, dressed 18@25c; geese, 10@12c; pigeons, $1@2 doz.; fancy pork, 10@11c; 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.

CONSIGNMENTS ARE RUINOUS TO PRICE OF APPLES ABROAD

At Critical Period of Season Pacific Northwest Shippers Change System of Selling—Heavy Loss in Price Is Result.

The market for apples abroad is very poor, and prices generally are reported lower. Regarding the situation, the Northwestern Fruit Exchange says:

"Cables from Europe today report a market about 50 cents per box under American parity. This regrettable situation has been brought about by unseasonably heavy shipments from this side, some of which have been in more or less weak condition. One large cooperative agency has apparently become panicky and has been dumping large quantities of fruit into the European markets, and has contributed largely to the resulting demoralization. In one Hamburg sale recently over 8000 boxes were offered in their name alone. This in the face of a strong and advancing domestic market. As long as the export markets are regarded as a dumping ground by panicky operators lacking experience in the export trade, so long will they be dangerous to all alike and subject to violent slumps.

"This exchange has emphasized repeatedly the folly of entering the European markets at all unless the shipper is prepared to map out a schedule of shipments before the season—regular, moderate shipments, and adhere to that schedule with little or no variation. To stay out of the markets awhile and then to loosen a flood of shipments is simply suicidal, especially in Germany, where there are no storage facilities, and where the market fluctuates in strict accordance with the visible and floating supplies.

"The same interests that are flooding the European markets now were conspicuous by their absence during the first half of the season, when prices were from 25 to 40 cents above American parity, and at that time were insisting that the only way to handle the export markets was by insisting on firm f. o. b. sales. Everyone will wish they had stuck to this policy through the season instead of abandoning it at the critical period of the market.

"Fortunately, this exchange's schedule for the past few weeks has been extremely light; so while it will be caught for a few cars, its earlier high sales will be able to absorb the few lower ones and still show a premium over the American average. Also, it has cancelled its March steamship engagements and after arrived or floating shipments are cleared it will be cleaned up. However, owners of large quantities that are being sold by other interests will undoubtedly in some cases suffer quite severe losses."

DENVER CATTLE ARE HIGHER

Market in Good Condition With Top Steers at $8.15.

Denver, March 2.—Hogs, 1700; market steady, at $8.40@8.60.

Cattle—2100; market higher. Steers, $6.00@8.15; cows and heifers, $5.25@6.50.

Sheep—500; market steady. Yearlings, $6.00@6.50; wethers, $5.25@5.75; ewes, $4.50@5.15; lambs, $6.75@7.25.

OMAHA CATTLE ARE STRONG

Market in Good Shape With Top Steers at $8.80.

South Omaha, March 2.—Cattle, 5000. Market steady to strong. Steers $8.10@8.80; cows and heifers, $7@$8.

Hogs—5800; market slow to 5c lower; at price $8.25@8.45.

Sheep—14,000; market steady. Yearlings, $6.65@7.00; wethers, $5.75@6.25; lambs, $7.35@7.80; ewes, $5.50@5.75.

CHICAGO CATTLE ARE HIGHER

Market in Better Shape With an Advance of 10c for Day in Yards.

Chicago, March 2.—Hogs, 40,000. Market firm to a shade higher. Mixed $8.40@8.75, heavy $8.55@8.80, rough $8.40@8.55, light $8.40@8.70.

Cattle, 22,000. Market steady to 10c higher.

Sheep, 36,000. Market steady.

KANSAS CITY CATTLE HIGHER

Sales Are Made at Rise of 5c to 10c—Sheep Up Too Today.

Kansas City, March 2.—Hogs, 10,000. Market steady. Tops $8.75.

Cattle, 13,000. Market 5 to 10c higher.

Sheep, 10,000. Market 5 to 10c higher.

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
March	1224	1225	1219	1220@22
May	1184	1186	1180	1180@81
July	1183	1186	1180	1181@83
Aug.	1172	1172	1167	1167@68
Sept.				1148@50
Oct.	1147	1148	1143	1143@44
Dec.	1151	1151	1146	1146@47

San Francisco Barley Calls.

San Francisco, March 2.—Barley calls:

	Feb. 28. Close.	March 2. Open.	Close.
May	114 B	115 B	115 B
December	116⅝	116¾	117

GREATEST RUN OF LIVESTOCK MAKES ITS APPEARANCE IN THE YARDS HERE TODAY

Receipts Over Sunday Distance All Previous Ones for a Single Day—Hogs Are Slightly Lower but There Is Little Change in the Situation Generally Today.

Today's Hog Market.

	Tops.
Chicago	$8.80
Kansas City	8.75
North Portland	8.60
Denver	8.60
Omaha	8.45

LATEST LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Hogs—Market rules weak, with a loss of 5c to 10c from last week's prices.

Cattle—Market extremely weak and dragging, with a loss of 25c at least generally through the market. Buyers holding back.

Sheep—Market 25c higher, with top ewes at $4.25, an advance of 25c, and lambs at $6.80, an advance of 5c. Shorn lambs sold at $6.25, which really means $7.00 for top wool offerings. This is an advance of 25c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Monday	4598	2703	23	2174
Saturday	91	3	..	....
Friday	596	93	..	1078
Thursday	588	51	..	635
Wednesday	338	184	..	635
Tuesday	188	..	..	123
Week ago	3152	1389	20	3197
Year ago	1474	637	8	2526
Two years ago	1127	1085	36	1038

Today's run of livestock at North Portland broke all previous records by 58 cars. The run overnight consisted of 156 cars while the previous high record was 98 cars.

Of the big bunch that came forward, a very large per cent came direct to killers. Miller & Lux, the big independent butchers of San Francisco, alone had 28 carloads of cattle in the yards. These will be sent forward to the south as soon as rested. They came from eastern Oregon where the company has extensive feeding places.

The market for cattle was generally of sluggish tone this morning. Some very good stuff came forward and this helped to put prices to a higher level than would be shown ordinarily with such liberal supplies.

Cattle market conditions generally in the country are of an excellent character. At Chicago there was a steady tone with an advance of a dime.

Kansas City cattle market ruled strong with an advance of 5 to 10c.

Omaha cattle trade was steady to strong for the day.

General cattle market range:

Prime steers, 1100 to 1200 lbs.	$7.65@7.70
Good to choice steers	7.25@7.50
Common steers	6.75@7.25
Prime speyed heifers	7.00@7.25
Good to choice dehorned cows	6.65@7.00
Fair to good cows	6.25@6.50
Best bulls	5.50@6.00
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

Hog Prices Generally Off.

While a few lots of extra fancy hogs brought within a fraction of the former top price at North Portland, the market was generally considered weak with a loss of 5 to 10c for the day.

With the big run in sight and with the big killers well supplied with stuff they have brought to market themselves, there was little inclination to bid up prices at the opening of the week's trade this morning.

At Chicago there was a steady to strong tone for hogs today.

Kansas City hog market was steady at Saturday's prices.

Omaha hog market ruled weak with a loss of 5c today.

General hog market range:

Best live, 175 to 220 lbs.	$8.60@8.70
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

Sheep Situation Today.

Market for mutton was steady and generally considered unchanged from Saturday at the opening of the week's trade. There was a rather liberal run over Sunday, totals being 2174 head compared with 3197 last week, 2526 a year ago and 1038 head this same day two years ago.

The greater run of mutton in the yards of late has left killers with ample supplies for the immediate future, but they are keen to take hold of additional supplies at the same price range.

At Chicago there was a steady tone in the sheep trade for the day.

Kansas City sheep market ruled with an advance of 5c to 10c.

Omaha sheep market was steady at former prices.

General mutton market quotations:

Best lambs	$6.80@6.85
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

Today's Livestock Shippers.

Cattle—Walter Brose, Hanson, 2 loads; H. Stickler, 1 load; E. S. Wiley, Joseph, 4 loads; M. Hardman, Eaton, 1 load; Pacific Cold Storage Co., 3 loads; Farr Bros., Mikkalo, 1 load; Pacific Livestock Co., Huntington, 23 loads, direct to Miller & Lux; Walter M. Glenn, Echo, 6 loads; Pacific Livestock Co., Ontario, 9 loads direct to Miller & Lux; J. E. Reynolds, LaGrande, 3 loads; M. S. Briggs, Redmond, 3 loads; H. J. Daughit, Gateway, 3 loads; George Dixon, Terrebonne, 1 load; S. T. Boatman, Minida, 10 loads; C. F. Walker, Idaho Falls, 1 load; M. Hillman, Rexburg, 2 loads; R. Hillman, 1 load; Idaho Irrigation Co., Ridgefield, 1 load; W. J. Remmins, Pomeroy, 1 load; J. D. Walter, Prescott, 1 load; J. C. Lonergan, Stanfield, 1 load; Pacific Cold Storage Co., 1 load; A. F. Mitchell, Pendleton, 1 load; Conley & Desoy, Union Junction, 1 load; Ed Coles, Haines, 1 load; Baker City Packing Co., 1 load; A. P. Sullivan, Baker, 2 loads; Otis Elliot, 1 load.

Hogs—J. D. Walter, Prescott, 1 load; W. J. Remmins, Pomeroy, 1 load; Kilpatrick Bros., Jebeco, 2 loads; L. L. Miller, Nampa, 1 load; Ward & Harrington, Caldwell, 2 loads; J. M. Evans, Caldwell, 1 load; J. W. Chandler, Enterprise, 2 loads; E. L. Wiley, Wallowa, 1 load; R. H. Mc Kean, Wasco, 1 oad; C. H. Burns, Heppner, 1 load; D. H. Hilderbrand, Condon, 1 load; W. Chandler, Union Junction, 1 load; O. E. Weed, Flier, 1 load; Jerome, 1 load. Windell, 2 loads, Mustough 1 load, Burley, 1 load, Buhl 1 load, all direct to Union Meat Co.; J. E. Eorlick, Payette, 1 load; H. Goul, 1 load; Bryne Bros., Ridgefield, 1 load; I. Johnson, Pikura, 2 loads; Pendleton Meat Co., Pendleton, 1 load; Grover Bros., Nyssa, 2 loads, Ontario 1 load; J. M. Barry, Anderson, 2 loads; C. W. Ashpole, Medford, 1 load; Charles White Pomeroy, 1 load; Walter Wakner, Pilot Rock, 1 load; Kiddle Bros., Union Junction, 1 load; W. W. Lloyd, Haines, 1 load; M. L. Goodwin, Brigan, 1 load.

Sheep—L. F. Russell, Washougal, 1 load; D. O. Sanders, Milton, 1 load; L. D. Turner, Grandview, 1 load; T. Jones, Joseph, 2 loads; McCully & Rumble, Joseph, 1 load; A. Watson, Eaton, 1 load; A. R. Cox, Heppner, 1 load.

Mixed Stuff—T. H. Morelock, Joseph, 2 loads hogs and sheep; J. L. Baker, Caldwell, 1 load cattle, hogs and sheep; Elgin Forwarding Co., Lostine, 2 loads hogs and sheep; J. H. Daughit, Gateway, 1 load cattle and calves; T. J. Chandler, Durkee, 1 load cattle and hogs; W. W. Cooper, Union Junction, 1 load cattle and hogs; Willis & Peterson, North Powder, 3 loads cattle and hogs; D. M. McGill, Ontario, 1 load cattle and calves.

Comparative Livestock Disposition.

Following were the sales of livestock at North Portland for the week ended Saturday. Those of the Union Meat Co. include purchases at country points:

	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Union Meat	677	19	3353	3329
Sterrell & Oberlee	51	..	100	122
F. L. Smith	22	..	100	....
M. J. Gill	59	1	..	125
Roy Fairchild	..	..	71	516
T. R. Howitt	43	..	..	....
Misc. Portland	26	2	..	37
Misc. Oregon	55	..	..	77
Cassat's Pkg. Co.	199	..	1348	726
Frye & Co.	321	..	90	....
James Henry	48	..	..	250
Tacoma Meat	16	..	33	250
Barton & Fox	26	..	372	387
J. E. Connolly	29	..	..	....
Misc. Washington	55	..	80	122
Total	1679	22	5663	6271

Monday Morning Sales.

STEERS.

Section—	No.	Av. lbs.	Price.
Oregon	1	1380	$8.00
Oregon	7	912	6.75
Oregon	9	988	7.35
Idaho	1	980	6.65
Idaho	8	944	6.65
Idaho	2	1040	6.65
Idaho	2	1085	6.65
Oregon	1	740	6.25
Oregon	23	829	6.65
COWS.			
Washington	23	971	$7.00
Oregon	1	890	4.00
BULLS.			
Oregon	1	1190	$5.00
HOGS.			
Oregon	27	190	$8.70
Oregon	80	210	8.60
Idaho	101	183	8.60
Idaho	92	181	8.60
Idaho	107	164	8.55
Idaho	56	158	8.60
Oregon	112	203	8.60
Oregon	85	253	8.60
Oregon	3	350	8.10
Oregon	4	388	8.00
Oregon	2	355	7.60
Oregon	91	214	8.70
Oregon	93	198	8.70
Oregon	91	202	8.70
Idaho	89	214	8.70
Oregon	93	193	8.65
Oregon	90	176	8.65
Oregon	88	216	8.65
Oregon	111	178	8.60
Oregon	5	312	7.65
Oregon	97	150	8.55
Idaho	2	350	8.00
Idaho	10	330	8.00
California	68	169	7.50
Oregon	1	460	7.65
Oregon	4	365	7.70
LAMBS.			
Idaho	18	90	$6.75
Idaho	251	67	6.25
Oregon	135	88	6.80
Oregon	119	87	6.88
SHORN LAMBS.			
Oregon	350	73	$6.25
EWES.			
Oregon	215	104	$4.25
Oregon	96	103	4.25
Oregon	238	87	4.00
Oregon	243	87	4.00
Idaho	1	80	3.50
Idaho	22	81	3.80
SHORN WETHERS.			
Oregon	122	107	$5.25
Oregon	1	140	6.00
Oregon	106	198	6.00

WHEAT FAMINE NOW REAL WITH SUPPLY ALMOST EXHAUSTED

Europe Is Trying to Buy but Local Interests Have None to Sell—Remaining Stocks in the Country Very Limited.

Broomhall Foreign Advices.

Danube — The weather is mild and ice is breaking. The early opening of navigation is expected.

Buenos Ayres—Good wheat is still firmly held.

Sweden—The yield of wheat is placed at 9,500,000 bushels against 7,500,000 bushels last year.

INDIAN WHEAT OUTLOOK.

Calcutta, India, March 2.—In the Punjab the acreage under wheat is officially placed at 9,152,600 acres against 9,289,000 last year and 11,018-000 the year before. According to official report a good yield of wheat is promised in the Punjab, in the united provinces the outturn of which wheat in irrigated land will be 85 to 90 per cent of normal, elsewhere 50 to 70 per cent. In the central provinces and Borah the acreage under wheat is 530,000 acres.

PORTLAND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

	Cars. Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Monday	139	16	22	7	13
Year ago	125	20	19	20	35
Season to date	13,094	2125	2018	1385	2068
Year ago	14,380	1832	1602	1272	1521

By Hyman H. Cohen.

Real famine is shown in the supplies of wheat at Pacific Northwest points. Stocks of the cereal are so limited in the interior that even leading operators are at their wit's end to discover farmers who have offerings to sell.

The lack of business at this time is attributed entirely to the lack of offerings. Europe is keen after supplies both here and on the Atlantic seaboard and better values have been available recently. Some business continues to pass in the east and middle west for export account but offers for cargoes here are unconfirmed because sellers are unable to discover the wheat.

While there has been no change in the price offered for wheat here during the last few days, the market is firmer and it would not be surprising for some of the interior mills to force a runaway market for remaining small lots.

Although there is great strength in the local market for wheat, the situation for both oats and barley continues stagnant with prices unchanged.

WHEAT—Producers' prices, track basis: Club, 90c; milling bluestem, 98@99c; forty-fold, 91c; red Russian and hybrids, 88c; valley, 91c.

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

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

FLOUR—Selling price: Patent, $4.50@4.60; Willamette valley, $4.60; local straights, $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, $22.50; middlings, $30.50@31; shorts, $24.50 per ton.

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

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

GOOD ACTION IN WHEAT

Chicago Market Rather Active for Day—Lower Liverpool Influence at the Start.

Chicago, March 2.—Good action was recorded in wheat futures for the day, a display of weakness under very heavy selling of May being the feature of the first hour, a stubborn market in July at the same time and both months given a quick upturn later. At the close May ran ¾c lower but July did not get under 88½c.

First influence for the trade at the opening was the weak and lower Liverpool cable. At the same time Minneapolis reported a large run of 735 cars since Saturday. There was an increase of 175,000 bushels in stocks at Minneapolis. Toledo was reporting country offerings of soft wheat more liberal than for some time.

A special cable from India gave acreages but little short of last year. Independent of this bearish news the feature in the trade was the selling of about 2,000,000 bushels of May wheat the first hour, about half of this through one LaSalle street house and the other half coming from a group of individual pit leaders. The selling referred to gave the break in May a fraction under 94c. About the same time the trade began to get adverse crop news from Omaha, St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joe, Mo. The reports claimed that wheat raisers are discovering injury to the roots of the plant from freezing and thawing and heaving of the ground. The support in July appeared to have as influence on the trade in May and the two months advanced together. Northwest and southwest markets turned strong as quickly as Chicago after an early dip.

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

Month—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	
WHEAT.					
May	94⅛	94⅞	93⅞	94¼	B
July	88½	89⅛	88½	89	A
CORN.					
May	67⅛	67⅞	67⅛	67⅝	B
July	66⅞	67⅛	66⅝	67⅛	A
Sept.	66	66½	66	66⅜	A
OATS.					
May	40⅝	40¾	40½	40¾	A
July	40¼	40½	40¼	40⅜	B
PORK.					
May	2127	2142	2127	2135	B
July	2150	2150	2140	2140	B
LARD.					
May	1060	1065	1055	1055	
July	1077	1082	1075	1075	
RIBS.					
May	1137	1142	1137	1137	A
July	1147	1155	1147	1150	A

NORTHWEST BANK STATEMENT

Portland Banks.

Clearings today	$2,307,876.36
Year ago	2,398,896.28

Seattle Banks.

Clearings	$2,299,230.00
Balances	152,027.00

Tacoma Banks.

Clearings	$ 572,088.06
Balances	54,984.00

Will Waive Preliminary.

Coquille, Or., March 2.—James Ferrari, who is in the county jail charged with the murder of John Kelly in a brawl, will waive preliminary hearing and stand trial.

ST. LOUIS CLOSES ITS DISORDERLY DISTRICT

Segregation and Examination Prove Failure as Remedy for Social Evil.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

St. Louis, Mo., March 2.—Seeking a remedy for the social evil, St. Louis at midnight yesterday, by order of the board of police commissioners, closed the segregated district after a campaign of gradual elimination carried on for the last six months. Determined to rid the city of its "rotten spot" the commissioners some time ago began to restrict the liberties of the vice zone and a month ago announced that disorderly houses must close on March 1. Plenty of time was allowed so that the inmates could either leave the city or go to work.

Of the 52 houses in the district, 18 are said to have closed during the past month. When the order was issued there were 148 women in the various houses, but the police were unable to state tonight how many were still in the city. The police believe that many of the women of the underworld have departed and that many others are preparing to leave the city.

Mayor Chamberlain of East St. Louis has declared his intention of preventing the women of the St. Louis district moving to "The Valley" in East St. Louis.

The order of the commission is the city's second real attempt to solve the problem. Years ago a law was passed providing for the licensing of prostitutes and for medical examination and a hospital was provided by the city for the latter purpose. The law met with such protest, however, that after two years it was repealed.

VANCOUVER LICENSE BUSINESS DECREASES

Vancouver, Wash., March 2.—During the month of February a total of 126 marriage licenses were issued at the office of the county auditor. This was fewer than during any of the preceding eight months. Of the total number issued last month, 47 were secured by couples giving Portland as their place of residence, and 38 to couples residing in other Oregon cities. The number of licenses issued to couples residing in Washington was 23, and seven licenses were issued to couples, one person a resident of Washington and the other a resident of Oregon. Three licenses were issued to couples, one person living in Washington and the other in some other state; six to couples, one a resident of Oregon and the other of some other state, and two licenses to couples, neither one a resident of Washington or Oregon.

The fees derived from licenses during February amounted to $567, nearly $400 of which was paid by Oregon couples. The amount received from licenses issued to Portland couples was $221.50, and from couples from other Oregon points $171.

Licenses were issued Saturday to the following couples: J. B. Hewett and Miss Dessie Deason, both of Lyle; F. W. Rohde and Miss Bessie Moir, both of Portland; Earl O. Davis of Los Angeles and Miss Flora B. Ballard of Portland; John Edward Simmons and Miss Ellen Margaret Guntley, both of Portland; Thomas B. Burkes and Miss Anna T. Koindlog, both of Woodland; Peter O. Erickson and Miss Gerd Willma; Arthur J. Bennett and Mrs. Hulda J. Levens, both of Portland.

MAY HAVE PLANNED TO WRECK SEATTLE BUSINESS BUILDINGS

Finding of Dynamite and Infernal Machine Starts Investigation by Officials.

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Seattle, March 2.—The discovery of 12 sticks of dynamite and an infernal machine by deputy sheriffs yesterday in the rear of a residence on the outskirts of the city has started an investigation into what may be a plot to blow up Seattle buildings.

Charles Kilman, 30 years old, who says he is a private detective, was arrested last night after being shadowed three days by Deputy Sheriff John Roberts. He admitted he followed two men to the cache. He also says he knows the men stole the explosive from the Milwaukee tunnel at Rockdale, and that he followed them to Seattle.

Their plan was, he said, to blow up the Frye meat-packing plant and the Eyers Transfer building.

The bomb was fixed in a 10-inch gas tube, with cap and fuse attached.

TRADING IS INTERRUPTED

New York Stock Market Is Beaten Down by Selling of Room Traders Today.

New York, March 2.—Trading was interrupted in the stock market today by the lack of wire connection most of the way with some of the leading centers. This was the occasion for the room crowd to sell a few shares and this together with the influence of small liquidation in London and Paris, gave the general market a lower price.

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

DESCRIPTION.	Open	High	Low	Close
Amalg. Copper Co.	74⅛	74⅛	73⅝	73⅞
Am. Car & Foundry, c.	..	..	..	49⅝
Am. Can, c.	30	30	29⅞	29⅞
Am. Cotton Oil, c.	..	..	..	44⅝
Am. Sugar, c.	35	35	34½	34½
Am. Smelt., c.	67⅞	67⅞	67⅝	67⅞
Am. Tel. & Tel.	120⅛	120⅜	119⅞	119⅞
Anaconda Mining Co.	35⅞	35⅞	35⅞	35⅞
Atchison, c.	97	97	96⅝	96⅝
Baltimore & Ohio, c.	91½	91⅝	91½	91⅝
Bet Sugar	..	..	..	22½
Bethlehem Steel, c.	39	39	37⅝	38½
Brook. Rapid Transit	91½	92½	91½	91⅝
Canadian Pacific, c.	210⅛	210⅛	207⅞	210⅛
Central Leather, c.	31⅝	31⅝	31⅝	31⅝
C., M. & St. Paul	102⅛	102⅛	102	102
Chicago & Northwest	..	..	..	134
Cliuc Copper	42	42¼	42	41⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	63½	63½	62⅞	63
Colo. Fuel & Iron, c.	..	..	..	31
Colo. Southern, c.	..	..	..	24
Consolidated Gas	134	134⅛	134	133
Corn Products, c.	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛
Delaware & Hudson	..	..	..	152
Den. & Rio Grande, c.	..	..	..	13
Erie, c.	29½	29½	29½	29½
General Electric	147	147	146⅝	146⅝
G. N., pfd.	127⅛	127⅝	127⅛	127⅛
Int Securities	30⅛	30⅞	30⅛	30⅞
Illinois Central	..	..	..	109
Inter. Harvester	105½	105⅝	105½	105½
Lehigh Valley	149	149⅛	149	149⅛
K. C. Southern	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
Mexican Petroleum	66½	66½	65⅝	66
Louisville & Nashville	137	137	136	135
Mo., Kan. & Texas, c.	18⅝	18⅝	18	17⅝
Mo. Pacific	25	25	24⅝	24½
National Lead	..	..	..	47⅝
Nevada Consolidated	16⅛	16⅛	15⅞	15⅞
New Haven	67	67	66⅛	66½
N. Y. Central	90½	90½	89⅞	89½
N. Y. O. & W.	..	..	..	27⅞
Norfolk & Western, c.	102½	102½	102⅛	101⅝
Northern Pacific, c.	112	111⅞	111⅝	111⅞
Pa. Mail Steam. Co.	..	..	..	24⅝
Penn. Railway	111⅝	111⅝	111⅝	111⅝
Pressed Steel Car, c.	..	..	..	42⅝
Ray Cons. Copper	20	20⅛	20	20
Reading, c.	165⅝	165⅝	164⅝	164⅞
Rep. Iron & Steel, c.	..	..	..	25
Rock Island, c.	5⅛	5⅛	5	5
S. L. & S. F., 2d pfd.	..	..	..	7
Southern Pacific, c.	95⅝	94	93⅛	93⅛
Southern Railway, c.	..	..	..	25⅛
Tenn. Copper	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛	35
Texas & Pacific	..	..	..	14
T., S. L. & W., c.	..	..	..	16
Union Pacific	159⅝	159⅞	158⅝	159
Union Pacific, pfd.	..	..	..	83½
U. S. Rubber, c.	59⅝	59