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CHICKEN MARKET IS SHOWING LESS CALL ALONG FRONT STREET

Recent Extreme Values Force Liberal Supplies in This Direction and Leading Buyers Quit—Turkeys Continue Very High.

The chicken market has started on its downward price course. Not only did the recent high quotation force heavy supplies in this direction, but the cold weather stopped a very large per cent of the trade. The result is that during the last 24 hours sales of chickens were made fully 2c a pound lower than the extreme high point of last week. Even at the lower prices the demand is somewhat below offerings of the moment. This is due to the fact that four of the largest retailers—and they probably purchase about half of the street's supplies generally, are entirely out of the market temporary in anticipation of still lower figures.

Some of the leading handlers carried over quite liberal stocks from Wednesday, and there was a further increase in arrivals during the day.

Turkeys continue firm, but the demand is for very small lots. Sales are reported from 26 to 28c generally, with a limited amount of business as high as 30c.

Ducks are firmly held at extreme prices quoted, but geese are again in fair supply, with demand less keen.

DRESSED MEATS DRAGGING

While the price remains generally at firm figures, there is very little outward movement of country killed meats, while receipts continue rather liberal. Most of the commission men carried over stock from the previous day.

EGG MARKET IS ERRATIC

An erratic tone is again showing in the local market for fresh ranch eggs. While receipts continue fairly liberal, sales are again being made as high as 32@35c a dozen for candled, with case count at 30c.

BUTTER MARKET IS FIRMER

Market for creamery butter is firmer at the recent sharp advance in the price and there are indications of another early rise in values. Receipts of cream are now at the minimum for many years.

ONION PRICES ARE LIFTED

Onion prices were lifted as high as $2 a sental along the street during the day with some sales down to $1.75. Holdings of onions are scant and owing to weather conditions it is almost impossible to replenish supplies.

FRUIT TRADE IS SUFFERING

Extreme cold weather has practically killed all trading in fruits along Front street. Bananas are hit hardest, with only nominal sales during the last two days. Apples and oranges show a big decrease in business.

BRIEF NOTES OF THE TRADE

Demand for good quality country beef is better.

Potato market is firmer.

Cabbage prices are again lifted with a scarcity.

Offerings of all vegetables are extremely limited.

Canned milk trade indicates stronger values

SHIPPERS' WEATHER NOTICE

Weather bureau sends the following notice to shippers: Protect shipments during the next 48 hours as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 20 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 8 degrees; southeast to Boise, 0 degrees; south to Ashland, 30 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight about 20 degrees.

JOBBING PRICES OF PORTLAND

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

Dairy Produce.

BUTTER — City creamery cubes, extras, 32c; firsts, 30c; seconds, 28c; prints and cartons, extra; country creamery, cubes, 25@28c; storage, 24@25c. Oregon dairy, 1s@18c.

BUTTERFAT—Portland delivery—No. 1 sour cream 32c; No. 2, 30c.

EGGS—Selling price to dealers, delivery extra—Selected fresh, 32@35c dozen; storage, 30@27c; case count. Oregon ranch, 30c.

LIVE POULTRY — Hens, heavy Plymouth Rock, 14@16c; ordinary chickens, 14@16c; springs, 14@2 lbs., 14@16c lb.; turkeys, 22c; dressed fancy, 26@28c lb.; culls, 20@23c lb.; pigeons, $1.00@1.25; squabs, $1.20 dozen; geese, live, 11@12c; Pekin ducks, old, 16c; young and heavy, 18c; Indian Runners, 16c per lb.

JACKRABBITS—Fancy, 75@1.25 dozen.

CHEESE—Selling price—Fresh Oregon fancy full cream twins and triplets, 18@18½c; Young America, 19@20c; Price to jobbers, flats, 17c; Young America, 18c f. o. b.; cream brick, 18@20c; limburger, 20c lb.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS — Oranges, fancy navel, $2.00@2.25; bananas, 5c lb.; lemons, $3.00@4.50 box; grapefruit, Florida, $4.50@5.50 case; pineapples, 7@8c lb.; pears, $1.50@1.60; grapes, 7c per lb.; tangerines, $1.50 box.

APPLES—Local, $1.00@2.25 per box, according to quality.

ONIONS—Local, $1.75@2 per cental association selling price, carloads, $1.50 f. o. b. country points; garlic, 12½@15c lb.

POTATOES—Selling price—New crop, local, $1.15@1.50; buying price, $1.00@1.05 per cental; sweets, $2.75@3.00.

VEGETABLES—Turnips (—); beets, 75c per sack; carrots, new, 75c per sack; parsnips (—) sack; cabbage, $1.50@2.00 cwt.; green onions, 20c per dozen bunches; peppers, bell, 12½c; head lettuce, California, $2.50 per crate; celery, California, $5.00; cauliflower, California, $1.50@2.25 crate, French artichokes $1.10@1.25; string beans, 15c; hothouse cucumbers, 40@50c dozen; tomatoes, California, $1.75; egg plant, 15c per lb.; sprouts, 8c per lb.; cranberries, local, $10.50; eastern, $11.00 @12.00 per barrel.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS—Selling price—Country killed—Fancy hogs, 8@8½c; poor, 7½c; fancy veals, 12½@13c; ordinary, 11½c; poor, 9@10c; goats, 2½@4c; spring lambs, 10c; mutton, 5@6c lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Hams, 14@19c; breakfast bacon, 16@28c; boiled hams, 27c; picnic, 9½c; cottage roll, 13½c; Oregon exports, 11½@13c lb.

OYSTERS—Olympia, per gallon, $3; canned eastern, 55c can, $6.50 dozen; eastern in shell, $1.85 per 100; razor clams, 12½c dozen; eastern oysters, per gallon, solid pack, $3.00.

FISH—Dressed flounders, 7c; bright salmon, 9c; steelhead, 10@11c; perch, 7½c; lobsters, 25c; silver smelt, 8c; salmon trout, 12½c lb.; halibut, 9@11c; Columbia smelt, 8c.

LARD—Tierces, kettle rendered, 11¾c; standard, 10½c.

CRABS—Large, $2.00; medium, $1.50 dozen.

Groceries.

SUGAR—Cube, $6.90; powdered, $6.75; fruit or berry, $6.50; beet (—); dry granulated, $6.50; D yellow, $5.80. (Above quotations are 30 days net cash.)

RICE—Japan style No. 2, 4¾c; New Orleans, head, 5¾@6½c; blue rose, 5½c.

SALT—Coarse, half grounds, 100s, $10.55 per ton; 50s, $11.30; table dairy, 50s $16; 100s, $17.50; bales, $2.25; lump rock, $23 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, $7.25; large white, $7.25; pink, $5.75; limas, $6.00; bayou, $6.75; red, $6.50.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—Nominal buying price, 1915 crop, choice, 10@10½c; prime, 9@9½c; medium to prime, 7@8c.

HONEY—New, $3.25@3.50 per case.

WOOL—Nominal, 1915 clip: Willamette valley, coarse Cotswold, 25@28c; medium shropshire, 25@26c; choice fancy lots, 28c; eastern Oregon, 14@22c.

HIDES—Salted hides (25 lbs. and up), 14½c; salted stags (50 lbs. and up), 11c; salted kip (15 lbs. to 25 lbs.), 15c; salted calf (up to 15 lbs.), 18c; green hides (25 lbs. and up), 13c; green stags (50 lbs. and up), 9½c; green kip (15 lbs. to 25 lbs.), 13c; green calf (up to 15 lbs.), 18c; dry flint hides, 25c; dry flint calf (up to 7 lbs.), 27c; dry salt hides, 20c; dry horsehides, each, 50c@$1.00; salt horsehides, each $2.00@3.00; horsehair, 22c; dry long wool pelts, 16c; dry short wool pelts, 12c; dry sheep shearings, each, 10@15c; salted sheep shearlings, each, 15@25c.

TALLOW—No. 1, 04@4½c; No. 2, 4@5c; grease, 3@3½c.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK — Buying price, per car lots, 4c; less than car lots, 5½c.

MOHAIR—1915, 28c.

Paints and Oils.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 14½c per gallon.

LINSEED OIL—Raw bbls., 76c gallon; kettle boiled, bbls., 81c; raw, cases, 84c; boiled, cases, 86c gal.; lots of 250 gallons 1c less.

OIL cake meal, $44 per ton.

COAL OIL—Water white in drums and iron barrels, 10c.

TURPENTINE—Tanks, 67c; cases, 74c gal lon.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 8½c lb.; 500 lb. lots, 8¾c lb.; less lots, 9c per lb.

OIL MEAL—Carload lots, $34.

Hop Market Has a Drifting Tone and Lack of Business

Small Sales Are Made, But Are Too Limited to Consider—Association Holds.

While fractional lots of hops have recently been moved with the extreme top price available not higher than 10c a pound, the market is really dormant. According to association interests no effort whatever is being made to sell or even offer hops at the moment. This is considered the far best course after such extended holding because the offering of the association hops on the trade at this time would simply mean greater demoralization.

That little is ever gained by the holding of hops after the turn of the year is fully illustrated by the fact that for a period of 25 years the best average price for hops has been obtained during October. The showing for the month of October during the 25 years confirms a net high average price of 19c a pound while the low price was 16c. These figures do not include either 1914 or 1915, the period starting with 1890.

The highest and lowest average prices for each year during a period of five years show:

	Cents per pound. Lowest.	Highest.
1909	15	20
1910	17	21
1911	22	39
1912	13	18
1913	15	20
5 years average	18 2-5	23 3-5

While figures are not wholly complete they indicate that during 1914 the low average was 8c and the high average 14½c and for 1915-16 season to date the average was low at 7c and the high point at 15c. These figures do not represent fuggles.

Advices from England indicate a strong trend to the market, but seemingly there are no orders available for Americans.

DAIRY PRODUCE ON THE COAST

Seattle Market.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Butter—Native Washington creamery brick, 35c; ditto solid pack, 33c.

Cheese—Oregon triplets, 18½c; Wisconsin twins, 21c; ditto triplets, 21c; Washington twins, 18c; Young America 21c.

Eggs—Select ranch, 38c; April storage, 30c.

San Francisco Market.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Butter—Extras, 27½c; prime firsts, 26c; firsts, 24½c.

Eggs—Extras, 29½c; pullets, 28½c.

Cheese—California fancy, 15½c; firsts, 14½c.

Los Angeles Market.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 13.—(P. N. S.)—Eggs—Case count, 31c.

Butter—Fresh extras, 28c.

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

Seattle Market.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Onions—Oregon 2c.

Potatoes — White River, $20@22; Yakima Burbanks, $25@27; Yakima Gems, $21@23.

San Francisco Market.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Potatoes—Delta, $1 @1.50 per central; Idaho Russets, $1.20@1.35; do. Russets, $1.35@1.60; Salinas, $1.50@1.80; Oregons, $1.50@1.70; sweets, $1.70@1.90 for cellar, with local much less.

Onions—$1.25@1.50 per central for Californias; Oregon, $1.75@2.

San Francisco Grain Market.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Barley calls:

	Jan. 13. Open.	Close.	Jan. 12. Close.
May	137B	137½A	135¾B

Spot quotations—Wheat—Walla Walla $1.70 @1.72½; red Russians, $1.70@1.72½; Turkey red, $1.77½@1.80; bluestem, $1.77½@1.82½.

Feed barley—$1.27½@1.30.

White oats—$1.37½@1.40.

Bran—$22.50@23.00; shorts, $23.50@24.00; middlings, $30.00@31.00.

San Francisco Wool Market.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—Wool per pound: Humboldt and Mendocino, eight months' growth, 21@23c; do 12 months, 25@28c; middle counties, 8 months' growth, 17@19c; do fall, 15@17c; Red Bluffs and vicinity, 20 @23c. Southern California fall and lambs' wool, 12@15c. Nevada stock, 18@20c, according to quality.

Oregon Apples in South.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Apples, per box, Oregon and Washington: Baldwin, $1.25@1.50; Jonathan, $1.25@1.75; Winesap, $1.50@1.75; Spitzenberg, $1.25@2.50.

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EAST STILL A HEAVY BUYER OF WHEAT IN NORTHWEST MARTS

Purchasing by Central West and Other Sections East of Rockies Continues—Europe Pays High Prices for Cargoes.

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS.

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flr.	Oats.	Hay.
		Cars			
Portland, Thurs.	11	3	5	1	7
Year ago	70	14	4	3	15
Season to date	8,731	1256	983	740	1369
Year ago	12,166	1253	1447	1383	1255
Tacoma, Wed.	9	1	....	2	9
Year ago	8	....	....	1	1
Season to date	5,540	451	....	231	1419
Year ago	7,015	403	....	358	2066
Seattle, Wed.	7	....	4	....	....
Year ago	10	....	5	2	4
Season to date	6,351	1025	1421	668	2651
Year ago	3,670	802	1419	842	2922

Movement of wheat to the east continues heavy from interior Pacific northwest points, with the price paid for bluestem reaching as high as $1.04@1.05 per bushel in the interior, basis tidewater track delivery, and club generally quoted on the basis of $1.01 for spot delivery.

Middle west, as well as southwest millers continue as liberal bidders for supplies in the interior, and to this is added the demand for bluestem from coast millers.

High prices are still being obtained for cargoes of Pacific northwest wheat in Europe. Broomhall reports the sale of the cargo of the French ship Bayard, now ready to load supplies here. The cargo will consist of 13,000 quarters, half each fortyfold and club, was sold at 60s 3d, which is the equivalent of $1.7352 per bushel, or $1.1710 per bushel net Portland, all charges eliminated. The cargo is being shipped by Max H. Houser of this city.

Broomhall also reports the sale of the cargo of the British steamer Glenesk with 20,000 quarters of fortyfold and club wheat. The sale was reported at 61s 6d per bushel. The vessel is loading at New York with Pacific northwest wheat.

Price of oats has been advanced so high in the interior by speculative interests that eastern business is not at the moment possible. The bakers' local, $4.50@4.75 on the basis of $25 a ton tidewater, but the interior is asking 50c to $1 a ton basis above this.

Barley market is still active in the interior, with prices reported firm.

FLOUR—Selling price: Patent, $5.20; Willamette valley, $5.20; local straight, $4.90@5.00; bakers' local, $4.80@5.20; Montana spring wheat, $5.30; exports, $4.50@4.60; whole wheat, $5.00; graham, $5.40; rye flour, $5.50 per barrel.

HAY—Buying price: Willamette valley timothy, fancy, $13@13.50; eastern Oregon idaho fancy timothy, $16.00; alfalfa, $13.00@13.50; vetch and oats, $11.00; clover, $8.00@9.00.

GRAIN SACKS—1916, nominal; No. 1 Calcutta, 1½c per yard less amounts bigger.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price, carload lots: Bran, $22.50@23; shorts, $23.50@24.

ROLLED BARLEY—Selling price, $29.50@ 30.00.

Comparative statement of Merchants Exchange bids:

	Thursday.	Year ago.
Bluestem	105	142
Fortyfold	103	142
Club	100	141
Red Fife	98	137
Red Russian	98	134

Bids for January wheat in the Portland Merchants Exchange reached $1.05 for bluestem during the day's session. The general market showed an advance of 1c a bushel over Wednesday.

Oats bids were advanced 25c a ton, and barley a similar amount. No sales in either line.

Merchants exchange January prices:

	Thursday. Bid.	Wed. Ask.	Tues. —Bid—	Mon.
WHEAT				
Bluestem	105	106½	104	102½
Fortyfold	103	106	102	100
Club	100	103	99	98
Red fife	98	100	97	96
Red Russian	98	100	97	96
OATS				
Feed	2575	2625	2500	2500
BARLEY				
Feed	2650	2675	2625	2625
MILLSTUFFS				
Bran	2150	2200	2125	2050
Shorts	2250	2300	2225	2200

Futures were quoted.

WHEAT.	Bid.	Ask.
February bluestem	105	106
February fortyfold	103	106½
February club	100	104
February Fife	98	101
February Russian	98	101
FEED OATS.		
February	2600	2675
FEED BARLEY.		
February	2675	2825
MILLSTUFFS.		
February bran	2175	2300
February shorts	2300	2400

Chicago Wheat Is Quarter to Three Quarters Up Today

Chicago, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Wheat closed ⅛@¼c over Wednesday.

All news received this morning was bullish and with yesterday's closing strength in force, the grains today opened from ⅛ to a cent up.

Liverpool was higher and the bulls added to this fact to help their game along. The severe storms raging in the grain belt had a tendency to hold the market to its present position. July wheat naturally showed the most advance. A decidedly steady tendency was apparent and unless some unforeseen development arises, general sentiment has it that still higher levels are possible.

May wheat opened at 128⅝ and sold to 129. July opened at 122 and advanced fractionally.

May corn opened at 80⅛ and sold down a quarter, but later recovered somewhat. July opened at 80.

Oats were most irregular, being in a better trading position. May opened at 50 cents and July at 48⅞.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT				
May	128⅝	129⅞	127½	128¾
July	122	122½	121	121⅝
CORN				
May	80⅛	80⅝	79⅝	80¼A
July	80	80⅝	79½	80⅛
OATS				
May	50	50⅞	50	50⅝B
July	49⅛	49½	48⅝	49¼
PORK				
May	1965	....	....	1965

BANK STATEMENT OF COAST

Portland Banks.

Clearings—	This week.	Year ago.
Monday	$1,574,939.00	$ 2,048,478.81
Tuesday	2,072,098.13	1,926,710.89
Wednesday	2,222,112.52	1,681,862.78
Thursday	1,733,091.60	1,639,085.35

Seattle Banks.

Clearings today	$ 1,904,182.00
Balances today	185,399.00

Tacoma Banks.

Clearings today	$ 336,931.00
Balances today	27,590.00

Los Angeles Banks.

Clearings today	$ 4,013,097.00

San Francisco Banks.

Clearings today	$ 8,574,941.05

San Francisco Hop Market.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Hops, 1915 crop (basis per pound), Sacramento valley, 9@10½c; other sections, 10½@12c; Oregon, 10@12c; Washington, 10@12c. These prices are for choice hops.

New York Sugar and Coffee.

New York, Jan. 13.—Sugar—Centrifugal, $4.51.

Coffee—Spot New York, No. 7 Rios, 8c; No. 4 Santos, 9½c.

Will Write Letters, Too.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 13.—Pendleton will observe "Letter Writing Week" next week.

Fresh Fish Stock Is Exhausted in The Local Market

Weather Conditions Too Severe and Transportation Tied Up—No Fishing Possible.

There is not a pound of fresh salmon in any of the Pacific northwest markets. During the day not a single fresh salmon came forward. This is due both to the fact that owing to the ice in the Columbia all steamer transportation has been suspended and likewise because fishermen are unable to operate. The nets are a mass of ice a minute or two after striking the water.

Nevertheless there is no actual fish famine in the local market. While there is no fresh salmon available, stocks of storage stock frozen, are very liberal. This is unusually good quality this season and is being generally quoted at 8c a pound.

Fresh halibut is also out of the market for the moment so far as best quality is concerned. Prices in this line are ranging from 9 to 11c a pound.

Stock Market Has Active Trade for Day in New York

New York, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Today's stock market opened with trading on an active scale and prices generally steady to the close, with some fractional advances in the leaders.

The action of Industrial Alcohol in selling to 136, over yesterday's close at 131 and 5¼ up from the year's high mark, furnished the early morning feature. This is the most active of the war stocks, and the advice has been decidedly healthy.

Mexican Petroleum was considerably weaker to day. Sales were made shortly after the opening at 113¼. With the big merger now in progress, the action of this stock has created something of a mystery as to what the ultimate results of the deal will be.

Union Pacific opened at 138, Westinghouse 66¼, Great Northern 48½, Steel 57⅛, Anaconda 88⅛, Smelter 107, Utah Copper 79½, Mexican Petroleum 116½, Baldwin Locomotive 107½ and Industrial Alcohol at 133½.

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

DESCRIPTION	Open	High	Low	Close
Allis Chalmers, c	26⅝	27¼	26⅝	27¼
American Beet Sugar	67½	67½	67½	67½
American Can, c	62	62¾	61½	62¼
American Car Fdry	67⅞	68	67⅞	68
American Loco, c	61⅛	63¾	62½	62½
American Smelter, c	107	107⅛	106	106¼
American Sugar, c	115¼	115¼	115	115
Amalgamated Copper	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛	88½
Anaconda Mining Co	106⅝	106⅝	106⅛	106⅛
Baldwin Loco, c	107¼	108½	105¾	107½
Baltimore & Ohio, c	94⅞	94⅞	94½	94½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	87⅞	87⅞	87	87
Calif. Petroleum, c	25½	25⅞	25½	25⅞
Calif. Petroleum, pfd	67⅞	67⅞	67⅞	67⅞
Canadian Pacific	179⅞	179⅞	178½	178½
Central Leather, c	52½	52½	52½	52½
Chesapeake & Ohio	64⅞	65⅝	64⅞	64⅞
Chicago, M. & St. P	101⅞	101⅞	100¼	100¼
Colorado F. & I	47⅞	48⅛	47⅞	48⅛
Crucible Steel, c	57¼	61⅛	56⅝	61⅛
Distillers	47⅞	48	47⅞	47⅞
Erie, c	41½	41⅞	41⅛	41⅛
Goodrich Rubber	72½	72½	72½	72½
Gt. North., ore lands	48⅛	48⅛	48⅛	48⅛
Industrial Alcohol	133½	136½	133	136¼
Inspiration	45⅝	47⅞	47⅝	47⅞
Louis. & Nashville	....	....	....	130
Mexican Petroleum	115⅝	116½	111	111
Missouri Pacific	7½	7½	7½	7½
New Haven	76¼	76⅞	76⅛	76⅛
New York Central	110¼	111¼	110	110
Norfolk & Western, c	120¼	120½	120	120
Northern Pacific	115½	115⅞	115½	115⅞
Penn. Railway	56⅛	56⅛	55⅞	56⅛
Peoples Gas	111	111	111	111
P. Steel Car, c	58⅛	58⅛	57⅞	57⅞
Reading, c	82¼	82⅝	81⅞	81⅞
Republic I. & S., c	92¼	92¼	91⅛	91⅛
Rock Island	18½	18⅝	18½	18½
Rock Island, pf	....	....	....	34
Studebaker, c	155	155	152¼	153¼
Sloss Sheffield	....	....	....	62
Southern Pacific	102⅝	102⅞	102	102
Union Pacific, c	138	138¼	137⅞	137⅞
U. S. Rubber, c	54½	55¼	54½	55¼
U. S. Steel Co., c	85⅞	85⅞	85¼	85¼
U. S. Steel Co., pf	117⅞	117⅞	117⅞	117⅞
Utah Copper	79½	79⅝	79½	79⅝
Westinghouse Electric	66¼	66½	66	66½

War Shares Moving Well on Exchange

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New York, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—In a more desultory and more deliberate way than yesterday buying of war stocks still probably bear covering—continued in the early hours of the stock exchange today, but in the closing hour, when it was evident that the buying had lost its vigor, there followed quite sharply and then dreaming was week. As a whole the market was less active and more irregular than yesterday and the movement of prices was for the most part uncertain.

Foreign exchange was not greatly changed. Sterling showed signs of relaxing from yesterday's imperious tone, but the German exchange was firmer than recently. It is a puzzle as to what level reichmarks will find themselves as the war proceeds.

Scottish Rite Masons Are Holding Reunion

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Degree Conferred This Morning; Fourteenth Degree Conferred This Afternoon.

The Thirty-third semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons of Oregon began this morning with a reception at 9 o'clock, and the conferring of the fourth degree at 10.

The morning was consumed in conferring the fourth, fifth and sixth degree in Oregon Lodge of Perfection. Robert A. Miller, venerable master. Today will be consumed in giving the fourteenth degree, and tonight the fifteenth degree will be conferred by the Assembly of Ainsworth chapter, Rose Croix, Wallace McCamant, wise master.

Tomorrow the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth degrees will be conferred by this chapter, and then the class will pass to the care of Multnomah council, No. 1, Knights Kadosh, B. B. Beekman, commander. The thirty-second degree will be conferred on Saturday afternoon.

Stork Acts as Bird Of Peace in Court

Judge Wolverton Heeds Plea on Behalf of Floyd B. Hyatt and Sentence Is Postponed.

Old Doc Stork hovered over the United States court room this morning and induced Judge Wolverton to postpone the sentencing of Floyd B. Hyatt, once postmaster at Telacasset, Union county, although Hyatt had just entered a plea of guilty to a charge of embezzlement.

Assistant United States Attorney Robert Rankin urged the court to defer sentence. He explained that Mrs. Hyatt is about to become a mother and that if Hyatt were sentenced now, it would mean a great hardship upon his little family. Hyatt conducts a store at Telacasset and besides is handling a bunch of cattle.

The defalcations attributed to Hyatt total between $1500 and $1700. Hyatt's shortage has been repaid to the government by his bondsmen and Hyatt is repaying them as rapidly as he can, the attorney said.

LIVESTOCK SUPPLY IS VERY SCANT IN LOCAL MARKET FOR THE DAY

Only Three Loads of Hogs Come Forward to North Portland—General Trade Conditions Are Maintained With Previous Prices.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Thursday	243	3	8	119
Wednesday	1,014	55	8	119
Tuesday	161	25	2	....
Monday	6,780	1348	6	2703
Saturday	650	23	3	....
Friday	1,231	172	2	550
Week ago	332	113	1	....
Year ago	125	....	....	....
Two years ago	320	96	....	289
Three years ago	696	387	2	284

Aside from a very small drive in, only three loads of livestock entered the North Portland yards overnight. These three loads consisted of hogs.

General strength is continued in the trade with the quotation list substantially the same as Wednesday.

General hog market range:

Choice light weights	$6.85@6.90
Good light weights	6.75@6.80
Medium weights	6.50@6.60
Rough and heavy	5.25@6.25

Cattle Situation Unchanged.

Situation in the cattle market at North Portland is unchanged. There was not enough stuff available to give the market any sort of test and former quotations are nominally continued. General trade is of the opinion that the cattle market is steady.

General cattle market range:

Choice grain fed steers	$7.75@7.90
Ordinary grain fed steers	7.50
Choice hay fed steers	7.25@7.50
Good steers	6.75@7.00
Ordinary to common steers	5.00@5.50
Choice cows	5.75@6.25
Ordinary to common cows	3.50@5.00
Choice heifers	6.25
Ordinary to good heifers	4.00@5.75
Choice bulls	3.75@4.50
Good to fair bulls	3.00@3.50
Ordinary to common bulls	2.00@2.75
Best light calves	8.00
Good calves	7.00@7.50

No Mutton Arrivals.

Aside from the very limited bunch of stuff that came forward Wednesday, there have been no arrivals in the mutton and lamb division of the North Portland yards since the small showing of Monday.

Trade conditions for both mutton and lambs continue firm, with former values unchanged.

General mutton and lamb range

Choice weight lambs	$ 8.25
Good to common lambs	7.50@7.75
Poor to fair lambs	7.00@7.25
Choice yearling wethers	7.00
Good to common yearlings	6.75@6.90
Old wethers	6.50@6.75
Choice light ewes	5.25@5.50
Good to common ewes	5.00@5.15

Thursday Livestock Shippers.

Hogs—J. E. Smith, Newberg, 1 load; M. Zinc, Willbridge, 2 loads.

Comparative statement of livestock receipts:

	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Month to date 2,577	26	18,356	6,376	
Same, 1915	3,994	52	18,650	10,111
Decrease, 1916	1,067	26	69	3,735

Thursday Morning Sales.

HOGS

No.	Ave. lbs.	Price.
50 hogs	183	$6.85
49 hogs	187	6.85

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Denver Hogs $6.80.

Denver, Jan. 13.—Cattle—Receipts 700, firm. Beef steers, $6@7.65; cows and heifers, $5@6.25; stockers and feeders, $6@7.20; calves, $8@10.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 2900, higher. Top, $6.80, bulk of sales, $6.50@6.65.

Sheep—Receipts 1400, strong.

Omaha Hogs $7.00.

Omaha, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 5400, higher. Heavy, $6.95@7; light, $6.85@6.95; pigs, $5.50@6.50; bulk of sales, $6.90 @7.

Cattle — Receipts 1000, stronger. Native steers, $6.50@9; cows and heifers, $5.25@6.50; western steers, $6@7.25; Texas steers, $5.70 @7.70; stockers and feeders, $5.25@7.00.

Sheep—Receipts 3900, higher. Yearlings, $7.50@8.10; wethers, $6@7; lambs, $9.75@ 10.75.

St. Louis Hogs $7.55.

St. Louis, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts, 7200, market higher. Pigs and lights, $6.40@7.55; bulk of sales, $7.30@7.50.

Cattle—Receipts 2000, strong; native beef steers, $7.50@9.50; yearling steers and heifers, $8.50@9.35; cows, $5.50@7.25; southern steers, $5.25@8.50; cows and heifers, $4@ 6.50; native calves, $6@10.50.

Sheep—Receipts 2000, steady. Yearlings and wethers, $7.50@9; lambs, $8@10.50; ewes, $6@7.

Kansas City Hogs $7.05.

Kansas City, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 5000, strong to 5c higher. Bulk of sales, $6.75@7; heavy, $6.90@7.05; packers and butchers, $6.80@7; light, $6.70@6.90; pigs, $6@6.40.

Cattle—Receipts 2000, strong; prime fed steers, $8.50@9; dressed beef steers, $6.50@ 8.25; western steers, $6.50@8.50; cows, $4@ 6.75; heifers, $6@9; stockers and feeders, $5.75@7.75; bulls, $5.50@6.50; calves, $6@ 10.25.

Sheep—Receipts 3000, strong. Lambs, $10 @10.60; yearlings, $8.25@9.35; wethers, $6.50 @7.50; ewes, $6.25@7.

Seattle Hogs $7.10.

Seattle, Jan. 13.—(P. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 1000, higher. Prime lights, $7.15; medium to choice, $7@7.10; smooth heavies, $6.50@6.65; rough heavies, $6@6.15; pigs, $6 @6.05.

Cattle—Receipts 50, steady. Best steers, $7.35@7.50; medium to choice, $6.75@7.25; common to medium, $5.50@6.50; best cows, $5.50@6.25; common to medium cows, $3@ 4.50; bulls, $5.50@5.50; calves, $5.50@8.

Sheep—Receipts none, steady. Lambs, $7.25 @8; yearlings, $6.50@7.50; ewes, $4.50@6.

Letter Writing Week Meeting Gets Crowd

Most of People Who Braved Last Night's Cold and Snow Were Those Whose Hair Has Begun to Silver.

Cold weather, snow and impaired transportation facilities were no bar to the enthusiasm that permeated the mass meeting held in the Heilig theater last night in the interest of letter writing week.

The lower floor was filled and the rest of the house held a goodly crowd, all intensely interested