WHEAT PRICES GO TO EXTREME RECORD IN THE INTERIOR

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AUSTRALIAN ONIONS OFFERED TO COAST; PRICES ARE HIGHER

Cost of Delivery Higher Than Excellent Quality Oregon Stock—Trade Not Inclined to Take Chances on Deliveries.

Onions from Australia are being offered for future delivery to the trade of the Pacific coast with shipments from the colonies during January, February and March.

The exact price that these onions will cost delivered at coast points is not definitely known, but it is understood to be somewhat higher than the present price asked by the Confederate Onion Growers' association.

While the Australian stock is new crop and will therefore likely be in good condition upon arrival at coast points, still the erratic condition of shipping and the chances the trade must take in securing these supplies for deferred delivery, will likely cause small buying unless it later develops that there is not enough onions here to supply the wants of the trade.

In that case the price of the Australian stock will be advanced at primary points to conform with the advances in this country.

No shipments are yet being made by the association, and none will likely be made until all danger from the cold weather is eliminated.

EGG MARKET IS DRAGGING

Increased supplies of eggs are coming forward to the local market, and slight shading of quotations is shown, although the general market price is unchanged at 35c for candled. Ideas of the trade are for lower prices.

CHICKEN MARKET IS DOWN

Sales of chickens were made in the Front street trade at lower prices during the last 24 hours. Heavy hens are down to 15c, with small chickens and mixed lots at 14c. The market is really not firm at these figures.

DRESSED HOGS HOLD FIRM

Market for country killed hogs is holding firm at 8½c generally for top quality. The trade wants fancy, 125 to 150 pound stuff. While receipts are fair, demand is excellent. On the other hand, the veal market is slow and weaker. Tops are selling at 12@12½c. Poor stuff is hard to sell, with some sales down to 7c.

CABBAGE MARKET IS EASIER

With more liberal offerings of local cabbage of excellent quality, the market is slightly easier, and general sales were reported along the street at 1¾c a pound. California stock is hard to sell.

POTATO BUYING IS WAITING

Buying of potatoes has ceased at country points, owing to the fear of frosted stocks. It will take a week before the extent of the damage is definitely known. In the meantime the local trade is firm.

BRIEF NOTES OF THE TRADE

Artichokes are firm at $1.40 a dozen.

Hothouse cucumbers too scarce to quote.

Butter and cheese unchanged.

Turkeys are not selling, and holdovers are shown.

Trade in apples is slowly gaining.

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 34 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 10 degrees; southeast to Boise, 10 degrees; south to Ashland, 34 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@29c; storage, 24@25c; Oregon dairy, 18@19c.

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

EGGS—Selling price by dealers, delivery extra—Selected fresh, 34@35c dozen; case count, Oregon ranch, 33c.

LIVE POULTRY — Hens, heavy Plymouth Rock 15c; ordinary chickens, 14c; springs, 1½@2 lbs., 15c lb.; turkeys, 23c, dressed, fancy, 25@26c; culls, 20@21c; pigeons, $1.00@1.25; squabs, $1.29 dozen; geese, live, 11@12c lb.; Pekin ducks, old, 16c per lb.; young and heavy, 18c; Indian Runners, 16c per lb.

JACKRABBITS—Fancy, $1@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; limberger, 20c lb.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS — Oranges, fancy navel, $2.00@3.25; 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, $1.25@2 per box, according to quality.

ONIONS—Local, $2.25 per cental, association selling price carloads, $2.00 f. o. b. country points; garlic, 15c lb.

POTATOES—Selling price—New crop, local, $1.50@1.85; buying price, $1.25 per cental; sweets, $2.75@3.00.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.00; beets, $1.00 per sack; carrots, $1.00 per sack; parsnips, $1.00 sack; cabbage, $1.75 per cwt.; green onions, 20c per dozen bunches; peppers, bell, 12½c; head lettuce, California, $2.50 per crate; celery, California, $3.50; cauliflower, California, $2.25 per crate; French artichokes, $1.50@1.25; string beans, 15c; hothouse cucumbers, (——) dozen; tomatoes, California, $1.75; egg plant, 15c per lb.; sprouts, 9c 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 8½c; poor, 7½c; fancy veals, 12@12½c; ordinary, 11½c; poor, 7@8c; goats, 2½@4c; spring lambs, 10c; mutton, 5@8c lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Hams, 15@19½c; breakfast bacon, 18@28c; boiled hams, 25c; picnic, 10½c; 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; steelhead salmon, 12½c; perch, 7@8c; lobsters, 25c; silver smelt, 8c; salmon trout, 12½c lb.; halibut, 10@12½c; Columbia smelt (—).

CRABS—Large, $2.00, medium, $1.50 dozen, standard, 10¾c.

LARD — Tierces, kettle rendered, 12¾c; standard, 11¾c.

Groceries.

SUGAR—Cube, $7.00; powdered, $6.85; fruit or berry, $6.60; beet (—); dry granulated, $6.60; D yellow $5.80. (Above quotations are 30 days net cash.)

RICE—Japan style No. 2, 4⅝c; New Orleans, head, 5¾@6½c; blue rose, 5½c.

SALT—Coarse, half grounds, 100s, $10.55 per ton; 50s, $11.30; table dairy, 50s, $16; 10s, $17.50; bales, $2.25; lump rock, $20 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, 10½@11c; prime, 9@10c; 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, 25c; 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.), 15c; 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, 25c; dry long wool pelts, 16c; dry short wool pelts, 12c, dry sheep shearings, each, 10@15c; salted sheep shearings, each, 15@25c.

TALLOW—No. 1, 5@5½c; No. 2, 4@5c; grease, 3@3½c.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK — Buying price, per car lots, 4c; less than car lots, 3½c.

MOHAIR—1915, 28c.

Paints and Oils.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls, 86c gallon; kettle boiled, bbls., 88c; raw, cases, 91c; boiled, cases, 93c 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 gallon.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 8¼c lb.; 500 lb. lots, 8¾c lb.; less lots, 9c per lb.

OIL MEAL—Carload lots, $34.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 14½c per gallon.

DAIRY PRODUCE ON THE COAST

San Francisco Market.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—Butter—Extras, 28½c; prime firsts, 27c; firsts 26c.

Eggs—Extras, 32c; pullets, 31c.

Cheese—California fancy, 16c; firsts, 15½c.

Seattle Market.

Seattle, Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—Butter—Native Washington creamery brick, 34c; solid pack, 33c pound.

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

Eggs—Select ranch, 36c; April storage, 30c.

Los Angeles Market.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 21.—(P. N. S.)—Eggs—Case count 33c.

Butter—Fresh extras 28½c

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

San Francisco Market.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—Potatoes—Delta, $1.25@1.50 per cental, with some fancy held higher; Idaho Rurals, $1.50@1.75; do. Russets, $1.75@1.90; Salinas, $1.65@2; Oregons, $1.60@1.75; sweets, $1.75@2 for cellar.

Onions—$1.75@2 per cental for California, from icehouse; Lumpoc, $2.25; Oregon nominal.

Seattle Market.

Seattle, Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—Onions—Oregon, 2c per pound.

Potatoes — White River, $25@27; Yakima Burbanks, $33@35; Yakima Gems, $30@32.

No Damage at Drain.

Drain, Or., Jan. 21.—The cold snap which has run through the greater part of the past two weeks was broken yesterday afternoon, when warmer winds began to blow up from the south. The greatest depth of snow during this spell was three and a half inches at any one time, and this has now all disappeared from the valley and lower hills. The lowest temperature reached here during the cold snap was 13 above. Stock has not suffered in this locality, as the farmers were supplied with hay. Feeding of the birds was not overlooked during the time the ground was covered with snow.

Protest Icing Charge.

Washington, Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—The present $5 per car charge for refrigeration from Washington state to eastern points was defended today in a brief the Missiuri Pacific and other defendant railroads filed with the Interstate Commerce commission in the complaint of North Pacific Fruit Distributors and the Northwestern Fruit Exchange.

Salmon Run Shows Improvement With Moderate Weather

Shipments Are Now Coming in Fair Supply From Various Oregon Fishing Centers.

There is a better run of salmon in Oregon coast streams, as well as in the Columbia river. Local receipts are showing a fair increase, and with further moderation of weather conditions greater supplies are expected.

The market for fresh salmon is slightly easier along the wholesale way, with fancy steelheads quoted still around 12½c a pound. Within a few days it is expected that prices will show liberal shading.

There is an entire lack of fresh halibut in the local market, the only offerings now available being frozen stock, which is generally quoted firm by wholesalers at 8c a pound.

With the moderating weather the trade expects a resumption of the run of Columbia river smelts, and this movement will be generally welcomed.

Canned salmon market remains in a very firm position generally for all offerings. Prices are generally held taut at the extreme quotations.

HIGH RECORDS ARE ESTABLISHED OFTEN IN WHEAT TRADING

Early Morning Prices Are Lifted Later in Day to $1.13½ Bid for Bluestem and $1.16 Ask—Country Prices Moved Upward.

FURTHER ADVANCE FOR WHEAT

During the session of the Portland Merchants Exchange still another high record was established for wheat with a rise of 1@3c over Thursday. The price thereby established a new high record with bluestem bids at $1.13½ and the holding price at $1.16 per bushel.

Not only did the wheat market advance, but oats made a sheer gain of $1 a ton for January delivery on the exchange.

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS

	Wheat.	Barley	Flr.	Oats.	Hay.
	Cars				
Portland, Fri.	34	12	13	7	14
Year ago	37	7	7	9	4
Season to date	8,869	1292	1052	777	1430
Year ago	12,596	1338	1500	1424	1340
Tacoma, Thurs.	6	....	....	1	8
Year ago	27	....	....	1	18
Season to date	5,611	464	....	236	1525
Year ago	7,157	421	....	375	2160
Seattle Thurs.	11	2	3	2	5
Year ago	21	....	15	5	12
Season to date	6,431	1054	1461	691	2798
Year ago	5,822	805	1495	866	3057

Wheat market touched a new high point in the interior during the last 24 hours when heavy sales of bluestem were reported in the Big Bend country at $1.03 per bushel, which means fully $1.13 track basis tidewater.

Some of this wheat was purchased for Pacific tidewater delivery, and some for eastern shipment. Interior millers are reported as anxious inquirers for supplies of all varieties of milling wheat. The scarcity of bluestem is especially pronounced, and most of the strength has been forced in that variety.

Purchases of club wheat are confirmed in the interior at higher prices, $1.05 tidewater basis being freely offered and paid whenever stocks were available during the last 24 hours.

Oats market is also showing a further gain in price for spot, with interior sales of feed confirmed at $28@29 tidewater track basis, and feed barley sales shown on the basis of $29@30 a ton, similar delivery. Some business in brewing was confirmed at $30 a ton.

Flour market is very firm at the recent advance of 20c a barrel, and higher wheat prices will call for a still further gain.

Foreign markets are firmer and higher. Broomhall cabled that Liverpool spots were 1½ to 3d higher than Thursday.

FLOUR—Selling price: Patent, $5.60; Willamette valley, $5.60; local straight, $5.00@5.40; bakers' local, $5.20@5.60; Montana spring wheat, $6.30; exports, $4.90@5.00; whole wheat, $7.05; graham, $5.80; rye flour, $5.50 per barrel.

HAY—Buying price: Willamette valley timothy, fancy, $14@15; eastern Oregon-Idaho fancy timothy, $17@18; alfalfa, $17@18; vetch and oats, $14@15; clover, $13.50.

GRAIN SACKS—1916, nominal; No. 1 Calcutta, 12c in car lots; less amounts higher.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price, carload lots: Bran, $23.00; shorts, $25.00.

ROLLED BARLEY—Selling price, $30.00.

Comparative bid prices for wheat on the Portland Merchants exchange:

	Friday.	Year ago.
Bluestem	113½	144
Fortyfold	108	142
Club	106	139
Red fife	103	136
Red Russian	102	134

On the Portland Merchants Exchange bids for January wheat were advanced to a new high record at $1.13½ for bluestem, the general market being 1@3c a bushel above Thursday. No sales were made because holders were asking still further advances.

January oats bids on the exchange were advanced $1 a ton and barley 50c a ton over Thursday. Both cereals are now quoted at the same price.

There was heavy trading in oats on the exchange during the day with the following sales reported: 100 tons January $27.75; 100 tons February $28.00; 100 tons January $28.00 and 100 tons February $28.25.

Bran bids on the exchange were advanced 75c a ton. A sale of 100 tons February was made at $21.75 per ton.

Merchants Exchange January prices:

	Friday Bid	Friday Ask	Thurs. Bid	Wed. Bid	Tues. Bid	Mon. Bid
WHEAT						
Bluestem—	113½	116	112	112½	112	109
Fortyfold—	108	112	107	107	107	106
Club—	106	110	104	104	104	102
Red fife—	103	106	100	102	102	99
Red Russian—	102	108	100	100	101	99
FEED OATS	2850	3000	2750	2775	2750	2675
FEED BARLEY	2850	3000	2800	2800	2725	2700
MILLSTUFFS						
Bran—	2175	2250	2100	2150	2175	2150
Shorts—	2300	2500	2300	2300	2300	2250

Futures were quoted:

WHEAT	Bid.	Ask.
February bluestem	114	116½
March bluestem	114½	118½
February fortyfold	109	113
March fortyfold	109	115
February club	107	110½
March club	107	112
February fife	103	106
March fife	103	108
February Russian	103	108
March Russian	103	110
FEED OATS		
February	2750	2825
March	2850	2875
BARLEY		
February feed	2850	....
March feed	2875	....
MILLSTUFFS		
February bran	2175	2300
March bran	2200	2400
February shorts	2350	2500
March shorts	2350	2600

Livestock Not Hurt.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 21.—Livestock in Umatilla county have not suffered from the cold spell just breaking, according to reports brought in from the stock country. Plenty of feed and shelter have protected both sheep and cattle from the snow and low temperatures. Big inroads have been made upon the haystacks, but no more than anticipated. A dry summer and the grasshoppers bared the ranges early and the stockmen prepared for heavy feeding. Unless a cold spring should ensue there will be plenty of feed. One thing that has reduced the dangers of winter losses to a minimum is the fact that most of the stockmen have abandoned the practice of keeping more stock than their land will supply.

Scarcity of Hay.

Kennewick, Wash., Jan. 21.—A great scarcity of hay prevails here. There is practically no baled alfalfa for sale at $20 per ton. The record shipments from here last fall, the long and severe cold weather and the scarcity of hay in the upper valley because of lack of water last summer account for the shortage. An increased amount of grain is being fed in place of hay. There is practically no hay to be had from outside points at anything like reasonable prices, dealers here say.

Chicago Produce Market.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Butter was firmer today. Eggs easy.

Butter—Receipts, 6129 tubs; creamery extras, 30½c; extra firsts, 28½@29½c; firsts, 25@27½c; seconds, 23@24½c; dairies extras, 20c; firsts, 25@27c; seconds, 20@22c; packing stock, 19@20c; ladles, 21@21½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 3640 cases; firsts, 30@30½c; ordinary firsts, 29@29½c; miscellaneous lots, 24@30c; extras, 35@36c; storage, 13@21½c.

Liverpool Cash Wheat.

Liverpool, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Wheat—No. 1 Manitoba, no stock; No. 2, 14s 1d; No. 3, 13s 11d; No. 2 hard winter, new, 13s 3d; No. 1 northern Duluth, 13s 11d.

Oregon Apples in South.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Apples, per box, Oregon and Washington Spitzenberg, $1.50@2.50; Ben Davis, $1.15@1.40; Roman Beauties, $1.40@1.65.

EXCITEMENT SHOWN IN HOPS; HORST IS AFTER A BIG BLOCK

California Dealer Reported Negotiating With Association for Supplies; No Deal Closed as Yet; 11c Paid in the Country.

Things are popping in the hop market. A number of confirmed sales are again reported for best quality in the Willamette valley at 11c a pound.

Chief of interest in the hop trade at this time is the visit here of E. Clemens Horst of San Francisco. Mr. Horst has been negotiating with the Oregon Hop Growers' association for a big block of stock, but according to association officials called by long distance telephone at Salem, no deal had been closed as yet.

Mr. Horst refused absolutely to state whether any deals had been made but rumors were current that he had taken a big block of stock. The movements of the San Francisco man are very erratic. He said he would remain in the city several days.

George Yergen of Aurora sold 206 bales to A. J. Ray of this city at 11c while Muecke of the same city sold 126 bales to Brown of Salem at a similar price. Otto Knorr of Aurora sold about 100 bales at 11c, but the name of the buyer could not be ascertained. The Torgler lot of 100 bales at Laurel was sold to Ray at 11c.

Other dealers were reported at 7 to 10c a pound. The business is said to have been for the covering of former sales.

Wheat in Chicago Hits New Records For Both Options

Chicago, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Wheat closed 2⅛@3¼c higher than Thursday.

Yesterday's late price losses were recovered in the opening of the pit trading today. Wheat was up almost a point in both classes. Some of the pit crowd and a few commission houses were free sellers of wheat, but absorption was of a good sort. May sold to 130½ in the opening.

General news was bullish, but some tired longs took advantage of a strong situation to market their lines. Corn and oats showed an independent strength, although there was scattered selling by commission houses. Both of these grains opened about even with Thursday's close and later moved upward fractionally.

May wheat opened at 130 and shortly went to yesterday's high. July opened at 123½ and sold to 124.

May corn opened at 78¾ and July at 78¾, and both advanced. May oats opened at 52½ and sold to 53, while the July option opened at 49¼.

The close saw wheat over 2 points above the opening, and practically even with the day's high level. Corn and oats were up about 1 cent. Decided strength was apparent in the closing market.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT				
May	130	132½	129⅝	132¾ B
July	123½	125⅜	122⅝	125⅜
CORN				
May	78¾	79⅛	78	79 A
July	78⅜	79⅛	78	79⅛ B
OATS				
May	52⅝	53⅜	52⅝	53¼
July	49½	49⅞	49⅛	49¾
PORK				
Jan.	....	....	....	2000
May	1997	2100	1992	2050
LARD				
Jan.	1027	1045	1027	1045
May	1060	1082	1050	1075 B
July	1072	1100	1070	1095 A
RIBS				
Jan.	1060	1075	1060	1072
May	1087	1112	1085	1107
July	....	....	....	1127

BANK STATEMENT OF COAST

Portland Banks.

Clearings—	This Week.	Year Ago.
Monday	$2,010,983.42	$2,034,479.78
Tuesday	1,650,494.48	1,554,792.32
Wednesday	1,546,001.00	1,824,323.06
Thursday	1,679,361.46	1,896,402.48
Friday	1,406,648.93	1,703,717.77

Los Angeles Banks.

Clearings today $3,802,753.00

San Francisco Banks.

Clearings today $10,106,099.00

Seattle Banks.

Clearings today $2,039,781.00
Balances today 353,961.00

Tacoma Banks.

Clearings today $229,223.00
Balances today 22,506.00

First 1916 Hop Contract.

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 21.—A contract was filed with the Lewis county auditor Wednesday by J. E. Dunn, who owns a hop yard in the vicinity of Harmony, whereby he agrees to deliver 15,000 pounds of hops to T. A. Livesley & Co. at 10½c a pound. This is the first business reported for the 1916 crop.

It is expected that much hop acreage will be plowed up this year and that the industry will soon be a matter of history as far as Lewis county is concerned.

San Francisco Grain Market.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 21.—Barley calls:

	—Jan. 21.— Open.	Close.	Jan. 20. Close.
May	$1.38¼	$1.38½	$1.38¼

Spot quotations — Wheat: Walla Walla, $1.72½@1.75; red Russian, $1.75@1.77½; turkey red, $1.87½@1.90; bluestem, $1.90@1.92½.

Feed—Barley, $1.30@1.32½; brewing, $1.40@1.42.

White oats, $1.45@1.50; bran, $23.50; middlings, $30.00@31.00; shorts, $25.00@26.00.

Various Wheat Markets.

Liverpool—Cash wheat, 1¼d to 3d higher.

Buenos Aires — Cash wheat, 1½c higher.

Duluth—May, $1.32; July, $1.30½.

Winnipeg—May, $1.30½B; July, $1.30½.

Minneapolis — May, $1.31⅜@1.31½; July, $1.29⅝.

Kansas City—May, $1.22⅞; July, $1.18⅝.

San Francisco Wool Market.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Wool, per pound, Humboldt and Mendocino, 8 months' growth, 21@23c; do 12 months, 25@28c; middle counties, 8 months' growth, good, 17@19c; do fair, 15@17c, Red Bluff and vicinity, 20@23c; southern California fall and lambs' wool, 12@15c; Nevada stock, 18@20c, according to quality.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Wool unchanged.

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	1210	1216	1207	1216
March	1225	1233	1218	1231
May	1249	1257	1233	1255
July	1261	1269	1257	1268
Oct.	1252	1269	1252	1267
Dec.	1267	1284	1267	1281

Eastern Barley Markets.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Barley strong, malting, 76@79c; receipts, 61 cars.

New York, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Barley steady, malting, 81@85c.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.—Barley steady, 65c.

New York Sugar and Coffee.

New York, Jan. 21.—Sugar—Centrifugal, $4.77.

Coffee—Spot New York, No. 7 Rios, 8c; No. 4 Santos, 9¼c.

HOGS CLIMB TO NEW HIGH MARK FOR THE SEASON IN PORTLAND

Tops Go at $7.40 at North Portland or 30c Above Thursday's High Point—Sheep Situation Strong at Advanced Prices.

HOG MARKET EXPLAINED.

The sale of extra select quality hogs at $7.40 in the North Portland yards during the morning was for quality stuff that was considered worth a premium of about a dime, or 15c above the regular stuff commonly called tops. The lot that brought the extreme figure was sold to a Tacoma packer, and carried no extra freight charge to that point. The general market for tops is $7.25, or 15c above the previous market.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Friday	1,067	44	..	547
Thursday	60	13	..	253
Wednesday	883	24	..	459
Tuesday	162	31	..	...
Monday	5,219	1228	7	2551
Saturday	194	..	..	11
Week ago	921	176	..	...
Year ago	1,091	20	5	440
Two years ago	1,326	71	..	98
Three years ago	589	50	..	231

With the exception of cattle, the entire livestock market at North Portland was firmer and higher for the day.

There was an excellent run of swine in the yards overnight. Market opened with a very firm trend with values higher all around. Killers showed disposition to take hold at the better figures.

Sales of tops were made during the morning as high as $7.40. This is the highest point reached this season to date and is 30c above the high mark of Thursday.

General hog market range:

Choice light weights .... $ 7.40
Good light weights .... 7.10@7.25
Medium weights .... 6.75@7.00
Rough and heavy .... 6.00@6.50

While there was a small run of cattle in the North Portland yards overnight, no improvement was indicated by the early day's trading. The market in general for cattle was considered steady around the same averages as obtained at the week's opening.

General cattle market range:

Choice pulp fed steers .... $7.60@7.75
Choice grain fed steers .... 7.40@7.50
Ordinary grain fed steers .... 7.40@7.50
Choice hay fed steers .... 7.25@7.35
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

Mutton and Lambs Higher.

In line with the record price obtained for yearling wethers in the North Portland yards Thursday, the market was again strong with general values lifted to conform with the sales of yearlings at $7.75.

There was only a small run reported in the mutton and lamb division of the local market overnight and buying started early at the higher prices.

General mutton and lamb range:

Choice weight lambs .... $8.25@8.50
Good to common lambs .... 7.50@7.75
Poor to fair lambs .... 7.00@7.25
Choice yearling wethers .... 7.50@7.75
Good to common yearlings .... 6.75@7.00
Old wethers .... 6.25@6.50
Choice light ewes .... 6.55@6.75
Good to common ewes .... 6.00@6.25

Friday Livestock Shippers.

Hogs—Y. C. Mansfield, Winona, Wash., 2 loads; W. Jeff, Caldwell, Idaho, 1 load; Grover Bros., Letha, Idaho, 1 load; New Plymouth, Idaho, 1 load; W. H. Ross, Parma, Idaho, 1 load; C. E. Lucke, Molalla, 1 load; E. R. Morgan, Goldendal, Wash., 2 loads; J. W. Willis, Gaston, 1 load.

Mixed stuff—John Ashworth, Haines, 3 loads cattle and sheep; M. M. Hoctor, Goldendale, Wash., 1 load cattle and hogs; Smith Bros., Donald, 1 load cattle and hogs.

Comparative statement of North Portland run:

	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Month to date	4,025	33	26,685	9,403
Same, 1915	4,395	60	28,927	10,829
	370	27	2,242	1,426

Friday Morning Sales.

No.		Ave. lbs.	Price.
HOGS			
27	hogs	203	$7.40
87	hogs	208	7.40
28	hogs	190	7.25
92	hogs	208	7.25
7	hogs	200	7.10
97	hogs	203	7.10
30	hogs	400	6.90
53	hogs	300	6.75
3	hogs	447	6.40
4	hogs	315	6.25
2	hogs	455	6.10
1	hog	210	7.25
89	hogs	200	7.25
8	hogs	420	6.25
1	hog	570	6.00
1	hog	200	6.00
53	hogs	170	7.10
60	hogs	143	7.10
25	hogs	148	7.10
2	hogs	315	6.10
2	hogs	465	6.05
STEERS			
2	steers	1115	$7.25
1	steer	1210	7.00
10	steers	1038	6.85
1	steer	860	6.50
1	steer	860	6.00
11	steers	943	6.00
COWS			
1	cow	1190	$6.50
3	cows	935	6.00
1	cow	850	4.25
HEIFERS			
1	heifer	810	$4.50
BULLS			
1	bull	1280	$4.00

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Chicago Hogs $7.50.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 50,000, higher. Bulk of sales, $7@7.40; light, $6.80@7.25; mixed, $6.95@7.45; heavy, $6.95@7.50; rough, $6.95@7.10; pigs, $5.50@6.60.

Cattle—Receipts 2000, weak; native beef steers, $6.35@9.75; western steers, $6.50@8.25; cows and heifers $3.20@8.25; calves, $7.75@11.

Sheep—Receipts 8000, weak, Wethers, $7.60@8.20; lambs, $8.50@11.

Omaha Hogs $7.15.

Omaha, Jan. 21.—I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 18,500, steady. Heavy, $6.90@7.15; light, $6@7.05; pigs, $5@6.50; bulk of sales, $6.80@7.10.

Cattle—Receipts 2000, lower. Native steers, $6.50@8.50; cows and heifers, $5.50@7; western steers, $6@7.75; Texas steers, $5.80@6.80; stockers and feeders, $5.50@7.65.

Sheep—Receipts 8500, steady; yearlings, $7.75@9.25; wethers, $7@7.70; lambs, $10.25@10.65.

St. Louis Hogs $7.55.

St. Louis, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 18,509, lower. Pigs and lights, $6@7.40; mixed and butchers, $7.25@7.50; good heavy, $7.45@7.55.

Cattle—Receipts 1100, steady. Native beef steers, $7.50@9.50; yearling steers and heifers, $8.50@9.35; cows, $5.50@7; stockers and feeders, $5@7.25; southern steers, $5.25@8.50; cows and heifers, $4@6.50; native calves, $6@11.

Sheep—Receipts 400, higher. Yearling wethers $8@9.25; lambs, $9@10.75; ewes, $6.25@7.50.

Kansas City Hogs $7.35.

Kansas City, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 6000, lower. Bulk of sales, $7@7.30; heavy, $7.25@7.35; packers and butchers, $7.10@7.30; light, $6.75@7.20; pigs, $6.25@6.60.

Cattle—Receipts 1000, steady. Prime fed steers, $8.50@9.25; dressed beef steers, $6.75@8.40; western, $6.25@8.40; stockers and feeders, $6@8; bulls, $5.50@6.50; calves, $6@10.50.

Sheep—Receipts 3000, strong. Lambs, $10.25@10.85; yearlings, $8.50@9.25; wethers, $7@8; ewes, $6.75@7.50.

Denver Hogs $7.

Denver, Jan. 21.—Cattle — Receipts 2000, steady. Beef steers, $6.50@7.75. Cows and heifers, $5@6.30; calves, $8@10.

Hogs—Receipts 500, lower. Top, $7; bulk of sales, $6.85@7.

Sheep—Receipts none.

Seattle Hogs $7.50.

Seattle, Jan. 21.—(P. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 87, higher. Prime lights, $7.50; medium to choice, $7.33@7.45; smooth heavies, $6.85@7; rough heavies, $6.35@6.50; pigs, $6.35@7.

Cattle—Receipts none, steady. Best steers, $7.75@7.85; medium to choice, $7.35@7.50; common to medium, $6@6.75; best cows, $5.75@6.25; common to medium cows, $3.50@5; bulls, $3.50@5.50; calves, $5.50@8.50.

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

Today's shippers:

Hogs—C. S. Hunt, Kamiah, Idaho, 87.

Stock Mart Waits For Steel Meeting; Trade Sympathetic

New York, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—A stronger tone was apparent in the opening of the stock market today. The rails were heavily traded and prices held steady to yesterday's averages. There is little doubt that traders are adopting a waiting policy, incited by the approaching dividend action of United States Steel next Tuesday.

It is thought that the future trend of the stocks sympathetic to steel will depend largely on whether a 5 per cent dividend is declared or whether the directors decide that conservation against exigencies should be observed.

U. S. Steel showed a tendency to strengthen in the early trading today. The metal stocks were up somewhat and trading was of good volume.

Some of the specialties continue to attract attention. Any definite news of a favorable nature regarding the foreign situation is predicted to start an upward movement, as general sentiment has it that the reaction has run its course.

Union Pacific was active from an opening at 136¼. Westinghouse continued to advance from an opening at 67¾. Crucible Steel opened at 65½ and went up 2 points. Steel ranged around 84.

Anaconda opened at 86½ and was active to fractional advances. Smelters opened at 104 and Lead at 71¾. Both of these issues were active. American Can opened at 61¾ and advanced. Industrial Alcohol was still higher today at 151¼. Mexican Petroleum strengthened over yesterday's market to sales at 112⅛.

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

DESCRIPTION	Open	High	Low	Close
Alaska	23⅞	24	23⅞	24
Allis Chalmers, c.	26¾	27½	26¾	27¼
Allis Chalmers, pf	78	79	78	78½
American Beet Sugar	67¼	67¼	66⅝	66⅝
American Can, c.	62½	63	62	62½
American Can, pf	....	....	....	112½
American Car Fdy., c.	68	69⅛	67¾	68½
American Cot. Oil, c.	....	....	....	55¾
American Linseed, c.	....	....	....	22
American Loco., c.	64½	65⅛	63¾	64½
American Smelter, c.	104	104⅞	103	103¾
American Smelter, pf.	....	....	....	113
American Sugar, c.	113⅝	114¼	113⅝	113¾
Am. Tel. & Tel.	127¼	127⅜	127¼	127⅜
American Woolen, c.	....	....	....	54
*Anaconda Mining Co.	86½	87¼	86½	87⅜
Atchison, c.	106	106⅞	105½	106⅝
Atchison, pf	....	....	....	99½
Baldwin Loco., c.	108½	111	107¼	109⅞
Baldwin Loco., pf	....	....	....	108¾
B. & O., c.	93⅞	94¾	93⅞	94⅝
Bethlehem Steel, c	480	485	470	474
Bethlehem Steel, pf	....	....	....	130
Brooklyn R. T.	....	....	....	86¾
Cal. Petroleum, c.	31⅛	32¼	30⅝	33¼
Calif. Petroleum, pf	66	66½	65	66
Canadian Pacific	175¼	176	175¼	175
Central Leather, c.	54	54	53⅞	53⅞
Central Leather, pf	....	....	....	110
Chesapeake & Ohio	64	64¼	63¾	63⅞
Chi. & G. W., c	14	14	14	14
Chi. & G. W., pf	38	38	38	38
C., M. St. P.	99¼	100	99¼	99⅝
Chi. & N. W., c	....	....	....	131½
Chino Copper	52⅞	54⅛	52⅞	53⅞
Colorado F. & I., c.	46	46½	45¼	46⅝
Consolidated Gas	141½	142¼	141½	142
Corn Products, c.	21½	23¼	21⅝	22¾
Corn Products, pf	98	99	97¾	98½
Crucible Steel, c	65½	69¼	65	67
Crucible Steel, pf	....	....	....	110¼
Denver & R. G., c	12	12	11¾	11¾
Denver & R. G., pf	....	....	....	20½
Distillers	46	48	45¾	47⅞
Erie, c	39⅝	40	39⅛	39¾
Erie, 1st pf	56	56¼	55⅝	56⅛
General Electric	172⅝	174½	172	174
General Motors	472	475	468	480
Goodrich Rubber	71	71⅞	71	71¾
G. North., Ore Lands.	46⅞	46⅞	46¾	46¾
G. Northern, pf	123⅜	123½	123⅛	123¼
Guggenheim Exp	23	23⅛	22¾	22¾
Hide & Leather, c	11	11	10⅞	10⅞
Hide & Leather, pf	54	54½	54	54½
Ice Securities	25½	25½	25¼	25¼
Illinois Central	106½	107	106½	108
Industrial Alcohol	150	169	148⅝	151½
Inspiration	45	45⅞	44¾	45⅞
International Harvester	....	....	....	110
Interboro, c	20	20	19⅞	19⅝
Interboro, pfd	75	75⅞	74⅞	75½
Kansas City South., c.	28¾	28¾	28	28½
Lackawanna Steel	80	81½	80	80
Lehigh Valley	79	79⅛	78¾	78⅝
Louisville & Nashville	126	126½	126	129
Mexican Petroleum	110	113⅛	109½	111
Miami Copper	37½	38⅛	37½	38
Missouri, K. & T., c	....	....	....	6
Missouri, K. & T., pfd	....	....	....	14½
Missouri Pacific	5⅝	5½	5⅝	5⅝
National Biscuit	....	....	....	120½
National Lead	71¾	73	71¾	72¼
Nevada Consolidated	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝
New Haven	73⅝	74	73	73½
New York Air Brake	150½	151	150	150
New York Central	109⅝	110½	109⅜	109⅞
N. Y., Ont. & West.	....	....	....	28¾
Norfolk & West., c.	119⅝	119⅞	119½	119½
Northern Pacific	115	115⅛	114⅞	114¾
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	11½
Pennsylvania Railway	58½	58¾	58¼	58⅝
Peoples Gas	108	108	107¾	108
Pittsburg Coal, c.	34	34⅝	33⅝	34¼
Pressed Steel Car, c.	58	59	58	58¾
Pressed Steel Car, pfd.	....	....	....	103½
Ray Cons. Copper	24⅛	25	24⅛	24¾
Railway Steel Springs	39	42	38¼	40
Reading, c	81⅝	81⅞	81⅛	81½
Reading, 1st pfd	....	....	....	46
Reading, 2d pfd	43	43	43	43
Republic I. & S., c.	51	51½	50½	51
Republic I. & S., pfd	....	....	....	107⅞
Rock Island	16¾	18	16⅝	17⅞
Rock Island, pfd	....	....	....	⅜
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	....	....	....	183½
Studebaker, c.	152	153⅝	151	153¾
Studebaker, pfd	....	....	....	110½
Sloss Sheffied	....	....	....	58
Southern Pacific	101	101⅛	100¾	101¼
Southern Railway, c.	22½	22¾	22½	22½
Southern Railway, pfd.	63	63	63	63
Tennessee Copper	59¼	60½	58⅝	59½
Texas Oil	206	211	206	208½
Texas Pacific	....	....	....	7⅝
Union Pacific, c.	136¼	136½	135⅞	136⅜
Union Pacific, pfd	....	....	....	83¼
U. S. Rubber, c.	55	55¼	54⅞	55
U. S. Rubber, pfd	107¾	107⅜	107½	107¾
U. S. Steel Co., c.	85⅝	85⅝	83⅝	84
U. S. Steel Co., pfd	117⅝	117¾	117⅝	117⅝
Utah Copper	77⅞	79¾	77⅞	79¼
Virginia Chemical, c.	48⅝	48⅞	48¾	48⅝
W. U. Telegraph	90⅝	91	90⅛	90
Westinghouse Electric	67¾	68¾	67¾	67¾
Wisconsin Central	....	....	....	35

Total sales, 579,600 shares.
Ex-div. 1½.

BOSTON COPPER QUOTATIONS

Boston, Jan. 21.—Copper bids:

Adventure	2¼	Mohawk	91
Ahmeek	97	Nev. Cons.	15¼
Allouez	68	Nipissing	7
Arcadian	9⅝	North Butte	29¼
Alaska	24⅝	North Lake	2
Belmont	4¼	Ohio Cop.	20
Bingham	9½	Old Colony	2½
Bohemia	2¼	Old Dominion	64¾
Butte Bal.	3⅛	Osceola	84
Butte Sup.	75	Quincy	88
Cal. & Ariz.	10	Ray Cons.	24¾
Cal. & Hecla	555	Santa Fe	3¼
Centennial	17¾	Shannon	9
Chief Cons.	1⅛	Shattuck	33
Chino	53½	Superior	25½
C. Cop. Min	1 15-16	Sup. & Boston	2
Copper Range	63½	Swift Pack.	126¼
Daly West	3½	Tamarack	52½
Davis-Daly	1⅞	Trinity	10⅝
East Butte	15	Tuolumne	18
First Nat'l	7½	United Fruit	139
Franklin	10⅝	U. Shoe Mch.	34¾
G'dfield Con	1 1-16	Do pfd.	29
Granby	84¼	United Zinc	69
Indiana	5½	U. S. Smelters	58½
N. Inspirat.'n	45¼	Do pfd.	5
Isle Royale	28½	Utah Apex	3½
Keeweenaw	3	Utah Cons.	14¼
La Salle	5	Victoria	3¼
L. Copper	18¾	Winona	4½
Majestic	1 3-16	Wolverine	61¾
Mason Valley	3½	Wyandot	2¼
Mass. Gas.	24	Crown	55
Mass. Mining	12¼	Kerr Lake	4½
Mayflower	3⅝	Success	62
Miami	38	Riker-Hag.	5
Michigan	1⅞	Profit Shar'g	12

No Damage to Fruit.

The Dallas, Or., Jan. 21.—Edward Kurtz, chief of police of The Dalles, and former well known cannery owner and fruit man, scoffs at the idea that the severe frosts have injured the fruit trees in this section.

"The long dry summer sweated most of the sap from the peach trees and left they dry and unsusceptible to frosts," states Mr. Kurtz. "Conditions are such at the present time that it is not likely the peach trees have been injured by the heavy frost of the past few nights. The fruit is not developed like it was in 1909 when the cold killed much of it, and it is my belief none of it has been injured. There is no need for alarm over the probable destruction of peaches in this locality unless the severe weather continues for an extended period."

Financial, Industrial, Development

Investment Conditions Show Gain; Credit Methods to Be Discussed in Course of Lectures by the University School of Commerce.

Improved Investment Conditions.—The improvement in investment conditions in 1915 can be shown in the record of resumed and increased dividend payments. This is said to augur well for investments generally in 1916. It is reported that 38 large corporations resumed dividends, 35 declared initial dividend payments, 14 corporations paid off dividends in arrears and 61 increased their rates. Extra dividend disbursements were made 79 corporations. Increased dividend disbursements last year amounted to $184,624,000. Dividends resumed totaled $13,409,000; initial dividend payments were $15,790,000; accumulated dividends paid off were $5,923,000; increased dividends, $14,217,000; stock dividends, $61,366,000, and extra disbursements, $69,316,000.

Course of Lectures on Credits.—For the benefit of the Portland Association of Credit Men the extension department of the school of commerce of the University of Oregon will give a course of lectures on "Credit Giving and Credit Methods." The course will be in charge of D. Walter Morton, dean of the department and Don C. Sowers, professor of municipalities. The lectures will be given on alternate Thursday evenings from 8 to 9 o'clock in one of the lecture rooms of the public library and the first lecture is announced for next week.

The subjects of the lectures will be:

1—History, Theory, Principles and Uses of Credit.

2—Credit Instruments and Kinds of Credit.

3—The Credit Man—His Duties and Qualifications; The Credit Department.

4—Sources of Credit Information—The Mercantile Agency.

5—Sources of Credit Information—Salesmen; Attorneys, Bank Reports, Credit Exchange.

6—The Analysis of Credit Information; Methods of Safeguarding Credits.

7—The Collection Department—Qualifications of a Collector and His Methods.

8—Adjustment Bureaus; Retail Credit Associations.

9—Credit Men's Associations; Credits and Crises.

10—History of Bankruptcy Legislation and the Present Law.

While the course is arranged primarily for credit men the lectures will be open to the public.

Burbank's Flyer in Finance.—It is reported that the experience of Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, in the ways of stock companies and finance has been disastrous to his pocketbook and peace of mind. The financial exploitation of his spineless cactus has come to grief. It is reported that the promoters of the company who sought to introduce the spineless cactus all over the world as an animal food agreed to pay him $300,000 for the use of his name and the right to market all of his products. He is now suing for $9975, which he claims is due him from the Burbank company and he also seeks an injunction against the further use of his name as a trade mark. An effort to market spineless cactus stock was made in Portland several months ago.

Successor to Russell Lowry. — The successor of Russell Lowry, deputy governor of the federal reserve bank at San Francisco, who retired January 1 to assume the presidency of the First National bank of Oakland, Cal., is Walton N. Moore, of San Francisco. He has been connected with the Twelfth district reserve bank since its inception, he being one of the three members of the board of nine directors who were appointed directly by the president. So far as learned Mr. Moore is not known to Portland bankers personally.

Throws a Kiss at Journalists About to Set Sail at Risk of Submarine Attacks

Italian Boatman Fears for Safety of Travelers, But Business Is Business; Ruins of Messina Present Terrifying Sight.

Messina, Italy —(U. P., by Mail.)—"I'll help you catch your boat," says a huge Italian, with an American hat, American shoes, big blue spectacles, and a tendency to New York slang. "You're going to Salonikl, huh?"

"We've got half a day to catch the boat. We don't need a guide."

"Well, half a day ain't enough without me. You've got to go to the police, to the customs office, to the military police, and then to the harbor police, all in two hours, before you will be permitted to sail."

What's the use? We hire him.

The ruins of Messina, which was rattled to pieces in 47 seconds one June morning seven years ago, line the coast and run back up the slopes of the low Sicilian mountains.

Very few citizens are rebuilding. New skeletons are coming to light every day, for over 40,000 human beings were shaken into eternity that morning. Most of the new buildings are of wood and one story, roughly built in Klondyke style.

Messina might be a '47 mining camp in California.

We get into a rickety carriage and go to a frame shack for our steamer tickets. Then we ride another mile through the ruins that line the beach to the local police station to have our passports signed. Then it's a third mile to the military police. Two or three Italian officials must sign our passports at every place; strange assortment of letters and numbers are put on our papers with rubber stamps.

All this is because we are going to leave Italy; because we are journalists going to Greece; because—well, just because. Europe is full of little offices, where little officers sit, doing just such things.

At last we get into a rowboat with our baggage and start with our guide for the Italian liner that lies in the bay.

"That man you bought your tickets of is my father," says the guide.

"Yes?"

"He represents the Italian steamship line in Messina."

"Yes?"

"I wouldn't ride on that boat to Greece for a bag full of gold."

"Why not, seasickness?"

"Seasickness nothing. Submarines! Two ships of this company have been blown up on the way to Greece from Messina. Honest, you couldn't get me on that boat."

We're at the ship's ladder now.

"By golly, you fellows got nerve," says the guide whose father sold us the tickets. "Remember, I told you. God bless you. I wish I knew how you come through it. My father couldn't refuse to sell the tickets. He's the agent. He couldn't tell you. But I can. By golly, not for me on that boat!"

You pay him twice as much as he asks, just to get him to shut up. It's sundown by now. As he rows toward shore; he waves his arms, shouts goodbye, and even throws a kiss at us, as if he fully expects never to see us again.

He won't, either, if we see him first.

French Class of 1917 Is Called to Colors

Youths Respond to the Call of Their Country With All Eagerness and Enthusiasm.

Paris, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Ten days ago the young men of France who, under ordinary circumstances, would not have been called upon to serve their military term until next year, were called to the colors, and they have now actually begun their training.

It must not be imagined that these boys are looking upon the war as a kind of glorified picnic, an easy chance to win laurels and honor. In nearly all cases, the writer found, they were fully aware of what life in the trenches means; they knew its dreadful monotony, its dangers and its hardships.

Whenever it had been possible to do so, six days' furlough had been granted to the fathers of these young boys now actually at the front, in order that they might say good-bye to their sons before the country took possession of them for the duration of the war; and these fathers, while congratulating their sons that they, too, were to be given a chance to fight for France, had not hidden from them the grim realities of modern trench warfare, with its constant call on patience and never faltering endurance and the sufferings inseparable from a life at the front, of which a great part is spent in muddy trenches with water reaching your knees, interrupted only by short spells of rest and sleep in damp dugouts, very little better than the trenches themselves.

The boys of the class of 1917, whom Frenchmen will see in a few days drilling in barrack yards and open places in or near Paris, are laboring under no illusions, but have a very accurate idea of what they will be called upon to bear. They look forward to it with the wonderful enthusiasm of healthy youth.

San Francisco Hop Market.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 21.—(P. 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.

Women Experience Gross Indignities

Berne, Jan. 21.—The Milan correspondent of the "Bund" reports that three French women recently became victims of the Italian spy hunters. The women had traveled through Switzerland and wanted to go to Genoa. When they crossed the frontier they were held up by Italian officers, although they possessed passports and their excellent French left no doubt as to their nationality. Their baggage was ransacked and they were forced to disrobe and to submit to a humiliating examination.

Nothing suspicious was found in their possession, but the Italian officers were not satisfied. The women had to go to jail and were only permitted after a week to communicate with the French ambassador at Rome, who quickly brought about their release and obtained an apology for them. One of the women is the wife of a high French government official.

PORTLAND FIRE RECORD

Thursday.

8:42 a. m.—Geibisch & Joplin Construction Co., cook house, 931 Sandy boulevard, wood piled near stove, loss $200.

10:16 a. m.—Pacific Waste Co., 1535 Macadam street, overheated stove, loss, $700.

6:47 p. m.—274 Baker street, chimney fire, no damage.

Friday.

7:15 a. m.—46 North Fifteenth street, burning flue, no damage.

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