BRADSTREETS REPORTS BUSINESS MEN ARE MORE CAUTIOUS

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EGG MARKET IS QUITE ACTIVE HERE AT 35 CENTS FOR RECEIPTS

Case Count Stock Moves Well at the Current Price; Receipts Are Liberal but This Is Believed to Be Held Stuff From Country.

Considerable activity is showing in the local egg market. Sales of case count are generally reported at 35c a dozen and at this price wholesalers are able to clean up quite promptly.

Receipts of eggs have been quite fair recently, indicating that much stuff has been held back by the country on account of the boycott here.

Outside markets have been rather liberal buyers of eggs in the Portland trade during the last few days and their wants have been sufficient to clean up practically everything that has come.

Even the local demand from retailers has been somewhat improved during the last 24 hours, showing that the boycott has lost most of its force and that the public is again a buyer of eggs.

Wholesalers see in the present movement of eggs nothing aside from the fact that the country has withheld stocks from market for some time. They figure that with cold weather that stocks will become scarce. This will force the issue in regard to prices.

BUTTER MAKE IS GREATER

The usual December increase in the output of butter is showing in the creamery trade and a slight weakness is therefore indicated. No burdensome surplus is shown and prices are as yet unchanged.

LETTUCE MARKET IS BUSTED

Because of the heavy supplies of head lettuce held in storage, which is showing poor quality, the market is badly demoralized along the street, with sales at 50c@$2 per crate.

TURKEY DEMAND VERY GOOD

Rather good demand is showing for turkeys on the local market. Sales along the street are shown generally around 26c a pound for best dressed birds with current receipts limited.

VEAL IS SELLING AT A RISE

Small sales of selected country killed calves are shown along the street as high as 13½c a pound. Market for hogs is firm with tops going readily at 12½c. Beef continues slow sale.

POTATOES MOVING TO EAST

Movement of potatoes to eastern market is increasing, but no buying is shown at country points. Reports from the east indicate a continuation of extreme values despite the belief of the trade that the market was going to drop.

BRIEF NOTES OF THE TRADE

Car celery in and selling at $4.50 crate for best.

Car sweet potatoes in; another, believed to be the last of the season, is rolling.

Chicken market is nothing rather steady.

Apple trade remains neglected; general sales at low prices.

Fresh fish supplies of all kinds still very scarce.

SHIPPERS' WEATHER NOTICE

Weather bureau advises: Protect shipments during the next 48 hours as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 32 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 18 degrees; southeast to Boise, 48 degrees; south to Ashland, 35 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight about 38 degrees.

JOBBING PRICES IN PORTLAND

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

Dairy Produce.

BUTTER — Creamery prints, extras, 38c; prime firsts, 36c; firsts, 35½c; cubes, 1c less; cartons 1c advance.

BUTTERFAT—Portland delivery—No. 1 sour cream, 38c; No. 2, 36c.

EGGS—Selling price: Nominal, case count, 35c; buying price, 33@34c; April storage, 30@32c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, heavy Plymouth Rocks, 15c; ordinary chickens, 12½@13½c; stags, 11c; broilers, 15c; turkeys, 19@20c; dressed, fancy, 26c; culls, 20@21c; squabs, $2.00 dozen; geese, live, 11c per lb.; Pekin ducks, young, 17c lb.; Indian Runners, young, 16c; old ducks, 13@14c; pigeons, $1.00 dozen.

CHEESE—Selling price: Fresh Oregon fancy full cream triplets, 23@23½c; Young Americas, 24@24½c. Price to jobbers. Flats, 22c; Young America, 23c f. o. b.; gream brick, 27@28c; Limburger, 25@26c; block Swiss, 34@35c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, navel, $2.00@3.25 per box; bananas, 4½@5c lb.; lemons, $4.00@4.50; California grapefruit, $2.50@3.00; Florida, $4.25@4.00; pears, $1.25@1.75.

BERRIES—Huckleberries, 8@10c; cranberries, local, $3.50 box; eastern, $12.50.

APPLES—Local, 75c@$1.50, according to quality.

ONIONS—Oregon, $2.50@3.00 per cental; association selling price at country points, $2.00@2.75 per cental.

POTATOES—Selling price. New local, $1.50@1.75. Buying price: Ordinary shipping $1.15; fancy, $1.20@1.40; sweets, No. 1, $3.75.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25 sack; carrots, $1.00; parsnips, $1.25; Oregon cabbage, $2.00 cwt.; green onions, 25c dozen bunches; peppers, 20c lb.; head lettuce, $1.50@1.75 crate; celery, $4.00 per crate; artichokes, 80c@$1.00; cucumbers, (—); tomatoes, California, $1.50 lug; egg plant, 20c lb.; string beans, 15c lb.; rhubarb, (—) lb.; peas, 15@20c; cauliflower, California, $1.75@2.00 per crate.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS—Selling price: Country killed best hogs, 12@12½c; poor, 10@11c; best veals, 13@13½c; ordinary, 11@12½c; heavy, 8@9c; poor, 7c; goat, 4c; lamb, 11½c; mutton, 8@10c; beef, 4@6c lb.

SMOKED MEATS—Hams, 21@24c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 20½@21c; picnics, 14½c; cottage roll, 17c; short clears, 17½@19c. Oregon, exports, smoked, 20c lb.

LARD—Kettle rendered tierces, 19½c; standard, 19c; lard compound, 16½c.

OYSTERS—Olympia, gallon, $8.25; canned eastern, 55c can, $6.50 dozen, eastern in shell, $1.85 per 100; razor clams, (—); eastern oysters, per gallon, solid pack, $3.00.

FISH—Dressed flounders, 7c; silverside salmon, 12c per lb.; steelhead, 13c; perch, 8½c; lobsters, 50c; silver smelt, 5c; salmon trout, 10c per lb.; halibut, 14@10c; sturgeon, 12½@13c.

CRABS—Large, $1.75; medium, $1.25 dozen.

Groceries.

SUGAR—Cube, $6.40; powdered, $6.20; fruit or berry, $7.70; Honolulu, 7.65; beet, $7.50; dry granulated, $7.70; D yellow, $7.10. (Above quotations are 30 days net cash.)

HONEY—New, $3.00@3.25 per case.

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

SALT—Coarse, half grounds, 100s, $11 per ton; 50s, $11.75; table dairy, 50s, $16.00; 100s, $15.50; bales, $2.25; fancy table and dairy, $22; stump rock, $20 ton.

BEANS—Small white, 11½c; large white, 10½c; pink, 8¾c; limas, 9c; bayou, 8½c; red, 9½c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—Nominal, buying price, 1916 crop, ordinary, 7@10c; selected, 11@11½c lb.

WOOL—1916 clip: Willamette valley coarse Cotswold, 33c; medium Shropshire, 34c; fine, 32c; eastern Oregon staple, 24@25c per lb.; coarse and medium, 28@32c lb.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 lbs. and up, 18c; salted stags, 50 lbs. and up, 15c; green and salted kip, 15 lbs. to 25 lbs., 20c; green and salted calf skins, up to 15 lbs., 35c; green hides, 25 lbs. and up, 17c; green stags, 50 lbs. and up, 13c; dry hides, 31c; dry salt hides, 25c; dry horse hides, $1.00@2.50; salt horse hides, $3.00@3.50; horsehair, 28c; dry long wool pelts, 21c; dry short wool pelts, 17c; dry sheep shearlings, each, 10@25c; salted sheep shearlings, each, 15@25c; salted long wool pelts, each, $1.00@1.75; salted short wool pelts, each, 50c@$1.00.

TALLOW—No. 1, 6c; No 2, 8c; grease, 6c per lb.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK — Buying price, per car lots, 5½c; less than car lots, 6½c.

MOHAIR—1916, 35@45c.

SISAL—Dark, 14c lb.; white, 14½c lb.

Paints and Oils.

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

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $1.08 gallon; kettle boiled, barrels, $1.10; raw, cases, $1.13; boiled, cases, $1.15 gallon; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less.

TURPENTINE—Tanks, 67c; cases, 72c gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 11c lb.; 500 lb lots, 11¼c; less lots, 11½c per lb.

GASOLINE—Basis price, 21½c gallon.

Seed, Buying Price.

CLOVER—Red, 14c; alsike, 15c per lb.

TIMOTHY—4¼@4½c; domestic rye grass, 3½@4c; vetch, 3½@3¾c; onion, 3½c.

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Wool Market Moves To Extreme Prices With Heavy Trade

Enormous Business Shown in East; Contracting at Extreme Prices Is Reported in the West.

The strength of the wool market is wonderful at this time. In the eastern centers the trend of the trade is the best of this spectacular season to date. Not only are extreme prices being offered and paid by manufacturers for supplies, but the volume of the business is breaking a few records of its own for the year.

The efforts of the trade to contract the coming clip, while meeting with no success in the Pacific northwest states, are bearing fruit in the Rocky mountain country. It is stated on good authority that 60 per cent of the wool clip of Nevada for the coming season has already been contracted at 28@30c a pound, or practically 90c clean basis. In Utah there has already been sold approximately 2,000,000 pounds at 29@33c a pound.

One of the strong features of the trade is the effort being made by South American countries to impose an export tax on wool. This will create a strengthening situation in the domestic trade.

Wheat Rises Early With Belief That Peace Is Far Off

Chicago, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—A rush to buy in the belief that peace in Europe is far off sent wheat up by leaps and bounds at the opening today. The opening quotations were 3½ to 8¼c higher with July leading the advance and May close behind. Within a few minutes, however, May had taken the lead with an advance of 10c.

On this bulge there was scattered selling by commission houses.

Corn advanced almost three cents and oats more than two cents for the same reason.

In provisions the effect was opposite, and they were quoted lower.

Reports that the Russian duma had rejected Germany's peace overtures sent the market skyward.

Chicago range of prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co., 312-14, Board of Trade building:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	149	152	148½	151½
May	159	164½	159	163
July	139	140	136½	137¼
CORN.				
Dec.	90⅛	91¾	89⅞	91¼
May	90½	92¼	90½	92
July	90	91⅝	90	91⅝
OATS.				
Dec.	48	49¼	48	45¼
May	53¼	53⅝	52	53
PORK.				
July	50½	51⅛	49½	50¾
Jan.	2700	2702	2690	2690
May	2690	2697	2655	2665
LARD.				
Dec.	1675	1675	1650	1650
Jan.	1620	1620	1590	1600
May	1620	1620	1590	1605
RIBS.				
Jan.	1380	1382	1370	1370
May	1415	1422	1405	1407

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Chicago, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Nobody wanted choice cattle at the week end, and medium grades were not popular, but anything under $8.50 sold like hot cakes. Domestic markets are full of holiday beef, but war orders are untakable. Common cattle have advanced $1 per cwt. in two weeks, while medium and choice grades have lost 50c and 75c.

Hogs were irregularly higher, early selling being fully 5c above Friday's average, and some sales 15c to 20c above the close Monday. Owing to the storm, train deliveries were tardy today and the supply uncertain.

A weakening tendency after a week of pyrotechnics, was detected in the sheep house. Holiday demand has been satisfied, and light receipts are needed next week to prevent depreciation.

Kansas City Hogs, $10.20.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Cattle: Receipts, 800; no trade.

Hogs—Receipts, 1000; steady. Top, $10.20; bulk, $9.95@10.00; heavy, $9.80@10.20; mediums, $9.80@10.05; lights, $9.50@10.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000; no quotations.

Denver Hogs, $10.05.

Denver, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Cattle—Receipts 800, steady. No quotations.

Hogs—Receipts 1000, 5 cents higher. Top, $10.05; bulk, $9.85@10.00.

Sheep—Receipts 800, steady. Ewes, $7.50@8.25; lambs, $12.00@12.85.

St. Louis Hogs $10.35.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Cattle—Receipts 1500, including 400 southerns, steady. Native beef steers, $7.50@12.75; yearling steers and heifers, $8.50@11.50; cows, $5.50@8.50; stockers and feeders, $5.50@7.75; calves, $6.00@12.00; Texas steers, $5.50@8.00; prime southern beef steers, $8.00@9.00; beef cows and heifers, $3.45@7.50; prime yearlings and heifers, $7.50@9.00.

Hogs—Receipts 7500, steady. Mixed, $9.70@10.30; good, $10.20@10.35; rough, $9.40@9.60; light, $9.65@10.15; pigs, $8.00@9.25; bulk, $9.80@10.20.

Sheep—Receipts none, steady. Ewes, $5.00@8.65; yearlings, $9.50@11.25; lambs, $8.00@$13.25.

Seattle Hogs $10.15.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16.—(P. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 200, steady. Prime lights, $10.00@10.15; medium to choice, $9.75@9.90; smooth heavies, $9.25@9.00; rough heavies, $8.75@9.15; pigs, $8.25@9.15.

Cattle—Receipts 15, strong. Best steers, $7.50@7.75; medium to choice, $7.00@7.25; common to medium, $5.50@6.75; best cows, $6.50@6.75; common to medium cows, $4.50@5.75; bulls, $3.50@4.75; calves, $7.00@8.50.

Sheep—Receipts none, steady. Lambs, $8.50@9.50; yearlings, $7.00@7.80; ewes, $5.00@6.50; wethers, $6.50@7.50.

Omaha Hogs $9.85.

Omaha, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Cattle—Receipts 400, unchanged.

Hogs—Receipts 10,000, 5c to 10c higher. Good and choice heavy, $9.85@10.00; rough heavy, $9.65@9.80; light, 9.25@9.80; pigs, $7.00@9.10; bulk, $9.60@9.80.

Sheep—Receipts none.

Chicago Hogs $10.25.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 16,000, steady to 5c higher. Mixed and butchers, $9.75@10.15; good heavy, $9.65@10.25; rough heavy, $9.65@9.80; light, $9.20@10.00; pigs, $7.95@9.15; bulk, $9.70@10.10.

Cattle—Receipts 500, unchanged. Beeves, $7.00@10.75; cows and heifers, $8.85@10.10; stockers and feeders, $5.75@8.25; Texans, $7.40@9.75; calves, $8.50@12.00.

Sheep—Receipts 3000, steady. Native and western, $8.85@10.00; lambs, $8.50@13.35.

New York Metal Market.

New York, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Spelter dull and lower, prime western spot 10c, later Dec. 9⅞@10c, first quarter 9⅝@9½c, second quarter 8⅞@9c.

Copper quiet, quotations nominal. First quarter 33½@34c, second quarter 33@33½c, third 32½@33c, final 31½@32c.

Liverpool Cash Wheat.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Spot wheat was neglected today with prices unchanged. Quotations were: New Zealand, 16s 11d; No. 1 Chicago old, 17s 1d; No. 2 hard winter, 16s 11c, and No. 3 northern Manitoba, 17s.

Seattle Wheat Market.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16.—(P. N. S.)—Wheat—Bluestem, $1.42; Turkey red, $1.42; forty-fold, $1.38; club, $1.38; fife, $1.38; Russian, $1.35.

Barley—$36.

Yesterday car receipts—Wheat 13, oats 5, barley 2, corn 3, hay 35, flour 7.

MORE CAUTION BEING SHOWN IN TRADE AT AMERICAN CENTERS

Bradstreets Reports That German Peace Overtures Has Had Little Effect in Industries but Has Affected Current Values.

New York, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Bradstreet's says:

Germany's peace proposal thus far has not exerted any particular effect upon either trade or industry, though it has superinduced sharp breaks in stock market, as well as in cereal and flour prices and brought greater caution among financial interests.

Incidentally, a more conservative undertone seems to be developing in other directions as regards future trade, and naturally there is considerable discussion as to readjustments if negotiations looking to peace actually come to pass, although at the moment it is doubtful that a feasible basis for a speedy settlement will readily be found. Nevertheless, the high altitudes to which commodity prices have risen dictate prudence in the light of possible developments. But whatever sentiments may be in the making, actual trade trends of the week, taken by and large, manifest nothing by activity, tempered, however, in the larger lines by the fact that seasonable quiet is about due. On the other hand, distribution by final purveyors is driving at full speed toward a record turnover, and smart activity in holiday goods has been supplemented by brisk demand for heavy goods at retail, for which lower temperatures are responsible.

It is noted that the funds of Christmas savings clubs this year have reached a larger aggregate than ever before, and these sums in major part will go to purchase Christmas gifts. Therefore, a remarkable volume of buying is going on in articles to wear, jewelry, confectionary and musical devices.

Cotton Mart Falls With Easier Tone

New York, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—The rejection by the Russian duma of a premature peace and other war news published this morning caused a cautious policy in cotton at the opening today, when the tone was easy with prices down 3 to 6 points. Trading was narrower than in many months. A prominent commission house was the leading seller, but other commission houses bought moderately. The supply came from Wall street. Liverpool sold March and May, but bought July and October. Room traders purchased moderately.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	1825	1835	1796	1795
March	1849	1851	1819	1810
May	1868	1869	1837	1837
July	1864	1868	1830	1838
October	1780	....	....	1757
December	1815	1810	1798	1785

BANK STATEMENT OF COAST

Portland Banks.

	This week.	Year ago.
Monday	$ 3,006,623.38	$ 2,202,071.37
Tuesday	2,763,470.24	2,356,608.83
Wednesday	2,575,995.67	1,872,871.92
Thursday	2,408,598.31	1,872,663.00
Friday	2,509,942.79	1,714,046.59
Saturday	2,247,187.75	1,616,148.51
Los Angeles Banks.		
Clearings		$ 4,890,738.00
San Francisco Banks.		
Clearings		$15,152,094.00
Seattle Banks.		
Clearings		$ 3,091,665.00
Balances		402,416.00
Tacoma Banks.		
Clearings		$ 432,835.00
Balances		139,464.00

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

Seattle Market.

Seattle, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Onions—Oregon, 3½@3¾c; Yakima, 3¼c.

Potatoes—White River, $35; Yakima Gems, $45; sweets, 3¼c.

San Francisco Market.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Potatoes (Per Cental)—Delta in sacks, old land, $1.85@2; do, new land, $2.10@2.25; Salinas, $2.50@2.60; Oregon Burbanks, fancy, $2@2.25; do, choice, $1.85@2; Garnets, $2.50; Washington Netted Gems, $2.25@2.50; Sonoma, $1.75@2.00.

Onions—Brown, $3; Oregon, $3@3.10.

Los Angeles Market.

Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—(P. N. S.)—Potatoes—northern, $2.55@2.65; lompoc, $3.00; local, $2.35@2.40; Oregon Burbanks, $2.50; sweets, $2.85 cwt; 90c lug.

DAIRY PRODUCE ON THE COAST

Seattle Market.

Seattle, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Butter—Native Washington creamery cube, 39c; do, brick, 40c; storage cubes, 36c; storage, brick, 36c.

Cheese—Oregon triplets, 25c; Wisconsin triplets, 25c; do, twins, 25c; Young America, 26c.

Eggs—Select ranch, 38c; fresh eastern, 35c; April storage, 32c.

San Francisco Market.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Butter—Extras, 33½; prime firsts, 38c; firsts, 32½c.

Eggs—Extras, 38½c; pullets, 35c.

Cheese—California fancy, 15½c; firsts, 15c; Oregon triplets, fancy, 21½c.

Los Angeles Market.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16.—(P. N. S.)—Eggs, case count, 38c.

Butter—Fresh extra, 35c.

San Francisco Grain Market.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Wheat (per cental) California club, $2.60@2.70; Sonora, $2.70@2.80; northern club, $2.72½@2.77½; do, bluestem, $2.85@2.87½; do, Turkey red, $2.87½@2.02½; do, red Russian, $2.72½@2.77½.

Barley (per cental) Feed, $2.18@2.25 for fair to choice; shipping and brewing, nominal.

Oats (per cental) Red feed, $2.05@2.10 for ordinary; do, seed, $2.50@2.75; do, black, $3@3.25; No. 1 northern to arrive, $2.02½@2.05.

Money and Exchange.

New York, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Bar silver, London, 36 13-16. Bar silver, New York, 76½c. Demand sterling, $4.75 9-16.

Elgin Butter Higher.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Butter—All sales 38½c. Increase of ½c over last week's price.

New York Coffee Market.

New York, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Coffee—No. 7 Rio spot, 9½c; No. 4 Santos, 10¾c.

Britain to Fight To Victorious End

"Once in a while a voice is heard, saying, 'Oh, what's the use?' but that one is always drowned out by the great majority, who say, 'We will go on to the end,'" said Walter J. Burns, resident partner of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., speaking of the attitude of the British people toward the war, before the Progressive Business Men's club.

"They will go on to the end—a victorious end," added Mr. Burns, who described for the clubmen a recent visit he made to England. Mr. Burns' description of the trials of travel was highly humorous. He was introduced by John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific in Oregon, who made a special trip from Seattle in order to keep the engagement.

Colder Mornings Coming

In the excitement of your Christmas shopping do not forget to keep the fuel bin full. The mornings are frosty now—colder ones are coming; you'll need fuel and lots of it—do not get caught short. The Journal's "Prepare for Winter" column is a directory of reliable fuel dealers.

Hogs Holding Firm At North Portland; Run Moderate One

Situation in General Is Unchanged; Top Lambs Firm but None Are Offering on Local Market.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Saturday	638	37	....	49
Friday	1135	231	4	121
Thursday	564	55	....	....
Wednesday	293	7	1	1285
Tuesday	795	16	....	82
Monday	4032	575	11	64
Week ago	52	3	1	10
Year ago	513	4	2	298
Two years ago	443	94	1	1
Three years ago	672	....	....	78

There was a fair supply of hogs reported in the North Portland yards overnight, but general trade conditions are showing no change.

The situation is substantially the same as during the last few days.

General hog market price range:

Prime heavy, 225-250 lbs.	$9.60@9.75
Prime light, 200-225 lbs.	9.60@9.65
Good hogs	9.55@9.60
Ordinary mixed lots	8.00@9.50

Cattle Situation Good.

Situation in the cattle trade continues favorable from a demand standpoint. Receipts are still small, and consist entirely of odds and ends as regards quality.

General cattle market range:

Best beef steers	$7.50@7.55
Good beef steers	6.50@7.00
Best beef cows	5.75@6.25
Ordinary to good	5.25@5.50
Best heifers	6.00@6.25
Bulls	3.25@5.00
Calves	5.00@7.00
Stocker-feeder steers	4.00@6.00
Stocker-feeder cows	3.00@5.50

Sheep Run Is Nominal.

Only a nominal showing of sheep supplies was shown in the North Portland yards overnight.

General market remains firm at full prices.

General mutton and lamb market:

*Best east of mountain lambs	$9.75@10.00
Best valley lambs	9.50@9.75
Ewes	6.25@7.25
Goats	5.25

*None offered.

Saturday Livestock Shippers.

Hogs—J. C. Davis, Shedd, 1 load; W. B. Wing, Eugene, 1 load; J. M. Barry, Anderson, Cal., 1 load.

Cattle—C. E. Ford, McCormack, 1 load.

Mixed stuff—W. A. Ayers, Eugene, 1 load cattle and hogs; J. E. Parrish, Jefferson, 1 load hogs and sheep.

Friday Afternoon Sales.

STEERS.

No.—	Ave. lbs.	Price
1 steer	750	$4.50
1 steer	950	5.75
2 steers	1250	7.00
COWS.		
1 cow	930	$4.50
2 cows	915	4.50
1 cow	870	2.75
1 cow	940	4.65
1 cow	960	4.65
4 cows	1120	4.65
HEIFERS.		
2 heifers	740	$4.50
HOGS		
1 hog	340	$9.35
10 hogs	228	9.60
8 hogs	222	9.65
4 hogs	200	9.60
4 hogs	277	9.65
4 hogs	222	9.60
5 hogs	194	9.60
5 hogs	218	9.60
5 hogs	160	9.60
8 hogs	155	9.60
2 hogs	250	9.65
2 hogs	230	9.65
8 hogs	270	9.70
7 hogs	170	9.40
11 hogs	134	9.65
1 hog	240	9.65
3 hogs	203	9.60
1 hog	220	9.60
1 hog	280	8.00
10 hogs	223	9.60
21 hogs	238	9.25
Saturday Morning Sales.		
HOGS		
No.	Ave. lbs.	Price.
79 hogs	179	$9.60
2 hogs	420	8.00
1 hog	200	8.00
1 hog	100	8.00
1 hog	140	8.00
LAMBS		
14 lambs	83	$9.65
YEARLINGS		
33 yearlings	111	$6.25

Zimmerman Case Is Thrown Out

Oregon City, Dec. 16.—Milo C. King, attorney of Gresham, was accused yesterday in the circuit court by his client, Fritz Zimmerman, with having brought an action against the latter's son, Carl, his daughter-in-law, Harriet, and C. Schuebel, as trustee, without his consent, and immediately following the statement from the witness stand, Judge Campbell ordered the case dismissed.

The elder Mr. Zimmerman, who is aged and feeble and an inmate of the Patton home in Portland, several weeks ago, through his attorney, King, brought a suit against the persons named, charging his relatives with having secured his property through misrepresentation, when he had agreed to deed his farm to the son with the understanding that the latter was to take care of the father until his death, and was to give the older son, Julius, a share of the estate.

Advertising Expert To Visit Portland

Wilbur D. Nesbit of Chicago, poet, humorist and advertising expert, passed through Portland yesterday afternoon on the Shasta Limited, bound from San Francisco to Seattle. Mr. Nesbit is copy director of the Mahin Advertising company, and is visiting the coast on business connected with advertising campaigns being handled by the Mahin company for 1917. He is the author of a number of books of verse, and wrote the book for "The Girl of My Dreams," which was a successful vehicle for McIntyre and Hyams for several seasons. Mr. Nesbit will spend a day or two in Portland next week.

Hotel Employe Is Wholly Exonerated

Raymond Venen, who was accused in the municipal court of the theft of some phonograph records from the Hotel Conradine, where he was employed, was completely exonerated today by a statement from Mrs. E. Thoren, proprietor.

Venen had merely borrowed the records temporarily to play them for his friends in his room, it is asserted; and as he had access to money and valuables and had always proved honest, there had been no reason to suspect his motive, it is further declared.

Woman Sues for Divorce.

Oregon City, Or., Dec. 15.—Charging her husband with being a habitual drunkard, a habit which he contracted since his marriage to her in Oregon City on November 13, 1897, Grace Ely today brought suit in the circuit court for divorce from Charles F. Ely.

De Witt Asks Divorce.

Oregon City, Dec. 16.—George W. De Witt filed suit yesterday for divorce from his wife, Luella M. De Witt, alleging desertion. The couple have been married 30 years and have two grown daughters.

SHARP RECOVERY IS FORCED FOR WHEAT; FOREIGNERS HOLDING

Both Liverpool and London Are Unchanged for Day; Chicago Has Big Upward Swing; Eastern Business Is Being Offered.

Chicago wheat closed with a very sharp advance and there was a firmer tone locally. On the Portland Merchants exchange bids for December wheat were 4@5c higher than Friday. December oats advanced 25c a ton, while barley was unchanged.

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS

	Wheat.	Barley.	Cars Fir.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Sat.	13	3	3	11	6
Year ago	43	5	19	6	14
Total this week	107	6	24	57	80
Year ago	309	24	66	31	77
Season to date	3085	101	845	1155	979
Year ago	8349	1101	796	710	1155
Tacoma Friday	15	....	....	....	12
Year ago	42	4	....	1	5
Season to date	3948	101	....	210	1131
Year ago	5807	268	....	238	1362
Seattle, Friday	15	2	7	5	34
Year ago	12	1	11	1	14
Season to date	8268	216	880	860	2132
Year ago	6572	1145	1239	604	2583

Wheat market showed wonderful recovery in Chicago during the early trading on the report from Russia that the war would be carried on. The trade naturally began to cover its short sales, and the average trader was again bumped.

Indicating again quite clearly that there was really no occasion for this recent decline is the fact that European markets continue to show steadiness and even strength. Both Liverpool and London were unchanged in price for the day.

Much eastern business is again offered at Pacific northwest points, but the price available is unsatisfactory to holders at country points.

Millstuffs are very firm at full prices with demand better than current supplies.

Broomhall cabled from Liverpool that the market was neglected with prices nominal. Cargoes unchanged. Millers are holding good stocks, and traders are generally impressed with large American supplies and the pronounced weakness there. As a result it is expected that Indian shipments will be large this week.

United Kingdom—Weather cold; consumption increased; foreign arrivals moderate; oats strong; London spot one shilling higher; supplies moderate. Other feeding grains scarce and dear.

Argentine—Port arrivals of all grain are light. Freights firm and stocks moderate.

FLOUR—Selling price: Patent, $7.80; Willamette valley, $7.30; local straight, $7.00@7.40; bakers' bran, $7.00@7.80; Montana spring, $9.00; export, $7.20; whole wheat, $6.20; graham, $8.00; rye flour, $8.75 per barrel.

HAY—Buying price, new crop: Willamette valley timothy, fancy, $17; eastern Oregon-Idaho fancy timothy, $21.00; alfalfa, $18.00@20.00; valley vetch, $14.00@14.50; cheat, $14.00@14.50; clover, $14.00.

GRAIN SACKS—1916, nominal: No. 1 Calcutta, 11⅛@11⅝ in car lots; less amounts are higher.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price: Bran, $26.50; shorts, $30.50.

ROLLED OATS—$7.50@8.00 per barrel.

ROLLED BARLEY—$41.00@42.00 per ton.

Merchants Exchange prices:

WHEAT

Sat'day. 1916	1915	Fri.	Thurs.	Wed.	Tues.	Mon.
B'stem 140	96	153	143	145	145	151
F'tyfold 136	95	152	140	142	142	148
Club 136	92	139	140	142	142	148
R. Russ 132	90½	138	138	140	140	145

OATS

Feed ..	3525	2400	3500	3550	3550	3550	3575

BARLEY

Feed ..	3600	2600	3600	3700	3700	3700	3950

Futures were quoted:

WHEAT

	Bid.
January bluestem	141
February bluestem	140
January fortyfold	136
February fortyfold	136
January club	136
February club	136
January Russian	132
February Russian	132
FEED OATS	
January	3550
February	3550
FEED BARLEY	
January	3600
February	3600

Family Quarrel Is Cause of Lawsuit

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 16.—Suit has been filed in the clerk's office by John Keeper and wife against George Grohs and wife for $3100. The complaint alleged that Mrs. Grohs attacked Mrs. Keeper, pulled her hair, pinched her, broke her leg, and otherwise damaged her person on September 14. Today another suit of similar nature was filed for the same amount by George C. Newcomb and wife against Ella N. Brotherson. These parties are also of Centralia. Complaint alleged that on August 16 defendant attacked Mrs. Newcomb in the latter's home and knocked her down with an umbrella, rendering her unconscious and permanently injured her back.

Suit Is Filed Upon Note for $10,000

Oregon City, Dec. 16.—C. E. Fields and wife, Alice C. Fields, were made defendants in the circuit court today in a suit brought by the United States National bank of Portland, and Warren E. Thomas, trustee, to collect on a promissory note in the sum of $10,000 and interest at 7 per cent, executed on January 18, 1915, and payable on demand, and to foreclose on a trust deed to all of section 16, township 3 south, range 7 east, given as security for the loan. An attorney's fee of $500 is also asked.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 15.—Marriage licenses were issued here today by the county auditor to the following persons: William H. Sickemyer, 36, of Astoria, Or., and Miss Mae F. Scott, 18, of Portland; Otto Julius Zach, 29, of Linnton, Or., and Miss Mary Ellen Bitler, 19, of Clinton, Iowa; Isaac Taylor, 30, of Camas, and Miss Elva N. Slawson, 19, of Vancouver; Stephen P. Martin, 28, of Camas, and Miss Beda R. Sholund, 28, of Brush Prairie; Mace A. Smith, 29, and Miss Mae Dome, 22, both of Portland; George Worley, 52, of Seattle, and Lena M. Biggers, 43, of Portland; Levi Beard, 32, and Miss Myrtle Lesher, 26, both of Portland.

Breach of Contract Alleged.

Oregon City, Or., Dec. 15.—The Averill Machine company of Portland filed suit against H. H. Deetz of Aurora with the county recorder Friday for $500.08. Sometime ago the defendant ordered a traction engine from the plaintiff to cost $1640. When the machine arrived from the east it was refused by the defendant without good reasons, it is alleged. It was sold about six weeks later to another person, and the interest during the time of storage is added to the original amount of suit, which was $399.60 due on the freightage from the east. An additional freightage is also added plus the rental of demonstrating machine that the defendant used for 11 days.

Stocks Leap Up on Early Mart Due to Obscurity of Peace

New York, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—The stock market rebounded today from the four