GENERAL LIVESTOCK MARKETS ARE VERY FIRM LOCALLY

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OUTSIDE IS BUYING EGGS BUT ARRIVALS CONTINUE TO GROW

Receipts of Fresh Stock Along Wholesale Way Are Much More Liberal and Slightly Easier Price Situation Is Generally Noted.

While there was quite a fair volume of outside business reported in the egg market by Front street handlers, the trend of the trade continues extremely slow with a generally weaker feeling.

A 30c market for case count or current receipts was generally anticipated by the trade late in the day, although during the early morning business sales of case count were shown at 30½@31c in a very limited way.

Receipts of fresh eggs are showing a very liberal increase along the wholesale way; in fact, the present volume is by far the greatest of the year to date.

That the market will be governed entirely by immediate weather conditions is the conclusion that has been reached by the trade in general. At this time of the season there is always a more or less erratic tone in the trade and prices usually show a like condition.

Wholesalers are inclined to clean up current arrivals from day to day, indicating that they do not care to take any chances.

CHICKEN TRADE IS FIRM

Much strength is shown in the price of chickens along the street, although receipts are fair. Heavy Plymouth Rock hens are selling freely at 19c a pound whenever offered and the entire poultry market is good.

ONIONS ARE QUOTED FIRMER

Firmer market is showing for onions at country points, although the Confederate association was not offering for several days because of the lack of transportation. Other purchases are shown in carload lots at $6.25.

SLIGHT INCREASE OF FISH

Slightly increased catch of steelhead salmon is reported from the Columbia river, but the total is still small. Catches in coast streams are also small. Best Columbia river is quoted firm at 15@16c a pound.

JACKRABBITS ARE COMING

Quite fair supplies of jackrabbits were received along the street during the day. The shipments came from Central Oregon and were in good condition. Sales at $2.00@2.25 generally per dozen.

HOPS CONTRACTS 11 CENTS

There has been a small spurt in contracting of hops for the next season's delivery at Willamette valley points around 11c a pound for the better class yards. Spot market is quiet with occasional small sales of low-priced goods.

BRIEF NOTES OF THE TRADE

Bluestone is down 1c a pound.

Tangerines in lugs are selling at $2 along the street.

Apple trade continues very slow with prices weak.

Country killed veals and hogs generally firm.

Potatoes are steady to firm at former prices.

SHIPPERS' WEATHER NOTICE

Weather bureau reports: Protect shipments during the next 48 hours as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 38 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 26 degrees; southeast to Boise, 14 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 in paraffine wrappers, extras, 35c; prime firsts, 41c; firsts, 40½c; cubes, 1c less; cartons, 1c advance.

BUTTERFAT—Portland delivery—No. 1 sour cream, 43c; No. 2, 41c.

EGGS—Selling price: Case count, 30@31c; buying price, 32c; selling price, candled, 31@32c; selected in cartons, 36c; April storage, 28@30c.

LIVE POULTRY — Hens, heavy Plymouth Rocks, 18@19c; ordinary chickens, 17½c; stags, 14c; broilers, under 2 lbs., 20c; turkeys, 20@21c; dressed, fancy, 25@26c; culls, 18@20c; squabs, $2 dozen; geese, live, 12@13c; Pekin ducks, young, 20c lb.; Indian Runners, young, 19c; old ducks, 18c lb.; pigeons, $1.00 dozen.

CHEESE—Selling price: Fresh Oregon fancy full cream triplets, 22c; Young America, 23@24c. Price to jobbers: Flats, 20c; Young America, 21c f. o. b.; cream brick, 27@28c; Limburger, 25@26c; block Swiss, 34@35c.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS — Oranges, navel, $1.65@2.50 per box; bananas, 5c per lb.; lemons, $3.00@3.75; California grapefruit, $2.25@2.50; Florida, $4.25@4.50; pears, $1.50@1.75.

BERRIES—Huckleberries (—); cranberries, local, $2.75 per box; eastern, $8 per barrel.

APPLES — Local, 40c@$1.75, according to quality.

ONIONS—No. 1, $6.50@7.00; No. 2, $4.00@4.50 per cental; association selling price at country points, $6.25 per cental.

POTATOES—Selling price: New local, $2.75@3.00. Buying price: Outland shipping, $2.05@2.75; fancy, $2.75@2.90; sweets, No. 1, $4.

VEGETABLES — Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, $1.00; parsnips, $1.25; Oregon cabbage, $3.00 cwt.; green onions, 25c dozen bunches; peppers, 30c lb.; head lettuce, $2.00@2.50 crate; celery, $5.00@5.50 crate; artichokes, $1.00@1.15; cucumbers, $1.50 dozen; tomatoes, Florida, $5.50@6.50 crate; egg plant, 20c lb.; string beans, 22½c lb.; rhubarb, 15c lb.; peas, 15@20c; cauliflower, California, $2.85@2.50 per crate.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS—Selling price: Country killed best hogs, 14½c; ordinary, 14c; best veals, 14@14½c; ordinary, 12½@13c; heavy, 8@10c; poor, 7c; goat, 4c; lamb, 16@17c; mutton, 12@15c; beef, 4@9c lb.

SMOKED MEATS — Hams, 20@24c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 20@32c; picnics, 15½c; cottage roll, 18c; short clears, 18@20c; Oregon sugars, smoked, 19½c lb.

LARD—Kettle rendered, tierces, 19c lb.; standard, 18½c; lard compound, 16c.

OYSTERS—Olympia, gallon, $3.50; canned eastern, 50c, $6.50 dozen; eastern in shell, $1.80 per 100; razor clams, (—); eastern oysters, per gallon, solid pack, $2.75.

FISH—Dressed flounders 7c; silverside salmon (—); steelhead, 15@16c; perch, 8½c; lobsters, (—); silver smelt, 9c; salmon trout, 20c per lb.; halibut, 16@18c; sturgeon, 13c; Columbia smelt, 10c.

CRABS—Large, $2.00; medium, $1.50 dozen; herring, 6c; black cod, 9c lb.

Groceries.

SUGAR—Cube, $8.10; powdered, $7.95; fruit or berry, $7.85; Honolulu, $7.30; beet, $7.15; dry granulated, $7.55; D yellow, $6.75. Above quotations are 30 days net cash.

HONEY—New, $3@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, $22.00; lump rock, $20.00 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, 5@8c; selected 9@10c lb; contracts, 11c lb.

WOOL—1916 clip; Willamette valley coarse, Cotswold, 37c; medium Shropshire, 36c; fine, 30@33c; eastern Oregon staple, 30@32c per lb.; coarse and medium, 33@35c.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 lbs. and up, 18c; salted stags, 50 lbs. and up 14c; green and salted kip, 15 to 25 lbs., 18c; green and salted calf skins, up to 15 lbs., 22c; green hides, 25 lbs. and up, 16c; green stags 50 lbs. and up, 12½c; dry hides, 32c; dry salt hides, 25c; dry horse hides, $1.00@2.50; salt horse hides, $3.00@5.00; horsehair, 30c; dry long wool pelts, 24c; dry short wool pelts, 17c; dry sheep shearlings, each, 10@30c; salted sheep shearlings, each, 10@30c; salted long wool pelts, each, $1.50@2.50; salted short wool pelts, each, 50c @1.00.

TALLOW—No. 1, 9c; No. 2, 8c; grease, 6c per lb.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK — Buying price, per car lots, 6½c per lb.

MOHAIR—1916, 35@45c.

SISAL—Dark, 14½c; white 15c lb.

Paints and Oils.

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

LINSEED OIL — Raw, bbls., $1.08 gal.; kettle boiled, bbls., $1.10; raw, cases, $1.15; boiled, cases, $1.17 gal.; lots of 250 gals., 1c less.

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

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

GASOLINE—Basis price, 21½c gal.; distillate, 10½c gal.

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Butter Price Here Is Affected; Rise Of Cent in Effect

Prints in Parchment Wraps Up to 43c—Butterfat Is 2c Higher With Competition.

The advance of 1c a pound in the price of all grades of creamery butter which went into effect during the morning, after being previously mentioned in The Journal, was the natural outcome of the extreme strength prevailing in the trade all over the country, and especially along the Pacific slope.

The advance forced prints in parchment wrappers to 43c a pound. The fact that butterfat advanced 2c a pound while butter was only up 1c indicated the true strength of the creamery situation.

Outside markets have been advanced so materially of late that the local trade could do naught but force an additional price in order to conserve the supply of cream in its territory.

The east has been such a liberal purchaser of butter along the coast recently that it has taken every bit of surplus in California, which has affected values there, and in turn affected the Pacific northwest trade.

Storage butter is very firm, with only a scant supply offering. The market price is generally placed at 34@35c a pound for cubes in carloads.

Chicago Wheat Is Waiting; Trading Small and Fidgety

By Joseph F. Pritchard.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—(I. N. S.)—The nearby futures in wheat advanced 6@6¾c over the close of Saturday, and there were reactions from the lowest prices of the day of 3½ to 7¼c. The market was an excellent one, with all classes of buyers and sellers in it.

Corn closed 2@2⅞c higher, and oats were up ⅛@¼c.

Provisions were sharply higher, especially pork, which was in urgent demand.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Trade in wheat was small and the market nervous, a disposition to wait until the political situation clears being evident. May wheat opened up 1c and remained unchanged at $1.69. July opened up 2c, later losing 2½c, and gaining it back. September opened up 1¼c, later declining 1¼c to $1.37.

Corn had a strong undertone. Unfavorable Argentine weather was responsible. May opened up ⅝c, and gained 1¼c, going to $1.00¼. July opened up ¼c, later gaining 1½c to 98⅞c.

Oats were strong at the start, but developed weakness with wheat. May opened up ⅝c, subsequently losing ½c to 54¼c. July opened up ⅝c, later declined ¼c to 53⅝c.

Provisions ruled firm but quiet.

Range of Chicago prices furnished by the United Press:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	1.69	1.74½	1.67	1.74½
July	150	150⅝	144⅝	149¼
September	138¾	140½	135	138½
CORN.				
May	99	100¾	98⅝	100½
July	97⅝	99½	97¼	99⅛
OATS.				
May	54½	55¼	53⅝	54⅝
July	53¼	54⅛	52⅞	53⅝
PORK.				
May	2865	3005	2880	2960
July	2880	2925	2880	2915
LARD.				
May	1635	1657	1630	1645
July	1652	1672	1652	1660
RIBS.				
May	1525	1550	1525	1545
July	1540	1562	1540	1560

COTTON OPENS STEADY WITH PRICES HIGHER

New York, Feb. 5.—In spite of declines of 4 to 5 points at Liverpool, cotton here opened steady today, with prices 10 to 35 points net higher. Spot houses, room traders and southern interests sold. Wall street, Liverpool and uptown interests purchased. March started at 1520, and after selling up to 1540, dropped to 1525. Wild movements were also noted in the later positions. December, after starting at 1590, and then selling to 1520, dropped to 1515. After the call the tone was steady, but price changes were small.

The demand from Wall street increased in the last hour, and prices worked still higher. July touched 16c before the rise was checked by realizing sales. The close was about the best of the day at a net advance of 84 to 95 points.

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

Month.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
February				1572
March	1520	1537	1500	1586
April				1589
May	1535	1601	1503	1599
June				1600
July	1530	1610	1507	1604
August				1590
September	1495	1514	1495	1580
October	1485	1563	1480	1562
December	1500	1564	1500	1563

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

San Francisco Market.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Potatoes—Per central, Delta $3.10@3.25; Oregon Burbanks, $3.25@3.50; Watsonville, $3.00@3.25; Salinas, $3.50.

Onions—Brown, $8.00 per sack; ex-icehouse, Oregon, $8.00 per central.

Seattle Market.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Onions—Oregon, 6@6½c; Yakima, 5½@6c; Spanish, case, $2.50; boiling, 4½c.

Potatoes—White River, $50@55; Yakima Gems, $55@60; locals, $48@50.

DAIRY PRODUCE ON THE COAST

San Francisco Market.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Butter—Extras, 37c; prime firsts, 36½c; firsts, 36c. Eggs—Extras, 34c; firsts, 31c. Cheese—California fancy, 19c; firsts, 18c; Oregon triplets, fancy, 20c.

Seattle Market.

Seattle, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Butter—Native Washington creamery cubes, 42c; do, brick, 43c; storage cubes, 38c; storage bricks, 38c. Eggs—Select ranch, 36c. Cheese—Domestic wheel 36c; Oregon triplets, 21c; Wisconsin triplets, 23c; do, twins, 23c; Young America, 25c.

Los Angeles Market.

Los Angeles, Feb. 5.—(P. N. S.)—Eggs—Per dozen, 34c. Butter—Per pound, 41½c.

PORTLAND DAIRY EXCHANGE

Prices between dealers:

BUTTER.	Last Sale					Week
	Mon.	Fri.	Thurs.	Wed.	Tues.	ago
Extras	39	39	39	38½	38½	38½
Dairy	30	30	30	30	30	30
EGGS.						
Cur'nt receipts	30½	31	33½	35	35	35
CHEESE.						
Till. trips	20¼	20¼	20¼	20¼	20¼	20¼
Till. Y. A.				21		
Oregon trips	20	20	20	20	20	20

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HOGS BREAK RECORD PRICES IN THE YARD WITH EXCITING CALL

Top Swine Move to $11.60 at North Portland With Decreased Run—Top Steers Move at $9—Sheep Market Is Up a Quarter.

Hogs Move to $11.75

During the afternoon sales, a load of prime heavy hogs shipped in by William Duby from Baker sold in the North Portland yards at $11.75, or 15c above the morning record. This is 25c above the previous extreme record.

STEERS GO AT $9.20.

Sales of steers were made at a new high record during the afternoon trading at North Portland, when sales were made as high as $9.20.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Monday	1973	1253	1	303
Saturday	234	8	..	7
Friday	1176	217	8	17
Thursday	196	18	..	..
Wednesday	569	16	..	561
Tuesday	284	34	..	..
Week ago	2207	407	2	3124
Year ago	389	44	..	414
Two years ago	3869	1428	2	2993
Three years ago	3347	931	..	2871
Four years ago	1128	587	2	3339

There was a very firm tone in the livestock market at North Portland at the week's opening. There were smaller supplies offering in all lines, with the exception of cattle.

Market for hogs touched the highest price in the history of the Portland market when tops were quoted at $11.60 during the morning. This is 20c above the former extreme price reached last week, and is 10c above any other price ever reached here.

General hog range:

Heavy packing	$11.65@11.75
Good butchers	11.45@11.63
Rough heavy	10.70@11.25
Pigs	9.85@10.60
Stockers	9.10@ 9.00

Steers Move at $9.

With the sale of a load of extra good cattle from the Redmond section at $9, the market for steers was firmly established at that extreme mark for tops. A sale was made early last week at a similar price. Market for cows was generally firmer, and was considered 15 to 25c higher for tops.

The greater run of cattle in the yards over Sunday did not affect the previously strong tone. A very large per cent of the run was from Central Oregon, and this was of excellent quality.

General cattle market range:

Best heavy beef steers	$9.00@9.20
Best light beef steers	8.50@8.75
Best beef cows	7.75@8.00
Best heifers	7.75@8.00
Ordinary to good cows	6.40@6.75
Heavy bulls	5.00@5.50
Light bulls	4.25@4.50
Calves	7.00@8.00
Stocker-feeder steers	5.75@6.50
Stocker-feeder cows	5.00@6.00

Mutton Market Higher.

There was only one full load of sheep reported in the North Portland market at the week's opening. This came from Bob Stanfield, the sheep and lamb king of Umatilla county. The load consisted of wethers, and was sold to Barton & Co. of Seattle at $10.50, which is 25c higher than previous prices reached here.

General mutton and lamb market:

Best east of mountain lambs	$12.00@12.25
Best valley lambs	11.75@12.00
Yearlings	10.25@10.50
Wethers	10.25@10.50
Ewes	9.25@ 9.50
Goats	4.25@ 4.50

Monday Livestock Shippers.

Hogs—James S. Dan, Durham, Cal., 1 load; B. E. Myers, Chico and Cottonwood, Cal., 3 loads; G. W. Harrigan, Gridley, Cal., 1 load; O. P. McGee, Glendale, 1 load; C. E. Wood, Midland, 2 loads; J. H. Lost, Shaniko, 1 load; Ed Retch, Robinette, 1 load; Grover Bros., Payette, Idaho, 1 load; J. T. Hood, Buhl, 1 load; William Duby, Baker, 1 load; A. J. Grass, Hood River, 1 load, 293 head.

Cattle—C. Eaton, Grants Pass, 1 load; C. S. Wood, Redmond, 1 load; S. S. Stearns, 2 loads, J. F. Huston, 2 loads; George Dixon, Terrebonne, 3 loads, Ed Slayton, 3 loads; George Rohlhagen, Midland, 1 load; Hy Blackwell, Echo, 1 load; J. O. Caswell, Robinette, 1 load; P. J. Brown, 2 loads; L. A. Peterson, Donnelly and Weiser, Idaho, 2 loads; Joe Brown, Baker, 1 load; R. A. Johnson, Condon, 1 load, Tom Hoover, 2 loads; Grant Mays, Fargher, 1 load; Nottingham & Son, Grass Valley, 1 load; James Mace, Redmond, 1 load; J. A. Yancey, Donnelly, 1 load; L. L. Miller, Montour, Idaho, 1 load; H. R. Peacock, Nampa, Idaho, 11 loads; Hy Blackwell, Echo, 1 load.

Sheep—R. N. Stanfield, Stanfield, 1 load.

Mixed stuff—A. F. Knox, Grants Pass, 2 loads cattle and hogs; W. A. Harper, Yoncalla, 1 load cattle and hogs; Dalles Dressed Meat Co., The Dalles, 1 load cattle and hogs; Dickerson & Halley, Weiser, Idaho, 1 load cattle and hogs; H. L. McFadden, Harrisburg, 1 load cattle and hogs; J. S. Flint, Junction City, 1 load cattle and hogs; E. C. Bottomlee, Mikkalo, 1 load cattle and hogs; A. F. McFee, Troutdale, 1 load cattle and sheep.

Comparative statement of North Portland livestock run:

	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Month to date	280	8	1,809	24
Same 1916	22	1	1,642	23
Gain 1917	258	7	167	1
Year to date	7836	165	28,061	13,059
Same 1916	6024	70	42,099	16,944
Gain 1917	1862	95	.....	3,885
Loss 1917	.....	..	13,939	3,885

Monday Morning Sales.

STEERS.

No.		Ave lbs.	Price.
19	steers	1198	$9.00
16	steers	1198	$9.00
3	steers	1117	8.50
6	steers	968	8.00
2	steers	1195	7.50
	COWS.		
11	cows	1120	$7.50
3	cows	1030	7.50
1	cow	1070	7.50
17	cows	1150	7.00
8	cows	973	7.00
2	cows	1025	7.00
1	cow	1230	7.00
1	cow	1210	6.50
	HEIFERS.		
4	heifers	950	$7.75
	BULLS.		
1	bull	1600	$6.00
1	bull	1280	5.00
	HOGS.		
72	hogs	1161	$11.45
110	hogs	156	11.25
101	hogs	101	10.50
5	hogs	382	10.45
1	hog	220	10.00

BANK STATEMENT OF COAST

Clearings—	This week.	Year ago.
Portland Banks.		
Monday	$ 2,411,765.01	$ 1,898,643.41
Tacoma Banks.		
Clearings		$ 3,898,775.00
Balances		52,555.00
Seattle Banks.		
Clearings		$ 2,952,294.06
Balances		352,802.00
San Francisco Banks.		
Clearings		$12,298,982.00
Los Angeles Banks.		
Clearings		$ 5,372,949.00

New York Metal Market.

New York, Feb. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Lead steady, spot 8½c bid; February, 8⅝@8⅝c; March, 8@8½c.

Tin—Steady. Spot, 54@55c.

Spelter—Strong, prime western spot, 9⅞@10c. Later, February, 9⅝@9¾c; March, 9½c; second quarter, 9c.

Copper—Quiet. Third quarter, 32½@33c; last quarter, 31½@32c.

New York Sugar and Coffee.

New York, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Coffee—Spot No. 7 Rio, 10c; No. 4 Santos, 10½c.

Sugar—Centrifugal, $4.53.

Fruit Growers to Secure Better Idea Of Railroad Service

Northwest Agency Head Appoints J. Curtis Robinson as Head of Transportation.

President Weyrauch of the Fruit Growers' agency, with headquarters at Walla Walla, which comprises some three fourths of the fruit shippers of the northwest, has appointed a new chairman of its transportation and storage committee, in the person of J. Curtis Robinson, traffic manager of the Northwestern Fruit exchange.

The Fruit Growers' agency embraces membership all over the northwest, and the appointment of Mr. Robinson marks the further intention of the agency to carry forward an untiring campaign which will put transportation and storage of fruit on a high plane of efficiency and economy.

"There is lots of remodeling to be done, lots of improving needed yet in the transportation and storage of fruit," said Mr. Robinson. "We find generally that railroad managers are only too willing to cooperate. They want to be shown how. The carriers are just as vitally interested in the fruit industry as the shippers and growers. One thing the fruit industry needs is a more careful study of it by the carriers' officials themselves, and this we will urge more and more. I do not believe in fighting the railroads to get results, but rather in presenting the needs of the industry to them in such a way as will induce them to see the ultimate economy of granting rates and privileges which are of benefit to them as well as to us, the growers and shippers. It is really a matter of perpetual survey of transportation economy and perpetual action towards perfecting it.

The carriers may sometimes overlook important things, as for instance, that when the fruit growers are prosperous they buy heavily—the carriers thus haul fruit one way and goods bought with fruit money the other. Each will admit the other's rights—the carrier will not forget the investment of both time and money made by the growers, which builds tonnage for his line, nor must the growers forget the money invested by the railroad in the right-of-way, trackage, rolling stock, equipment and general organization."

Mr. Robinson was "educated in a railroad office," so to speak, working with the O-W. R. & N. Co. for 10 years, first as a boy in the freight auditor's office at Portland, and then up through various promotions and later acting as chief of rate clerk and freight agent with H. A. Jackson, then general freight agent of the Spokane Falls & Northern and general agent for the Great Northern. Subsequently Mr. Robinson filled the position of over-charge claim investigator for the O-W. R. & N. and in the same office he handled the claims for the Southern Pacific. As traffic manager for the Columbia River Lumber company and now performing the same service for the Northwestern Fruit exchange, Mr. Robinson has been responsible for important changes in service and rates of carriers and notably the apple industry has the past two years been placed in a greatly improved position in American markets due to his investigations and presentation of the needs.

The new chairman has not yet appointed other members of his committee, but expects to announce same in the near future. Before the resignation of the late chairman, George W. Coburn, Mr. Robinson was one of the most active members of the committee.

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Chicago, Feb. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Livestock trade was on a famine basis today, due to the storm. Advances of 35c per cwt. were the rule in every branch of stock-yard trade. Hogs reached $12.25, a new high point in trade history, and choice cattle were quotable at $12.35@14.75. Local receipts were one third of a normal Monday, due to the storm, and Missouri river markets, with the exception of Kansas City, had little.

A $14.75 sale of lambs was expected.

Omaha Hogs $12.00.

Omaha, Neb. Feb. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Cattle—Receipts 1400, steady and higher. Beeves, $8.00@12.25; cows and heifers, $5.25@9.00; stockers and feeders, $6.50@10.00; calves, $8.00@11.00.

Hogs—Receipts 3800, generally 25c higher. Mixed and butchers, $11.50@11.95; good and choice heavy, $11.85@12.00; rough heavy, $11.70@11.85; light, $11.30@11.85; pigs, $8.25@11.25; bulk, $11.60@11.80.

Sheep—Receipts 13,200, firm. Wethers, $9.50@11.00; yearlings, $11.00@13.00; lambs, $13.75@14.50.

Chicago Hogs $12.30.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 20,000, 20@25c higher. Mixed and butchers, $11.70@12.30; good heavy, $11.70@12.20; rough heavy, $11.70@11.90; light, $11.55@12.20; pigs, $9.00@11.10; bulk, $11.00@12.20.

Cattle—Receipts 5000, 15@25c higher. Beeves, $7.75@12.10; cows and heifers, $4.75@10.50; stockers and feeders, $6.75@9.15; Texans, $7.85@10.00; calves, $10.50@13.50.

Sheep—Receipts 10,000, 10@15c higher. Native and western, $6.65@11.75; lambs, $11.40@14.75.

Kansas City Hogs $12.10.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Cattle—Receipts 13,000, steady to 10c higher. Steers, $8.00@11.50; cows and heifers, $5.00@10.50; stockers and feeders, $6.00@10.20; calves, $9.00@12.50.

Hogs—Receipts 9000, 10@20c higher. Top, $12.10; bulk, $10.65@12.00; heavies, $11.60@12.10; mediums, $11.80@12.05; lights, $11.50@11.95.

Sheep — Receipts 11,000, 10@25c higher. Lambs, $14.00@14.70; ewes, $10.00@10.65; wethers, $10.50@11.25.

Seattle Hogs $11.80.

Seattle, Feb. 5.—(P. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 1410, steady. Prime lights, $11.50@11.80; medium to choice, $11.25@11.40; smooth heavies, $10.75@11.15; rough heavies, $10.25@10.65; pigs, $8.50@10.65.

Cattle—Receipts 167, steady. Best steers, $9.10; medium to choice, $8.50@8.75; common to medium, $6.75@7.75; best cows, $7.85@8.00; common to medium cows, $5.25@7.50; bulls, $3.75@6.00; calves, $7.25@9.25.

Sheep—Receipts none, steady. Lambs, $9.75@10.50; wethers, $8.50@9.00; ewes, $6.50@8.00.

Denver Hogs $11.75.

Denver, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Cattle—Receipts 1800, strong. Steers, $7.25@10.50; cows and heifers, $6.00@8.00; stockers and feeders, $6@9.50; calves, $9.00@11.00.

Hogs—Receipts 1400, 15c higher. Top $11.75; bulk, $11.35@11.60.

Sheep—Receipts 3300, higher. Ewes, $9.50@10.25; lambs, $13.50@14.00.

PAVING APPROACHES TO INTERSTATE BRIDGE IS NOW UNDER WAY

Work on Oregon Side, Near Union Ave., Was Finished Up Last Saturday.

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 5.—Work of paving the First and Washington street approaches to the Pacific highway bridge was commenced today. Crushed rock had previously been placed on the west side of the car tracks on Washington street and a crew of men began work today laying a concrete base for the pavement on First street. A three rail track has been completed from the bridge on Washington and Third streets to Main and First and Main street to second. All that remains to complete the loop is the track on Main street from Second to Third and rapid progress is being made on this.

The pavement of the Union avenue approach on the opposite side of the river was completed Saturday, and all that remains to be done is the pavement of the approaches on this side. With favorable weather this can be done in about a week.

ERRATIC TONE SHOWN IN WHEAT MARKET IS HAVING ITS EFFECT

Chicago Advances Sharply and Then Starts Downward in Early Session—Local Trade Is Still Inclined to Mark Time.

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS

	Wheat.	Barley.	Cars Flr.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Mon.	22	....	6	16	15
Year ago	1	....	....	....	....
Season to date	3172	149	1035	1702	1590
Year ago	9167	1330	1009	822	1539
Tacoma, Sat.	6	....	....	....	16
Year ago	....	....	....	....	....
Season to date	4861	110	....	236	1443
Year ago	5748	484	....	255	1697
Seattle, Sat.	13	....	4	3	19
Year ago	....	....	....	1	1
Season to date	8880	377	1073	1024	2746
Year ago	7141	1221	1518	748	3118

Chicago wheat was rather erratic during the early day's trading. First of all there was a rather liberal advance, this being lost before the morning session was concluded.

Millers are still holding the price of flour unchanged. The erratic condition of the wheat market, with its sharply higher and lower prices, fails to give them a basis to establish flour values on and no change is anticipated here until wheat quotations are more calm.

Practically no new business is being worked at interior wheat centers. There are practically no bids being put out by the leading buyers. The few bids available are so low that it is impossible to do business.

Hay market continues to reflect a very slow tone with weakness indicated in values, although no general price change is noted.

Broomhall cabled from Liverpool:

Wheat is dull but steady with offers light. World's shipments to United Kingdom increasing. Oats firm. Flour dull but firm with offers moderate. Millers' stocks light. Provisions strong.

Argentine weather clear and warm. No rain is reported except some scattered showers yesterday. All offerings of grain are very firm.

FLOUR—Selling price: Patent, $8.20; Willamette valley, $7.70; local straights, $7.60@7.80; bakers' local, $8.00@8.20; Montana spring, $9.20; export, $7.10; whole wheat, $8.60; graham, $8.40; rye flour, $8.75 per barrel.

HAY—Buying price, new crop: Willamette valley timothy, fancy, $17.00; eastern Oregon, Idaho fancy timothy, $22.50; alfalfa, $17.00; valley vetch, $13.00; chcat, $13.00; clover, $12.00.

GRAIN SACKS—1916 nominal: No. 1 Calcutta, 11½@11¾c 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.

Chicago wheat closed with a sharp advance. On the local market bids for February were 2 to 4c up for wheat.

Oats bids advanced $1, while barley was up 50c a ton.

Merchants exchange February bids:

WHEAT	Monday— 1917	1916	Saturday— 1917
Bluestem	154	108	150
Fortyfold	150	98	148
Club	150	97	146
Red Russian	147	97	143
OATS			
Feed	3550	2700	3450
BARLEY			
Feed	3900	2900	3850

Futures were quoted:

WHEAT	*Bid.
March bluestem	158
March fortyfold	152
March club	152
March Russian	148
FEED OATS	
March	3625
FEED BARLEY	
March	3950

American Bankers to Support President

Kansas City, Feb. 5.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson was today assured of the support of 17,000 banks "under any circumstances that may arise" by Peter W. Goebel of Kansas City, Kan., president of the American Bankers' association. Mr. Goebel was born in Nassau, Germany and came to America at an early age.

Mr. Goebel wired the president as follows: "On behalf of the American Bankers' association, consisting of 17,000 member banks, I assure you of their loyal support and hearty cooperation under any circumstances that may arise."

San Francisco Grain Market.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Barley calls:

	Feb. 5. Open.	Close.	Feb. 3. Close.
May	230	230⅝	228½B
December	168½B	164 B	168

Spot quotations on Wheat—Walla Walla, $2.72½@2.75; red Russian, $2.72½@2.77½; Turkey red, $3.00@3.05; bluestem, $2.90@2.95.

Feed barley—$2.20@2.22½.

White oats—$1.97½@2.00.

Bran—$28.00@29.00; middlings, $38.00@40; shorts, $30.00@31.

Money and Exchange.

New York, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Money on call 3 per cent; six months, 4½ per cent; commercial paper 4 per cent; bar silver, London, 37⅝d; bar silver, New York, 76⅞c; demand Sterling, $4.75 7-16.

Seattle Grain Market.

Seattle, Feb. 5.—(P. N. S.)—Wheat—Bluestem, $1.52; Turkey red, $1.52; fortyfold, $1.50; club, $1.50; Fife, $1.50; red Russian, $1.47. Barley, $39 per ton. Receipts—Wheat, 15 cars; barley, 19 cars.

American Cash Wheat.

	May.	July.
Duluth	$1.76½	$1.72½
Winnipeg	1.73⅝	1.72⅛
Minneapolis	1.76½	1.73¼
Kansas City	1.72⅝	1.45⅝
St. Louis	1.74	1.46½

Some Gain Is Made In N. Y. Stocks But Tone Still Nervous

By Charles W. Storm.

New York, Feb. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Although substantial gains were made in many issues in the initial trading on the stock exchange today the tone was nervous and varied. During the first few minutes many stocks made gains ranging from 2 to 3 points, but quickly declined under moderate supply.

Steel common started 2 points higher at 106, and reacted to 105; Utah Copper opened 3 points higher at 108½ points, and reacted to 107½; Crucible rose 1⅝ points to 80¼, and then dropped to 58 points; Alcohol, after advancing to 124 points, declined to 121