REAL FIGHT TO FINISH APPEARS IN THE BUTTER TRADE

Edited by Hyman H. Cohen

SOUTHERN BUYER IS HERE; POTATO MEN ARE MUCH MYSTIFIED

Higher Prices Being Paid in the Country for Supplies by Representatives of Outside Firms but Efforts to Sell Are Failures.

Something is developing in the potato market, but just what it is the trade in general is unable to ascertain. George Brutt is up here from California and his visits are usually occupied with some deal which involves either the holding back of Oregon stock from market or the secret purchasing of much supplies.

Just what he has up his sleeve this season the trade has not yet discovered, but they are sure that he is ready to spring something of interest as soon as he has apparently protected himself.

Fact of the matter is that the market in general is somewhat mystifying to most of the trade. While there is apparently very little doing in an outside demand aside from the increasing inquiries, some of the local buyers for outside shipment are actually advancing their buying prices to $1.50@1.60 per cental at country shipping station for U. S. Grade No. 1.

As it takes approximately 20c a cental above the buying price for shippers to exist at this time, the trade cannot be offering below $1.75 in carload lots and expect to break even. Nevertheless one leading buyer offered at this price by wire and has received no answer from the south.

Local market continues to absorb liberal supplies; in fact, a greater amount than ever before known here. This is keeping the country price very firm.

CALIFORNIA CABBAGE IS LOWER

As stated in these columns, California cabbage has been ordered for the local market, and the first offerings are due Tuesday. Sales will be made at lower prices than quoted for Oregon stock.

MEAT MARKETS ARE VERY QUIET

Market for country killed hogs showed a remarkable drop late Saturday, and this feeling was continued during the first day of the week. Sales of tops were made around 20½@21c a pound, with small stock at 20c.

VEAL PRICES RULING DOWNWARD

Weaker tone is generally showing for veal calves along the street, with the retail trade well filled at the moment. Some stock was carried over from Saturday by the wholesalers. Beef demand is good.

GOAT MEAT IS SELLING LOWER

Goat meat is ruling rather low in price along Front street, with extreme top sales at this time 5c higher than 5c a pound, and some business being done below that. Receipts recently have been liberal.

RIPE BANANAS ARE SCARCE HERE

Ripe bananas are very scarce here, with practically none being offered even by the larger houses. Another trainload arrived for this market, but practically all the stock was dead green.

BRIEF NOTES OF PRODUCE TRADE

Mexican tomatoes soon to be offered.

Sweet potatoes firm at full prices; another car in.

Egg trade is slightly easier; butter firm.

Oranges and lemons quoted firmer, with no new arrivals.

Very little green goods offering along the street.

WEATHER NOTICE FOR SHIPPERS

Weather bureau advises: Protect shipments during the next 36 hours against the following minimum temperatures: Going north, 38 degrees; northeast, over S., P. & S. R. R., 24 degrees; east to Baker, 20 degrees, and south to Ashland, 28 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tomorrow about 38 degrees.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN PORTLAND

These are the prices retailers pay wholesalers, except as otherwise noted:

Dairy Products

BUTTER — Selling price, creamery prints parchment wrapped, extras, 67c; prime firsts, 65c; firsts, 60c; in 30 lb. boxes, ½c more; 60 lb. boxes, 1c less; cubes, 1c less; dairy, 40c per lb.; jobbing prices, cubes, extras, 63@64c; firsts, 61@62c per lb.

BUTTERFAT—Portland delivery basis, Sour cream, 69@71c; price at country stations, 67@68c per lb.

OLEOMARGARINE — Local brands, 30 and 60 lb. tubs, 35c; 1 lb. cartons, 36c; 2 lb. cartons, 35½c; nutmargarine, 1 lb. cartons, 33c lb.

CHEESE — Selling price: Tillamook fresh Oregon fancy full cream triplets, 39@40c lb.; Young America, 40@41c; prices to jobbers, f. o. b. Tillamook, triplets, 36c; Young America, 37c; price to jobbers, f. o. b. Myrtle Point, triplets, 35¾c; Young America and long horns, 36¾c; selling prices, brick, 45c; limburger, 33@34c; block Swiss, 46@47c per lb.

EGGS—Selling price, 68@69c per dozen; buying price (—); selling price, selected, 70@72c.

EGGS—Public market retail selling price, 75c per dozen.

LIVE POULTRY—Heavy hens, 32c lb.; light hens, 30c per lb.; broilers, 30c per lb.; old roosters, 20c lb.; stags, 27c per lb.; squabs, $8.00; ducks, 35@40c lb.; pigeons, $1.50@$2.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 30c per lb.; dressed, 40@41c per lb.; geese, live, 25c per lb.

Fresh Vegetables and Fruit

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $4.50@5.75 per box; bananas, 9@9½c per lb.; lemons, $5.25@6.25; Florida grapefruit, $6.00@7.25; California, $3.25@3.50.

APPLES—Various varieties, $1.25@3.00 per box.

GRAPES—Almeria, in kegs, 31 lbs., $9.00.

PEARS—Per box, $2.25@2.50.

DRIED FRUITS — Dates, Promedary, 22@40c; Fards, $4.50 per box; raisins, three crown, loose Muscatel, 10c lb.; in 50 lb. boxes; figs, $3.50 per box of 70 oz. packages.

ONIONS — Selling price to retailer, Oregon, $2.00 cwt.; association selling price, carloads, $1.50 f. o. b. country; garlic, 35c@50c per lb.; green onions, 35@40c dozen bunches.

CRANBERRIES — Northwest, $7.50@8.00 bushel box.

POTATOES—Selling price, $1.85@2.00 per cwt.; buying price for fancy large size, $1.50@1.60; ordinary, $1.25@1.35 per cental; sweets, 4¾@5c per lb.

VEGETABLES — Turnips, $2.00@2.25 per sack; carrots, $2.00@2.25 sack; beets, $2.25 a sack cabbages, Oregon, 2¾@3c per lb.; California, 2½@2¾c per lb.; lettuce, $4.00@4.75 per crate; celery, $1.25 per dozen; artichokes, $2.00 per dozen; cucumbers, (—); tomatoes, California, (—); egg plant, 20c per lb.; cauliflower, California, $2.25 per dozen; horseradish, 15c per lb.; bell peppers, 25@30c lb.

Meats and Provisions

COUNTRY MEATS—Selling price: Country billed best hogs, 20½@21c per lb.; ordinary hogs, 20c; best veal, (—@22½c); ordinary veal, 20c per lb.; rough heavy veal, 16c; lamb, 20@21c; mutton, 14@16c per lb.; beef, 11@14c.

SMOKED MEATS—Ham, 39@40½c; breakfast bacon, 36@54c; picnic, 27c; cottage roll, 36c; short cleans, 31@34c; Oregon exports, smoked, 32c per lb.

LARD—Kettle rendered, $1.40; standard, 28c per lb.; lard compound, 23½c.

Fish and Shell Fish

FRESH FISH — Silverside salmon, storage, 18c; chinook, 20c; halibut, storage, 20c; black cod, 11@12c; silver smelt, 6@10c; tomcod, 10c; sturgeon, 18@20c; fresh herring, 6@7c; Columbia smelt, 20c per lb.

SHELL FISH—Crabs, $2.00@3.00 per doz.; shrimp meat, 52c per lb.; lobsters, 30c per lb.

OYSTERS—Olympia, gallon, $5.00; canned, eastern, 75c can, $9.00 dozen cans; bulk, $4.50 per gallon.

Groceries

SUGAR—Cube, $10.20; powdered, $9.95; fruit and berry, $9.40; D yellow, $8.80; granulated, $9.40; beet, $9.30; extra C, $9.00; golden C, $8.90.

HONEY—New, $6.50@7.50 per case.

RICE—Japan style, No. 1, 9¼@10c; New Orleans head, 11½@11¾c; blue rose, 10¾@11c per lb.

SALT—Coarse, half ground, 100s, $16.00 per ton; 50s, $17.25; table dairy, 50s, $22.60; bales, $3.10@3.35; fancy table and dairy, $30.25; sump rock, $20.00 per ton.

BEANS—California (sales by jobbers): Small white, 13c; large white, 12½c; pink, 9c lb.; Limas, 14½c; Bayou, 9¾c; red, 10c. Oregon beans (buying price): White, machine cleaned, 7@7¼c per lb.; U. S. No. 1, 5c.

CANNED MILK—Carnation, $7.50; Borden, $7.75; Aster, $7.25; Eagle, $9.95; Libby, $8.75; Yeloban, $7.25; Holly, $7.25 per case.

COFFEE — Roasted, 25@42c; in sacks or drums.

SODA CRACKERS—Bulk, 17c per lb.

NUTS—Budden walnuts, 30½@31c per lb.; almonds, 24@29c; filberts, 23c; in sack lots; peanuts, 15c; pecans, 25c; Brazil, 33c.

Hops, Wool and Hides

HOPS—Nominal, 1917 crop, 29@29½c lb.

HIDES—No. 1 salted, 30 lbs. and up, 13½c per lb.; No. 2 salted, 30 lbs and up, 12½c; No. 1 green, 30 lbs. and up, 10½c; No. 2 green, 30 lbs. and up, 9½c; No. 1 salted bulls, 50 lbs. and up, 10½c; No. 2 salted bulls, 50 lbs. and up, 9½c; No. 1 green bulls, 50 lbs. and up, 8½c; No. 2 green bulls, 50 lbs. and up, 7½c; No. 1 green or salted calf skins, up to 15 lbs., 28½c; No. 1 green or salted kip skins, 15 to 30 lbs., 14½c; No. 2 green or salted kip skins, 15 to 30 lbs., 13c; dry flint hides, 7 lbs. and up, 28c; dry flint calf, under 7 lbs., 38c; dry salt hides, 7 lbs. and up, 22c; dry salt calf, under 7 lbs., 32c; dry cull hides or calf, ½ price; dry stags or bulls, 18c; dry salt stags or bulls, 12c; dry cull stags or bulls, ½ price; dry horse hides, according to size and take off, each, $1.50 to $2.50; salted horse hides, according to size and take off, each, $3 to $5; dry long wool pelts, per lb., 25c; dry short wool pelts, per lb., 15c to 20c; salted long wool lamb pelts, $1.50 to $2.50; salted sheep pelts, each, $1.25 to $2.25; dry sheep shearling, each, 15c to 35c; salted sheep shearling, each, 35c to 50c; dry long hair, goat skins, per lb., 25c; dry short hair, goat skins, each, 35c to 75c; horse hair, tail, 25c; horse hair, mane, 10c.

(Prices quoted above are per pound, except where otherwise designated.)

MOHAIR—Long staple, 50c lb.; short staple, 40c; burry, 15@20c lb.

TALLOW AND GREASE—No. 1 tallow, 8c; No. 2, 7c; No. 1 grease, 7c; No. 2 grease, 5c.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK — Gross weights, 13c.

Ropes, Paints, Oils

ROPE—Steel, dark, 24c; white, 23½c lb.; standard Manila, 32½c.

LINSEED OIL — Raw, bbls., $1.93 gallon; kettle boiled, bbls., $1.95; raw, cases, $1.95; boiled, cases, $2.05 per gallon.

COAL OIL—Water white, in drums or iron bbls., 10c gallon; cases, 20c gallon.

GASOLINE—Iron bbls., 21½c; cases, 31½c; engine distillate, iron bbls., 13c; cases, 23c.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 13½c; 500 lbs., 13¾c.

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Apple Trade Is Neglected

Primary Centers of State Fail to Supply Portland.

By Hyman H. Cohen

While the government bureau of markets has openly neglected Oregon primary apple centers as factors in the country's trade, there might as well be no primary market east of Multnomah county so far as producers of this state are concerned in their treatment of Portland.

Even though Portland is one of the big apple markets of the country with a fast growing population which really consumes apples, the apple growers hasten to ship their apples out of the district in order to get them to eastern centers where they really do not receive as big net returns as they would by shipping to Portland.

At this time there are few carloads of large size fruit of extra fancy apples to be obtained at Pacific Northwest primary centers. Some carloads are held by eastern speculators and these may be resold to Portland if handsome profits can be forced.

In the meantime the local apple market is gaining strength while eastern markets are quoted easier.

Further Loss Is Forced for Corn

By Joseph F. Pritchard

Chicago, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—There were further price losses in the speculative grain list on the board of trade today and in addition to these declines there were losses in the markets for hog products. Corn was off 2¼@3¾c, oats were down ⅝@1¼ and hog products were sharply lower, led by pork, which was off $1. Lard declined 7½@57½ and ribs 37½@47½.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Corn opened 1⅝@2⅜c lower today. There is so much scattered liquidation that it is hard to distinguish trading. Commission houses are good buyers of all grades.

Oats opened about half lower. There was general commission house selling and some resting orders to buy May around 69.

Provisions opened slightly lower. The market was quiet and featureless.

Chicago range by United Press:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
CORN				
January	138	139½	135⅛	137⅜
February	135½	135½	132¼	133¼
March	132	133½	131¼	131⅝
May	131	131½	129½	129⅝
July	129½	130¼	127⅝	128⅞
OATS				
January	67½	68⅜	67⅜	68⅛
February	68⅞	69¼	68	68
March	68⅞	69⅜	68⅛	68¼
May	69⅛	69½	68½	68⅝
July	65¾	66½	65⅛	65¼
PORK				
January	....	....	....	4625
May	4047	4060	4047	4047
LARD				
January	2360	2360	2350	2350
May	2355	2365	2345	2350
RIBS				
January	2440	2440	2432	2432
May	2447	2447	2240	2240

Santos Coffee Lower

New York, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Santos coffee futures closed off 2 to 100 reis.

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BUTTERFAT IS LIFTED IN FIGHT FOR FULL CONTROL OF SUPPLY

Real Warfare Is Shown in Creamery Business With Further Rise of 2c Openly Offered for Fat—Means Ruin to Country Plants.

There is a real fight on for control of the creamery butter situation of this section and profits have been thrown to the winds by competitors, and it is reported that some handsome sums are being lost by the warriors.

This sounds good to the dairymen, but in the end someone is going to pay for this fight, and it will probably be the dairy interests.

While there has been no change here in the price of butter during the last few days, effective today an advance of 2c a pound is being paid for No. 1 sour cream, Portland delivery, by some of the buyers. This places the delivered price at Portland at 71c a pound and in some instances it is reported that a premium is offering above this market.

Apparently the present fight is not only for the elimination of the country creamery, but for most of the city institutions.

From the standpoint of the country creamery the situation is a most serious one. It means the withdrawal of cream from their plants to the big city centralizers, and to the public it may mean higher prices later.

Offerings Scarce In N. Y. Trade In Early Session

STOCKS CLOSE WEAK

New York, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—The stock market closed weak, Bethlehem Steel B dropping to a new low record of 58⅝. Marine preferred, after selling at 108, declined to 105⅝. American Linseed dropped one point to 49½. American Car sold down to 47⅞. U. S. Steel common closed at 90⅝, a gain of ⅛ for the day. Sales, 453,200 shares; bonds, $22,057,000.

New York, Jan. 13.—The most important feature of the stock market at the opening was the pronounced scarcity of offerings. The demand from shorts and some commission houses buying resulted in sharp advances in many issues. Marine preferred was the strongest issue, advancing 1¼ to 109.

U. S. Steel, after opening down ¼ at 90⅝, advanced to 90⅞. United Cigar Stores again attracted attention, advancing 1⅜ to 115⅝, a new high for this movement.

After the early demand was supplied reactions were in order.

Inspiration was the most active of the copper issues, advancing ½ to 44 and then reacting to 43½.

There were many irregular movements during the forenoon, with covering by shorts the most important influence in the issues which showed upturns. Buying of this character was almost the sole reason for Mexican Petroleum advancing to 182. Texas Oil also showed strength, moving up 3⅜ to 189, while Sinclair rose to 35.

There was large buying of Steel common, which moved up to 90⅞.

Marine preferred moved up over 1 point to 109, and then reacted to 108⅜, while American Hide & Leather preferred fell 3 points to 74.

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DESCRIPTION	Open	High	Low	Close
Alaska Gold	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞
Allis Chalmers, c	33⅞	34½	33⅛	33⅛
Am. Agr. Chem	101	101¼	101	101
Am. Beet Sugar	69⅜	69⅜	67⅜	68⅜
Am. Can, c	48¼	48⅜	47⅜	47⅞
Am. Car. Fy., c	89⅞	90	88⅜	88⅜
Am. Cotton Oil, c	43⅝	44	43½	43½
Am. Linseed, c	50	50⅛	49½	49½
Am. Loco., c	60½	60½	60	59⅞
Am. Smelter, c	73½	73⅝	72⅞	72⅞
Am. Sum. Tobacco	97	97	96½	96¾
Am. Sugar, c	114⅛	114½	113⅞	113⅞
Am. Tel. & Tel.	100⅛	101	100⅜	100⅜
Am. Woolen, c	50½	50½	49⅞	50
Anaconda Min. Co.	60⅛	60⅛	59⅝	59⅞
Atchison, c	92⅜	92⅜	92⅜	92½
A. G. & W. I.	105	105	104	104
Baldwin Loco. c	74	74⅜	72⅝	72⅝
B. & O.	....	....	....	49
Bethlehem Steel, B	60½	60¼	58⅜	58½
Brook. Rapid T.	24⅜	25⅜	24⅜	24⅞
Butte & Superior	....	....	....	18⅜
Cal. Petroleum, c	22⅛	23	22⅛	22½
Canadian Pacific	158½	159	158½	158
Cent. Leather, c	58⅝	59⅝	58¼	58⅜
C. & O.	....	....	....	56
C. & G. W., c	....	....	....	8¼
C. M. & St. P.	40⅜	41	40⅜	40¼
Chi. & N. W., c	96	95½	95⅞	96⅜
Chile Copper	17⅝	17⅝	17⅛	17⅛
Chino Copper	33½	34	33⅜	33¼
Colo. F. & I., c	36½	36⅝	36⅜	36⅜
Corn Products, c	49½	49⅝	48⅝	48⅝
Crucible Steel, c	56½	56½	55⅞	56
Cuban Cane Sugar	25¼	25⅝	24⅝	29½
Distillers	54¼	54¼	52	52¼
Erie, c	16⅞	17	16⅞	17
Gen. Motors	128⅛	129	128⅛	128½
Goodrich Rubber	58	60⅜	57⅜	59½
G. North. Ore Lands	34⅞	35⅛	34⅛	34½
G. Northern, pfd.	93⅜	93⅜	93⅛	93⅛
Greene Can.	43⅛	43¼	43	43¼
Ice Securities	45	45⅜	41¼	41½
Illinois Central	98	98	98	97⅜
Industrial Alcohol	102⅜	102⅞	100¼	100¼
Inspiration	44	44⅛	43½	43⅞
Int. Mer. Marine	25⅜	25½	24½	24½
Int. Nickel	31	31	29⅞	30
Kennecott Copper	32⅛	32⅜	32	32⅛
Lacka. Steel	65⅛	65¼	65	64⅜
Lehigh Valley	55¼	55¼	55	55
Max. Motors, c	....	....	....	28½
Mex. Petroleum	178⅛	182⅜	178⅛	178½
Miami Copper	24⅜	24⅜	24⅛	24
Midvale Steel	43½	43⅞	43⅜	43⅜
Missouri Pacific	25¼	25½	25	25
National Lead	....	....	....	64
Nev. Consolidated	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞
New Haven	31¼	31¼	31	31
New York Central	74⅜	74⅞	74⅜	74½
Nor. & Western, c	....	....	....	106
Northern Pacific	92⅜	92⅞	92¼	92¼
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	36
Penn. Railway	45⅜	45⅜	45¼	45⅛
Pressed Steel Car, c	63¼	63¼	63¼	63
Ray Cons. Copper	20½	20½	20⅜	20⅜
Rail. Steel Springs	....	....	....	72⅜
Reading, com.	81	81⅞	80⅜	80⅜
Rep. I. & Steel, com	73⅜	74⅛	73⅜	73¼
Rock Island	30¼	25⅜	25	24⅞
Sears, Roe. & Co.	....	....	....	179
Studebaker, c	52	52	51½	51½
Southern Pacific	101	101⅜	100⅜	100⅜
Southern Ry., c	28⅜	28⅜	28⅛	28¼
Swift & Co.	124	124	124	124
Texas Oil	185	189½	185	187⅜
Tobacco Products	78⅛	78¼	76⅝	76⅝
Union Pacific, c	128	129¼	127⅞	128⅜
United Cigar Stores	115	115¼	113¾	113⅞
U. S. Rubber, c	76	77	75¾	76
U. S. Steel, c	90½	91¼	90⅜	90⅜
do. pfd.	115	....	....	115
Utah Copper	71½	71⅞	71⅛	71⅞
Virginia Chem., c	....	....	....	54
W. U. Tel.	89⅞	89⅞	88½	88
Westinghouse Elec.	42	42	41½	41½
Willys Overland	25¼	25½	25⅛	25¼
Woolworth	....	....	....	128

Total sales, 453,200 shares.

New York Bond Market

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	Bid.	Ask.
Atchison Genl. 4s	85	85¼
Bal. & Ohio Gold 4s	....	80
Beth. Steel Ref. 5s	87	88
Central Pacific 1st 4s	81½	82
C. B. & Q. Col. 4s	95⅜	95⅝
St. Paul Genl. 4½s	83	85⅝
Chicago N. W. Genl. 4s	83	84
L. & N. Uni. 4s	86¼	88
New York Ry. 5s	13½	13¼
Northern Pacific P. L. 4s	85½	86¼
Reading Genl. 4s	85½	88
Union Pacific 1st 4s	89⅜	89¾
U. S. Steel 5s	99⅞	100
Union Pacific 1st Ref. 5s	81	82¼
Southern Pacific Conv. 5s	103¼	104¼
Southern Pac. Conv. 4s	84⅜	84⅞
Penn. Conv. 4½s	95	95⅜
Penn. 1st 4½s	89¼	89⅞
Ches. & Ohio Conv. 5s	86½	87
Oregon Short Line 4s	87	88⅝

Foreign Bond Market

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	Bid.	Ask.
A. F. 5s, Oct. 1920	96⅞	97⅛
U. K. 5½s, Nov. 1919	100	100¼
do. 5½s, Feb. 1919	100¼	100⅜
do. 5½s, Nov. 1921	98	98¼
A. F. Sec. 5s, Aug. 1919	99½	99⅝
Rep. France 5s, 1931	155	163
Paris 6s, Oct. 1921	98⅜	99¼
Marseilles 6s, Nov. 1919	100¼	100⅜
Russia Extn. 5½s, 1921	50	52
Russian Intl. 5½s, 1926	115	125
Dom. 5s, Aug. 1919	99⅜	99½
do. 5s, April, 1921	97⅜	98¼
do. 5s, April, 1931	97⅛	98
do. 5s, April, 1926	97	97½
Argentine 6s, May, 1920	98⅜	99½
China 6s, 1919	95	97
Dom. Canada 5s, 1937	95¼	95⅝
French 5½s, 1919	103⅜	104⅛

FLOUR IS DOWN 20 CENTS A BARREL IN PORTLAND MARKET

Government Quality Stock Is Reduced Generally to $11 Barrel—Patent Grinding Resumed and Product to Sell Around $11.20.

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
	Cars				
Portland, Mon.	23	....	1	4	7
Year ago	....	11	6	6	12
Season to date	5848	812	1524	565	2189
Year ago	3587	193	538	815	1220
Tacoma, Sat.	17	....	....	1	1
Year ago	54	1	....	1	6
Season to date	4164	19	....	128	896
Year ago	3378	62	....	178	1162
Seattle, Sat.	3	....	4	1	1
Year ago	....	1	9	14	5
Season to date	4373	48	897	474	2004
Year ago	3318	211	1030	788	2284

One hundred per cent flour, as the government regulated quality is generally known, but what is in reality but straight bluestem flour, is reduced 20c per barrel, effective at once. The change was announced by the Portland Flouring Mills company.

This makes the general selling price of bluestem straight at $11 per barrel, although some of the smaller mills are said to be shading below this.

With the reduction of 20c in the price of straight flour comes the announcement of general resumption of the making of patent flour for the first time since the government took control of the milling industry. Patent will be quoted at $11.20, or the same price as formerly quoted for bluestem straight.

Resumption of patent grinding means the making and output of clear flours again. As the only possible market for such supplies at this time appears to be Central and South America, and as there is now in sight no ocean tonnage for that direction, millers are up against another stone wall. It might be possible to send some supplies to the Orient, but the needs of the trade there are now quoted well taken care of.

While actual sales of millfeed have been made for several days at the higher price, some of the mills are today making the charge for the first time.

FLOUR—Selling prices: Patent, $11.20; family wheat flour, $10.80@11.00; barley flour, $10.70; Willamette valley, $11.00; local straight, (—); bakers' local, $10.85@11.20; Montana spring wheat, patent, $10.85@11.20; rye flour, $12.50; oat flour, $10.70; corn flour, $11.50@14.00 per barrel; graham flour, $9.80; whole wheat flour, $10.00. Price for city deliveries in five barrel lots.

HAY — Buying price: Willamette timothy, fancy, (—); Eastern Oregon timothy, fancy, $31.00@32.00; alfalfa, $26.00@$26.50; valley vetch, $28.00; cheat, (—); clover, $26.00@27.00; grain, $26.00 per ton.

GRAIN SACKS—Nominal. No. 1 Calcutta, 20c in car lots; less amounts higher.

MILLSTUFFS—Mixed run, at mills, sacked, $45.00@50.00 per ton.

ROLLED OATS—Per barrel, $10.20@10.70.

ROLLED BARLEY—Per ton, $52.00@53.

CORN — Whole, $67.00@68.00; cracked, $69.00@70.00 per ton.

A meeting of the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers' association will be held Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce. Officers will be elected.

Merchants Exchange bids:

FEED OATS	Jan.	Feb.	March.
No. 2 white	5000	5050	5050
BARLEY			
Feed	4850	4900	4950
"A"	4900	4900	4950
Eastern oats and corn in bulk—			
Oats, No. 3 white	4700	4750	4750
38 lbs. clipped, white	4950	5000	5100
Corn, No. 3 yellow	6100	6000	5900
No. 3 mixed	6000	5900	5900

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Chicago Hogs $17.65

Chicago, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 50,000, steady. Bulk, $17.40@17.60; tops, $17.65; butcher hogs, heavy, $17.55@17.65; packing hogs, heavy, $15.75@17.25; medium and mixed, $17.15@17.40; light, $17.00@17.50; pigs, $14.50@15.50; roughs, $16.00@16.50.

Cattle—Receipts 3900, steady. Beef cattle, good choice, $16.40@20.00; medium and common, $9.75@16.40; butcher stock, heifers, $8.00@14.50; cows, $7.25@13.75; canners and cutters, $6.75@7.25; stockers and feeders, good choice, $10.25@13.75; common and medium, $7.75@10.25; veal calves good choice, $16.50@17.00.

Sheep—Estimated receipts 30,000, slow. Shorn lambs, choice and prime, $16.50@16.65; medium and good, $14.75@16.50; spring lambs, good choice, $14.00@14.25; feeder lambs, good choice, $11.75@14.00; ewes, choice prime, $10.25@10.75; medium and good, $9.00@10.25.

Kansas City Hogs $17.50

Kansas City, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Cattle—Receipts 27,000, steady, to lower. Steers $16.00@16.50; cows and heifers, $6.00@12.00; stockers and feeders, $13.00@14.50; calves, $8.00@13.50.

Hogs—Receipts 25,000, steady. Bulk, $17.00@17.50; top, $17.50; heavies, $17.20@17.50; lights, $17.00@17.25; mediums, $17.15@17.35.

Sheep—Receipts 7000, steady to 25c lower. Lambs, $16.00@16.50; wethers, $10.50@11.00; ewes, $9.00@10.00.

Omaha Hogs $17.40

Omaha, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 19,600, steady. Top, $17.40; range, $6.50@17.40; mixed, $17.00@17.20; good choice, $17.20@17.40; rough, $16.00@17.00; light, $16.80@17.10; bulk, $16.90@17.20; pigs, 12.00@15.00.

Cattle — Receipts 12,000, lower. Beeves, $12.75@18.50; cows and heifers, $7.50@13.50; stockers and feeders, $7.00@15.50; calves, $7.50@18.50.

Sheep—Receipts 9500, steady. Wethers, $10.50@11.50; yearlings, $9.00@13.50; lambs, $14.00@16.50; ewes, $9.00@11.00.

Denver Hogs $17.00

Denver, Jan. 13.—Cattle—Receipts 4500, 10@15c lower. Steers, $14.50@16.50; cows and heifers, $8.00@11.00; stockers and feeders, $7.50@12.50; calves, $9.00@13.00.

Hogs—Receipts 2600, 5c lower. Top, $17.00; bulk, $16.50@16.80.

Sheep—Receipts 1000, steady to weak. Lambs, $15.50@16.25; ewes, $8.00@9.25.

Seattle Hogs $17.60

Seattle, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts, 1250; lower. Prime hogs, $17.50@17.60; medium to choice, $17.50@17.60; rough heavies, $15.50@15.85; pigs, $15.50@16.85.

Cattle—Receipts 290; steady. Best steers, $11.50@13.50; medium to choice, $10.50@11.00; common to medium, $6.50@9.00; best cows, $8.50@10.50; common to medium cows, $5.00@7.50; bulls, $6.00@8.00; calves, $7.00@12.00.

Sheep—Receipts 80; steady. Lambs, $11.50@12.00; yearlings, $8.00@10.50; ewes, $5.00@7.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE ON THE COAST

Seattle Market

Seattle, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Butter—Local city creamery bricks in cartons, 67½@68c; do parchment wrapped, 67c; do cubes, 65@66c.

Eggs—Fancy ranch, 73@75c; pullets, 70c.

Cheese — Washington triplets, 38@40c; Washington Young Americas, 40@41c; Oregon triplets, 35@40c; Oregon Young Americas, 36@41c.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—California creamery, extras, 64½c.

Eggs—Fresh, extra, 60½c; case count, 60c; pullets, 60½c.

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Butter—Extras, 65½c.

Eggs—Extras, 66½c; pullets, extras, 66c.

Cheese—Per pound, 34c.

St. Louis Metal Market

St. Louis, Jan. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Lead—Dull; $5.50.

Spelter—Dull; $7.30 for January and $7.25 for February shipments.

Egg Market Is Broken Badly Along Front St.

There was a bad break in egg prices late in the day along Front street. Sales were made down to 64c in lots to wholesalers, while the price to retailers went to 67@68c generally.

LIVESTOCK RUN IS GOOD IN PORTLAND YARDS FOR OPENING

Initial Sales for the Week Are About Steady in All Divisions—Better Class of Hogs Come—Cattle Demand Continues Favorable.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Monday	4804	1471	82	1846
Week ago	4041	1693	83