DECREASE OF NEARLY 25 PER CENT SHOWN IN APPLE STOCK

Edited by Hyman H. Cohen

POTATO MARKET HAS MANIPULATED TONE; OUTSIDE POINTS UP

While Demand Here Is at Low Ebb and Values Are Down in the Gutter Prices Are Liberal in the South—Many Complaints.

Market for potatoes is really weaker and lower than it should be at this time considering what California and other markets are quoting. Fact of the matter is that with potatoes quoted as high as $2 per cental at San Francisco, there is absolutely no reason why general offers for potatoes at Oregon country points should not be at least $1.50 per cental for the No. 1 quality.

Affairs are rather strange in the potato trade at this time. In some respects it looks as if there is either manpulation in other markets or else there is a general conspiracy there to force to a low level the values of the Oregon product.

Bringing to this market of so much Yakima stock is a condition which has tended to weaken the demand for the home product although comparatively speaking the offerings from this section are of better quality than those received from the Eastern Washington section.

EGG TRADE SHOWS A GOOD TONE

Market for eggs continues to reflect a steady to firm tone along the wholesale way with no changes indicated in values. Receipts are only fair and with the north still buying, all arrivals are cleaned up.

CHICKENS ARE MOVING SLOWLY

Somewhat slower movement is showing in the chicken trade with arrivals increased for the last 24 hours. Most firms carried over stocks from the holiday and while prices are as yet unchanged, call is limited.

DROP IS EXPECTED IN HONEY

Because of the extreme prices asked by holders in the country and the fact that honey is no longer used as a substitute for sugar, the market indicates a weaker tone, although country interests continue to ask so much money that wholesalers refuse to buy.

RAINS INTERFERE WITH GREENS

Excessive rains all through California recently have interfered greatly with the movement of vegetables in that direction according to word received by George Pearson of the Ryan Fruit company.

STEADY TONE IN COUNTRY MEATS

Steady tone is generally showing in country killed meats with an advance of ½c per pound obtained for selected lots of veal and hogs with the former at 23½c and the latter at 20½@21c pound.

BRIEF NOTES OF PRODUCE TRADE

Both grades of Manila rope show sharp advance of 8c pound.

Another car of Mexican tomatoes in; sales at $4.50 lug.

Greater offerings of rhubarb with prices at 15@17½c pound.

Onion market showing slight gain in strength.

Bean market continues to reflect weakness and dullness.

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, 18 degrees; and south to Ashland, 32 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, box lots, creamery prints, parchment wrapped, extras, 49c per lb.; prime firsts, 48c; firsts, 47c; smaller lots advance; jobbing prices, cubes, extras, 45c lb.; prime firsts, 44c; cartons, 1c higher.

BUTTERFAT—Portland, delivery basis, 46@48c; price at country stations, 44@45c.

OLEOMARGARINE—Local brands, 30 and 60c lb.; tubs, 35c; 1 lb. cartons, 42c; 2 lb. cartons, 39½c; nutmargarine, 1 lb. cartons, 33c.

CHEESE — Selling price: Tillamook fresh, Oregon fancy full cream triplets, 38@38½c lb.; Young America, 39@39½; prices to jobbers, f. o. b. Tillamook, triplets, 38c; Young America, 39c; price to jobbers, f. o. b. Myrtle Point, triplets, 35½c; Young America and long horns, 36½c; selling price, brick, 43c; limburger, 33@34c; block Swiss, 46@47c per lb.

EGGS—Buying price, 40@42c; selling price, 48@44c; candled, 43@45c.

EGGS—Public market retail selling price, 48c per dozen.

LIVE POULTRY—Heavy hens, 32c per lb.; light hens, 30c per lb.; broilers, 40c per lb.; old roosters, 18c lb.; stags, 20c per lb.; squabs, $3.00; ducks, 35@40c lb.; pigeons, $1.50@2.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 30c per lb.; dressed, 40@43c per lb.; geese, live, 25c lb.

Fresh Vegetables and Fruit

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $4.00@4.50 per box; bananas, 8¼@9c per lb.; lemons, $5.00@6.00; Florida grapefruit, $5.50@7.00; California, $3.00@4.00.

APPLES—Various varieties, $1.50@3.50 per box.

GRAPES—Almeira, in kegs, 31 lbs., $7.00.

PEARS—Per box, $2.25@2.50.

DRIED FRUITS—Dates, Dromedary, (—); Fards, (—) per box; raisins, three crown, loose Muscatel, 10c lb.; figs, $5.00 per box of 50 6-oz. packages.

ONIONS—Selling price to retailer: Oregon, $2.00 cwt.; association selling price, carloads, $1.75 f. o. b. country; garlic, 35@50c lb.; green onions, 35@40c dozen bunches; onion sets, 12c per lb.

CRANBERRIES — Northwest, $7.00@7.25 bushel box.

POTATOES—Selling price, $1.75 per cwt.; buying price for fancy large sizes, $1.25@1.40; ordinary, $1.00 per cental; sweets, $4.50@5.00.

VEGETABLES — Turnips, $2.00@2.25 per sack; carrots, $2.00@2.25 sack; beets, $2.25 a sack; cabbage, Oregon, 2½@3c per lb.; California, 2@3c per lb.; lettuce, $4.50@4.75 per crate; celery, $1.75 dozen; artichokes, $2.00 per dozen; cucumbers, $2.25 per dozen; tomatoes, California, (—); egg plant, 20c per lb.; cauliflower, California, $1.75 per dozen; horseradish, 15c per lb.; bell peppers, 40c per lb.

Meats and Provisions

COUNTRY MEATS—Selling price: Country killed best hogs, 20½@21c; ordinary hogs, 18@19c; best veal, 23@23¼c; ordinary, 21½@22c; rough heavy, 12½c; lamb, 20@21c; mutton, 14@16c lb.; beef, 9@14c per lb.

SMOKED MEATS—Ham, 34@37c; breakfast bacon, 32@51c; picnics, 25c; cottage roll, 33c; short clears, 30@33c; Oregon exports, smoked, 30c per lb.

LARD—Kettle rendered, $13.11 case; standard, 26½c per lb.; lard compound, 23½c.

Fish and Shell Fish

FRESH FISH — Steelhead salmon, 22c per lb.; Chinook, 30c; halibut, fresh, 24c; black cod, 11@12c; silver smelt, 9@9½c; smoked, 10c; sturgeon, 18@20c; fresh herring, 6@7c; Columbia smelt, $1.00@1.25 per 50 lb. box.

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

OYSTERS—Olympia, gallon, $5.50; canned, eastern, 75c can, $9.00 dozen cans; bulk, $4.50 per gallon.

Groceries

SUGAR — Cube, $10.40; powdered, $10.10; fruit and berry, $9.55; D yellow, $8.95; granulated, $9.55; beet, $9.45; extra C, $9.15; golden C, $9.05.

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Have You a Card Of Inspection?

Slackers Must Beware for City of Portland Is on the Job.

By Hymen H. Cohen

Have you a card?

This is a serious question that is likely to be asked any handler of foodstuffs within the boundaries of the city of Portland as a result of the recent passage and present enforcement of a so-called health law.

Let slackers beware for the health of the city must be protected at all hazards and it makes no difference to the city commissioners whether the city goes hungry or not, everyone who handles foodstuffs must have the telltale piece of cardboard indicating that he or she has paid a visit to the city hall and has planked down a quarter of a dollar for an examination while the proprietor must give forth an additional $1.50 per quarter year for the same privilege.

Under the rigid terms of the law none are exempt from the provisions of the act and in this there is danger to the food supply of the city. Every farm, every farmer's son and daughter, every clerk, every fruit picker and packer or anyone who has the remotest connection with the handling of food must obey the law and not only give up the quarter of a dollar every three months but must at the same time present himself or herself for physical examination at the city law castle.

Every express messenger, every freight handler and every teamster is included.

If you have no card, beware, for the city inspectors of cards will get you.

Chicago Grain Is Higher for Session

Range furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co., Board of Trade building:

CORN	Open.	Close.
February	127	129
March	122½	127
May	117	123¾
July	113½	119⅝
OATS		
February	57½	59⅞
March	55	60¾
May	58¼	60¾
July	55¾	58⅜
PORK		
May	4072	4085
July	.....	3950

DAIRY PRODUCE ON THE COAST

Seattle Market

Seattle, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Eggs—Fresh ranch, 44c.

Butter—Washington creamery, 49@50c.

Cheese—Triplets, 32@35c; Young America, 40c per lb.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, Feb. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—California creamery, extras, 52c.

Eggs—Fresh, extras, 40c; case count, 40c; pullets, 38c.

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—(U. P.)—Butter—Extras, 54c.

Eggs—Extras, 38½c; extra pullets, 37½c.

Cheese—California flats, fancy, 27½c.

PACIFIC COAST BANK STATEMENT

Portland Banks

Clearings:	This Week.	Year Ago.
Monday	$ 4,676,451.80	$ 8,633,654.80
Tuesday	3,984,441.31	Holiday
Wednesday	holiday	
Thursday	6,627,730.01	4,698,281.85

Spokane Banks

Clearings	$ 1,894,503.00
Balances	654,203.00

Los Angeles Banks

Clearings	$ 7,992,971.00

Seattle Banks

Clearings	$ 7,111,074.00
Balances	1,858,915.00

Tacoma Banks

Clearings	$ 968,921.00
Balances	240,221.00

San Francisco Banks

Clearings	$23,002,819.00

POTATOES ALL ALONG THE COAST

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, Feb. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes—Stockton Burbanks, fancy, $2.35@2.40; choice, $2.00@2.15; Idaho Russets, $1.85@2.00; rurals, $1.80@1.90; seed stock, Oregon White and Red Rose, $3.00; home grown White Rose, mostly $2.75@3.00, few fancy, $3.25; sweet potatoes, best, 90c@1.00 per lug box; sacked, $3.00@3.25 per cwt.

Seattle Market

Seattle, Feb. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Onions—Per pound, 2¼@2½c.

Potatoes—Yakima, $35.00; local, $28.00@30.00 per ton.

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—(U. P.)—Potatoes—Per cental, on wharf, Netted Gems, $2.00@2.15; Oregon, $2.00@2.10; river, $1.50@2.00; sweets, $3.50@3.60 per cental on the street.

Onions—On wharf, California, $1.50@1.85 per cental.

HONEY—New, $7.00@8.00 case; strained, 30c lb.

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

SALT—Coarse, half ground, 100s, $17.00 per ton; 50s, $18.50; table dairy, 50s, $26.00; bales, $3.15@3.55; fancy table and dairy, $32.00; lump rock, $25.00 per ton.

BEANS—Oregon (sales by jobbers): Lady Washington, 7½@10½c; pink, 8½c lb.; Limas, 13½c; Bayou, 9c; red, 8½c; Oregon beans (buying price), nominal.

CANNED MILK — Carnation, $7.50; Borden, $7.40; Aster, $7.40; Eagle, $10.25; Libby, $7.40; Yeloban, $7.10; Holly, $7.40 per case.

COFFEE—Roasted, 28@44c; in sacks or drums.

SODA CRACKERS—Bulk, 17c per lb.

NUTS—Budded walnuts, 30½@31c per lb.; almonds, 24@29c; filberts, 28c, in sack lots; peanuts, 15c; pecans, 25c; Brazils, 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., 30c; No. 2 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 bull hides or calf, half price; dry stags or bulls, 18c; dry salt, stags or bulls, 12c; dry cull stags or bulls, half price; dry horse hides, according to size and take off, each, 1.50@2.50; salted horse hides, according to size and take off, each $3.00@5.00; dry long wool pelts, per lb., 25c; short wool pelts, per lb., 15@20c; salted long wool lamb pelts, $1.50@2.50; salted sheep pelts, each, $1.25@2.25; dry sheep shearlings, each, 15@35c; salted sheep shearlings, each, 35@50c; dry long hair, goat skins, per lb., 25c; dry short hair goat skins, each, 35@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 per 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—Sisal, dark, 24c; white, 28½c lb.; standard Manila, 37½c.

LINSEED OIL — Raw, bbls., $1.80 gallon; kettle boiled, bbls., $1.82; raw, cases, $1.90; boiled, cases, $1.92 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.

TURPENTINE—Tanks, 80c; case, 96c; 10 case lots, 1c less.

WIRE NAILS—Basic price, $5.40.

SMITH WANTS VEAL

We pay 23c for top quality veal. We pay 21c for top quality pork. We never charge commission. Frank L. Smith Meat Co., "Fighting the Beef Trust," 228 Alder street, Portland, Or.—Adv.

APPLE HOLDINGS OF COUNTRY SHOW BIG DECREASE IN MONTH

Loss of Nearly 25 Per Cent Is Indicated in Storage Supplies of the Nation—Local Trade Is Not Quite So Liberal.

Trend of the apple trade is not quite so brisk at Portland but at country producing points and in the leading consuming centers of the East the situation remains firm and active while export demand remains firm at full prices.

Somewhat of a surprise was given the trade by the last report of holdings of apples in cold storage. It was generally believed that there were huge stocks of apples being held by speculators, but this appears not to be the case at the moment. Speculators have evidently got from under their load because huge decreases in storage supplies are shown.

The 534 storage houses of the country that reported apple holdings on February of this year and last year showed stocks of boxed fruit at 4,064,469 packages compared with 5,191,876 boxes last year while barrel holdings of the country totaled 1,623,357 barrels compared with 2,226,324 barrels a year ago, a decrease of 602,967 barrels and 1,127,407 boxes, or a total decrease in barrel measurement of 978,769 barrels, or 24.7 per cent.

Apple trade of the nation:

Oklahoma City—Supplies liberal with demand and movement good. No change in prices. Sales to retailers, boxes, Washington; quality and condition good: Extra fancy Arkansas Blacks, $5.00. Sales from cold storage, boxes, Washington, quality and condition good: Extra fancy black Twigs, $3.75; fancy, $3.50; extra fancy Stayman Winesaps, $4.50; fancy, $4.00; extra fancy Rome Beauties, $4.25; fancy, $4.00; extra fancy Winesaps, $5.00; fancy, $4.50; choice Winesaps, $3.75@4.00.

Kansas City—Closing prices Tuesday to jobbers. Supplies moderate with demand and movement moderate. No change in prices. Boxes, Washington stuff: Extra fancy Romes, medium, $3.00@3.25; extra fancy Winesaps, medium, $3.50@3.75; extra fancy Delicious, large, $4.50.

Houston—Demand and movement good with no change in prices. Sales to retailers, Washingtons: Extra fancy Rome Beauties, all sizes, $3.25@3.35; extra fancy Winesaps, $3.50@4.00; fancy, $3.25@3.50. Arkansas stuff, extra fancy Black Twigs, $3.50@3.75; fancy, $3.25@3.50.

Fort Worth—Supplies liberal with demand and movement moderate. No change in price. Quality and condition good. Sales to retailers, Washington stuff, boxes: Extra fancy Winesaps, Arkansas Blacks and Delicious, $3.75; extra fancy White Winter Pearmains, $3.50. Colorado stuff, extra fancy Rome Beauties, $3.75; fancy, $3.50.

Denver—Supplies moderate. Sales to retailers. Demand and movement moderate with no change in prices. Northwest stuff, boxes: Extra fancy Winesaps, $3.50@3.75; fancy, mostly $3.25; extra fancy Jonathans, $3.75; fancy, mostly $3.50; fancy, $3.25; extra fancy Black Twigs and Willow Twigs, mostly $3.25; fancy, mostly $3.00.

Butte—Closing prices Tuesday to retailers. Demand and movement moderate. No change in prices. Washington stuff, quality and condition good: Fancy Jonathans, $1.75@1.85; extra fancy Winesaps, $3.75@4.00; fancy, $3.50@3.75; choice, $3.25@3.50; smaller, 50@75c lower; fancy Rome Beauties, $3.15@3.25; choice, $2.90@3.00; extra fancy Yellow Newtowns, $3.25. Montana stuff, quality and condition good, jumble pack ganos, $1.85@2.50; Romes, $2.35@2.50; fancy Rome Beauties, $2.80@3.00.

Spokane—No rail arrivals. Home growns practically supplying the market. Demand and movement moderate with quality and condition good. Sales from common storage, boxes: Boxes, Washington stuff: Extra fancy Winesaps, small and large, $3.50; fancy, $2.25@3.00; extra fancy and fancy Yellow Newtowns, boxed and large, $3.00@3.50; Romes, $2.00@2.50; Winter Bananas, $2.00@2.25; fancy Stayman Winesaps, $3.25.

Seattle—Demand and movement good. Sales to retailers: Extra fancy Winesaps, $3.50@3.75; extra fancy Stayman Winesaps, $2.75@3.00; extra fancy White Winter Pearmains, $2.50@3.00; extra fancy Ben Davis, $2.00@2.50.

Chicago—Demand and movement good with no change in prices. Sales to jobbers, boxes, Washington stuff, many over ripe: Fancy and extra fancy Winesaps, best, $3.50@3.75; fancy and extra fancy Rome Beauties, best, $3.25@3.50; fancy and extra fancy Spitzenburgs, best, $3.50@3.75.

Pittsburg—Opening prices Wednesday. Demand and movement slow. Prices slightly lower. Sales to jobbers, boxes, Washington stuff, quality and condition generally good: Extra fancy and fancy Winesaps, $3.75@4.00.

Cincinnati—No carlot arrivals—Supplies liberal with demand and movement moderate. Little change in prices. Sales to jobbers, Boxes, Washington stuff, quality and condition generally good: Choice Winesaps, medium and large, $3.50; fancy Yellow Newtowns, medium and large, $3.10.

Cleveland—Demand good with little change in prices. Closing prices Tuesday and opening prices Wednesday to jobbers. Sales from cold storage. Quality and condition generally good; boxes, Washington stuff: Fancy and extra fancy Winesaps, car run, mostly $4.00.

Latest Fur Sales

New York fur auction sales corporation announces the following changes in the prices of the goods sold this day, as compared with the prices realized in the October last sales:

Chinese civet cat, no market; Chinese weasel, no change; rabbit (Australian), 30 per cent lower; squirrel, 20 per cent higher; wild cat (northern), 20 per cent lower; wild cat, (southwestern), 30 per cent lower; ringtail cat, no change; lynx, 15 per cent lower; American opossum, 7½ per cent lower; Australian opossum, 10 per cent higher; Tasmania opossum, 10 per cent lower; ringtail opossum, 10 per cent higher; wolf (northern) 30 per cent lower; wolf (southwestern), 40 per cent.

San Francisco Grain Market

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—(U. P.)—Cash grain:

Oats—Red feed, $2.10@2.25; do seed, $2.60@2.75; do reclaned, $3.00@3.10.

Barley—No. 1 feed, $2.02½@2.07½; do shipping, $2.07½@2.10.

India Forced To Buy Wheat

Chicago, Feb. 13.—India has bought 1,100,000 bushels of wheat in Australia. This indicates the poor crop prospects in that country and no surplus is expected there. Acreage is said to be 7,000,000 short of last year.

Huge Stocks Flour Piling Up With No Movement in Sight

Millers Await Government Business—Holdings Said to Be at a New High Record.

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS

	Cars				
	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Thurs.	27	6	7	2	15
Year ago	.....	3	...	2	1
Season to date	6144	869	1737	589	2481
Year ago	3631	224	668	963	1471
Tacoma, Wed.	21	...	...	...	5
Year ago	5	...	...	...	11
Season to date	4620	26	...	131	992
Year ago	3886	73	...	207	1304
Seattle, Wed.	.....	...	1	...	...
Year ago	.....	...	7	...	...
Season to date	4690	51	979	501	2139
Year ago	3449	260	1207	906	2501

Huge piles of flour are being accumulated at Pacific Northwest milling points, for which there is in sight at the moment no demand. Most of this stock has been ground by millers in anticipation of additional orders from the government, and the aggregate holdings are said to be the greatest ever known in the Pacific Northwest.

That the government will likely take some additional lots of flour is generally conceded by the trade, but the fear is expressed in most quarters that the orders from this source will be far below supplies offered.

Coarse grains continue extremely quiet.

FLOUR — Selling prices: Patent, $10.90; family wheat flour, $10.75; barley flour, $10.70; Willamette Valley, $10.60; local straight, $10.70; bakers' local, $10.70@10.90; Montana spring wheat patent, $10.85; rye flour, $11.50; oat flour, $10.00; graham flour, $9.80; whole wheat flour, $10.00. Price for city delivery in five barrel lots.

HAY — Buying price: Willamette timothy, fancy, (—); Eastern Oregon-Washington fancy timothy, $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, $43.00@50.00 per ton.

ROLLED OATS—Per barrel, $9.50@10.00.

ROLLED BARLEY—Per ton, $52@53.

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

Pacific Coast Crop Reports of the Weather Bureau—Arizona — Weather quite favorable, there is general precipitation on the day of the month, heavy snow falling in the mountain sections of the north and well distributed rains over the southern and desert portions. Plowing for wheat and barley continued.

Utah—The month was abnormally dry and first half unusually cold, favoring retention of snow on winter ranges and winter grain areas.

Nevada—The month was moderately cold and exceedingly dry. Some plowing done in lower valleys last half of month which was warmer than first half. Farmers are entertained regarding outlook for crops due to light snowfall.

Idaho—Precipitation generally deficient and marked dearth of snow. Farmers busy with hay baling, etc. Wheat, barley and rye are in good condition, but in many sections lack of snow covering and thawing ground is causing some uneasiness among grain growers. In the northern counties, weather has made good growth and fields are being grazed off.

Washington—Snowfall was light and weather favorable for wheat ranges and livestock. There is a light snow blanket but winter wheat appears uninjured by the cold spell of the first week and is well rooted.

Oregon—Dry weather caused slight damage to some areas of winter wheat and farm work was impossible. Mild and rainy weather for the remainder of month was beneficial to pastures and winter wheat, which are now in excellent condition.

California—Large acreage of wheat, barley and oats seeded; plants part up is well rooted but needs rain. Alfalfa and grass are beginning to grow.

FEED COAST

	Feb.	March.	April.
No. 2 white	.....	.....	.....
BARLEY			
Feed	4500	4400	4300
"A"	4550	4500	4450
Eastern oats and corn in bulk:			
Oats No. 3 white	4300	4300	4300
38 lb. clipped, white	4475	4475	4400
Corn, No. 3 yellow	5500	5450	5450
No. 3 mixed	5350	5350	5350

COPARTNERSHIP OF CAPITAL AND LABOR IS HELD VITAL NEED

National Catholic War Council Makes Public Its Report; Social Justice Safeguard of Peace.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Cooperation and co-partnership between capital and labor are among the vital needs of the reconstruction period, according to the report of the National Catholic war council, made public here today. The committee which prepared the report includes Bishop Peter J. Muldoon, Bishop Joseph Schrembs, Bishop Patrick J. Hayes and Bishop William T. Russell.

"The only safeguard of peace is social justice and a contented people," declares the committee. "The deep unrest so emphatically and so widely voiced throughout the world is the most serious menace to the future peace of every nation in the entire world. Great problems now confront us. They cannot be put aside; they must be met and solved with justice to all."

Among other problems mentioned in the report are:

(1) The enforcement by law of a national minimum of leisure, health, education and subsistence;

(2) The democratic control of industry, which means the nationalization of all monopolistic industries and possibly of other industries, some time in the future, if that course be found advisable;

(3) A revolution in national finance; that is, a system of taxation which will compel capital to pay for the war, leaving undisturbed the national minimum of welfare for the masses;

(4) Use of the surplus wealth of the nation for the common good; that is, to provide capital, governmental industries, and funds for social, educational and artistic progress.

League Work Not Completed

Paris, Feb. 13.—(U. P.)—President Wilson in his address to members of the French association for a society of nations at the Murat palace, indicated he was convinced that the work on the league of nations will not be completed before his return to the United States.

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Time Extension in Tax Collections Is Given Corporations

Washington, Feb. 13.—Although Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper has refused to grant an extension of time for filing the federal income tax returns, due March 15, he has approved of a new departure in the matter of tax collection that makes possible an extension of 45 days where corporations are unable to complete their returns by the specified date.

If a corporation finds it impossible to complete its return by March 15, it is to be permitted under this new ruling to make a return of the estimated tax due and make payment thereon on that date. It must, however, file its reason with the payment, and if the reason is found satisfactory the collector is to accept payment of the estimated tax and agree to accept the revised and completed tax return within a period of "not more than 45 days."

Textile Mills Open To Striking Labor

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 13.—(U. P.)—The textile mills opened their gates today to the striking silk workers. The strike was apparently ended by the agreement to refer the workers' demands to the national war labor board for settlement.

Australian Wheat Is Sold to Sweden

Melbourne, Feb. 13.—Australia has sold 12,000 tons of wheat from the government pool to Sweden at $1.37 a bushel f. o. b. Melbourne, bringing the total amount of wheat sold for export since the beginning of the year to 112,000 tons.

FEEDER DEMAND IS QUITE LIBERAL IN CATTLE AT YARDS

North Portland Market Handles Much Stock of This Character at Good Prices—Slight Decrease in Pig Call—Mutton Await Shearing.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Thursday	496	66	...	...
Week ago	363	74	...	133
Two weeks ago	208	2	...	87
Four weeks ago	742	155	6	1388
Year ago	478	272	6	...
Two years ago	174	58	7	43
Three years ago	390	4	...	...
Four years ago	262	18	3	226

Continued limited arrivals are shown in the livestock trade with only six loads reported in over night.

North Portland is gaining strength as a market for feeder stiff and the movement of cattle of this class has been very liberal recently and at good values.

The call for feeder hogs, while not so good at the moment, has been fair for some time but just now the trade is getting more pigs than it needs and low prices are therefore quoted to discourage shipments at the moment.

Market for hogs showed a small run over night in the yards while demand was steady with former values continued.

General hog range:

Prime mixed	16.50@16.75
Medium mixed	16.25@16.50
Rough heavies	14.50@15.00
Pigs	12.00@14.50
Bulk	16.50@16.60

Killer Cattle Steady

For killer stuff the market for cattle remains in rather good shape in the North Portland alleys with arrivals over night limited and all of these came from Willamette valley points and consisted of odds and ends. No topper stuff came forward and extreme values for that reason were not tested.

General cattle range:

Red steers	12.50@13.50
Good to choice steers	11.50@12.50
Medium to good steers	10.50@11.50
Fair to good steers	9.00@10.50
Common to fair steers	6.00@ 9.00
Choice cows and heifers	9.50@10.50
Good to choice cows and heifers	8.50@ 9.50
Medium to good cows and heifers	7.50@ 8.50
Fair to medium cows and heifers	5.75@ 6.75
Canners	3.50@ 5.00
Bulls	5.00@ 9.00
Calves	9.00@13.50
Stockers and feeders	7.00@11.00

Mutton Await Shearing

Absence of mutton offerings at this time at North Portland is attributed to the nearness of the general shearing season. Until the stock is sheared it would not pay shippers to be forthcoming. There are few lambs available, in fact no new stock has yet been received and last season's offerings are being rapidly forced in the yearling class.

General sheep and lamb range:

Prime lambs	$13.75@14.25
Fair to medium lambs	9.00@11.00
Yearlings	10.00@11.00
Wethers	9.00@10.00
Ewes	5.50@ 6.00
Goats	5.50@ 6.00

Thursday Livestock Shippers

Hogs—O. E. Gorsline, Joseph, 1 load; J. S. Flint, Junction City, 1 load; M. L. Forrester, Tangent, 1 load.

Cattle—W. R. Parker, Gaston, 1 load.

Mixed Stuff—B. S. Norwood, Harrisburg, 1 load of cattle and hogs; E. B. McKinney, Lebanon, 1 load of cattle and hogs.

Wednesday Afternoon Sales

COWS

No.	Av. lbs.	Price.	No.	Av. lbs.	Price.
6	1071	$ 9.00	1	1100	$ 8.00
1	840	8.25	2	840	7.00
2	850	5.00	1	1350	9.50

HOGS

29	121	$14.75	35	264	$16.50
16	143	15.50	44	124	14.50
5	162	16.40			

Thursday Morning Sales

STEERS

No.	Av. lbs.	Price.	No.	Av. lbs.	Price.
3	715	$ 7.00	8	660	$ 8.00

COWS

3	1116	$ 7.00	2	880	$ 4.25
1	940	7.50	1	1000	5.50
1	720	3.50			

HOGS

20	228	$16.50

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Seattle Hogs $17.25

Seattle, Feb. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 224, steady. Prime lights, $17.00@17.25; medium to choice, $17.00@17.15; rough heavies, $15.00@15.90; pigs, $15.00@16.40.

Cattle — Receipts 47, steady. Best steers, $11.50@13.50; medium to choice, $10.50@11.00; common to medium, $8.50@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 14, steady. Lambs, $11.50@12.00; yearlings, $8.00@10.50; ewes, $5.00@7.00.

Denver Hogs $17.05

Denver, Feb. 13. — (U. P.)—Cattle—Receipts 2200; steady. Steers, $14.25@16.50; cows and heifers, $7.75@10.65; stockers and feeders, $12.25@14.50; calves, $13.50@15.25.

Hogs—Receipts 3000; steady. Top, $17.05; bulk, $16.75@16.85.

Sheep — Receipts 1500; steady to strong. Lambs, $15.50@16.25; ewes, $8.50@10.50.

Defalcations Cause A Pittsburg Bank To Close Its Doors

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 13.—(U. P.)—The Park bank of Pittsburg, with deposits totaling more than $2,225,000, failed to open its doors today.

Bank officials announced that the institution had been closed by order of P. T. Cameron, state bank examiner.

Defalcation on the part of an employe is alleged to have been the reason of the bank's closing.

R. C. Chafant, president, and the bank directors issued a statement which declared that embezzlement, abstraction and wilful misapplication of moneys and credits of the bank by J. S. Swartz, cashier, had "impaired the capital of the bank to such an extent as to make it impossible to longer continue business."

Swartz, who was a majority owner of the capital stock in the bank, has admitted that he alone is responsible for conditions which have caused the bank's closing, the statement said.

Information has been made against Swartz charging him with defalcations, the directors announced.

INTERROGATIONS

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The transportation question, the road question, the truck question, are community, state and national questions. These questions have two great subdivisions—(1) Where and (2) What kind? The first cannot be answered in a hurry, the second is answered readily by insisting that roads reach the highest state of usefulness when paved with

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Market Reports Are Curtailed

Owing to interrupted telegraph service to the east caused by severe storms, The Journal is unable to publish a full market and financial report in this issue.

Chicago Millionaire Will Become Owner Of Catalina Island

Los Angeles, Feb. 14.—(I. N. S.)—William Wrigley Jr., Chicago millionaire, will become owner of Santa Catalina island, noted resort in the Pacific, within the next 10 days, Flint & Jutton, Wrigley's attorneys, announced here today. Wrigley will buy the island from the Banning company, present owners, for a consideration slightly in excess of $3,000,000. Papers are now being drawn up for the transfer of the property, according to Flint & Jutton.

Extensive improvements are planned by the Chicago millionaire. One of the first will be the erection of a palatial colony of bungalows. Wrigley declared here today, however, that he plans to make the resort a family place within the reach of the pocketbook of all.

"Forty-six thousand persons visited Avalon last year," said Wrigley. "My plan is to make the resort so attractive that tourists from Arizona, Nevada, Utah and even Chicago and New York will be glad to spend the winter months there."

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