PRIMARY POINTS SHOW WEAKER AND SLOWER POTATO TON

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EGG MARKET HAS DOWNWARD TREND

Values Continue to Slide Here—Only Outside Movement Saves the Trade From Greater Declines.

Market for eggs continues to show softness and with further declines in the eastern trade the situation here is at a point where additional losses are likely.

Receipts of fresh eggs are liberally increased for recent days and were it not for the fact that heavy supplies are being shipped to the Chicago and Atlantic coast markets values here would be somewhat lower than they are today.

Wholesale prices for fresh eggs are badly mixed, as is usual during periods when there is a downward trend to prices. Everyone wants to clean up—and clean up as rapidly as possible. Sales of candled stock are generally shown at 50c a dozen, although some are asking 1 to 2c above this. For selects or extras the trade is asking retailers 52c to 55c a dozen generally, but no sales are lost because of the price.

Those desiring special information regarding any market should write the Market Editor, Oregon Journal, inclosing stamp for reply.

BUTTER TRADE SHOWS STRENGTH

Strength was generally shown in the market for butter here during the 24 hours. Most of the creameries report a shortage of the output here and orders from country points are greater than for some time past.

ONION SITUATION RULES EASY

Easier tone and in some instances lower prices are ruling in the local onion trade. Buying prices at country points for No. 1 stock are generally at $4.50@4.75 per cental, with the selling price in carload lots $5.

GARLIC IS GOING TO THE EAST

Shipments of garlic are again being made to eastern points by some of the local trade and stocks here are getting quite well cleaned up. New York and Chicago have been the most liberal buyers recently.

LOCAL SPINACH IS IMPROVING

Much better quality is shown in offerings of home grown spinach and this stock is not only better than that imported from Los Angeles but is not so high priced. Lower prices expected within a few days.

CHICKEN MARKET ACTS BETTER

With receipts less liberal, demand for chickens is improved and sales of light fowls are up to 30c, with business in heavy stock at 33@35c according to the weight and quality. Heavy turkeys in good demand at 50@53c a pound.

BRIEF NOTES OF PRODUCE TRADE

Carload of cocoanuts in; sales $2 per dozen.

Japanese are offering rejected Yakima potatoes here.

Local green onions are in small supply, with quality good.

Country killed hogs and veal steady for quality; heavy hogs slow.

Fancy and extra fancy apples are finding better demand here.

WEATHER NOTICE FOR SHIPPERS

Weather bureau advises: Protect shipments among the next 36 hours against the following minimum temperatures: Going north, 44 degrees; northeast over S. P. & S. R. R., 28 degrees; east to Baker, 26 degrees, and south to Ashland, 38 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tomorrow about 44 degrees.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN PORTLAND

Those are prices retailers pay wholesalers, except as otherwise noted:

Dairy Products

BUTTER—Selling price, box lots: Creamery, prime, parchment wrapped, 62c per lb.; prime firsts, 60c lb.; firsts, 59@60c per lb.; smaller lots at an advance. Jobbing prices: Cube extra, 58@59c lb.; prime firsts, 57@57½c per lb.; cartons, 1c extra. Selling price No. 1 storage butter, 50c; off grade, 49c per lb.

BUTTERFAT—Portland delivery basis, 61@62c; country stations, 59@60c.

OLEOMARGARINE—Best brands, 40c; ordinary, 33½c; bakers, 33c; Nutmargarine, 1 lb. cartons, 32c per lb.

CHEESE—Selling price: Tillamook fresh Oregon, fancy cream triplets, 35@36c lb.; Young America, 36@37c. Price to jobbers, f. o. b. Tillamook, triplets, 32c; Young Americas, 33c. Selling price: Cream brick, 40@42c; buying price of Coos and Curry triplets, 31c; Young America, 32½c lb. f. o. b. Myrtle Point. Selling price: Block Swiss, 48@49c; limburger, 40@42c per lb.

EGGS—Buying price: Current receipts, 45c; candled, selling price, 50@52c; select, 52@55c dozen.

LIVE POULTRY—Heavy hens, 33@35c lb.; light hens, 27@30c; spring light, 40c; heavy, 29c lb.; old roosters, 20c per lb.; squabs, $3.00; dressed ducks, 48@50c lb.; pigeons, $1.50@2.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 35@36c lb.; dressed, 50@51c lb.; dressed geese, 30c lb.

Fresh Vegetables and Fruit

FRESH FRUIT—Oranges, $4.00@5.50 per box; bananas, 10@11c per lb.; lemons, $4.75@6.00 per crate; Florida grapefruit, $6.00@7.00; pears, $2.25@3.50; grapes, Emperior, 12½@15c lb.

BERRIES—Cranberries, $4.75 per bushel box; eastern, $15.00@16.00 barrel.

APPLES—Various varieties, local, $1.25@$2.75.

DRIED FRUIT—Dates, Dromedaries, $9.00; Fards, $8.75 per box; raisins, 3 crown, loose Muscatel, 16c per lb.; figs, $3.50@5.50 box.

ONIONS—Selling price to retailers, Oregon, $5.50@6.00 cwt.; associated selling price, carload, $5.00 f. o. b. country; garlic, 25@50c per lb.; green onions, 40c per dozen bunches.

POTATOES—Selling price, $4.25@4.50 per cwt.; buying price for fancy large size, $3.50@3.75; ordinary, $3.00@3.25 per cental; sweets, 7½@8c per lb.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $3.50 per sack; carrots, $1.75; beets, $3.50; cabbage, Oregon, 5c per lb.; California, 5½@7½c lb.; lettuce, $1.00@1.25 doz.; cucumbers, California, $2.00@2.25 doz.; tomatoes, $4.50@5.00 lug; egg plant, 20c lb.; cauliflower, $1.75@3.50; bell peppers, 40c; sprouts, 17c per lb.; Hubbard squash, 5c lb.; parsnips, $3.00@3.50 sack; rutabagas, $3.00 cwt.

Meats and Provisions

COUNTRY MEATS—Selling price: Country hogs, 20@21c per lb. for top blockers; heavy, 17c per lb.; best veal, 26c per lb.; heavy veal, 16@17c per lb.

SMOKED MEATS—Ham, 27@37c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 32@50c; picnics, 27@28c; cottage roll, 30c per lb.

LARD—Kettle rendered, 32c lb.; standard, 30½c; tierce basis, compound, 28¼c.

Fish and Shellfish

FRESH FISH—Salmon, fall, 22@23c lb.; halibut, fresh, 25c lb.; sturgeon, 20c lb.; black cod, 10@11c lb.; silver smelt, 10c lb.; salmon trout, 20@26c lb.; kippered salmon, $2.65 per 10 lb. basket; kippered cod, $2.35; Columbia smelt, 12½@15c lb.

SHELLFISH—Crabs, $3.50 per dozen; shrimp meat, 55c per can; lobster, 30c lb.

Groceries

SUGAR—Cube, $16.75; powdered, $16.45; fruit and berry, $15.90; yellow, $15.30; granulated, $15.90; extra C, $15.50; golden C, $15.40.

HONEY—New, $7.50@8.00 per case.

RICE—Japan style, No. 1, 14½c; New Orleans, head, (—); Blue Rose, 15¾c per lb.

SALT—Coarse, half ground, 100s, $17.00 per ton; 50s, $18.50; table dairy, 60c, $20.50; bales, $3.15@3.55; fancy table and dairy, $32.50; lump rock, $25.00 per ton.

BEANS—Oregon (sales by jobbers): Lady Washington, 7½@8c per lb.; pink, 8c; limas, 15c; bayou, 10½c; Oregon beans, buying price, nominal, 5½c per lb.

CANNED MILK—Carnation, $7.25; Borden, $7.15; Aster, $7.15; Eagle, $11.25; Libby, $7.15; Yeloban, $7.05; Mount Vernon, $7.15; Hazelwood, $7.15 per case.

COFFEE—Roasted, 37@51c in sacks or drums.

SODA CRACKERS—In bulk, 17½c per lb.

NUTS—Walnuts 35@40c per lb.; almonds, 38c; filberts, 33c in sack lots; peanuts, 10@16c; pecans, 25c; Brazils, 30c.

Ropes, Paints, Oils

ROPE—Sisal, dark, 18½c; white, 20c lb.; standard manila, 23½c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls., $2.06 gal.; kettle boiled, bbl., $2.08; raw, cases, $2.21; boiled, cases, $2.23 per gallon.

COAL OIL—Water white, in drums or iron bbls., 13½c gal.; cases, 24c gal.

GASOLINE—Iron bbls., 23½@25c; cases, 25½c; engine distillate, iron bbls., 16c; cases, 26½c.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 14½c; 500 lbs., 14¾c per lb.

TURPENTINE—Tanks, $2.07; cases, $2.22; 10 case lots, 1c less.

WIRE NAILS—Basic price, $5.16.

Hops, Wool and Hides

HOPS—Nominal, 1919 crop, 80c per lb.

HIDES—No. 1 salt cured hides (under 45 lbs.), 27c; No. 1 salt cured hides (over 45 lbs.), 22c; No. 1 salt cured bull hides, 18c; partly cured hides, 2c per lb. less; green hides, 5c per lb. less; No. 2 hides, 1c per lb. less; hair slipped hides, one-third less than No. 1 hides.

CALF AND KIP SKINS—No. 1 trimmed skins (up to 15 lbs.), 75c; No. 1 trimmed kip skins (15 to 30 lbs.), 35c; No. 2 skins, 2c lb. less; hair slipped skins, one-third less than No. 1 skins.

DRY HIDES AND SKINS—Dry flint hides (7 lbs. and up), 35c; dry flint bulls, 24c; dry flint calf skins (under 7 lbs.), 65c; dry salt hides (7 lbs. and up), 29c; dry salt bulls, 18c; dry salt calf skins (under 7 lbs.), 60c; dry cull hides and skins, half price.

HORSE HIDES—Green or salted—Large, well-taken-care-of hides, $5.00@7.00; pony and small hides, $2.50@3.50; dry horse hides, $1.50@3.50; hides with heads off, 50c less; horse tail hair, per lb., 25c; horse mane hair, per lb., 15c.

PELTS—Dry long wool pelts, per lb., 30@40c; dry medium wool pelts, per lb., 25@30c; dry shearing pelts, 50c@$1.00 each; salt long wool pelts, $2.00@4.00 each; salt medium wool pelts, $1.50@2.50 each; salt shearing pelts, 50c@$1.00 each.

MOHAIR—Long staple, 40c lb.; short staple, 25@30c lb.

TALLOW AND GREASE—No. 1 tallow, 12c; No. 2, 10c; No. 1 grease, 9c; No. 2 grease, 7c per lb.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK—New peel, 11½c per lb.

WOOL—Valley half blood Merino and Shropshire, 50c; Cotswold and Lincoln, 40@45c; matted Cotswold, 30@35c; timber stained, 5c per lb. less; lambs' wool, 4c per lb. less.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and California Wool—Merino and Shropshire, 35@40c; half blood Merino and Cotswold, 37@42c; Shropshire, 37@45c; Cotswold and Lincoln, straight and mixed, 32@35c; burry, 5c per lb. less; lambs, 4c per lb. less.

Fine Wools—Merino combing and carding grades, 30@35c.

Generally Quiet in Local Grain Trade

Conditions Are Not Active and Prices Are Held Unchanged During the Day Here.

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS

	Cars Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Thur...	6	....	10	....	2
Year ago.....	15	....	6	2	6
Season to date..5671	166	2627	388	1160	
Year ago.....6011	837	1641	577	2315	
Tacoma, Wed...	54	....	....	....	3
Year ago.....	11	....	....	....	1
Season to date..4648	68	....	139	624	
Year ago.....4499	22	....	129	941	
Seattle, Wed.....	....	....	....	....	....
Year ago.....	10	....	4	2	....
Season to date..4266	214	490	513	960	
Year ago.....4594	51	947	488	2097	

Conditions all through the grain trade were steady for the day, with general selling prices unchanged for cereals.

While there was a firmer tone and higher price for corn in the Chicago market during the morning, this was insufficient to cause any improvement in the demand for offerings here. As long as corn and oats are so much cheaper than barley, the demand for the latter will continue on a nominal basis.

FLOUR—Selling price, new crop: Patent, $13.15; whole wheat flour, $10.75; Willamette valley, $10.65; local straight, $10.50; bakers' local, $13.15; Montana spring wheat, patent, $13.75; rye flour, $10.10; oatmeal, $13.00; graham, $11.30. Prices for city deliveries in five barrel lots.

HAY—Buying price, new crop: Willamette timothy, fancy, $28.00@30.00; Eastern Oregon-Washington fancy timothy, (—); alfalfa, $31.00@32.00; valley vetch, $25.00@26.00; cheat, $20.00@22.00; straw, $10.00; clover, $26.00; grain, $26.00.

GRAIN SACKS—Nominal: New crop delivery, No. 1 Calcutta, 18c in car lots; less amounts higher.

MILLSTUFFS—Mixed run at mills, sacked, $45.00@46.00.

OATS—Per ton, buying price, feed, $63.00@63.50; milling, $66.00 ton.

BARLEY—Buying price, $71.50; milling, $72.50 ton; rolled barley, selling price, $77.00@78.00 ton.

Merchants exchange bids:

FEED OATS	Jan.	Feb	March.
No. 3 white	6100	6100	6150
CORN			
No. 3 yellow	5850	5900	5925

Eastern oats and corn in bulk:

OATS			
36 lb. clipped	6000	6000	6100
38 lb. clipped	6100	6150	6200
CORN			
No. 3 yellow	5900	5950	5950

YAKIMA MEN ORGANIZE FOR POTATO SHIPMENTS

Yakima, Jan. 29. — Twenty-five prominent shippers and capitalists have formed the Yakima Potato Dealers' association for the purpose of handling the potatoes of the Yakima valley and putting them on the eastern markets. Lawrence Hays of the Hays Fruit company is manager of the new organization. David Johnson is secretary-treasurer and George Hay is to be sales agent. By extending the markets east for Yakima Gems it will be possible to increase the production in the valley. The shortage of present stocks will preclude any extensive operations this year but the organization is looking to the future with the idea of specializing in the development of the potato industry in the valley. George Harris, a prominent stock man, and several large ranchers, are stockholders in the new company.

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Potatoes—River White, $4.75@5.25; Salinas, $5.50; sweets, 4½@5½c per pound.

Onions—Yellow and white, $4.50; Australian brown, $5.00@5.25.

Seattle Market

Seattle, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Onions—Oregon, 6½@7c lb.

Potatoes—Yakima Gems, $100; locals, $85@90; sweets, 6½c lb.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.) — Potatoes—New stock, Stockton Burbanks, fancy and special brands, wide range, $5.25@5.75, mostly $5.40@5.75; few low as $5.00. Idaho Russets, $5.50; few, $5.25; rurals, $4.00; local lug boxes, $1.75@1.80; local White Rose, $5.25@5.50; mostly, $5.25.

DAIRY PRODUCE OF THE COAST

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Butter—Extras, 67c; prime firsts, 64c.

Eggs—Extras, 54c; extra pullets, 46½c; undersized pullets, 45c.

Cheese—California flats, fancy, 30½c; firsts, 29c.

Los Angeles Markets

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—California creamery, 66c.

Eggs—Extras, 52c; case count, 48c; pullets, 49c per dozen.

Seattle Market

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Butter—Fresh creamery extras, bricks, 61c; cubes, 62c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 57c; pullets, 52c.

Cheese—Oregon and Washington triplets, 34c.

Chicago Dairy Produce

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—Receipts 2846 tubs. Creamery extras, 60½c; firsts, 58@59c; packing stock, 38@40c.

Eggs—Receipts 6681 cases. Miscellaneous receipts 54@57c; held firsts, 50@54c; firsts, 57@58c; extra, 48½@49c; checks, 38@40c; dirties, 42@45c.

Cheese — Twins, new, 29¾@30c; Daisies, 32@33c; Young Americas, 32½c; Longhorns, 33@33½c; brick, 28¾@29c.

Live poultry—Turkeys, 40c; chickens, 36c; springs, 33c; roosters, 23c; geese, 27c; ducks, 34c.

Yakima Canning Closes

Yakima, Wash., Jan. 29.—Libby, McNeill & Libby closed its canning plant here Monday and reports a total of 7505 tons of fruit and vegetables handled for the season, from which they filled 3,000,000 cans. They paid the growers $170,000.

CALIFORNIA BUYS SPUDS IN VALLEY

South Is Again Taking Hold of Supplies Here With Prices Unchanged —Some Weakness at Other Points.

California buyers are again taking potatoes in this territory and, while prices are generally unchanged, there is much less desire to sell on the part of holders. At primary points of the west and in the east the markets are weaker and in some instances lower.

Notwithstanding this fact bids for potatoes at Willamette valley points continue under any of the leading markets of the country; a condition that is utterly out of line with the facts as regards supply.

Primary markets show:

Waupaca, Wis.—Carloads f. o. b. usual terms; light wire inquiry. Demand and movement moderate. Market weaker, prices slightly lower. Round Whites, U. S. No. 1, $4.35@4.50. Seed stock, too few sales to establish market. Dealers asking, Early Rose, mostly $4.25; Bliss Triumph, mostly $4.00; Early Ohios, mostly $4.50; Irish Cobbler, $4.75; Burbanks, mostly $4.50@4.60. Warehouse, cash to growers; hauling light, demand moderate, market weaker; Round Whites, bulk, at Waupaca, $3.50@3.75; at other points, $3.50@4.00.

Minneapolis—Light wire inquiry. Demand and movement limited. Market weaker, prices slightly lower. Carloads f. o. b. usual terms, Round Whites, partly graded, $4.35@4.50; Burbanks, $4.40@4.50; Irish Cobbler, few $4.35; Early Ohios, $4.65; Bliss Triumph, $3.80@4.00, mostly $3.85.

Idaho Falls, Idaho—Hauling light on account of condition of roads. Demand moderate. Market slightly weaker. No change in prices. Wagonloads, cash to growers, U. S. No. 1, Burbanks, $4.40@4.50; Irish Cobbler, few $4.35; Early Ohios, $4.65; Bliss Triumph, $3.80@4.00, mostly $3.85.

Idaho Falls, Idaho—Hauling light on account of condition of roads. Demand moderate. Market slightly weaker. No change in prices. Wagonloads, cash to growers, U. S. No. 1, Burbanks, $4.40; Russets, $4.10. Carloads, f. o. b. cash track, practically no demand. No sales reported.

Greeley, Colo.—Moderate wire inquiry. Hauling light. Market weaker. Loading mostly from storage. No sales reported.

New Potato Grades

The potato grades proposed by the government are:

U. S. Grade, No. 1—This grade shall consist of sound potatoes of similar varietal characteristics, which are practically free (a) from dirt or other foreign matter, frost injury, sunburn, second growth, growth cracks, cuts, scab, blight, soft rot, dry rot, and damage caused by disease, insects or mechanical or other means.

The diameter (b) of potatoes of the round varieties shall not be less than one and seven-eighths inches (1⅞ inches), and of potatoes of the long varieties one and three-fourths inches (1¾ inches).

In order to allow for variations incident to commercial grading and handling, 5 percentum by weight of any lot may be under the prescribed size, and, in addition, 6 percentum by weight of any such lot may be below the remaining requirements of this grade; but not more than one-third (1-3) of such 6 percentum, that is to say, not more than 2 percentum by weight of the entire lot may have the flesh injured by soft rot (d).

U. S. Grade No. 2—This grade shall consist of potatoes of similar varietal characteristics, which are practically free from frost injury and soft rot, and which are free from serious damage (c) caused by sunburn, cuts, scab, blight, dry rot, or other disease, insect or mechanical or other means.

The diameter (b) of potatoes of this grade shall not be less than one and one-half (1½) inches.

In order to allow for variations incident to commercial grade and handling, 5 percentum by weight of any lot may be under the prescribed size, and, in addition, 6 percentum by weight of any such lot may be below the remaining requirements of this grade; but not more than one-third of such 6 percentum, that is to say not more than 2 percentum by weight of the entire lot, may have the flesh injured by soft rot (d).

a—"Practically free" means that the appearance shall not be injured to any extent readily apparent upon casual examinations of the lot and that any damage from the causes mentioned can be removed by the ordinary processes of paring without appreciable increase in waste over that which would occur if the potato were perfect. Loss of the outer skin (epidermis) only shall not be considered as an injury to the appearance.

b—"Diameter" means the greatest dimension at right angles to the longitudinal axis.

c—"Free from serious damage" means that any damage from the causes mentioned can be removed by the ordinary processes of paring without increase in waste of more than 10 percentum by weight over that which would occur if the potato were perfect.

d—"Soft rot" means a soft, mushy condition of the tissues, from whatever cause.

The MARKET BASKET

By Hyman H. Cohen

Seemingly every time the public is asked to consume more of a certain product to aid the producers of that product, values are advanced to such a point that general participation by the public is impossible.

A short time ago the wool growers in convention assembled spread broadcast the request that the public join the "eat more mutton" campaign. This request was made, it was stated, in order that the surplus of mutton and lambs be placed on sale at prices that would be profitable to production.

Now there are sharply advancing prices all through the mutton and lamb market. The price is today at such a point that it is impossible for the average consumer to get acquainted with mutton meat and the very purposes of the "eat more mutton" campaign are eliminated.

For some reason or other the average consumer is not a lover of mutton. Some state the reason for this is that the sheep looks so innocent that it stops the desire to eat the meat.

The following prices are average ones that consumers are expected to pay at retail stores. Quality quoted is the average, fancy stuff being slightly higher and inferior stuff fractionally lower.

Butter—Best creamery, parchment wrapped, 68c lb.; cartons, 69@70c; best storage, parchment wrapped, 60c per lb.

Eggs—Freshly laid, 60c per dozen; fancy fresh, 57c per dozen.

Cheese—Fancy, 40c per lb.

Chickens—Dressed, 42@50c per lb.; geese, dressed, 35c per lb.; turkeys, 50c per lb.; ducks, 60c per lb.

Salmon—25@40c lb.

Flour—Best local patent, $3.45@3.50 per sack, 49 lbs.

Potatoes—Burbanks, fancy, 5½c per lb.; sweets, 10@12½c per lb.

Onions—Dried, 7c per lb.

New York Butter and Eggs

New York, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—Unsettled; creamery extras, 62@65c; do firsts, 60@64c; do higher scoring, 62½@66c; state dairy tubs, 48@62c; renovated extras, 57c; imitation creamery, 49@50c.

Cheese — Unsettled; 31½@32½c; lower grades, 20@29½c.

Eggs—Easier; nearby white fancy, 78@80c; do brown fancy, 68@70c; extra, 66@67c; firsts, 62@63c.

Liverpool Cotton Firm

Liverpool, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Spot cotton opened in improved demand. Prices firm. Sales, 6000 bales. Futures opened steady.

LIVESTOCK HAS A STEADY TONE

Limited Arrivals Reach North Portland for Thursday—Valley Hogs Are Good but Do Not Reach Top.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Thursday	415	8	....	191
Week ago	814	271	12	146
2 weeks ago.....	512	8	....	33
4 weeks ago.....	123	159	....	949
Year ago	208	2	....	87
2 years ago.....	571	65	3	1046
3 years ago.....	196	18	....	....
4 years ago.....	2487	20	....	23

Only limited supplies of livestock entered the North Portland alleys for the Thursday morning trade. Genegral conditions were practically steady.

There was a small supply of hogs reported in the North Portland alleys for the Thursday trade. Only Willamette valley offerings came forward, and as these could not be shipped to other centers without the payment of additional freight, top prices were not realized, although quality was present.

General hog range:

Prime mixed	$15.50@16.00
Medium mixed	15.00@15.50
Rough heavies	12.00@15.00
Pigs	12.50@14.50

Handful of Cattle

Only a mere handful of cattle appeared for sale in the North Portland alleys Thursday. General conditions were considered steady and prices reflected practically no change from those previously in effect here.

General cattle market range:

Best grain steers	$11.50@12.00
Good to choice steers	11.00@11.50
Medium to good steers	9.50@10.25
Fair to good steers	8.50@9.50
Common to fair steers	7.50@8.50
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	6.50@7.50
Canners	3.50@6.50
Bulls	6.00@8.00
Best light calves	15.50@17.00
Medium light calves	12.50@15.50
Heavy calves	7.00@12.50
Stockers and feeders	8.00@9.50

Mutton Holds Well

Small supplies entered the sheep and lamb alleys at North Portland Thursday. Demand in all departments remains good and active with prices well maintained.

General sheep and lamb range:

East of mountain lambs.....	$16.50@17.50
Best light valley lambs.....	15.00@16.50
Best heavy valley lambs.....	13.50@14.50
Feeder lambs	12.00@15.00
Yearlings	13.00@13.50
Wethers	12.00@13.00
Ewes	9.00@10.50

Wednesday Afternoon Sales

No.	Av. lbs	Price	No.	Av. lbs	Price
		STEERS			
1....	990	$ 6.00	1....	770	$ 7.50
1....	970	5.50	1....	950	7.00
1....	1190	7.75	3....	730	7.00
3....	880	5.00			
		CALVES			
1....	160	$15.00			
		HOGS			
9....	214	$15.75	4....	230	$15.75
1....	320	13.75	1....	380	13.50
10....	186	16.00	6....	211	15.85
17....	281	15.75	1....	240	14.75
8....	215	16.00	10....	201	15.90
3....	216	14.50	1....	480	13.00
5....	262	15.75	5....	232	15.75
4....	235	15.85	3....	193	16.00
6....	230	15.75	2....	135	16.00
2....	190	15.50			

Thursday Morning Sales

No.	Av. lbs.	Price.	No.	Av. lbs.	Price.
		LAMBS			
23....	98	$16.50			
37....	61	13.00	50....	60	16.50
4....	105	16.50	7....	78	16.50
		WETHER			
1....	110	$12.50			
		MIXED SHEEP			
3....	73	$13.00			
		BULL			
1....	1250	$ 8.00			
		HOGS			
1....	340	$14.00	3....	200	$15.85
10....	212	15.75	9....	224	16.00

SHED LAMBING STARTS IN INTERIOR BEFORE NORMAL

Pendleton, Jan. 29.—Shed lambing starts today at Butter creek on 4000 sheep owned by the Pendleton Sheep company. This is earlier than usual for operations, but snow is all off the ranges and sheep are on pasture, making conditions favorable.

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Omaha Hogs $15.10

Omaha, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 16,000; steady to 25c lower. Bulk, $14.50@14.75; top, $15.10.

Cattle—Receipts 5700; killing classes steady to 25c lower; stockers and feeders, steady.

Sheep—Receipts 8500; strong to 25c higher; feeders steady.

Chicago Hogs $15.60

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts, 47,000; slow, steady to weak. Bulk, $15.15@15.50; top, $15.60; heavyweight, $14.60@15.35; medium weight, $15.15@15.40; lightweight, $15.35@15.60; light lights, $14.75@15.40; heavy packing sows, smooth, $14.25@14.60; packing sows, rough, $14.00@14.25; pigs, $13.75@14.75.

Cattle—Receipts, 14,000; steady to weak. Beef steers, Medium and heavyweight, $15.50@17.25; choice and prime, $15.30@17.25; medium and good, $11.50@15.50. Light weight: Good and choice, $13.00@16.25; common and medium, $9.00@13.00. Butcher cattle: Heifers, $6.75@13.65; cows, $6.75@12.40; bulls, $7.75@11.25. Canners and cutters: Cows and heifers, $5.65@6.75; canner steers, $6.25@8.00; veal calves (light and handy weight), $18.00@19.50; feeder steers, $8.00@12.25; stocker steers, $7.25@10.85; stocker cows and heifers, $6.75@9.00; stocker calves, $8.00@11.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 13,000; steady. Lambs 84 lbs. down, unevenly lower, $19.00@21.65; culls and common, $16.00@18.75; yearling wethers, $16.00@20.00; ewes, $10.75@15.50; culls and common, $7.00@10.50; feeder lambs, $7.50@14.00.

Money and Exchange

New York, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Call money on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange today ruled at 9 per cent; high, 18 per cent; low, 10 per cent. Time money was scarce. Rates were 8¾ per cent. The market for prime mercantile paper was strong. Call money in London today was ¾ per cent. Sterling exchange was weak with business in bankers' bills at $3.51 for demand.

New York Metal Market

New York, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Copper—Quiet. Spot, Jan., and Feb., offered 19¼; March and April, offered, 19½.

Lead—Quiet; spot, Jan., Feb. and March, 8½@8¾.

Spelter—Easy. Spot, Jan., Feb. and March, 9@9¼; April and May, 9@9.10.

San Francisco Poultry Market

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Broilers, 38@40c; large hens, 35@38c; best ducks, 30@32c.

New York-London Silver

New York, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Bar silver is ⅛c higher at $1.35¼.

London, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Bar silver is ½d higher at 85d, a new high record.

Chicago Potato Market

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes—Receipts, 21 cars. Minnesota and Dakota Ohios, $4.55@4.65.

Naval Stores Market

New York, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Turpentine—Savannah 188¾; New York, 195.

Rosin—Savannah, 1800; New York, 1910.

FRACTIONAL ADVANCES IN EARLY CHICAGO TRADING

By Joseph F. Pritchard

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—The unexpected happened in the various grain markets on the Board of Trade today, as there was a change from a bearish feeling to a bullish one late in the session, with goodly advances established all around. January corn was the strongest spot of the day, with shorts eagerly covering and advance of 2½c was made. February was up 1c and the more deferred months were ½@2c higher. The other grains were better and included gains of ¼@½c for oats, ¼@1⅝ for rye, while barley was ¾c higher to ½c lower.

Pork and ribs were better in price, but lard was lower, under liquidation by longs.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—January corn showed strength at the opening of the market today, selling up ⅝c. The futures, however, opened slightly lower, opening off ¼@⅝c. Early market support was only fair.

Oats opened steady, with trading quiet.

Provisions were generally lower, the opening prices ranging from 5 to 30 cents below yesterday's close. Lower tendency in hogs was the weakening feature.

Chicago range by United Press:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
CORN				
January	144⅝	147½	143¾	147
May	134⅞	136	134⅛	136
July	131⅝	132⅞	131⅛	132⅞
OATS				
May	83	83¼	82⅛	83¼
July	75⅝	75⅝	75	75⅝
PORK				
January	....	....	....	3950
LARD				
January	....	....	....	2250
May	2327	2337	2305	2335
RIBS				
January	....	....	....	1942
May	2025	2042	2025	2042

New York Bond Market

Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke company, Board of Trade building.

	Bid.	Ask
Atchison genl. 4s	77	78
Bal. & Ohio 4s	64⅝	64⅞
Beth. Steel ref. 5s	85¼	85⅝
Cent. Pacific 1st 4s	73¾	74⅞
C., B. & Q. coll. 4s	94⅛	95
St. Paul genl. 4½s	75⅞	76⅝
Chicago N. W. genl 4s	75⅞	76⅞
L. & N. unified 4s	80½	81½
New York Cent. 6s	28⅞	30⅝
Northern Pacific P. L. 4s	75	78
Reading genl. 4s	79⅝	80½
Union Pacific 1st 4s	81½	84
U. S. Steel 5s	98	98¼
Union Pacific 1st ref. 5s	74⅛	74⅞
Southern Pacific conv. 5s	102⅝	104
Southern Pacific conv. 4s	79	80
Penna. conv. 4½s	90⅝	91¼
Penna. 1st. 4½s	81⅝	82
Ches. & Ohio conv. 5s	82	82¼
Oregon Short Line 4s	77⅞	78¼

Foreign Bond Market

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

	Bid.	Ask
A. F. 5s, Oct. 1920	95⅞	96
U. K. 5½s, Nov. 1921	94⅝	95
Rep. France 5s, 1931	67	71
Paris 6s, Oct. 1921	91⅛	92
Russia Extn. 5½s, 1921	29	32
Russian Intl. 5½s, 1926	31	35
Dom. 5s, Apr. 1921	97⅞	98⅛
Dom. 6s, Apr. 1931	91⅛	92
Dom. 5s, Apr. 1926	93⅞	94⅛
Argentine 6s, May 1920	99	99¼
Dom. Canada 5s, 1937	89	92
U. K. 5½s, 1937	87⅞	88⅛

Minneapolis-Duluth Flax

Duluth, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Flax—Jan. 320; Feb., 310; May, new, 459; old, 464; July, 466.

Minneapolis, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Flaxseed—No. 1, 325@330.

Chicago Cash Wheat

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Cash wheat—No. 2 red, $2.61; No. 3 red, $2.58@2.60; No. 3 hard, $2.52@2.53; No. 3 spring, $2.60.

San Francisco Grain Market

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Barley—Spot feed per cental, $3.60@3.65.

Oats—Red feed, $3.30@3.35.

HOME SELLING FORCES AN EARLY LOSS IN COTTON

New York, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Business generally at the opening of the cotton market today was quiet. Although Liverpool was a buyer and the cables were higher than had been