WHEAT PRICE CHANGES APPEAR MADE TO SUIT BIG FELLOWS

EGG TRADE HAS A DEMORALIZED TONE

WEDNESDAY DAIRY TRADE

	Butter	Eggs	Cheese
	Cube Extra	Select	Flats
Portland	35c	45c	29c
Chicago	37c	35½c	26c
San Francisco	39c	45c	21½c
New York	40c	45c	23½c
Seattle	39c	42c	25c
Los Angeles	39c	43c	.....

Conditions are rather demoralized in the egg trade in this territory with all sorts of prices in effect. At this time of the year when practically all egg offerings are of first-class quality there should not be the great spread in quotations that is at present shown.

The public is beginning to sidestep the white eggs here because of the materially higher price asked for such offerings than the so-called mixed color stock. Fresh eggs of mixed color and size are available around 40c a dozen generally, while 43c is asked in some instances for bennery whites, although some firms are quoting these as low as 40c to the retailer for all sizes.

As stated in the previous day's report, the new buying price on current receipts has been reduced to 39c a dozen by local interests. This same price is being paid for eggs in the Midwest, and as the local surplus must compete with other sections, it is quite natural that the price here be placed on a competitive basis.

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

BUTTER SITUATION UNCHANGED

No change in the butter market situation is shown locally and prices for the day were stationary. Australian stock is again being offered here, but there is no drop in the local price has placed the trade in a better position.

CHEESE DEMAND REMAINS HEAVY

According to latest reports submitted by Carl Haberlach, sales representative of the Tillamook Association, buying by Southern California has been very liberal of late, which, if continued, will quickly clean up all cheese at the Tillamook and force an acute shortage of supplies.

POULTRY SITUATION IMPROVING

While practically no price changes are shown as yet, there is an improved tone in the local poultry market. Better demand is showing especially for turkeys, which have not been cleared up. Late arrivals have been limited.

NEW CHINA PEANUTS OFFERING

New crop China peanuts, which have been awaited by the trade for some time, have been reported in with the market in a firmer position. Best brands of raw are quoted at 10½@11c a pound.

APPLE MOVEMENT STILL GOOD

Local movement of apples continues good and prices are generally being maintained. However because of the lateness of the season, some slight reaction has been shown in large sized fruits at $3@3.25 a box.

BRIEF NOTES OF PRODUCE TRADE

Carload California celery in with sales $6.50 crate or $1.50 dozen.

Most sales of cabbage now at 3@3½c to retailers.

Country killed veals scarce with full prices maintained; even heavy stuff moving fair.

Country dressed hogs also scarce and market steady.

Best sweet potatoes moving around 5½c a pound.

WEATHER NOTICE FOR SHIPPERS

Weather bureau advised Wednesday: Protect shipments during the next 36 hours against the following minimum temperatures: Going north to Seattle, 32 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 10 degrees; east to Baker, 10 degrees; and south to Ashland, 26 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tomorrow about 34 degrees.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN PORTLAND

These are prices retailers pay wholesalers, except as otherwise noted.

Dairy Products

BUTTER—Selling price, box lots. Creamery prices: Print 40c; 10c for plain wrapper; cubes, extras, 35c per lb.; dairy, buying price, 24@25c lb.

BUTTERFAT—Portland delivery basis. No. 1 grade, 36c lb.; No. 2, 34c; country stations, 34@36c lb. for No. 1 grade.

CHEESE—Selling price, Tillamook, fresh Oregon triplets, 29c lb.; Young Americas, 30c lb. Price to jobbers f. o. b. Tillamook: Triplets, 26c; Young Americas, 27c. Selling price: Block Swiss, fancy, 26@28c; Limburger, 30@34c lb.; cream brick 28@30c lb.

EGGS—Buying price, Front street: Current receipts, 30c per doz.; henneries, 35c per doz.; candled, selling price, 40c per doz.; select, 42@45c doz.; pullets, 39@40c.

EGGS—Association prices: Select, 46@ doz.; firsts, 42c doz.; pullets, 40c doz.; cracks, 35c doz.

LIVE POULTRY—Selling prices: Heavy hens, 25@26c lb.; light hens, 17@18c lb.; springs, 20@21c lb.; broilers, 28@30c lb.; old roosters, 10c lb.; turkeys, dressed 35@38c lb.; live, 28c lb.; ducks, 22@24c lb.; geese, 20c lb.; dressed, 23@30c lb.

Fresh Vegetables and Fruit

FRESH FRUIT—Oranges, $4.50@6.50 box; bananas, 8½@9c lb.; lemons, $4.75@6.00 case; grapefruit, Florida, $6.50@7.00.

BERRIES—Cranberries, local, $6.50@7.00 box; Eastern, $20.00 per barrel.

DRIED FRUITS—Prunes, Italians, $5.00@7.00 box; figs, black, $3.00@3.25 per 25-lb. box; prunes, 70s@80s, 50-lb. box, 7½c lb.

ONIONS—Selling price to retailers: Local, $1.50@2.50; buying price, $4.25 country; garlic, 10@12c per lb.; Green onions, 40c dozen bunches.

POTATOES—Selling price to retailers: Oregon, fancy, $1.75@2.00 per cental; buying price, country, $1.23 per cental; Yakima best, $2.00@2.25 per cental; sweet potatoes, 4½@6c per lb.

VEGETABLES—String beans, 12½c lb.; beets, $2.50 per sack; cabbage, 3@3½c lb.; lettuce, $2.75@4.50 crate; eggplant, 15c lb.; parsnips, $3.50 sack; green peppers, 40c lb.; cucumbers, $1.50@2.00 dozen; hothouse lettuce, 15c lb.; sprouts, 17½c per lb.; artichokes, $1.75@1.85 doz.; cauliflower, $2.50 crate; celery, 85c@$1.00 doz.

APPLES—Spitzenburgs, extra fancy 4-tier, $3.00@3.25; fancy 4-tier, $2.40@2.50; choice 4-tier, $2.00.

APPLES— Ortleys, extra fancy 4-tier, $3.00@3.25; fancy 4-tier, $2.50; choice 4-tier, $1.75.

APPLES— Delicious, extra fancy 4-tier, $3.50; fancy 4-tier, $3.25; choice 4-tier, $3.00.

APPLES—Cooking stock, 75c and $1.50 box. Twenty-five cents off all above on 150 and 163 sizes, 50c off on 175s and smaller.

Meats

COUNTRY MEATS—Selling price: Country hogs, 12@12½c per lb. for top hockers about 125 to 150 lbs.; heavy stuff less; veal, top, about 80 to 100 lbs., 15@15½c lb.; heavy stuff less; spring lambs, 13@14c lb.

SMOKED MEATS — Hams, 27@31c lb.; breakfast bacon, 22@43c lb.

PACKING HOUSE MEATS—Steer beef, 13@13½c; heifers, 11c; cows, 10@10½c; bulls, 12c@19c; wethers, 15c; ewes, 10@12c.

LARD—Kettle rendered, 156 per lb.; tierce basis, compound, 12c lb.

Fish and Shellfish

FRESH FISH—Silversids, 22c per lb.; halibut, 30c per lb.; sturgeon, 17@20c lb.; black cod, 10@11c lb.; basket kippered cod, $2.25.

CRABS—$1.50 dozen.

OYSTERS—Eastern, gal., $4.90; Olympia, $5.90 gal., $1.40 pint; crabs, large $3.75, small $2.50 doz.

Hops, Wool and Hides

HOPS—1921 crop, nominal, 16@20c lb.

HIDES—Calfskins, 10c; kips, 5@6c; green hides, 3c; salted, 5@6c lb.

MOHAIR—Nominal, 15c lb.

WOOL—Willamette valley coarse, 10@12c; medium, 17@19c; fine, 24@25c; Eastern Oregon-Idaho, 18@22c lb.

TALLOW AND GREASE—No. 1 tallow, 3c; No. 2, 2c lb.

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By Hyman H. Cohen

Have consumers forgotten about the taste of bread? The question is being seriously considered by not only the bakers who do this work for the average housewife, but by the millers who sell flour to the housewife via the grocer.

While many foodstuff prices have dropped severely in price during recent months, there has too been a severe cut in the price of bread by baking firms. The public is neither buying bread in the accustomed supply from bakers, nor is it buying flour to bake its own.

In view of the fact that bread is in reality the cheapest food product of note on the market today and is perhaps considered the most universally known product, the decreasing use of the wheat loaf is creating concern.

One of the leading millers attributes the decreasing demand for flour and for bread to the wartime regulations which forced the public to consume substitutes. Many of the latter tasted so badly that people who were formerly liberal users of wheat bread gradually cut down their requirements and in instances utilized none at all. When wartime regulations ended the demand for wheat flour or for bread did not return to the same quantity as in other years.

Eggs are again cheaper in price. They are being freely offered in the regular stores as low as 45c a dozen for best quality, but on the public market, where stock should be cheaper, the price is 47c. It appears that the maximum price on the market is aways utilized by stall sellers and is the minimum price. As one explained the matter, "Why sell eggs cheaper than the list price on the board?"

Retailers generally are following the downward trend of the butter market.

Lest you forget, don't neglect to purchase your early requirements of potatoes and onions.

Retail prices in private stores:

Eggs—Select, 45c; pullets, 40@43c.

Butter—Fresh creamery, 45c.

Salmon—20@30c; halibut, 25c; perch, 10c; sturgeon, 25c lb.

Flour—Best local patent, $1.90@2.00 per sack; 49 lbs.

Potatoes—Burbanks, $2.50 sack.

Onions—6c pound.

Yamhill street prices:

Vegetables—Cabbage, 3½c lb.; cauliflower, 10@20c head; carrots, 2c bunch; lettuce, 10c head; dry onions, 6c lb.; turnips, 4c lb.; apples, 5c lb.

Honey—Comb, 35c; quart, 70c; pint, 35c.

Poultry—Heavy hens, 32c; light hens, 26c; broilers, 35c; turkeys, public market, 45c lb.; private markets, 45c.

Butter—45c lb.; cottage cheese, 15c lb.

Eggs—47c dozen.

Front Street Is Back to Old Days In Hours of Labor

Front street has returned to pre-war days in the matter of business hours. One by one the big houses have changed their opening time from 7:30 to 7 a. m., while the closing hour has been placed from 5 to 6 p. m.

While the selling period for the street is still named as between 7:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. by the association, still this is really not effective to more than a nominal extent, because many of the smaller firms are not members of the association.

Wages have been reduced by some of the firms, the latest to make this change being the Ryan Fruit company, with announcement of a reduction of 10 per cent.

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—More interest is shown in the potato and onion. Potato prices for the first time in some weeks showed an upward tendency.

Potatoes—Rivers, fancy, $1.90@2.15; choice Burbanks, $2.25@2.40; Netted Gems, $2.25@2.40.

Onions (per cwt.) — Brown, common cold storage, $4.50@4.75; White Globes, $6.00@6.50.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes—Lugs, 90c@$1.00; Stockton Burbanks, best special brands, $2.00@2.25; others, $2.25@2.50; Idaho Russets, best, $2.40@2.50; Rurals, $2.00@2.10; local White Rose, $2.00@2.25.

Seattle Market

Seattle, Jan. 4.—Onions—Oregon, $5@5½c per lb.

Potatoes—Yakima Gems, $38@42 ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE OF THE COAST

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Butter extras, 39c; prime firsts, 36½c.

Eggs—Extras, 45c; extra pullets, 41c; undersized pullets, nominal.

Cheese—California flats, fancy, 21½c; firsts, 20c.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—39c.

Eggs—Extras, 43c; case count, 40c; pullets, 41c.

Poultry—Hens, 29@31c; broilers, 40c; fryers, 33c.

Seattle Market

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 4.—Eggs—Select ranch, 42c; pullets, 40@42c.

Butter—City creamery, 39c; brick, 40c.

Cheese—Oregon triplets, 24@25c; Young American, 30c.

New York Poultry Market

New York, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Live poultry—Market irregular. Chickens, 28@36c; turkeys, 45c; ducks, 32@35c; fowls, 24@30c; roosters, 19c; geese, 24@26c.

Dressed poultry—Market dull. Chickens, 18@42c; turkeys, 35@51c; geese, 20@30c; fowls, 16@31c; ducks, 24@35c.

Chicago Potato Market

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes—Receipts 37 cars. Wisconsin Round Whites, $1.65@1.80; Michigans, $1.70@1.80; Minnesotas, $1.65@1.75; Ohios, $1.75.

New York Sugar and Coffee

New York, Jan. 4. — (U. P.)—Sugar—Quiet. Raw, 3.42; refined, quiet; granulated, 4.80@4.90.

Coffee—No. 7 Rio, spot, 9¼@9¾; No. 4 Santos, 12¼@12¾.

New York Cottonseed Oil

New York, Jan. 4.—Cotton seed oil opening: January, 8.19@8.23; March, 8.53@8.55; April, 8.61@8.64; May, 8.76@8.80; July, 9.04@9.08; August, 9.20@9.23.

Naval Stores Market

New York, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Turpentine —Savannah, 76½; New York, 85.

Rosin—Savannah, 4.10; New York, 5.40.

San Francisco Turkey Market

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Live turkeys, young, 40@41c; old, 36@39c; dressed turkeys, young, 50@52c; old, 47@49c.

San Francisco Cash Barley

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Barley—Spot feed, per ctl. $1.25@1.30; shipping, $1.30@1.40.

No. 2, 2c lb.

CASCARA BARK—New, 5c; old, 5½c lb.

Groceries

BEANS—Small white, $5.85; large white, $5.85; pink, $6.00; lima, $8.00; bayou, $6.65; red, $6.00.

HONEY—Case, $6.00.

RICE—Japan style, No. 1, 6c; Blue Rose, 7c lb.; New Orleans head, 9¼c lb.

COFFEE—Roasted, 17½@20c lb., in sacks or drums.

SALT—Coarse, ½ gr., 100s, $15.50 ton; 50s, $17.85; table dairy, 50s, $27.50; bales, $3.50@4.00; fancy table and dairy, $34.50; lump, $26.50 ton.

SUGAR—Cube, $6.95; fruit and berry, $5.80; yellow lb, $5.20; beet granulated, $5.60; extra C, $5.40; golden C, $5.20.

CANNED MILK—Talls, $5.15; baby size, $4.95 case; Eagle, $9.75 case.

SODA CRACKERS—In bulk, 14c lb.

NUTS—Walnuts, 32@34c lb.; almonds, 24@27½c lb.; filberts, 20c lb. in sack lots; peanuts, 11¼@12c lb.; pecans, 32c lb.; Brazils, 18@20c lb.; chestnuts, Japanese, 22@24c lb.

Rope, Paints, Oils

WIRE NAILS—Base price, $4.50 keg.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls., 89c; kettle boiled, bbls., 90c; raw, cases, $1.04; boiled, cases, $1.06 gal.

GASOLINE—Iron barrels, 26c; 38½c per gallon.

FUEL OIL—Basis $1.85 barrel.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 12c; 500 lbs., 12½c.

GAMBLING SPIRIT IN WHEAT TRADE

WHEAT MARKET HIGHER

Cash wheat bids were generally 2c higher here Wednesday with recovery at Chicago.

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS

Compiled by the Merchants Exchange:

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Wed.	58	...	4	1	8
Year ago	52	1	1	2	7
Season to date	20,386	137	1337	353	1012
Year ago	9,063	173	464	323	1243
Tacoma, Tues.	70	...	11	2	2
Year ago	...	...	3	...	2
Season to date	6,900	78	927	94	522
Year ago	3,077	45	550	76	577
Seattle, Tues.	42	...	7	...	8
Year ago	5	...	1	...	...
Season to date	5,412	134	1372	288	978
Year ago	3,080	172	201	282	1016

By Hyman H. Cohen

Sharply higher prices for wheat were forced in Chicago at the opening of the Wednesday option market. Such a condition might have been expected in view of the slaughter of the lambs Tuesday. There was absolutely no excuse for the Tuesday price movement and it has left the general cash trade somewhat bewildered.

There is no doubt of the big influence of the Chicago wheat options on the cash market situation at Pacific terminals as well as in Europe and South America. While the Chicago option trade represents nothing at all except the ideas of many thousands who never utilized a bushel of wheat, still the selling and buying there has its effect upon the actual grain traded in at primary centers.

It is idle to believe that wheat was worth 4c or 5c more Tuesday than Wednesday, or vice versa, as there has been no news of the crops or of financial or trade conditions that would justify any such price change. It appears, therefore, that the sudden and serious changes are merely due to prearranged plans and propaganda on the part of trade leaders in Chicago to boost or lower values to suit their convenience and position.

Locally there is little trading in wheat or other grains.

WHEAT—Club, $1.03@1.07; Bluestem and Bart, $1.15; Red Russian, $1.03@1.05; Turkey Red, $1.09@1.13.

FLOUR—Selling price, mill door: Patent, $7.00; Willamette valley brands, $4.80; local straight, $5.40; Montana hard wheat, $5.10; bakers' bluestem, $5.55; bakers' soft, $5.80; graham, $5.60; whole wheat, $5.80; Montana spring wheat, patent, $7.40 per barrel. Price for city delivery 15c extra, suburban 30c extra.

HAY—Buying price for old crop: Willamette timothy, fancy, $12.00@15.00 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $19.00 per ton; clover, $12.00@12.50; straw, $6.00@7.00; alfalfa, $15.00@15.50 per ton.

GRAIN SACKS—Nominal, No. 1 Calcutta, 7c; domestic, 7c in carload lots, less amounts higher.

MILLSTUFFS—Millrun at mill, sacked, ton lots, $21.00; carloads, $20.00.

OATS — Per ton, buying price: Feed, $26.00@26.50.

BARLEY—Buying price: Feed, $24.00@24.50; brewing, $26.00@26.50.

SEED—Buying price: Red clover, 15@16c; alsike, 14c; vetch, 3c lb.

FEEDSTUFFS — F. O. B. mills: Rolled barley, $34.00@36.00; whole barley, $32.00; alfalfa meal, $23.00; cocoanut meal, $28.00; cracked corn, $35.00; whole corn, $33.00 per ton; whole oats, $34.00; rolled oats, $36.00; feed wheat, $42.00; scratch feed, $44.00 ton.

Broomcorn all cabled or cleaning northern Europe and Spain—Rainy, mild weather is being experienced in these sections, which is generally favorable for the crops.

Italy—Generally, droughty conditions prevail and sowings of wheat have been irregular. However, in the south, agricultural conditions have been favorable.

Roumania—There has been further confirmation that sowings of wheat in this country are very short.

Bulgaria—Conditions are mostly favorable for grain.

Australia—The condition here is about unchanged.

India—Crop outlook in India can be generally regarded as favorable. The Karachi market rules weak.

Merchants Exchange bids on futures:

WHEAT

	Jan.	Feb.
Hard white	$ 1.05	$ 1.04
Soft white	1.04	1.04
White club	1.04	1.04
Hard winter	1.05	1.04
Northern spring	1.05	1.04
Red Walla	1.00	1.00

FEED OATS

No. 2 white	27.00	27.00
No. 2 gray	25.00	25.00

BARLEY

No bids.

CORN

No. 2 E. Y. shipment	23.00	23.00
No. 3 E. Y. Shipment	23.00	23.00

Big Wagner Firm May Reorganize, Is Word From Chicago

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Reports were current in responsible circles in the financial district today that E. W. Wagner & Co., closed brokerage house, will be able to reorganize and resume business.

E. W. Wagner refused to discuss the reports. Officials of Wagner & Co. and the representatives of the receiver, the Central Trust company, are working on the books of the Wagner company.

Wagner, it is said, has received many letters and telegrams expressing confidence and offering help.

New York Butter and Eggs

New York, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—Market better demand. Creamery extras (salted and unsalted), 37@40c; creamery firsts (salted and unsalted), 34½@39½c; creamery higher extras (salted and unsalted) 38@41c; state dairy tubs, 28@39½c; imitation creamery, ladles fresh extras, 31@32c.

Cheese—Market steady. Quiet. State whole milk specials, 21½@23½c; whole milk fancy, 20½@22c; whole milk lower grades, 16@18c. Wisconsin whole milk, fancy Young American, 21¼@22c; state skimmed specials 17@17c; skims, choice, 11@14c; skims, fair to good, 8@10c; skims, lower grades, 4@7c.

Eggs—Market unsettled. Nearby white, fancy, 65c; nearby brown, fancy, 48@50c; extra, 46@47c; firsts, 40@42c.

Milk—The wholesale price is $2.37 per 100 pounds of 3% milk, within 200-210 mile zones.

Chicago Dairy Produce

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—Receipts 11,778 tubs. Creamery extra, 37c; firsts, 31@36c; packing stock, 19@20c.

Eggs—Receipts 10,372 cases. Miscellaneous, 36@37c; ordinary firsts, 33@35c; firsts, 38@38½c; checks, 26@28c; dirties, 25@30c.

CHEESE—Twins, new, 19½c; daisies, 19¼@20c; Young Americas, 20½c; Longhorns, 20¼c; brick, 17½c.

Live poultry—Turkeys, 35c; chickens, 17@25c; springs, 23c; roosters, 15c; geese, 18c; ducks, 25c.

Dried Fruit and Beans

New York, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Beans—Market quiet. Marrow choice, $5.75@6.00; pea choice, $5.15@5.25; red kidney choice, $6.75.

Dried fruits—Market unchanged. Apricots, choice to ex-fancy, 25@33c; apples, evaporated, fancy to fancy, 14¼@18½c; prunes, 30s to 60s, 9½c; prunes, 60s to 100s, 6¾@10c; peaches, choice to ex-fancy, 13¾@20½c; seeded raisins, choice to fancy, 14¾@15½c.

San Francisco Breadstuff Receipts

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Receipts during month of December from Oregon via rail: Flour, 17,000 qr. sx; via water, flour, 69,769 qr. sx.; bran, 6062 sx.; shorts, 6450 sx.; middlings, 1905 sx.; feed, 1522 sx.; groats, 364 sx.; millrun, 75 sx. From Washington via rail: Flour, 4000 qr. sx.; via water, flour, 154,813 qr. sx.; wheat, 8221 sx.; oats, 6194 sx.; middlings, 13,387 sx.; feed, 39,488 sx.; bran, 2334 sx.; millrun, 1250 sx.; groats, 895 sx.

Minneapolis Cash Wheat

Minneapolis, Jan. 4.—Cash wheat—No. 1 dark Northern, $1.22¾@1.30¾; No. 2, $1.22¾@1.27¼; No. 3, $1.15¾@1.22¼; No. 1 Northern, $1.23¾@1.28¾; No. 2, $1.20¾@1.23¾; No. 3, $1.13¾@1.18¾; No. 1 dark hard Montana, $1.24¾@1.26¾; No. 1 hard Montana, $1.19¾@1.21¾.

New York Metal Market

New York, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Copper—Quiet; spot, January and February, 12¾@13¾c.

Lead — Quiet; spot and January, offered, $4.75; February and March, offered, $4.80.

Spelter—Quiet; spot and January, offered, $4.85; February and March, offered, $4.90.

New York Potato Market

New York, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes (in bulk, barrel or bag)—Market firm. Nearby white, $3.25@3.50; Bermudas, $4.00@10.00.

Winnipeg Cash Wheat

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Cash wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.11; No. 2, $1.05½; No. 3, 96c; No. 4, 90¼c; No. 5, 83¾c.

COUNTRYWIDE CALL SHOWN IN ONIONS

Country-wide inquiries are shown for Oregon onions, according to announcement made by W. I. Swank, general selling representative of the Confederated Onion Growers' association, which handles the Double O stock.

While Mr. Swank reported plenty of inquiries for onions, some of them coming from the Atlantic coast and the far South as well as the Pacific Northwest, little selling has recently been shown here.

Last sales in carload lots by the association have been confirmed at $4.25 per cental, f. o. b. country points, but business is reported as available at this or, in fact, a higher price. Practically the only selling during the last few days has been of small holdings shipped in by truck.

Front street is showing a scarcity of offerings in the onion trade and first class stock is somewhat firmer. As less than 90 cars now remain unsold in the hands of growers, and with a country-wide demand in sight, growers could make an early cleanup. Slow selling is expected in view of the higher prices in sight.

Rush to Buy Wheat Strengthens Market; Other Grain Follows

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Although the volume of business was not large, the wheat market had a decidedly firm tone today and prices recorded gains. Refutation of rumors spread yesterday with regard to the standing of a number of firms inspired dealers with confidence.

Short coverings and a lack of selling pressure held corn steady throughout the session.

Oats was dull but steady, reflecting firmness in other grains.

Wheat closed ⅝@⅞c higher, corn ½@⅝c higher, oats ⅜c higher, provisions irregular.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Pessimistic financial rumors melted over night and the wheat market opened higher today, starting 1¼@1 3c up for May and 2¼@2 8c higher for July. There was a rush to buy at the outset.

Corn opened ⅝@1c higher, influenced by the strength in wheat. Sellers were exceedingly cautious.

Oats started ¼c higher, most traders taking to the buying side.

Provisions opened higher in sympathy with the strength in grains.

Range of Chicago prices as furnished by the United Press:

WHEAT

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	111	111⅝	109	111⅛
July	100⅜	101⅞	99½	101⅛

CORN

May	53¼	53⅝	52⅛	53⅝
July	54	54⅝	54	54⅞

OATS

May	37½	38¼	37¼	38¼
July	38¼	39	38¼	39

PORK

Jan.	...	...	...	1500

LARD

Jan.	865	865	862	865
March	900	905	900	905

RIBS

Jan.	...	...	...	772
May	...	...	...	792

RYE

May	83	84	83	84¼
July	...	...	...	77½

Cash wheat: No. 2 red, $1.14@1.14¾; No. 2 hard, $1.05½.

Favorable Cables Help Cotton Market

New York, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—The cotton market recovered slightly at the beginning of business today, mainly because of favorable cables, better reports from Manchester and buying by the trade. First prices were 3 to 16 points higher and the upturn caused a lot of covering by the room. Chief sellers were Wall street and Japanese interests. Prices dipped about 10 points after the start, but met fairly good buying and rallied.

The market was firmer in the last hour of general short covering, closing at net gains of 35 to 41 points.

Spot cotton steady today, 40 points higher at 19.05. No sales.

Month.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	1844	1875	1831	1874
March	1840	1867	1822	1862
May	1788	1821	1776	1815
July	1735	1767	1728	1765
October	1648	1680	1646	1680

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Chicago Hogs $8.00

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts, 20,000; steady to 25c lower; some lights off more. Bulk, $8.80@7.35; top, $8.00; heavy weight, $8.75@7.00; medium weight, $8.90@7.35; light weight, $7.20@7.75; light lights, $7.50@7.90; heavy packing sows, smooth, $5.85@6.60; packing sows, rough, $5.60@6.00; pigs, $7.35@8.00.

Cattle—Receipts, 8000; mostly steady; weak to lower on beef steers. Beef steers—Choice and prime, $8.30@10.00; medium and good, $6.60@9.00; good and choice, $8.25@10.00; common and medium, $5.60@8.25. Butcher cattle—Heifers, $3.60@8.00; cows, $3.35@6.25; bulls, $3.75@6.00. Canners and cutters—Cows and heifers, $2.25@3.85; canner steers, $3.00@4.00; veal calves (light and handyweight), $6.50@9.00; feeder steers, $5.00@6.50; stocker steers, $4.25@6.40; stocker cows and heifers, $3.00@4.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; killing classes strong to 25c higher. Lambs (84 lbs. down), $10.75@11.85; lambs, culls and common, $8.25@10.75; yearlings, $8.00@10.50; ewes, $3.75@6.50; ewes, culls and common, $2.00@3.50; feeder lambs, $9.00@10.75.

Kansas City Hogs $7.35

Kansas City, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Cattle—Receipts 9000; dull. Steers, $4.00@8.00; cows and heifers, $3.75@6.60; stockers and feeders, $6.00@8.75; calves, $6.50@9.00.

Hogs—Receipts 7000; steady. Bulk of sales, $6.60@7.10; top, $7.35; heavies, $6.50@6.60; lights, $6.90@7.35; mediums, $6.75@7.10.

Sheep—Receipts 3000; active. Best fed lambs, $11.00@11.25; wethers, $6.50; ewes, $5.50.

Omaha Hogs $7.05

South Omaha, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Cattle—Receipts 4500. Market few shipping beeves fully steady, other classes and she stock weak to 25c lower. Bulls, veals, stockers and feeders steady.

Hogs—Receipts 12,500, slow. Early sales light butchers steady, others mostly 10@15c lower; bulk, $6.40@6.85; top, $7.05.

Sheep—Receipts 6500. Market killing classes mostly 25c higher. Bulk lambs, $10.50@10.60; best lambs held at $11.00; ewe tops, $4.65; feeders strong.

Denver Hogs $7.25

Denver, Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—Cattle—Receipts 1100; market weak. Steers, $5.50@6.75; cows and heifers, $4.25@5.65; stockers and feeders, $4.50@5.80; calves, $7.00@10.00.

Hogs — Receipts 1000; market 10c lower. Top, $7.25; bulk, $6.60@7.10.

Sheep — Receipts 1500; market 15@25c higher. Lambs, $10.00@10.50; ewes, $3.50@4.25; feeders, $8.90@9.70.

San Francisco Hogs $9.50

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—Cattle—Grass fed steers, No. 1, 6@6½c; second quality, 4½@5¼c; cows and heifers, 4¾@5¼c; calves, light weight, 7½@8½c; calves, heavy, 6@6½c.

Sheep—Lambs, 7½@8c; wethers, 4@4½c; ewes, 2¾@3¾c.

Hogs—Hard grain fed, weighing 100-172 lbs., 9½c; over 300, 7½c.

No Seattle Hog Market

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—None.

Cattle—Receipts, 150; steady. Prime steers, $7.00@7.50; medium to choice, $6.50@7.00; common to good, $5.50@6.50; best cows and heifers, $5.00@5.50; prime light calves, $9.00@9.50; heavies, $7.00@8.00; bulls, $4.75@5.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 190; steady. Prime light lambs, $7.25@7.55; fair to good, $6.50@7.25; cull lambs, $5.00@6.00; yearlings, $7.00@7.25; wethers, light, $6.00@6.50; wethers, heavy, $5.00@5.50; ewes, $4.75@5.25.

New York Wool and Hides

New York, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Wool—Market steady. Domestic fleece, XX Ohio, 23@28c; pulled, scoured basis, 18@67c; Texas, scoured basis, 40@75c; territory staple, scoured basis, 55@85c.

Hides—Market firm. Native steers, 15¾; branded steers, 15½c.

New York-London Silver

New York, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Commercial bar silver was quoted as follows today: Domestic was unchanged at 99⅝; foreign was ⅜c higher at 65c.

London, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Bar silver was ⅝c higher at 34⅝d.

Hop Crop Brings Half Million

Eugene, Or., Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—Lane county's hop crop this last year sold for almost a half million dollars, it is estimated here today. Six thousand six hundred bales were disposed of at an average price of 35 cents a pound. There are still 325 bales held in local warehouses for a higher price.

LACK OF SUPPORT IN HOG ALLEYS

WEDNESDAY LIVESTOCK TRADE

	Hogs.	Steers.	Lambs.
Portland	$8.65	$ 7.50	$ 9.00
Chicago	7.00	10.00	11.85
Omaha	7.05	...	11.00
Kansas City	7.35	8.00	11.25
Denver	7.25	6.75	10.50
San Francisco	9.50	6.50	8.00
Seattle	*	7.50	7.55

*No market.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Cars.
Wednesday	...	...	...	765	3
Week ago	274	73	...	68	7
2 weeks ago	109	236	...	542	14
4 weeks ago	56	9	13	199	2
Year ago	176	19	6	65	4
2 years ago	44	18	1	38	2
3 years ago	222	89	6	...	7
4 years ago	338	151	...	917	18

Only three loads of livestock came into the North Portland alleys Wednesday and two of these did not enter the market. Hogs and cattle were on a nominal basis, while sheep were steady.

All three loads of livestock that formed the Wednesday total at North Portland came into the sheep and lamb alleys. Two went direct to outside killers. Only one load was offered on the market. This consisted of Willamette valley stock. Valley lambs again sold at $8 for tops, which means a fairly steady market.

General sheep and lamb market:

Best east of mountain lambs	$ 8.00@8.50
Fair to good lambs	5.50@7.00
Cull lambs	3.50@5.00
Best valley lambs	7.50@8.00
East of mountain feeder lambs	6.00@7.00
Light yearlings	6.00@7.00
Heavy yearlings	5.00@6.00
Light wethers	5.00@6.00
Heavy wethers	4.00@5.00
Ewes	1.00@5.00

Cattle Trade Nominal

With no fresh arrivals for the day, Wednesday's cattle market at North Portland was on a nominal basis with former prices continued.

General cattle market range:

Choice steers	$ 6.75@7.50
Medium to good steers	6.25@6.75
Fair to medium steers	5.75@6.25
Common to fair steers	4.75@5.75
Choice cows and heifers	5.25@5.75
Medium to good cows and heifers	4.75@5.25
Fair to medium cows and heifers	4.25@4.75
Common to fair cows and heifers	3.25@4.25
Canners	2.25@3.25
Bulls	3.00@4.00
Fair to good feeders	4.50@5.00