LOCAL TRADE COMPELLED TO SEEK CHEESE IN OTHER SECTIONS

BUTTER TRADE IS QUOTED STRONGER

WEDNESDAY DAIRY TRADE

	Butter Extras	Eggs Selects	Cheese Plats.
Portland	31c	24c	20c
San Francisco	35c	28c	23c
Chicago	35½c	23½c	16½c
New York	37c	32c	25c
Seattle	32c	25c	25c
Los Angeles	35c	29c	25c

Market for butter is not only active and unsettled, so, but there is likewise strength generally indicated by the trade, a condition usually foreign to the market at this period of the year.

While no price changes were generally announced for either print or cube butter during the day, it was noticeable that everything that was good in the cube line could be quickly moved at 30c. It did not take exceptional quality to bring even the top of 31c for cubes during the day.

While generally speaking the trade believes that strength in the butter trade is a temporary affair and will change with the weather, certain conditions all through the season have been so erratic that the trade is willing to believe that almost anything can happen to prices.

Local butter makers in general are opposed to any advance in the price of prints at this time, although for some time these prices have been out of line with cubes.

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

EGG TRADE SHOWING STRENGTH

Market for eggs is showing liberal strength here with the buying price for current receipts firm at 24c a dozen and limiteries at 25c generally. No change in selling values.

CHICKEN MART CONTINUES FIRM

Chicken market continues firm with prices erratic because of the short supply. A few 2 pound broilers came forward and sold around 41c a pound, with an excellent demand. Broilers that weigh less than a pound should be kept at home.

VEAL MARKET IS BADLY SMASHED

So liberal have been supplies of country killed calves in the Front street trade during the last 24 hours that the market price is smashed generally. Bulk of the best calves sold at 14½c during the day. Country killed hogs steady around 15½@16c.

SPRING LAMB MARKET IS LOWER

Increased supplies of country killed spring lambs are reaching the street and the demand has not been. Best stock with pelts detached is selling around 24c a pound, while stocks with pelts in down as low as 18c for good quality.

HALIBUT CATCHES ARE BETTER

Catch of halibut off the Oregon coast is increasing and the price has dropped to 14c and even lower. The Portland Fish company received a load of about 12 tons. Fresh salmon remains scarce and high-priced.

BRIEF NOTES OF PRODUCE TRADE

Garlic is very slow around 6@8c pound.
Broccoli firmer at $2.00@2.50 crate for Rosenburg offerings.
California cabbage very poor; best of it around 3½c pound.
Potato buying continues in carload lots around 50c@$1 for best.
Onion trade is slow with prices unchanged. Asparagus sales are being made at a loss.

WEATHER NOTICE FOR SHIPPERS

Weather bureau advise Wednesday: Protect shipments during the next 36 hours against the following minimum temperatures: Going north to Seattle, 34 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 28 degrees; east to Baker, 24 degrees, and south to Ashland, 30 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tomorrow about 38 degrees.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN PORTLAND

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

BUTTER—Selling price, box lots. Creamery prints: Prints, extra, 35c for plain wrappers; cubes, extra, 29@31c per lb.; dairy, buying price, 30c per lb.

BUTTERFAT—Portland delivery basis, No. 1 grade, 34c; No. 2, 31c; No. 1 cream, 35c for No. 1 grade; premium being paid by some.

CHEESE—Selling price: Tillamook, fresh Oregon loaney triplets, 25c per lb.; Young American, 30@31c per lb. Price to jobbers, 1 c. lb. Tillamook: Triplets, 24c; Young American, 28c; selling price: Block Swiss, fancy, 36@38c; Limburger, 30@34c; cream brick, 28@30c lb.

EGGS—Buying price, Prout street: Current receipts, 21c; current receipts, henneries, 23c. Selling price: Current receipts, henneries, 24@25c a doz.; select, 28c a doz.; pullets, 22@23c.

LIVE POULTRY—Selling prices, Heavy hens, 25@27c lb.; light hens, 22@23c lb.; stags, 17c lb.; broilers, 35c lb.; turkeys, 25@30c lb.; young toms, 28@30c lb.; ducks, live, 20@30c lb.; geese, live, 20c lb.; dressed, 25@30c lb.

Fruit Vegetables and Fruits

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $7.00@8.50 box; bananas, 9½@10c lb.; lemons, $6.00@7.75 case; grapefruit, Florida, $7.50@8.50, California, $4.50@4.98.

BERRIES—Cranberries, Eastern, $27 bbl.; strawberries, Louisiana, $6.75 per 24-box crate.

DRIED FRUITS—Dates, 10c lb.; figs, 15@25c; dates, white, $3.50 per 25-lb box; prunes, 40s to 50s, 50-lb. box, 14c; 50s to 60s, 13c lb.

ONIONS—Selling price to retailers: Local, $12.00; Australian, $10; garlic, 25c, lb.; green onions, 40c green bunches.

POTATOES—Selling price to retailers: Oregon, fancy, $1.35@1.50 per central; buying price, $1.00@1.10; Yakima seed, $1.50 per sental; sweet potatoes, 5@6c lb.

VEGETABLES—Beets, $4.50@5.00 a sack; cabbage, 3½@4c lb.; carrots, $4.50@5.50 sack; cauliflower, 75c@$1 crate; celery, $4.50@5.50 crate; cucumbers, $1.50@2.50 dozen; eggplant, 15c lb.; garlic, 6@8c lb.; hothouse lettuce, 15c per lb.; onions, local, $1.75 box; onions, Australian, $3.50 per 100-lb. sack; parsley, 40c dozen bunches; peas, 15c lb.; peppers, 25c lb.; hothouse radishes, 15c per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 10c per lb.; spinach, local, $1.75 box; sprouts, 20@25c lb.

APPLES—Spitzenburgs, extra, fancy, 4 tier, $2.25; fancy, 4 tier, $2.75@3.00; choice, 4 tier, $2.50@2.75.

APPLES—Selling stock, $1.50@1.75 box; 25c off all above on 150 and 163 sizes; 50c off on 175s and smaller.

Meats

COUNTRY MEATS—Selling price: Country hogs, 13½@16c; top blockers, about 125 to 150 lbs., 16c; heavy stuff less; veal top, about 60 to 100 lbs., 18½c lb.; heavy stuff less; lambs, 23@30c lb.

SMOKED MEATS — Hams, 26@28c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 34@36c.

PACKERS' HOUSE MEATS—Steer beef, 12c; cows, heifers, 12c; veal, 11@12c; lambs, 23c; wethers, 20c; ewes, 15c; hogs, 13@17c lb.

LARD—Kettle rendered, 17c per lb.; tierces heads, compound, 13c.

Groceries

BEANS—Small white, $5.00; large white, $4.00; pink, $7.00; lima, $10.50; bayou, $6.75; red, $4.75.

HONEY—Case, $2.00.

RICE—Japan, No. 1, 6c; Blue Rose, 6¼c lb.; New Orleans, head, 6½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, 30½@32½c lb. in sacks or drums.

SALT—Coarse, half gr., 100s, $13.50 ton; 50s, $17.50; table dairy, 50s, $27.50; bales, $3.50@4.00; fancy table and dairy, $24.50; 50s, $26.50 ton.

SUGAR—Cubes, $7.48; fruit and berry, $8.00; yellow D, $5.50; beet granulated, $6.50; extra C, $6.10; extra C, $6.00.

CANNED MILK—Tall, $4.50; baby size, $4.10 case; Eagle, $9.35 case.

SODA CRACKERS—In bulk, 14c lb.

NUTS—Walnuts, 22@24c lb.; almonds, 24@27½c lb.; filberts, 20c lb.; pecans, 22c lb.; peanuts, 11½@12c lb.; cocoanuts, $9.50@10.50 a 100; chestnuts, Japanese, 32@34c lb.

Grain and Feed

FRESH FISH—Halibut, fresh, 12½@30c lb.; halibut, 14c lb.; black cod, 10@11c lb.; basket shipped cod, 12½c; ling cod, 8c lb.; trout, $1.25 box; eels, 20c lb.

OYSTERS—Eastern, $4.00 gallon; Olympia, $3.00 sm., $1.40 quart; crabs, large, $3.50 doz.; small, $2.50 doz.

Hops, Wool and Hides

HOPS—1921 crop, nominal, 17c lb.

By Hyman H. Cohen

It doesn't seem possible, but the first cantaloupes of the season have been received in Portland. The Pacific Fruit & Produce Co., wholesalers, received a package of "canta" from Mexico, but the shipment was slightly overripe. Additional shipments are to follow.

Veal is much cheaper at wholesale again, therefore consumers are entitled to reduction at retail. Pork is also cheaper at wholesale.

Asparagus is selling from 25c to 30c a pound in the retail shops, but weather conditions are such that demand is not brisk.

Fresh halibut is now in very liberal supply, with sales in the retail shops from 20c to 25c a pound. Good fresh salmon remains rather scarce. Smelt remain at 5c a pound. Razor clams are in small supply around 45c a dozen.

Poultry of all kinds is scarce and prices remain high.

Retail market prices generally show:

Eggs—25@26c dozen.
Butter—Fresh creamery, 38@42c pound.
Fish—Salmon, 20@40c; halibut, 20@25c; perch, 10c; smelt, 5c.
Flour—Best local patent, $1.90@2.25 per 49 lbs.
Potatoes—Burbanks, $2.00 per sack.
Onions—10@15c per pound.
Yamhill street prices:
Vegetables—Carrots, 2c per pound; dry onions, 10c pound; turnips, 5c pound; apples, 5c pound.
Honey—Cans, 25c; quart, 65c; pint, 35c.
Poultry—Heavy hens, 24c; light hens, 20c; turkeys, private market, 50c.
Eggs—Public market, 27c; private stores, 28@29c per dozen.

COTTON MARKET SENSITIVE TO MANY CONTRACT DEALS

New York, April 12.—The cotton market showed sensitiveness to new developments in connection with the evening up of May contracts today, with general business remaining quiet. The underlying bullishness of sentiment found no discouragement in the day's news, but the absence of any over-holiday developments was again quite evident.

The market opened steady at a decline of 1 to 3 points, with active months soon showing net losses of 6 to 11 points on scattering liquidation. At a decline to 17.66 for May, however, trade interest became buyers of that position, with the bulk of the demand said to be against sell contracts. It helped the tone of the general market, which was also favorably influenced by the steadiness of foreign exchange, and prospects for unsettled weather in the southwest. But after selling back to or a shade above last night's closing figures the market again sagged off slightly under realizing.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	1705	1708	1703	1704
February				1703
March	1701	1701	1700	1698
April				1748
May	1770	1771	1765	1766
June				1748
July	1727	1735	1724	1729
August				1738
September				1718
October	1713	1718	1712	1713
November				1713
December	1710	1717	1709	1715

New York spot market—1750; quiet.
Liverpool cotton closed—10 down.

STRAWBERRY RECEIPTS GAIN IN SAN FRANCISCO MARKET

San Francisco, April 12.—(U. P.)—Receipts of berries totaled 123 crates by express, and prices ranged 50 cents lower. A few baskets of berries of only fair quality were selling around 23 cents each. The frost and cold weather has checked the growth and formation of nearby berries, and reports are circulated to the effect that the crop in the San Jose section is probably damaged to the ezent of 50 per cent, while in other sections it is not nearly so great.

A few crates of Loquats were selling around 29 to 25 cents a pound. According to report the first Hawaiian cantaloupes, amounting to five lugs, will reach this market tomorrow morning.

Asparagus receipts totaled 1408 lugs. Receipts may be light for a day or so as a result of the rain.

Dried Fruit and Beans

New York, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Beans—Market steady. Marrow choice, $6.75@7.00; pea choice, $7.15@7.25; red kidney choice, $8.25@8.45.

Dried fruits—Market dull. Apples, evaporated, prime to fancy, 17@21c; prunes, 30s to 60s, 13@15¾c; prunes, 60s to 100s, 8¾@12c; peaches, choice to extra fancy, 18¾@22c; seeded raisins, choice to fancy, 14¾@15¼c.

New York Poultry Market

New York, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Dressed poultry—Market steady. Chickens, 21@43c; turkeys, 25@40c; geese, 15c; fowls, 22@34c; ducks, 30@35c.

Live poultry—Market steady. Chickens, 25@42c; turkeys, 25@30c; ducks, 22@26c; broilers, 35@70c; fowls, 26@32c; roosters, 14c; geese, 15@20c.

New York Wool and Hides

New York, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Wool market quiet. Domestic fleece XX Ohio, 33@47c; delaine, pulled, scoured, 45@55c; domestic Texas scoured basis, 50c@$1.15; territory staple scoured, 85c@$1.15.

Hide market steady. Native steers, 12½@13c; branded steers, 11½@12c.

Minneapolis-Duluth Flax

Minneapolis, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Flax—May, $2.02¾; July, $2.03¾; on track, $2.02¾@2.03¾; to arrive, $2.02¾@2.03¾.

Duluth, April 12.—Flax—May, $2.03¾@2.04¾; July, $2.03¾; on track, $2.03¾@2.04¾; to arrive, $2.03¾@2.04½.

New York Metal Market

New York, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Copper—Quiet. All positions 12¾@12¾.

Lead—Firm; all positions, $3.90@3.15.

Spelter—Firm; spot and April, $4.85@4.95; May and June, $4.90@5.00.

New York Potato Market

New York, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes (In bulk, barrel or bag), market steady. Nearby white, $2.25@4.50; Bermudas, $4.00@11.00; Southerns, $2.50@3.25.

HIDES—California, 10c lb.; kips, 6c lb.; green hides, 4c lb.; salted, 5c lb.

MOHAIR—Nominal, 12@26c lb.

SHEEP PELTS—Shearling dry pelts, 15c; short pelts, 7½c lb.; long hair goat pelts, 8@10c lb.; short hair goat pelts, 25c each.

WOOL—Willamette valley coarse, 12@14c lb.; medium, 22c; fine, 25c lb.; Eastern Oregon-Idaho, 12@26c lb.

TALLOW AND GREASE—No. 1 tallow, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c.

CASCARA BARK—New, 6c lb.; crops cut, 5c lb.

Sugar Prices Off

ROPE—Sisal, 11@15c; Manila, 16¾@18c lb.

WIRE NAILS—Base price, $4 keg.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls., $1.09; bottle boiled, bbls., $1.02; raw, cases, $1.15; boiled, cases, $1.17.

GASOLINE—Iron bbls., 20c; cases, 33¾c gallon.

FUEL OIL—Basis, $1.35 bbl.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 12c; 500 lbs., 12¾c.

TURPENTINE—Drums, gal., $1.15; 5-gal. cans, per gal., $1.30.

LUMBER—1x6, No. STD., $54.00; sapwing, No. 2, $37.00; casing and base, $48.00; ceiling, 1x4, No. 2 A, $35.00; drop siding and rustic, 1x6, No. 2 A & B, $38.00; boards and S. L., 1x8 S1S, $31.50; do., 1x10 inch S1S, $34.50; shiplap, 1x8, 2x4 No. 1, $13.50; timbers, 12 feet and under, 4x6, 2x10 and 8, $19.00; lath, 4d, $5.50. All above prices are per thousand feet in carlots.

SHINGLES—Cedar, Star A Star, $3.25 per thousand.

CHEESE FAMINE CURTAILS TRADE

By Hyman H. Cohen

This territory continues to face its most acute shortage of cheese ever known and there is not the slightest sign of any material improvement in the situation.

Tillamook naturally is the section to which the bulk of the Portland territory goes for its requirements. Tillamook is unable to supply more than a fraction of the cheese needed by Portland. The trade there has been famished for good cheese for such a long period that it is becoming desperate. Reports indicate that a carload of Wisconsin cheese is en route to Portland, but confirmation is not available.

The general trade is not inclined to purchase Wisconsin cheese at this time, despite the fact that it can be landed here for 8c to 7c a pound less than Tillamook is quoting but is not offering. The trade there has been famished for good cheese for such a long period that it is becoming desperate. Reports indicate that a carload of Wisconsin cheese is en route to Portland, but confirmation is not available.

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Pacific Coast Is Offering Flour

(Chicago Bureau of The Journal)

Chicago, April 12. — Trade in wheat was mostly local and the majority of traders were bullish. The bulges brought out offerings from longs, however, which were difficult to absorb while prices showed a ready disposition to bounce back from the dips the market acted a little over-bought to the impartial observer. Market news was generally bearing. Kansas City told of some of the mills shutting down because of the poor flour trade and the same advices came from all sections of the country. Pacific Coast mills were offering flour to Chicago on a workable basis. Receipts were heavier. Weather was more favorable for the growing crop. The increase in cables was due to the lighter Argentine shipments forecast on an estimate of the remaining Argentine exportable surplus at 66,000,000 bushels compared with 93,000,000 bushels last year.

Corn trade was quiet and prices were affected by the trend of wheat. There was a little commission house buying early. Local realizing was encountered on the bulge. Weather conditions were more favorable, drying winds and sunshine being reported over the belt. Country offering demand was light both for domestic and export account.

Oats exhibited a firm tone early along with other gains but not enough new buying was uncovered to absorb the offerings from longs who wanted profits later. Shipping demand for oats showed little improvement.

Provisions were lower. Decline in hogs caused some selling and there was some hedging pressure from smaller packers. Commission houses Lurring breadened on the dip.

Wheat market closed ¾c to ⅞c lower to ¾c higher; May, $1.31 to $1.30¾; July, $1.26¼@1.20½; September, $1.14¾@1.30⅝; July, $1.30¾@1.30⅝; September, $1.14¾.

Corn closed unchanged to ⅛c lower; May, 59¾c; July, 62c; September, 65¾c.

Oats were ¼@⅜c lower; May, 37¼c; July, 39¼@29½; September, 32¾c.

Port closed unchanged; lard, 15@17½c lower; ribs, 10@20c lower.

Range of Chicago prices as reported by the United Press:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
		WHEAT		
May	132¼	135¼	130⅝	131
July	120¾	121¾	120	120¼
Sept.	114⅞	115⅝	114⅝	114⅝
		CORN		
May	59⅜	60¼	59¼	59¼
July	62¼	63⅝	62⅜	63
Sept.	66	66⅝	65¾	65⅜
		OATS		
May	37¼	37⅝	37	37¼
July	40¼	40⅝	39⅝	39⅝
Sept.	42	42¼	41¾	41⅝
		RYE		
May	103¼			103
July	95¾	95¾	95	95¾
		BARLEY		
May				68 B
		PORK		
May				2100
		LARD		
May	1082	1082	1070	1075
July	1110	1110	1082	1100
Sept.				1127
		RIBS		
May	1120	1125	1120	1120
July				1055
Sept.				1085

Cash wheat No. 2 hard, $1.32¼.

WOOL MARKET STRENGTHENED; SENTIMENT IS ENCOURAGED

Boston, April 12.—The wool market was strengthened today by the statement from President Wood of the American Woolen company that production of wool in this country would be less than half the normal demand, and that when stocks of cheap wools in the country were exhausted, prices for woolen goods must advance. Sentiment in the west was encouraged by statements from wool men in Utah, declaring that shearing time brought no indication that present prices would fall materially.

Pools all over the country are complaining their plans for marketing this season's clip, and growers are confident of high prices. Trading here, however, was not of great volume and prices showed little change.

PLAN TO INCREASE PACIFIC COUNTY CRANBERRY INDUSTRY

South Bend, Wash., April 12.—A move which is planned to increase the cranberry industry in Pacific county from a $100,000 to a million dollar business has been started by County Agricultural Agent J. R. Beck and Pacific county growers. Dr. F. D. Heald, pathologist of the state experiment station and M. D. Armstrong, horticultural specialist from the state college have been called in to help the growers in their battle against plant diseases and insects.

Should the experiments and demonstrations prove successful, there is every prospect that the canary acres of tide bog land now idle will be taken upon by growers and planted with cranberries. The Pacific county bogs, located at the base of the North Beach peninsula, grow most of the Northwestern berries and are said to be considerably sweeter than the Eastern variety.

DAIRY PRODUCE OF THE COAST

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, April 12.—(U. P.)—Butter—Extras, 35c; prime firsts, 34c.

Eggs—Extras, 28c; extra firsts, 25c; extra pullets, 24c; extra first pullets, 23¾c; undergrades, 21c.

Cheese—California flats fancy, 23c; firsts, 22¾c.

Seattle Market

Seattle, April 12.—Eggs—Select ranch, 25@26c; pullets, 20@22c.

Butter—City creamery, 34c; bricks, 33c.

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

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, April 12.—Butter, 35c.

Eggs—Extras, 28c; case count, 26c; pullets, 24c.

Poultry—Hens, 25c; broilers, 22@32c; fryers, 40c.

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, April 12.—(U. P.)—Potatoes—Rivers, fancy, $1.90@2.20; Burbanks, $2.00@2.15; Netted Gems, $2.00@2.25.

Onions—Per cwt., brown, common, $8.50@9.00.

Seattle Market

Seattle, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Onions—California, $8.00; Oregon, $11.00.

Potatoes—Yakima Gems, $40.00; local $20.00@$25.00 per ton.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, April 12.—Potatoes—Lugs, 80@90c; Stockton Burbanks, best, mostly $2.00@2.50; poorer, $1.75@1.85; ungraded, $1.40@1.60; Idaho russets, best, $2.25; new stock best Carlsbad, 10@12c lb.

Large Fruit Shipments Prepared

Sacramento, April 12.—Officials of the Pacific Fruit Express are preparing to ship 53,000 carloads of deciduous fruits from California to the East this year. Last year, the banner year, 42,000 carloads were shipped.

Winnipeg Wheat Options

Winnipeg, April 12.—Wheat—

	Wednesday Open.	Close.	Tuesday Close.
May	131⅜	132⅝	133⅛
July	132⅜	131⅝	132⅝

San Francisco Grain Market

San Francisco, April 12.—Barley—Spot feed, per cwt., 127½@143⅝; shipping, 135@135. Wheat—239@235; oats, 165@180; corn, 200@210.

Winnipeg Cash Wheat

Winnipeg, April 12.—Cash wheat—No. 1 Northern, 137⅝; No. 2, 133¼; No. 3, 124¾; No. 4, 119⅝; No. 5, 107; No. 6, 97; feed, 99⅝; track, 137⅝.

Liverpool Wheat Higher

Liverpool, April 12.—Wheat closed ⅛ to ¼d higher.

WHEAT MARKET IS DRIFTING SLOWLY

WEDNESDAY WHEAT BIDS

	Bid.	Rise.	Yr. ago.
Hard white	$1.35	1c	$1.08
Soft white	1.34	..	1.04
White club	1.34	..	1.04
Hard winter	1.34	..	1.03
Northern spring	1.34	..	1.05
Red walla	1.21	..	1.03

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS

Compiled by the Merchants Exchange.

	Cars Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay
Portland, Wed.	26	..	3	2	13
Year ago	52	..	2	..	11
Season to date	23886	207	1952	706	1700
Year ago	14280	289	702	480	2170
Tuesday	14	..	6	2	11
Year ago	4	..	2	..	11
Season to date	9377	97	1156	144	731
Year ago	4046	49	848	125	563
Seattle, Tuesday	61	..	3	2	13
Year ago	18	1	..	..	3
Season to date	7514	176	1871	317	1455
Year ago	4280	204	320	404	1240

Wheat market continues to drift here with little change indicated in quotations. While grower-holders showed more disposition to sell and accept current values during the last 24 hours, there was practically only a very nominal volume of sales reported at primary points.

Foreign option markets showed an improved tone after a weak opening. Liverpool started with a loss of ¾d or 1⅝c and closed with an advance of ¾d to ⅞d.

Chicago option market ruled firmer and higher in the early Wednesday trade. Foreign exchange was slightly higher for the day and this was the peg upon which the trade relied more or less during the day.

Locally the wheat market continues to mark time. There has been an increase of offers to sell during the last 24 hours but buyers are very scarce. Exporters are practically out of the market and are not buying except when prices seem favorable for the grower-sorts. The firmness in cables was due to the lighter Argentine shipments forecast on an estimate of the remaining Argentine exportable surplus at 66,000,000 bushels compared with 93,000,000 bushels last year.

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MILLSTUFFS—Milfron, at mill, sacked, ton lots, $20; carlots, $27.

OATS—Per ton, buying price: Feed, $28.00; seed, $30.00.

BARLEY—Buying price: Feed, $28.00; brewing, $28.50.

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

FEEDSTUFFS—F. O. B. mills: Rolled barley, $38.00; whole barley, $36.00; alfalfa meal, $24@26.00; second hand shorts, $30.00; cracked corn, $38.00; whole corn, $36.00 a ton.

Merchants' Exchange bids:

WHEAT

	April.	May.
Hard white	1.25	1.26
Soft white	1.24	1.24
White club	1.24	1.24
Hard winter	1.24	1.24
Northern spring	1.24	1.24
Red Walla	1.21	1.21

BARLEY

No bids.

CORN

No. 2 S. Y. shipment	27.50	27.50
No. 3 E. Y. shipment	27.00	27.00

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Chicago, April 12.—Cattle supply was light today. In the hog pens more than 12,000 were held over and the trade was slow. Estimates were 7000 cattle, 13,000 hogs, 11,000 sheep and 2000 calves.

Cattle—Steers sold mostly 15@25c higher. Some choice 1520 pound animals went at $9.25, with most of the supply above $8.00. Bulk of beef steers sold at $7.40@8.50. The market was active. Cows and heifers were strong. Canners, at $2.00@3.40, were strong, while bologna bulls went at $4.00@4.50 on a brisk market. Light veal calves sold at $8.00@7.00. The trade was weak.

Hogs—Values were weak to a dime lower. Choice light stock sold at $10.80@10.85, with bulk of good medium weight butchers at $10.50 @10.75. Bulk of butchers went at $10.20@ 10.80 late.

Sheep—Lambs sold mostly steady. The trade had a fair action. Choice shorn lambs went at $13.75@14.00. Good to choice lambs made $16.00, while small lots of springers sold at $22.00. Aged muttons held steady.

Denver, April 12.—(U. P.)—Cattle—Receipts 3800, strong. Steers, $6.50@7.50; cows and heifers, $4.75@7.25; stockers and feeders, $6.00@7.25; bulls, $2.50@4.00; calves, $5.00@11.50.

Hogs—Receipts 800, market 25c higher. Top, $10.70; bulk, $10.45@10.70.

Sheep—Receipts 3700, market 10c higher. Lambs, $14.00@15.85; ewes, $9.00@9.50; yearlings, $13.00@13.50; wethers, $10.00@ 10.50.

Chicago Hogs $10.85

Chicago, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Receipts, 13,000; 5c and 10c lower; mostly 10c lower with some 5c heavies off more. Bulk, $10.30@ 10.75; top, $10.85; heavyweight, $10.30@ 10.60; medium weight, $10.50@10.85; light weight, $10.60@10.85; light lights, $10.15@ 10.80; heavy packing sows, smooth, $9.60@ 10.00; packing sows, rough, $9.40@9.60; pigs, $9.50@10.50.

Cattle—Receipts, 5000; strong to 25c up. Top steers, $9.50. Sales slow. Beef steers—Choice and prime, $8.75@9.40; medium and good, $7.40@8.75; good and choice, $6.50@ 9.15; common and medium, $4.60@8.15. Butcher cattle—Heifers, $3.35@8.25; cows, $4.35@7.90; bulls, $4.10@5.50. Canners and cutters—Cows and heifers, $2.25@4.35; canner steers, $4.25@5.35; veal calves (light and handy weight), $6.00@8.00; feeder steers, $5.40@7.35; stocker steers, $5.25@7.75; stocker cows and heifers, $4.00@5.85.

Sheep—Receipts, 11,000; generally steady. Lambs ($4 lbs down) $12.00@14.50; lambs (65 lbs up), $11.25@14.00; lambs, culls and common, $8.50@11.75; ewes, culls and common, $3.00@6.50.

Kansas City Hogs $10.50

Kansas City, April 12.—(U. P.)—Cattle—Receipts, 5500; active. Steers, $7.50@8.50; cows and heifers, $5.50@8.00; stockers and feeders, $6.50@7.75; calves, $8.00@9.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 8000; active. Bulk of sales, $10.30@10.45; top, $10.50; heavies, $10.20 @10.35; lights, $10.40@10.50; mediums, $10.35@10.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 6000; dull. Lambs, $12.75@15.25; wethers, $9.65.

Omaha Hogs $10.85

South Omaha, April 12.—Cattle—Receipts 2500, market beef steers and she stock steady to 10c lower. Bulls steady to strong; veal calves fully 25c higher; stockers and feeders steady to 15c higher.

Hogs—Receipts 7000, market slow and 15 to 20c lower; bulk, $10.05@10.35; top, $10.55. Sheep—Receipts 6000. Lambs steady to 25c lower; best wooled lambs, $13.70; bulk clipped lambs, $13.25@13.50; sheep and feeders steady.

San Francisco Hogs $11.50

San Francisco, April 12.—(U. P.)—Cattle—Grass fed steers, No. 1, 7@8½c; second quality, 6@7c; cows and heifers, 5½@6¾c; calves, light, 9@10c; calves, heavy, 7@8c.

Sheep—Lambs, 12½@13½c; wethers, 9@10c; ewes, 7@8c.

Hogs—Hard grain, weight 100-175, 11½@ 9½c.

Seattle Hogs $11.75

Seattle, April 12.—Hogs—Receipts, 183, steady. Prime lights, $11.50@11.75; smooth heavies, $10.00@12.00; rough heavies, $7.00@ 8.00; pigs, $10.00@11.50.

Cattle—None.

Sheep—None.

To Operate Mining Claims

Eugene, April 12.—Between $15,000 and $25,000 will be spent in developing its mining claims in the Bohemia district east of Cottage Grove, by the Comma Development company, composed of Seattle capitalists, who are not connected with any Eastern company, which is planning to spend $1,500,000 in the same district. Emil Clark, one of the directors of the Seattle company, is here arranging to put 12 to 15 men at work in the mines May 1.

Hood River Fruit Safe

Hood River, Or., April 12.—Following the snowstorm of the previous night a sharp frost was experienced in all parts of the valley on Tuesday night, the thermometer falling to 26 above. No damage was done otherwise, as a late spring has delayed all trees and garden stuff. It is now stated that the apricot season here is three weeks behind a normal year and strawberries will make an unusually late appearance this year.

New York Cottonseed Oil

New York, April 12.—Cottonseed oil: April, 1160@1175; May, 1149@1150; June, 1140 @1146; July, 1145@1147; August, 1143@ 1147; September, 1144@1145; October, 1048 @1060.

SPRING LAMBS $2 LOWER IN ALLEYS

After the opening the market for spring lambs developed weakness with a loss of $2 and extreme tops at $13. Ewes also showed a loss during the day.

WEDNESDAY LIVESTOCK TRADE

	Hogs	Steers	Lambs
Portland	$11.25	$ 8.00	$15.00
Chicago	10.85	9.40	14.50
Kansas City	10.50	8.50	13.25
Denver	10.70	7.50	13.25
Omaha	10.35	..	13.70
San Francisco	11.50	8.50	13.50
Seattle	11.75	..	..

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK TRADE

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Cars.
Wednesday				250	5
Week ago		82		1252	7
2 weeks ago				96	1
4 weeks ago	13	9	2	91	1
Year ago	165	35	..	753	7
2 years ago	63	..	..	1	1
3 years ago	357	205	..	1403	27
4 years ago	331	236	4	..	13

Livestock ruled on a nominal basis at North Portland at the opening of the Wednesday trade. Sheep alone were represented in the alleys so far as carload shipments were concerned. All prices were unchanged at the start.

Receipts of the two loads loads of sheep and lambs at North Portland Wednesday were not inclined to offer at the start and there was more or less mystery as to what they expected for their offerings. The season is advancing and, with country killed stuff lower, there is some question as to what live lambs will bring.

General sheep and lamb range:

Best spring lambs	$12.00@13.00
Medium spring lambs	10.00@12.00
Common spring lambs	7.00@10.00
East of mountain lambs	13.00@14.00
Willamette valley lambs	12.00@12.50
Fair to good lambs	10.00@11.00
Cull lambs	6.00@ 8.00
Eastern Oregon feeder lambs	9.00@10.00
Light yearlings	10.00@11.00
Heavy yearlings	9.00@10.00
Light wethers	9.50@10.00
Heavy wethers	8.00@ 8.50
Ewes	3.00@ 7.50

No Carloads of Hogs

No carload shipments reached the hog alleys at North Portland for the Wednesday trade. There continued a fairly steady tone with no changes in prices indicated.

General hog market range:

Price light	$11.00@11.85
Smooth heavy, 250-300 lbs	10.00@11.00
Smooth heavy, 300 lbs up	9.00@10.00
Rough heavy	7.00@ 9.00
Pigs	10.50@11.00
Feeder pigs	10.00@10.75
Stags	5.00@ 7.00

Cattle Tone Quiet

Nothing fresh reached the North Portland cattle alleys Wednesday. Prices were considered nominally steady at the previous range.

General cattle market range:

Choice steers	$ 7.50@ 8.00
Medium to good steers	6.50@ 7.50
Fair to medium steers	6.00@ 6.50
Common to fair steers	5.00@ 6.00
Choice cows and heifers	6.00@ 6.50
Medium to good cows and heifers	5.25@ 6.00
Fair to medium cows and heifers	4.50@ 5.25
Common to fair cows and heifers	3.50@ 4.50
Canners	2.00@ 3.50
Bulls	3.50@ 4.50
Choice feeders	5.00@ 6.00
Fair to good feeders	4.50@ 5.00
Choice dairy calves	9.50@10.00
Prime light calves	8.00@ 9.50
Medium light calves	6.00@ 8.00
Heavy calves	4.50@ 6.00

Tuesday Aftern