PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

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COHN—Receipts, 3897 bush. The market was guiet but firm under light offerings. Quotations for lots for lots for lots 1 trade, as to location—Westers, No. 3 yellow, \$1.301.32. do, No. 4 yellow, \$1.2961.39. do, No. 4 yellow, \$1.2961.39. do, No. 4 yellow, \$1.2761.28. southern, No. 3 yellow, \$1.301.31. There was little trading, but values were well sustained Quotations; No. 2 white, 750754 c; standard white, 7407.74 c; No. 3 white, 7307.34 c; No. 4 white, 7207.25 c; sample outs, 609.70c. FLOUR—Receipts, 1216 bbls, and 950.182 bs. m sacks. The limited business done was calefy in second-hand stocks at concessions. Quotations, per 196 bs. in wo-5 cotton or jule sacks about 25c less); Winter, straight, \$0.90.50 kansss, clear, \$9.92.55; do, straight, \$9.50 kansss, clear, \$9.92.55; do, straight, \$9.50 kansss, clear, \$9.92.55; do, straight, \$9.50 kg. 75; do, patent, \$9.700.10; first, clear, \$8.85 to 10.500 https://doi.org/10.500 https:

The market was quiet, but firm: Following for the quotations: City beef, in sets, smoked and air-dried, 34c, western beef, in sets, smoked and air-dried, 34c, western beef, in sets, smoked 34c, city beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked 35c; western beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked 35c; beef hams, \$128.20; perfect, family, \$49.50.941; hams, \$8. P. cured, loose 227.21% c. do. skinned, smoked, 24.924% c; other hams, smoked, all the set of the same smoked, 24.924% c; other hams, smoked, clay cured, as to brand and average, 22% 624c, hams, smoked, western cured, 23% 624c; do. briefs, bonders, \$8. C; plenie shoulders, \$

REFINED SUGARS

rendered in tierces, 21%c; lard, pure city, rendered in tubs, 21%c; marker ruled firm, but there was little g. Refluers list prices; Extra fine graon-7.25@8c; powdered, 7.35@8.10c; confes a. 7.15@7.00c; soft grades, 6.50@7.85c;

DAIRY PRODUCTS

BUTTER—The market ruled quiet but firm under light receipts. The quotations: Western. fresh, solid-packed creamery, fancy specials, 446; extra. 44645c; extra firsts, 42643c; firsts, 416415c; seconds. 39640c; nearby prints, 41643c; seconds. 39640c; nearby prints, 41643c; seconds. 39640c; special fancy brands of prints jobbing at 50653c.
EGGS were more plentiful and 15630c per case; nearby current receipts, \$3.5069.75 per case; nearby current receipts, \$3.6069.75 per case; western extra firsts, \$3.75 per case; western extra firsts, \$3.75 per case; western extra firsts, \$3.6069.75 of, firsts, \$3.60 per case; fancy selected candled eggs were jobbing at 36637; per dozen.

(HEESE—Offerings were light and the market ruled firm, with a fair demand. Quotations: New York, full cream, fancy, held, 2Nc; specials higher; do, do, fair to good, held 276 271c; do, part skims, 14662c.

POULTRY

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LIVE—The general market ruled firm under light offerings, but there was little trading. Questions: Fowls, as to quality, 23@24c; exceptional lots higher; staggy roosters, 18@20c; old roosters, 16@17c; spring chickens, soft-meated, 24@25c; ducks, as to size and quality, 22@24c; pigeons, old, per pair, 28@30c; do, young, per pair, 20@25c.

DRESSED—The market ruled firm with supplies of desirable stock well cleaned up. The quotations are as follows: Fresh-killed, dry-packed fowls, 12 to box, dry-picked, fancy selected, 26c; do, weighing 4½ lbs, and over aplece, 25½ c; do, do, 3½ lbs, aplece, 24½ c; do, do, 3 lbs, aplece, 22@24c. Fowls, in bbls., fancy, dry picked, weighing 4½ lbs, and over aplece, 25½ c; do, do, smaller sizes, 21@24c; old roosters, dry-picked, weighing 4½ lbx, and over aplece, 25½ c; do, do, smaller sizes, 21@24c; old roosters, dry-picked, in boxes, weighing 8@10 lbs, per pair, 25@26c; do, western, in boxes, weighing 7 lbs, per pair, 23@24; do, do, in bbls, weighing 8@10 lbs, per pair, 25@26c; do, do, do, weighing 7 lbs, per pair, 21@22c; broiling folkens, western, in boxes, weighing 3@4 list per pair, 21@24c; do, do, weighing 1; de, de, mixed sizes, 18@20c; broilers, Jersey, fancy, 22@35c; do, other nearby, weighing 1; de, 22 lbs, apiece, 30@32c; turkeys, per lb.—Fancy nearby, 32@33c; cld Toms, 22@33c; cld Toms, 22@33c; fair to good, 30@31c; cld Toms, 22@33c; do, weighing 1; de, per dozen, 33.75@4.75; do, weighing 1; de, per dozen, 33.75@6. weighing 7; lbs, per dozen, 33.75.25; do, oweighing 7; lbs, per dozen, 32.92.25; dark, \$1.75. do, weighing 1; de, per dozen, \$2.50@2.75; do, weighing 7; lbs, per dozen, \$2.50@2.75; do, weighing 6; de, per dozen, \$2.50@2.75; do,

FRESH FRUITS

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Demand was only moderate, but values were steadily maintained on choice stock of most descriptions. The quotations follow: Apples, per bol.—York Imperial, \$4.95.50; Ben Davis, \$4.94.25; Haidwin, No. 1, \$4.95.96, ungraded, \$3.93.50; Greening, No. 1, \$4.50.96; do, ungraded, \$3.94.25; Kings, No. 1, \$4.50.96; do, ungraded, \$3.94.25; Kings, No. 1, \$4.50.96; do, ungraded, \$3.94.25; Kings, No. 1, \$4.50.96; do, ungraded, \$3.50.4 Winesap, No. 1, \$4.50.96; do, ungraded, \$2.50.93.50, Apples, northwestern, per box.—Fancy, \$2.92.50; Choice, \$1.50.92; Lemons, per box. \$3.94.20; Choice, \$1.50.92; Lemons, per box. \$3.94.20; Choice, \$1.50.92; Comperiut. Florida, per crate. \$2.95.5 Pineapples, Porto Rico, per crate, \$3.94.50. Cranberries, Cape Cod, per bbl.—Fancy late varieties, \$5.95.50; early black, \$2.94. Cranberries, Cape Cod, per bbl.—Fancy late varieties, \$5.95.50; early black, \$2.94. Cranberries, Cape Cod, per crate, \$1.50.92; do, Jersey, per crate, \$1.91.50, Strawberries. Florida, per quart, 10.925c.

VEGETABLES

There was little trading and prices generally favored buyers, as follows: White potatoes, per bushel—Pennsylvania choice, \$2.26@2.65. New York choice, \$2.20; Maine choice, \$2.26@2.65. New York choice, \$2.20; Maine choice, \$2.35.0 New York choice, \$2.20; Maine choice, \$2.50 New York choice, \$2.20; Maine choice, \$2.50 New York choice, \$2.20; Maine choice, \$2.25.0 New York choice, \$2.25.0 New York choice, \$2.25.0 New York choice, \$2.25.0 New York choice, \$2.20; No. 2, \$1.25.0 New York choice, \$1.50 New York choice, \$1.75.0 New York choice, \$1.75.0 New York choice, \$1.75.0 New York choice, \$1.50 New York choice, \$1.5

Financial Briefs

The eighth annual report of Ray Consolidated Copper Company shows net profits of \$12,084,165 from 1916 operations, equivalent to \$7.66 a share, compared with \$2.93 in the previous year and \$1.64 a share in

Gross earnings of thirty-one railroads during the third week of March totaled \$13,198,311, an increase of \$633,824 over the corresponding week of the previous

The Liverpool Cotton Exchange was not

The Bank of England reports the amount of currency notes outstanding at £130.-497,070, against £129,203,151 in the previous week. The amount of gold held for the redemption of such notes remains at £28,

The profit of the Arizona Copper Company in 1916 was \$5,000,000.

Commercial failures this week in the United States were 279 against 294 last week, 269 the preceding week and 381 in the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada numbered 23 against 26 last week, 28 in the preceding week and 40 last

The New York Subtreasury lost \$3,393,000 to the banks yesterday.

Offer Philadelphia Company Notes Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler are offer-ing, subject to approval of issue by counsel Philadelphia Company two-year 5½ per cent collateral gold notes, dated April 2, 1917, at 99 and interest, yielding over 6 per cent. The amount of notes authorized and to be issued is \$7,000,000. They are reto be issued is \$7,000,000. They are re-deemable on thirty days' notice at 101 and interest. The purpose of the issue is to refund \$2,650,000 maturing obligations, to reimburse the treasury in part for capital expenditures and to provide \$3,000,000 for the capital required of the Duquesne Light Company. The notes are the direct obliga-tion of the Philadelphia Company, and are to be secured by deposit, with the trustee of \$8,400,000 common stock of the Duquesne Light Company, part of a total issue of Light Company, part of a total issue of \$21,720,000 now outstanding. The Duquesne Light Company has no bonded debt and it is paying dividends of \$ per cent per annum. The earnings for the fiscal year just closed are estimated to be in excess of 10 per cent.

NEW YORK BUTTER AND EGGS

HOTBEDS AND COLD FRAMES BIG AID TO HOME GARDENERS

Simple Seed Box in Sunny Window Makes Satisfactory Substitute-Methods of Preparing Each. Gardening Queries Answered

By JOHN BARTRAM

germinate.

The cold frame enables getting seedlings produced in the hothouse hotbed or warm window hardened to outdoor conditions and window hardened to outdoor conditions and to raise these into strong, sturdy planting stock by the time the garden is ready for them. It also is used for starting plants before the seeds can be safely planted in the open, particularly the hardier vegetables. Resetting plants from a hotbed into the cold frame gives them a better root system and makes them stockier for transplanting in open ground.

CONSTRUCTING THE HOTBED Locate the bothed in some sheltered but not shaded spot which has a southern or eastern exposure. The most convenient size is a box-like structure six feet wide

HOTBED and cold frame are big aids in raising early crops.

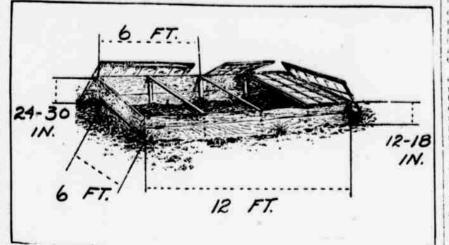
The hotbed enables planting seed and produces seedlings considerably before the seed planted out of doors has begun to germinate.

The cold frame enables getting seedlings produced in the hotbouse hotbed or warm window bardens have been been been been been been been soil and dark. well-rotted manure or benemeal in equal parts and thoroughly blended. The plants should have thoroughly blended. The plants should have more ventilation in the cold frame, but not receive so much water. It is best to keep the soil rather dry.

HOW TO TRANSPLANT In transplanting, remember that plants sually thrive better if transplanted into ground that has been freshly cultivated. Transplanting to the open field is best done cool, cloudy weather, and in the after-

This prevents the sun's rays from causing the plant to lose too much moisture through evaporation

and any multiple of three feet long so that | inch and a half high, in frames or seed



Three-sash combination shown. One section enough for small garden. Hotbed is similar in construction, but handled according to details in article.

may be used. This can be bought cheaply at seed stores. The frame should be about twelve inches high in the back and eight inches on the front. This slope is for the purpose of securing a better angle for the south or southeast.

The hotbed not only must collect any heat it can from the sun, but also must generate heat of its own from fermentation in fresh manure. Fresh horse manure free from stable litter, is best for generaling heat.

If the hotbed is to be an annual affair feet deep, about two feet greater in length and width than the frame carrying the Line the excavation with plank or with a brick or concrete wall. A drain to carry off surplus water is essential. After a sufficient amount of fresh horse manure it is being filled tramp the manure as firmly and as evenly as possible. When the ground level is reached place the frame in position and bank the sides and ends with manure. Place about three inches of good garden loam on top of the manure inside the frame and cover it with the sash. After the heat has reached its maximum and has subsided to between eighty and ninety

frame and the sash are the same, but the manure is placed directly on the ground and the hotbed on top of it. Some of the thriftily, but not enough to leak through to hold in the heat. Six to eight inches of good garden soil is put over the manure in the soil and hasten the germination of the which to plant the seeds.

The hotbed should be kept partly dark until germination is effected. Burlap. old carpet or even newspapers can be used as sash covering for this purpose. After germination, however, the plants will need all the light possible, exclusive of the direct rays of the sun, to keep them growing rapidly. This is a crisis in plant life and ventilating and watering with great care are of prime importance. Too close planting and too much heat and water cause the plants to become spindling. Water the plants on clear days, in the morning, and ventilate immediately to dry the foliage and to prevent mildew.

STRUCTURE OF COLD FRAME The cold frame is constructed in much the same way as the hotbed, except that no hot manure is used, and the frame may be covered either with glass sash or with

two inches apart in the row, so as to give them space enough to make a strong, stocky growth. If it is desired to keep the plants which are thinned out, they may be se two inches apart each way in other boxes or frames. When the weather becomes mild, the seed box of plants should be the plants will "harden off" in preparation

r transplanting to the garden later. A good watering should be given before the plants are taken out of the box or cold frame for transplanting, so that a large ball of earth will stick to the roots o

seeds can be started in a seed box in the house by a sunny window. Any sort o wooden box will do; deep cigar boxes an

swer very well.

The seed box should be three or fou inches deep, twelve to fourteen inches wide and twenty to twenty-four inches long. A layer of about one inch of gravel or cinder should be placed in the bottom of the box then it should be filled nearly full of rich garden soil, or soil enriched with decayed leaves or manure. Soil should be pressed down firmly with a small piece of board and and two inches apart crosswise of the box The seed should be distributed eight or ten to the inch in the rows and be covered. The soil should be watered and the box set in a warm place in the light, in the sunshine by a window being best. Water enough must be given from time to time to cause the seeds to germinate and grow

Eggplant, pepper, cauliflower and early started in seedbox or hotbed. Hardier things, such as cabbage, brussels sprouts, late to matoes and celery are started in cold

BRING your problems of gardening to the EVENING LEDGER for In addition to practical solution. articles, timely to the season, the editor will answer, either out of his own experience as a small-scale gardener or through consultation with authorities, questions of readers. Address John Bartram, Even-ING LEDGER, Philadelphia.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

Favorable Sale of Treasury Bills Helps War Loan

LONDON, March 31.—Generally securi ties on the Stock Exchange were steady today, but trading remained light. The attendance as usual was small.

The gilt-edged section was maintained. The new war loan was firm on the favorable result of the sale of Treasury bills. The average rates were not stated officially, but for the three months' issue the figure was believed to have been 4% per cent for the six months 4% per cent and for the yearlies 5 per cent.

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The South Australian 5½ per cent Government loan of £1.400,000, maturing in five to ten years, was oversubscribed. The proceeds will be used to meet bonds maturing this year. The price was 97.

Americans were nominally higher. Canadian Pacifics were steady. Home rails were steady. Home rails were the process of t

quiet but harder. Argentine rails showed fresh weakness. The feeling in Allied bonds was cheerful. The tone of the Paris Bourse was firm on the improvement in French ex change. Brazilian descriptions were good and rubbers and diamonds were in favor.

Standard Bearing Election April 7 It is understood that at a special meeting of stockholders of the Standard Roller Bearing Company on April 7 the Marlin Arms Company, which purchased the assets of the local company for \$2,000,000, will specially the property of the local company for \$2,000,000, will specially the property of the local company for \$2,000,000. elect its representatives to the board of directors.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS

CHICAGO. March 31.— HOGS—Receipts, 12,000 head. Market 5c higher. Mixed and butchers, \$14.85@15.55; good heavy, \$14.25@15.50; cond heavy, \$14.25@15.50; light, \$14.45@15.50; plgs, \$12@14.35; bulk, \$15.20@15.50; CATILE—Receipts, 400 head. Market steads. Heaves, \$8.00@12.95; cows and heifers, \$5.00 in the stead of the

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GLI INGLESI AVANZANO SUL FRONTE DI CAMBRAI

Conquistano Altri Tre Villaggi Mentre Nivelle Concentra le Grosse Artiglierie per l'Attacco

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA

Un Reparto Nemico Attaccante su Carso Annientato dal Fuoco delle Mitragliatrici di Cadorna

Mentre il generale Nivelle ammassa le sue artiglierie sulla fronte che da St. Quentin va all'Aisne, le forze inglesi che son schierate sulla meta' settentrionale della fronte Cambrai-Laon continuano ad eser citare una forte pressione sulle linee ne miche per avvicinarsi atla base di Cam Su di un tratto di questa fronte, dalla laggi di Ruyalcourt. Fins e Sorel sulla stra da che da Peronne va a Cambrai. Un co nunicate ufficiale inglese dice che ora la fanteria britannica e' in contatto con tutta intera la nuova fronte tedesca da Arras ad un punto a sei miglia a sud-est di St

Quentin. Il comunicato aggiunge:
"Nella parte settentrionale della linea a ebbe ieri un violento bombardamento delle nostre linee da parte dei tedeschi, ma le batterie nemiche furono ridotte al siienzio dai formidabile fuoco concentrato delle nostre artiglierie. Un bombardamento da parte del nemico con mortal da trincea nel saliente di Ypres fu pure domato dalle

Sulla fronte francese le operazioni di guerra sono state ritardate anche dai cattivo tempo, ma il generale Nivelle non intende fare un attacco a fondo prima di avere trasportato sulla linea del fuoco un numero di cannoni tale da poter ridurre al silenzo le batterie nemiche. Reporti francesi hanno riconquistato gli elementi di trincee che i tedeschi avevano conquistate il 28 corrente nella zona di Maison de Champagne. Si dice che il kaiser ha dato ordine che si mantenga la linea Cambrai-Laon qualunque costo, e questo spiegherebbe fatto che in questi ultimi giorni i tedesch ion avessero fatto precedentemente.

Intanto anche a nord di Arras sembra vadano delineandosi operazioni importanti giacches gli inglesi preparano l'attacco d riplegare anche in quel settore.

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA leri sera il Ministero della Guerra pul dicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte

Nella giornata di ieri si ebbero azion intermittenti di artiglieria lungo l'intera fronte di battaglia. Piu' violenta l'azi-one e' stata nella valle dell'Adige e sui

Dopo una violenta preparazione di artiglieria un reparto austriaco tento di prendere di assalto le nostre posizini sul Monte Faiti. respinto ed il reparto presso che annientato dal nostro fuoco di mitraglia-trici. Attacchi successivi operati dal nemico furono respinti nella stessa maniera. Gli austriaci soffersero perdite gravissime e noi prendemmo anche alcuni prigionieri.

Sugar Futures Irregular

NEW YORK, March 31.-The sugar fu ures market opened irregular I point nigher to 2 points lower, with sales on the call 1750 tons. There was a little selling due to the slightly easier tendency noted in the spot market, where free offers of prompt and affoat Cubas remained unsold There was enough scattered support to ab sorb the offerings and the tone held steady

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Hundreds of "Ration Clubs" are already at work in Philadelphia. Each has undertaken to provide for the children of one town. Many others are being formed every day.

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Belgian Children's Relief Committee of Pennsylvania 1524 Walnut Street, Phi