

BUILDERS MAKE PROTEST ABOUT CONTRACTS LET

Association Alleges Firms Erecting Buildings Ignore Local Architects in Getting Plans Prepared.

Paul A. Bendfeldt, secretary of the Master Builders Association has submitted the following:

"Public spirited men!

"Some time ago the general public was pleased to learn through these columns that a local bank contemplated erecting a new building. Architects, material men and general contractors were delighted because they saw an opportunity for business advancement. They expected a splendid opportunity because it was stated that this specific institution desired that the work on their building remain in the city. Architects and contractors have pride enough about them to be desirous of erecting such a building as they had reasons to believe would be built, and here is where our fellow citizens, men from the very nature of their business draw upon our general public for their support, fell down.

"Architects that were able to draw to a successful completion such buildings as the Joseph Moore school, the St. John church, the Richmond high school, the Garfield school, business institutions along both sides of our main street, the most beautiful and expensive homes and apartment houses of our city, were utterly ignored in the considerations for plans. Not one of the architects of our city would have been the least offended had their plans been rejected in fair competition with any architects that our public spirited friends may have cared to invite into the competition, but they were entirely ignored.

"One member of the building institution informed one of our contractors that they were very desirous of leaving the work to local men, but that it would be impossible to do so, owing to the ignorance of these local contractors. Contractors who have been invited by the city to figure the local high school, an institution that cost about five times what the new institution will cost. Contractors who were invited to figure the Second National bank building, a building that for style and dignity, in the opinion of the writer will make the new institution look like a soap box. Contractors who have built institutions such as the St. Mary's church, St. John's church, Joseph Moore school and have to their credit some of the finest churches and schools built in our surrounding cities.

Other Projects.
"Contractors that have been invited by architects all over our great country to submit competitive bids on some of the greatest building enterprises in this and other states and yet these same contractors are not able to erect a building to cover a space about 18x130 feet. A building absolutely plain in every detail, reaching its high cost not through workmanship particularly but through the expensive nature of the materials required.

"But this is the joke of the whole proceeding. After having selected their architects and after having awarded their contract to an elaborate concern that makes, as our friends inform us, a specialty of banking institutions, this same elaborate concern comes to our city and after inviting all the competition that they could summon, good, bad, and indifferent they award this work to men that our banking friends did not think were capable of handling the proposition, and for their pleasure our public spirited friends give to our imported association of architects and contractors a nice little sum of money of which should there be any profit, and from personal observation there will be, this profit will find its way back to New York.

"Local workmen can congratulate themselves on getting a living wage. These same business men we are told are our public spirited men.

"MASTER BUILDERS ASS'N."

"Paul A. Bendfeldt, Sec."

LOST—Open face gold watch (medium size), with gold fob and chain clasp attached. Fob has charm with letter R on it. Reward. 28-tf

Representative Sales At Indianapolis

HOGS.

No. Av. Dk. Pr.

13 140 ... \$7.20

20 182 ... 7.20

63 201 40 7.20

42 224 80 7.20

140 235 240 7.20

70 245 160 7.20

72 253 80 7.20

38 275 ... 7.20

56 138 ... 7.25

69 201 ... 7.25

CATTLE.

—Steers—

No. Av. Pr.

2 940 \$7.00

4 872 7.25

6 1210 7.50

3 1073 7.75

26 1096 7.85

5 1218 8.25

5 1360 8.65

—Heifers—

No. Av. Pr.

4 458 4.50

5 604 5.10

2 880 6.25

3 660 6.50

16 905 7.00

10 758 7.25

6 1030 7.50

—Cows—

No. Av. Pr.

4 985 4.40

5 752 4.50

2 850 5.25

3 1026 6.65

3 965 6.00

2 1305 6.35

4 1207 6.85

4 1180 7.00

—Bulls—

No. Av. Pr.

1 1380 5.00

1 1210 6.00

1 1440 6.25

1 1720 7.00

—Calves—

No. Av. Pr.

6 176 7.00

9 182 7.50

5 140 8.25

3 123 9.00

15 156 9.50

3 120 9.50

8 178 10.00

4 175 10.25

Commercial and Financial News

Leased Wire Report Edited by A. D. Cobb, Agricultural Expert

WHEAT MARKET WILD AS PRICES CHANGE

Fluctuation Sharp and Prices Change Forcibly and Often.

[BY LEASED WIRE.]
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—There was no big surprises among the conservative men in grain, because of the sharp price changes as well as the decline for the entire grain list, which amounted to 1 1/4@1 1/4 for wheat, 1/2@1 1/2 for corn and 1/2@1 1/2 for oats. The wheat market was a live affair, with the fluctuations at times quite sharp, and these price changes were continuous from the opening to the closing of the day.

Cash wheat transactions were much larger than generally reported; not only here, but at other points. Two round lots were sold at Buffalo to go abroad. A round lot was also sold to go out via the gulf, and New York reported big transactions. It would be difficult to say as to the exact amount of wheat sold.

Corn was moderately active, with sales of 310,000 bushels cash, and 225,000 bushels oats.

Provisions were lower all around.

CHICAGO PROVISIONS AND GRAIN PRICES

	WHEAT	
May	136 1/2	136
July	123	122 1/2
Open.		Close
CORN		
May	75 1/2	76 1/2
July	76	76 1/2
OATS		
May	55 1/2	54 1/2
July	52	52 1/2
MESS PORK.		
January	\$19.02	\$19.00
May	\$19.57	\$19.42

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Wheat, No. 2 red \$1.33@1.35¢, No. 3 red \$1.32@1.34¢, No. 2 hard winter \$1.33@1.35¢, No. 3 hard winter \$1.32@1.34¢, No. 4 northern spring \$1.22@1.30.

Corn: No. 2 white 70 1/2, No. 2 yellow 70 1/2@70 1/2, No. 3 white 69 1/2, No. 3 yellow 68 1/2@68 1/2, No. 4 white 69 1/2@69 1/2, No. 4 yellow 68 1/2@68 1/2.

Oats: No. 2 white 52 1/2, No. 4 51 1/2@52 1/2, No. 4 white 50 1/2@52, standard 52 1/2@52 1/2.

CHICAGO PRODUCE

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Butter: Receipts 6,694 tubs; creamery extras 33, early firsts 31@32, first 27@29, packing stock 21@21 1/2.

Eggs: Receipts, 63 1/2 cases; current receipts 25@34, ordinary firsts 31@33, firsts 34@35, extras 40@41, dirties 14@15.

Liver Poultry: Turkeys 13@14, chickens 11 1/2@12, springers 13 1/2, roasters 10.

Potatoes: Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ohio whites 42@48.

TOLEDO GRAIN

TOLEDO, Jan. 6.—Wheat: Cash \$1.34 1/2, aM. \$1.38.

Corn: Cash 72 1/2, May 77, 78 1/2.

Oats: Cash 63 1/2, May 57 1/2.

Rye: No. 2, \$1.12 1/2.

Cloverset: Prime cash \$9.52 1/2.

February: Prime cash \$9.65.

Alsike: Prime cash \$9.40, March \$9.50.

Timothy: Prime cash \$3.45, March \$3.52 1/2.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Jan. 6.—Hogs: Receipts 45,000, market strong to be lower, mixed and butchers \$6.80@7.35, good hogs \$7.10@7.35, rough hogs \$6.80@7.00, light \$6.80@7.30, pigs \$5.25@6.50, bulk of sales \$7.10@7.30.

Cattle: Receipts 16,000, market steady, heifers \$6.00@7.95, cows and feeders \$3.50@8.25, stockers and feeders \$4.50@6.40, Texans \$6.00@7.35, calves \$7.00@10.25.

Sheep: Receipts 25,000, market steady, natives and westerns \$3.50@6.80, lambs \$5.75@8.65.

CINCINNATI LIVE STOCK

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 6.—Hogs:

Receipts 5,000, market steady.

Cattle: Receipts 600, market steady, calves slow, \$5.00@10.00.

Sheep: Receipts 700, market steady, lambs lower, \$6.00@8.75.

HIGHWAY REPORT

(Continued from Page One.)

The \$27,750 for road maintenance includes the cost of new machinery, an item of \$2,357.48. The county now has on hands machinery and tools in good condition valued at \$6,683.

When the present road law was passed the farmers of Wayne county were up in arms because it was understood they would not get employment during idle times as formerly. This report, however, shows that a road making army of 1,323 farmers was employed. There are no publications in the list, but this many different names have appeared on the pay roll. This is fully double the number of farmers ever hired for road work in one year before.

GRAIN MARKET

(Corrected daily by Richmond Rollers Mills. Phone 2019.)

Bran per ton \$28, wheat paying \$1.25, oats paying 50c, corn paying 70c, rye paying 80c, middlings per ton \$30.

FEED QUOTATIONS

(Timothy hay, paying \$19. Rye straw, paying \$7. Wheat straw, paying \$7. Oats straw, paying \$7. Oats, paying 50c. New corn, paying 68c. Red clover seed, paying \$7.50 to \$8. Red clover seed, paying \$7.50 to \$8. Timothy seed, paying \$3.25 bushel. Bran selling \$28 ton. Middlings, selling \$30 ton. Salt, \$1.40 barrel. Clover hay, \$14.)

PRODUCE

(Corrected daily by Ed Cooper.)

Old chickens dressed, paying 18c; selling, 25c.

Young chick. dressed, paying 18c; selling, 23c.

Country butter, paying 25 to 30c; selling, 30 to 35c.

Eggs, paying 35c; selling 40c.