

COMMERCIAL AND

Fine weather yesterday failed to increase the volume of trade in the wholesale markets, and the business is beginning to wear an end-of-the-month cast. The volume of the day's work is about 100 less than yesterday, and receipts of produce by wagon were very small. Growers did not take kindly to the decline in prices, and some of them have faith enough in the market to refuse to sell until there is another advance. The market for potatoes yesterday yielded to the pressure of heavy receipts, and weakened to 22c and 23c, with excellent prospects for a further drop to 20c if yesterday's weather holds on a few days longer. There is a pretty firm market on oats, and holders will not accept the rates which are offered, apparently hoping to do better later in the season. Barley is also firm, but it follows the San Francisco market, will be weaker soon, as there has been quite a slump in that market since the weather conditions became more favorable. There is some weakness in the sugar market, but no change. Other produce is quiet, but steady, with a fair trade reported.

Bank Clearings.

Portland	Exchanges	Balances
Portland	23,916	23,916
Spokane	23,916	23,916
Seattle	23,916	23,916
Tacoma	23,916	23,916

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The approach of a protracted holiday in the Eastern markets gave Chicago an earlier tone yesterday, but the Northwestern farmers failed to follow Chicago, as they usually do, and were holding their stocks about as firm as ever. Some sales were reported at 65c for winter wheat, while others declared their inability to buy anything at less than 65c per bushel. From the latter figure will not move much more, and the market is likely to see a slight advance in other markets to infuse much life into the local market, and unless this summer state of uncertainty continues, a normal. Freighters show no change, and two or three shippers are offering in value at 25c, with a possibility that business may be done at 25c. There is no Valley wheat selling, and the total shipments for the season to date are less than 40,000 bushels.

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