

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Farmers persist in the belief that wheat will go higher, and present quotations do not get to the point. The Chicago market yesterday received the usual amount of business, but the foreign markets were steady, and there was no change in the local situation. One charter for 10,000 bushels was closed at 25 1/2 for immediate loading in the Pacific, and the market is not in good demand. The flour market is not at all satisfactory to the millmen. Foreign demand being very light, and the domestic market is still in active demand, with a tendency to advance in price. Everything is in the growers' favor, and they are making the most of it. The market is also firm.

Oranges and bananas continue scarce, but the prices keep the demand down. Most of the bananas in town are green, and will require ripening before they will be ready for consumption. California strawberries are expected to appear next week.

Nominal wheat quotations are a little lower, owing to difficulties at the Eastern factories, and a move up to a price. Local competition is driving the price of wheat considerably above the figures warranted by the Eastern market. Oregon's product of about 200,000 pounds is demanded by the local market, and the farmers are making the most of their opportunity.

Bank Clearings.

Exchanges.	Balance.
Portland	\$1,100
Seattle	\$1,100
Tacoma	\$1,100
Spokane	\$1,100

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Nominal: Walla Walla, 64 1/2; 65; bluestem, 65 1/2; Valley, 65; barley, 62 1/2; 63; 64; 65; 66; 67; 68; 69; 70; 71; 72; 73; 74; 75; 76; 77; 78; 79; 80; 81; 82; 83; 84; 85; 86; 87; 88; 89; 90; 91; 92; 93; 94; 95; 96; 97; 98; 99; 100; 101; 102; 103; 104; 105; 106; 107; 108; 109; 110; 111; 112; 113; 114; 115; 116; 117; 118; 119; 120; 121; 122; 123; 124; 125; 126; 127; 128; 129; 130; 131; 132; 133; 134; 135; 136; 137; 138; 139; 140; 141; 142; 143; 144; 145; 146; 147; 148; 149; 150; 151; 152; 153; 154; 155; 156; 157; 158; 159; 160; 161; 162; 163; 164; 165; 166; 167; 168; 169; 170; 171; 172; 173; 174; 175; 176; 177; 178; 179; 180; 181; 182; 183; 184; 185; 186; 187; 188; 189; 190; 191; 192; 193; 194; 195; 196; 197; 198; 199; 200; 201; 202; 203; 204; 205; 206; 207; 208; 209; 210; 211; 212; 213; 214; 215; 216; 217; 218; 219; 220; 221; 222; 223; 224; 225; 226; 227; 228; 229; 230; 231; 232; 233; 234; 235; 236; 237; 238; 239; 240; 241; 242; 243; 244; 245; 246; 247; 248; 249; 250; 251; 252; 253; 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