GOOD FOR ALL CROPS

Growing Weather in Northern Part of Valley.

LESS FAVORABLE ELSEWHERE

Frosts in Dry Sections Have Done Considerable Damage to Fruit—Fall Wheat Promising, but Spring Backward.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Climate and Crop Service, Portland, Or., May 12.—Fine growing weather prevailed during the week in the Willamette Valley north of Lane County and along the Coast. In Lane County, Southern Oregon, and in all sections east of the Cascades, the weather has been too dry and the nights too cool for rapid growth. Frosts have occurred frequently in the dry sections, and they have probably done considerable damage to fruit, early varieties of which are now in bloom in Eastern Oregon and late varieties in Southern Oregon. Along the Coast and in the Willamette Valley, north of Linn County, reports all indicate excellent fruit prospects. In Linn County the fruit outlook is also good, except that a few correspondents report damage to cherries, caused either by blight or frost.

Fall wheat continues thrifty and promising. Spring wheat coming up slowly. The only reports of damage to the grain crop come from Sherman County, where some re-seeding has been done on account of injury by cut worms. Pasturage is now generally good, and clover, alfalfa and vetch have made good progress. Timothy has made a rather slow growth.

Hops generally are doing fairly well, but the crop is quite uneven; some yards being forward, while others are quite backward. Complaints are more numerous than usual regarding missing hills. Corn planting is nearly completed and field potatoes are being planted. Gardens are in excellent condition.

Coast District.

Astoria, Clatsop County, H. S. Lyman—Week very favorable; fruit blossoms somewhat broken by wind; forage and meadow grass looking well; gardens, oats and all fruits promise good crops.

Nestocton, Tillamook County, S. H. Phillips—The week was warm; pasture is fine; apple trees in full bloom; all vegetation growing fast; potatoes about all planted; bees are beginning to swarm.

Glen, Lincoln County, C. L. Knapp—Weather favorable for all vegetation; cattle and sheep in fine condition; apple trees in full bloom.

Acme, Lane County, E. R. McCormick—Past week was dry and warm, favorable for Spring work; gardens nearly all planted; vegetation growing rapidly; late fruit trees blooming; plums and prunes will be a light crop in this vicinity; other fruits not developed enough to tell their condition.

Gardiner, Douglas County, O. B. Hinsdale—Weather continues warm and grass is growing nicely; stock picking up very rapidly after the hard Winter; gardens all growing well, and fruit trees are thriving.

Myrtle Point, Coos County, L. Strong—Weather fine for farming; much plowing and seeding being done; a little rain would be beneficial; grass growing nicely; stock doing well; fruit trees in bloom; prospects are good for a full crop of fruits and berries.

Wedderburn, Curry County, William R. Miller—The weather has been all that could be desired the past week; grass and all kinds of crops growing finely; stock of all kinds doing well.

Willamette Valley.

Scappoose, Columbia County, J. C. Johnson—Weather splendid for farm work, which is progressing nicely; potato planting about finished; no injury to fruit and prospects good for big crop; stock doing well.

Terry, Multnomah County, William Sales—Grass and grain growing finely; prospects for early fruit of all kinds good; seeding all done.

Forest Grove, Washington County, S. T. Walker—Week favorable for all kinds of work; seeding is all done, except on very wet ground; potato and corn planting progressing; grass and grain growing fast; all kinds of fruit promise a fine yield; gardens much improved by warmer weather.

Springwater, Clackamas County, H. R. Dubois—Week warm and showery; grain is looking finely, and also fruit trees.

Dayton, Yamhill County, John H. Moore—Weather the first of the week warm; latter, showery, with cool nights; Spring seeding about finished; grain of all kinds growing nicely; pastures good and stock generally looking well; corn, potato planting and garden making are general; gardens have made a marked growth this week; sheep shearing progressing rapidly.

Salem, Polk County, P. F. Clark—The prevailing weather warm, with light showers; crops and grass growing; stock improving; best prospect for fruit of all kinds for several years; Spring seeding all done; Summer fallow mostly plowed; very little sheep shearing done; clip will not be up to average; the lamb crop short; gardens begin to show up nicely.

Wells, Benton County, V. A. Carter—The week has been cool and cloudy, with rain Wednesday; grain and grass growing nicely; late sown grain coming up; no frost of any consequence to damage the fruit, which promises to be abundant; gardening mostly completed.

Monitor, Marion County, J. B. Taylor—Fore part of week very warm; started the grass up in fine shape; all kinds of grain growing finely; gardens growing slowly; Wednesday, cold shower was hard on gardens; late gardens being planted; Spring grain not all planted yet; Friday night and Saturday very warm; cherry trees loaded with fruit; early apples will be plentiful; early plums partly blighted; all stock doing finely; hops not as good as last year, as many plants are dead.

Albany, Linn County, H. C. Jordan—Weather favorable; most farmers have finished sowing grain; Summer fallow is being plowed, potatoes planted, gardens made, etc.; Spring grain looks well; Fall grain fairly well; everything indicates a good fruit year; grass is abundant; stock of all kinds doing well.

Wildwood, Lane County, J. T. Hunt—A week of fine growing weather; corn planting and gardening all done; one good shower about the middle of week; grain and meadows never looked more promising; peaches are well set.

Southern Oregon.

Table Rock, Jackson County, E. H. Davis—Grass on the lowlands growing finely, but drying up on high land; crops making slow growth on account of dry weather.

Galice, Josephine County, J. E. Loomis—Weather rather cool; frost Tuesday night; rain needed; winds have dried the ground.

Looking Glass, Douglas County, George March—Warm weather the first part of week started vegetation nicely; ground dry and crops on high land look badly; on low lands they look well; rain needed; frost Wednesday and Thursday mornings did but little damage.

Columbia River Valley.

Dufur, Wasco County, Alex Strachan—Fore part of week warm, latter part cold, with high winds; frost on morning of 7th; no damage to fruit; Spring sown grain now showing green; Fall grain made good growth; Summer fallowing nearly done; good rain would be beneficial.

Grass Valley, Sherman County, George B. Bourhill—Fall wheat very backward; considerable portion of it has been resown and some left is very thin; cut worms have done some damage in places; Spring wheat looking well, but late; farmers just finished seeding; sharp frost Wednesday night, but have heard of no damage done.

Condon, Gilliam County, John F. Reisacher—Weather very favorable for crops; Spring wheat nearly all in and most of it up; the ground is getting dry, and rain would be beneficial; season very late, but prospects fair for good crops.

Douglas, Morrow County, H. W. Grable—First of week warm; latter part cold, with high winds; crops backward, but otherwise promising.

Milton, Umatilla County, F. A. Sikes—Warm early in week; changed to cooler on Wednesday, followed by a light shower; crops looking well, but in need of rain; some fruits slightly damaged by cold; pastures need more rain.

Plateau Region.

Imbler, Union County, L. Billings—Warm days and cool, frosty nights; fruit trees in bloom; grass and pasture growing slowly; some few fields of beets are up and have a good stand; seeding still in progress; severe wind Wednesday; soil dry.

Owyhee, Malheur County, J. M. Harris—Warm and dry; rain badly needed; range very poor; irrigating in progress; alfalfa is growing finely; prospects favorable for fruit.

Klamath Agency, Klamath County, George W. Loosley—Weather warm and dry; rain needed; grass growing nicely; meadow grass about six inches high; stock on the ranges are getting about all the feed they can eat; horses are shedding, and beginning to fatten.

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BIG HOP SHORTAGE.

Some Marion Growers Estimate Crop at Fifty Per Cent.

SALEM, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—George Ruef, a prominent hopgrower of the Suner district, in Polk County, estimates that the hop crop in that vicinity will be 40 to 50 per cent short of that of a full yield. He says that in a large number of the yards the missing hills are so numerous as to make it practically certain that the crop will be reduced as stated. The missing hills are not scattering, as is usually the case, but are in spots in the yards. One part of a yard will be in excellent condition, while another will be practically ruined so far as this season's crop is concerned. In some cases the vines began to grow, but were cut off just below the surface of the ground and the top part of the vine died. Mr. Ruef attributes the damage to the work of a worm that eats off the shoots below the surface of the ground.

George Bayne, another Polk County hopgrower, reports conditions very similar to those described by Mr. Ruef. Mr. Bayne's opinion of the extent of the damage is indicated by his statement to Manager Wistanley, of the Hopgrowers' Association, that he would be willing to sell his crop now on the basis of 500 pounds per acre. The yield should be twice that amount.

Hopmen who are disposed to take an optimistic view of the condition of the yards, say that the reports every year are that there is an increased number of missing hills, and that the 1903 crop will not on this account fall much short of the ordinary crop.

General Crop Report.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The weekly crop report of the Weather Bureau is as follows: The Ohio Valley, Middle Atlantic and Southern states have experienced another cool week, and while the temperature has been above the seasonable average in the more northerly districts, the reports generally indicate the need of warmth. In the lower Missouri, Central Mississippi and Ohio Valleys and North Atlantic Coast districts, including the northern portion of the east Gulf States, rains would be of much benefit. Rains are much needed also in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast districts. Rains have fallen in the west Gulf States and Florida. In Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin the conditions have been generally favorable.

Corn planting continues very late, but is now in general progress throughout the central valleys, and has begun in the extreme northern districts. Germination and growth have been very slow in all districts; in the west Gulf States, however, the crop has recovered rapidly from the effects of the cold of the previous week.

An improvement in the condition of Winter wheat is reported from Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Ohio, but the crop has suffered deterioration in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri, much in the southern portion of the last-mentioned state having been greatly damaged by rust and insects.

Wheat is now heading as far north as Kentucky and Southern Missouri. On the Pacific Coast Winter wheat continues thrifty in Oregon, but in Washington and California it is in need of rain, the late sown wheat in California being very unpromising. Spring wheat seeding is now practically finished, and the early sown is coming up to good stands, and is in healthy condition. No damage seems to have resulted from the severe weather of the previous week. In the northern Rocky Mountain district and in Washington the conditions are less favorable, rain being needed.

The reports concerning apples are somewhat more encouraging than in the previous week, but the outlook for most of the other fruit continues very poor.

Hops Contracted at Eleven Cents.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 12.—(Special.—D. H. Warnock, J. R. Marks and wife, of Aurora, have contracted to H. J. Miller, also of that city, under chattel mortgage, 10,000 pounds of 1903 hops. The price stipulated in the contract is 11 cents per pound, but the agreement calls for a number of advances of money before the delivery of the hops.

Twenty Cents Refused for Hops.

EUGENE, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—An offer of 20 cents per pound was refused for a lot of hops in Eugene today. A short time ago 18 cents was the best offered.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

The wheat markets continue in an extremely inactive condition. There is no pressure to buy or to sell. The small amount of grain remaining unsold is in strong hands.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 71c; bluestem, 74c; Valley, 74c.

BARLEY—Feed, $21@22 per ton; brewing, $23; rolled, $23.

OATS—No. 1 white, $1.05@1.10; gray, $1.05 per cental.

FLOUR—Valley, $3.70 per barrel; hard wheat straights, $3.35@3.65; hard wheat patents, $3.95@4.30; Dakota hard wheat, $4.10@5.20; Graham, $3.15@3.55.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $20 per ton; middlings, $26.50; shorts, $21; chop, U. S. mills, $17.50.

HAY—Timothy, $18@20; clover, nominal; grain, $16@17 per ton; cheat, $15@16.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

The butter market is looking better. San Francisco buyers are in the field offering up to 22 cents, which has had the effect of bracing up prices generally. The market was yesterday regarded as firm at quotations. Poultry is in good demand, particularly Spring chickens. Some Spring ducks are also offering. Eggs are coming in plentifully and are weak, and lower with prospects of a further decline.

BUTTER — Fancy creamery, 20@22½c per pound; dairy, nominal; store, 16c.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 12@12½c per pound; Spring, 16@17c; hens, 13@14½c; broilers, $2@3 per dozen; turkeys, live, 16@17c per pound; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, $7@7.50 per dozen; geese, $5@6.50.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, 16½c; Young America, 17½c; factory prices, 1@1½c less; California, 16c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 16@17c.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Strawberries were in light supply. A few Oregon berries came in from back of Mount Tabor, and they were all right. If growers there continue to send in as fine fruit, there will be no cause for complaint. California berries will be scarce today, as the express company is short of cars. A carlot of bananas came in yesterday, making three for the week. Oranges are in limited supply. Apples are plentiful again with large receipts from Hood River. Green stuff is in fair supply with prices generally unchanged. Onions are weaker again. There was a little flurry last week in San Francisco, but it is subsiding with increasing arrivals of new reds. Potatoes are dull.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 80@90c per sack; carrots, California, $1.35; beets, $1.40 per sack; cabbage, 2½@2½c; lettuce, head, 30c per dozen; hothouse, $1.50 per box; green onions, per dozen, 12½c; peas, per pound, 5c; parsley, per dozen, 25c; radishes, 15c per dozen; green artichokes, 35@40c per dozen; asparagus, 5c per pound; rhubarb, 2½@4c per pound; cucumbers, $1.75@2 per dozen; tomatoes, $4.50 per crate; cauliflower, 2c per pound.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, evaporated, 7½c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 5@6c; apricots, 8@10c; peaches, 7½@8c; pears, 7½@8½c; prunes, Italian, 4½@6c; figs, California blacks, 6c; do white, 7½c; Smyrna, 20c; plums, pitted, 4½@5½c.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Strawberries, California, $1.75 per crate; Oregon, 50c per pound; cherries, $1.50 per crate; apples, Ben Davis, 50c@$1.25; Gentian, $1@1.25; Spitzenberg, Baldwins, Newtown pippins, $1.50@2.

TROPICAL FRUIT—Lemons, $3@3.50 per box; oranges, navels, $2.50@3 per box; seedlings, $2 per box; tangerines, $1.75@2; grape fruit, $2.50 per box; bananas, 5c per pound; pineapples, $5@6 per dozen.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatel, 4-crown, 7½c; 3-crown, 7½c; 2-crown, 6½c; unbleached, seedless Muscatel raisins, 7½c; unbleached seedless Sultans, 6½c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.85; 2-crown, $1.75.

POTATOES—Best Burbanks, 50@60c per sack; ordinary, 35@45c, growers' prices; new potatoes, 8½c; Merced sweets, 3½@4c.

HONEY—15c per No. 1 frame.

ONIONS—Yellow Danvers, 40@50c per cental; Australian Browns, 50@60c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1902 crop, 20c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 18 pounds and up, 15@15½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 pounds, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 pounds, 10c; dry salted bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, sound, 60 pounds and over, 8½c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7½c; under 50 pounds and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5@5½c; kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 7c; veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 7c; calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.50@2; dry, each, $1@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2½@3c.

WOOL—Valley, 15@15½c; Eastern Oregon, 10@12c; mohair, 35@37½c.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Gross, cows, $3.25@4; steers, $4.25@5.25; dressed, 5@5½c per pound.

VEAL—7½@8c per pound.

MUTTON—Gross, $5@5.25; dressed, 7@9c.

HOGS—Gross, $7@7.50; dressed, 8@8½c.

HAMS—10@14 pounds, 15c per pound; 14@16 pounds, 14½c per pound; 18@20 pounds, 14½c; California (picnics), 11½c; cottage hams, 11½c; Union hams, 4@6 pounds average, none; shoulders, 11c; boiled ham, 21c; boiled picnic hams, boneless, 18c.

BACON — Fancy breakfast, 19c; standard breakfast, 17c; choice, 15½c; English breakfast bacon, 11@14 pounds, 15c.

DRY SALT MEATS—Regular short clears, 12½c. 13½c smoked; clear backs, 11½c salt, 12½c smoked; Oregon exports, 20@25 pounds average, 12½c dry salt, 13½c smoked; Union butts, 10@12 pounds average, 9½c dry salt, 10½c smoked.

LARD—Kettle rendered: Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12¾c; 50s, 12¾c; 20s, 13c; 10s, 13½c; 5s, 13¾c. Standard pure: Tierces, 12¼c; tubs, 12c; 50s, 12½c; 20s, 12¾c; 10s, 12¾c; 5s, 12¾c. Compound lard, tierces, 8¼c; tubs, 8c.

SAUSAGE—Portland, ham, 12½c per pound; minced ham, 10½c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 8c; wienerwurst, 9c; liver, 7c; pork, 10c; blood, 7c; head cheese, 7c; bologna sausage link, 7½c.

PICKLED GOODS—Portland, pigs' feet, ¼-barrels, $5; ½-barrels, $2.85; 15-pound kit, $1.25. Tripe, ½-barrels, $5.50; ¾-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1; pigs' tongues ½-barrel, $8; ¾-barrel, $5; 15-pound kit, $1.25. Lambs' tongues, ½-barrel, $8.25; ¾-barrel, $4.75; 15-pound kit, $2.25.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 23@25c; Java, fancy, 28@30c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 16@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, $10.75; Arbuckle's, $11.13 list; Lion, $11.13.

SALMON — Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.65 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; fancy 1-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 65c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.20; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $1.60.

BEANS—Small white, 4½c; large white, 4c; pinks, 3½c; bayou, 4½c; Lima, 5½c per pound.

SUGAR—Sack basis, per 100 pounds; cube, $5.77½; powdered, $5.62½; dry granulated, $5.52½; extra C, $5.02½; golden C, $4.92½; less ¼c per pound for spot cash. Advances over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. Maple, 10@16c per pound. Beet sugar, granulated, $5.17½ per 100 pounds.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.75; No. 2, $5.37½; Carolina head, $7.25; broken head, $4.

NUTS—Peanuts, 9¼c per pound for raw, 5@8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, 85@90c per dozen; walnuts, 13½@14½c per pound; pine nuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15@16c; fancy pecans, 17c; almonds, 14@15c; chestnuts, 16c.

SALT—Liverpool, 50s, 45c per sack; half ground, per ton, 50s, $14.50; 100s, $14; Worcester salt, bulk, 320s, $3 per barrels; linen sacks, 5½s, 88c per sack; baled, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s, $2.10 per bale.

WHEAT SACKS—In lots of 100, 6@6½c.

Oils.

COAL OIL—Pearl or astral oil, cases 22½c per gallon; water white oil, iron barrels, 16c; wood barrels, 18½c; eocene oil, cases, 24½c; elaine oil, cases, 27½c; extra star, cases, 25½c; headlight oil, 175 degrees, cases, 24½c; iron barrels, 18c.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 24½c; iron barrels, 18c; 86 degrees gasoline, cases, 28½c; iron barrels, 22c.

BENZINE—63 degrees, cases, 23c; iron barrels, 16½c.

LINSEED—Boiled, cases, 59c; barrels, 54c; linseed, raw, cases, 57c; barrels, 52c; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less per gallon.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 71c; wood barrels, 67½c; iron barrels, 65c; 10-case lots, 70c.

LEAD—Collier Atlantic white and red lead in lots of 50 pounds or more, 6c; less than 500 pounds, 6½c.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 3000, including 1000 Texans. Good to prime steers, $5.20@5.60; poor to medium, $4@5; stockers and feeders, $3@5; cows, $1.60@4.75; heifers, $1.25@5; canners, $1.65@3; bulls, $2.50@4.50; calves, $2.50@6.25; Texas fed steers, $4.25@4.85.

Hogs—Receipts today, 17,000; tomorrow, 25,000; left over, 8000. Mixed and butchers, $6.35@6.60; good to choice heavy, $6.65@6.85; rough heavy, $6.40@6.55; light, $6.25@6.45; bulk of sales, $6.50@6.60.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000. Market for sheep steady; for lambs steady to 10c lower. Good to choice wethers, $5@5.85; fair to choice mixed, $3.75@4.75. Western sheep, $4.75@5.85; native lambs, $4.50@7.35; Western lambs, $4.75@7.35; Colorado lambs, $6.65@6.35.

OMAHA, May 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 3500. Market active and 10c higher. Native steers, $4.25@5.25; cows and heifers, $3.25@4.40; canner, $2@3; stockers and feeders, $3@4.80; calves, $3@6; bulls, stags, etc., $3.25@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 7500. Market 5@10c lower. Heavy, $6.47½@6.60; mixed, $6.45@6.47½; light, $6.40@6.47½; pigs, $5.50@6.50; bulk of sales, $6.45@6.47½.

Sheep—Receipts, 3000. Market steady. Fed muttons, $5@5.75; wethers, $4.75@5.40; ewes, $3.80@4.80; common and stockers, $2.50@4.25; lambs, $5@7.35.

KANSAS CITY, May 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,600 head, including 1500 Texans. Market steady. Native steers, $3.75@6.25; Texas and Indian steers, $3.50@4.75; Texas cows, $2.90@3.75; native cows and heifers, $1.50@4.75; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.75; bulls, $2.75@3.75; calves, $2.50@6.80; Western steers, $2.85@5.15; Western cows, $2@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 16,000 head. Market 5@10c lower; bulk of sales, $6.40@6.55. Heavy, $6.50@6.60; packers, $6.35@6.45; medium, $6.40@6.55; light, $6.30@6.45; Yorkers, $6.40@6.45; pigs, $5.35@6.30.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000 head. Market steady. Muttons, $3.80@5.09; lambs, $4.80@7.60; range wethers, $3.85@6; ewes, $3.75@5.50.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, May 12.—There was a sharp break in London tin today, spot there declining £1 7s to £134 5s, while futures lost £1 2s 6d, closing at £133 15s. Locally, tin was also weak and a little lower, spot being quoted at 29.50@29.70c.

Copper was unchanged in London at £63 5s for spot, and £63 2s 6d for futures. In New York, copper was quiet and nominally unchanged at 14.75c for Lake, electrolytic and casting.

Lead was unchanged in London at £11 17s 6d, and at 4.37½c in the local market.

Spelter was also unchanged in London, closing there at £21 10s, and in New York at 6.57½c.

Iron closed at 52s 3d in Glasgow, and at 46s 9d in Middlesboro. Locally, iron was about 50 points lower on No. 1 foundry Northern, which is now quoted at $21@22; No. 2 Northern is quoted at $20.25@20.50; No. 1 foundry Southern and do soft, $21@21.50. Warrants are nominal.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Andes	$0 24	Justice	$0 07
Best & Belcher	1 65	Mexican	80
Bullion	5	Ophir	1 60
Caledonia	1 45	Overman	41
Challenge Con.	37	Potosi	20
Chollar	26	Savage	22
Confidence	1 00	Seg. Belcher	22
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 35	Sierra Nevada	65
Crown Point	26	Silver Hill	1 30
Exchequer	3	Union Con.	85
Gould & Currie	44	Utah Con.	51
Hale & Norcross	73	Yellow Jacket	40

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Adams Con.	$0 20	Little Chief	$0 07
Alice	26	Ontario	5 55
Breece	20	Ophir	1 50
Brunswick Con.	4	Phoenix	8
Comstock	6	Potosi	27
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 25	Savage	20
Horn Silver	1 10	Sierra Nevada	72
Iron Silver	1 60	Small Hopes	40
Leadville Con.	2	Standard	2 50

BOSTON, May 12.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 9 00	Osceola	$ 87 00
Allouez	6 75	Quincy	112 00
Amalgamated	65 75	Santa Fe Copper	2 00
Bingham	30 00	Tamarack	140 00
Cal. & Hecla	530 00	Trimountain	90 00
Centennial	23 00	Trinity	8 75
Copper Range	68 62	United States	24 50
Dominion Coal	105 00	Utah	29 50
Franklin	10 25	Victoria	5 25
Isle Royale	10 50	Winona	12 00
Mohawk	51 50	Wolverine	70 00
Old Dominion	18 00		

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Coffee—Futures opened inactive at unchanged prices, and ruled quiet, with featureless foreign markets, but in the absence of offerings were bid up net 5@10 points, closing steady on that basis. Sales were 13,000 bags, including June at $3.90; August, $4.10; September, $4.20@4.25; November, $4.30. Spot, quiet; No. 7 Rio, 5½c.

Sugar—Spot quiet; refined, steady; fair refining, 3 3-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 11-16c; molasses sugar, 3c; crushed, $5.40; powdered, $4.90; granulated, $4.80. Molasses sugar firm.

GAINS ARE SWEPT AWAY

SELLING MOVEMENT CARRIES LOSSES IN ITS TRAIN.

Influence of Official Announcement of Rock Island—St. Louis & San Francisco Deal.

NEW YORK, May 12.—There was a languid upward movement of prices in spots during a part of the day's session of the stock market, but before the day's trading was over selling had developed on the largest activity of the day, which wiped out practically all the previous grains and established losses of a point in United States steel preferred and New York Central.

The official announcement of the Rock Island-St. Louis & San Francisco deal was an influence at the opening, although the direct effect was confined to St. Louis San Francisco. Rock Island hung back. There was trading in the outside market in the new Rock Island 5 per cent collateral bonds, and the establishment of quotations at 97¼ afforded a basis for estimating the exchange value of St. Louis & San Francisco under the plan at 82. The price advanced from last night's closing at 78½ to 80¾, but suffered in the general reaction.

A belief that the suspended Hocking Valley deal would be next taken up was reflected in a jump of 4¼ in that stock. Delaware & Hudson's 2¾-point advance was attributed to the election of E. H. Harriman to the directory. Published reports of the Wabash plan for a Baltimore outlet direct from Pittsburg were responsible for the strength in those stocks and the Wheeling & Lake Eries. The strength of Colorado fuel was connected with reports of Rockefeller-Gould control. Covering of shorts by professional bears clearly played a large part in the market's recovery. Their attempts yesterday to uncover stop loss orders having proved unsuccessful, they were disposed to retrace their course.

The opinion which greeted the monthly crop report added to this disposition, as the deterioration in the Winter wheat crop was no greater than expected, with a good promise of remaining a bumper crop. The weekly bulletin of the Weather Bureau offered further encouragement to hope for good crops. Speculation remained much repressed, however. The postponement of a strike on the Southern Pacific was considered satisfactory, but the more serious outlook on the Great Northern system offset this.

The unbridled speculation in the cotton market is the cause of some apprehension by reason of the demand upon the money market, caused thereby and the fears of a curtailment of consumption. The statement of April exports, showing a decrease in the cotton movement, compared with April of last year, indicated the detrimental effect of the high price. The result upon the exchange market from the curtailed cotton movement, in view of the inauguration of gold exports, is also dreaded.

Foreign exchange ruled firm today and a further outward movement of gold is looked for. The reduction in the grain rate from Chicago to New York was a depressing influence on the trunk lines all day, and this depression became more acute in the late selling movement. The principal aggravating cause of the late break in the market, however, was a report from Pittsburg of a cut in the price of steel billets by the principal competitor of the United States Steel Corporation. This report carried United States Steel preferred suddenly down to a point under last night, the whole market weakening in sympathy.

There was considerable variety in the bond market, but the price movement was irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,185,000. United States 2s declined ¼ on the last call.

Closing Stock List.

STOCKS.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	17,300	80¾	79½	79½
do pfd	100	97½	97½	97
Baltimore & Ohio	4,200	92¾	91¾	91½
do pfd	200	94	94	93
Canadian Pacific	6,400	132¾	131¾	132
Canada Southern				71½
Chesapeake & Ohio	2,800	44¾	44¼	44
Chicago & Alton	400	31	30¼	30½
do pfd				69
Chi. Gt. Western	800	23	22¾	22¾
do A pfd				75
do B pfd	100	38¾	38¾	37¾
Chicago & N. W.	200	182½	182¼	181
Chi. Term. & Trans.				16
do pfd	400	29¾	29¼	29¾
C., C., C. & St. L.				91
Colorado Southern	500	24¾	24	24
do 1st pfd				64½
do 2d pfd	700	36½	36	35¾
Delaware & Hudson	300	178¾	177½	177½
Del., Lack. & West.	700	253	252	252½
Denver & Rio Grande	300	36½	36¼	36½
do pfd				86½
Erie	2,800	35¼	34¾	34¾
do 1st pfd	2,700	68¾	68	68
do 2d pfd	1,400	57¼	57¼	57¼
Great Northern pfd				185
Hocking Valley	3,400	105	102	103½
do pfd	1,000	95½	95	96
Illinois Central	3,000	130¾	129	130½
Iowa Central				35¼
do pfd				60
Lake Erie & Western	100	40	40	40
do pfd				140
Louisville & Nashville	4,400	118¾	118	118½
Manhattan L	2,500	142	141¼	141½
Metropolitan St. Ry.	1,000	131½	131¼	131
Mexican Central	600	27½	27¼	27¼
Mexican National	1,000	24¾	23¾	23½
Minn. & St. Louis	100	92	92	91
Missouri Pacific	2,800	113	112	112
M., K. & T.	1,500	26¾	26¼	26
do pfd	700	58	57¾	57
New Jersey Central				172
New York Central	1,400	130½	129½	129¾
Norfolk & Western	2,400	71½	71½	71½
do pfd				88½
Ontario & Western	10,000	29½	29¼	29¼
Pennsylvania	54,800	130¾	129¾	129¾
Reading	8,500	55¼	54¾	54¾
do 1st pfd				83½
do 2d pfd	100	70	70	69¾
St. L. & S. F.	6,400	80¾	79¾	79¾
do 1st pfd				80
do 2d pfd	200	71½	71½	70¾
St. Louis Southwestern	100	24	24	23½
do pfd	100	54½	54½	54½
St. Paul	9,300	161¾	160¾	160¾
do pfd	100	183½	183½	183
Southern Pacific	6,500	55¾	54¾	54½
Southern Ry.	1,800	30¾	30¼	30½
do pfd	400	93	92¾	92¾
Texas & Pacific	200	36¼	35	35
Toledo, St. L. & W.	200	26½	26	26
do pfd	100	42½	42½	42¾
Union Pacific	10,900	90½	89½	89¾
do pfd	200	91¼	91¼	90½
Wabash	200	28¾	28	27¾
do pfd	21,300	49¼	48	47½
Wheeling & L. E.	4,800	24	23¼	23
do 2d pfd	900	36	35	35
Wisconsin Central	400	24	23¾	23½
do pfd	600	47¾	47¾	47¾
Express companies—				
Adams				225
American				205
United States				125
Wells-Fargo				205
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	13,700	67	65¾	65¾
Amer. Car & Foundry	100	30¼	30¼	30¼
do pfd	200	91¾	91¼	91¼
Amer. Smelt. & Ref.	500	50¾	50¼	50¼
do pfd	400	95¾	95¾	95½
Anaconda Mining Co.				106¼
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	900	66¾	65¼	65¾
Colo. Fuel & Iron	8,800	66¾	65¼	66
Consolidated Gas	200	208	208	207
Cont. Tobacco pfd				118
General Electric	500	193	192	190¼
Rocking Coal	200	19¾	19¾	19
International Paper	100	18	18	17¾
do pfd	100	70½	70½	70
International Power				42¾
Laclede Gas				97
National Biscuit				43¾
National Lead				20
North American				96
Pacific Coast				56
People's Gas	200	104½	104	103¾
Pressed Steel Car	100	59½	59½	59½
do pfd	200	91¾	91¾	91½
Pullman Palace Car	100	217	217	212
Republic Steel	300	19	18¼	18¾
do pfd				78
Sugar	400	126	126	125¾
Tenn. Coal & Iron	1,800	63¾	62½	62
U. S. Leather	4,600	14¼	13¾	13¾
do pfd	8,200	86¾	85¼	85¼
U. S. Rubber	700	17	16½	16
do pfd	1,400	54	52¾	52½
U. S. Steel	10,200	35	34½	34½
do pfd	12,000	84¾	83¾	83½
Western Union				93¼
American Locomotive	300	26¾	26¼	26¼
do pfd	400	93¼	93¼	93
Kansas City Southern				30¼
do pfd	1,000	53¾	52¾	52¾
Rock Island	19,500	44¾	44¼