COOLER THAN USUAL

Weather in Past Week Retarded Growth of Cereals,

WERE NO DAMAGING FROSTS

Reports on Fruit Are Contradictory—Output of Peaches Will Be Light—Missing Hills in the Hopyards.

United States Department of Agriculture, Climate and crop service, Portland, Or., May 19.—The week has been cooler than usual, and much needed rains have occurred in Southern Oregon and a few light showers fell in the eastern sections of the state. No damaging frosts have been reported, but high winds have slightly injured the wheat crop in Umatilla County and retarded the growth of Spring grain in Union County. Wire and cut worms are also reported to be doing slight damage in some sections, but in general the condition of wheat, oats, barley and rye is promising, although these crops are backward. Grass and pasturage are now making splendid growth in the western part of the state, and the flow of milk in the dairy districts is excellent, both as to quantity and quality. Sheep shearing is advancing slowly, and the clip continues to be reported light.

Plowing land for Summer fallow is nearly completed, and corn land is mostly all planted. Corn is coming up slowly, owing to the cool weather. Reports from the hopgrowing districts are that the crop is quite uneven, and the number of missing hills is much greater than usual. The new yards are doing better than the old ones. Gardens and potatoes are promising. Sugar beet planting is well advanced and the plants are coming up to good stands.

Reports on fruit are somewhat conflicting, with the prospects generally favorable for good crops of berries, cherries, pears and plums. Peaches will be light, and it is too early to estimate closely regarding apples.

COAST DISTRICT.

Clatsop, Clatsop County, D. F. Stafford—Sunshine and showers this week; a little cold for the season; all crops thrifty; pasture pretty good; flow of milk greater than usual.

Tidewater, Lincoln County, James Monroe—Weather warm, with occasional showers; grass and all vegetation made a more rapid growth than any previous week; a small amount of planting yet to be done; fruit prospects good.

Minerva, Lane County, L. C. Ackerley—Week favorable for all kinds of crops; prospect for fruit very good.

Templeton, Coos County, Andrew Olson—Weather excellent for all kinds of crops; stock doing well; flow of milk increasing.

Eckley, Curry County, Joseph Haines—Weather very favorable for all farm work; planting all done; wheat, oats and garden truck are making rapid growth; prospect fine for fruit; stock doing well; feed good on ranges.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

Mist, Columbia County, J. W. Jones—Week showery; all crops looking well; grass and grain growing finely; stock of all kinds looking well; prospects good for fruit.

Gresham, Multnomah County, Mrs. J. J. Moll—The rains have helped all vegetation; grain and grass are growing rapidly; pastures excellent; early potatoes doing nicely; nearly all crops are planted.

Sherwood, Washington County, B. F. Webster—All farm crops looking well; hops at top of poles and growers busy training them; a great deal of complaint made of missing hills.

Hubbard (Elliott Prairie district), Clackamas County, George Pope—All grain crops have made satisfactory progress owing to favorable weather; corn planting about completed; fruit also about finished blooming; pastures good; the situation in hop yards is not improved; considerable shortage of vines in many yards, which, it is thought, cannot be overcome even with favorable weather conditions.

Falls City, Polk County, B. B. Harrington—Past week was very favorable for growing crops; apples in bloom; pastures are good; stock in good condition; strawberries and all fruit growing nicely.

Bellfountain, Benton County, A. H. Buckingham—Weather variable; a good crop of grass is assured for stock; grain in this locality is almost all seeded, with prospects for a good season; sheep shearing is in progress.

Liberty, Marion County, B. Cunningham—Rains during the week have pushed everything along nicely; pastures are good and stock looking well; grain making fine growth; fruit prospects excellent, except petite prunes and bartlett pears.

Goldson, Lane County, J. M. Goldson—First of week warm and dry, last four days showery; everything looks flourishing; stock is doing well; sheep shearing will be resumed as soon as the rains cease.

SOUTHERN OREGON.

Elkton, Douglas County, J. M. Robinson—Crops looking well; late warm rains insured good yields; gardens doing well; prospects good for an average crop of fruit.

Phoenix, Jackson County, George Alford—First of week warm, latter part cold, with light showers; more rain needed for corn; barley well jointed; pastures poor; fruit promises well.

Kerby, Josephine County, James Spence, M. D.—More rain required for upland crops; lowland crops look well; cherries and pears promise good yields; peaches, early prunes and plums a failure; Fall apples fair crop. Winter apples not more than half a crop; cattle and horses doing well on range; nights cold, with light frosts.

COLUMBIA RIVER VALLEY.

Endersly, Wasco County, W. J. Harriman—Early part of week very warm, latter part light showers and cold; crops improving; Fall barley headed out.

Grass Valley, Sherman County, George B. Bourhill—Cut worms still continue to do some damage; Fall wheat shows up better, made good growth during week; Spring wheat not doing as well; farmers all busy plowing Summer fallow.

Hardman, Morrow County, A. B. Stanley—Week cool; vegetation backward; fruit crop promises well; Fall wheat thin on ground and backward; all crops need rain; light frost Wednesday night, no damage; stock in good condition.

Vinson, Umatilla County, Joseph Doherty—Weather still dry; lambing and shearing nearly completed; preparations being made to start stock for Summer ranges; grains, Spring sown especially, rather slow; too dry for much growth; stock doing well; grass very good, alfalfa being irrigated.

PLATEAU REGION.

Island City, Union County, J. M. McCall—Good showers Friday, more rain needed; nights cool; apples blooming very full; Fall wheat looks fine, Spring sown mostly up; sugar beets nearly all planted; first planting up and doing nicely; good crop promised; early gardens up.

Miles, Baker County, P. H. Miles—Weather dry, rain needed; vegetation growing slowly.

Prairie City, Grant County, John W. Hall—Grain drying up and crop will be very poor unless it rains soon; plum trees in full bloom; grass on the hills very short yet, and cattle are not doing well; sheep shearing in progress.

Post, Crook County, J. B. Meyer—Weather dry; crops generally looking bad; irrigation ditches all running; early gardens up; fruit trees in bloom; grass on range drying up; alfalfa growing; amount Winter killed large.

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General Crop Report.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The weekly crop report of the Weather Bureau is as follows:

All northern and central districts east of the Rocky Mountains experienced highly favorable temperatures during the week ending May 18, the central valleys, Lake region and New England receiving ample and much-needed warmth, while in the Southern States it was too cold for favorable growth. The very general absence of rain in New England and the Middle Atlantic States and over a large part of the Lake region and Ohio Valley has intensified drouth in these districts, in consequence of which crops have made slow progress. The East Gulf States and portions of the Lower Missouri and Mississippi Valleys have suffered from excessive rains. On the Pacific Coast the week was rather cool, with no rain over the greater part of California. There were generally good rains in Washington, with light showers over a large part of Oregon, but more rain is needed in the last-named state.

Corn planting has been further delayed by rains in the states of the Lower Missouri Valley, and by drouth in the Ohio Valley, Middle Atlantic States and portions of the Lake region. Planting is well advanced in the Dakotas, and, notwithstanding the wet soil in Iowa and Missouri, has vigorously been pushed in those states.

Winter wheat has made favorable progress in Nebraska and Minnesota, but in Southern Missouri and in the states northward of the Ohio River and in the Middle Atlantic States, the crop has suffered further deterioration. In the Spring wheat region the weather conditions have been highly favorable for germination and growth of Spring wheat, which is coming up to good stands with vigorous plants. In the Northern Rocky Mountain States, the growth of Spring wheat has been slow; in Washington and Oregon the outlook is very promising.

In the Missouri Valley, Oklahoma and Texas a general improvement in the condition of oats is indicated, but in the Ohio Valley, Middle Atlantic States and the greater part of the Lake regions, the condition of the crop is less favorable, owing to the effects of drouth. There is general complaint throughout the cotton belt of the unfavorable effects of low temperature on cotton. Good stands, as a rule, are reported in the central district, but in the eastern and western portions the stands are irregular, and much replanting is necessary. Further improvement in the outlook for apples is indicated, but the prospects for most of other tree fruits are very poor.

SALEM BERRY OUTPUT.

Contract Signed for Its Disposal—Local Market Overloaded.

The Salem Fruitgrowers' Union, composed of fruitgrowers in the territory around Salem, has signed a contract with a Portland distributing firm to handle its fruit output this season. Of strawberries, the union will turn over about 25,000 crates, a part of which will be cannery stock. Later, the distributors will handle blackberries, raspberries, apples, pears, plums and peaches.

The local strawberry market is still overloaded, a portion of each day's receipts being carried over every day. California berries in good condition are selling at $1@1.25 per crate, but poor stock is offering at almost any figure. Oregon berries are fairly plentiful, but many of the arrivals show the effect of rain.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

With no foreign inquiry for our wheat, and consequently an inactive local market, the fluctuations that are taking place in Eastern grain centers are practically without effect here. The undertone of value is firm, but in the nature of things, quotations are almost purely nominal.

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

BARLEY—Feed, $20 per ton; brewing, $21; rolled, $22@22.50.

OATS—No. 1 white, $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@3.35.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $23 per ton; middlings, $27; shorts, $23; chop U. S. mills, $18.

HAY—Timothy, $20@21; clover, nominal; grain, $18@19 per ton; cheat, $15@16.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Poultry receipts were very light and offerings were quickly taken. Eggs were in slow demand. Butter is unchanged with local supplies unevenly distributed. There was some inquiry from California and from Puget Sound, but on a basis that did not permit of business.

BUTTER — Fancy creamery, 20@22½c per pound; dairy, nominal; store, 18c.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 12@12½c per pound; Spring, 16@17c; hens, 13@15½c; broilers, $2@3 per dozen; turkeys, live, 16@17c per pound; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, $7@1.50 per dozen; geese, $6@6.50.

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

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 16@16½c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 28@35c; Java, fancy, 29@32c; Java, good, 26@28c; Java, ordinary, 16@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per pound. Columbia roast, $16.75; Arbuckle's, $11.13 list; Lion, $11.18.

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, 75c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.20; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $1.60.

BEANS—Small white, 4c; large white, 3¾c; pinks, 3¾c; bayou, 4½c; Lima, 5½c per pound.

SUGAR—Sack basis, per 100 pounds: cube, $4.17½; powdered, $4.02½; dry granulated, $4.02½; extra C, $3.92½; golden C, $4.02½; less ¼c per pound for spot cash. Advances over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. Maple, 12@14c per pound. Beet sugar, granulated, $3.42½ per 100 pounds.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.75; No. 2, $5.37½; Carolina head, $7.75; broken head, $4.

NUTS—Peanuts, 6¾c per pound for raw, 8@8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, 80@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, 48c per sack; half ground, per ton, 50s, $14.50; 100s, $14; Worcester salt, bulk, 320s, $5 per barrel; linen sacks, 50s, 86c per sack; bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s, $2.10 per bale.

WHEAT SACKS—In lots of 100, 6@6½c.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

The fruit market was plentifully supplied. Two cars of bananas, one green and the other overripe, one car of Mediterranean sweets, one car of lemons and over a car of California berries came to hand. Vegetables were also in sufficient supply. Prices, except on berries were unchanged.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 80@90c per sack; carrots, California, $1.40; beets, $1.40 per sack; cabbage, 2½@2¾c; 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 FRUIT—Strawberries, California, $1@1.25 per crate; Oregon, $2.50@3.50 per crate; cherries, $1.50 per crate; apples, Ben Davis, 50c@$1.25; Genitan, $1@1.25; Spitzenbergs, Baldwins, Newtown pippins, $1.50@2.

TROPICAL FRUIT—Lemons, $3@3.50 per box; oranges, navels, $2.50@3 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, 6½c; 2-crown, 5½c; 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, 2@2½c, Merced sweets, 3@3½c.

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

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1902 crop, 15@20c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@15½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 15c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 10c; dry salted hides and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, sound, 60 pounds and over, 8@8½c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7@8c; 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, 15½@16c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 35@37½c.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Gross, cows, $3.50@4.25; steers, $4.50@5; dressed, 8@8½c per pound.

VEAL—5½@6c per pound.

MUTTON—Gross, 4c; dressed, 7@8c.

HOGS—Gross, $6.50@7; dressed, 8@8½c.

HAMS—Light 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, 16c.

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@15 pounds average, 9½c dry salt, 10½c smoked.

LARD—Kettle rendered: Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12¾c; 50s, 12¾c; 20s, 13c; 10s, 13¼c; 5s, 13½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 12¾c; tubs, 12c; 50s, 12; 20s, 12¼c; 10s, 12¾c; 5s, 13½c. Compound lard, tierces, 8½c; tubs, 9c.

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, ½-barrels, $5; ¼-barrels, $2.85; 15-pound kit, $1.25. Tripe, ½-barrels, $5.50; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1; pigs' tongues ½-barrel, $6; ¼-barrel, $3; 15-pound kit, $1.25. Lambs' tongues, ½-barrel, $8.25; ¼-barrel, $4.75; 15-pound kit, $2.25.

Oils.

COAL OIL—Pearl or astral oil, cases 22½c per gallon; water white oil, iron barrels, 16c; wood barrels, 18½c; eocene oil, cases, 24½c; shine oil, cases, 21½c; 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.

CROP DAMAGE IN SOUTHWEST.

Leads to Plentiful Buying Orders in Chicago Wheat Pit.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Trading in wheat was dull the early part of the day, but later in the session more activity was manifested, buying orders being plentiful on reports of damage in the Southwest. Opening prices were easier on lower cables and on reports of continued rains in Manitoba, July being off ¼@⅜c at 72⅞@73c. The extreme dullness of trade early in the day and lower outside markets had a depressing influence, and prices declined still further, July selling off to 72⅝@72¾c. The Illinois and Indiana crop reports were somewhat bullish, and imparted a better tone to values, but trading continued slow during the last half hour, when reports from the Southwest came in and a good demand developed from pit traders and commission houses. The offerings, however, were limited, and in consequence prices advanced rapidly, July selling up to 74¼@74⅝c. The close was near the top, July being up 1⅝@1¾c, at 74⅛c.

There was a light trade in corn, with prices steady, the small country acceptances being the main feature. July closed ⅛@⅜c higher, at 44⅝@44¾c.

Trading in oats was dull, and confined mainly to the traders. July closed ⅛@⅜c higher, at 34c.

Provisions were traded in quite actively, and a strong tone prevailed. The strength was caused by a good general demand, and with very little for sale. Closing prices were strong, with September pork 20c higher; lard was up 10c, and ribs up 12½@15c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$0 79	$0 80½	$0 78⅝	$0 80
July	72⅞	74⅝	72⅞	74⅛
September	70⅝	71⅝	70⅝	71⅝
CORN.				
May	44⅝	44⅞	44⅝	44½
July	44⅝	44⅞	44⅝	44⅝
September	44¼	44⅝	44¼	44⅝
OATS.				
May	36⅝	36⅝	36½	36⅝
July	33	34	33½	34
September	30½	31¼	30½	31¼
MESS PORK.				
May	18 95	19 00	18 92½	19 00
July	17 17½	17 95	17 17½	17 17½
September	16 57½	16 87½	16 57½	16 77½
LARD.				
May	8 92½	9 07½	8 92½	9 07½
July	8 92½	9 10	8 92½	9 07½
September	8 95	9 10	8 95	9 07½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	9 25	9 35	9 25	9 30
July	9 40	9 50	9 37½	9 50
September	9 17½	9 32½	9 17½	9 32½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Was dull and steady.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, 79½@80½c; No. 3, 73@80c; No. 2 red, 78⅝@80½c.

Corn—No. 2, 45c; No. 2 yellow, 46½c.

Oats—No. 2, 36½c; No. 3 white, 36½@37½c.

Rye—No. 2, 50c.

Barley—Good feeding, 36@41c; fair to choice malting, 49@56c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.11; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.16.

Timothy seed—Prime, $3.50.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $17.50@17.62½.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $9@9.05.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $9.25@9.35.

Dry-salted shoulders—Boxed, $8.25@8.37½.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $9.52½@9.62½.

Clover—Contract grade, $11.00@11.75.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	23,600	24,500
Wheat, bushels	28,800	104,000
Corn, bushels	102,500	204,500
Oats, bushels	113,100	311,800
Rye, bushels	5,700	23,000
Barley, bushels	50,600	16,000

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Flour—Receipts, 28,600 barrels; exports, 25,500 barrels. More active and steadier.

Wheat—Receipts, 43,800 bushels; exports 75,100 bushels. Spot, firm. No. 2 red 83⅝c elevator and 82½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 84¼c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 89¼c f. o. b. afloat. Options were active and much stronger today, reflecting further bullish crop news from the Southwest, frost in the Northwest and general covering. Most of the upturn came after midday and the close was very firm at ⅞c advance on new crop positions. May closed, 83⅝c; July closed, 79½c; September closed, 78½c; December closed, 77⅞c.

Butter—Receipts, 9900 packages; state dairy, 17@21c; extra creamery, 22c; do common, 18@21½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 18,000. Irregular. Western storage packed, 17c; do firsts, 16½@17c.

Hops, hides and petroleum steady.

Wool—Firm.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19—Wheat—Steady.

Barley—Steady.

Oats—Firmer.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping, $1.32½@1.35; milling, $1.42½@1.52½; barley, feed, $1.10@1.11¼; brewing, $1.1⅝@1.16¼; oats, red, $1.12½@1.25; white, $1.20@1.30; black, $1.07@1.15.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Steady. December, $1.30; cash, $1.35.

Barley—Steady. December, 92c.

Corn—Large, yellow, $1.17½@1.20.

Changes in Available Supplies.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Special cable and telegraphic advices to Bradstreet's this week show the following changes in available supplies as compared with last account:

	Bushels.
Wheat, United States and Canada, east of Rockies, decreased	3,044,000
Afloat, for and in Europe, increased	700,000
Total supply, decreased	4,344,000
Corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decreased	1,340,000
Oats, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decreased	1,079,100

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, May 19.—Wheat cargoes on passage, quiet; English country markets quiet. Imports of wheat into United Kingdom, 324,000 bushels; flour, 209,000 barrels.

LIVERPOOL, May 18.—Wheat—Quiet. No. 1 standard California, 6s 9d. Wheat and flour in Paris quiet. French country markets quiet. Weather in England fine.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, May 19.—Wheat—Unchanged; bluestem, 77c; club, 75c.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Andes	$0 15	Mexican	$0 63
Belcher	30	Occidental Con.	25
Best & Belcher	1 50	Ophir	1 30
Bullion	4	Overman	32
Caledonia	1 20	Potosi	22
Challenge Con.	25	Savage	15
Chollar	20	Seg. Belcher	15
Confidence	1 00	Sierra Nevada	56
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 05	Silver Hill	1 00
Crown Point	15	Union Con.	64
Gould & Curry	35	Utah Con.	42
Hale & Norcross	50	Yellow Jacket	35
Justice	3		

NEW YORK, May 19.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con.	$0 20	Little Chief	$0 07
Alice	25	Ontario	5 50
Breese	20	Ophir	1 35
Brunswick Con.	3¾	Phoenix	
Comstock Tun.	8	Potosi	30
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 30	Savage	14
Horn Silver	1 13	Sierra Nevada	65
Iron Silver	1 25	Small Hopes	25
Leadville Con.	2	Standard	2 50

BOSTON, May 19.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 7 00	Osceola	$ 66 50
Allouez	6 75	Parrot	28 00
Amalgamated	64 25	Quincy	109 00
Daly-West	64 25	Santa Fe Copper	2 00
Bingham	28 50	Tamarack	125 00
Cal. & Hecla	525 00	Trinity	8 25
Centennial	24 00	United States	23 00
Copper Range	61 75	Utah	29 00
Dominion Coal	10 50	Victoria	5 00
Franklin	9 00	Winona	11 00
Mohawk	59 00	Wolverine	70 00
Old Dominion	17 12		

CULMINATION OF DECLINE

TURN OF THE TIDE IN SPECULATION AT NEW YORK.

Downward Course of Prices Believed to Be Arrested—The Professional Traders Go to the Buying Side.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Today's recovery in the stock market was in accordance with the expectation of the majority of professional traders. This expectation conduced materially to the recovery by restraining the professional bear element from further attacks on prices. Yesterday's rather violent declines and the increase in the volume of trading over the recent average of the market gave the impression of a culmination of the decline.

There was some further decided liquidation in the market this morning, but the professional bear element availed itself of this opportunity to cover their outstanding short contracts. There was evidence of support also, presumably by those interested in sustaining values, especially in St. Paul and New York Central. The recent unsupported condition of these standard stocks had had a dominant influence on the whole speculative tone and this morning's indications that the further drain was to be contested helped decide the bears to cover. The long continued decline offered attractive profits for the bulls, regardless of opinions on the further speculative outlook. The professionals, therefore, generally turned to the buying side, covering their short contracts, going long in the market and then working for a further delay. There was very little news to account for this change in sentiment, the general conditions of a doubtful labor outlook, prospects of further gold exports and considerations which have caused the recent depression being unchanged. The market proved to be sufficiently oversold to make the turn for a rise effectual. But the market "bulled hard," in the Stock Exchange phrase, and ran off quite easily at the last, leaving only fractions of the day's gains, where they were not entirely wiped out.

On the labor subject there were reports of disputes in the works of the General Electric Company, Republic Steel, People's Gas and Allis-Chambers Works. But the rumors prevalent of a settlement of the Union Pacific labor dispute had a prevailing effect on the market over the other reports. The rumors, with the report of the decided improvement in the condition of E. H. Harriman's health, were made much of in the buying movement. So was the weekly crop bulletin of the Weather Bureau, without much attention to the varying showing in the territories of the different railway systems. The generally encouraging reports as to the Winter wheat crop in the Western States were given more attention than the continued delay in the planting of the corn crop and the rather unfavorable view expressed of the cotton prospect. The sudden relapse in Louisville & Nashville at the last, which more than wiped out its gain, may have had to do with the cotton showing. Another rumor which got afloat on the tide of the day's advance was an alleged purpose on the part of the Secretary of the Treasury to anticipate the redemption of the 5 per cent bonds which mature next year. No color of authority was obtainable for this rumor.

Sterling exchange ruled strong and supply bills was very scarce, leading to the expectation that further gold would go abroad with the first available shipping facilities. Sterling at Paris rose a fraction, but did not more than keep pace with the rise here. Money here continued easy and there were reports of seven months' loans at 4½ which rate has not applied hitherto this season for longer periods than six months.

United States Steel new 5s were actively traded in and fluctuated over a range of a point, closing with a net gain of ⅝. Otherwise the bond market was irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,825,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

Closing Stock Quotations.

STOCKS.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	38,100	79¼	76⅝	77¼
do pfd	4,400	96⅝	96	96
Baltimore & Ohio	23,600	90⅝	89⅝	90
do pfd	300	92½	92	91
Canadian Pacific	11,400	131	129¾	130½
Canada Southern				69½
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,500	41½	40¾	41
Chi. & Alton	2,100	30½	29½	30¼
do pfd	500	69⅝	69½	69½
Chi. Gt. Western	2,900	21⅝	20¾	21
do A pfd				73
do pfd	200	39⅝	38	38¼
Chi. & N. W.	100	179	179	178
Chi. Term. & Trans.	1,100	15¼	14½	15
do pfd	1,400	27	25½	26
C., C., C. & St. L.				88
Colorado Southern	1,600	22	21	21½
do 1st pfd				68
do 2d pfd	500	32¼	31	32
Del. & Western	2,500	174	171	173
Del., Lack. & Western	300	252	251½	251¾
Denver & Rio Grande	600	34	33½	33½
do pfd				85¾
Erie	10,200	33⅝	33¼	33⅝
do 1st pfd	4,400	67	66¼	66⅞
do 2d pfd	2,800	55⅝	54	55
Great Northern pfd				185
Hocking Valley	100	100	100	98½
do pfd				84
Illinois Central	2,500	137⅝	136	137
Iowa Central	400	32¼	31	32¼
do pfd	600	55	53	53½
Lake Erie & Western	200	38	30	36
do pfd	100	108	108	105
Louisville & Nashville	2,500	115⅝	114¼	114¼
Manhattan L.	7,900	139⅝	138¼	138¼
Metropolitan St. Ry.	2,800	130½	129⅝	130
Mexican Central	900	27⅛	26½	26⅞
Mexican National	1,200	23¼	22⅛	23
Minn. & St. L.				69
Missouri Pacific	21,100	110	108½	109¼
M., K. & T.	1,600	24⅞	24	24⅝
do pfd	1,500	56¼	55¼	55
New Jersey Central				168
New York Central	7,200	126⅝	125¼	126
Norfolk & Western	2,400	69¼	68½	69¼
do pfd	100	90	90	89
Ontario & Western	2,100	27⅝	27⅛	27⅝
Pennsylvania	39,800	128	127½	127⅞
Reading	19,900	51⅝	50¼	50⅞
do 1st pfd				83
do 2d pfd	100	68½	68½	68
St. L. & S. F.	1,100	76¼	75¼	75⅝
do 1st pfd	100	80	80	78
do 2d pfd	200	67	67	66⅝
St. Louis S. W.	300	21	21	21½
do pfd	3,400	49⅝	49	49¼
St. Paul	31,000	157½	155½	156½
do pfd				189
Southern Pacific	12,800	52⅝	51¼	52
Southern Railway	11,900	28⅝	27⅞	28¼
do pfd				91¼
Texas & Pacific	3,200	33¼	32	32⅝
Toledo, St. L. & W.	100	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝
do pfd				41½
Union Pacific	22,600	88⅝	86⅝	87⅝
do pfd	200	93¼	89⅝	90
Wabash	800	26⅝	25⅝	26⅝
do pfd	7,900	47½	46	46⅝
Wheeling & L. E.	200	23	22½	22½
do 2d pfd	200	34¼	34¼	34
Wisconsin Central	800	22⅝	22⅝	22½
do pfd	400	45⅝	45	45
Express companies—				
Adams				221
American				203
United States				118
Wells-Fargo				200
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	26,400	65	63⅞	64¼
Amer. Car & Foundry	1,900	38⅝	38	38¼
do pfd	900	90	89	89
Amer. Linseed Oil	200	14	14	14
do pfd				39
Amer. Smelt. & Ref.	2,200	48⅝	48½	48⅝
do pfd	1,600	95¼	94	95¼
Anaconda Mining Co.	800	101⅝	101	100⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	7,700	65	63⅛	64¼
Colo. Fuel & Iron	1,800	68⅝	67	67½
Consolidated Gas	1,400	204¼	202⅝	203¼
Cont. Tobacco pfd				111½
General Electric	10,800	185⅝	183	185¼
Hocking Coal	200	17¼	17¼	17¼
International Paper	10,000	16⅝	15½	16¼
do pfd				70
International Power	100	39⅝	39⅝	38⅝
Laclede Gas				97
National Biscuit	200	42	42	41⅝
National Lead	100	19⅝	19⅝	19½
North American	400	96	93⅝	96
Pacific Coast				57
Pacific Mail				27
People's Gas	2,200	101	100¼	100⅝
Pressed Steel Car	1,900	58⅝	57¼	58¼
do pfd	600	90	89½	89½
Pullman Palace Car	200	215	214½	214
Republic	1,200	17	16	16⅝
do pfd	600	76⅝	75¼	76¼
Sugar	2,700	124	123	123⅝
Tenn. Coal & Iron	3,900	59¼	58¼	58⅝
Union Bag & Paper Co.	100	9