TO GRADE CEREALS

Grain-Standard Committee for Northwest Appointed.

SEND SAMPLES TO MARKET

President Burns, of Chamber of Commerce, Selects Five Men to Pass Upon Grains of Three States.

President W. J. Burns, of the Chamber of Commerce, has appointed Peter Kerr, of the Kerr-Gifford Grain Company; T. B. Wilcox, of the Portland Flouring Mills Company; C. E. Curry, of the Northwest Warehouse Company; Robert Kennedy, of the Pacific Coast Elevator Company, and D. A. Pattullo, of the firm of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., as the grain standard committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which will hold its first meeting of the present season this afternoon at the offices of the Chamber.

This committee is a body of men composed of the most practical grain men of the Northwest, which is appointed annually by the Portland Chamber of Commerce to establish a grain standard for the wheat of the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho in the markets of the world. Each Fall, as soon as the wheat harvest is well under way and the grain from the different sections begins to come into the markets from the fields, this committee is appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to inspect and grade and products of the country. Samples are sent to Portland from the different grain districts, which are examined by the committee, and graded as first, second or third quality, each different kind of grain being considered separately. This wheat is then placed in small sample bags, which are sent to the different grain markets of the world, where they can be seen and examined by the buyers. In this way the grades of grain grown in the Northwest can be seen in New York, Chicago, Liverpool and London, and men in those cities when making purchases can tell, by referring to the samples on exhibition at the trade centers, just what kind of grain they are buying before seeing the shipment in bulk.

The meeting this afternoon will be for organization. Later, when the wheat, barley and oats from the different parts of the country are sent to the committee, it will meet and grade the products of the three states. Already letters are beginning to come to the Commercial Club in large numbers asking for samples of the crops of the present year.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

There was little change in the local wheat market yesterday, but it seems probable that prices will make a slight advance today if Eastern news does not interfere. More latitude in white oats prices is allowed.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 77c; bluestem, 82c; Valley, 83c.

BARLEY—Feed, $20 per ton; rolled, $23@23.50.

OATS—No. 1 white, $1.20@1.25; gray, $1.20 per cental.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.25@4.55 per barrel; straights, $3.90@4.25; clears, $3.60@3.80; Valley, $4; Dakota hard wheat, $5.60@6.50; graham, $3.50@4; whole wheat, $4@4.25; rye flour, local, $4.50; Eastern, $5@5.10.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19 per ton; middlings, $25.50; shorts, $21; chop, U. S. Mills, $18. Linseed dairy food, $18; linseed oil meal, 1¼c per pound.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $6.25; lower grades, $5.25@5.50; bales, cream, $3.40; other grades, $3; oatmeal, steel cut, 50-pound sacks, $1.50 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4 per bale; oatmeal (ground), 50-pound sacks, $7 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4.25 per bale; split peas, $4.50 per 100-pound sack; 25-pound boxes, $1.25; pearl barley, $4 per 100 pounds; 25-pound boxes, $1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.50 per bale.

HAY—Timothy, $14@15 per ton; clover, $10@11; grain, $10@11; cheat, $10@11.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Eggs continue to advance in price. Butter is about stationary. The poultry demand fell off yesterday.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 25c per pound; fancy creamery, 23c. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 25c; store butter, 12@12½c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 23@24c; Eastern, 20@21c.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, jobbing price, 9@9½c; to the trade, 11@12c; young Americas, jobbing, 11@11½c; to the trade, 12@13c.

POULTRY—Fancy hens, 13@14c per pound; mid hens, 12@13c; mixed chickens, 11@12c; old roosters, 8@9c; young roosters, 11@12c; Springs, 1½ to 2-pound, 13@13½c; broilers, 1 to 1½-pound, 13@14c; dressed chickens, 12½@13c; turkeys, live, 15@16c; do dressed, 16@17c; do choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 7½@8c; do dressed, 9@10c; ducks, old, $3@5.50 per dozen; do young, as to size, $4@6; pigeons, $1@1.25.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Too much fruit was held over from last week for the good of the market yesterday. One carload of Oregon watermelons was received and another of California melons. Burbank potatoes made a slight decline. Peaches also fell off.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, $1.50; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.25; cabbage, 1½@2c; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 25c dozen; tomatoes, 60c per box; cauliflower, $1 per dozen; egg plant, 6@8c per pound; celery, 90c per dozen; cucumbers, 10@15c per dozen; peas, 4@6c per pound; beans, green, 4@5c; wax, 4@5c; squash, $1.25 per box; green corn, 10c per dozen; pumpkins, 1½c per pound.

ONIONS—New, $2 per cwt.

HONEY—$5@3.50 per case.

POTATOES—New Oregon Early Rose and Burbanks, $1.15@1.20; California Garnet Chilies, $1.25; Merced sweets, 2c.

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

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, evaporated, 6@8½c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, none; apricots, 10@11c; peaches, 9@10½c; pears, none; prunes, Italians, 4@5c; French, 2½@3½c; figs, California blacks, 5½c; do white, none; Smyrna, 20c; Fard dates, $1.50; plums, pitted, 6c.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, new, 50c@$1.25; plums, 50@65c; peaches, Oregon Crawfords, all sizes, 40@50c; cantaloupes, California, 50c@$1 per crate; Yakima, $1@1.75; casavas, $3 per dozen; watermelons, 90c per hundred; figs, $1 per box; prunes, $1.25 per box; grapes, 85c@$1.25; Bartlett pears, 90c@$1; nectarines, 75c.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, fancy, $3.25@3.50; choice, $3 per box; oranges, seedlings, $2@2.50; Valencias, $2.75@3.75 per box; Mediterranean sweets, $2@2.50 per box; St. Michaels, $2.50 per box; grapefruit, $2.50@3 per box; bananas, 5½@6c per pound; pineapples, $2.25 per dozen.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $18; 50s, $18.25; Arbuckle, $14.75; Lion, $13.75.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.37½; No. 2 Creole, $4.25; Carolina, 6c; broken head, 4c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.65 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; fancy 1½-pound flats, $1.50; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 87½c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.20; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $1.75; 1-pound flats, $1.85.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $5.50; powdered, $5.25; dry granulated, $5.15; extra C, $5.05; golden C, $5.05; fruit sugar, $5.25; advance over sack basis as follows: barrels, 10c; half-barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. (Terms: On remittance within 15 days, deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days, and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c per pound; no discount after 30 days.) Beet sugar granulated, $6.05 per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

SALT—Bales, $1.50; Liverpool, 50s, $16.50; 100s, $16; 200s, $15.50; half-ground, 100s, $5.50; 50s, $6.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15½c per pound by sack, 1c extra for less than sack; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 15c; pecans, jumbos, 15c; extra large, 14c; almonds, I. X. L., 15½@16c; ne plus ultras, 15c; nonpareils, 13c; chestnuts, Italians, 15c; Ohio, $4.50 per 25-pound drum; peanuts, raw, 8c per pound; roasted, 9@10c; pinenuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; cocoanuts, $5@90c per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 3¾c; large white, 3¼c; pink, 4¼c; bayou, 3½c; Lima, 4½c.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Dressed, 4@6c per pound.

MUTTON—Dressed, 4@5c per pound; lambs, 6@6c.

VEAL—Dressed, 100 to 125, 6@7c per pound; 125 to 200, 5@6c; 200 and up, 3@4½c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 150, 7½@8c; 150 and up, 7@7½c.

HAMS—Ten to 14 pounds, 14½c per pound; 14 to 18 pounds, 14c; 18 to 20 pounds, 14c; California (picnic), 11c; cottage hams, none; shoulders, 10½c; boiled ham, 21c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 14c.

SAUSAGE—Portland ham, 13c per pound; minced ham, 10½c; Summet, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 6½c; weinerwurst, 8c; liver, 5½c; pork, 10c; blood, 5½c; headcheese, 5½c; bologna sausage, link, 5½c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 17½c per pound; standard breakfast, 16½c; choice, 14½c; English breakfast, 11 to 14 pounds, 13½c; peach, sugar-cured, 14 to 16 pounds, 12½c.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Regular short clears, 9½c salt, 10½c smoked; clear backs, 9c salt, 10c smoked; Oregon exports, 20 to 25 pounds, average 10c salt, 11c smoked; Union butts, 10 to 18 pounds, average 8c salt, 9c smoked.

PICKLED GOODS—Pickled pigs' feet, ½-barrels, $5; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled tripe, ½-barrels, $5; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled pigs' tongues, ½-barrels, $5; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled lambs' tongues, ½-barrels, $8.25; ¼-barrels, $4.75; 15-pound kits, $2.25.

LARD—Kettle-rendered: Tierces, 9½c; tubs, 9¾c; 50s, 9¾c; 20s, 10c; 10s, 10¼c; 5s, 10½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 8½c; tubs, 9¼c; 50s, 9½c; 20s, 9¾c; 10s, 9¾c; 5s, 9¾c. Compound: Tierces, 6½c; tubs, 6¾c; 50s, 6¾c.

Oils.

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

COAL OIL—Cases, 21½c; iron barrels, 16c; wood barrels, none; 63 degrees, cases, 22c; barrels, 15½c. Washington State test burning oils, except headlight, ½c per gallon higher.

LINSEED OIL—Raw: Five-barrel lots, 57c; one-barrel lots, 58c; cases, 63c. Boiled: Five-barrel lots, 59c; one-barrel lots, 60c; cases, 65c.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 85c; barrels, 81c.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c; 500-pound lots, 8c; less than 500-pound lots, 8¼c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hop dealers are looking forward to the day some time this week when picking will be begun in a few yards. The contracts now being signed show few changes from the prices previously quoted.

HOPS—1903 crop, 22@25c per pound.

WOOL—Valley, 19@20c per pound; Eastern, Oregon, 10@17c; mohair, 30c per pound for choice.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@15½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 10 pounds, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 16c; dry, salted bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 8@8½c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7@8c; under 50 pounds and cows, 6½@7c; stags and bulls, sound, 4@4½c; kip, sound, 15 to 20 pounds, 7c; under 10 pounds, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound each; horse hides, salted, $1.50@2 each; dry, $1@1.50 each; colts' hides, 25@50c each; goatskins, common, 10@15c each; Angora, with wool on, 25c@$1.

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

LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Paid at Portland Union Stockyards Yesterday.

At the Portland Union Stockyards yesterday 129 cattle, 310 sheep and 66 hogs were handled. Following are the prices paid:

CATTLE—Best steers, $3; medium, $2.75; cows, $2@2.65.

HOGS—Best large, fat hogs, $5.50@6; medium large hogs, $5.

SHEEP—Best Eastern Oregon and Valley, $2@2.25.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Receipts, 22,000, including 1000 Texans and 7000 Westerns. Steady to 10c higher. Good to prime steers, $5.60@6.10; poor to medium, $3.50@5.10; stockers and feeders, $2@3.75; cows, $1.35@4.50; heifers, $2.75@4.75; canners, $1.35@2.25; bulls, $2.75@4; calves, $4@6.25; Texas fed steers, $3@3.40; Western steers, $2.75@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 24,000. Market 5@10c higher. Mixed and butchers, $5.25@5.75; good to choice heavy, $5.35@5.67½; rough heavy, $4.75@5.20; light, $5.40@5.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 30,000. Sheep and lambs steady. Good to choice wethers, $3.75@4.25; fair to choice mixed, $3.30@3.60; Western sheep, $3.25@4.10; native lambs, $4.50@6; Western lambs, $4.25@6.

SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 29.—Cattle—Receipts 7300. Market steady. Native steers, $3.75@5.85; cows and heifers, $2.75@3.80; Western steers, $3@4.40; Texas steers, $2.75@3.50; cows and heifers, $2.25@3.35; canners, $1.50@2.10; stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.50; calves, $3@4.75; bulls, stags, etc., $1.50@3.25.

Hogs—Receipts 3500. Market active and 5c higher. Heavy, $5.20@5.40; mixed, $5.25@5.30; light, $5.30@5.40; pigs, $4.50@5.00; bulk of sales, $5.22@5.35.

Sheep—Receipts 14,000. Market weak to 10c lower. Western yearlings, $3.60@5.90; wethers, $3.25@3.65; ewes, $3@3.50; common and stockers, $2.50@3.65; lambs, $4.75@5.40.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 29.—Cattle—Receipts 16,000. Market steady. Native steers, $3.75@6.00; native cows and heifers, $1.50@4.50; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.10; bulls, $2@3.25; calves, $2.25@5.00; Western steers, $3@4.25; Western cows, $1.50@3.50.

Hogs—Receipts 3000. Market 5c higher. Bulk of sales, $5.25@5.40; heavy, $5.20@5.30; packers, $5.25@5.40; pigs and light, $5.20@$5.45.

Sheep—Receipts 5000. Market 10c higher. Muttons, $3.25@4.10; lambs, $4.25@5.75; range wethers, $3.25@4.00; ewes, $2.50@3.60.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Andes	$ .19	Justice	$ .11
Belcher	.22	Occidental Con	.75
Best & Belcher	1.20	Ophir	.25
Bullion	.30	Overman	.21
Caledonia	.64	Potosi	.18
Challenge Con	.21	Savage	.21
Chollar	.16	Seg. Belcher	.11
Confidence	.65	Sierra Nevada	.63
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.15	Silver Hill	.53
Crown Point	.17	Union Con.	.59
Gould & Curry	.90	Utah Con.	.07
Hale & Norcross	.60	Yellow Jacket	.20

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Closing:

Adams Con.	$ .25	Little Chief	$ .05
Alice	.20	Ontario	3.30
Breece	.15	Ophir	2.35
Brunswick Con.	.14	Phoenix	.14
Comstock Tunnel	.10	Potosi	.14
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.65	Savage	.50
Horn Silver	1.50	Sierra Nevada	.30
Iron Silver	1.70	Small Hopes	.20
Leadville Con.	.02	Standard	1.85

BOSTON, Aug. 29.—Closing:

Adventure	$ 1.75	Michigan	$ 5.50
Allouez	14.00	Mohawk	45.25
Amalgam.	57.50	Old Dominion	13.50
Am. Zinc	12.00	Osceola	72.00
Atlantic	13.75	Parrot	25.50
Bingham	27.12	Quincy	87.00
Cal. & Hecla	520.00	Shannon	3.62
Centennial	28.87	Tamarack	105.00
Copper Range	56.62	Trinity	7.50
Daly West	19.62	U. S. Mining	21.87
Dom. Coal	52.00	U. S. Oil	11.62
Franklin	9.00	Utah	42.62
Granby	3.12	Victoria	3.25
Isle Royale	14.25	Winona	10.25
Mass. Mining	3.25	Wolverine	88.00

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Tin was a little lower, the decline being considered in the nature of a reaction following the recent advance. Spot in London closed £122 12s 6d and futures £123 2s 6d, while the local market is quiet at $27.50@27.80.

Copper was a shade lower in London, where it closed at £57 5s for both spot and futures. Locally the market is steady, with lake and electrolytic at $12.50@12.75, and casting at $12.25@12.50.

Lead was firmer in the local market, closing at $4.25@4.30. In London prices were unchanged at £11 15s.

Spelter was also higher in New York, with spot quoted at $5@5.10. London was unchanged at £22 15s.

Iron closed at 51s 9d in Glasgow, and at 43s 1½d in Middlesboro. Locally iron was unchanged. No. 1 foundry Northern is quoted at $13.75@14.25; No. 2 foundry at $13.25 Northern, and $13.75; No. 1 foundry Southern and No. 1 foundry Southern soft, $13.50@13.75.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—The evaporated apple market is in very slight supply, and while demand is only moderate, prices are firmly held. Common are quoted at 4@5½c; prime, 5¾@6c; choice, 6¼@6¾c; fancy, 7@7½c.

Prunes are quiet, Coast advices indicate an easy market for futures. There is little demand for immediate delivery, and the market is dull. Quotations range from 2 to 6½c, according to description.

Apricots are firmly held. Choice, 9½@10c; extra choice, 10¼@10½c.

Peaches are in little better demand and rule firm. Extra choice quoted at 8c; fancy, 9½@10c.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 29.—Wool quiet. Medium grades combing and clothing, 20@26c; light fine, 16@20c; heavy fine, 12@16c; tubwashed, 22@35c.

HALF BILLION BUSHELS

ESTIMATE OF TOTAL CROP STIRS WHEAT PIT.

Brokers Trade Erratically Until Influenced by Report of Short Yield and New Statistics.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Foreign cables caused weakening in wheat today at the opening. Final quotations on December are down ⅝@⅞c, at $1.06½ to $1.07. For the first half hour the market was very erratic, prices fluctuating nervously. As soon as the rush of selling was spent, however, the domestic situation again came into prominence. As it apparently showed no improvement many traders, ignoring the large shipments to Europe from other countries, became active buyers of the deferred futures. As a result the market suddenly turned strong.

A report of a local crop statistician stating that the combined condition of Spring and Winter wheat is not above 70, the lowest figure ever reported, was largely instrumental in bringing out the active demand. On the basis of official acreage, the total crop, according to this authority, will be little, if any, above 500,000,000 bushels. The report further states that complete threshing returns from the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys have fallen considerably short of the expectations entertained at the time the crop was cut.

In line with this report were the figures of a Minneapolis expert placing the total crop of milling wheat at 490,000,000 bushels. Much smaller receipts in the Southwest were an additional influence that spurred on buyers. The market continued to gain in strength, closing strong, with September at $1.09⅝. September sold between $1.05⅝ and $1.07⅞, and closed with a gain of 1⅝c at $1.07⅝.

The corn market was strong throughout the entire session in spite of lower cables. December opened unchanged to ¼c higher at 50⅞@51⅛c, sold between 50⅝ and 52⅛c and closed at 51¼c. September closed at 52⅝c.

In sympathy with corn the oats market was firm. December opened unchanged to ⅛c lower at 33@33⅛c, sold up to 33⅝c and closed at 33½c.

Provisions were easier earlier in the day, but buying by local traders caused firmness, resulting in fair advances in all products. A moderate foreign demand for lard, higher prices for hogs and strength of grains helped provisions prices. Trading was more active owing to prospects of a settlement of the strike. At the close October pork was up 12½c at $11.47½, lard and ribs each 15c higher at $7.07½ and $7.47½ respectively.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Sept. (old)	$1.07½	$1.09⅝	$1.07⅝	$1.09⅝
Sept. (new)	1.05¾	1.07½	1.05¾	1.07⅝
Dec.	1.06⅛	1.08¼	1.06⅛	1.08¼
May	1.09½	1.11⅝	1.08⅝	1.11⅝

CORN.

Sept.	.52	.53	.51⅞	.52⅝
May	.49½	.50¼	.48¾	.50
Dec.	.51⅞	.52¼	.50⅝	.51⅞

OATS.

Sept.	.32	.32⅝	.31⅞	.32
Dec.	.33⅝	.33⅞	.33	.33¼
May	.35⅞	.36⅛	.35¼	.35½

MESS PORK.

Sept.	11.20	11.40	11.17½	11.40
Oct.	11.30	11.47½	11.27½	11.47½
Jan.	12.40	12.65	12.45	12.62½

LARD.

Sept.	6.82½	6.97½	6.82½	6.97½
Oct.	6.90	7.07½	6.90	7.07½
Jan.	6.97½	7.07½	6.97½	7.07½

SHORT RIBS.

Sept.	7.27½	7.37½	7.22½	7.30
Oct.	7.32½	7.47½	7.32½	7.47½
Jan.	6.52½	6.65	6.52½	6.65

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Quiet and steady.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, $1.10@1.14; No. 3, $1.02@1.10; No. 2 red, $1.07⅝@1.09⅝.

Corn—No. 2, 53c; No. 2 yellow, 54½c.

Oats—No. 2, 31⅞c; No. 2 white, 33½@34c; No. 3 white, 33@33⅝c.

Rye—No. 2, 71½c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 45@52c.

Flax seed—No. 1, $1.18; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.25.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2.90.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $11.37½@11.50.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $6.95@6.97½.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $7.25@7.37½.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $8.25@8.50.

Clover—Contract grade, $12.50.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	16,300	16,700
Wheat, bushels	217,000	48,500
Corn, bushels	377,400	554,300
Oats, bushels	407,500	192,200
Rye, bushels	6,000	22,000
Barley, bushels	65,000	800

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Flour—Receipts, 22,000 barrels; exports, 11,600 barrels; dull but firmly held.

Wheat—Receipts, 47,000 bushels. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, $1.11¼ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.27½ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal f. o. b. afloat. Options opened lower on weak cables, but rallying on frost news, advanced steadily all day. A number of valuable crop estimates did much to strengthen the late market, and it closed very firm at 1½@1¾c net advance. May closed $1.12⅛. September closed $1.12½. December closed $1.12⅞.

Hops and Hides—Steady.

Wool—Firm.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage quiet and steady. English country markets firm. Wheat and flour on passage to United Kingdom, 3,330,000 quarters; to Continent, 1,490,000 quarters.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 29.—Wheat—Steady. Wheat in Paris dull, 22.30@23.55; flour in Paris dull, 30.20@31.10; French country markets firm. Weather in England fine and warm.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—Wheat and barley steady.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping, $1.40@1.45; milling, $1.50@1.60.

Barley—Feed, $1.06½@1.08¾; brewing, $1.12½@1.17½.

Oats—Red, $1.50@1.45; black, $1.40@1.65.

Calls:

Wheat—December, $1.82¾.

Barley—December, $1.09¾.

Corn—Large yellow, $1.50@1.55.

Northwestern Grain Markets.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Club, 68½c; no sales.

COLFAX, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Bluestem, 70c; club and red, 66c; no sales.

TACOMA, Aug. 29.—Wheat—Steady. Bluestem, 85c; club, 78c.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, August 27, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange is as follows:

	Bushels.	Increase.
Wheat	11,988,000	*335,000
Corn	3,989,000	*748,000
Oats	6,238,000	2,203,000
Rye	1,004,000	101,000
Barley	814,000	35,000

*Decrease.

STOCKS TREND UPWARD.

Westerners Reported to Be Buying Heavily of United States Steel.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Largely, it is believed, as a result of renewed manipulated movement, today's stock market recovered to an extent from the irregular tone manifested in the closing days of last week, and the trend of prices was upward, a number of the more active issues making new high records for the year. Trading at times was active, though moderate in volume, but the movement embraced a number of miscellaneous issues. There were few over Sunday departments to account for the improved tone of the list. Much of the day's news was calculated, if anything, to further depress prices. Erie's almost report showed a heavy decrease in net earnings, and other leading railway lines disappointing. As an offset to those adverse influences, however, advices from the West indicated a steady expansion of railroad traffic, and officials of the grainger roads almost without exception, reported a highly favorable outlook as a result of the large crop.

Some commission houses reported a slight increase of business. London was not a factor, though Americans were firm. The day's movements began with fractional gains in most of the active stocks, on buying believed to be for a group of Western speculators. Gossip on the Exchange credited this group with extensive purchases of United States Steel Preferred on reports of improved conditions in the lake ore trade, but operators were inclined to regard the advance as another drive against the shorts. After some hesitation, in which traders seemed to be testing the list for a short sale, a more definite buying movement set in. Brokers who were prominent in last week's purchases of the minor Vanderbilt issues took fairly large blocks of New York Central. After midday the tone of the market became somewhat heavy, with a marked reduction of operations. The list showed general recessions and some early gains, including that of Steel Preferred, were canceled, but the tone at the close was firm.

There were no changes in Government bonds, and railroad bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, $3,030,000.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Atchison	21,900	82⅞	81⅞	81⅞
do preferred	3,000	99¼	98¼	98½
Balt. & Ohio	18,700	87⅞	86⅞	88⅛
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	92½
Can. Pacific	2,300	127⅞	127	127⅞
Central of N. J.	200	169	168	167½
Ches. & Ohio	5,200	39¼	38¼	38⅝
Chicago & Alton	3,300	42	41½	41
do preferred	200	88	88	88
C. Great West.	2,000	15½	15⅛	15¼
C. & Northwest	1,800	188⅝	187	187½
C., M. & St. Paul	39,600	155⅝	154⅝	156¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	180
C. Ter. & Trans.	200	7	7	6½
do preferred	100	16	15½	15¼
C., C., C. & St. L.	400	79⅞	79¼	78½
Colorado Southern	2,900	16½	15½	16⅛
do 1st pref	2,500	51⅝	49½	51½
do 2d pref	1,400	22⅞	21⅝	22
Dela. & Hudson	3,500	165	164½	164½
Del., Lack. & W.	300	275	275	274⅝
Den. & Rio Grande	1,200	25½	25	25⅛
do preferred	1,400	76½	76	76½
Erie	12,100	27⅝	27	27½
do 1st pref	4,900	64⅝	63⅝	64⅝
do 2d pref	1,100	40⅛	39½	40
Hocking Valley	3,300	84½	83	83¼
do preferred	1,500	87	85	86
Illinois Central	3,200	138½	137½	138
Iowa Central	700	21⅝	21½	21½
do preferred	200	42½	41⅝	42¼
Kas. City So.	.....	.....	.....	23½
do preferred	1,900	45⅝	44⅞	44⅞
Louis. & Nash.	3,900	122⅞	121⅞	121⅞
Manhattan L.	300	156	155	155½
Metro. Securities	10,500	91⅝	90	90
Metro. St. Ry.	7,800	122⅝	121⅝	121⅝
Minn. & St. Louis	.....	.....	.....	54
M. S. P. & S. S. M.	200	72½	72⅝	72
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	129
Missouri Pacific	23,900	98	97½	97⅞
Mo., Kas. & Tex.	7,600	23¼	22⅝	23
do preferred	2,000	49⅝	49	49¼
N. R. R. M. pfd.	.....	.....	.....	36½
N. Y. Central	6,200	124⅝	122⅝	122⅞
Norfolk & West.	6,000	68½	67⅞	68
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	90
Ontario & West	3,400	31⅝	31¼	31⅝
Pennsylvania	35,200	126¼	125	125⅞
P., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	97
Reading	82,300	60½	59¼	60⅜
do 1st pref	800	88	84⅝	85
do 2d pref	700	75¼	74½	75
Rock Island Co.	27,400	29⅞	25¼	25⅞
do preferred	2,100	68⅝	68	68⅝
S. L. & S. F. 2d pf	700	56½	56⅝	56½
St. L. Southwestern	2,400	22⅞	22	21⅝
do preferred	1,000	45½	44½	44⅝
Southern Pacific	32,200	57½	57	57¼
Southern Railway	16,000	29⅝	28⅞	28⅞
do preferred	1,200	95	94⅝	95
Texas & Pacific	18,700	32	30⅞	32
T., St. L. & West.	18,000	29⅝	28⅞	29¼
do preferred	1,700	48	44	47¼
Union Pacific	43,900	101⅞	100½	100½
do preferred	600	95½	95¼	95¼
Wabash	400	19½	19⅝	19⅝
do preferred	3,300	39¼	38⅝	39
Wheel. & L. Erie	1,200	17½	16½	17¼
Wisconsin Central	1,000	19	18⅝	18⅞
do preferred	6,000	42¼	42¼	42
Mexican Central	3,500	12⅝	12	12
Express Companies—				
Adams	.....	.....	.....	223
American	160	214½	214½	210
United States	200	121½	121½	120
Wells-Fargo	.....	.....	.....	230
Miscellaneous—				
Amal. Copper	35,000	58¼	57⅝	58
Am. Car & Fndry.	.....	.....	.....	18⅝
do preferred	500	78⅝	78⅝	78½
Am. Cotton Oil	200	52½	52½	52½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	91
American Ice	200	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝
do preferred	300	26	26	26¼
Am. Linseed Oil	400	15	14½	14½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	34
Am. Locomotive	300	20½	20½	20½
do preferred	100	90½	90½	89½
Am. Smelt. & Refg.	200	64	63⅝	63⅝
do preferred	100	107	107	106
Am. Sugar Refg.	8,500	132½	131	131¼
Anaconda Min. Co.	500	18½	18	18
Brklyn. Rap. Trns.	6,500	54⅝	53¼	54
Colo. Fuel & Iron	700	37½	36½	36⅝
Consolidated Gas	1,800	196⅝	196	196
Corn Products	400	13½	13½	13½
do preferred	200	69	69½	68
Distillers' Securities	13,900	26	24½	26¼
General Electric	1,700	168¼	164½	168
Internat. Paper	.....	.....	.....	14½
do preferred	700	75⅝	73	75⅝
Internat. Pump	600	31½	30½	30⅝
do preferred	300	77⅝	77⅝	77
National Lead	1,600	23½	23⅛	23¼
Pacific Mail	800	29⅝	29	29½
People's Gas	800	102	101⅝	102
Pressed Steel Car	.....	.....	.....	35½
do preferred	200	77½	77½	77
Pullman Pal. Car	.....	.....	.....	216
Republic Steel	300	7⅝	7½	7⅝
do preferred	800	45⅝	43½	45
Rubber Goods	.....	.....	.....	41
do preferred	500	81¼	81	81
Tenn. Coal & Iron	2,500	45⅝	44½	44½
U. S. Leather	800	7½	7⅛	7