# GROWERS ARE FIRM

## Not Tempted by Prevailing Hop Prices.

## MARKET AT A STANDSTILL

### More Activity in Washington Where Bears Hold Full Sway—Poor Outlook for the Crop in Independence District.

HOPS—Poor outlook for growing crop in Independence district.
FRUIT—County Inspector condemns infected peaches.
WHEAT—Blockade prevents moving Russian stocks.
OATS—Dealers offering $23 and $24 for new crop.
POULTRY—Market dull, weak and lower.
EGGS—Receipts large and demand slow.
BUTTER—Active movement at firm prices.
MEATS—Small veal in better demand.

Hopmen from all parts of the Northwest, and several from the East, were at the Belverdere yesterday. No activity in the local market followed their arrival, but they were busy most of the day investigating conditions and sounding the market. Trading in this State is at a standstill, as growers refuse to consider the offers of buyers. An advance of a cent or two might bring some hops on the market, but it is said that few hops could be bought at even 20 cents.

Among yesterday's visitors was Conrad Krebs, of Salem, who is the only large speculator who has not yet sold out. He is confident that higher prices will rule in the near future.

"The crop in our own Independence yards is a great disappointment to us," said Mr. Krebs. "Ten days ago we looked for 1000 pounds to the acre, and now I am certain we will not get over 500. All the best yards in that district have been afflicted by the sun-burn blight. The poor hop yards were ruined long ago.

"Our 1904s are not on the market, and will not be soon. I am sure we will not sell before October or November. America is not going to raise enough hops this year for her own requirements, and nothing can prevent prices from going up. I believe the market will open around 25 cents."

George Meucke, of Aurora, states that some of the yards in his section are doing well, but others are in very bad shape. Like Mr. Krebs, he believes this country will not produce enough hops this year for its use.

H. W. Ray and H. L. Hart returned yesterday from a visit through the yards of Western Washington. Mr. Ray said: The Puget Sound yards are looking well and will produce more than an average crop. No lice at all are to be seen. There is a large increase in acreage around Puyallup, and the prospects there are good. Yards set out in that section will have from 1000 to 1500 pounds to the acre. Conditions are also good north of Seattle, but there are not many yards there. Western Washington farmers are contracting at 14 cents."

There has been some selling in the Northern States in the last few days. A lot of over 100 bales of Yakimas were sold at 16@16½ cents. A. J. Ray bought 350 bales of Western Washingtons, but they were of low grade.

Growers in Washington are not feeling quite so firm as their brethren in Oregon, and show more disposition to sell at low prices, both spot and future goods. This lack of confidence is attributed by hopmen to the bearish newspaper articles furnished to Tacoma papers, especially the News, of that city, by hopdealers of Tacoma. It is said that if both sides of the market were truthfully presented to the growers, as is done by this paper, they would be better able to judge of exact conditions.

While the crop outlook is certainly poor in most parts of this country, favorable reports are coming from abroad. A cablegram from Bernard Bing, received yesterday, said: "Conditions are very favorable for the growing crop. It is estimated that Germany will raise 500,000 cwt., against 375,000 cwt. last year, and Austria 320,000 cwt., against 200,000 cwt. last year. Picking will be general August 25."

### SCALY PEACHES CONDEMNED.

#### Fruit Inspector Seizes Sixty Boxes From Southern Oregon Points.

Sixty boxes of Southern Oregon peaches, infected with the San Jose scale, were condemned yesterday morning by County Fruit Inspector Reid.

The first Oregon watermelons of the season came in yesterday morning from The Dalles. There were only two crates of them, and they were shipped by H. Farmer. They were held at 1¼ cents a pound. California melons were plentiful, and sold well at the former price. In addition to the Lodi Kleckleys and the Fresnos before received, yesterday's arrivals included Cuban Queens and Sweethearts. Cantaloupes were plentiful and were quoted from $2 to $3. Cambas were lower at $2.00@2.25.

Peaches were very plentiful and sold at a wide range. Good Southern Oregon Crawfords brought 60@75c, and small sizes sold at 40@60c. Some choice Gravenstein apples from California were offering at $1.75 a box.

### POULTRY IS LOWER.

#### Stocks Heavy and Demand Light—Eggs and Butter Unchanged.

The poultry market was slow yesterday and somewhat lower. On old hens 12½@13c was quoted, while some dealers said they were willing to clean up at even lower prices. Springs were quoted at 14@15c, and were in very slow demand. There was no inquiry at all for ducks and geese.

Eggs were quiet and generally quoted at 22c. Receipts continued large.

The butter market was firm and unchanged. A strong demand was reported.

### RUSSIA'S WHEAT CROP IN DANGER.

#### Blockade and Famine Have Disastrous Effect.

From an authentic source it is reported that owing to a lack of transportation and storage facilities in Russia, the grain shipping situation is in a precarious condition. This Spring transportation at St. Petersburg was blocked. At all times, tens of thousands of cars were at a standstill. Recently a large number of cars were received at St. Petersburg in a fermented condition and were condemned to be burned. This blockade not only affects the grain now in storage and in transportation, whereby thousands of carloads will be lost, but the safety of the present crop is also jeopardized, as the outlook at present is that the way cannot be cleared to handle the new crop.

#### Oats Market Quiet.

The market for new oats is quiet yet. Considerable quantities are being offered, but prices have not been definitely established. Samples received from east of the mountains are generally good. Dealers are offering $24 for new white and $23 for new gray oats.

#### No Changes in Meats.

There is no change in prices in the meat market. There is a somewhat firmer demand than for several days on small veal only, but no inquiry for large sizes. On other kinds of meat there is practically no demand.

#### Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

| | Clearings. | Balances. |
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| Portland | $612,689 | $ 48,805 |
| Seattle | 832,017 | 15,218 |
| Tacoma | 471,743 | 20,848 |
| Spokane | 423,835 | 62,029 |

### PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

#### Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.50@4.95 per barrel; straights, $4@4.25; clears, $3.75@4; Valley, $3.90@4.10; Dakota hard wheat, $6.50@7.25; Graham, $3.50@4; whole wheat, $4@4.25; rye flour, local, $5; Eastern, $5.50@5.60; cornmeal, per bale, $1.90@2.20.

WHEAT—New club, 72@73c per bushel; new bluestem, 77@78c per bushel; new Valley, 78c.

BARLEY—Old feed, $21.50@22 per ton; new feed, $20@21; rolled, $23@24.

OATS—Old white, $29.00@30.00 per ton; old gray, $29.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19 per ton; middlings, $24.50; shorts, $21; chop, U. S. Mills, $19; linseed dairy feed, $18; Acalfa meal, $18 per ton.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $6.75; lower grades, $5@6.25; oatmeal, steel cut, 50-pound sacks, $8 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4.25 per bale; oatmeal (ground), 50-pound sacks, $7.50 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4 per bale; split peas, $5 per 100-pound sack; 25-pound boxes, $1.40; pearl barley, $4.25 per 100 pounds; 25-pound boxes $1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.50 per bale.

HAY—Timothy, $14@16 per ton; new, $11@12.50; clover, $8@9; grain, $8@9; cheat, $7.50@9.

#### Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, 90c@$2.00 per box; peaches, 40@75c per crate; plums, 75c@$1.00 per crate; blackberries, 5@6c per pound; cantaloupes, $2.00@3.00 per crate; pears, $2.25 per box; watermelons, 1@1½c per pound; crabapples, 50c per box; nectarines, 75c per box; grapes, 90c@$1.50; cambas, $2.00@2.25 per dozen.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, choice, $4.50@5.50; oranges, Valencias, choice, $3.00; fancy, $4.00 per box; grapefruit, $2.50@3.00 per box; bananas, 5½c per pound; pineapples, $2.50@3.50 per dozen.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 50c dozen; beans, 10@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c per pound; cauliflower, 75@90c per dozen; celery, 15@85c per dozen; corn, 75c per box; egg plant, 9@10c; peas, 2@5c per pound; peppers, 10c per pound; tomatoes, 50@75c per crate; squash, 5c per pound.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25@1.40 per sack; carrots, $1.25@1.50 per sack; beets, $1@1.25 per sack; garlic, 12½c per pound.

ONIONS—Red, $1.25 per hundred; yellow, $1.25.

POTATOES—Oregon, new, 60@75c; Merced sweets, 4½c per pound.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatels, 4-crown, 7¾c; 5-layer Muscatel or Valencia, 7½c; unbleached, seedless Sultanas, 6¾c; London layers, 2-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.85; 2-crown, $1.75.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 6@6½c per pound; sundried, sacks or boxes, none; apricots, 8½@9c; peaches, 9@10c; pears, none; prunes, Italian, 4@5c; French, 2½@3½c; figs, California blacks, 5¾c; do white, none; Smyrna, 20c; Fard dates, 6c; pluma, pitted, 6c.

#### Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 25@27½c per pound; state creameries, Fancy creamery, 22½@27½c; store butter, 14@15½c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 22c per dozen; Eastern, 20@21c.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream twins, 13c; Young America, 14c.

POULTRY—Average old hens, 12½@13c; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; old roosters, 10@10½c; young roosters, 11@12½c; Springs, 1½ to 2 pounds, 14@15c; 1 to 1½ pounds, 15c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 18@19c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@22½c; geese, live, per pound, 9@10c; geese, dressed, per pound, 9@10c; ducks, old, 15c; ducks, young, 10@14c; pigeons, $1@1.25; squabs, $2@2.50.

#### Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, ordinary, 18@22c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $13.75; 50s, $13.75; Arbuckle, $15.25; Lion, $15.25.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, $5.37½; Southern Japan, $5.50; Carolinas, 5½@6½c; brokenhead, 2¾c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.85; fancy, 1 @1½-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink 1-pound talls, 85c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.30; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $1.85.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $5.75; powdered, $5.50; dry granulated, $5.40; extra C, $4.90; golden C, $4.80; fruit sugar, $5.40; advance over sack basis, as follows: Barrels, 10c; half-barrels, 20c; 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, $5.30 per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

SALT—California, $11 per ton, $1.00 per bale; Liverpool, 50s, $17; 100s, $16.50; 200s, $19; half-pound, 100s, $7; 50s, $7.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15½c per pound by sack, 1c extra for less than sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 14c; pecans, jumbos, 14c; extra large, 16c; almonds, I. X. L., 16½c; chestnuts, Italians, 15c; Ohio, $4.50 per 25-pound drum; peanuts, raw, 7½c per pound; roasted, 9c; pinenuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; cocoanuts, 7c; cocoanuts, $5@90c per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 3¾@4¼c; large white, 3¼c; pink, 3¼@3½c; bayou, 4½c; Lima, 6¾c.

#### Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—Choice 1904, 17@19c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon average best, 19@21c; lower grades, down to 15c, according to shrinkage; Valley, 23@27c per pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 31c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 16@16½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 16 pounds, 11@12c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 pounds, 11@12c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; culls, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hair-slipped, weather-beaten or grubby, 2@3c per pound less); salted hides, steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 8@10c per pound; 50 to 60 pounds, 8½@9c per pound; under 50 pounds and cows, 8@9c per pound; salted kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 9c per pound; salted veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 9c per pound; salted calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 10c per pound; (green unsalted, 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less). Sheep skins: Shearlings, No. 1 butchers' stock, 25@30c each; short wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 40@50c each; medium wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 60@80c; long wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, $1@1.50 each. Murrain pelts from 10 to 20 per cent less or 12@14c per pound; horse hides, salted, each, according to size, $1.50@3; dry, each, according to size, $1@1.50; colts' hides, 25@50c each; goat skins, common, 10@15c each; Angora, with wool on, 25@1.50 each.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 3½@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@3c.

FURS—Bear skins, as to size, No. 1, $2.50@10 each; cubs, $1@2; badger, 25@50c; wild cat, with head perfect, 25@50c; house cat, 5@10c; fox, common gray, 50@70; red, $1@3; cross, $5@15; silver and black, $100@250; fishers, $3@6; lynx, $4.50@6; mink, strictly No. 1, according to size, $1@2.50; marten, dark Northern, according to size and color, $10@18; marten, pale, pine, according to size and color, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, 10@15c; skunk, 40@50c; civet or polecat, 5@10c; otter, large, prime skin, $6@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, $2@6; raccoon, prime, 30@50c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, $3.50@5; coyote, 50@$1; wolverine, $6@8; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; medium, $3@4; small, $1@1.50; kits, 50@75c.

BEESWAX—Good, clean and pure, 20@22c per pound.

CASCARA SEGRADA (Chittam bark)—Good, 2@2½c per pound.

GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, 7@7½c.

#### Provisions and Canned Meats.

HAMS—10 to 14 pounds, 13½c per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 12½c; 16 to 20 pounds, 12½c; California (picnic), 9c; cottage hams, 8c; shoulders, 9c; boiled ham, 21c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 13c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 19c per pound; standard breakfast, 17c; choice, 15½c; English breakfast, 11 to 14 pounds, 14½c; peach bacon, 13½c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, 10½c dry salt, 11½c smoked; clear backs, 10c dry salt, 11c smoked; clear bellies, 14 to 17 pounds average, none; Oregon exports, 20 to 25 pounds, average, 11½c dry salt, 12½c smoked; Union butts, 10 to 18 pounds average, none.

PICKLED GOODS—Pork, barrels, $18; half-barrels, $9.50; beef, barrels, $12; half barrels, $6.50.

Shoulders, 9c; boiled ham, 21c; boiled picnic.

SAUSAGE—Ham, 13c per pound; minced ham, 10c; Summer choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 5½c; weinerwurst, 8c; liver, 6c; pork, 9c; blood, 6c; headcheese, 6c; bologna sausage, link, 4½c.

CANNED MEATS—Corned beef, pounds, per dozen, $1.25; two pounds, $2.25; six pounds, $8. Roast beef flat, pounds, $1.25; two pounds, $2.25; six pounds, none. Roast beef, tall, pounds, none; two pounds, $2.25; six pounds, none. Lunch tongue, pounds, $2.15.

LARD—Kettle rendered, tierces, 10c; tubs, 10½c, 50s 10¼c, 20s 10¾c, 10s 10¾c, 5s 10¾c. Standard pure: Tierces 9c, tubs 9¼c, 50s 9¼c, 20s 9¾c, 10s 9¾c, 5s 9¾c. Compound: Tierces: 6c, tubs 6¼c, 50s 6¼c, 10s 6¼c, 5s 6¼c.

#### Dressed Meats.

BEEF—Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3½@4½c; country steers, 4@5c.

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

VEAL—Dressed, 75 to 125 pounds, 6½@7c; 125 to 200 pounds, 4@6c; 200 pounds and up, 3@4½c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 150, 7@7½c; 150 and up, 6@7c per pound.

#### Oils.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 86c per gallon.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¼c; 500-pound lots, 7¾c; less than 500-pound lots, 8c.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 28½c; iron barrels, 17c; 86 deg. gasoline, cases, 32c; iron barrels or drums, 26c.

COAL OIL—Cases, 20½c; iron barrels, 14c; wood barrels, 17c; 63 deg., cases, 22c; iron barrels, 15½c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 5-barrel lots, 62c; 1-barrel lots, 65c; cases, 68c; boiled, 5-barrel lots, 64c; 1-barrel lots, 65c; cases, 70c.

### LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

#### Prices Quoted Locally for Leading Lines Yesterday.

The following prices on livestock were quoted in the local market:

CATTLE—Best Eastern Oregon steers, $3.00@3.25; good cows, $2.00@2.50; common cows, $1.50@1.75; calves, 125 to 150 pounds, $5.00; 200 to 250 pounds, $3.50@4.00.

SHEEP—Best Eastern Oregon and Valley, $3.25; medium, $3.00; lambs, $4.50.

HOGS—Best large fat hogs, $6.25@6.50; block and China fat, $6.00@6.25; good feeders, $5.00.

#### Sheep for South Dakota.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—The J. E. Smith Livestock Company today sold 8000 head of sheep to John Howard, a stockbuyer of South Dakota. The sheep will be shipped to South Dakota and fattened on the ranges there.

### EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

#### Prices Current at Kansas City, Omaha and Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 19,000; market slow to 10c lower; good to prime steers, $5.65@5.90; poor to medium, $3.75@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.20@4.00; cows, $2.40@4.40; heifers, $2.25@5.00; canners, $1.25@2.30; bulls, $2.40@4.00; calves, $3.00@7.00; Texas steers, $3.50@4.85; Western steers, $3.50@4.75.

Hogs—Receipts today, 20,000; tomorrow, 21,000; market steady to 5c higher earlier, but advance lost. Mixed and butchers, $5.55@6.20; good to choice heavy, $5.95@6.20; rough heavy, $5.50@5.85; light, $5.75@6.25; bulk of sales, $5.90@6.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; market steady. Good to choice wethers, $4.35@5.00; fair to choice mixed, $4.00@4.50; Western sheep, $4.00@4.85; native lambs, $5.00@7.15; Western lambs, $5.75@7.00.

SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 5000; market steady. Native steers, $3.75@5.25; native cows and heifers, $2.75@4.25; Western steers, $3.00@4.50; Texas steers, $2.75@3.25; Texas cows and heifers, $3.00@3.25; canners, $1.50@2.50; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.25; calves, $3.00@5.50; bulls, stags, etc., $2.25@3.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 7200; market 5c higher. Heavy, $5.80@5.90; mixed, $5.85@5.90; light, $5.85@5.95; pigs, $4.75@5.60; bulk of sales, $5.85@5.90.

Sheep—Receipts, 100; market steady. Western yearlings, $4.80@5.10; wethers, $4.25@4.75; ewes, $4.00@4.50; lambs, $6.25@6.75.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; market steady to shade lower. Native steers, $3.75@5.50; native cows and heifers, $1.75@4.90; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.35; bulls, $2.15@3.25; calves, $3.50@5.75; Western steers, $3.35@4.90; Western cows, $2.00@4.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 5000; market strong to 5c higher. Bulk of sales, $5.00@6.07½; heavy, $5.95@6.00; packers, $6.00@6.10; pigs and lights, $5.00@6.10.

Sheep—Receipts, 4000; market strong. Ewes, $4.25@5.25; lambs, $5.25@6.75; range wethers, $4.25@5.25; fed ewes, $3.75@4.50.

### Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

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| Alta | $ .03 | Justice | $ .04 |
| Alpha Con | .08 | Kentuck Con | .02 |
| Andes | .16 | Lady Wash. Con. | .02 |
| Belcher | .14 | Mexican | 1.36 |
| Bullion | .37 | Occidental Con | .81 |
| Caledonia | .40 | Ophir | 6.83 |
| Challenge Con | .19 | Overman | .10 |
| Chollar | .14 | Potosi | .08 |
| Confidence | .90 | Savage | .60 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 1.30 | Scorpion | .10 |
| Crown Point | .10 | Seg. Belcher | .06 |
| Exchequer | .50 | Sierra Nevada | .35 |
| Best & Belcher | 1.25 | Silver Hill | .30 |
| Gould & Curry | .18 | Union Con | .40 |
| Hale & Norcross | 1.70 | Utah Con | .06 |
| Julia | .32 | Yellow Jacket | .17 |

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Closing quotations:

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| Adams Con | $ .20 | Little Chief | $ .05 |
| Alice | .53 | Ontario | 2.00 |
| Breece | .45 | Ophir | 6.75 |
| Brunswick Con | .14 | Phoenix | .02 |
| Comstock Tun | .07 | Potosi | .07 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 1.20 | Savage | .60 |
| Horn Silver | 1.75 | Sierra Nevada | .34 |
| Iron Silver | 3.40 | Small Hopes | .22 |
| Leadville Con | .06 | Standard | 1.40 |

BOSTON, Aug. 9.—Closing quotations:

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| Adventure | $ 3.00 | Mont. C. & C. | $ 2.88 |
| Allouez | 33.00 | Old Dominion | 27.75 |
| Amalgamated | 84.63 | Osceola | 99.50 |
| Am. Zinc | 10.00 | Parrot | 25.00 |
| Atlantic | 17.75 | Quincy | 103.00 |
| Bingham | 30.75 | Shannon | 7.30 |
| Cal. & Hecla | 675.00 | Tamarack | 122.00 |
| Centennial | 24.50 | Trinity | 8.75 |
| Copper Range | 72.13 | United Copper | 32.00 |
| Daly West | 14.00 | U. S. Mining | 33.50 |
| Dominion Coal | 77.00 | U. S. Oil | 10.38 |
| Franklin | 12.00 | Utah | 43.50 |
| Granby | 7.25 | Victoria | 3.88 |
| Mass. Mining | 9.00 | Winona | 11.50 |
| Michigan | 14.00 | Wolverine | 119.00 |
| Mohawk | 54.00 | | |

### Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The market for evaporated apples continues strong with speculative buying of futures in evidence. Common to good are quoted at 4½@6c; prime at 6½c; choice at 7c, and fancy at 7½c.

Prunes are firm on bullish Coast advices, with quotations ranging from 4¼ to 6½c, according to grade.

Apricots are said to be attracting a better demand and the tone is firmer. Choice are quoted at 8@8½c; extra choice at 8½@8¾c, and fancy at 9½@10c.

Peaches are quiet, with choice quoted at 10@10½c; extra choice at 10½@12c, and fancy at 11c.

Raisins are in good demand, particularly for seeded grades, and the market is firm. Loose muscatels are quoted at 4¾@6½c; seeded raisins at 5¼@7½c and London layers at $1.00@1.15.

### Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—A further break occurred in the London tin market, closing at £49, 10s, for spot and £47 for futures. The local market was easier in sympathy, closing at $32.25@32.75c.

Copper continued firm in both markets, with London quoting spot higher, at £60, and futures unchanged at £68, 17s, 6d. Locally, there was no material change and quotations range from 15.37½@15.62½c for lake and electrolytic, and around 15.00@15.25c for casting, although the inside prices are considered nominal.

Lead was a shade higher in both markets, closing at £24 7s 6d in London and at 4.60@4.75c locally.

The foreign iron markets were steady to higher, with Glasgow closing at 49s, 4d, and Middlesboro at 46s, 10½d. Locally the situation was unchanged.

### Dairy Produce in the East.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Butter—Easy; receipts, 1618. Street prices, extra creamery, 26@31c; official prices, choice extra, 26½c; do. firsts, 19½@20c; do. seconds, 18½@19c; State dairy common to extra, 17@20c; Western imitation creamery, extra, 19@19½c; do. firsts, 18@18½c.

Cheese and eggs—Unchanged.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—On the Produce Exchange today, the butter market was weaker. Creameries, 17@26c; dairies, 16@18½c. Eggs steady at mark cases included, 15½c; firsts, 17c; prime firsts, 18½@21c. Cheese, steady to firm, 11½c.

### Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Coffee closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points lower, with sales reported of 40,250 bags, including September at 7.05@7.10c; December, 7.35@7.40c; May, 7.70@7.75c. Spot Rio steady; No. 7, 8¼c; mild steady.

Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3½c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4½c; molasses sugar, 3½c. Refined steady; crushed, $5.00; powdered, $5.40 granulated, $5.30.

# STRONG BUT QUIET

## Chicago Wheat Market Shows a Firm Undertone.

## VOLUME OF TRADING SMALL

### Russian Newspapers Advocating Prohibition of Exports — Bullish News From India Aids in Liverpool Advance.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Wheat had a firm undertone throughout the entire session, but the volume of trading was small. September opened unchanged to ⅛c higher at 82⅛ to 82⅜c. The initial firmness was chiefly due to higher prices at Liverpool in the face of a decline here yesterday. Russian newspapers, according to a British authority, are advocating the prohibition of wheat exports. This agitation, coupled with news of a bullish character from India, was said to be responsible for the unexpected advance at Liverpool. On the other hand, weather in the Northwest was almost perfect for harvesting, and there was a continuance of liberal receipts at primary points. The bulls gained some encouragement from a favorable report of damage to the crop in North Dakota. Offerings were not large. The market closed firm, with September at ⅛@⅜c up, at 83@83⅛.

Fresh reports from Illinois of damage by hot, dry weather, caused a firm tone in the corn market. The market closed steady. September closed at 53⅛@53⅜.

Oats were firm, September closing at 26⅝c.

Provisions were strong on active support from packers. The market was influenced by liberal shipments of hog products. At the close, September pork was up 15@17½c, at $14.20. Lard was up 10, at $7.70. Ribs were 7½@10 higher, at $8.40.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

| | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| September | $ .82½ | $ .83⅛ | $ .82½ | $ .83⅛ |
| December | .84½ | .84½ | .83⅝ | .84⅛ |
| May | .86⅝ | .87 | .86¼ | .86⅝ |

CORN.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. (old) | .54½ | .54½ | .53⅝ | .53⅞ |
| Sept. (new) | .53⅞ | .53⅞ | .53⅝ | .53⅝ |
| Dec. (old) | .47⅞ | .48⅛ | .47⅞ | .47⅞ |
| Dec. (new) | .45⅞ | .45⅞ | .45½ | .45⅝ |
| May | .45½ | .45⅝ | .45¼ | .45⅝ |

OATS.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| September | .26⅞ | .26⅞ | .26⅝ | .26⅝ |
| December | .27⅝ | .27⅝ | .27½ | .27⅝ |
| May | .29⅝ | .29⅝ | .29¼ | .29⅝ |

MESS PORK.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| September | 14.10 | 14.22½ | 14.10 | 14.20 |
| October | 14.10 | 14.22½ | 14.10 | 14.22½ |

LARD.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| September | 7.67½ | 7.70 | 7.62½ | 7.70 |
| October | 7.72½ | 7.77½ | 7.72½ | 7.77½ |

SHORT RIBS.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| September | 8.32½ | 8.40 | 8.32½ | 8.40 |
| October | 8.42½ | 8.47½ | 8.42½ | 8.45 |

Cash quotations were as follows:
Flour—Steady.
Wheat—No. 2 red, 82½c.
Corn—No. 2, 54⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 55⅝c.
Oats—No. 2, 26½c; No. 2 white, 27½@27¾c; No. 3 white, 26½@27⅝c.
Rye—No. 2, 57½c.
Barley—Good feeding, 38@42c.
Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.10; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.20.
Timothy seed—Prime, $3.20@3.25.
Mess pork—Per barrel, $14.15@14.20.
Lard—Per 100 pounds, $7.65.
Short ribs sides—Loose, $8.30@8.40.
Short clear sides—Boxed, $8.50@8.75.
Clover—Contract grade, $12.50@12.75.

| | Receipts. | Shipments. |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, barrels | 32,500 | 23,100 |
| Wheat, bushels | 509,000 | 159,000 |
| Corn, bushels | 310,000 | 330,800 |
| Oats, bushels | 364,700 | 201,800 |
| Rye, bushels | 8,000 | |
| Barley, bushels | 28,400 | 2,200 |

### Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Flour—Receipts, 15,162; exports, 17,822; quiet and partially lower; Minnesota patents, $5.25@5.75.

Wheat—Receipts, 46,000; spot irregular; No. 2 red, 87½c, elevator, and 88¾c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.11¼ f. o. b. afloat. A generally firmer tone prevailed in wheat, due to some bullish European news, export inquiry and fair demand from shorts. The close was steady, at ⅛@⅝c advance.

### Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—Wheat, steady; barley, steady.

Spot quotations—Wheat: Shipping, $1.45@1.55; milling, $1.57½@1.67½. Barley: Feed, 98¾c@$1.02½; brewing, $1.05@1.07½. Oats: Red, $1.42½@1.43¾.

Call-board sales—Wheat, December, $1.39¾. Barley, December, $1. Corn, large yellow, $1.37½@1.42½.

### Wheat at Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 9.—Wheat, September, 6s, 8½d; December, 6s, 7½d.

The weather in England today was overcast.

### Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Aug. 9.—Wheat, 2@4c lower. Club, 71c; bluestem, 74c; red, 68c.

# MIXED GAINS AND LOSSES

## IRREGULAR MOVEMENT IN NEW YORK STOCK PRICES.

### New High Records Made in Spots. Few of the Standard Leaders Are Active.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Opening prices on the Stock Exchange today showed mixed gains and losses, and prices moved in contrary directions in different parts of the list throughout the day. There was scarcely a time when a consistent tone was perceptible, so irregular and mixed was the movement. Here and there in the list new high records were made and an active demand for one or two of the standard market leaders relieved the trading from its appearance of being given over entirely to the less prominent specialties. The strength of these influential stocks was obviously taken advantage of to effect less sales of realizing profits at different points. Some of the most conspicuous stocks recently rushed to a great height proved soft and made wide declines. The volume of dealings shrunk to some extent, and there were periods when the dullness was more intense than for some time, but the character of the market was not essentially changed. Selling of any importance was only in evidence as prices were bid up to meet the ideas of holders of stocks, and it was when bids were withdrawn and quotations allowed to sag that the dullness of the market became most profound.

The news bearing on values was of the same general tenor as for some time past, and served to keep up the spirit of confidence in business and industrial conditions which form the underlying basis for the firm undertone of the present market. The actual opening of the peace conference at Portsmouth, N. H., did not change the recently prevalent view of that event held in the financial district, which may be described as one of confidence in ultimate peace, but with a conservative reservation against possible complications.

St. Paul showed the belated benefit of its good June net earnings statement published yesterday. Amalgamated Copper was aroused from a long dormant state after having been entirely unresponsive yesterday to an additional advance in the price of copper announced then. Smelting resumed its flight to new high level records without definite news announcement to account for it. The coalers showed some effect on profit-taking on their recent advances, although Delaware & Hudson sold up to a new high record.

The flurry in the Denver banking world was a factor in the late reaction. Some weakness developed in the iron and steel stocks when it was known that the Iron Age statistics for July showed an additional accumulation of stocks of pig iron on hand in spite of a further curtailment of production as compared with June. The weekly review of trade, however, was very cheerful. The market closed heavy.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,620,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

| | Sales. | High. | Low. | Closing bid. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adams Express | ..... | ..... | ..... | 225 |
| Amalgamated Copper | 3,900 | 85 | 84⅛ | 84⅝ |
| Am. Car & Foundry | 1,500 | 37⅝ | 37¼ | 36½ |
| do preferred | 900 | 100 | 99½ | 99¾ |
| American Cotton Oil | 100 | 30 | 30 | 29⅝ |
| do preferred | 200 | 94½ | 92⅝ | 94 |
| American Express | ..... | ..... | ..... | 22 |
| Am. Hd. & Lth. pfd. | 1,000 | 39⅝ | 39¼ | 39 |
| American Ice | ..... | ..... | ..... | 27 |
| American Linseed Oil | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18 |
| do preferred | ..... | ..... | ..... | 41 |
| American Locomotive | 700 | 49⅞ | 48½ | 48¾ |
| do preferred | ..... | ..... | ..... | 111 |
| Am. Smelt. & Refin. | 67,100 | 129⅝ | 128⅝ | 129⅝ |
| do preferred | 400 | 123½ | 123 | 123 |
| Am. Sugar Refining | 2,000 | 144½ | 143½ | 143⅝ |
| Am. Tobacco pfd. | 1,100 | 97⅝ | 97 | 97 |
| Anaconda Mining Co. | 3,800 | 117 | 116 | 116¼ |
| Atchison | 36,100 | 88½ | 87⅝ | 87⅞ |
| do preferred | 1,400 | 103⅝ | 103¼ | 103¼ |
| Atlantic Coast Line | 300 | 167½ | 166½ | 166 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 11,600 | 115⅝ | 115¼ | 115¼ |
| do preferred | ..... | ..... | ..... | 90 |
| Brook. Rapid Transit | 1,900 | 70⅝ | 69¾ | 69⅝ |
| Canadian Pacific | 1,900 | 156½ | 155½ | 156 |
| Central of N. Jersey | 200 | 211 | 210 | 209 |
| Central Leather | 2,100 | 43¼ | 42 | 42⅝ |
| do preferred | 800 | 104⅝ | 103½ | 103½ |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 700 | 55 | 54⅝ | 54⅝ |
| Chicago & Alton | 300 | 42⅝ | 42 | 40½ |
| do preferred | 300 | 81½ | 81 | 81½ |
| Chicago Gt. Western | 3,800 | 20⅝ | 20½ | 20½ |
| Chicago & Northwest | 300 | 220 | 219 | 219½ |
| Chi., Mil. & St. Paul | 16,400 | 182⅝ | 181½ | 181⅝ |
| Chi. Term. & Transit | ..... | ..... | ..... | 17⅞ |
| do preferred | ..... | ..... | ..... | 38½ |
| C., C., C. & St. L. | 600 | 103½ | 103½ | 103 |
| Colorado Fuel & Iron | 800 | 46⅝ | 46 | 46⅝ |
| Colorado & Southern | 1,200 | 28⅝ | 28⅝ | 28½ |
| do 1st preferred | ..... | ..... | ..... | 61 |
| do 2d preferred | 100 | 40 | 40 | 39⅝ |
| Consolidated Gas | 400 | 192 | 190½ | 190½ |
| Corn Products | 300 | 9⅛ | 9⅛ | 9⅛ |
| do preferred | 1,000 | 40⅝ | 40 | 41 |
| Delaware & Hudson | 8,900 | 205½ | 201⅞ | 204½ |
| Del., Lack. & West. | 100 | 440 | 440 | 450 |
| Denver & Rio