WOOLS IN DEMAND

Oregon Stock One of Liveliest Sellers in Boston Market.

TRADE IN COUNTRY QUIET

Winding Up of the Season in Montana—Review of Situation in the East—More Activity in Local Produce Market.

WOOL—Oregon clip selling well in the East.
FRUIT—Peaches condemned at Portland disposed of at Minneapolis.
EGGS—Fresh ranch stock scarce.
POULTRY—Steady demand and unchanged.
BUTTER—Good local movement.
MEATS—Veal and pork steady.

Of all the Western wool on the Eastern market, Oregon stock is one of the liveliest sellers, according to advices just received. Quite a few 50-bale lots have been moved at Boston at 74@75 cents for Eastern No. 1 staple and at 67@68 cents for No. 1 clothing. Other transactions of importance are reported to be on the point of consummation. In this state things are rapidly quieting down. A few small transactions have taken place this week east of the mountains at a range of 15 to 19 cents.

The season is also practically closed in other parts of the West. Montana is cleaned up with the exception of 5,000,000 to 7,000,000 pounds, the greater part of which will probably be sold before the season closes. Most of the buyers are ready to start East. Closing sales were made at 21@22 cents for clips running fine to fine medium, and 23@24½ cents for medium wools. The well-known Bair clip, for which a bid of 22½ cents was refused, has been consigned to a Boston house. It is said that the clip will run close to 1,500,000 pounds, and is of long, firm staple. Another Boston dealer picked up a 300,000-pound clip at 24 cents, while still another corraled a clip of the same size at 21 cents. Prices within the past few days have advanced 2 to 3 cents a scoured pound over those ruling some ten days ago. It is estimated that the clip of Montana is a little more than 30,000,000 pounds. The average price paid was about 20 cents. About three-quarters of the clip has been bought by Boston firms.

Reviewing the Eastern situation, the Boston Commercial Bulletin of August 11 says:

The merchants who are enjoying a more active business believe that the dullness of the past several months is over, and the market is now starting on its upward course. Those dealers who, on the contrary, are not having the activity that their brother merchants claim to be experiencing, are not at all discouraged by the lack of important business, but are waiting complacently for the tide to turn, for they know full well that manufacturers will perforce have to purchase supplies before long. It is quite generally admitted that the majority of the mills are daily arriving nearer to bare boards. Since last October there have been no large purchases of territory wool on this market, and foreign wool has not been bought in quantity during the past five or six months, but nevertheless the mills have been running steadily and continuously, with a resultant consumption of large quantities of wool.

FRESH EGGS SCARCER.

Steady Demand for Poultry—Butter Cleans Up Better.

Opinion is divided on Front street as to the condition of the egg market, but the majority of dealers report improvement in the demand. There is no doubt that fresh Oregon ranch stock is becoming scarcer.

Poultry prices were unchanged yesterday. The weekly circular letter of a Front-street firm says of the poultry market:

Receipts thus far this week have been fair, but not excessive, and with a fair demand stocks have cleaned up nicely. As for some weeks past, the principal demand is for good hens, but large Springs will also sell very well, as there does not seem to be enough old hens at this writing. We have been selling both hens and Springs at a flat price of 14 cents for the past few days, and are of the opinion that if receipts next week are not too heavy, prices will remain about as they are. Small Springs are not wanted, and we advise producers and shippers to hold these until they are of at least 2 pounds average. There is apparently a fair demand for large young geese at 9@10 cents. Ducks, if young and large, will also sell at 12@13 cents. Turkeys are firm at 15@16 cents on old, and nice Spring turkeys that will go from 4 to 6 pounds each will sell for a premium over this price of from 5 to 6 cents if shipped in early.

City creameries report a good movement in butter. Twenty-six cents is still quoted as the top, but a considerable quantity is sold at 25 cents.

MINNEAPOLIS GETS WORMY PEACHES.

Carload Turned Down Here Sells in Eastern City at Good Price.

Fruit inspection at Minneapolis evidently is not as strict as it is here. The car of wormy California peaches that County Fruit Inspector Deich refused to allow unloaded here some time ago has turned up at the Minnesota city. It was not only accepted but disposed of at a price that netted the shipper $150 more than the fruit would have brought here even if it had been sound.

Not much came in from the South yesterday except watermelons. There were 11 cars of these and they were well handled. No California cantaloupes arrived until too late for business, but a few were received from Yakima, which sold readily at $2.75 to $3. They were much superior to the Oregon cantaloupes that have come in so far.

A shipment of cherries was received from La Grande in very poor order. The lot was turned over to street hawkers.

Dressed Meats Steady.

There is a steady demand for veal, and fancy offerings weighing from 75 to 120 pounds move readily at 8 cents. Small and medium hogs are reported in good demand at 8½ cents. Other dressed meats are quiet.

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 810,972	$163,350
Seattle	1,432,009	402,583
Tacoma	571,137	61,889
Spokane	707,008	36,219

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR — Patents, $4.10 per barrel; straights, $3.45; clears, $3.25@3.40; Valley, $3.50@3.65; Dakota and hard wheat patents, $5.40@5.60; clears, $4.25; graham, $3.50; whole wheat, $3.75; rye flour, local, $5; Eastern, $5.40; cornmeal, per bale, $1.90@2.20.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $16; country, $17 per ton; middlings, $25.50@26; shorts, city, $17; country, $18 per ton, chop, U. S. Mills, $15.50; linseed dairy food, $18; Acalfa meal, $18 per ton.

WHEAT—Club, 68c; bluestem, 70c; Valley, 71c; red, 65@66c.

OATS—No. 1 white feed, $26; gray, $25 per ton; new crop, white $22, gray $20.

BARLEY—Feed, $22 per ton; brewing, $23.50; rolled, $24@24.50; new feed barley, $21 per ton.

RYE—$1.30 per cwt.

CORN—Whole, $26; cracked, $27 per ton.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, steam, 90-pound sacks, $7; lower grades, $5.50@6.75; oatmeal, steel cut, 50-pound sacks, $3 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 sacks; 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—Valley timothy, No. 1, $11@12.50 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $16; clover, $7@7.50; chess, $6.50; grain hay, $7; alfalfa, 10; vetch hay, $7@7.50.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, common, 50@75c per box; fancy, $1.25@2; apricots, $1.25@1.35; grapes, $1.75@2 per crate; peaches, 75c@$1.10; pears, $1.75; plums, fancy, 50@75c per box; common, 50@75c; blackberries, 5@6c per pound; crab apples, 75c per box.

MELONS—Cantaloupes, $2@3 per crate; watermelons, 1@1½c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $5@6.50 per box; oranges, Valencias, $4.50@5; grapefruit, $4@4.50; pineapples, $3@4 per dozen; bananas, 5c per pound.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Beans, 5@7c; cabbage, 1½@2c per pound; celery, 85c@$1 per dozen; corn, 15@20c per dozen; cucumbers, hothouse, 25c per dozen; field, 40@60c per box; onions, 10c per pound; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 10@12½c per dozen; peas, 4@5c; bell peppers, 12½@15c; radishes, 10@15c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@2½c per pound; spinach, 2@3c per pound; tomatoes, 60@90c per box; hothouse, $2; parsley, 25c; squash, $1@1.25 per crate.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, 90c@$1 per sack; carrots, $1@1.25 per sack; beets, $1.25@1.50 per sack; garlic, 10@12½c per pound.

ONIONS—New, 1¼@1½c per pound.

POTATOES—Buying price: Oregon Burbanks, 70@75c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 14c per pound; apricots, 15@19½c; peaches, 12½@13c; pears, 11½@14c; Italian prunes, 5½@8c; California figs, white, in sacks, 5@6½c per pound; black, 4@5c; bricks, 12@14-ounce packages, 75@85c per box; Smyrna, 20c pound; dates, Persian, 6@6½c per pound.

RAISINS—Seeded, 12-ounce packages, 8@8½c; 16-ounce, 9½@10c; loose muscatels, 2-crown, 6½@7c; 3-crown, 6¾@7¼c; 4-crown, 7@7½c; unbleached, seedless Sultanas, 6@7c; Thompson's fancy bleached, 10@11c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $2; 2-crown, $1.75.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 24@26c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 20@22½c; store butter, 15@15½c.

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

CHEESE—Oregon full cream twins, 13@13½c; Young America, 14@14½c.

POULTRY—Average old hens, 13@13½c; mixed chickens, 12½@13c; Springs, 13½@14c; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 15@22c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@22½c; geese, live, per pound, 8@10c; ducks, 11@13c; pigeons, $1@1.50; squabs, $2@3.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1906 contracts, 18@20c per pound; 1905, nominal; 1904, nominal.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon average best, 15@19c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 20@22c, according to fineness.

MOHAIR—Choice, 28@30c per pound.

HIDES—Dry: No. 1, 16 pounds and up, per pound, 18@20c; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 18@21c per pound; dry salted bull and stags, one-third less than dry flint; culls, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hair-slipped, weather-beaten or grubby, 2c to 3c per pound less. Salted hides: Steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, per pound, 10@11c; steers, sound, 50 to 60 pounds, 10@11c per pound; steers, sound, under 50 pounds, and cows 9@10c per pound; stags and bulls, sound, 7c per pound; kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 10c per pound; veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 11c per pound; calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 11@12c per pound; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; veals, 1c per pound less. Sheepskins: Shearlings, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, 25@30c; short wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, 50@60c; medium wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, $1.25@2; murrain pelts, from 10 to 20 per cent less, or 15@10c per pound. Horse hides: Salted, each, according to size, $1@1.50; colts, hides, each, 25@50c. Goatskins: Common, each, 15@25c; Angora, with wool on, each, 30c@$1.50.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Bearskins, as to size, each, $5@20; cubs, each, $1@4; badger, prime, each, 25@50c; cat, wild, with head perfect, 30@50c; house cat, 5@20c; fox, common gray, large prime, each, 50@70c; red, each, $3@5; cross, each, $5@15; silver and black, each, $100@300; fisher, each, $6@8; lynx, each, $4.50@6; mink, strictly No. 1, each, according to size, $1@3; marten, dark Northern, according to size and color, each, $10@15; pale pine, according to size and color, each, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, each, 12@15c; skunk, each, 40@60c; civet or polecat, each, 5@15c; otter, large, prime skin, each, $6@10; panther with head and claws perfect, each, $2@5; raccoon, prime large, each, 50@75c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, each, $3.50@5; prairie (coyote), 60c@$1; wolverine, each, $6@8; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; medium, $3@7; small, $1@1.50; kits, 50@75c.

BEESWAX—Good, clean and pure, 22@25c per pound.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 4@4½c; No. 2 and grease, 2@3c.

CASCARA SAGRADA (chittam bark)—New, 2@2½c per pound; 1904 and 1905, 3c in small lots, 3½@4c in car lots.

GRAIN BAGS—9¾@9¾c each.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5½c; Southern Japan, 5.40c; head, 6.75c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, ordinary, 18@22c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 10@22c per pound; Columbia brand, cases, 100s, $14.75; 50s, $14.75; Arbuckle, $17.25; Lion, $15.25.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound tails, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pound tails, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound tails, 90c; red, 1-pound tails, $1.25; sockeye, 1-pound tails, $1.70.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $5.40; powdered, $5.15; dry granulated, $5.05; extra C, $4.60; golden C, $4.45; fruit sugar, $5.05; F. C., $4.95; C. C., $4.95. Advance sales over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. Terms: On remittances within 15 days deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c. Beet sugar, $4.75 per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15¼c per pound by sack; ⅛c extra for less than sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 16c; pecans, jumbos, 16c; extra large, 17c; almonds, 14½@15c; chestnuts, Italian, 12½@16c; Ohio, 20c; peanuts, raw, 7½c per pound; roasted, 9c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 7½@8c; cocoanuts, 35@90c per dozen.

SALT—California dairy, $11 per ton; imitation Liverpool, $12 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $9; 50s, $9.50; lump Liverpool, $17.50.

BEANS—Small white, 4¼c; large white, 4½c; pink, 2¾c; bayou, 4¾c; Lima, 5¾c; Mexicans, red, 4½c.

Provisions and Canned Meats.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 21c per pound; standard breakfast, 19c; choice, 18c; English, 11 to 14 pounds, 17c; peach, 16c.

HAMS—10 to 14 pounds, 17c per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 17c; 18 to 20 pounds, 16c; California (picnic), 13c; cottage, none; shoulders, 12½c; boiled, 25c; boiled picnic, boneless, 20c.

PICKLED GOODS—Pork, barrels, $21; half barrels, $11; beef, barrels, $11; half barrels, $6.

SAUSAGE—Ham, 13c per pound; minced ham, 10c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 7c; wienerwurst, 10c; liver, 6c; pork, 9@10c; headcheese, 6c; blood, 6c; bologna sausage, link, 4½c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 12c; smoked, 13c; clear backs, dry salt, 12c; smoked, 13c; clear bellies, 14 to 17 pounds, average, dry salt, 14c; smoked, 15c; Oregon exports, 20 to 25 pounds average, dry salt, 12½c; smoked, 13½c; Union bellies, 19 to 18 pounds average, none.

LARD—Leaf lard, kettle rendered: Tierces 11¾c; tubs, 12c; 50s, 12c; 20s, 12¼c; 10s, 12½c; 5s, 12¾c. Standard Pure: Tierces, 10½c; tubs, 11c; 50s, 11c; 20s, 11¼c; 10s, 11½c; 5s, 11¾c. Compound: Tierces, 7½c; tubs, 7¾c; 50s, 7¾c; 10s, 8¼c; 5s, 8½c.

Dressed Meats.

VEAL—Dressed, 75 to 125 pounds, 7½@8c; 125 to 50 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6c; 200 pounds and up, 5½@6c.

BEEF—Dressed bulls, 5c per pound; cows, 4½@5½c; country steers, 6@6½c.

MUTTON—Dressed fancy, 7@8c per pound; ordinary, 5@6c; lambs, fancy, 8@8½c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 180 pounds, 8@8½c; 180 to 200 pounds, 7½@8c; 200 pounds and up, 7@7¼c.

Oils.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 81c per gallon.

COAL—Cases, 19c per gallon; tanks, 12½c per gallon.

GASOLINE—Stove, cases, 24½c; 72 test, 27½c; 88 test, 35c; iron tanks, 10c.

WHITE LEAD—Cotton lots, 7¾c; 500-pound lots, 8c; less than 500-pound lots, 8¼c. (In 25-pound tin pails, 1c above keg price; 1 to 5-pound tin pails, 1c above keg price; 1 to 5-pound tin cans, 100 pounds per case, 2½c per pound above keg price.)

LINSEED—Raw, in barrels, 47c; in cases, 53c; boiled, in barrels, 50c; in cases, 56c; 25-gallon lots, 1c less.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The market for coffee futures closed firm at a net advance of 20@25 points. Sales were reported of 128,500 bags, including September at 6.90@7c; October, 7c; December, 7.10@7.25c; January, 7.15c; March, 7.30@7.45c; May, 7.45@7.55c; July, 7.55@7.65c. Spot Rio, firm; No. 7 invoice, 8¾c. Mild, quiet.

Sugar—Raw, quiet; fair refining, 3⅜c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3¾c; molasses sugar, 3 1-16@3¼c. Refined, steady; crushed, $5.60; powdered, $5; granulated, $4.90.

California Hop Market Advances.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Aug. 16.—Hops are still advancing, and yesterday a raise to 18c was made, with buyers asking growers for a refusal on their crops until tonight at 20c per pound.

Less than a month ago hops were a drug on the market at 10c a pound, and few were being purchased at that price. The condition of the English crop is responsible for the increase in prices.

RIDDLE NOT SOLVED

Day of Feverish Impatience in Wall Street.

EXCITEMENT IN PACIFICS

Operators Still at Sea on Question of Harriman Dividends—Although Announcement Is Withheld, Prices Are Sustained.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Wall street spent a day of feverish impatience in the expectation of seeing the solution of the riddle of the excited speculation in Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. The excitement continued at high pitch in those stocks. It was initiated by the delays in the assembling of the authorities having the decision of the question of dividends of the two stocks. As 11:30 A. M. is the usual hour for the assembling of the committee, the dealings on the stock exchange seemed approaching a culmination as that time drew near. The delay was explained as being due to the attendance of the members at a funeral. Other explanations were forthcoming as the delay was prolonged. The day passed without a solution of the riddle.

The uninformed speculative following of the buyers of the stocks was somewhat dazed by this course of procedure. The movement of the stocks, however, showed but slight effect from this condition of unsettlement. Their sustained strength was attributed to a conviction that a decision on the dividends to be paid had been arrived at, although the announcement was withheld. The market fell into intense dullness during the midday period.

Speculative feeling continued at a high tension, however, in the mood of uncertainty as to what the action of the market would be after the expected good news was out. Confidence in the action to be taken was too strong to allow much room for influence of any scattered skepticism. But on the subject of how the market would act if speculative hopes were all fulfilled there was great diversity of opinion. Hence the mid-session halt in the trading and the sagging tendency of prices on the part of those seeking to guard against a profit-taking reaction.

The action of the money market was a restraining influence on any disposition to run into speculative excesses. The average rate for call loans during the day was higher than yesterday, in spite of some substantial replenishment of local money supplies. The largest part of this was shown in the payment by the Subtreasury of $2,810,000 transferred by telegraph from San Francisco, and which was on account of Australian gold, a consignment of which was received in San Francisco on Tuesday. Regular Subtreasury operations are also yielding something to the banks, with the month's pension payments running at the flood tide. On the other hand, the deposit of $100,000 at the Subtreasury for telegraphic transfer to St. Louis was of a sensational effect as a distinct evidence of the forces of the interesting demands, which may be counted upon to take many millions out of New York when once it is under way.

The figures of the foreign trade for July were not reassuring in the exchange situation, although the future movement of the crops is largely depended upon to move gold in this direction. The expansion of upwards of $22,000,000 in the value of July imports and the relatively small growth in exports, leaves the excess value of exports for the month only $3,928,950, as compared with $23,417,815 in July last year.

The strength in Pennsylvania made an active market for the convertible bonds, of which large holdings were left in the hands of the syndicate when it was dissolved. The reaction in prices which followed the announcement that no dividend action would be reported from the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific meetings was resisted. The view was apparently taken that the stocks were in a stronger position with the mystery still on than if formal announcement of dividend action had been made. The action of the St. Paul directors in offering the $25,000,000 of treasury stock to stockholders at par, thus confirming a long standing expectation, encouraged confidence in the dividend hopes on the Pacifics. There was heavy realizing just at the last in Southern Pacific, and the closing was in consequence unsettled and irregular.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, $2,350,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Adams Express	.....	.....	.....	289
Am. Copper	135,800	105¾	104⅝	104⅝
Am. Car & Fdy	1,600	39½	39	39
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	100¾
Am. Cotton Oil	1,300	32⅞	32	32¼
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	92½
Am. Express	.....	.....	.....	230
Am. Hd. & Lr. pfd.	.....	.....	.....	29
American Ice	7,100	72½	72	72½
Am. Linseed Oil	.....	.....	.....	20
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	41¼
Am. Locomotive	3,900	70½	68¼	68¼
do. preferred	500	113	113	112
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	16,800	155⅝	153⅝	154¼
Am. Sugar Ref.	800	137¼	136½	136½
Am. Tobacco, pfd.	100	101	101	101¼
Anaconda Mng. Co.	57,400	262½	257½	258¼
Atchison	26,800	96	94⅝	95⅝
do. preferred	100	100⅝	100⅝	100½
Atlantic Coast Line	.....	.....	.....	142
Baltimore & Ohio	17,200	119	118¼	118½
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	91
Brook. Rapid Tran.	21,900	73¼	70½	70⅝
Canadian Pacific	1,700	166¼	166	166
Central of N. J.	.....	.....	.....	225
Central Leather	700	38⅝	38	38
do. preferred	100	102⅞	102⅞	102
Chespk. & Ohio	3,400	61⅞	60⅞	60⅝
Chicago Grt. West.	300	18⅝	18¼	18⅝
Chicago & N. W.	7,300	212	208	208
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	48,700	190	187¼	187¾
Chi. Term. & Tran.	.....	.....	.....	13
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	27
C., C., C. & St. L.	1,600	95⅞	95	95¼
Colo. Fuel & Iron	10,200	55¼	54	54¼
Colo. & Southern	1,100	37¼	37¼	37½
do. 1st preferred	200	70½	70½	70½
do. 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	51
Consolidated Gas	400	139	138½	138½
Corn Products	300	19¾	19½	19¾
do. preferred	200	77½	77½	76¾
Del. & Hudson	100	220⅝	220⅝	219
Del., Lack. & W.	.....	.....	.....	500
Denver & Rio G.	300	44	44	43⅝
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	86
Dist. Securities	900	61	60¼	60¼
Erie	7,800	44⅛	43½	43½
do. 1st preferred	300	79½	79⅝	79⅝
do. 2d preferred	600	71⅛	70⅝	70⅝
General Electric	1,200	170¼	169⅝	169
Grt. Northern, pfd.	100	297½	297½	295½
Hocking Valley	.....	.....	.....	127
Illinois Central	700	175⅝	175½	171½
International Paper	2,000	19½	19	18⅝
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	84
International Pump	12,300	52	50½	51
do. preferred	300	88	86	85
Int. Met.	2,400	37	36¼	36½
do. preferred	500	78¾	78¾	78¼
Iowa Central	100	28½	28½	28
do. preferred	100	52	52	51½
K. C. Southern	1,300	28	27⅞	27¾
do. preferred	1,000	56¾	56	56
Louis. & Nash.	1,400	146	144½	144
Mexican Central	200	21½	21½	21
Minn. & St. Louis	400	67	66½	66½
M., St. P. & S.S.M.	.....	.....	.....	150
do. preferred	100	173¼	173¼	169
Missouri Pacific	4,700	96⅝	95	95
M., K. & T., pfd.	2,400	71¼	69¾	70
National Lead	1,600	80⅝	79¼	79
N.R.R. of Mex., pfd.	400	41⅝	41½	41½
N. Y. Central	2,100	142	140½	141
N. Y., Ont. & W.	600	48	47½	47¾
Norfolk & Western	1,600	92⅝	92½	92
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	99
North American	1,000	94⅝	93½	94¼
Northern Pacific	200	206⅞	205½	205⅝
Pacific Mail	4,700	38½	37	38
Pennsylvania	131,000	139¼	137⅝	138⅝
People's Gas	.....	.....	.....	90
P., C. C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	81½
Pressed Steel Car	900	52⅝	52	52¼
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	97½
Pull. Palace Car	100	240	240	237
do. 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	92
do. 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	90
Republic Steel	700	23½	20	28¾
do. preferred	200	99½	99½	99
Rock Island Co.	3,500	26⅝	26	26⅝
do. preferred	600	64⅝	63½	63
St. L. & S.F., 2d pfd.	100	45½	45½	44½
St. Louis S. W.	.....	.....	.....	29½
do. preferred	500	57⅝	57	51½
Schloss Sheffield	.....	.....	.....	75
Southern Pacific	176,800	82½	81½	82¼
do. preferred	200	118¾	118¾	117¾
Southern Ry.	2,900	37½	37	37½
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	99½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	200	155¼	155	154½
Texas & Pacific	600	34½	34	34⅝
Tol., St. L. & W.	500	31½	30½	30½
do. preferred	2,500	51½	50¾	50⅞
Union Pacific	397,800	103⅞	102	102½
do. preferred	500	95	95	94
U. S. Express	.....	.....	.....	124
U. S. Realty	.....	.....	.....	76½
U. S. Rubber	1,300	45	44	44⅝
do. preferred	3,300	108⅝	108	107
U. S. Steel	53,200	41½	41¼	41½
do. preferred	11,700	106⅝	106	106½
Va. Car. Chemical	300	38¼	37⅞	37
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	108⅝
Wabash	200	20¼	20	20
do. preferred	.....	.....	.....	47
Wells Fargo Ex.	300	300	300	300
Westinghouse Elec.	300	150	150	150
Western Union	200	92	92	92
Wheeling & L. E.	700	18⅝	18½	18
Wis. Central	600	26½	26⅝	26¼
do. preferred	800	51⅝	51	51

Total sales for the day, 1,217,600 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	104¼	D. & R. G. 4s	99
do. coupon	104¾	N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	92⅝
U. S. 3s, reg.	103½	North. Pac. 3s	103¼
do. coupon	103½	do. 4s	76
U. S. new 4s rg.	129¾	South. Pac. 4s	91½
do. coupon	129¾	Union Pac. 4s	103⅝
U. S. old 4s reg.	103¼	Wis. Central 4s	89½
do. coupon	103¾	Jap. 6s, 2d series	99⅝
Atch. adj. 4s	95⅝	Jap. 4½s	91⅝

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Consols for money, 87 13-16; for account, 88 1-16.

Anaconda	13¼	Norf. & Western	95⅝
Atchison	98⅝	do preferred	94
do preferred	104¼	Ont. & Western	48⅝
B. & O.	122½	Pennsylvania	71¼
Canadian Pac.	163¼	*Rand Mines	6½
Ch. Gt. Western	19¾	Reading	69½
St. Paul	194¼	Southern Ry.	38½
De Beers	17⅞	do preferred	102½
D. & R. G.	43¼	South. Pac.	85¼
do preferred	88⅝	Union Pac.	168¼
Erie	43½	do preferred	98
do 1st pfd.	80	U. S. Steel	42
do 2d pfd.	73	do preferred	109⅞
Illinois Central	181½	Wabash	21
L. & N.	150¾	do preferred	40½
M., K. & T.	36⅝	Spanish 4s	93⅞
N. Y. Central	146½		

*Ex dividend.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Money on call firmer, 3@4 per cent; ruling rate, 3¾; closing bid, 3½; offered at 4 per cent. Time loans, very strong; 60 days, 5 per cent; 90 days, 5@5¼; six months, 5¾@6. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@6 per cent.

Sterling exchange steady at $4.8475 for demand and at $4.8190@4.8195 for 60 days. Posted rate, $4.82½@4.83 and $4.85½@4.86; commercial bills, $4.81¾@4.81½.

Bar silver, 66¾c.

Mexican dollars, 50¾c.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Silver firm, 30 5-16d per ounce. Money, 2@2½ per cent. Rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 3 1-16 per cent; for three months' bills, 3¼ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—Silver bars, 66¼c per ounce. Mexican dollars, 52½c. Drafts—Sight, 2½c; telegraph, 5c. Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4.82¼; sight, $4.85.

St. Paul Stock Issue.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, at a meeting today, decided to issue to stockholders $25,000,000 of the common stock of that company which is now in the treasury of the company, having already been authorized by the stockholders.

Dividend Not Announced.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—At the conclusion of a meeting of the executive committee of the Union Pacific Railway today, a statement was given out to the effect that no announcement would be made today regarding action on the question of dividends.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund shows:

Available cash balance	$183,103,445
Gold coin and bullion	100,331,552
Gold certificates	46,219,200

ESTIMATING PRUNE CROP

GROWERS BELIEVE PACKERS' REPORTS ARE UNFAIR.

J. E. Towle, of Salem, Says Conditions Have Been Misrepresented. Tendency to Bear Market.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Prunegrowers in this vicinity think the packers have been given all the advantage in the pruna-crop reports published in this and other states, and declare that the conditions do not warrant the low prices that have been quoted for prunes. Rather, they say that the packers have taken an advantage, for the figures that have been published regarding the crop in this state have been given out by packers or buyers, and not by growers. Some of the growers think the situation has been misrepresented.

J. E. Towle, a successful prunegrower at Shaw, in this county, is one of these. He says the packers have been permitted to misrepresent crop conditions through the newspapers, and that the information they have given out has had a tendency to bear the market. The report that has become general regarding the crop situation is that the Northwest States will produce 40,000,000 pounds, which is in excess of the bumper crop of 1903. Mr. Towle does not undertake to give figures on the amount of the crop this year, but says that his information, based upon actual inspection of orchards, is that the crop will not be more than two-thirds that of 1903. He says that, although the early indications were that the crop would equal that of 1903, the long dry spell has made a great change in the condition of the crop. There has been an unusually heavy drop, he says, and the prunes will not grow to as large a size as usual, with the result that the total weight of prunes produced will be much less than in 1903, when weather conditions were more favorable. Mr. Towle wants to record his estimate of the prune crop, and says that when the harvest is over the returns will show that the packers and buyers have overestimated the yield for effect. Mr. Towle has already sold his prunes, and is therefore not interested financially in the future of the market, except that he wants to see all prunegrowers get a fair price for their product.

S. P. Kimball, manager of the Salem Co-Operative Cannery, who is an extensive grower of prunes at Dallas, is another grower who thinks the packers have reduced quotations to a lower figure than conditions warrant. He says that he hears of no growers selling at present quotations, and does not believe there will be any. He is confident that there will be a reaction, bringing prices up to a paying basis, and he is not worrying over the situation.

Growers who have no dryers, but who depend upon selling their fruit green, are the ones that are likely to feel the depressed condition of the prune market most. Owners of evaporators who buy prunes must regulate prices according to the present market. A bushel of prunes will dry out to about 18 pounds of cured fruit. In ordinary seasons a crop will average in the 40-50s size, but this year growers are counting on prunes going no better than 50-60 to the pound. On a 1¾-cent basis, which is now quoted, the 50-60 prunes would be worth 2½ cents a pound, or 44 cents for the dry product of a bushel of green prunes. It costs half a cent a pound to dry the fruit, or 9 cents for the 18 pounds a bushel will produce. This leaves 35 cents the owner of a dryer can expect to get for a bushel of prunes, and if he counts on making a profit to cover use of dryer, chances of loss by fire, trouble of reselling, interest on money, etc., he must buy for about 30 cents.

In seasons when prunes were of a larger size and the market was more promising, 40 to 50 cents a bushel has been paid for fresh prunes, but owners of evaporators will not be able to pay that price this year.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The market for evaporated apples is unchanged. Spot supplies are practically cleaned up and the few remaining lots are steadily held. Prime, 11¾c; choice, 11½@11¾c; fancy, 12c.

Prunes are quiet and unchanged on spot, with California 70s to 40s quoted at 7½c and Oregon 40s to 60s at 7¾@8½c.

New crop apricots are beginning to arrive and are firm. New crop choice are quoted at 16c, extra choice at 17c and fancy, at 10@20c.

Peaches are quiet, with choice quoted at 10¾@11c; extra choice, 11@11½c; fancy, 11@12c, and extra fancy, 12@12½c.

Raisins are unchanged, with loose muscatels quoted at 6@7c; seeded raisins, 6@