OFFERINGS ARE FEW

Wheat Market Is Strong, but Not Much Is Selling.

SPOT GRAIN IS IN DEMAND

There Are No Established Prices Now, but Buyers Will Pay According to Their Needs—Rumors of Sales of Hops.

The local wheat market, which has been uniformly strong during most of the season, gained some strength sympathetically from the bulge in the Eastern markets yesterday, but the prices quoted by the trade show little change. The market is largely a nominal affair, as stocks here are small and in the country available lots are becoming more widely scattered. While club wheat is nominally worth about 76c, there are no established prices and buyers will pay for spot offerings in accordance with their needs.

On the Sound, where the millers have again got into communication with the Oriental trade, prices of spot wheat have been bid up rather sharply in the past two days. The northern mills were for a time shut out of the Oriental business by the car shortage, but they are again operating and are evidently taking on some new Asiatic contracts, judging from the decreased inquiry here. Local shippers, however, are sold up many weeks ahead and have about all the export business they can take care of until Summer opens. The later demand, even if it should be materially decreased, will doubtless be more than enough to absorb the small remnant of last year's crop that will then be on hand.

RUMORS OF LATE HOP SALES.

Growers Not Cultivating Their Yards as Well as Usual.

There were rumors in the hop market late yesterday of some good-sized business being done up the Valley, but the particulars were not obtainable. In the local market nothing was done. Advices from Washington reported hops being freely offered there at from 3c to 6c with buyers out of the market.

One of the leading growers of Oregon, who was in the city yesterday, gave it as his opinion that the coming crop will by no means equal that of last year. He said:

"It is a mistake to say that the yards are being cultivated up to their limit this season. The low prices have discouraged many of the growers and a tour of inspection through the hop sections will show innumerable instances where the yards are being only partly cultivated or not worked at all. The scarcity of labor is partly responsible for this. Some of the growers who are disposed to put their yards in proper shape find it practically impossible to secure help at any price. The high cost of material is also a disadvantage. The climate last year was most favorable to the growing of a big crop, which is more than can be said of the weather so far this season."

A London cable received yesterday said: "Market dull and declining. Crop prospects good." The latest circulars from the English hop trade say:

Wild, Neame & Co., London—The low level of values has attracted more business during the past week, and there is less pressure to sell, resulting in a rather firmer tendency.

Manger & Healey, London—A better inquiry continues for all useful copper hops, and several fair-sized parcels have recently changed hands. Prices remain unaltered.

W. H. & H. Le May, London—The lower prices now current have brought about more business, consumers availing themiseves of the present favorable opportunity to cover their requirements.

J. H. Meredith & Co., Worcester—Trade remains in a very lifeless condition, and only few small sales transacted out of merchants' stock have been at rather easier rates. Supplies in first hands are still held above buyers' views, and no growers' hops have passed the public scales since February.

SHADING OF BUTTER PRICES.

Low Quotations on Front Street Weaken the Entire Market.

The general tone of the butter market is decidedly weak. As is always the case when the output is heavy, many produce jobbers who do not have a regular butter trade, are receiving supplies that they can only move by shading the current quotations. The regular established brands of outside butter are cleaning up, but the market is affected by the concessions made on the less-known brands. The city creameries hold to the 25c quotation, but this price will probably not be maintained after the present week.

The local demand for eggs was sluggish yesterday and the shipping inquiry was not strong enough to clean up the arrivals. Prices were weak but not lower.

Small spring chickens are arriving more freely and are still sold at high prices, but such figures cannot be maintained long.

Good Demand for Dressed Meats.

There is a steady demand for all kinds of dressed meats. Receipts of pork are uneven one day heavy and the next light, but on the whole the market is firm. Fancy small veal is very strong, as the supply is insufficient. Mutton is also moving very freely and commands high prices when choice, but poor stock will not go well. Dressed lambs are more plentiful and are quoted a shade lower. The beef market is strong.

Lemon Market Very Firm.

Vegetables were in good supply and strong demand yesterday and prices generally held steady. Lemons were quoted very firm in response to the advance in California. A car of oranges was received in the forenoon. Strawberry receipts were light and some of the lots were of rather poor quality and sold comparatively low.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the leading cities of the Northwest yesterday were:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,000,763	$ 93,366
Seattle	1,708,888	321,346
Tacoma	678,441	31,161
Spokane	945,834	119,280

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city $17, country $18 per ton; middlings, $25@26; shorts, city $19.50, country $20.50 per ton; U. S. Mills dairy chop, $15.50 per ton.

WHEAT—Club, 75@76c; bluestem, 77@78c; Valley, 72@73c; red, 74@75c.

OATS—No. 1 white, $29.50; gray, $28@29.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.30; straights, $3.75; clears, $3.75; Valley, $3.80@3.90; graham flour, $3.75@4.25; whole wheat flour, $4@4.50.

RYE—$1.45@1.50 per cwt.

BARLEY—Feed, $22.50 per ton; brewing, $23; rolled, $23.50@24.50.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $7; lower grades, $5.50@6.50; oatmeal, steel-cut, 45-pound sacks, $8 per barrel; 9-pound sacks, $4.25 per bale; oatmeal (ground), 45-pound sacks, $7.50 per barrel; 9-pound sacks, $4 per bale; split peas, per 100 pounds, $4.25@4.50; pearl barley, $4@4.50 per 100 pounds; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.30 per bale.

CORN—Whole, $25; cracked, $26 per ton.

HAY—Valley timothy, No. 1, $15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $17@18; clover, $9; cheat, $9; grain hay, $9@10.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Strawberries, 16@20c per pound; apples, $1@2.50 per box; cranberries, $10.50@11 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, fancy, $5@6 box; oranges, navels, $2.50@3.50; grapefruit, $3@3.50; bananas, 5c per pound.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1@1.25 per sack; carrots, $1@1.25 per sack; beets, $1.25@1.50 per sack; garlic, 7½@10c per pound; horseradish, 7@8c per pound; chicory, 30c.

FRESH VEGETABLES — Cabbage, California, 3¼@3½c pound; cauliflower, $1@1.25 doz.; lettuce, head, 35@45c dozen; onions, 10@12½c per dozen; tomatoes, $2.25@4.50 crate; parsley, 25@30c; artichokes, 75@80c doz.; hothouse lettuce, $2 box; peas, 8@10c; radishes, 20c dozen; asparagus, 90c@1 per dozen; bell peppers, 30@35c per pound; rhubarb, 2@3c pound; cucumbers, $2@2.50; spinach, $1.50 per crate.

ONIONS—Oregon, $2@2.50 per hundred; Texas, 3c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8@8½c pound; apricots, 16@19c; peaches, 11@13c; pears, 11½@14c; Italian prunes, 2¾@6c; California figs, white, in sacks, 5@6½c per pound; black, 4½@5c; bricks, 75c@$2.25 per box; Smyrna, 15½@20c pound; dates, Persian, 6½@7c pound.

POTATOES—Jobbing price: Oregon and Eastern, $1.85@2 per sack; new potatoes, 8c per pound; sweet potatoes, 6c per pound.

RAISINS—Layers and clusters, 2-crown $2.15, 3-crown $2.25, 5-crown $3.10, 6-crown $3.50; loose muscatels, 2-crown 8c, 3-crown 8½c, 4-crown 9c; seedless, Thompsons, 10½c; Sultanas, 9@12½c.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 25c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 20@25c; store butter, 17@17½c.

BUTTER PAT—First grade cream, 23½c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream twins, 16@16½c; Young America, 17@17½c per pound.

POULTRY — Average old hens, 15@16c; mixed chickens, 15@15½c; Spring fryers and broilers, 22½@25c; old roosters, 10@12c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 13@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18½@20c; geese, live, per pound, 8c; ducks, 16@18c; pigeons, $1@1.50; squabs, $2@3.

EGGS—15½@16c per dozen.

Dressed Meats.

VEAL—Dressed, 75@125 pounds, 8@8½c; 125@150 pounds, 7c; 150@200 pounds, 6c; 200 pounds and up, 5½@6c.

BEEF—Dressed bulls, 3½@4c per pound; cows, 3½@6½c; country steers, 6½@7½c.

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy, 10@10½c per pound; ordinary, 6@9c; Spring lambs, with pelts, 12@12½c.

PORK—Dressed, 100@130 pounds, 8½@9c; 150@200 pounds, 7@7½c; 200 pounds and up, 6@6½c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5¼c; Southern Japan, 5.40c; head, 6.75c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12@16c per pound. Columbia roast, per 100s, $14.50; 50s, $14.75; Arbuckle, $16.63; Lion, $15.75.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound, tall, $1.75 per doz.; 2-pound tall, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska, pink, 1-pound talls, 85c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.25; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.70.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds, cube, $5.57½; powdered, $5.47½; granulated, $5.32½; extra C, $4.82½; golden C, $4.72½; fruit sugar, $5.37½; berry, $5.37½; XXXX, $5.22½; D. C., $5.22½. Advance sales over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; ½ 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, $5.22½ per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 16½@20c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 18c; filberts, 16c; pecans, jumbos, 23c, extra large 21c; almonds, 18@20c; chestnuts, Ohio, 17½c; Italian, 14½@15c; peanuts, raw, 6½@8½c per pound; roasted, 10c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, per sack, $2.50; cocoanuts, 30@60c per dozen.

SALT—Granulated, $14 per ton; $2 per bale; half ground, 100s, $10.50 per ton; 50s, $11 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 3½c; large white, 3c; pink, 3c; bayou, 3½c; Lima, 5½c; Mexicans, red, 4c.

HONEY—Fancy, $3.25@3.50 per box.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—7@10c per pound, according to quality.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon average best, 13@18c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 21@22c, according to fineness.

MOHAIR—Choice, 29@30c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old, 5@5½c per pound.

HIDES—Dry, No. 1, 25 pounds and up, 20c pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 16@18c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 20@22c; dry salted: bulls and stags, one-third off; culls, dry hint; culls, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hair-slipped, weather-beaten, or grubby, 2c to 3c per pound less; salted steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 10c pound; steers, sound, 50 to 60 pounds, 9½c pound; steers, sound, under 50 pounds, and cows, 8½@9c pound; stags and bulls, sound, 6½@7c pound; kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 9@10c pound; veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 10@11c; calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 11@12c pound; green (unsalted), 1c pound less; culls, 1c pound less; sheepskins, shearlings, No. 1 butchers' stock, 25@30c each; short wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 50@60c each; medium wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, $1.25@2 each; murrain pelts, from 10 to 20 per cent less, or 15@18c pound; horse hides, salted, according to size, $2@2.50 each; hides, dry, according to size, $1@1.50 each; colts' hides, 25@50c each; goatskins, common, 15@25c each; goatskins, Angora, with wool on, 30c@$1.50 each.

FURS—Bear, cinnamon, $5 to size, No. 1, $5@20 each; cubs, $1@3 each; badger, prime, 25@50c each; cat, wild, with head perfect, 30@50c; cat, house, 5@20c; fox, common gray, large prime, 50@75c each; red, $3@5 each; cross, $5@15 each; silver and black, $100@300 each; fishers, $2@8 each; lynx, $4.50@6 each; mink, strictly No. 1, according to size, $1@3 each; marten, dark northern, according to size and color, $10@15 each; pale, pine, according to size and color, $2.50@4 each; muskrat, large, 12@18c each; skunk, 30@40c each; civet or polecat, 5@15c each; otter, for large, prime skin, $6@10 each; panther, with head and claws perfect, $20@25 each; raccoon, for prime, large, 50c each; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3.50@5; prairie (coyote), 60c@$1; wolverine, $6@9.

Provisions and Canned Meats.

BACON — Fancy breakfast, 21½c pound; standard breakfast, 19c; choice, 18c; English, 11 to 14 pounds, 17c; peach, 16½c.

HAMS—10 to 11 pounds, 16½c pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 16c; 18 to 20 pounds, 16c; picnics, 12c; cottage, 11½c; shoulders, 12c; boiled, 25c; boiled picnics, 30c.

BARRELED GOODS—Pork, barrels, $20; half-barrels, $11; beef, barrels, $10, half-barrels, $5.50.

SAUSAGE—Ham, 15c per pound; minced ham, 10c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 6c; weinerwurst, 10c; liver, 6c; pork, 10c; headcheese, 6c; blood, 6c; bologna links, 6¼c.

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, none; smoked, none; Oregon exports, dry salt, 12½c; smoked, 13½c.

LARD—Kettle rendered: Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12¾c; 50s, 12¾c; 20s, 12¾c; 10s, 13¼c; 5s, 13¾c. Standard pure: Tierces, 11½c; tubs, 11¾c; 50s, 11¾c; 20s, 11¾c; 10s, 12¼c; 5s, 12¼c. Compound: Tierces, 9c; tubs, 9¼c; 50s, 9¼c; 10s, 9¾c; 5s, 9¾c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

The following prices were quoted in the local market yesterday:

CATTLE—Best steers, $5@5.25; medium, $4.50@4.75; cows, $4@4.25; fair to medium cows, $3.50@3.75; bulls, $1.50@2; calves, $4.50@5.

SHEEP—Best, ..6.25@6.50.

Hogs—Best, $7@7.25; lightweights, $7@7.25; stockers and feeders, $6.75@7.25.

Eastern Livestock Prices.

CHICAGO, April 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 1500; market, steady. Beeves, $4.25@5.25; good to prime steers, $5.30@6.55; poor to medium, $4.30@5.30; stockers and feeders, $2.90@5.15; cows, $1.80@4.90; heifers, $2.75@5.40; calves, $5.50@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; market, strong to 5c higher. Mixed, $6.35@6.60; good to choice heavy, $6.45@6.55; heavy, $6.25@6.57½; rough, $6.25@6.35; light, $6.40@6.62½; pigs, $6@6.55; bulk of sales, $6.50@6.57½.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000; market strong. Natives, $4.50@6.90; lambs, $6.50@8.70; Western sheep, $4.50@6.90; yearlings, $7@7.75; Western lambs, $6.50@8.75.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 2700; market, slow. Native steers, $3.20@5.25; native cows and heifers, $3@5.00; Western steers, $3.50@5.25; Texas steers, $3@4.25; Texas cows and heifers, $2.50@4.60; canners, $2.25@3.50; stockers and feeders, $3@5; calves, $3@6; bulls, stags, etc., $3.50@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 1900; market, shade to 5c higher. Heavy, $6.25@6.50; mixed, $6.30@6.65; light, $6.35@6.45; pigs, $5.50@6.25; bulk of sales, $6.30@6.40.

Sheep—Receipts, 1500; market, stronger. Fed muttons, $6.50@7.70; wethers, $6.40@7.00; ewes, $5.50@6.60; lambs, $7.50@8.50.

KANSAS CITY, April 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000, including 200 Southerns; market, steady. Native steers, $4.75@6.20; native cows and heifers, $2.75@4.85; stockers and feeders, $3.75@5.20; bulls, $3@4.25; calves, $3.50@5.75; Western fed steers, $4.40@5.75; Western fed cows, $3.25@4.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000; market, strong to 5c higher. Bulk, $6.40@6.55; heavy, $6.40@6.55; packers, $6.40@6.67½; light, $6.40@6.57½.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000; market, steady. Muttons, $5.25@6.50; lambs, $7@8.65; range wethers, $5.50@7.40; fed ewes, $5@6.50.

Damascus creamery butterfat, f. o. b. Portland, 37½c.

IRON FROM ABROAD

Production in This Country Is Not Up to Requirements.

PRICES ARE ADVANCING

Manufacturers Preparing Vigorously for Future Activity—Cereal Markets Respond to a Better Foreign Demand.

NEW YORK, April 26.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Weather conditions have again dominated trade, but reports have become irregular, some sections still complaining of unfavorable temperature, while most dispatches reflect the brighter results of tardy sunshine. Similar uncertainty is recorded as to the progress of the crops, while the cereal markets are responsive to the strengthening influence of a broader foreign demand.

It is noteworthy that manufacturers continue vigorously preparing for future activity, regardless of any temporary interruption to distribution by the weather. A few small strikes are also interrupting manufacturers, but in the aggregate a very limited part of the Nation's producing power is inactive and most of machinery idle is due to the scarcity of labor.

Pig iron cannot be produced with sufficient rapidity in this country to meet the requirements of steel mills, more Middlesboro iron being imported, despite a further advance in foreign quotations. Prices of forms of iron and steel are strong, and some sales of pig iron for delivery during the last half of the year were made at $22, valley forge, against $21 only a few weeks ago.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending April 25 shows an aggregate of $2,621,545,000, as against $3,014,063,000 last week and $3,064,134,000 in the corresponding week last year.

Canadian clearings for the week total $75,109,000, as against $77,729,000 last week and $70,833,000 in the same week last year. The following is a list of the cities:

		P.C. inc.	P.C. dec.
New York	$1,562,465,000	....	25.0
Chicago	228,312,000	14.2	....
Boston	146,805,000	....	15.3
Philadelphia	138,574,000	....	10.6
St. Louis	59,067,000	9.5	....
Pittsburg	59,219,000	12.2	....
San Francisco	43,233,000	....	....
Baltimore	26,129,000	5.1	....
Kansas City	30,156,000	27.3	....
Cincinnati	29,795,000	9.3	....
New Orleans	15,694,000	....	8.7
Minneapolis	19,313,000	15.6	....
Cleveland	14,901,000	12.8	....
Detroit	11,969,000	....	12.3
Louisville	11,718,000	....	1.8
Los Angeles	12,852,000	33.7	....
Omaha	10,059,000	15.2	....
Milwaukee	10,156,000	23.1	....
Seattle	9,655,000	12.7	....
St. Paul	9,180,000	12.5	....
Providence	6,952,000	.4	.8
Buffalo	7,899,000	....	....
Indianapolis	7,074,000	24.8	....
Denver	7,086,000	16.3	....
Fort Worth	7,554,000	49.3	....
Richmond	5,755,000	23.7	....
Albany	7,426,000	40.9	....
Washington	5,670,000	6.6	....
Salt Lake City	5,530,000	38.9	....
Portland, Or.	6,944,000	75.3	....
Columbus, O.	5,311,000	15.7	....
St. Joseph	5,734,000	80.9	....
Memphis	4,163,000	....	.6
Savannah	3,193,000	.8	....
Atlanta	4,570,000	44.5	....
Spokane, Wash.	5,109,000	45.9	....
Toledo, O.	4,045,000	22.2	....
Tacoma	4,306,000	12.7	....
Nashville	3,822,000	31.5	....
Rochester	2,873,000	....	16.1
Hartford	3,570,000	10.9	....
Peoria	2,622,000	13.0	....
Des Moines	2,740,000	6.0	....
Norfolk	2,767,000	53.4	....
New Haven	2,364,000	.3	....
Grand Rapids	2,284,000	8.0	....
Dayton	1,791,000	....	11.8
Portland, Me.	1,615,000	20.6	....
Sioux City	2,237,000	25.3	....
Springfield, Mass.	2,236,000	8.4	....
Evansville	1,771,000	....	4.2
Birmingham	2,316,000	42.5	....
Syracuse	1,735,000	21.0	....
Augusta, Ga.	1,703,000	2.0	....
Mobile	1,863,000	59.2	....
Worcester	1,570,000	....	12.2
Knoxville	1,585,000	1.3	....
Wilmington, Del.	1,441,000	....	....
Charleston, S. C.	1,225,000	17.0	....
Chattanooga	1,255,000	....	....
Jacksonville, Fla.	1,617,000	43.4	....
Wichita	1,324,000	54.9	....
Wilkesbarre	1,111,000	4.8	....
Davenport	1,131,000	10.0	....
Little Rock	1,240,000	.5	....
Wheeling, W. Va.	1,036,000	....	1.1
Fall River	770,000	....	27.0
Kalamazoo, Mich.	906,00	3.5	....
Topeka	871,000	22.1	....
Springfield, Ill.	802,000	4.8	....
Helena	810,000	32.3	....
Fort Wayne, Ind.	782,000	12.1	....
New Bedford	640,000	.5.0	....
Lexington	589,000	16.3	....
Youngstown	679,000	....	11.5
Erie, Pa.	685,000	6.5	....
Macon	594,000	41.0	....
Akron	704,000	410	....
Rockford, Ill.	706,000	7.1	....
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	711,000	46.6	....
Chester, Pa.	532,000	....	11.9
Binghamton	465,000	....	10.2
Fargo, N. D.	566,000	28.6	....
Lowell	464,000	....	4.7
Canton, O.	603,000	29.8	....
Bloomington, Ill.	429,000	....	24.2
South Bend, Ind.	469,000	23.4	....
Quincy, Ill.	393,000	....	18.1
Springfield, O.	371,000	....	.5
Sioux Falls, S. D.	366,000	22.0	....
Decatur, Ill.	459,000	6.9	....
Fremont, Neb.	210,000	....	20.4
Jacksonville, Ill.	200,000	....	2.4
Lincoln, Neb.	1,220,000	....	....
Oakland, Cal.	2,954,000	....	....
Houston	24,093,000	....	....
Galveston	11,757,000	72.5	....
CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 28,085,000	....	1.9
Toronto	22,532,000	....	2.2
Winnipeg	11,077,000	23.0	....
Ottawa	3,090,000	....	31.9
Vancouver, B. C.	3,433,000	43.8	....
Halifax	1,673,000	....	1.1
Quebec	1,761,000	22.9	....
Hamilton	1,671,000	14.6	....
St. John, N. B.	1,243,000	13.6	....
London, Ont.	1,589,000	32.4	....
Victoria, B. C.	1,214,000	60.3	....
Calgary	1,595,000	....	....
Edmonton	1,122,000	....	....

GOOD FOR MIDSEASONS' PERIOD.

But Retail Trade Has Been Checked Somewhat by Bad Weather.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Weather conditions this week, as for nearly a month past, have been a bar to retail trade activity and to seasonable crop development throughout a wide area. In jobbing and wholesale trade lines, orders are in smaller volume than expected, but business as a whole is good for a between-seasons period.

Domestic wool is quiet, while stocks are light and selections are becoming poorer. Sales made are for immediate requirements only. Foreign wools are also quiet, and the small sales made are mainly fine merinos and high crossbreds. Shearing is general in Texas, California, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. New California wools, which are of good quality, bring about last year's prices. Half the Utah clip is under contract, nevertheless wool is acumulating.

The labor situation is one of great strength. Strikes are notably few for the May 1 period, and while railroad retrenchment makes for a larger supply of unskilled labor, the skilled branches are very well employed.

Buisness failures in the United States for the week ending April 25 number 157 against 167 last week and 177 in the like week of 1906. Canadian failures for the week number 23 as against 18 last week and 22 in this week last year.

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending April 25, aggregated 2,580,242 bushels, against 3,102,467 last week and 2,149,684 this week last year. For the past 43 weeks of the fiscal year the exports are 141,565,731 bushels, against 111,561,401 in 1905-06.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The market for evaporated apples is steady to firm, with offerings less urgent. Fancy, 8@8½c; choice, 7@7½c; prime, 6¼@6½c; poor to fair, 5½@6c.

Prunes show a strong tone owing to bullish advices from the Coast, but the demand is hardly active enough to make much improvement on prices. Quotations range from 3½c to 12½c for California fruit and from 5½c to 10c for Oregon.

Apricots are moving very slowly with choice quoted at 17½@18c; extra choice, 18¾@19c; fancy, 19@20c.

Peaches are dull. Choice, 11@11½c; extra choice, 12¼c; fancy, 12½@13c; extra fancy, 13@15c.

Raisins were unchanged.

PORTLAND STOCK EXCHANGE.

Poticie Again in Demand—Washougal and Associated Oil Lower.

Washougal Extension dropped over 2 points on the local stock exchange yesterday and Associated Oil was a fraction under Thursday's price. Poticie, which has not been dealt in for over a week, again appeared in the transactions, with two sales near the former price.

Official prices were as follows:

Bank Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Bank of California	361	....
Bankers' & Lumbermen's	103	....
Merchants' National	169	175
Oregon Trust & Savings	....	150
Portland Trust Company	....	129
United States National	200	....
LISTED SECURITIES.		
Bonds—		
American Biscuit Co. 6s	98½	100
City & Suburban 4s	....	92
Home Telephone 5s	....	87½
O. R. & N. Ry. 4s	97	100
O. W. P. & Ry. 6s	100	103½
Pacific Coast Biscuit 6s	96½	100
Portland Railway 5s	....	98
Miscellaneous Stocks—		
Associated Oil	42	42¾
Home Telephone	35½	40
J. C. Lee Company	12½	17½
Pacific States Telephone	....	100
Puget Sound Telephone	....	40
Mining Stocks—		
Lakeview	....	17
Manhattan Crown Point	....	20
Poticie Mining	19¼	20
Washougal Extension	23	26
UNLISTED STOCKS.		
Yaquina Bay Telephone	5¾	....
Oregon City Mill & Lumber	....	5
Alaska Petroleum	15	17
British Columbia Amal	68¾	95¾
Cascadia	20	26½
Mammoth	10	14½
Morning	95	96¼
Standard Consolidated	07	11
Tacoma Steel	....	14½
Coeur d'Alene District—		
Bullion	08½	09½
Copper King	17	18½
O. K. Consolidated	06	09
Happy Day	04¾	06¼
Snowshoe	64	52
Snowstorm	3.00	3.10
SALES.		
10 Associated Oil		42½
2000 Poticie		19
3000 Poticie		19¼
2000 Washougal		25¾

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, April 26.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	3.50	Osceola	$135.00
Allouez	50.50	Parrot	22.50
Amalgamated	93.87½	Quincy	121.00
Atlantic	13.00	Shannon	17.50
Bingham	18.25	Tamarack	196.00
Cal. & Hecla	860.00	Trinity	21.37½
Centennial	30.00	United Cop.	62.00
Cop. Range	21.50	U. S. Mining	54.25
Daly West	16.00	U. S. Oil	161.25
Franklin	16.50	Utah	62.50
Granby	130.00	Victoria	8.00
Isle Royale	10.50	Winona	8.00
Mass. Mining	6.50	Wolverine	155.00
Michigan	14.50	North Butte	86.00
Mohawk	83.00	Butte Coal	26.87½
Mont. C. & C	2.75	Nevada	14.25
O. Dominion	54.00	Cal. & Ariz.	167.00

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Products in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market yesterday:

FRUIT—Apples, choice, $2; common, $1; bananas, $1@1.50; Mexican limes, $6@8; California lemons, choice, $5; common, $1.50; oranges, navel, $1@3.50; pineapples, $4@6.

VEGETABLES—Cucumbers, $1.25@1.75; garlic, 3½@4c; green peas, 2½@3c; asparagus, 6@11c; tomatoes, 4@6c.

EGGS—Store, 16¼@18½c; fancy ranch, 21c.

POTATOES—Early Rose, $1.60@1.75; sweets, $4@4.50; Oregon Burbanks $2@2.30; Oregon seed Burbanks, $1.65@1.75; Eastern, $1.70@1.90; garnet Chile, $1.50; River Whites, $1.85@2; new, 4@4¼c.

ONIONS—Oregon, $2.50@3; Australian, $4.25@4.50.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 22½c; creamery seconds, 21c; fancy dairy, 22c; dairy seconds, nominal; pickled, 19c.

WOOL—Fall, Humboldt and Mendocino, 13@14c; Nevada, 15@16c; South Plains and San Joaquin 6@8c; lambs, 7@10c.

HOPS—California, 7@10½c.

CHEESE—Young America, 15@15½c; Eastern, 17½c.

HAY—Wheat, $18@25; wheat and oats, $14@18; alfalfa, $8@12.50; stock, 8@10; straw, 65@85c.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $22@23; middlings, $27@30.

POULTRY—Turkeys, gobblers, nominal; turkeys, hens, nominal; roosters, old, $4@4.50; young, $7.50@9; broilers, small, $2.50@4.50; broilers, large, $5@9; fryers, $6.50@7.50; hens, $5.50@9; ducks, old, $5@6; ducks, young, $6@8.

FLOUR—California family extras, $4.85@5.30; bakers' extras, $4.60@4.80; Oregon and Washington, $3.75@4.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 13,723 quarter sacks; wheat, 190 centals; barley, 3440 centals; corn, 20 centals; potatoes, 2180 sacks; bran, 728 sacks; middlings, 259 sacks; hay, 690 tons; wool, 31 bales; hides, 310.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Money on call easy, 2 to 2¾ per cent; ruling rate, closing bid and offered at 2 per cent. Time loans, easy; 60 days, 3@3½ per cent; 90 days, 4@4¼ per cent; six months, 4¾@5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5¾@6 per cent.

Sterling exchange firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8615@4.8620 for demand and at $4.8330@4.8335 for 60-day bills. Posted rates, $4.83½@4.84 and $4.86½@4.87. Commercial bills, $4.87¾.

Bar silver, 65¾c.

Mexican dollars, 50¾c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, steady.

LONDON, April 26.—Bar silver, quiet, 30 5-16d per ounce.

Money, 1¾@2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 per cent; do three months' bills, 3⅛@3¼ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Silver bars, 65¾c.

Mexican dollars, 51½c.

Drafts—Sight, par; do telegraph, 5c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.83¾; do sight, $4.86½.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The London tin market was higher with spot quoted at £193 10s and futures at £190 15s. Locally, the market was firm, with spot quoted at 42.30@42.55c.

Copper was also higher in London, with spot quoted at £103 5s and futures at £101 10s. Locally, the market was a shade higher with lake quoted at 24.50@25.25c; electrolytic at 24@24.75c; casting, 22.75@23.25c.

Lead was unchanged at 6@6.10c in the local market, but advanced to £19 17s in London.

Spelter was a shade lower again in the local market, with spot quoted at 6.55@6.65c. The London market was unchanged, with spot at £25 17s 6d.

Iron was higher in the English market, with standard foundry quoted at 58s and Cleveland warrants at 58s 3d. Locally, the market was unchanged.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Coffee—Futures closed 10 points lower. Sales were reported of 135,250 bags. May, 5.60@5.70c; July, 5.55c; September, 5.45@5.50c. Spot coffee, barely steady: No. 7 Rio, 7¾c; No. 4 Santos, 7¾c; mild coffee, dull; Cordova, 9@10¼c.

Sugar—Raw, quiet; fair refining, 3.25@3.26c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.73@3.76c; molasses sugar, 3@3.01c. Refined, steady.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 26.—Wool, steady. Medium grades combing and clothing, 22@26c; light fine, 20@21c; heavy fine, 15@17c; tub washed, 29@37c.

Cornell Observes Centennial.

ITHACA, N. Y., April 26.—Cornell University celebrated today the centennial of the birth of its founder, Ezra Cornell. Among those present were members of the founder's family.

WHEAT UP 2 CENTS

Bulls Cause Sharp Advance in Chicago Pit.

AIDED BY WEATHER REPORT

Crops in Kansas Still Suffering From Lack of Moisture—Strong Export Demand for Grain. Corn and Oats Are Steady.

CHICAGO, April 26.—"Still no rain in Kansas," was the slogan of the bulls in the wheat market, which enabled them to force up the price of that grain nearly 2c per bushel today. The wheat market manifested decided strength all day. The Weather Bureau report, which announced that Kansas was still without moisture, brought out an urgent demand when trading began. There was a great deal of realizing on the advance but the influx of a new crowd of bulls, largely influenced by New York's report of 55 loads taken for export, prevented any reaction. July opened ½c to ⅝c higher at 81½c to 82¼c, sold up to 83⅝@83½c and closed at 83¼@83¾c,