AWAIT WOOL SALES

Little Business Passing in Eastern Oregon Market.

SOME ACTIVITY IN IDAHO

Umatilla County Growers' Association Will Discuss the Matter of Consigning Their Clip East at Meeting Tonight.

Business is quiet in the Eastern Oregon wool markets pending the opening of the auction sales at Pendleton Wednesday. Considerable activity is reported from Idaho where Portland dealers have been buying in the last few days.

The Umatilla County Woolgrowers' Association will hold a meeting at Pendleton tomorrow evening to discuss, among other things the proposition for the growers to get together in an effort to compel the buyers to pay higher prices for this year's wool. It is proposed, if necessary, that the flock-owners pool their clips, arrange for the storing and possibly the scouring of it, and then send it East with a man who will be empowered to dispose of it direct to the manufacturers of woolen goods. Many of the growers feel that they did not get all their wool was worth last year, despite the statements made by the buyers, that they did not make anything on the buys at the sales days. Another thing to be considered is the matter of purchasing salt at wholesale for the benefit of its members. It is claimed by the sheepmen that they have been compelled to pay two or three prices for this necessary commodity and they think that it would be wise for them to follow the example of the Idaho and Montana sheepmen. The question of indorsing or opposing the proposition to have the Government lease its public lands, which was not settled at the last meeting, will come up for further consideration at this meeting.

WHEAT QUIET BUT VERY FIRM.

Weekly Statistics of Grain Movement of Merchants' Exchange.

The local wheat market maintains a very firm tone with last week's prices still quoted, but business is small in view of the limited supplies available.

The weekly grain statistics of the merchants' exchange follow:

American visible supply—

	Bushels.	Decrease.
May 20, 1907	50,985,000	*858,000
May 21, 1906	33,613,000	2,323,000
May 22, 1905	22,540,000	1,621,000
May 16, 1904	27,984,000	1,655,000
May 18, 1903	30,655,000	1,791,000
May 19, 1902	33,577,000	1,725,000
May 20, 1901	42,498,000	3,263,000
May 21, 1900	46,263,000	1,358,000
May 22, 1899	25,468,000	560,000

*Increase.

Quantities on passage—

For	W'k ending May 18. Bushels.	W'k ending May 11. Bushels.	W'k ending May 19, '06. Bushels.
U. K.	27,520,000	26,800,000	31,000,000
Continent	21,520,000	22,080,000	20,728,000
Totals	49,040,000	48,880,000	51,728,000

World's shipments, flour included—

From	W'k ending May 18. Bushels.	W'k ending May 11. Bushels.	W'k ending May 19, '06. Bushels.
U. S., Can.	2,850,000	2,994,000	2,717,000
Argentina	4,768,000	3,272,000	3,112,000
Australia	336,000	864,000	408,000
Dan. p'ts	392,000	872,000	1,184,000
Russia	1,280,000	1,120,000	3,584,000
India	552,000	528,000	....
Totals	9,978,000	9,650,000	11,005,000

EASTERN INQUIRY FOR OREGON HOPS.

Fitchard Fills Brewery Orders for 1250 Bales—Crop Reports Conflicting.

A good inquiry is coming along from the East for Oregon hops at the prevailing prices, which are tempting to brewers, especially in view of the uncertainty as to the coming crop. Several large orders have been filled lately and a number of buyers have gone into the country to purchase what they can. C. L. Fitchard, who was in the city yesterday, reported that he had bought 1250 bales, mostly around Eugene, at 6 to 7 cents. Catlin & Linn have also been buying freely, their purchases in the last few weeks aggregating about 2500 bales. Shucking and other Salem dealers have also been in the market. The trade was much interested in a rumor that James Harris had sent his buyers into the hop sections, and in some quarters it was thought that Schwarz was about to take on a big block on speculation, if he has not already done so. In the meantime the other big Eastern operators and the Horsts are doing nothing, so far as can be learned.

A variety of crop reports are coming in, but they are conflicting and not much satisfaction can be derived from them. The big hop districts evidently must look very spotty, judging from some of the reports.

FRONT STREET WITHOUT BERRIES

Failure of California Train to Arrive Leaves Market Almost Bare.

The failure of the California train to arrive left Front street without strawberries yesterday, except a few crates shipped in from Valley points. These sold readily at 25 cents per pound. Today's express will bring about 400 crates of Florins, which will be the last big shipment from there. After that California berries will be drawn from Placer County and other sections.

The steamer unloaded a fair quantity of Southern truck, most of which cleaned up well. New potatoes were in special demand at 5½@6 cents. Beans were quoted lower at 15 cents, and telephone peas steady at 7½@8 cents. Artichokes were of only fair quality and dropped to 60@65 cents per dozen. Cucumbers were quoted at a wide range. Some open-air coachellas were offered at 50 cents a dozen, while the best California cucumbers brought $1.50. A lot of hothouse cucumbers from Beaverton were quoted at $1 per dozen and would have brought more if they had been of a better variety. Squash was in oversupply at 50c to $1 per box. New sack carrots at $2.50 and turnips at $2 were received from Los Angeles. A car of cabbage also came in.

STRONGER DEMAND FOR EGGS.

Prices Reassert Themselves With the Decreasing of Receipts.

A stronger demand for eggs and some falling off in receipts have given the market a firmer tone. The general quotation on round lots was 18 cents, with a half cent more on single cases, and some firms were holding candled stocks up to 19 cents. Since the season opened the egg market has shown a disposition to hold up and every attempt made to force prices down has been followed by a rebound. With the bigger consumption in the Northwest and the output little if any increased, it would seem that eggs are unreasonably cheap under 20 cents, especially when the prices of other commodities are considered.

The poultry market was in fair shape with a good demand for everything except turkeys. Spring chickens were more numerous and the smaller sizes sold readily. The butter market was firm with a good all around movement.

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

MILLSTUFFS — Bran, city $17, country $18 per ton; middlings, $24.50@25.50; shorts, city $19, country $20 per ton; U. S. Mills dairy chop, $15.50 per ton.

WHEAT—Club, 84@85c; bluestem, 87@88c; Valley, 83@84c; red, 82@83c.

OATS—No. 1 white, $28.50@29; gray, $28@29.

FLOUR—Patent, $4.55; straight, $4; clears, $4; Valley, $4.05@4.15; graham flour, $4@4.50; whole wheat flour, $4.25@4.75.

RYE—$1.45@1.50 per cwt.

BARLEY—Feed, $21.50@22 per ton; brewing, nominal; 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, $26; cracked, $27 per ton.

HAY—Valley timothy, No. 1, $17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $21@23; clover, $9; cheat, $9@10; grain hay, $9@10; alfalfa, $13@14.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS — Strawberries, California, 13½@15c per pound; Oregon, 20@25c per pound; cherries, $1.75 per box; apples, $1@2.50 per box; gooseberries, 8@10c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $5.50@6.25 box; oranges, navels, $2.50@3.50; grapefruit, $3@3.50; bananas, 5c per pound.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, $2 per sack; carrots, $2.50 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, 3@3¼c per pound; cauliflower, $1@$1.25 dozen; lettuce, head, 35@45c dozen; onions, 10@12½c per dozen; tomatoes, $2.25@4.50 crate; parsley, 25@30c; artichokes, 65@75c dozen; hothouse lettuce, $2 box; peas, 7½@10c; radishes, 20c dozen; asparagus, 7@8c pound; bell peppers, 30@35c pound; rhubarb, 4c per pound; cucumbers, 50c@$1.50; spinach, $1.50 per crate; beans, 15c per pound; squash, 50c@$1 per box.

ONIONS—Oregon, $2@2.50 per hundred; Texas, ½c 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, 18½@20c pound; dates, Persian, 6¼@7c pound.

POTATOES—Jobbing price: Oregon and Eastern, $2.00 per sack; new potatoes, 5½@6c 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 9½c; seedless Thompsons, 10½c; Sultanas, 9@12½c.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 22½c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 20@22½c; store butter, 17@17½c.

BUTTER FAT — First grade cream, 21c per pound, second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream twins, 16@17c; Young America, 17@18c per pound.

POULTRY — Average old hens, 14c; mixed chickens, 13½c; Spring fryers and broilers, 20@25c; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 13@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18½@20c; geese, live, per pound, 8c; young ducks, nominal; old ducks, 16@18c; pigeons, $1@1.50; squabs, $2@3.

EGGS—18@18½c per dozen.

Dressed Meats.

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

BEEF—Dressed bulls, 4@4½c per pound; cows, 6@7c; country steers, 7@8c.

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

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

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

The following prices were quoted in the local market yesterday:

CATTLE—Best steers, $4.85@5; medium, $4.50@4.75; cows, $3.50@3.75; fair to medium cows, $3.25@3.50; bulls, $1.50@2.50; calves, $4.50@5.

SHEEP—Best wool sheep, $6@6.25; sheared, $5; lambs, $6@6.50.

HOGS—Best, $7@7.25; lightweights, $7@7.50; stockers and feeders, $6.75@7.25.

Eastern Livestock Prices.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 25,000. Market strong to 10c higher; beeves, $4.30@6.50; good to prime steers, $5.45@6.50; poor to medium, $4.30@5.30; stockers and feeders, $2.90@5.20; cows, $1.80@4.90; heifers, $2.70@5.40; calves, $4.50@6.00.

Hogs—Receipts today, 42,000. Market, steady; mixed, $6.25@6.55; heavy, $6.00@6.45; good to choice heavy, $6.35@6.45; rough, $6.00@6.20; light, $6.35@6.57½; pigs, $5.85@6.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000. Market, steady; sheep, $4.50@6.20; lambs, $8.25@8.60; Western sheep, $4.50@6.15; yearlings, $6.30@6.60, Western lambs, $6.25@8.70.

SOUTH OMAHA, May 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 20,000. Market, steady to a shade higher; native steers, $4.25@5.75; cows and heifers, $3.00@5.00; Western steers, $3.50@5.30; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.80; calves, $3.00@5.50; bulls, stags, etc., $3.25@4.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 7000. Market, 5c lower; heavy, $6.15@6.27½; mixed, $6.20@6.25; light, $6.25@6.40; pigs, $5.50@6.10.

Sheep—Receipts, 8500. Market, steady; yearlings, $6.60@7.50; wethers, $5.25@6.00; ewes, $4.50@5.75; lambs, $7.50@8.60.

KANSAS CITY, May 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 8000. Market, strong to 10c higher; native steers, $4.50@6.00; native cows and heifers, $2.75@5.25; stockers and feeders, $3.50@5.10; Western cows, $3.00@4.75; Western steers, $4.25@5.59; bulls, $3.25@4.60; calves, $3.25@5.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000. Market, steady; heavy, $6.22½@6.30; packers, $6.25@6.42½; light, $6.30@6.47½; pigs, $5.25@6.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 8000. Market, steady; muttons, $5.25@6.75; lambs, $7.00@8.40; range wethers, $5.00@7.00; fed ewes, $4.75@6.50.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Products in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market yesterday.

FRUIT—Apples, choice, $2; common, $1; bananas, $1@2.50; 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, 3@4c; green peas, 1½@3c; string beans, 4@6c; asparagus, 5@11c; tomatoes, $1.50@4.

EGGS—Store, 15½@18c; fancy ranch, 19½c.

POTATOES—Early Rose, $1.60@1.75; sweets, $4@4.50; Oregon Burbanks, $1.75@2.35; Oregon seed, Burbanks, $1.65@1.75; Eastern, $1.60@1.85; new, 3c.

ONIONS—Oregon, $2@2.25, Australian, $4.25@4.50; Bermuda, $2@$2.25.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 22c; creamery seconds, 21c; fancy dairy, 21½c; dairy seconds, nominal; pickled, 20c.

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

HOPS—California, 7@10c; contracts, 10@11c.

CHEESE—Young America, 13½@14c; Eastern, 12c.

HAY—Wheat, $17@20; wheat and oats, $10@19.50; alfalfa, $8@13; stock, $8@9; straw, 45@85c.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $20@21.50; middlings, $27@30.

POULTRY—Roosters, old, $4@4.50; young, $7@10; broilers, small, $2@3; large, $3.50@5; fryers, $6@7; hens, $5@9. Ducks, old, $5@6; 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, 8323 quarter sacks; wheat, 2923 centals; barley, 7447 centals; oats, 180 centals; beans, 35 sacks; corn, 500 centals; potatoes, 3875 sacks; bran, 170 sacks; middlings, 3875 sacks; hay, 284 tons; wool, 220 bales; hides, 22.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, May 20.—With the London markets closed, the metal market was quiet and with the exception of tin, no important fluctuations were noted. The situation in tin is somewhat abnormal, having been affected by the strike of longshoremen, which prevented the delivery of supplies afloat, but with an apparent improvement in the strike situation, the position of the market is less strained, but spot was quoted today at 43@44c, compared with 43.50@44.50c, the closing quotation of last week.

Copper, unchanged; lake, 24.75@26.50c; electrolytic, 24@24.75c, and casting, 22.50@23.25c.

Lead, unchanged, 6@6.05c.

Spelter, dull, 6.40@6.50c.

Iron continued firm and is said to be in active demand.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., May 20.—Butter, firm at 23c. Output for the week, 53,000 pounds.

Damascus creamery butter fat, f. o. b. Portland, 22½c.

STOCKS SLIDE DOWN

New York Market Awakes Only to Fall.

AFFECTED BY WHEAT BULGE

News From Washington Has Depressing Influence on Hill and Harriman Shares—The Bond Market Also Weakened.

NEW YORK, May 20.—The recent inertia of the stock market gave way today to a sharp downward movement accompanied by some broadening of the speculative interest and an increase in the aggregate of the dealings over the recent averages. The large proportion of the dealings were admittedly in professional hands still. There was clear evidence also that the hands which were operating with renewed vigor in stocks were carrying on parallel operations in the wheat market. This is a very unusual coupling of speculative activities, offering some logical arguments for selling of securities, especially of the granger railroads. The granger railroads were in fact quite conspicuous in the selling of today and it was common belief that some special selling orders in the stock market came from houses with important grain market connections. Selling from these sources were not confined to the grangers and that group of stocks and some factors to contend with in addition to the bad crop reports. With this qualification it was true that the weakness of stocks originated from operations by the same interests as did the strength in wheat. The bilateral campaign was furthered effectively by the publication of a crop estimate by an expert in the service of commission-houses in which a smaller outturn of Winter wheat was predicted than has been named by other authorities heretofore.

The speculation for the decline received a considerable impetus from the news of Government activities at Washington. The special weakness of the Hill stocks was traceable to the report from Washington that the inquiry into the common relations of these companies to the Burlington Railroad was to be aggressively extended. The report of the bureau of corporations on the Standard Oil Company was a companion influence, as the principles there formulated for the reckoning of reasonableness in charges for service by public corporations were regarded as widening indefinitely the problem of rates to be charged by railways as they might be controlled by the Government.

The question of financial needs of corporations and the demands upon the money market which might be made necessary on these accounts was a continued influence in the depression of securities. The special weakness in Union Pacific, as well as in the Hill stocks, looked to Washington for its inspiration. Last prices of stocks were about the lowest of the day and represented some severe declines in the special weak features.

A break in United States Steel second fives was the feature of the bond market, attributed to rumors, which were denied, of an intended note issue by the corporation. Bonds were easy. Total sales, par value, $1,474,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Adams' Express	......	.....	.....	292
Amal. Copper	61,700	94½	90⅝	91
Am. Car & Found.	4,100	37	35½	35
do preferred	200	99⅝	99¼	99¼
Am. Cotton Oil	900	90⅝	30	30
do preferred	......	.....	.....	87
Am. Express	......	.....	.....	205
Am. H. & L. pfd.	......	.....	.....	18
Am. Ice	......	.....	.....	67
Am. Linseed Oil	......	.....	.....	11
do preferred	......	.....	.....	25½
Am. Locomotive	1,500	60	58⅜	58⅜
do preferred	......	.....	.....	105
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	39,400	127¾	122¼	122¼
do preferred	700	106½	106	105⅝
Am. Sugar Ref.	2,200	124	122½	122
Am. Tob. pfd. ctf.	......	.....	.....	92
Anaconda Min. Co	7,800	62¼	61	61
Atchison	9,000	88¼	87⅛	87⅛
do preferred	......	.....	.....	93⅛
Atlantic Coast L.	400	100½	100	100
B. & O.	1,800	96¼	95¼	95¼
do preferred	......	.....	.....	86¼
B. R. T.	13,200	58	53½	58
Canadian Pacific	6,300	172½	170½	170½
Central of N. J.	......	.....	.....	175
Ches. & Ohio	3,900	35⅛	34⅝	34⅞
Chicago Gt. West.	1,100	10⅜	10⅜	10⅜
Chi. & N. W.	2,800	151⅝	150	150½
Chi. Mil. & St. P.	15,900	129⅛	127½	127¾
Chi. Ter. & Trans	......	.....	.....	5
do preferred	......	.....	.....	15
C. C. C. & St. L	......	.....	.....	65
Colo Fuel & Iron.	5,500	31½	29⅛	29¼
Colo. & Southern.	2,400	23⅜	22	23¼
do 1st preferred.	......	.....	.....	58½
do 2d preferred.	800	44½	43	43½
Consolidated Gas.	8,100	137½	134	134⅞
Corn Products	700	19	18⅝	18½
do preferred	300	75¼	75	71
Del. & Hudson	1,600	176½	174½	174¼
Del. Lack. & West	......	.....	.....	460
Denver & R. G.	400	28½	25	24⅜
do preferred	......	.....	.....	71
Distillers' Sec.	3,900	67	63⅝	64
Erie	3,900	23½	23¼	23⅛
do 1st preferred.	700	54⅛	54	54
do 2d preferred.	1,700	38	36½	36½
General Electric	1,000	142	140½	140
Illinois Central	300	140	138	136
Intl. Paper pfd.	......	.....	.....	13
Intl. Pump	......	.....	.....	73
do preferred	......	.....	.....	76
Iowa Central	100	18½	18½	18½
do preferred	100	42	40	41
Kansas City South.	800	24½	24⅝	24⅝
do preferred	800	59⅝	59⅛	59
Louis. & Nash.	1,000	114⅝	113⅝	113¼
Mexican Central	2,400	21½	19⅜	19⅝
Minn. & St. Louis.	......	.....	.....	48
M. St. P. & S. M.	600	101½	100¼	99
do preferred	100	130	130	126
Missouri Pacific	1,000	73½	72½	72⅝
Mo. Kan. & Tex.	2,400	33⅞	32	32⅝
National Lead	2,100	64	62	62
N. Ry. of M. pfd.	......	.....	.....	52
N. Y. Central	6,000	113½	112⅝	112⅝
N. Y. Ont. & W.	1,400	35⅞	34⅝	34⅞
Norfolk & West.	1,300	76	75½	75½
North American	1,900	69¼	65	65
Pacific Mail	1,200	26	25	24
Pennsylvania	21,500	122	120	120
People's Gas	2,100	91½	95⅝	95½
P. C. C. & St. L.	200	68⅞	68⅞	65
Pressed Steel Car.	2,500	32½	35½	32
do preferred	......	.....	.....	88
Pullman Pal. Car.	......	.....	.....	164
Reading	157,200	107?	103½	103⅝
do 1st preferred.	......	.....	.....	81
do 2d preferred.	......	.....	.....	81
Republic Steel	600	25½	25	25
do preferred	600	85	84	84
Rock Island	2,500	20	19⅝	19⅝
do preferred	200	46	45½	45
St. L. & S. F. 2 p	900	32	30	30
St. Louis S. W.	......	.....	.....	20
do preferred	......	.....	.....	54
Southern Pacific	14,400	82¼	80⅜	80⅞
do preferred	600	112⅝	112½	112½
Southern Ry.	2,600	19⅞	19⅜	19⅜
do preferred	1,400	60	63⅜	65½
Tenn. C. & I.	......	.....	.....	144⅜
Texas & Pacific	300	27⅜	27½	27
Tol. St. L. & W. p	200	53	53	51⅞
Union Pacific	140,000	142⅝	138¼	138⅝
do preferred	100	86	86	86
U. S. Express	......	.....	.....	96
U. S. Realty	200	63	63	60
U. S. Rubber	500	50	39	39½
do preferred	400	100⅞	100½	100⅞
U. S. Steel	54,100	35⅜	24½	24⅜
do preferred	6,900	99⅝	98½	98⅝
Va.-Car. Chemical	......	.....	.....	25
do preferred	......	.....	.....	104¼
Wabash	900	12⅜	12	12
do preferred	300	25	24⅜	24⅜
Wells Fargo Ex.	......	.....	.....	25
Westing. Elec.	700	143⅞	143⅝	143½
Western Union	400	82½	81⅝	82
Wheel. & Lake E.	700	11	10½	10
Wis. Central	200	16½	16½	16
do preferred	......	.....	.....	17
Northern Pacific	26,700	127⅜	124½	124⅞
Central Leather	2,000	26	25⅝	25¼
do preferred	2,200	93	91¼	91½
Foss Sheffield	900	57½	56	56
Great Northern pfd	10,800	130½	127⅝	125⅞
Intl. Met.	3,300	20½	19⅝	19⅝
do preferred	9,700	54⅛	52½	52⅞

Total sales for the day, 748,400 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	104	D. & R. G. 4s	95
do coupon	104	N. Y. C. G. 3½s	93¾
U. S. 3s. reg.	102	North. Pac. 3s	91¾
do coupon	102	North. Pac. 4s	100
U.S. new 4s reg.	129¼	South. Pac. 4s	88
do coupon	129¼	Union Pac. 4s	100¼
U.S. old 4s reg.	101¼	Wis. Central 4s	88
do coupon	101¼	Jap. 6s 2d ser.	98⅜
Atchison adj. 4s	92¼	Jap. 4½s ctfs.	92¼

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Money—On call, steady, 2¾@2½ per cent; ruling rate, 2¼ per cent; closing bid, 2 per cent; offered at 2¼ per cent. Time loans, dull and steady; 60 days, 3⅞@4 per cent; 90 days, 4 per cent; six months, 4½@4¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8685@4.8690 for demand and at $4.84@4.8405 for 60-day bills; posted rates, $4.84½@4.87½; commercial bills, $4.83¾@4.83¾.

Bar silver, 65⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 50⅝c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, easy.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—Silver bars, 65⅝c.

Mexican dollars, nominal.

Drafts, sight, par; telegraph, 2½c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.84¼; sight, $4.87¼.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve, shows:

Available cash balance	$254,745,056
Gold coin and bullion	96,287,007
Gold certificates	42,758,900

Bank Clearings.

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

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,551,184	$186,507
Seattle	1,803,750	341,390
Tacoma	956,279	144,466
Spokane	1,051,768	46,805

PORTLAND STOCK EXCHANGE.

No Transactions on the Local Board—Quotations Steady.

There were no sales on the local stock exchange yesterday. Prices quoted were generally steady as follows:

	Bid.	Ask.
Bank Stocks—		
Bank of California	345	352½
Bankers' & Lumbermen's	104	....
Merchants National	....	185
Oregon Trust & Savings	....	160
Portland Trust Co.	....	120
United States National	200	....
LISTED SECURITIES.		
Bonds—		
American Biscuit Co. 6s	98½	100
City & Suburban 4s	....	93
Home Telephone 5s	....	87½
O. R. & N. Ry. 4s	....	100
O. W. P. & Ry. 6s	100	103½
Pacific Coast Biscuit, 6s	97	100
Portland Ry 5s	....	99¾
Miscellaneous Stocks—		
Associated Oil	35½	37½
Home Telephone	39	42½
Pacific Tel. & Telp. (pfd.)	....	100
Puget Sound Tel.	....	40
Mining stocks—		
Lakeview	....	15
Manhattan Crown Point	21	22
Poticle Mining	19½	21
Washougal Ext	25	26
Unlisted stocks—		
Yaquina Bay Tel.	5¼	9⅜
Oregon City Mill & Lumber	....	4
Alaska Petroleum	....	25
British Columbia Amal	....	6
Cascadia	20	25
Mammoth	9	15
Morning	3½	7
Standard Con	6½	10½
Tacoma Steel	10	14
Coeur d'Alene District—		
Bullion	10	10½
Copper King	13	13¾
Happy Day	4½	5
O. K. Con	4	5¼
Snowshoe	40	45
Snowstorm	285	295

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, May 20.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 2.50	Parrot	$ 21.50
Allouez	50.00	Quincy	120.00
Amalgamatd	90.12½	Shannon	18.62½
Atlantic	12.00	Tamarack	112.00
Bingham	17.00	Trinity	21.50
Cal & Hecla	840.00	United Cop.	60.00
Centennial	28.00	U. S. Mining	51.75
Cop. Range.	81.50	U. S. Oil	10.00
Daly West	16.00	Utah	62.00
Franklin	16.00	Victoria	7.75
Granby	136.00	Winona	8.00
Isle Royale.	18.00	Wolverine	160.00
Mass Mining	6.00	North Butte.	89.00
Michigan	13.50	Butte Coal.	26.25
Mohawk	85.00	Nevada	14.50
Mont. C & C	3.50	Cal. & Ariz.	1.71
O. Dominion	50.50	Ariz. Com.	26.00
Osceola	140.00		

WINS WITH GOOD STORIES

Distinguishing Methods of Evangelist Van Marter, at Sunnyside.

Evangelist Van Marter, of Iowa, now engaged in a series of revival meetings at the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church, has two distinguishing characteristics—he does not believe in what he terms "the trapping system" in winning converts, and he is a good story-teller. At his afternoon and night meetings, he and the pastor, Rev. T. B. Ford, as they have explained from the pulpit, "do not turn the members of the church loose on every poor sinner in the house," but tell the plain gospel truths and leave the rest to the judgment of the hearer.

Evangelist Van Marter is a man of wide experience, and his sermons show him to be a deep student of human nature in all its varied phases. He has a remarkable faculty for story-telling, and illustrates nearly every point he seeks to make clear by a story.

"I was standing on a downtown street the other day," said Evangelist Van Marter, "when some fashionable women came by, weeping. I thought they were just from attending a funeral, for one said, 'Oh, it just made me cry; I couldn't help it.' However, when another replied, 'Yes, it was so realistic,' I knew they had not been to a funeral at all but were fresh from the matinee. So, you see, you can't always judge from people's actions just how religious they are or how spiritual."

Another illustration of how badly mistaken one may be in another, was illustrated by a story of a tired traveling man, who went to a hotel and desired a room. No room was vacant, and the landlord put the drummer in bed with a strange man. During the night the drummer was awakened by some one talking in the room. He listened in fear, for his strange companion was kneeling beside the bed, praying.

"Oh, Lord," said the man, "forgive me for my sins. I have broken every Commandment today."

The weary drummer, badly frightened, leaped out of bed and hurried to the hotel office, where he reclined in an easy chair, when the landlord came in.

"Why, I thought you went to bed," remarked the surprised landlord.

"I did," the drummer replied, "but the man you put me in with got up and knelt by the bed and prayed, saying he had broken every Commandment of God that day, and I didn't know what might happen, so I got out."

"O, nonsense," exclaimed the landlord, "that's the Methodist preacher; he's a regular guest here. You need not fear him".

HANGS HIMSELF ON STRAP

East Side Umbrella Repairer Takes Last Drink and Commits Suicide.

Because of despondency, induced by a prolonged spree and consequent falling off in his business—that of umbrella repairer—Robert Rexford, a Grand Army veteran, 63 years of age, committed suicide in his shop, 408 Hawthorne avenue, Sunday night. His body was found hanging from the ceiling, he having hanged himself by means of a shawl strap. The police and Coroner were notified and the body was removed to the Finley undertaking establishment.

A pathetic feature of the case was the veteran's inability to quit drinking. He entered a saloon at 406 Hawthorne avenue, conducted by John Hoffman, shortly after 12 o'clock Sunday night, and begged for a glass of whisky, which was given him. He was a nervous wreck, and was unable to hold the bottle to pour out the drink, so the bartender aided him. After gulping it, he said he would never take another drop.

After Violators of Liquor Law.

EUGENE, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—The City Council has unanimously passed an ordinance that it thinks will pass muster in the courts and by which they hope to reach the violators of the local-option law.

WHEAT PIT NERVOUS

Wide Fluctuations in Prices at Chicago.

NET RESULT IS GOOD GAIN

Bullish Factors Are Continued Cold Weather, Minneapolis Statistics and Unfavorable Reports From Europe—Much Profit-Taking.

CHICAGO, May 20.—The local wheat market today was extremely nervous, prices fluctuating excitedly over a range of 2 to 2¼c. The market was strong early in the session, but later eased off considerably. At the close July was 1⅜c higher, and September and December gained proportionately. Wheat opened strong with prices ranging from ⅝ to 1c to 3¼c higher than Saturday's closing. There was a big general demand at the start. Continued cold weather in the Northwest and an advance of ¼c at Minneapolis were the bullish influences. The advance at Minneapolis was said to have been due to a report made by a well-known crop expert which placed the total yield of Winter wheat at 75,000,000 bushels less than had been estimated by Government officials on May 1. Other factors that contributed to the bullish sentiment were unfavorable reports regarding the wheat crop of Russia, Hungary and other European countries, and also pessimistic advices from Nebraska and Kansas. There was heavy selling for profits as well as short selling throughout the entire session, and prices declined sharply at times, but always rallied. During the last 15 minutes of trading prices dropped abruptly on belated realizing sales. Renewed support from the bulls, together with covering of short lines, however, caused a rally, the market closing firm. July opened ⅞@1c to 1⅜@1⅞c higher at 97¼@98c, advanced to 99⅜c and closed at 97⅝@97¾c. September opened 1⅜@2⅝c higher at 99c@$1.00¾, sold between 98⅝c and $1.00¾ and closed at 99¼c. December opened 2@3½c higher at $1.00½@1.02, ranged between 99⅜c to $1.02 and closed at $1.00¼.

Trading in the corn pit was fairly active and the tone of the market strong. The market closed firm. July opened a shade to ⅛@¼c higher at 53@53¼c, advanced to 53⅝c and closed at 53¾@53⅝c.

Damage by drought and green bugs to the crop in the West and Southwest and delay to seeding in the Northwest because of cold weather caused a strong market for oats. The market closed firm. July sold between 48⅜c and 47¾c and closed at 46⅝c.

Provisions were dull but firm and closed with a gain of 5@10c for the July options.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$ .96⅝	$ .96⅝	$ .95½	$ .95½
July	.99	.99⅜	.97¼	.97⅜
September	1.00⅜	1.00⅜	.97⅝	.99¼
CORN.				
May	.54	.54¼	.53⅝	.54
July	.53¼	.53⅝	.53	.53⅝
September	.53⅝	.53½	.53⅛	.53⅝
OATS.				
May	.47⅜	.47⅜	.46½	.47
July	.47⅛	.47⅜	.46⅜	.46⅝
September	.39⅛	.39⅛	.38⅛	.39⅜
MESS PORK.				
July	16.70	16.77½	16.60	16.67½
September	16.75	16.87½	16.72½	16.80
LARD.				
July	9.17½	9.27½	9.17½	9.22½
September	9.30	9.40	9.30	9.37½
SHORT RIBS.				
July	8.92½	9.02½	8.92½	8.97½
September	9.12½	9.15	9.10	9.12½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Wheat—No. 3, $1.01; No. 2 red, 91@97¼c.

Corn—No. 2, 54¼@54½c; No. 2 yellow, 54½@55c.

Oats—No. 2, 42@43c; No. 2 white, 47½c; No. 3 white, 44@47½c.

Rye—No. 2, 81@83c.

Barley—Good feeding, 70c; fair to choice malting, 76@80c.

Flax seed—No 1, $1.20½; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.27½.

Timothy seed—Prime, $4.30.

Clover—Contract grades, $15.

Short ribs—Sides (loose), $8.60@8.65.

Mess Pork—Per barrel, $16.50@16.62½.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $9.12½.

Sides—Short, clear (boxed), 9⅝@9⅞c.

Whisky—Basis of high wines, 1.29.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	69,000	39,000
Wheat, bushels	52,000	22,000
Corn, bushels	145,000	295,000
Oats, bushels	234,000	374,000
Rye, bushels	2,000	10,000
Barley, bushels	23,000	4,000

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Flour—Receipts, 22,700 barrels; exports, 31,100 barrels. Dull but firm. Minnesota patents, $3.90@5.45; Minnesota bakers', $3.50@4.10; Winter patents, $4.15@4.75; Winter straights, $3.85@4.25.

Wheat—Receipts, 107,000 bushels; exports, 263,300 bushels. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, $1.01⅝ elevator, $1.02½ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.12 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard Winter, $1.03⅝ afloat. The wheat market had a strong and decidely higher opening on strength at outside points, bullish Winter wheat crop news and covering. This was followed by an irregular decline under a bearish visible supply statement, heavy unloading and reports of rain in Nebraska, closing 1⅜@1½c net higher, but a cent off from the top. May closed, $1.04; July, $1.04½; September, $1.04⅜; December closed $1.05½.

Hops and hides, quiet.

Wool and petroleum, steady.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—Wheat, strong; barley, steady.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping, $1.45@1.50; milling, $1.55@1.65.

Barley—Feed, $1.23¾@1.26¼; brewing, $1.25@1.27½.

Oats—Red, $1.45@1.75; white, $1.60@1.70; black, $1.85@2.25.

Call-board sales:

Wheat—December, $1.57¾.

Barley—May, $1.27; December, $1.29⅜.

Corn—Large yellow, $1.55@1.60.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, May 20.—Cargoes, quiet but steady; California prompt shipment, unchanged, 33s; Walla Walla, prompt shipment, 32s 6d.

English country markets firm at 1s advance; French country markets firm.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, May 20.—The visible supply of grain, May 18, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange was as follows:

	Bushels.	Decrease.
Wheat	50,993,000	*587,000
Corn	6,644,000	1,169,000
Oats	10,397,000	*186,000
Rye	924,000	227,000
Barley	1,315,000	623,000

*Increase.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, May 20.—Wheat, unchanged; bluestem, 86c; club, 84c; red, 81c.

Coffee at New York.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Coffee futures closed steady. Sales for the day were reported at 22,750 bags, including May at 5.60@5.65c; July, 5.50c; September, 5.40c; December, 5.40c; March, 5.50c. Spot closed steady; No. 7 Rio, 6⅛c; Santos No. 4, 7½c. Mild, dull. Cordova, 9@12½c.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Cotton futures closed steady, net unchanged to 14 points lower. May, 10.92c; June, 10.91c; July, 10.95c; August, 10.91c; September, 11c; October, 11.15c; November, 11.17c; December, 11.22c; January, 11.35c; February, 11.38c; March, 11.44c.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, May 20.—Wool, steady; medium grade combing and clothing, 25½@27½c; light fine, 21@21½c; heavy fine, 15@17c; tub washed, 30@37½c.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Coffee, quiet; No. 7 Rio, 6½c; No. 4 Santos, 7¾c.

Sugar—Raw, quiet; fair refining, 3.37c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.87c; molasses sugar, 3.12c. Refined, steady; crushed, $5.70; powdered, $5.10; granulated, $5.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Evaporated apples, unchanged; fancy, 8@8½c; choice, 7@7½c; prime, 6¼@6½c; poor to fair, 5½@6c.

Prunes, firm, 3¾@12½c for California fruit; 5¼@10c for Oregon fruit.

Apricots, firm; choice, 17½@18c on spot; extra choice, 18¼@19c, and fancy, 19@20c.

Peaches, unchanged; choice, 11½c; extra choice, 12@12¼c; fancy, 12½@13c, and extra fancy, 13@15c.

Raisins, firm; loose muscatels, 8⅝@10c; seeded raisins, 7¾@11½c, and London layers, $1.50@1.65.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, May 20.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 18@22c; dairies, 17@18c.

Eggs—Easy; at mark cases included, 15c; firsts, 14½c; prime firsts, 15½c.

Cheese—Steady, 13@14½c.

PASS WORTHLESS PAPER

"Bank of Georgia" Notes Again Circulated in Portland.

The police are confronted with a hard problem in the passing of $10 and $20 bills on the defunct "Bank of Georgia" by clever swindlers. At intervals for several years men have appeared in this and other cities on the Coast, and have flooded the country with these worthless bits of paper. Detection is sufficiently difficult, but it is easy compared to securing a conviction for any charge whatever.

Last night two of the $10 bills were passed on unsuspecting lodging-house proprietors, and were promptly reported to the police. The cases were investigated, and from the description furnished it was said by Captain of Detectives Bruin that two men were the perpetrators of the swindles. One was described as about 50 years of age and the other as about 28 years of age.

"There seems to be no way to get at these criminals," said Chief Gritzmacher. "It is no crime to have these 'Georgia Bank' bills in one's possession, and when we catch a man with them, he simply says some one else gave them to him, and no charge will hold, unless it be vagrancy. These cases are among the most difficult we have to deal with."

The police have frequently issued warnings to citizens against these bills, and last night Chief Gritzmacher declared that it is most peculiar that business men are not more careful in accepting bills. A careful inspection of a bill, he said, will always reveal its real value.

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