HOP MARKET FIRM

High Prices Offered, but Little Trade Results.

EAST REPORTED APATHETIC

Contract Business in This Market Is Now Largely Speculative—Unfavorable Reports From England and Continent.

The local hop market for the time shows strength, but no change from the conditions of the past week. Though dealers are ready to make contracts on the coming crop at 15 to 16 cents and would pay 11 to 12 cents for 1908s, there is practically nothing doing in the way of trade, and the East generally is reported as more or less apathetic.

Latest Coast crop reports are in the main favorable. In this state and Washington the past two weeks have witnessed some improvement in the condition of the yards, the recent rains having given the vines a fresh start and while pests have been reported at work in some sections, it is believed that as yet they have accomplished no material harm.

The Waterville Times of July 16 reports on conditions in New York:

The hot weather of the past week has proved of benefit to the vines in some ways, but the lack of rain was beginning to show on the vines, giving them a wilted appearance.

Reports from England continue unfavorable, cold and wet weather there having made it difficult to check the attacks of vermin. Preliminary estimates of the coming crop, however, place it as high as 840,000 cwts. Advices from the Continent also indicate unfavorable weather and it is generally conceded that the yield there will be under that of last year.

Wild, Neame & Co., of London, say of crop and market developments:

The continuous wet weather with fresh attacks of fly, has much increased the vermin in the plantations notwithstanding constant washing. Trade is very limited with values inclined to harden.

Cattley, Gridley & Co., issue the following statement:

The extremely unfavorable weather experienced during the past month, together with a severe attack of fly blight in the plantations, both in England and on the Continent, has produced a market position not only interesting, but has given rise to fears of short supply and high prices during next season. The limited stock, especially of good hops, that is left of last year's crops, and older, is some reason for the sensitive feeling that is noticeable, but having inspected our home plantations and received cable reports from abroad, we see little cause for alarm. The fact that fly blight is pretty general throughout England and the Continent cannot be denied, but at this early date, with the prospect of good weather to follow, we cannot see any reason why average crops should not be grown, especially in England.

The English market has at present not advanced, except to the extent of a few shillings, and really good brewing hops can still be obtained from 40s to 70s. Choice qualities are exceptionally scarce, as they have been all through the season. Some good strong and choice Continentals can also be obtained at above figures.

MARKET IS LOADED WITH SPRINGS.

Lower Chicken Prices Quoted Yesterday. Eggs Barely Steady.

Chickens were the weak feature of the poultry market yesterday, the receipts for the day being considerably in excess of the demand. All the Front street dealers were heavily loaded and prices went off approximately a cent. Hens were less freely offered and the demand for these was sufficient to absorb the bulk of the receipts.

The presence of considerable quantities of Eastern stock and the fact that further shipments are on the way were weakening factors in the egg trade, and the market held barely steady at the last range. That values will yield, slightly at least, within the next few days is quite generally believed.

The butter market showed no loss of strength, the demand for both city and country make being strong, and one of the city creameries was reported to have advanced to 30 cents. That the price will be raised to that figure generally, or better, within a short time there is little doubt.

Cheese held firmly at the prices that have ruled for some time, and the trade looks for no change this week.

In the country dressed meat market pork prices show a slight upward trend, due to limited supplies coming forward and a continued strong demand. Dealers quoted 11 cents on the best stuff yesterday. Fancy veal moved readily at 9 to 9½ cents.

GRAIN WILL SOON BE MOVING.

Active Trade in New-Crop Wheat Expected Within a Few Days.

The announcement of the closing of a number of important transactions in new-crop wheat is expected before the end of this week, and the situation then as regards values will be clearer. No changes were made yesterday in the preliminary prices given out by exporters earlier in the week, and it is possible that the values to be established soon will not be far from these figures.

The slump in the Chicago wheat market the past few days, the result largely of favorable harvest news from the Middle West and Southwest, has had no appreciable effect on the local market, and a strong tone generally prevails here and throughout the Northwest. The farmers show little disposition to yield from the position taken weeks ago.

The Merchants' Exchange reports receipts yesterday as follows: Wheat, 3 cars; barley, 5 cars; flour, 5 cars; oats, 2 cars; hay, 2 cars.

Peaches Are Quoted Lower.

Best California Crawford peaches dropped to $1.10 a box yesterday, and Oregons were also quoted a trifle lower at 75 to 90 cents. Receipts were rather heavy for this stage of the season and the quality of some of the fruit offered was not such as to move it readily.

Fancy California apricots, of which offerings were light, held firmly at $1.50 a crate.

Enough Logans for the limited demand came in and the fruit moved at $1.50 and $1.60 a crate.

New apples are arriving in a moderate way. Best California Gravensteins are held at $2.25 a box. Other sorts go at $1.75 to $2.

The first Oregon plums for the season were sent in from The Dalles. They sold at $1.25 a crate.

Salmon Down a Fraction.

The fish trade yesterday quoted Chinook salmon at 9 cents a pound, half a cent under the last price, the result of better supplies for some days past. Fishing is now under way on some of the coast streams, as well as the Columbia river. In other lines there were no changes and the supply of the small varieties was generally light.

Cantaloupes in Fair Supply.

There was a better supply of cantaloupes on the street yesterday and some dealers quoted $3 a crate on the best stock. Others held to the quotations of the past week, declaring that the temporary improvement in the supply was not such as to weaken the market in a general way.

The watermelon trade showed no improvement over the past few days. Stocks are still large and the movement of the fruit from the south continues heavy.

Potatoes From the South.

California is still sending new potatoes to this market and probably will continue to ship for two weeks. New Oregons are coming in a moderate way, but the crop is yet somewhat immature. Dealers quote locals at $1 to $1.25 to the growers. The outlook for the late potato crop in this state is said to be favorable and a yield fully equal to that of last year is expected.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem nominal; club, $1.15; Valley, $1.15; new crop: bluestem, $1.05; club, $1; Russian, 98c; Valley, 97c.

CORN—Whole, $35 per ton; cracked, $36 per ton.

FLOUR—Patents, $6.25 per barrel; straights, $5.50; exports, $4.70; Valley, $5.30; graham, $5.60; whole wheat, quarters, $5.80.

BARLEY—New, $29@30; September, $26.

OATS—No. 1 white, $42 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26 per ton; middlings, $33; shorts, $29@32; chop, $24@30; rolled barley, $34@35.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $20@22 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $21@23; mixed, $16@20; alfalfa, $14.

GRAIN BAGS—5¾c each.

Vegetables and Fruits.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, new California, $1.75@2.25 per box; pears, $2 per box; cherries, 6@12c per pound; gooseberries, 6c per pound; peaches, 75c@$1.10 per box; apricots, $1.25@1.50 per box; cantaloupes, $3@3.25 per crate; currants, 8c per pound; plums, $1.25@1.60 per box; nectarines, $1.50; loganberries, $1.50@1.65 crate; raspberries, $1@1.15 per crate; blackcaps, $1.50 crate; watermelons, 50c@$1 hundred; grapes, $1@1.50; blackberries, $2; wild blackberries, 9@10c per pound; artichokes, 40c per dozen; celery, $1.25 per dozen.

POTATOES—Jobbing price, $1@1.75 per hundred; new, 2@2c per pound.

SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1@1.25 per sack; carrots, $1.50@1.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $1.50@1.75; valencias, $3@3.50; lemons, fancy, $6.50@7; choice, $5@6; grape fruit, $3 per box; bananas, 5@5½c per lb.; pineapples, $2@4 per dozen.

ONIONS—New, $1.25@1.50 per sack.

VEGETABLES—Beans, 6c; cabbage, 1¼@2c; White Salmon cucumbers, $1 per dozen; eggplant, 12½@15c per pound; lettuce, hothouse, 75c@$1.00 per box; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 12½@15c per dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; peas, 5@7c per pound; peppers, 8@10c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; spinach, 5c per pound; squash, 5c; tomatoes, 60c@$1.00; hothouse tomatoes, 6@8c.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 9¾c per lb.; peaches, 7½@8c; prunes, Italians, 5¾@6½c; prunes, French, 4@6c; currants, unwashed, cases, 9½c; currants, washed, cases, 10c; figs, white fancy, 50-lb. boxes, 6½c; dates, 7¼@7½c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-lb. talls, $2 per dozen; 2-lb. talls, $2.65; 1-pound flats, $2.10@1; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 90c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $2.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12½@16c per lb.

NUTS—Walnuts, 12@13c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15c; peanuts, 7c; almonds, 15@14c; chestnuts, Italian, 15c; peanuts, raw, 5¾c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 10c; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen.

SUGAR—Granulated, $5.75; extra C, $5.35; golden C, $5.25; fruit and berry sugar, $5.85; Honolulu plantation, fine grain, $4.25; cubes, (barrel), $5.40; powdered (barrel), $5.10; Terms, net remittances within 10 days deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c per pound. Maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $13 per ton, $1.90 per bale; half ground, 100s, $7.50 per ton; 50s, $8 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 7½c; large white, 6½c; Lima, 5¾c; bayou, 6½c; red kidney, 4½c; pink, 4¼c.

Provisions.

BACON—Fancy, 25c per pound; standard, 21c; choice, 20c; English, 18@19c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 14c; smoked, 15c; short clear backs, heavy dry salted, 15c; short clear backs, heavy dry salted, 14c; smoked, 15c; Oregon exports dry salted, 13c; smoked, 14c.

HAMS—8 to 10 lbs., 17c; 14 to 16 lbs., 17c; 18 to 20 lbs., 17c; hams, skinned, 17c; picnics, 12c; cottage roll, 13c; boiled hams, 21½@24½c; boiled picnics, 20c.

LARD—Kettle rendered, 10s, 16½c; 5s, 16¾c; standard pure, 10s, 15½c; 5s, 15¾c; choice, 10s, 14½c; 5s, 14¾c. Compound, 10s, 12½c; 5s, 12¾c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each, 60c; dried beef sets, 19c; dried beef outsides, 17c; dried beef insides, 21c; dried beef knuckles, 20c.

PICKLED GOODS—Barrels: Pigs' feet, $13; regular tripe, $10; honeycomb tripe, $12; pigs' tongues, $19.50.

BARRELED MEATS—Mess beef, $12 per barrel; plate, $14 per barrel; family, $14 per barrel; mess pork, $20 per barrel; brisket, $22 per barrel.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—City creamery, extras, 29c; fancy outside creamery, 27@28c per pound; store, 20c (Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.)

EGGS—Oregon ranch, candled, 27@28c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 14c; Springs, 16@17c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 11@12c; geese, young, 9@10c; turkeys, 18c; squabs, $2@2.25 per dozen.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, 16½@17c per pound; young Americas, 17½@18c.

PORK—Fancy, 10@11c per pound.

VEAL—Extras, 8c per pound; ordinary, 7@8c; heavy, 7c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1909 contracts, 15@18c per pound; 1908 crop, 11@12c; 1907 crop, 7c; 1906 crop, 4c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 16@22c per pound; Valley, 23@25c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 24@25c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, 16@17c pound; dry kip, 15@16c pound; dry calfskin, 18@19c pound; salted hides, 9½@10c; salted calfskin, 14@15c pound; green, 1c less.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Angora goat, $1 to $1.25; badger, 25@50c; bear, $6@20; beaver, $4.50@5.50; cat, wild, 75c@1.50; cougar, perfect head and claws, $3@10; fisher, dark, $7.50@11; pale, $4.90@7; fox, cross, $3 to $5; fox, gray, 60@80c; fox, red, $1@5; fox, silver, $100 to $300; lynx, $8@15; marten, dark, $8@12; mink, $3.50@5.50; muskrat, 15@25c; otter, $2.50@4; raccoon, 60@75c; sea otter, $100@250, as to size and color; skunks, 35@80c; civet, cat, 10@15c; wolf, $2@3; coyote, 75c@$1.25; wolverine, dark, $3@3; wolverine, pale, $2@2.50.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, July 21.—The London tin market was about 10s higher, spot closing £133 2s 6d and futures at £133 12s 6d. The local market was steady and higher also, with spot 29.05@29.15c.

Copper advanced 2s 6d in London, spot being at £58 15s and futures at £59 8s 9d. The local market was firm, with holders asking higher prices. Lake was quoted at 13.25@13.50c, electrolytic at 12.75@13c, casting 12.62½@12.87½c.

Lead declined at £12 1s 3d in London, but remained quiet at 4.30@4.35c locally.

Spelter was unchanged at £22 1s in London and 5.85@5.40c in the local market.

The English market was higher with Cleveland iron warrants quoted at 48s 6d. Locally the market was firm. No. 1 foundry northern 17.20@17.45c; No. 2, 16.75@17c; No. 1 Southern and No. 1 Southern soft, 16.75@17.25c.

Dried Fruits at New York.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Evaporated apples quiet; prime fruit for future delivery, 8¼c, with bids ranging from 7¾c for December to 8c for earlier deliveries; fancy, 8¾@9½c; choice, 8c; prime, 7@7½c; common to fair, 5@6½c.

Prunes easy; California, 2¾@11c; Oregon, 6@9c.

Apricots unchanged; choice, 10@10½c; extra choice, 10¾@10¾c; fancy, 11@13c.

Peaches quiet; choice, 5½@6c; extra choice, 6¼@6½c; fancy, 7@8¼c.

Raisins quiet; not in large supply so far as the better grades of seeded are concerned; loose Muscatel, 3¼@4½c; choice to fancy seeded, 4¾@6c; seedless, 8¾@9½c; London layers, $1.15@1.20.

Dairy Produce in East.

Chicago, July 21.—Butter—Steady. Creameries, 22½@26c; dairies, 20@25½c.

Eggs—Firm, at mark, cases included, 18c; firsts, 21c; prime firsts, 22c.

Cheese—Strong. Daisies, 15c; Young America, 15@15¼c; long horns, 15c.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Butter firm; creamery specials, 27½c; thirds to extras, 23@27c; Western factory finest, 21½@22c.

Cheese, firm and unchanged.

Eggs irregular; Western seconds, 19@21c.

HEAVY SALES MADE

Big Blocks of Reading and U. S. Steel Thrown Over.

MARKET THUS WEAKENED

Union Pacific Gets Within Half Point of "Double Par," but Is Then Carried Back by Trend of Trading.

NEW YORK, July 21.—The general tone of the stock market is dominated yet by the action of one or two of the favorite speculative stocks. The favorite since the end of last week has been Union Pacific. Today United States Steel reasserted its earlier dominant influence, but this time on the side of reaction.

The selling today in a few of the most active stocks served to intimidate speculation. There were reports of sales of as much as 25,000 shares of Reading by a single house and sales of 20,000 shares of United States Steel by another. The upward start in Union Pacific proved insufficient to overcome the stronger influence of this apparently informed selling.

Union Pacific rose to 199¾ in the first hour, being a new high record, and giving hopes to those who have predicted that the price would touch "double par."

The adverse effect of the selling of United States Steel proved too much for Union Pacific, and it shared in the later weakness of the general market.

The storm reported from the Texas Coast had some depressing effect on Southern Pacific, and was a growing influence on the whole later market.

National bank depositors have returned to the treasury not only the $9,000,000 of Government deposits called for July 15, but also all but about $6,000,000 of the $16,000,000 called for repayment on August 15.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $4,096,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Allis Chalmers pf	200	32	32	32½
Amal Copper	22,700	83¼	82	82
Am Agricultural	200	45	45	44¾
Am Beet Sugar	34,900	47	44¼	46¼
Am Can pf	1,700	83½	83	82¾
Am Car & Fdy	3,400	63	62	62
Am Cotton Oil	2,200	76	75	74¾
Am Hd & Lt pf	100	41¼	41¼	40
Am Ice Securi	9,800	41	39¾	39¾
Am Linseed Oil				16¾
Am Locomotive	6,300	62½	62¼	62
Am Smelt & Ref	1,700	94¾	93¾	93¾
do preferred				111½
Am Sugar Ref	600	127½	127	127
Am Tel & Tel	1,300	140½	140¼	140¼
Am Tobacco pf	200	101¼	101¼	101
Am Woolen	17,000	36	35¼	35¼
Anaconda Min Co	2,100	48¾	47¾	47½
Atchison	19,800	117½	116¼	116½
do preferred	300	105	105	104¾
Atl Coast Line				130½
Balt & Ohio	15,600	120¾	119¾	119½
do preferred				94½
Bethlehem Steel	200	30¼	30¼	29
Brook Rap Tran	1,100	78¾	78	78
Canadian Pacific	2,600	187¼	186½	186¾
Central Leather	500	32¾	31¾	31¾
do preferred	200	105¼	105	105
Central of N J				288
Ches & Ohio	10,300	79¾	78¾	78¾
Chicago & Alton	500	69	68½	68¼
Chicago Gt West	1,100	1¼	1	1
Chicago & N W	200	154	153¾	153½
C, M, St P & Paul	1,000	156½	155¼	155¼
C, C, C & St L	300	74¼	74¼	74
Colo Fuel & Iron	8,400	44¾	44	43¾
Colo & Southern	200	56¼	56	56
do 1st preferred				81
do 2d preferred				80½
Consolidated Gas	1,100	140¼	139½	139½
Corn Products	500	23¼	23¼	23
Del & Hudson	800	192¾	192	192
D & R Grande	1,500	48¾	48	48
do preferred				94¾
Distillers' Securit	900	38	37¾	37½
Erie	11,900	37½	36¼	36½
do 1st preferred	2,900	54¾	54	53½
do 2d preferred	500	44½	44	43
General Electric	1,200	163½	161½	160
Gt Northern pf	4,600	157	156	156
Gt Northern Ore	1,300	76¼	75¼	75¼
Illinois Central	2,100	155¾	154¾	154¾
Interborough Met	1,600	15¾	15¼	15¼
do preferred	5,800	48½	46¾	46½
Inter Harvester	400	86¼	85½	85½
Inter-Marine pf				21
Int Paper	2,000	16¾	16¼	16¾
Int Pump	100	39	39	38¾
Iowa Central	300	29¾	29¾	29¾
K C Southern	300	46¼	45¾	45¾
do preferred	500	72	72	71½
Louis & Nashville	400	142	140¾	140½
Minn & St L				56
M, St P & S S M	400	143¼	142¾	142¼
Missouri Pacific	400	73¾	73	72½
Mo, Kan & Texas	2,700	42¾	41¾	41½
do preferred				73
National Biscuit	100	106	106	105
National Lead	8,100	86¾	86	85¾
Mex Nat Ry 1st pf				53½
N Y Central	34,200	135¾	133¾	133¾
N Y Ont & West	1,400	54¼	54	53½
Norfolk & West	4,700	94¾	93¾	93¾
North American	1,200	84	83¼	83
Northern Pacific	8,800	153¾	152¾	152¾
Pacific Mail				30
Pennsylvania	7,500	138½	137¾	137¾
People's Gas	3,400	116½	115½	115½
P, C C & St L				91¾
Pressed Steel Car	6,500	47	45¾	45¾
Pullman Pal Car				188
Ry Steel Spring	300	47	46¾	46½
Reading	103,900	126	123¾	125¼
Republic Steel	3,100	33½	33	33
do preferred	600	107¾	107	107
Rock Island Co	47,000	38¾	35¼	35½
do preferred	4,600	75¾	73¾	74½
St L & S F 2 pf	1,000	55¾	55	55
St L Southwestern	100	27	27	26¾
do preferred	400	65¾	65¼	65¼
Sloss-Sheffield	600	84½	83½	83¾
Southern Pacific	36,600	134¾	133½	133¾
Southern Railway	10,100	31¾	31	31¼
do preferred	600	70¼	69¾	69¾
Tenn Copper	300	37	36¾	36½
Texas & Pacific	1,700	35	33½	33
Tol, St L & West	300	50¾	50	49¾
do preferred	200	69½	69½	69½
Union Pacific	165,100	199½	197¼	197¼
do preferred	1,500	106¾	106	106¼
U S Realty	200	83¼	83	82½
U S Rubber	200	30¼	30	30¾
U S Steel	122,500	71¾	70¼	70½
do preferred	6,500	127¾	126¾	126¼
Utah Copper	600	49¼	48¾	48¾
Va-Caro Chemical	600	52¼	52	51¾
Wabash	1,800	21¾	21¼	21
do preferred	3,600	57¼	55¾	55¾
Western Md	1,400	7¾	6¾	7¼
Westinghouse Elec	1,600	85¼	85	85
Western Union	700	73¾	72¾	72¾
Wheel & L Erie	100	6¼	6¼	6
Wisconsin Central				56

Total sales for the day, 735,500 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	100¾	N Y C G 3½s	92¼
do coupon	101	North Pacific 3s	74½
U. S. 3s reg.	101¼	North Pacific 4s	102¾
do coupon	101¼	Union Pacific 4s	104¼
U S new 4s reg.	117¾	Wisconsin Cent 4s	95¾
do coupon	119½	Japanese 4s	87
D & R G 4s	95¾		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, July 21.—Consols for money, 84 5-16; do for account, 84 5-16.

Amal Copper	84¾	Mo K & T	43¼
Anaconda	9¾	N. Y. Central	135¼
Atchison	120¼	Norfolk & West	97
do pref	107¼	do pref	60
Balt & Ohio	123	Ont & Western	35¾
Can Pacific	191¾	Pennsylvania	70¾
Ches & Ohio	82	Rand Mines	10
Chi Grt West	1¼	Reading	80
C. M. & S. P.	160½	Southern Ry	32¾
De Beers	14¾	do pref	72
D & R G	49½	South Pacific	137¾
do pref	87	Union Pacific	204½
Erie	38¾	do pref	100½
do 1st pf	53¾	U. S. Steel	72¾
do 2d pf	45¾	do pref	130¾
Grand Trunk	33¾	Wabash	22
Ill Central	150	do pref	58¼
L & N	149¾	Spanish 4s	97¼

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The condition of the treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust funds—Gold coin, $850,168,869; silver dollars, $488,088,000; silver dollars of 1890, $4,188,000; silver certificates outstanding, $488,088,000.

General fund—Standard silver dollars in general fund, $8,983,994; current liabilities, $92,766,124; working balance in treasury offices, $34,333,507; in banks to credit of Treasurer of the United States, $45,307,675; subsidiary silver coin, $26,502,103; minor coins, $2,490,806.

Total balance in general fund, $110,976,603.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Money on call easy, 1¾@2 per cent; ruling rate and offered at 2 per cent; closing bid, 1@1¾ per cent.

Time loans firmer for January maturities. Sixty days, 1¾@2 per cent; 90 days, 2¼@2½ per cent; six months, 3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3¾@4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86@4.8610 for 60-day bills and at $4.8740 for demand; commercial bills, $4.85¾@4.85¾.

Bar silver, 51c.

Mexican dollars, 44c.

Government bonds steady, railroads bonds irregular.

LONDON, July 21.—Bar silver, dull, 23½d per ounce.

Money, 2@2¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1¼ per cent; for three months' bills, 1 5-16@1¼ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—Sterling on London, 90 days, $4.86¼; sight, $4.87½.

Silver bars, 51c.

Mexican dollars, 45c.

Drafts, sight, 2½c; telegraph, 5c.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, July 21.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	6	Mont C & C	25
Allouez	44	Nevada	28¾
Amalgamated	82	Old Dominion	55
Ariz Com	81¼	Osceola	132
Atlantic	8¼	Parrot	31
Butte Coal	24¼	Quincy	89
Cal & Ariz	102¾	Shannon	15½
Cal & Hecla	635	Tamarack	64
Centennial	32	Trinity	4½
Copper Range	81¼	United Copper	9¼
Daly West	7¾	U. S. Mining	48¾
Franklin	16	U. S. Oil	31½
Granby	99	Utah	42
Greene Cananea	9½	Victoria	4
Isle Royale	24½	Winona	5
Mass Mining	8	Wolverine	148
Michigan	9½	North Butte	51½
Mohawk	62		

EGGS UP IN SEATTLE

QUOTED AT 35 CENTS, AND 40-CENT MARK EXPECTED.

Small Fruits Scarce, With Pears, Apples and Peaches Coming In in Good Quantity.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 21.—(Special.)—Eggs advanced to 35 cents here today, due to light receipts and an active demand. Dealers now believe, however, that the retail price of 40 cents, which must prevail, will cut down the demand for fresh eggs and hold the market steady for some time. As high as 33 cents was offered in the country today.

Raspberries were very scarce today. Sumner and Puyallup growers, who normally supply this market with fruit, are shipping all their berries in carlots to Spokane and points further east.

Growers ask $2 per box, claiming to be able to secure that price in the East. Seattle dealers made efforts to secure raspberries in Portland today, but met with little success.

Bartlett pears are coming in freely and are quoted 25 cents less, at $1.75 to $2. Wenatchee is shipping large quantities of apples and prices are inclined to be lower. The top on watermelons today was $1.50. The supply is not as heavy as it has been for some time. Crawford peaches are moving better. Reports from Oregon that the crop there will be within 20 per cent of normal has led Seattle commission men to try to secure shippers in the south.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Millstuffs—Bran, $28.50@30; middlings, $36.50@37.50.

Vegetables—Hothouse cucumbers, 25@50c; garlic, 3½@5c; green peas, 75c@$1.25; string beans, 8@5c; tomatoes, 25@40c; eggplant, $1@1.25; asparagus, 50c@$1.25.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27½c; creamery, seconds, 27c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4.50@5; young, $7@10; broilers, small, $2.50@3.50; broilers, large, $3.50@4; fryers, $8@10; hens, $4.50@10; ducks, old, $5@6; young, $6@8.

Eggs—Store, 29c; fancy ranch, 30c.

Cheese—New, 13½@14½c; young America, 14½@15½c; old, 14½c.

Wool—South Plains and San Joaquin, 9@17c; Nevada, 18@20; Mountain, 6@12c.

Hay—Wheat, $12@18; wheat and oats, $12@17; alfalfa, $10@12.50; stock, $7@10; barley, $10@14; straw, per bale, 50@75c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.25@1.60; common, 50c@$1; bananas, 75c@$2.25; limes, $3.50@6; lemons, choice, $4@5; commons, $1.50@3; pineapples, $2.50@2.25.

Hops—Contracts, 1908, 16c.

Receipts—Flour, 1350 quarter sacks; wheat, 709 centals; barley, 7118 centals; beans, 57 sacks; potatoes, 4753 sacks; hay, 740 tons; middlings, 145 sacks; wool, 25 bales; hides, 321; oats, 704 centals; bran, 110 sacks.

PRUNES AND PEARS AT YAKIMA.

Union Will Market About 40 Carloads During This Season.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 21.—(Special.)—The Yakima County Horticultural Union expects to market about 40 carloads of prunes this season, or about the same number which was handled by the same concern last season. Besides the 10,000 or 12,000 crates of prunes which the union will pack at its packhouse, the co-operative concern expects to market 28,000 or 30,000 crates packed by the growers themselves. The prunes are mostly of the Italian variety.

Pear packing will begin at about the same time as prune packing and the union expects to handle a considerably larger quantity of pears than it handled last season.

Harvesting Starts at Weston.

WESTON, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—The wheat harvest has just begun in this vicinity. Many machines are now at work, and the wheat will soon be in the sack, as ideal harvest weather prevails. Fall wheat is yielding about 40 bushels per acre, and the few samples brought in test 60 pounds to the bushel. Smut is unusually prevalent, because of the damp, cloudy weather early in the year.

A larger acreage of barley was planted here than usual, because of the high price of this cereal. Heavy yields of Fall barley are reported, running from 60 to 74 bushels per acre. The average of 74 bushels was obtained by James Hitchey north of town.

Dufur Harvest Begins.

DUFUR, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—Harvest is now in full blast here and the yield both in quality and quantity is much better than was expected. Until a week or so ago there has been no rain here since the middle of February. The yield of both wheat and barley will be better than an average crop. The good yield is attributed to the fact there have been no hot winds to dry the ground, and the weather has been remarkably cool and pleasant all Spring and Summer.

Huckleberry Crop Ripening.

WESTON, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—From the Blue Mountain, at Camp Cold Spring and Camp McDougal, about 13 miles east of town, the huckleberry crop is reported ripening and is said to be larger and better than for many years.

BRAKEMAN CUT TO PIECES

Oregon City Boy, A. F. Cook, Killed Near The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—A. F. Cook, head brakeman on eastbound O. R. & N. freight train No. 24, was run over and killed near Rufus, about 18 miles east of The Dalles, last night. Cook was seen last by other members of the crew when the train pulled out of Biggs and was missed when Arlington was reached. The dead man's head was severed and his body was literally cut to pieces, a passenger train which followed the freight also passing over it.

The remains, discovered by trackwalkers this morning, were brought to this city in two small boxes on the local this afternoon, after an inquest had been held at Rufus by the Coroner of Sherman County. Cook had been running out of this city less than a month, and came here from Portland, where his wife and baby reside at 392 East Eleventh street.

The body was prepared for burial by a local undertaker, and will be shipped on the early train tomorrow morning to Oregon City, where the dead man's father, J. H. Cook, lives.

WHEAT GOES DOWN

July Option Tumbles to Low Point of $1.15 3-8.

BULLS UNLOAD HEAVILY

Corn Market Held Strong, Owing to Heavy Buying in September Deliveries—Oats Fall Off Before Coming Crop.

CHICAGO, July 21.—The wheat market was weak all day and at the low point prices were from 1¾ to 2¼c below the best figures of the session. The feature of the trading was the unloading of a large line by a prominent bull, whose sales, together with those of his immediate followers, were estimated to have reached about 4,000,000 bushels. A large part of this wheat was for September delivery. Prospective liberal receipts of new wheat here and in the Southwest for the remainder of the month formed the basis of the selling movement. Support became poorer as the session advanced, notwithstanding the caution of shorts, who covered freely at various times.

The low point on July for the day was $1.15⅜. September at the same time sold off to $1.08⅝. The close was exceedingly heavy, with July at $1.16⅝@1.15½ and September at $1.08⅝.

Buying of a large line of the September delivery by prominent shorts held the corn market strong thegreater part of the day, but the market finally yielded to the severe slump in wheat and closed at net declines of ⅝@⅞ to ⅝c, compared with the final figures of the previous day.

The dominating influence in oats was the likelihood that grain from the new crop would be on sale in liberal quantities within a few days, owing to continued favorable weather. This induced free selling by longs, which resulted in prices declining from 1 to 1¼c from the high marks of the day. The market closed weak, with prices ⅝@⅞c to 1c lower than yesterday.

Provisions were steady all day and closed unchanged to 7½c lower.

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	$1.18¼	$1.18¼	$1.15⅜	$1.15½
Sept.	1.11½	1.11½	1.08⅝	1.08⅝
Dec.	1.08⅞	1.08⅞	1.06⅝	1.06⅝
May	1.10⅞	1.11	1.09¼	109

CORN.

July	.72	.72⅜	.71	.71
Sept.	.67¼	.67¾	.66⅝	.66½
Dec.	.57	.57¼	.56¼	.56⅜
May	.57½	.57¾	.56⅞	.57

OATS.

July	.46	.46	.45	.45¼
Sept.	.41⅝	.41⅝	.40¼	.40⅜
Dec.	.41¼	.41⅝	.40⅝	.40⅝
May	.44	.44¼	.43	.43⅝

PORK.

July	....	....	....	20.85
Sept.	21.15	21.15	21.02½	21.02½

LARD.

July	11.70	11.72½	11.67½	11.67½

SHORT RIBS.

July	....	....	....	11.45
Sept.	11.42½	11.42½	11.37½	11.37½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Barley—Feed or mixing, 65@67c; fair to choice malting, 68@73c.

Flax Seed—No.