FARMERS ASK MORE

High Wheat Prices Paid Lift Country Markets.

SELLERS WANT 90 CENTS

Large Lots of Club Sold in Walla Walla County at Equal to 85 Cents Tidewater—Buying Is Stopped.

High prices paid in the country have put the wheat market up another cent. Several large lots of club were bought in Walla Walla County at a price equal to 85 cents here. The details of the transaction were not learned, but it is believed the wheat was bought for export account.

The buying naturally stiffened holders of the remaining lots and farmers in that section at once jumped their selling price to the basis of 90 cents Coast, which brought trading operations to a stop. Local dealers quoted club at 84 to 84½ cents. Forty-fold is worth about the same price as club.

Local receipts, in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	137	12	29	9	20
Year ago	100	18	3	7	12
Seas'n to date	10243	1497	1820	1069	1509
Year ago	10152	1423	1107	994	1197

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants' Exchange follow:

American Visible Supply—

	Bushels.	Increase.
December 15, 1913	59,993,000	*2,946,000
December 15, 1912	59,993,000	*2,997,000
December 18, 1911	71,738,000	1,350,000
December 19, 1910	42,994,000	334,000
December 20, 1909	28,019,000	*381,000
December 21, 1908	52,061,000	873,000
December 23, 1907	45,319,000	*149,000
December 26, 1906	43,836,000	591,000
December 28, 1905	40,487,000	1,632,000
December 27, 1904	39,718,000	1,153,000

*Decrease.

Quantities on Passage—

For	Week ending Dec. 13 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 6 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 14, '12 Bushels
U. K.	13,952,000	13,712,000	16,656,000
Continent	13,864,000	15,656,000	14,608,000
Totals	27,816,000	29,368,000	31,264,000

World's Shipments (flour included)—

From	Week ending Dec. 13 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 6 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 14, '12 Bushels
U. S., Can.	5,501,000	4,318,000	5,688,000
Argentina	216,000	184,000	872,000
Australia	648,000	432,000	232,000
Danub. p'ts	888,000	2,256,000	1,560,000
Russia	2,872,000	3,080,000	1,584,000
India	152,000	264,000	568,000
Totals	10,277,000	10,534,000	10,449,000

World's shipments, season to date—

From—	Total since July 1, '13.	Same period Last season.
U. S. and Canada	138,510,000	108,805,000
Australia	14,254,000	10,925,000
Argentine	11,435,000	20,286,000
Danubian ports	21,156,000	33,700,000
Russia	81,028,000	64,942,000
India	24,726,000	36,634,000
Totals	291,109,000	285,292,000

Foreign crop conditions are summarized by Broomhall as follows:

United Kingdom—It is officially reported that the acreage under wheat shows an increase of 5 to 10 per cent over last year. The acreage is mostly seeded and looks well. The weather is now wet.

France—There are continued complaints of vermin increasing with the weather wet and mild. Threshing is progressing, but all offers are quickly absorbed and buying of foreign wheat continues.

Germany—The outlook is generally favorable with the weather mild. Offerings of native wheat are increasing moderately and the trade in foreign is less active.

Russia—The outlook is generally favorable. Arrivals at the ports for shipment are smaller. In the south the weather is mild, but the season of shipping at the Azoff is practically finished.

Roumania—The outlook is favorable with the weather seasonable. Arrivals at the ports are smaller.

Hungary—The crop outlook is mostly favorable, but marketing is light.

Italy—The weather and crop outlook are mostly favorable, with native offers increasing, therefore trade in foreign wheat is smaller.

Australia—The weather continues fine and harvesting will commence next week. Estimates for the yield are fully maintained.

India—Recent rain was beneficial and the outlook is more hopeful. Wheat offers are easier.

FOG STOPS INSPECTION OF HOPS

No Sales Reported in this State—Condition of German Market.

No transactions were reported in the hop market yesterday. The dense fog made it impossible to inspect samples in this city. Twenty-one cents was bid for a lot at Salem, but was not accepted.

Writing from Nuremburg on November 24, Bernard Bing says:

"Our market was again rather active in the last week, with daily transactions of 300 to 400 bales at very firm and stiffening prices. Not only was the home brewery a daily and strong buyer, but also a steady demand on the part of exporters is to be noted. The available stock of the market is very small and daily receipts are very short as our producing districts are on the point to be sold out.

"With a very firm tendency we actually quote per 50 kilos, first costs:

Extra choice quality........240@250 marks
Choice quality ....220@230 marks
Memium to common ....180@190 marks

TWO-CENT DECLINE IN BUTTER

City Creameries Cut Price of Extras to 35 Cents.

The city creameries will reduce their price today on the best grade of butter from 37 to 35 cents. There has been a surplus of butter on the market for several days and it is believed the cut in price will result in increased consumption. Offered prices for butter fat are given by some of the creameries at 36 cents.

The egg market was weak, as a consequence of the gradual gain in receipts from the country. The general quotation on the street was 40 cents for Oregons.

Poultry and dressed meat arrivals were moderate and the market was firm at Saturday's quotations.

Light American Purchases of Wool.

A trade report, summarizing the London wool sales, says:

The series started better than expected, and owing to the brisk Continental demand secured merinos further hardened, but later on prices eased, especially heavy inferior grades, despite the increased buying of the home trade. The closing rates were: Merinos par, inferiors 5 to 7½, crossbreds par to 5 and finest 7½ per cent lower than the last series. Slipes were occasionally dearer when America was buying. The total purchases for Continental account were 67,000, for home trade 59,000 and America 3000. About 15,000 bales were held over."

Cellar Sweet Potatoes Received.

A car of cellar sweet potatoes was received yesterday and put on sale at the new price of $2.25. A car of celery also arrived.

Apples continue to come in freely and are slow in moving out. Winter pears are offered at $1.25 to $1.75 a box.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,700,537	$103,565
Seattle	2,386,254	248,129
Tacoma	274,553	16,729
Spokane	922,870	97,618

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Club, 84@84½c; bluestem, 94c; forty-fold, 84@85c; red Russian, 82½c; valley, 84c.

FLOUR — Patents, $4.60 per barrel; straights, $4; exports, $3.65@3.80; valley, $4.60; graham, $4.60; whole wheat, $4.80.

OATS—No. 1 white, $25.50 per ton.

CORN—Whole, $36; cracked, $37 per ton.

BARLEY—Feed, $24@24.50 per ton; brewing, $25; rolled, $25.

MILLFEED — Bran, $20.50@21 per ton; shorts, $22.50@23; middlings, $29@30.

HAY—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, $16.50; mixed timothy, $14; alfalfa, $14; clover, $9@10; valley grain hay, $11@13.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2.25@3 per box; Japanese, $1.25@1.35 per bundle; lemons, $8@8.50 per box; pineapples, 7c pound; bananas, 4½@5c per lb; pomegranates, $2.50 per crate; grapefruit, $3.75@6 per box; persimmons, $2 per box.

ONIONS—Oregon, $2.50 per sack, buying price, $2.25 f. o. b. shipping points; Spanish, $2 per crate.

VEGETABLES — Cabbage, 1@1½c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@$1.25 per dozen; cucumbers, 40@45c per doz.; eggplant, 10@12½c per lb.; head lettuce, $2.25@2.50 per crate; peppers, 5@7c per lb; radishes, 10@12½c per pound; head lettuce, $2.25 per garlic 12½@15c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; artichokes, $1.75 per dozen; squash, 1¼@1½c; celery, $3.50 per crate; beans, 8@10c; rhubarb, 3½c per pound.

GREEN FRUIT—Apple, 50c@$2.50 per box; grapes, Malagas, $7.50@8.50 per keg; Emperors, $3.75@4 per keg; casabas, 2½c per pound; cranberries, $11@11.50 per barrel; pears, $1.25@1.75.

POTATOES—Oregon, 60c@$1 per hundred; buying price, 70@80c at shipping points; sweet potatoes, $2.25 per crate.

SACK VEGETABLES — Turnips, $1.25; carrots, $1.10; parsnips, $1.25; beets, $1.25.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

POULTRY—Hens, 15c; Springs, 14½@15c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 24c, ducks, 12@15c; geese, 12c.

EGGS—Oregon fresh ranch, 38@40c per dozen.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, 17c; Daisies, 17½c; Young Americas, 18c.

BUTTER—City creamery, prints, 30@35c; country creamery, prints, 32@35c.

PORK—Fancy, 10@10½c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 14@14½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON — Columbia River, one-pound talls, $2.25 per dozen; half-pound flats, $1.40; one-pound flats, $2.45; Alaska, pink, one-pound talls, 85c; silversides, one-pound talls, $1.25.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25@3.75 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, 19½c per pound; Brazil nuts, 20c; filberts, 15@15½c; almonds, 20@21c; peanuts, 5@5½c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; chestnuts, 12½c per pound; hickory nuts, 8½@9½c; pecans, 17c; pine, 17½@20c.

BEANS—Small white, 6c; large white, 4.90c; Lima, 6.38c; pink, 4½c; Mexican, 5½c; bayou, 5¾c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $5.10; Honolulu plantation, $5.05; beet, $4.90; extra C, $4.60; powdered, barrels, $5.35; cubes, barrels, $5.10.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 18@32c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $14 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $10.25 per ton; 50s, $11 per ton; dairy, $12.50 per ton.

RICE — No. 1 Japan, 5@5½c; cheaper grades, 4½c; Southern head, 5¾@6¾c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 10c per pound; apricots, 12@14c; peaches, 8@11c; prunes, Italians, 8@10c; currants, 9½c; raisins, loose, Muscatel, 6¾@7½c; bleached Thompson, 11¾c; unbleached Sultanas, 5½; seeded, 9c; dates, Persian, 8½c per pound; fard, $1.40 per box.

FIGS—Boxes, 12 10-ounce, 85c; 36 12-ounce, $2.25; 50 6-ounce, $1.85; 70 4-ounce, $2.15; Smyrna, 40-pound boxes, 20c.

Provisions.

HAMS—10 to 12-pound, 18½@19½c; 12 to 14-pounds, 18½@19½c; 14 to 18-pound, 18½@18½c; skinned, 18½c; picnic, 13½c; boiled, 28c.

BACON—Fancy, 27@28c; standard, 21@24c.

DRY SALT CURED—Bacon, 18½@20c; short clear backs, 14@16c; exports, 15@16½c, strips, 16@17½c.

LARD—Tierce basis: Pure, 12½@13½c; compound, 10¾c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1913 crop, prime and choice, 20@21c; 1912 crop, nominal.

PELTS—Dry, 10c; Spring lambs, 40@60c; shearlings, 20@30c.

HIDES—Salted hides, 12c per lb.; salt kip, 13@14c; salted calf, 18c; green hides, 12c; dry hides, 23½c; dry calf, 25c; salted bulls, 9c per pound; green bulls, 7@8c.

WOOL—Valley, 16@17c; Eastern Oregon, 11@16c.

MOHAIR—1913 clip, 25@26c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 5c per pound.

Oils.

COAL OIL—Barrels, 13½c; cases, 17½@20½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 16c; cases, 25c; motor spirit, bulk, 16c; cases, 26c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 58c; boiled, barrels, 60c; raw, cases, 63c; boiled, cases, 65c.

TURPENTINE—In case, 66c per gallon.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKETS

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Cheese—New, 17¾17½c; Young Americas, 15@17c.

Fruit — Apples, Bellflowers, $1.25@1.60; Newtowns, $1.25@1.65; other varieties, 40c@$1.75; Mexican limes, $4@5; pineapples, $2@3; lemons, $2@6.75.

Eggs—Fancy ranch, 45½c; store, 44c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 31c; seconds, 30c.

Vegetables — Cucumbers, $1@1.50; green peas, 6@10c; beans, 4@8c; eggplant, 30c@$1.

Onions—$2@2.50.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 85c@$1.25; River Delta whites, 75c@$1.25; Salinas Burbanks, nominal; sweets, $1.25@1.50.

Receipts—Flour, 5885 quarters; barley, 11,360 centals; potatoes, 7250 sacks; hay, 484 tons.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The coffee market was quiet today. After opening steady at 3 higher to 3 lower, it sold 4 to 8 net lower under scattering liquidation, inspired by easier European cables and continued full receipts. Covering caused partial rallies later, with the close steady. Sales, 16,000. December, 9.24c; January, 9.36c; March, 9.60c; May, 9.87c; July, 10.07c; September, 10.24c; October, 10.28c.

Spot—Quiet. Rio No. 7, 9¾c; Santos No. 4, 12¾c. Mild—Quiet. Cordova, 13@16¼c, nominal.

Raw sugar closed easy. Centrifugal, 3.36@3.39c; Muscovado, 2.86@2.89c; molasses sugar, 2.61@2.64; refined, unchanged.

Dried Fruits at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Evaporated apples, quiet; fancy, 10¾@12c; choice, 9¼@9½c; prime, 8@8½c.

Prunes—Firm. California, 3¾@12c; Oregons, 8¾@11c.

Peaches—Dull but firm. Choice, 6@6½c; extra choice, 6½@7c; fancy, 7@8c.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15. — Butter higher. Creameries, 22@35½c.

Eggs—Steady. Receipts, 2566 cases; at mark, cases included, 26@31c; ordinary firsts, 28@29½c; firsts, 31½c.

Cheese—Steady. Daisies, 14¾@15c; twins, 14¼@14½c; Americas, 15¼@15½c; long horns, 14¾@15c.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 15. — Close: Linseed, $1.47¼. December, $1.44¼. May, $1.50¾.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Spot cotton quiet. Middling, 13c; do gulf, 13.25c.

Hops at London.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—Hops in London, Pacific Coast, £5 12s@£6 15s.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 15.—Butter, steady, 34c.

PLAY MANAGER IS NAMED

Marshall Hayes, of Pasadena, to Handle O. A. C. Senior Event.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The senior class of the Oregon Agricultural College has elected Marshall C. Hayes, of Pasadena, Cal., a student in the school of forestry, to the position of manager of the class play, to be given in connection with the commencement exercises next June. Other candidates for the position were W. K. Peery, of Dayton; C. C. Raymond, of Creswell, and F. E. Neer, of Pasadena, Cal. The election was close, Hayes receiving but one more vote than did Peery.

The selection of a play will be made soon. Miss Grace Rosaaen, instructor in elocution, has been secured as coach and rehearsals will begin early in the second semester.

At 10 cents a drink the United States liquor bill figures $659,800,000 for the year. And the value of all the bread made in the bakeries of the country was $396,865,000.

SELL STOCKS LOWER

Professional Operations Carry Prices Down.

NEW HAVEN IS EXCEPTION

Little Change in General Speculative Situation — Call Loan Rates Ease Off, but Time Money Is Held Firmly.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—American Telephone broke 5½ points to 110 on the Stock Exchange today, the lowest price since 1908. Canadian Pacific lost 5 points. Western Union dropped 3¾ to 56¾, the lowest since 1910. It has been 20 years since American Express sold lower than today's mark of 105. New York Central, Pennsylvania, St. Paul, Missouri Pacific and a few other stocks sold at or below the year's bottom figures. Weakness of these shares affected the whole list, which showed losses of a point or so for many of the popular stocks, and larger declines for various less active issues.

Break in stocks with such dividend-paying records as American Telephone, Canadian Pacific and New York Central, which have been weak spots in the market for some time, indicated continued liquidation. Selling was not on a large scale and one of the most discouraging aspects of the market, from the viewpoint of traders on the long side, was the readiness with which prices yielded on comparatively small offerings.

New Haven, which gained more than a point, stood out conspicuously in a weak market. There was some demand for the stock from buyers, who believed that the dividend being passed, the worst was over. Covering also helped to put up the price, this movement being accelerated by the difficulty which the shorts experienced in borrowing the stock.

There was little change in the general situation. Among the professional traders, apparently every one was bearish. Further signs of business recession and pessimistic prediction from Washington as to the effect of the proposed currency bill were talked of in the street as bearish factors. Although there were unmistakable signs of liquidation in spots, most of the selling seemed to be of professional origin.

The strong showing of the banks in Saturday's statement had little effect on sentiment in the prevailing mood of traders. Call money eased off. Time money, however, held firmly.

Bonds were weak with some speculative issues one to two points lower. Total sales, par value, $2,090,000. United States 2s coupon declined ½ and Panama 3s coupon advanced ⅝ on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Reported by J. C. Wilson & Co., Lewis building, Portland, Or.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close
Amal Copper	14,800	69¾	68⅜	69¼
Am Beet Sugar	200	22½	22¼	22
Amer Can Co.	2,600	26½	25⅞	26
do pfd	400	87⅞	87⅛	87½
Am Car & F Co.	400	43¼	43	42⅝
Am Cotton Oil	500	35¼	35	34½
Am S & Rfg Co.	900	61¼	60⅝	61
do pfd	....	....	....	98
Amer Sugar	200	101½	101½	102
do pfd	....	....	....	106
Am Tel & Tel	20,400	114	110	110½
Amer Tobacco	200	245	243	242½
Anaconda	300	34	33⅞	33⅝
Atl Coast Line	400	118	117½	117
A T & S Fe	1,000	92½	92	92
do pfd	....	....	....	98
B & O	1,200	91⅜	90¾	91
Brooklyn R T	300	86½	85⅝	85
Can Pac com	17,100	220⅝	217¼	218¾
C & O	1,100	56⅜	55⅝	55⅝
C & N W	300	124	124	124
C M & St P	4,000	97⅜	96⅜	96⅝
Cent Leather	100	23½	23½	23⅜
Central N J	....	....	....	285
Chino	1,300	36⅞	36½	36½
Colo F & I	300	28	26	26
Colo Southern	....	....	....	28
Cons Gas	100	126½	126½	126¾
D L & W	....	....	....	371
D & R G	....	....	....	17½
Dist Securities	900	15¾	15	15⅜
Erie	2,300	27	26⅜	26⅝
Gen Electric	2,400	137⅜	133	134¼
Gt Nor Ore	100	31½	31½	31
Gt No pfd	100	123½	123¼	123⅜
Illinois Central	500	105½	105	105
Inter-Met	....	....	....	14⅜
do pfd	3,700	58¼	57⅞	58
K C Southern	200	24⅜	23⅝	23½
Lehigh Valley	1,300	148⅛	147¼	147½
Louis & Nash	800	132	130½	130½
Mex Central	200	11⅜	11⅛	11⅛
M St P & S S M	....	....	....	123
M K & T	400	20	19½	19⅝
Mo Pacific	1,500	25	24½	24½
N Y Central	9,500	91½	90⅝	90⅝
N Y O & West	100	26½	26½	25⅝
Nor & West	200	102¾	102¼	102½
North America	....	....	....	67
Nor Pacific	2,100	107	106	106½
Pacific Mall	....	....	....	22⅜
Pacific T & T	....	....	....	22½
Pennsylvania	8,800	108⅜	106	108¼
People's Gas	400	116	115⅜	115⅝
Reading	51,500	162¼	160⅝	161⅜
Republic S & I	1,300	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
Rock Island Co.	900	13¼	13	13
So Pac com	4,000	85⅝	85¼	85½
So Railway	300	21⅞	21⅝	21⅝
Texas Oil	....	....	....	110
Union Pacific	22,200	150⅜	149¼	149⅝
do pfd	....	....	....	82⅜
U S Steel	46,800	56	54⅞	55¼
do pfd	100	104½	104½	104⅜
Utah Copper	2,600	47⅜	47	47
Wabash	300	3⅜	3½	3½
Western Union	1,800	60⅝	56⅝	56½
West Electric	1,400	64	62¾	62¾
Wis Central	....	....	....	41

BONDS.

Reported by Overbeck & Cooke Co., Board of Trade building, Portland.

	Bid.	Asked.
Atchison general 4s	92	92¼
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	90	90½
B & O gold 4s	91	91½
B R T 4s	85½	86
Ches & Ohio 4½s	....	91½
C M & St P gen 4½s	100½	101
C R I col 4s	49½	50
Cal Gas 5s	....	92
C B Q joint 4s	93⅜	93¾
Erie general 4s	70	71
Int Met 4½s	73¾	74½
Louisville & Nashville uni 4s	....	64½
N Y C gen 3½s	....	81
N & W 1st con 4s	75⅝	76
Northern Pacific 4s	91⅜	92
Oregon Short Line ref 4s	89⅜	89½
Oregon Ry Nav 4s	91	91½
Pacific Tel 5s	96	96¼
Penna con 4s	98½	99½
Reading general 4s	92⅜	93
St L & S F ref 4s	70⅛	71
Southern Pacific ref 4s	88½	89
Southern Pacific col 4s	88½	89½
Southern Railway 5s	102⅜	103¼
Southern Railway 4s	72½	27¾
United Railway inv 4s	....	56
Union Pacific 1st and ref s4	90	91
United States Steel 5s	99½	99⅝
West Shore 4s	90⅝	91
Wabash 4s	48½	49½
Westinghouse Elec conv 5s	....	90
Wisconsin Central 4s	83	86
United States 2s registered	97¼	98
United States 2s coupon	97¼	....
United States 3s registered	102½	103
United States 3s coupon	102⅜	103
United States 4s registered	110½	111½
United States 4s coupon	110½	111½

Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	32¼	Nevada Con	14½
Amalg Copper	69½	Nipissing Mines	8
A Z L & Sm	15½	North Butte	25
Arizona Com	3⅝	North Lake	75
Cal & Arizona	60	Old Dom ex-div	46¼
Cal & Hecla	395	Osceola	67
Centennial	12½	Quincy	55
Cop Ran Con Co	32¼	Shannon	5
E Butte Cop M	9⅜	Superior	22
Franklin	2½	Sup & Bos Min	2
Granby Con	68	Tamarack	28
Greene Cananea	28⅜	U S S R & M	36½
I Royalle (Cop)	16½	do preferred	47
Kerr Lake	4½	Utah Con	8
Lake Copper	5	Utah Copper Co.	47
La Salle Copper	3⅜	Winona	1½
Miami Copper	21¼	Wolverine	40
Mohawk	38		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Call money easy, 3@4 per cent; ruling rate, 4; closing bid, 3½@4.

Time loans strong; 60 and 90 days, 5¾@5½; six months, 5@5¼.

Mercantile paper, 5½@6.

Sterling exchange steady; 60 days, $4.8115, demand, $4.8535; commercial bills, $4.80⅛.

Bar silver, 57⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 44½c.

Government bonds irregular. Railroad bonds, weak.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Bar silver, eas., 26⅝d per ounce; money, 4¼@4½ per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 4⅞@5 per cent; do, three months' bills, 4 15-16 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Silver bars, 57⅝c; Mexican dollars, 47½c. Drafts, sight, par; do telegraph, 3. Sterling in London, 60 days, $4.81¼; do sight, $4.85½.

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Eggs—Fancy ranch, 46½c; store, 44c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 31c; seconds, 30c.

Vegetables — Cucumbers, $1@1.50; green peas, 3@10c; beans, 5@10c; eggplant, nominal.

Onions—$2@2.50.

Potatoes — Oregon Burbanks, 85c@$1.25; River Delta whites, 75c@$1.25; Salinas Burbanks, nominal; sweets, $1.50@1.75.

Receipts—Flour, 8442 quarters; barley, 580 centals; potatoes, 3870 sacks; hay, 617 tons.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Lead quiet, 3.95@4.05; London, £17 17s 6d.

Spelter quiet, 5.05@5.15; London, £21 5s.

Copper steady. Standard spot, December and January, offered 14.25 February and March offered 14.17½; electrolytic, 14.37½@14.50; lake, 15.00@15.50, nominal; casting, 14.00@14.12½.

Tin quiet. Spot and December, 37.55@37.85; January, 37.60@37.90; February, 37.65@37.95.

Antimony dull. Cooksons, 7.45@7.60.

Iron quiet. No. 1 Northern, 15.25@15.75; No. 2 Northern, 15.00@15.50; No. 1 Southern, 15.00@15.50; No. 1 Southern soft, 15.00@15.50.

Hops, Etc., at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Hops—Steady. State common to choice, 1913, 40@48c; 1912, 20@25c; Pacific Coast, 1913, 24@28c; 1912, 20@25c.

Hides—Steady. Bogota, 29@30c; Central America, 29½c.

Petroleum—Steady. Refined New York, bulk, $5.25; barrels, $8.75; cases, $11.25.

Wool—Steady. Domestic fleece XX Ohio, 25@26c.

SHEEP TRADE IS ACTIVE

WETHERS, EWES AND LAMBS BRING TOP PRICES.

Hogs Are Dime Lower at the North Portland Yards — Cattle Market Is Steady.

There was a large run of sheep at the yards yesterday, but in other lines the arrivals were less than usual on Monday. The hog market was weaker, reflecting the recent heavy liquidation. Cattle and sheep continued firm.

Cattle trading was not very active. The steers on sale ranged in price from $6.75 to $7.50, and the cows from $5.50 to $6.50.

Hogs were off a dime all around. The best price obtainable on lightweights was $7.90.

Eleven loads of choice wethers averaging about 107 pounds sold at the uniform price of $5. The best ewes brought $4 and lambs $6.25. Three bunches of lambs sold off the cars at $6.40.

Receipts were 163 cattle, 1 calf, 862 hogs and 4200 sheep.

Shippers were: C. Johnson, Terrebonne, 3 cars cattle; Charles Howell, Robinette, 1 car cattle; T. W. Higginbotham, Weiser, 1 car cattle; W. D. Morey, Weiser, 1 car hogs; C. C. Burns, Weiser, 1 car hogs; M. S. Sipe, Weiser, 1 car hogs; H. F. Andrews, Armstead, 1 car hogs; W. L. Turner, Nampa, 2 cars hogs; J. W. Chandler, Wallowa, 1 car hogs; O. R. Treham, Gold Hill, 1 car hogs; F. B. Decker, Hubbard, 1 car hogs; T. Lydston, Weiser, 1 car sheep; Alex Lindsay, Ione, 1 car sheep; R. M. Stanfield, Stanfield, 3 cars sheep; McCullough & Rumble, Wallowa, 4 cars sheep; Coffey & Walensteun, Conrad, 10 cars sheep; C. W. Johnson, Payette, 1 car cattle and calves.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price		Wt.	Price
1 calf	170	$9.00	90 hogs	166	7.85
3 cows	1140	5.75	10 cows	1150	5.50
5 cows	1146	5.75	2 bulls	1240	5.75
2 cows	1113	6.25	15 steers	1246	7.50
6 cows	980	6.50	7 steers	1547	7.00
1 bull	1150	5.00	1 bull	1580	5.75
17 heifers	1041	6.60	24 steers	1149	7.55
30 steers	982	6.75	1 hog	450	$6.85
2 bulls	1370	5.75	76 ewes	81	3.10
23 steers	1078	7.25	16 lambs	85	6.25
2 cows	1230	6.00	119 ewes	92	4.00
113 hogs	163	7.90	183 wethers	107	5.00
4 hogs	295	6.90	198 wethers	108	5.00
90 hogs	206	7.90	86 wethers	107	5.00
79 hogs	211	7.90	194 wethers	107	5.00
1 hog	310	7.40	181 wethers	108	5.00
1 hog	280	7.40	134 wethers	108	5.00
3 hogs	247	6.85	184 wethers	108	5.00
3 hogs	287	6.85	225 wethers	107	5.00
96 hogs	173	7.85	220 wethers	108	5.00
2 hogs	250	6.90	192 wethers	107	5.00
3 hogs	237	7.40	194 wethers	107	5.00
107 hogs	157	7.90	234 lambs*	84	6.40
1 hog	250	7.00	23 lambs*	84	6.40
102 hogs	152	7.85	32 lambs*	83	6.40

*Off cars.

The range of prices at the yards was as follows:

Prime steers	$7.75@$8.00
Choice steers	7.50@ 7.75
Medium steers	7.00@ 7.50
Choice cows	6.00@ 6.50
Medium cows	5.75@ 6.00
Heifers	6.00@ 6.85
Light calves	8.00@ 9.00
Heavy calves	6.00@ 7.75
Bulls	5.00@ 6.00
Stags	5.50@ 6.50
Hogs—	
Light	7.25@ 7.90
Heavy	6.50@ 6.90
Sheep—	
Wethers	4.00@ 5.00
Ewes	3.25@ 4.00
Lambs	4.00@ 6.00

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 15.—Hogs—Receipts, 7800; market, lower. Heavy, $7.50@7.65; light, $7.10@7.55; pigs, $6@7; bulk of sales, $7.30@7.55.

Cattle—Receipts, 9000; market, lower. Native steers, $6@9.50; native cows and heifers, $5.75@7.75; Western steers, $6@7.80; Texas steers, $5.90@7.10; range cows and heifers, $5.50@7; calves, $6.25@9.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 16,000; market, lower. Yearlings, $6@6.75; wethers, $4.60@5.60; lambs, $7.25@7.90.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15. — Cattle — Receipts, 8500; market, weak, generally 10 to 15 cents lower. Beeves, $6.50@9.50; Texas steers, $6.60@7.65; Western steers, $5.80@7.65; stockers and feeders, $4.90@7.40; cows and heifers, $3.30@8.20; calves, $7.50@11.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 58,000; market, slow, 5 to 10 cents under Saturday's average. Light, $7.40@7.72½; mixed, $7.50@7.80; heavy, $7.50@7.85; rough, $7.50@7.60; pigs, $6.25@7.75; bulk of sales, $7.65@7.80.

Sheep—Receipts, 50,000; market, weak. Native, $4.40@5.00; Western, $4.40@5.60; yearlings, $5.50@6.75; lambs, native, $6.40@8.00; Western, $6.40@8.

PASCO WORK IS ENJOINED

Socialists, Who Carried Election, Pledged to Municipal Plant.

PASCO, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—An action was started in the Superior Court of this county today by Lee De Coss and Fred Kurtzman to enjoin the city from completing the contract with the Pasco Reclamation and buying the $50,000 water right for the city. The City Engineer's office has been busy preparing local assessment rolls for the purchase and installation of the water right and the Council is about ready to complete action in the matter.

The complaint alleges fraud in many forms and is a bitter arraignment of the present city officials. The Socialists who won out at the recent city election, are opposed to the plan, and this suit is an effort to have the contract declared illegal, so the Socialists will have an opportunity to install the municipal plant to which they are pledged.

Judge Holcomb will be here tomorrow to hear argument on the case, and he will be asked to restrain the city permanently from completing the contract.

PROFESSOR LEWIS IS BACK

Courses at Eastern Agricultural Colleges Are Studied.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Professor Claude I. Lewis, head of the department of horticulture at the Oregon Agricultural College, has returned to Corvallis from the East, where he has been for the last month on a tour of investigation of the horticultural courses given in Eastern colleges.

He also attended the convention of the American Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, the American Pomological Society and the Society for Horticultural Science. He was honored by the American Pomological Society, being chosen for the position of vice-president for the coming year.

Uruguayan banks have more than $50,000,000 in deposits.

REPORT IS BEARISH

Government Figures Too Late to Affect Wheat Prices.

CHICAGO MARKET FIRM

Liberal Export Clearances Are Influence in Favor of Bulls. World Shipments Larger Than Expected — Corn Irregular.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Bearish figures on the Government crop report about wheat, and bullish figures as to corn came too late to affect prices today. The tone of all cereals at the close was firm, with wheat unchanged to ¼c up, corn varying from a shade lower to ⅛@¼c advance, and oats the same as Saturday night to ⅛c off. Provisions finished at 2½c to 20c decline.

Wheat, after an early show of weakness, made a decided rally. Liberal export clearances of wheat and flour acted also as an influence in favor of the bulls. World shipments larger than expected had much to do with causing the wheat market to sag in the first half of the session. One of the chief houses in the trade led the buying on the break.

Well grounded fear of a surprise in the Government report overcame in the last hour the counter influence of huge receipts of corn. Strong leaders took all the offerings that shorts and timid holders forced on the market. Moreover, advices from Central Illinois and other big producing sections said farmers were preparing to hold corn until next Summer if necessary to get higher prices.

Oats followed corn. Buying on weak spots was noticeably from influential sources.

Provisions, although active, went down grade owing to generous receipts of hogs here and at other Western centers. Liquidating sales by longs formed the order of the day.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	$ .89	$ .89¾	$ .88¾	$ .89¼
May	.91⅞	.92⅜	.91⅜	.92¼
CORN.				
Dec.	.69¼	.69⅝	.69	.69½
May	.69½	.69⅝	.69¼	.69⅝
OATS.				
May	.41⅜	.41⅝	.41½	.41⅝
July	.40⅞	.41	.40⅝	.41
MESS PORK.				
Jan.	20.70	20.72½	20.70	20.70
May	20.90	20.90	20.77½	20.85
LARD.				
Jan.	10.70	10.70	10.62½	10.70
May	11.02½	11.02½	10.95	11.00
SHORT RIBS.				
Jan.	10.87½	10.87½	10.80	10.82½
May	11.07½	11.10	11.02½	11.07½

Cash prices were:

Corn — All new: No. 2, 69¾c; No. 3, 63@68¾c; No. 3 white, 64½@65½c; No. 3 yellow, 64½@68c.

Rye, No. 2, 64½@65c.

Barley, 52@75c.

Timothy, $4@5.40.

Clover, $12@15.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Cargoes on passage quiet.

English country markets quiet.

French country markets quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—Wheat — Spot, steady; futures, easy. March, 7s 2¼d; May, 7s 1½d.

San Francisco Grain Market

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Spot quotations: Walla Walla, $1.48¾@1.50; red Russian, $1.47½@1.48¾; Turkey red, $1.52½@1.55; bluestem, $1.57½@1.60; brewing barley, $1.37½@1.40; feed barley, $1.30@1.31¼; white oats, $1.42½@1.45; bran, $22@22.50; middlings, $30@31; shorts, $24.50@25.

Call board: Wheat firm; no trading. Barley firm: December, no sales; May, $1.36½ bid, $1.37¾ asked.

Puget Sound Wheat Markets.

TACOMA, Dec. 15. — Wheat—Bluestem, 93c; fortyfold, 85½c; club, 85c; red Fife, 83c. Car receipts, wheat 22, oats 1, hay 11.

SEATTLE, Dec. 15. — Wheat—Bluestem, 95c; fortyfold, 85c; club, 84c; Fife, 84c; red Russian, 85c.

Yesterday's car receipts, wheat 29, oats 3, barley 2, corn 4, hay 37, flour 12.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—Close: Wheat, No. 1 hard, 88½@88¾c; No. 1 Northern, 85⅝@87⅝c; No. 2 Northern, 83⅝@85⅝c; No. 2 hard Montana, 85⅝@86⅝c; No. 3 wheat, 81⅝@83⅝c; December, 84⅝c; May, 87⅝@87⅝c.

Flax—$1.44⅝@1.47⅝.

Barley—43@66c.

DEBATE TEAM WORKING

TWO BIG EVENTS ON UNIVERSITY OF OREGON CALENDAR.

Several Tryouts Necessary to Provide Best Talent—Peace Contest to Be National Affair.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—With two important oratorical contests scheduled for the first months of next year, the University debating teams are hard at work. The two big events are the regular state intercollegiate contest, which will be held some time in March, and the state preliminary to the International Peace Oratorical Contest, which probably will take place during the latter part of February.

Robert Prescott, debating coach, announces the first tryout for the intercollegiate contest for January 17. At this time six candidates will qualify for the final tryout, which will be held January 23, when the orator who will represent Oregon in the annual intercollegiate meeting will be chosen.

Oregon won first place in 1911 and 1912, and second place last spring. The prospective squad this season, however, is largely composed of men who have as yet no reputation on the platform.

The International Peace Oratorical Contest has been instituted by the International Peace Society to advance its propaganda. The subject is to be "International Peace," and the oration is limited to 800 words. A first prize of $75 and a second prize of $50 is offered for the contest in each state. The winner in Oregon will represent this state in the Pacific Coast contest, which may be held in Portland, and the Coast champion will be sent East to represent his section in the international contest at Lake Mohonk.

Veteran Stage Driver Revisits.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—After 54 years of absence, M. J. Luark, veteran stage driver and pioneer, is visiting in and around Grants Pass, looking at its progress and improvements. Luark drove in the palmy days, when Indians were frequently met on the war path. His route was between Yreka, Cal., and Oakland, Or. From Oakland to Grants Pass an ordinary wagon was used, this being then the end of the wagon road. From here Luark used pack animals to Yreka.

"At that time Grants Pass was further up river," said Mr. Luark, "and the country was wild and unsettled except by miners, prospectors and adventurous homesteaders who had come West to remain. Mr. Luark's home is at Montesano, Wash.

Lebanon Census Shows Growth.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Lebanon public school census just completed shows a substantial growth. The highest former school census of the district comprising Lebanon has been less than 600, while the one just completed gives more than 700. The enrollment in both the high school and the grades shows a like increase over previous years. The high school enrollment is in excess of 150.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 15.—Maximum temperature, 46 degrees; minimum, 42 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 3.7 feet; change in last 24 hours, .4 foot fall. Total rainfall, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., 0.11 inch; total rainfall since September 1, 1913, 12.05 inches; normal, 15.52 inches; deficiency, 3.47 inches. Total sunshine, none; possible, 8 hours 39 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 30.19 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 24 hours.	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of Weather.
Baker	28	0.00	4	S	Clear
Boise	40	0.00	4	S	Clear
Boston	40	0.00	10	SW	Clear
Calgary	44	0.00	14	W	Pt. cloudy
Chicago	40	0.00	14	SW	Cloudy
Denver	42	0.00	6	S	Clear
Des Moines	52	0.00	4	SW	Clear
Duluth	28	0.00	12	SW	Clear
Eureka	52	0.00	4	NE	Clear
Galveston	58	0.00	4	N	Clear
Helena	42	0.00	4	SW	Clear
Jacksonville	64	0.44	6	NE	Rain
Kansas City	50	0.00	16	SW	Pt. cloudy
Laurier	36	0.00	4	SW	Rain
Los Angeles	70	0.00	6	W	Clear
Marshfield	58	0.00	4	NW	Clear
Medford	46	0.00	calm		Clear
Montreal	28	0.00	4	NW	Clear
New Orleans	60	0.00	10	NE	Cloudy
New York	46	0.00	20	SW	Clear
North Yakima	40	0.00	4	SE	Pt. cloudy
Phoenix	66	0.04	6	E	Cloudy
Pocatello	36	0.00	4	W	Clear
Portland	46	0.11	1	N	Foggy
Roseberg	44	0.00	4	NW	Clear
Sacramento	50	0.00	4	SE	Cloudy
St. Louis	44	0.00	10	SW	Cloudy
St. Paul	44	0.00	10	SW	Clear
Salt Lake	38	0.06	6	SE	Clear
San Francisco	58	0.00	4	W	Clear
Spokane	42	0.00	4	NW	Pt. cloudy
Tacoma	50	0.00	4	SW	Pt. cloudy
Tatoosh Island	50	0.02	4	E	Foggy
Washington	52	0.00	4	S	Clear
Winnipeg	38	0.00	10	W	Clear

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A small high-pressure area overlies the North Pacific States and the barometer is relatively high over the Eastern States. A depression of moderate energy is central north of the Dakotas and a disturbance is apparently developing over Arizona. No precipitation of consequence has fallen anywhere in the United States in the last 24 hours, except small amounts in Western Washington, extreme Northwestern Oregon and in the Gulf States. The changes in temperature since yesterday have been unimportant.

The conditions are favorable for fair weather in this district Tuesday except in Western Washington, where it will continue unsettled with probably rain.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Tuesday fair; winds mostly easterly.

Oregon—Tuesday fair; easterly winds.

Washington—Tuesday fair east, probably rain west portion; winds mostly southerly.

Idaho—Tuesday fair.

EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.

SCIENTISTS' LIVES LONG

Average Age of 1635 Britons of Note Is 70, It Is Asserted.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Surviving until his 91st year, Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace followed an example of longevity set by several distinguished scientists of recent times.

Nevreul was 103 at the time of his death, and Sir Joseph Hooker only nine years younger. Lord Lister was 84, Lord Kelvin and Herbert Spencer were 83, Virchow and Berthelot were likewise octogenarians, and Lord Avebury died at the age of 79.

Evidently, as Sir Sidney Lee maintains, "sustained intellectual effort is no bar to longevity." He finds that 70 years of age is the average length of life of the 1635 men and women commemorated in the second supplement of the Dictionary of National Biography. Nearly 400 indeed died after their 80th year, and of these four were centenarians.

Moose hunting is permitted in Nova Scotia from September 16 to November 15. Game is plentiful this year. Moose killed last year numbered 687.

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