NO WHEAT SHORTAGE

Statistics Indicate Small Surplus for Season.

LARGE TIDEWATER STOCKS

Market Is Firm With Farmers Refusing to Sell and Speculative Holders Confident of Future of Prices.

It is not so certain that the wheat supply in the Pacific Northwest will be exhausted this season, in spite of the strong war demand from Europe. Statistics based on shipments to date, the movement during the remainder of the season as indicated by tonnage engagements, and the probable Coast requirements, make it appear that an excess of about 7,500,000 bushels will remain. This surplus, however, may be eliminated, as some reserves will be carried into the new season by millers in the shape of flour and more or less will go to the Orient during the Winter and Spring. Shipments of flour to the Atlantic seaboard and to the west coast of South America will also be somewhat of a factor in the later situation. There may, likewise, be further chartering for shipment of grain to Europe.

The tonnage now in sight will take care of almost 10,000,000 bushels of wheat, as shown by the following:

Portland—To arrive, 91,919 registered tons; in port, 23,144 registered tons; total, 115,063 registered tons (245,563 gross), 9,085,831 bushels.

Puget Sound—To arrive, 11,119 registered tons; in port, 1389 registered tons; total, 12,558 registered tons (21,399 gross), 791,763 bushels.

Total capacity, Portland and Puget Sound, 9,877,594 bushels.

The movement of wheat to date from the North Pacific Coast and the probable shipments and other requirements, with their effect on the supply situation are here given:

	Bushels.
Shipped to December 1.	17,685,073
Home consumption	20,000,000
Total	37,685,073
Export requirements	9,877,594
California	4,000,000
Shipments, etc.	51,562,667
1914 crop	55,000,000
Carryover	4,000,000
Total supply	59,000,000
Shipments, etc.	51,562,667
Surplus	7,437,333

From the beginning of the season to December 1, wheat receipts, flour included, at Portland, Seattle and Tacoma were 13,591,127 bushels in excess of the quantity sent out, which explains the crowded condition of the docks and warehouses at the three ports. Receipts to December 1 were as follows:

		Bushels.
Wheat—		
Portland		12,751,700
Tacoma		7,894,900
Seattle		6,398,600
Total		27,045,200
Flour—		
Portland	(495,600 bbl)	2,230,200
Seattle	(442,400 bbl.)	2,000,800
Total tidewater receipts		31,276,200

These statistics may be used as either a bear or bull argument. The market, however, remains very firm and selling is limited. Farmers want more money than is being offered and speculative holders express confidence in the future of the market.

Private cables came through strong yesterday. At the Merchants' Exchange, sellers asked from half a cent to a full cent more for prompt and later deliveries. February forty-fold sold at $1.21½ and $1.22, unchanged to half a cent better than on Wednesday.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	83	6	6	12	12
Tuesday	58	4	4	1	5
Wednesday	38	4	7	4	2
Thursday	55	7	8	9	1
Year ago	40	3	8	11	10
Sea'n, to date	10422	1006	1305	1231	998
Year ago	9959	1475	1274	1040	1473

TURKEY MAY NOT SHIP MOHAIR

Spring Market Will Also Depend on Condition of Goods Trade.

Mohair dealers are beginning to figure on the effect on next year's market of the stoppage of shipments of Turkish hair to England. Much will depend, however, on the domestic trade in the manufactured product. Unless conditions change materially plush buying by railroads will not be much of a factor in the market. The character of the dry goods trade is as yet an uncertainty.

Commenting on the Eastern and European markets for hair, the Boston Commercial Bulletin says:

"There has been absolutely nothing new in the local market so far as mohair is concerned. Local handlers report the market extremely dull and uninteresting. Prices are hardly more than nominal on any grade at the moment.

"Some buying is reported at the Cape of Good Hope in Winter hair at recent current rates, that is, at 7½d, and stocks in Port Elizabeth are now very well sold up, it is said. Most of this hair is understood to be destined for English consumption, as the heavy woolen district is now using more or less of this material in army goods. Some of the buying, however, is reported to be on dealers' accounts.

"So far as alpaca is concerned, the stocks at Liverpool are, of course, completely sold up. Business on the west coast does not appear to have been at all heavy in the last week or two, although some purchases have been made there for direct shipment to the United States."

YAKIMA HOP MARKET IS 12 CENTS

Heavy Buying at all Points on the Pacific Coast.

The strength of the hop market is evident, as 11 and 12 cents was freely offered yesterday in the Independence section and at other points where choice hops are available. For several of the best lots bids of 12½ cents were turned down.

The most active buyers were T. A. Livesley & Co., who, in addition to obtaining a number of lots from dealers, made purchases from growers, including the Polk & Voth crop of 80 bales, at Dallas, at 10¾ cents, and two lots at North Yakima at 11 cents.

There is also a 12-cent market at North Yakima, this price having been paid for the Strobach crop of 175 bales. Other Yakima lots sold were those of Ross, 269 bales; Shadbolt, 187 bales, and Hanson, 172 bales. John Sinn, of Chehalis, sold 80 bales.

Over 1700 bales of Sonoma hops were sold as a result of the heavy trading movement in that state. The Sonoma sales were 243 bales by Frank Wood, at 9 cents; Hildreth, 50 bales, at 8 cents; Howard, 96 bales, at 8½ cents; Hoefer, 509 bales; Bert Johnson, 358 bales at 8 cents; Dutton, 217 bales, at 7½ cents; Crawford, 216 bales, at 7¾ cents, and Pickle, 59 bales, at 8 cents.

CRANBERRIES MAY BE SCARCE

Eastern Shipments for Portland Are Stopped by Authorities in Illinois.

There may be a scarcity of Eastern cranberries during the holidays. Jobbers were advised yesterday that a car bound to Portland from New Jersey had been stopped by the Federal authorities in Illinois.

It is the practice of Eastern shippers in the Winter months to pack the doors of cranberry cars with swamp hay to keep out the frost. All hay looks alike to a Government inspector, and as there is a quarantine against the shipment of hay from certain states, owing to the foot and mouth epidemic, this car, with others, was not permitted to pass through Illinois.

Emperor grapes in barrels are now being offered to the holiday trade. They were in good demand yesterday, as crated grapes were scarce. Arrivals of fruit and vegetables were light.

A shipment of Italian chestnuts was received and put on sale at 12½@15 cents.

Eggs Weaker, Poultry Firm.

Unloading of Eastern eggs by speculators is given as the reason for added weakness in the egg market. Sales of candled Oregon ranch were reported yesterday at 40 cents. Other lines were firm. Poultry receipts were not heavy and buyers paid 12 to 13 cents for good hens.

In the dressed meat market the tendency was upward. Good block hogs sold at 9½ cents and fancy veal brought 11½@12 cents.

The dairy produce markets were unchanged.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,628,668	$101,821
Seattle	1,797,452	157,327
Tacoma	272,819	53,972
Spokane	651,868	98,847

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, etc.

Merchants Exchange, noon session:
Prompt delivery.

	Bid.	Ask.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ 1.18	$ 1.20
Fortyfold	1.18	1.20
Club	1.17	1.18
Red Russian	1.10	1.12
Red Fife	1.12½	1.14
Oats—		
No. 1 white feed	28.00	28.50
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	24.50	25.50
Brewing	25.50	26.50
Bran	23.50	24.00
Shorts	24.50	26.00
Futures—		
January bluestem	1.20	1.22
February bluestem	1.23	1.24
January fortyfold	1.19	1.21
February fortyfold	1.22	1.22½
January club	1.18	1.19½
February club	1.20	1.21
January red Russian	1.11	1.14
February red Russian	1.14½	1.15
January red Fife	1.13½	1.16
February red Fife	1.15½	1.17½
January oats	28.50	29.00
February oats	29.75	30.00
May oats	32.00	32.50
January brewing barley	26.00	26.50
January bran	24.25	24.50

Sales—	
5000 bushels February fortyfold	$1.21½
5000 bushels February fortyfold	1.22
100 tons February oats	29.75
100 tons January bran	24.00
100 tons January bran	24.25

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $24@24.50 per ton; shorts, $26@26.50; rolled barley, $27.50@28.50.

FLOUR—Patents, $6 per barrel; straights, $4.80@5.60; whole wheat, $5.80; graham, $5.60.

CORN—Whole, $36 per ton; cracked, $27 per ton.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $14@16, grain hay, $10@11; alfalfa, $12@13; Valley timothy, $11@12.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2@2.50 per box; Valencias, $3.25@3.50 per box; Japanese, per box, 90c@$1.10; lemons, $3.50@4.50 per box; bananas, 4@4½c per pound; grapefruit, $3.75@4; pineapples, 7c per pound.

VEGETABLES—Cucumbers, 50c dozen; eggplant, 7c pound; peppers, 7@8c per pound; artichokes, 90c per dozen; tomatoes, 60c@$1 per crate; cabbage, ¾@1c per pound; beans, 12½c per pound; celery, 60@75c per dozen; cauliflower, 60c@$1 per dozen; sprouts, 8c per pound; head lettuce, $2 per crate; pumpkins, 1c per pound; squash, 1c per pound.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, 65c@1.50 per box; casabas, 1¼c per pound; pears, $1@1.50; grapes, $1@1.55 per crate; cranberries, $8@9 per barrel.

POTATOES—Oregon, 85c per sack; Idaho, 90c; Yakima, $1; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregon, buying price, $1.25 f. o. b. shipping point.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 36@38c; candled, 40@42c.

POULTRY—Hens, 12@13c; Springs, 11c; turkeys, dressed, 20@21c; live, 17@18c; ducks, 10@12½c; geese, 11@12c.

BUTTER—Creamery, prints, extras, 34½c per pound in case lots; ½c more in less than case lot; cubes, 30c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbers' buying price, 15c per pound f. o. b. dock Portland; Young Americas, 16c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 11½@12c per pound.

PORK—Block, 9½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River one-pound talls, $2.30 per dozen; half-pound flats, $1.50; one-pound flats, $2.55; Alaska pink, one-pound talls, $1.05.

Honey—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15@24c per pound; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 15@24c; almonds, 23@24c; peanuts, 6¾c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; pecans, 19@20c; chestnuts, 12½@15c.

BEANS—Small white, 5¼c; large white, 5.15c; Lima, 6½c; pink, 4½c; Mexican, 6½c; bayou, 6.35c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 18½@33½c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $5.90; beet, $5.70; extra C, $5.40; powdered, in barrels, $6.15.

SALT—Granulated, $15.50 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $10.75 per ton; 50s, $11.50 per ton; dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 6¼c@6½c; broken, 4c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8c per pound; apricots, 13@15c; peaches, 8c; prunes, Italians, 8@9c; raisins, loose Muscatels, 8c; unbleached Sultanas, 7½c; seeded, 8¾c; dates, Persian, 7@7½c per pound; fard, $1.40 per box; currants, 9¾@12c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1914 crop, 9@12c; 1913 crop, nominal.

HIDES—Salted hides, 14c; salted bulls, 10c; salted calf, 18c; salted kid, 14c; green hides, 12½c; green bulls, 8½c; green calf, 18c; green kip, 14c; dry hides, 25c; dry calf, 27c.

WOOL—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 15@20c; nominal.

MOHAIR—1914 clip, 27½c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 4@4½c per pound.

PELTS—Long wool dry pelts, 11c; short wool dry pelts, 8c; dry sheep shearings, 10@13c each; salt sheep shearings, 15@25c each; dry goat skins, long hair, 12@12½c; dry goat shearings, 10@20c each; salted sheep pelts, November, 75@90c each.

Provisions.

HAMS — Ten to 12 pounds, 18@19c; 14 to 18 pounds, 18@19c; picnic, 12c.

BACON—Fancy, 27@29c, standard, 23@24c.

DRY SALT CURED—Short clear backs, 13@16c; exports, 14@17c; pates, 11@13c.

LARD — Tierce basis: Pure, 12@12½c; compound, 8½c.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; special drums or barrels, 13½c; cases, 17½@20½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 13c; cases, 20c; engine distillate, drums 7½c; cases, 14½c; naphtha, drums, 12c; cases, 19c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 55c; raw, cases, 60c; boiled, barrels, 51c; boiled, cases, 62c.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 60c; in cases, 67c; 10-case lots, 1c less.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Quoted at the Bay City on Fruits, Vegetables, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Frui—Pineapples, $2.75@3.25; California lemons, $1.75@3.50; apples, Bellflowers, 65@75c; Oregon Spitzenbergs, $1.25@1.50; Newtowns, 85c@$1.25; winesaps, 90c@$1.25; bananas, $1.25@1.75.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, 35@50c; beans, 5@8c; eggplant, 25@60c; tomatoes, 50c@$1.25.

Eggs—Fancy ranch, 41½c; pullets, 37½c; storage, 29½c.

Onions—Yellow, $1.

Cheese—Young America, 14@14½c; new, 10@12½c; Oregon, 14½c; Young America, 16c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 31½c; seconds, 28c.

Potatoes—Delta Burbanks, per sack, 90c@$1.10; sweets, $1.50@1.60 per sack; Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.60, Oregon Burbanks, $1.25@1.65.

Receipts — Flour, 2394 quarters; barley, 8200 centals; potatoes, 6050 sacks; hay, 391 tons.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The wool sales showed very little change today. Crossbreds were largely bought by the home trade. Fine merinos were steadier and were less frequently withdrawn, but the lower sorts were slow. There was no American buying. The offerings amounted to 9900 bales.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Closing prices on the cotton market were the lowest of the day. Spot, quiet; middling uplands, 7.40c.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Hops, dull.

STEEL TRADE GROWS

Favorable Reports of November-December Production.

BOND DEMAND IS BROADER

European Governments Arranging to Place Additional Credits in This Country—London Financial Markets Are Cheerful.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Continued broadening of the demand for high-grade securities was the conspicuous feature of the general financial situation today, both on the Stock Exchange and among bankers.

Both bonds and stocks of speculative quality moved irregularly. In the stock list submitted by the exchange the weakest feature was New York Central, which reflected yesterday's dividend announcement.

Routine news included the November tonnage statement of the United States Steel Corporation, which was more favorable than most forecasts, and the Government cotton report, which estimated the 1914-15 yield at almost 16,000,000 bales without linters. Should this promise be fulfilled, the crop will be the largest in the history of the country. Cotton options broke precipitately on publication of the report.

The leading steel mills, according to report, have increased their production thus far this month. Negotiations for the exportation of large quantities of rails and ties were still pending, likewise the filling of some substantial domestic orders.

Bankers again were in conference with representatives of European governments planning the placing of additional credits in this market. For the first time in several days reichmarks failed to show increasing strength. London's markets were cheerful and the Bank of England statement showed improvement over recent weeks.

Following are closing prices as issued by the Stock Exchange committee:

	Last sale.
Amalgamated Copper	49¼
American Beet Sugar	28¾
American Can	25
American Can preferred	90¾
American Cotton Oil	34½
American Smelting	53¾
American Smelting preferred	97½
American Sugar	102
American Telegraph and Telephone	117
American Tobacco	215
Atchison	91¼
Bethlehem Steel	40½
Brooklyn Transit	87
Canadian Pacific	155¼
Central Leather	35½
St. Paul	85¾
Colorado Fuel	21½
Corn Products	8½
Denver	4¼
Denver preferred	12¼
Erie first	33
Illinois Central	104¾
Inter Metropolitan	12¾
Harvester	91½
Kansas City Southern	20¼
Lehigh Valley	132
Missouri Pacific	9¾
National Biscuit	123
National Lead	41½
New York Central	79¾
Norfolk & Western	98½
New Haven	51¾
Northern Pacific	98
Ontario & Western	20
Pacific Mail	19¼
Reading	140
Rock Island	1⅛
Rock Island preferred	2⅜
Union Pacific	115
Union Pacific preferred	78
United States Rubber	49
Utah Copper	46⅞
Western Union	58
Texas Oil	126

BONDS.

U S Ref 2s reg.	96	U S 4s coupon	108¾
U S Ref 2s cop.	96	Northern Pac 3s	63
U S 3s reg.	99¾	Northern Pac 4s	89¾
U S 3s, coupon	100	Union Pac 4s	95
U S 4s reg.	108½	Wis Cen 4s	89¾

STOCK TRADE AT BOSTON NORMAL

Exchange Opens After Suspension of 109 Days — Interest in Coppers.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Trading on the Stock Exchange here was resumed today, after a suspension of 109 days and, according to President Walter Jackson, business was conducted in a satisfactory manner. The volume of trading was about the same as on an average day last Spring, 15,381 shares of stock and $24,000 in bonds changing hands.

The list was divided into three classes. Practically unrestricted trading was permitted in strictly Boston stocks, which made up the largest part of the list. Dealings in internationals, such as United States Steel and Union Pacific, were transacted through a special committee. It was announced that class 2 stocks, including Calumet & Hecla, Osceola, Tamarack and other mining shares, which are also handled by a committee, will be placed on the unrestricted list within a short time.

Interest in the local market centered in the Butte & Superior, which advanced 1¾ to 35¾. Other shares were in fair demand. The market closed quiet and steady.

LARGEST COTTON CROP EVER GROWN

Yield in United States This Year Is Record Breaker.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. — The United States this year has produced the greatest crop of cotton in its history. More than 16,000,000 bales — 15,966,000 of lint cotton, and linter cotton unofficially estimated at from 500,000 to 650,000 bales—are the crop.

The estimated production by states follows:

Virginia	24,000
North Carolina	950,000
South Carolina	1,500,000
Georgia	2,650,000
Florida	75,000
Alabama	1,600,000
Mississippi	1,275,000
Louisiana	460,000
Texas	4,560,000
Arkansas	1,040,000
Tennessee	365,000
Missouri	75,000
Oklahoma	1,230,000
California	37,000
All other states	15,000

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Call money, steady. High, 4; low, 3½; ruling rate, 3½; last loan, 4; closing bid, 3½; offered, 4.

Mercantile paper, 4¼@4½. Serling exchange, firm; 60-day bills, $4.8475; for cables, $4.8815; for demand, $4.8750.

Bar silver, 49⅝ cents.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Bar silver, 23¼d per ounce. Discount rates, short and three months', 2⅝ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Serling, demand, $4.87½; cable, $4.87¾.

YARD OFFERINGS SMALL

CATTLE AND HOG MARKETS ARE HOLDING STEADY.

Choice Lambs Sell at Advance—Day's Receipts at North Portland Are Very Light.

Offerings were moderate at the stockyards yesterday and trading was on a greatly reduced scale. The feature of interest was the sharp demand for lambs, and one small bunch of choice quality sold at $7.50. Cattle sales were made up of odds and ends. A few good steers brought $7.10 and $7.25. Most of the hogs received went direct to packers.

Receipts were 20 cattle, 2 calves and 191 hogs. Shippers were:

With cattle—Martin Winch, one car. With hogs, Nehalem Livestock Company, Scappoose, one car; William Block, Amity, one car; same, Monmouth, one car.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price
1 cow	760	$5.75	2 cows	1050	$5.25
1 cow	1020	4.00	1 cow	800	5.25
1 heifer	890	6.00	88 hogs	90	6.00
1 bull	1040	4.50	10 hogs	72	6.25
5 steers	1152	7.25	1 hog	370	5.90
1 bull	1500	4.50	5 hogs	156	6.90
5 steers	1272	7.10	1 yr. ewe	150	6.75
1 cow	800	6.25	31 lambs	84	7.50
2 cows	1122	5.10	100 mixed	95	4.75

Current prices of the various classes of stock at the yards follow:

Prime steers	$7.00@7.25
Choice cows	5.75@6.00
Choice steers	6.50@6.75
Medium steers	6.25@6.50
Choice cows	5.75@6.25
Medium cows	5.25@5.75
Heifers	5.25@6.25
Calves	6.00@8.00
Bulls	3.00@4.75

Stags	4.50@6.00
Hogs—	
Light	6.75@6.90
Heavy	5.75@5.90
Sheep—	
Wethers	4.00@6.00
Ewes	4.25@5.00
Lambs	6.00@7.50

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 10.—Hogs—Receipts, 4700; market, lower. Heavy, $6.70@6.85, light, $6.85@6.95; pigs, $5.50@6.50; bulk of sales, $6.75@6.90.

Cattle—Receipts, 3300; market steady. Native steers, $6.75@10.25; native cows and heifers, $5.75@7.35; Western steers, $6.00@6.30; Texas steers, $5.80@7.20; Texas cows and heifers, $5.25@7; calves, $7.50@9.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,500; market, higher. Yearlings, $6.50@7.20; wethers, $5.40@6.15; lambs, $7.80@8.40.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Hogs—Receipts, 38,000; market, slow, 15 to 20 cents under yesterday's average. Bulk of sales, $6.85@7.30; light, $6.70@7.40; mixed, $6.75@7.40; heavy, $6.75@7.30; rough, $6.75@6.85; pigs, $5.25@7.40.

Cattle—Receipts, 7000; market, steady. Christmas beeves, $11@13; native steers, $5.70@10.85; Western steers, $5.25@8.50; cows and heifers, $3.25@8.50; calves, $6.50@9.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; market, firm. Sheep, $5.20@6.25; yearlings, $6.40@7.35; lambs, $6.50@8.50.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—After some early irregularity, the coffee market developed renewed strength, owing to the firmness of the cost and freight situation and reports of a more active business, both in spot coffees and to arrive. The opening was five points higher to four points lower, and active months sold about four to six points net lower during the early afternoon, but the market rallied sharply in the late trading and closed at a net advance of six to 17 points. Sales, 20,000 bags. December, 6.55c; January, 6.63c; February, 6.71c; March, 6.79c; April, 6.88c; May, 6.98c; June, 6.91c; July, 7.73c; August, 7.79c; September, 7.85c; October, 7.92c; November, 8.00c.

Spot, firm; Rio No. 7, 7½@7¾c; Santos No. 4, 10¾c; Santos 4s were quoted at 9.40c to 9.60c in the cost and freight market.

Raw sugar, steady. Molasses sugar, 3.24c; centrifugal, 3.89c. Refined, steady.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 10.—Turpentine closed firm, 43c; sales, 100 barrels; receipts, 291 barrels; shipments, nine barrels; stocks, 32,617 barrels.

Rosin closed firm; sales, 925 barrels; receipts, 1215 barrels; shipments, none; stocks, 133,318 barrels. Quote A, B, C, D, E, F, G, $3.30; H, $3.32½; A, $3.35; I, $3.50; K, $4; M, $4.50; N, $5.25; WG, $5.60; WW, $5.80.

Sugar Futures Market to Open.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The sugar committee of the New York Coffee Exchange today recommended that the market for sugar futures be reopened at an early date. The date will be decided upon by the board of managers at the next meeting.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Butter, unchanged. Eggs, higher. Receipts, 2995 cases; at mark, cases included, 25@32c; ordinary firsts, 28@30c; firsts, 33@34c.

Steel Production Is Growing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation on November 30 totalled 3,324,592 tons, a decrease of 126,505 tons from October.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Copper, firm. Electrolytic, 13.00c; casting, 12.75@12.87c.

Lead, steady, 3.75@3.85c.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 10.—Linseed, cash, $1.50; December, $1.49; May, $1.32.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Evaporated apples, steady; prunes, firm; peaches, firm.

STATE MAY CHARGE FEES

Opinion on Employment Agencies Given in Washington.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 10.—Although the voters of Washington at the election last month passed an initiative measure abolishing employment agencies that charge workers fees for procuring jobs for them, the state itself may establish state employment agencies and charge fees. So holds W. V. Tanner, Attorney-General, in an opinion given today to E. W. Olson, State Labor Commissioner.

The question was raised in connection with the proposed law to be passed at the next session of the Legislature, which law would have state employment agencies replace the private ones, now forbidden by law.

The initiative law, he holds, does not apply to the state itself, its powers not being limited by the new law. The framers of the bill wish to charge a fee, so that the department may be made self-sustaining.

DOUGLAS PLANS EXHIBIT

Commitee Named to Ask Grant From County Court.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—With a view of having a representative present at San Francisco during the Panama Exposition to tell of the advantages and opportunities of Douglas County, a committee composed of the following was appointed to go before the County Court and ask for an appropriation sufficient to pay the expenses of such a representative: L. B. Moore, A. C. Marsters, J. H. Booth, A. L. Kitchin, Frank Churchill, S. S. Josephson, Roseburg; J. F. Luse, Sutherlin; S. D. Johnson, Drain; Harry Stearns, Yoncalla; J. T. Bridges, Oakland; John Hall, Myrtle Creek; G. W. Riddle, Riddle; John Neuner, Glendale; F. D. Snyder, Canyonville; C. H. Brand, Wilbur; D. N. Busenbark, Melrose; L. B. Skinner, Winstons, nad Warren Reed, of Gardiner.

EMPLOYMENT FEE QUERY

State of Washington Dubious as to Right to Charge for Jobs.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Whether the state can charge laborers fees for procuring employment, through Initiative Measure No. 8, adopted at the recent election, prohibits persons or private corporations from doing so, is the question asked Attorney-General Tanner by the commission of employers, employes, Legislators and others, appointed by Labor Commissioner Olson to draft legislation providing for a state system of employment bureaus.

The protest against the private agency system that culminated in passage of the anti-fee bill was not against the fees but against alleged combinations between employment agents and camp foremen.

3325 TIETON ACRES BEAR

Average Return From Diversified Crops Is $29.60 for Each Acre.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 10.—Thirty-three hundred and twenty-five acres more than last year were cropped in the Tieton project this year, according to the report of the project manager. Tieton farmers this year took from 15,920 acres crops which sold for $472,480, an average return of $29.60 an acre, against an average of $23.60 last year. The lower prices received this year account for the difference.

Potatoes and hay were the largest crops, but a considerable diversity is indicated by a list which includes apples, alfalfa seed, barley, beans, clover hay and seed, Indian corn and corn fodder, small fruits, garden produce, hops, onions, pasture, peaches, pears and wheat.

A scheme of dock extensions which will cost $7,500,000 has been prepared by the Clyde trust special committee of Glasgow, Scotland. It is proposed to advance the harbor rates to an amount which will bring in an additional $300,000 a year.

FROST HURTS CROP

Serious Damage Is Reported to Argentine Wheat.

CHICAGO MARKET LIFTED

News From South America Offsets Bearish Influence of German Naval Defeat and Illness of Kaiser.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Fear of grave damage having been done by frost in Argentina acted as more than an offset today for the bearish influence of the German naval fleet being defeated and of the illness of the Kaiser. The market, although much unsettled, closed ⅛@¼ to ⅜ cent above last night. Corn scored a net gain of ¼@⅜ to ⅝ cent, oats finished ⅛ cent down to ⅛ cent up, and provisions at a gain of 2½ cents to 20@22 cents.

Notwithstanding the victory near the Falkland Islands did away with most, if not all, the danger of German interference with shipments to Liverpool, the effect on the wheat market here seemed to be more decided than in England, where prices were reported as comparativly firm, owing to Argentine advices of serious frost damage. Bearish feeling in Chicago early was increased by rumors of the death of the Kaiser, but when denials were promptly forthcoming the market made a sudden rebound and there was closer attention to estimates that 2,000,000 acres in the province of Buenos Ayres had possibly suffered irreparable harm.

Later assertions that the Argentine damage reports had been greatly exaggerated led to a series of nervous price changes in wheat, but in the end the bulls held the advantage. Assertion of large export sales of flour at Minneapolis and of additional sales at Kansas City and St. Louis counted against the bears.

Decreasing receipts put strength into corn from the start. There was also evidence of a good call from seaboard exporters.

The oats market had little action despite talk of 1,000,000 bushels having been taken for Europe. According to some observers, the buying was to cover shortages on contract, rather than to apply on new export business.

Provisions ruled lower, owing to a break in hog values. There was rather free selling by houses with stockyard connections and by miscellaneous holders.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	$1.15½	$1.16	$1.14¾	$1.16
May	1.20½	1.20⅝	1.19⅝	1.20⅝
CORN.				
Dec.	.62½	.63¼	.62½	.62⅝
May	.68½	.69⅛	.68⅜	.68⅝
OATS.				
Dec.	.47	.47	.46⅝	.46⅞
May	.51¼	.51⅛	.51	.51⅛
MESS PORK.				
Jan.	18.05	18.05	17.85	17.90
May	18.50	18.50	18.32½	18.37½
LARD.				
Jan.	9.70	9.70	9.65	9.67½
May	9.95	9.95	9.90	9.92½
SHORT RIBS.				
Jan.	9.77½	9.77½	9.72½	9.72½
May	10.05	10.07½	10.02½	10.02½

Cash prices were as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.15@1.15¾; No. 2 hard, $1.15¾@1.16.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, old 64@64½c, new 63@63½c; No. 3 yellow, old 63@63½c, new 61½@62½c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.10@1.10½.

Barley, 60@70c.

Timothy, $3.75@5.50.

Clover, $12@14.50.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Cargoes on passage dull.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 10.—Wheat, December opened 9s 6½d.

Corn, December closed 5s 11¼d; January closed 5s 11½d.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—Wheat, December, $1.12¾; May, $1.16¾; No. 1 hard, $1.18; No. 1 Northern, $1.14½@1.17; No. 2 Northern, $1.11½@1.15.

Barley, 53@60c.

Flax, $1.47@1.50.

Puget Sound Grain Markets.

SEATTLE, Dec. 10. — Wheat—Bluestem, $1.18; Turkey red, $1.14; fortyfold, $1.18; club, $1.16; Fife, $1.13; red Russian, $1.10.

Barley, $24.00.

Yesterday's car receipts—Wheat 3, oats 2, hay 1, flour 3.

TACOMA, Dec. 10. — Wheat—Bluestem, $1.17; fortyfold, $1.15; club, $1.14; Fife, $1.12.

Car receipts—Wheat 11, barley 1, oats 1, hay 4.

San Francisco Grain Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Spot quotations: Walla Walla, $1.92½@1.95; red Russian, $1.90@1.92½; Turkey red, $1.95@1.97½; bluestem, $2.00@2.05; feed barley, $1.22½; white oats, $1.52½@1.55; bran, $25@25.50; middlings, $30@31; shorts, $26@26.50.

Call board—Wheat firm. Barley firm. December, $1.27; May, $1.33.

BENTON GROWERS MEET

RESOLUTIONS TO REORGANIZE CANNERY ADOPTED.

District Comittees Authorized to Solicit Capital Stock Sufficient to Establish Cash Basis.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Members of the Benton County Growers' Association met yesterday at the courthouse in this city to discuss plans for the cannery here. The past season has been a bad one, the overhead charges having eaten up a large part of the gross receipts. It is proposed by the board of directors that the organization be reorganized and changed to a stock corporation instead of a co-operative association.

B. W. Johnson, chairman of the board of directors, addressed the growers today, telling them "it became apparent to the board last July that unless a change in the cannery management was made there would be a decrease in the receipts of fresh products."

The Benton County Growers' Association was organized as a co-operative association in 1912 and operated successfully for two years, last year doing a business of approximately $55,000. Six hundred growers composed the organization, and each member had only one share of stock. Reports, read today, show that the receipts this year were only about one-third as much as last year's.

Growers signed contracts following the annual meeting last year more readily than the year previous, and although the contracts received totaled less than the actual receipts of fresh products at the cannery, the contracts signed in 1913 totaled only a small per cent of the actual receipts.

The growers adopted a resolution indorsing a plan to reorganize the association into one having a capital stock sufficient to put the cannery management on a cash basis, or about $30,000. The board of directors was authorised to divide the county into districts and appoint a committee in each district to solicit capital stock. The committees are to report at the annual meeting in January.

Ashland Bonds Held as Investment.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec, 10.—(Special.)—Ashland electric light bonds to the amount of $55,000, and city refunding bonds aggregating $33,000, are held by the Pacific jurisdiction of the Woodmen of the World as an investment. Jackson County school district bonds to the

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amount of $37,500, and Medford water bonds in the sum of $70,000, are also among the assets of the same organization. Josephine and Klamath counties, as well as Grants Pass and Klamath Falls, are also represented in the schedule.

Scholz Heads Mining Congress.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 10. — Carl Scholz, of Chicago, was re-elected today as president of the American Mining Congress. Harvey Day, of Wallace, Idaho, was one of the vice-presidents elected.

Walla Walla Sheriff Resigns.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Mike Toner yesterday resigned as Sheriff, to take effect December 16. The County Commissioners appointed Sheriff-elect Lee Barnes to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Toner will take the oath as Mayor, December 21.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—Maximum temperature, 42 degrees; minimum, 38 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 3.9 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.3 foot rise. Total rainfall, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., none; total rainfall since September 1, 1914, 11.49 inches; normal, 14.40 inches; deficiency, 2.91 inches. Total sunshine, none; possible, 8 hours 44 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) 5 P. M., 29.92 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp	Precipitation past 24 hours	Wind Velocity....	Wind Direction....	State of Weather
Baker	38	0.00	4	SE	Cloudy
Boise	24	0.00	4	NW	Cloudy
Boston	24	0.00	6	N	Clear
Calgary	20	0.00	calm		Clear
Chicago	32	0.20	12	NW	Cloudy
Denver	24	0.00	4	SW	Clear
Des Moines	28	0.00	6	N	Snow
Duluth	26	0.00	16	W	Clear
Eureka	52	0.20	4	S	Cloudy
Galveston	46	0.00	16	N	Pt. cloudy
Helena	16	0.00	8	SW	Clear
Jacksonville	58	0.00	4	W	Clear
Kansas City	26	0.00	10	NW	Cloudy
Los Angeles	56	0.30	4	S	Pt. cloudy
Marshfield	50	0.00	4	W	Pt. cloudy
Medford	48	0.00	8	SE	Cloudy
Minneapolis	24	0.00	8	W	Clear
Montreal	22	0.00	16	E	Pt. cloudy
New Orleans	52	0.00	4	NW	Cloudy
New York	38	0.00	4	NW	Cloudy
North Head	46	0.00	8	E	Cloudy
North Yakima	30	0.00	10	NW	Clear
Phoenix	62	0.00	4	SE	Clear
Pocatello	38	0.00	4	SE	Cloudy
Portland	42	0.00	4	N	Cloudy
Roseburg	46	0.00	4	N	Clear
Sacramento	48	0.68	12	SE	Pt. cloudy
St. Louis	30	0.01	14	NW	Snow
Salt Lake	38	0.00	4	S	Cloudy
San Francisco	52	1.14	8	SE	Pt. cloudy
Seattle	44	0.00	8	NE	Clear
Spokane	32	0.00	6	E	Clear
Tacoma	46	0.00	12	N	Clear
Tatoosh Island	46	0.00	6	E	Clear
Walla Walla	26	0.00	4	S	Cloudy
Washington	36	0.12	4	NW	Rain
Winnipeg	10	0.00	14	S	Clear

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A depression of slight energy extends from the Oregon coast southeastward to Arizona and a large high-pressure area overlies the Plains States. Moderately heavy rains have fallen in California and snow has occurred in Nevada. Snow has also fallen in portions of the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys and the Lake Region. It was raining this evening in the District of Columbia. The changes in temperature since yesterday have been unimportant.

The conditions are favorable for fair weather in this district Friday except in Southern and Eastern Oregon and Eastern Idaho, where rain or snow will probably occur.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Fair; north to east winds.

Oregon—Fair northwest, probably rain southwest, and probably light snow east portion; winds mostly easterly.

Washington—Fair; easterly winds.

Idaho—Fair north; unsettled, probably rain or snow south portion.

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