LOCAL FIRM LOWEST

Only One Portland Bidder for Army Oats Contract.

CALL IS FOR 1250 TONS

Northern Grain & Warehouse Company Submits Price of $32.40. Seattle Offers Are Higher. Grain Market Is Strong.

Only one Portland grain firm submitted a proposal for supplying the Government with 1250 tons of oats. The bid, which was made by the Northern Grain & Warehouse Company, was opened yesterday morning at the quartermaster's office, United States Army. This firm bid $32.40 a ton. Bids were also opened at Seattle, but they were higher than the Portland price. Kerr, Gifford & Co. put in a bid there of $32.60 and W. W. Robinson & Co. a bid of $32.80. Several other bids, still higher, were submitted by other Washington dealers.

The local grain market was very firm, but no sales were posted on the board. Influenced by the bulge at Chicago, where serious crop damage reports lifted wheat prices 1¾ to 4½ cents, bidders here were disposed to offer more, but sellers could not be reached. As compared with Saturday, offered prices were raised in some instances 3 and 4 cents, but prices averaged about 1 cents above the bids. Similar conditions prevailed in the market for feed grains. July delivery was yesterday quoted for the first time.

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Mon.	3	6	....	....	10
Year ago...	18	6	17	3	10
Season to date	15,842	1883	1826	1945	1974
Year ago...	15,430	2399	2657	1589	2607
Tacoma, Sat.	10	9	....	5	14
Year ago...	8	1	....	....	11
Seattle, Sat.	9	1	814	31	1907
Year ago...	8,769	803	....	459	2390
Seattle, Sat.	10	....	6	1	13
Year ago...	11	3	9	1	5
Season to date	7,542	1073	2209	1184	5532
Year ago...	6,523	1069	1994	1239	4839

The Department of Agriculture has issued a summary of the wheat crop of the world by years, with a preliminary estimate of the 1914 crop as follows:

1914 (preliminary)	3,726,000,000
1913	4,129,000,000
1912	3,792,000,000
1911	3,552,000,000
1910	3,575,000,000
1909	3,582,000,000
1908	3,329,000,000
1907	3,134,000,000
1906	3,432,000,000
1905	3,327,000,000
1904	3,164,000,000
1903	3,190,000,000
1902	3,090,000,000
1901	2,956,000,000
1900	2,641,000,000

SHIPMENTS OF WHEAT STILL LARGE

Steady Decrease in the American Visible Supply.

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants Exchange show the following changes in the American visible supply:

	Bushels.	Decrease.
May 17, 1915	24,174,000	1,156,000
May 18, 1914	32,094,000	4,812,000
May 19, 1913	42,555,000	2,712,000
May 20, 1912	34,568,000	3,612,000
May 22, 1911	24,924,000	515,000
May 23, 1910	21,030,000	1,614,000
May 24, 1909	22,420,000	1,740,000
May 25, 1908	24,972,000	2,415,000
May 27, 1907	20,789,000	136,000
May 28, 1906	21,963,000	1,650,000
May 29, 1905	21,126,000	1,423,000

Quantities on passage for the United Kingdom and Continent compare as follows:

	Bushels.
Week ending May 15, 1915	57,619,000
Week ending May 8, 1915	63,112,000
Week ending May 16, 1914	49,192,000
Week ending May 17, 1913	56,804,000

Last week's shipments of wheat, flour included, from the United States and Canada are missing, but were of good volume. In the preceding week the shipments were 6,597,000 bushels and in the corresponding week last year 3,739,000 bushels. Argentina shipped in the past week 3,328,000 bushels, in the preceding week 4,424,000 bushels and a year ago 304,000 bushels. For the season to date the Argentine shipments have been 69,374,000 bushels. For purposes of reference shipments from exporting countries last season up to this date are given as follows:

	Bushels.
United States and Canada	224,279,000
Argentina	38,649,000
Australia	59,280,000
Danubian ports	55,627,000
Russia	145,280,000
India	28,760,000
Total	549,825,000

Broomhall summarizes foreign crop conditions as follows:

United Kingdom — Weather has become better, being dry. The outlook for the crops is improving.

France—Crop prospects are generally favorable. Final results will be very disappointing.

Germany—There is no crop news available, but the consensus of opinion is that conditions are all right. Weather is generally favorable.

Russia—On the whole, the crop outlook is favorable for Winter wheat, but Spring will be short. The port of Archangel is fully reopened.

Roumania, Bulgaria and Greece—Good prospects maintained.

Hungary—Crop prospects are favorable, where growing, but the acreage will be very short of normal. Food supply in the monarchy is very short.

India—Grain and barley crop is excellent. Wheat is freely offered.

Australia—Fair rains have fallen in parts, but Southern districts are still very dry. General rain is wanted.

Italy—Some damage is reported from the recent storm, but generally the crop outlook is good.

Spain and North Africa—Harvest prospects are maintained.

AUSTRIA IS STILL GROWING HOPS

Agitation to Reduce Acreage Has Had No Effect.

Austria-Hungary will probably produce a normal crop of hops this year, according to Consul C. L. Hoover, of Prague, who writes:

"There has been some agitation for a reduction of the acreage next year, but no official action has been taken, and in view of the unexpected success in marketing the 1914 crop it is likely that appeals to the farmers to reduce the size of their gardens will fall upon deaf ears. At any rate, no enthusiasm for the plan has been manifested as yet. The leading men in the hop trade are of the opinion that there will be no appreciable change in the acreage this year.

"The high price of labor, fertilizers, wire, and all other accessories to hop culture, the legal measures limiting the production of malt, and consequently of beer, and the fact that beer is not available for the men now in the field and consumption will accordingly be smaller are advanced as arguments for reducing the acreage.

"The 1914 hop crop of Austria-Hungary is estimated at 40,276,000 pounds. It is yet too early to estimate what the yield for 1915 will be. The Winter has not been an unusual one, and unless conditions are especially unfavorable during the growing season and harvest there is no reason at this moment to look for other than a normal crop this year."

LABELING OF EAST INDIAN COFFEES

Food Bureau Will Discuss Meaning of Term "Java."

A public hearing of the labeling of East Indian coffees will be held by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture on June 4. The particular point to be discussed is the use of the term "Java." Food inspection decision 82 holds that under the food and drugs act the term "Java" can be properly applied only to coffee grown on the Island of Java. Representatives of the trade, however, assert that coffee grown on the Island of Sumatra is superior to much of that produced in Java, and that since the public has long considered the word "Java" to mean any high-grade coffee from the East Indies, it is perfectly proper to apply it to the Sumatra product also.

According to a Dutch statistical review, showing the world's coffee trade, the estimated production of coffee in the Netherlands East Indies for the crop year 1914-15 was estimated at 800,000 bags of 60 kilos each (132 pounds), as follows: Java, 650,000 bags; Sumatra, 110,000 bags; Celebes, etc., 40,000 bags.

SLIGHT REDUCTOIN IN CHEESE PRICES.

Tillamook Manufacturers Lower Quotations Quarter of Cent.

Tillamook cheese prices were reduced a quarter of a cent yesterday. Although the Eastern market is firm and about 3 cents above a parity with Oregon prices, the Pacific Coast markets are weak because of the larger production, both in this state and in California. At San Francisco, stocks have accumulated heavily, while in Oregon many small factories are turning out cheese, much of it of indifferent quality, and this has naturally affected the market for the Tillamook article.

There was no change in the butter situation, nor any indications of a change in prices in the near future.

Eggs were steady at last week's price. Receipts of poultry and meats were light and prices were unchanged.

Farm Products Gain in Value.

The estimated farm value of the leading products of Oregon, Washington and Idaho on May 1 is estimated by the Agricultural Department as follows, the measure being bushels for grain and potatoes, pounds for butter and chickens and dozens for eggs:

	Oregon.	Washington.	Idaho.
Corn, 1915	$ .89	$1.05	$ .85
Corn, 1914	.69	.76	.76
Oats, 1915	.51	.49	.49
Oats, 1914	.38	.40	.35
Barley, 1915	.59	.57	.55
Barley, 1914	.55	.55	.47
Potatoes, 1915	.77	.80	.61
Potatoes, 1914	.37	.42	.48
Butter, 1915	.29	.26	.27
Butter, 1914	.28	.28	.27
Eggs, 1915	.19	.19	.18
Eggs, 1914	.18	.19	.17
Chickens, 1915	.133	.132	.111
Chickens, 1914	.139	.146	.101

Some Demand for Old Hops.

There is a moderate demand for spot hops and some inquiry for futures, 11 cents having been offered on contract, but no business in the new crop has been done recently. H. L. Hart yesterday sold a car of 1914s at a fraction under 10 cents.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,971,781	$215,908
Seattle	2,827,445	183,012
Tacoma	315,656	32,183
Spokane	716,126	56,105

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants Exchange, noon session.
Prompt delivery.

	Bid.	Ask.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ 1.17	$ 1.22
Forty-fold	1.15½	1.18
Club	1.13	1.18
Red fife	1.08	1.13
Red Russian	1.04	1.10
Oats—		
No. 1 white feed	28.00	30.00
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	22.25	2.400
Bran	25.25	26.50
Shorts	25.50	27.00
Futures—		
June bluestem	1.18½	1.22
July bluestem	1.18	1.22
June forty-fold	1.18	1.20
July forty-fold	1.10	1.20
June club	1.14	1.20
July club	1.05	1.18
June red fife	1.08	1.18
July red fife	1.02	1.17
June red Russian	1.05	1.19
July red Russian	1.06	1.11
June oats	28.50	30.50
July oats	28.50	31.00
June barley	23.00	24.00
July barley	21.00	24.50
June bran	25.75	27.00
July bran	26.50	27.50
June shorts	25.25	27.50
July shorts	26.50	28.00

FLOUR—Patents, $6.60 a barrel; straights, $6; whole wheat, $6.80; graham, $6.60.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $26.50@27 per ton; shorts, $27.50@28; rolled barley, $27.50@28.50.

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

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $15@16; Valley timothy, $12@12.50; grain hay, $10@12; alfalfa, $12.50@13.50.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $2.50@3.50 per box; Mediterranean sweets, $2.50@2.75; lemons, $3.50@5.00 per box; bananas, 4½@5c per pound; grapefruit, $4.25@5.75.

VEGETABLES—Cucumbers, Oregon, 75c@$1.10 per dozen; artichokes, 75c dozen; tomatoes, $5 per crate; cabbage, 2¼@3¼c per pound; celery, $3.50 per crate; head lettuce, $1.25@2.25 per crate; spinach, 5c per pound; rhubarb, 1@1½c per pound, asparagus, 75c@$1.25; eggplant, 25c per pound; peas, 7@7½c per pound; beans, 10@12c per pound.

GREEN FRUITS—Strawberries, Oregon, $1.75@2 per crate; apples, $1@1.75 box; cranberries, $11@12 per barrel; cherries, Oregon, 8@10c per pound; California, $1.50@1.75 per box; gooseberries, 4@5c per pound.

POTATOES—Old, $1.75@2 per sack; new, 5@5½c per pound.

ONIONS—California, yellow, $1.50; white, $2 per crate.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, $1.50@1.75 per sack; beets, $1.50@2 per sack; turnips, $1.50@2 per sack.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Fresh, Oregon ranch, case count, 18½@19c; candled, 19½@20c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 12@13c; broilers, 18@20c; turkeys, dressed, 22@24c; live, 18@20c; ducks, old, 9@12c; young, 18@20c; geese, 8@9c.

BUTTER—Creamery, prints, extras, 35c per pound in case lots; ½c more in less than case lots; cubes, 21½@22½c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbers' buying price, 19¾c per pound, f. o. b. dock, Portland; Young Americas, 14¾c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 10@11c per pound.

PORK—Block, 10@10½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON — Columbia River one-pound talls, $2.50 per dozen; half-pound flats, $1.50; one-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pink, one-pound talls, $1.05.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15@24c per pound; Brazils, nuts, 15c; filberts, 14@24c; almonds, 19@22c; peanuts, 6¾c; cocoanuts, $1 per doz.; pecans, 19@20c; chestnuts, 10c.

BEANS—Small white, 19@22c; large white, 6c; Lima, 6½c; bayou, 6½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 31½@32½c.

SUGAR — Fruit and berry, $6.80; beet, $6.60; extra C, $6.30; powdered, in barrels, $7.05; cubes, barrels, $7.20.

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

RICE—Southern head, 6¼@6¾c; broken, 4c per pound; Japan style, 5@5¼c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8c per pound; apricots, 15@16c; peaches, 8c; prunes, Italians, 8@9c; raisins, loose Muscatels, 8c; unbleached Sultanas, 7½c; seeded, 9c; dates, Persian, 10c per pound; fard, $1.65 per box; currants, 8¾@12c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1914 crop, 10@10½c; contracts, 11c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 14c; salted kip, 14c; salted calf, 18c; green hides, 13c; green kip, 14c; green calf, 18c; dry hides, 24c; dry calf, 26c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, medium, 25c; Eastern Oregon, fine, 18@20c; Valley, 23@28c.

MOHAIR—New Clip, 32½@35c per pound.

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

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 14c; dry short-wooled pelts, 12c; dry shearlings, each, 10c; salted shearlings, each 15@25c; dry goat, long hair, each, 15c; dry goat, shearlings, each, 10@20c; salted long wool pelts, May, $1@2 each.

GRAIN BAGS—Nominal, 7¼@7½c.

Provisions.

HOMS—All sizes, 17½@18½c; skinned, 17@18c; picnic, 12c; cottage roll, 13½c; broiled, 19@28c.

BACON—Fancy, 27@28c; standard, 23@24c; choice, 17½@22c; strips, 17½c.

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 15@15½c; exports, 15@17c; plates, 11½@13c.

LARD — Tierce basis: Kettle rendered, 12½c; standard, 12c; compound, 8¾c.

BARREL GOODS—Mess beef, 25c; plate beef, $24.50; brisket pork, $28.50; pickled pigs' feet, $12.50; tripe, $9.50@11.00; tongues, $23@30.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; special drums or barrels, 13½c; cases, 17½@29½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 12c; cases, 19c; engine distillate, drums, 7½c; cases, 7½c; naptha, drums, 11c; cases, 18c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 75c; raw, cases, 80c; boiled, barrels, 77c; boiled, cases, 82c.

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

CATTLE TRADE FIRM

Better Prices Prevail at North Portland Yards.

HOGS ARE ALSO HIGHER

Buyers Pay $8.25 for Best Lightweight Swine—Sheep Market in Good Condition, With Supply Light.

There was a very healthy market in all divisions of the livestock trade at the North Portland yards yesterday. The day's supply averaged well with recent Mondays, adn the demand was good throughout. Hog prices were lifted a dime, and there was a similar gain in the cattle market. Sheep prices were steady to firm at last week's top.

Twenty-four loads of steers went over the scales, and buyers bid the price up to $8.20 for pulp-fed stock. The bulk of sales were made at $7.80 to $8.15. No full loads of steers sold for less than $7.10. Butcher cattle were not as plentiful as usual. Cows brought from $6.25 to $6.65 and veals had a range of $5 to $8, according to size and grade. The new top price of hogs was established at $8.25. About 24 loads of light swine were sold, the bulk of them going at $8.20.

The best wooled lambs again brought $8.50 and the recent firm prices were repeated in other divisions of the mutton market.

Receipts were 608 cattle, 30 calves, 2261 hogs and 1579 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle — A. A. Davis, Chiloquin, 1 car; Davis & Avery, Midland, 2 cars; J. L. Burke, Burley, 2 cars; John Jensen, Burley, 4 cars; Ward & Harrington, Caldwell, 2 cars; J. B. Anderson, The Dalles, 1 car; Herbert Isom, Caldwell, 1 car; Hansen Livestock Company, Logan, Utah, 1 car; S. Lind, Webster, Utah, 2 cars; F. W. Burke, Webster, 3 cars; Mate Raines, Pilot Rock, 1 car; W. J. Welch, Union Junction, 2 cars; Lester Wade, Condon, 1 car.

With hogs—Sol Dickerson, Weiser, 1 car; J. Madison, Weiser, 1 car; T. E. Groshen, Weiser, 1 car; Hunter Commission Company, St. Johns, 2 cars; Farmers' Meat Market, Enterprise, 1 car; Henry Harmon, Lostine, 1 car; The Dalles Dressed Meat Company, The Dalles, 1 car; Mike Dilks, Condon, 1 car; J. D. Walter, Prescott, 1 car; Walla Walla Meat Company, Walla Walla, 2 cars; W. J. Kennedy, Hermiston, 1 car; William Evans, Pilot Rock, 2 cars; Pendleton Meat Company, Pendleton, 1 car; W. W. Couper, Union Junction, 1 car; Kiddle Bros., Union Junction, 1 car; Joe Hodson, Weston, 1 car.

With sheep—George Kohlhagen, Roseburg, 2 cars; C. C. Clark, Arlington, 1 car; W. M. Chamberlain, Quinton, 1 car; J. McKenna, Day, 2 cars.

With mixed loads—John Dysart, Condon, 1 car cattle and hogs; L. Edwards, Drain, 1 car calves, hogs and sheep; H. A. Yokum, Brooklyn, 1 car hogs and sheep; J. D. Dinsmore, West Scio, 1 car hogs and sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price		Wt.	Price
26 steers..	1189	$8.05	26 steers..	1122	$7.40
72 steers..	1168	8.00	1 steer...	1140	6.65
7 steers..	1017	7.90	1 steer...	1024	5.00
2 steers..	885	7.60	15 cows...	1108	6.65
96 hogs...	180	8.25	23 steers..	1226	7.90
1 hog...	450	7.25	4 steers..	1032	7.75
46 hogs...	200	8.20	27 steers..	1122	8.15
1 hog...	400	7.20	4 steers..	1075	7.25
85 hogs...	215	8.25	23 steers..	1118	8.15
3 hogs...	153	7.50	26 steers..	1169	8.15
101 hogs...	176	8.00	26 steers..	1208	8.15
5 hogs...	128	7.25	26 steers..	1190	8.20
70 hogs...	209	8.20	25 steers..	1223	8.20
6 hogs...	325	7.20	33 steers..	1180	7.80
19 hogs...	200	8.15	18 steers..	1052	8.10
1 hog...	370	7.15	16 steers..	832	7.20
84 hogs...	230	8.25	1 cow....	940	6.25
92 hogs...	204	8.20	1 stag...	1370	5.50
10 hogs...	172	8.10	41 lambs..	115	8.50
7 hogs...	185	8.20	4 sheep..	222	8.20
8 hogs...	195	8.15	3 hogs...	380	7.15
7 hogs...	267	7.15	93 hogs...	196	8.20
1 hog...	360	7.10	76 hogs...	194	8.15
62 hogs...	187	8.20	4 hogs...	132	7.25
2 hogs...	325	7.70	6 hogs...	281	7.15
51 hogs...	199	8.20	8 hogs...	132	7.20
3 hogs...	376	7.10	71 hogs...	197	8.20
41 hogs...	250	8.10	2 hogs...	160	8.20
11 calves.	407	6.50	20 hogs...	218	8.20
7 calves.	229	7.75	3 hogs...	293	7.20
1 calf...	390	6.00	17 lambs..	63	8.25
8 calves.	412	5.50	4 lambs..	60	6.25
1 calf...	160	8.00	44 lambs..	55	8.50
1 calf...	170	7.50	3 yearlings	136	6.50
250 yearlings	80	7.00	14 ewes..	117	4.25
22 yearlings	90	7.25	129 wethers.	101	6.85
3 ewes..	180	4.50	84 wethers.	94	6.85
3 ewes..	143	4.50	74 wethers.	107	6.85
5 ewes..	114	5.25	98 hogs...	198	8.25
24 lambs..	58	8.15	2 hogs...	320	7.20
1 wether.	120	6.75	102 hogs...	185	8.20
6 cows...	916	6.50	81 hogs...	225	8.20
1 heifer.	1130	7.00	4 hogs...	369	7.20
1 bull...	1710	4.50	8 hogs...	181	8.20
26 steers..	1106	7.90	97 hogs...	194	8.20
26 steers..	1181	7.80	116 hogs...	193	8.20
1 steer...	1150	7.80	3 hogs...	380	7.25
1 steer...	850	7.00	95 hogs...	201	8.25
23 steers..	1139	7.65	14 yearlings	91	7.25
23 steers..	1199	7.65	31 wethers.	125	6.60
1 steer...	1180	7.30	7 hogs...	154	8.20
24 steers..	1118	7.30	3 hogs...	426	7.20
28 steers..	1067	7.80	97 hogs...	172	8.20
26 steers..	1046	7.75	1 hog...	260	7.20
103 hogs...	207	8.25	1 hog...	390	7.25
96 hogs...	220	8.25	92 hogs...	198	8.25
101 hogs...	180	8.20	17 lambs..	65	8.25

Points current at the local stockyards on the various classes of stock:

Best steers	$7.50@8.20
Choice steers	7.00@7.50
Medium steers	6.75@7.00
Choice cows	6.25@6.80
Medium cows	5.00@5.75
Heifers	5.00@6.75
Bulls	5.00@6.25
Stags	5.00@6.75
Hogs—	
Light	7.15@8.25
Heavy	6.50@7.35
Sheep—	
Sheared wethers	6.00@7.00
Sheared ewes	4.00@5.75
Sheared lambs	6.00@7.50

Full wools $1 higher.

Value of Meat Animals Declines.

The prices of meat animals—hogs, cattle, sheep and chickens—to producers of the United States on April 15 averaged about $6.59 per 100 pounds, which compares with $7.40 a year ago, $7.35 two years ago, $6.30 three years ago, $5.80 four years ago, and $7.74 five years ago, according to the Government's monthly crop report.

Average prices to farmers of the United States for different classes of livestock on April 15 of years indicated were estimated as follows:

	1915.	1914.	1913.
Beef cattle, per 100 lbs.	$ 5.96	$ 6.29	$ 6.08
Veal calves, per 100 lbs.	7.31	7.43	7.38
Hogs, per 100 lbs.	6.48	7.30	7.94
Sheep, per 100 lbs.	5.60	4.96	5.16
Lambs, per 100 lbs.	7.35	6.47	6.59
Milch cows, each	57.78	59.60	55.34
Horses, each	131.75	157.95	148.05

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, May 17.—Hogs — Receipts, 11,000; lower. Heavy, $7.30@7.40; light, $7.40@7.50; pigs, $6.50@7.30; bulk of sales, $7.35@7.45.

Cattle — Receipts, 5500; steady. Native steers, $6.75@8.75; cows and heifers, $6@7.75; Western steers, $6.50@8; Texas steers, $6@7.50; cows and heifers, $5.75@7.25; calves, $8@10.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000; steady. Yearlings, $9@9.75; wethers, $8.25@9.25; lambs, $10.50@11.50.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, May 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 35,000; slow, 5c to 10c under Saturday's average. Bulk of sales, $7.65@7.80; light, $7.55@7.90; mixed, $7.55@7.90; heavy, $7.30@7.80; rough, $7.30@7.45; pigs, $5.75@7.35.

Cattle—Receipts, 17,000; steady. Native beef steers, $6.80@9.25; Western steers, $6@7.85; cows and heifers, $3.30@8.75; calves, $6.50@9.25.

Sheep — Receipts, 10,000; weak. Sheep, $7.90@8.75; lambs, $7.75@10.15.

Shipping Berries Not Plentiful.

The strawberry market was firm with the best stock selling at $1.75@$2. The arrivals showed the effect of rain and the proportion of shipping stock was small.

The steamer Beaver brought three or four cars oranges, both navels and sweets, and a small assortment of vegetables. Several cars of delayed rail produce were expected to get through from the South last night. New potatoes continue scarce.

Walla Walla Apple Crop Bumper.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 18.—(Special.)—The Walla Walla apple crop will be approximately 450 carloads this year. This is the estimate of H. G. Barnes, manager of the Walla Walla subcentral agency of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors and District Horticulturalist Charles Gilbreath. The Baker Langdon orchard will have nearly 150 carloads and in addition there are many new orchards. Last year the crop was 300 carloads.

BROWNSVILLE CANNERY PLANT SOLD

Linn and Benton Growers to Use the Establishment for This Year's Crops.

ALBANY, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—Arrangements whereby the Linn and Benton Co-operative Growers' Association will take over the Brownsville Cannery were completed at a meeting of the directors of both institutions here Saturday. The association gives $10,000 worth of its stock for the Brownsville plant.

The association will use the Brownsville cannery to handle its excess fruit and vegetable output this year. It is expected that two canneries will be necessary next season, and a new one probably will be built in Albany.

Plans will be made soon to establish a central packing and distributing station in Albany. Receiving stations will be erected in different parts of the two counties.

WALLA WALLA HAS HEAVY RAINS

Good Crops Assured, but Alfalfa Is Leveled in Places.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Rains of the last two weeks have practically insured a record wheat crop in the Prescott district unless unfavorable weather conditions should prevail later during the growing and maturing season, says E. H. Leonard, manager of the Portland Flour Mills of Prescott, who was here yesterday.

S. C. Conrad, a Freewater district farmer here yesterday, said that exceptionally heavy rains in the Freewater and Hudson Bay sections have leveled much alfalfa, and farmers are expecting to have some difficulty in harvesting the first crop.

STOCK MARKET WAITING

SPECULATION PAUSES PENDING RECEIPT OF GERMAN REPLY.

Undertone of Values Is Steady—Bonds Are Strong but Trading Is Light. Money Rates Firm.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The undertone and general aspects of today's very dull and uninteresting stock market were accepted as an indication that the complex international situation still is in process of mental digestion and that no very definite movement is probable pending the receipt of Germany's reply to Washington's note.

Bankers and others in high places maintained their policy of conservatism and the market was left quite entirely to the devices of the professional element.

Prices rose vigorously at the outset, receding fractionally soon afterward, advanced and fell again. The day's range for the most part was narrow.

War stocks manifested more than their usual variable tendencies, gaining 3 to 7 points in the first hour, but declining late on slight offerings.

The closing was dull to the point of stagnation. Total sales of stocks amounted to 300,000 shares.

Aside from advices to the effect that the Lusitania disaster has temporarily checked new business in finished steel, general news was encouraging. Leaders in commercial lines expressed a moderate degree of optimism regarding conditions in the West and Southwest, basing their views largely on the crop outlook, but grain tonnage was below the corresponding period of last year.

Last week's decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, ordering severance of direct relations between the railroads and rate makers, provoked some adverse comment, but no doubt was felt that steamboat traffic between Buffalo and Chicago would be continued. The Commission today made new rulings on various commodity rates, mainly along the Pacific Coast.

Time money ruled at last week's highest quotations, despite the favorable bank statement. Foreign exchange was weaker on light dealings, francs and lires being especially unsteady.

Bonds were strong, but featureless. Total sales, par value, aggregated $1,630,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold	5,900	34	33	33
Amal Copper	12,100	67¼	66	66¾
Am Agricul	1,400	44	42	42¾
American Can	10,700	34¼	33	33½
Am Sm & Refg	1,400	66¾	65¾	65½
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	102
Am Smelting	200	105¾	105¾	104
Amc Tel & Tel	.....	.....	.....	119
Amer Tobacco	.....	.....	.....	222½
Anaconda Min	4,900	32½	31¾	31½
Atchison	1,700	100	99¼	99⅝
Balt & Ohio	1,400	72¾	72⅛	72
Br Rap Transit	1,200	87½	87⅛	87
Cal Petroleum	900	15½	15	15½
Can Pacific	2,200	159½	158¾	158¾
Cent Leather	1,100	36	35	35
Ches & Ohio	700	43¾	43	43¾
Chi Gr West	.....	.....	.....	12½
Chi Mil & St P	1,700	90	88½	87½
Chi & N W	.....	.....	.....	125
China Cop	6,400	43½	42⅞	43⅞
Colo F & Iron	900	26¾	26	25¾
Colo & South	.....	.....	.....	25
D & R G	.....	.....	.....	7
Dist Securities	500	13¼	13	13
Erie	5,300	24⅞	24⅜	25¼
Gen Electric	400	151	150	150½
Gr North pfd	400	117	117	116⅝
Nor Ore ctfs	1,200	32	31½	31½
Guggenheim Ex	1,400	57⅞	56⅝	57⅝
Illinois Central	.....	.....	.....	106½
Inter-Met pfd	1,500	70½	69¾	70
Interboro Cop	1,300	29⅝	28¾	28⅞
Inter Harvester	.....	.....	.....	92
K C Southern	1,000	26½	26	26¼
Lehigh Valley	400	140½	140	139½
Louisville & Nash	.....	.....	.....	113
Mex Petroleum	9,800	70⅜	68½	69¼
Miami Copper	900	24	23⅝	23½
Mt & P	600	12½	12¼	12½
Missouri Pacific	700	14	13½	13¾
Nat Biscuit	.....	.....	.....	118
Nat Lead	1,200	59½	59½	58¾
Nevada Cop	200	14½	14½	14½
N Y Central	700	85¾	84¾	85
N Y, N H & H	800	63¼	62⅝	62⅝
N & West	.....	.....	.....	101⅝
Nor Pacific	1,200	105½	104½	104½
Pacific Mail	200	20½	20	20½
Pac Tel & Tel	.....	.....	.....	28½
Pennsylvania	200	107	107	106¾
Penn Cons Cop	3,200	23¼	22⅞	23⅛
Reading	13,300	144¾	143	143½
Rep Ir & Steel	1,200	27¼	25¾	26
Roch Ind Co	.....	.....	.....	½
do pfd	2,300	⅝	½	⅝
StL&SF 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	5
Southern Pac	.....	.....	.....	87⅝
Southern Ry	.....	.....	.....	18⅝
Tennessee Cop	200	33	31	32½
Texas Co	.....	.....	.....	123¼
Union Pacific	17,100	125¼	124⅝	124⅞
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	86½
U S Steel	53,200	53½	52½	53⅜
do pfd	500	106	105½	105¾
Utah Cop	13,200	64¾	63½	64¼
Wabash pfd	1,700	1⅝	1	1
West Union	1,400	66¼	64⅝	64¾
Westing Elec	32,700	89¾	87⅝	88⅝
Montana Power	200	48	48	48

Total sales for the day, 300,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S Ref 2s, reg	97	Nor Pac 3s, b	63¾
do coupon	97	do 4s	91½
U S 3s, reg	100¼	Union Pac 4s	96⅝
do coupon	100¼	So Pac Conv 5s	99
U S N 4s, reg	109	CM & SP C 5½s	103
do coupon	110	Pa Conv. 4½