MILLS BUYING WOOL

Dealers Are Slow to Operate in Western Sections.

NO SELLING YET IN OREGON

Transfers in Utah to Date Are Estimated at Over Five Million Pounds; All Primary Markets Are Firm and High.

The Eastern Oregon wool market is still inactive. A number of buyers are out, but they are making no determined effort to procure wool, and the growers seem content to await the regular sales days before offering their clips. The rain and cold weather has delayed shearing for over a week and some of the scheduled public sales will be postponed until a later date.

In Western Idaho, a little business has been done on the basis of 23 to 25 cents in the grease, the scoured cost being estimated at about 65 to 67 cents.

Wool purchases in Utah to date are estimated at over 5,000,000 pounds. The recent buying has been on the basis of 20 to 22 cents for fine and 23 to 25 cents for medium, the scoured basis being 60 cents and upward for fine and 57 to 58 cents for medium. Dealers have offered 25 cents freely in the Soda Springs and Triangle section and have obtained some wool, though most growers ask more. The famous Wood clip was among those sold at Soda Springs.

At Rawlins, Wyo., where the first bids were rejected, the selling movement has begun. A mill buyer has secured about 650,000 pounds. A few other buyers have secured small amounts, but the bulk of the offerings was consigned to the Chicago Wool Warehouse Company. The wool sold brought 18 to 22 cents, the estimated scoured cost being 67 to 68 cents. Elsewhere in Wyoming things are just starting and the price basis has not yet been established. About 500,000 pounds have been bought at Rock Springs, Wyo., at 23 to 26 cents, or 63 to 65 cents clean.

In its comment on the market, the Boston Transcript says:

"Heavy arrivals of foreign wool during the past week have given the trade something with which to work and considerable activity is noted. It has included new business and the taking of lots of wool sold to arrive. Conditions abroad are strengthening, London having recovered part of the ground lost at the opening of the auction sales, while Australia markets are doing better. In the West, more activity is noted, though in many cases buyers and sellers are still apart. Mill buying continues on a high basis in primary markets, some recent purchases being made at absurdly dear figures. More interest is being shown generally, though the goods situation affords no stimulation."

LOW BIDS FOR HOPS TURNED DOWN

Oregon Growers Refuse to Sell So Near Cost of Production.

A number of orders have been issued for new-crop hops. They are mostly at 10 and 10½ cents, and naturally growers will not entertain such low bids. The California market is equally quiet. There is a small inquiry for spots, but few are offered here. Crop prospects are good at all points on the Coast.

Reporting on the condition of the English hop market, the Kentish Observer says: "The Borough market has remained exceedingly quiet in the absence of any revival of demand. Consumers are very chary of buying, but holders are not inclined to give way, and quotations have been maintained on the basis of 84s to 105s per cwt., according to the description."

English dealers' trade circulars say of the market:

Thornton & Manger—The market continues quiet; just a few lots have been realized slightly in favor of buyers. Most holders maintain a firm attitude.

Manger & Henley—There has been more inquiry the last week, but the amount of business doing is very small and restricted.

Wild, Neame & Co.—There is very little business passing on our market and values remain practically unchanged.

W. H. & H. Le May—There has been a little more inquiry during the last week to meet immediate requirements, but holders and consumers are still waiting the government pronouncement on the liquor question.

Worcester—Business in hops on the Worcester market has been restricted by the uncertainty in the minds of brewers as to the outlook for the trade. The orders coming through are limited to actual requirements, and they are executed from merchants' stocks, as no farmers' lots have been weighed on the local market.

The Government has issued a summary of the world's hop crop for the last 14 years, estimating the crop of 1914. The summary follows:

	Pounds.
1914 (estimated)	225,000,000
1913	174,000,000
1912	225,000,000
1911	164,000,000
1910	180,000,000
1909	128,000,000
1908	230,000,000
1907	216,000,000
1906	181,000,000
1905	277,000,000
1904	179,000,000
1903	174,000,000
1902	170,000,000
1901	202,000,000
1900	175,000,000

PATENT FLOUR IS 20 CENTS LOWER

Local Market Now 80 Cents Below Top Price of Season.

Patent flour quotations will be reduced 20 cents a barrel this morning to $6.40. A similar decline took effect in the Puget Sound market yesterday. At the new quotation, the local market is 80 cents under the top price reached early in February.

The wheat market was quiet with a weaker undertone. Sales at the Merchants' Exchange were as follows:

8000 bushels prompt forty-fold ..... $ 1.14
200 tons June bran 26.50

Spot forty-fold sold 1½ cents under the bid price of Monday. Prompt bluestem was down a cent, prompt club 2 cents and red wheat unchanged. Future bids ranged from unchanged to 4 cents lower than the preceding day. The coarse grains were steady.

The European visible wheat supply is placed at 94,704,000 bushels, a decrease of 5,884,000 bushels. Bradstreets estimates the American visible decrease at 8,300,000 bushels of wheat, 1,585,000 bushels of corn and 3,096,000 bushels of oats. The United States corn visible is estimated at 17,201,000 bushels and the oats visible at 17,051,000 bushels.

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour	Oats	Hay.
Portland, Tues.	7	1	7	1	11
Year ago	....	2	4	1	4
Seas. to date	15,849	1883	1833	1946	1985
Year ago	15,430	2601	2661	1590	2611
Tacoma, Mon.	7	5	....	17	5
Year ago	12	1	....	4	7
Seas. to date	8,914	602	....	631	3111
Year ago	8,721	804	....	463	2397
Seattle, Mon.	21	1	5	10	29
Year ago	39	16	8	3	22
Seas. to date	7,553	1079	2214	1194	5561
Year ago	6,562	1085	2002	1242	4861

STRAWBERRY MARKET DEMORALIZED

Receipts Are Large, Quality Generally Poor and Shipping Outlet Closed.

The strawberry market was demoralized yesterday. Receipts were heavy, the quality more or less poor, and demand slack. The slow buying was mainly due to the quality of the offerings, and the best fruit as a rule cleaned up. Several hundred crates arrived from Hood River and were fairly well distributed. A shipment of 600 crates of California berries came up from Florin and this of course added to the weakness. Oregon berries ranged in price from 75 cents to $1.50 and Florins from 75 cents to $1.

Receipts of oranges and lemons are good, but they work off well and the market in the South continues firm.

A quantity of vegetables, delayed by the recent washout in Northern California, came through. Among the arrivals were two cars of cabbage, a car of sacked vegetables and half a car of peas. No more cabbage or peas will be brought up from below, as local stock is increasing.

The Great Northern will bring a supply of new potatoes today to relieve the shortage in this line.

Country Produce Lines Slow.

Receipts of poultry and dressed meats yesterday were not large, but were more than ample in view of the light demand. Prices were barely steady. Pork especially dragged, notwithstanding the strong hog market at the yards.

There was a good movement in eggs, Front-street sales being made at 19 cents, case count.

Butter and cheese were steady at prevailing quotations.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,785,143	$157,217
Seattle	2,144,273	166,897
Tacoma	372,219	34,923
Spokane	593,107	47,192

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.
Prompt delivery:

	Bid.	Ask.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ 1.16	$ 1.19
Fortyfold	1.14	1.16
Club	1.11	1.15
Red fife	1.06	1.14
Red Russian	1.04	1.08
Oats—No. 1 white feed	28.25	30.00
Barley—No. 1 feed	23.25	24.50
Bran	25.75	27.00
Shorts	26.00	27.50
Futures—		
June bluestem	1.16½	1.19
July bluestem	1.17	1.20
June fortyfold	1.12	1.17
July fortyfold	1.10	1.19
June club	1.11	1.16
July club	1.05	1.17
June red fife	1.07	1.13
July red fife	1.00	1.15
June Red Russian	1.04	1.09
July Red Russian	1.00	1.10
June oats	28.75	30.00
July oats	28.50	30.25
June barley	23.00	24.00
July barley	23.00	24.00
June bran	26.25	26.50
July bran	26.50	27.50
June shorts	26.50	27.50
July shorts	27.00	28.50

FLOUR—Patents, $6.40 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@5.50 per box; bananas, 4½@5c per pound; grapefruit, $4.25@5.75.

VEGETABLES—Cucumbers, Oregon, 75c@$1.10 per dozen; artichokes, 75c dozen; tomatoes, $3 per crate; cabbage, 2½@3½c 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.

BERRIES AND FRUITS—Strawberries, Oregon, 75c@$1.50 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, 19c; candled, 20c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 12@13c; broilers, 18@25c; turkeys, dressed, 22@24c; live, 18@20c; ducks, old, 9@12c; young, 18@20c; geese, 8@9c.

BUTTER—Creamery, prints, extras, 25c per pound in case lots; 1c more in less than case lots; cubes, 21½@22½c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbers' buying price, 18½c per pound, f. o. b. dock, Portland; Young Americas, 14½c 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 tall, $1.05.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15@24c per pound; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 14@22c; almonds, 19@22c; peanuts, 6½c; 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, 27.20.

SALT—Granulated, $13.50 per ton; half ground, 100s, $10.75 per ton; 50c, $11.50 per ton; dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 6¾@6¾c; broken, 4c per pound; Japan style, 5@5½c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8c per pound; apricots, 13@15c; peaches, 8c; prunes, Italians, 8@8c; 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, 12c; 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, 10@25c; dry goat, long hair, each, 15c; dry goat, shearlings, each, 10@20c; salted long wool pelts, May, $1@2 each.

GRAIN BAGS—Nominal, 7½@7½c.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, 17½@18½c; skinned, 17½@18½@c; picnics, 12c; cottage roll, 15c; broiled, 17@27c.

BACON—Fancy, 26@28c; standard, 22@23c; choice, 17@21c; strips, 17c.

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 12½@13c; exports, 14½@16½c; plates, 11@12½c.

LARD — Tierce basis: Kettle rendered, 14c; standard, 12c; compound, 8½c.

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

Oils.

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

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.

CREAMERY WILL BE STARTED SOON.

Dairymen Near Carlton Await Plan and Building Material.

CARLTON, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—At a meeting last Saturday of the dairymen to complete organization of a company to operate a creamery at this place, $5000 of the $5000 capital stock was paid in, and work will start on the building as soon as plans can be drawn and the material delivered.

J. J. Peterson, Ed Cary, W. C. Spence, J. F. Jenson and J. C. Johnson are the directors chosen for the ensuing year. W. W. Nickell was elected secretary-manager.

The citizens of Carlton donated a site 60 by 90 feet near the depot of the Southern Pacific Company.

Oakville Cheese Plant Topic.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—At a meeting to be held in Oakville Saturday night speakers will tell the farmers of the town just what is needed for the establishment of a cheese factory. J. T. Dundle, manager of the plant at Satsop, and C. F. Monroe, Grays Harbor county agriculturist, will be among the speakers and an effort is being made to induce Senator Metcalf, of Tacoma, to speak. It is expected that the plant, if it is started, will double the number of cows owned in the vicinity of the town.

Hood River Has Heavy Rain.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—One of the heaviest May rains in the history of the fruit district fell Sunday night. E. W. Birge, co-operative weather observer of the West Side, reported a precipitation of four-tenths of an inch. The rain was warm and greatly benefited all crops, except tracts of immature strawberries.

Wool at New York.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Wool, steady.

STOCK TRADE HALTS

Speculators and Investors Are Waiting for Developments.

FLUCTUATIONS ARE SMALL

Dealings in Wall Street Market Are Smallest in Over Two Months. Bonds Move in Sympathy With Stocks.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Dealings in stocks today were the smallest of any full session in over two months, the total turnover barely approximating 210,000 shares. Half the business was transacted in the first hour.

Various reasons were offered in explanation of the stagnant trading, the most plausible one being that speculators as well as investors were awaiting definite developments in the foreign situation.

The market has been very thoroughly liquidated, and fresh bull or bear ammunition is necessary to move it one direction or the other.

The list fluctuated narrowly with occasional rallies, but declined again at the close.

Figures compiled from a number of customs districts for the past week show a large increase of exports over imports, although the gain is below recent comparisons.

Railroad returns show irregular gains and losses in net returns, the New Haven system reporting an increase of $1,646,000 for the last quarter.

Bonds moved in sympathy with stocks, speculative issues showing general declines. Total sales, par value, aggregated $1,495,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold	2,900	35½	32½	32½
Amal Cop	10,900	66¾	65¼	65¾
Am Beet Sugar	700	43	42	43
American Can	8,100	33½	32¼	32¾
Am Sm & Ref2	1,900	66½	64¼	64½
do pfd	....	....	....	102
Am Sug Refg	400	105½	104½	104¾
Am Tel & Tel	700	119¾	119	119½
Am Tobacco	....	....	....	221½
Anaconda Min	3,700	32	31¾	31½
Atchison	2,700	99½	98¼	98¼
Balt & Ohio	700	72	71¾	71¾
Br Rap Transit	1,000	86½	85	86
Cal Petroleum	400	15¾	14½	14
Canadian Pac	2,500	158¾	157¼	157¼
Cent Leather	1,300	35¾	35	35
Ches & Ohio	400	43¾	43	42½
Chi Gr West	....	....	....	11
Chi Mil & St P	800	89	88¾	88¾
Chi & N W	....	....	....	124½
Chino Copper	3,500	43¼	42	42½
Colo F & Iron	200	26	25¾	25¾
Colo & South	....	....	....	27
D & R G	....	....	....	7
do pfd	....	....	....	72½
Dist Securities	300	12¾	12¾	12¾
Erie	4,500	24¾	24¾	25
Gen Electric	600	151	150	149
Gr North pfd	700	116¾	116¼	116½
Nor Ore certs	1,000	31½	31½	31½
Guggenheim Ex	1,300	57¼	56¾	56¾
Illinois Central	....	....	....	106
Inter-Met pfd	....	....	....	69
Inspiration Cop	200	29½	28½	28½
Inter Harvester	....	91¾	91¾	91¾
K C Southern	500	26¼	26	26¼
Lehigh Valley	....	....	....	139½
Louis & Nash	....	....	....	115½
Mex Petroleum	....	....	....	67
Miami Copper	....	23½	25¾	25
M K & T	500	12½	12	11¾
Missouri Pac	7,400	12¾	11¾	11¾
Nat'l Biscuit	....	....	....	118
Nat'l Lead	500	56¼	56¼	56¼
Nevada Copper	500	14¼	14	14
N Y Central	500	84	83¾	83¾
N Y, N H & H	600	62¼	61¾	61¾
N & Western	....	....	....	102
Nor Pacific	1,700	104	103¾	103¾
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	20
Pac Tel & Tel	....	....	....	27
Pennsylvania	500	107	106¾	106½
Pitts Pal Car	200	153¾	153¾	153¾
Ray Cons Co	2,000	23¼	22½	22½
Reading	1,100	143	141¾	142¼
Rep Ir & Steel	500	26½	26¼	26
Rock Isl Co	300	½	½	½
do pfd	1,000	½	½	½
St L&SF 2d pfd	....	....	....	5¾
South Pacific	3,000	87	86¾	86¾
South Rly	700	16¾	16¾	16¾
Tennessee Cop	1,400	22¾	22½	22½
Texas Co	400	125	123	122
Union Pacific	10,000	124½	123½	123½
do pfd	500	81	80¾	80¾
U S Steel	33,300	52¾	51¾	51¾
U S Steel pfd	....	....	....	105¾
Utah Copper	5,400	63¾	63	63¾
Wabash pfd	....	....	....	1
Western Union	300	65	64¾	64¾
Westing Elec	10,600	58	56¾	57
Mountain Power	200	48¾	48¾	48

Total sales for the day, 210,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S Ref 2s, reg	97	Nor Pac 3s	63¾
do coupon	97	do 4s	91½
U S 3s, reg	100¼	Union Pac 4s	96¾
do coupon	100¼	So Pac Conv 4s	94½
U S N 2s, reg	100	CM & SP C 5's	103
do coupon	110	Pa Conv 4½s	103¼
N Y C G 3½s, b 79			

Weekly Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings in the United States for the week ending May 13, as reported to Bradstreet's, aggregate $3,612,085,000, against $2,900,323,000 in the previous week, and $2,996,491,000 in the same week last year. Following are the returns for the past week with percentages of change from the same week last year:

		Pct Increase.
New York	$2,182,518,000	34.6
Chicago	115,470,000	2.8
Philadelphia	151,152,000	4.7
Boston	161,928,000	1.5
St. Louis	77,531,000	1.2
Kansas City	74,895,000	44.6
San Francisco	47,221,000	*11.2
Baltimore	47,285,000	*2.0
Minneapolis	32,894,000	*5.9
Detroit	21,466,000	*8.7
Cincinnati	28,520,000	8.5
Cleveland	25,897,000	6.3
New Orleans	32,767,000	33.2
Omaha	22,885,000	28.5
Milwaukee	16,692,000	1.7
Atlanta	20,208,000	24.3
Louisville	16,342,000	*.4
Seattle	16,077,000	6.1
Buffalo	15,231,000	20.0
St. Paul	11,539,000	*8.1
Portland, Or.	12,198,000	6.4
Salt Lake City	13,108,000	12.7
Spokane	10,126,000	*11.0
Oakland	6,686,000	18.0
Tacoma	3,065,000	*13.2
Sacramento	3,338,000	7.0
San Diego	2,018,000	*13.4
	1,948,000	4.0
	1,252,000	...

*Decrease

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent.

Sterling exchange heavy, 60-day bills $4.7625; for cables, $4.7935; for demand, $4.7890.

Bar silver, 49¾c.

Mexican dollars, 38¾c.

Government bonds steady, railroad bonds heavy.

Time loans, firm; 60 days, 2¾@3 per cent; 90 days, 3@3¼; six months, 3¼@3½.

Call money, steady; high, 2 per cent; low, 1¾; ruling rate, 2; last loan, 2; closing bid, 1¾; offered at 2.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Sterling, 60 days, $4.76¾; demand, $4.79¼; cable, $4.80.

LONDON, May 18.—Bar silver, 23 9-16d per ounce. Money, 1¼@1½ per cent. Discount rates, short bills, 2¾@2⅞ per cent; three months, 2-13-16@2⅞ per cent.

Stocks Steady at London.

LONDON, May 18.—American securities on the stock market today opened steady and a fair amount of business was transacted. The closing was steady.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKETS

Prices Current in the Bay City on Fruits, Vegetables, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Butter—Fresh extras, 25½c; prime firsts, 22½c; fresh firsts, 22c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 23½c; firsts, 22c; seconds, 22c; pullets, 20½c.

Cheese—New, 8@11c; Young Americas, 12½c; Oregon, 13½c.

Vegetables—Peas, $1.25@2.00 per sack; string beans, 4@8c; wax beans, 3@5c; cucumbers, 40@60c; asparagus, $1.75@2.50; Summer squash, 40@50c.

Onions—California, 75c; Oregon, 80@90c.

Fruit—Lemons, $1.50@3.25; grapefruit, $1.50@2.00; oranges, $1.75@2.75; bananas, Hawaiian, $1.50@2.25; pineapples, do, 4@5c per pound; California Pippin apples, 75c@$1.30.

Potatoes—Oregon, $1.75@1.90; sweets, $1.75@2; Eastern, $1.50@1.85; new, 2@3c; garnets, 2@3½c.

Receipts—Flour, 1240 quarter sacks; barley, 135 centals; potatoes, 3225 sacks; hay, 194 tons.

Coffee Futures.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The market for coffee futures showed a further decline today under some scattered liquidation and trade selling, which may have been partly influenced by a less optimistic view of political conditions, but which was chiefly attributed to the easier tendency of the primary markets. The opening was at a decline of 8 to 10 points, and the market closed 9 to 13 points net lower. Sales, 21,500 bags. May, 5.58c; June, 5.58c; July, 6.60c; August, 6.64c; September, 6.68c; October, 6.70c; November, 6.73c; December, 6.76c; January, 6.81c; February, 6.86c; March, 6.92c; April, 6.99c.

Spot quiet, Rio No. 7, 7¾c; Santos, No. 4, 9¾c.

Cost and freight offers were reported about unchanged.

Rio was 75 reis lower; Santos 300 reis below the last quotation. Rio Exchange, ¼d lower.

Walla Walla Has Heavy Rains.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 18.—(Special.)—Heavy rains Sunday night and yesterday totaled 47 hundredths of an inch and cut down the deficiency to practically nothing. Commissioner H. D. Eldridge, of the Dixie neighborhood, stated that the downpour was accompanied by a heavy wind, which knocked down much wheat and in many places the damage will be considerable. The rain is holding up haying and is doing some damage to the strawberry crop here. Two severe thunderstorms struck Walla Walla last night, but did no damage.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 18.—Turpentine firm, 39¾c. Sales, 1670 barrels; receipts, 719 barrels; shipments, 195 barrels; stocks, 22,882 barrels.

Rosin quiet. Sales, 1008 barrels; receipts, 2304 barrels; shipments, 336 barrels; stocks, 63,277 barrels. Quote: A, B, $2.70@2.85; C, D, $2.90; E, $2.85; F, $3; G, $3.15@3.20; H, I, $3.20; K, $3.35; M, $4.05; N, $5; WG, $5.40; WW, $5.50.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Butter—Higher. Creamery, 20@27c.

Eggs—Receipts, 37,123 cases; unchanged.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Spot cotton quiet. Mid-uplands, 9.55c. Sales, 700 bales.

ALL LINES ARE STEADY

LIVESTOCK SALES ARE MADE AT FORMER PRICES.

Bulk of Offerings Brought Over From Preceding Day's Run—Top Hogs at $8.25.

There was a steady livestock market all through yesterday. Practically everything offered had been carried over from Monday, and the opening prices prevailed.

Several loads of hogs were disposed of, the best light stock bringing $8.25. A few small bunches of sheep sold at ruling rates, no lambs being offered. There was but little doing in the cattle division.

Only one load of stock came forward. It consisted of 5 calves, 45 hogs and 18 sheep. C. E. Lucke, of Estacada, was the shipper.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wgt.	Pri		Wgt.	Pr.
150 hogs	152	$8.20	1 heifer	520	$6.75
33 hogs	161	8.25	1 cow	1070	5.50
21 hogs	182	8.00	1 cow	900	3.75
35 year'l	72	7.25	1 calf	190	8.00
17 ewes	108	5.50	5 calves	140	8.00
24 wethers	113	6.75	7 hogs	170	8.20
3 hogs	210	8.00	6 hogs	231	8.20
64 hogs	150	8.15	38 hogs	190	8.15
23 hogs	212	8.05	2 hogs	120	7.15
1 calf	200	8.00	2 hogs	480	7.12
3 calves	130	8.00	7 hogs	125	7.15
1 heifer	560	5.50	7 hogs	147	6.50

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

Best steers	$7.30@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	3.50@5.75
Stags	5.00@6.75
Hogs—	
Light	7.15@8.25
Heavy	6.50@7.85
Sheep—	
Sheared wethers	6.00@7.00
Sheared ewes	4.00@5.75
Sheared lambs	6.00@7.00

Full wools $1 higher.

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, May 18.—Hogs—Receipts 20,000 head; market slow. Heavy, $7.20@7.30; light, $7.30@7.40; pigs, $6.50@7.25; bulk of sales, $7.25@7.30.

Cattle—Receipts 5500, steady. Native steers, $6.75@8.75; cows and heifers, $6@7.75; Western steers, $6.50@8; Texas steers, $6@7.30; cows and heifers, $5.75@7.25; calves, $8@10.50.

Sheep—Receipts 2000, steady. Yearlings, $9@9.75; wethers, $8.25@9.25; lambs, $10.50@11.50.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Hogs—Receipts, 20,000 head; market slow, 5c to 10c under yesterday's average. Bulk, $7.60@7.70; light, $7.45@7.75; mixed, $7.60@7.75; heavy, $7.20@7.70; rough, $7.20@7.35; pigs, $5.75@7.80.

Cattle—Receipts 3000, steady. Native beef steers, $6.90@9.25; Western steers, $6@7.90; cows and heifers, $3.25@8.75; calves, $6.50@9.00.

Sheep — Receipts 10,000, weak. Sheep, $7.80@8.55; lambs, $7.75@10.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, May 18. — Copper, quiet. Electrolytic, 19c; casting, 18.50@18.75c.

The New York Metal Exchange quotes tin dull, five-ton lots offered at 38.50@39.50c. Iron steady and unchanged.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead quiet, 4.17@4.22c.

Spelter not quoted.

Two Wool Sales Are Postponed.

PENDLETON, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—Owing to rains delaying shearing, the wool sale scheduled for Pilot Rock on May 26 has been postponed until June 10. Sale scheduled at Condon on June 10 also has been postponed to June 22. Sales dates at Pendleton May 27 and Echo May 25 are unchanged.

Cattle Coming to Portland.

ASHLAND, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—A dozen cars of fat cattle making up a special train were unloaded here today for feed and water. The shippers were Hunt Brothers, of Portland, who are taking the stock to that city from the vicinity of Merced, Cal.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, May 18.—A large and varied selection was offered at the wool sales today and consisted of 12,700 bales. The tone was firm and the demand strong, with Merinos selling against buyers. America purchased more freely of South Australian scoureds, which realized top rates.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Evaporated apples, quiet; prunes, steady; peaches, dull and easy.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Raw sugar, firm. Centrifugal, 4.89c; molasses, 4.12c. Refined, steady.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, May 18.—Linseed, cash, $1.95½; May, $1.95½; July, $1.97½.

150 PRIZE CHICKENS LOST

Fire Sweeps Big Poultry Ranch Near Kennewick.

KENNEWICK, Wash., May 18.—(Special.)—The houses, coops, pens and practically the entire flock of pure-bred White Leghorn chickens owned by Mounsey Bros. on their poultry ranch three miles west of town were destroyed by fire last night. The incubator-house, in which is located a mammoth 300-egg incubator, was saved, however. One hundred and fifty birds, many of which were prize-winners and with splendid laying records, were burned, while less than two dozen birds escaped. Mounsey Bros. for a number of years have been the largest breeders of fancy poultry in this section and among the largest in the state. Hardly enough of their famous strain has been left to start another flock. R. C. Mounsey, manager, announced that they will start another flock.

500 Lodge Delegates Visit O. A. C.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 18.—(Special.)—About 500 delegates to the convention of Oddfellows and Rebekah lodges to be held at Newport, stopped over at the Oregon Agricultural College yesterday, and made a brief tour of the campus. Arriving by special trains at 12:15 they were met at the entrance to the campus by the members of the faculty and escorted to the parade grounds, where a brief review of the cadet regiment was held.

WHEAT HAS SETBACK

Crop Damage Reports Not Fully Credited.

SHARP DECLINE AT CHICAGO

Rains in Kansas Promise Material Improvement in Growing Sections; Rumors as to German Answer Are Factor.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Assertions by a leading expert that there had been no sufficient evidence yet to warrant belief in a general crop disaster had a good deal to do with bringing about a decided setback today in the price of wheat. The market closed nervous at 2¾c to 2⅞c under last night. Other speculative articles also finished at net declines—corn 1c to 1¼@1⅜c, oats ⅝@⅞c to ⅝c, and provisions 5c to 10c.

Rains in Kansas and elsewhere, promising material improvement in the field outlook, gave the bears further advantage as to wheat. Pessimistic rumors about Germany's answer to the American note tended also to pull down prices. In fact, the only display of strength was a brief upturn early, the result of an advance at Liverpool.

Corn weakened with wheat. There was no activity in shipping demand.

Lower quotations for cereals and hogs carried down provisions. Some support from packers checked the break.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$1.56	$1.56	$1.53½	$1.53¾
July	1.29	1.29⅝	1.26⅝	1.26⅝
CORN.				
May	.74¼	.74¾	.73¼	.73⅝
July	.77	.77⅝	.75⅝	.75⅝
OATS.				
May	.52	.52¼	.51⅝	.51¾
July	.51¼	.51⅝	.50½	.50⅝
MESS PORK.				
July	17.95	18.05	17.92	17.95
Sept.	18.20	18.30	18.17	18.25
LARD.				
July	9.57	9.62	9.57	9.60
Sept.	9.82	9.87	9.80	9.82
SHORT RIBS.				
July	10.50	10.52	10.50	10.50
Sept.	10.75	10.80	10.72	10.75

Cash prices were: