$1,300,000 OWED CITY FOR ADVANCES

Leniency to Property Holders With Bonded Improvements Creates Financial Stress.

SALE OF LAND THREATENED

Mr. Baker Asks Council if Pending Election Had Anything to Do With Delaying Action and Denouement May Result.

With a total of more than $1,300,000 in delinquent street assessments and interest on these installments, and the delinquency becoming greater by about $30,000 a month, the city faces a serious problem in the improvement bond section of its financial ledgers. It is probable immediate steps will have to be taken to sell property delinquent so that the city's credit can be kept up. The condition is made more serious by reason of the fact that there is no money available in the general fund to lend to the improvement bond interest fund.

The conditions were brought to the attention of the City Council yesterday by City Treasurer Adams and it was decided to have a strong letter addressed to all property owners delinquent in their payments notifying them to pay up or the city will be forced to sell their property. It is declared that there is no other course left.

Leniency Brings Embarrassment.

Delinquency started to become a serious problem last Fall when times got hard. To help property owners along the Council decided that the city would be willing to accept the interest on the bonded liens of property and let the annual installments go until times got better. As a result of this policy, and the fact that many people took advantage of the offer, the city is in a decidedly shaky condition financially.

The city sells 10-year 6 per cent improvement bonds to raise money to pay contractors for street and sewer improvements. As security for the bonds the city takes liens upon property benefited by the improvements. The property owner is required to pay the interest and one-tenth of the amount of the lien each year. It is because of the failure of the property owners to make these payments that the present difficulties have arisen. The city has a right to sell the property for delinquency.

Half Year's Delinquencies $883,000.

On June 1 a statement issued by City Treasurer Adams shows that there was a total of $628,010 in delinquent installments and $255,242 in delinquent interest from last December up to that date. These amounts are being increased at the rate of about $15,000 a month in installments and $15,000 a month in interest. The city, to maintain its credit, must meet the payments of interest on the bonds promptly as they become due and must provide for the redemption of the bonds at maturity.

It is said that nearly $1,000,000 of the total delinquency is due to the failure of 44 large property owners to make their payments. The 44 property owners will be the first to be notified to pay up, and their property will be sold with the rest if the payments are not made.

The only solution of the problem outside of the sale of property affected is the issuance of refunding bonds. This is said to be a decidedly bad method of financing such a proposition. The general fund, which comes from general taxation, has been called upon to make up $800,000 of the delinquency.

Mr. Baker Suspicious.

The Council in considering the proposition yesterday met with the inquiry from Commissioner Baker as to why the proposition has been permitted to slide the way it has. "Why," said he, "has a drastic letter not been sent out before? Is it because we have just finished with election?" His intimation was that the failure to demand payment before this time was due to the fact that "it might hurt somebody's campaign." "It looks like somebody might be responsible on that score," he said.

"Have you any suspicions?" asked Mayor Albee.

"Yes," replied Mr. Baker. "I think I might be able to find him."

"Why not tell us who it is?" insisted the Mayor.

"Perhaps I will," said Mr. Baker. "I want to make sure of my ground first, however."

"Don't forget then," said the Mayor. "I am anxious to hear whom you suspect."

It is expected the proposition will be the subject of future controversy in the Council. It probably will not be brought up again until Commissioner Bigelow returns from his present trip to California. In the meantime Mr. Baker says he will verify certain information he has as to why the collection against the delinquents was not pushed prior to the city election. He contends that there was just as great an emergency then as now.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. M. Hill, of Seattle, is at the Oregon.

O. C. Henkle, of Bend, is at the Imperial.

R. R. Graves, of Corvallis, is at the Seward.

H. S. Amon, of Seattle, is at the Seward.

H. L. Williams, of Ilwaco, is at the Seward.

W. B. McElroy, of Seattle, is at the Oregon.

J. Mattey, of McMinnville, is at the Perkins.

H. Faig, of Sacramento, is at the Nortonia.

James Kyle, of Stanfield, is at the Imperial.

E. T. Anderson, of Baker, is at the Cornelius.

C. C. Canby, of Spokane, is at the Multnomah.

N. J. Blagen, of Hoquiam, is at the Multnomah.

H. B. Dewey, of Tacoma, is at the Multnomah.

W. D. Lewis, of The Dalles, is at the Oregon.

C F. Busch, of Hood River, is at the Portland.

J. W. Campbell, of Hermiston, is at the Imperial.

Walter Scherrer, of The Dalles, is at the Imperial.

F. G. English, of San Francisco, is at the Nortonia.

Dr. Elizabeth L. Howells, of Corvallis, is at the Portland.

S. Paisley, of Banks, Or., is registered at the Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Regan, of Albany, are at the Cornelius.

Mrs. F. J. S. Robinson and daughter, of Terre Haute, Ind., are registered at the Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barrett, of Salem, are at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davidson, of Boise, are at the Portland.

E. B. Mason and family, of Medford, are at the Cornelius.

E. H. Storey, of The Dalles, is registered at the Eaton.

N. H. Stewart is registered at the Cornelius from Baker.

Mrs. C. H. R. Woodburn, of Hood River, is at the Perkins.

D. E. Matthews and family, of Corvallis, are at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gordon, of Marshfield, are at the Multnomah.

W. C. Knighton, of Salem, state architect, is at the Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Paddock, of Hood River, are at the Nortonia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patison, of Sheridan, are at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grambey, of San Antonio, Tex., are at the Nortonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Laraway, of Hood River, are registered at the Perkins.

CHERRY FAIR SUCCESS

MOST OF RAIN PASSES BY FESTIVITIES AT COVE.

Despite Shortage in Crop, Exhibits Are Splendid—King and Queen Drenched by Shower.

COVE, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—Nature was kind to the Cherry Fair today. While it rained everywhere in the valley, Cove escaped almost entirely. A slight shower drenched the King and Queen while they took sovereignty in Cherry Land.

Although the crop is short, the exhibits are splendid and none of the lucious flavor is missing. A monster eagle and a flag constructed of the different colored cherries was one of the features. It was dispatched tonight to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Among the speakers were: Dunham Wright, President Kerr, of Oregon Agricultural Colleg; Walter M. Pierce, Addison Bennett, Governor Withycombe, Judge William Smith, of Baker. Each extolled the Cove cherry in brief remarks.

Practically all business in the county was suspended in tribute to the Cove Fair.

GOOD TRADE AT YARDS

ALL CLASSES OF LIVESTOCK ARE STEADY IN PRICE.

Bulk of Trading Is in Sheep Division. Lambs Are Taken at $6.50. Run Is Fair.

Business was good at the stockyards yesterday with all classes traded in. Good steers were taken at $6 to $6.50, but much of the cattle offered was light stuff and sold at low prices.

The best price obtainable on average weight hogs was $7.40, a dime under the top price realized the day before.

There was more than the usual activity in the sheep division, particularly in lambs. The best of these brought $6.35 and $6.50. A load of choice ewes sold at $5 and wethers at $4.25 to $5.25, according to quality.

Receipts were 86 cattle, 10 calves, 232 hogs and 577 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle—Rice Bros., Sheridan, 1 car.

With hogs—F. B. Ferguson, 1 car.

With sheep—Bunnell & Vauhey, Goldendale, 1 car; C. A. Munson, Goldendale, 1 car.

With mixed loads—E. Waid, Silverton, 1 car cattle, calves and sheep; Will Block, Independence, 1 car calves, hogs and sheep; F. B. Deker, Silverton, 1 car hogs and sheep; Zimmerman & Weed, Carlton, 1 car cattle, calves, hogs and sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
1 steer	1140	$6.50	1 hog	300	$5.00
1 steer	1140	6.25	7 hogs	133	6.25
2 steers	515	4.00	48 lambs	84	6.50
1 heifer	720	3.50	11 lambs	66	6.50
1 steer	700	4.00	232 lambs	53	5.50
2 steers	960	3.50	5 hogs	130	6.35
1 cow	950	5.00	6 hogs	182	7.40
22 steers	850	4.35	21 hogs	203	7.30
1 hog	620	3.75	5 ewes	132	4.15
8 steers	1150	6.00	3 calves	680	6.50
5 steers	1230	6.50	1 calf	390	5.00
33 steers	950	5.75	1 calf	240	6.00
1 stag	1090	5.00	5 steers	1030	6.00
10 steers	700	5.75	2 steers	1020	6.00
26 cows	1032	5.20	1 cow	1110	4.25
5 mixed	858	5.20	7 wethers	85	5.00
3 cows	930	4.65	49 wethers	100	5.25
15 cows	1023	5.20	54 lambs	65	6.25
1 bull	1120	4.00	174 lambs	61	6.00
9 cows	990	5.20	10 lambs	47	5.00
1 heifer	680	4.50	44 lambs	54	6.00
1 cow	840	4.00	6 ewes	92	3.50
1 bull	570	4.00	14 ewes	83	5.00
2 cows	1020	4.00	73 ewes	83	5.00
1 cow	990	5.20	26 yearl'gs	80	4.25
23 ewes	110	3.90	17 ewes	105	4.80
29 lambs	64	5.50	7 hogs	192	7.40
1 ewe	130	3.90	3 hogs	226	6.40
25 ewes	90	4.50	19 hogs	250	7.00
10 hogs	185	7.40	2 hogs	385	6.00
1 hog	450	6.40	27 hogs	145	6.85
18 hogs	200	7.40	3 hogs	130	6.35
3 hogs	180	7.00	51 hogs	196	7.35
2 hogs	230	6.25	9 hogs	322	6.50
4 hogs	345	6.40			

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

Best steers	$6.50@7.00
Good steers	6.25@6.50
Medium steers	6.00@6.25
Choice cows	5.75@6.00
Good cows	5.25@5.50
Heifers	4.75@6.50
Bulls	2.50@5.00
Stags	3.00@6.25
Hogs—	
Light	7.00@7.40
Heavy	6.00@7.00
Sheep—	
Wethers	4.75@5.50
Ewes	3.00@4.50
Lambs	5.00@6.50

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Neb., July 14.—Hogs—Receipts, 4700, steady; heavy, $6.50@6.85; light, $6.70@7.30; pigs, $5.00@5.60; bulk of sales, $6.65@7.00.

Cattle—Receipts, 3200, steady; native steers, $7.75@10.10; cows and heifers, $6.00@8.75; Western steers, $6.50@8.50; Texas steers, $6.00@7.75; cows and heifers, $5.50@7.60; calves, $7.00@10.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 9500, steady; yearlings, $6.50@7.50; wethers, $6.00@6.75; lambs, $08.00@8.75.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, July 14.—Hogs—Receipts, 20,000, slow; shade lower than opening, which was 5c above yesterday's average; light, $7.25@7.80; mixed, $5.85@7.75; heavy, $6.65@7.40; rough, $6.65@6.80; pigs, $5.75@7.50.

Cattle—Receipts, 15,000, weak; native beef steers, $6.75@10.30; Western steers, $7.15@8.30; cows and heifers, $3.20@9.25; calves, $7.75@11.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; unsettled; sheep, $5.60@6.90; lambs, $6.75@9.10.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO MEET

Partial Programme Announced for Centralia Session August 19.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. Millie Wilson, secretary of the Lewis County Sunday School Association, today announced the partial programme for the annual convention in Centralia, August 19 and 20.

It is expected that every Sunday school in the county will be represented. A feature will be an address by Rev. Frank Loveland, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Portland. The association is interdenominational.

Rain Endangers Tillamook Hay.

TILLAMOOK, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—Heavy rains have somewhat interfered with haymaking in Tillamook County during the past week, where there is a heavy crop of grass ripe and ready to cut. Quite a number of dairymen had their hay down when the rain came, and should the weather remain wet for several days, some of the crop will be spoiled.

BUYERS MOVE EAST

Wool Clip on Pacific Coast Closely Sold Up.

OPERATIONS IN MONTANA

New Territories Beginning to Attract Attention in Eastern Markets—Prices Are on Sound Basis and Tend Upward.

With the Pacific Coast wool clips closely sold up, buyers are now giving their attention to territory grades farther east. In Montana, business is being done at 27 to 28 cents for mediums, while in the Soda Springs section choice wools are bringing 28 to 30 cents. Recent buying in the Triangle has been at 24 to 25 cents for fine and 28 to 29 cents for medium grade. The activity lately in fine wools is attributed to the fact that medium wools are getting scarce. Nearly three-fourths of the territory clip is now out of first hands. The amount of consignment business is reported to be much less than expected.

Trading in new territories in the Eastern market is increasing, but is not yet heavy. Among the individual transfers reported by Eastern dealers are 200,000 pounds medium territory at 32 cents, the scoured cost being estimated at 68 to 70 cents; about 90,000 pounds choice Utah wool in the original bags at 23½ cents; 100,000 pounds Utah half-blood at private terms, estimated to cost fully 65 cents clean; 100,000 pounds miscellaneous at various prices.

Fairly good sales of scoured territories also are noted for the period, compared with business recently in this direction. An aggregate movement of some 200,000 pounds or so is reported by authorities in the trade. Choice fine has been turned over at 65 to 67 cents, while 63 to 65 cents has been obtained for fine medium and No. 1 New Mexican wool.

It is not figured that the market for territory wools has become thoroughly established yet in the East. The scoured basis, however, so far as it may be placed on the basis of what has happened up to date, may be given as follows: Fine staple, 72 to 73 cents; half-blood staple, 70 to 72 cents; three-eighths-blood staple, 68 to 70 cents; quarter-blood staple, 65 to 67 cents; fine and fine medium clothing, 68 to 70 cents. Quotations for Texas wools are set on the scoured basis of 65 to 67 cents for 12 months' and 60 to 62 cents for eight months'.

In its comment on the market outlook, the Boston Commercial Bulletin says:

"There are those who still insist that raw material is making too fast a pace and that in the near future a reversal of form will be witnessed, but the opinion of the great majority is that values will be steadily maintained and that despite the fact of indifferent buying of finished goods at the moment, manufacturers' anticipation of future demands will find ample justification in the not distant future.

"Quite aside from any opinions as to the future of the market, there is no doubt that values are well maintained on all grades of wool at the present moment. Fine wools are held very firmly and medium wools show a tendency even higher, and in instances fractional advances are reported for some medium wools."

NO WHEAT IS OFFERED FOR SALE

Requirements of Australia This Year Are Large, Because of Drouth.

There was an entire lack of interest on the part of sellers at the Merchants' Exchange yesterday, as not a single offering was posted. Bidding was not spirited, as the demand was small. Offers for white wheat did not vary much from the day before, but bids for red were raised 5 cents. The barley and oats markets were also dull.

A Chicago Board of Trade bulletin estimates the Winter wheat crop of seven leading states at 395,968,000 bushels, compared with the estimate on June 28 last year of 418,758,000 bushels and a final outturn of 457,807,000 bushels.

The condition of Spring wheat in Minnesota is placed at 90, in North Dakota at 93 and in South Dakota at 94.

Italian imports of wheat last season were 46,480,000 bushels. Crop prospects this year are reported to have been lowered fully 30 per cent.

An idea of the serious character of the drouth which has prevailed throughout Australia, and which has finally been broken by the recent rains, may be gathered from the figures showing the deliveries of wheat in the State of Victoria from January 1 to May 5, 1915, as compared with corresponding data for previous years. During the period named 363,000 bags (equivalent to 1,125,548 bushels) were brought into country stations, whereas from January 1 to May 5, 1914, these receipts totaled 8,248,995 bags (25,571,883 bushels), and in the like period of 1913, 6,219,837 bags (19,281,490 bushels). The quantity now stacked at country places is only 42,687 bags, as compared with 1,118,102 bags at the corresponding date last year, writes Commercial Attache Downs, of Melbourne. In recent years the production of wheat in the commonwealth of Australia has amply satisfied the domestic demand and left available for export a surplus of 30,000,000 to 60,000,000 bushels. This year, however—as in the previous year of drouth, 1902, when it was necessary to import 12,000,000 bushels—the home production has been insufficient to supply the home consumption, and cargoes of wheat have had to be imported from the United States and Argentina. Still further importations must follow before the next crop will be available. It is estimated that the total amount of these will be something like 10,000,000 bushels. Up to date the government of Victoria is reported to have purchased a total of 1,800,000 bushels, South Australia nearly 250,000 bushels, and other states large quantities. Altogether about 2,000,000 bushels have been ordered from over-sea ports.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland, Wed..	7	1	....	3	2
Year ago	12	3	3	4	4
Season to date	216	11	41	28	44
Year ago	144	107	97	60	41
Tacoma, Tues...	4	....	....	....	....
Year ago	....	....	....	....	....
Season to date	138	12	....	11	21
Year ago	46	17	....	8	48
Seattle, Tues...	7	....	10	....	6
Year ago	2	....	14	....	5
Season to date..	95	5	46	27	161
Year ago	94	7	97	15	80

YAKIMA PEACHES ARE IN MARKET

Full Assortment of Summer Fruits on Front Street.

There was a full assortment of fruit on hand yesterday and a fairly large supply, but the demand was not particularly brisk. With warmer weather, an improvement in trade can be looked for.

A car of Triumph peaches arrived from North Yakima and sold at 75@85 cents. A car of Wenatchee apricots was also received and moved at 90 cents to $1. Plums of all kinds were on hand and offered at 60 cents to $1. There was a good inquiry for raspberries and blackberries, but other kinds of fruit were slow. Melons and cantaloupes were unchanged.

Butter Shortage in Australia.

A consular report from Melbourne says:

"A food product of which Australia has been obliged by the drouth to become an importer instead of an exporter is butter. The markets of both Sydney and Melbourne are almost bare of stocks, and the recent arrival from California of 600 boxes in Melbourne and 4000 boxes in Sydney has not had much effect on the situation. Here again wholesale prices are fixed by the Price of Goods Board, those for Victoria

being 1s 9d to 2s 1d (43 to 51 cents) per pound. Importers claim that, taking into consideration the duties and high rates of freight, these prices do not allow them a sufficient margin of profit. The duty on butter is 3d (6 cents) per pound."

HOPS ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Yards Badly Infested With Lice, According to Weather Bureau.

Following is a summary of the crop conditions in Oregon for the week, as reported to the local office of the Weather Bureau by special correspondents throughout the state.

Good rains fell on one or two days in the northern and western sections, but drought continues in the southeastern portions of the state. Lower temperatures prevailed and the weather on the whole was favorable for growth but poor for haying. Considerable hay has been cut and fears are entertained it will spoil before it can be cured and housed. Pasturage is excellent except in the southeastern counties, where it is getting poor. The second crop of alfalfa is doing nicely and it will soon be ready to cut.

Damage to grain is uneven and no one seems to know just how badly it has been injured. The damage all occurred at the beginning of the month, and some fields shriveled badly, while others suffered little if any. This indicates that a very few days' difference in the stage of growth separated the injured from the uninjured grain, and the loss that has taken place cannot be determined until the wheat is threshed. Rye, barley and Fall wheat harvest has begun and in some localities the harvesting of rye is finished.

Hops are making splendid progress, but vermin are on the increase and spraying has become general. It will require vigorous work on the part of the growers to overcome the effects of aphis and honeydew, but most of them began in time to kill both the lice and the eggs.

Southern Oregon peaches are ripening and the early varieties are being marketed.

Good Trade in Poultry Market.

In the country produce market the strongest demand was for hens, which sold readily at 12½ cents. Good broilers were taken at 20 cents. Dressed meats were slow.

Eggs were steady at unchanged prices. The butter market was also steady.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,597,412	$155,654
Seattle	2,170,565	137,300
Tacoma	332,639	46,493
Spokane	636,225	94,036

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session. Prompt delivery.

	Bid.	Ask.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ 1.00	
Forty-fold	.90	
Club	.85	
Red Fife	.85	
Red Russian	.85	
Oats—		
No. 1 white, feed	25.00	26.50
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	21.00	
Bran	23.50	26.00
Shorts	23.50	28.50
Futures—		
August bluestem	.90	
August forty-fold	.86	
August club	.82	
August fife	.80	
August Russian	.80	
August oats	24.50	26.50
August barley	21.00	
August bran	23.50	26.00
August shorts	23.50	26.50

FLOUR—Patents, $6 a barrel; straights, $5.40@5.60; whole wheat, $5.50; graham, $5.25.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $27@27.50 per ton; shorts, $28@28.50; rolled barley, $26@27.50.

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

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $16@17; alfalfa, $12.50@13.50.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, valencias, $3.75@4 per box; lemons, $3.50@5 per box; bananas, 5c per pound; grapefruit, California, $3.50@5.25; pineapples, 6@7c per pound.

VEGETABLES—Cucumbers, Oregon, 40@75c per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen; tomatoes, $1.40@1.75 box; cabbage, 1@1¼c per pound; head lettuce, $1 per crate; spinach, 5c per pound; rhubarb, 2@3c per pound; peas, 2@4c per pound; beans, 2½@3c per pound; green corn, 25@30c per dozen.

GREEN FRUITS—Cantaloupes, $2@2.75 per crate; apricots, 90c@$1 per box; peaches, 75@85c per box; watermelons, 1½@2¼c per pound; plums, 60c@$1.00 per box; new apples, $1.25@1.50 per box; blackberries, $1.25 per crate; blackcaps, $1.00@1.25 per crate; raspberries, 85c@$1.15.

POTATOES—New, 1@1¼c per pound.

ONIONS—$1@1.50 per sack.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Oregon ranch, buying prices: No. 1 24c; No. 2, 21c; No. 3, 17c per dozen. Jobbing prices: No. 1, 26c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 12½c; broilers, 18@20c; turkeys, 20@21c; ducks, old, 10c; young, 15@20c; geese, nominal.

BUTTER—City creamery cubes, extras, 25c; firsts, 26c; seconds, 25c; prints and cartons, extra; butter fat, No. 1, 29c; second grade, 2c less; country creamery cubes, 25½@26½c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbers' buying price, 13¾c per pound f. o. b. dock, Portland; young Americas, 14¾c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 10@10½c per pound.

PORK—Block, 9@9½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River 1-pound tails, $2.30 per dozen; ½-pound flats, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pink, 1-pound tails, $1.05.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

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

BEANS—Small white, 5.70c; large white, 5½c; Lima, 5¾c; bayou, 5.60c; pinks, 4.90c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 31½@33½c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $6.90; beet, $6.70; extra C, $6.40; powdered in barrels, $7.15; cubes, barrels, $7.20.

SALT—Granulated, $15.50 per ton; half-grounds, 100s, $10.53 per ton; 50s, $11.30 per ton; dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 6½@6¾c; broken, 4c per pound; Japan style, 5@5½c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8c per pound; apricots, 13@15c; 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—1915 contracts, nominal; 1914 crop, 12@12½c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 15½c; salted kip, 16c; salted calf, 18c; green hides, 14c; green kip, 15c; green calf, 18c; dry hides, 25c; dry calf, 27c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, medium, 25@28½c; Eastern Oregon, fine, 18@21½c; Valley, 26@30c.

MOHAIR—New clip, 30@31c per pound.

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

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 15½c; dry, short-wooled pelts, 11½c; dry shearlings, each, 10@15c; 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—In car lots, 8½c; in less than car lots, about ¼c more.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, 17½@18¾c; skinned, 17½@18c; picnics, 12c; cottage roll, 15c; boiled, 17@27c.

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

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 12½@15c; exports, 14½@16½c; plates, 11@12½c.

LARD—Tierce basis, kettle rendered, 14c; standard, 12c; compound, 8¾c.

BARREL GOODS—Mess beef, $24; plate beef, $25; brisket pork, $28.50; pickled pork feet, $12.50; tripe, $9.50@11.50; tongues, $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, 77c; raw, cases, 82c; boiled, barrels, 79c; boiled, cases, 84c.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 61c; in cases, 68c; 10-case lots, 1c less.

HOP LICE APPEAR AT AURORA

Growers Report Outlook Better and Prepare to Spray.

AURORA, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—Hopgrowers are preparing to spray. The unfavorable weather has caused lice to appear in many yards. Red spiders are also making their appearance, but are not feared. A few make their appearance every season, but have never done much damage.

Hops in this section have improved greatly during the last month. A few yards promise little. The early estimate, by growers, of half a crop has increased to two-thirds the normal. The association officials here estimate the state crop at 80,000 to 90,000 bales. Well posted dealers place it higher—some as high as 125,000 bales.

WAR SHARES STRONG

More High Record Prices Are Registered.

STEEL IS ALSO ACTIVE

Trade Developments Favorable to Metal Industrials—Francs Are Feature of Foreign Exchange Market; Bond Trade Heavy.

NEW YORK, July 14.—To a greater extent than before today's stock market was governed by the course of the war contract or munition issues. This group absorbed the major portion of speculative attention, with new high prices for American Can at 52, Studebaker at 87⅞, Baldwin Locomotive at 71¼, General Motors at 182¾ and Willys Overland at 136. Other stocks in the same class rose 2 to 4 points, the most conspicuous exception being American Coal Products, which forfeited 6 points of its recent sensational advance.

Meantime representative investment stocks were either neglected or under moderate pressure. United States Steel was the only leader to rank with war specialties in point of activity, but failed to equal its best quotation of the previous day. Reading, Canadian Pacific and Amalgamated Copper reflected more or less steady selling.

New features of strength were seen in such utilities as Western Union and Consolidated Gas, the former advancing almost 2 points on intimations that the semi-annual statement to be issued tomorrow will show a substantial increase of earnings.

Trade developments were distinctly favorable to the Steel issues, further price advances being announced by some of the leading mills. Lackawanna Steel's quarterly earnings, disclosing an increase of over $600,000, explains the recent improvement in that steel stock.

Following its usual custom, the market shaded generally in the final dealings, when the demand for most of the specialties showed signs of having run its course, for a time at least. The closing was irregular with some slight net losses, notably in Canadian Pacific, Southern Pacific and Reading. Missouri, Kansas & Texas issues were acutely weak, the preferred stock selling at the new low price of 17.

Total sales amounted to 472,000 shares.

Francs were the feature of today's foreign exchange market, cables and checks on Paris strengthening perceptibly in anticipation of the successful outcome of the credit operations now pending with our bankers.

Heavy sales of United States Steel 5s and Consolidated Gas 6s marked the dealings in the bond market. Total sales, par value, were $2,345,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold	2,300	37	33½	33¾
Amal Copper	......	......	......	72⅜
Am Beet Sugar	1,200	48⅝	48	48
American Can	47,000	52	50½	50⅞
Am Sm & Refg	5,400	78⅝	77⅞	78½
do pfd	200	108	107⅞	107½
Am Sug Refg	300	109½	109	108½
Am Tel & Tel	1,300	121⅜	120½	120⅝
Amer Tobacco	......	......	......	224
Anaconda Min	8,800	35	34½	34⅝
Atchison	1,000	100⅝	100	100
Balt & Ohio	1,700	77¼	76⅝	76½
Br Rap Transit	......	......	......	87
Cal Petroleum	......	......	......	13
Canadian Pac	5,400	143⅞	142¼	142⅝
Cent Leather	8,900	42⅞	41⅝	41⅝
Ches & Ohio	200	37	36⅝	36⅝
Chi Gr West	......	......	......	11
Chi Mil & StP	1,000	81¼	80⅝	80⅝
Chi & N W	300	122⅞	122½	122
Chino Copper	......	......	......	45½
Colo F & Iron	1,700	33	32⅝	32⅝
Colo & South	......	......	......	35
D & R G	......	......	......	4
do pfd	......	......	......	7½
Dist Securities	2,300	26	25¼	25¼
Erie	2,300	25⅝	25¼	25¼
Gen Electric	2,200	168½	166	166⅞
Gr North pfd	600	116½	115¼	115½
Gr Nor Ore ctfs	500	35⅝	35½	35⅝
Guggenheim Ex	600	62⅞	62¼	62⅛
Illinois Central	200	103	103	103
Inter-Met pfd	......	......	......	72
Inspiration Cop	2,100	30¾	30¼	30¼
Inter Harvester	......	......	......	98
K C Southern	400	24	23⅝	22⅝
Lehigh Valley	200	141⅝	141⅝	141
Louis & Nash	......	......	......	109¾
Mex Petroleum	800	72	71½	71½
Miami Copper	3,100	27½	27	27½
M K & T	3,400	7½	6	6
Mo Pacific	2,100	3⅝	3⅝	3½
Nat'l Biscuit	......	......	......	119
Nat'l Lead	......	......	......	63
Nevada Cop	......	......	......	14⅝
N Y Central	1,600	87	86¼	86
N Y, N H & H	900	59	58⅝	58¼
Nor & Western	......	......	......	102½
North Pacific	600	104¼	103⅝	103⅝
Pacific Mail	......	......	......	23¼
Pac Tel & Tel	600	32	30	30¼
Pennsylvania	300	105½	105⅜	105⅜
Pull Pal Car	......	......	......	156
Ray Cons Cop	300	23⅝	22½	22½
Reading	6,100	146⅜	145⅞	145⅞
Rep Ir & Steel	2,000	30¼	29⅞	29⅞
Rock Isl Co	......	......	......	½
do pfd	......	......	......	1
StL&SF 2d pfd	......	......	......	5½
South Pacific	2,700	86⅜	84⅝	84⅞
South Railway	900	14⅞	14⅝	14⅝
Tennessee Cop	2,900	38⅛	37	37⅝
Texas Co	200	129½	129½	128
Union Pacific	7,300	126⅞	126	126⅜
do pfd	3,800	81½	81	80¾
U S Steel	65,500	61⅛	60⅝	60⅝
do pfd	300	110½	109¾	109⅞
Utah Copper	2,300	67⅞	67¼	67½
Wabash pfd	......	......	......	14
Western Union	3,400	70⅝	69	69½
Westing Elect	71,000	103	101¼	101¾
Montana Power	......	......	......	47

Total sales for the day, 472,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s, reg	97	Nor Pac 3s	63¼
do coupon	97	Pac T & T 5s	97⅝
U S 3s, reg	100¼	Penn con 4½s	102⅝
do coupon	100¼	So Pac ref 4s	98
U S 4s, reg	109	Union Pac 4s	95
do coupon	110⅜	do conv 4s	88¼
N Y C g deb 6s	103¼	U S Steel 5s	101⅞
Nor Pac 4s	91		

Boston Closing Mining.

Allouez	54⅝	Nipissing Mines	5⅝
A Z L & S	58	North Butte	31
Ariz Com'l	7½	Old Dominion	52¼
Calumet & Ariz	64	Osceola	83
Calumet & H	565	Quincy	87
Centennial	18	Shannon	8½
Cop R C C	54⅝	Superior	28
E Butte Cop M	13	Sup & Bos M	2
Franklin	10	Tamarack	36½
Granby Con	86½	U S S R & M	41½
Greene Cananea	42	do preferred	45½
Isle Royale (C)	28	Utah Con	13½
Kerr Lake	4 3-16	Winona	4
Lake Copper	12⅝	Wolverine	61½
Mohawk	75		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Mercantile paper, 3@3½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, 60 day bills, $4.72; demand, $4.7670; cables, $4.7735.

Bar silver—47½c.

Mexican dollars—36⅝c.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular.

Time loans steady; 60 days, 2½@2¾ per cent; 90 days, 2½@2¾ per cent; six months, 3@3¼ per cent.

Call money steady. High, 2 per cent; low, 1½ per cent; ruling rate, 2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closing bid, 1½ per cent; offered at 2 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—Mexican dollars—47½c.

Drafts—Sight, 2c; telegraph, 4½c.

Sterling—60 days, $4.72¾; demand, $4.77; cable, $4.77¾.

LONDON, July 14.—Bar silver—22 9-16d per ounce.

Money—1½@1¾ per cent.

Discount rates—Short bills, 4½ per cent; three months, 4¾@5 per cent.

Stocks Dull at London.

LONDON, July 14.—American securities on the stock market were only occasionally marked. The closing was dull but steady.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKETS

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

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—Butter—Fresh extras, 24c; prime firsts, 22c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 24c; firsts, 21½c; selected pullets, 21½c.

Cheese—New, 8@11½c; Young Americas, 12½c; Oregons, 13½c.

Vegetables—Peas, $1@1.75; asparagus, $1@1.25; string beans, 1½@2c; wax beans, 1½@2c; limas, 7@7½c; cucumbers, $1@1.50.

Onions—California, 50@75c.

Fruit—Lemons, $1.75@2; grapefruit, $2@3; oranges, $2.75@3.50; bananas, Hawaiian, $1.25@2; pineapples, Hawaiian, $1@2; apples, new crop, 35c@$1.25.

Potatoes—Delta, 85c@$1.

Receipts—Flour, 4010 quarter sacks; barley, 12,498 centals; potatoes, 4770 sacks; hay, 336 tons.

Coffee Futures.

NEW YORK, July 14.—The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 2 to 3 points on some scattered covering, which may have been inspired by reports that the Brazilian government had made arrangements to finance a holding movement should the demand from Europe fall off. General business was quiet and there was some trade selling of late months, but the market closed net unchanged to 12 points higher with July relatively firm. Sales 17,750 bags. July, 7.66c; August, 6.90c; September, 6.75c; October, 6.78c; November, 6.80c; December, 6.82c; January, 6.87c; February, 6.92c; March, 6.95c; April, 7c; May, 7.05c; June, 7.09c.

Spot quiet. Rio No. 7, 7½c; Santos No. 4, 9⅝c.

Cost and offers were somewhat irregular, but about unchanged on the average. Rio exchange was 1-16d lower, while milreis prices were unchanged.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 14.—Turpentine firm; 39½c. Sales, 418 barrels; receipts, 671 barrels; shipments, 185 barrels; stock, 22,543 barrels.

Rosin firm. Sales, 994 barrels; receipts, 1455 barrels; shipments, 1982 barrels; stocks, 43,923 barrels. Quote: A, B, $3; C, D, $3.05; E, $3.15; F, $3.20; G, $3.25; H, $3.25; I, $3.25; K, $3.70; M, $4.10; N, $5.10@5.20; WG, $6.15@6.25; WW, $6.40@6.45.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Copper steady. Electrolytic, 19.75@20c.

Iron steady and unchanged.

Metal exchange quotes tin dull, 37.50@38.25c.

The metal exchange quotes lead offered 5.68c.

Spelter not quoted.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, July 14.—There were 7787 bales, mostly cross-breds, at the auction sales today. Good clips were firm, but inferior and faulty were from 5 to 7½ per cent and occasionally 10 per cent lower than at the close of last series.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Raw sugar quiet. Centrifugal, 4.52@4.56c; molasses, 4.07@5.09c. Refined steady.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Spot cotton quiet. Middling uplands, 9.65c. Sales, 2700 bales.

WHEAT CLIMBING FAST

BIG ADVANCE DUE TO REPORTS OF BLACK RUST.

Government Weekly Crop Report Is Given Bullish Construction—Buying Gives Strength.

CHICAGO, July 14.—Anxiety regarding black rust forced an advance in wheat prices today that bordered on the sensational. The market closed strong at 4½c to 5¼c above last night. Corn finished a shade to ⅝c up and oats with a gain of ¼c to ½c. In provisions, final quotations varied from 10c decline to a rise of 20c.

Fresh reports of black rust infection were accompanied by signs that foreigners had abandoned a waiting policy in regard to buying wheat. It was found that offerings in the pit had lodged in strong hands. Speculators who had been indulging in short sales were unable to protect themselves and there were many stop-loss orders executed during the upward whirl that was witnessed as the session came to an end.

The buying flurry received some additional impetus from a bullish construction placed on the Government's weekly crop report and on Berlin advices regarding Germany's attitude as to submarine warfare.

Free selling by skeptics about black rust danger depressed the wheat market until about the middle of the day. Renewed rains, however, in Kansas and other important sections of the harvest region tended to check the bears. There was no decided upturn, though, previous to the receipt of dispatches from the Northwest that seemed to imply a more serious outlook as to the dreaded black rust.

Corn was governed chiefly by the action of wheat. Business lacked volume.

Despite fairly good sales to the seaboard, oats merely reflected the course of other grain. Country offerings remained small.

Provisions suffered from absence of support. Higher prices for hogs were ignored.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
July	$1.11	$1.16	$1.10	$1.15⅝
Sept.	1.04⅞	1.09½	1.03⅝	1.09⅝
CORN.				
July	.77	.77⅝	.76½	.77⅝
Sept.	.73⅝	.73⅝	.72½	.73¼
OATS.				
July	.48⅝	.48⅝	.47⅝	.48⅝
Sept.	.38	.38⅝	.37⅝	.38¼
MESS PORK.				
Sept.	15.10	15.15	14.75	15.12
Oct.	15.15	15.27	14.95	15.27
LARD.				
Sept.	8.20	8.20	8.00	8.27
Oct.	8.42	8.42	8.12	8.37
SHORT RIBS.				
Sept.	9.80	9.85	9.45	9.80
Oct.	9.82	10.00	9.85	10.00

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, new, $1.14⅝@1.16; No. 2 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 78¾@79½c; No. 4 yellow, 78c; No. 4 white, 78c.

Rye—No. 2 nominal.

Barley—72@78c.

Timothy—$5.25@6.75.

Clover—$8.50@13.50.

Primary receipts—Wheat, 272,000 vs. 2,494,000 bushels; corn, 627,000 vs. 451,000 bushels; oats, 554,000 vs. 757,000 bushels.

Shipments—Wheat, 246,000 vs. 1,413,000 bushels; corn, 439,000 vs. 419,000 bushels; oats, 476,000 vs. 770,000 bushels.

Foreign Grain Markets.

LIVERPOOL, July 14.—Cash wheat unchanged to 1d higher; corn ½d higher; oats unchanged.

PARIS, July 14.—Wheat ½ higher; flour unchanged.

BUENOS AIRES, July 14.—Wheat quiet and unchanged; corn, July ⅛ higher.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 14.—Wheat—July, $1.26; September, $1.11¾; No. 1 hard, $1.49½; No. 1 Northern, $1.39@1.49; No. 2 Northern, $1.36@1.46.

Barley—64@71c.

Flax—$1.68@1.70.

Eastern Grain Markets.

DULUTH, July 14.—Wheat closed: July $1.45 bid; September, $1.13⅝ bid; December, $1.12½ bid.

KANSAS CITY, July 14.—Wheat closed: July, $1.10½; September, $1.06⅝; December, $1.06⅞.

WINNIPEG, July 14.—Wheat closed: July, $1.38 asked; October, $1.07⅝ bid; December, $1.05¾ asked.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—Spot quotations—Walla, $1.72½@1.75; red Russian, $1.77½@1.82½; Turkey red, $1.85@1.90; bluestem, $1.87½@1.92½; feed barley, $1.10@1.12½; white oats, $1.45@1.47½; bran, $27@28; middlings, $32@33; shorts, $28@28.50.

Call board—Barley, December, $1.29¼.

Puget Sound Grain Markets.

SEATTLE, July 14.—Wheat—Bluestem, $1.01; forty-fold, 95c; club, 92c; fife, 91c; red Russian, 90c; barley, $22.50 per ton.

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TACOMA, Wash., July 14.—Whe
stem, $1.06@1.37; forty-fold, $1.
$1.04; red fife, $1.02; red Russian,
receipts: Wheat 4.

CHEESE TO BE MADE AT CANBY

Dairymen Combine When Dissatisfied With Low Butterfat Price.

AURORA, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—Dairymen of Barlow, Marks Prairie, Neely and Macksburg have united to form a company to operate a cheese factory at Canby. Discouraged by the low price of butterfat, they investigated cheese prices and the returns, which they found 15 to 23 per cent higher than from the sale of milk to the creameries.

They will utilize the building and much of the equipment of the Canby Creamery Company in the new enterprise.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, July 14.—Butter—Lower, creamery, 21@25½c.

Eggs—Receipts 15,465 cases; unchanged.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, July 14.—Linseed, cash $1.72; July, $1.70½; September, $1.74.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Evaporated apples quiet. Prunes firm. Peaches dull.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Hops firm.

Toppenish Round-Up September 2-5.

TOPPENISH, Wash., July 14.—(Special.)—The secretary of the Toppenish Round-Up announced today that the date of the Round-Up here this year will be September 2 to 5, inclusive. Arrangements are being made for all the important features of last year.

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