WHEAT SALES LARGE

Trading in Country Is on Heavier Scale.

HIGHEST PRICES OF YEAR

Business Would Be Still Further Increased but for Scarcity of Cars. Oats Weakened by Large Deliveries at Country Points.

There has been a substantial increase in the volume of wheat business in the North-west in the past few days. Several hundred thousand bushels have been purchased already this week, and at the best prices of the season. But for the car shortage the amount of trading would undoubtedly have been much larger.

Most of the buying is said to have been for export account. Better bids have been received from the East, but so far as could be learned no great amount of Eastern business has been booked this week.

Bids at all country points have been elevated, keeping pace with the rise at Chicago. At the Merchants' Exchange bluestem bids were raised 2½ cents, other white wheat was 3 to 4 cents higher and red wheat offers were raised 1 to 2 cents.

At $1.38½, which was bid for October-November bluestem, the local market for milling wheat is at the highest point of the cereal year, and is 45½ cents over the price that prevailed a year ago today. The Portland market, however, has to go 20½ cents yet to reach the top mark of 1915, whereas Chicago is within 76 cents of the highest price of last year, or since the war began.

Oats bids at the exchange were lowered 25 cents. Owing to large country deliveries the first of the month oats prices declined materially in the Sound markets. The barley market was firm and 50 cents higher, although the feed demand for barley has been checked by high prices, barley being $5 or $6 a ton higher than oats.

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

	Wheat.	Bar.	Flr.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Wednesday	19	2	1	5	2
Year ago	16	3	1	1	3
Season to date	1612	44	553	604	448
Year ago	5745	490	237	405	576
Tacoma, Tuesday	30	....	....	5	9
Year ago	4	3	3	3	21
Season to date	2139	45	....	113	629
Year ago	2729	151	....	148	739
Seattle, Tuesday	11	....	2	12	6
Year ago	13	8	....	5	26
Season to date	1714	87	554	543	1110
Year ago	2805	390	669	353	1415

WOOL EMBARGO MAY BE LIFTED

Australian Shippers Are Confident of Action Soon.

Australian wool shippers feel confident that the restrictions on wool exports to the United States will be removed at no distant date. Cable advices from Sydney, received at New York, stated that while this opinion is not based on hints from government authorities, nevertheless a number of well-informed factors were certain that something would be done before long which would give American buyers access to the Australian markets.

Trading at Boston continues on a large scale. Some of the sales of territories reported in the past week are a total of about 850,000 pounds at private terms by one house; 200,000 pounds half-blood Dakota at 37 cents, or 80 cents clean; 235,000 Montana at private terms; 100,000 pounds three-eighths-blood Soda Springs at 37 cents; 150,-000 pounds half-blood Soda Springs at 34 cents, estimated to cost 85 cents scoured; 22,000 pounds fine at private terms. Also a small amount of eight months' Texas wool has been absorbed at private terms.

The scoured basis is stronger, with the quotation of fine staple raised on the lower end to 88 cents, the top remaining at 90 cents. Half-blood staple is still quoted at 85 to 87 cents, three-eighths-blood at 80 to 82 cents and quarter-blood at 73 to 75 cents. Clothing territory is quoted at 80 to 82 cents for fine, showing a rise of two cents for the basis, fine medium being given at 76 to 80 cents. Texas wools remain quoted at 80 to 85 cents for 12 months' and 70 to 75 cents for eight months'.

BUTTER IS UP 2½ CENTS TODAY

Cream Shippers Will Get 3 Cents More for Their Butterfat.

The butter market is on the upgrade all along the Coast. The local market for city creamery will be advanced 2½ cents this morning to 37½ cents for the best brands in prints. Seattle will have a cent lift this morning and the Spokane market will advance 2½ or 3 cents. Local creamery men have been looking for the rise, as the make has decreased sharply, but they were adverse to lifting prices until Seattle took action.

The buying price of butterfat will be advanced 3 cents a pound this morning, giving shippers more than the usual advantage of the rise in butter prices.

At the produce exchange yesterday 32 cents was bid for extras and 33 cents was asked. Prime firsts sold up to 30 cents. Dairy butter was offered at 26 cents, with 25 cents bid.

The egg market also continues firm. Current receipts were offered at 37½ cents and 36 cents was bid. For country candled 28 cents was offered, but 40 cents was demanded by sellers.

Oregon triplet cheese was offered at 17¼ cents, with no bids.

The poultry and dressed meat markets were heavily stocked and prices were weak.

BUTTER PACKING IS NOT UNIFORM

Produce Exchange Will Work for Better Method.

Large handlers of butter complain of the lack of uniformity in the packing done by country creameries. Not only are the boxes of different sizes, but of various kinds of wood of irregular thickness and weight, and all sorts of lining methods are followed. This irregularity is a detriment to business when it comes to handling butter in carload lots.

In order to remedy the matter, if possible, a committee consisting of E. J. Dixon, S. N. Heidenreich and E. W. Ellis was appointed yesterday by President Faust, of the Produce Exchange, to take up the matter with the outside creameries that are shipping their surplus to this market.

LATE VEGETABLES CAUGHT BY FROST

Tomatoes Are Badly Nipped in This Section Tuesday Night.

The first hard frost of the season, which occurred Tuesday night, nipped the tomatoes in this section and all other late vegetables. Cantaloupes were also severely frosted. No damage was reported in the onion sections, as the crop is nearly harvested and all will be housed by the last of the week.

There was a fair trade in the fruit and vegetable markets. Supplies were ample and prices generally were steady.

CANNED CORN PACK IS VERY SHORT

Higher Prices at Retail in Sight This Season.

There will be a decided shortage in Standard canned corn this season. While some sections have a normal crop, others will be short, and the total pack will be much under that of average years. As there is no carryover from last year, high prices will rule. Corn that in past seasons retailed at 10 cents will this Winter sell at 15 cents, or two for a quarter.

One large canner has notified his customers that he can only give a 25 per cent delivery of 1916 corn. Others who guaranteed deliveries will have to pay a penalty. The entire pack of the country is oversold.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,862,269	$323,984
Seattle	2,995,000	462,004
Tacoma	389,107	65,274
Spokane	1,289,226	282,674

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

October delivery.	Bid.	Bid yr. ago.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ 1.38½	$ .93
Fortyfold	1.34	.92½
Club	1.31	.90½
Red fife	1.32	.86
Red Russian	1.28	.85
Oats—		
No. 1 white, feed	27.25	32.00
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	33.50	25.50
Futures—		Bid.
November bluestem		$ 1.38½
November fortyfold		1.34
November club		1.31
November red fife		1.32
November Russian		1.28
November oats		28.00
November feed barley		33.50

FLOUR—Patents, $6.80; straights, $6.20@6.60; exports, $6.20; Valley, $6.40; whole wheat, $7; graham, $6.80.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $23.00 per ton; shorts, $25.00 per ton; rolled barley, $35.50@36.50.

CORN—Whole, $42 per ton; cracked, $43 per ton.

HAY—Producers' prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, $16.50@18 per ton; timothy, valley, $15@16 per ton; alfalfa, $14.50@15.50; wheat hay, $13.50@14.50; oat and vetch, $12@13.50; cheat, $12; clover, $10.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extras, 32c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 35@37½c; butterfat, No. 1, 35c; No. 2, 33c, Portland.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook triplets, 18c; Young Americas, 19c per pound.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 36@37c per dozen; Oregon ranch, candled, 40@42c.

POULTRY—Hens, 14c; Springs, 15@16c per pound; turkeys, live, 20@22c.

VEAL—Fancy, 12@12½c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 12½@13c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, Valencias, $4@4.50 per box; lemons, $6@7.25 per box; bananas, 4½c per pound; grapefruit, $2.50@3.75.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 75c@$1 per dozen; tomatoes, 50@60c per crate; cabbage, $1.35 per hundred; peppers, 4@5c per pound; eggplant, 5@6c per pound; lettuce, 20@25c per dozen; cucumbers, 25@50c per box; celery, 60@75c per dozen; corn, 10@20c per dozen.

POTATOES—Oregon buying price, 90c@$1 per hundred, country points; sweets, 2@2½c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregon buying price, $1.75 per sack country points.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, new, 50c@$1.50 per box; cantaloupes, 60c@$1.25 per crate; peaches, 40@65c per box; watermelons, 1c per pound; plums, 75c@$1.50; grapes, 75c@$1.40; casabas, 1½c; Turkish melons, 3c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.60 per dozen; one-half flats, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, $1.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, sack lots, 16c; Brazil nuts, 15@18c; filberts, 16@18c; almonds, 17½@22c; peanuts, 7½c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; pecans, 15@20c; chestnuts, 20c.

BEANS—Small white, 9½c; large white, 9c; Limas, 7½c; bayou, 7½c; pink, 7¾c; red Mexicans, 7½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@35c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $7.75; Honolulu, $7.70; beet, $7.55; extra C, $7.35; dry granulated, in barrels, $8.25; cubes, in barrels, $8.50.

SALT—Granulated, $15.50 per ton; half ground, 100s, $10.50 per ton; 50s, $11.30 per ton; dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—Southern, head, 6@6½c per pound; broken, 4c; Japan style, 4½@5c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8c per pound; apricots, 13@20c; peaches, 8c; prunes, Italian, 8@9c; raisins, loose Muscatels, 8c; unbleached Sultanas, 9½@10c; seeded, 9c; dates, Persian, 10c per pound; fard, $1.65 per box; currants, 15@16c; figs, 50 6-ounce $2; 100 4-ounce, $2.25; 36 10-ounce, $2.40; 12 10-ounce, 85c; bulk, white, 7@8c; black, 6c per pound.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 23½c; standard, 22½c; skinned, 20½@21½c; picnics, 14½c; cottage rolls, 16½c.

BACON—Fancy, 29@31c; standard, 25@26c; choice, 19@21c.

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 15½@16½c; export, 16½@18c; plate, 12½@14c.

LARD—Tierce basis, kettle rendered, 16½c; standard, 15¼c; compound, 12¾c.

BARREL GOODS—Mess beef, $18; plate beef, $22; brisket pork, $23.50; tripe, $10.50@11.50.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1916 crop, 10@12c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 pounds and up, 17c; salted hides, 50 pounds and up, 12c; salted kip, 15 pounds to 25 pounds, 17c; salted calf, up to 15 pounds, 23c; green hides, 50 pounds and up, 15c; green stags, 50 pounds and up, 11c; green kip, 15 pounds, 17c; dry flint hides, 28c; dry flint calf, up to 7 pounds, 30c; dry salt hides, 24c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, fine, 23@26c; coarse, 30@32c; valley, 30@32c.

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

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 21c; dry short-wooled pelts, 17c; dry shearlings, 20@25c each; salted lamb pelts, 75c@$1.25; salted short-wooled pelts, 50c@$1.

TALLOW—No. 1, 6½c; No. 2, 5½c; grease, 4c.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; cases, 18@21½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 20½c; cases, 28½c; naptha, drums, 18½c; cases, 26½c; engine distillate, drums, 10c; cases, 18c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, drums, 96c; barrels, 94c; cases, 99c; boiled, drums, 98c; barrels, 96c; cases, $1.01.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 59c; in cases, 64c; 10-case lots, 1c less.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Current on Butter, Eggs, Fruits, Vegetables, Etc., at Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—Butter—Fresh extras, 32½c; prime firsts, 30½c; fresh firsts, 29½c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 40½c; pullets, 36c.

Cheese—New, 16c; Young Americas, 17c.

Vegetables—Celery, 10@12½c; string beans, 3@6c; wax, 2@3c; limas, 2@3c; peas, 5@7c; green corn, 75c@$1.50; Summer squash, 34@40c; cucumbers, 60@75c; tomatoes, 30@50c; eggplant, 30@40c; okra, 30@45c.

Potatoes—$1.50@1.50.

Onions—$2.10@2.15; garlic, 3½@4½c.

Fruit—Peaches, 60@75c; pears, $1.75@2; seedless grapes, 85c@$1; lemons, $2.50@5; grapefruit, $2.50@3; bananas, 50c@$1.25; pineapples, $1.50@2.50.

Receipts—Flour, 2150 quarters; barley, 2905 centals; beans, 210 sacks; potatoes, 8680 sacks; onions, 290 sacks; hay, 309 tons; hides, 800; wine, 9800 gallons.

Coffee Futures Are Quiet.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—The market for coffee futures was quiet today with fluctuations irregular. Yesterday's decline had carried March contracts back to very nearly the low point of last month, and there seemed to be some reactionary sentiment around the ring at the opening. First prices were 2 to 6 points higher in consequence and active months sold about 5 to 8 points under last night's closing figure right after the call. Setbacks followed with March easing off from 8.76c to 8.67c under a little trade selling, but the market firmed upon renewed covering late in the afternoon and closed at a net advance 5 to 10 points. Sales, 17,750 bags. October, 8.70c; November, 8.70c; December, 8.69c; January, 8.69c; February, 8.72c; March, 8.74c; April, 8.78c; May, 8.82c; June, 8.86c; July, 8.90c; August, 8.94c; September, 8.98c.

Spot coffee, quiet; Rio 7s, 9½c; Santos 4s, 11¼c.

One of the firm offers received from Santos was a shade lower, but the general range of quotations was about unchanged, running from 10.50c to 10.80c for Santos 4s, London credits.

Myrtle Creek Prune Shipments.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—Approximately 2,000,000 pounds will be shipped from Myrtle Creek this year, according to Joe Harris, a prominent prune grower of that vicinity. The average price received for prunes, "orchard run," is 5 cents per pound, making the crop of the Myrtle Creek district worth in excess of $100,000.

Linseed Oil Advances Again.

An advance of 6 cents a barrel in linseed oil prices was announced yesterday. Boiled oil is now quoted at $1.01 in cases, 98 cents in drums and 96 cents in barrels.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Oct. 4. — Linseed, on track, $2.47½; to arrive, $2.47½; October, $2.45½ asked; November, $2.46 asked; December, $2.44; May, $2.49 bid.

ALL RAILS STRONG

More Than Usual Activity in Investment Issues.

BEST PRICES OF YEAR MADE

Advances Occasioned by Additional Statements of Increased Earnings. Industrials Are Irregular--Steel Closes With Small Gain.

ture of today's trading, in which the turnover again exceeded 1,000,000 shares by a comfortable margin, was that of the railroad group.

Additional statements of earnings furnished the motive power in elevating the railway shares, many making best prices of the year, or since the outbreak of the war, while Norfolk & Western surpassed all its previous quotations on an advance of 5½ points to 142¼.

Other notably strong rails included Union Pacific, which responded to its remarkable report for the fiscal year; New York Central, whose earnings for the same period are estimated at no less than 20 per cent; Louisville & Nashville, which earned almost 18 per cent against 6.87 in the previous year, and St. Paul, Illinois Central and half a score of subsidiaries or minor lines. In these issues, gains extended from 1 to 3 points, with nominal recessions at the close.

Industrials, equipments, munitions, coppers and motors moved irregularly with further substantial gains in the paper shares. American Linseed common and preferred, Central Leather and Hides & Leather preferred at the new record of 75⅞. Sugars also supplemented recent advances on reports of heavy sales to foreign interests and the shares of the several express companies rose 3 to 4 points.

United States Steel, while again the individual leader, exerted little influence market-wise, ranging between 117 and 118¾ and closing at 117⅞, a net gain of the smallest fraction. Related issues moved in narrow limits and finished with losses of small fractions to almost a point.

Total sales amounted to 1,125,000 shares.

There was more activity to foreign exchange, marks and rubles shading on small offerings. Sterling bills were steady with checks on Paris.

Bonds were active and strong. Total sales, par value, $6,180,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Am Beet Sugar	8,400	99¾	97½	97¾
American Can	7,100	66	65¼	65¾
Am Car & Fdry	3,400	72¼	71½	71¾
American Locos	12,800	84	82¾	83¾
Am Sm & Refg	4,700	114	112¾	112¾
Am Sugar Refg	2,600	113¾	112¼	113
Am Tel & Tel	2,800	133¼	133	132¾
Am Tob pfd	100	91	91	91
Anaconda Cop	15,100	97¾	96¼	96¾
Atchison	20,600	108¼	107	108¾
Baldwin Loco	7,000	93¼	90¾	90¾
Balt & Ohio	19,000	90¾	89	90¾
Br Rap Transit				85
B & S Copper	1,400	63¾	63¼	63¾
Calif Petrol	400	24	23	23
Canadian Pac	2,000	181¾	180½	181
Central Leather	24,500	75⅞	73	75¾
Ches & Ohio	19,000	68¼	67	68¼
Chi Mil & St P	7,800	97¾	96¾	97⅞
Chi & N West	1,200	131	130	130¾
C R I & P Ry	6,700	19¾	18¼	19⅝
Chino Copper	2,000	56	55½	55⅝
Colo Fuel & Iron	7,000	61	59¾	59⅝
Corn Products Refg	10,100	17¾	17½	17½
Crucible Steel	16,300	95¾	94¾	94⅝
Dist Securities				45¼
Erie	30,000	41¾	40½	41¾
General Electric	1,500	151¼	150¼	150¾
Gt Nor pfd	1,500	120¾	119¾	120¾
Gt Nor Ore ctfs	4,500	43¾	43	43
Illinois Central	7,000	109¾	108	109¾
Int Consol Rubber	2,400	17	17	17
Inspiration Cop	9,000	67	66¼	66¾
Int Harv N J				116
Int M M pfd ctfs	7,200	122¼	120¾	121
K C Southern	1,700	27	27	27
Kennecott Cop	9,100	55¾	55¼	55¾
Louis & Nash	1,200	136½	135½	136½
Mexican Petrol	6,300	112¾	111	111¾
Miami Copper	2,400	38¾	38¼	38¾
M K & T pfd bid				10
Missouri Pacific	2,500	6¼	5	5¼
Montana Power	900	96	96	94¾
National Lead	1,200	75¾	74¾	70
Nevada Copper	1,200	22¾	22¾	22¾
New York Cent	88,100	114	110¾	113¾
N Y N H & H	6,200	62	60	61¾
Norfolk & West	4,400	143¼	139¾	144¾
Northern Pacif	7,000	115	114	115
Pacific Mail	700	29¾	28	29
Pac Tel & Tel	900	32	31¾	32¾
Pennsylvania	25,900	60	59¾	59¾
Ray Consol Cop	3,100	25¼	25¾	25¾
Reading	20,500	113¾	112¾	113
Rep Ir & Steel	18,600	81	80¾	80¾
Sinat Ariz Cop	1,200	29¾	29¾	29¾
Southern Pacific	14,300	102	101¾	102¾
Southern Ry	12,500	26¼	25¾	26¼
Studebaker Co	15,100	125	123¾	123¾
Tenn Copper	7,500	24	23¾	23¾
Texas Company	700	221¾	221	220
Union Pacific	49,700	152¼	150¼	151¾
Union Pac pfd	700	82¼	82¼	82
U S Ind Alcohol	600	128¾	128¼	128
U S Steel	101,800	118¼	117	117⅝
do pfd	500	121¼	121	121
Utah Copper	5,900	94¾	93¾	94¾
Wabash pfd B	4,100	29¾	29	29¾
Western Union	1,600	100¾	100	100
West Electric	9,700	64¾	64¼	64¾

Total sales for the day, 1,125,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	*99	Northern Pac 3s	66½
U S ref 2s coup	*99	Pac Tel & Tel 5s	101¾
U S 3s reg	*100¼	Penn con 4½s	*105
U S 3s coupon	*100¼	South Pac ref 4s	90⅝
U S 4s reg	*100¾	do cv 5s	105⅜
U S 4s coupon	*110	Union Pac 4s	*97½
Am Smelter 6s	114	do cv 4s	*94¾
Atchison gen 4s	93½	U S Steel 5s	*106¼
N Y C deb 6s	115⅜	Anglo-French 5s	95½
Northern Pac 4s	92⅝		

*Bid.

Mining Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, Oct. 4.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	69¼	Mohawk	93
Ariz Com	13	Nipissing Mines	8¼
Calumet & Ariz	76½	North Butte	22
Cal & Hecla	584	Old Dom	70¼
Centennial	22	Osceola	89½
Cop Range Con	69½	Quincy	89½
East Butte Cop	15⅞	Superior	18½
Granby Con	92	Sup & Bos Min	4¾
Greene Can	50¾	Tamarack	42
Isle Roy (Cop)	32	Utah Con	14⅜
Kerr Lake	4⅝	Winona	5
Lake Copper	14⅝	Wolverine	47½

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Mercantile paper, 3½ per cent.

Sterling, 60-day bills, $4.71½; demand $4.75 11-16, cables $4.76 7-16; francs, demand 5.83, cables 5.82½; marks, demand 69⅝, cables 69⅝; kronen, demand 12 1-8, cables 12¼; guilders, demand 40 13-16, cables 40.9; lires, demand 6.46, cables 6.45½; rubles, demand 31½, demand 32.

Bar silver, 68½c.

Mexican dollars, 52¾c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, strong.

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

Call money, steady; high, 2¾ per cent; low, 2¼ per cent; ruling rate, 2¾ per cent; last loan, 2¾ per cent; closing bid, 2½ per cent; offered at 2¾ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4. — Sterling, $4.71½; demand, $4.75⅝; cables, $4.76⅝.

Mexican dollars, 52¼c.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Bar silver, 32 9-16d per ounce.

Money, 4½ per cent.

Discount rates—Short bills, 5⅛@5⅜ per cent. Three months, 5⅛@5⅜ per cent.

Stocks Firm at London.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—American securities were quietly firm, with Canadian Pacific and United States Steel the best leaders today.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Raw sugar, steady. Centrifugal, 6.02c; molasses, 5.12c; refined, steady. Fine granulated, 7c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Spot cotton—Quiet; middling upland, 16.80c; no sales.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Oct. 4.—Butter, unchanged. Eggs—Receipts, 7751 cases; unchanged.

FLAX TOW SALE IS MADE

Twenty-Five Tons Will Go to California at $140 a Ton.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 3.—(Special.)—Sale of 25 tons of flax tow from last year's crop to the California Cotton Mills of Oakland, Cal., for 7 cents a pound, f. o. b. Salem, was authorized Tuesday by the State Board of Control.

How soon any of this year's flax crop will be ready for disposal is not yet definitely known, but in response to the urgings of Governor Withycombe that money should be realized as soon as possible, work of handling the crop will be hastened. In the meantime R. B. Goodin, secretary of the Board, has communicated with Eastern firms using flax to get quotations.

Fear that Fall and Winter rains may come to hamper the handling of the flax, today led Governor Withycombe to urge upon Manager Crawford the necessity of getting some of the straw spread in the fields for retting. It was decided to place 50 tons in the fields at once. The remainder of the crop will be tank retted.

Two tanks are already installed and 30 tons of straw are undergoing the retting process, Manager Crawford said today. There are 750 tons of straw, comprising this year's crop now stored at the Penitentiary.

HOGS ARE STILL WEAK

TOP PRICE PAID AT NORTH PORTLAND IS $9.85.

Cattle Are Holding Steady at Former Quotations—Sheep Trade Is Light.

There was a moderate run of stock at the yards yesterday with no new development in the market aside from a further weakness in the hog division. The top hog price obtained was $9.85, and that for only a few head, the bulk of sales being at $9.75. Good steers were sold at $6.40 and $6.50 and cows up to $5.50. Former sheep prices prevailed.

Receipts were 63 cattle, 295 hogs and 1486 sheep. Shippers were: M. W. Treadgold, Myrtle Point, 1 car cattle; S. L. Overton, Brownsville, 2 cars cattle, hogs; R. W. Darrow, Lyle, 10 cars sheep; R. M. Knight, Riddle, 1 car hogs; George Kohlhagen, Roseburg, 2 cars sheep; J. S. Flint, Junction City, 1 car hogs, sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
18 steers	1028	$5.00	15 steers	995	$5.15
2 steers	945	6.50	2 steers	945	5.50
2 steers	872	4.00	2 steers	880	5.00
2 steers	560	3.00	1 steer	880	5.00
2 steers	1050	5.50	1 steer	1010	5.00
2 steers	1100	5.65	2 steers	725	4.25
2 steers	950	5.00	2 steers	760	4.10
1 steer	1080	5.25	5 steers	1110	5.50
1 steer	1200	5.75	1 steer	860	5.50
9 steers	1029	5.85	12 steers	967	5.65
25 steers	1146	6.40	4 steers	932	4.50
20 cows	997	5.15	2 steers	945	6.25
1 cow	975	4.75	5 cows	1040	5.50
6 cows	953	4.25	2 cows	995	5.25
7 cows	902	4.75	3 cows	1077	5.00
2 bulls	1220	4.00	1 cow	890	3.25
1 bull	1440	4.50	2 cows	1050	5.50
1 heifer	850	4.50	1 heifer	870	5.25
1 hog	360	8.60	2 heifers	870	4.50
2 hogs	165	9.60	1 stag	1030	4.50
20 hogs	181	9.60	1 hog	245	9.75
6 hogs	155	9.60	2 hogs	285	9.75
36 hogs	202	9.75	7 hogs	159	8.75
52 hogs	214	9.75	4 hogs	118	8.25
3 hogs	200	9.75	2 hogs	243	8.75
7 hogs	354	8.75	7 hogs	144	8.75
2 hogs	295	8.75	4 hogs	118	8.25
12 lambs	70	8.50	4 hogs	120	8.25
33 lambs	56	6.60	1 hog	430	8.15
1 lamb	90	8.00	4 hogs	165	9.50
72 yearlings	101	5.75	4 hogs	230	9.85
1 wether	100	6.50			

Local livestock prices follow:

Cattle—

Steers, prime	$6.50@7.10
Steers, good	6.00@6.50
Steers, common to fair	5.00@5.50
Cows, choice	5.00@5.90
Cows, medium to good	4.00@4.50
Cows, ordinary to fair	3.00@4.50
Heifers	4.00@5.75
Bulls	3.00@4.25
Calves	5.00@6.00

Hogs—

Prime	9.50@9.85
Good to prime mixed	9.50@9.65
Rough heavy	8.75@9.25
Pigs and skips	8.25@8.75

Sheep—

Lambs	6.50@8.75
Yearling wethers	5.75@7.25
Ewe wethers	5.50@7.25
Ewes	3.50@5.50

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Oct. 4.—Hogs—Receipts 6200, lower. Heavy, $8.50@8.90; light, $8.85@9.10; pigs, $8@9; bulk of sales, $8.60@8.90.

Cattle—Receipts 5000, higher. Native steers, $6.75@10.50; cows and heifers, $5.75@7.50; canners, $4.50@5.75; Texas steers, $6@7; stockers and feeders, $6@8.35.

Sheep—Receipts 39,000, steady. Yearlings, $7@7.75; wethers, $6.50@7.50; lambs, $9.30@9.70.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Oct. 4.—Hogs—Receipts 30,000, active, 5c to 10c early decline under yesterday's average largely regained. Bulk, $8.75@9.40; light, $8.65@9.55; mixed, $8.55@9.60; heavy, $8.50@9.50; rough, $8.50@8.65; pigs, $6@8.75.

Cattle—Receipts 17,000, firm. Native beef cattle, $6.40@11.25; Western steers, $6.15@9.40; stockers and feeders, $4.60@7.65; cows and heifers, $3.40@9.50; calves, $8.25@13.

Sheep—Receipts 21,000, strong. Wethers, $6.90@8.35; lambs, $6.75@10.25.

Large Cattle Sales in Klamath.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—During the past few days a number of large sales of beef cattle have been made by Klamath County stockmen. All of these cattle are to be shipped to outside markets this Fall. J. L. Beckley and A. T. Langell, buyers for Miller & Lux, of San Francisco, have purchased from James Eisall and Jack Mathes, of Bly, 1000 head of beef; from Charles Horton, of Yonna Valley, 50 head; from Johnson Bros., of Sand Hollow, 50 head, and from Bunting & Smith, of Drew's Valley, 45 head. All of this stock will leave on the special stock train next Thursday.

Louis Gerber, of this city, purchased 110 head of fine beef cattle from Applegate Bros., of Swan Lake Valley, and Walker & McLemore have purchased 200 beef and stock cattle from Shook Bros., of Yonna Valley.

J. C. Mitchell and J. B. Mitchell, who for several years past have purchased large shipments of livestock in Klamath County, arrived last evening from California.

Holsteins for Arizona Buyers.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—E. A. Frost, of Chehalis, expects to ship tomorrow three carloads of high-grade and pure-bred Holstein cattle to Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Frost purchased the cattle in the vicinity of Chehalis and to this number has added several pure-bred animals from some of the best Holstein herds in the Northwest. The stock is mostly made up of females and is young. Mr. Frost expects to take the cattle to Phoenix and develop the bunch and sell later to people in Arizona who are interested in the dairy business.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Oct. 4. — Turpentine, firm, 43¼c; sales, 209 barrels; receipts, 283 barrels; shipments, 743 barrels; stock, 22,762 barrels.

Rosin firm; sales, 1223 barrels; receipts, 1075 barrels; shipments, 155 barrels; stock, 84,453 barrels. Quote: A, B, $5.87½; C, D, $5.90@6; G, H, I, K, $6.20; M, $6.20@6.25; N, $6.50; WG, $6.45; WW, $6.50@6.55.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Copper—Firm; electrolytic, $27@28.50c.

Iron, steady and unchanged.

The Metal Exchange quotes tin firm; spot, 39.50@39.75c.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead 7@7.20c.

Spelter—Firm; spot, East St. Louis delivery, 9¾@9¾c.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Evaporated apples, dull.

Prunes, steady.

Peaches, firm.

WHEAT PILE BURNS AFRESH

Smouldering Grain at Pendleton Warehouse Is Sold.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—A big pile of wheat left at the Adams warehouse, which burned recently, has been burning afresh ever since the heavy wind storm of a week ago, and much of the wheat that was little damaged by the big blaze has been scorched or smoked badly since.

The wheat was purchased for $75,000 by H. W. Collins, of this city, who is said to have represented Portland parties. Such of it as is fit for feed now is being resacked and shipped.

Father E. J. Scheutz Is Killed.

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 4.—Father E. J. Scheutz, chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, connected with St. Mary's Cathedral here, was instantly killed here today when the automobile in which he was riding turned over in a ditch.

LATE WHEAT RALLY

Export Buying Lifts Prices in Chicago Market.

TONE AT OPENING BEARISH

Values Recover on Denial of Rumors That Rain Had Fallen in Argentina—Day's Foreign Purchases Largely for Holland.

CHICAGO, Oct. 4.—Export buying, which was said to be on a large scale, helped to elevate the wheat market today to new high record prices for 1916, and so, too, did denials of rumors that rain had fallen in Argentina. The close was strong at ⅝@⅞c to 1⅜c net advance, with December $1.59⅛@1.59¾ and May $1.58¼. Corn gained ¼c to ⅝@⅞c, oats ⅛@¼c and provisions 17c to $1.62.

At first the wheat market showed a noticeable tendency to sag, owing to prevalent opinions that the bullish effect of the Argentine drought had been discounted enough. Substantial gains in the last half of the session replaced the earlier losses of wheat values and left the market in the end at virtually the topmost