GRAIN BAGS FIRMER

Market Has Recovered From Recent Weakness.

CROP NEEDS ARE GREATER

No Surplus of Sacks Likely on Pacific Coast—Serious Situation Confronts Burlap Trade in Eastern Sections.

Grain bags are quoted firm by local dealers at 13½ cents. The market has recovered from the weakness that prevailed in the latter part of July, and the indications are for higher prices.

It is pointed out that with the improvement in the crop outlook there can be no surplus of bags on the Coast this year. Well-posted grain men now estimate the wheat crop in the Northwest at 40,000,000 bushels, and according to California reports the barley crop of that state may go over 1,000,000 tons. With the enlarged needs of rice and potato growers, California dealers write that there is an actual prospect of a decided shortage of grain bags and a radical advance in prices.

In a review of the burlap situation, the New York Journal of Commerce says:

"The situation in burlap markets is far more serious than appears to be generally understood in the trade. The fact that the British Government has set a price of £45 a ton on jute, and that 10-ounce burlaps have been sold in this market at 13.50c a yard, prices that show advances of fully three times above normal, only indicate to the occasional buyer what is happening. The most deceiving thing in the market is the price range, as experienced merchants view it, and they have ceased to tell of the days when jute was called dear at £12 per ton, or burlaps high at 4c a yard.

"Conditions in the shipping end of the trade are not hard to comprehend. No neutral vessels are permitted to take on burlap or jute at Calcutta unless they are willing to accept return cargoes for the United Kingdom or ports of the allies. The latter do not propose to permit neutral vessels to enjoy all the benefits of commerce without some of the risks and without performing some part of the service due to those countries whence the commerce originates.

"Freight rates that were called high at 30s per ton before the war, are now up to 440s per ton, and 5 per cent war risk is added to this cost. Even when the cargo space is to be had, it is not always easy to get cargoes, for the reason that the British government is commandeering large quantities of burlap for war needs both for use here and abroad.

"In addition to the shipping situation, there is the financial situation in India and England that must be considered by those who need burlap here and elsewhere. Exchange is being controlled in order to conserve the purposes of the government and not impede war financing in any degree. From all that can be learned in banking circles the control is growing tighter and will last for a long time, as it is not proposed that individual merchants shall upset government plans either in India or in London.

"At most only half the normal requirements for burlaps are being met at the present time in the shipments that are being made. This was shown this week when a cable stated that 58,000,000 yards were shipped from Calcutta for East and West coasts and Canada. The shipments for this coast alone in some months before the war ran up to 60,000,000 yards and rarely went under 60,000,000 yards. At the present time there are large houses that have no goods coming that they can sell.

"Yesterday sales were made here of 10-ounce burlaps at 13.50c and some houses want 13.000 for the few bales they own. An offer of 13¾c for 10½-ounce was declined by one seller yesterday. There is some small trading going on at irregular figures, but the outstanding feature of the day was the report that some of the largest shippers from Calcutta cannot undertake new cargoes for September."

Commenting on the above article, a prominent Coast dealer in grain bags said:

"The 22x36-inch, 12-ounce grain bag, which is the standard grain bag referred to, is made out of cloth 37 inches wide, weighing 10 ounces for 40 inches wide, and, as you will note by the article referred to, the burlap itself of the dimensions and weight indicated, viz., 10 ounces, 40 inches, is selling in New York at 13½ cents per yard, so that the proportionate width of 37 inches of which 1 1-3 yards is required for one of these grain bags, is worth at the present time 16 cents per bag, to say nothing of the cost of manufacture, which is between three-quarters of a cent and one cent per bag."

IDAHO HAY CROP IS HARVESTED

Wheat Yield Is Cut Down by Continued Dry Weather.

Idaho crop conditions are reported by the Caldwell Commercial Bank in its monthly news letter as follows:

"The weather conditions the past month have been characterized by steady warm weather, absence of wind, and warm nights. The average Idahoan thinks he has not seen such continued hot weather since he migrated from the Mississippi Valley. The past few days have brought somewhat cooler days and cool nights.

"The first crop of hay has been put up without a drop of rain to injure it, the hay harvest lasting somewhat longer than usual on account of the shortage of help. The second cutting is about ready. Hay in the stack has been contracted quite freely to feeders at $12.50 per ton.

"The continued dry, hot weather has cut down the wheat crop in all dry land sections of the state, but in this irrigated section the yield promises to be good, although some wheat, even with plenty of water, may have ripened too quickly for the maximum yield. Grain harvest is starting this week.

"Dealers and all concerned are waiting the action of the Government in setting prices for wheat and corn. It is expected this will not be long delayed. The price set for wheat will influence strongly the price of other grains. New and strict grading rules went into effect July 1, which may raise new questions in the marketing of the wheat crop.

Hogs are quoted 14c f. o. b. Caldwell. The Portland market is paying $8.75 to $9.25 for top steers."

WHEAT AND OATS ARE FIRMER

Very Few Offerings on Market and Prices Are Higher.

The wheat market was firmer yesterday with a considerable demand for shipment East and also inquiry by Coast mills. Offerings by farmers were, as heretofore, very light and were quickly taken up at full prices. Very few oats are on the market and prices are firm.

The Liverpool grain cable said:

"Wheat dull, but steady, export offers lighter, arrivals absorbed, stocks everywhere light, need for continued importation apparent.

"Italy—Floods cause damage in south, dryness in north delaying harvest.

"Argentina—Weather favorable for growing crops, acreage fully 10 to 15 per cent larger than last year.

"India—Rain beneficial for grains, especially corn, and crops abundant, wheat reserves large, tonnage increasing.

"Australia—Weather more favorable, wheat supplies large, clearances large and shipments continue with freedom."

The weather forecast for the Middle-West, as wired from Chicago: "Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, generally fair, somewhat warmer northwest, not much change in eastern section. Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas mostly unsettled."

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland, Thurs.	4	....	6	....	3
Year ago	25	....	8	4	10
Season to date	73	9	52	66	77
Year ago	325	17	192	168	138
Tacoma, Wed.	11	....	....	....	4
Year ago	7	....	....	1	5
Season to date	85	1	....	10	82
Year ago	367	7	....	19	79
Seattle, Wed.	3	1	5	....	4
Year ago	11	1	18	6	20
Season to date	75	13	100	57	230
Year ago	407	17	209	125	254

WESTERN WOOL SALES AT BOSTON

Transfers of Idaho and Utah Clips in Original Bags.

Sales of territory wool at Boston in the past week, according to the Commercial Bulletin, have included some lots of Montana fine and half-blood wools for which as high as 69 cents is said to have been paid, although the majority of these wools have been sold at 65@68 cents, which would mean about $1.65@1.70, clean basis.

There have also been sold original sack Utah and Idaho wools of the fine and fine medium order, which have brought anywhere from 58@62 cents, according to the wool, or about $1.65 clean basis, occasionally a little more. Some Nevada and Wyoming wools have also been sold at about the same clean basis.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA PEACHES ARRIVE

Lemons Advance 50 Cents in California Market.

A car of California Elberta peaches was received yesterday and they were put on sale at 90c@$1. Good Oregon peaches were scarce. The demand for cantaloupes and melons was heavy. A car of ice cream melons arrived and they sold readily at 2½ cents a pound. Four cars of oranges and two cars of lemons were received. The lemon market is strong, having advanced 50 cents in two days.

The local shortage of new potatoes was relieved by the arrival of two cars from California. They were quoted steady at 3½ cents. Oregon new potatoes were lower except well matured stock.

Local Egg Trade Drags.

The egg market has been a slow affair this week, and with fair receipts prices are barely steady.

Top grade creamery butter was in good demand and firm, but lower grades were weak.

Poultry and dressed meats were steady.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,339,274	$238,824
Seattle	3,678,832	633,040
Tacoma	401,220	87,764
Spokane	1,022,071	87,272

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Bluestem, $2.25@2.28; fortyfold, $2.25; club, $2.23; red Russian, $2.20.

OATS—No. 1 white feed, $48@49 per ton.

BARLEY—No. 1 feed, $45 per ton.

FLOUR—Patents, $11.40; straights, $9.20@10.40; Valley, $10.60; whole wheat, $11.60; graham, $11.40.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $35 per ton; shorts, $35 per ton; middlings, $45; rolled barley, $31; rolled oats, $53.

CORN—White, $80 per ton; cracked, $81 per ton.

HAY—Producers' prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, old crop, nominal; alfalfa, new crop, $18@19; Valley cheat, new crop, $15@16; Valley oat and vetch, new crop, $16@17.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, Valencias, $3.25@4; lemons, $6.50@8 per box; bananas, 5½c per pound; grapefruit, $2.75@3.50.

VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, $1.25@2 per crate; cabbage, 1½c per pound; lettuce, 35@40c per dozen; cucumbers, 40@85c per dozen; peppers, 15@30c per pound; beans, 7@8c per pound; corn, 30@35c per dozen.

POTATOES—New Oregon, 2½@3c; California, 3½c per pound.

ONIONS—Walla Walla, $1.25; red, $1.15 per sack.

GREEN FRUITS—Cherries, 5@10c per pound; apricots, $1.25@1.50; cantaloupes, $1@3.00 per crate; peaches, 75c@$1.25 per box; watermelons, $1.85@2.25 per hundred; apples, $1.75@2.50; raspberries, $1.50; plums, $1.50@1.75; loganberries, $1.75; pears, $2@2.25; grapes, $2.50.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extras, 40@40½c; prime firsts, 39½c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 43c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 42c; No. 2, 40c.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook triplets, 22c; Young Americas, 23c; part skims, longhorns, 23c; Cous and Curry, f. o. b. Myrtle Point: Triplets, 21¾c; Young Americas, 22¾c per pound; longhorns, 22¾c per pound.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 36c per dozen; Oregon ranch, candled, 38c per dozen; selects, 39c.

POULTRY—Hens, 15@17c per pound; broilers, 17@19c; turkeys, 18@21c; ducks, old, 13@15c; young, 17@18½c; geese, old, 8@9c.

VEAL—Fancy, 14½@15c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 19½@20c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $8.90; Honolulu plantation, $8.85; beet, $8.70; extra C, $8.50; powdered, in barrels, $9.45; cubes, in barrels, $9.65.

SALMON—Columbia River 1-pound talls, $2.75 per dozen; one-half flats, $1.85; one-pound flats, $3.

HONEY—Choice, $3@3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, 13@22½c; Brazil nuts, 21c; filberts, 22c; almonds, 19@20c; peanuts, 10c; cocoanuts, $1.10 per dozen; pecans, 17½c.

BEANS—California, small white, 17c; large white, 16½c; Limas, 17½c; bayous, 13¼c; pink, 14c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@25c.

SALT—Granulated, $17.25 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $12.40 per ton; 50s, $13.15 per ton; 30s, $17.25 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 9@9½c per pound; blue rose, 8½c; Japan style, 7½@7¾c.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 12½c; peaches, 10@11c; prunes, Italian, 10½@12½c; raisins, 50c@$3 per box; dates, fard, $2.50@3 per box; currants, 19c; figs, $2@2.50 per box.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1916 crop, 8@10c; contracts, 15c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides (25 pounds up), 20c; salted stags (50 pounds and up), 16c; green and salted kip (15 pounds to 25 pounds), 20c; green and salted calf skins (up to 15 pounds), 32c; green hides (25 pounds and up), 13c; dry hides, 34c; dry calf, 40c; salt hides, 20c; dry horse hides, $1@2.50; salt horse hides, $3@5.

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 37c; dry short-wooled pelts, 25c; dry sheep shearlings, each, 15@30c; salt sheep shearlings, each, 25@50c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, fine, 58@61c per pound; coarse, 58@61c per pound; Valley, 72½@75c per pound.

MOHAIR—60@65c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—New, 7c; old, 8c per pound.

TALLOW—No. 1, 11c per pound; No. 2, 10c.

GRAIN BAGS—In car lots, 13½c.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 28c; standard, 27c; skinned, 25@26c; picnics, 21c; cottage rolls, 25c.

LARD—Tierce basis, kettle rendered, 23c; standard, pure, 22½c; compound, 18c.

BACON—Fancy, 38@40c; standard, 36@37c; choice, 28@34c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 24@27c; exports, 26@27c; plates, 22@24c.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; cases, 18½@22c.

GASOLINE — Bulk, 20½c; cases, 29c; naptha, drums, 19½c; cases, 28c; engine distillate, drums, 10½c; cases, 19c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $1.32; cases, $1.38; boiled, barrels, $1.34; cases, $1.41.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 62c; in cases, 69c.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Aug. 2.—Turpentine, firm, 37¾c; sales, 383 barrels; receipts, 513 barrels; shipments, 7 barrels; stock, 29,224 barrels.

Rosin, firm, sales, 1133 barrels; receipts, 1749 barrels; shipments, 165 barrels; stock, 86,593 barrels. Quote: B, D, E, F, G, $5.15; H, I, $5.15@5.20; K, $5.25; M, $5.65@5.75; N, $6.20@6.25; WG, $6.50@6.75; WW, $7.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Raw sugar, firm. Centrifugal, 7.02c; molasses, 6.14c. Refined, firm. Fine granulated, 8.15@8.50c.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Aug. 2.—Linseed on track and to arrive, $3.30; September, arrive, $3.30 bid.

WAR SHARES STRONG

Gains of One to Four Points in Active Industrials.

SHORT INTEREST SUFFERS

Alcohol Erratic Before Announcement of Large Dividend—Railroad Earnings Reports Favorable—Bonds Irregular.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Adverse weather conditions again accounted in large degree for today's limited stock dealings, but the market's undertone was one of steady strength, save for a few specialties whose uncertain course resulted from specific reasons.

Steels, coppers, leathers and oils comprise fully 70 per cent of the day's operations, which, so far as they had any initiative, were directed against the shorts.

United States Steel recorded a gross gain of 1⅝ points at 125⅝, and allied issues scored equal advances, but for the most part these were shaded fractionally by profit-taking before the end.

Central Leather was active and strong throughout, rising 4⅛ to 95⅛, and Hide & Leather preferred rose 2⅝. Texas Company, Mexican Petroleum made advances of 3½ and 2 points, respectively. Tidewater and Associated Oils gaining 2½ each.

Shippings ruled within narrow limits despite reports pointing to the forthcoming "nationalization" or Federal regulation of all vessels having American registry.

Industrial Alcohol was most erratic of all specialties, rising and falling within a 3-point radius on rumors that the dividend soon to be declared might prove disappointing. Dividends totalling 32 per cent were declared after the close of the market.

Peoples' Gas made an abrupt decline at the very close, losing 4 points at 71. Total sales amounted to 360,000 shares.

Several favorable June reports of railroad earnings, the continued strength of rubles, another large transfer of gold to Japan and the Bank of England statement disclosing a gold depreciation of slightly over $3,000,000, made up the day's conflicting news developments.

Bonds were irregular. Distillers 5s gaining 3½ points and Liberty 3½s varying from 99.35 to 99.40. Total sales, par value, aggregated $1,975,000. United States bonds old issues, were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Am Best Sugar	600	92⅛	92	92⅛
Am Can	1,900	99½	98½	98⅝
Am Car & Fdry	700	76½	76½	76½
Am Locomotive	400	73	72⅞	72⅞
Am Sm & Refg	1,900	104½	103⅝	103⅝
Am Sug Refg	1,200	122⅞	122½	122½
Am Tel & Tel	2,700	119	117½	118
Am Z L & S	700	24⅝	24½	24½
Anaconda Cop	3,300	78⅛	77½	77½
Atlantic	1,200	99⅞	99⅝	99⅝
A G & W I S S L	.....	.....	.....	103½
Balt & Ohio	300	69⅞	69⅝	69⅝
B & S Copper	200	37	37	37⅛
Calif Petroleum	700	20½	19	19
Canadian Pacif	600	161¼	161	161
Central Leather	45,300	95¼	91⅞	94½
Chesapeake & O	600	60	60	59⅞
Chi Mil & St P	800	69⅞	69½	69⅞
Chi & N W	.....	.....	.....	100
C R I & P ctfs	1,600	34⅞	34½	34⅞
Chino Copper	3,200	56	55⅛	55½
Colo Fu & Iron	.....	.....	.....	56
Corn Prod Refg	2,400	35¼	34⅝	34⅝
Crucible Steel	12,200	83	82	82½
Cuba Cane Sugar	600	40⅞	39⅝	39⅝
Distil Securities	12,500	28⅝	26½	28½
Erie	500	25	25	24⅞
General Electric	500	155½	154½	154
General Motors	3,900	115½	114½	114½
Gt Nor pfd	.....	.....	.....	104⅝
Gt Nor Ore ctfs	3,800	34½	33⅝	33⅝
Illinois Central	.....	.....	.....	102½
Inspiration Cop	3,400	58	56⅝	57⅞
Int M M pfd	3,800	88⅝	87½	87⅝
Int Nickel	2,000	39⅛	39	39
Int Paper	.....	.....	.....	24⅝
K C Southern	.....	.....	.....	22
Kennecott Cop	1,200	44	43⅝	43⅝
Louis & Nash	.....	.....	.....	124
Maxwell Motors	900	34⅝	34	34
Mexican Petrol	5,200	97⅛	96⅝	96⅝
Miami Copper	700	39⅛	38⅝	38⅝
Missouri Pacific	8,300	32⅞	32½	32⅞
Montana Power	200	89½	89½	89
Nevada Copper	1,400	23⅛	22⅞	23
N Y Central	700	89⅛	88⅝	88⅝
N Y N H & H	500	36⅞	36½	36
Norfolk & West	.....	.....	.....	127½
Northern Pacif	600	101⅝	101⅝	101
Pacific Mail	.....	.....	.....	20
Pennsylvania	500	51½	51½	51½
Pittsburg Coal	1,100	56⅞	56	55⅞
Ray Consol Cop	3,800	28½	28	28
Reading	4,500	95⅞	94½	94⅞
Rep I & S	10,100	92⅞	91⅛	92
Stat Arizona Cop	300	24⅞	24	24
Southern Pacif	300	94⅛	94	94
Southern Ry	500	27½	27⅛	27
Studebaker Cor	6,400	56⅝	55½	56⅛
Texas Co	1,500	191	187½	190¼
Union Pacific	800	136¼	135½	135⅞
U S Ind Alcohol	12,100	167½	161½	165⅞
U S Rubber	82,800	126⅞	124½	125⅞
do pfd	300	24⅞	24	24
Utah Copper	1,600	106	105⅝	105½
Utah Sec Corp	.....	.....	.....	23⅛
Western Union	.....	.....	.....	92⅞
Westing Elect	300	48⅞	48½	48½

Total sales for the day, 360,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	*96½	Nor Pac 3s	*76
do coupon	*96½	Pac Tel & Tel 5s	98
U S 3s reg	*99½	Pa con 4½s	*101
do coupon	*99½	S P ref 4s	86⅞
U S 4s reg	*104½	U P 4s	91½
do coupon	*104½	do conv 4s	*88⅝
Atch gen 4s	88⅝	U S Steel 5s	104
D & R G 4s	*57½	S P cv 5s	98⅝
N Y C deb 6s	102½	Anglo-Fr 5s	93⅞
Nor Pac 4s	87½		

*Bid.

Mining Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, Aug. 2.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	2	Mohawk	81
Ariz Com	12⅛	North Butte	17½
Calu & Ariz	28½	Old Dom	56
Calu & Hecla	535	Osceola	93⅛
Centennial	17	Quincy	83
Cop Range	60	Shannon	7⅛
East Butte	11⅛	Superior	7½
Franklin	8⅝	Superior & Bos	3⅝
Isle Royale	30½	Utah Con	15⅛
Kerr Lake	4⅞	Winona	3
Lake Cop	10⅝	Wolverine	45½

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Mercantile paper, 4¾ per cent.

Sterling, 60-day bills, $4.72; commercial 60-day bills on banks, $4.71¾; commercial 60-day bills, $4.71¼; demand, $4.75 7-16; cables, $4.76⅛. Francs, demand, 5.76½; cables, 5.75. Guilders, 42½; cables 42¾. Lires, demand, 7.23; cables, 7.22. Rubles, demand, 23.65; cables, 23.75.

Bar silver, 80c.

Mexican dollars, 62½c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

Time loans, firmer; 60-day bills, 4¼@4½ per cent; 90 days and six months, 4½@4¾ per cent.

Call money, steady; high, 2½ per cent; low, 2 per cent; ruling rate, 2½ per cent; last loan, 2¼ per cent; closing bid, 2 per cent; offered at 2¼ per cent.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Bar silver, 40⅝d per ounce.

Money, 4 per cent.

Discount rate, short bills, 4¾ per cent; three months' bills, 4 13-16 per cent.

Stocks Inactive at London.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—American securities were inactive on the Stock Exchange today.

COLD NIGHTS HELP GRAIN

HARVEST IS UNDER WAY IN INLAND EMPIRE.

First Wheat Reaching Spokane Is of Light Weight—Combines Working in Central Oregon.

Crop reports received by W. C. Wilkes, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, follow:

From R. S. Brown, S. P. & S. Railway, Spokane—I find in the territory tributary to Grangeville it is now estimated crop will be about 40 per cent of normal. Fall grain is in fair condition and should yield around 30 to 35 bushels. The Spring grain is in very poor condition and farmers are still hoping for rain to help the grain in maturing. This territory is in worse condition than the balance of the prairie, on account of heavier soil which did not dry out until late in the Spring, consequently grain was sown so late that it has not as yet matured.

Hay is in very poor condition, there being a great scarcity of Summer pasture, and stockmen are now looking for new grazing range and are anticipating a shortage of Winter feed. It will probably be necessary to ship hay into this territory for feed this Winter.

In the vicinity of Cottonwood, Winter wheat is also in fair condition, although it is reported to be unusually smutty. Spring grain is still very backward and many fields have not commenced to head.

Nez Perce prairie appears to have better crop prospects than the balance of the Camas Prairie district. Estimated Fall grain will average 35 bushels as against 45 last year and Spring grain 20 bushels, while last year's average was 30 bushels. A prominent dealer of Nez Perce estimates 60 per cent of last year's grain tonnage. On the lowlands between Culdesac and Lewiston, grain is in the shock and the threshing will commence this week. In the Asotin territory I understand Fall grain is yielding around 26 bushels to the acre. There is almost an entire crop failure on the light soil territory west of Lewiston to Snake River Junction. New grain will start coming into the warehouses in the Camas Prairie territory about August 15.

While travelling through the Palouse country I noticed that about 50 per cent of Fall grain was in the shock and threshing should start there in two weeks. The cold nights the past week have been of great benefit to all grains. In some cases the Spring grain looks fairly good, but the Spring crop as a whole will be very poor and I doubt if rain would do very much good at this time. The long warm dry spell has ripened and matured peas before the pods were completely filled.

From W. G. Paine, A. G. F. and P. A., S. P. & S., Spokane—Clear, calm and warmer today. No change in weather conditions forecasted. Move depending upon continued favorable harvest weather than rain. What little grain coming in now of light weight and small average yield. Frost at Davenport, July 29, did considerable damage. One-third grain crop expected in that district, two-thirds crop at Wilbur. Everything badly burned on the Rim Rock and on thin soil near river.

From Agent, Maryhill — Weather cooled off since rain previously reported. Hot yesterday and today, but cool nights, with dew; conditions not unfavorable.

From Agent, Roosevelt—Weather gradually growing warmer; harvesting is going on along the river and Bickleton district is starting, grain reported somewhat better than expected. It is now thought grain in Bickleton district will average 15 to 20 bushels. Districts along the river have shorter stand and will probably not average more than 10 bushels.

From Agent, Forest Grove—No change in conditions of crops since last report. Two-thirds crop of all grains expected, potatoes and beans not doing well. No rain, maximum temperature about 88.

From Agent, Baupin, Ore.—Weather continues hot and calm, but cools off at night. It will be about the last of August before main wheat hauling will be done. Combines are threshing now and that combined is being brought in, but main harvesting will be done with threshers. Must will let their grain sweat in stacks, and not until after this is over will the main haul commence. Takes about six weeks here for grain to thoroughly sweat after headed, but heading commenced better than two weeks ago. Developments still indicate our yield will be about 26 bushels.

From Agent, Hillsboro — No change in weather, crops are not losing anything.

From Agent, Madras—Weather has become warmer. Understand cutting is now in full swing, estimated average five to 10 bushels per acre. No important changes bearing on crop conditions since last report.

From Agent, Albany—Continued warm, dry weather; threshing started up first week. Some machines reporting Fall-sown wheat yielding as high as 24 bushels.

TRADE AT YARDS LIGHT

PRICES ARE QUOTED STEADY IN ALL LINES.

Bulk of Hogs Are Sold During Day at $15.40—No Sheep or Lambs Offered.

With but eight loads of stock received yesterday, trade at the North Portland yards was limited. On the whole, prices ruled steady. In the hog division the bulk of sales were at $15.40. A few good steers were sold at $8 to $8.75 and the best cows on the market brought $6.75. No sheep or lambs were offered.

Receipts were 135 cattle, 4 calves, 416 hogs and 50 sheep. Shippers were:

With hogs—C. W. Edwards, Monroe, one load.

With cattle—Cal Eaton, Creswell, one load; Brown & Cummings, Tulsa, two loads.

With calves—Wm. Nolan, Vader, Wash., one load.

With mixed loads—Robert McCrow, Goldendale, Wash., one load cattle, calves and hogs; W. E. Given, Estacada, one load hogs and sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
13 steers	846	$ 5.25	5 hogs	206	15.40
3 steers	173	5.25	10 hogs	173	15.40
1 heifer	720	5.25	18 hogs	187	14.50
2 heifers	171	5.25	2 hogs	425	14.40
2 cows	830	5.25	10 hogs	227	15.25
1 cow	1020	5.25	2 hogs	425	14.40
1 cow	1060	5.25	1 steer	1050	8.75
3 hogs	190	15.40	1 steer	1170	8.00
12 hogs	170	15.05	1 steer	1000	8.00
27 hogs	180	15.40	29 steers	1104	7.50
10 hogs	221	15.40	31 steers	1027	7.00
1 hog	250	15.50	1 cow	1210	6.75
71 hogs	215	15.40	1 cow	1100	6.75
28 hogs	180	15.40	1 cow	980	5.75
1 hog	370	14.50	1 cow	1290	4.75
98 hogs	197	15.40			

Prices at the Portland Union Stockyards follow:

Cattle—	
Best beef steers	$ 8.50@ 9.00
Good beef steers	7.50@ 8.00
Best beef cows	5.75@ 6.75
Medium to good cows	4.00@ 5.75
Best heifers	5.75@ 6.75
Bulls	4.50@ 6.00
Calves	8.50@ 9.25
Stocker and feeder steers	4.50@ 7.25
Hogs—	
Prime light	15.50@15.60
Prime heavy	15.40@15.50
Pigs	14.00@14.50
Sheep—	
Lambs	10.50@12.00
Yearlings	8.50@ 9.00
Wethers	8.00@ 8.50
Ewes	8.50@ 6.50

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Aug. 2.—Hogs—Receipts, 10,000, steady. Heavy, $14.80@15.80; mixed, $14.70@15; light, $14.50@15.25; pigs, $12.50@14.50; bulk of sales, $14.70@15.

Cattle—Receipts, 2800, market steady to stronger. Native steers, $9@14; cows and heifers, $6.50@9.50; Western steers, $8@11.50; Texas steers, $7@8.50; cows and heifers, $6@8.50; canners, $5@5.50; stockers and feeders, $6@9; calves, $8@12.50; bulls, stags, etc., $5.50@8.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 6900, market steady to lower. Yearlings, $9.50@10.50; wethers, $9@10.25; ewes, $8@9; lambs, $14@14.25.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Hogs—Receipts, 19,000, unsettled, 5c lower to a shade advance compared with yesterday's average. Bulk, $15.10@15.45; light, $14.70@15.15; mixed, $14.55@15.30; heavy, $14.40@15.30; rough, $14.40@14.65; pigs, $11.50@14.25.

Cattle—Receipts, 6000, weak. Native beef cattle, $7.50@14; Western steers, $8.15@11.40; stockers and feeders, $5.75@9; cows and heifers, $4.30@11.00; calves, $5.50@13.

Sheep—Receipts, 9000, weak. Wethers, $7.60@10.65; lambs, $9.75@14.90.

First Klickitat Valley Wheat Sold.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.) The first new-crop wheat in the Klickitat Valley was delivered at the interior warehouse in Goldendale today by Ira Van Aelst, a farmer on the Little Klickitat River, near Goldendale. Mr. Van Aelst got 196 sacks off of 19 acres. The wheat is of the red hybrid variety and sold for $1.65 per bushel.

Combined harvesters have been operating in some sections of the Klickitat Valley for the past week, but all wheat cut and threshed by combines so far has been on high ground and thin soil and is reported to be running from eight to 12 sacks per acre. Heading crews in the heavier grain of the Swale section predict that many fields will run from 40 to 50 bushels.

Spring grain is looking much better than expected and, while the rain has fallen, many fields will still make a profitable crop to harvest.

Praise for Klamath County Wheat.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Praise for Klamath County wheat is given by E. L. Dovaney, of the Albers Brothers Milling Company, who declares that the wheat purchased by him on his trip last Autumn was of the highest quality ever bought by his house, testing out 46 per cent in wet gluten, an unusually high percentage, thus making it exceptionally desirable for milling purposes. Dovaney is here now looking over the ground preparatory to buying again this Fall.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Evaported apples, quiet.

Prunes, steady.

Peaches, quiet.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Butter, unchanged.

Eggs, receipts, 14,745 cases, unchanged.

WHEAT UP 13 CENTS

Bulge Results From Covering When Offers Are Scarce.

PRIMARY RECEIPTS LIGHT

Corn Advances Owing to Disappointment Over Scantiness of Rainfall in Southwest and Increased Industrial Demand.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Corn ran up in value today, owing to disappointment over the scantiness of rains in the Southwest and to increasing urgency of industrial demand. The market closed firm, 1⅝ to 2c net higher at $1.17⅝ to 1.17¾ for December, and $1.15⅝ for May. Wheat finished strong, 13c up at $2.31 for September. Oats gained 1⅛ to 1⅜c and provisions 20 to 42c.

It was quickly apparent to a majority of corn traders that the relief which rains had afforded to crops in the Southwest and elsewhere did not amount to nearly as much as expected. The result was persistent buying, that in the end caused sellers to become discouraged and made shorts more and more desirous to cover as prices continued to advance. Meanwhile, distillers and other large users of corn were competing sharply for all the immediately available supply. No. 2 white spot delivery jumped in consequence to $2.40 a bushel, a fresh higher price record. This advance counted as an evident stimulus to the bull side of the market for futures, and so, too, did weather forecasts that promised no more than slight showers anywhere.

Wheat prices fluctuated widely on a very limited trade. Note was taken of the fact that primary receipts were less than a third of the total at the corresponding time last year. By far the greater portion of the day's advance, however, took place in the last few minutes of the session as the result of a little short covering when the market was bare of offers.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Sept.	$2.20	$2.31	$2.18	$2.31
CORN.				
Dec.	1.15⅝	1.17¾	1.15⅝	1.17¾
May	1.13⅞	1.15⅝	1.13⅞	1.15⅝
OATS.				
Sept.	.59	.60⅝	.58⅞	.60½
Dec.	.59⅞	.61	.59⅞	.60⅞
MESS PORK.				
Sept.	40.80	41.15	40.80	41.10
LARD.				
Sept.	21.07	21.62	21.07	21.52
Oct.	21.20	21.75	21.20	21.67
SPARE RIBS.				
Sept.	22.00	22.32	22.00	22.22
Oct.	21.95	22.30	21.92	22.12

Cash prices were as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, $2.52; No. 2 hard, $2.68; No. 3 hard, $2.62.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, $2.38@2.34½; No. 3 yellow, $2.32½@2.34½; No. 4 yellow, nominal.

Oats—No. 3 white, 78@78½c; standard, 82@83.

Rye—No. 2, $2.10@2.12.

Barley—$1.25@1.52.

Timothy—$4.00@7.50.

Clover—$12.00@17.00.

Primary receipts: Wheat, 606,000 vs. 1,030,000 bushels; corn, 538,000 vs. 576,000 bushels; oats, 306