FINE GROWTH MADE

Fall-Sown Grain Continues in Good Condition.

SPRING CROP NEEDS RAIN

Seeding Being Completed in Later Sections — Farming Operations Generally Ahead of Average. Small Damage to Fruit.

Crop conditions in the state are, in the main, favorable, though warm rains are needed. The Oregon weekly crop report, issued yesterday by the Weather Bureau, says:

"Reports of cold, unfavorable weather were received from nearly all districts and desiccating northerly winds in some southern and eastern counties, with frosty nights the latter part of the week, checked the growth of vegetation.

"Conditions were favorable for farming operations, although the need of rain was beginning to be apparent in practically all parts of the state, and at the close of the week farm work was about or somewhat ahead of that of the average season.

"Winter wheat, oats and rye continue in splendid condition, and in some localities made fine growth, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather.

"Barley, Spring wheat and oats seeding continued, and this work was fast being completed in the later districts. Much of the early sown is up to fairly good stands, but needs rain for proper germination.

"The growth of grass was held back by dry, cold weather and pastures were beginning to need rain badly. In eastern counties the springs and small streams on the range are going dry much earlier than usual, owing to light snowfall during the past Winter.

"While some stock are thin, they are generally picking up, and the greater number are now on range and in very good shape.

"Frosts were frequent during the latter part of the week and that on the 25th caused some injury to pears in the Rogue River Valley; otherwise there appears to have been no material damage to late fruit, which is in full bloom in nearly all districts, with excellent weather for pollination. A peculiar blossom blight is causing damage to the pear crop in Marion County.

"Preparations for corn planting continued and considerable planting has been done in the western portion of the state, with some up and looking good in Douglas County. Potato planting is also under way and some of the first planted are beginning to show above the ground. The decreased acreage reported seems to be due principally to a shortage of labor necessary for planting, cultivating and harvesting crops.

"Warm rains are much needed for all crops."

MODERATE DEMAND FOR POTATOES.

Tone of Market Is Stronger at Country Points—Jobbing Trade Slow.

There was a moderate demand for potatoes at country points and the tone of the market was stronger. Buying prices ranged from 75 to 85 cents for U. S. No. 1 Burbanks. There was no improvement in the jobbing market.

Destinations of latest coast shipments were reported as follows:

From California—Calexico, 1; El Paso, 4; Stockton, 1; Camp Kearney, 1; Phoenix, 1.

From Washington—Agassiz, B. C., 1; Seattle, 3; Sunnyside, 1; Regina, B. C., 1; Selah, 1.

From Oregon—Great Falls, 1; Los Angeles, 1; Stockton, 4.

Market conditions as reported by wire were as follows:

Butte—No fresh arrivals. Rurals, sacked, $1.

Spokane—Movement slow, market stronger. Yakima, $1@1.25. Farmers holding for higher prices.

Houston—Supplies light. Demand and movement good, market firm. California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, Burbanks and Russetts, $2@2.25.

Omaha—Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate. Market steady. Idaho, Colorado and Montana, Mixed Whites, $1.50@1.75.

Denver—Demand and movement good, better feeling but no advance in price. Greeley District Mixed Whites, best $1.15; Western Slope McClures, $1.50@1.75.

COARSE GRAINS CONTINUE TO DECLINE

Oats $1 Lower and Corn $5 Under Bid of Preceding Day.

Coarse grain prices continue to decline, with little or no local demand and prices steadily falling in the East. At the Merchants' Exchange oats were $1 lower on bid than on Tuesday, while offers for corn were $5 under those of the preceding day.

Snow's report on Eastern grain conditions was bearish. He put the condition of Winter wheat at 83.4 per cent versus 79.3 per cent on April 1 and 69.9 a year ago. Total crops prospects 577,000,000 bushels versus 566,000,000 bushels last year. Acreage of oats will show a heavy increase and crop is started under exceptionally favorable conditions.

Bradstreet's estimates the world's visible supply of wheat decreased 6,981,000 bushels, the corn supply decreased 1,050,000 bushels and the oats supply decreased 656,000 bushels.

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Wed.	2	....	5	1	10
Year ago	28	....	....	6	2
Season to date	5663	288	1049	1407	2106
Year ago	4988	219	1311	2169	2572
Tacoma, Tues.	49	1	....	3	1
Year ago	11	....	....	....	4
Season to date	5855	88	....	281	1602
Year ago	5683	127	....	314	1889
Seattle, Tues.	24	6	5	4	24
Year ago	7	1	7	3	4
Season to date	4874	310	1061	1949	2626
Year ago	4667	309	1527	1292	3812

YAKIMA WOOLS COMING TO PORTLAND

One Hundred Thousand Pounds Received From Coffin Bros.

The first shipment of wool received this season from Coffin Bros., of North Yakima, the largest woolgrowers in Washington, was received by the Portland Wool Warehouse Company yesterday. The shipment amounted to 100,000 pounds.

J. V. Burke, vice-president of the Portland Wool Warehouse Company, says this is an indication of the progress of Portland and the company, establishing the fact that Portland is and will continue to be the greatest wool center in the West. When such growers as Coffin Brothers ship such a large quantity of wool to this market it is fully demonstrating the feeling of the growers in general towards Portland as a wool center.

FLORIN BERRIES SLIGHTLY LOWER

Receipts Largest of Season to Date—Green and Waxed Beans Arrive.

Receipts of Florin strawberries yesterday were larger than anticipated and they sold lower than on the preceding day. Oregon plums brought $3.50 a crate and Jessies averaged $2.50 a crate.

Among the vegetable arrivals from California were green and wax beans, which were quoted at 22½ cents, and the first hamper peas, which sold at 8@8½ cents. Receipts included a car each of lettuce, cabbage and mixed vegetables.

Egg Market Is Easier.

The egg market was quoted weak by the leading handlers, owing to the sharp decline in the San Francisco market. If the lower price in the south is maintained reduced quotations locally are expected.

There were no new developments in the butter market. Receipts were fairly large and prices were unchanged.

There was a moderate supply of dressed meats and poultry on hand and all lines cleaned up at steady prices.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$3,151,816	$ 657,293
Seattle	4,866,702	1,268,621
Tacoma	642,157	93,386
Spokane	1,220,624	324,629

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

May delivery.	Bid.
Oats, No. 2 white feed	$59.00
Eastern oats and corn in bulk—	
Oats, No. 3 white	55.00
38-pound clipped, white	57.00
Corn, No. 3 yellow	55.00
No. 3 mixed	55.00

WHEAT—Bulk basis, Portland, for No. 1 grade: Hard wheat—Bluestem, Early Bart, Allen Galgalus, Martin Amber, $2.03. Soft white—Palouse, bluestem, forty-fold, White Valley, Gold Coin, White Russian, $2.03. White club—Little club, Jenkins' club, white hybrids, Sonora, $2.01. Red Walla—Red Russian, red hybrids, Jones' fife, Coppell, $1.98. No 2 grade, 3c less; No. 3 grade, 6c less. Other grains handled by samples.

FLOUR—Patents, $10; Valley, $9.60; whole wheat, $9.60; graham, $9.20; barley flour, $14.50@15 per barrel in 98-pound sacks; rye flour, $10.75@12.75 per barrel; cornmeal, rolled oats, $76.

MILLFEED—Net millfeed prices, car lots: Bran, $30 per ton; shorts, $32 per ton; middlings, $39; mixed oats and less than carloads, 50c more; rolled barley, $75@76; feed wheat, $71.

CORN—Whole, $76; cracked, $77 per ton.

HAY—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, $29@30 per ton; Valley timothy, $30; alfalfa, $24@24.50; Valley grain hay, $26@28; clover, $21; straw, $9@10.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extras, 38@39c; prime firsts, 37½c; prints, extras, 44c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 43c delivered.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 35½c; candled, 36½c; selects, 37½c per dozen.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook, triplets, 23½c; Young Americas, 24c per pound; Cows and Curry, f. o. b. Myrtle Point: Triplets, 23c; Young Americas, 24c per pound; longhorns, 24c per pound; ½c discount to Portland trade.

POULTRY—Hens, 27@28c; broilers, 40@42c; ducks, nominal; geese, nominal; turkeys, live, 27@28c; dressed, 31c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 19@19½c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 23½@24c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

FRUITS—Oranges, Valencias, $6@7; lemons, $8.25@7 per box; bananas, 7@7½c per pound; grapefruit, $3.50@6.75; apples, $1.50@2.75 per box; strawberries, $2.25@3.50 per crate.

VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, $3@3.50 per crate; cabbage, 3½@3¾ per pound; lettuce, $3@3.25 per crate; cucumbers, $1.25@2 per dozen; cauliflower, $1.25@1.50 per dozen; artichokes, 85c per dozen; garlic, 7c; celery, $5 per crate; peppers, 15@35c per pound; rhubarb, $1.85@2.25 per box; asparagus, $1.25 per dozen; spinach, $1.25 per crate.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, $1.15 per sack; turnips, $1.50; parsnips, $1.25; beets, $2.

POTATOES—Oregon Burbanks, 75@90c per hundred; new California, 8@9c per pound.

ONIONS—Jobbing prices, 1@1½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Sack basis: Fruit and berry, $7.37½; beet, $7.77½; extra C, $7.47½; powdered, in barrels, $8.57½; cubes, in barrels, $8.77½.

NUTS—Walnuts, 24½c; Brazil nuts, 18@21c; filberts, 22@23c; almonds, 19@22c; peanuts, 12@18c; cocoanuts, $1.10 per dozen.

BEANS—California jobbing prices: Small white, 14c; large white, 13c; bayou, 10½c; lima, 12½c; pink, 9½c. Oregon beans, buying prices: White, 9c; colored, 7c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@23c.

SALT—Granulated, $10.75 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $15 per ton; 50s, $16 per ton; dairy, $18.75 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 9@9½c per pound; Blue Rose, $4; Japanese style, 8¼@8½c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 13½c; peaches, 11@12c; prunes, Italian, 11@13c; raisins, 85c @$3 per box; dates, dromedary, $5.25@5.50 per box; currants, 19c; figs, $1.25@3.50 per box.

Provisions.

Local jobbing quotations:

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 34c; standard, 33c; skinned, 29@29c; picnics, 24c; cottage roll, 31c.

LARD—Tierce basis, standard pure, 28½c; compound, 23½c.

BACON—Fancy, 48@50c; standard, 44@46c; choice, 40@43c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 29@33c; experts, 30@..c; plates, 24@26c.

Hides and Pelts.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 lbs. and up, 12c; salted stags, 50 lbs. and up, 10c; salted and green kip, 15 to 25 lbs., 12c; salted and green calf, 10 to 15 lbs., 21c; green hides, 25 lbs. and up, 9c; green stags, 50 lbs. and up, 8c; dry flint hides, 25c; dry flint calf, 28c; horse hides, $1.25@1.50; salted horse hides, $3@4.

PELTS—Dry long-wool pelts, 40c; dry short-wool pelts, 35@30c; salted pelts, April takeoff, $3@4.

Hops, Wool, Etc.

HOPS—1917 crop, 15@16c per pound; contracts, 17c.

WOOL—Nominal.

MOHAIR—Oregon, new clip, 45c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—New and old, 8½@9c per pound.

TALLOW—No. 1, 14c per pound; No. 2, 12c per pound.

Oils.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 20½c; cases, 29c; naphtha, drums, 19½c; cases, 28c; engine distillate, drums, 10½c; cases, 16c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $1.67; cases, $1.77; boiled, barrels, $1.69; cases, $1.79.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 65c; cases, 75c.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Current on Eggs, Vegetables, Fresh Fruit, Etc., at Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—Butter—Extras, 41@42½c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 39½c; extra firsts, 39c; firsts, 38½c; fresh extra pullets, 35c.

Poultry—Leghorn hens, 28@30c; young roosters, 45c; broilers, 38@46c; fryers, 43@48c; squabs, 45c; pigeons, $2.50; geese, 30c; turkeys, live, 25@28c.

Vegetables—Green peas, 3@4c; asparagus, 2½@3c; squash, cream, $1@1.25; hubbard, $1.25 sack; summer, $1.50; eggplant, 10@17c; peppers, Mexican green chiles, 10@15c; Mexican bell peppers, 12½@17½c; tomatoes, $1.50@1.75; lettuce, $1.25@1.50; celery, $1.75@2.25; potatoes, $1.50@1.65; sweet, $5@7.50; new, 2½@3c; onions, on dock, Australian brown, 75c@$1; green, 75c@$1; garlic, 2@3c; cauliflower, 40@60c; beets, 75c@$1; carrots, cauliflower, 40@60c; beets, 75c@$1; carrots, $1; turnips, 75c@$1; rhubarb, 75@90c; cabbage, 1½c; artichokes, $2.50@3.50; cucumbers, $1.50@2.25; string beans, green, 8@10c; wax, 8@10c.

Fruit—Lemons, $4@5.50; grapefruit, $2@2.75; oranges, Valencias, $5.50@6; navels, $5.75@6.50; bananas, Hawaiian, 6½@7c; pineapples, nominal; apples, California, $1.25@1.85 per box; strawberries, Santa Clara Valley, $6.50@9.

Receipts—Flour, 4537 quarters; barley, 1870 centals; beans, 603 sacks; potatoes, 4087 sacks; hay, 150 tons; hides, 454; wine, 13,350 gallons.

Coffee Futures Quiet.

NEW YORK, May 1.—There was no fresh feature in the market for coffee futures today, and trading continued quiet. It is supposed that a somewhat stronger technical position developed during the progress of the recent decline, however, and prices were generally firm today on scattered coverings. The opening was unchanged to 1 point higher, with the market closing net unchanged to 6 points higher. Near months were relatively firm, with July selling at 8.28c, while March held around 8.66c. May, 8.08c; July, 8.28c; September, 8.36c; October, 8.39c; December, 8.47c; January, 8.53c; March, 8.66c.

Spot coffee dull. Rio 7s, 8¾c; Santos 4s, 11c. No fresh offers were reported in the cost and freight market.

Clearances from Rio and Santos for the United States last month amounted to 504,000 bags, with the visible supply of this country showing a decrease of only 110,000 bags.

The official cables reported no change in the primary markets except Santos futures, which were unchanged to 25 reis lower. Santos cleared 67,000 bags for New York. Brazilian port receipts, 31,000 bags.

Dried Fruits at New York.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Evaporated apples, nominal. Prunes, scarce. Apricots and peaches firm. Raisins steady.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Spot cotton, steady; middling, 28.70c.

Hops, Etc., at New York.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Hops, hides and wool, unchanged.

PRIME BEEF HIGHER

Top-Grade Steers Bring $15.50 at North Portland.

QUARTER OVER LAST WEEK

Entire Cattle List Is Strong—Dozen Loads Are Received by Packers Direct From Montana—Hog Market Is Barely Steady.

The most important development in trading at the stockyards yesterday was the sale of a half dozen head of strictly prime steers at $15.50. This price is 50 cents above the ruling market and 25 cents more than was obtained for the same class of cattle last week. The deal indicated clearly the pronounced strength of the local cattle market, which, as the Pacific Stockyards company says in its weekly market letter, is a full 75 cents to $1 a hundred higher than any other market on the Coast. Among the day's receipts were a dozen head of Montana cattle, which came direct to packers.

The hog market was moderately steady in tone, though $17.75 was the best price quoted, and the bulk of sales were at $17.65.

The monthly report of livestock at the stockyards published by the Bureau of Markets shows an increase in the number of stocker and feeder cattle, hogs and sheep shipped out during the first quarter of 1918 as compared with the same period last year. The number of stocker and feeder cattle shipped from 83 stockyards represents more than 17 per cent of the total receipts at these markets, while the number shipped from the same markets during the first quarter of last year represented slightly more than 19 per cent of the receipts. Thus it is seen that, although the actual number of thin cattle shipped from the 33 markets up to April 1, this year, was in excess of the number shipped during the corresponding period last year, the ratio of shipments to receipts decreased by 2 per cent. Although the actual number of stock hogs shipped back to the country is not great, these shipments from 18 markets during the first three months this year represented 2 per cent of the receipts as compared to 1.3 per cent in the corresponding perior last year. Likewise shipments of feeder sheep from 19 markets during the first quarter increased both in actual numbers and in proportion to receipts, the number shipped in 1917 being slightly more than 8 per cent of the receipts as compared with 12 per cent this year.

Local receipts yesterday were 584 cattle, 43 calves, 345 hogs and 84 sheep. Shippers were:

With hogs—Overton & Cushman, Brownsville, 1 load.

With cattle—R. B. Caswell, Red Rock, Mont., 3 loads; F. Lind, Butte, Mont., 9 loads; C. M. Severe, Corning, Cal., 3 loads; F. A. Haggerdorn, Tehama, Cal., 1 load; M. R. Walton, Lone Oak, Cal., 2 loads; J. Leinhold, Canby, 1 load.

With mixed loads—McMahan & Frum, Halsey, 1 load hogs and sheep; F. Brown, Corning and Red Bluff, Cal., 2 loads cattle, calves and hogs; C. P. Hembree, Monmouth, 1 load cattle, calves and hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
1 hog	120	$15.75	1 cow	800	$ 5.50
3 hogs	600	15.65	1 cow	900	7.50
5 hogs	720	16.90	1 cow	732	8.50
18 hogs	200	17.65	1 heifer	910	12.50
10 hogs	206	17.50	1 cow	710	6.50
39 hogs	176	17.65	1 cow	770	6.75
4 hogs	302	16.65	4 cows	957	10.25
1 hog	220	17.65	1 bull	1330	9.25
13 hogs	227	17.50	2 heifers	625	11.00
7 hogs	196	17.50	1 heifer	1290	10.10
8 hogs	219	17.50	2 cows	760	8.00
2 hogs	225	17.50	1 cow	860	11.25
2 hogs	320	16.65	15 calves	127	6.00
2 hogs	245	17.50	2 calves	220	11.00
4 hogs	265	17.50	2 cows	720	6.00
1 hog	240	17.50	4 cows	730	8.50
4 hogs	197	17.50	1 heifer	580	7.50
1 hog	180	16.25	5 heifers	618	10.50
1 hog	230	17.65	2 heifers	750	6.75
1 hog	290	17.65	1 cow	940	8.00
1 hog	250	17.50	1 cow	940	7.50
44 hogs	182	17.65	8 cows	740	10.25
30 hogs	189	17.65	2 cows	1050	5.00
7 hogs	131	17.65	1 heifer	750	11.00
21 hogs	195	17.65	2 calves	360	10.50
2 hogs	370	17.65	3 calves	140	12.50
2 hogs	140	16.00	1 bull	440	8.00
1 hog	190	17.50	11 hogs	178	17.40
1 hog	230	17.50	1 hog	120	15.75
1 steer	1080	14.00	18 hogs	202	17.65
6 steers	1321	15.50	2 hogs	225	17.50
1 steer	680	10.00	6 hogs	210	17.65
2 steers	750	15.00	1 hog	320	16.65
1 steer	1150	14.00	2 hogs	243	17.50
2 steers	1315	9.00	2 hogs	205	17.50
1 steer	1050	11.00	1 hog	240	17.50
1 steer	1070	14.50	4 hogs	197	17.75
11 steers	1350	14.50	4 hogs	65	16.00
3 steers	1052	14.50	2 hogs	55	16.00
26 steers	1066	15.00	2 hogs	75	16.00
1 cow	950	7.00	1 hog	230	17.65
1 cow	950	10.00	1 hog	280	17.65
1 cow	1040	10.50	1 hog	260	17.50
1 cow	890	6.50	6 hogs	180	17.65
1 cow	980	7.00	15 hogs	152	18.25
5 cows	836	9.10	10 hogs	60	17.00
4 heifers	937	10.50	1 hog	230	17.00
3 cows	869	10.50	1 calf	210	12.00

Prices current at the local yards are as follows:

Cattle—	Prices.
Good to choice steers	$14.00@15.00
Medium to good steers	12.75@13.75
Fair to medium steers	11.75@12.75
Choice cows and heifers	12.25@14.00
Com. to good cows and heifers	7.75@12.75
Canners	5.00@ 7.00
Bulls	7.00@11.50
Calves	8.75@13.00
Hogs—	
Prime mixed	17.65@17.75
Medium mixed	17.25@17.50
Rough heavy	16.25@16.50
Pigs	15.00@16.00
Sheep—	
Prime Spring lambs	19.50@20.00
Heavy lambs	16.50@18.00
Yearlings	15.00@15.25
Wethers	13.00@13.50
Ewes	12.00@12.50

DESTINATIONS OF STOCK LOADED

Shipments En Route to Leading Livestock Markets of Country.

Destinations of livestock loaded April 30. (Double decks counted as two cars):

	Cattle, Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses, Mules.	Mixed Stock.
Austin	5	25	...	...	...
Boston	13	79	4	...	...
Buffalo	3	4	3	...	6
Cedar Rapids	2	13	...	...	...
Chicago	355	285	118	4	47
Cincinnati	14	26	...	...	9
Cleveland	6	8	...	...	15
Cudahy	9	62	...	...	3
Denver	28	33	12	...	...
Detroit	24	27	2	...	57
East St. Louis	89	192	7	2	44
Fort Worth	158	4	10	12	4
Indianapolis	46	57	1	2	46
Jersey City	7	6	4	1	...
Kansas City	366	202	18	1	65
Los Angeles	49	7	10	...	...
Louisville	3	7	...	...	8
Milwaukee	23	31	...	...	26
New York	59	34	26	...	4
Ogden	4	4	3	...	...
Oklahoma City	27	19	...	...	1
Omaha	211	194	127	1	42
Ottumwa	8	25	...	...	...
Pittsburg	13	6	...	...	5
Portland	19	1	...	...	3
St. Joseph	97	103	8	1	24
Salt Lake City	4	3	52	3	1
St. Paul	88	69	4	1	155
San Francisco	61	3	29	...	...
Seattle	7	4	...	...	1
Sioux City	107	155	6	...	4
Sioux Falls	5	18	...	...	...
Spokane	4	6	...	...	...
Tacoma	...	1	...	...	...
Wichita	77	14	...	...	24
Various	1106	139	787	65	12
Totals	3071	2110	1242	86	613
One week ago	3462	1811	642	101	462
Four weeks ago	2946	1915	671	163	473

State origins of livestock loaded April 30:

	Cattle, Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses, Mules.	Mixed Stock.
For Portland—					
California	4	1	...	...	...
Montana	10	...	...	...	...
Oregon	...	...	...	...	3
Utah	5	...	...	...	...
T'l Portland	19	1	...	...	3
One week ago	4	4	5	...	1
Four weeks ago	3	2	2	1	4
For Seattle—					
Idaho	...	2	...	...	...
Oregon	3	1	...	...	1
South Dakota	...	1	...	...	...
Washington	4	...	...	...	...
T'l Seattle	7	4	...	...	1
One week ago	...	1	...	...	1
Four weeks ago	8	2	...	...	...

Dressed Meat Trade Conditions.

Reports on Eastern meat trade conditions May 1 (8:30 A. M., Eastern time):

Beef.

Boston—Beef, fresh: Receipts, liberal, several cars reported in not yet unloaded, movement to freezer heavy, market dull and draggy, demand very slow. Kosher beef: Supply liberal, market steady to firm, demand good.

New York—Beef, fresh: Receipts moderate but in excess of demand, market fairly steady, demand slow. Kosher chucks: Supply moderate, market quiet, demand fair. Hinds and ribs: Supply liberal, market weak, demand slow.

Philadelphia—Beef, fresh: Receipts liberal, no change in prices, buying very light. Kosher beef: Supply normal, market steady, demand fair.

Los Angeles—Beef, fresh: Supply adequate, market shows 50c advance, demand quiet.

Pork.

Boston—Supply moderate, no change in prices, demand slow.

New York—Receipts moderate, market steady, demand fair.

Philadelphia—Receipts normal, market dull, demand only fair.

Los Angeles—Supply adequate, market strong, demand light.

Lamb.

Boston—Receipts moderate with rather a heavy accumulation since Monday, market dull, demand light.

New York—Receipts moderate, market draggy, demand slow.

Philadelphia—Receipts liberal, market weak, demand very light.

Los Angeles—Supply normal, market steady, demand fair.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, May 1.—Hogs—Receipts, 23,000, slow, 10c under yesterday's average. Bulk, $17.10@17.60; light, $17.10@17.70; mixed, $16.80@17.65; heavy, $16@17.35; rough, $16@16.40; pigs, $13.50@17.25.

Cattle—Receipts, 7000, weak. Native steers, $10.25@17.60; stockers and feeders, $8.35@12.50; cows and heifers, $6.85@13.90; calves, $7.50@14.

Sheep—Receipts, 9000, weak. Sheep, $12.75@16.70; lambs, $15.50@20.65.

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, May 1.—Hogs—Receipts, 17,000, market 15c to 20c lower. Heavy, $16.60@16.80; mixed, $16.65@16.85; light, $16.70@17.05; pigs, $10.50@15.50; bulk of sales, $16.65@16.85.

Cattle—Receipts, 8400, market steady to 10c higher. Native steers, $11.40@17.50; cows and heifers, $9.50@13.50; Western steers, $10@14.50; Texas steers, $9@11.50; cows and heifers, $9@11.50; canners, $7.50@8.75; stockers and feeders, $8@13.25; calves, $10@75; bulls, stags, etc., $9@13.

Sheep—Receipts, 5300, market steady to strong. Yearlings, $16.50@17.50; wethers, $14.50@16.50; ewes, $13.75@16.25; lambs, $19.20@20.20.

CORN MARKET TUMBLES

OFFERS ARE MADE BY EAST TO RESELL CASH GRAIN.

Fresh Peace Gossip Also Affects Prices at Chicago—Weather Favorable for Planting.

CHICAGO, May 1.—Corn prices tumbled today, owing to general liquidation brought on largely by reports that the East was offering to resell cash grain and by fresh gossip regarding peace. The market closed weak at the same as yesterday's finish to 2⅞c lower, with May $1.27¾ and July $1.45⅞ to $1.43⅞. Oats lost 1⅛c to 1⅜ @1¾c. In provisions there was an advance of 12c to 40c.

At the outset, new developments touching peace efforts gave considerable impulse to selling of corn and so, too, did warmer weather that pointed to increased planting. Assertions later that receipts at Kansas City and St. Louis would be light from now on led to a moderate rally, but before midday the selling broadened again and weakness became acute in the last hour.

Oats were ruled by the same factors which governed corn.

Provisions went upgrade chiefly on account of knowledge that May deliveries of lard, aggregating 1,000,000 pounds, had gone into strong hands.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
CORN.				
May	$1.27¼	$1.27⅜	$1.27¼	$1.27¼
July	1.48¼	1.48⅜	1.45⅛	1.45⅞
OATS.				
May	.79½	.80⅛	.77⅞	.77⅞
July	.71⅞	.71⅞	.68⅞	.69⅛
MESS PORK.				
May	.....	45.90	45.70	45.75
July	45.40	45.75	45.40	45.65
LARD.				
May	24.60	25.00	24.60	24.72
July	24.97	25.35	24.92	25.10
SHORT RIBS.				
May	22.55	23.00	22.52	22.75
July	23.22	23.72	23.22	23.47

Cash prices were:

Corn—No. 2 yellow, $1.70; No. 3 yellow, $1.55@1.60; No. 4 yellow, $1.48@1.50.

Oats—No. 3 white, 81@82½c; standard, 81@83c.

Rye—No. 2, nominal.

Barley—$1.40@1.76.

Timothy—$5@8.

Clover—$18@28.

Pork—Nominal.

Lard—$24.77.

Ribs—$22.12@22.75.

Primary receipts—Wheat, 223,000 vs. 732,000 bushels; corn, 908,000 vs. 612,000 bushels; oats, 1,131,000 vs. 722,000 bushels.

Shipments—Wheat, 880,000 vs. 1,399,000 bushels; corn, 756,000 vs. 631,000 bushels; oats, 1,135,000 vs. 1,001,000 bushels.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 1.—Barley, $1.35@1.78. Flax, $4.05@4.07.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—Flour, $10.80 per barrel.

Grain—Wheat, Government price, $3.50 per cental; barley, $3.45@3.55; oats, white feed, nominal; corn, California yellow, $3.85.

Hay—Wheat and wheat and oats, $23@24; tame oat, $24@26; barley, $18@20; alfalfa, $17@19; barley straw, 50@80c.

Millfeed—Alfalfa, carload lots, $37.50; cocoanut, $45.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 1.—Turpentine firm, 39½c; sales, 51 barrels; receipts, 83 barrels; shipments, 162 barrels; stock, 23,302 barrels.

Rosin firm; sales none; receipts, 276 barrels; shipments, 350 barrels; stock, 96,615 barrels. Quote: B, D, E, F, $5.40; G, H, $5.45; I, $5.50; K, $5.65; M, 5.90; N, $6.10; WG, $6.70; WW, $6.90.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Metal Exchange quotes lead quiet. Spot, 7.60@7.15c.

Spelter, steady; East St. Louis delivery, spot, 6.65@6.75c.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, May 1.—Linseed, $4.01@4.07; arrive, $4.01; May, $4.01 bid; July, $4.04½ bid; October, $3.55 asked.

AD CLUB HEARS ADDRESS

R. A. Leiter Speaks on War Service of Public Utilities.

Data bearing on the relation of public utilities to the war programme were given yesterday in an address by R. A. Leiter before the weekly luncheon of the Ad Club.

Mr. Leiter declared, in speaking of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, that 50 per cent of that company's equipment is now engaged in serving industries in this city which are essential to the progress of the war.

More than 800 men, said Mr. Leiter, have left the employ of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company within the past year, many to join the colors and others to accept positions offering higher wage.

An appreciated musical number was the violin solo by Adolph Weinstein, accompanied by LeRoy Adams as pianist.

FEW STRAW LIDS EVIDENT

Official "Grass Hat" Day Arrives, but No One Seems to Care.

Yesterday was "straw hat day"—by time-honored custom—but where were the hats of yesteryear? Upon the streets there bobbed the rainproof and the perennial derby, but the merry month of May opened with scarce a tribute in the way of "straw lids."

Nobody could blame the weather, for yesterday was well behaved and extended a genial reception to such straw hats as did appear, with neither wind nor rain to mar their advent. At long intervals, if one watched the passersby, a straw hat of last year's weaving came hurrying by. But of the bright, new styles there was a dearth that amounted to almost utter absence.

GAINS ARE GENERAL

Stock Market Strong With Advances of 1 to 3 Points.

TRADE ON LARGE SCALE

Further Check to German Forces and Favorable Quarterly Report of Steel Corporation Are Stimulating Factors.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Stocks were again active and strong at the opening of today's market on the further check to the German forces and the favorable quarterly report of the United States Steel Corporation, issued after the close of yesterday's session.

United States Steel led the movement throughout, making an extreme advance of 2⅛ points. Associated stocks were 1 to 2½ points higher, as were also the better-known equipments, American and Baldwin Locomotives responding with American Car to large Government contracts.

Coppers were backward. Shippings denoted occasional pressure which was overcome in part at the strong close.

Reading, transcontinentals, New York Central and St. Paul preferred advanced 1 to 3 points with short covering a factor. Total sales of stocks amounted to 360,000 shares.

Lire made another new minimum with checks at 9.03, but rallied later.

Call money stiffened from its low rate of 3½, closing at 6 per cent.

Bonds, including liberty issues, which changed hands in large amounts, were firm. Total sales, par value, aggregated $9,150,000. United States bonds, old issues, were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Am Beet Sugar	1,400	73	72½	72½
American Can	4,300	44½	43½	43½
Am Car & Fdry	5,700	78	76½	77
American Loco	1,900	64½	63¾	64¼
Am Sm & Refg	600	77½	77	77¾
Am Sugar Refg	.....	.....	.....	104½
Am Tel & Tel	4,400	97¼	96	97
Am Z L & S	.....	.....	.....	19¾
Anaconda Cop	2,800	64¾	63¾	64½
Atchison	400	84