FAIR FLOUR PRICES ARE MAINTAINED HERE

No Excessive Premiums Are Charged for Wheat.

MILLS PAY FEDERAL RATE

Steps Proposed by Director Barnes Will Affect Only Markets in Middle West.

The steps taken by Julius Barnes, federal wheat director, to stabilize domestic wheat and flour prices will not affect market conditions in this section. Flour is selling here at a fair price and wheat is kept within bounds of the government price range. It is different in some parts of the middle-west, where millers have had to pay as high as 30 cents over the government wheat price in order to get such supplies as they needed from dealers. Advanced flour prices at those points were, therefore, to be expected.

Mr. Barnes has brought Canadian wheat into the United States to prevent extreme prices from being charged millers and he has large supplies to draw upon if there is further profiteering by American dealers.

In the Pacific northwest the mills are enabled to get all the wheat they want at the government base price of $2.20, plus the current premium of 19 cents, carrying charges. Consequently flour quotations are held down to a legitimate level and no action by Mr. Barnes that would concern this market is expected.

At the Merchants' Exchange yesterday corn was the only cereal that showed firmness, bids being advanced 50 cents. Oats and barley averaged 50 cents lower.

Weather conditions in the middle-west, as wired from Chicago: "Northwest, cloudy, 48 to 60 degrees; Chicago, clear, fine; Peoria, cloudy, 50; Davenport, cloudy, 55; Kansas City, heavy rain; Topeka, cloudy, rain during morning; Hutchison, clear, fine, light rain last night; Ohio valley, clear, fine. Fair and warmer forecasted for the grain belt."

There is a heavier rail movement of wheat from Portland southward. About 250 cars have been sold to date for shipment to California.

Recent imports at San Francisco include 12,975 bags beans, 47,260 bags rice, 1558 bales gunnies.

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Thurs	20	3	2	14	5
Year ago	2	12	8	3	3
Season to date	7347	1055	2566	729	3098
Year ago	3707	417	1194	1472	2323
Tacoma, Wed.	6	2	....	4	....
Year ago	7	....	....	....	....
Season to date	5312	40	....	180	1210
Year ago	5418	91	....	293	1647
Seattle, Wed.	2	4	6	11	4
Year ago	....	....	4	....	....
Season to date	5300	88	1254	570	2549
Year ago	4766	329	1622	1088	3076

ALL GRADES OF BUTTER ARE FIRM

With Lighter Receipts, Lower Scores Move Up in Price.

This butter market retained all of its previous strength. Cube extras sold at 55½@56 cents and 90-score was higher at 55 cents. Under-grades have largely disappeared and receipts contain a large proportion of 92-point butter. While trading was active, the majority of sales were small and apparently intended for local consumption. Street stocks were reduced to 88,000 pounds and storage holdings increased 20,498 pounds to a total of 231,511 pounds. Receipts on Wednesday were:

	Pounds.
California	75
Oregon	17,930
Washington	1,468
Total	19,473

Cheese receipts on Wednesday were 1070 pounds from Oregon, 4585 from Washington, 2500 from Illinois, and 313 from California.

Egg Market Holds Steady.

Eggs were steady at 43½ cents cash, to shippers. Receipts were 876 cases from Oregon and 42 from Washington, a total of 918 cases. Storage holdings increased 444 cases to 31,773. Street stocks were 2581 cases against 3888 cases a week ago.

Potatoes Slightly Higher.

No sales were reported in the potato shipping market. The jobbing market was slightly higher at $1.75@2 for Burbanks and $1.90@2.10 for Gems. New Californias were quoted at 9@12 cents. One car of Oregons arrived. Two cars were shipped to Stockton and one to San Francisco.

Two cars each of cabbage and lettuce arrived. Cabbage was firm at $6@6.50 for Winningstadt. Supplies of Flat Dutch were cleaned up. Lettuce was steady at $2.50.

Oregon Berries More Plentiful.

Oregon strawberry receipts are gradually increasing. The first shipments came in from Newberg and sold at $5. Southern Oregon stock brought $4.50. Washington Clarke seedlings were quoted at $7.20.

Arrivals of Florins by express were liberal and they were somewhat lower at $3@3.25. The berry demand is still limited on account of high prices.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$5,789,271	$1,307,595
Seattle	5,625,376	1,163,677
Tacoma	668,093	60,737
Spokane	1,538,827	542,444

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

Bid.	May.	June.	July.
Oats—			
No. 2 white feed	$53.50	$53.50	$53.50
Barley—			
Standard feed	54.50	54.00	52.00
Standard "A"	55.50	55.00	53.50
Eastern oats and corn, bulk:			
Oats—			
No. 3 white	50.00	50.00	50.00
38-lb. clipped white	50.50	50.50	50.50
Corn—			
No. 3 yellow	68.50	68.00	66.50
No. 3 mixed	67.50	67.00	65.00

WHEAT—Government basis, $2.20 per bushel.

FLOUR—Patents, $11.45 delivered, $11.30 at mill; bakers', $11.15@11.30; whole wheat, $10.25@10.40; graham, $10.05@10.20.

MILLFEED—Mill run f. o. b. mill, carlots, $37@38 per ton; mixed cars, $37.50@38.50; ton lots or over, $39@40; less than ton, $40@41; rolled barley, $38@60; rolled oats, $59; ground barley, $38.

CORN—Whole, ton, $70; cracked, $72 per ton.

HAY—Buying prices f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, $30@35 per ton; alfalfa, $25@25.50; valley grain hay, $26@28; clover, $26@28.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, 92-score, 55½@56c, 91-score, 55½c; 90-score, 55c; prints; parchment wrappers, box lots, 58c; cartons, 59c; half boxes, ¼c more; less than half boxes, 1c more; butter fat, No. 1, 58@59c per pound, station.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, case count, 43½@44c; candled, 45c; selects, 47c.

CHEESE—Tillamook, f. o. b. Tillamook: Triplets, 32c; Young Americas, 33c; Coos and Curry, f. o. b. Myrtle Point, triplets, 33½c; Young Americas, 34½c; longhorns, 34½c.

POULTRY—Hens, 34c; broilers, 40@45c; ducks, 40@45c; geese and live turkeys, nominal; dressed turkeys, 40@45c.

VEAL—Fancy, 19c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 26c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

FRUITS — Oranges, $4@5.75; lemons, $3.75@6 per box; bananas, 8½@9c per pound; apples, $2.25@3.50 per box; grapefruit, $3.50@4; strawberries, $3@7.20 per crate.

VEGETABLES—Cabbage, $4@6.50 per 100 pounds; lettuce, $2.50 per crate; peppers, 90c per pound; artichokes, $1.00; cauliflower, $2@3.75; beets, $2.50 per sack; carrots, $3.50 per sack; turnips, $2.25 per sack; cucumbers, $1.50@2.25 per dozen; tomatoes, $4.50 per box; spinach, 8c per pound; peas, 12½@15c per pound; rhubarb, $2.25@2.75 per box; asparagus, $1.50@2 per crate.

POTATOES—Oregon Burbanks, best, $1.75@2; Yakimas, $1.90@2.10; new California, 9@12c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregon, jobbing prices, $4@5 per sack; Texas, $4@5.25 per crate.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Sack basis. Fruit and berry, $9.55; beet, $9.45; Honolulu cane, $9.50; extra C, $9.15; powdered in barrels, $10.25; cubes in barrels, $10.45.

NUTS—Walnuts, 27@35c; Brazil nuts 35c; filberts, 28c; almonds, 24@30c; peanuts, 11@15c.

SALT—Half-ground 100s, $16 per ton; 50s, $17.25 per ton; dairy, $25 per ton.

RICE—Japan style, 9¼c; blue rose, 9¾@10¼c.

BEANS—Buying price, large white, 5c per pound; red, 4c per pound.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 30@42c.

Provisions.

Local jobbing quotations:

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 40½@41c; standard, 40c; skinned, 35c; picnic, 29c; cottage roll, 36c.

LARD, Tierce basis, 35c; compound, 25½c per pound.

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 27@33c; plates, 23@25c; exports, 30c.

BACON—Fancy, 53@55c; standard, 46@49c; choice, 36@42c.

Hops, Mohair, Etc.

HOPS—Oregon, 1918 crop, 43@45c per pound; three-year contracts, 30c, 28c, 25c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon and Washington, 29@51c per pound; valley, 30@50c per pound.

MOHAIR—1918 clip, 60c per pound.

TALLOW—No. 1, 8½c per pound; No. 2, 6½c per pound; grease, No. 1, 6½c; No. 2, 5½c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—New, 8@10c per pound.

GRAIN BAGS—In carlots, 13c.

Hides and Pelts.

HIDES—No. 1 salt-cured hides, 30 lbs. and up, 20c; No. 1 part-cured hides, 30 lbs. and up, 18½c; No. 1 green hides, 30 lbs. and up, 17c; No. 1 salt-cured bull hides, 50 lbs. and up, 14c; No. 1 part-cured bull hides, 50 lbs. and up, 12½c; No. 1 green bull hides, 50 lbs. and up, 11c. The price on No. 2 hides will be 1c per pound less than on No. 1. No. 1 calf skins, up to 15 lbs., 45c; No. 2 calf skins, up to 15 lbs., 43c; No. 1 kip skins, 15 to 25 lbs., 25c; No. 2 kip skins, 15 to 25 lbs., 23c; dry flint hides, 7 lbs. and up, 30c; dry flint calf hides, under 7 lbs., 40c; dry salt hides, 7 lbs. and up, 24c; dry salt calf hides, under 7 lbs., 45c; dry flint stag or bull hides, 20c; dry salt bull hides, 14c; dry cull hides and skins, half price; dry horse hides, according to size and quality, each $1.50@3; salt horse hides, skinned to hoof and head on, $3@6; horse hides with heads off, 50c less.

PELTS—Dry long-wool sheep pelts, per lb., 25@35c; dry medium wool sheep pelts, per lb., 20@30c; dry shearing sheep pelts, each 50@75c; salted long wool sheep pelts, each $2@3; salted medium wool sheep pelts, each, $1@2; salted shearing sheep pelts, each 50@75c.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Butter, 60c. Eggs—Fresh extras, 52c; firsts, 49½c; fresh extra pullets, 49c.

Cheese—New firsts, 30c; Young America, 34c.

Poultry—Hens, 36@38c; roosters, young, 45@50c; old, 20@24c; broilers, small, 34@36c; large, 36@38c; fryers, 35@48c; geese, 35@38c; pigeons, $2.25@3 dozen; squabs, $3@3.50 dozen.

Vegetables—Asparagus, graded, 7@9c lb.; egg plant, 25@30c pound; peppers, bell, 25@30c pound; do, chile, 20@25c; summer squash, 90c@$1 crate; tomatoes, $3.50@4 crate, good; lettuce, Los Angeles, $1@1.50 crate, iced; do, uniced, 75c@$1; potatoes, Deltas, $1.75@2 cental; sweet, $4.50@5; new, 4@5c lb.; onions, $4@4.25 cental; green, $2@2.20 box; rhubarb, $1.50@1.75 box; green peas, Bay No. 1, 5@7c; do, No. 2, 3½@4c; cucumbers, $3.75@4 box; hothouse spinach, 75c@$1.25 crate; string beans, 15@16c lb. for Kentucky Wonder; do, wax, 10@15c; carrots, $2.75@3.25 sack.

Fruit — Lemons, $3@4 box; Valencia oranges, $4.50@5; tangerines and mandarines, $3.50@4 half box; grapefruit, $3.85@4.00 box, fancy; bananas, 6@8c pound; pineapples, $3@4 dozen for small, $3@6 for large; apples, Newtown pippins, $3.25@4 box; loquats, $6@8 cwt.; strawberries, $10@12 chest; cherries, 15@20c per pound; apricots, $3@3.50 crate.

Receipts—Flour, 4310 quarters; barley, 13,395 centals; beans, 673 sacks; onions, 150 sacks; potatoes, 2000 sacks; hay, 238 tons; hides, 1627; wine, 16,900 gallons.

CORN OFFERINGS ARE LIGHT

SCARCITY OF MAY CEREAL FORCES PRICES HIGHER.

Chicago Traders Are Anticipating Change in Opposite Direction. Export Sales of Oats.

CHICAGO, May 15.—Unexpected scarcity of offerings forced a material advance in the value of corn, although most dealers seem to have been looking for the exact opposite. Prices closed unsettled 1⅞ to 5½c net higher, with July $1.64⅛ to $1.64¼; and September $1.56⅝ to $1.56⅞. Oats gained ⅜ to 1⅛c and provisions 5c to 50c.

Export sales of 750,000 bushels tended to hoist the oats market. The Dutch government was said to be the chief buyer.

Provisions took an upward swing with grain. Weakness in the price of hogs failed to act as a counter balance.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
CORN.				
July	$1.61⅝	$1.65	$1.61⅝	$1.64⅛
Sept.	1.54⅞	1.57⅞	1.54⅝	1.56⅝
OATS.				
July	.66⅝	.68	.66⅝	.67⅞
Sept.	.63⅝	.64⅝	.63½	.64⅝
MESS PORK.				
May	....	53.80	53.50	53.80
July	....	49.90	49.60	49.90
LARD.				
July	31.85	31.95	31.85	31.95
Sept.	....	31.47	31.40	31.45
SHORT RIBS.				
May	....	28.90	28.87	28.87
July	....	27.70	27.35	27.70

Cash prices were:

Corn—No. 3 yellow, $1.76@1.76½; No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 5 yellow, nominal.

Oats—No. 3 white, 69@69¾c; standard, 69@70½c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.50@1.51.

Barley—$1.13@1.21.

Timothy—$8@11.

Clover—Nominal.

Pork—Nominal.

Lard—$33.55.

Ribs—$27.50@28.50.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 15.—Barley, $1@1.10. Flax $4.07@4.09½.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Flour $12.30. Grain—Wheat, $2.20; oats, red feed, $2.20@2.40; corn, California yellow, $3.15@3.40, barley, No. 1 feed, $2.57½@2.62½.

Hay—Wheat or wheat and oats, $16@18; tame oat, $12@15; barley, $11@14; alfalfa, $13@19; barley straw, 50@80c bale.

Meals—Alfalfa, $30@32; cocoanut, unquoted.

FURNISH DITCH BREAKS

Damage Estimated at Several Thousand Dollars Done at Echo.

PENDLETON, Or., May 15.—(Special.) Damage estimated at several thousand dollars was caused at Echo last night when a section of the Furnish ditch broke at a point where where the flume crosses the railroad track.

Re pairs to the ditch alone will cost in the neighborhood of $2000. The county road was washed out, the school lawn destroyed and several homes damaged, the lawns being flooded so that residents were unable to leave their homes this morning.

Cowlitz Bridge Dedication Set.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—July 4 has been fixed as the date for dedicating the new county-state bridge across the Cowlitz river at Riffe. The date for the annual meeting of the Lewis County Citizens' league has been fixed for June 7 at Randle. Dr. E. O. Holland, president of the State college at Pullman, has accepted an invitation to deliver the principal address. The new officers will be elected at the coming meeting.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

MARKET TREND IRREGULAR

CHECK ON STOCK SPECULATION IS URGED.

Wall Street Trading Lighter in Volume, With Mixture of Gains and Losses.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The most distinctive feature of today's stock market was the perceptible diminution of business and variety of issues dealt in. Transactions again ran well over 1,000,000 shares, but falled by a liberal margin to approach yesterday's total, which marked the year's high record.

Advances of 1 to 5 points were registered during the forenoon, chiefly among steels and affiliated equipments, but the tone became hesitant later, gains in one quarter being neutralized by declines elsewhere.

Several significant developments combined to restrain bullish ardor, these including the money situation and the further demoralization in the foreign exchange market. Paris remittances recording another sharp decline.

Yesterday's high and final rate of 7½ per cent for call loans proved fictitious in that today's maximum was only 6 per cent, subsequently declining to 5¾. The fact remained that local financial institutions were urging a check on stock market excesses.

United States Steel made a further moderate gain at its best, but this was reversed later, the stock closing 1 point lower. Other steels and equipments showed extreme advances of 2 to 6 points. Sales amounted to 1,500,000 shares.

Aside from utilities the bond market, including liberty issues, was irregular. Total sales, par value, aggregated $13,750,000. Old United States coupon 4s lost ⅛ on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last Sale.
Am Beet Sugar	1,900	82	80¼	80½
American can	6,200	56	55	55¼
Am Car & Fdry	5,700	104	101⅞	102
Am H & L pfd	6,000	124½	121½	122½
American Loco	14,200	79½	77¼	78½
Am Sm & Refg	10,000	79¼	77½	78
Am Sugar Refg	2,800	132⅝	130	131
Am Sum Tobac	4,200	109½	108½	109½
Amer Tel & Tel	2,500	104⅜	103⅝	103⅞
Am Z L & Sm	400	17	17	17
Anaconda Cop	11,400	67⅜	66⅞	67¼
Atchison	35,100	96⅝	96	96⅛
A G & W I S S L	5,500	168	164¼	164⅝
Baldwin Loco	86,600	103	98¼	100⅝
Balt & Ohio	2,900	51½	50⅝	50⅝
Beth Steel B	21,500	79	77½	77½
B & S Copper	3,400	25⅜	24⅜	25⅛
Calif Petrol	3,200	32⅝	32½	32½
Canadian Pacific	1,000	167	166½	166½
Central Leather	32,500	94⅜	91⅝	92½
Ches & Ohio	4,900	67½	66⅝	66⅝
Chi M & St P	12,100	44	42¼	42⅜
Chi & N W	3,500	98½	97½	98⅛
Chi R I & Pac	8,900	29⅞	28⅜	28⅞
Chino Copper	2,500	38	37¼	37⅜
Colo Fu & Iron	1,800	47¼	46⅝	46⅞
Corn Products	3,900	62⅝	62	62¼
Crucible Steel	14,100	76½	75¼	75⅝
Cuba Cane Sug	9,100	36⅛	33⅝	34⅛
Distil Sec Corp	1,900	77	76	76⅛
Erie	2,400	18½	18⅛	18⅛
General Electric	5,600	167⅜	164½	165
General Motors	9,500	187½	184⅝	184⅝
Gt Nor pfd	3,000	96⅝	96	96⅛
Gt Nor Ore ctfs	5,800	46½	45¾	45⅞
Inspir Copper	10,800	53	51½	52
Int M M pfd	11,200	119⅞	118¼	118⅜
Inter Nickel	26,200	27	26⅝	26⅝
Inter Paper	2,800	51	50	50
K C Southern	1,200	24¼	24	24
Kennecott Cop	10,300	34⅛	33⅝	33⅞
Mexican Petrol	13,500	180⅜	175½	178½
Miami Copper	1,200	24⅞	24½	24½
Midvale Steel	29,000	49¼	47⅞	47⅞
Missouri Pacific	31,700	32⅜	31¼	33⅜
N Y Central	15,600	79⅝	79	79⅜
N Y N H & H	4,400	32⅝	31½	32
Norf & West	2,800	110	109	109
Northern Pacific	4,300	96⅝	95½	95½
Pan-Am Petrol	7,900	89⅜	88⅜	88½
Pennsylvania	4,300	46	45½	46
Pitts & W Va	5,400	20½	58	58
Pittsburg Coal	2,500	58⅝	55⅝	55⅞
Ray Consol Cop	5,300	21⅝	20⅞	21⅛
Reading	14,800	88⅞	87⅞	87⅞
Rep Ir & Steel	5,700	88	86	86
Shat Ariz Cop	900	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
Sin Oil & Refg	38,500	66⅝	64⅝	64⅝
Southern Pacific	27,600	109⅞	108⅝	108⅞
Southern Ry	6,600	31½	30⅝	31
Studebaker Cor	13,400	84¼	81⅜	82
Texas Co	3,900	281	273	275
Tobacco Prods	21,000	88⅝	88¼	88½
Union Pacific	200	135⅝	134⅝	135⅛
Unit Cig Stores	2,600	134⅝	133⅝	134
U S Ind Alcohol	5,200	155½	152	154½
U S Steel	138,800	104½	102½	102⅝
do pfd	600	115	114⅞	114⅞
Utah Copper	2,700	78¼	77½	77½
Western Union	300	88	88	88
Westing Electric	25,500	56⅞	55⅝	55⅞
Willys-Overland	6,500	34½	33⅝	33⅝

BONDS.

U S Lib 3½s	98.86	U S 4s cou	*106¼
do 1st 4s	95.50	Atchison Gen 4s	82⅝
do 2d 4s	94.30	B & O R G ref 5s	*88⅝
do 1st 4¼s	95.50	N Y C deb 6s	98⅞
do 2d 4¼s	94.40	N P 4s	83⅝
do 3d 4¼s	95.42	N P 3s	60
do 4th 4¼s	94.40	Pac T & T 5s	*91⅝
U S ref 2s reg	99¼	Penn con 4½s	94¼
U S ref 2s cou	*99¼	U P 4s	86½
U S 3s reg	*89	U S Steel 5s	100
U S 3s cou	*89	S P cv 5s	108
U S 4s reg	*106	Anglo-Fr. 5s	97⅝

*Bid.

Mining Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, May 15.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	36½	Old Dominion	34½
Ariz Com	12⅝	Osceola	47
Calu & Ariz	62	Quincy	59
Calu & Hecla	385	Superior	5⅝
Centennial	12⅝	Superior & Bos	2
Cop Range Con	44	Shannon	1½
East Butte	10½	Utah Cons	9⅝
Franklin	2	Wolverine	18½
Isle Royalle	26	Granby Cons	68½
Mohawk	65	Greene Cananea	40
North Butte	11⅝		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

New York, May 15.—Mercantile paper unchanged.

Sterling, 60-day bills, $4.62; commercial 60-day bills, $4.61½; commercial 60-day bills, $4.61; demand, $4.65; cables, $4.65⅝. Francs, demand $6.35; cables, 6.33. Guilders, demand, 40⅝c; cables, 40 13-16 cents. Lire, demand, $7.83; cables $7.85.

Bar silver, $1.11.

Mexican dollars, 84c.

Time loans, strong, unchanged.

Call money strong, high 6%, low 5¾%; ruling rate, 6%; offered at 6%; last loan, 5¾%.

LONDON, May 15.—Bar silver, 53⅞d per ounce.

Money and discount unchanged.

Eastern Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, May 15.—Butter higher. Creamery, 51@57c.

Eggs — Higher. Receipts 34,701 cases, firsts, 42@44c; ordinary firsts, 41½@41⅝c; at mark, cases included, 41½@43c; storage packed firsts, 44⅝@45¼c; extra, 45½@45⅝c.

Poultry, alive higher. Fowls, 34c.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Butter—Firmer; creamery higher than extras, 60½@61c; extras, 60c; firsts, 58@59½c.

Eggs—Firm; unchanged.

Cheese, steady; unchanged.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 15.—Turpentine, firm, 75c; sales, 71 barrels; receipts, 118 barrels; shipments, 15⅝ barrels; in stock, 24,305 barrels.

Rosin steady; sales, 308 barrels; receipts, 443 barrels; shipments, 211 barrels; in stock, 57,822 barrels. Quote: B, $10.85; D, $11; E, F, $11.10; G, $11.15; H, $11.25; I, $11.30; K, $12.60; M, $12.70; N, $13.55; WG, $13.55, WW, $13.75.

Coffee Futures Lose Gain.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The market for coffee futures today lost almost all of yesterday's rally during the early trading, owing to reports that Rio 7s had sold at lower prices in the cost and freight market.

Closing bids: May, 18.26; July, 18.18; September, 17.55; October, 17.38; December, 17.04; January, 16.94; March, 16.84.

Spot coffee dull; Rio 7s 18⅝c nominal; Santos 4s 23.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Copper and iron unchanged.

Lead steady. Spot 4.85@5.05c; June 4.95@5.05c.

Spelter steady. East St. Louis spot 6.02@6.12c; July 6.07@6.22c.

Westinghouse Dividends Increased.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The Westinghouse Electrical & Manufacturing company today declared quarterly dividends of 2 per cent each on the preferred and common stocks. The last declaration was 1¾ per cent on each issue.

COAST AND EASTERN DAIRY PRODUCE

Butter Market Conditions at Leading Distributing Points.

San Francisco and eastern dairy produce reports received by wire by the Portland office of the bureau of markets yesterday follow:

Chicago—The butter market continued very firm today and prices were advanced a full ½c on extras and from ¼c to 1c on undergrades. Several large lots of extras were sold, one bringing 58c, but 57½c was a good outside figure for most of the trading. Demand is good, but dealers were showing more caution and were generally of the opinion that prices were at about the top. Centralized cars are very firm and fine cars sold readily at 57½c, 89-score, however, not bringing above 56¾c today. Into-storage movement is very heavy again, but receipts are somewhat lighter today.

New York—Another advance amounting to 1c took place on the market today. With the latest advance, however, trading became less active and an easier feeling could be noticed in a number of houses. Dealers were generally free sellers. There were, however, a few who felt very firm on the market. Some further rumors of buying for export were reported. Some California butter scoring 88-89 points was reported sold at 58c. Some centralized reported sold at 58½@59c. Deliveries today were rather light and the supply about adequate for the demand. Receipts yesterday amounted to 12,301 tubs. Storage holdings were increased about 1500 tubs, while the street stocks were increased almost 3000 tubs. There were reported some sales of 93-score at 60½c and a few sales this afternoon of 92-score at 59½c.

San Francisco—The firm feeling of yesterday continued throughout the day and prices are nearly 1 cent higher on 92 and 93-score butter. Some 94-score goods sold at still better prices. Offerings were most liberal today. The apparent confidence of some dealers that butter is a good hold at present prices seems to be the main reason for this firm feeling, and butter continues to move into storage; 93-score, 57c.

Lebanon Plans Mohair Pool.

LEBANON, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The Lebanon mohair pool, consisting of 3000 to 4000 fleeces, will be sold to the highest bidder Saturday. A large number of bidders are expected to be present at this sale. The number of fleeces have been gradually decreasing during the last few years. Last year the pool sold at 61 cents a pound, and a slight increase over that bid is expected to be offered for this year's clip.

Tacoma Bank Deposits Increase.

TACOMA, May 15.—Tacoma bank deposits May 12, as shown in the bank call responded to today, were $37,939,997, an increase of more than $4,000,000 over a year ago.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Evaporated apples, firmer; state, 18½@20c. Prunes, offers light. Peaches, firm.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, May 15.—Linseed, $4.07½@4.09½.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Sugar, unchanged.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Cotton, spot steady; middling 29.75c.

$1000 ADDED TO PRIZES

Portland Seen as Livestock Center by Swine Association Man.

"From the livestock industry standpoint, Portland is undoubtedly destined to become the Chicago of the West. Nothing can stop her."

This is the prediction of E. C. Stone, secretary and manager of the American Hampshire Swine Record association, of Peoria, Ill., who was in Portland yesterday conferring with O. M. Plummer, general manager of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition. Mr. Stone is one of the most widely known swine breeders' association men in the country and his work is of national scope.

"What Chicago is to the Middle West, and what Atlanta is to the South, Portland will be to the Pacific coast," said Mr. Stone. "Natural conditions make Portland the logical center of Pacific coast livestock interests, and now that your permanent stock-show building project is well under way, everything is favorable for the rapid upbuilding of the livestock and agricultural industries, with Portland as the educational and market center."

By way of showing his faith in Portland's stock-show and encouraging exhibitors of pure-bred swine, Mr. Stone put $1000 to be added to the premium money for awards in the Hampshire classes. This is by far the largest amount ever offered as premium money by any swine breeders' association anywhere, according to Mr. Plummer.

DIVORCE CASE REOPENED

Riffe, Wash., Man Asks Decree Set Aside by Court.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—Another chapter in the marital affairs of F. M. Daugherty and wife, residents of Riffe, in eastern Lewis county, was begun yesterday in the Lewis county Superior court here when Mr. Daugherty filed a petition asking that a decree granted his wife two weeks ago be set aside. Mr. Daugherty claims that all the allegations in the complaint filed by his wife are wholly untrue, and he wishes another day in court, when he may fully reply to them.

When the pair determined on a divorce it is asserted that property agreements were made by which she was to be allotted certain possessions. Mr. Daugherty says that she has not kept her agreements. The first court chapter in the troubles of the Daughertys occurred about two years ago, when Mrs. Daugherty was sentenced for assault on the Riffe ferryboat-keeper, Morgan Hunt. She alleged that Hunt carried notes from her husband to his daughter.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Or., May 15.—Maximum temperature, 59 degrees; minimum temperature, 51 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 10.7 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.2-foot fall. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), 0.16 inch; total rainfall since September 1, 1918, 38.83 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 41.10 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1918, 2.27 inches. Sunrise, 5:39 A. M.; sunset, 8:36 P. M.; total sunshine, 1 hour 40 minutes; possible sunshine, 14 hours 57 minutes. Moonrise, 9:32 P. M.; moonset, 6 A. M. Barometer (reduced sea level), 5 P. M., 29.94 inches; relative humidity at noon, 65 per cent.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Minimum temperature.	Maximum temperature.	Precipitation past 24 hours.	Wind Velocity.	Wind Direction.	Weather.
Baker	46	60	0.00	..	NW	Cloudy
Boise	52	66	0.00	..	NW	Pt. cloudy
Boston	46	50	0.00	12	E	Cloudy
Calgary	36	68	0.00	..	NE	Cloudy
Chicago	50	70	0.01	22	S	Pt. cloudy
Denver	48	76	0.00	..	SW	Cloudy
Des Moines	52	74	0.04	10	NW	Clear
Eureka	48	56	0.00	12	SW	Cloudy
Galveston	70	80	0.00	..	S	Cloudy
Helena	46	64	0.28	14	W	Cloudy
†Juneau	44	*52	0.24	..	SE	Rain
Kansas City	62	78	0.20	10	W	Pt. cloudy
Los Angeles	56	68	0.00	10	SW	Clear
Marshfield	48	60	0.24	10	SW	Cloudy
Medford	38	64	0.00	12	NW	Cloudy
Minneapolis	52	56	0.00	10	NW	Cloudy
New Orleans	66	82	0.00	..	N	Clear
New York	52	58	0.00	..	SE	Cloudy
North Head	50	54	0.30	26	S	Cloudy
North Yakima	44	70	0.02	..	SW	Clear
Phoenix	60	94	0.00	..	N	Clear
Roseburg	48	62	0.04	..	NE	Cloudy
Pocatello	58	66	0.00	12	SW	Pt. cloudy
Roseburg	48	62	0.04	..	NE	Cloudy
Sacramento	48	72	0.01	..	SW	Clear
St. Louis	56	72	0.02	18	S	Clear
Salt Lake	64	70	0.00	10	N	Pt. cloudy
San Diego	58	66	0.00	..	W	Clear
San Francisco	50	60	0.00	24	W	Clear
Seattle	50	58	0.06	12	SW	Cloudy
*Sitka	....	50	0.00	..	E	Cloudy
Spokane	50	62	0.02	20	SW	Cloudy
Tacoma	50	58	0.14	..	W	Rain
Tatoosh Island	50	52	0.24	18	S	Cloudy
†Valdez	36	*50	0.00	..	....	Cloudy
Walla Walla	50	66	0.12	..	SW	Pt. cloudy
Washington	52	76	0.00	..	NE	Cloudy
Winnipeg	36	68	0.00	16	N	Pt. cloudy

†A. M. today. *P. M. report of preceding day.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Probably showers; moderate southerly winds.

Oregon—Fair, except probably showers northwest portion; moderate southerly winds.

Washington—Probably showers; moderate southerly winds.

EDWARD L. WELLS, Meteorologist.

Soldiers Go Back to Intense Drill.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—A. E. Davies, Aberdeen business man, is in receipt of a letter from his brother, W. T. Davies, who is still in France, stationed at Dijon, in which the statement is made that rifles and bayonets are again being issued to the soldiers and that they are being given intense drill.

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