PAVING PLANT PLANS DIVIDE CITY COUNCIL

Barbur and Bigelow in Favor of Scheme; Mayor, Pier Not.

GREAT SAVING IS SHOWN

Executive Fears Private Firms Could Not Compete; Profit of 10 Cents a Yard Made.

Should the city of Portland enter the paving business unable to handle all paving required in the city, or should it operate doing whatever is possible at a low cost, with other necessary work let to private contractors at much higher prices?

This question developed as the principal feature of an informal meeting of the city council yesterday, when City Commissioner Barbur presented his idea of enlarging the municipal paving repair plant at an approximate cost of $25,000. This plant, he explained, would have a capacity of about 100,000 square yards of pavement per year.

Both Mayor Baker and City Commissioner Pier advocated either going into the business prepared to handle the paving needs of the city or refraining from making a half-hearted entry in the field. This policy, both officials explained, was taken on the showing that had been made by the municipal paving repair plant of costs far below that of private contractors, and on the ground that with office rent, dock rental and other costs eliminated by the city, competition by private corporations would be impossible.

Bigelow Says "Wait."

"What do you plan to do," asked Mayor Baker, "lay pavements for some people at low prices and let contracts for work in other parts of the city at much higher costs?"

"Not necessarily," answered Commissioner Bigelow, who proved to be an enthusiastic supporter of Commissioner Barbur's plan, "if they want the work bad enough, let them pay the higher prices; otherwise let them wait."

"Such a plan," said Commissioner Pier, "is manifestly unfair, for if one person can have pavement at low costs, certainly other property owners have the same right."

The meeting opened with the presentation of figures on work accomplished by the paving plant during the last year and a half. These figures, explained Commissioner Barbur, were compiled from actual costs on various jobs and show an estimated saving of $42,809.10 between the cost of the work by the city plant and the prices offered by private contractors or estimates of the average prices bid by private contractors.

Over Half Saved.

Mr. Barbur said that Terwilliger boulevard was paved by the city at a total cost of $13,972.61 whereas the same job by private contract would have brought the price to $32,123.52. Thus he said there was a saving on this work of $18,150.91. Another job used as an example by Mr. Barbur to show the saving capacity of the municipal plant was the hardsurfacing of East Seventeenth street by the city. A part of this work was done by the city at 77 cents per square yard, and the other portion completed by private contract at a cost of $1.53 per square yard.

Estimates for an enlarged plant as advocated by Commissioner Barbur show a total cost of $23,952 which includes the erection of a dock, new bunkers, paving plant building, new equipment, moving of the present plant to the proposed new dock, and railroad tracks.

Through negotiations carried on by Commissioner Barbur and the public dock commission, the city has been granted permission to utilize the Jefferson street levee for the paving plant site without rental costs.

In addition to the establishment of a new paving plant at the foot of Jefferson street, Mr. Barbur contemplates obtaining possession of property owned by Giebisch & Joplin, near the O.-W. R. & N. company's track on Sullivan's gulch, from which paving materials, such as gravel and sand, can be obtained.

Property Offered Cheap.

This property has been offered to the city for $500 and the payment of assessments totaling $1093. To properly equip this property to take out the materials would require an expenditure of $3000, which brings the proposed expenditure planned by Mr. Barbur for establishment of a new paving plant to $28,545.

Under such an arrangement Mr. Barbur explained that the capacity of the present paving plant, which stands on ground leased at a rental of $1200 a year, would be increased 50 per cent, and that between 1300 and 1400 square yards of pavement could be turned out each day.

Commissioner Pier first asked what margin of profit the plant operated on, and learned that 10 cents per square yard was the average profit of the city on each job. This margin of profit, he maintained, was not sufficient to meet exigencies which are bound to develop in any business. The past record of the paving plant was referred to by Mr. Barbur to justify his methods.

Mayor Fears for Competitors.

Mayor Baker then began laying a barrage of questions to establish the fact that private contractors could not possibly compete with the city on an even basis. Mr. Barbur settled any doubt along this line by saying that with free office rent, ability to use the paving crew on other work the year around, and the elimination of uncertainty over contracts, which faces the private contractor, that no living person on earth could afford to lay pavement as cheaply as a municipality equipped with a paving plant such as is proposed for Portland.

Then came a long round of argument over the wisdom of breaking into the paving business in competition with private industry, with the city not fully equipped to handle all the paving business. Commissioner Barbur maintained steadily throughout the argument that the city should "creep before walking," and that the business should be entered step by step.

In this view, he was supported by Commissioner Bigelow, with Mayor Baker and Commissioner Pier plainly satisfied that such a policy would be unfair to many of the property owners who would desire work done by the city plant.

Much Work in Sight.

Commissioner Barbur told the council that a plant large enough to handle all the paving business in the city would be impossible without a city election to authorize a bond issue. The council calendar it is understood will carry specifications for 40,000 yards of pavement next week, and the week following 80,000 yards is expected on the calendar for authorization. The proposed new plant will have a yearly capacity of 100,000 yards, which would be but a small part of the city paving business.

The estimates presented by Mr. Barbur for the new plant at the foot of Jefferson street include $5350 for the material and erection of a new dock, $6200 for bunkers with a capacity of 1050 cubic yards, $2350 for a paving plant building, $5000 for new equipment, $4000 for moving of the old plant to new location and $1052 for trackage. The last item he said might not be expended, but other items were necessary.

Following the presentation of the estimates, Commissioner Barbur said that he would present his proposal to the city council formally after members of the council had made a study of his figures.

YOUNG SALMON SEIZED

ASTORIA WARDEN CONFISCATES IMMATURE FISH CARGO.

Reports Say That Columbia Waters Are Strewn With Dead Baby Chinooks.

ASTORIA, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—This morning the purse seining craft Chinook brought in 250 young chinook salmon from 16 to 18 inches in length that tipped the scales at 720 pounds, an average of less than three pounds each. The fish were confiscated by Deputy Warden Larson, who placed them in cold storage pending receipt from the department of instructions as to what charges shall be filed.

Captain Antone Mardich, master of the craft, said he released fully 2000 young fish from his seine before picking it up. Reports received today by Deputy Larson state that the water outside the mouth of the river is strewn with thousands of dead baby salmon which have apparently been killed and thrown away. He is making a strong effort to have the destruction of these immature salmon stopped, and for that purpose is urging the packers not to accept delivery of any chinooks weighing under ten pounds each.

TACOMA INCREASES SHOWN

Finance Commissioner to Meet Demand for More Pay.

TACOMA, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—Finance Commissioner F. Shoemaker has completed a table of salary comparisons for city employes which indicates what progress the city has made in the programme of salary boosting in the last two years.

According to the figures, Mr. Shoemaker says the city paid in the first six months of 1919 $250,000 more in salaries to city employes than in the first six months of 1917, an increase of 73.7 per cent. At this rate the salaries for the year will be a round half million more than two years ago.

The commissioner has gathered the data in view of the fact that city employes are getting ready to make another strong demand for more pay when the new budget is created next month.

SHERIFF DESTROYS LIQUOR

$9000 Confiscated Stock Spilled by Montesano Official.

MONTESANO, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—Sheriff Jeff Bartell destroyed more than $9000 worth of confiscated liquor at the courthouse Wednesday afternoon. During the process of the smashing, a bottle exploded, cutting the officer's hand severely, though not seriously. Figuring that if whisky is good to kill the effects of snake bites and other poisons, it should also be a remedy to prevent blood infection from broken glass, the sheriff promptly called for a bottle of the very best bonded liquor in the stock, broke the neck and sprinkled the contents over his hand.

There was every kind of liquor imaginable in the $9000 pile, from German lager beer to champagne of rare vintages as well as pure alcohol.

FIRES THREATEN SHEEP

Blaze on Colville Indian Reservation Menaces Range.

YAKIMA, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—H. Stanley Coffin of this city, yesterday received a message from L. Worden, who is caring for 10,000 head of sheep on the Colville Indian reservation for himself and the Coffin interests, stating that four large forest fires threaten his flocks and range. He asked authority to employ men to fight the blazes.

Mr. Worden will wait the outcome of weather bureau forecasts of rain, but if the situation does not improve will be obliged to employ a force of fire fighters, as the Indian service has no funds to use for the purpose and stockmen must protect their own range on Indian lands.

ROAD ROW AT ABERDEEN

City and County Disagree Over Route and Costs.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—Continuing disagreement between members of the city council and the county commissioners as to the best route for the Olympic highway into the city led to the council decision last night to hire an outside expert to look over the proposed routes and advise as to which one would be best.

The proposal to bond the city for the expense of the new road is opposed by a number of property owners. E. B. Benn, one of the large owners, stated today that his opposition would be persistent and active to any bond issue. He and others favor leaving the county to build the road.

ROAD'S INCOME $69,062,338

Southern Pacific Report Shows Decrease From Preceding Year.

SALEM, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—The gross income of the Southern Pacific Railroad company for the year ending December 31, 1918, was $69,062,338.93 according to a report filed with the public service commission today.

This shows a decrease of $10,634,398.75, compared with the previous year. The net income is given as $24,090,529.42, a decrease of $6,008,821.77. The income from the government for lease of the road is given at $28,448,702.81. The grand total tax is $1,463,499.11 and total operating expenses $662,909.95.

Centralia Scouts to Take Trip.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—About 25 members of Centralia's two troops of Boy Scouts will leave on August 5 on a camping trip to Spirit lake, according to an announcement today by W. H. Grayum, scoutmaster of troop No. 1. The boys will return August 15. Mr. Grayum will accompany the scouts. James Jenkins, manager of the White Front grocery, has donated the use of a two-ton truck to the boys for their trip.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

HOP MARKET STRONG, CROP IS DOING WELL

1919s Now Worth 50 Cents, Say Local Dealers.

BULK OF OUTPUT IS SOLD

Field Conditions Are Reported Generally Satisfactory—40,000 to 50,000 Bales Expected.

The hop market continues a strong affair, but whether prices will go above the present level is problematical, according to local dealers. Buying, so far as the 1918 crop is concerned, is practically at an end, only a few small lots here and there remaining unsold. For such holdings prices around 55 cents are said to be readily obtainable, but little or no trade in last year's crop is reported.

New crop contracts are said to be worth 50 cents, and the market at that figure is declared firm. The bulk of the 1919 growth was contracted earlier in the season, much of it at prices running from 15 to 20 cents, which, in view of the prices now obtainable will mean considerable losses to some of the Oregon growers. However, there were a good many term contracts made early in the season, for three years, and under these the producers will fare somewhat better.

Crop conditions in this state are reported to be satisfactory on the whole, fully up to the average showing at this stage of the season, and it is believed now that the output for Oregon this year will be between 40,000 and 50,000 bales. Some complaints have reached the city of damage done by the red spider and the growers in some sections have resorted to spraying to combat the pest, but generally the crop is said to be doing well. Picking, as usual, will begin about the first of September.

LOCAL BARLEY MARKET BOOMING

Blue Sort Jumps From $63 to $67—Several Important Sales Made.

There was a decidedly bullish feeling in the local coarse grain trade yesterday, especially in the case of barley. Sale of 100 tons of July No. 3 blue barley at $67, $4 above the previous top quotation, was reported at the Merchants' Exchange. At the same time August No. 3 barley sold at the same figure, while feed barley for delivery in August sold at $65.

The oats market showed strength, but there was little change in the range of quotations.

Coast weather and crop conditions were reported as follows:

Arizona—Showers were beneficial to crops. Oats made excellent progress.

Utah—Growing condition improved by cooler weather and frequent, heavy showers in the south, and scattered light showers in the north portion. Oats ripening and hay crop very light.

Nevada—Drouth causing shortage of irrigation water, second crop of alfalfa light, except in west portion, where irrigation water is sufficient. Grain ripening rapidly.

Idaho—Week very hot, drouth unbroken; streams running low and failing. Forest fires raging in large areas in northern and central portions. Fine harvest weather, wheat harvest in full swing. Alfalfa cutting beginning in Boise and Payette valleys; crop good. Oats ripening. Corn made growth, except in northern portion, where crop needs moisture badly.

Washington—Hot week without rain. Excessive heat fore part unfavorable to all growing crops except those irrigated. Further damage caused by hot winds in spring wheat. Conditions poor except on best prepared lands. Winter wheat harvest general, yield varying greatly. Ideal weather for harvesting and haying. Rain would be detrimental now. Second alfalfa crop being cut. Oats fair to good.

Oregon — Temperatures abnormally high most of week, little cloudiness, no rain and northerly winds. Much barley, winter wheat and some spring wheat harvested. All crops need rain, late spring wheat suffering most.

California—Wheat, barley and oat harvest nearly completed; outstanding grain very dry in husks. Corn growing nicely.

Grain and other receipts for the day, in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland—					
Friday	3	..	..	1	2
Year ago	20	9	..	1	39
Season to date	155	42	67	12	39
Year ago	102	26	61	48	178
Tacoma—					
Thursday	4	2	..	2	3
Year ago	8	..	..	1	..
Season to date	53	19	..	23	33
Year ago	17	6	..	5	35
Seattle—					
Thursday	2	..	1	..	..
Year ago	20	..	4	3	4
Season to date	12	23	32	24	27
Year ago	48	3	100	52	33

Local Butter Market Firm.

A generally strong feeling was reported in the butter market, the higher quotations put out recently holding in the best of shape. Considerable quantities of lower grade products were reported to have changed hands at 53 cents. High-grade butter was said to be none too plentiful, as indicated by the inability of the high prices offered in some cases to effect sales. Receipts for the day were light. Storage holdings have been reduced to 1,215,945 pounds. Street stocks accumulated to 221,444 pounds. Cheese was reported steady at quotations, with trade on a moderate scale.

Cantaloupe Market Glutted.

Cantaloupe supplies in the local market yesterday were said to be the heaviest for the season to date, and the market showed weakness. Eight cars arrived from the south and the demand was not sufficient to effect a clean-up. The bulk of the arrivals showed good quality, but in view of the market situation buyers showed no great eagerness to take hold. Dealers, however, are confident that with Imperials out of the way, the general situation will improve shortly. Standards yesterday sold for the most part at $2.50 to $3.

Oil Prices Tending Upward.

Wholesale dealers yesterday reported an advance of 5 cents a gallon on linseed oil, raw oil in barrels being quoted at $2.37 a gallon, and in cases at $2.47. Boiled oil, as usual, sells 2 cents above the raw product. Turpentine at the same time was advanced 25 cents a gallon, the price now, in tanks, being $1.46 per gallon, and in cases $1.56.

Peaches in Liberal Supply.

Two carloads of California peaches arrived yesterday, and there were considerable receipts from other quarters, so the market was well supplied. Trade was of fair proportions, with Californias going at $1.15@1.50 generally, and Oregons at $1@1.25.

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Oats—			
No. 3 white feed	$58.00	$58.00	$58.00
Barley—			
No. 3 blue	67.00	66.50	67.00
Standard feed	64.50	65.00	65.50
Corn—			
No. 3 yellow	74.50	74.50	74.50
Eastern corn and oats, bulk:			
Oats—			
No. 3 white	55.00	55.50	55.00
38-lb. clipped	57.50	57.50	58.00
Corn—			
No. 3 yellow	75.25	75.00	75.00
Barley—			
No.	61.00	61.00	61.00

WHEAT—Government basis, $2.20 per bushel.

FLOUR—Patents, $11.60@11.65 delivered; $11.45 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, $39@40 per ton; mixed cars, $40.50; ton lots or over, $41.50; less than ton, $42; rolled barley, $63; rolled oats, $59; ground barley, $63; scratch feed, $79.

CORN—Whole, ton, $75; cracked, $77 per ton.

HAY—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, new crop, $24.50@25; Eastern Oregon timothy, nominal.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—91-score, 54c; 90-score, 55½c; prints, parchment wrappers, box lots, 59c; cartons, 60c; half boxes, ½c more; less than half boxes, 1c more; butterfat, No. 1, 58@59c per pound.

CHEESE—Tillamook, f. o. b. Tillamook: Triplets, 33c; Young Americas, 34c; Cove and Curry f. o. b. Myrtle Point, triplets, 31½c; Young Americas, 33c; longhorns, 33@34c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, case count, 47@48c; candled, 50@51c; selects, 54@55c; Oregon Poultry association selects to retailers, 54c; association pullets, 49c.

POULTRY—Hens, 28@30c; broilers, 22@30c; geese, ducks and turkeys, nominal.

VEAL—Fancy, 23c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 28c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRUITS—Oranges, $5.25@6.75; lemons, $7@8.50 box; bananas, 9@9½c per pound; apples, $3.50@4.25 per box; grapefruit, $5.50@6; cherries, 15@18c per pound; cantaloupes, $1.25@3 per crate; apricots, $1.75@2 per box; peaches, 75c@$1.50 per box; watermelons, 2½@3c per pound; plums, $1.50@2.50 per box; raspberries, $3.50@3.75 per crate; loganberries, $3.00 per crate; grapes, $4.00@4.25 per box; pears, $4.00@4.25.

VEGETABLES — Cabbage, $3.00 per 100 pounds; lettuce, $2.25 per crate; peppers, $1.50 per box; beets, $3@3.50 per sack; cucumbers, $1@1.50 per dozen; tomatoes, $1.25@1.50 per box; peas, 7@10c per pound; rhubarb, 6c per pound; beans, 8@10c.

POTATOES—Oregon Burbanks, nominal; new California, 2¾@3c per pound.

ONIONS—Walla Walla, 3@4c per pound; California yellow, 4@5c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Sack basis. Fruit or berry, $9.65; beet, $9.55; Honolulu cane, $9.60; extra C, $9.15; powdered, in barrels, $10.35; cubes in barrels, $10.45.

NUTS—Walnuts, 27@35c; Brazil nuts, 35c; filberts, 28c; almonds, 24@30c; peanuts, 11@16c.

SALT—Half-ground, 100s, $16 per ton; 50s, $11.25 per ton; dairy, $25 per ton.

RICE—Blue rose, 10c; head, 12c; broken Japan, 8c pound.

BEANS—Buying price, medium white, 5@5½c per pound.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 35@50c.

Hops, Mohair, Etc.

HOPS—Oregon, 1918, 50@55c; 1917 crop, 35@37c; 1916 crop, 30c; 1915 crop, 20@25c; 1919 contracts, 50c; three-year contracts, 50c, 40c, 30c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon and Washington, 40@57c per pound; valley, 40@55c per pound.

MOHAIR—1918 clip, 55c per pound.

TALLOW—No. 1, 12c per pound; No. 2, 12c per pound; grease, 7@10c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—New, 10c per pound.

GRAIN BAGS—In carlots, 12½@18c.

Provisions.

Local jobbing quotations:

HAMS—All sizes, choice 43@44½c; standard, 42@43½c; skinned, 35@36c; picnic, 27@30c; cottage roll, 36c.

LARD—Tierce basis, 36c; compound, 30c per pound.

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 30@35c; plates, 27@29c; exports, 31c.

BACON—Fancy, 53@55c; standard, 46@49c; choice, 39@43c.

Oils.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $2.37; raw, cases, $2.47; boiled, barrels, $2.39; boiled, cases, $2.49.

TURPENTINE—Tanks, $1.46; cases, $1.56.

GASOLINE — Iron barrels, 23½c; tank wagon, 25½c; cases, 34c; engine distillate, iron barrels, 16c; tank wagon, 16c; cases, 26½c.

COAL OIL—Iron barrels, 15½@16c; tank wagon, 13½c; cases, 24@31c.

Hides, Pelts, Etc.

HIDES—Salt-cured hides, 30 lbs. and up, 32c; green hides, 30 lbs. and up, 25c; salt-cured bull hides, 24c; green bull hides, 17c; kip skins, from 15 to 30 lbs., 40c; trimmed calf skins, 75c; flint dry hides, 40c; flint dry calf skins, 75c; dry horse hides, $1.50@4 each; salted horse hides, with heads on, $3@8 each.

PELTS—Shearlings, 25c; dry wool pelts, 50c; green lamb pelts, $1.50@2 each.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—Receipts—Flour, 3790 quarters; barley, 8190 centals; beans, 2600 sacks; onions, 1079 sacks; potatoes, 3323 sacks; hides, 300; wine, 13,400 gallons; hay, 561 tons.

Flour $8@8.25; wheat $2.20; oats red feed, $2.90@2.95; corn, California yellow, $3.25@3.45; barley, feed, $3.10@3.15.

Oranges, $4@5.50; lemons $4@6.50; grapefruit, $3.50@4.50; bananas, 6½@7½c; pineapples, $1.50@2.50; apples, $1.50@3; according to grade and tier; cherries 17½@20c; plums $2@2.50; peaches, $1.25@1.75 small lug box; apricots, 6½@7c pound; cantaloupes, $1.25@1.75 standard; raspberries, $12@15 chest; strawberries, $14@15; loganberries, red, $8@10; blackberries, $8@11; figs, 75c@$1 single layer; grapes, nominal.

Hay—Wheat or wheat and oats, $15@17; tame oat $15@17; barley, $12@15; alfalfa $14@18; barley straw $9@8c; meals unquoted.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 57c; firsts, 53c.

Fryers, 33@37c, according to quality.

CORN CLOSES UNSETTLED

BUYERS IN CHICAGO MARKET UNUSUALLY CAUTIOUS.

Absence of Export Call and Moderate Hedging Have Weakening Effect on Oats Trade.

CHICAGO, July 25.—Although continued drouth and heat put bears at a disadvantage in the corn market today, wire buyers were more than usually cautious owing to absence as yet of any reports of notable crop damage. The market closed unsettled, 1 cent net lower to a like advance with September $1.95⅝@1.95¾, and December $1.65⅝@1.65¾. Oats finished ⅛@¼ cent to ⅝ cent down and with provisions varying from 40 cents decline to a rise of 50 cents.

With temperatures above normal and no rain in sight, few traders cared to sell short in the corn market. This was especially the case at first. Later, however, cloudy conditions here induced many holders to unload rather than take chances of the effect that a sudden shower may have on sentiment.

Absence of export call tended to weaken oats and so too did a moderate amount of hedging.

Provisions were governed mainly by the changes in the value of corn and hogs and for the most part were sagging at the close.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
CORN.				
Sept.	$1.95⅝	$1.96⅛	$1.95⅛	$1.95⅝
Dec.	1.66½	1.67¼	1.65⅝	1.65⅝
OATS.				
Sept.	.80⅝	.81	.79⅝	.80
Dec.	.85	.83¾	.82¼	.82⅝
PORK.				
July	....	....	....	55.00
Sept.	51.90	51.40	51.40	51.40
LARD.				
Sept.	34.55	34.67	34.45	34.45
Oct.	34.37	34.50	34.30	34.30
RIBS.				
July	28.90	29.02	28.90	28.95
Sept.	28.45	28.65	28.45	28.52

Cash prices were:

Corn—No. 2 mixed, $1.97; No. 2 yellow, $1.99@2.01.

Oats—No. 2 white, 80½@82c; No. 3 white, 80@81½c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.69½@1.61.

Barley—$1.31@1.37.

Timothy—$9.00@12.00.

Clover—Nominal.

Pork—Nominal.

Lard—$34.22.

Ribs—$28.25@29.25.

Seattle Feed Quotations.

SEATTLE, July 25.—City delivery: Feed, mill, $40 per ton; scratch feed, $91; feed wheat, $89; all-grain chop, $68; oats, $65; sprouting oats, $72; rolled oats, $67; rolled barley, $68; clipped barley, $73; alfalfa meal, $37.

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, mixed, $35@36; double compressed, $40; alfalfa, $29@30.

Minneapolis Barley Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 25.—Barley, $1.16@1.28.

Flax, $6.03@6.06.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, July 25.—Linseed on track, $6.09@6.10; arrive, $6.06; July, $6.08 asked; September, $6.06 asked; October, $5.96 asked; November, $5.90; December, $5.96 asked.

SECURITIES MARKET DULL

DAY UNUSUALLY QUIET ONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Trading Becomes Listless Shortly After Opening and Values Show Easing Disposition.

NEW YORK, July 25.—Trading on the stock exchange today was characterized by comparative dullness and irregularity. Total transactions barely exceeded 1,000,000 shares, which represented the smallest full session in many weeks.

In many respects dealings were reminiscent of midsummer markets of previous years. The ebb and flow of prices, ranging in some instances to five points, bore no definite relation to current developments and little attention was paid to events in the broader field of finance.

Bankers heard with interest of reported negotiations for the placing of a large German loan here, but were not inclined to attach much importance to such an undertaking until certain international financial plans now assume more concrete form.

Left largely to its own devices and the caprices of traders, the stock market became listless after the fairly strong opening, yielding easily during the mid-session.

Distinctive features were lacking in today's operations, aside from the temporary activity of rails at one to three points gain and a broader inquiry for food and copper issues, where extreme gains were relatively moderate.

Otherwise the market was again made up largely of steels, equipments, oils, motors, tobaccos and shippings, with a sprinkling of unclassified shares, including textiles and distilling issues.

Mixed conditions ruled in the bond market, most domestic and foreign issues, including the liberty group, easing slightly. Total sales, par value, were $8,730,000. Old United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last Sale.
Am Beet Sugar.	4,500	95¾	92½	93
American Can..	3,200	59¾	58¾	59¼
Am Car & Fdy..	300	118	118	118
Am H & L pfd.	1,800	109¾	129¼	129¼
American Loco.	2,000	92¾	90¼	91
Am Sm & Refg.	7,000	87½	85¾	86½
Am Sugar Refg.	600	128	128	128
Am Sum Tobac.	3,400	113	111¾	111¾
Am Tel & Tel..	1,300	104	103¾	104
Am Z L & Sm..	1,500	27¾	26¾	27
Anaconda Cop..	9,500	76¼	75½	75¾
Atchison	2,200	100¼	99¾	100
A G & W I S S L	3,100	12¾	11¾	11¾
Baldwin Loco ..	14,000	114	111¼	113¼
Balt & Ohio ...	1,600	46¾	46¼	46¾
Beth Steel B ..	200	100¾	98	99¾
B & A Copper..	1,900	20	19¾	20
Calif Petrol ...	8,000	51¼	49½	50¼
Canadian Pacif.	800	164¾	162½	163
Central Leather	11,800	115½	113¾	114
Ches & Ohio ...	....	....	....	84¾
Chi M & St P..	3,400	49¼	47½	48
Chicago & N W.	800	100¾	99¾	100¾
Chi R I & Pac..	6,300	29¾	28¾	29¾
Chino Copper ..	2,200	90¾	49	49¾
Colo Fu & Iron.	700	57¾	50	50
Corn Products ..	25,200	95¼	92¾	93¼
Crucible Steel ..	23,200	143½	138¾	140½
Cuba Cane Sug.	8,000	36¾	35	35
U S Food Prods.	14,000	84¼	82¼	83½
Erie	700	19	18¾	18¾
General Electric	900	171	168¼	168¼
General Motors.	2,900	232	227	228
Gt Nor pfd	2,000	95¾	93¾	94¼
Gt Nor Ore ctfs.	3,200	49¼	48¾	48¾
Illinois Central.	200	101¼	101	101
Inspir Copper ..	9,500	48¼	47½	47½
Int M M pfd ..	68,200	122½	118	120¾
Inter Nickel ...	4,100	31½	30¾	31
Inter Paper	2,900	68¼	67	67¾
K C Southern ..	200	23¾	23¾	23¾
Kennecott Cop..	1,900	42¾	41¼	41½
Louis & Nash ..	....	....	....	*113
Mexican Petrol.	5,700	195¼	192¼	193¼
Miami Copper ..	700	31¼	30¾	31¼
Midvale Steel ..	8,100	58¼	57¼	57¼
Missouri Pacific	7,600	36¼	34¾	35¼
Montana Power.	200	77¼	77¼	77¼
Nevada Copper.	300	21¼	21¾	21¾
N Y Central ..	1,500	80¾	80	80
N Y N H & H ..	10,200	38¾	34½	37
Norf & West ..	200	107	106¼	106¼
Northern Pacif.	1,000	95¾	95	95¾
Pacific Mail ...	1,100	41¼	39	40¾
Pac Tel & Tel.	900	35¼	34	35¼
Pan-Am Petrol.	25,100	117¾	115¾	116¾
Pennsylvania ..	3,200	46¼	45¾	45¾
Pitts & W Va..	900	40¾	39¾	39¾
Ray Consol Cop.	1,400	27¾	26¾	26¾
Reading	7,500	90¾	89	89¾
Rep I & Steel..	2,200	98	96½	97
Stat Ariz Cop..	1,200	19¼	18½	18¾
Sin Oil & Refg.	28,300	64¾	61¾	61¾
Southern Pacif..	16,100	107	106¾	106¾
Southern Ry ..	900	30¾	30¼	30¾
Studebaker Cor.	20,200	114¾	111	112
Texas Co	1,600	271¼	268	268
Tobacco Prods..	21,700	111¼	108¾	110
Union Pacific ..	600	133½	132¾	133¼
Unit Cig Stores.	2,000	196½	196¼	197¼
U S Ind Alcohol	2,500	144	142½	142½
U S Rubber ...	100	112¼	110¼	110¼
U S Steel	105,800	117¼	117¼	117¼
Utah Copper ...	3,700	96	94¾	94¾
Western Union.	....	....	....	58
Westing Electric	600	57½	57	57¼
Willys-Overland	3,900	37¼	36¼	36½
Royal Dutch ...	....	97¼	95¼	96
National Lead..	300	83¼	83	83¼
Chic Cities ...	7,300	58¾	57¼	58

*Bid.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg..	*99¼	N P 4s	19½
do coupon ...	*99¼	N P 3s	58¼
U S cv 3s reg..	*89	Pac T & T 5s....	92½
do coupon ...	*89	Pa con 4½s....	85¼
U S 4s reg ...	*106¼	S P cv 5s	106½
do coupon ...	*106¼	So Ry 5s	92
Am T & T cv 6s	102¼	U P 4s	85¼
Atch gen 4s	74¼	U S Steel 4s ...	100¾
D & R G ref 5s.	39¾	Anglo-Fr 5s	97
N Y C deb 6s...	98		

*Bid.

Mining Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, July 25.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	6	Old Dom	48½
Ariz Com	16¼	Osceola	84
Calu & Ariz...	84	Quincy	73½
Calu & Hecla...	495	Superior	9
Centennial ...	166	Sup & Boston ..	34
Cop Range	59¾	Shannon	3½
Franklin	6¼	Utah Con	11½
Isle Royale ...	29½	Winona	29½
Lake Copper ..	6	Wolverine	49¾
Mohawk	78	Granby Con	71
North Butte ...	18½	Greene Can	46¾

Liberty Bond Quotations.

NEW YORK, July 25.—The final prices on liberty bonds today were: 3½s, 99.42; first 4s, 94.10; second 4s, 93.60; first 4¼s, 94.90; second 4¼s, 94; third 4¼s, 95; fourth 4¼s, 93.90; victory 3¾s, 99.94; victory 4¾s, 99.86.

Bar Silver Quotations.

NEW YORK, July 25.—Bar silver, $1.07¾; Mexican dollars, 83¾c.

LONDON, July 25.—Bar silver, 53 13-16d per ounce. Money and discount unchanged.

Centralia to Discuss Fair.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—The 1919 southwest Washington fair, to be held the week of August 18, will be the topic for discussion at the noon luncheon of the chamber of commerce Monday. An invitation has been extended by the chamber to the officers of the fair commission and the superintendents of the various fair departments to be in attendance.

Mr. Sinnott to Work for Tax Repeal.

SALEM, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—Representative N. J. Sinnott has written Governor Olcott from Washington that he will co-operate with his Oregon colleagues in congress in an effort to repeal the tax on loganberry juices. Mr. Sinnott's letter was in reply to appeals sent to Washington by Governor Olcott, the Salem commercial club and other local interests.

Thieves Enter Pendleton Stores.

PENDLETON, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—Thieves entered three business houses here last night, but obtained only a small amount of cash. Boys are suspected. The Pendleton cash market lost some small change and some fruit. The Domestic laundry yielded nothing. From the till of the Liberty market $1.50 was taken.

Chehalis School Head Home.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—Superintendent R. E. Cook of the Chehalis public schools, who has been doing Y. M. C. A. educational work in France for the past six months, has arrived home. Mr. Cook associated with many of the best educators of the country.

Congressman McArthur on Trip.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 25.—(Special.)—eRpresentative McArthur of Oregon will be a member of a special congressional committee which will leave here tomorrow night for Boston to confer on plans for celebrating the 300th anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims.

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LIBERTY AND VICTORY BONDS

If you must sell your Liberty or Victory Bonds, sell to us.
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On Friday, July 25, the closing market prices were as given below. They are the governing prices for Liberty and Victory bonds all over the world, and the highest. We advertise these prices daily in order that you may always know the New