OPPOSITION LINE TO ATLANTIC ASSURED

Aztec Sails in July for Port of Portland With Initial Consignments.

FOUR VESSELS IN FLEET

Bates & Chesebrough Behind Venture and Latter Will Reach This City Tomorrow to Confer With Local Merchants.

With the steamer Aztec sailing in July as the pioneer of the fleet, Bates & Chesebrough, of San Francisco, will inaugurate a through service to Portland and San Francisco from New York and Philadelphia in opposition to the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company. A. Chesebrough, a member of the firm, will reach here tomorrow to arrange for the initial cargo, 3000 tons of which has been listed.

It is the expectation of the new line executives to establish a service that will keep four vessels operating, giving the port one sailing every 45 days, and the voyage from the Atlantic harbors to the Columbia River, via the Straits of Magellan will occupy 60 days. That sufficient business can be secured to warrant the craft calling only at Portland is the belief of the owners, and they will inaugurate the through service as soon as practical.

Aztec Carries 5000 Tons.

The Aztec will carry 5000 tons, and with the amount of local shipments originating on the Atlantic seaboard and territory tributary that will be benefited by the water rate, which is but 60 per cent of the rail tariff, it is expected she will have a full cargo on her initial voyage.

Bates & Chesebrough operate 12 steamers between the Bay City and Atlantic harbors, and for some time have enjoyed a lucrative business, but they have quietly circulated their desire to include this port on their itinerary, and after sufficient space was reserved to warrant the Aztec being dispatched, they decided to publicly announce their purpose.

One feature of the service, which forecasts that they propose to enter into keen competition with the American-Hawaiian interests, is a minimum insurance rate, which, they declare, will provide for cargo being landed here, with slight interest added, at a lower tariff than is now enjoyed, and that they do not increase their rate in keeping with rail advances.

Through Routing Advantageous.

Besides, it is argued, the fact cargo is loaded on the Atlantic and is not again disturbed until its destination is reached, is another favorable point, as against the system of the opposition line in transshipping at the Bay City. As many frail packages are shipped, including enameled ware in the form of bathtubs and such commodities, the through shipment idea is expected to be one of the strong bids for patronage.

Support is expected from the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and it is probable that Mr. Chesebrough will meet with its members preparatory to soliciting from local shippers a share of their business.

Portland dealers have routed large quantities of cargo via the carriers now in service, as there originates in the East hardware, woodenware, wagon materials, spokes, hubs, cordage, nails, canned goods, machinery, agricultural supplies, structural iron, paper, wire, belting, white lead, paints, bolts, castings and, in fact, 90 per cent of the commodities coered by the rail tariffs.

While definite dockage arrangements have not been made it is probable that the company will establish its berth at Albers Dock, now used by the American-Hawaiian, because it is centrally located in the district to which is consigned heavy machinery and other bulky cargo.

BEAR CARRIES RECORD LOAD

Cargo Largest Since Congestion of Four Years Ago.

Not since the steamer Aztec was chartered by the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company in the Summer of 1906, to move congested freight south, has a cargo for the Bay City been cleared such as is piled beneath the hatches of the steamer Bear, of that line, which sailed yesterday morning with a total of 2443 tons.

The Aztec's cargo measured 3300 tons and was dispatched under exceptional conditions, while that of the Bear indicates a natural increase in offerings that is expected to be continued during the season to a large extent. Her manifest shows it was made up of flour, potatoes, paper and smaller packages. Her passenger list was also increased, as she had 200 reservations occupied. General Agent Ransom yesterday said that he expected the Beaver to arrive June 11.

ALDEN'S ACTION IS PRAISED

Saving of Deckhand Elicits Official Approval for Captain.

Special commendation has been given Captain C. M. Alden, of the steamer Dalles City, by United States Inspectors Edwards and Fuller for having aided his men in the rescue of a member of the crew who fell overboard Wednesday, while handling freight. The steamer was under way, but immediately was put about, small boats lowered and the man picked up in less than five minutes after he had gone over the side.

The inspectors forwarded Captain Alden the following letter:

Your report of May 26 re man overboard and his rescue in five minutes from the time when he went overboard received.

We take great pleasure in commending you and the officers and crew of the steamer Dalles City for your prompt action in the matter of this rescue, and it is apparent that your officers and crew are proficient in boat drills, for which you, as master of the steamer, deserve great credit.

It is so seldom that we receive a communication from a master of his having rescued a person who has fallen overboard that we write you this special commendation.

REGULATIONS TO BE ENFORCED

Customs Department Orders Small Craft Equipment Watched.

Customs officials of the Port of Portland are about to inaugurate another campaign against owners and operators of small boats, who have neglected to comply with Government regulations covering the display of lights, use of fog horns, whistles and bells.

When vessels are found not to be properly equipped, a fine of $50 is imposed on the master or the officer acting in his stead, and $300 additional against the vessel. Motorboats of 15 tons or less are required to have, besides a bell, whistle and fog horn, bow and stern and side lights and, if carrying passengers, must have a life preserver for each and employ only a licensed operator to handle the vessel.

Sail boats when under way must exhibit sidelights and have a white light to show when required. Rowboats must also carry white lights. In addition all craft are subject to the pilot laws, for violations of which fines are levied. Copies of the regulations are ready for distribution at the Custom House.

Astoria Marine Notes.

ASTORIA, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—The steamer George W. Fenwick cleared today with a cargo of lumber consisting of 1,900,000 feet loaded at the Hammond Lumber Company's mill here. She will sail for San Francisco Monday taking in tow a raft consisting of 6,500,000 feet of lumber.

The steamer Falcon sailed for San Francisco today with a general cargo from Portland, which will go East over the Mexican line.

The steam tug Vosburg left today for Nehalem with a general cargo from here.

The steamship Shna Yak sailed this evening for San Francisco with 450,000 feet of lumber loaded at Kalama and 400,000 loaded at Gobie.

The steam schooner Northland sailed today for San Francisco with 440,000 feet of lumber loaded at Portland, and 400,000 feet loaded at Rainier.

The steam schooners Claremont and Wellesley sailed for San Francisco today with a general cargo from Portland.

The steamship Strathay arrived from Eureka this morning and proceeded to Knappton to load lumber and then finish at up-river points.

The British ship Inverclip sailed for the Orient this afternoon with lumber for China.

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE.

Due to Arrive.

Name.	From.	Date.
Golden Gate	Tillamook	In port
Breakwater	Coos Bay	In port
Roanoke	San Pedro	In port
Rose City	San Francisco	May 30
Sue H. Elmore	Tillamook	May 29
Gen. W. Elder	San Pedro	June 4
Hercules	Hongkong	June 5
Bear	San Francisco	June 6
Falcon	San Francisco	June 6
Beaver	San Francisco	June 11
Henrik Ibsen	Hongkong	June 15

Scheduled to Depart.

Name.	For	Date.
Breakwater	Coos Bay	June 3
Roanoke	San Francisco	May 31
Sue H. Elmore	Tillamook	May 31
Rose City	San Francisco	June 4
Falcon	San Pedro	June 9
Geo. W. Elder	San Pedro	June 7
Bear	San Francisco	June 11
Hercules	Hongkong	June 15
Henrik Ibsen	Hongkong	June 25
Golden Gate	Tillamook	Indef't
Beaver	San Francisco	Indef't

CANNERS' NEW PLAN

Will Solicit Orders From the Retail Trade.

TURNING OVER TO JOBBERS

California Fruit Packers Have Decided to Send Out a Force of Salesmen, According to the Latest Report.

With the announcement of the opening prices on 1910 pack California fruits comes the story that some of the large packers, following the example set by Maine corn canners and other large producers, have decided to send out a force of salesmen to the retail trade. These salesmen, it is understood, will work up all the business possible and turn it over to jobbers in the territory in which they are working, thus doing away with services of brokers. The only return for such activity the packers expect aside from the business it will bring for the time being, so the story goes, is to make their brands so well and favorably known in the territory covered by their salesmen that both retailers and jobbers will hereafter carry them to the exclusion of other brands that are not so well exploited. Work along these lines was started late last season in a small way by means of demonstrators.

The prices named on the 1910 pack by the California Fruit Canners' Association show advances over those of last year, as follows:

	Stand.	Ex. Stand.	Ext.	Ex. 3.
Apricots	$0.05	$0.05	$0.35	.....
Cherries	.10	.20	.50	.25
Peaches, Y.F.	.10	.10	.55	.15
Peaches, L.C.	.05	.05	.50	.....
Pears	.15	.30	.50	.20
Plums	.....	.....	.30	.....

WHEAT PRICES STEADY, TRADE DULL.

Some Dealers Find Encouragement in the Present Situation.

The local grain market yesterday, as usual on Saturday, was a very quiet affair. There were neither buyers nor sellers in evidence, and the dealers found no occasion to quote prices different from those of the preceding day. In fact prices in all departments were entirely nominal.

Aside from the spectacular break in May, the Chicago market was fairly steady. The new crop months opened close to Friday's final figures, and at the close were down ⅝c to 1⅛c. At Liverpool May wheat dropped ¼d, but the later options made gains, the first advances to be recorded in a fortnight. July wheat rising ¼d and October ⅜d at the close. The cargo market continued dull and depressed.

Another event which some traders regarded as an encouraging sign that the downward course of prices has been checked was the decrease in the movement of wheat from Russia, though it will require some time to determine whether this falling off is permanent or merely a fluctuation. The shipments for the past week from Russia and Danubian ports were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

	This week.	Last week.	Last year.
Russia	3,880,000	4,520,000	3,408,000
Danube	552,000	200,000	464,000

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

	Wheat.	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	14	1	17	4	13
Tuesday	10	6	4	2	19
Wednesday	8	5	6	2	7
Thursday	8	2	4	2	4
Friday	4	1	3	..	4
Saturday	3	1	4	4	4
Year ago	3	..	6	5	9
This week	52	16	38	14	42
Year ago	24	5	36	18	58
Season to date	9524	1295	2080	1387	2565
Year ago	10,477	1531	1475	842	2668

BEER SALES CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

Gain in April Over Same Month Last Year Was Half a Million Barrels.

Beer sales in the month of April showed a large increase over the same month last year. The total sales were 5,910,325 barrels, or a gain of 506,706 barrels over the sales of April, 1909. For the first four months of the present year the official Government figures show an increase of 1,596,921 barrels over the corresponding period of 1909.

It is useless to make any further comment on the condition of the hop market in this connection, as it has become a standing joke in the hop trade that the faster the beer business grows the lower the hop market falls. However, if the brewery trade continues to expand at the same rate throughout the remainder of the season it will mean that the consumption of hops in the United States this year will be 20,000 bales larger than it was last year.

STRAWBERRIES SELL 10 CENTS HIGHER

Demand for Other Fruit Is Light—Vegetables Clean Up.

Except for the good demand for strawberries, there was not much activity in the fruit market yesterday. Berries sold on the farmers' market about 10 cents higher than on Friday, and shipping stock was unchanged on the street. The receipts as a whole were large and were entirely cleaned up.

There were fair shipments of loganberries, raspberries and blackberries, all of which were quoted at $1.25 a crate. Several small lots of cantaloupes were received and sold well at $5 to $8 a crate for ponies. Apricots dragged. Cherries were also slow sale.

There was a good clean-up in most lines of vegetables, tomatoes especially being scarce. Peas and beans sold at former prices. Summer squash was harder to move. There was a good demand for new potatoes but old potatoes were not wanted.

NO SURPLUS OF BUTTER THESE DAYS.

Local Market Is Very Strong, but There Is No Talk of an Early Advance.

The local butter market is in a very strong position, the local and shipping demand absorbing all the offerings and calling for more. However, there is no talk of any advance in prices, as it is not certain that the Northern shipping demand will be long maintained.

The advance of half a cent a pound on all sizes of cheese Monday morning will be general.

The demand for poultry yesterday was sufficient to take up all the receipts at the prices that have prevailed throughout the week. Dressed meats also closed unchanged.

There was the regular inquiry for eggs, and as receipts were not large, the market held very steady.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,021,815	$168,749
Seattle	1,688,173	153,874
Tacoma	832,382	65,206
Spokane	670,231	99,191

Clearings of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma for the past week and corresponding week in former years were:

	Portland.	Seattle.	Tacoma.
1910	$8,747,263	$10,721,785	$5,413,191
1909	6,115,202	12,565,623	5,681,606
1908	3,832,926	5,680,630	2,860,406
1907	6,118,568	7,588,853	4,250,976
1906	4,140,798	7,914,816	2,923,820
1905	3,832,125	4,594,530	2,749,587
1904	2,685,977	3,644,800	1,973,808
1903	2,238,805	2,908,921	1,667,811
1902	1,898,172	2,486,117	1,057,186

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Vegetables and Fruits.

FRESH FRUITS—Strawberries, Oregon, $1@1.75 per crate; apples, $1.50@3 per box; cherries, $1@1.25 per box; gooseberries, 3@4c per pound; apricots, 75c@$1.50; currants, 10c per pound; cantaloupes, $3.50@8 per crate; loganberries, $1.25 per crate; raspberries, $1.25 per crate; blackberries, $1.25 per crate.

POTATOES—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 40c per hundred; new California, 2c per pound; sweet potatoes, 4c.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 60@75c per dozen; asparagus, $1.25@2 per box; beans, 9c per lb.; cabbage, 2¼@2½c per lb.; celery, $1 per doz.; corn, 40c per doz.; cucumbers, 75c@$1 per doz.; head lettuce, 50@60c per doz.; hothouse lettuce, 50c@$1 per box; garlic, 10@12½c per lb.; horseradish, 8@10c per lb.; green onions, 15c per dozen; peas, 4@6c; peppers, 50c per pound; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; rhubarb, 2c per pound; spinach, 8@10c per pound; squash, 75c@$1 per crate; tomatoes, $2 per box.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, $2.25@3; lemons, $4@5.50; grapefruit, $3.25@6 per box; bananas, 5½c per pound; tangerines, $1.75 per box.

ONIONS—Bermuda, $1.50@1.75 per crate; red, $1.75@2 per sack.

SACK VEGETABLES—Rutabagas, $1.25@1.50; carrots, 85c@$1; beets, $1.50; parsnips, 75c@$1.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 85c; club, 80c; red Russian, 78c; Valley, 84c.

BARLEY—Feed and brewing, $21@22 per ton.

FLOUR — Patents, $5.55 per barrel; straights, $4.80@5.15; export, $4; Valley, $5.50; graham, $5.10; whole wheat, quarters, $5.30.

CORN—Whole, $33; cracked, $34 per ton.

HAY—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette Valley, $20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $22@25; alfalfa, $15@16; grain hay, $17@18.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $20 per ton; middlings, $30; shorts, $21@22; rolled barley, $25.50@26.50.

OATS—No. 1 white, $26@27 per ton.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 10c per pound; peaches, 7c; prunes, Italians, 4@5c; prunes, French, 4@8c; currants, 10c; apricots, 15c; dates, 7c per pound; figs, fancy white, 6½c; fancy black, 7c; choice black, 5½c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.95; 1-pound flats, $2.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 90c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.40; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $2.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 13½@15c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15c per pound; Brazil nuts, 13½@15c; filberts, 16c; almonds, 17c; pecans, 19c; cocoanuts, 90c@$1 per dozen.

PICKLED GOODS—Barrels: Pigs' feet, $16; regular trips, $10; honeycomb tripe, $12; lunch tongues, $19.50; mess beef, extra, $14; mess pork, $30.

SALT — Granulated, $15 per ton; half BEANS—Small white, 5½c; large white 4¾c; Lima, 5½c; pink, 7c; red Mexican, 7¼c; bayou, 7½c.

SUGAR—Dry granulated, fruit and berry, $6.25; beet, $6.05; extra C, $5.75; golden C, $5.65; yellow D, $5.65; cubes (barrels), $5.65; powedered, $6.50; Domino, $10.40@10.90 per case. Terms on remittances, within 15 days deduct ¼c per pound, if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c per pound; sugar made from sugar 15@18c per pound, ground, 100s, $10.50 per ton; 50s, $11 per ton.

RICE—No. 1 Japan, 4¾c; cheaper grades, 3.50@4.55c; Southern head, 5½@7c.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25@3.50 per case; strained, 7c per pound.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—City creamery, extras, 29c; fancy outside creamery, 28@29c per pound; store, 20c. (Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.)

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, 23@24c per dozen.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, 16@16½c per pound; young America, 17@17½c.

PORK—Fancy, 12@13c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 10½@11c per pound.

LAMBS—Fancy, 9@12c per pound.

POULTRY—Hens, 15@16c; broilers, 27@30c; ducks, 18@25c; geese, 12½c; turkeys, live, 20@22c, dressed, 25c; squabs, $2 per dozen.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1909 crop, 11@14c, according to quality; olds nominal; 1910 contracts, nominal.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 14@17c pound; Valley, 16@18c per pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 32@33c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—½@5c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, 16½@17½c per pound; dry kip, 16½@17½c per pound; dry calf-skin, 19@21c per pound; salted hides, 8@8½c; salted calfskin, 10c per pound; green, hides, 1c less.

PELTS—Dry, 12½@15c; salted, butchers' take-off, $1.15@1.40; Spring lambs, 25@45c.

Provisions.

BACON—Fancy, 23c per pound; standard, 22½c; choice, 24½c; English, 22½@23½c.

HAMS—10 to 15 pounds, 20c; 16 to 16 pounds, 18 to 20 pounds, 19½c; hams, skinned, 21½c; picnics, 15½c; cottage rolls, none; boiled hams, 27@29c.

LARD—Kettle rendered, 10s, 17½c; standard pure, 10s, 17c; choice, 10s, 16c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each 60c; dried beef sets, 22c; dried beef outsides, 20c; dried beef insides, 23c; dried beef knuckles, 22c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, Oregon exports, dry salted, 17½c; smoked, dry salt, 17c; smoked, 18½c; short clear back, heavy dry salted, 16½c, smoked, 18c; 19c.

Linseed Oil and Turpentine.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw in barrels, 91c; kettle boiled, in barrels, 93c; raw, in cases, 96c; kettle boiled, in cases, 98c. Lots of 200 gallons, 1 cent less per gallon.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 83c; in wood barrels, 80½c.

Furs.

FURS—Prices paid for prime No. 1 skins: Mink, Northwest Canada and Alaska, $8@10; Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and California, $5@7; British Columbia and Pacific Coast, $8@10; Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, $7. Lynx, Alaska and British Columbia, $35; Pacific Coast, $28. Raccoon, $1@1.50. Skunk, Canada, $2.50; Pacific Coast, $1@2. Wolf and coyote, Canada, $5@6; Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, $1.50@3. Beaver, Oregon, Washington, Canada, Alaska, $5.50@7; Idaho, Montana, $10; Utah, Wyoming, $6.50@7; cubs, $2@2.50. Otter, Canada, Alaska, $12.50@14; Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Canada, British Columbia, $3@4.50; Pacific Coast, $1.75@2.50. Gray fox, Pacific Coast, $1.50@2. Bear, black and brown, Alaska, Canada, $16@20; cubs, $12@15; Pacific Coast, $10@15; cubs, $5@7; grizzly, perfect, $25@35. Badger, $2. Muskrat, Canada, Alaska, 80c; Pacific Coast, 30@60c. Fisher, British Columbia, Alaska, $15@20; Pacific Coast, $9@15. Wolverine, $6@8. Silver fox, $300@500. Cross fox, $10@15. Sea otter, $200@450. Blue fox, $8@10. White fox, $12@20. Swift fox, 60c. Ermine, 60c. Mountain lion, $5@10. Ringtail cat, 25@75c. Civet cat, 10@80c. House cat, 5@25c.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Prime mercantile paper closed at 4¾@5¼ per cent.

Sterling exchange nominal, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8430@4.8440 for 60-day bills and at $4.8735 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.83¾@4.84¼.

LONDON, May 28.—Bar silver—Steady, 21d per ounce.

Money—3½@4 per cent.

Consols for money, 82⅝; consols for account, 82 11-16.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.84½; sight, $4.87⅝.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, May 28.—Butter—Steady. Creameries, 25@27½c; dairies, 23@26c.

Eggs—Receipts 26,735 cases. Steady at mark, cases included, 15½@16½c; firsts, 17½c; prime firsts, 18½c.

Cheese—Steady. Twins, 14@14¼c; Young Americas, 15@15½c; Long Horns, 14¾@15c.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Butter and cheese—steady, unchanged. Eggs—Irregular, unchanged.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, May 28.—With the other exchanges closed, it was practically a holiday in the metal market, and prices were nominally unchanged. Lake copper was quoted at 12.75@13c; electrolytic at 12.62½@12.75c, and casting, 12.37½@12.50c. Lead was steady at 4.40@4.50c.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., May 28.—The weekly meeting of the butter board was held here today instead of Monday, the latter being a holiday. Butter, steady, 28c. Sales, 689,200 pounds.

Duluth Flax Market.

DULUTH, May 28.—Flax—In store, to arrive and on track, $2.26; May, $2.26 asked; July, $2.06 bid; September, $1.68; October, $1.68½.

New York Exchanges Closed.

NEW YORK, May 28.—The stock, cotton and coffee exchanges were closed today. It was also a holiday in the sugar market.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, May 28.—Wool—Steady. Territory and Western mediums, 18@23½; fine mediums, 17@20c; fine, 12@15c.

SHEEP UP QUARTER

Local Market Higher on Small Offerings.

LAMBS ARE ALSO FIRM

Wethers Sell at the Yards at $4.75. Hogs and Cattle Are Gradually Weakening in Price.

There was only half a day of trading at the stockyards yesterday, as is customary on Saturday, but the time was sufficient to enable the sheep market to lift itself a quarter.

Offerings of sheep this week have been light and with quite an active demand prices have slowly advanced, until yesterday $4.75 was paid for wethers. No lambs were sold, but the previous sales showed that they were also firm.

Five loads of hogs were moved in the morning at $10.25, which is not far from the top of the market at the present time. Cattle values are also shading, though not materially as yet, and the trade regards $5.75 as the top now for steers.

Receipts at the yards yesterday were 137 cattle, 11 calves, 538 sheep, 573 hogs and 32 horses and mules.

Shippers of the stock were: John L. Burke, two cars of cattle from Ione, Cal.; M. D. Amick, two cars of cattle from Ione, Cal.; G. S. Walker, of Enterprise, two cars of hogs; J. Reeser, of Nampa, Idaho, one car of hogs; John Nesziger, of Nampa, one car of hogs; W. J. Rumnes, of Pomeroy, Wash., two cars of hogs; F. W. Ball, of Condon, one car of cattle, calves and hogs; Utah Construction Company, two cars of horses and mules from Burley, Idaho; J. N. Jones, of Heppner, one car of cattle and calves; L. E. West, of Oakland, Or., two cars of sheep, and Clyde Buckley, of Drain, two cars of sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Weight.	Price.
90 hogs	206	$10.25
82 hogs	195	10.25
6 hogs	420	10.00
136 wethers	97	4.75
138 wethers	95	4.75

Prices quoted on the various classes of stock at the yards yesterday were as follows:

Beef steers, good to choice	$5.50@$ 5.75
Beef steers, good to choice	$ 5.50@$ 6.00
Beef steers, fair to medium	4.50@ 5.00
Cows and heifers, good to choice	4.50@ 5.00
Cows and heifers, fair to medium	4.00@ 4.75
Bulls	3.00@ 4.00
Stags	3.00@ 5.00
Calves, light	5.00@ 6.00
Calves, heavy	4.00@ 5.50
Hogs, top	10.00@ 10.40
Hogs, fair to medium	9.00@ 10.00
Sheep, best wethers	4.50@ 4.75
Sheep, fair to best wethers	4.00@ 4.25
Sheep, best ewes	3.75@ 4.00
Lambs, choice	5.50@ 6.00
Lambs, fair	4.75@ 5.25

Eastern Livestock Markets.

CHICAGO, May 28.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated, 200; market, steady. Beeves, $5.60@8.60; Texas steers, $5@6.75; Western steers, $5.15@7.20; stockers and feeders, $3.90@6.40; cows and heifers, $2.70@7.00; calves, $5.75@8.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated, 5000; market, 5@10c higher. Light, $9.40@9.67½; mixed, $9.40@9.70; heavy, $9.35@9.67½; rough, $9.35@9.45; good to choice heavy, $9.45@9.70; pigs, $8.15@9.60; bulk of sales, $9.55@9.65.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated, 1000; market, steady. Native wethers, $5.00@5.50; Western, 5.60; yearlings $6.00@7.50; lambs, native, $5.25@8.60; Western, $5.75@8.75.

KANSAS CITY, May 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 300; market, steady. Native steers, $6.90@8.10; cows and heifers, $3.15@7.25; stockers and feeders, $4.25@6.10; bulls, $3.50@6; calves, $4.50@7.45; Western steers, $5.50@7.65; Western cows, $4.15@6.15.

Hogs—Receipts, 1500; market, 5@10c higher. Bulk of sales, $9.45@9.55; heavy, $9.50@9.57½; packers and butchers, $9.45@9.55; light, $9.30@9.45; pigs, $8.90@9.20.

Sheep—Receipts, none; market, steady. Muttons, $4@6.50; lambs, $7@8.75; fed Western wethers and yearlings, $4.75@5.25; fed Western ewes, $4@5.50.

OMAHA, May 28.—Cattle—Receipts 100; market nominally steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 4300; market, 5@10c higher. Heavy, $9.30@9.40; mixed, $9.35@9.40; light, $9.35@9.45; pigs, $8@9; bulk of sales, $9.35@9.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 100; market, steady. Yearlings, $5@6; lambs, $6.75@8.50; ewes, $4.50@5.25.

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LOWEST PRICE OF SEASON IS HIT AT CHICAGO.

New-Crop Months Close Steady. Weather Is Favorable in All Parts of the Country.

CHICAGO, May 28.—The lowest prices of the season were made in wheat today. A little group of tailenders gave up the fight for the May option and sold out in driblets all the way down to 96c, a sheer drop of 6¼c from last night's figures. Because of poor buying support, new crop futures finished ⅝c to 1⅛@1¼c down. Corn closed ⅛c to 1⅛c off and oats 1 to 1⅛c. Last quotations for provisions were unchanged to 27½c lower.

Disincliination to stand out over two days at the new low levels had much to do with the remarkable lack of vitality in the wheat market. Then, too, fine rains all over the Canadian Northwest and the Dakotas, further showers for final filling of the Winter wheat Southwest and a general warming up of temperatures were far from encouraging any symptom of buliiness. An official call for more harvest hands than were required last year in Kansas was also out of line with short crop prophecies. The Northwest reported country sales of wheat very liberal and the elevators hedging purchases. About the only important item of the day from a bull standpoint was the sale of 600,000 bushels of cash wheat here. One local milling concern bought 250,000 bushels of this total. Foreigners covered some short wheat here today. For new crop futures, the close was fairly steady, with September showing a net loss of ⅞@1c. The range for that option was from 91¼c to 93c and the last price was 91½@91¾c. May closed at the bottom figure, 96c.

Corn was weak. Cash interests were free sellers of the nearby deliveries in particular. September ranged from 57½c to 58¾c and closed ⅝c down at 57⅝c. The cash market also was weak. No. 2 yellow closed at 57½@57⅝c.

In May oats there was general liquidation by longs with the most pressure on September. That month fluctuated between 35¼c and 36⅛@36⅛c, closing with 1@1¼c loss at 35¼@35⅜c.

Although provisions were higher early on the lighter run of hogs here and West, weakness in the grain list and some consequent realizing by longs caused an easing off later. Pork at the close was 20@27½c lower; lard, 5@7½c higher and ribs unchanged to 2½c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$1.02½	$1.02½	$ .96	$ .96
July	.95	.95½	.92	.93⅜
Sept	.92⅞	.92	.91⅛	.91⅝
Dec	.92¼	.92¼	.90⅞	.91⅛
CORN.				
May	.58½	.58½	.54¼	.54½
July	.58	.58¼	.56⅜	.56⅝
Sept	.58⅝	.58⅝	.58⅛	.57⅝
Dec	.55⅝	.56⅝	.55	.55⅞
OATS.				
May	.38½	.38⅝	.36⅜	.36⅝
July	.37⅝	.37½	.35⅝	.35⅛
Sept	.36⅝	.36½	.35¼	.35⅜
Dec	.37¼	.37½	.36	.36
MESS PORK.				
July	22.55	22.55	22.20	22.25
Sept	22.35	22.40	21.90	22.10
LARD.				
July	12.45	12.50	12.40	12.47½
Sept	12.35	12.35	12.25	12.32½
SHORT RIBS.				
July	12.55	12.62½	12.42½	12.50
Sept	12.30	12.32½	12.20	12.30

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Barely steady. Winter patents, $4.80@5.20; straights, $4.25@4.80; Spring straights, $4.60@4.80; bakers, $4@5.20.

Rye—No. 2, 74@76c.

Barley—Feed or mixing, 46@50c; fair to choice malting, 58@65c.

Flax seed—No. 1 Southwestern, $2.01½; No. 1 Northwestern, $2.11½.

Timothy seed—$4.35.

Clover—$11.25.

Pork—Mess, per barrel, $22.50@22.75.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $12.50.

Short ribs—Sides (loose), $12.62½@12.87½.

Sides—Short, clear (boxed), $13.25@13.50.

Grain statistics:

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 290,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 554,000 bushels, compared with 158,000 bushels the corresponding day a year ago. Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 14 cars; corn, 286 cars; oats, 216 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	24,800	17,500
Wheat, bushels	220,400	127,900
Corn, bushels	296,200	108,500
Oats, bushels	279,000	191,400
Rye, bushels	2,900	.....
Barley, bushels	72,500	19,200

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Flour—Dull and easy; Spring patents, $5.15@5.35; Winter straights, $4.40@4.55; Winter patents, $4.80@5.15; Spring clears, $4.25@4.50; Winter extras No. 2, $3.60@4.40; Winter extras No. 2, $3.70@3.90; Kansas straights, $4.80@4.95. Receipts, 31,526 barrels; shipments, 16,976 barrels.

Wheat—Spot easy. No. 2 red, $1.04½ nominal c. i. f.; No. 1 Northern, $1.11½, nominal f. o. b. afloat. Wheat opened steady on covering by shorts and on foreign buying, but declined under renewed selling on large country offerings and weakness in the outside markets, although May was firm, with little offering, and the close was ¼c lower to 2c higher. May closed at $1.07½, July at $1.01¼ and September at 98⅛c. Receipts were 25,000 bushels; exports 13,700 bushels.

Hops—Quiet. State common to choice, 1909, 21@24c; 1908, nominal. Pacific Coast, 1909, 14@18c; 1908, nominal.

Hides—Quiet; Central America, 23c; Bogota, 22@23c.

Petroleum—Steady; refined New York, in barrels, $7.75; do bulk, $4.25; refined Philadelphia, in barrels, $7.75; do bulk, $4.25.

Wool—Steady; domestic fleece, 31@34c.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, May 28.—Cargoes dull and depressed.

English country markets dull.

LIVERPOOL, May 28.—Wheat—May, 6s 4¼d; July, 6s 5¼d; October, 6s 7¼d. Weather fine.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 28.—Wheat—May, $1.01¾; July, $1.02¼; September, 92c. Cash: No. 1 hard, $1.06¼; No. 1 Northern, $1.03¼; No. 2 Northern, $1.01¼@1.03¼; No. 3 Northern, 98¼@$1.01¼.

Flax—Closed $2.07.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 52⅝@52¾c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 34¼@35¼c.

Rye—No. 2, 67@70c.

Bran—In 100-pound sacks, $18@18.25.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Spot quotations: Wheat—Shipping, $1.46¼@1.51½. Barley—Feed, $1.07½@1.10; brewing, $1.15. Oats—Red, $1.27½@1.37½; white, $1.47½@1.57½; black, nominal. Corn—Yellow, $1.70@1.75.

Grain Markets of the Northwest.

TACOMA, Wash., May 28.—Wheat—Bluestem, $4@85c; club, 80@81c.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 28.—Milling quotations: Bluestem, 88c; fortyfold, 86c; club, 85c; rife, 85c; red Russian, 83c. Export wheat—Bluestem, 83c; fortyfold, 83c; club, 82c; rife, 82c; red Russian, 80c. Yesterday's car receipts—Wheat, 5 cars; oats, 3 cars; barley, 1 car.

WEEK'S CHANGES SMALL

POSITION OF NEW YORK BANKS STILL VERY STRONG.

Deposits and Loans Each Increase Five Millions Since Last Statement—Small Cash Gain.

NEW YORK, May 28.—The Financier will say:

The effect of pre-holiday influences and a very slight gain in cash during the week was disclosed in the report of the clearing-house banks on Saturday, which showed changes of small magnitude in the various items. The cash held by the various banks rose to the inconsiderable amount of $147,700, while a gain of $5,772,200 in deposits increased reserve requirements by $1,443,650, bringing the cash reserve down $1,295,650 and giving an excess reserve above the 25 per cent minimum of $23,917,900. Loans expanded $5,464,000.

The statement of averages showed a wide variation from the actual, the cash reserve, according to average statement, increasing $2,412,025.

The summary of state banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the New York Clearing-House showed a slight decrease in loans, a gain of $1,654,300 in cash and an increase of $5,587,400 in de