MOHAIR CLIPS SOLD

Local Dealers Operate on 32-Cent Delivered Basis.

MARKET SLOW IN OPENING

Conditions in the East and Abroad, Apparently, Are Not Favorable for Higher Prices in Near Future.

The Oregon mohair market is opening in a slow way. During the past week a number of moderate-sized clips were taken by local dealers on the basis of 32 cents delivered at Portland. This is all any of the buyers here will offer at the present time. Most of them take a bearish view of the situation, as they have for some months past, and in some quarters it is predicted that prices will work downward instead of upward when active selling begins. Similar predictions have been made in past years, but not always realized.

Conditions prevailing in the Eastern and foreign mohair markets are not favorable for a rise. It will be remembered, however, that last year, the pace for the American market was set here in Oregon.

The following mohair report is from the latest Boston Commercial Bulletin:

"Some sales of domestic combing mohair are reported at unchanged prices. Carding sorts are said to be dull. A moderate line of Texas Fall hair is said to have sold this week at 32 cents.

"The new clip is beginning to be shorn in Texas and Arizona and offers are being sought from the dealers here, although few lots large enough to draw offers are yet collected in their distributing centers. Dealers are disposed to offer about 27 cents for the Spring Texas hair, although the growers are said to be asking more money.

"No sales of foreign hair are reported in this market this week. Very little Turkey hair is in the market to be offered in fact. In Europe no change in their dull situation, which has prevailed there for some time, is reported and recent sales were made only at concessions.

"Domestic quotations: Best combing, 35@37c; good combing, 34@35c; ordinary combing, 32@33c; carding, 24@28c; Foreign; Cape 1st, 44c; Turkey, fair average, 32@35c.

WHEAT FARMERS CONTROL SITUATION

Firmness of Holders Causes Prices Steadily to Advance.

Wheat market closed strong but inactive for the want of offerings. Sellers in the Northwest appear to have the situation in their own hands and are making the best of it. Wheat can only be bought in small quantities and at outside prices. At the same time the demand is limited, but this has no effect on prices in view of the light stocks remaining in the country. Farmers and speculators believe there is not enough wheat left inthe Northwest for actual needs. There were offers yesterday of 91 cents for clb and 94 cents for bluestem.

There was not much doing in oats, but they were very firmly held.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	53	..	17	..	9
Tuesday	17	1	10	1	4
Wednesday	15	..	4	2	5
Thursday	16	..	7	7	2
Friday	19	..	5	2	1
Saturday	12	..	9	1	9
Year ago	20	10	3	..	10
YTd this week	132	3	52	31	31
Year ago	190	18	41	9	57
Sea'n to date	11,621	319	1988	1417	2269
Year ago	11,380	538	1811	728	2323

NO SURPLUS OF EGGS ON MARKET

Local, Shipping and Storage Demand Cleans Up Street.

Eggs were firm and closely cleaned up at the end of the week, because of the strong local and shipping demand and the storage operations of speculators.

Poultry and dressed meats of all kinds also sold well at steady prices.

No change in the butter market is indicated for the coming week. The position of local creamery is firm.

There has been some increase in the supply of cheese, but not enough to reduce prices from the high Winter level.

HOP CONTRACT MADE AT 25 CENTS

Large Lot of Spots Sold in California at 35 Cents.

The few transactions reported in the hop market in the past few days have been at lower prices. No deals in spot hops were put through, but a contract for a good-sized quantity of the new crop was closed at 25 cents.

In California, 24½ cents was paid for a 1912 contract. A lot of 162 bales of 1911 California hops was sold yesterday at 35 cents.

The lack of demand appears to be having effect on all the Coast markets.

ONLY 18 CARS OF ONIONS ARE LEFT

Six Cars Sold in Past Week, One Bringing $3.50.

Six cars of onions were sold by members of the Onion Growers' Association in the past week. One brought $3.50 and the others $2.25 a hundred. Only 18 cars are left in growers' hands, and, therefore, very few were offered for the coming week. The onion men have no fear of competition from new-crop Southern onions this year, owing to the lateness of the crop.

In the past week 150 acres were planted in the onion belt. Planting will be heavy in the coming week.

VEGETABLE SUPPLIES CLEAN UP WELL

Front Street Trade Good for Last Day of Month.

Front street trade was fairly good yesterday for the last day of the month. Receipts were light and nearly everything in the truck line cleaned up. Among the arrivals were a car each of oranges and cabbage.

The cabbage market is very firm in California and local prices will be advanced to 2 cents in the coming week. Local radishes from now on will take the place of the Southern vegetable.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,356,724	$266,706
Seattle	1,684,374	124,715
Tacoma	417,875	24,079
Spokane	336,825	46,786

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

	Portland.	Seattle.	Tacoma.
1912	$10,227,511	$ 9,722,865	$4,206,263
1911	9,582,389	8,521,911	4,117,086
1910	10,127,402	12,737,850	6,062,825
1909	6,727,454	10,628,109	4,588,782
1908	6,844,191	7,242,125	3,769,938
1907	7,213,571	8,854,455	5,497,136
1906	4,726,562	8,422,985	3,849,847
1905	4,257,247	3,566,124	2,987,985
1904	3,475,141	3,523,137	1,912,937
1903	3,237,767	3,219,674	1,868,839
1902	2,428,679	2,722,249	1,366,541

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 93@94c; club, 89@91c; red Russian, 89@90c; valley, 90@91c; 40-fold, 91c.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $21 per ton; shorts, $23; middlings, $30.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.50 per barrel; straights, $4.05; exports, $3.90; Valley, $4.50; graham, $4.65; whole wheat, $4.85.

CORN—New, whole, $34; cracked, $35 per ton.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, $14@16; No. 1 Valley, $12@14; alfalfa, $12@13; clover, $8@9; cat and vetch, $10@11.50; grain hay, $9.

OATS—No. 1 white, $34@34.50 per ton.

Vegetables and Fruits.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2.50@3.25; California grapefruit, $3.50@4; Florida grapefruit, $5.75@7; bananas, $1.25@1.50 per bunch; lemons, $4.50@5.50 per box; pineapples, 6c per pound.

FRESH FRUITS—Almeria grapes, $5 per barrel; cranberries, $10@11.50 per barrel.

POTATOES—Buying prices: Burbanks, $1.50@1.75 per hundred; sweet potatoes, $3.25 per crate.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, white, $1.25@1.50 per crate; green, $2.25 per crate; beans, 15@17½c; cabbage, 2½@3c; per pound; cauliflower, $2.25 crate; celery, $.50@6 per crate; cucumbers, $2@2.50 dozen; eggplant, 25c per pound; garlic, 8@10c per pound; head lettuce, $2@2.25 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 75c@$1 per box; peas, 11@12½c per pound; peppers, 25c per pound; radishes, 50c per dozen; rhubarb, $1.50@1.75 per box; spinach, $1.15@1.25 per box; tomatoes, $1.75@2 per box.

ONIONS—Association price, $2.25@3.50 per sack.

SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1@1.10 per sack; beets, $1.50; rutabagas, $1@1.10; carrots, $1.

APPLES—Yellow Newtown, $2@2.50; Spitzenbergs, $1.75@3; Baldwin, $1.50@2; Ben Davis, $1@1.75; Red Cheek Pippins, $2@2.50; Gano, $1@1.75; California Newtowns, $1.75@2 per box.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 33½c; prints, extra.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, 21c per dozen.

CHEESE—Oregon flats, 22c per pound; Young America, 23c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 8½@9c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 12@12½c per pound.

POULTRY—Hens, 16@16½c; Springs, 16@16½c; ducks, 20c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 23c.

Staple Groceries.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.25 per dozen; 8-pound talls, $2.95; 1-pound flats, $2.40; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, $1.35.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 26½@40c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 16@16½c per pound; Brazil nuts, 14@16c; filberts, 14@15c; almonds, 17@21c; pecans, 18c; cocoanuts, 90c@$1 per dozen; chestnuts, 12½c per pound; hickory nuts, 6@10c per pound.

HONEY—Choice, $3.75 per case; strained honey, 10c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $15 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $8.50 per ton; 50s, $9 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 4@5c; large white, 4½c; Lima, 7½c; pink, 5½c; Mexican, 5½c; bayous, 5c.

RICE—No. 1 Japan, 5½c; cheaper grades, 4¾@5c; Southern head, 6½@7c.

SUGAR—Dry granulated, $6.35; fruit and berry, $6.35; Honolulu plantation, $6.30; beet, $6.15; extra C, $5.85; powdered, barrels $6.40; cubes, barrels, $6.75.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 14c per pound; apricots, 16@18½c; peaches, 12@14c; prunes, Italians, 10½@10½c; silver, 18c; figs, white and black, 6½@7c; currants, 16@11c; raisins, loose, Muscatel, 6¾@7½c; bleached Thompson, 11½c; unbleached Sultanas, 8½c; seeded, 7½@8½c; dates, Persian, 5½c per pound; Fard, $1.60 per box.

Provisions.

HAMS—10 to 12 pounds, 15@16c; 12 to 14 pounds, 15@16c; 14 to 16 pounds, 15@16c; picnics, 11c; cottage roll, 12c.

LARD—Kettle rendered, tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12¾c; standard tierces, 11½c; tubs, 11¾c; shortening, tierces, 8½c; tubs, 8¾c.

BACON—Fancy, 25c; standard, 17½@18½c; English, 16@16½c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 11½c; smoked, 12c; short clear backs, 12 to 16 pounds, dry salt, 12½c; smoked, 14c; short clear backs, 16 to 20 pounds, dry salt, 11½c; smoked, 13c; Oregon exports, dry salt, 15c; smoked, 14c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1911 crop, 24@25c; olds, nominal; 1912 contracts, 25@26c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 32c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 14@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 16@17c per pound.

PELTS—Dry, 11c; lambs, salted, 75@90c; short-wool pelts, 65@80c; butcher pelts, Jan. take-off, 95c@$1.05; Feb. take-off, $1.10@1.15.

HIDES—Salted hides, 10½@10½c per pound; salted calf, 16@17c; salted kip, 11@12c; green hides, 9½c; dry calf, 21c; dry hides, 19@19c; salted stags, 7@7½c; green stags, 6@6½c.

CASCARA—Per pound, 5¾@6c.

GRAIN BAGS—In car lots, 7¾@8c.

Furs.

FURS—Portland prices for prime, well-handled skins, according to sizes: Mink, $4@6.50; raccoon, 90c@$1.50; skunk (narrow stripes), $1@2; skunk (broad stripe), 75c@$1.50; muskrat, 20@35c; gray fox, 75c@$1.50; red fox, $6@8.50; marten, $6@8; beaver, $6@8.50; fisher, $12@20; badger, 40c@$1; lynx cat, $3@5; wildcat, 75c@$1.50; otter, $10@14; lynx, $20@30; ringtail cats, 25@60c; civet cat, 10@35c; house cat, 5@20c; mountain lion, $5@10; bear, $7@12.

Linseed Oil and Turpentine.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in barrels, 77c; boiled, in barrels, 79c; raw, in cases, 82c; boiled, in cases, 84c.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 72c; wood barrels, 69½c.

EWES SELL DIME HIGHER

BIG BUNCH BRINGS $4.85 AT STOCKYARDS.

Other Lines Are Firm With Moderate Offerings—The Week's Trade.

The week closed at the stockyards with prices generally firm all around. Trading was of the usual Saturday character. The most important sale was a bunch of 850 ewes, which brought $4.85.

A load of good steers sold at $6.40 and heifers were taken at $5.50 and $5.75.

Another carload sale of hogs at $7.50 showed the strength of this branch of the market.

Receipts yesterday were 69 cattle, 150 hogs and 1741 sheep.

Shippers were Penwell Land & Livestock Company, Harlowtown, Mont., 4 cars of sheep; J. L. Beasley, Blackfoot, Idaho, 3 cars of sheep; Lester Wade, Arlington and Condon, 3 cars of cattle and hogs, and E. C. Lucke, Canby, 2 cars of sheep and hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Weight.	Price.
24 steers	1111	$6.40
7 heifers	685	5.50
16 heifers	709	5.75
1 stag	1320	5.50
850 ewes	80	4.85
35 hogs	192	7.50

The range of prices at the yards was as follows:

Cattle—	
Choice steers	$6.50@$6.65
Good steers	6.25@ 6.40
Medium steers	4.00@ 6.25
Choice cows	5.50@ 5.75
Good cows	5.00@ 5.50
Medium cows	4.50@ 5.00
Choice calves	8.50@ 8.75
Good heavy calves	6.00@ 6.50
Bulls	4.25@ 5.00
Stags	4.75@ 6.00
Hogs—	
Light	7.00@ 7.50
Heavy	6.00@ 6.75
Sheep—	
Yearlings	5.50@ 6.00
Wethers	4.85@ 5.40
Ewes	4.50@ 4.75
Lambs	5.10@ 6.25

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, March 30.—Cattle—Receipts 100; market steady. Native steers, $5.30@7.80; cows and heifers, $2.50@6.50; Western steers, $4.40@6.75; Texas steers, $4.20@5.30; range cows and heifers, $3.25@5.25; canners, $2.75@4; stockers and feeders, $4.40@6.60; calves, $4@9; bulls, stags, etc., $4.25@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts 1200; market 5@10c higher. Heavy, $7.10@7.75; mixed, $7.40@7.70; light, $7.15@7.70; pigs, $5.50@7; bulk of sales, $7.40@7.70.

Sheep—Receipts 200; market steady. Yearlings, $5.80@6.35; Westerns, $5.40@5.90; ewes, $4.75@5.35; lambs, $6.40@7.60.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Cattle—Receipts 200; market steady. Beeves, $5.25@8.30; Texas steers, $4.60@5.75; Western steers, $5.20@6.80; stockers and feeders, $4.20@6.70; cows and heifers, $2.60@6.60; calves, $4.50@9.90.

Hogs—Receipts 7000; market dull, generally steady. Light, $7.55@7.90; mixed, $7.55@7.82½; heavy, $7.60@7.85; rough, $7.60@7.70; pigs, $5.25@7.35; bulk of sales, $7.75@7.90.

Sheep—Receipts 3000; market steady. Native, $4.25@6.25; Western, $4.10@6.30; yearlings, $5.75@7; lambs, native, $5.75@7.85; Western, $6.25@8.25.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 30.—The turpentine market was firm at 47c; sales, 122; receipts, 157; shipments, 1713; stock, 16,000.

Rosin, firm; sales, 530; receipts, 823; shipments, 982; stocks, 72,200. Quote: B, $6.85; D, $6.90; E, $7.05; F, G, H, $7.12½; I, $7.15; K, $7.20; M, $7.40; N, $7.60; WG, $7.70; WW, $7.75.

READING GETS LIFT

Stock Rises on Report of Another Mine Conference.

STEEL SHOWS HEAVINESS

Standard Railway Shares Are Irregular After Early Strength—Metal Issues Continue Under Pressure—Bonds Are Firm.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Interest in the stock market on the exchange centered around Reading, which rose on the report of another conference between the anthracite coal owners and the miners.

United States Steel again was noticeably heavy, regardless of a $2 per ton increase by one of its leading subsidiaries.

The metal stocks continued under pressure.

Standard railway shares held a little more than steady after some early strength, and the movement was, as a whole, irregular. All the activity was in the final hour.

The bank statement showed an actual loss of more than $10,000,000 in cash, with a loan expansion of almost $14,000,000, reducing the excess cash reserve to less than $500,000, as compared with over $12,000,000 last week.

Today's figure amounted practically to a wiping out of the actual reserve, but it is confidently predicted that this condition will be corrected next week, when the local banks are almost certain to be benefited by interest and dividend payments.

The bond market was firm. Total sales par value, $2,174,000. Panama 3s lost ½ per cent on the week.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Amal. Copper Co.	81¼	81¾	80½	80¾
Am. Car & F., com.	56¼	56¼	56¼	56¼
Am. Can, com.	20	21	20	20¾
do preferred	103¼	104½	103¼	104½
Am. Cotton Oil, com.	52¼	52	52	52
Am. Sugar, com.	128	127½	127½	128
Am. Smelt., com.	86¼	86¾	85¾	85¾
do preferred	106¾	106¾	106¾	106¾
Am. Woolen, com.	....	....	....	23¾
Anaconda Mining Co.	40¾	41	40½	40¾
Atchison, com.	109¼	109¼	108¾	108¾
do preferred	....	....	....	103½
B. & O., com.	106½	106¾	106½	106½
Beet Sugar	40¾	40¾	40	40¾
Brooklyn Rapid Tr.	81	81¾	81	81¾
Canadian Pac., com.	239¾	239¾	238¾	238¾
Central Leather, c.	....	....	....	23¾
do preferred	....	....	....	89
C. & O. W., com.	....	....	....	19¾
do preferred	36¾	37	36¾	37
C., M. & St. P.	109¾	109¾	109¾	109¾
C. & N. W., com.	142	144	142	143¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	77¾	78¾	77¾	77¾
Colo. Fuel & Iron, c.	30¾	30¾	30	30
Colo. South., com.	44	44	44	44
do 1st preferred	....	....	....	66
do 1st preferred	76	76	75¾	76
Consolidated Gas	145	145	144¾	144¾
Corn Products, com.	14¾	14¾	14¾	14¾
do preferred	....	....	....	81
Delaware & Hudson	....	....	....	170
Denver & Rio G., c.	23¾	23¾	23¾	23¾
do preferred	44	44	43¾	43¾
Erie, common	37¾	37¾	37	37
do 2d preferred	....	....	....	45¾
do 1st preferred	....	....	....	56
General Electric	165¾	166¾	165¾	165¾
Gt. North. ore lands	42¾	44¾	42	42
Gt. North., pfd.	133¾	133¾	133¾	133¾
Ice Securities	....	....	....	22
Illinois Central	132½	132¾	132	132
Int. Harvester	114¾	114¾	114	114
Interurban Met., c.	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾
do preferred	60¾	60¾	60	60
Lehigh Valley	165¾	165¾	164¾	164¾
Louisville & Nashville	....	....	....	155¾
Mexican Natl. 2d	....	....	....	28¾
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	127¾	127¾	127¾	127¾
M., K. & T., com	31¾	31¾	31	31
do preferred	....	....	....	64
Missouri Pacific	45¾	45¾	45¾	45¾
National Lead	57¾	57¾	57	57
Nevada Consolidated	20¾	20¾	19¾	19¾
New York Central	112¾	112¾	112¾	112¾
N. Y., Ont. & Western	....	....	....	38½
Nor. & Western, com	110¾	111¾	110¾	110¾
North American	29	29¾	29	29¾
Northern Pacific	122¾	122¾	122¾	122¾
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	33¾	33	32½	32½
Pennsylvania Railway	124	124	123¾	123¾
P. G., L. & Coke Co.	108½	108½	108¼	108¼
Pressed Steel Car, c.	33¾	33¾	33	33
do preferred	....	....	....	101
Reading, com	161¾	163¾	161¾	163¾
Reading, 1st pref.	91	91	90¾	90
Rep. Iron & Steel, c.	21¾	22¾	21¾	22
do preferred	....	....	....	92
Rock Island, com	26¾	27¾	26¾	27
do preferred	55	55	54¾	54¾
St. L. & S. F., 2d pf.	42	42	41¾	41¾
do 1st pref.	....	....	....	67¾
St. L. & S. W., com.	33	33	33	33
do preferred	....	....	....	73¾
Southern Pacific, com	114¾	115¾	114¾	114¾
Southern Railway, c.	30¾	30¾	30	30
do preferred	74	74¼	74	74¾
Tenn. Copper	....	....	....	25¾
Tex., St. L. & W., com	15¾	15¾	14¾	15¾
do preferred	32	32¾	32	32
Union Pacific, com	171¾	172	171¾	171¾
do preferred	....	....	....	91¾
U. S. Rubber, com	54¾	54¾	54½	54½
do preferred	114¾	114¾	114	114
U. S. Steel Co., com.	67¾	68¾	67¾	67¾
do preferred	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾
Utah Copper	60¾	61¾	60¾	61
Virginia Chemical	53¾	53¾	53¾	53¾
Wabash, com	7¾	7¾	7¾	7¾
do preferred	20	20¼	20	19¾
Western Union Tel.	85¾	84	83¾	83¾
Westinghouse Elec.	....	....	....	76¾
Wisconsin Central, c.	....	....	....	55

Total sales for the day, 210,700 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Closing quotations:

U S ref 2s reg.	100¾	N Y C gen 3½s	87
do coupon	100¾	No Pacific 3s	69¾
U S 3s reg.	102½	No Pacific 4s	100¾
do coupon	102½	Union Pacific 4s	101
U S new 4s reg.	114	Wis Central 4s	93
do coupon	114	Japanese 4s	89¾
D & R G 4s	89¾ B		

Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, March 30.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	46	Mohawk	62
Amalg. Copper	69¾	Nevada Con	20
A. Z. L. & S.	26¾	Nipissing Mines	7¾
Arizona Com	5¾	North Butte	33
B. & C. C. & S. M.	7¾	North Lake	7¾
Cal & Arizona	72	Old Dominion	55¾
Cal & Hecla	465	Osceola	115
Centennial	21¾	Quincy	83¾
Con Mercur Con Co	62	Shannon	15¾
E Butte Cop M.	14	Superior	32¾
Franklin	15¾	Sup & Bos Min.	7¾
Giroux Con	5¾	Tamarack	30
Granby Con	40¾	U S S R & M	29¾
Greene Cananea	9¾	do preferred	48¾
I Royalite (Cop)	88¾	Utah Con	19¾
Kerr Lake	2¾	Utah Copper Co	61¾
Lake Copper	47	Winona	7
La Salle Copper	6¾	Wolverine	112
Miami Copper	26¾		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Money on call, nominal. Time loans, softer; 60 days, 3¾@3½ per cent; 90 days, 3½; six months, 3½@3¾ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 4¾@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84 for 60-day bills and at $4.8805 for demand.

Commercial bills, $4.83¾.

Mexican dollars, 47c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, firm.

LONDON, March 30.—Bar silver quiet, 26 11-16d per ounce; money, 3@3½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 7-16@3½ per cent; for three months' bills, 3¾@3 7-16 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.84¼; do, sight, $4.87¼. Silver bars, 56c.

Mexican dollars, 46½c.

Drafts, sight, 2½c; telegraph, 5c.

WEST DENIES CLEMENCY

Governor Refuses to Pardon Murderers From Grant County.

SALEM, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—There will be no executive clemency for Albert Green, Ben Hinton and Earl and Emmet Shields, Grant County murderers, who are serving life sentences in the State Penitentiary as slayers of Ollie Snyder.

This much became certain today in an announcement made by Governor West, who declared that he would take no action for them and that applications for clemency may as well be discontinued.

Scores of letters, which have been received both by the Governor and by the State Parole Board from Grant County and other parts of the state, have asked that the Shields brothers and Green particularly be given clemency.

The men were convicted of murder in the second degree in connection with the slaying of Ollie Snyder, the men being implicated with Joseph Caseday, a deputy sheriff of Grant County. Ollie Snyder had killed Arthur Green, brother of Albert Green. The Greens and Caseday were close friends.

Caseday was detailed to take Snyder across the mountains following his arrest and, with the Shields brothers, Albert Green and Hinton, he entered into a conspiracy to give up Snyder at a lonely spot. This was brought about and Snyder was killed.

Caseday was convicted of murder in the first degree, but his sentence was commuted by Governor West. They are all now serving life sentences and probably will continue in the prison during the present administration at least.

WOOL BILL DENOUNCDE

SOLID DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT IN HOUSE IS BROKEN.

Colorado Member Declares American Grower Will Not Retain Control of Home Market.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The first break in the solid Democratic ranks behind the wool tariff revision bill was disclosed in the House today, when Representative Rucker (Dem., Colo.) invelghed against the measure. Mr. Rucker foretold ruin for the Colorado sheep owners if the proposed bill became a law. He denounced as fallacious the argument that the American sheep owner should receive sufficient protection to insure his control of the home market and cited figures intended to prove that Australia and South America would dominate the markets of the world.

When the bill was taken up the House agreed to a proposal of Majority Leader Underwood to vote Monday. On that day there will be two hours' general debate, followed by five-minute speeches on amendments.

Attacking the bill, Representative Mondell (Rep., Wyo.) said the report accompanying the Democratic bill was a "garbled mass of misstatements.

ALBANY DEBATERS WIN

College Orators Down Willamette Opponents in Keen Contest.

ALBANY, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—In one of the preliminary debates here of the Collegiate Debating League of Oregon, Albany College won from Willamette University last evening. The contest was held in the First Presbyterian Church before a large audience. By virtue of this victory, Albany College will compete in the final debate for the league championship this year.

In last evening's contest, Albany defended the negative of the question, "Resolved, That boards of arbitration with compulsory power should be created to settle disputes arising in the United States between employers and employes." Albany College was represented by Miss Jessie Telford, Arthur Hodge and Alex McLean. The Willamette University debaters were Messrs. Savage, Smith and McDaniel.

The judges were Professor Joseph Schaefer and Professor R. C. Clark, of the University of Oregon, and Professor J. A. Bexell, of the Oregon Agricultural College. They awarded victory to Albany by a vote of 2 to 1. Following the debate a reception was given at Tremont Hall.

RALLY TO BE AT ALOHA

Washington County Residents Will Gather April 14.

ALOHA, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—The citizens of the Eastern part of Washington County will gather at Aloha the afternoon of April 14 in a get-together meeting an dhold an old-fashioned political rally. Thursday night a number of the residents of Wheeler precinct in Washington County met with the Commercial Club of Aloha and it was decided to have a grand jollification to which the candidates for state and county office, or certain of them, will be invited. The women will serve a luncheon on the veranda of a private residence to the invited candidates and the women, after which a general handshaking and introductions will follow. There will be a ball game and a brass band will play. The school children will sing National anthems and it is estimated that between 600 and 700 people will gather upon that day at Aloha if the weather is pleasant.

WITHDRAWAL IS UPHELD

Attorney-General Says Carter Has Right to Quit Race.

SALEM, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—The legality of the withdrawal of William A. Carter from the race for District Attorney of Multnomah County was upheld by Attorney-General Crawford today, the opinion in this case being practically the same as that furnished when a candidate for State Senator recently expressed his intention of withdrawing from the race.

The Attorney-General says that no official act has been passed which would preclude the Secretary of State from allowing Carter to withdraw, and that in his declaration a candidate only promises to enter the race and not to withdraw after he is nominated.

The completed petition of J. N. Davis had never been received at the office of the Secretary of State and consequently his official withdrawal was unnecessary to keep his name from the nominating ballot.

TRAIN DELAY EXPLAINED

General Manager of the O.-W. R. & N. Sends Letter to Commission.

SALEM, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—In response to a complaint that trains running into Portland on the O.-W. R. & N. for 30 days prior to March 13 were late, General Manager O'Brien sent a comprehensive letter to the State Railroad Commission today.

In explanation he states that out of 180 trains during that time but 65 were late, the balance or 115 trains being on time. He states that 49 of the trains that were late were late from the connecting line or division point and were on time on the O.-W. R. & N. tracks. Of the remaining 16 trains he says that three were delayed by snow, three by derailment, two by rock slides and the other eight were delayd by unavoidable causes.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—Two pretty young women, carrying signs, "Your choice, 5 cents," walked up Main street today. The signs had been prepared for a church

CORN PRICES SOAR

Bull Leaders Compel Shorts to Cover.

WEATHER FORECAST AGENT

Oats Market Also Forges Upward. Wheat Is Dull but Held Steady by Strength of Coarse Grains.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Forage grain today soared above the previous record-breaking prices this week. Bull leaders pressed the buying and compelled the covering of important short lines. Uncommon activity and nervous tension developed in corn and oats alike. Prospect of colder, unsettled weather over Sunday encouraged ew buyers and the end freed pit traders to capitulate. At no time did the price react below the quotations current last night.

Vim on the bull side of the oats crowd appeared scarcely second to the enthusiasm in the corn pit. The colder weather predicted implied further seeding delays and was the chief influence, but close attention also was paid to signs of an increased cash demand from the South.

It was a narrow and dull market for wheat, with a heavy undertone. The general news directly affecting the cereal was mostly depressing, but the effect was largely offset by the strength of other grain.

Provisions climbed mainly because of the corn bulge. Pork led with an increased cost of 10 cents to 17½ cents.

The leading futures ranged as follows.

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	$1.02¾	$1.02¾	$1.02¼	$1.02½
July	.98	.98½	.97¼	.97¾
Sept.	.96¼	.96¼	.95¾	.95¾

CORN.

May	.74¼	.75	.74	.74¾
July	.74¼	.74¾	.74¼	.74¾
Sept.	.73¾	.73¾	.73¾	.73¾

OATS.

May	.54¾	.55	.54½	.54¾
July	.50½	.50¾	.50¾	.50¾
Sept.	.43¾	.43¾	.43¼	.43¼

MESS PORK.

May	16.95	17.12	16.95	17.10
July	17.40	17.55	17.40	17.52
Sept.	17.75	17.90	17.75	17.85

LARD.

May	9.72½	9.85	9.72½	9.85
July	9.95	10.02½	9.95	10.02½
Sept.	10.12½	10.22½	10.21½	10.20

SHORT RIBS.

May	9.50	9.60	9.50	9.60
July	9.72½	9.82½	9.72½	9.80
Sept.	9.92½	10.02½	9.90	10.00

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady. Winter patents, $4.15@5.15; straights, $3.85@4.00; Spring patents, $4.60@5.80; straights, $4.50@4.90; bakers, $3.60@4.

Rye—No. 2, 92c.

Barley—Feed or mixing, 80c@$1; fair to choice malting, $1.10@1.20.

Timothy seed—$20@14.50.

Clover seed—$16@21.50.

Pork—Mess, $17.12½.

Lard—In tierces, $9.80.

Short ribs—Loose, $9.40.

Grain estimates:

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 178,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 252,000 bushels, compared with 325,000 bushels the corresponding day last year. Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 16 cars; corn, 159 cars; oats, 203 cars; hogs, 42,000 head.

Grains in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Spot quotations—Walla Walla, $1.65; red Russian, $1.60@1.62½; Turkey red, $1.70; bluestem, $1.70@1.75; feed barley, $1.87½; brewing, $1.95@2.00; white oats, $1.36¼@1.87½; bran, $23.00; middlings, $32.00@32.50; shorts, $24.50@25.00.

April oats, $1.86¼ bid; $1.87½ asked.

Call board sales:

Wheat—December, $1.60¼ per cental bid, $1.60 asked; May, $1.65 bid.

Barley—December, $1.54 per cental; May, $1.37.

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European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 30.—Cargoes firmer, Walla Walla for shipment at 37s 3d. English country markets firm. French country markets firm.

LIVERPOOL, March 30.—Close: Wheat, May, 7s 9¾d; July, 7s 7¾d; October, 7s 4¾d.

Weather clear.

Puget Sound Grain Markets.

SEATTLE, March 30.—Wheat, bluestem, 94c; fortyfold, 91c; club, 91c; fife, 91c; red Russian, 90c.

Yesterday's car receipts: Wheat, 5; oats, 2; flour, 11; hay, 12; corn, 1; barley, 1.

TACOMA, March 30.—