NEW ONION MARKETS

Eastern States Inquire for Oregon Product.

SAMPLES ARE FORWARDED

W. I. Swank Ships Two Cars to Indiana and Kentucky, Where Crop This Year Is a Failure—Good Demand From Northwest.

The onion growers of Oregon are facing a very good season, with new markets opening up in addition to the regular outlets they have heretofore enjoyed.

In the past week W. I. Swank shipped two carloads of Oregon onions to Indiana and Kentucky as samples to show the dealers in that section what Oregon can produce in onions.

There has been almost a failure of onions in Ohio and Indiana this year, as the weather conditions were such that the crop did not mature. A number of Eastern buyers have been in Portland recently looking over the situation, and it is expected there will be a considerable demand during the season for Oregon onions to ship East. Buyers from the East are now operating in California, and it is thought they will soon clean up the available supply there.

Even without the Eastern demand there would be a place for all the onions Oregon has produced and at good prices. Buying here because of the deficiency in the Eastern states will, of course, add to the strength of the market.

There was a fairly good demand during the past week for shipment to Northwestern points and for account of the home market. A number of cars were bought on the basis of $1 per hundred f. o. b. shipping point. The demand is equal to all the offerings that growers are making now.

SEASON FOR LATE PEACHES ENDING

Grape Supplies Large and Prices Steady. Cantaloupes Are Scarce.

The supply of soft fruits on hand at the close of the week was more than the market could absorb, and a considerable quantity was carried over. Most of the surplus was in good condition.

Fresh arrivals of peaches will probably cease with the coming week and hereafter storage stock will be handled. Local Sales always arrived freely the last few days and these showing good color, sold well. The last car of Elbertas came in the latter part of the week.

The grape market was unchanged with a good supply of Tokays, Malagas and Muscats, both Oregon and California. Ladyfingers from the South were a feature of the week's sales.

California cantaloupes are practically out of the market for this season. Small shipments are coming in from points around Medford and are selling at firm prices. Jobbers still have watermelons, but they are not in much demand. Fancy ice cream melons are bringing 2 cents a pound.

A car of Florida grapefruit was ordered, but the Federal authorities refused to allow the Florida growers to ship it until it had attained more maturity. In the meantime the trade here will have to be satisfied with California grapefruit for the next two weeks or more.

Local tomatoes are still coming in, but cauliflower receipts are irregular, and the latter is being brought from California.

There is a moderate shipping trade in potatoes, buyers paying 60 cents to 70 cents in the country for strictly fancy cars.

LOCAL WHEAT RECEIPTS GROWING

Past Week First of Season to Show Gain Over Last Year.

Wheat is beginning to reach Portland in larger volume. Receipts yesterday were 102,700 bushels, against 66,300 bushels on the same day last year, while for the week arrivals were 702,300 bushels, as compared with 686,400 bushels in the corresponding week last year. For the season to date, however, the showing makes a poor comparison with a year ago. Since the cereal year opened Portland receipts have been 6,270,200 bushels, or 2,403,700 bushels less than was received in the same period of 1914. Total arrivals at the Sound ports have also been much less than a year ago. All North Pacific ports since the season opened have received 9824 cars of wheat, against 13,160 cars received in the like period of last year.

Terminal car receipts as compiled by the Merchants Exchange are:

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland, Sat.	79	8	3	10	4
Year ago	81	7	1	14	7
Total this week	341	92	19	41	57
Year ago	528	51	12	78	67
Season to date	4054	548	244	427	612
Year ago	5503	551	795	706	594
Tacoma, Sat.	20	...	...	2	6
Year ago	14	...	...	2	18
Season to date	2663	154	...	154	751
Year ago	3114	189	...	241	1190
Seattle, Sat.	39	31	6	3	16
Year ago	42	...	6	4	32
Season to date	2305	444	690	262	1421
Year ago	3143	279	749	516	1455

BIDS FOR WHEAT ARE REDUCED.

Dealers Conclude That Prices Recently Offered Were Too High.

The local wheat market closed weak and lower. Dealers have come to the conclusion that the prices recently offered and paid here were too high, and when the Eastern markets sagged under the weight of the extremely bearish Government crop report, most of the large buyers withdrew from the market and called in their country offers. There was a small advance of ½ to 1 cent in cash prices at Chicago yesterday, but nothing was heard of buying for Eastern account.

Bids at the Merchants' Exchange were lowered 1 to 3 cents, club showing the greatest and red Russian the smallest loss. Asked prices were also reduced, but were still well above the best bids, and no business was possible at the closing session. Total sales posted for the week were 45,000 bushels of wheat.

There was no trading in coarse grains. Bids for oats were raised 25 cents and October brewing barley offers were 25 cents lower. Feed barley was unchanged.

Exports from Portland in the past week were 501,339 bushels of wheat and 8789 barrels of flour.

RANCH EGGS ARE NOW VERY SCARCE

No Change in Price for Opening of Week. Good Poultry Sells.

No further changes in local egg prices were announced for the coming week. The market closed firm with Oregon ranch stock very scarce.

Butter was also unchanged. The market is about steady and no alteration in prices either way is expected in the immediate future.

The poultry trade was not brisk during the past week. Receipts were liberal, but only choice stock was wanted. Large hens sold at 13@13½ cents and small hens at 11@12 cents. Small Springs brought 14 cents to 15 cents, but most of the arrivals were nearly full grown, and for these buyers would not pay over 13 cents.

The trade in dressed meats dragged. Prices were unchanged at the close, the best pork going at 8 cents, and fancy veal averaging 10 cents.

GROWERS NOT FORCING HOP SALES

New York Crop Well Sold Up at Good Prices.

In spite of the slow demand for hops, growers are making no effort to press their goods on the market. It is well they are following this course, for otherwise prices would doubtless be forced far below the growing cost. A few small lots were reported sold at Salem yesterday at 8 to 10 cents. McNeff Bros. bought the Champoux lot of 90 bales of Yakima hops.

The Waterville Hop Reporter says of conditions in New York State:

"This season's crop of hops in this vicinity has been pretty well picked up, although there are some small lots still remaining in growers' hands. There seems to be a steady demand for choice brewing hops at prices ranging from 22 to 23 cents. The medium grades are selling around 22 and 23 cents. Last Saturday Fred Zweifel disposed of an exceptionally fine lot, consisting of about a carload, at 29 cents."

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,521,312	$252,243
Seattle	2,303,366	140,826
Tacoma	309,028	67,042
Spokane	755,921	112,047

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

	Portland.	Seattle.	Tacoma.
1915	$14,770,896	$12,552,062	$2,102,089
1914	13,588,437	12,517,518	2,097,932
1913	15,028,116	14,169,089	2,487,194
1912	12,162,248	11,840,843	2,640,789
1911	12,805,512	11,818,727	4,419,253
1910	12,048,006	12,193,172	3,950,720
1909	10,538,551	14,401,187	6,148,348
1908	8,009,387	10,678,435	4,862,921
1907	9,101,239	10,686,062	5,597,522
1906	6,756,195	11,674,441	4,776,815
1905	5,710,909	6,279,350	3,429,978

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session. October delivery:

Wheat—	Bid.	Ask.
Bluestem	$ .95	$ .96½
Fortyfold	.93½	.96
Club	.91	.93½
Red Fife	.88½	.90
Red Russian	.87	.89
Oats—		
No. 1 white feed	24.25	24.75
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	26.00	26.75
Brewing	27.00	27.75
Bran	21.00	22.50
Shorts	21.00	23.00
Futures—		
November bluestem	.94	.97
November fortyfold	.93	.96
November club	.89	.94
November fife	.87	.90½
November Russian	.86	.89
November oats	24.75	25.25
November barley	26.00	26.75
November brewing	27.00	27.75
November bran	20.50	22.50
November shorts	21.00	23.00

FLOUR—Patents, $4.80 per barrel; straights, $4.30@4.60; exports, $4.10; whole wheat, $5; graham, $4.80.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $25 per ton; shorts, $26; rolled barley, $28@29.

CORN—Whole, $37.50 per ton; cracked, $38.50 per ton.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $15@16; Valley timothy, $12@13; alfalfa, $12.50@13.50; cheat, $9@10; oats and vetch, $11@12.

Fruits and Vegetables.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, Valencias, $3.50@3.75 per box; lemons, $2.25@4.50 per box; bananas, 5c per pound; pineapples, 4½@6c per pound.

VEGETABLES — Artichokes, 75c per dozen; tomatoes, 30@40c per box; cabbage, 1c per pound; green corn, 10@15c per dozen; garlic, 15c per pound; peppers, 4@5c per pound; eggplant, 4@5c per pound; sprouts, 8@10c per pound; horseradish, 12½c per pound; cauliflower, 50@85c.

GREEN FRUITS—Cantaloupes, 75c@$1.75 per crate; peaches, 40@65c per box; watermelons, 1@1½c per pound; apples, 75c@$1.75 per box; pears, 90c@$1.25 per box; grapes, 85c@$1.60 per crate; casabas, 1½c per pound; cranberries, $9.50@10 per barrel.

POTATOES—Oregon, 75@85c; Yakima, $1 per sack; sweets, $2.40@2.50 per hundred.

ONIONS—Oregon, $1.25 per sack.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Oregon ranch, buying prices: No 1, 34@36c; No. 2, 27c; No. 3, 20c per dozen. Jobbing prices: No. 1, 38@38c.

POULTRY—Hens, 11@13½c; Springs, 13@15c; turkeys, normal; ducks, white, 13@15c; colored, 10@11c; geese, 8@10c.

BUTTER — City creamery cubes, extras, selling at 31½c; firsts, 29c; prints and carry creamery, 22@23c. Prices paid to producers: Country creamery, 22@23c, according to quality; butterfat premium quality, 33c; No. 1 average quality, 31c; No. 2, 29c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbers' buying price, 14½c per pound; f. o. b. dock Portland; Young Americas, 15½c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 10c per pound.

PORK—Block, 7½@8c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.50 per dozen; one-half flats, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 95c.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, sack lots, 16½c; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 16@18c; almonds, 19@22c; peanuts, 6½c; coconuts, $1 per dozen; pecans, 19@20c; chestnuts, 10c.

BEANS—Small white, 5.65c; large white, 5½c; pinks, 5½c; bayou, 5.60c; pink, 4.85c.

COFFEE—Roasted, Mocha and Harrar, 34@35c.

SUGAR — Fruit and berry, $5.70; beet, $5.65; extra C, $5.25; powdered, in barrels, 40; cubes, barrels, $6.15.

SALT—Granulated, $13.50 per ton; half grounds, 100s, $15.50 per ton; 50s, $11.50 per ton; dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 5½@6½c per pound; broken, 4c; Japan style, 4¼@5c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8c per pound; apricots, 13@15c; peaches, 8c; prunes, Italians, 8@9c; raisins, loose Muscatels, 8c; unbleached Sultanas, 7½c; seeded, 9c; dates, Persian, 10c per pound; fard, $1.65 per box; currants, 8¾@12c; figs, 50 6-ounce, $2; 50 4-ounce, $2.25; 36 10-ounce, $2.40; 12 10-ounce, 85c; bulk, white, 7@8c; black, 6c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1915 crop, 9@10c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 15c; salted kip, 15c; salted calf, 18c; green hides, 13½c; green kip, 15c; green calf, 18c; dry hides, 23c; dry calf, 27c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 18@28c; Valley, 27@28c; Fall lambs' wool, 21@25c.

MOHAIR—Oregon, 27@30c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 3½@4c per pound.

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 15½c; dry short-wooled pelts, 11½c; dry, shearlings, 10@15c each; salted shearlings, 15@35c each; dry goat, long hair, 13c each; dry goat shearlings, 0@20c each; salted long-wooled pelts, September, 75c@$1.25 each.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 19c; standard, 17½c; skinned, 14@17c; picnics, 11c; cottage roll, 18½c; boiled, 17@26c.

BACON—Fancy, 29@31c; standard, 22@24c; choice, 18@22c.

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 12@14c; exports, 12½@14c; plates, 10@11½c.

LARD — Tierce basis, kettle rendered, 11½c; standard, 10½c; compound, 8½c.

BARREL GOODS — Mess beef, $21.50; plate beef, $22.50; brisket pork, $20; tripe, $10.50@11.50; tongues, $30.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; cases, 17½@20½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 12½c; cases, 20½c; engine distillate, drums, 8c; cases, 15c; naptha, drums, 12½c; cases, 19½c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 72c; raw, cases, 77c; boiled, barrels, 74c; boiled, cases, 79c.

TURPENTINE — In tanks, 59c; in cases, 66c; 10-case lots, 1c less.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—Butter—Fresh extras, 27c; prime firsts, 24½c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 43c; pullets, 38c.

Cheese—New, 12@16c; California cheddars, 16c; Young Americas, 16c.

Vegetables — Summer squash, 30@50c; string beans, 1½@2c; wax beans, 2@3½c; lima beans, 2@3c; green corn, $1.25@1.75; tomatoes, 20@30c; eggplant, 30@40c; artichokes, 20@35c; celery, 10@20c; cucumbers, 40@65c.

Fruit—Lemons, $3.00@3.25; oranges, $4.00@4.75; grapefruit, $2.00@3.50; pineapples, Hawaiian, $1.00@2.00; bananas, Hawaiian, 75c@$1.50; apples, Bellefleurs, 50@90c. Deciduous fruits: Grapes, seedless, $1.25@1.75; Tokay, 90c@$1.15; pears, $1.00@1.50; peaches, freestone and clingstone, 40@50c.

Potatoes—Delta, 65@90c; Salinas, $1.30@1.40.

Receipts—Flour, 3010 quarters; barley, 17,125 centals; beans, 903 sacks; potatoes, 5455 sacks; hay, 387 tons; hides, 600; wine, 25,300 gallons.

Coffee Futures.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—The market for coffee futures was very quiet today, with prices a shade easier in the absence of support, which suggested that buying had been checked by reports of slightly easier cost and freight offers late yesterday. The opening was 2 to 3 points lower, with March selling at 8.85c or about 20 points under the high level of the week, and there was no further change of importance with the market closing at a net decline of 1 to 2 points. Sales, 9500 bags. October, 8.20c; November, 8.22c; December, 8.25c; January, 6.29c; February, 6.28c; March, 8.35c; April, 6.41c; May, 6.47c; June, 6.53c; July, 6.59c; August, 6.62c; September, 6.67c.

Spot quiet. Rio 7s, 7c; Santos 4s, 8c.

Cost and freight offers were about unchanged.

Rio was 75 higher. Santos, unchanged. Rio exchange on London unchanged. Santos reported a clearance of 88,000 bags for New York.

In some parts of Switzerland granite is so plentiful that it is used for telegraph poles.

WHEAT RISE STOPS

Larger Movement Predicted and Selling Is Heavy.

TONE AT CLOSE NERVOUS

Opening Market at Chicago Firm on Crop Damage Reports From Spring Grain Belt, but Improvement Is Not Lasting.

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—Signs of a liberal increase of the Winter crop movement next week operated as a nearly complete offset today to an early advance in the price of wheat. The result was an unsettled close, ⅛ to ¼c net higher, with December at $1.02@1.02⅛ and May at $1.02⅞@1.03. Corn finished ¼c off to ⅛c up, oats varying from a shade decline to ¼c gain and provisions dearer by 7½@10c to 25c.

Late selling of wheat was under the leadership of one of the chief elevator companies, and was explained as being an attempt to anticipate the effect of enlarged arrivals predicted to begin Monday from the Winter crop territory. Gossip was also current that there would be a moderate increase in the United States visible total Monday.

Wheat took a decided upward swing at the opening, influenced by a falling off in receipts Northwest and by complaints that serious damage had been done to the Spring crop. Advices indicated that much of the yield, especially in Minnesota, would be lost because of shocks sprouting and rotting. Relative firmness of quotations at Liverpool counted also against the bears at the start.

Bearish pressure had the same success with corn as with wheat. Crop damage reports from Illinois and Iowa failed to make any important lasting impression as did talk of a number of recent shipments having been made to Europe.

Oats were swayed almost wholly by the action of other cereals. County offerings remained small.

High prices for hogs carried provisions up. Active export demand continues.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	$1.02½	$1.03⅛	$1.02	$1.02
May	1.03	1.04	1.02⅞	1.02⅞
CORN.				
Dec.	.56⅝	.57⅝	.56⅝	.56⅝
May	.58¾	.59⅝	.58¾	.58⅝
OATS.				
Dec.	.36½	.36⅝	.36½	.36⅝
May	.35½	.35⅝	.35¼	.35¼
MESS PORK.				
Dec.	14.67	14.92	14.67	14.95
Jan.	17.20	17.47	17.20	17.47
LARD.				
Nov.	.....	9.32	9.20	9.27
Jan.	9.35	9.32	9.25	9.32
SHORT RIBS.				
Oct.	9.30	9.35	9.30	9.35
Jan.	9.37	9.47	9.37	9.47

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.10; No. 3 red, $1.08@1.09½; No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 3 hard, $1.05½@1.06½.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 63@63½c; No. 4 yellow, 62½@62¾c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 35@35½c; standard, 37½@38c.

Rye—No. 2, 98½@99c.

Barley—53@62c.

Timothy—$5@7.50.

Clover—$12@19.

Pork—$14.75; lard, $9.30; ribs, $9.25@9.87.

Primary receipts—Wheat, 1,640,000 vs. 1,910,000; bushels; corn, 718,000 vs. 405,000 bushels; oats, 850,000 vs. 1,474,000 bushels.

Shipments—Wheat, 1,792,000 vs. 1,547,000 bushels; corn, 413,000 vs. 292,000 bushels; oats, 762,000 vs. 1,010,000 bushels.

Clearances—Wheat, 402,000 bushels; corn, 40,000 bushels; oats, 55,000 bushels; flour, 20,000 barrels.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 9.—Wheat—Spot, No. 1 Manitoba, 12s; No. 2, 11s 10½d; No. 3, 11s 10d; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 11s 9d; No. 2 hard Winter nominal, 12s.

Buenos Ayres Wheat Market.

BUENOS AYRES—Wheat unchanged to 1½c higher. Corn, ½ to ⅝c lower.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 9.—Wheat—December, 96⅝c; May, $1.00¾; No. 1 hard, $1.04⅝; No. 1 Northern, 99⅝@$1.04⅝. Barley, 44@55c. Flax, $1.84@1.84½.

Eastern Grain Markets.

DULUTH—Dec., 96½c; May, $1.00⅝a.

WINNIPEG—Dec., 91⅝c; May, 91⅝c; Oct., 93½c.

KANSAS CITY—Dec., 98½c; May, 99¼c.

ST. LOUIS—Dec., $1.03⅝; May, $1.05⅝.

Grain at San Francisco.

San Francisco spot quotations—Walla, $1.65@1.67½; Red Russian, $1.55@1.57½; Turkey red, $1.65@1.67½; bluestem, $1.67½@1.70. Feed barley, $1.22½; white oats, $1.30@1.32½; bran, $26@27; middlings, $30@31; shorts, $26@26.50.

Call board—Barley, December, $1.30½.

Puget Sound Grain Markets.

SEATTLE, Oct. 9.—Wheat—Bluestem, 94c; Turkey red, 92c; fortyfold, 90c; club, 92c; fife, 88c; red Russian, 86c. Barley—$26 per ton. Yesterday's car receipts—Wheat, 65; oats, 2; barley, 21; hay, 16; flour, 6.

TACOMA, Oct. 9.—Wheat — Bluestem, 99c; fortyfold, 90c; club, 90@92c; red fife, 90c. Car receipts—Wheat, 38; oats, 3; hay, 6.

OREGON CATTLE IN EASTERN MARKETS

Ranchers Conform to Demands of Kansas City Buyers.

The Kansas City Drover's Telegram says:

"Feeders from Kansas City the most advantageous market in the country for disposing of their cattle, ranchmen of Oregon, W. C. Lofton, of Ironside, reports, are busy making their herds conform to the demands of this market. The Oregon ranchers are, therefore, dehorning calves and injecting more pure-bred blood into their herds. This change is being witnessed particularly in the Burnt River Mountain country of the eastern part of Oregon, where Mr. Lofton operates.

"'We are now dehorning all our calves just before they are a year old,' Mr. Lofton said. 'The other great change is that of importing registered bulls, which, we have discovered, soon make a favorable showing on the quality of our cattle. In marketing our cattle at Coast markets the horns make little difference, as all cattle sold there are for slaughter, while on the Kansas City market many of our good steers, being of the stocker and feeder basis, are sold to go to the country, so bring a better price when dehorned. We find that there is a difference ranging from $3 to $5 a head in the price in favor of the dehorned cattle, which makes it worth while to dehorn them. When it is done at a young age no bad effects result. As we dehorn at a season of the year when we are not busy on the ranches, the cost is trifling. Registered bulls now predominate, the grades being scarce.

"'The Kansas City market has been found to be the best place to dispose of our cattle. Pacific Coast markets are limited in capacity in handling stock, taking only the killing kind. On the Kansas City market we have discovered many advantages. Stockers and feeders sell as readily as the heavier animals. Such a place is where the ranchman who markets his cattle but once a year must go to get the most out of his stock. The run is long, but as long as we must come this way to dispose of our cattle, the Kansas City market is the place to land them.'"

SORGHUM ON DRY LAND

EXCELLENT RESULTS OBTAINED IN KLAMATH COUNTY.

Community Fair in Malheur—Corn Contests Are Conducted in Lane County.

CORVALLIS, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Reports of County Advisers in co-operative extension work to M. O. Evans, Jr., assistant leader of the Department of Agriculture, for this week are as follows:

Klamath—Planting four varieties of sorghum in Poe Valley on dry land has made excellent results. If successful this crop will be used as ensilage. Demonstrations of barley in the Fort Klamath district went over 50 bushels per acre. Common varieties will not stand the frost in this section. In this district alsike clover seed this year has come out with heavy yields. Demonstrations with alfalfa in the Fort Klamath section made a growth of a foot in height.—H. Roland Glahyer.

Crook—Rabbits have proven a very serious pest in all parts of the County this season, and are preparing plans for organized county-wide work for the eradication of this pest during the Winter. Sudan grass has proven especially good crop for both pasture and hay in small plots this season. A considerable acreage will be planted next year.—A. E. Lovett.

Malheur — The community fair at Big Bend was a revelation of what a community can do when they once get together on a proposition. There was a large attendance, and they were anxious to be shown the various points about the exhibits. All potato exhibits were diseased, however. The week was spent entirely for the County Fair. It was a big success as to exhibits and attendance. I had direct charge of the livestock department and had every pen and stall full. There were 76 pens of hogs, all high-class, pure breds, 70 head of cattle, 50 of them pure breds, over 80 head of horses, 84 of these pure breds, and 14 pens of pure bred sheep. It required two full days' work to judge the stock, and kept four men busy for three days to judge the agricultural exhibits. This is the best equipped and attended of any county fair that I have ever attended in this state or elsewhere. Every department was packed full of high-class exhibits.—W. W. Howard.

Lane—Early last Winter arrangements were made for corn contests. Seven of the granges offered a pure bred sow pig to the member who would raise the best half acre of corn. The County Fair Board also offered suitable premiums to the producer of the best five acres of corn in the county. I had charge of the judging of these contests. I have given considerable time assisting Professor Hyslop, of the Agricultural College, in doing this work. Many entries were made at a late date, which enlarged the contests much beyond our expectations.—R. B. Coglon.

Tillamook—In spite of my efforts to get the breeders started up to show at the State Fair when it came to a showdown they did not come through. At the last moment there were only two who would actually make out the entry blanks, and that made such a small showing that they decided not to send anything.

Professor Bailey, of the Oregon Agricultural College, and myself found no potato scab (powdery) in the county with one exception. I had a man digging the potatoes in my garden and we found one tuber in the lot that was affected. In other cases, the farmers were not digging and we simply dug into several hills in the field to see what we could find. We also inspected the supply in the stores. I shall use to it that the disease will not spread from that source.

The Briggs boy at Nehalem has a very fine litter of pigs from the sow he got from the North Portland Serum Company last Spring. They are now 2 months old, and though they have not been rushed very much they weigh 50 pounds each and they are a very thrifty.

At the Blaine Fair there were fine exhibits of corn, sunflowers and artichokes, so there was no chance for anyone to say that silage crops could not be grown.—R. C. Jones.

NO MARKET FOR PIGS

PACKERS ALSO REFUSE TO BUY ROUGH, HEAVY HOGS.

Finished Stock Only in Demand at Local Yards—Cattle Supply Is Light.

The week closed in the livestock market with only a few hog sales. The supply was small and with an improvement in quality sellers realized better prices, tops going at $6.35.

Receipts were 281 hogs and 55 sheep. Shippers of hogs were: C. E. Lucke, Canby, 2 loads; A. D. Messenger, Goldendale, 1 load, 2 i. Handcorn, of Clatskanie, shipped 55 head of sheep by boat. The sales in detail were:

Wt.	Price.	Wt.	Price.
38 hogs	160 $6.35	10 hogs	302 5.35
21 hogs	160 5.75		

Conditions in the local trade are described by the Livestock Reporter as follows:

"Perhaps one of the dullest cattle markets in months has been experienced since Monday. Indeed, Monday's receipts were the beginning of the end of the slump. Taken on the whole it has been months since anything near the smallness of receipts have been seen here. What little stuff came in was of poor quality.

"Pigs have sold around $4.50, while they should have been kept at home in the feed lot. Packers do not want these pigs, neither do they want heavy hogs, for they have no outlet for either class. It is, of course, impossible to sell any product to anyone who cannot profitably use it. After a steady opening Monday, values declined Tuesday and Wednesday to $6.30 and $6.25 today. Nondescript hogs have all the time been as plentiful as usual, and almost make the situation too plain. Light pigs without condition and heavyweight rough hogs are not wanted. Packers have no outlet for these classes and it is useless to ship them if anything like good prices are to be realized.

A disappointing provision trade has helped keep Coast packers' warehouses full just at a time they should be practically empty. At some points efforts have been made to unload lard stocks so as to make room for the season's packing. Coast packers depend to a very large extent on the lumber trade to take care of their surplus provision stocks. The greater part of the lumber camps are closed this season, making outlet in this direction impossible. Compared to Coast conditions, provisions in the East are moving at a good rate, owing to the increased employment of labor.

"With the woolen and wool business as prosperous as it now is, sheep raisers are holding back as much breeding stock as possible. Those who are looking to Northwestern producers for their feeding stock are finding the purchase of feeders a difficult matter. The Willamette Valley is especially keen for the sheep business again. Perhaps no section of the United States is naturally better adapted for the sheep business and an increase in sheep raising in this section would mean much for the industry. Demand this year of the 'Valley' to supply rams was more than the supply and every available one went early. Numbers of these went to Eastern Oregon and Washington, with an unfilled demand in California."

The disposition of the livestock sold at the Portland Union Stockyards in the month of September was as follows:

	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Union Meat Co.	2,158	216	10,038	17,838
S. & O. Co.	274	6	499	483
Gill Co.	178	...	.....	.....
R. Fairchild	24	...	302	.....
T. Cosgrave	187	...	514	275
Misc. Portland	234	27	335	194
Misc. Oregon	46	24	178	122
Feeders, Oregon	303	24	.....	41
Carstens P. & Co.	1,411	45	2,547	1,073
Frye & Co.	.....	...	354	.....
Jas. Henry	26	...	938	.....
Tacoma Mt. Co.	83	...	268	.....
Barton & Co.	09	...	.....	.....
Seattle Yards	1,736	3	2,647	.....
Misc. Wash.	210	85	.....	259
Calif.	.....	...	1,731	.....
Misc. Wash.	51	...	85	.....
Feeders, Wash.	279	14	.....	325
Total	7,359	457	20,454	20,611

Current prices at the local stockyards of the various classes of livestock are as follows:

Cattle—	
Choice steers	$6.50@6.75
Good steers	5.00@5.25
Medium steers	3.25@3.75
Choice cows	5.00@5.25
Good cows	4.50@4.75
Medium cows	3.75@4.25
Heifers	3.50@5.75
Bulls	3.00@4.50
Stags	3.50@3.75
Hogs—	
Light	6.20@6.35
Heavy	5.20@5.35
Sheep—	
Wethers	4.75@5.00
Ewes	4.00@5.50
Lambs	5.50@7.00

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Oct. 9.—Hogs—Receipts, 2600, higher. Heavy, $7.90@8.10; light, $8.10@8.25; pigs, $7@8.15; bulk of sales, $8@8.15.

Cattle—Receipts 100, steady. Native steers, $6.75@7.75; cows and heifers, $5.50@7; Western steers, $6@8.30; Texas steers, $5.80@7.20; cows and heifers, $5.20@6.50; calves, $7@10.

Sheep—Receipts 5300, steady. Yearlings, $5.75@6.75; wethers, $5@6; lambs, $8.35@8.75.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—Hogs—Receipts 7000, strong, 5 to 10c above yesterday's average. Bulk, $8.10@8.65; light, $7.80@8.70; mixed, $7.75@8.75; heavy, $7.65@8.60; rough, $7.65@7.85; pigs, $5.25@7.50.

Cattle—Receipts 900, steady. Native beef cattle, $6.25@10.50; Western steers, $6.70@8.90; cows and heifers, $3.20@8.05; calves, $8@12.

Sheep—Receipts 2000, weak. Wethers, $5.60@6.65; lambs, $7@9.25.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Raw sugar firm. Sales, 20,000 bags. Molasses, 3.87c; centrifugal, 4.14c. Refined steady.

The market for futures eased off under realizing, closing unchanged to seven points lower. Sales 5600 tons.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Oct. 9. — Butter—Unchanged. Eggs—Receipts 3749 cases, unchanged.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Copper—Quiet. Electrolytic, 18⅝@18¾c. Iron, unchanged.

RAIL STOCKS CLIMB

Advances of 2 to 5 Points Are Recorded.

CENTRAL GOES ABOVE PAR

Steel Sells at Highest Quotation in Recent Years—War Shares Are Backward and Under Pressure—Bond Market Active.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Railway stocks made another strong bid for public favor today, adding 2 to 5 points to yesterday's striking gains on a very large volume of trading. Those issues ruled firm throughout the active session, war shares and kindred descriptions being backward at all times, with moderate pressure here and there.

Virtually every division of the railway list participated in the advance, which was steady and orderly. Reading, which led the movement of the preceding session, was relatively heavy, but improved later.

The more substantial gains were made by New Haven, which advanced 5 points to 81½, Louisville & Nashville, 3¼ to 125, St. Paul 2¾ to 93½ and New York Central 2 to 101¾, while Atchison, Baltimore & Ohio, Chicago Northwestern, Delaware & Hudson and Southern Pacific rose 1 to almost 2. At today's top prices, some railways recorded their best quotations for a year or more.

United States Steel led the list, as usual, though its sales total was proportionately smaller. It rose a point to 81¾, which equals its high quotation of recent years. The September tonnage statement issued by the steel corporation immediately after the close of the market disclosed an increase of over 400,000 tons in unfilled orders over the preceding month.

Bethlehem Steel recovered 5 points of yesterday's setback at 445, and pronounced strength was evinced by American Smelting and Consolidated Gas, the latter supplementing recent material gains with 4½ points to 141½. Total sales of stock amounted to 665,000 shares.

An actual loss expansion of almost $44,000,000 reflected the activity of the week in securities, while the cash gain of approximately $5,000,000 was in excess of estimates. Excess reserves decreased by about $7,000,000 to $189,374,720.

Virtually all forms of foreign remittances were lower, particularly sterling and francs.

Bonds were active, with profit-taking in convertible issues. Another sale of Anglo-French notes was made at 98. Total sales of bonds, par value, aggregated $2,655,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call during the week.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold	3,100	34½	34½	34¼
Allis-Chalmers	9,100	43½	40⅝	42⅝
Am Best Sugar	400	66½	66½	66
American Can	3,000	62⅝	62⅛	62⅝
American Loco	3,000	66½	65⅞	66
Am Sm & Refg	10,400	89⅝	87⅞	89⅝
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Am Sugar Refg	1,200	113½	112	112
Am Tel & Tel	1,800	124½	123⅝	123⅞
Amer Tobacco	700	228½	227½	228
Anaconda Cop	11,900	77	76	76
Atchison	1,000	107¼	106⅞	107¼
Baldwin Loco	3,100	116½	114⅝	115½
Balt & Ohio	11,200	93¾	91⅝	92⅝
Beth Steel	700	445	445	445
Brooklyn Rapid T	2,000	87	86¼	86⅝
Cal Petroleum	200	20⅛	20	20⅛
Canadian Pac	2,400	164½	162¼	163½
Cent Leather	3,200	54	53⅝	53¾
Ches & Ohio	6,600	59⅝	58⅝	59⅝
Chi Gr Western	4,300	14¼	13⅝	14
Chi Mil & St P	7,700	93⅝	90½	93⅛
Chi & N W	1,300	132	131½	131⅞
C R I & P Ry	3,100	22½	22⅛	22⅛
Chino Copper	3,200	48⅝	48⅛	48⅛