TRANSACTIONS IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD

CAR SHORTAGE HURTS TRADE

POTATO SHIPPERS SAY THAT PORTLAND DEALERS ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY THE RAILWAY COMPANIES IN FAVOR OF CALIFORNIA.

Lack of Cars Causes Small Wheat Shipments Into the Local Market—Wheat Prices on All Grades Decline During the Half Week—Beans Have Advanced—California Will Have Record-Breaking Orange Crop.

Markets of Half Week.

Breakfast foods higher.
Potatoes weaker and lower.
Wheat declines 1 cent.
Beans advanced.
Orders for potatoes.
Car shortage affects wheat and potatoes.

Front Street, Sept. 21.—Three days in the Portland wholesale markets has seen some spirited changes in quotations. Hops and wheat are now to the fore, and all other products are in the shadow. Shortage in the car supply has caused dullness in the grain market as well as that of potatoes. On Saturday the quotations on Walla Walla and Bluestem were declined 1 cent, the quotations on Valley having declined 1 cent on Thursday. There is very little wheat moving at the moment on account of the constant change in quotations and the cutting off of the former premiums paid by the millers for stocks. Quotations now are nearly even with those the exporters are offering—from 1 to 2 cents being the present prices of the millers over the exporters.

Potato Orders Come.

Potato orders from Arizona and Texas have begun to arrive, one of the larger local dealers being in receipt of orders for about six cars this morning. Prices have just got to the figure where the shippers can talk business to outsiders in competition with the California growers and shippers. At the same figures and even at a slight advance over the California prices the buyers of Arizona and Texas much prefer the Oregon stock on account of its keeping qualities and the better variety. Now that orders for potatoes have begun to come the shippers are confronted with a new problem to solve—that of the car shortage.

Portland Discriminated Against.

"I have orders for several cars of potatoes destined for Southern points," said a potato man today, "but am unable to do anything, as the railroad company tells me that they cannot supply cars for shipments through California. This is unjust to us, for the shippers of California are given all the cars they want, while all we can do is to look on while they do all the business. As soon as the California shippers have done most of their business then we are given all the cars we can use—a time when all the trade has nearly been supplied and there is then no call for the cars."

Local Potatoes Weaken.

In the local markets potatoes have weakened and prices have gone down. This is caused to a large extent by the lack of outside shipments and the throwing of all the stocks on the local markets at once.

Beans Are Higher.

The various grades of beans show a material advance today.

Germea is higher, while the quotations on Wheatine has advanced 30 cents a case.

The hay market is firm, especially timothy. Middlings have dropped 50 cents a ton.

Onions Go Higher.

Scarcity of onion stocks has caused a slight advance in the local market, but with a resumption of the movement to this market prices will undoubtedly go back to former lists. At present there are no shipping orders on hand.

Try to Raise Eggs.

An effort to raise the price of eggs to 25 cents proved unsuccessful today for the reason that the retailers refused to buy any stocks at that figure. Stocks are arriving in a more liberal supply and no advances are looked for while the market is in that condition. Today the prices rules at 24 cents, although in a few exceptional cases the dealers received 24½ cents. This, however, was not general, and did not represent the market.

The Rail Receipts.

The receipts per rail from the south today consisted of one car of sweet potatoes from Merced, and two cars of green bananas from New Orleans. An effort will be made by the dealers to obtain 5 and 6 cents for the bananas, but it will likely prove unsuccessful.

Butter Market Is Firmer.

Although in some cases the receipts of choice creamery butter are larger, still, taking all the markets together, the supplies were smaller today than the demand. Quotations on the extra grades are stiff at 27½ cents a pound and an advance would not come as a surprise.

Oranges Will be Plentiful.

R. F. Hoskings, local representative of the California Fruit Agency, returned today from an extended tour of the southern portion of California in the interest of the fruit business. He says:

"The orange crop of California this season will be a record breaker. The trees are laden with fruit, and the sizes this season are very likely to be right. If nothing happens the orange shipments of California this season will reach between 28,000 and 30,000 cars. The northern section alone will ship about 2,000 cars, an increase of at least 800 cars over any previous year. There are very few oranges left in California and all the late Valencias remaining will not go over 150 cars. The growers are holding their stocks for October and November shipments with the intention of getting higher prices. The entire fruit outlook in California this season was excellent and the growers have enjoyed a most prosperous year. With the exception of a small amount of cling and late October peaches and a few grapes the supply of citrus fruit in California is out. The association now controls about 85 per cent of the citrus fruits of California."

Fresh Meat Weak.

The fresh meat market is weak with receipts small. Demand seems to be off for the time being at least, and present prices are not satisfactory to either shipper or dealer. Good fancy stocks of all kinds can be sold.

Today's quotations, as revised, are as follows:

PORTLAND WHOLESALE PRICES.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—Export quotations, new—Walla Walla, 78c; bluestem, 80c; Valley, 79@80c.

BARLEY—Feed, $20.00; rolled, $21.00@22.00.

OATS—No. 1 white, $1.10; gray, $1.05@1.07½.

FLOUR—Eastern Oregon: Patents, $4.15@$4.60; straights, $3.60; Valley, $3.75@3.85; graham ¼s, $3.40; 10s, $3.70.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $21.00 per ton; middlings, $24.50; shorts, $21.00; chop, $18.00.

HAY—Timothy, $15.00@17.00; clover, $10.00@11.00; wheat, $12.00; cheat, $12.00.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—New, 22@23c for best; 20@21c for prime; poor grades, 17@19c.

WOOL—Valley, coarse to medium, 16@16½c; fine, 16@16½c; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; Mohair, nominal, 35@37c.

SHEEPSKINS—Shearing, 14½@19c; short wool, 22@23c; medium wool, 30c; long wool, 60c@$1.44 each.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 lbs and up, 14c per lb; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 lbs, 11c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 lbs, 15c; dry salted, bulls and stags, 1-3 less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, sound, 60 pounds or over, 7@8c; 50 to 60 lbs, 7@8c; under 50 lbs and cows, 6@7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5c; kip, sound, 15 to 30 lbs; 7c; sound, 10 to 14 lbs, 7c; calf, sound, under 10 lbs, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per lb less; culls, 1c per lb less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.25@1.75; dry each, $1.00@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.00.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Extra, 27½c; Eastern, 23c; creamery, 20@25c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 16@18c.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon, 24c.

CHEESE—Full cream, twin, 14½c; Young America, 15½c.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 12½@13c; lb; hens, 13@13½c per lb; roosters, 10@11c per lb; broilers, 14@15c per lb; fryers, 14@14½c per lb; ducks, 12½c per lb; geese, 7@8c per lb; turkeys, live, 12@12½c; dressed, 14@16c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—New, 75c; buyers' prices, for shipping, 65@70c per cwt; ordinary, 50@65c sack; sweets, 2¼c.

ONIONS—California silverskins, $1.25; Oregon, 90c@$1.00; buying prices, 80c per cwt.; Walla Walla, 80@85c; garlic, 6c.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, fancy Oregon, $1.00@1.50 per box; oranges, late Valencias, $4.00 per box; Mediterranean sweets, $3.00; bananas, 5c per lb; blackberries, 4c per lb; lemons, choice, $3.00; fancy, $3.50@4.00; limes, Mexican, 65c per 100; peaches, 65@90c; pineapples, $3.50; figs, green, $1.50; white, $1.00@1.20; plums, 40@50c; prunes, Italian, 75c; watermelons, California, 85@90c per cwt; muskmelons, $1.50 per doz.; Oregon nutmegs, 75c@$1.25 per crate; watermelons, The Dalles, 75@80c; Rogue River, $1.00 per cwt; pears, 75c per box; grapes, $1.00@1.25; New York Concords, 50c basket; Yakimas, 40c basket; Muscats, $1.25; Tokays, $1.25; crabapples, 60c per box; huckleberries, 10@11c; quinces, $1.00.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.00 sack; carrots, $1.25; beets, $1.25 per sack; radishes, 12½@15c per doz; cabbage, Oregon, 1c per lb; lettuce, head, 15c per doz; green peppers, 20c per lb; horseradish, 8c lb; celery, Denver, 90c@$1.00, local, 75c per doz; beans, green, 4½@5c per lb; rhubarb, 3c per lb; tomatoes, 40@50c per box; parsnips, $1.75; peas, 3@4c; cucumbers, 50@75c per box; corn, 7½c per doz; eggplant, 10c per lb; butter beans, 10c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 6@7c per lb; apricots, 7½@10c per lb; peaches, 6@9c per lb; pears, 8½c per lb; prunes, Italian, 4½@5½c per lb; French, 3½@4½c per lb; figs, California blacks, 6@6½c per lb; do. white, 7½@8c per lb; plums, pitted, 5@6c; raisins, seeded, fancy 1-lb cartons, 50 packages to case, 8½c pkg; seeded, 2-oz cartons, 7½c; loose Muscatelles, 50-lb boxes, 6¼@7½c per lb; London layers, $1.75@2.00.

FIGS—10 1-lb artons, choice brand, $1.00; 10 1-lb cartons, fancy brand, $1.10; 10 1-lb bricks, 2-crown, 90c; 10 1-lb bricks, 3-crown, 95c; 50 ½-lb bricks, per box, $2.25; 4-row layers, per 10-lb box, 90c; loose, 50-lb boxes, per lb, 6@6½c. Calimyrans—6-crown, 10-lb cartons, per box, $2.00; 5-crown, 10-lb carton, per box, $1.75; 4-crown, 20 ½-lb cartons, per box, $1.75.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—"Sack basis:" Cube, $6.00; powdered, $5.85; dry granulated, $5.75; extra C, $5.25;; Golden C, $5.15; barrels, 10c; ½ barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis, less 25c per cwt for cash, 15 days; maple, 14@16c per lb.

HONEY—15c.

COFFEE—Green Mocha, 21@23c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java, good, 20@25c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 19@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per lb; package coffee, $11.13.

TEAS—Oolong, different grades, 25@65c; gunpowder, 28@32@35; English breakfast, different grades, 12½@65c; spider leg, uncolored Japan, 30@65c; green Japan, very scarce, 30@60c.

SALT—Bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s, $2.10; fine table, dairy, 50s, 38c; 100s, 74c; imported Liverpool, 50s, 48c; 100s, 88c; 224s, $1.85.

SALT—Coarse, half ground, 100s, per ton, $14.00; 50s, per ton, $14.50; Liverpool lump, rock, $23.00 per ton; 50-lb rock, $14.00; 100s, $13.50.

GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, $5.75@6.00 per 100.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5¾c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans head, 8c.

COAL OIL—Cases, 22c per gal tanks; water white, iron bbls, 16½c, wooden 18c, headlight, cases, 24c, iron bbls 17½c; gasoline, in cases, 49c, genuine kettle in cases, 53c.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in bbls, 49c; genuine kettle, boiled, cases, 56c, bbls, 51c.

BENZINE—63 deg. cases, 22c; iron bbls, 15½c.

GASOLINE—86 deg. cases, 28½c; iron bbls, 22c.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 78c, wood bbls, 74½c, iron bbls 72c, 10-lb case lots 77c.

BEANS—Small white, 4c; large white, $3.85@4.00; pink, $3.75@3.90; bayou, $4.25; Limas, $5.00.

NUTS—Peanuts, 6@7c per lb for raw, 9@10c for roasted; coconuts, 85@90c per doz; walnuts, 14½@15c per lb; pine nuts, 10@12½c per lb; hickory nuts, 16c per lb; chestnuts, Eastern, 15@16c per lb; Brazil nuts, 16c per lb; filberts, 15@16c per lb; fancy pecans, 14@16c per lb; almonds, 14@15c per lb.

Meats and Provisions.

FRESH MEATS—Inspected: Beef, prime, 6¾c; cows, 5c; mutton, dressed, 5@5½c; lambs, dressed, 6c.

FRESH MEATS—Front street—Beef, prime, 6@6¼c; bulls, 3½@4c; cows, 4½@5c; pork, 7@8c; veal, large 5½@7c; small, 7½@8½c; mutton, dressed, 4½@5c; lambs, dressed, 5@5½c.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 14 lbs, 16c; 14 to 16 lbs, 15½c; breakfast bacon, 15½@20c; picnics, 10½c; salted sides, 10¾c per lb; smoked sides, 11¾c; dry alted backs, 10¾c; bacon backs, 11¾c; butts, salted, 9c; smoked, 10c per lb.

EASTERN PACKED HAMS—Under 14 lbs, 16¼; over 15 lbs, 15¾c; fancy, 15¾@16½c; picnics, 11c; shoulders, 10¾c; dry salted sides, unsmoked, 11¼c; breakfast bacon, 16¼@18½c; fancy, 20½c.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 12½c; 5s, 12¾c; 50-lb tins, 12c; steam rendered, 10s, 12c; 5s, 12¼c; 50s, 12¼c.

EASTERN LARD—Kettle leaf, 10-lb tins, 12½c; 5s, 12¾c; 50-lb tins, 12¼c; steam rendered, 10s, 11¾c; 5s, 11¼c; 50s, 12c.

Above packing-house prices are net cash, 15 days.

SALMON—Columbia river, 1-lb talls, $1.70; 2-lb talls, $2.40; fancy 1-lb flats, $1.85; ½-lb fancy flats, $1.10; fancy 1-lb oval, $2.50; Alaska talls, pink, 80c; red, $1.30; 2-lb talls, $2.00.

FISH—Rock cod, 7c; flounders, 5c; halibut, 5c; ling cod, 7c; crabs, $1.50 doz; razor clams, 8@10c per doz; striped bass, 12½c; salmon, chinook, 4c; silversides, 4c; soles, 8c; shrimps, Puget Sound, 15c; catfish, 6c; silver sfelt, 5c per lb.

New York Cotton.

(Permission of Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)
New York, Sept. 21.—Cotton today ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.....	$ 9.76	$ 9.78	$ 9.73	$ 9.74@75
Feb.....	....	....	....	9.74@76
Mar.....	9.76	9.80	9.75	9.75@76
Apr.....	....	....	....	9.75@76
May.....	9.78	9.80	9.75	9.75@76
June.....	....	....	....	9.75@76
July.....	....	....	....	9.75@77
Sept.....	11.25	11.30	11.13	11.16@18
Oct.....	9.91	10.00	9.90	9.94@95
Nov.....	9.73	9.78	9.73	9.73@75
Dec.....	9.76	9.81	9.75	9.76@77

Chicago Hogs Higher.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—Receipts of livestock in the principal packing centers of the country today were:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	24,000	25,000	25,000
Kansas City	300	18,000	10,000
Omaha	1,500	9,000	25,000

Hogs—Opened 5 cents higher with 2,000 left over from Saturday; receipts a year ago were 23,000. Ruling hog prices are: Mixed and butchers', $5.70@6.30; good heavy, $5.75@6.20; rough heavy, $5.45@5.70; light, $5.85@6.35.
Cattle—10 cents lower.
Sheep—Steady.

Local Livestock Receipts.

Portland Union stockyards, Sept. 21.—Receipts of livestock in the local yards today were nominal and consisted principally of race horses from the state fair at Salem. Ruling prices on hogs, cattle and sheep are as follows:
Cattle—Best, $3.75; medium, $3.50.
Hogs—Best, 6¼c; medium, 5@5¼c.
Sheep—Best, 2¾c; medium, 2¼c."

Chicago Car Lots.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The grain car-lot record for today shows:

	Cars.	Grade.	Est.
Wheat	158	5	104
Corn	791	75	570
Oats	171	6	120

Close of Liverpool Grain.

Liverpool, Sept. 21.—Close: Wheat—December, 6-4¾, ⅝ lower.
Corn—December, 4-4¾, ⅜ lower.

CHICAGO WHEAT CLOSES LOWER

MARKET WAS ABOUT 1¼ CENT LOWER—THERE WAS FURTHER QUIET GENERAL LIQUIDATION AND A GREAT DEAL OF PRESSURE FROM SHORTS.

Fine Weather Throughout the West and the Northwest Was the Principal Depressing Factor — Primary Receipts Are a Little Less Than Last Year—Cables Are Conflicting—Corn Closed Heavy and About 1½ Cents Lower.

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Chicago, Sept. 21.—Logan & Bryan advise: The wheat market is about 1¼ cents lower. There was further quiet general liquidation and a good deal of pressure from short selling. Fine weather throughout the West and Northwest was the principal depressing factor. Primary receipts are a little less than last year, and the expectations are that they would increase. The cables were conflicting. There seemed to be a little more cash activity in the different markets, and there were rumors of pretty fair export business. The prospect of the closing down of the Minneapolis mills on account of the strike helped the selling. The visible increased rather more than had been expected, and there was a small increase on passage. We see nothing to change our views that for some weeks to come the market will probably have a dragging tendency. At the moment, however, after five days' consecutive break and 5 cents per bushel lower prices, a reaction is probably due. The pressure of immediate liquidation must be pretty well over, and it would not take much in way of export demand or a few clouds in the Northwest to bring it about. New York just now reports 75 loads taken for export.

Corn Closed Heavy.

The corn market closed heavy and 1½ cents lower. Continued fine weather in the corn belt was the depressing influence. So far complaints of damage by the recent frosts are few and faint. There is a better cash demand and corn is being taken quite liberally for shipment. The weather, however, is the controlling influence. Liquidation in corn, too, has been quite general, and it would seem if at least a scalping reaction is due.

Oats Fractionally Down.

The oats market is fractionally lower. The weakness seemed mainly in connection with the break in corn and wheat. As compared with these markets, oats were fairly steady. Patton is still a large holder and his holdings are sufficiently great to be a factor in maintaing prices. There are no indications yet of liquidation by him. On the whole, cash prices are firm.

Provisions Irregular and Down.

The provision market closed irregular but lower. The large packing interests are a factor in making prices. The market is kept by them in a more or less artificial condition most of the time. For this reason general outside business is small. Conditions of supply and demand are a good deal of the time greatly in doubt, and a fair judgment is rendered impossible on the provisions, and, apart from manipulation, we would say that provisions are high enough, particularly the nearby deliveries.

Range of Chicago Markets.

(Permission of Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)
Chicago, Sept. 21.—The markets today ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.....	$ .78⅝	$ .79¼	$ .78¼	$ .78⅜B
May.....	.80½	.81	.80¼	.80¼
Corn—				
Dec.....	.48	.48⅝	.46⅞	.46¾B
May.....	.47¾	.48⅝	.47	.47B
Oats—				
Dec.....	.37⅝	.37¾	.37	.37¼
May.....	.38½	.39⅛	.38½	.38⅝
Pork—				
Sept.....	....	....	....	12.75
May.....	13.20	13.30	12.90	12.92
Lard—				
Sept.....	9.60	9.60	9.50	9.50
Jan.....	7.15	7.15	6.92	6.92
Ribs—				
Sept.....	....	....	....	9.20
Jan.....	6.85	6.85	6.52	6.67

American Stocks in London.

London, Dec. 21.—2 p. m.—Atchison advanced ⅛, preferred advanced ⅛; Baltimore & Ohio advanced ¼; Canadian Pacific advanced ⅝; Chesapeake & Ohio advanced ¼; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul unchanged; Denver & Rio Grande advanced ⅝; Erie advanced ½, firsts advanced ¼; Illinois Central advanced ⅛; Louisville & Nashville advanced ½; Mexican Central advanced ¼; Missouri, Kansas & Texas advanced ¼, common unchanged; New York Central advanced ½; Ontario & Western advanced ⅝; Norfolk & Western advanced ⅝; Pennsylvania advanced ¼; Reading advanced ⅝; Southern Pacific advanced ¼, preferred advanced ½; Union Pacific unchanged, preferred advanced ¼; United States Steel advanced ¼, preferred unchanged; Wabash unchanged, preferred advanced ⅝. Consols 89, advanced ¼.

Land Contest Settled.

Pueblo, Colo., Sept. 21.—The coal land contest between the government and the Colorado Fuel & Iron company that has occupied the attention of the Pueblo land office and the Washington authorities for the last four months, has been settled by a compromise. The steel company will pay $20 per acre, the price asked for the coal lands, instead of $2.50, the amount paid for timber and stone land claims. It is understood the Colorado Fuel & Iron company will pay about $500,000. The Victor Fuel company has also settled with the government on the same basis for a large number of coal land claims taken up under the timber and stone act.

New York Summary.

New York Sept. 21.—Americans in London were firm at ½ point above parity. The comptrollers' report shows the banks of the country are generally in a better condition than at a corresponding period last year, with a special strength in the Eastern banks; 96 roads for July show an average net increase of 24.46 per cent; 3 roads for second week in September show an average gross increase of 12.24 per cent. The banks gained from the sub-treasury on Friday $287,000. Missouri Pacific officials say if their territory gets the corn crop it indicates that next year's business will be much larger than this. Twelve industrials declined .23; 20 active rails declined .42.

San Francisco Stocks.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—10:30 a. m.—

	Bid.	Asked.
Contra Costa Water	..	50
Spring Valley Water	83	83½
Hana Sugar	10	..
Hawaiian Sugar	45	..
Honokoa Sugar	13¾	..
Onomea Sugar	32½	..
Paauhau Sugar	16⅝	17½
Giant Powder	65	67
San Francisco Gas & Electric	..	68½
do certificates	67¼	68½
Alaska Packers' Association	154¼	156
Oceanic Steamship	..	7

Chicago Cash Wheat.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The cash wheat market at noon was:

No. 2 red, 80c; No. 3 red, 78½@79½c; No. 2 hard winter, 75½@78½c; No. 1 Northern spring, 89@90c; No. 2 Northern spring, 87@88c; No. 3 spring, 79@87c.

Total Grain Visible.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The total grain visible shows: Wheat—Increase of 1,761,000 bushels. Corn—Increase of 982,000 bushels. Oats—Decrease of 485,000 bushels.

WHEAT MOVEMENT SOMEWHAT LARGER

Market Received More Grain Than It Expected, But Still Was Under Last Year—Small Marketing of Spring.

(Permission of Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The Record-Herald today says:

The wheat movement to market last week was better than expected, but it was less than last year. The bad weather in the Northwest has led to the expectation of a notably small marketing of spring wheat temporarily. The break of 8⅝c in September at Minneapolis and 4⅝c in December, and the decline of 6⅝c in the September at Duluth and 4c in the December up there, were proof that receipts at those markets were better than the Northwestern man had expected. There was a turn from very bad to very good weather in the Northwest, and that held out the prospect of still better receipts this week. The lowest prices of last week were on the selling which followed the announcement of American exports, only 1,909,000 bushels, and the smallest in four years. Few people know absolutely the export situation from day to day, and the announcement of sales or demand give only an uncertain idea of demand from abroad or the lack of it. The plain statement of clearances is something definite and unequivocal. The falling off in the exports has been apparent from the beginning of the crop. But the last week's clearances were so abnormally small they convinced beyond any cavil of truth the claim the shipper has been making that he was making no sales abroad. There was a slight relative gain by the foreign markets last week. The English decline was only a fraction. Paris did not decline at all.

Corn Had Frost Experience.

The corn market had the frost experience it had decided for so long, but like all anticipated expectancies, it was not as dreadful as expected. The long wait had led to general preparation in a general way. There was such a general covering in advance of the freeze, the market advanced not much over 2c on it. Last week's corn prices on the scare were not quite as high as they sold in the middle of August. The rally was speedily lost and at the close corn was at the lowest level since July.

Oats have been holding better than other grains. The countryman has not been shipping. The receipts here have been so small and the cash prices have held so well that the bull speculators have had no trouble holding the futures. The eastern demand has been poor in the territory between here and the seaboard, and has been selling cheaper than Chicago.

Speculators in provisions generally are bearish, because stocks have been increasing and because the premiums invite some risk on the selling side.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Anaconda Mining Co.	73	75½	70½	72
Amal. Copper Co	45¼	45¼	43¾	44⅝
Atchison, com	65½	65⅛	64½	65⅛
do preferred	89½	90	89⅛	89½
Am. Car & Found., com.	26½	26½	24½	25⅝
do preferred	79	79⅜	78½	79⅜
Am. Sugar., com	112½	113	112	113
Am. Smelt., com	42¼	43	41⅛	41⅜
do preferred	89⅝	89⅝	89¼	89¼
Baltimore & Ohio, com.	80	80⅛	79⅜	79⅝
do preferred	86	86	86	86
Brooklyn Rapid Transit.	37½	37½	36⅝	37¼
Canadian Pacific, com	121½	123	121⅛	122
Chi. & Alton, com	21⅛	21⅛	20⅞	20½
do preferred	....	....	....	62⅝
Chi. & Gt. West., com.	15⅛	15¼	15	15⅝
Chi., Mil. & St. P	139⅞	140	138⅞	139⅞
Chi. & North., com	158	159	158	158½
Chesapeake & Ohio	31	31¼	30⅝	31¼
Canada Southern	58½	58½	58¼	58
Colo. Fuel & Iron, com.	42	42	42	42
Colo. South., com	13	13	12½	12⅛
do 2d preferred	....	....	....	20
do 1st preferred	50	50	49½	49½
Delaware & Hudson	156	156	155	155½
D. & R. G., com	23	23½	23	23
do preferred	75	75	74¼	74½
Erie, com	27⅜	27⅜	26½	27¼
do 2d preferred	47½	47½	47	47½
do 1st preferred	66	66	64⅜	65¼
Illinois Central	131	131	130½	131
Louisville & Nashville	102½	102½	101½	102
Metro. Traction Co	112	112¼	111	112
Manhattan Elevated	131⅜	131⅞	131⅜	132
Mexican Central Ry	11½	11½	11¼	11⅜
Minn., St. P. & Ste. M	53½	53½	53	53
do preferred	....	....	....	125⅛
Missouri Pacific	90½	90½	89⅝	90¼
M., K. & T., com	19	19⅜	19	19⅛
do preferred	40	40	39	39½
New York Central	119⅜	119⅜	118⅝	118⅞
Norfolk & Western, com.	61⅝	61½	60⅝	61¼
do preferred	....	....	....	88
North American	73⅝	74	73	73
N. Y., Ont. & West	21¼	21⅝	21	21⅝
Pennsylvania Ry	122⅝	123	122¼	122½
P. G., L. & C. Co	92⅞	93	92¾	92⅞
Pressed Steel Car, com	35½	35½	33½	34½
do preferred	76⅝	78½	76½	76¾
Pacific Mail Steam. Co	....	....	....	21
Reading, com	49½	49½	48⅝	49¼
do 2d preferred	....	....	....	68
Rep. Iron & Steel, com.	9¼	9⅜	9	9½
do preferred	62½	62½	60½	62
Rock Island, com	26½	26½	25⅝	25¼
do preferred	....	....	....	63
Southern Ry., com	20⅞	21	20⅝	21¼
do preferred	84½	84⅝	84½	84½
Southern Pacific	42⅜	42⅜	42¼	42⅜
St. L. & S. W., com	14¼	14⅜	14⅛	14⅛
do preferred	34½	34½	33⅝	34
Texas & Pacific	25½	25½	25	25⅛
Tenn. Coal & Iron	34	34½	33½	34⅛
T., St. L. & W., com	15½	16	16½	15½
Union Pacific, com	73¾	73¾	72¼	72⅞
do preferred	86	86	85½	85½
U. S. Leather, com	7	7⅛	7	7
do preferred	77	77⅝	77	77½
U. S. Rubber, com	11	11	10½	10⅝
do preferred	38	38	37½	37½
U. S. Steel Co., com	18	18	16⅞	17½
do preferred	68½	68½	67⅝	68¼
Wheel. & L. E., com	15	15⅜	15	15
do 2d preferred	24	25	23	25
do 1st preferred	48	48½	48	48
Wisconsin Central, com.	....	....	....	17
do preferred	38	38	37½	37
Western Union Tele	....	....	....	82
Wabash, com	....	....	....	20
do preferred	32	32¼	31⅜	31⅜

Money 2¼ per cent.
Sales, 430,000.

Closing Grain Quotations.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—The closing quotations on grain in the various cities today were:

Milwaukee—Wheat—October, 77c; December, 78⅜c; May, 80⅜c. Corn—October, 47⅜c.

Kansas City—Wheat—October, 68¼c; December, 68⅜c. Corn—October, 43½c asked; December, 40c bid.

Minneapolis—Wheat—October, 81⅜c bid; December, 77½c asked; May, 79⅛c.

Duluth—Wheat—October, 80½c bid; December, 77c bid; May, 79⅜c bid.

St. Louis—Wheat—October, 80c; December, 82c. Corn—October, 44½c.

New York—Wheat—October, 84¼c⅛ December, 84⅜c bid; May(84⅞c.

San Francisco—11:30 a. m.—Wheat—December, $1.42. Barley—December, $1.13.

American Grain Visible.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The American grain visible shows:

	Today. Bushels.	Year Ago. Bushels.
Wheat	15,927,000	22,526,000
Corn	7,909,000	24,310,000
Oats	6,937,000	6,715,000

Wheat and Flour Clearances.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The clearances today were: Wheat, 60,000 bushels; flour, 65,000 barrels.

Liverpool Cotton Lower.

Liverpool, Sept. 21.—2 p. m.—Cotton—near, 8 to 10 points lower; far, 3 to 5 points lower.

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HOP PRICES ARE MAKING FOR TOP

QUOTATIONS THIS SEASON PROMISE TO REACH UP AND 25 CENTS IS CONSIDERED LIKELY, WHILE 30 CENTS IS A POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE.

Supplies of Old Stocks Are Very Few and Brewers Are Shorter Than for Many Years—Consumption Continues to Grow, While the World's Supply During the Present Season is Much Short of Normal Years.

Oregon hops this season promise to reach the top of the ladder of quotations. This fact is already apparent, and if no obstacle not now seen is throw in the way, prices will reach the 25-cent mark, and 30 cents is not considered improbable at this time.

Supplies of old hops in the hands of the dealers are very few—scarcer than they have been for many years—and the consumption grows apace each additional year. The world's production this year, according to latest advices, will be much shorter than that of last season, and the brewers do not intend to let the opportunity slip through their fingers to buy stocks sufficient to last them for the entire year at the present figures, if they can help it.

All of the local dealers are full of orders from their Eastern connections, and the quotations offering for the choice varieties range from 22 to 23 cents a pound. Even at these figures, which were considered excessive at the first of the season, the sales of this year's hops are very few.

Dealers Want to Buy.

The trouble is not with the dealer, for he is doing all in his power to land a few of the bales of golden hue, but with the farmer. The latter insists that his hops are worth more money, and he intends, from all present indications, to hold for at least 25 cents, and if the market does reach that figure a large per cent of the growers are very likely to hold for an even 30 cents.

The crop in Oregon this year will amount, all told, to about 70,000 bales, while the yield of a year ago was 87,000 bales. This year the supply of choice will very likely only reach 24,000 bales, while a year ago nearly all of the hops graded choice. The primes will amount to about 25,000 bales, and the moldy and unmatured varieties will take up the remainder. Prices for the prime hop will average about 21 cents, while the green and moldy stocks may perhaps be bought up at perhaps 17 cents—that is, if the farmer will consent to let go. All hops are considered hops this year, and the price for any old kind of stock will be held firm, at least for some time.

Northwestern Weather.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The weather for the past 24 hours in the Northwest was clear, and temperatures were from 42 to 70, with no frost anywhere. Minneapolis is fair today and tomorrow; the Dakotas, fair and cooler. Outside of Manitoba there is not a drop of rain, and clear weather is reported all over the country. There were a few local showers in the extreme Northwest, and it is slightly cooler this morning, 30 to 44 above. Northwest clear, 44 to 62 above; West and Southwest clear, 54 to 60 above. Des Moines, clear, fine; Chicago, clear, fine; St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha, clear and fine.

NEW DEATH BLANKS ARE NOT POPULAR

The standard certificate of health of the census office, which was recently adopted at a convention of the health authorities in the East, is now coming into use in Portland. It provides a uniform blank for death certificates and embodies a concise and complete form for recording the data required by the authorities in the demise reports.

The new style of blanks does not meet with popular approval here and it is likely that the health board will retain the old death slips, as they are said to be superior in many ways.

TO FREE IRELAND AND NOTHING ELSE

(Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, Sept. 21.—At an immense meeting of the United Irish societies of Chicago at the First Regiment Armory last night, resolutions were drawn up asking that Ireland be made free. The resolutions call for absolute freedom and nothing else in the solution of the problem.

MASTER BREWERS' CONVENTION.

(Journal Special Service.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 21.—Nearly 400 delegates were present today at the opening of the fifteenth annual convention of the United States Master Brewers' Association. The association is composed of superintendents of breweries, and nearly every large city in the country is represented. Technical papers and discussions are to occupy two days and the remainder of the week will be given over to features of entertainment.

DECATUR HAS CARNIVAL.

(Journal Special Service.)

Decatur, Ill., Sept. 21.—This is carnival week in Decatur, and outward signs are abundant that a merry time is on the tapis. The business section of the city is aglow with flags, bunting, streamers and other forms of decorations. Many visitors are arriving and the outlook is bright for an immense crowd to see and enjoy the many attractive features that make up the festival program.

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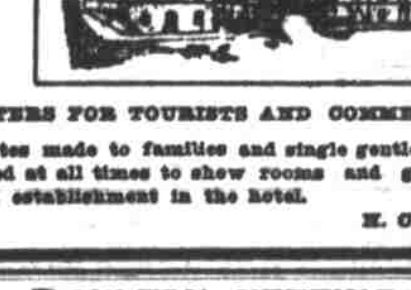

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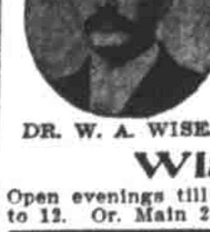

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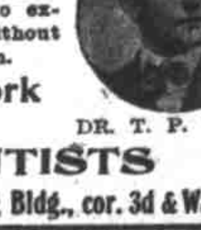

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SON ARRESTED FOR KILLING HIS FATHER

(Journal Special Service.)

Prineville, Or., Sept. 21.—A division of opinion concerning the guilt of C. M. Dunkle of Deschutes, exists here.

Young Dunkle was arrested Friday for the murder of his father, who was found buried under three feet of earth over which a fire had been built. The son was one of the party who discovered the remains. He was arrested because suspicion was directed to him from the fact that he practically led the searching party to the place where the old man's body was found, and also because he had been known to frequently quarrel with his father. Dunkle does not deny quarreling, but says he can account for every minute of his time from the day his father disappeared and when he was discovered buried in the hastily made grave.

The murdered man's money had disappeared and it is believed the murderer took it.

MORE RESIGNATIONS IN BRITISH CABINET

(Journal Special Service.)

London, Sept. 21.—King Edward has accepted the resignation of Lord Balfour of Burleigh, secretary of Scotland, and Arthur Ralph Douglas Elliott, secretary of the treasury.

The resignations make a total of four vacant cabinet posts and one secretaryship at the disposal of Premier Balfour.

FARMERS AT NIAGARA FALLS.

(Journal Special Service.)

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Western states' delegates to the farmers' national congress, which convenes here tomorrow, began arriving today in good numbers. Nebraska and Minnesota are here with good-sized delegations and Iowa has the forerunner of a big crowd, consisting of delegates and associate delegates. The advance guard of the Illinois and the New England delegations are also on the ground. Great preparations have been completed to give the farmers a rousing reception. It is claimed there will be full delegations of Western New York farmers to meet the western and southern soil-tillers.

MUST ACCOUNT FOR HIS LITTLE JAUNTS

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Sept. 21.—It is now assured here that a resolution will be introduced in the United States senate shortly after it convenes asking that President Roosevelt explain why he has always been willing to accept the services of railroad and transportation companies in his jaunts about the country.

The resolution will call attention to his trip to the Pacific coast that covered 22,000 miles and was made at an enormous expense without a cent of cost to himself or party.

The resolution will be backed up by several conservative Republican senators who do not believe that the dignity of the chief executive should be lowered by placing himself under obligations to the trusts.

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