WHEAT GROWERS DETERMINED TO HOLD THEIR SUPPLIES

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FIGHT ON EGGS IS FORCING A WEAKER FEELING IN MARKET

One Big Firm Quotes Sharp Decline and This Weakens Entire Market in Face of Strength and Higher Prices in Other Centers

There is a fight on in the egg trade here for control of the business and this is causing prices to weaken along Front street in the face of firmness and higher prices at other Pacific coast points.

While the general trade is still receiving 28c a dozen for candled eggs in a small way, one of the big firms has sent out announcements offering supplies down to 26½c a dozen. This is demoralizing trade conditions here in the fresh egg market.

Generally speaking an advance was due in the egg market here during the day on account of the higher figures quoted at other leading western markets, but the action of the one big firm in quoting lower figures caused a weaker tone generally in the market.

Despite the quoting of sharply higher prices by other cities of the Northwest and California, the local trade has been unable to find an outlet for its surplus. Receipts of fresh eggs are rather fair and as withdrawals from storage of short-held eggs are liberal, this is oversupplying the current demand.

VEAL MARKET IS VERY SLOW

Very slow tone continues in the market for country killed calves along the wholesale way. Quite liberal stocks were carried over from last week, and this is sure to cause a slow tone at the start of the present week.

LOGANBERRIES RULE HIGH

With very limited offerings, there was a firmer tone and higher price forced for loganberries on the market during the day. Sales were made generally at $1.75 a crate on the East Side farmers' market. Raspberries were also firmer at $1.50@1.60 generally.

LIGHT FOWLS SELL SLOWLY

While there is quite a fair demand for heavy hens and prices are well sustained, market for light fowls, both hens and springs is weaker, with some stocks carried over from last week by wholesale receivers.

TOMATO MARKET IS LOWER

Liberal increase in the movement of tomatoes from Columbia river sections to the local market forced lower prices generally along the street during the day. While in a limited way as high as $1.50 was received, the bulk of No. 1 stock went at $1.25.

ONION MARKET IS HIGHER

Sharp advance of 25c per hundred pounds in the price of onions at Walla Walla forced a similar rise in the local selling trade during the day. Values ruled generally at $1.25@1.50 per central.

BRIEF NOTES OF THE TRADE

Fractional losses were shown for bacon and lard.

Cheese being offered at shaded prices by small makers.

Country killed hogs remain firm.

Italian plums are arriving, slow sale at $1 60.

Peach market steady to firm at former prices.

JOBBING PRICES IN PORTLAND

These prices are those at which wholesalers sell to retailers, except as otherwise stated:

Dairy Products

BUTTER — Creamery, prints in paraffine wrap, per lb.: extras, 43c; prime firsts, 40½c; firsts, 39½c; cubes, 1c less; cartons, 1c advance.

BUTTERFAT — Portland delivery, No. 1 cream, 44c.

CHEESE—Selling price: Fresh Oregon fancy full cream triplets, 24@24½c; Young America, 24@25c. Price to jobbers, flats, 22c; Young America, 23c; full cream brick, 22½c; Limburger, 31@32c; block Swiss, 24@30c.

EGGS—Selling price: Case count, 38@39½c per dozen; buying price, 35c per dozen; selling price, candled, 38c.

LIVE POULTRY — Hens, heavy Plymouth Rocks, 15½@16c lb.; ordinary chickens, 14@15c lb.; stags, 12c per lb.; brollers, 18c per lb.; turkeys, 20@21c per lb.; dressed, fancy, 25@26c per lb.; ducks, 20@22c per lb.; geese, $2.00 per dozen; geese, live, 10c; Pekin ducks, young, 18@20c lb.; Indian Runners, old ducks, 14c per lb.; pigeons, $1.25 per dozen.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

FRESH FRUITS—Valencia oranges, $3.75@3.85 box; bananas, 5½c per lb.; lemons, $6.50@8.00; California grapefruit, $3.00@3.50. Florida, $6.50@7.00; cantaloupes, standard, $3.00 crate; flats, $1.15 per crate; watermelons, 1½c lb.; cherries, 85c lb.; nectarines, $1.00@1.15 per crate; peaches, 75c@$1.10; plums, $1.50@1.60.

BERRIES — Strawberries, Local, $2.00; blackberries, $1.25 crate; loganberries, $1.75; gooseberries, 8@9c per lb.; currants, $1.25@1.50 crate; raspberries, $1.50@1.60.

APPLES—Local, $2.00@2.25, according to quality.

ONIONS — Walla Walla, $1.25@1.50; California, $1.00.

POTATOES—Selling price, table stock, local, $1.25. Buying price, ordinary shipping, $2.75; sweet potatoes 7½c per lb.

VEGETABLES — Turnips, $1.85 per sack; carrots, $1.85 sack; beets, $1.85 sack; parsnips, $1.85 sack; cabbage, local, 2½@2½c lb.; green onions, 15c doz. bunches; peppers, 12@15c lb.; head lettuce, 35c per dozen; celery, 90c per dozen; artichokes, 90c@$1.10; cucumbers, 50c@1.00 per dozen; tomatoes, Oregon, $1.25 per box; egg plant, 10@12c per lb.; string beans, 6@7c per lb.; rhubarb, 4c per lb.; peas, 7c per lb.; cauliflower, local, (—) per dozen.

Meats, Fish and Provisions

DRESSED MEATS — Selling price, country killed beef hogs, 19½@20c per lb.; ordinary, 16c per lb.; but yearlings, 14c per lb.; ordinary veals, 13½c per lb.; heavy, 11½@12c; goats, 4@6c lb.; lambs, 16@17c per lb.; mutton, 12@13c; beef, 9c per lb.

SMOKED MEATS—Hams, 24@28c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 28@41c; picnics, 21c; cottage roll, 25c; short clears, 25@27c; Oregon experts, smoked, 27c per lb.

LARD—Kettle rendered, tierces, 22c per lb.; standard, 21½c; lard compound, 18c.

OYSTERS—Olympia, gallon, $3.50; canned, eastern, 50c per can, $5.50 per dozen; eastern, in shell, $1.00 per 100; eastern oysters, per gallon, solid pack, $2.75.

FISH—Dressed flounders, 7c; Chinook salmon, 15c; perch, 7c; soles, 8c; salmon trout, 10c per lb.; halibut, 12½@15c per lb.; black cod, 8c; herring, 6c; razor clams, (—) per dozen; hard shell, 4c per lb., $2.75 per box.

Groceries

SUGAR—Cube, $9.85; powdered, $9.70; fruit or berry, $9.00; Honolulu, $8.50; beet, $8.70; dry granulated, $9.05, D yellow $8.40.

HONEY—New, $3.00@3.25 per case.

RICE—Japan style, No. 1, 7½c; New Orleans head, 9c; blue rose, 8½c.

SALT—Coarse, half ground, 100s, $14.00 per ton; 50s, $14.80; table dairy, 50s, $18.00; 100s, $17.50; bales, $2.35; fancy table and dairy, $24.00; lump rock, $20.00 per ton.

BEANS — Small white, 17c; large white, 16½c; pink, 14c; limas, 17½c; bayous, 13½c; red, 14c.

Hops, Wool and Hides

HOPS — Nominal, buying price, 1916 crop, 8@10c per lb.; contracts, 14c.

WOOL—Willamette valley coarse Cotswold, 65@66c lb.; medium Shropshire, 70@72c; fine, 64@66c; Eastern Oregon, 52@61c.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 lbs. and up, 20c; salted stags, 50 lbs. and up, 15c; green and salted kip, 15 lbs., 22c; green and salted calf skins up to 15 lbs., 32c; green hides, 25 lbs. and up, 15c; green stags, 50 lbs. and up, 13½c; dry hides, 35c; salt hides, 25c; dry horse hides, $1.00@2.50; salt horse hides, $3.00@5.00; horse hair, 30c; dry long wool pelts, 32@35c; dry short wool pelts, 25c; dry sheep shearings, each, 10@25c; salted sheep shearings, each, 25@50c; salted long wool pelts, each, $1.50@4.00; salted short wool pelts, each, 50c@$1.00.

TALLOW—No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 8@9c; grease, 4@6c per lb.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK — Buying price, per car lots, 6½@7c per lb.

MOHAIR—1917, 60@61c.

Rope, Paints, Oils

ROPE—Sisal, dark, 22c; white, 22½c per lb.; standard Manila, 30c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls., $1.32 per gallon; kettle boiled, bbls., $1.34; raw, cases, $1.39; boiled, cases, $1.41 per gallon; lots of 250 gallons.

COAL OIL—Water white, in drums and iron barrels, 10c per gallon.

WHITE LEAD — Ton lots, 14c per lb.; 500 lbs., 14½c per lb.

TURPENTINE — Tanks, 62c; cases, 69c; 10 case lots, 1c less.

GASOLINE—Basis price, 20½c per gallon; distillate, 10½c per gallon.

BUTTER IS AGAIN AT HIGHEST PRICE IN THE PORTLAND TRADE

Extras in Plain Wrappers Advanced 1c to 44c and Cartons to 45c a Pound—Similar Extreme Figure Quoted on April 9.

Advance of 1c a pound quoted here during the day on creamery butter, announcement of which was made in the Sunday Journal, again places the price of that product at the highest figures ever known and far in excess of any price ever quoted at this period of the year.

The advance places extras in plain wrappers at 44c a pound and in cartons, 45c a pound. This same price ruled April 9 of this year and the high value continued 12 days when the price broke sharply to 41½c a pound for plain wrappers. A year ago today the extreme price of butter extras in plain wrappers was 30c a pound and in cartons 31c. This means a rise of 14c a pound over a year ago.

Creamery interests were rather slow about making the latest advance in the price of butter but say they were forced to take action as a result of the shortened supply of cream, due to the competition of canned milk interests for the raw product.

Butter prices all over the country are showing a similar trend and for exactly the same reason.

All Grains Lower In Chicago; Rains Cause of Declines

By Joseph F. Pritchard

Chicago, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—The various grain markets on the board of trade were all lower today, wheat losing 2½c, corn declining 1½@1½c, and oats were off 1⅛ to 1⅛c.

Hog products were all higher—ribs 10@15c, pork 45c and lard 37½@40c. Cash sales here were 15,000 bushels of wheat, 25,000 bushels of corn and 110,000 bushels of oats.

Sample lots of red wheat at Chicago were off 10c, and hard wheat off 5@8c. Corn was unchanged to 2½c lower, the latter being for white corn.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—(U. P.)—Heavy rains in Kansas and Nebraska corn growing sections sent corn futures down from ⅝c to 2⅛c below Friday's close.

December opened ⅝c down at $1.17 and later declined ½c. May opened 1⅜c down at $1.14⅛, subsequently going 1c lower.

September wheat opened 2c lower at $2.25½ and sold off 1½c later.

Oats was lower in sympathy with corn. September opened ⅜c off at 59⅜c and later was 1⅜c lower. December opened ⅝c down at 60⅝c, and later declined ⅝c.

Provisions were generally lower, despite a strong and higher hog market.

Range of Chicago prices as furnished by the United Press:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT				
September	225½	226½	223½	225
CORN				
December	117	117	115⅝	115⅝
May	114½	114⅝	113	113⅝
OATS				
September	59⅝	60⅜	58⅛	58⅝
December	59⅝	60⅝	58½	58⅞
PORK				
September	4175	4225	4175	4210
LARD				
September	2232	2250	2220	2235
October	2235	2265	2225	2247
RIBS				
September	2270	2275	2255	2265
October	2280	2280	2230	2235

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Chicago, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs were 10c higher with 15c higher spots on a moderate run everywhere. A $16.60 top was possible, little selling below $15.50. Cattle supply was light and prices steady to 15c higher. Corn fed bullocks were scarce. Live muttons were steady.

Kansas City Hogs $16.30

Kansas City, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Cattle—Receipts, 16,000; active and strong to uneventy higher. Steers, $9.00@13.80; cows and heifers, $6.00@13.50; stockers and feeders, $5.00@9.75; calves, $6.00@11.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000, 10c to 15c higher. Top, $16.30; bulk $14.75@16.25; heavies, $15.90@16.30; mediums, $15.85@16.25; lights, $14.75@15.90.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000, 10c higher. Lambs, $13.50@14.00; ewes, $8.50@9.30.

Chicago Hogs $15.90

Chicago, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts, 32,000, 5@10c higher. Mixed and butchers, $14.80@15.90; good heavy, $14.90@15.40; rough heavy, $14.50@15.40; light, $14.85@16.40; pigs, $11.00@14.25; bulk, $15.35@16.40.

Cattle—Receipts 12,000, steady to 15c higher. Beeves, $7.75@14.25; cows and heifers, $5.00@12.00; stockers and feeders, $6.25@9.15; Texans, $8.75@11.75; calves, $9.50@13.00.

Sheep—Receipts 9000, steady. Native and western, $5.00@10.75; lambs, $10.00@14.50.

Seattle Hogs $15.65

Seattle, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 313, strong. Prime lights, $15.50@15.65; medium to choice, $15.25@15.40; smooth heavies, $14.75@15.15; rough heavies, $14.25@14.65; pigs, $14.25@14.65.

Cattle—Receipts 29, strong. Best steers, $8.50@9.00; medium to choice, $8.00@8.25; common to medium, $6.00@7.50; best cows, $6.50@7.00; common to medium cows, $4.00@4.50; bulls, $6.00@6.50; calves, $6.00@12.00.

Sheep—Receipts none, steady. Lambs, $13@13.50; yearlings, $12.50@12.75; ewes, $10.00@11.00; wethers, $12.00@12.50.

Denver Hogs $15.90

Denver, Colo., Aug. 6.—(U. P.)—Cattle—Receipts 1000, steady to a shade lower. Steers, $7.00@10.50; cows and heifers, $6.00@8.65; stockers and feeders, $6.50@8.50; calves, $10.00@12.00.

Hogs—Receipts 900, 10c higher. Top, $15.90; bulk, $15.45@15.60.

Sheep—Receipts 8200, 25c lower. Ewes, $8.50@9.10; lambs, $13.00@13.25.

BANK STATEMENT OF COAST

	This Year.	Year Ago.
Portland Banks		
Clearings—Monday	$ 2,347,292.48	$ 2,206,746.08
San Francisco Banks		
Clearings		$14,969,577.00
Tacoma Banks		
Clearings		$ 632,673.00
Balances		136,258.00
Seattle Banks		
Clearings		$ 5,073,824.00
Balances		325,677.00
Spokane Banks		
Clearings		$ 1,185,209.00
Balances		155,279.00
Los Angeles Banks		
Clearings		$ 4,242,396.00

New York Metal Market

New York, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Metal prices: Copper—Very quiet. Spot, 27½@28½c; September, 26½@27½c; last quarter, 25@26½c.

Spelter—Quiet. Spot, 8⅝@8¾c.

Tin—Steady. Spot, 33½c bid.

Lead—Quiet. Spot and August offered at 11c pound.

Seattle Grain Market

Seattle, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Wheat—Bluestem, $2.28; Turkey Red, $2.28; fortyfold, $2.28; club, $2.26; Fife, $2.26; Red Russian, $2.23; barley, $48.00. Receipts, 2 cars wheat.

St. Louis Cash Wheat

St. Louis, Aug. 6.—Cash wheat 5c lower; corn steady.

Sugar Market Goes 15 Cents Up Again

All grades of refined sugar were advanced 15c again during the day. This places granulated at $9.05.

GENERAL STRENGTH INDICATED IN YARDS FOR ALL LIVESTOCK

North Portland's Initial Run for Week Is Small—Cattle Sell Well With Cows a Feature—Very Limited Supplies of Sheep.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Monday	793	745	63	272
Saturday	65	12	1	1136
Friday	540	66	16	368
Thursday	416	135	4	50
Wednesday	518	161	8	614
Tuesday	79	35	2	240
Week ago	790	522	25	1309
Year ago	1154	1029	..	1433
Two years ago	837	1194	5	3947
Three years ago	1151	1667	..	2292
Four years ago	1771	1324	8	888

HOG MARKET HIGHER

Hogs advanced 10 to 15c late in the day with tops at $15.60@15.75. All other lines of livestock were strong.

General strength was shown in the livestock market at North Portland when the week's trading opened.

While the run was a small one, there was an increase in all offerings except mutton as compared with last Monday's showing.

Cattle division of the market showed strength. Most of the offerings consisted of cows and these sold not only quickly, but in the main prices were somewhat firmer but higher.

General cattle market range:

Best beef steers	$ 8.50@ 9.00
Good beef steers	7.50@ 8.25
Best beef cows	5.90@ 7.25
Ordinary to good cows	4.00@ 6.00
Best heifers	6.00@ 7.25
Bulls	4.50@ 6.00
Calves	8.50@ 9.25
Stocker and feeder steers	4.50@ 7.25

Swine Market Firm

Strength was shown in the swine division of the North Portland yards with a small showing of supplies for Monday. Killers took hold of offerings quickly and values were generally inclined to strength.

General hog market range:

Prime light	$15.60@15.75
Prime heavy	15.50@15.65
Pigs	14.10@14.75

Mutton Showing Limited

Only a very nominal showing of mutton and lamb supplies was indicated at the opening of the week's trading at North Portland. General trade conditions started strong with values sustained.

General mutton and lamb range:

Western lambs	$12.00@12.75
Valley lambs	11.00@11.50
Yearlings	8.75@ 9.25
Wethers	8.00@ 8.50
Ewes	3.50@ 7.00

Monday Livestock Shippers

Hogs—Elgin Forwarding company, Lostine, 1 load; Coles & Dodd, Haines, 1 load; C. R. Refund, Union Junction, 2 loads; Felland & Feredy, Roosevelt, Wash., 2 loads.

Cattle—B. E. Myers, Elgin, 2 loads; Pendleton West company, Pilot Rock, 1 load; Sam Nelson, 2 loads; Charles Hynd, 1 load; William McKenzie, 1 load; Hardy & Whitman, Pendleton, 1 load; W. P. Dement, Myrtle Point, 2 loads; E. G. Young & Co., Oakland, 1 load; George Kohlhagen, Roseburg, 1 load; J. Bennett Brown, Corvallis, 2 loads; R. S. Peters, 1 load; William Jones, 1 load; W. E. Smith, Condon, 2 loads; F. Welch, 2 loads; W. Rummins, Pomeroy, Wash., 1 load.

Cattle and Calves—E. G. Young & Co., Oakland, 1 load; W. A. Greenwald, Kooskia, Idaho, 1 load.

Mixed Stuff—O. E. Gorsline, Joseph, 1 load cattle, hogs and sheep; G. D. Johnson, North Powder, 1 load cattle and hogs; W. A. Leaper, Yoncalla, 1 load cattle and hogs; C. C. Carter, Myrtle Point, 1 load cattle and hogs; Zimmerman, Yamhill, 1 load cattle and hogs; Thompson & Gentry, Heppner, 2 loads cattle, calves, hogs and sheep.

Monday Morning Sales

STEERS

No.		Av. lbs.	Price.
22	steers	1120	$ 8.40
24	steers	1117	7.70
9	steers	903	7.50
2	steers	950	7.25
18	steers	1415	7.00
4	steers	1090	7.00
27	steers	1080	6.15
10	steers	892	6.00
1	steer	750	5.00
1	steer	960	6.50
11	steers	920	5.50
10	steers	1024	7.00
14	steers	1010	8.00
	COWS		
30	cows	1083	$ 7.00
24	cows	957	7.00
20	cows	1106	6.90
3	cows	1160	6.75
1	cow	940	6.75
12	cows	900	6.50
22	cows	1090	6.75
1	cow	970	6.50
27	cows	1004	6.50
1	cow	1020	6.50
28	cows	990	6.40
11	cows	919	6.25
1	cow	1010	6.00
2	cows	1050	6.00
1	cow	650	6.00
3	cows	1110	5.50
4	cows	990	5.00
1	cow	1090	4.25
1	cow	990	4.25
2	cows	820	4.00
1	cow	980	3.50
27	cows	1079	7.00
1	cow	1270	7.00
10	cows	895	5.50
19	cows	920	6.25
	HOGS		
1	hog	330	$16.60
3	hogs	170	15.25
4	hogs	190	14.50
12	hogs	130	14.60
	HEIFERS		
1	heifer	1110	$ 7.00
	CALVES		
1	calf	220	$ 9.00
11	calves	240	9.50
1	calf	200	9.50
1	calf	250	9.00
10	calves	391	7.25
10	calves	338	8.25
	STAGS		
1	stag	1590	$ 6.00
	BULLS		
1	bull	1380	$ 6.75
1	bull	1250	6.00
1	bull	1030	6.50
4	bulls	1300	6.00
1	bull	1250	6.00
1	bull	910	6.00
1	bull	1220	6.00
1	bull	1080	5.50
	WETHERS		
1	wether	245	$10.00

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

Seattle Market

Seattle, Aug. 6.—(U. P.)—Onions—Wax, per case, $1.75; California yellow, sack, $1.50@1.75.

Potatoes—Locals, new, $50.00@60.00; California, $70.00.

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—(U. P.)—Onions—New red, 65@75c per sack on the wharf; do yellow, 75c@$1.00 per central.

New potatoes—Delta, $2.50@2.75 per central for No. 1.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes are unchanged.

DAIRY PRODUCE ON THE COAST

Seattle Market

Seattle, Aug. 6.—(U. P.)—Butter—Native Washington creamery, cube, 43c; do brick, 44c; California storage cube, 40c; do brick, 41c.

Eggs—Select ranch, 45c.

Cheese—Oregon triplets, 24@25c; Washington triplets, 23@24c; Young America, 26@27c.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Butter, 44c; eggs, 41c.

SHIPPERS' WEATHER NOTICE

Weather bureau advices: Protect shipments during the next 36 hours against the following maximum temperatures: Going north, 75 degrees; northeast over S., P. & S. R. R., 85 degrees; east to Baker, 80 degrees, and south to Ashland, 90 degrees. Maximum temperature at Portland tomorrow, about 75 degrees.

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—(U. P.)—Butter—Extras, 43c; prime firsts, 42c.

Eggs—Extras, 43½c; extra firsts, 41c; extra pullets, 37½c; extra firsts pullets, 36c.

Cheese—California flats fancy, 23½c; firsts, 19½c.

COUNTRY ASKING AN ADVANCE, NO MATTER HOW HIGH QUOTATION

Wheat Trading Is Still Too Small to Base Accurate Quotations—Small Barley Sales on Basis of $43 and $44 Ton Tidewater.

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS

	Wheat.	Barley.	Cars. Flr.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Mon.	1	1	3	4	6
Year ago	25	..	12	14	19
Season to date	79	10	60	76	151
Year ago	369	19	217	195	167
Tacoma, Sat.	3	1	...	...	3
Year ago	12	..	...	1	11
Season to date	92	2	...	13	94
Year ago	407	7	...	22	101
Seattle, Sat.	2	..	8	...	36
Year ago	24	2	9	4	22
Season to date	79	14	118	57	282
Year ago	441	20	225	135	292

Cereal market trading at interior Pacific Northwest points continues at low ebb. Offers of $2.15 a bushel for bluestem wheat in the interior, which means $2.25 per bushel tidewater basis, has met with absolutely no response from holders. The only business shown was in a very small way on the basis of $2.29@2.30 per bushel basis tidewater, but the volume was too small to establish a market.

Buyers say that the market is by no means established as yet. No matter how high they quote for wheat, they claim the interior asks an advance over it. The result is a stagnant trade.

Business in new crop barley is on a small basis in the interior around $40 a ton there. This means practically $43@44 a ton landed at tidewater.

While there is a good demand for oats and some old crop is still available, the country is not inclined to offer.

Advance of 20c per barrel in the price of all grades of flour which took effect during the day was a surprise to the trade. The new quotation for patent is $11.60 per barrel.

Millstuffs continue very firm with offerings scant.

At the meeting of the Merchants' Exchange association the following officers were elected for the coming year: G. A. Westgate, president; N. A. Leach, vice president; M. G. Busst, secretary treasurer, and with D. A. Patullo and S. C. Draper as directors to complete the executive committee.

Wednesday's receipts were as follows: Bluestem, $2.25@2.30; fortyfold, $2.20@2.22; club, $2.20, tidewater track basis.

OATS—No. 1 feed, $48.00 per ton, tidewater track delivery.

FLOUR—Selling price: Patent, $11.60; Willamette valley, $11.20; local straight, $10.80@11.20; bakers local, $11.40@11.60; Montana spring, $12.40@12.60; exports, $8.90; whole wheat, $11.80; graham, $11.60; rye flour, $11.75 per barrel.

BARLEY—No. 1 feed, $44.00 per ton.

HAY—Buying price, new crop, Willamette timothy, fancy $21.00 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, (—); alfalfa, $23.00@24.00; valley vetch, $15.00@18.50; cheat, $18.00@18.50; clover, $17.50.

GRAIN SACKS—Nominal. No. 1 Calcutta, 18½@13½c in car lots; less amounts higher.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price: Bran, $36.00; shorts, $38.00; middlings, $43.00 per ton.

ROLLED OATS—Per 90 lb. sack, $3.25.

ROLLED BARLEY—Per ton, $49.00@50.00.

CORN—Whole, $79.00@80.00; cracked, $81.00@82.00 per ton.

Better Crops Shown Interior, Report of Of S., P. & S. Road

Improvement in crop conditions is a result of the cooler weather, according to reports received by W. C. Wilkes, assistant freight and passenger agent of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway.

W. G. Paine, assistant general freight and passenger agent Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, at Spokane—Partially cloudy, cool west wind this morning. Recent cool weather is a decided benefit to spring grain which is looking on healthier color in Palouse and Nez Perce. General conditions may be better than predicted. Some good authorities estimate at least 50 per cent crop throughout this territory and some are more optimistic. Generally conceded crops will be 50 or 60 per cent of normal, having passed the point where rain absolute necessity. The harvest weather will soon become a source of anxiety. Harvest will start a month late, necessitating running later in the fall. The Palouse country never was in better condition for big winter wheat acreage and every farmer is planning to seed every available acre. Farmers are accepting community plan in harvesting, consequently no great concern is felt over the scarcity of labor.

J. T. Hardy, traveling freight and passenger agent Spokane, Portland & Seattle and Oregon Trunk railways, from Bend—Crop conditions about the same as last report. Weather hot and dry. No rain. Harvesting going along nicely and help appears plentiful.

Maupin, Or.—Weather continues cooler with brisk northeast winds. No rain this section. Threshing is increasing and general hauling to mill will commence in about two weeks. Maximum should be about September first, and we can look for good deal of grain to come in after that date. Will not be as much grain this season as last. There is an increase in acreage but decrease in yield. Will more than absorb this it is reported.

Maryhill—Continues cool with strong west wind, not unfavorable.

McCall, Wash.—Cutting of summer fallow wheat will commence about Monday. Very little fall and spring plowed ground will produce any. Possibly some will make light hay.

Goldendale—Weather continues warm and dry. Now cutting fall grain. Yield about 25 per cent less than last year. Vegetables of all kinds inferior on account of drouth.

Albany—No change in the weather. Threshing progressing. Getting reports of winter wheat yielding 17 to 24 bushels per acre. Vetch doing fairly well.

Orenco—Crop conditions unchanged. Beans and potatoes are at standstill. Crop will be short unless we get rain. Late planted potatoes will yield about 70 per cent, early planting about 40 to 50 per cent.

Forest Grove—Weather and grain conditions are unchanged, only cooler nights. Early potato and bean crop cut short. Hops doing well and late potatoes may be fair.

Metolius—Information now coming in that crop conditions in this vicinity will show much improvement over that reported last week. Heading has begun and fields that were thought almost worthless are giving very good returns. Threshing will be in full swing about the 20th. Potato reports still gloomy, rain would help this crop.

Money and Exchange

New York, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Call money on the floor of the New York Stock exchange today ruled at 2½ per cent; high, 2½ per cent; low 2 per cent.

Time money was quiet.

Rates were: 60 days 2¾ per cent, 90 days 3 per cent, 6 months 3 per cent.

Rates were: 60 days, 4¾@5 per cent, 5 months 5 per cent, 6 months 5 per cent.

The market for prime mercantile paper was dull.

Sterling exchange was dull with business in bankers' bills at $4.75 9-16 for demand; $4.72⅛ for 60 day bills, and $4.70⅛ for 90 day bills.

New York bar silver, 80⅝c.

San Francisco Grain Market

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—(U. P.)—Cash grain:

Wheat—Per Cental—New Sonora, $3.60@3.75, f. o. b. interior shipping point; California club, $3.40@3.75, according to quality; do, northern bluestem, $3.85@4.00.

Barley—Per Cental—New feed, $2.40@2.45, according to quality.

Oats—Per Cental—New feed, $2.50; do, seed grade, $2.75.

Barley calls:

	Open.	Aug. 6. Close.	Aug. 4. Close.
December	$2.45	$2.50	$2.50
May	2.52½	2.55	2.45

Chicago Dairy Produce

Chicago, Aug. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—Receipts, 13,662 tubs. Creamery, extra, 38½c; extra firsts, 38c; firsts, 37@37½c; packing stock, 32@32½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 11,871 cases. Current receipts, 26½@31½c; ordinary firsts, 27@29½c; firsts, 31@32½c; extra, 37c; checks, 26@26½c; dirties, 25@26c.

O-W. R. & N. CROP REPORT UNFAVORABLE FOR THE NORTHWEST

Agents of the Company Believe That Production in Three States Will Run Below the Normal—Cooler Weather in the Interior.

The O-W. R. & N. company has issued the following crop and weather report for the week:

Spokane, Wash.—Temperature, maximum 94, minimum 34, no precipitation; soil throughout district rapidly drying. Pastures being affected by continued hot weather. Drouth affecting spring wheat; recent estimates will stand. Other crops, including fruit, doing well.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Mean maximum temperature 85, mean minimum temperature 57, mean temperature for week 71, maximum temperature 93, minimum temperature 50. Grain conditions, I think, are a little better than anticipated and looks now as though we would get probably from 70 to 75 per cent of a normal crop and possibly better. Fruit conditions still good. Vegetable shipments moving every day.

North Yakima, Wash.—Temperature 96-47. Rainfall none. Will start releasing small quantities storage water today. More water available than can use this year. Soil in good shape. With cooler weather canals can carry all water necessary for additional acreage under cultivation. Mountain and irrigated range excellent. Low range dried up, no stock on it. Dry land wheat damaged by hot weather. Irrigated grain excellent, increase in acreage 15,000. Corn, hay, hops, spuds, fruit, beans, sugar beets, fine shape. Weather favorable to all crops, cannery in full operation, will finish 35,000 cases cherries this week; commence on beans next. Fruit movement starts August 10, and will be heavy until November 15. Sugar company will have plant ready September 15 and have enough beets in sight for 24 hour run for six months. West-bound business good.

Lewiston, Idaho.—Maximum temperature 102, minimum 54, no rainfall during past week. Soil conditions exceedingly dry, rain badly needed for pastures; would be of very little benefit to spring grain. Vegetables badly in need of rain. Grain threshed to date yielding approximately 50 per cent of normal crop. Spring grain on prairie damaged to such extent it will be cut for hay unless good rain received within next five days. Fruit conditions unchanged. Shipments plums and apricots now being forwarded, first car out this week.

The Dalles Or.—Temperature 89, 49, and no rainfall. Soil very dry. Pastures poor. Wheat crop about 50 per cent normal. Other crops normal.

Wasco, Or.—Temperature 60 to 100, soil dry, no rain, pasture dry. Harvest in progress. Wheat turning out better than first figured, some grain running high as 15 sacks.

Moro, Or.—Weather past week dry, temperature 60 to 96, no pasture. Fall wheat will be about 50 per cent average crop, spring wheat less, harvesting begun this week.

Condon, Or.—Crop conditions favorable for harvest which is getting under way. In some places reports indicate yield will be slightly better than expected, but bears out early report of big damage. The fall wheat is making 18 to 20 bushels in a few places; too early yet to give on estimte yet for this territory.

Bend, Or.—Temperature 38 to 119, soil very dry and pastures continue to dry up. Wheat crop a little better than reported. Threshing starting, haying still in progress. Frost in south end killed much garden stuff and damaged spuds some.

LaGrande, Or.—Maximum and minimum temperature 87 and 52. No precipitation past week. Harvest will commence next week. Throughout the valley fall and spring wheat short in fodder, but seems to have filled better than expected. Spring grain will be harvested, commencing about 10 days or two weeks. Hay harvest about over with; about 60 per cent crop reported. Cherries, "Royal Anne," in harvest and black varieties ready. Pastures seems to keep very fairly well, but needs rain. Other fruits coming along nicely.

Baker, Or.—Maximum 96, minimum 42, no precipitation. Situation this week practically same as last report.

Imbler, Or.—Maximum 95, minimum 65. Soil appears to be very dry, have had no rains the past week; everything appears to be suffering for the want of rain to some extent. Pasture, which is only what the farmers set aside on their farms for this purpose, appears very dry but is as good as can be expected, on account of the dry season. Wheat is now being harvested and from all accounts the wheat will run about 25 per cent off, due to the extreme hot weather we have had the last two months with no rains. Other crops such as various grains will be about 25 per cent off. Apples appear to be doing all right with an estimate of 65 cars. Potatoes appear to be going bad. Some growers state if we don't get rain right quick that there will only be two or three potatoes to a hill and if this is true our estimate of 100 carloads will be cut in two.

Siniaiko, Or.—Temperatures 56 to 94, no rain, soil very dry. Pature dried up. Wheat and oats very poor, about one third of last year's crop. Weather generally clear and warm.

Elgin, Or.—Temperature from 30 to 95. Most of the week has been cool, giving the grain much chance to fill better. Very dry. Little of the extreme hot weather. Light frost last Saturday night, which hurt a few potatoes and the light garden stuff, but no great damage done. Pasture very dry. Some wheat being cut, haying about complete.

Enterprise, Or.—Temperature, maximum 90, minimum 42. Dry and clear. Spring and fall sown grain suffering from want of moisture, probable yield will be 50 per cent on average. Harvesting will commence on valley lands this week. Pasture becoming very short.

Joseph, Or.—Temperature 45 to 85, soil very dry in hills. Now estimate 50 to 70 per cent yield. Crops in valley under irrigation doing fine. Pasture dry, except on north hills.

North Powder, Or.—Maxim