BIG PREMIUMS ASKED FOR LARGE SIZED EXTRA FANCY APPLES

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MILK SITUATION IS GROWING WORSE AND BUTTER MEN SUFFER

Are Unable to Keep Pace With the Advances in Raw Stuff Because Canners Have Practically an Unlimited Market at Own Prices

The latest advance in the price of canned milk means a continuation of the previous serious condition for butter and cheese makers.

With the advanced price for the canned product, milk condensary interests are naturally advancing still further their bids for raw milk at Pacific Northwest points, which means that either the competitive interests must meet this advance or the canners will get the milk and butterfat.

There is no denial even by city creamery interests that the butter market has shown a weak tone recently. The trend of the trade for country make is even weaker. City makers are trying to hold their prices at least at the present level in order to compete for the butterfat, but it is a hard job, although recently there has been noted a slightly better feeling in the butter trade at other coast centers.

It was thought for a time that the ruling of the food administration in refusing to allow exports of canned milk except by actual manufacturers, would cure the speculative interest in canned milk, but notwithstanding this the latest advance in canned milk was made and the situation becomes more keenly firm for the raw material every day.

CHEESE TRADE NOW STEADIER

Trade in the cheese market is showing a steadier tone along the coast generally, although prices are unchanged. With a renewal of buying by Southern California there is no bothersome surplus of good stuff in the hands of makers.

POTATO MARKET DRAGGING HERE

Potato trade is dragging here. Some sales are reported in the country on the basis of $1.25 per cental f. o. b. shipping points for choice stock, but the volume is small. Outside orders are hard to obtain because of the lower prices elsewhere.

NAVEL ORANGES TO BE HIGHER

A special advice from California indicates that the opening price for navel oranges there will be around $3.50 a box. The market for oranges is gaining strength daily and with Valencias soon out of the way further advances are expected by the trade.

LIVE TURKEYS HARDER TO SELL

Extreme difficulty in making sales of live turkeys is reported along the wholesale way. Receipts of live birds have been rather liberal during the last few days but there has been little call and most of the arrivals have been held over. Dressed stock steady to firm.

CELERY TO BE SCARCE LOCALLY

Shortage of local celery stocks is anticipated by the trade here. Home offerings are small with little in sight. The first carload of the season from California is reported rolling by the Ryan Fruit company of this city.

BRIEF NOTES OF TRADE

Chicken market remains steady to firm.

Eggs are now coming freely, but the market is quiet.

Country killed hogs and calves remain firm at former prices.

Banana train is due Thursday. Market is in better shape.

Ducks and geese are in good demand at better prices.

WEATHER NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

Weather bureau advises:

Protect shipments during the next 36 hours against the following minimum temperatures: Going north, 50 degrees; northeast over S., P. & S. railroad, 32 degrees; east to Baker, 26 degrees; and south to Ashland, 28 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tomorrow about 48 degrees.

JOBBING PRICES IN PORTLAND

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

Dairy Produce

BUTTER — Creamery, prints in paraffine wrappers, extras, 48c; prime firsts, 46c; firsts, 44½c; cubes, 1c less; cartons, 1c advance; dairy, 35c.

BUTTERFAT—Portland delivery basis. No. 1 cream, 52c.

CHEESE—Selling price: Tillamook fresh Oregon fancy full cream triplets, 24@25c per lb.; Young America, 25@26c per lb. Price to jobbers, flats, 23c; Young America, 24c, f. o. b.; brick, 35c lb.; limberger, 35c; brick Swiss, 39c per lb.; Oregon triplets, 23½@24c per lb.

EGGS—Selling price: Case count, 50@51c per dozen, buying price, 50c per dozen; selling price, candled, 50@52c; selected candled, 53@55c; storage, 38@42c.

LIVE POULTRY — Hens, heavy Plymouth Rocks, 20@20½c per lb.; ordinary chickens, 19c per lb.; stags, 14c per lb.; small springs, 17@18c per lb.; large springs, 17@18c per lb.; turkeys, 22c per lb., dressed, fancy 29@30c per lb.; culls, 24c; squabs, $2.60 per dozen; geese, live, 11½@12c; Pekin ducks, young, 18@20c per lb.; Indian Runners, old ducks, 14@17c per lb.; pigeons, $1.25 dozen.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $4.00@4.75 per box; bananas, 4½@5c; lemons, $6.75@8.25; California grapefruit, $4.50@4.75; Florida, $4.75@6.50; pears, $1.50@2.25 per box.

BERRIES — Huckleberries, 12½@15c per lb.; cranberries, local, box, $4.50@5.00; eastern, $16.00@17.00 per barrel.

APPLES—Grimes Golden, Bellflower, Winter Bananas, box, $1.25@1.75; fancy Jonathans, 125s, $1.65 per box; fancy Jonathans, 138s, $1.60; Fancy Jonathans, 150s and 163s, $1.55; fancy Jonathans, 175s, $1.50; fancy Jonathans, 188s and 200s, $1.45; Kings, Fall Pippin, etc., $1.35; cooking apples, 4 tier, $1.25; cooking apples, jumble pack, medium size, $1.00.

GRAPES—Malaga, 6c lb.; Oregon Tokay, $1.75@2.00 per crate; California Tokay, $1.50@2.00.

ONIONS—Oregon, $3.00@3.25; garlic, 6½@8c per lb.

POTATOES — Selling price: Table stock, local, $1.50@1.75. Buying price: Choice shipping, $1.25; sweet potatoes, $3.25@3.50.

NUTS—Almonds, IXL, less than sack, per lb., 22c; almonds, IXL, full sack lots, per lb., 22c; almonds, Ne Plus, less than sack, per lb., 21c; almonds, Ne Plus, full sack lot, per lb., 20c; Brazils, less than sack, per lb., 18c; chestnuts, eastern, small, per lb., 32c; chestnuts, Oregon, large, per lb., 17½c; filberts, less than sack, per lb., 23c; pecans, large, per lb., 19c; peanuts, "Swan" brand, Jap, single sacks, per lb., 12½c; peanuts, "Swan" brand, Jap, 5-sack lots, per lb., 12½c; peanuts, best fresh roasted, lb., 14c; walnuts, French, less than sack, per lb., 18½c; walnuts, French, full sack, per lb., 18c; walnuts, No. 1 S. S., less than sack, lb., 25c; walnuts, No. 1 S. S., full sack, lb., 24½c; walnuts, No. 1 Manchurian, less than sack, lb., 17½c; walnuts, No. 1 Manchurian, full sacks, lb., 16½c; walnuts, No. 1 Budded, full sacks, lb., 28c; walnuts, Medium, Budded, full sacks, lb., 26c.

VEGETABLES — Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, $1.25 per sack; beets, $1.50 per sack; parsnips, $1.65 per sack; cabbage, local, $1.75@2 cwt.; green onions, 25c dozen bunches; peppers, 12½c per lb.; head lettuce, 85c per dozen; celery, 85c per dozen; artichokes; $1.00 sack; cucumbers, $2.25 per dozen; tomatoes, California, $1.35@1.75 per box; eggplant, 8c per lb.; string beans, 12½c per lb.; peas (—) per lb.; cauliflower, Oregon, $1.50 per dozen; pumpkins, 1¼c per lb.

Meats, Fish and Provisions

DRESSED MEATS — Selling price, country killed best hogs, 20½c per lb.; ordinary, 18@19c lb.; best veal, 15½c per lb.; ordinary veals, 13½@14c per lb.; rough, heavy, 12@14c per lb.; goats, 6c per lb.; lambs, 16@17c per lb.; mutton, 14@16c per lb.; beef, 6@9c per lb.

SMOKED MEATS—Hams, 28¼@34c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 34@38c; picnics, 24c per lb.; cottage roll, 28c; short clears, 31@34c; Oregon exports, smoked, 34c per lb.

LARD—Kettle rendered, tierces, 30½c per lb.; standards, 30c; lard compound, 24c.

OYSTERS—Olympia, gallon, $4.50; canned, eastern, 66c per can, $6.50 per dozen; eastern oysters, per gallon, solid pack, $3.50.

FISH—Dressed flounders, 6c; silverside salmon, 14c; "Tullies," 15c; perch, 7@8c; soles, 7c; salmon trout, 18c per lb.; halibut, 20c per pound.; black cod, 8c; herring, 6c lb.; razor clams, (—) dozen; hard shell, 4c lb., $2.75 per box; crabs, $1.75@2.50 per dozen.

Groceries

SUGAR — Cube, $8.75; powdered, $8.50; fruit or berry, $8.00; D yellow, $7.40; granulated, $8.00; beet, $8.00; extra C, $7.60; golden C, $7.50.

HONEY—New, $4.00@4.50 per case.

RICE—Japan style, No. 1, 7½c; New Orleans head, 9c; blue rose, 8¼c.

SALT—Coarse half ground, 100s, $15.00 per ton; 50s, $16.00; table dairy, 50s, $19.75; 100s, $19.25; bales, $2.53; fancy table and dairy, $25.75; lump rock, $20.00 per ton.

BEANS—Nominal. Small white, 14c; large white, 13¾c; pink, 10¼c; limas, 15c; bayous, 10½c; red, 10c.

Hops, Wool and Hides

HOPS—Nominal. 1917 crop, 28@30c per lb.

WOOL—Willamette valley coarse Cotswold, 55c per lb., medium Shropshire, 60c per lb.; Eastern Oregon, 50@55c per lb.

HIDES—Salted, 25 lbs. and up, 18c; salted stags, 50 lbs. and up, 15c; salted and green kip, 15 lbs. to 25 lbs., 18c; salted and green calf, up to 15 lbs., 25c; green hides, 25 lbs. and up, 15c; green stags, 50 lbs. and up, 12c; dry flint hides, 30c; dry flint calf, up to 7 lbs., 33c; dry salt hides, 25c; dry horse hides, $1.50 to $2.50; salted horse hides, $3 to $4; horsehair, tail, 30c; horsehair, mane, 15c; dry long wool pelts, 42c; dry short wool pelts, 25c to 30c; salted sheep pelts, long wool, each $4 to $5; salted lamb pelts, each $2 to $3; salted short wool pelts, each, $2 to $2.50; dry sheep shearlings, each, 15c to 30c; salted sheep shearlings, each, 25c to 50c.

TALLOW—No. 1, 13c; No. 2, 12c; grease, 9c per lb.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK — Buying price, per car lots, 8½c per lb.

MOHAIR—1917, 35c per lb.

Rope, Paint, Oils

ROPE—Sisal, dark, 23c; white, 22½c per lb.; standard manila, 32c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls., $1.31 per gallon; kettle boiled, barrels, $1.33; raw, cases, $1.41; boiled, cases, $1.43 per gallon; lots of 250 gallons, less.

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

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 12c per lb.; 500 lbs., 12¼c.

TURPENTINE—Tanks, 65c; cases, 75c; 10 case lots, 1c less.

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Coarse Grains Are Firmer and Higher With Rise in East

Local Situation Is Keenly Firm With Bids Raised at Points in the Interior.

On the Portland Merchants' Exchange there was an advance of 75c a ton in bids for November oats and 50c a ton for feed barley. A sale of 100 tons December feed was made at $53.50.

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flr.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Wed.	10	..	3	1	4
Year ago	9	1	3	6	6
Season to date	3367	94	361	635	813
Year ago	2775	79	766	994	759
Tacoma, Tues.	25	..	..	3	...
Year ago	16	..	...	...	37
Season to date	2940	30	...	153	828
Year ago	3397	83	...	207	914
Seattle, Tues.	83	10	4	3	22
Year ago	26	..	5	2	14
Season to date	2507	129	747	628	1891
Year ago	2729	177	795	793	1742

Coarse grain markets are booming all over the country. The feeling in the Pacific Northwest is especially keen as a result of the great strength and recent advances for oats in the eastern trade.

Oats bids at interior points are further advanced with quite a fair volume of buying reported there during the last 24 hours.

Situation in the barley trade shows like strength with prices generally higher for quality offerings, of which there seems to be but little available in the interior.

Millstuff market remains firm and very active at previous prices with orders coming from all sections in this district.

Hay market situation is showing a like condition with prices well maintained. Only limited offerings of east of the Mountain stuff are shown.

WHEAT—New crop, bluestem, $2.05; fortyfold, $2.03; club, $2.01; Russian, $1.98, tidewater track basis.

FLOUR—Selling price: Patent, $10.00; Willamette valley, $9.60; local straight, $9.20a9.90; bakers' local, $9.80a10.00; Montana spring, $10.80a11.00; exports, $7.50; whole wheat, $10.40; graham, $10.20; rye flour, $10.75 per barrel.

HAY—Buying price, new crop, Willamette timothy, fancy, $24.00a25.00 per ton; Eastern Oregon-Washington fancy timothy, (—); alfalfa, $24.00a25.00; valley vetch, $22.00a23.00; cheat, $22.00a23.00; clover, $22.00 per ton; grain, $24.00a25.00 per ton.

GRAIN SACKS—Nominal, No. 1 Calcutta, 13⅝c in car lots; less amounts higher.

MILLSTUFFS—Nominal selling price: Bran, $31.00a32.00; shorts, $34.00a35.00; middlings, $42.00 per ton.

ROLLED OATS—Per ton, $54.00.

CORN—Whole, $83.00; cracked, $84.00 per ton.

ROLLED BARLEY—Per ton, $56.00a58.00.

RYE—Buying price, $70.00 per ton.

Merchants Exchange, November bids:

—Wed.— 1917	1916	Tues.	Mon.	Sat.	Fri.	Thurs.
			OATS			
Feed—						
5200	3625	5125	5050	5025	5100	5000
			BARLEY			
Feed—						
5250	4000	5200	5200	5200	5100	5100
Brewing—						
5350	4200	5350	5300	5300	5200	5200

Futures were quoted:

OATS	Bid.
December feed	5250
BARLEY	
December feed	5325
December brewing	5450

Eastern oats and corn in bulk:

OATS	
No. 3 white, Nov.	4850
38 pound clipped, Nov.	4925
December No. 3	4925
December clipped	4975
CORN	
No. 3 yellow, Jan.	5800
No. 3 mixed, Jan.	5700
February, yellow	5650
February, mixed	5550

Sales—100 tons December-February barley at $53.50 per ton.

CALIFORNIA REPORTED BUYER OF POTATOES AT HOOD RIVER

Hood River, Or., Nov. 20.—California potato buyers have canvassed the Hood River valley, and it is stated have secured about 75 cars of potatoes, paying growers from $1.50 to $1.65 per sack in the field. It is estimated that the Hood River valley will grow approximately 100 per cent more potatoes this season than in any former year. The bulk of the Hood River potatoes are grown in the upper Hood River valley.

DAIRY PRODUCE ON THE COAST

Seattle Market

Seattle, Nov. 21.—(U. P.)—Butter—Native Washington creamery, cube, 48c; do brick, 49c; storage, California cube, 44c; do brick, 45c per pound.

Eggs—Select ranch, 62c; storage, 42c.

Cheese—Oregon triplets, 26c; Young America, 28c; block Swiss, case, 37c; Badger brick, case, 34c; do single, 35c; Washington triplets, 25c per pound.

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 21.—(U. P.)—Butter—extras, 41c; prime firsts, 39½c.

Eggs—Extras, 59c; extra firsts, 58½c; extra pullets, 56c; extra firsts pullets, 55c.

Cheese—California flats, fancy, 23c; firsts, 21c.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Eggs—Per dozen, 55c.

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

Seattle Market

Seattle, Nov. 21.—(U. P.)—Onions—California yellow, pound, 3¼@3½c; Yakima, per pound, 3c.

Potatoes—Locals, new, $40@50; Yakima Gems, $40 per ton.

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—(U. P.)—Onions Per cental—Brown or yellow, $1.75@2.10 for good stock.

Potatoes—Per cental—Delta, $1.75@1.90 for choice; ditto fancy, $2@2.15; ditto Sonora, $1.75@2.25; ditto Salinas, $2.75@3; Sweets, per 100 pounds, $2.65 ex car.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes—Northern Burbanks, $2.80@3.00; Nevada, $3.00; Russets, $2.70@2.75; sweets, $2.75@3.00 per cental.

San Francisco Grain Market

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—(U. P.)—Cash grain:

Barley—Per cental, feed, No. 1, $2.47@2.50; do shipping, nominal.

Oats—Per cental—New red feed, $2.60@2.70; seed grade, $3.10@3.25.

Barley calls:	—Nov. 21— Open.	Close.	Nov. 20 Close.
December	249¼	251	249
May	258½	253½	252

LARGE APPLES ARE DEMANDING PREMIUM IN THE NORTHWEST

Crop of This Size so Limited That Few Shipping Organizations Are Willing to Sell More Than Small Per Cent With Smaller Fruit.

Northwest apple shipments:

Season, to date	11,653 cars.
Same, 1916	10,651 cars.

Pacific Northwest producing center shippers are trying their utmost to stop the demand for large sized apples and substitute the smaller fruit in most of their orders.

Few of the big shipping interests are willing to accept orders for large sized apples at this time, except when perhaps 50 per cent of the order is for the smaller size.

With most of the Pacific Northwest apple crop running to unusually small sizes this year, and with the percentage of large fruit very limited, sharp premiums are being demanded and paid for the large apples whenever they can be secured.

Hood River is holding even tighter to its large apples this season than other districts. Large extra fancy Spitzenbergs are unobtainable from leading shipping organizations under $2.25 per box, f. o. b. Hood River. This means that if any of these apples are available here they cannot be sold under $2.50, and possibly $2.75 per box.

In the meantime there continues a good active tone for practically all apples in the local trade, with prices maintained.

Various markets ruled:

Memphis—Demand moderate; western extra fancy Romes, Winesaps, Wageners, all sizes, extra fancy and fancy, $2.50.

Detroit—Demand and movement slow; Washington extra fancy Jonathans, all sizes, $2.00@2.25.

Jacksonville—Demand good.

Birmingham — Demand slow; Washington fancy Jonathans and Grimes, small, $1.85.

New Orleans—Market weak.

Washington—Northwest extra fancy Grimes, Jonathans, $2.00@2.25; extra fancy Delicious, Spitzenbergs, $2.50@2.75; extra fancy Romes, few sales; extra fancy Winter Bananas, $3.00.

Oklahoma City—Idahos, extra fancy Jonathans, Winesaps, Romes, $1.85; extra fancy, $1.60.

Philadelphia—Washington extra fancy Winter Bananas, $2.65; fancy, $2.25; extra fancy Romes, large, $1.95; medium and small, $1.75; extra fancy Spitzenbergs, medium, $2.00@2.25; small, $1.75@2.00; extra fancy Delicious, $2.00@2.20; extra fancy Winter Pearmains, $1.75@2.25. Auction prices: Washington extra fancy Jonathans, quality and condition good, large, $2.05@2.25; medium $1.55@2.00; extra fancy Romes, quality and condition generally good, large, $1.95@2.30; medium, $1.60@1.95; Washington Spitzenbergs, extra fancy quality and condition generally good, large, 1.75@2.50; medium, $2.05@2.30; fancy, large, $2.20@2.30; medium, $1.80@2.10; extra fancy Delicious, pale color, large, $2.20@2.60; fancy, large, $1.80@2.40. Oregons, quality and condition generally good; extra fancy Jonathans, medium, $1.55@1.80; small, $1.30@1.55; fancy medium, $1.45@1.55; small, $1.25@1.35.

Baltimore—Washington extra fancy Jonathans, large, $2.25; medium, $1.90@2.15; small, $1.75@1.90; fancy, $1.65@2.10; choice, $1.40@1.60; extra fancy Winter Bananas, $2.65; choice Spitzenbergs, $1.75@2.00. Auction prices: Washington extra fancy Grimes, small to medium, $1.70@2.10; extra fancy Jonathans, small to medium, $1.70@2.15.

Pittsburg—Washington extra fancy Delicious, large, $3.00; medium, $2.75; extra fancy Jonathans, large, $2.00@2.25; medium, $1.75@1.90.

Cincinnati—Idahos extra fancy Jonathans, medium, $2.00. Idahos bulk per barrel, Jonathans, orchard run, $4.50@5.00. Auction prices: Car Washington extra fancy Romes, Ben Davis, large to medium, average, $1.97; extra fancy large to medium, average, $1.82; extra fancy Jonathans, medium average, $1.80. Car Washington extra fancy Jonathans, medium average, $1.64; fancy medium average, $1.60. One car Idaho extra fancy Jonathans, medium to small average, $1.65; fancy medium to small average, $1.58; jumble pack, small average, $1.44.

St. Louis—Auction prices: Northwest extra fancy K. Davids, small, $1.60; fancy, small, $1.50; extra fancy Spitzenbergs, medium, $1.90@2.15; small, $1.60@1.70; extra fancy Jonathans, medium to small, $1.55@1.90.

Buffalo—Northwest extra fancy and fancy Jonathans, large to medium, $2.00@2.25; medium to small, $1.80@2.00; extra fancy Romes, $2.35@2.50. Auction prices yesterday, Washington extra fancy and fancy Jonathans, average $2.05.

New York—Auction prices: Oregon extra fancy Delicious, $2.10@2.45; fancy, $1.50@2.10; extra fancy Jonathans, $1.75@2.00; fancy, $1.60@1.76; extra fancy King Davids, $1.70@1.95; fancy, $1.50@1.65; extra fancy Spitzenbergs, $1.60@2.90; fancy, $1.50@2.25, average King Davids, $1.70@1.95; fancy, $1.50@1.65; extra fancy Spitzenbergs, $1.60@2.90; fancy, $1.50@2.25, average, $1.95. Washington extra fancy Jonathans, $1.55@2.05; fancy, $1.45@1.90; extra fancy Black Twigs, $1.40@2.20; fancy, $1.65.

Chicago — Auction prices: Washington Romes, extra fancy 478 boxes, $1.25@2.25, average $1.55; 742 boxes, $2.00@2.80, average, $2.15; fancy, 265 boxes, $1.25@2.05, average, $1.51. Washington Spitzenbergs, extra fancy, 441 boxes, $1.30@2.25, average, $2.10; 449 boxes, $1.55@2.80, average, $1.90.

Denver—Sales Northwest boxes Jonathans, quality and condition good, $2.00@2.15; fancy, $1.75@1.85; choice, $1.50@1.60; Delicious, large, extra fancy, $2.75@3.00; medium, $2.50@2.75; fancy, $2.40@2.50; choice, $2.25; Winesaps, extra fancy, quality and condition generally good, $1.85@2.25; fancy, $1.90@2.00; choice, $1.65@1.75.

Boston — Auction prices: Washington extra fancy Jonathans, large, $1.85@2.25; medium, $1.75@2.00; small, $1.65@1.90; fancy large, $2.05; medium, $1.70@2.00; extra fancy Romes, large, $2.04; medium, $1.60@2.00; fancy large, $1.55@1.95; medium, $1.50@1.60; small, $1.45; extra fancy Spitzenbergs, large, $2.35; medium, $2.05@2.15. Idaho extra fancy Jonathans, large, $2.25; medium, $1.85@1.90; small, $1.75@1.80.

Houston—Oregon Ganos, jumble pack, $2.00. Washington-Oregon-Idaho extra fancy Jonathans, $2.25@2.40; fancy, $2.00@2.10; choice, $1.65@1.75; extra fancy Winesaps, $2.50@2.60; fancy, $2.40@2.50.

Kansas City—Demand light, movement draggy.

Dallas—Northwest extra fancy Jonathans, Grimes, average, $2.25; fancy, $2.00; choice, $1.75.

Columbus—Washington, quality and condition generally good; extra fancy and fancy Jonathans, medium average, $2.25, bulk.

Minneapolis—Prices unchanged.

St. Paul—Demand and movement moderate; quality and condition generally good.

BANK STATEMENT OF COAST

Portland Banks

Clearings.	This week.	Year ago.
Monday	$ 4,945,983.92	$ 3,408,880.69
Tuesday	3,320,269.21	3,408,828.39
Wednesday	4,322,060.10	2,367,659.98

Spokane Banks

Clearings	$ 1,541,353.00
Balances	461,009.00

Tacoma Banks

Clearings	$ 766,812.00
Balances	100,278.00

San Francisco Banks

Clearings	$22,139,130.00

Los Angeles Banks

Clearings	$ 4,928,429.00

Chicago Dairy Produce

Chicago, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—Receipts 4562 tubs. Creamery, extra, 44½c; extra firsts, 44c; firsts, 32½@42c; packing stock, 32@30½c.

Eggs—Receipts 4843 cases. Current receipts 40@45c; ordinary firsts, 42@44c; firsts, 45@46c; extra, 50@51c; checks, 21@30c; dirties, 29@30c.

New York Metal Market

New York, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Tin nominal; spot 76 bid.

Lead—Easy; spot 6⅞ bid; Nov., 6⅝@6⅞; Dec. and Jan., 6½@6⅝.

Spelter—Dull; Nov. and Dec., 7¾@8; first quarter, 8@8¼.

Copper—Unchanged.

Seattle Barley Market

Seattle, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Barley—Per ton, $53.50.

Receipts—Wheat, 83 cars; barley, 10 cars.

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PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Wednesday	216	60	14	41
Tuesday	301	148	..	53
Monday	4396	1224	38	920
Saturday	172	33	...	41
Friday	1335	72	4	542
Thursday	533	105	2	32
Week ago	948	125	...	552
Year ago	665	264	201	57
Two years ago	1455	87	3	405
Three years ago	721	10	2	645
Four years ago	345	112	15	1419

The feeder situation continues to reflect general strength in the North Portland yards and in all lines a good steady tone is indicated. Purchases of feeders are generally greater by Willamette valley farmers, although there is a fair movement to the interior. This applies to all lines except sheep, which are only in moderate demand.

North Portland is daily growing in importance as a feeder market, not only due to the fact that prices are fair here, but because country interests now know that they can secure their needed supplies in the local yards.

Swine Run Is Small

Run of swine overnight at North Portland was small. The limited offerings were from Willamette valley points and generally came forward on price guaranteed by packers. No change in the general situation was indicated during the morning.

General hog market range:

Prime light	$16.20@16.40
Prime heavy	16.00@16.20
Pigs	13.50@14.25
Bulk	16.20

Cattle Quality Lacking

With only odds and ends and dairy stuff reported in the cattle division overnight, the North Portland market was considered steady, although rather quiet so far as killers were concerned. Price situation indicates no general change.

General cattle market range:

Medium to choice steers	$ 9.00@ 9.50
Good to medium steers	8.25@ 9.00
Common to good steers	6.75@ 8.25
Choice cows and heifers	6.75@ 7.15
Common to good cows and heifers	5.00@ 6.75
Canners	4.00@ 5.00
Bulls	4.50@ 6.75
Calves	7.00@ 9.50
Stockers and feeder steers	4.00@ 7.25

Handful of Sheep Arrive

Sheep supplies overnight at North Portland were small. Trade remains inactive with the big killers not keen bidders for supplies. Some slight pressure against prices is indicated on this account, but in general the list was unchanged.

General sheep and lamb range:

Western lambs	$13.50@14.00
Valley lambs	13.00@13.50
Yearlings	12.00@12.50
Wethers	11.75@12.25
Ewes	8.00@10.00

Price on shorn sheep, 2½c to 3c under quotations.

Wednesday Livestock Shippers

Hogs—C. H. Farmer, McCoy, 1 load; L. A. Thomas, West Stayton, 1 load.

Cattle—A. A. Yager, Tillamook, 1 load.

Mixed stuff—W. A. Leaper, Yoncolla, 1 load cattle, calves and hogs; S. L. Overton, Brownsville, 1 load cattle, calves, hogs and sheep.

United States Bureau of Markets reports, state origins of livestock loaded, November 21, carlots:

	Cattle and calves	Hogs	Sheep	Mixed stock	Total.
For Portland—					
Idaho	2	1	14	..	17
Montana	1	..	..	..	1
Oregon	10	2	..	..	12
Washington	1	..	..	..	1
Ttl Portland	14	3	14	..	31
1 week ago	6	5	..	..	11
4 weeks ago	19	15	..	..	34
For Seattle—					
Idaho	..	1	..	..	1
Washington	3	..	..	1	4
Ttl. Seattle	3	1	..	1	5
1 week ago	2	5	1	..	8
4 weeks ago	..	2	..	2	4

Tuesday Afternoon Sales.

HOGS

No.	Ave. lbs.	Price	No.	Ave. lbs.	Price
8	210	$16.10	1	240	15.10
2	205	14.50	10	157	14.50
36	110	14.50	77	263	16.10

Wednesday Morning Sales

No.	Ave. lbs.	Price	No.	Ave. lbs.	Price
BULLS					
3	765	$ 5.00			
HEIFERS					
1	570	$ 4.00			
CALVES					
4	332	$ 5.25			
COWS					
1	990	$ 6.25	3	830	3.85
3	840	3.50			

LESS COTTON IS GINNED SAYS GOVERNMENT REPORT

Washington, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The Census cotton report issued today shows 8,559,390 bales counting round as half bales ginned from the growth of 1917 to November 14, compared with 9,615,003 for 1916, and 8,771,275 for 1915. Round bales included this year are 152,527 compared with 168,575 for 1916 and 82,312 for 1915. Sea Island included 68,161 for 1917; 92,909 for 1916, and 68,941 for 1915.

The market not only maintained its gains in the late dealings, but new high records were established. The close was very steady at a net advance of 27 to 56 points.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	2775	2846	2770	2843
March	2750	2816	2742	2812
May	2738	2797	2725	2795
July	2716	2774	2702	2769
December	2845	2896	2828	2892

LIVERPOOL WEAKNESS IS FACTOR IN COTTON TRADE

New York, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The local cotton market opened steady today, and had a net loss of 5 to 10 points, which was hardly a full response to the extreme Liverpool weakness and the ginning figures. At the end of the first 15 minutes the market was heavy at about 17 to 22 points net lower, influenced by reports of an easier spot basis.

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Chicago Hogs $18.00

Chicago, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 34,000, strong, 10c higher. Mixed and butchers, $17.40@18.00; good heavy, $17.35@18.00; rough heavy, $17.35@17.55; light, $17.25@17.85; pigs, $14.75@17.80; bulk, $17.40@17.90.

Cattle — Receipts 24,000, steady to 10c higher. Beeves, $7.50@15.00; cows and heifers, $4.90@11.90; stockers and feeders, $5.90@11.50; Texans, $6.00@13.75; calves, $7.00@13.25.

Sheep—Receipts 20,000, strong to 10c higher. Native and western, $8.75@12.30; lambs, $12.65@17.40.

Omaha Hogs $17.75

Omaha, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 5600, steady. Top, $17.75; range, $17.25@17.75; mixed, $17.45@17.60; good choice, $17.65@17.75; rough, $17.25@17.40; light, $17.50@17.70; pigs, $18.00@18.20.

Cattle — Receipts 11,000, higher. Beeves, $7.00@16.00; cows and heifers, $5.25@9.35; stockers and feeders, $6.00@13.00; western, $10.00@11.50; calves, $9.00@12.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 11,000, strong. Wethers, $11.00@12.50; yearlings, $11.50@13.25; lambs, $16.00@17.50; ewes, $9.25@11.50.

Denver Hogs $17.80

Denver, Nov. 21. — (U. P.)—Cattle — Receipts 4600, weak to 10c lower, Steers, $8.00@12.50; cows and heifers, $6.50@8.50; stockers and feeders, $6.50@11.50; calves, $8.00@10.00.

Hogs—Receipts 10,000, 10c higher. Top, $17.80; bulk, $17.40@17.70.

Sheep—Receipts 20,000, steady. Ewes, $9.50@10.50; lambs, $16.25@17.00.

Seattle Hogs $16.65

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 667, strong. Upward tendency. Prime lights, $16.45@16.65; medium to choice, $16.50@16.60; smooth heavies, $16@16.15; rough heavies, $15.50@15.65; pigs, $15.50@15.65.

Cattle—Receipts 130. Best steers, $9@9.50; medium to choice, $8.25@8.75; common to medium, $6@8; best cows, $6.75@7; common to medium cows, $5.50@6.50; bulls, $6@6.50; calves, $4@5.75.

Sheep—Receipts 17, steady. Lambs, $13.50@13.75; ewes, $6@9.50; wethers, $8.50@11.

Money and Exchange

New York, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Call money on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange today ruled at 5 per cent; high, 5½ per cent; low, 4¾ per cent.

Time money was quiet. Rates were, 60 days, 5¼@5½ per cent; 90 days, 5¼@5½ per cent; 4 months, 5¼@5½ per cent; 5 months, 5¼@5½ per cent; 6 months, 5¼@5½ per cent.

The market for prime mercantile paper was steady. Call money in London today was 4 per cent. Sterling exchange was steady, with business in bankers' bills at $4.75 3-16 for demand, $4.71¼@4.71½ for 60 day bills, and $4.69¼@4.69½ for 90 day bills.

Bar silver—New York, 85½c; London, 43¼d.

WOOL MARKET WAITS ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN FLEECE IN COUNTRY

Little Trading Reported at Atlantic Coast Centers Recently—Price List Generally Unchanged With Trend of Markets Steady.

Rather quiet tone is shown at the moment in practically all world's centers for wool. Arrival of cargoes of Australian wool is being generally awaited by the trade of the United States. While some business was reported recently in the Atlantic coast markets at previous prices, the tendency of mill interests has been to hold back to see what effect the foreign offerings would have upon the market.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger says that pending arrival of Australian wools in the United States is acting as a drag on the local market. This first shipment from the 45,000 bales of released wools is due at Vancouver, B. C., some time this week, and those mill men not holding off entirely are endeavoring to make use of the event as a means of beating down prices. As a result of the attitude of the manufacturers, the market is more or less quiet. Although values of wool are no higher than a week ago, prices continue firm and sellers are obtaining asking figures.

Speculation has been entirely eliminated and the inclination that was much in evidence a short time ago to boost prices still higher has subsided. There have been reports of American buying at Buenos Aires from so many quarters that they must reflect actual conditions. Large importers believe that the mills have been the chief operators. Although the lots concerned have been individually small the trades have been arranged so that the buyer can average up with large purchases if the market turns. A recent cable from Buenos Aires reports 2500 bales sold to American account in the latter part of last week.

It was also reported that about 1,000,000 pounds of wool are arriving daily from the interior at Buenos Aires and that the clips both in Argentine and Uruguay are larger than last season by nearly 16 per cent. More favorable prices on Montevideo merinos are expected before long. Cape wools apparently will be cut off for a long time through lack of bottoms. As a matter of fact, South Africa has not been quoting lately because of no tonnage. In regard to the South American situation, it is felt in the local market that if American buying is withheld for a fortnight or so the standoff will materially reduce the present inflation in Buenos Aires quotations.

A late cable from Bradford, England, says the position of Cape wools remains unchanged. There is a rumored government deal for the remainder of the South African clip, but the trade here discounts the statement and thinks that American and Japanese interests will continue to buy.

The reissue of top prices, operative December 1, shows an aveage advance of 10 per cent and the shortage cry is more persistent. Government noil prices are lower than current market rates and while the details are unpublished it is reliably reported that average 64s are 64 cents. Stocks available for export are exceedingly small, and waste prices are likely to advance.

Price Fluctuation in Oats Rapid Again

By Joseph F. Pritchard

Chicago, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—All the grain markets on the Board of Trade showed advances for the day—⅛@1⅛c for corn and ⅛@⅝c for oats. The market was strong at the close. Cash sales of grain were small at 10,000 bushels corn and 55,000 bushels oats. Provisions were in good demand and higher—60c for pork, 47@70c for lard and 30@32½c for ribs. The corn market was easy early on scattered selling by the local element but later there was general covering by shorts, and under this buying prices gained sharply. In the aggregate the corn trade was light.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Price fluctuations in oats were rapid at the opening of the market here today with trade extremely light and almost entirely local in character. There was free selling by longs early which carried values off about 1c from yesterday's finish. Armour & Co. were heavy traders.

The corn market was easier and increased pressure from local traders was noticeable. Trade was light and the market practically featureless. Opening prices were fractionally lower.

Responding to strength in hogs provisions made a fair advance but offerings were light and there was little trading.

Chicago range of prices furnished by United Press:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
		CORN		
December	121⅞	124	121¼	123½
January	118	120⅝	117¼	119⅝
May	117	118⅝	116¼	117⅝
		OATS		
December	66¼	68	65½	67¼
March	65⅞	67⅝	65⅝	67
May	66½	67⅝	65½	67
		PORK		
January	4580	4635	4580	4625
		LARD		
November	2750	2750	2740	2750
January	2470	2490	2470	2485
May	2405	2420	2405	2420
		RIBS		
January	2455	2472	2450	2472
May	2420	2430	2415	2430

New York Sugar and Coffee

New York, Nov. 21.—(U. P.)—Coffee—Spot No. 7 Rio, 7½c; No. 4 Santos, 9⅝c.

Sugar—Centrifugal, $6.90.

LAWYER'S SUIT FOR CONTINGENT FEE IS UNDERGOING TRIAL

Test Case Will Determine Right of Samuel Herrick to Part of Appropriation.

A test case is being tried out in Circuit Judge Gatens' court which will determine whether Attorney Samuel Herrick is entitled to any part of the $90,000 appropriation passed by congress last August for the relief of the early settlers of Sherman county.

Herrick is suing Charles W. Barzee for a 20 per cent commission on $1900, his share of the appropriation.

The case involves years of effort on the part of the pioneers of Sherman county to secure relief from congress for the taking of their lands for The Dalles military road.

Herrick claims that he engineered the bill through congress and that it was through his efforts that the appropriation was secured.

Barzee claims that it was through the efforts of Representative N. J. Sinnott that the bill was passed and that the services of Herrick in the matter were a negligible quantity and that the bill was passed in spite of him rather than because of his efforts.

The present suit is in the nature of a test case, as Herrick had proposed to sue each one of the parties participating in the appropriation.

The case has been before Judge Gatens since the beginning of the week, but was continued from Tuesday until Thursday to enable the judge and court officials to attend the meeting of the Oregon Bar association which is being held at the courthouse.

Representative Sinnott is in Portland and will appear as a witness in the case.

British Victory Is Aid to Warriors in New York Market

New York, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—United States Steel common dropped about 1 point to 97½, while Bethlehem Steel B dropped about the same amount to 83¾ during the final trading in the stock market today. Burns Brothers advanced from 108 to 112, and General Motors gained 2½ to 90. Delaware & Hudson, after selling up to 94¼, declined to 93. The Liberty 4s were strong, moving up to 98.20, while the 3½s were heavy, declining to 98.

Sales, 773,600 shares; bonds, $6,125,000.

New York, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The news of the British victory on the western front caused advances on the stock exchange today. Steel common moved up to 96⅛ points.

Industrial Alcohol advanced 4 points to 110, and Distillers gained 2 points to 37. Central Leather was another strong feature, advancing over 2 points to above 66, and Bethlehem Steel "B" sold up to 82⅛ points.

During the first hour Pennsylvania sold down to a new low of 46 points. Delaware & Hudson, after selling at 88⅝ points, advanced to above 90. Liberty 4s rose on active trading to 99.08.

Nearly everything traded in, with the exception of the marine shares, showed losses at the opening of the stock market today.

Marine preferred was active, and after yielding to 97 points, had a quick advance to 98½.

Steel common declined 1 point to 95⅞, and Bethlehem Steel "B" fell 1⅛ points to 73.

Union Pacific declined 1⅛ points to 115¾, while losses of nearly 1 point were sustained in Reading, New York Central and Canadian Pacific.

General Motors, after declining 1⅜ points to to 87½, advanced 1 point, and Corn Products rose ⅝ point to 29⅛.

Range of New York prices furnishes by Overbeck & Cooke Co., 216-217 Board of Trade building:

	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Alaska Gold	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝
Allis-Chalmers, c.	18	19	18	18¼
Am. Beet Sugar	74	75½	73⅝	74
Am. Can, c.	34@	36⅛	34⅛	34⅞
Am. Car Fdy., c.	64⅞	65⅝	64	64½
Am. Cotton Oil, c.	25	25⅜	25	25½
Am. Linseed, c.	25⅝	25⅝	25	25
Am. Loco., c.	54⅝	55⅝	54	54⅝
Am. Smelter, c.	75⅝	77⅝	75	76
Am. Sugar, c.	96	99	96	97
Am. Tel. & Tel.	108¼	109	108¼	108⅝
Am. Woolen, c.	42½	43	42½	42½
Anaconda Min. Co.	57⅝	59⅝	57½	58⅝
Atchison, c.	85⅞	86½	85½	86½
Baldwin Loco., c.	58	58⅝	57	57⅝
Balt & Ohio, c.	52½	53	52½	52
Beth. Steel "B"	82	83⅞	81⅝	82½
Brooklyn Rapid T.	44⅝	45	44⅝	45
Butte & Superior	16½	18⅝	16½	17
Calif. Petroleum, c.	12⅝	13	12⅝	12½
Canadian Pacific	133⅛	136½	132⅝	135⅛
Central Leather, c.	64	67½	63⅝	67¼
Ches. & Ohio	48	48½	48	48
Chi. & Gt. W., c.	.....	.....	.....	7
Chi. M. & St. P.	39	40	39	39
Chi. & N. W., c.	96	96	96	96
Chino Copper	41⅝	41⅝	41	41½
Colo. F. & I., c.	34½	35	33½	34⅝
Cons. Gas	89½	87¼	84	87
Corn Products, c.	29	30	28⅝	29⅝
Crucible Steel, c.	55⅝	58½	55⅝	57
D. & R. G., c.	.....	.....	.....	5
Distillers	35⅛	37⅝	35	36
Erie, c.	15	15⅛	15	15¼
General Electric	129⅝	134¼	129⅝	131¼
Goodrich Rubber	.....	.....	.....	35⅝
Gt. N., Ore Lands	25⅝	26⅞	25½	26⅝
Gt. N., pfd.	92	92½	92	92
Greene Can.	35	36½	35	36
Hide & Leather, c.	13½	13½	13¼	13¼
Ice Securities	10	10	10	10½
Illinois Central	.....	.....	.....	96
Industrial Alcohol	106½	112½	106½	111½
Inspiration	43⅝	44⅞	43½	44½
Interboro, c.	7	7⅝	7	7⅝
Kennecott	33⅛	34½	32¼	33⅝
K. C. Southern, c.	16⅝	17⅛	16½	16⅞
Kelly Springfield	.....	.....	.....	41½
Lackawanna Steel	76⅝	80	76⅝	78½
Lehigh Valley	54¼	54⅞	53½	54¼
Louisville & Nash.	116⅝	119½	116⅝	116
Maxwell Motors, c.	23⅞	24½	23⅞	24
Mex. Petroleum	.....	.....	78⅝	79½
Miami Copper	28½	28⅝	28	28½
Midvale Steel	44½	45¼	43½	44⅝
M., K. & T., c.	.....	.....	.....	4
Missouri Pacific	24⅛	25	23⅞	24½
National Lead	.....	.....	.....	43½
Nevada Cons.	17¼	17½	17¼	17⅝
New Haven	26	28½	26	27½
N. Y. Air Brake	111	114	111	113
N. Y. Central	71½	72¼	70½	71⅝
N. Y., Ont. & W.	20¼	20¼	20¼	20
Norfolk & W., c.	104	105	104	102½
Northern Pacific	86½	88⅝	86½	87½
Pacific Mail	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝
Penn. Railway	46⅝	47⅛	46	46⅞
Peoples Gas	39½	40½	39¼	39⅞
Pittsburg Coal, c.	45	46¼	45	45⅞
Pressed Steel Car, c	56	56	56	57
Ray Cons. Copper	22¾	22⅝	22½	22½
Rwy. Steel Springs	40½	40½	40½	41
Reading c	71½	72⅝	70⅝	71⅞
Rep. Iron & Steel c	73½	75⅝	72⅞	74⅝
Rock Island	19⅜	19½	18⅞	19
Sears Roebuck Co.	143	143	142	140
Shattuck	20	20⅝	20	20
Studebaker, c	38½	39½	38¼	39
Sloss Sheffield	.....	.....	.....	36
Southern Pacific	83⅝	84	83	83¼
Southern Rwy c.	25½	25¼	24½	25
Tenn. Copper	12⅝	12½	12⅝	12⅝
Texas Oil	140	144	139⅝	143
Texas Pacific	.....	.....	.....	12⅜
Third Avenue	.....	.....	.....	12⅜
Union Pacific c.	115½	117	115¼	116
U. S. Rubber c.	50⅝	52	50⅝	51
U. S. Steel c.	96	98½	95⅝	96⅞
Utah Copper	77¼	79⅝	76⅝	79
Va. Chem. c	.....	.....	.....	32
W. Union Tele.	83	83½	83	83
West. Electric	39	39⅝	38½	39½
Willys Overland	17⅝	18	17⅝	17⅝
Woolworth	110½	111⅝	110½	110½

Total sales, 773,600 shares.

New York Bond Market

	Bid.	Ask.
Atchison General 4s	82	83
Baltimore & Ohio Gold 4s	76	79
Bethlehem Steel Ref. 5s	88	90
Central Pacific 1st 4s	78⅝	79½
C., B. & Q. Col. 4s	93	93½
St. Paul General 4½s	....	84½
Chicago-Northwestern Gen. 4s	79½	71⅝
L. & N. Uni. 4s	86	87½
New York Railway 5s	19⅝	19½
Northern Pacific P. L. 4s	82	83
Reading General 4s	83	84
Union Pacific 1st 4s	....	88½
U. S. Steel 5s	98¼	98⅝
Union Pacific 1st Ref. 5s	75	80
Southern Pacific Conv. 5s	88	89
Southern Pacific Conv. 4s	76	77
Penna Conv. 4½s	97	97½
Penna. 1st 4½s	89½	90½
Ches. & Ohio Conv. 5s	72¼	74

Foreign Bond Market

	Bid.	Ask.
A. F. 5s Oct. 1920	97½	97⅝
U. K. 5s, Sept. 1918	99½	99⅝
U. K. 5½s Feb. 1918	99½	99⅝
U. K. 5½s Nov. 1919	96⅝	97
U. K. 5½s Feb. 1919	91⅝	92
U. K. 5½s Nov. 1921	93⅛	93⅝
Rep. France 5s 1931	130	144
Paris 6s Oct. 1921	83½	84
Marseilles 6s Nov. 1919	83	84
Russia Extn. 5½s 1921	53	57
Russian Intl. 5½s 1926	110	115
Dom. 5s Aug. 1917	94⅝	96⅝
Dom. 5s April 1921	93	94½
Dom. 5s April 1931	89⅝	91
Dom. 5s April 1926	90	91
Argentine 6s May 1920	88	93
Dom. Canada 5s 1937	92⅝	93⅝
French 5½s 1919	93⅛	93⅝

Service Flag With 219 Stars for School

A patriotic program marked the presentation of the service flag with 219 stars, to the Washington high school this morning by the girls' league. Each of the stars represents a former student of the Washington high school who has enlisted.

Principal H. H. Herdman called the school assembly to order at 9 o'clock. Miss Alma Scharpf made the presentation speech and the address of acceptance was delivered by Mrs. F. R. Angle, who represented the mothers of the boys in service. Albert Bauer accepted the flag on behalf of the students.

Kaola Company Will Expend $65,000 Here

A contract for improvement of the Kaola company's plant on Roosevelt street, at a cost of approximately $65,000, will be let Thursday, according to announcement made today by C. E. Johnson of Milwaukee, president of the combined concerns, who arrived this morning. The improvement will include a new story to the factory building and installation of additional machinery.

The plant was purchased by the Palm Olive Soap company and Truco Nut Butter company, two concerns under joint management.

Finance: Timber: Industry

Government Issues Bulletin on the Dried Fruit Trade With South America—Mail Order Houses Enjoy Greatest Prosperity in History of Business During Past Year—Railroad Earnings Diminish

Dried Fruits in South America.—The failure to sell important quantities of American dried fruits in South America is due in part to the natives' preference for dried fruits that may be eaten out of hand without further preparation, according to a bulletin entitled "South American Markets for Dried Fruits," issued today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The predominance of European dried fruits (prunes, raisins and figs) is especially marked in Brazil and only slightly less so in Argentina and Uruguay, says the report. Home grown fruits displace all others in Chile, with the United States ranking second in imports. During the last year or so there has been a decided tendency in South America to buy in the United States certain lines of fruits that were formerly purchased almost exclusively in Europe, and it is thought that the proper attention to the requirements of the market will make permanent at least a part of this trade. The report points out the shortcomings of American methods of competing with the European countries in the South American markets and offer suggestions for making more of our opportunities in the future. Copies of the report will be obtained at the nominal price of 5 cents from the superintendent of documents, government printing office, Washington, D. C.

Mail-Order Business Increases.—The general public of the United States is today showing a buying power probably never before experienced. With wages virtually at unprecedented levels, wholesale merchandisers are enjoying prosperity heretofore without parallel and mail order houses report record sales in practically all departments. Homer Stilwell, president of Butler Brothers, one of the largest wholesale merchandise houses in the world, declares "the business of Butler Brothers is of record volume. Month-to-month we show large increase over last year, heretofore the record period, and in the aggregate sales thus far in 1917 have reached a great total far above last year." Sales of Sears, Roebuck & Co., and Montgomery, Ward & Co. show about the same percentage of gain compared with a year ago. Officials of the companies state that never before have their businesses been equal to the volume at the present time and that it is about 25 per cent ahead of last year. So much for two of the largest mail order houses in the country. Both deal largely with the farmer and their showing reflects the prosperity of the agricultural districts.

Railroad Earnings Diminish.—Reports from 173 railroads in the United States, compiled by the interstate commerce commission for September, show that only the southern roads recorded increases in business. Net revenues for the 173 roads were $110,880,310, as compared with $117,503,474 a year ago. Operating revenues were $347,121,272, about $32,000,000 more than last year and operating expenses were $236,240,962 about $39,000,000 more than a year ago. For nine months ending with September net revenues showed a slight decrease over the same period last year, being $859,153,008, as compared with $872,736,331 in 1916. Eastern roads, whose application for higher rates is now pending before the interstate commerce commission, reported net revenue during September of $43,850,722, as compared with $47,024,265 last year. Their gross revenues were $154,394,408 and expenses were $110,543,686. Western roads, which have taken steps to reenter the rate increase cases, reported net revenues of $50,607,503, as compared with $55,526,614 last year. Their operating revenues were $140,972,454 and expenses $90,364,951. The southern roads report net revenues of $16,422,085 for September this year, as compared with $15,052,595 last year.

Alaska Rate Investigation.—A petition for rehearing in the so-called Alaska rate investigation was filed with the interstate commerce commission November 12 by former delegate James Wickersham. The commission on its first consideration of the case several months ago did not sustain most of the complainants that transportation facilities to Alaska were dominated by certain large mining interests. Mr. Wickersham bases his petition on increased demands for copper caused by the war. Copper production in the territory is now curtailed, he charged, by high rates charged by the Copper River and Northwestern railroad, which, he said, is a subsidiary of the Kennecott Copper corporation. The commission also is asked to regulate rates on the White Pass and Yukon railway, a British road, running from Skagway, Alaska, through Canadian territory to Fairbanks and other Alaska towns. Discrimination by these railroads against small independent copper producers is charged in the rehearing petition.

Unhappily Wed Are Seeking Separation

Oregon City, Nov. 21.—Alleging cruel and inhuman treatment and charging the defendant with drunkenness on numerous occasions, Anna Rath asks the circuit court for a divorce from Louis Rath and the custody of the two children, as well as the ownership to 30 acres of land, which was left to her by her father, the late Thomas J. Parish, upon the understanding that a mortgage of $200 was to be paid off by herself and husband. The property is in the husband's name. The Raths were married at Highlands, Clackamas county, March 1, 1898, and are well known in that locality.

W. A. Miles asks the circuit court to free him from Hortense C. Miles, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment and alleging desertion on November 16, this year, when defendant left him. They were married at Portland, May 25, 1910, and have a year-old daughter, whose custody the father asks, she now being in his keeping.

Married in Genoa, Italy, September 2, 1907, Josephine Boitana has filed suit in the circuit court here for divorce from Emitio Boitano on the charge of cruelty and drunkenness. There are two daughters, aged 6 and 4 years, whose custody the mother asks. Mrs. Boitano lives at Sandy, this county.

Suicide Is Verdict In Logar Case

Centralia, Wash., Nov. 21.—"We, the undersigned jurors, sworn to determine the cause of death of Frank Logar, hereby state that, after carefully considering the evidence produced in connection therewith, we have agreed that, from said evidence, it appears that Frank Logar did commit suicide."

This was the verdict returned Tuesday after almost an hour deliberation by the coroner's jury, drawn to determine whether Logar, an Aberdeen man whose body was found west of the city a week ago with a bullet hole through the head and two through the left arm, was murdered or killed himself. The jury was composed of A. F. Giere, Jack Scuitto, E. M Greeley, J. W. Logan, N. Welter and S. E. Harmon.

Vancouver Marriage Licenses

Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 21.—Marriage licenses were issued Tuesday to the following couples: Frank W. Condon, 25, Hiawatha, Kan., and Emma E. Metcalf, 19, Vancouver; John W. Synder, 22, and Virginia Jones, 19, Portland; Percy H. Ross, 29, and Irene Bertha Nelson, 24, Portland; Edward Lore, 33, and Mrs. Jeanne Lamoreux, 32, Portland; M. W. Low, 62, and Mrs. Nellie Case, 60, The Dalles, Or.

Strike Situation Is Much the Same

Oregon City, Nov. 21.—Striking papermill workers in Oregon City were pleased at the news story in The Journal Tuesday evening to the effect that G. Y. Harry, federal mediator for Oregon, is authority for the statement that Secretary of Labor W. B. Wilson and his commission, to arrive in Portland next week, would consider the strike in the papermills at Oregon City, Camas and Lebanon.

The situation remains practically the same in Oregon City. The state policemen, sent to Oregon City by Governor Withycombe, succeeded last evening in clearing the suspension bridge of strikers and women, who were picketing, on the orders that the bridge had been condemned and was unsafe. However, the pickets congregated at each side, of the Oregon City end, and conducted their picket work in the same manner as has prevailed for the past four or five weeks, and pickets even patrolled the bridge, going back and forth unmolested and uninterfered with by the state police.

A report reached the Oregon City side this morning that the Crown-Willamette company plans sending some of its West Linn employes to Camas either today or Thursday to work in the plant at the latter place.

Portland Man Weds Milwaukie Maiden

Milwaukie, Or., Nov. 21. — At the Catholic church in Milwaukie, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, George David Burns and Miss Ottilie Shindler were married by Rev. Father Bernard. At the church the bride was attended by Miss Hazel Burns, cousin of the groom, as bridesmaid, while Lee Shindler, brother of the bride, was best man. Miss Rose Marie Shindler, sister of the bride, played the wedding march. During the ceremony Miss Marie Friedrich of Parkplace sang "Ave Maria," by H. Millard, with Mrs. Hoesly as accompanist. The church decorations consisted of ferns, ivy, pale yellow and white chrysanthemums. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Shindler, parents of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns will live in Portland.

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