OFFICIALS PLACE OREGON'S POTATO INDUSTRY IN DANGER

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ICE CREAM PEOPLE WANT BIG PROFIT

A deliberate attempt is being made by creamery interests who are allied with the ice cream trust here to depress the price of butter so as to enable them to secure greater profits on ice cream.

Owing to the fact that the ice cream magnates, some of which are vitally interested in creameries here, expect huge crowds of people here during the summer with a consequent increase in the demand for ice cream, are using butter in the making of the cold stuff, the lower they force the price of the raw material the greater will be their profits.

There is not the slightest excuse for such a movement, but it may be forced by the manipulators. Some of them are alleged to have become wealthy by such tactites, which are at the expense of the dairy producing interests.

Those desiring special information regarding any market should write the Market Editor, Oregon Journal, enclosing stamp for reply.

SUGAR PRICE MAY BE ADVANCED

In addition to the 20 cent advance which will be quoted on the next shipment of sugar from California refineries, a further rise is forecast as a result of the continued advance in raw sugar in New York.

ASPARAGUS SUPPLIES ARE SHORT

Because of the shortage of asparagus supplies, the local price is showing a further advance. Best stock is selling at $1.75@2.00 a dozen, with Walla Walla pyramids at $2.25 generally.

EGG PRICES HOLD STATIONARY

Prices in the egg market are fully steady here and no change is indicated for the day, although some of the operators are said to be offering a fractional advance to a few big shippers.

MEAT MARKETS ARE VERY POOR

Country killed meats are showing a very erratic tone and price along the street. Veals are selling from 17 to 20 cents for top quality, while hogs are ranging around 20 to 21 cents for the best stuff. Retailers are beating down values.

CHICKEN MARKET ACTIVE HERE

Chicken market is showing an active call here. Sales of heavy hens are shown at 35 to 36 cents a pound with light weights stock around 32 to 33 cents. Pound broilers are not extremely active at 30 cents a pound.

BRIEF NOTES OF PRODUCE TRADE

Red onions down to 5 cents pound.

Hershey's milk chocolate up 20 cents box.

Strawberry prices were steady for the day.

Home grown head lettuce selling at $2.75 crate.

Old potatoes are holding steady and unchanged.

WEATHER NOTICE FOR SHIPPERS

Weather bureau advises: Protect shipments during the next 36 hours against the following maximum temperatures: Going north, 65 degrees; northeast over S. P. & S. railroad, 70 degrees; east to Baker, 70 degrees, and south to Ashland, 70 degrees. Maximum temperature at Portland tomorrow, about 70 degrees.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN PORTLAND

These are prices retailers pay wholesalers, except as otherwise noted:

Dairy Products

BUTTER—Selling price, box lots: Creamery, prime parchment wrapped, 54c lb.; prime first, 52c lb.; firsts, 51c lb.; smaller lots at an advance. Jobbing prices: Cubes extras, 49½@50c lb.; prime firsts, 48½@49c.

BUTTERFAT—Portland delivery basis, 53@55c, country station basis, 51@52c.

OLEOMARGARINE—Best brands, 40c; ordinary, 33½c; bakers, 33c; nutmargarine, 1 lb. cartons, 32c lb.

CHEESE—Selling price: Tillamook, fresh Oregon, fancy triplets, 35@36c lb.; Young Americas, 37@38c. Prices to jobbers f. o. b., Tillamook triplets, 32c; Young Americas, 33c. Selling price: Cream, bricks, 40@42c. Selling price: Block Swiss, 48@49c; limburger, 40@42c per lb.

EGGS—Buying prices: Current receipts, 40c; candled, selling price, 43c; select, 44c.

LIVE POULTRY—Selling price: Heavy hens, 35@36c; light hens, 32@33c; spring light, 30c; heavy, 40@42c lb.; old roosters, 20c lb.; squabs, $3.00; pigeons, $1.50@2.00 dozen; turkeys, live, (—) lb.; dressed, 46c per lb.

Fresh Vegetables and Fruit

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $5.25@6.75 per box; bananas, 10½@11c lb.; lemons, $5.50@6.25 per crate; Florida grapefruit, $7.00@7.50; California, $3.50@3.75.

APPLES—Various varieties, local, $1.25@4.00.

DRIED FRUIT—Dates, Dromedaries, $7.50; Fards, $4.00 per box; raisins, 3 crown loose Muscatel, 16c per lb.; figs, $3.50@5.50 box.

ONIONS—Selling price to retailers, new red, $5.00 per cwt.; California yellow, $2.50; white, $2.75@3.00; crates; garlic, 30c per lb.; green onions, 50c per dozen bunches; onion sets, 17@18c per lb.

POTATOES—Selling price, Oregon fancy, $6.50@7.00; Gems, $7.00 cwt.; buying price, $5.00; new, 10@11c lb.

BERRIES—Strawberries, California Dollars, $3.25@3.50; Oregon Dollars, $3.00@6.00.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.50 per sack; carrots, $4.00@4.50 sack; beets, $5.00; cabbage, California, 4½c; lettuce, $2.75@3.00 crate; cucumbers, $1.50@2.00; tomatoes, $8.50@6.00; egg plant, 50c lb.; brocoli, $4.25@2.25; bell peppers, 75c; sprouts, 17c per lb.; celery, 1.50 per dozen; peas, 12@13c lb.; artichokes, $1.25@1.50 dozen; asparagus, Oregon, $1.75@2.00 dozen bunches; Walla Walla, $2.00@2.25 pyramid.

Meats and Provisions

COUNTRY MEATS—Selling price: Country hogs, 20½@21c for top blockers; heavy, 18c; best veal, 17@20c; heavy veal, 15@16c per lb.

SMOKED MEATS—Hams, 30@44c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 35@56c; picnics, 26c per lb.; cottage roll, 38c per lb.

LARD—Kettle rendered, 27c lb.; standard 25c; tierce beds compound, 24c.

Fish and Shellfish

FRESH FISH—Salmon, fresh Chinook, 20@22c; halibut, fresh, 20@22c lb.; sturgeon, (—); black cod, 10@11c lb.; silver smelt, 10c per lb.; kippered salmon, $2.50 per 10-lb. basket; kippered cod, $2.00; Columbia smelt, 3c per lb.; razor clams, $5.00 box; crabs, $2.50@3.50 dozen; roe shad, 10c lb.; dressed shad, 6c lb.; ling cod, 6@8c lb.

Groceries

SUGAR—Nominal prices, refinery basis: Cube, $28.10; fruit and berry, $24.25; D yellow, $23.45; granulated, $24.25; extra C, $23.85; golden C, $23.75.

HONEY—New, $7.00@7.50 case.

RICE—Japan style, No. 1, 12½c; New Orleans head, (—); Blue Rose, 15¾c per lb.

SALT—Coarse, half ground, 100s, $17.25 per ton; 50s, $16.75; table dairy, 50s, $17.25; bales, $3.30@4.00; fancy table and dairy, 100-lb. hump rock, $26.50 per ton.

BEANS—(Sales by jobbers): Small white, 7¾c per lb.; large white, 7¾c lb.; pink, 8¾c lb.; limas, 12½c; bayou, 11¾c; reds, 10¾c; Oregon beans, buying prices nominal, 5¼c lb.

CANNED MILK—Carnation, $6.35; Borden, $6.35; Aster, $6.25; Eagle, $11.25; Libby, $6.25; Mount Vernon, $6.25 per case.

COFFEE—Roasted, 34@48c in sacks or drums.

SODA CRACKERS—In bulk, 17¾c per lb.

NUTS—Walnuts, 35@40c per lb.; almonds, 38c; filberts, 32c in sack lots; peanuts, 15@16c; pecans, 25c; Brazils, 30c.

Ropes, Paints, Oils

ROPE—Sisal, dark, 18½c; white, 20c lb.; standard Manila, 23½c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls., $1.98 gal.; kettle boiled, bbls., $2.00; raw, cases, $2.13; boiled, cases, $2.15 gallon.

COAL OIL—Water white, in drums or iron barrels, 18c gal.; cases, 24c per gal

GASOLINE—Iron bbls., 25½c; cases, 38c; engine distillate, iron bbls., 16c; cases, 32½c.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 15c; 500 lbs. 15¾c per lb.

TURPENTINE—Tanks, $2.40; cases, $2.61; 10 case lots, 1c less.

Hops, Wool and Hides

HOPS—Nominal, 1919 crop, 41 per lb.

HIDES—Calves, 50@55c; green hides, 18@20c; salted, 20@22c; kip, 28c; green bull, 12c; salted bull, 14c.

MOHAIR—Long staple, 45@50c lb.; short staple, 30@35c per lb.

TALLOW AND GREASE—No. 1 tallow, 11½c; No. 2, 10c; No. 1 grease, 9c; No. 2 grease, 7c per lb.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK—New peel, 11c per lb.

WOOL—Nominal, 1919 clip, buying price: Valley half blood Merino and Shropshire, 50c; Cotswold and Lincoln, 40@48c; netted Cotswold, 30@35c; timber stained, 5c per lb. less; lambs wool, 4c per lb. less.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and California wool—Merino and Shropshire, 38@40c; half blood Merino and Cotswold, 37@42c; Shropshire, 37@48c; Cotswold and Lincoln, straight and mixed, 32@35c; burry, 5c per lb. less; lambs, 4c per lb. less.

Chicago Potato Market

Chicago, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes—Receipts 48 cars. Minnesota Dakota and Ohio, unchanged.

CROP CONDITIONS CONSIDERED GOOD

Weather conditions are excellent for the growing grain crops at Pacific Northwest points. With the exception of Central Oregon, the entire grain belt has been visited again by showers, refreshing the ground. No damage has been reported in Central Oregon as a result of the dry weather.

O-W. R. & N. reports from its representatives show:

Spokane, Wash.—Precipitation six hundredths. Heavy wind 17th. Soil and pasture in good condition. Fall wheat looking good. Spring grain not all in yet, account wet weather. Should complete sowing this week if no more rain. With warm weather crops would do better.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Rainfall .27. Soil in good condition. Plenty of moisture. Grain below normal, account weather conditions early in season, but improving as season advances. Fruit about 75 per cent last year's crop.

Lewiston, Idaho.—No precipitation. Sufficient moisture. Acreage below normal for fall wheat; above normal for spring wheat. Prairie sections looking good.

Hood River, Or.—Heavy shower during week. Soil in splendid condition. Apple bloom was heavy and I would not be surprised if crop equaled that of last year. However, it is too early to give any estimates, all depends on June drop. Strawberries are in fine condition and big crop will be harvested unless something happens between now and harvest time. Bartlett pears extremely light crop, other pears appear to be in good shape. Some cherris, particularly Bings and Lamberts, are still sticking on trees, crop now looks like five to eight car loads.

The Dalles, Or.—Rainfall .5 inch. Reports generally favorable regarding grain crops.

La Grande, Or.—Slight rain 17th. Cool nights with medium warm days, but favorable to growing crops. Fall and spring grains coming along nicely.

Imbler, Or.—Light showers past week. Fall wheat in very good condition. Spring plowing mostly done. Still considerable spring sowing being done. Quite a bit of the spring wheat being sown for pasture.

Baker, Or.—Trace of precipitation. Soil in fine condition and grass growing nicely. Grain doing fairly well. More rain would help. All crops need more moisture.

Wasco, Or.—No rain and soil in good condition for growing crops, which are coming on in fine shape.

Moro, Or.—Generally clear with west winds. Soil in good condition. Grain growing well.

Grass Valley, Or.—Growing weather past week, moisture still sufficient. Light shower 16th. Wheat prospects good.

Shaniko, Or.—No rain. Plenty moisture in soil. Both fall and spring grain growing nicely, and look healthy.

Elgin, Or.—Most of the week warm. No rain. Spring work well under way. While the fall grain seems to be a little slower than usual, yet there seems to be a good stand and with anything near good conditions will make a good crop.

Wallowa, Or.—Weather cool, with occasional rains. Fall sown grain looking good.

Enterprise, Or.—Rainfall just a trace. Weather warm. Fall sown grain looking better. Farmers about half done seeding. Most of plowing done.

Joseph, Or.—Weather generally clear. Fall grain growing better. Spring plowing about completed. Seeding about half completed.

Madras, Or.—Weather warm and dry. Ground in good condition for growing grain. Unusual amount of moisture in ground at this time of year, which is bringing growing grain out in fine condition. About average acreage in spring and fall sown grain.

Condon, Or.—Weather conditions past week favorable for growing grain. The season is very backward. The damage from worms or other causes up to the present will not exceed 5 per cent.

HEAVY SHRINKAGE OF PEACH CROP IN YAKIMA SECTION

Yakima, Wash., May 21.—H. A. Glen, general agent of the Northern Pacific for the Yakima valley, has made a careful check of the estimated tonnage of the 1920 fruit crop and places the total at 15,600 cars. This is not equal to the 1919 crop, but much better than was anticipated following the heavy losses on soft fruits after the extreme cold weather of last winter.

The shrinkage is especially heavy in peaches. Last year growers marketed 2200 cars of peaches, but this year the estimate is 177 cars. Pears drop from 2000 last year to 1234 for the 1920 crop. On the other hand, apples jump to what will be the record crop of the valley, an estimated tonnage of 12,900 cars for the coming crop. This is 1000 cars greater than last year's crop. It is probable some changes will need to be made in this estimate after the June drop, which many growers think will be exceptionally heavy.

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, May 21.—(U. P.)—Potatoes—River Whites, $7.50@8.25; Salinas, no quotations. Field peas, 5¼@5½c per lb.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes—Stockton Burbanks, fancy, $7.50@8.00; Russets, fancy, $8.50@9.00; new stock, local Early and White Rose No. 1, $2.50@2.75; No. 2, $1.25@1.50 lug.

Seattle Market

Seattle, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Onions—Oregon, 7½c lb.

Potatoes—Yakima Gems, $1.95; local, $140@150 per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE OF THE COAST

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, May 21.—(U. P.)—Butter—Extras, 55c; prime firsts, 54c.

Eggs—Extras, 44c; firsts, 41½c; extra pullets, 39c; undersized pullets, 31c.

Cheese—California flats, fancy, 28c; firsts, 24½c.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Butter, 56c.

Eggs—Extra, 48c; case count, 41c; pullets, 39c; peewees, 29c.

Poultry—Hens, 24@34c; broilers, 25@27c; fryers, 37c.

Chicago Dairy Produce

Chicago, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—Receipts 9728 lbs. Creamery extra, 54½@55c; standards, 54½c; firsts, 50@54c; packing stock, 34@39½c.

Eggs—Receipts 23,856 cases. Miscellaneous, 39@40½c; ordinary firsts, 37@38c; firsts, 40½@41½c; checks, 33@34½c.

Cheese—Twins, 28½c; daisies, 29½@30c; Young Americas, 30½@31c; Longhorns, 30½@31c; brick, 29@29½c.

Live Poultry—Turkeys, 35c; chickens, 34c; roosters, 20c; geese, 20c; ducks, 35c.

New York Butter and Eggs

New York, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—Steady. Creamery extras, 61¼@64c; firsts, 59¾@62½c; highest scoring, 62@63½c; state dairy, tubs, 45@60½c; renovated, extras, 54@55c.

Cheese—Easy. Whole milk specials, 28½@32c; fancy, 27¾@30c; lower grades, 20@28c; fancy Young Americas, 34c; skims, specials, 19½@22c; choice, 17¾@19c; fair to good, 12@16c; lower grades, 5@10c.

Eggs—Steady. Nearby white, fancy, 53c; brown, 51@52c; extra, 49¼@50c; firsts, 44@48c.

Strawberries Sell High

Freewaters, Or., May 21.—The first shipment of home grown strawberries was sent from here on Tuesday, one crate from the Milton Fruit Growers' union and one from the Lamb Fruit company. They were shipped to Walla Walla and sold for $10.00 per crate. Yesterday six crates were shipped and $7.50 was received. They were grown by an Italian, Joe Perciello.

New York Sugar and Coffee

New York, May 21.—(U. P.)—Coffee—No. 7 Rio, 15¼@15½c; No. 4 Santos, 23¼@24¼c.

Sugar—Firm. Raw, $22.07@22.57; refined, firm; granulated, $20.50@23.00.

New York Wool and Hides

New York, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Wool—Market firm. Domestic fleece, xx Ohio, 68c@$1.00; domestic pulled, scoured basis, 60c@$1.70; domestic Texas, scoured basis, 85c@$1.92.

Hides—Market dull. Native steers, 35@36c; branded steers, 33c.

Minneapolis-Duluth Flax

Duluth, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Flax—May, $4.02; July, $4.01; track, $4.02@4.05; arrive, $4.02.

Minneapolis—May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Flax—No. 1, $4.06@4.11; to arrive, $4.01@4.06.

Naval Stores Market

New York, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Turpentine—Savannah, $1.72½@1.75; New York, $2.45. Rosin—Savannah, $14.20; New York, $20.

POTATO INDUSTRY MAY SUFFER RUIN

By Hyman H. Cohen

While State Inspector Stansberry is doing all in his power to keep the tuber moth of California out of Oregon potato fields, the fact remains that it would take an army of inspectors to do the work thoroughly, as every potato that comes from the south must be examined.

That state officials of Oregon are apparently willing to give California the big end of the doubt and thereby run the chances of this state's potato area becoming infected with the dreaded tuber moth, is indicated by the fact that they have not declared a quarantine against those sections of the south which are known to have the insect in most fields.

In fact, it is a regular story in California at this time for the growers to dig their potatoes before they mature thoroughly because they are afraid that if they allow them to remain in the ground longer the tuber moth will eat them up.

Nevertheless Oregon officials are unwilling to have the quarantine declared against the infected districts, although failure to do so places the entire potato industry of the Northwest in danger of infection.

The trade points to the fact that if this disease or any other serious one was shown in Oregon or any other state, California will immediately quarantine the product. In fact, that state refuses to allow Florida citrus fruits to enter because of alleged infection.

Millstuffs Scarce With Prices Firm

NORTHWEST GRAIN RECEIPTS

	Cars				
	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Friday	29	....	10	1	27
Year ago	15	6	20	3	18
Season to date	8224	178	3852	484	2170
Year ago	7391	1084	2671	732	3142
Tacoma, Thursday	21	....	....	1	1
Year ago	13	....	....	1	1
Season to date	6908	94	3117	176	833
Year ago	5337	44	....	191	1214
Seattle, Thursday	10	....	2	....	5
Year ago	17	8	2	....	1
Season to date	6092	244	1140	643	1210
Year ago	5335	97	1311	585	2554

Millstuffs continue to show liberal strength and very little stock is being offered by the mills below $54 a ton, which is the record value for this territory.

With milling operations decreased and with a liberal demand for feed in stock, some of the millers are said to have practically withdrawn from the market in the hope of securing still greater profits.

No session of the Portland Merchants Exchange was held Friday because of the primary election.

Pacific coast crop reports of the weather bureau:

Arizona—Barley hay harvest progressing in southern counties. Nightly frosts in northern sections but doing little damage owing to crops being backward.

Utah—Alfalfa, oats, wheat and barley growing nicely.

Nevada—Grain and grass benefited by warm weather and showers. Wheat, oats, alfalfa made rapid growth.

Idaho—Weather very favorable for all farm work and vegetation made good growth. Wheat doing well. It was necessary to replant some fields in Twin Falls district because of bad seed.

Washington—Owing to late start all crops are backward. Cutting first crop alfalfa was begun in some early irrigated districts. Spring wheat is considered most promising. Fall wheat uniformly good. Sowing oats continued on low lands.

California—Some grain heading light, though prospects generally favorable; rain is needed. Germination of corn slow.

FLOUR—Selling price, millidoor: Patent, $12.75; Montana spring wheat, $11.85; Willamette valley brands, $11.20; local trade, $11.20; bakers' local, $13.50; graham, $11.50. Prices for city deliveries for five-barrel lots.

HAY—Buying prices: Willamette timothy, fancy, $32.00 per ton; vetch, $30.00; chess, $22.00@23.00; straw, $10.00; clover, $31.00; grain, $25.00; alfalfa, $35.00@36.00 a ton.

GRAIN SACKS—Nominal. New or delivery, No. 1 Calcutta, 21½@22c in car lots; less amounts higher.

MILLSTUFFS—Mill run at mills, sacked, $53.00@54.00.

OATS—Per ton, buying price: Feed, $70.00@70.50.

BARLEY—Buying price: Feed, $66.00@66.50; milling, $67.00@67.50; rolled barley, selling price, $71.00 ton.

Lack of Support in Early Corn Trade

Chicago, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Selling by commission houses with country connections caused a sharply lower opening on the Board of Trade this morning and persisted until it brought a wave of liquidation that forced breaks of 7⅛@13⅛c in corn and 2¾@6¼c in oats.

At the close May corn was off 7⅛@9c, July 12⅛@13¼, and September 10⅛@11⅝. May oats finished under the previous closing, July, 5⅝@6⅞ off and September, 2¾@4⅜ off.

Provisions, which had been fairly strong early, broke with the grains and closed $1.40@1.75 lower on pork, 37½@55 off for lard, and 40@47½ down for ribs. The entire list closed at the bottom.

Almost every news item was bearish. The Interstate Commerce commission has ordered 20,000 cars into the grain belt.

Cash grain prices again were off sharply. Farm labor conditions were reported greatly improved and weather was most favorable for growing crops.

Chicago, May 31.—(I. N. S.)—General selling and lack of support featured the opening in corn, with starting prices ⅛ to 4c lower, and May leading the decline.

Brokers believed to represent long interests sold oats, which opened ⅜ to ⅝c lower.

Provisions started with a limited trade and irregular prices.

Chicago range of prices furnished by United Press:

	CORN			
May	185	186½	180	181½
July	170⅝	170⅝	158	161
September	159⅛	159½	149½	151
	OATS			
May	106	106	100	100¼
July	89⅝	90⅝	85	85½
September	74⅝	75½	73	73¾
	PORK			
May	....	....	....	....
July	3520	3625	3450	3455
	LARD			
May	2000	2015	2000	2075
July	2137	2137	2070	2085
	RIBS			
May	....	....	....	1740
July	1867	1867	1817	1820

Minneapolis Cash Wheat

Minneapolis—Cash wheat No. 1 dark northern, $2.95@3.05; No. 2, $2.90@3.20; No. 3, $2.80@3.10; No. 1 red spring, $2.75@2.95; No. 2, $2.70@2.90; No. 3, $2.65@2.85; No. 2 northern, $2.85@3.00; No. 3, $2.75@2.90; No. 1 dark hard Montana, $3.00; No. 2 hard Montana, $1.90; No. 1 durum, $2.84@2.85; No. 2, $2.80@2.84; corn, No. 3, yellow, $2.00@2.01; No. 3 white, $1.98; No. 3 mixed, $1.96@1.97; oats No. 2 white, $1.04¾@1.06½; barley, good to fancy, $1.62@1.66; medium to good, $1.53@1.61; lower grades, $1.35@1.52; No. 2 rye, $2.03½@2.05½.

Dried Fruit and Beans

New York, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Beans—Market firm. Marrow, choice, $12.00; pea, choice, $8.00@8.25; red kidney, choice, $15.40@15.50.

Dried Fruits—Market unchanged. Apricots, extra choice to fancy, 27@37c; apples, evaporated, prime to fancy, 11@16c; prunes, 30s to 60s, 15½@28c; prunes, 60 to 100s, 10¼@15c; peaches, extra choice to fancy, 18@22c; seeded raisins, choice to fancy, 20@22c.

New York Potato Market

New York, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes (in bulk, barrel or bag)—Market steady. Nearby white, $10.00@12.50; Bermudas, $10.00@16.00; southerns, $6.00@15.00.

San Francisco Grain Market

San Francisco, May 21.—(U. P.)—Barley: Spot feed, per cental, $3.40@3.50.

New York-London Silver

New York, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Commercial bar silver was unchanged today at 99⅝c.

London, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Bar silver was ¾d higher today at 58½d.

IRREGULAR PRICES IN STOCK MARKET

New York, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—The stock market closed irregular today. Mixed movements characterized the late trading, some issues moving up rapidly while others suffered declines. Pan-American Petroleum after selling at 95½ rose to 97, and then reacted to 95⅝. Steel common after falling to 91¼ rose to 92 and then reacted to a closing of 91⅝. Republic Steel jumped to 88½, yielded 1 point. The sugar stocks showed a slightly better tone. The railroad shares were slightly lower.

Sales, 684,500 shares; bonds, $24,768,000.

New York, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Prices showed an irregular tendency at the opening of the stock market today, although the majority of issues were established at lower levels.

Steel common dropped ⅝ to 91¾ and Republic Steel 1¼ to 86⅞. Crucible Steel fell 3⅝ to 123½ but quickly recovered to 126. Baldwin yielded fractionally to 109 but soon rallied to last night's closing prices.

The sugar shares were in supply. Cuban American Sugar falling 3¼ to 56 and Punta Algera Sugar 1⅜ to 102.

The oil shares held firm, Mexican Petroleum after dropping 1 point to 169, rallying to 171. Pan-American Petroleum sold off ⅛ to 94⅛ but quickly shot up to 96⅝. Fractional improvement was shown in the other oil shares.

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The market held steady during the afternoon with business very quiet.

Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co., Board of Trade building:

DESCRIPTION	Open	High	Low	Close
Allis Chalmers	31⅝	31⅝	31¼	31½
Alloy Steel	41	41¼	41	41
Am. Agr. Chem.	80	80	80	80
Am. Beet Sugar	90	90	88	88¼
Am. Can	38¼	38¼	37¼	37¾
Am. Car Fdry	131⅛	131⅞	130⅝	130
Am. Cotton Oil	....	....	....	41½
Am. Hide & L., c	15⅛	16	15⅛	15⅝
Am. Int. Corp.	82¼	82¾	82¼	83½
Am. Linseed, c	76½	77	76	76½
Am. Loco., c	89¼	91	89	90
Am. Ship & Com.	119¾	120	119¾	119¾
Am. Smelter, c	56½	57	56¾	56¾
Am. Steel Fdry.	37	37⅛	36⅜	37
Am. Sugar, c	126	126	125	125
Am. Sumatra Tob.	87⅝	88	86	85
Am. Tel. & Tel.	93	93	92⅛	92⅜
Am. Tobacco	....	....	....	210
Am. Tobacco Sec.	54	54¼	52⅜	52⅝
Am. Woolen, c	100	100	98	98
Am. Zinc	13⅛	13⅛	13	13
Anaconda M. Co.	55⅛	55⅞	55	55⅛
Atchison, c	77⅛	77⅝	76⅝	78
Atl. Gulf & W. I.	154	157	153½	154
Baldwin Loco., c	109	110⅝	108½	109⅝
Balt. & Ohio, c	31½	32⅜	30⅝	31
Bethlehem Steel B.	87⅝	88¼	86¼	87⅝
Bosch Magneto	....	....	....	103
Brook. Rap. Transit	11¼	11¾	11¼	11¼
Butte & Superior	20⅝	20½	20¼	20¼
Canadian Pacific	112⅜	114	112⅜	113
Central Leather, c	63⅛	65	63⅛	64⅛
Chandler Motors	124⅛	127¼	122½	123½
Ches. & Ohio, c	51	51	51	51⅛
Chicago Gt. West., c	7⅜	7⅜	7⅜	7⅜
C., M. & St. P.	32½	33¼	32	31¾
C. & N. W.	....	....	....	77
Chile Copper	14⅜	14⅜	14⅛	14⅜
Chino Copper	30⅜	30⅝	30⅜	30½
Columbia G. & Elec.	54	54¾	52@	52⅛
Colo. Fuel & Iron	30	30	29	29
Consolidated Gas	79	79½	78	78
Corn Products, c	90	91⅝	89½	90
Crucible Steel, c	124⅛	127⅛	123⅛	124
Erie, c	11⅜	11⅜	11⅛	11⅛
General Cigars	60⅛	61	60⅛	60⅝
General Electric	138	141	138	140
General Motors	25	26	25	25⅝
Goodrich Rubber	59⅛	59⅝	59	59
Granby Cons.	....	....	....	37
Gt. Northern Ore	34⅛	34⅛	33⅞	34
Gt. Northern Ry.	71⅛	72⅛	71⅛	71½
Greene Cananea	29⅛	29⅝	29⅛	29½
Gulf States Steel	....	....	....	57
Illinois Central	....	....	....	82
Indus. Alcohol	83⅛	83½	82¼	83
Inspiration Copper	50⅜	50⅝	50⅜	50⅝
Int. Paper	65	67	64⅝	65
Int. Harvester	121⅛	123	121⅛	120
Int. Mer. Marine, c	30⅛	30⅛	29	29
Int. Nickel	16	17	16	16⅜
K. C. Southern, c	15⅜	15⅜	15⅛	15⅛
Kennecott Copper	25⅛	25⅝	25⅛	25⅛
Keystone Tire	24⅝	25⅛	24⅝	24⅝
Lackawanna Steel	67⅛	68	66	66
Lehigh Valley	41⅜	41⅜	41⅜	41⅜
Maxwell Motors, c	43	43¼	42	42¼
Mex. Petroleum, c	170	172⅞	169	172
Montana Power	59⅛	59⅛	59⅛	59⅛
Miami Copper	20¾	20⅝	19⅝	19⅝
Midvale Steel	41	41¼	40¾	40¾
Mo. Pacific, c	23⅝	24⅜	23⅝	24
National Enamel	....	....	....	76
National Lead	76	76	75¼	76
Nevada Con.	12¼	12¼	12¼	11⅜
New Haven	27⅜	28⅜	27⅛	27¼
N. Y. Air Brake	94	96	94	94
N. Y. Central	87⅝	88⅛	87⅛	87⅛
Norfolk & Western	88⅝	88⅝	88⅛	88½
Northern Pacific	71½	72¼	71½	72
Okla. Prod. & Prod.	4	4¼	4	4
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	30
Pan Am. Pet., c	95	97⅜	94½	95¾
Penn. Ry.	39¼	39½	39⅛	39¼
People's Gas	81	82	81	80⅝
Pittsburg Coal, c	55	56	55	56
Pressed Steel Car, c	93	95	91⅜	93⅜
Ray Cons. Copper	16⅝	16⅞	16⅛	16⅛
Ry. Steel Springs	89⅛	89⅛	86	86
Reading, c	80⅜	82⅞	80¼	81½
Royal Dutch	112⅝	114	112⅝	113
Rep. I. & Steel, c	87⅝	88¼	86⅞	87⅛
Retail Stores	72	73⅜	71⅜	72⅛
Rock Island, c	33	34⅜	33	33⅝
Shattuck Copper	9	9	9	8⅝
Sinclair Cons.	31⅛	32½	30⅝	31
Southern Pacific	92¼	93¼	91⅜	92
Southern Ry., c	20½	21⅜	20¼	21¼
Stromberg Motor	60¼	60¾	59½	59½
Studebaker, c	63⅛	63⅞	61⅞	62½
Shell	74⅜	75⅛	74⅜	74½
St. L. & San Fran.	22½	23⅝	22½	23
Swift & Co.	111	111	110½	110½
Tenn. Copper	9⅞	10	9⅝	9⅞
Transcontinental Oil	14¼	14⅝	13⅝	14
Union Pacific, c	118⅝	119⅜	118⅜	118¾
U. S. Rubber, c	92	93	91½	91⅝
U. S. Smlt. & Ref.	58¼	58½	58	57½
U. S. Steel, c	91⅜	92	91	91½
Utah Copper	66⅞	67½	66⅜	67
Vanadium Steel	68¼	69⅛	68¼	68⅝
Va. Chem., c	69⅛	71⅛	69	70⅞
Wabash	7¼	7⅝	7¼	7¼
Western Union	....	....	....	82½
West. Electric	45⅝	46¼	45¼	45⅝
Willys Overland	17	17⅜	16⅝	17⅜

*Extra dividend, 1 per cent.

Total sales, stocks, 684,500 shares.

Total sales, bonds, $24,768,000.

MAY ALONE IS HIGHER AT THE COTTON OPENING

New York, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—With the exception of May, which opened 5 points higher, the cotton market was easier at the start and 32 to 47 points net lower. Liverpool and the south with stocks and trade interests were the best buyers. At the end of the first 20 minutes the market was active and about 35 to 40 points net lower.

Active covering movement developed near the close which rallied prices about 40 points from the low. The final tone was steady at a net decline of 73@95 points.

Month	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	3345	3373	3293	3315
Feb.	....	....	....	3295
March	3300	3318	3215	3265
April	....	....	....	3290
May	4200	4275	3880	3880
June	....	....	....	3845
July	3850	3850	3755	3793
Aug.	....	....	....	3770
Sept.	....	....	....	3545
Oct.	3585	3560	3450	3490
Nov.	....	....	....	3480
Dec.	3430	3445	3338	3358

New York spot market