

WHEAT CLOSES IRREGULAR AND SLIGHTLY DOWN

Chicago, April 13 (AP) — A low barometer in Texas which many traders took to indicate possible break up of the drought gave an irregular downward slant to grain values today.

Exporters were represented as buying wheat futures at Winnipeg, however, and there were estimates 750,000 bushels of Canadian wheat

had been purchased for shipment over seas. Profits taking by recent speculative buyers was a feature of wheat trading here.

Wheat closed unsteadily, 1½-1¼ lower than yesterday's finish, corn ½-¾ down, oats ¼-½ off, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents decline.

Influenced by laggard action of Linnseed quotations, wheat prices

Liverpool quotations, which were here under a setback today, despite the continued bullish crop news regarding domestic wheat and spring crop seeding delays new speculative buying lacked snap. Opening $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ down, Chicago wheat futures declined further. Corn started unchanged to $\frac{1}{4}$ up and held near the initial limits.

Portland, April 13 (AP)—Both cash and futures wheat showed a reactionary tone in the finals on the domestic markets today. On the Portland futures market with sales of 27,000 May, that option lost $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢, July $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢ and the September was off $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢ bu.

On the Merchants' Exchange cash wheat lost $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢ bu. Barley was up 50¢ ton while a similar advance

**WORK AT OWYHEE
TO BE CONTINUED**

Portland, April 13 (AP)—Work on the Owyhee reclamation project in the Vale section will continue despite a cut in appropriation which was described today as "a paper slash."

A special dispatch today to the Journal from the national capital said "the cut in the Owyhee appropriation was approved by the people. Therefore, without debate of

Senator McNary has consulted Senator Jones, chairman of the appropriations committee and received assurance that money to keep the work going will be reported later in a deficiency bill.

"The lost half-million dollar cut by this arrangement will be only a paper slash and the necessary contracts can go forward."

The dispatch pointed out that there also remains the possibility that the reduction will not be approved in conference. "Under these circumstances," it is said, "Senator Stelwer did not press his amendment to restore the Owyhee figures to the basis of the house bill. The appropriation at this time stands at \$500,000 plus the unexpended

balance which approximates \$1-
800,000."

DEMOCRATS PUT BLAME ON HOOVER

extravagant government expenditures, in loans to bankrupt foreign governments, and in the enactment of tariffs which have well-nigh destroyed our commerce, have been the controlling factors in producing depression in this country, and in causing it to extend to other shores."

Democratic Floor Leader Rainey of the house concentrated his fire on the republican tariff policies. He said all the world has retaliated against "our upward revisions of the tariff" until international trade is paralyzed. The state department, Rainey declared, "entered into the conspiracy and has simply mailed the lid on us as to a considerable

The only way to lower tariff barriers, Rainey said, was through an international conference such as was proposed in the democratic tariff bill.

Representative Mary T. Norton of New Jersey denounced the administration for extravagance and fail-

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, vice-chairman of the democratic national committee, declared that "if this nation is to be lifted from the

present abyss of distress, a partnership must be established between the democratic party and men and women of all political faiths who believe that the times and conditions demand a change in the control of government."

Mrs. Norton was the only one of the speakers to mention prohibition. Next to the commerce department, she said, she would like to see the

prohibition enforcement bureau demolished. She said it had cost the taxpayers \$370,360.585 so far, aside from the revenue which could have been obtained from a tax on beer and wine.

Mrs. Norton was vehement in her denunciation of the commerce department. She said the republican administration had "squandered"

This division, she declared, sent high-salaried commissioners to the four corners of the world to do trade promotion work "that has before-

had been and could be done more satisfactorily by our consular service." The net result of all this extensive promotion, she said, was the United States' export trade last year was the smallest since 1914.