COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

There was plenty of business in the wholesale district yesterday, the country trade being exceptionally good, with liberal receipts of produce. The wool market remains a little quiet; considering that this is the season when great activity is expected, but growers are not permitting the dull market to hamper their purchasing power, as money is quite plentiful. In the produce markets there is still a very weak feeling in potatoes, and some stock is selling at very low figures. Butter is very weak, and will not clean up, even at the recent reduction. Eggs are firmer, and, while it is difficult to work them for more than 11½c in the local market, there is an outside demand, from which ½c better can be realized. The street was well cleaned up on vegetables, but the steamer due last evening has a liberal consignment, which will be on the street this morning.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$374,404	$ 53,984
Tacoma	108,501	30,084
Seattle	411,857	117,133
Spokane	179,108	51,132

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The wheat market is steady, with a fair amount changing hands all the time, and prices showing but little change. Walla Walla is quoted at 54@55c, and Valley about 54c. Interior mills are reported to be paying a premium over these figures, but in the Portland market exporters seem to have their needs well enough supplied without going above the figures quoted. There is nothing doing in freights, near-by ships remaining very firm, but distant tonnage showing a slight weakness.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 54@55c; Valley, 55@54c; bluestem, 56@57c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2 70@3; graham, $2 50; superfine, $2 10 per barrel.

Oats—White, 35@36c; gray, 33@34c; stained, 29@30c per bushel.

Barley—Feed, $14@14 50; brewing, $17@17 50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $12@13 per ton; middlings, $18@19; shorts, $13@15; chop, $14.

Hay—Timothy, $9@10; clover, $7@7 50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Weak; fancy creamery, 40@45c; seconds, 40c; dairy, 30@37½c; store, 25@32½c per roll.

Eggs—Firm; 11½c per dozen for Oregon.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3 50 @ 4; hens, $4 50@5; ducks, $5@6; geese, $6 50@8 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 12½@14c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12½@13c; Young America, 14c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, 60@75c; carrots, 50c; turnips, 60 @ 75c; onions, $2 50 @ 3; cabbage, 90c@$1 per central; potatoes, 40@50c per sack, sweet potatoes, 2½@3c; peas, 4½@5c; beans, 10@12c; asparagus, 40@5c; new potatoes, 2½c per pound.

Fruit—Lemons, $2 50@3; oranges, $2@3 per box for navels, $1 50@2 for seedlings; tangerines, $1 75; Japanese oranges, 75c@$1 50 per box; pineapples, $4 50@6 per dozen; bananas, $2 50 @3 per bunch; Persian dates, 7½@8c per pound, apples, $1@1 50; pears, 75c@$1 25 per box.

Dried fruit — Apples, evaporated, 7@8c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 4@5c; pears, sun and evaporated, 5@6c; plums, pitless, 4@5½c; prunes, Italian, 3½@5½c; silver, extra choice, 5 @ 6c; figs, Smyrna, 22½c; California black, 5@6c; do white, 10c per pound.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 20@32c; Java, good, 20@24c, Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; do good, 16@18c; do ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia, roast, $12 75; Arbuckle's, $13 25; Lion, $12 75 per case.

Sugar—Cube, $5 82½; crushed, $5 82½; powdered, $5 82½; dry granulated, cans, $5 32½; beet, $5 22½; extra C, $4 82½; golden C, $4 70 net; half barrels, ⅛c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 3½c; bayou, 4c; Lima, 6c per pound.

Salmon — Columbia river, 1-pound talls, $1@1 50; 2 - pound talls, $2@2 50; fancy, 1-pound flats, $1 65@1 75; ½-pound fancy flats, 85@95c; Alaska, 1-pound talls, $1 20@1 30; 2-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $7@7 10 per 100 for spot, $6 50@6 62½ for July-August.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 10c for roasted; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen; walnuts, 10@11c per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, 15c; Brazil, 11c; filberts, 15c; fancy pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 15 @ 17½c per pound.

Coal oil — Cases, 21½c per gallon; barrels, 17½c; tanks, 15½c.

Rice—Island, 6½c; Japan, 5½c; New Orleans, 4½@5½c, fancy head, $7@7 50 per sack.

Meat and Provisions.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, $4@4 25; dressed, 7@7½c per pound; spring lambs, $2@2 50 each.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5; light, $4 50, dressed, 5@6½c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $4@4 50; cows, $3 50 @4, dressed beef, 6½@7½c per pound.

Veal—Large, 6½@7½c per pound; small, 8 @8½c.

Provisions — Portland pack (Shield brand): Hams, smoked, are quoted at 13½c per pound, picnic hams, 9½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 13½c; bacon, 9½c; backs, 9½c; dry salt sides, 8½c; dried beef, 17½c per pound; lard, 5-pound pails, 10c; 10 - pound pails, 9½c; 50s, 9½c, tierces, 9½c per pound. Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 13c; medium, 13½c, small, 13½c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 12½c; dry salt sides, 8½@9½c; bacon sides, 9@10½c; backs, 10c; butts, 8c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 10½c; 10s, 10½c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—3@8c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12 @ 13c for coarse, 16@18c for best; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, 26@27c per pound.

Sheepskins—Shearlings, 15@20c; short-wool, 25 @35c; medium-wool, 30@50c; long-wool, 60c@$1 each.

Pelts — Bear skins, each, as to size, $5@15; cubs, each, $1@5; badger, each, 50c; wildcat, 25@75c; housecat, 5@25c; fox, common gray, 40c@$1; do red, $1 75@3 50; do cross, $2 50@8; lynx, $2@4 50; mink, 40c@$1 75; marten, dark Northern, $5@10; do pale, pine, $2@4; muskrat, 8@12c, skunk, 30@80c; otter (land), $4 @6; panther, with head and claws perfect, $1@3; raccoon, 25@80c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50 @ 5; wolverine, $2 50@6; beaver, per skin, large, $6@7; do medium, per skin, $4@5; do small, per skin, $1@2; do kits, per skin, $1@3.

Tallow—5@5½c; No. 2 and grease, 3½@4c per pound.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and upward, 15@15½c; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 16 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 pounds, 15@16c; dry salted, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 8½@9c; do 50 to 60 pounds, 8@8½c; do under 50 pounds and cows, 7½@8c; kip, 13 to 34 pounds, 7½@8c; do veal, 10 to 14 pounds, 7½c; do calf, under 10 pounds, 7½c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls (bulls, stags, moth eaten, badly cut, scored hair slipped, weather beaten or grubby), one-third less.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Weak Close, Generally Below Monday's Level.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The movement of prices in today's stock market largely represented a contest of speculative force for supremacy. The forces of reaction finally prevailed, and the market closed decidedly weak at a level generally below last night's close. This result was achieved after many vicissitudes and extreme irregularity, but the mere fact of the presence of an aggressive bear clique in the market served as a deterrent to the buying demand from outsiders, which had constituted the underlying strength of the market. Commission houses report a large falling off in the volume of orders, which have made the market open for many days with a rush to buy, and which served to conveniently absorb the profit-taking sales of the professional element. This class of orders has either been withdrawn or has been placed at a level of prices below that now existing.

The operators for the decline have not yet succeeded in bringing out any very heavy volume of offerings, but they work in the confidence they will reach stop-loss orders, which will precipitate a sudden drop all around. Their efforts were contested today by poor operations in a number of stocks, and the continued demand from London for stocks was against them. But the operators for a rise seemed to lose courage toward the close of the day, and realizing in stocks which had shown strength was very general. These included in the railroad list particularly the Baltimore & Ohio stocks, Missouri Pacific and other Southwestern roads, Norfolk & Western and some of the coalers.

The industrials and specialties were extremely active and irregular, under the influence of special causes. Sugar rallied sharply from an early decline on the announcement that the company's principal competitor had advanced the price of refined sugars to a parity. The stock sold off again with the general weakness of the market. Third Avenue shot up nearly 10 points on the announcement that its bond issue had been placed. A long-standing short interest was forced to take losses and close out, after which the stock relapsed somewhat. Realizing by the Brooklyn Transit pool forced the stock down 4½ points from the early high level. The metal stocks were under bear pressure, especially Steel & Wire.

The bears circulated rumors that difficulties had been encountered in the projected listing of the stock on the London Stock Exchange. Continental Tobacco suffered from rumors of a poor showing of earnings to be made in the annual report, which is expected tomorrow. The Pacific stocks suffered especially from bear pressure and realizing, and the grangers were somewhat affected by the forecast of the Government crop report, which had a bullish effect on the wheat market. The signs of discouragement on the part of the manipulators for the advance, accentuated the reactionary tendency as the day progressed, and some sharp net losses in railroad stocks are the result.

A further rise in sterling exchange to within a fraction of the gold-export point led to a discussion of the prospect of an outward movement of gold. The continued ease of money here would favor such a movement, but the taking up of the installment of the British loan, which stiffened today's money market in London, may be followed by a relaxation in money rates there and a sympathetic response in sterling exchange here.

The bond market was moderately quiet and price changes were irregular. Total sales were $2,200,000. United States new 4s declined ½ per cent, and the old 4s advanced ⅝ and the 5s ½ per cent in the bid price.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg*	100	Gen. Electric 5s	117¼
U. S. 2s, reg	95½	N. Y. Central 1sts	110½
do 4s, reg	109½	North. Pacific 3s	65½
do 5s, coupon	112½	do 4s	104½
do new 4s, reg	133	Oregon Nav. 1sts	110
do new 4s, coup	133	do 4s	104½
do old 4s, reg	114½	Oregon S. L. 6s	128
do old 4s, coup	114½	do con. 5s	114½
do 5s, reg	114	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	99½
do 5s, coupon	114	St. Paul consols	172
Dist. Col. 3-65s	120	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	119½
Atchison adj. 4s	84½	do 5s	121½
C. & N.W. con. 7s	143½	Union Pacific 4s	106½
do S. F. deb. 5s	122	Wis. Central 1sts	92½
D. & R. G. 1sts	103½	Southern Pac. 4s	85
D. & R. G. 4s	89½		

*When issued.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 713,200 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	26½	Union Pac. pref	76½
do pref	70½	Wabash	5
Balt. & Ohio	85	do pref	23
Can. Pacific	97½	Wheel. & L. E.	10½
Can. Southern	56½	do 2d pref	30½
Ches. & Ohio	35	Wisconsin Central	18½
Chi. Gr. Western	14½	P. C. C. & St. L.	61
C., B. & Q.	125½	Third Avenue	116½
Chi., Ind. & L.	26½	EXPRESS CO'S.	
do pref	58	Adams	117
Chi. & East. Ill.	102½	American	145
Chicago & N. W.	162	United States	47½
C., R. I. & Pac.	112	Wells-Fargo	123
C., C., C. & St. L.	65½	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	6½	Amer. Cotton Oil	37
do 1st pref	43½	do pref	90
do 2d pref	17	Amer. Malting	4½
Del. & Hudson	117	do pref	21
Del., Lack. & W.	158	Amer. Smelt. & R.	39½
Denver & Rio Gr.	21	do pref	89½
do pref	73½	Amer. Spirits	2½
Erie	14	do pref	17
do 1st pref	41½	Amer. Steel Hoop	32
Great North. pref	155	do pref	80
Hocking Coal	15½	Amer. Steel & W.	32½
Hocking Valley	32½	do pref	80
Illinois Central	115½	Amer. Tin Plate	32½
Iowa Central	18½	do pref	83½
do pref	34½	Amer. Tobacco	109½
Kan. City P. & G.	18	do pref	134
Lake Erie & W.	32½	Anaconda Min. Co.	39½
do pref	97	Brooklyn R. T.	76½
Lake Shore	200	Colo. Fuel & Iron	44½
Louis. & Nash.	84½	Cont. Tobacco	29½
Manhattan El	97½	do pref	81
Met. St. Ry.	166½	Federal Steel	47½
Mexican Central	15	do pref	72½
Minn. & St. Louis	67	General Electric	132
do pref	96	Glucose Sugar	51½
Missouri Pacific	54½	do pref	98½
Mobile & Ohio	46½	Int. Paper	23
M., K. & T.	11½	do pref	64
do pref	36½	La Clede Gas	70
New Jersey Cent.	119½	National Biscuit	34½
New York Cent.	136½	do pref	88
Norfolk & West.	36½	National Lead	20½
do pref	77½	do pref	104½
Northern Pacific	59½	National Steel	41
do pref	70½	do pref	94
Ontario & West.	25½	N. Y. Air Brake	123
O. R. & N.	42	North American	15½
do pref	76	Pacific Coast	52½
Pennsylvania	159½	do 1st pref	84
Reading	19½	do 2d pref	63½
do 1st pref	64	Pacific Mail	35
do 2d pref	34	People's Gas	107½
Rio Gr. Western	53½	Pressed Steel Car	52½
do pref	89	do pref	83
St. Louis & S. Fr.	11½	Pullman Pal. Car	181
do 1st pref	70½	Stand. Rope & T.	6½
do 2d pref	37½	Sugar	126½
St. Louis & S. W.	12½	do pref	100
do pref	32½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	93½
St. Paul	128½	U. S. Leather	12½
do pref	172½	do pref	73
St. Paul & O.	147	U. S. Rubber	35
Southern Pacific	39½	do pref	100
Southern Ry	14½	Western Union	82½
do pref	52½	Republic Iron & S.	29½
Texas & Pacific	18½	do pref	64
Union Pacific	57½		

Money Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Sterling on London—60 days, $4 81½; do sight, $4 87½.

Silver bars—59½c.

Mexican dollars—45½@46c.

Drafts—Sight, 17½c; do telegraphic, 20c.

NEW YORK, April 10. — Money on call, steady at 3@4 per cent; last loans, 4.

Prime mercantile paper—4½@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87½@4 87⅝ for demand and at $4 83¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 84@4 84½ and $4 88; commercial bills, $4 83¼@4 83½.

Silver certificates—60½@61½c.

Bar silver—59½c.

Mexican dollars—47½c.

Bonds—Government, irregular; state, inactive; railroad, irregular.

LONDON, April 10.—Consols—101 5-16.

Money—3½@4 per cent.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The markets here were neglected but steady today. Business is likely to be dead until next week. Americans were very idle, but had both the Continent and London buying slightly. New York took some Norfolk & Western and Baltimore & Ohio, picking the former up in the street and then letting it drop. Copper shares were steady. The bank bought £20,000 gold in bars. Money was hard. The bank did a fair loan business at 5 per cent, and considerable discounting. Paris cheque, 25.20; Berlin, 20.48½.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, April 10.—Canadian Pacific, 100½; Union Pacific preferred, 78⅝; Northern Pacific preferred, 79½; Atchison, 28½; Grand Trunk, 8⅝; Anaconda, 11; Rands, 36½.

WHEAT!

A Most Astonishing Record

Purchases of wheat made in March invariably show a good profit during April and May, as the following table, compiled from the official records, will prove:

Year.	Low in March.	High Ap'l-May.	Adv.
1879	88½	$1 01⅝	13⅛
1880	$1 12	1 25⅝	13⅝
1881	93½	1 12⅝	14⅛
1882	1 24½	1 40	15½
1883	1 05	1 13⅝	8⅝
1884	83	94⅝	12⅝
1885	79⅝	93⅝	13⅝
1886	75	83⅝	8⅝
1887	72⅝	88⅝	16⅛
1888	71⅝	89⅝	18⅛
1889	92⅝	1 06⅝	14
1890	76⅝	1 00	23⅝
1891	89⅝	1 16	16⅛
1892	77⅝	91	13⅝
1893	72⅝	88	15⅝
1894	55⅝	65⅛	9⅝
1895	51⅝	85⅝	34
1896	59⅝	71	11⅛
1897	68⅝	97⅝	29⅛
1898 (Leiter)	1 00	1 85	85
1899	66	79½	13½

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THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in American and European Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Wheat, firm; spot, quiet. Spot barley, quiet. Oats, quiet.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—No. 1 shipping, 95c; choice, 96½c; milling, 98½c@$1 01½.

Barley—Feed, 71½@73½c; brewing, 80@82½c.

Oats—Gray, Oregon, $1 07½@1 12½; milling, $1 15@1 17½; red, 95c@$1 15.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Firm; May, 97½c; December, $1 05; cash, 96½c.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 10@1 15.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Wheat began the session firm, May ½c over yesterday, at 67@67¼c. Paris was higher, and the Michigan condition was put at 64 per cent. Ordinarily such items would have received but little notice, but, as there was no early news of another sort, traders took what they could get, and acted on it. The market touched 66⅞c, following the opening, but reacted later, helped by Bradstreet's decrease in the world's visible and the strength of corn, May ascending to 67⅝c. The close was firm, May ¼@⅜c up, at 67¼c. The market was narrow and mostly local in character. Uncertainty over the Government report had the effect of blocking any big moves either way. As the session progressed the belief that the report might put the condition under previous expectations grew, and undoubtedly had some effect in boosting the price.

Corn was strong but rather dull, helped by provisions and renewed buying by a prominent long who had recently confined himself to heavy profit-taking. The news was rather bearish, but was generally ignored. The market was a small one. May closed ⅛@⅜c over yesterday. The low rates West expired today, and a reduction in receipts is expected in consequence.

Oats followed corn with quiet fidelity. May closed firm, ¼c up.

Provisions were active and strong, although hogs were easier. Liverpool was higher for bacon, lard and ham, which was a consideration, but the market owed its strength to the heavy cash demand, against which packers were liberal buyers of futures. The July product made a record for high prices, pork delivery during that month touching $13 15, lard $7 10 and ribs $7 10. May pork closed 25c over yesterday, May lard 17½c up and May ribs 2½@5c better.

The leading futures ranged as follows.

	Opened.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed.
WHEAT.				
April	.....	.....	.....	$0 67
May	$0 67	$0 67⅝	$0 66⅝	67⅛
July	68⅝	68½	68	68⅜
September	69	69⅛	68⅝	69
CORN.				
April	.....	.....	.....	39¼
May	39⅝	40⅛	39¼	40
July	40⅛	40⅞	40	40⅝
September	40⅝	41⅝	40⅝	41⅛
OATS.				
May	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝
July	24⅛	24⅝	24	24⅛
September	23⅛	23⅝	23	23⅝
MESS PORK.				
May	12 82½	13 05	12 82½	13 05
July	12 90	13 15	12 90	13 15
LARD.				
May	6 82½	7 00	6 90	7 00
July	6 90	7 10	6 90	7 10
September	7 00	7 20	7 00	7 17½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	7 12½	7 17½	7 05	7 17½
July	6 97½	7 10	6 97½	7 10
September	7 00	7 10	6 97½	7 10

Cash quotations were:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 spring, 64@66c; No. 2 red, 69½@70c.

Corn—No. 2, 39⅝c.

Oats—No. 2, 25½@25¾c; No. 2 white, 27½@28½c; No. 3 white, 27¼@28¼c.

Rye—No. 2, 57c.

Barley—No. 2, 40½@44c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 73.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 35@2 40.

Mess pork—$12 25@13 05 per bbl.

Lard—$6 75@7 per cwt.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $6 95@7 30.

Shoulders—Dry salted, boxed, $6 75@7.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $7 25@7 35.

Butter—Easy; creamery, 14@18c; dairy, 13@16c.

Cheese—Firm, 12@13c.

Eggs—Steady, 10½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	29,000	49,000
Wheat, bushels	78,000	101,000
Corn, bushels	337,000	192,000
Oats, bushels	379,000	284,000
Rye, bushels	14,000	3,000
Barley, bushels	56,000	19,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Flour—Receipts, 23,000 barrels; exports, 8864. Market fairly active.

Wheat — Receipts, 110,005 bushels; exports, 23,687. Spot, quiet; No. 2 red, 70⅝c f. o. b. Options displayed firmness pretty much all day, as a result of local covering, inspired by bullish gossip on the Government report, together with strong Continental markets and good foreign buying. Closed firm at ⅛@⅜c net advance. May closed at 74½c; July, 74⅛c; September, 74⅝c.

Wool—Quiet.

Hops—Steady.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, April 10.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, white easy; red, quiet; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 29s 6d; cargoes Walla Walla, 29s 4½d; English country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, April 10.—Wheat—Firm; No. 1 standard California, 6s 6d; wheat in Paris, steady; flour in Paris, firm; French country markets, firmer; spot, firm; No. 2 red Western Winter, 6s 1d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 6s ½d. Futures, steady; April, nominal; May, 5s 10⅝d; July, 5s 10⅝d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, steady, 4s 2d; do old, firm, 4s 3½d. Futures, steady; May, 4s 2½d; July, 4s 1d; September, 4s 1½d.

Available Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreets show the following changes in available supply, as compared with the last account:

Wheat, United States and Canada east of Rockies, decrease	2,577,000
Liverpool Corn Trade News, afloat for and in Europe, increase	2,100,000
Total supply, decrease	477,000
Corn, United States and Canada east of Rockies, increase	1,304,000
Oats, United States and Canada east of Rockies, decrease	67,000

The aggregate stocks of wheat held at Portland, Tacoma and Seattle increased 138,000 bushels last week.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 13@15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12 @16c; Valley, Oregon, 20@22c. Fall—Northern, mountain, 10@12c; mountain, 8@10c; plains, 8@10c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 14@15c.

Hops—1899 crop, 11@13c per pound for choice.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $17@20; bran, $12@13 per ton.

Hay—Wheat, $6@9 50; wheat and oat, $6@9 best barley, $5@7; alfalfa, $5@6 50; stock, $5@ 5 50; compressed wheat, $7@10 per ton; straw, 25@40c per bale.

Potatoes—Early Rose, 60@65c; River Burbanks, 40@70c; Oregon Burbanks, 50@85c per central; sweet potatoes, $2 40@2 50 per central.

Vegetables—Silverskin onions, $3 25@4 per central; garlic, 2½@4½c; green peas, 1@1½c; string beans, 5@7c; dried okra, 32½c per pound; asparagus, 75c@$1 75 per box; egg plant, 8@ 10c per pound

Apples—Choice, $1 25; common, 50c.

Citrus fruits—Oranges, navels, $1 25@3 25; Mexican limes, $5@6; common California lemons, $1; do choice, $1 25@1 50 per box.

Bananas—$1 25@3 25 per bunch.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 17c; do seconds, 16 @16½c; fancy dairy, 15½@16c; do seconds, 13 @15c per pound.

Cheese—California, new, 7@8c; Young America, 8½@9c; Eastern, 16½@17c per pound.

Eggs—Store, 13½@14c; fancy ranch, 15@16½c per dozen.

Poultry—Turkey gobblers, 10@11c; do hens, 12@13c per pound; old roosters, $3 50@4 per dozen; young roosters, $6@6 50; small broilers, $2 50@3 50; large broilers, $4@4 50; fryers, $5 @6; hens, $5@5 50 per dozen; geese, $2@2 25 per pair.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 16,968; do Oregon, 8643; wheat, centals, 15,360; barley, centals, 4533; oats, centals, 440; corn, centals, 290; beans, sacks, 602; potatoes, sacks, 2190; do Oregon, 6313; bran, sacks, 665; middlings, sacks, 1000; hay, tons, 338; wool, bales, 205; hides, 1228.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Cattle—Receipts, 3500. Generally steady; natives, best load on sale today, $5 55; good to prime steers, $5 10@5 90; poor to medium, $4 25@5; selected feeders, $4 25@4 90; mixed stockers, $3 50@4; cows, $3@4 40; heifers, $3 15@4 80; canners, $2 25@2 80; bulls, $2 75@4 25; calves, liberal supply, lower, $4 25@6 50. Texans—Texas fed steers, $4@5 40; Texas bulls, $3 25@3 75.

Hogs—Receipts today, 26,000; estimated tomorrow, 25,000; left over, 4000. Average shade higher, closing weak, top, $5 70; mixed and butchers', $5 40@5 67½; rough heavy, $5 40@ 5 50; light, $5 35@5 60; bulk of sales, $5 50@ 5 60.

Sheep—Strong; lambs, about steady; good to choice wethers, $6 20@6 50; fair to choice mixed, $5@6 10; Western sheep, $6@6 50; yearlings, $6 @ 6 75; native lambs, $5 50@7 55; Western lambs, $6@7 55.

OMAHA, April 10.—Cattle—Receipts, 4700. Market shade lower; native beef steers, $4 25@ 5 25; cows and heifers, $3 35@4 50; canners, $2 25@3 25; stockers and feeders, $3 80@5 10; calves, $3 50@7; bulls and stags, $2 75@5 80.

Hogs—Receipts, 9200. Market 5c higher; heavy, $5 40@5 47½; mixed, $5 37½@5 40; light, $5 35@5 40; bulk of sales, $5 37½@5 40.

Sheep—Receipts, 4800. Market strong; fair to choice natives, $5 85@6 25; fair to choice Westerns, $5 75@6 15; common and choice sheep, $4 50@5 25; lambs, $6@7 15.

KANSAS CITY, April 10.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000. Market steady; Texas steers, $3 25@ 4 80; Texas cows, $2 50@3 50; native steers, $4@5 35; native cows and heifers, $2@4 35; stockers and feeders, $4@5 25; bulls, $3@3 85.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000. Market weak; bulk of sales, $5 35@5 40; heavy, $5 30@5 50; packers, $5 30@5 47½; mixed, $5 30@5 45; lights, $5 15@5 40; Yorkers, $5 35@5 40; pigs, $4@ 5 25.

Sheep—Receipts, 3700. Market strong; lambs, $5@7 50; muttons, $4 60@5.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The local market for tin reacted from yesterday's decline from $30 50 to $30 75, a net rise of 25 points. The advance was due chiefly to favorable advices from London and the scarcity of sellers. Lake copper continues to hold firm at $17. Pig-iron warrants were dull and nominal. Lead ruled dull and nominally unchanged, closing at the old basis of $4 67½ bid and $4 72½ asked. Spelter was steady and unchanged, closing at $4 72½ bid and $4 77½ asked. The brokers' price for lead was $4 45 and for copper $17 25 @17 50. Bar silver, 59½c.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Bar silver, 59⅝c.

LONDON, April 10.—Bar silver, 27¾d.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, April 10.—The wool market here continues dull, with slow sales, and values are rather easier as a whole. Bids on the basis of 55c cleaned are being freely made for good lines of fine medium and fine, and territory wools, and were dealers disposed to sell at this price large blocks would change hands. Fleece wools are quiet, but sales of Ohio are reported at 33c, with fine Ohio delaine at 35c. Quotations:

Montana and Dakota, fine medium and fine, 22@22½c; scoured, 57@58c; staple, 63@65c. Utah and Wyoming, fine medium and fine, 19@ 20c; scoured, 55@57c; staple, 63@65c. Idaho, fine medium and fine, 18@19c; scoured, 55@ 57c; medium, 20@23c; scoured, 52@54c.

Australian, scoured basis, spot prices—Combing, superfine, nominal, 93@95c; good, 85@90c; average, 80@85c.

Arbuckle Advances Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Arbuckle Brothers today advanced the price of refined sugar 5c per 100 pounds. Two weeks ago the Arbuckles cut the price of refined sugar 5c per 100 pounds.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Coffee options closed firm, with prices 5@10 points higher; sales, 25,000 bags, including May, $6 85; July, $6 90; September $7 05@7 10; October, $7 10; spot Rio, steady; No. 7 invoice, 7⅞c; No. 7 jobbing, 8⅝c; mild, steady; Cordova, 9½@14c.

Sugar—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3 15-16c, centrifugal, 96 test, 4 7-16c; refined, strong.

VETERANS WANT A REST.

A Hope That They Will Be Spared the Usual Appeals.

DALLAS, April 9.—(To the Editor.)—The time is fast approaching when appeals will likely be made to the small remnant of Indian War veterans that have not received their passport to "that land that is fairer than day" to cast their united vote for men for the next Oregon Legislature who will vote for McBride or Mitchell for the Senate, so that our claims for pensions will be passed; also to vote for the return of the outgoing Representatives in the House, so that they may be able to complete their good work of helping the old Indian War veteran to secure his just claims as a pensioner.

Now, what I want to suggest is that, as our ranks are reduced from 700 to about 700, and as the most of us are graduates in the school of adversity and hardships, as we lived on fresh horsemeat for some time while in the service, and got our pay 10 years afterward, in greenbacks, which brought 60 cents on the dollar; and as the majority of us are approaching so near the ranks of our chums who have reached their home which is built on high, and as our wants on this earth will be few, and not long; therefore the present campaign be left free from all appeals in behalf of any Senator or Representative, so that the Indian War veteran will not suffer the pangs of disappointment, that have so often befallen him during the last 30 years of his life. I wish to say to the "boys," Be patient; our time will soon be up; the roll-call is rapidly growing less, and it will soon be the last of "the Mohicans," and there will be a pension bill got through in his behalf at the rate of $8 per month, which will be duly signed by the President, two hours after the old coon is dead. So, gentlemen of the campaign committee, save your circulars, and give the old veterans a rest for once.

T. V. B. EMBREE.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT

High Condition Reported in Western Wheat States.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The April report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture will show the average condition of Winter wheat April 1 to have been 82.1, against 77.9 on April 1, 1899, 86.7 on April 1, 1898, and a 10-year average of 82.8. While the ravages of the Hessian fly in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana will probably result in not one of those three states producing more than a half crop, an exceptionally high condition is reported from the Winter-wheat states west of the Mississippi River and from the Pacific Coast. The principal averages are:

Pennsylvania, 72.
Ohio, 47.
Michigan, 57.
Indiana, 51.
Illinois, 88.
Missouri, 91.
Kansas, 99.
Texas, 101.
Oklahoma, 99.
Washington, 106.
Oregon, 100.
California, 99.

The average condition of Winter rye is 84.8, against 84.9 on April 1, 1899; 92.1 on April 1, 1898, and a 10-years' average of 89.1.

Towne a Candidate.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 10.—The Journal says:

"Ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne, of Duluth, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Vice-President. Judge Caldwell, of Arkansas, has decided not to permit the use of his name in that connection, and Mr. Towne's candidacy is predicated on the Judge's declination."

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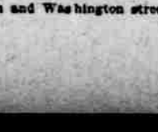

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