COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

There was nothing of special interest in the market situation yesterday, and prices were generally unchanged. Produce receipts were easier, on account of good weather for farm work. Butter and eggs are both weaker, and 12c was the outside figure for the latter, with an almost unlimited amount of choice creamery butter to be had at 50c. Some dealers are still asking 55c, but it is for special brands, which would probably move just as well at 75c, as they have an established trade that will take no other. California butter is coming in pretty freely, and is selling enough lower than Oregon creamery to make it attractive to some buyers. Oats are a shade firmer on light receipts. The wheat markets are weaker. Poultry continues in brisk demand at big prices for chickens.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$183,804	$ 45,423
Seattle	374,248	134,945
Spokane	103,755	33,200
Tacoma	140,449	14,904

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The local wheat market is easier in tone, in sympathy with other markets. It is somewhat unusual for this market to exhibit any sympathy with other markets, but this is apparently what it was doing yesterday, as but few of the exporters were quoting over 53c, which is supposed to be somewhere near the export value of the cereal. This price will not move much wheat, and a small sale was reported at 54c, with 55@54c being bid for some choice Valley. Bluestem is easy at 56c. Freights are firm at unchanged figures.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 53@54c; Valley, 52½@54c; bluestem, 55@56c 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@15; 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.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, $1; carrots, $1; turnips, 60c; onions, $1 50@2 50 per central; cabbage, 90c@$1 per central; potatoes, 50 @ 60c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2½@3c; peas, 6c; beans, 10c; asparagus, 6c; new potatoes, 2½@3c 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.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 50 @ 55c; seconds, 42½@45c; dairy, 30@37½c; store, 25@32½c per roll.

Eggs—12c per dozen for Oregon.

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

Game—Mallard ducks, $3; widgeon, $1 50@2, teal, $1@1 50 per dozen.

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

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 26@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 per case; Arbuckle's, $14 25; Lion, $12 75.

Sugar—Cube, $5 82½; crushed, $5 82½; powdered, $5 82½; dry granulated, cane, $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, 5½c; 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; ¼-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@12c 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, 6¼c; Japan, 5¼c; 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@6c 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@9c.

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, 3-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, 20@28c 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, $3@15; cubs, each, $1@5; badger, each, 10@14c; wildcat, 25@40c; housecat, 5 @ 10c; fox, common gray, 40@60c; do red, $1 25@1 75; do cross, $2 50@6; lynx, $1 50@2 50; mink, 30c@$1 25; marten, dark Northern, $4@8; do pale, pine, $1 25@3; muskrat, 8 @ 12c; skunk, 25@40c; otter (land), $4@6; panther, with head and claws perfect, $1@3; raccoon, 25@50c; 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, 50c@$1.

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, 15 to 30 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.

Heavy Demand for Railroad Stocks From All Grades of Investors.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The railroad stocks held their lining on the stock exchange today. The demand for all grades of this class of securities reached imposing proportions, and the buying came from all degrees of investors and speculators, large and small. The individual investor was in evidence as a buyer of fractional lots all through the list, and some of the heavy buying was attributed to the account of banking interests and insiders in the various properties. The professional board-room traders on the floor of the exchange have turned bulls to a man, and the speculators of larger caliber and speculative pools made their operations manifest in the volume of transactions.

Individual transactions to the extent of 1000 shares were so usual as to attract little attention, while many lots of 2000 to 5300 were recorded on the tape. Norfolk & Western and the Atchison stocks took the most conspicuous place in the trading, but there were impressive transactions at different times during the day in Union Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio, Southern Pacific, Pennsylvania, Northern Pacific, Chesapeake & Ohio, and late in the day Southern Railway.

The strength disclosed in yesterday's market precipitated today's rush to buy, and it was made clear that a very large element must have been waiting and watching for some time for the first sign that the market was throwing off its lethargy and getting ready today. In studying today's market, it is worthy of close attention that the rush to buy was taken advantage of to take profits on a very large scale in stocks which have recently enjoyed a considerable advance under manipulation by professional operators and pools. Practically all of the industrial stocks, including the local tractions and the iron and steel stocks, and also Sugar, were sold to take profits under cover of the speculative furore. But it was not only in these mercurial specialties that this process was in evidence, but also in the railroads itself. Baltimore & Ohio and the Pacific stocks showed the effects very distinctly. Union Pacific was advanced early, and was held pretty steady at the advance all day, but it made no notable further progress upward, and the stocks in this category showed positive reaction. But the current of the buying demand was so deep and strong as to carry the whole market practically in its sweep. Commission houses reported orders on a large scale, and London was an eager buyer of stocks here, far beyond the usual hour when transactions for that account had ceased. The volume of buying for this account was estimated at from 65,000 to 70,000 shares, and was a potent influence in general on the market. London cables reported that part of the buying of Americans there was for Berlin account.

A flurry in call money in the afternoon to 6 per cent was an admonitory symptom, prompting to the reflection that even the relaxed conditions in the money market might be overstrained again by a headlong speculation. A drop in New York exchange at Chicago to 20c discount, compared with 25c premium earlier in the week, pointed to the same moral.

Government bonds were also checked in their downward course today, and rallied, indicating that the profit-taking there, which was a factor in releasing funds to the money market, has come to a pause, and, although the Subtreasury absorption is cut almost in half, as compared with last week, it still promises to run up close to the amount of the surplus yet remaining with the banks over the required 25 per cent. Probably a perception of these facts, as well as the violence of the day's advance, prompted the general movement to take profits in the late dealings, which reduced prices all around from the best made, and the closing was easy.

The bond market was active and strong. The total sales were $4,065,000. United States refunding 2s, when issued, old 4s and new 4s, coupon, advanced ½ per cent in the bid price.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref.*	105	D. & R. G. 4s	88⅝
U. S. 2s, reg	101	Gen. Electric 5s	116
do 5s, reg	110	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	110
do 5s, coupon	110	North. Pacific 3s	67
do new 4s, reg	134½	do 4s	105⅛
do new 4s, coup	134½	Oregon Nav. 1sts	108
do old 4s, reg	110	do 4s	104½
do old 4s, coup	112	Oregon S. L. 6s	127⅛
do 5s, reg	115	do con. 5s	113⅝
do 5s, coupon	115	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	100⅛
Dist. of Col. 3-65s	119	St. Paul consols	169½
Atchison adj. 4s	84¼	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118½
C. & N.W. con. 7s	141	do 5s	121
do S. F. deb. 5s	121	Union Pacific 4s	106
D. & R. G. 1sts	108⅝	Wis. Cent. 1sts	90⅝

*When issued.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 969,773 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	25½	Union Pac. pref	76½
do pref	68⅛	Wabash	6⅝
Balt. & Ohio	72⅝	do pref	21
Can. Pacific	96	Wheeling & L. E.	11
Can. Southern	51½	do 2d pref	31⅝
Ches. & Ohio	30⅞	Wisconsin Central	17⅝
Chi. Gr. Western	19⅛	P. C., C. & St. L.	68
C., B. & Q.	127⅛	Third Avenue	105⅝
Chi., Ind. & L.	23	EXPRESS CO.'S.	
do pref	55	Adams	165
Chi. & East. Ill.	95	American	147
Chicago & N. W.	165	United States	46½
C., R. I. & Pac.	111	Wells-Fargo	122
C., C., C. & St. L.	62⅝	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	7⅝	Amer. Cotton Oil	35⅞
do 1st pref	45⅞	do pref	93½
do 2d pref	19⅞	Amer. Malting	4⅝
Del. & Hudson	116	do pref	24⅛
Del., Lack. & W.	159½	Amer. Smelt. & R.	40⅝
Denver & Rio Gr.	21⅝	do pref	92
do pref	75½	Amer. Spirits	2⅝
Erie	13⅝	do pref	17
do 1st pref	39⅞	Amer. Steel Hoop	34
do 2d pref	30⅞	do pref	80
Great North. pref.	161	Amer. Steel & W.	30⅝
Hocking Coal	18	do pref	90
Hocking Valley	35	Amer. Tin Plate	32½
Illinois Central	114	do pref	82⅝
Iowa Central	15	Amer. Tobacco	137⅞
do pref	41	do pref	138
Kan. C., P. & G.	17⅝	Anaconda Min. Co.	45⅛
Lake Erie & W.	21	Brooklyn R. T.	70
do pref	85½	Colo. Fuel & Iron	48⅝
Lake Shore	194	Consol. Tobacco	81⅝
Leslie & Nash	86	do pref	84⅝
Manhattan El	99½	Federal Steel	51
Met. St. Ry.	162½	do pref	75⅛
Mexican Central	14⅝	General Electric	128⅞
Minn. & St. Louis	65	Glucose Sugar	52
do pref	96	do pref	98
Missouri Pacific	47⅛	Int. Paper	20⅛
Mobile & Ohio	47⅝	do pref	65
M., K. & T.	11	La Clede Gas	70
do pref	33⅛	National Biscuit	43⅝
New Jersey Cent.	116	do pref	94
New York Cent.	135⅞	National Lead	21
Norfolk & West.	37⅞	do pref	103
do pref	77½	National Steel	43⅝
Northern Pacific	56⅝	do pref	94
do pref	70⅝	N. Y. Air Brake	135
Ontario & West	24⅛	North American	15⅛
O. R. & N.	42	Pacific Coast	51½
do pref	76	do 1st pref	82
Pennsylvania	137⅞	do 2d pref	63
Reading	18⅛	Pacific Mail	39⅝
do 1st pref	50⅝	People's Gas	100⅛
do 2d pref	29⅝	Pressed Steel Car	33⅝
Rio Gr. Western	58½	do pref	85
do pref	92	Pullman Pal. Car	183½
St. Louis & S. Fr.	16⅝	Stand. Rope & T.	6⅝
do 1st pref	70½	Sugar	126⅞
do 2d pref	36⅛	do pref	111⅞
St. Louis & S. W.	11½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	94½
do pref	30⅝	U. S. Leather	13⅝
St. Paul	125⅝	do pref	73⅝
do pref	174	U. S. Rubber	31½
St. Paul & O.	107½	do pref	95
Southern Pacific	40⅝	Western Union	83⅛
Southern Ry.	14⅝	Republic Iron & S.	22
do pref	60⅝	do pref	65
Texas & Pacific	17⅝		
Union Pacific	54⅛		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22. — Sterling on London—60 days, $4 83; do sight, $4 87.

Mexican dollars—48½@49c.

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

NEW YORK, March 22.—Money on call, 4@4 per cent; last loans, 5 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper—5@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 85¼@4 85⅝ for demand and at $4 82½@4 82¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 82½ and $4 86½@4 87; commercial bills, $4 81¼@4 81¾.

Silver certificates—60¼@61¼c.

Mexican dollars—47¾c.

Bonds — Government, strong; state, active; railroad, strong.

LONDON, March 22.—Consols—102 5-16.

Money—3½@3¾ per cent.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, March 22.—Canadian Pacific, 98⅝; Union Pacific preferred, 78¼; Northern Pacific preferred, 77¾; Grand Trunk, 8⅝; Anaconda, 9⅛.

FOREIGN FINANCIAL NEWS.

Americans Were Strong and in Good Demand Throughout Europe.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

There was little increase in general business in the market here today, and the tone was irregular. Americans were strong, being an exception to the rule. There was also more active buying than for many months. London bought steadily, and big orders came from Berlin, Amsterdam and Brussels. New York support was apparently influenced by an Economist article, pointing out that a new era has been inaugurated by the currency law, but big brokers have been "tipping" the rise for some days. Tintos spurted to 55¼ on the dividend of 45s, and the showing of £30,000 brought forward and £110,000 pounds added to the reserve. This was fully up to well-informed expectation, although under optimistic estimates of 10 days ago.

Anacondas were slightly harder, in sympathy. The bank bought £33,000 gold in bars, and reduced the buying price to the statutory minimum of 77s 9d. Money rates were unchanged, and half the amount due the bank was repaid. The Banks of Bombay and Bengal have reduced their discount rates from 8 to 7 and 7 to 6, respectively.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Wheat, steady; spot, dull. Barley, futures neglected, spot steady. Oats, steady.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—No. 1 shipping, 96¼c; choice, 96½c; milling, 98¾c@$1.

Barley—Feed, 70@75c.

Oats—Gray, Oregon, $1 07½@1 12½; milling, $1 15@1 17½; red, 90c@$1 15.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Steady; May, 97½c per cental; December, $1 03¾; cash, 97½c.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 12½@1 15.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, March 22.—The feeling in the wheat pit was bearish, and trade most of the session far from lively. May opened ⅛c under yesterday, at 65⅝@66c, and sold off to 65½@65⅝c during the first hour, influenced by the heavy Northwest receipts, lower cables and the mild weather. Crop conditions in the Central states were reported unfavorable, but excellent in the West. Some long wheat came out on the decline, but was absorbed in sufficient quantities around the bottom to steady the market, and, with reports of a fair cash business to support a reaction to 65¾c, but soon fell to 65⅝c. Covering by shorts rallied it to 65¾@65⅞c, at which it closed, in what was considered a rather weak condition, ⅛c under yesterday.

The corn market was barely steady, May closing ⅛c lower.

The trade in oats was steady. May closed a shade lower.

The provision market was strong and fairly active. The opening was a gain of 5c over yesterday's final figures, the influence of higher prices at the yards being felt. During the session there was a sharp cash demand, against which all packers were buyers of futures. Shorts covered freely, May pork closing 25@27½c over yesterday, May lard 7½@10c up and ribs 7½@10c improved.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Opened.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed.
March				$0 65¼
May	$0 65⅞	$0 66	$0 65⅛	65⅞
July	66⅛	67	66½	66⅞

CORN.

March				33½
May	36⅛	37⅛	36⅝	37
July	37⅝	37⅞	37⅛	37⅛
September	37⅝	37⅞	37⅝	37⅞

OATS.

May	24	24	23½	24
July	22⅞	23	22⅝	22⅞

MESS PORK.

May	11 40	11 70	11 40	11 62½
July	11 27½	11 45	11 27½	11 40

LARD.

May	6 12½	6 17½	6 12½	6 17½
July	6 20	6 27½	6 20	6 25

SHORT RIBS.

May	6 20	6 27½	6 20	6 25
July	6 20	6 30	6 20	6 25

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 spring, 61½@65c; No. 2 red, 67¾@68c.

Corn—No. 2, 36¼@36⅜c.

Oats—No. 2, 24@24¼c; No. 2 white, 26¼@26½c; No. 3 white, 26@26½c.

Rye—No. 2, 54@55c.

Barley—No. 2, 38@42c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 65.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 35@2 50.

Mess pork—$11@11 62½ per bbl.

Lard—$6@6 15 per cwt.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $6 15@6 40.

Shoulders—Dry salted, boxed, $6 25@6 50.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $6 40@6 50.

Butter—Steady; creamery, 19@24c; dairy, 16@22c.

Cheese—Firm, 12@13c.

Eggs—Steady; fresh, 12c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	62,000	56,000
Wheat, bushels	58,000	151,000
Corn, bushels	336,000	112,000
Oats, bushels	245,000	185,000
Rye, bushels	10,000	4,000
Barley, bushels	50,000	29,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Flour—Receipts, 21,778 barrels; exports, 9622. Market dull; some decline on top grades; Minnesota patents, $3 70@3 95; winter straights, $3 45@3 55.

Wheat — Receipts, 64,800; exports, 153,305 bushels. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, 75½c elevator, 78¾c f. o. b. Options opened weak, owing to lower cables, fine weather West, fears of large Argentine shipments and Northwest selling, to which was added free offerings for short account. In the afternoon, however, foreign export rumors rallied the market, but again broke near the close, under realizing, and was finally weak at ⅝@⅞c net decline. March closed at 75⅝c; May, 72⅝c; July, 72⅝c; September, 72¾c.

Wool—Quiet.

Hops—Steady.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 22. — Wheat — Cargoes off coast and on passage, nominal, unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, March 22.—Wheat—Spot, No. 1 Northern spring, 6s 3d. Futures, quiet; March, nominal; May, 5s 9¾d; July, 5s 8¼d.

Corn—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 3s 10d; do old, 3s 10½d. Futures, steady; March, 3s 9¾d; May, 3s 9¾d.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

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

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

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

Hay—Wheat, $6 50@9 50; wheat and oat, $6 50@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@70c; river Burbanks, 40@70c; Oregon Burbanks, 65@95c per cental; sweet potatoes, $2 50@3 00 per hundred.

Vegetables—Silverskin onions, $2 25@2 50 per cental; garlic, 2½@3½c; green peas, 2@2½c; string beans, 5@9c; dried okra, 32½c per pound; asparagus, 65c@$1 65 per box; egg plant, 8@10c per pound.

Apples—$1 25 for choice; common, 50c.

Citrus fruits—Oranges, navels, $1 25@2 50; Mexican limes, $5 50@6; common California lemons, $1; do choice, $1 25@1 50 per box.

Bananas—$1@2 50 per bunch.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20c; do seconds, 18½@19c; fancy dairy, 17@18c; do seconds, 15@16c per pound.

Cheese—California, new, 8@8½c; Young America, 9@9½c; Eastern, 16½@17c per pound.

Eggs—Store, 12@13c; fancy ranch, 13½@15c per dozen.

Poultry — Turkey gobblers, 11@12c; turkey hens, 12@13c per pound; old roosters, $4 50@5 per dozen; young roosters, $6@7; small broilers, $3@4; large do, $4 50@5; fryers, $5@6; hens, $4@5 per dozen; geese, $2@2 25 per pair.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 15,468; do Oregon, 940; wheat, centals, 803; barley, centals, 4275; oats, centals, 480; do Oregon, 380; corn, centals, 360; potatoes, sacks, 1424; bran, sacks, 400; hay, tons, 550; hides, 171.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 9000. Natives, best on sale today, $5 70; good to prime, strong to 10c higher, $4 85@5 80; poor to medium, steady to strong, $4@4 75; selected feeders, dull, $4@4 70; mixed stockers, weak, $3 40@3 85; cows, slow to 10c lower, $3@4 15; heifers, best strong, other steady, $4 10@4 60; canners, weak to 10c lower, $2 25@2 65; bulls, 10@15c lower, $2 60@4 20; calves, weak, $4@6; Texans, receipts, 700; best on sale today, $4 50; Texas fed steers, strong, $3 80@5; Texas bulls, weak, $3 10@3 60.

Hogs—Receipts, 25,000; tomorrow, estimated, 23,000; mixed and butchers, $4 85@5 12½; good to choice heavy, $5@5 15; rough heavy, $4 85@4 95; light, $4 80@5 05; bulk of sales, $5@5 15 per cwt.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000. Good to choice wethers, $5 60@6; fair to choice mixed, $4 75@5 60; Western sheep, $4 50@6; yearlings, $6@6 50; native lambs, $5 25@7 30; Western lambs, $6@7 30.

OMAHA, March 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 1900. Market active and stronger; native beef steers, $4@5 40; cows and heifers, $3 25@4 25; canners, $2 25@3 25; stockers and feeders, $3 70@4 80; calves, $4@7 50; bulls and stags, $2 75@3 80.

Hogs—Receipts, 5900. Market 5c higher; heavy, $4 85@4 90; mixed, $4 82½@4 85; light, $4 75@4 85; bulk of sales, $4 82½@4 85.

Sheep—Receipts, 3500. Market steady; fair to choice natives, $5 80@6 10; fair to choice Westerns, $4 50@5 80; common and choice sheep, $4 25@5; lambs, $6@7.

KANSAS CITY, March 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 5000. Market steady; Texas steers, $3 75@4 50; Texas cows, $3 10@3 75; native steers, $3 25@5 25; native cows and heifers, $2 25@4 50; stockers and feeders, $3 50@5 25; bulls, $3@5.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,000. Market 5c higher; bulk of sales, $4 80@4 95; heavy, $4 80@5; packers, $4 80@4 97½; mixed, $4 70@4 95; lights, $4 40@4 95; Yorkers, $4 85@4 95; pigs, $3 75@4 60.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market strong; lambs, $5 50@6 75; muttons, $4 25@5 75.

Pig-Iron Exports.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Iron Age says: No important developments have occurred during the week suggestive of the future course of the iron trade. The situation in Bessemer pig continues strong, with rather heavy transactions at Pittsburg and in the East. Large consumers are in need of more material of this character. The demand for foundry pig is not what it should be.

The outlook is becoming more favorable for export business in pig iron. Foreign buyers are now in this city negotiating for large lots. In one case 18,000 tons are wanted, and in another 10,000 tons. The foreign demand covers Bessemer, basic and foundry grades. Prices in England have been advancing sharply. The English market has apparently been kept down by fear of American competition.

With such a prospect for enlargement of trade abroad, a moderate reduction in pig-iron prices here would not be a serious matter for all business interests concerned. The shortage in iron in Europe offers an opportunity for the disposal of a surplus here.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Tin ruled a shade easier today. Influences in the way of heavier receipts than anticipated and unsatisfactory advices from London prompted a decline of 25@35 points from yesterday's figures. The close was easy at $31 50@31 75. Aside from this there was no features of importance. Lake copper was firm in tone. Pig-iron warrants quiet; Lake copper, unchanged, $16 50; spelter, $4 50@4 60; lead, quiet, $4 67½@4 72½. The firm that fixes the selling price for miners and smelters quotes lead at $4 45 at the close. Bar silver, 59⅝c.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22. — Bar silver, 59⅝c.

LONDON, March 22.—Bar silver, 27⅝d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Coffee options closed quiet, unchanged to 5 points lower. Sales, 7000 bags, including March, $6 85; May, $6 80; July, $6 90; September, $6 90@7; spot Rio, dull; No. 7 invoice, 8⅛@8⅝c; No. 7 jobbing, 8¾@8⅞c; mild, dull; Cordova, 9½@14c.

Sugar—Raw, steady to firm; refined, firm.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Real Estate Transfers.

Sheriff for Charles F. Howe et al. to Oregon Mortgage Co., W. ½ block 12, Tibbetts' Addition; March 22 ..... $431

Wm. Reidt and wife to James R. Stuart and wife, W. 33 feet of lot 14, block 318, Balch Addition; March 15 1500

Sheriff for Jacob Dale et al. to Alfred P. Nelson, 20 acres, Thomas W. Gates D. L. C.; March 21 1242

S. E. and L. W. Roberts to O. W. Taylor and D. L. Houston, lots 7, 8, block 235, East Portland; February 5 900

Fred A. Van Kirk and wife to Wm. Martin and James Forbes, lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Curry's Mount Tabor Addition; March 22 1550

A. J. and Kate A. Martin to Wilfred Byrne, lot 7, block 51, Sellwood; March 18 1

Sheriff for A. W. Vincent et al. to N. F. Ross, lots 9, 10, section 36, T. 1 N., R. 3 W., containing 37.42 acres; November 21, 1899 1794

S. W. Church et ux. to Ida H. Glesy, 50x100, Irving and Twenty-third streets; March 20 2200

R. Livingstone, administrator, to Wm. Oelsner, lot 9, block 4; lot 10, block 17, Lincoln Park Annex; March 17 150

H. B. Compson to S. Alice Walton, lot 28, block D, Portsmouth Villa Extended; March 17 1

J. W. Campbell et ux. to J. E. Wetzell and W. B. Martin, lots 1, 2, block 17, M. Patton's Addition, Albina; March 8 900

Sunnyside Land & Improvement Co. to S. B. Plympton, lot 3, block 40, Sunnyside; March 19 350

Florence M. Shaver and husband to E. D. Tichenor, lots 9, 10, block 22, Mount Tabor Villa; April 19, 1899 150

Building Permits.

J. E. Caldwell, two-story house, Larrabee street, between Dixon and Dupont, $2000.

Alice Walker, repairs to house on Fifth street, between Hall and College, $400.

Deady estate, grading building site at Alder and Seventh, $300.

Mary F. Wilson, repairs to house on East Burnside, between East Ninth and East Tenth, $500.

Deaths.

March 21, Margaret Owens, age 48 years, 395 East Davis street, fatty degeneration of heart.

March 22, John Imboden, age 14 years, St. Vincent's Hospital, Bright's disease.

March 18, Lui Paw, age 39 years, joss-house, consumption.

Births.

March 19, boy to the wife of Charles E. White, Twenty-eighth and East Hoyt streets.

Contagious Diseases.

Miss Dammier, 676 East Ankeny street, scarletina.

"Ah Sin Was His Name."

Minneapolis Times.

It will now be in order to make a thorough search of No Man's Land for the purpose of finding Charley Ross and Tascott and discovering the identity of the mysterious person who struck Billy Patterson. The author of the Puerto Rican tariff bill, about whom there has been so much secrecy, has been found.

It seems that the bill was written by one Henry T. Oxnard, of Grand Island, Neb., a man heretofore unknown to political fame. Since Congress convened, he has been at Washington, disguised as a substantial farmer, with a keen interest in the public welfare. He is the owner of a beet-sugar factory at Grand Island, built with money given him as a bonus by the farmers of the vicinity. But that is only one of his avocations. His principal business is said to be that of a lobbyist at the National capital in the pay of the sugar trust.

According to the accounts, he must be one of the smoothest of workers. His smile is pensive and child-like, and he has an oily tongue. He is credited with having been able repeatedly to shape legislation by means of his insinuating ways and persuasive eloquence in private conferences with members of Congress. Now that he is in the public eye by reason of being discovered as the author of the Puerto Rican bill, his previous record has been brought to light, and it is one of which any lobbyist might be proud. His specialty has been opposition to trade reciprocity with any countries where sugar is produced. He tried to prevent the ratification of the Paris treaty whereby the Philippines came into our possession. He wrote the Teller amendment to the Cuban resolutions in order to avert the danger of the admission of Cuban sugar free of duty. It is asserted that he actually succeeded for two years in blocking the movement for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands. He seems to be a versatile genius, with a truly wonderful faculty for being all things to all men in order that Congress may enact no legislation which might by any possibility harm the sugar trust.

The Wages in Chicago.

There is a big strike at Chicago. Here are the rates which are paid to workmen in the building trades:

	Per day.		Per day.
Bricklayers	$4.00	Iron setters	$3.00
Plumbers	4.00	Iron workers	3.20
Stonecutters	4.00	Marble setters	3.50
Gasfitters	4.00	Carpenters	3.40
Steamfitters	4.00	Painters	3.00
Plasterers	4.00	Gravel roofers	2.00
Engineers	4.00	Plasterers' laborers	2.00
Tile setters	4.00	Laborers	2.00

Eight hours a day; time and a half for overtime; double time for Sundays and holidays.

The Presbyterian Church is to lose another heretic, Professor McGiffert, of Union Theological Seminary. In order to avoid the heresy trial with which he is threatened, and relieve the denomination of a painful conflict, the professor has taken the advice of 20 close friends, and he will probably ally himself with the Congregational ministry.

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