COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The California steamer brought up a liberal consignment of fruit and garden truck from California. Included in this freight was some very fine new potatoes. They were almost full grown, and were much better than are usually seen here so early in the season. As they sold for 2½c per pound, the demand was quite good, and from now on the new potatoes will have quite an influence on the market for old stock. Eggs were weak again yesterday under liberal receipts and nominal demand. Chickens are not doing as well as they were last week, the high prices having attracted large shipments. The wheat markets continue quiet, with light offerings. Oats are steady, and hay and barley very dull.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$288,941	$96,064
Seattle	304,023	76,571
Tacoma	191,165	52,509
Spokane	122,384	20,564

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The local wheat market continues quiet, with light offerings and a light demand. There are a few small lots "dribbling" along, which in the aggregate soon make up a cargo, and for which exporters generally pay around 53@54c. Some of the interior mills are paying above these figures for Walla Walla, and 55½c is obtainable for Valley. Bluestem is nominally 56 @57c. Freights continue firm at unchanged figures.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 53@54c; Valley, 53@ 55½c; 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@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 cental; cabbage, 90c@$1 per cental; potatoes, 50@55c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2½@3c; peas, 4½@5c; beans, 11c; asparagus, 4½c; 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@6c; pears, sun and evaporated, 5@6c; plums, pitless, 4@ 6½c; 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—12@12½c 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 78 net; half barrels, ⅛c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 3¾c; 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, 6¼c; Japan, 5½c; New Orleans, 6½@6½c; 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@7¾c 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, 15½c; bacon, 8½c; backs, 9½c; dry salt sides, 8¼c; dried beef, 17½c per pound; lard, 5-pound pails, 10c; 10-pound pails, 9½c; 50s, 9¾c; tierces, 9¼c per pound. Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 13c; medium, 13½c; small, 13½c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 12½c; dry salt sides, 8¼@8½c; bacon sides, 9@10½c; backs, 10c; butts, 8c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 10½c; 10s, 10¼c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—2@8c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12 @ 13c for coarse, 16@18c for best; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, 26@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, $5@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@60c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50@5; wolverine, $2 50@5; 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, 5 to 10 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 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.

Check in the Upward Movement and Falling Off in the Demand.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The stock market continued very active and varied today, but there was an appreciable check to the upward movement of prices and a distinct falling off in the volume of the demand. The disposition to realize made itself felt in additional stocks, and as a consequence the market became dull, and the weight of profit-taking proved too much for many stocks which have been most prominent in the recent upward movement, conspicuously so in the Southern group of trunk lines, including Pennsylvania, Norfolk & Western and the Baltimore & Ohio. The stocks of the latter company fluctuated widely all day, and were under very palpable manipulation. The common and the preferred stocks were again brought to a parity in the late dealings. The purpose of the maneuver was evident from the suggestion set afloat that if Baltimore & Ohio common, without paying a dividend, could cross the preferred stock, other common stocks in the same situation might do likewise.

The Pacific stocks had to absorb a large amount of realizing, and the Southern and Southwestern groups were affected by the same cause. The bituminous coal roads also came to a halt. Other points of strength developed in the list, and the net changes show a large proportion of gains. The general tone of the market, however, was by no means so strong as yesterday, and the transactions were on a smaller scale. The coalers, the high-priced industrials, the iron and steel stocks and the local tractions all showed evidence of strength, and there were some conspicuous advances in inactive stocks. It will be difficult to assign a cause in any news of the day for the check to the advance, but the speculative sentiment accorded more attention to unfavorable possibilities, even of a contingent nature. Thus some question was allowed to rise of the future of the money market, although the present tendency is all towards greater ease, rates for call loans dropping to 2 per cent late in the day.

The banks are gaining cash on Subtreasury operations, and the interior continues to remit to New York in payment of loans incurred for the purchase of Government bonds; but the completion of payments of the premiums on Government bonds offered for conversion will result in renewed drain into the Subtreasury so long as the Government's revenues continue so largely in excess of expenditures. A suggestion of another drain on resources for Government account is contained in the sailing for Manila today of the transport Sumner, taking out $1,300,000 for the paymasters' department in the Philippines.

London operations in buying stocks are due to money loaned in this market, which explains the firmness of the sterling exchange market in face of London buying and the London speculative movement. London took profits on a large scale today, and its selling of stocks about equaled its buying. A number of strong returns of net earnings for February were disregarded in the trading.

The bond market was not so active as yesterday, but a large business was done at advancing prices. Total sales, $4,885,000. United States registered 3s advanced ½ per cent, and coupon and new 4s ⅛ in the bid price. The old 4s declined ½ and the 5s ¼ per cent.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref.*	104½	D. & R. G. 4s	98⅝
U. S. 2s, reg	101	Gen. Electric 5s	110⅝
do 3s, reg	110⅝	N. Y. Central 1sts	110
do 3s, coupon	110⅝	North. Pacific 3s	67¼
do new 4s, reg	134½	do 4s	106⅝
do new 4s, coup	134½	Oregon Nav. 1sts	110
do old 4s, reg	115½	do 4s	104½
do old 4s, coup	116½	Oregon S. L. 6s	127½
do 5s, reg	114⅝	do con. 5s	114½
do 5s, coupon	114⅝	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	89½
Dist. of Col. 3-65s	119	St. Paul consols	169⅝
Atchison adj. 4s	84½	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	119½
C. & N.W. con. 7s	141	do 5s	120⅝
do S. F. deb. 5s	121	Union Pacific 4s	106⅝
D. & R. G. 1sts	115½	Wis. Central 1sts	91⅝

*When issued.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 905,400 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	27⅝	Union Pac. pref	76⅝
do pref	71	Wabash	5
Balt. & Ohio	81	do pref	22½
Can. Pacific	97¼	Wheel. & L. E.	11⅝
Can. Southern	51¼	do 2d pref	31⅞
Ches. & Ohio	31⅝	Wisconsin Central	18⅝
Chi. Great West.	14⅝	P. C. C. & St. L.	60
C., B. & Q.	129⅝	Third Avenue	105
Chi., Ind. & L.	23	EXPRESS CO'S.	
do pref	55⅝	Adams	115
Chi. & East. Ill.	107	American	147½
Chicago & N. W.	162	United States	48
C., R. I. & Pac.	113⅝	Wells-Fargo	123
C., C., C. & St. L.	62⅝	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	7⅝	Amer. Cotton Oil	35
do 1st pref	46½	do pref	83½
do 2d pref	19½	Amer. Malting	4½
Del. & Hudson	118⅝	do pref	22⅝
Del., Lack. & W.	183	Amer. Smelt. & R.	42⅝
Denver & Rio Gr.	22⅝	do pref	90⅝
do pref	74⅝	Amer. Spirits	2⅝
Erie	14⅝	do pref	17
do 1st pref	42⅝	Amer. Steel Hoop	36⅝
Great North. pref.	161	do pref	80⅝
Hocking Coal	18	Amer. Steel & W.	38
Hocking Valley	37½	do pref	96½
Illinois Central	115½	Amer. Tin Plate	33⅝
Iowa Central	16⅝	do pref	82
do pref	52½	Amer. Tobacco	107⅝
Kan. C., P. & G.	20⅝	do pref	138
Lake Erie & W.	23	Anaconda Min. Co.	47½
do pref	86	Brooklyn R. T.	71½
Lake Shore	200	Colo. Fuel & Iron	50½
Louis. & Nash.	83⅝	Cont. Tobacco	33⅝
Manhattan El	95⅝	do pref	84½
Met. St. Ry.	164½	Federal Steel	35⅝
Mexican Central	14	do pref	76⅝
Minn. & St. Louis	69⅝	General Electric	130
do pref	95	Glucose Sugar	53
Missouri Pacific	48⅝	do pref	98⅝
Mobile & Ohio	41	Int. Paper	22
M., K. & T.	12⅝	do pref	60½
do pref	35⅝	La Clede Gas	73
New Jersey Cent.	118⅝	National Biscuit	36⅝
New York Cent.	138	do pref	89
Norfolk & West.	26⅝	National Lead	24½
do pref	77	do pref	103⅝
Northern Pacific	58	National Steel	45
do pref	76⅝	do pref	95
Ontario & West.	23⅝	N. Y. Air Brake	133⅝
O. R. & N.	42	North American	15⅝
do pref	76	Pacific Coast	52
Pennsylvania	139⅝	do 1st pref	82
Reading	16⅝	do 2d pref	62
do 1st pref	46⅝	Pacific Mail	36⅝
do 2d pref	33⅝	People's Gas	98⅝
Rio Gr. Western	36½	Pressed Steel Car	53½
do pref	92	do pref	84½
St. Louis & S. Fr.	11⅝	Pullman Pal. Co.	184
do 1st pref	76	Sund. Rope & Tw.	71⅝
do 2d pref	36⅝	Sugar	128⅝
St. Louis & S. W.	12⅝	do pref	111⅝
do pref	33½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	93½
St. Paul	124	U. S. Leather	12⅝
do pref	172	do pref	78½
St. Paul & O.	161	U. S. Rubber	31
Southern Pacific	42⅝	do pref	86
Southern Ry	15⅝	Western Union	88
do pref	69½	Republic Iron & S.	22⅝
Texas & Pacific	17⅝	do pref	66
Union Pacific	57		

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

Americans were again the main feature in the market here today, although the volume of business was smaller than yesterday. They opened strong, well above parity, Paris and Berlin also buying. This movement was met by heavy realizing, and prices reacted, but rallied somewhat, and remained dull until 3 o'clock, when New York opened with a spotty tendency, selling most things, and later everything. In the house prices closed weak, but there was some rally in the street, most securities showing gains on balances. Southern Pacific was a London favorite in the morning. Rates were stiff, 5½@6, but takers of Baltimore & Ohio were pretty numerous. Consols and the war loan were weak, the tendency in money being to harden, though loan and discount rates were unchanged, and there were some signs of an early break. The Bank of England did a considerable fresh business in discounts. Silver was firm, the East buying. The bank bought £11,000 gold in bars, and got £19,000 from Holland.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27. — Sterling on London—60 days, $4 83; do sight, $4 87.

Mexican dollars—48½@49c.

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

NEW YORK, March 27.—Money on call, 2@4 per cent; last loans, 3 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper—4½@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 85¾ for demand and at $4 82⅝@4 82⅞ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 83½ and $4 86½@4 87; commercial bills, $4 81½@ 4 82.

Silver certificates—60¼@61½c.

Mexican dollars—47⅝c.

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

LONDON, March 27.—Consols—101 11-16.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, March 27.—Canadian Pacific, 100⅝; Union Pacific preferred, 79⅝; Northern Pacific preferred, 79; Atchison, 28⅛; Grand Trunk, 8⅛; Anaconda, 9⅝.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—No sales of wheat and barley; spot wheat, steady; spot barley, weak. Oats, dull.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat — No. 1 shipping, 95c; choice, 96¼c; milling, 97½c@$1.

Barley—Feed, 70@73¾c; brewing, 82½@85c.

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

Call board sales:

Wheat—No sales; cash, 96¼c.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 15@1 17½.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, March 27.—The volume of business transacted in the wheat pit was not large, being most of a scalping nature. The cash business was slack, only 80,000 bushels being reported sold here last night for export. The market acted somewhat like an oversold one, as it took little to send shorts to cover. May opened a shade down, at 65⅝@65¾c, influenced by lower cables, and shortly afterward touched 65⅝c. The moderate receipts caused covering at the decline, and May rallied to 65⅞c, but on profit-taking eased off to 65½c. The decrease in the world's visible came as a further support, and May again advanced to 66c. At the top there was more profit-taking, but the loss was slight, the market closing firm, with May ½c up, at 65⅝c.

With Liverpool ¼d higher at the close, the local corn market persisted in going down, closing easy. Country acceptances were small. Trade was less active than yesterday. Longs let out a few lines, which materially assisted in the depressing of the price. May closed ⅛c down.

Oats were firm without being very active. There was a fair demand for domestic shipment, and the export demand was somewhat improved, in order to work cargoes before the export rate advances, April 2. May closed ⅛c higher.

The provision market was active and strong, opening higher, in sympathy with stiffer prices at the yards, and advancing on a good demand. Packers were the best buyers of lard and ribs, while the demand for pork seemed to be quite general. May pork closed 10c over yesterday, May lard 2½c improved and May ribs 2½@5c better.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Opened.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed.
March	.....	.....	.....	$0 65¼
May	$0 65⅝	$0 66	$0 65⅝	65⅞
July	66½	67	66½	66⅞

CORN.

March	.....	.....	.....	36⅝
May	38¼	38⅝	37⅞	38½
July	38⅛	38⅝	38⅛	38½
September	39	39¼	38⅝	39⅛

OATS.

May	24½	24¼	24⅛	24¼
July	23¼	23⅝	23⅛	23⅝

MESS PORK.

May	11 97½	12 07½	11 97½	12 02½
July	11 80	11 85	11 72½	11 80

LARD.

May	6 27½	6 30	6 27½	6 27½
July	6 37½	6 40	6 35	6 37½

SHORT RIBS.

May	6 45	6 47½	6 42½	6 45
July	6 42½	6 47½	6 42½	6 42½

Cash quotations:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 spring, 63@64c; No. 2 red, 67⅞ @68½c.

Corn—No. 2, 37½@37⅝c.

Oats—No. 2, 24@24½c, No. 2 white, 26½@ 27½c; No. 3 white, 26¼@26½c.

Rye—No. 2, 54½@55c.

Barley—No. 2, 39@43c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 65.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 40@2 50.

Mess pork—$11 40@12 05 per bbl.

Lard—$6 15@6 30 per cwt.

Short ribs—Sides loose, $6 40@6 65.

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

Short clear sides—Boxed, $6 60@6 70.

Butter—Steady; creamery, 19@23½c; dairy, 16 @22c.

Cheese—Firm, 12@13c.

Eggs—Steady; fresh, 10½@10½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	69,000	52,000
Wheat, bushels	55,000	83,000
Corn, bushels	478,000	213,000
Oats, bushels	352,000	311,000
Rye, bushels	9,000	5,000
Barley, bushels	217,000	53,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Flour—Receipts, 29,000 barrels; exports, 21,000. Market quiet and steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 72,000 bushels; exports, 39,700. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 73c elevator, 73c f. o. b. Options opened steady, with corn, but later declined in response to favorable weather news, easier French cables and short selling. This was succeeded in turn by an active covering and short demand, the market closing steady at ⅛c net advance. March closed at 70½c; May, 72½c; July, 73½c; September, 72½c.

Wool—Dull.

Hops—Quiet.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 27. — Wheat — Cargoes on passage, white firm, red dull; English country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, March 27.—Wheat, firm; wheat in Paris, quiet; flour in Paris, steady; weather in England, fine. Spot wheat, nominal; No. 1 Northern spring, no stock. Futures, quiet; March, nominal; May, 5s 9¼d; July, 5s 8½d.

Corn—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 3s 11½d; old, 4s. Futures, steady; May, 4s; July, 3s 11¾d.

Tacoma Wheat.

TACOMA, March 27.—Nothing doing in grain. Wheat, nominally unchanged; bluestem, 52½c; club, 50½c.

Available Supplies of Grain.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreet's show the following changes in the available supplies from the last account:

	Bushels.
Wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease	1,265,000
Liverpool Corn Trade News, afloat for and in Europe, increase	500,000
Total supply decrease	765,000
Corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase	2,228,000
Oats do, increase	550,000

Among the more important decreases reported, not given in the official visible-supply statement, are those of 2,000,000 bushels at Northwestern interior elevators, 228,000 bushels at Milwaukee private elevators, 83,000 at Chicago private elevators, 60,000 at Chattanooga and 56,000 bushels at Joliet.

The principal increases are those of 453,000 bushels at Manitoba storage points and 73,000 bushels at Cleveland.

The aggregate stocks of wheat held at Portland, Tacoma and Seattle increased 78,000 bushels last week.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—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 @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@75c; River Burbanks, 40@75c; Oregon Burbanks, 65@85c per cental; sweet potatoes, $2 25@2 50 per cental.

Vegetables—Silverskin onions, $2 25@2 75 per cental; garlic, 2½@3½c; green peas, 1@1¾c; string beans, 7@9c; dried okra, 32½c per pound; asparagus, 65c@$1 50 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, 18½@19c; do seconds, 17½@18c; fancy dairy, 16@17c; do seconds, 14@15c per pound.

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

Eggs—Store, 12@12½c; fancy ranch, 13@14½c per dozen.

Poultry — Turkey gobblers, 10 @ 11c; 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@6; fryers, $5@6; hens, $4@5 per dozen; geese, $2@2 25 per pair.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 28,076; do Oregon, 1748; wheat, centals, 1055; barley, centals, 10,235; oats, centals, 100; do Oregon, 500; beans, sacks, 22; corn, centals, 740; potatoes, sacks, 2722; bran, sacks, 650; middlings, sacks, 244; hay, tons, 215; wool, bales, 443; hides, 143.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000. Market generally steady; natives, best on sale today, $5 10; good to prime steers, steady, $5@ 5 75; poor to medium, steady to slow, $4@4 75; selected feeders, slow, $4@4 90; mixed stockers, $3 40@3 90; cows, best steady, others slow and weak, $3@4 20; heifers, steady, $3 10@ 4 00; canners, weak and lower, $2 25@2 70; bulls, dull, $2 50@4 10; calves, 25@50c below last Tuesday, $4 50@5 75. Texas—Receipts, 600; best on sale today, $4 35; Texas fed steers, steady, $3 85@4 90; bulls, steady, $3 20 @3 60.

Hogs—Receipts, 21,000; estimated tomorrow, 25,000; left over, 2000. Market active and 5c higher; top, $5 30; mixed and butchers, $4 95@ 5 25; good to choice heavy, $5 10@5 30; rough heavy, $4 95@5 05; light, $4 40@5 20; bulk of sales, $5 12½@5 22½.

Sheep—Receipts, 11,000. Sheep strong, lambs slow to 10c lower; good to choice wethers, $5 75 @6; fair to choice mixed, $4 75@5 60; Western sheep, $5 40@6; yearlings, $6@6 50; native lambs, $5 50@7 20; Western lambs, $6@7 20.

OMAHA, March 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 3200. Market steady; native beef steers, $4@5 30; cows and heifers, $3 25@4 25; canners, $2@ 3 15; stockers and feeders, $3 75@4 90; calves, $3 50@7; bulls and stags, $2 75@3 80.

Hogs—Receipts, 5600. Market 5@10c higher; heavy, $4 95@5; mixed, $4 95@4 97½; light, $4 85@4 95; bulk of sales, $4 97½.

Sheep—Receipts, 4100. Market stronger; fair to choice natives, $5 75@6 10; fair to choice Westerns, $5 40@5 90; common and choice sheep, $4 25@5 25; lambs, $6@6 90.

KANSAS CITY, March 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 9000. Market steady; Texas steers, $3 25@4 70; Texas cows, $2 70@3 80; native steers, $3 50@ 5 30; native cows and heifers, $2 35@4 60; stockers and feeders, $3 40@5 20; bulls, $2 25 @4 30.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,000. Market 5c higher; bulk of sales, $4 90@5 05; heavy, $4 90@5 10; packers, $4 95@5 07½; mixed, $4 85@5 05; light, $4 70@4 95; Yorkers, $4 90@4 95; pigs, $4 60@ 4 82½.

Sheep—Receipts, 3000. Market steady; lambs, $5 50@7; muttons, $4@5 55.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Aside from an advance of 25 points in tin, prompted by the strength in London cables, our market for metals showed little change of consequence. Pig-iron warrants quiet; Lake copper, firm, $16 50; tin, $31; spelter, $4 50@4 60; lead, $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 27.—Bar silver, per ounce, 59⅝c.

LONDON, March 27.—Bar silver, 27⅝d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 27. — Coffee — Options closed firm, with prices 5 points higher to 5 points lower; sales, 15,750 bags, including April at $6 55; May, $6 60; June, $6 60; July, $6 65. Spot, Rio, steady; No. 7, invoice, 8c; No. 7, jobbing, 8¼c. Mild, quiet and steady; Cordova, 9½@14c.

Sugar—Raw, firm.

THE SALMON TRUST.

Some Of Its Methods Reviewed by the Eastern Press.

The New York Commercial reports that there is considerable dissatisfaction among the salmon brokers of the metropolis over the methods adopted by the Columbia River salmon trust. Several of the large wholesale grocers have refused to buy stocks through the regular agent of the trust, and the small brokers who have formerly handled the output of individual canneries are saying many hard things against the combine. The latest Commercial, which came to hand yesterday, contained the following very interesting review of the early history of the trust:

Inside facts are still coming out concerning the Columbia River Packing Association, otherwise known as the "Salmon Trust," which continues to cause considerable talk in grocery circles.

Here is a letter written by one of the largest independent packers, H. F. McGowan, of P. J. McGowan & Sons, of Astoria, Or.:

"This thing was got up by a railroad boomer named Hammond, assisted by the able and versatile T. B. McGovern, of New York. The thing was capitalized for $2,000,000, with which amount of stock they figured on taking the entire river. They used $1,630,000 of the stock, leaving $350,000 of the stock not issued, which they may sell to get cash to run the thing on, provided they can secure buyers.

"The properties they have consolidated are not worth, at a fair valuation, over $300,000, and during the last three years have certainly not produced 10 per cent per annum on that valuation, so you can understand that there is a little water in the stock. We doubt very much if it could be sold in this part of the country at over 20 cents on the dollar. The canners got some cash and the balance in stock, Hammond taking stock at 50 cents for the cash he put in, besides which he and McGovern got $200,000 of the stock for promoting the scheme.

"Below is a list showing approximately the cash and stock received by each:

	Cash.	Stock.
Seaborg	$ 20,000	$ 120,000
Kinney	40,000	20,000
Elmore	.....	375,000
Eureka & Epicure	20,000	275,000
Hawthorn & Seaborg	20,000	200,000
Scandinavians	10,000	20,000
J. W. Cook	20,000	40,000
Totals	$130,000	.....
Promoters' stock for above cash at 50 cents		$ 260,000
Promoters' 10 per cent for promoting		200,000
Total stock used		$1,630,000

"You should study this case well, as it is an excellent illustration of the fine art of making money on a printing press."

Under a later date, Mr. McGowan says:

"The combine which went to work on the upper river feverishly has calmed down somewhat. Operations toward building the cannery have been suspended. So far they have had 'excellent' luck. They succeeded in wrecking their piledriver, losing the hull past redemption, and have also succeeded in losing a small steamboat, which went to the bottom and cannot be found, so that probably the combine thinks a hoodoo is camping on its trail."

It is suggested by wholesalers that according to the statement the stock owned in this city must have been shipped in tank cars, because it was watered.

In a recent review of the salmon situation on the Coast, the San Francisco Trade Journal says:

As the fishing season draws near the impression grows that prices for fresh fish on the Sacramento and Columbia rivers will open quite high, compared with any former season, which will necessitate high asking prices for the canned product. It looks now as if Sacramento chinooks will open around $1 50 or $1 45 for talls and Columbia River chinooks $1 45 to $1 50, according to location of cannery; Puget Sound sockeyes will probably open around $1 30. For Alaska reds independent canners ask $1 net for talls, although we hear of one canner shading on this price, but his brands, it is said, do not stand the very best. Preparations for fishing are on a very large scale. On the Sacramento and Columbia rivers there will be more fishing, while on Puget Sound it is very large. A sale of 5500 cases, 1900 pack, of the Acme Canning Company, Sacramento River, has been made at 10 cents below Columbia River pack.

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1879	88½	$1 01⅝	13⅛
1880	$1 13	1 25⅞	12⅞
1881	98½	1 12⅝	14⅛
1882	1 24½	1 40	15½
1883	1 05	1 13⅞	8⅞
1884	82	94⅞	12⅞
1885	72⅝	90⅞	18⅞
1886	75	83¼	8⅛
1887	72⅝	88⅞	16⅛
1888	71⅞	89⅞	18⅛
1889	92⅞	1 06⅞	14
1890	76⅞	1 00	23⅞
1891	89⅞	1 16	16⅞
1892	77⅞	91	13⅞
1893	72⅞	88	15⅞
1894	55⅞	65⅞	9⅞
1895	51⅞	85⅞	34
1896	59⅞	71	11⅞
1897	68⅞	97⅞	28⅞
1898 (Leiter)	1 00	1 85	85
1899	66	79½	13½

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