COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Trade was good all through the wholesale district yesterday, with country orders more numerous than they have been for a long time, and a good city trade. In the produce markets there was a decidedly weak feeling in potatoes, sales of fine Burbanks being made as low as 45c, with some dealers giving 50@55c as an extreme limit. Poultry was weak under heavy receipts, but eggs seem to hold fairly steady at 11c. Butter is moving well at the reduction. A carload of vegetables arrived from California yesterday, and prices were slightly lower than for the last received. They arrived in excellent condition, and found a ready sale.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$328,926	$96,835
Seattle	354,305	64,146
Spokane	179,428	32,062
Tacoma	123,485	33,202

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The wheat markets in the East opened weak yesterday, but, in spite of another report of enormous shipments from the Argentine, they braced up at the close, and showed a gain over Thursday. The European markets were also better, and advices from Liverpool stated that Walla Walla on spot was very firm, and selling at high prices. Not much of this strength was reflected in cargoes, and in the Portland market matters showed but a slight change. Walla Walla was steady at 53@54c, with the usul reports of fancy bidding in the interior, some reports getting the figure up to 55c. Valley is easy at 53@54c. Freights, firm and unchanged.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 53@54c; Valley, 53@54c; bluestem, 55@56c per bushel.

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

Oats—White, 36@37c; 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.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, $1; carrots, $1; turnips, 60c; onions, $2@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@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, 45@50c; seconds, 40c; dairy, 30@37½c; store, 25@32½c per roll.

Eggs—11@11½c per dozen for Oregon.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3 50@4 50; hens, $5@6; 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 72 net; half barrels, ¼c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 3⅝c; 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, 5¼c; New Orleans, 4½@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@6½c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $4@4 50; cows, $3 50@4; dressed beef, 6½@7⅛c 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, 8⅛c; dried beef, 17½c per pound; lard, 5-pound pails, 10c; 10-pound pails, 9½c; 50s, 9⅝c; tierces, 9½c per pound. Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 13c; medium, 13¼c; small, 13⅝c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 12⅝c; dry salt sides, 8¼@9½c; bacon sides, 9@10¼c; backs, 10c; butts, 8c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 10⅛c; 10s, 10⅝c.

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@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, 50c; wildcat, 25@75c; housecat, 5@25c; fox, common gray, 40c@$1; do red, $1 75@3 50; do cross, $2 50@6; lynx, $2@4 50; mink, 40c@$1 75; marten, dark Northern, $5@10; do pale, pine, $2@4; muskrat, 8@12c; skunk, 50@80c; otter (land), $4@8; 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, 5 to 16 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 24 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.

Railroads Superseded by the Industrials and Specialties.

NEW YORK, March 30.—The railroads retired into the background of the stock market today and gave way to the industrials and specialties. Sugar almost outdid its traditional reputation for uncertainty by suddenly retracing its course of yesterday and mounting well above the high point. There was a momentary decline of less than a point at the opening, and then a quick rally, and the stock never got back to last night's closing level. Twice during the late dealings it was 13 points above the low level in the morning, and its net gain is 11¼. The transactions today were enormous. Its course clearly demonstrated a cynical skepticism on the part of the speculative public regarding the pessimistic official outgiving which caused yesterday's slump in the price of the stock. All sorts of sensational rumors were afloat regarding measures for compromise of the sugar-trade war, and there were intimations that the opposition refiners had been emulating the example of the Metropolitan Street Railway interests in the Third Avenue coup by acquiring Sugar stock at the decline. At all events, shorts in the stock were exceedingly perturbed and scrambled to obtain stock.

The local traction stocks furnished the other surprise in the market, and, like Sugar, developed aggressive strength in the face of bad news. The demand in this group undoubtedly came from the shorts. The figures given out from Albany last night of the valuation placed upon the franchises of the New York traction companies were as high as the most extravagant estimates in Wall street. With the exception of a preliminary drive, which carried the stocks down from ½ to 4 points, the whole group was eagerly bought all day, rising well above last night's figures, and not falling far below that level again.

People's Gas and a number of the iron and steel stocks, by rising sharply, completed the demonstration of strength of the industrial group. The demand for the railroads seemed to have quieted down for the time being, with the exception of a stock here and there in the list, which showed a good advance. Profit-taking was the motive for the selling, but the pressure upon the money market incident to the quarterly settlement next week, which was manifest in foreign markets even more than here, had its influence in checking the buying movements. As the buying of the specialties was largely to cover short contracts, it was not influenced by money market considerations.

There was no stiffness in the rates for money, but the preliminary figures of tomorrow's bank statement fail to indicate so strong a return as has been counted on. Owing to the falling off in the amount of Government bonds offered for conversion, the disbursement of premiums and decreases in this week's gain by the banks from the Subtreasury will be less than $1,000,000. On the interior movement by express, the net receipts are estimated at least $500,000. As against this small gain in cash, the expansion in loans has unquestionably been large. There is room for doubt, therefore, whether considerable inroad has not been made on the surplus.

Business in the bond market showed a falling off, but prices were about maintained. Total sales, $3,390,000. United States 3s, old 4s and new 4s declined ¼ per cent in the bid price.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref.*	104½	D. & R. G. 4s	99¼
do 2s, reg	100⅜	Gen. Electric 5s	115½
do 3s, reg	110¾	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	110⅛
do 3s, coupon	110¾	North. Pacific 3s	66⅝
do new 4s, reg	134½	do 4s	103⅞
do new 4s, coup	134½	Oregon Nav. 1sts	110
do old 4s, reg	115¾	do 4s	104½
do old 4s, coup	116¾	Oregon S. L. 6s	128
do 5s, reg	114½	do con. 5s	114
do 5s, coupon	114½	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	99¼
Dist. Col. 3-65s	119	St. Paul consols	170
Atchison adj. 4s	84⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	119½
C. & N.W. con. 7s	142	do 5s	113
do S. F. deb. 5s	121½	Union Pacific 4s	107⅝
D. & R. G. 1sts	103½	Wis. Cent. 1sts	92⅛

*When issued.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 800,000 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	28¾	Union Pac. pref	76⅝
do pref	72⅝	Wabash	7⅜
Balt. & Ohio	81⅛	do pref	22⅜
Can. Pacific	97	Wheeling & L. E.	11
Can. Southern	54	do 2d pref	30⅝
Ches. & Ohio	32½	Wisconsin Central	20
Chi. Gr. Western	14⅝	P. C., C. & St. L.	66
C., B. & Q.	131	Third Avenue	102¼
Chi., Ind. & L.	25¼	EXPRESS CO.'S.	
do pref	58	Adams	116½
Chi. & East. Ill.	102	American	140
Chicago & N. W.	164	United States	47½
C., R. I. & P.*	112⅝	Wells-Fargo	125
C., C., C. & St. L.	66⅝	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	6⅝	Amer. Cotton Oil	36¼
do 1st pref	45	do pref	94½
do 2d pref	19	Amer. Malting	4⅝
Del. & Hudson	116⅝	do pref	22½
Del., Lack. & W.	182	Amer. Smelt. & R.	42⅝
Denver & Rio Gr.	22¼	do pref	90
do pref	74½	Amer. Spirits	2¾
Erie	14	do pref	17
do 1st pref	41⅜	Amer. Steel Hoop	35⅝
Great North. pref	165½	do pref	81
Hocking Coal	20	Amer. Steel & W.	56⅝
Hocking Valley	36⅝	do pref	90⅝
Illinois Central	115½	Amer. Tin Plate	33
Iowa Central	19½	do pref	82½
do pref	58	Amer. Tobacco	106
Kan. C., P. & G.	19	do pref	138
Lake Erie & W.	23	Anaconda Min. Co.	50⅝
do pref	87	Brooklyn R. T.	71⅛
Lake Shore	200	Colo. Fuel & Iron	50¼
Louis. & Nash	86⅝	Cont. Tobacco	31⅝
Manhattan El	96⅝	do pref	84½
Met. St. Ry	164	Federal Steel	54⅝
Mexican Central	13⅝	do pref	74½
Minn. & St. Louis	67	Gen. Electric	128
do pref	96	Glucose Sugar	53
Missouri Pacific	49⅝	do pref	98½
Mobile & Ohio	40⅝	Int. Paper	21½
M., K. & T.	12	do pref	66
do pref	36	La Clede Gas	75
New Jersey Cent	118	National Biscuit	36
New York Cent	137⅜	do pref	89
Norfolk & West	26½	National Lead	34
do pref	76⅝	do pref	105½
Northern Pacific	60	National Steel	44½
do pref	77¼	do pref	94
Ontario & West	25¼	N. Y. Air Brake	130
O. R. & N.	42	North American	13¼
do pref	76	Pacific Coast	52
Pennsylvania	137⅜	do 1st pref	82
Reading	19¼	do 2d pref	61
do 1st pref	62½	Pacific Mail	37
do 2d pref	33⅝	People's Gas	105⅝
Rio Gr. Western	53½	Pressed Steel Car	51
do pref	90½	do pref	83
St. Louis & S. Fr.	11⅝	Pullman Pal. Car	184
do 1st pref	72	Stand. Rope & Tw.	7
do 2d pref	38⅝	Sugar	109⅝
St. Louis & S. W.	12¼	do pref	107
do pref	32⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	97
St. Paul	123⅜	U. S. Leather	12⅛
do pref	171½	do pref	73½
St. Paul & O.	107½	U. S. Rubber	31
Southern Pacific	41½	do pref	96
Southern Ry	17⅝	Western Union	83½
do pref	60⅝	Republic Iron & S.	22⅝
Texas & Pacific	17¼	do pref	66
Union Pacific	58		

*Ex dividend.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, March 30.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The market here was idle, the effect of the Delagoa Bay award. The market has been expecting £2,500,000 to £3,000,000, and gets only £975,000. No special provision is made for the American claim. Shares fell £1s 10s to 11s, and closed at £1, nominal. First debentures fell 130 to par, seconds 114 to 40. Portuguese declined ½, but recovered. Americans showed meager dealings for the same reason as on yesterday. There was fair profit-taking. A strong rally at the opening of the afternoon was regarded as preliminary to manipulation from New York, which came as buyers of Atchison issues and Baltimore & Ohio, neglecting the others. The close was slightly under the best. Coppers were firm. Tintos closed at 58. New York bought Anacondas in the street up to 10½. The bank bought £20,000 gold bars, and lost £11,000 to South Africa. Money was more plentiful. The amount due the bank was repaid this morning, and two-thirds was borrowed in the afternoon. Bills were a shade easier.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Sterling on London—60 days, $4 83; do sight, $4 87.

Mexican dollars—48½@49c.

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

NEW YORK, March 30.—Money on call, 3½@4 per cent; last loans, 4 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper—4½@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 86¼ for demand and at $4 82½@4 82¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 83½ and $4 87; commercial bills, $4 82¼@4 83.

Silver certificates—60¼@61½c.

Mexican dollars—47⅝c.

Bonds—Government, weak; state, firm; railroad, irregular.

LONDON, March 30.—Consols—101 5-16.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Wheat, easier. Barley, quiet. Oats, quiet.

Spot quotations:

WHEAT!

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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 01¾	13¼
1880	$1 12	1 25¾	13¾
1881	98½	1 12⅝	14⅛
1882	1 24½	1 40	15½
1883	1 05	1 13⅝	8⅝
1884	82	94¾	12¾
1885	75⅝	93⅞	18¼
1886	75	83¾	8¾
1887	72⅜	88¾	16⅜
1888	71⅜	89⅞	18½
1889	92¼	1 06¼	14
1890	76⅝	1 00	23⅜
1891	99⅜	1 16	16⅝
1892	77⅝	91	13⅜
1893	72¾	88	15¼
1894	55⅝	65¼	9⅝
1895	51⅝	85⅝	34
1896	59⅞	71	11⅛
1897	68⅝	97⅞	29¼
1898 (Leiter)	1 00	1 85	85
1899	66	79½	13½

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Wheat—No. 1 shipping, 96¼c; choice, 97½c; milling, 98⅝c@$1 01¼.

Barley—Feed, 70@73¾c; brewing, 80@82½c.

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

Call board sales:

Wheat—Easier; May, 96⅝c per cental; December, $1 05⅝; cash, 97½c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 10@1 12½.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Wheat opened easier because of lower cables from Liverpool, ⅛@⅜c under yesterday, at 66½@66⅝c. In a short time the price sunk from that to 66⅜c, where the report of damage to the French crop made its habitual appearance, joined with reports of a blizzard in Austria and higher prices in Budapest, which sent May to 67⅜@67½c. Profit-taking caused a reaction to 66⅞c, but in the break shorts covered, taking the cue from the strength of corn, and nearly all of the slump was recovered, the market closing strong, May ⅜@½c over yesterday, at 67¼@67⅜c. St. Louis covered in enormous lots, and traders who had sold early also made haste to take back their early sales, materially aiding in the strength and activity. There was a fair cash demand, but the car scarcity interfered with the closing of many deals. Domestic crop reports were favorable, as was the weather.

The corn market was broad and strong, helped principally by a heavy export demand. The demand for shipment in April was also heavy, but the ever-present difficulty in getting cars intruded itself, and was an efficient check on much business of this sort. Country offerings were light and cables lower. May closed ⅜@½c over yesterday.

The strength of corn held oats firm. The trade gradually showed a balance in favor of July options. July closed ⅛c improved, and May ⅛c up.

Provisions were nervous, with fluctuations wide and the market altogether rather jerky. The opening was under yesterday, the consideration being lower prices at the yards. A small dip followed, and then the market reacted, May pork shooting up 30c to $12 97½. There was a good cash demand, but there was also considerable profit-taking, which told in the end, the close being rather heavy. May pork closed 5c under yesterday, May lard 5@7½c down and May ribs 5c depressed.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opened.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed.
		WHEAT.		
March	......	......	......	$0 66⅞
May	$0 66½	$0 67½	$0 66⅜	67⅜
July	67½	68⅛	68⅛	68⅝
September	67⅞	68⅝	67⅞	68⅝
		CORN.		
March	......	......	......	37⅞
May	38¼	38⅝	38	38⅝
July	38½	39⅜	38½	39⅜
September	39	40	39	40
		OATS.		
May	24⅝	24⅝	24¼	24⅝
July	23⅞	24⅛	23⅞	24⅛
		MESS PORK.		
May	12 62½	12 97½	12 60	12 70
July	12 27½	12 45	12 17½	12 25
		LARD.		
May	6 45	6 50	6 40	6 42½
July	6 55	6 55	6 50	6 52½
		SHORT RIBS.		
May	6 52½	6 70	6 62½	6 65
July	6 52½	6 57½	6 50	6 55

Cash quotations:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 spring, 63@66c; No. 2 red, 69@70c.

Corn—No. 2, 38@38¼c.

Oats—No. 2, 24½c; No. 2 white, 27c; No. 3 white, 26¾@27c.

Rye—No. 2, 55¾c.

Barley—No. 2, 40@43c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 65.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 30@2 40.

Mess pork—$12 05@12 50 per bbl.

Lard—$6 30@6 42½ per cwt.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $6 60@6 85.

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

Short clear sides—Boxed, $6 85@7.

Butter—Weak; creamery, 19@23c; dairy, 16@21c.

Cheese—Firm, 12@13c.

Eggs—Steady, 10½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	47,000	66,000
Wheat, bushels	51,000	138,000
Corn, bushels	338,000	369,000
Oats, bushels	237,000	284,000
Rye, bushels	2,000	1,000
Barley, bushels	67,000	51,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Flour—Receipts, 26,670 barrels; exports, 6887. Market firm; Minnesota patents, $3 70@3 95; winter straights, $3 45@3 55.

Wheat—Receipts, 65,600 bushels. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 80½c f. o. b. Options opened easier, but soon rallied. Bulls were aided by renewed buying for St. Louis account, crop-damage reports and covering by sellers; market closed ⅛c higher; May closed at 74c; July, 74½c; September 74⅝c.

Wool—Dull.

Hops—Steady.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 30.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, near positions in demand; cargoes of Walla Walla, 28s 3d; English country markets, firm.

LIVERPOOL, March 30.—Wheat, firm; wheat in Paris, steady; flour in Paris, quiet; French country markets, firm.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—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@17c 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, 65c@$1 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@1¼c; string beans, 6@8c; 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, 18@18½c; do seconds, 17@17½c; fancy dairy, 16@17c; do seconds, 14@15c per pound.

Cheese—California, new, 7½@8c; Young America, 8½@9c; Eastern, 16½@17c per pound.

Eggs—Store, 12½@13c; fancy ranch, 13½@15c per dozen.

Poultry—Turkey gobblers, 9@10c; turkey hens, 12@13c per pound; old roosters, $3 50@4 per dozen; young roosters, $6@6 50; small broilers, $2 50@3 50; large do, $4@4 50; fryers, $5@6; hens, $5@5 50 per dozen; geese, $2@2 25 per pair.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 25,123; wheat, centals, 2950; barley, centals, 1930; oats, centals, 595; beans, sacks, 1800; corn, centals, 1130; potatoes, sacks, 2049; do Oregon, 276; bran, sacks, 83; middlings, sacks, 50; hay, tons, 355; wool, bales, 316; hides, 277.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 4500. Steers average fully 10c lower than yesterday, but choice stock steady; best on sale today, $5 55; natives, good to prime steers, $4 90@5 75; poor to medium, $4@4 65; selected feeders, $4@4 75; mixed stockers, about steady, $3 40@3 90; cows, $3@4 30; heifers, steady, $3 20@4 80; canners, slow, $2@2 75; bulls, steady, $2 50@4 15; calves, unchanged, $4 50@5 75. Texans—Receipts, 400; best on sale today, 2 cars, $4 15; Texas fed steers, 5@10c lower, $3 80@4 95; Texas bulls, steady, $3 20@3 60.

Hogs—Receipts today, 20,000; left over, 2500. Market generally 5c lower; top, $5 52½; mixed and butchers, $5 15@5 40; good to choice heavy, $5 35@5 52½; rough heavy, $5 15@5 25; light, $5 10@5 37½; bulk of sales, $5 30@5 40.

Sheep—Receipts, 800 head. Sheep and lambs, steady; good to choice wethers, $5 85@6 25; fair to choice mixed, $4 85@5 90; Western sheep, $5 75@6 25; yearlings, $6@6 75; native lambs, $5 60@7 35; Western lambs, $6@7 35.

OMAHA, March 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 3000. Market 10c lower; native beef steers, $4@5 30; cows and heifers, $3 30@4 35; canners, $2@3 25; stockers and feeders, $3 70@4 90; calves, $3 50@7; bulls and stags, $2 85@3 90.

Hogs—Receipts, 7000. Market 5c lower; heavy sold at $5 10@5 20; mixed, $5 07½@5 15; light, $4 90@5 15; bulk of sales, $5 10@5 15.

Sheep—Receipts, 1400. Market stronger; fair to choice natives, $5 75@6 20; fair to choice Westerns, $5 50@6; common and choice sheep, $4 25@5 25; lambs, $6@7.

KANSAS CITY, March 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 4500. Market steady; Texas steers, $3 90@5; Texas cows, $2 50@3 30; native steers, $4@5 45; native cows and heifers, $2@5 15; stockers and feeders, $3 25@5 25; bulls, $2 75@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000. Market 7½c lower; bulk of sales, $5 05@5 15; heavy, $5 05@5 25; packers, $5 02½@5 20; mixed, $5 05@5 15; light, $4 90@5 10; Yorkers, $5 05@5 10; pigs, $4 20@5 per cwt.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market steady; lambs, $5 75@7 50; muttons, $3@5 70.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Tin continues active and was considerably higher today, influenced by a good export demand and the strength abroad. Our market advanced 60 points, net net gain for the week aggregating 185 points. Lake copper, $16 75; tin, $32 00; spelter, unchanged, $4 50@4 60; lead, unchanged, $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 30.—Bar silver, per ounce, 59⅝c.

LONDON, March 30.—Bar silver, 27½d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Coffee—Options closed barely steady, 5 points lower; sales, 10,250 bags, including April and May at $6 40; September and October, $6 70. Spot, Rio, dull; No. 7, invoice, 7⅝c; No. 7, jobbing, 8¼c. Mild, quiet; Cordova, 9½@14c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; refined, irregular.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, March 30.—Canadian Pacific, 96⅝; Union Pacific preferred, 79; Northern Pacific preferred, 79¼; Grand Trunk, 8¾; Anaconda, 10¼.

As to Naturalization.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 28.—(To the Editor.)—R. W. McNutt, of this place, wishes to know why he cannot register with his discharge of three years' service in the United States Army, from 1862 to 1865. With his father and mother he came from Novia Scotia, where he was born, to the United States, in 1845. His father became naturalized that year at Machias, Me., and Mr. McNutt has served as postmaster at Cornelius for seven years, and has resided in the United States 54 years. Now he wishes to know (his father having died and his naturalization papers lost), why he cannot register under the present law without taking out any other papers.

C. L. LARGE.

The Oregonian referred the foregoing letter to H. H. Holmes, Clerk of the County Court of Multnomah County, who gives the following opinion:

"Section 2172 of United States statutes governing naturalization of aliens reads that the children of persons who have been naturalized, being under the age of 21 at the time of naturalization of their parents, shall, if dwelling in the United States, be considered as citizens thereof. This construction, therefore, makes R. W. McNutt a citizen if his father was duly naturalized, and the only requirement of him would be a copy of his father's papers, if they could be got, or satisfy the registration officer of the correctness of his statement by affidavit or otherwise. There must be some mistake about the date when his father became naturalized, for a person must reside five years in the country before he can become fully naturalized. In the matter of his serving in the United States Army, section 2166 of the statutes reads that he shall be admitted to become a citizen upon his petition without any previous declaration of his intention to become such. These papers can be taken out before any Court of Record, and he must apply for them. I don't think it would be necessary for a person who is so well known as McNutt to be compelled to take out papers, as I think his statement of the facts ought to be sufficient to entitle him to vote."

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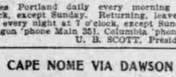

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