COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The new month started off with a fine trade in most lines, and with prices showing no change of importance since last week. The California produce brought by the steamer arriving Saturday evening was distributed yesterday morning, and, although there was a heavier consignment than usual, it arrived in good shape, and sold at good prices. The egg market opens weak, with heavy receipts and only a nominal demand. Eastern eggs are so plentiful and cheap in Chicago and other points in the East that there is some hesitancy about putting them into cold storage here at present, although some are already going in at 11c. Potatoes sold generally at 50c yesterday, except for some off grades, which went lower. Country orders were quite numerous yesterday, and there was also a good city business.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$470,292	$ 58,427
Seattle	372,885	100,720
Tacoma	198,645	27,550
Spokane	165,985	15,520

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The wheat markets held steady yesterday, in spite of an increase in the visible supply. There still a good demand for spot wheat in Liverpool, and this assists in keeping the cargo market steady. In Portland the uncertainty regarding freights is preventing much strength in the local market. Owners have not yet made up their minds to accept rates which will admit of exporters meeting the views of farmers, and accordingly business is quiet, with nominal quotations of 54c for Walla Walla and 55@56c for Valley.

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 central; cabbage, 90c@$1 per central; potatoes, 40@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@2 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.

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; Arbuckle's, $13 25; Lion, $12 75 per case.

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, ⅛c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 5¾c; 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@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, 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@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, 50@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 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, motheaten, badly cut, scored hair slipped, weather beaten or grubby), one-third less.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Strong Opening on an Accumulation of Buying Orders.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The stock market made a strong opening today on large buying orders which had accumulated in commission houses over Sunday, and in response to the London demand. The influence of Saturday's favorable bank statement was still felt, and the room traders were inclined to the bull side. There was a large absorption of the leading iron and steel stocks, which was attributed to the operation of a pool, and the buying of People's Gas is said to be included in the same plan. There was large buying of Anaconda on foreign account, in sympathy with the strength of coppers both in London and in Paris, where the short interest is in evident distress. But, notwithstanding these favorable auspices and the additional benefit of some extraordinarily strong statements of earnings, the strength of the market was not maintained. The early demand was very freely fed for the purpose of taking profits by last week's buyers.

The weakness of Sugar had an unsettling influence on the list. The early strength of the iron stocks gave way to quite acute weakness, after the assembling of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Federal Steel Company. The selling movement seemed to gain force as the hour for closing approached, and the actual close was active and weak, and net losses largely predominated. Some of the railroad stocks which had been notably strong lost practically all their gains, or at the best had them largely diminished. The Pacific stocks and the grangers were conspicuous examples. Quite a number of usually inactive railroads were strong, particularly Lake Erie & Western, the preferred jumping 12% points, and the common rising an extreme 4½.

The fall in Sugar was accompanied by reports of new cuts in the price of coffee, the war in the coffee trade being waged by the same rival interests as that in the Sugar trade. The weakness in the iron stocks seemed to be due to disappointment on the part of speculators over the showing of earnings made by the Federal Steel Company. The drop in Federal Stee. from the early high point was 4⅝, and in Steel & Wire over 3 points. Other stocks in the group were less actively traded in, but all showed weakness. The day's statement of earnings for February included gains over last year's February net earnings of 84 per cent for Norfolk & Western, 66 per cent for Rio Grande Western, 55 per cent for Union Pacific and 55 per cent for Louisville & Nashville. The stocks of these companies showed good resistance to the reactionary tendency, but the conditions thus reflected of railroad business were not sufficient to hold the general list.

Money was easy, though not much effect was felt from the disbursement of quarterly interest and dividend payments. Sterling exchange continued in its upward course, and the question is now arising whether the increase in the circulating medium by the operation of the law March 14 may result in sending gold abroad by relieving the need for its circulation here. The process of taking out new circulation, which had come to a pause, is reported from Washington to have received a fresh impetus, and the Subtreasury in New York is again paying out large amounts for premiums on converted bonds.

The bond market was active today, Wabash debenture Bs being absorbed on a large scale. Total sales, $3,925,000. United States refunding 2s, when issued, declined ⅛ per cent, and the 2s and old 4s ¼ per cent in the bid price.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.*	104½	D. & R. G. 4s	99½
U. S. 2s, reg	110½	Gen. Electric 5s	115¼
do 5s, reg †	106½	N. Y. Central 1sts	110¼
do 5s, coupon	110½	North. Pacific 3s	68⅝
do new 4s, reg	134	do 4s†	121½
do old 4s, coup	134	Oregon Nav. 1sts	110
do old 4s, reg	115	do 4s	104½
do old 4s, coup	115	Oregon S. L. 6s	128
do 5s, reg	114½	do con. 5s	114
do 5s, coupon	114½	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	99½
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	121⅝
do S. F. deb. 5s	122½	Union Pacific 4s	103½
D. & R. G. 1sts	103½	Wis. Central 1sts	93

*When issued. †Ex interest.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 816,000 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	28⅝	Union Pacific	38⅝
do pref	73	Union Pac. pref	77
Balt. & Ohio	84⅝	Wabash	7⅝
Can. Pacific	67	do pref	22⅝
Can. Southern	53⅝	Wheel. & L. E.	11⅝
Ches. & Ohio	32½	do 2d pref	31⅝
Chi. Gr. West	14⅝	Wisconsin Central	19⅝
C. B. & Q.	132⅝	P. C. C. & St. L.	67
Chi. Ind. & L.	25⅝	Third Avenue	104
do pref	59	EXPRESS CO. S.	
Chi. & East. Ill.	104	Adams	116½
Chicago & N. W.	163½	American	147½
C., R. I. & Pac.	113	United States	47½
C., C., C. & St. L.	65½	Wells-Fargo	125
Colo. Southern	7⅝	MISCELLANEOUS	
do 1st pref	45½	Amer. Cotton Oil	30⅝
do 2d pref	19	do pref	95
Del. & Hudson	116½	Amer. Malting	4½
Del., Lack. & W.	181	do pref	22½
Denver & Rio Gr.	22⅝	Amer. Smelt. & R.	40⅝
do pref	74⅝	do pref	91
Erie	14⅝	Amer. Spirits	2⅝
do 1st pref	42⅝	do pref	17
Great North. pref	193	Amer. Steel Hoop	35⅝
Hocking Coal	20⅝	do pref	86⅝
Hocking Valley	36½	Amer. Steel & W.	36⅝
Illinois Central	116½	do pref	90⅝
Iowa Central	19	Amer. Tin Plate	34
do pref	56½	do pref	83½
Kan. C., P. & G.	20	Amer. Tobacco	136
Lake Erie & W.	27½	do pref	139
do pref	94	Anaconda Min. Co.	33½
Lake Shore	200	Brooklyn R. T.	72
Louis. & Nash.	86⅝	Colo. Fuel & Iron	49⅝
Manhattan El	96½	Cont. Tobacco	32⅝
Met. St. Ry.	162	do pref	85
Mexican Central	13⅝	Federal Steel	35⅝
Minn. & St. Louis	67	do pref	74
do pref	96	General Electric	130½
Missouri Pacific	40⅝	Glucose Sugar	53
Mobile & Ohio	48	do pref	98⅝
M., K. & T.	11½	Int. Paper	21⅝
do pref	35½	do pref	69½
New Jersey Cent.	116½	La Clede Gas	76
New York Cent.	137½	National Biscuit	36⅝
Norfolk & West.	56½	do pref*	90
do pref	76	National Lead	24½
Northern Pacific	61	do pref	105½
do pref	77⅝	National Steel	44⅝
Ontario & West.	23⅝	do pref	94
O. R. & N.	42	N. Y. Air Brake	128
do pref	76	North American	15½
Pennsylvania	138½	Pacific Coast	52
Reading	19⅝	do 1st pref	82
do 1st pref	62½	do 2d pref	62
do 2d pref	33	Pacific Mail	37½
Rio Gr. Western	53½	Pressed Steel Car	33½
do pref	90½	do pref	93
St. Louis & S. Fr.	11⅝	Pullman Pal. Car	184
do 1st pref	72	Stand. Rope & T.	7½
do 2d pref	38⅝	Sugar	105½
St. Louis & S. W.	12⅝	do pref	108
do pref	41⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	91½
St. Paul	124⅝	U. S. Leather	13
do pref	172	do pref	74⅝
St. Paul & O.	115	U. S. Rubber	32
Southern Pacific	41⅝	do pref	96⅝
Southern Ry	15⅝	Western Union	83
do pref	69⅝	Republic Iron & S.	22⅝
Texas & Pacific	17½	do pref	67½

*Offered. †Ex dividend.

Money Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—Sterling on London—60 days, $4 83½; do sight, $4 87½.

Mexican dollars—48½@49c.

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

NEW YORK, April 2.—Money on call, 3½@2 per cent; last loans, 4 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper—4½@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 86½ for demand and at $4 82⅝ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 83½@4 87; commercial bills, $4 82½@4 82⅝.

Silver certificates—60½@61½c.

Mexican dollars—47⅝c.

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

LONDON, April 2.—Consols—101½.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, April 2.—Canadian Pacific, 100; Union Pacific preferred, 79½; Northern Pacific preferred, 79⅝; Atchison, 30⅝; Louisville, 89⅝; Grand Trunk, 8½; Anaconda, 11⅝.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The Commercial Adverticer's London financial cablegram says:

The market here opened quiet and steady, consols beginning dull, on the Bloemfontein reverse, and recovered later on easier money. Americans were active and good. London is bullish on Atchisons and Union and Northern Pacifics. New York became a buyer of Union Pacific and Wabash, lifting the list. Afterward New York tried to sell, causing fractional sagging, although the undertone was excellent. Coppers were active and strong. Paris spurred Tintos to 38⅝. London wanted Anacondas, raising them to 11⅝ bid. New York advanced Bostons, Utahs and Avitos. The fortnightly statistics showed supplies up 1117 tons. The bank lost £29,000 gold to Roumania, £8000 in bars was bought. Money was easier on the turn of the quarter. Bills were scarce. The exchange will be closed from the afternoon of April 12 to the morning of April 17, for Easter.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—Wheat, quiet; spot, steady. Barley, futures dull; spot quiet, steady. Oats, quiet.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping, No. 1, 96½c; choice, 97½c; milling, 98⅝@$1 01¼.

Barley—Feed, 70@73½c; brewing, 80@82½c.

Oats—Gray, Oregon, $1 07½@1 12½; milling, $1 15@1 17½; red, 80c@$1 15.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Quiet; May, 98½c; December, $1 05⅝; cash, 97½c.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 10@1 15.

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 in April-May.	Adv.
1879	88½	$1 01⅝	13⅛
1880	$1 12	1 25⅞	13⅞
1881	98½	1 12⅝	14⅛
1882	1 24½	1 40	15½
1883	1 05	1 13⅝	8⅝
1884	82	94⅝	12⅝
1885	73⅝	91⅝	18⅝
1886	75	83⅝	8⅝
1887	72⅝	88⅝	16⅛
1888	71⅝	87⅝	16⅛
1889	92⅛	1 06⅝	14
1890	76⅛	1 00	23⅝
1891	99⅛	1 16	16⅞
1892	77⅛	91	13⅝
1893	72⅝	88	15⅝
1894	55⅝	65¼	9⅝
1895	51⅝	85⅝	34
1896	59⅞	71	11⅛
1897	69⅝	97⅛	28½
1898 (Leiter)	1 00	1 85	85
1899	66	79½	13½

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Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, April 2.—The market for corn began the session with a spurt of activity and strength, which lasted throughout the day. Reduction in Liverpool stocks was about the only item in the statistical array which excited consideration. Shipping sales for the day were put at 750,000 bushels, all but 100,000 bushels of which were sold for direct export. The visible supply increased 447,000 bushels, but that makes only 21,552,000 bushels in comparison with 32,737,000 bushels a year ago. May closed ⅜c over Saturday.

Wheat should have declined, according to the views of the experts on 'change, but it did not. The demand for export kept moderately in the background, and both the visible and the amount on passage increased. Liverpool was merely steady and domestic reports were favorable to the well-being of the crop. On the other hand, the bulls expected reports of cold weather in various parts of Europe, the reduction in shipments from Russia last week; the story of injury to wheat in stack in Argentine by the heavy rains, and the official India crop report showing low percentages for the different important gain provinces. The strength of corn naturally reinforced the bull position, and the market went up.

There was a good commission-house demand, without apparent reason, and shorts were made uncomfortable by the course of the market. The seaboard was relatively strong—the Northwest was relatively weak. New York reported the day's export business at 10 loads. May opened ⅛@⅜c up, at 67⅝@67¾c, and advanced to 67⅞c. From that point the bears forced the price down to 66⅞c. The India crop report came toward the end, and was influential in the reaction which had already begun, and May rallied to 67⅜@67½c, reacted to 67⅛c on profit-taking, closing ⅝@¾c higher, at 67⅜@67½c.

Oats were firm, helped by corn. Country offerings were small. Spring work is impending, but country roads are reported in bad condition. May closed ⅛@¼c over Saturday.

The provision market was strong and active, in spite of liberal profit-taking. The strength of corn, buying of hogs as well as the product, by an influential packer, and also buying by sold-out bulls, were the influences to which the strength was attributed. One firm took in 15,000 tierces of lard at practically one price. The cash demand was good. May pork closed 15c over Saturday, May lard 10c, improved and May ribs 5@7½c up.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opened.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed.
WHEAT.				
April	.....	.....	.....	$0 67
May	$0 67	$0 67½	$0 66⅝	67⅛
July	68	68⅝	68	68½
September	68⅝	69	68½	69
CORN.				
April	.....	.....	.....	38⅝
May	38⅝	39⅛	38⅝	39⅛
July	39⅝	40⅛	39⅝	40⅛
September	40⅝	40⅝	40⅛	40⅝
OATS.				
May	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝
July	23⅝	24	23⅝	24
MESS PORK.				
May	12 00	12 02½	12 00	12 75
July	12 20	12 42½	12 20	12 32½
LARD.				
May	6 45	6 50	6 42½	6 47½
July	6 50	6 60	6 50	6 57½
September	6 62½	6 67½	6 62½	6 65
SHORT RIBS.				
May	6 57½	6 67½	6 57½	6 65
July	6 57½	6 65½	6 57½	6 57½
September	.....	.....	.....	6 60

Cash quotations were:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 spring, 63@66½c; No. 2 red, 69 @70c.

Corn—No. 2, 38⅝@38½c.

Oats—No. 2, 24½@24¾c; No. 2 white, 27½@ 28c; No. 3 white, 27@27½c.

Rye—No. 2, 55c.

Barley—No. 2, 40@43c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 65.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 35@2 40.

Mess pork—$12 15@12 80 per bbl.

Lard—$6 35@6 50 per cwt.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $6 55@6 80.

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

Short clear sides—Boxed, $6 85@7.

Butter—Weak; creamery, 16@22c; dairy, 16@ 22c.

Cheese—Firm, 12@13c.

Eggs—Steady, 10½@10½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	26,000	46,000
Wheat, bushels	58,000	97,000
Corn, bushels	425,000	251,000
Oats, bushels	250,000	221,000
Rye, bushels	19,000	.....
Barley, bushels	55,000	12,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Flour—Receipts, 32,284 barrels; exports, 11,938. Market quiet.

Wheat—Receipts, 70,350 bushels; exports, 74,285. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 80½c f. o. b. Options were under bull control pretty much all day, with an exception at noon, when local realizing prompted a brief set-back. The chief buying motives were crop complaints from Europe, higher cables and strength in corn and provisions. Closed steady at ⅛@⅜c advance, May closed at 74½c; July, 74½c; September, 74½c.

Wool—Dull.

Hops—Quiet.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, April 2.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, firmer tendency; cargoes of No. 1 standard California, 29s 9d; cargoes of Walla Walla, 28s 1½d; English country markets, steady.

Imports into United Kingdom, wheat, 194,000 quarters; flour, 161,000 barrels; wheat and flour on passage to United Kingdom, 3,680,000; do to Continent, 1,490,000.

LIVERPOOL, April 2.—Wheat, firm; wheat and flour in Paris, firm; French country markets, steady. Wheat—Spot, no stocks. Futures, steady; April, nominal; May, 5s 10d; July, 5s 9½d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, steady, 4s 1d; old, firm, 4s 1½d. Futures, steady; May, 4s 1d; July 4s ¾d; September, 4s 1d.

Available Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on Saturday, March 31, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows:

	Bushels.	Inc.	Dec.
Wheat	54,203,000	114,000	.....
Corn	21,553,000	452,000	.....
Oats	7,556,000	638,000	.....
Rye	1,997,000	6,000	.....
Barley	810,000	.....	104,000

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 12@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, 12@13c per pound.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $17@20; bran, $12 50@ 13 50 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@75c; River Burbanks, 40@75c; Oregon Burbanks, 65c@$1 per central; sweet potatoes, $2 40@2 50 per central.

Vegetables—Silverskin onions, $2 25@2 75 per central; garlic, 2½@3½c; green peas, 1@1½c; string beans, 6@8c; dried okra, 32½c per pound; asparagus, 65c@$1 50 per box; egg plant, 8@ 10c per pound.

Apples—Choice, $1 25; 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 25@3 25 per bunch.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@18c; do seconds, 16½@17c; fancy dairy, 16@16½c; do seconds, 14@15c per pound.

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

Eggs—Store, 12½@13½c; fancy ranch, 14@ 15½c per dozen.

Poultry—Turkey gobblers, 9@10c; turkey hens, 12@13c per pound; old roosters, $3 50@4 per dozen; young do, $6@3 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, 16,205; wheat, centals, 2190; barley, centals, 3235; beans, sacks, 1741; corn, centals, 2390; potatoes, sacks, 1830; bran, sacks, 1800; middlings, sacks, 1000; hay, tons, 360; wool, bales, 654; hides, 448.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 19,000. Market generally steady; natives, best on sale today, 2 loads at $5 65; good to prime steers, a shade stronger, $4 90@5 75; poor to medium, about steady, $4@4 75; selected feeders, steady, $4@4 60; mixed stockers, quiet, $3 25@ 3 90; cows, best firm, others steady, $3@4 25; heifers, $3 10@4 65; canners, about steady, $2@ 2 75; bulls, $2 60@4 15; calves, $4 25@5 75. Texans—Receipts, 1500; best on sale today, 2 loads at $4 80; Texas fed steers, better grades easier, common and medium steady, $3 90@5; Texas bulls, slow, $3 10@3 50.

Hogs—Receipts today, 31,000; estimated tomorrow, 20,000; left over, 2500. Market fairly active, 5c lower; top, $5 40; mixed and butchers, $5 15@5 40; good to choice heavy, $5 25@ 5 40; rough heavy, $5 10@5 20; light, $5 05@ 5 32½; bulk of sales, $5 25@5 35.

Sheep—Receipts, 13,000. Sheep and lambs, active and 10@15c higher; sheep, highest since 1893; top, Colorado lambs, $7 50; good to choice wethers, $6@6 30; fair to choice mixed, $5@6; Western sheep, $5 70@6 25; yearlings, $6 25@6 75; native lambs, $5 60@7 40; Western lambs, $6 25@7 50.

OMAHA, April 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 1500. Market steady; native beef steers, $4@4 30; cows and heifers, $3 30@4 30; canners, $2@3 25; stockers and feeders, $3 70@4 90; calves, $3 50 @7; bulls and stags, $2 75@3 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 3400. Market 5c lower; heavy, $5 07½@5 15; light, $4 90@5 10; mixed, $5 05@ 5 10; bulk of sales, $5 05@5 10.

Sheep—Receipts, 4100. Market 10c higher; fair to choice natives, $5 80@6 25; fair to choice Westerns, $5 50@6; common and choice sheep, $4 50@5 25; lambs, $6 25@7.

KANSAS CITY, April 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 7000. Market steady; Texas steers, $3 25@ 4 90; Texas cows, $3@3 75; native steers, $3 95 @5 25; native cows and heifers, $2 40@4 50; stockers and feeders, $3 25@5 25; bulls, $3 10 @4 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 7000. Market 5c lower; bulk of sales, $5 05@5 15; heavy, $5 02½@5 20; packers, $5@5 15; mixed, $4 95@5 10; light, $4 90@ 5 05; Yorkers, $5@5 05; pigs, $4 25@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market strong; lambs, $5@7; muttons, $4@5 70.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The market for metals was somewhat irregular today. Copper and spelter ruled a shade higher on the strength in London. Pig-iron warrants, quiet; Lake copper, $17; tin, $32 25; spelter, $4 52½@$4 60; lead, $4 02½@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, April 2.—Bar silver, 59⅝c per ounce.

LONDON, April 2.—Bar silver, 27½d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Coffee—Options closed steady at net unchanged prices to 5 points higher; sales, 34,000 bags, including April at $6 40; May, $6 40; June, $6 40; July, $6 45. Spot, Rio, nominal; No. 7, invoice, 7¾c; No. 7, jobbing, 8⅛c. Mild, quiet; Cordova, 9½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 13-32c; refined, irregular.

A Correction.

HOULTON, Or., April 1.—(To the Editor.)—In your issue of this date, I notice a statement, presumably from your correspondent at St. Helens, saying that an anti-Cleeton delegation was elected from this precinct to the Republican County Convention. It is untrue. Mr. Cleeton was not a candidate for delegate or any office. The chief part taken by him in the primary was to introduce and support a resolution instructing delegates to the county convention to vote for a man for the Legislature who would pledge his loyal support for the re-election of Senator McBride. This resolution was passed by a unanimous vote. A. B. LITTLE.

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