COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

There was nothing new in the market situation yesterday, although the country business was of big proportions, as it has been every day this week. In some lines there is such an avalanche of orders that great difficulty is experienced in getting them out on time. Prices yesterday showed but little change. There was a weak wheat market, and potatoes are also on the decline. Eggs continue very firm, and some single-case lots were sold yesterday at 16c. The bulk of the sales, though, were made at 15c, and owing to liberal arrivals of Eastern stock on the Sound higher prices are less probable. Cherries and strawberries were more plentiful yesterday, and prices were slightly lower. Butter is dull at the last decline. There was a kind of a scrap in the local sugar market yesterday, and some cutting was done from the refiners' list price. The latter is steady at $5 10 for dry granulated.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$283,836	$52,507
Tacoma	191,626	32,132
Seattle	288,676	60,121
Spokane	144,422	27,142

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The wheat markets were off in all directions yesterday, and there was hardly enough business in the Portland market to enable an accurate quotation to be made. Sales of Walla Walla were reported around 52½@53c, and as high as 54c was paid for some choice stock. The latter figure is far in excess of the export value, based on current rates for ships, and it is doubtful about very much wheat being worked at that figure. For Valley, 53c was the best bid made. There is nothing new in freights, prices showing no signs of weakening.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 53c; Valley, 52@53c; bluestem, 56c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2 60@3; graham, $2 50; superfine, $2 10 per barrel.

Oats—White, 35@36c; gray, 32@33c; stained, 29@30c per bushel.

Barley—Feed, $14@14 50; brewing, $16@16 50 per ton.

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

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

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c; store, 22½@25c per roll.

Eggs—15@16c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $4@4 50 per dozen; hens, $4 50@5; ducks, $6@7; geese, $8@10 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15c; dressed, 17@18c per pound.

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

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, 60@75c; carrots, 50c; turnips, 60@75c; onions, 3c per pound for new, 6½@7c for old; cabbage, 90c@$1 per cental; potatoes, 40@60c per sack; peas, 4c; beans, 10@12c; asparagus, 4@5c; new potatoes, 2@2½c per pound.

Fruit—Lemons, $2 50@3; oranges, $3@3 25 per box for navels, $2 per box for seedlings; pineapples, $4 50@6 per dozen; bananas, $2 50@3 per bunch; Persian dates, 7½@8c per pound; strawberries, $1 50@2 per crate for California, 25c per pound for Oregon.

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

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

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

Sugar—Cube, $5 60; crushed, $5 60; powdered $5 60; dry granulated, $5 10; extra C, $4 60, golden C, $4 47½ net; half barrels, ¼c 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, $6 50@6 75 per 100 for spot, $6 12½@6 25 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, 4½@6½c; fancy head, $7@7 50 per sack.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—2@8c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12@13c for coarse, 16@18c for best; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, 20@27c per pound.

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

Pelts—Bear skins, each, as to size, $5@15; cubs, each, $1@5; badger, each, 50c; wildcat, 25@75c; housecat, 5@25c; fox, common gray, 40c@$1; do red, $1 75@3 50; do cross, $2 50@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@6; panther, with head and claws perfect, $1@3; raccoon, 25@80c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50@5; wolverine, $2 50@6; beaver, per skin, large, $6@7; do medium, per skin, $4@5; do small, per skin, $1@2; do kits, per skin, $1@3.

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

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and upward, 15@15½c; dry kip, No. 1, 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, 12 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.

Meat and Provisions.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, sheared, $3 50@3 75; dressed, 7@7½c per pound; spring lambs, 5@5½c per pound gross.

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

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

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

Provisions—Portland pack (Shield brand). Hams, smoked, are quoted at 13c 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, 9⅜c; 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, 8¼@9½c; bacon sides, 9@10½c; backs, 10c; butts, 8c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 10½c; 10s, 10⅜c.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS.

Business Is Small and in the Hands of Professionals.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The general public continues to hold aloof from any share in business on the stock exchange, and the movement of prices reflects only the operations of the small room traders. These professional operators for the most part close up their contracts before the day has expired, thus rectifying to a large extent the price movement which has resulted from the original contract. Other operators of this class are in the habit of carrying their contracts over one day. The result of these operations, which are known in stock exchange parlance as "trading jackknives," is a see-saw market, prices moving one way on one day and the contrary on the next day, as the sales or purchases of the one day are affected by the contrary operations on the next. All sorts of rumors and even vague surmises are the whole reliance in such a market to affect the movement of prices. Slight gains are the rule today, principally because losses were the rule yesterday.

Stocks which from special causes showed strength yesterday showed weakness today. Sugar moved slightly below yesterday's level, and was the leader of the market. The steel stocks were inclined to harden after yesterday's sharp break, the tendency being assisted by reports of the opening of some of the steel mills. The coalers were raided by the bears on the resolution of the anthracite operators to support the proposed new coal road. The statements of weekly earnings by St. Paul and Hocking Valley, and the settlement of the New York Central's threatened trouble with their laborers, encouraged the traders to take the bull side. The failure of the predicted action on the dividend of the Missouri Pacific caused a sharp break from the early advance in that stock. The local tractions recovered from yesterday's weakness. The extreme movements in either direction were not maintained, and the closing was dull and irregular at small net changes, after the market had sunk to near stagnation many times during the session.

The money market continued very easy throughout, although the prospect is for a weak bank return on Saturday.

There was more doing, comparatively, in bonds than in stocks, and prices were weak. Total sales, $1,525,000. United States refunding 2s, when issued, old and new 4s and 5s advanced ¼ per cent in the bid price.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref.*	103½	Gen. Electric 5s	120
U. S. 2s, reg	10¾	N. Y. Central 1sts	119⅝
do 3s, reg	109	North. Pacific 3s	67¼
do 3s, coupon	109	do 4s	103⅞
do new 4s, reg	133⅝	Oregon Nav. 1sts	108
do new 4s, coup	133⅝	do 4s	103⅝
do old 4s, reg	114½	Oregon S. L. 6s	128
do old 4s, coup	114½	do con. 5s	115
do 5s, reg	112½	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	99½
do 5s, coupon	112½	St. Paul consols	171½
Dist. Col. 3-65s	121	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	120
Atchison adj. 4s	85¾	do 5s	121
C. & N.W. con. 7s	141½	Union Pacific 4s	105
do S. F. deb. 5s	119½	Wis. Central 1sts	91
D. & R. G. 1sts	104½	Southern Pacific 4s	82¼
do 4s	99½		

*When issued.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 309,100 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	25¾	Union Pac. pref	74½
do pref	70⅝	Wabash	8⅜
Balt. & Ohio	82½	do pref	22½
Can. Pacific	94½	Wheel. & L. E	9⅝
Can. Southern	54½	do 2d pref	27⅝
Ches. & Ohio	29⅝	Wisconsin Central	17
Chi. Gr. West	12¼	P. C. C. & St. L	52
C., B. & Q	125¾	Third Avenue	1-7
Chi., Ind. & L	25¼	EXPRESS CO.'S.	
do pref	55	Adams	125
Chi. & East. Ill	104½	American	153
Chicago & N. W	162	United States	47
C., R. I. & Pac	108	Wells-Fargo	124
C., C., C. & St. L	60⅝	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	6	Amer. Cotton Oil	35
do 1st pref	42	do pref	95
do 2d pref	16½	Amer. Malting	5⅜
Del. & Hudson	114	do pref	22
Del., Lack. & W	176	Amer. Smelt. & R	36⅝
Denver & Rio Gr	18½	do pref	88¼
do pref	68½	Amer. Spirits	2⅛
Erie	12¼	do pref	17
do 1st pref	38¾	Amer. Steel Hoop	24½
Great North. pref	156	do pref	72½
Hocking Coal	16⅛	Amer. Steel & W	39⅝
Hocking Valley	30¼	do pref	77¼
Illinois Central	112⅞	Amer. Tin Plate	26½
Iowa Central	17½	do pref	77½
do pref	50¼	Amer. Tobacco	103
Kan. C., P. & G	17½	do pref	130
Lake Erie & W	30	Anaconda Min. Co	44⅝
do pref	98	Brooklyn R. T	72⅛
Lake Shore	210	Colo. Fuel & Iron	39⅝
Louis. & Nash	81⅝	Cont. Tobacco	27⅞
Manhattan El	92⅝	do pref	80⅛
Met. St. Ry	155	Federal Steel	40⅝
Mexican Central	13⅛	do pref	68¼
Minn. & St. Louis	63½	Gen. Electric	136
do pref	94½	Glucose Sugar	50
Missouri Pacific	58½	do pref	95
Mobile & Ohio	42	Int. Paper	23⅝
M., K. & T	11½	do pref	64½
do pref	34½	La Clede Gas	68
New Jersey Cent	120	National Biscuit	31½
New York Cent	134⅝	do pref	80
Norfolk & West	37¼	National Lead	21½
do pref	79	do pref	102⅝
Northern Pacific	57¼	National Steel	32½
do pref	75⅝	do pref	88½
Ontario & West	21⅛	N. Y. Air Brake	125
O. R. & N	42	North American	14⅝
do pref	76	Pacific Coast	48
Pennsylvania	130⅝	do 1st pref	88
Reading	15⅞	do 2d pref	60
do 1st pref	57⅛	Pacific Mail	32½
do 2d pref	30	People's Gas	104⅞
Rio Gr. Western	50	Pressed Steel Car	47
do pref	89½	do pref	80¼
St. Louis & S. Fr	10⅝	Pullman Pal. Car	184
do 1st pref	69	Stand. Rope & T	5⅞
do 2d pref	34⅛	Sugar	111¼
St. Louis & S. W	11⅞	do pref	111
do pref	29	Tenn. Coal & Iron	79½
St. Paul	118¼	U. S. Leather	12⅛
do pref	172⅝	do pref	70½
St. Paul & O	119	U. S. Rubber	29⅞
Southern Pacific	35⅛	do pref	95
Southern Ry	13	Western Union	81¼
do pref	56⅞	Republic Iron & S	15½
Texas & Pacific	15½	do pref	56⅞
Union Pacific	55⅝		

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The markets here began dull today, then hardened on a canard that Lord Roberts had captured 5000 Boers and 16 guns. The market relapsed on the publication of the actual dispatch, and the close was irregular. Investment securities were weak, on the disappointing bank returns. Americans opened depressed, went under parity, but rallied above on a dispatch, announcing that the New York Central strike was settled. It is hoped that this will be a forerunner of similar settlements elsewhere. Prices weakened on complete absence of confirmation of the first report. New York supported slightly, but in the street prices were reactionary and featureless. Americans were heavy. Call money was higher. The silver market apparently miscalculated the American position. New York is now holding for 27 ⅛d while forced sales were expected.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—Sterling on London—60 days, $4 85¼; do sight, $4 88¼.

Mexican dollars—48½@49c.

Drafts—Sight, 12½c; do telegraphic, 15c.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Money on call, 1½@2 per cent; last loans, 1½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper—4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange—Firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 88¼ for demand and at $4 84½ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85@4 85½ and $4 89@4 89½; commercial bills, $4 83½@4 84¼.

Silver certificates—60½@60⅝c.

Mexican dollars—47½c.

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

LONDON, May 3.—Money—4 per cent.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, May 3.—Union Pacific preferred, 76½; Northern Pacific preferred, 77¼; Grand Trunk, 7⅝; Anaconda, 9.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in American and European Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—Wheat, easy on call, dull in spot market. Barley, quiet. Oats, quiet.

Spot quotations were:

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

Barley—Feed, 71¼@73¾c; brewing, 80@82½c.

Oats—Gray, Oregon, $1 07½@1 12½; milling, $1 15@1 17½; red, 95c@$1 20.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Easy; December, $1 02⅝; cash, 95c.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 15@1 20.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, May 3.—Corn began the session weak because of lower cables, freer country offerings, and a slack demand. Liverpool closed ¾@1¼d lower, furnishing the main influence. July here opened ¼@⅜c down, at 40⅜@40⅝c, and after touching 39⅝c while nobody was looking, proceeded to break with great rapidity. The slump was due to heavy general liquidation led by two of the recent leaders in the recent bull movement. The decline was checked at 39⅝c, there being a fair demand after the concession of over a cent, and a little rally followed, but the close was weak, July 1c under yesterday, at 40c.

Wheat was dull and easy. Corn was the dominant influence, while easy cables and the favorable weather were contributory factors. The speculative trade was light, but a fair cash business, 250,000 bushels, was accomplished. July opened ⅛c under yesterday, at 67¼@67⅜c, and on a little buying ascended to 67⅝@67½c. The wings of the market were heavy with the corn weakness, and failed to hold even that small elevation, and the market reacted to 66⅞c. The close was easy, July ⅜c lower, at 67@67⅛c. The July-May spread narrowed to 1⅜c, elevator people taking the May option at that difference.

The oats market was unexpectedly firm, in view of the corn weakness. The market was sustained by a good shipping business. July closed ⅛@¼c down.

Provisions opened steady, but suffered a sharp break in sympathy with corn, and on some liquidation, but recovered it on buying by packers and closed steady. July pork closed 7½c down, July lard 2½c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows.

	Opened.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	$0 65½	$0 65⅝	$0 65¼	$0 65⅝
July	67⅜	67½	66⅞	67⅛
CORN.				
May	39⅝	39⅝	39	39¼
July	40⅝	40⅝	39⅝	40
September	41¼	41⅜	40⅜	40⅝
OATS.				
May	22⅝	23	22⅝	22½
July	23½	23¼	23½	23⅝
September	22⅝	22⅞	22⅝	22½
MESS PORK.				
May	11 97½	12 05	11 95	12 00
July	12 15	12 20	11 90	12 10
LARD.				
May	6 92½	6 95	6 82½	6 95
July	6 97½	7 02½	6 82½	6 97½
September	6 97½	7 02½	6 87½	6 97½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	6 70	......	......	6 70
July	6 75	6 82½	6 65	6 80
September	6 72½	6 77½	6 65	6 77½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Easy.

Wheat—No. 3, 60¼@65c; No. 2 red, 70@70½c.

Corn—No. 2, 39⅝@39¼c; No. 2, yellow, 39½c.

Oats—No. 2, 23¾@24c; No. 2 white, 26@27¼c; No. 3 white, 25¼@26½c.

Barley—Good feed, 36@38½c; fair to choice malting, 38@45c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 76; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 76.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 40.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $11 50@12 10.

Lard—Per cwt., $6 85@7.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $6 70@6 90.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, 6½@6⅝c.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $7 20@7 30.

Butter—Firm; creamery, 14½@19½c; dairy, 13½@16½c.

Cheese—Steady, 9@11½c.

Eggs—Steady; fresh, 10⅝c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	1,000	12,000
Wheat, bushels	165,000	98,000
Corn, bushels	198,000	62,000
Oats, bushels	141,000	12,000
Rye, bushels	5,000	3,000
Barley, bushels	29,000	6,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Flour—Receipts, 16,015 barrels; exports, 28,834 barrels. Market easier.

Wheat—Receipts, 182,229 bushels; exports, 48,965 bushels. Spot, strong. No. 2 red, 80¾c f. o. b. Options were steady at first, on moderate local support, but gave way later in response to heaviness in corn, general liquidation and failure of frost news to alarm shorts. After a late rally, with corn, the market closed steady at ⅜@½c net decline. May closed at 73c; July, 73⅛c; September, 73⅜c.

Wool—Dull.

Hops—Steady.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, May 3.—Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 1 California, 6s 4d@6s 4½d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 5s 11½d. Futures, quiet; May, 5s 9⅝d; July, 5s 9d.

Corn—Spot, dull; American mixed, new, 4s 2⅜d. Futures, easy; May, 4s 2d; July, 4s ⅝d; September, 4s ⅝d.

STEEL AND IRON.

Eastern Contractors Will Need Some Large Supplies.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The Iron Age today says:

A notable event of the past week was the capture by the Phoenix Bridge Company of the contract for the great bridge over the St. Lawrence River, Canada, which will require 27,000 tons of steel. This is one of the largest bridge contracts ever placed. Proposals are now being invited on the approaches to the new East River bridge, New York, which will take about 18,000 tons of steel. The bids will be opened on the 31st inst.

In connection with these important matters, the fact may be noted that heavy quantities of pig iron for export are under negotiation. It is asserted that possibly 100,000 tons may shortly be covered for foreign shipment as a result of the negotiations now under way. Sales of finished products have also been made for export to a considerable extent during the week. Prices are now approaching a level which is offering opportunities for the renewal of export business on dimensions which make the movement appear considerable.

The situation of the domestic market generally is a little less favorable than last week. Prices are yielding under the strain of the recent unfavorable developments, and a lower range of values seems to be assured.

The epidemic of strikes now prevalent throughout the country is not calculated to be reassuring, and this situation must certainly clear up before much improvement can be expected.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Valley, Oregon, 20@22c. Fall—Northern, mountain, 10@12c; mountain, 8@10c; plains, 8@10c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 14@15c.

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

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

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

Potatoes—Early Rose, 60@65c; River Burbanks, 40@75c; Oregon Burbanks, 70c@$1 per cental; sweet potatoes, $2 25@2 40 per cental.

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

Apples—Choice, $1 25; common, 50c.

Citrus fruits—Oranges, navels, $1 25@3; Mexican limes, $4@5; common California lemons, $1 25@1 50; do choice, $1 25@1 50 per box.

Bananas, $1 50@3 per bunch.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 17@17½c; do seconds, 16@16½c; fancy dairy, 15½@16c; do seconds, 14@15c per pound.

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

Eggs—Store, 14@15c; fancy ranch, 16@17c; Eastern, 15@15½c per dozen.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 11@12c; do hens, 13@14c per pound; old roosters, $4 25@4 50 per dozen; young roosters, $6@7; small broilers, $2 50@3 50; large broilers, $4@4 50; fryers, $5@6; hens, $5@5 50 per dozen; geese, $2@2 25 per pair.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 17,480; do Oregon, 3154; do Washington, 4250; wheat, centals, Washington, 7920; barley, centals, 2790; corn, centals, 500; potatoes, sacks, 2782; bran, sacks, 160; hay, tons, 422; wool, bales, 173; hides, 369.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, May 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 9000. Steers active and strong; natives, best, $5 30; good to prime steers, $4 75@5 70; poor to medium, $4 10@4 65; selected feeders, choice, steady, $4 25@5; mixed stockers, steady to slow, $3 60@4 10; cows, $3@4 60; heifers, $3 25@5; canners, $2 25@2 85; bulls, steady, $2 75@4 30; calves, strong, $4 25@6 20. Texans—Best on sale today, $4 85; Texas fed steers, strong, $4@5 25; Texas bulls, strong, $3 25@3 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 25,000. Top, $5 35; mixed and butchers, $5 10@5 32½; good to choice heavy, $5 20@5 35; rough heavy, $5 05@5 15; light, $5@5 25; bulk of sales, $5 15@5 27½.

Sheep—Receipts, 13,000. Market strong to 5c higher; lambs, active and 15c higher; good to choice wethers, $5 25@5 65; fair to choice mixed, $4 50@5 25; Western sheep, $5 25@5 65; yearlings, $5 50@6; native lambs, $5 50@7; Western lambs, $6@7.

OMAHA, May 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 1600. Market 5c higher; native beef steers, $4@5 25; cows and heifers, $3 60@4 70; canners, $2 25@3 50; stockers and feeders, $3 70@5 15; calves, $4@6 75; bulls and stags, $2 80@4 15.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000. Market lower; heavy, $5 17½@5 30; mixed, $5 15@5 17½; light, $5@5 17½; bulk of sales, $5 15@5 17½.

Sheep—Receipts, 1500. Market strong; fair to choice natives, $5 35@5 60; fair to choice Westerns, $5@5 40; common and choice sheep, $4 50@5 15; lambs, $6@6 85.

KANSAS CITY, May 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000. Market steady; Texas steers, $4 20@4 65; Texas cows, $3@4 35; native steers, $3 25@5 15; native cows and heifers, $2 60@4 55; stockers and feeders, $3@5 40; bulls, $3 35@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000. Market lower; bulk of sales, $5 05@5 20; heavy, $5@5 27½; packers, $5 02½@5 17½; mixed, $5@5 12½; light, $4 50@5 07½; Yorkers, $5@5 07½; pigs, $3 50@4 90.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market steady; lambs, $5 50@8; muttons, $4@5 50.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, May 3.—In sympathy with unsatisfactory cables, the local market for metals as a whole was generally easier. Tin eased off about 25 points, with a slow trade and the drop of 15s in that metal in London. The close was easy. Lead was also dull and unchanged. Spelter was a shade firmer on good local and export demand. The brokers' price for copper was $17@17 25. Pig-iron warrants, weak; Lake copper, dull; tin, $29 75@30; spelter, $4 52½@4 55; 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, 60c.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—Bar silver, 60⅛c.

LONDON, May 3.—Bar silver, 27 9-16d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Coffee—Options closed steady and unchanged to 5 points lower; sales, 16,000 bags, including June at $6 65; September, $6 85@6 90; October, $6 90; November, $6 95. Spot, Rio, nominal; No. 7, invoice, 7⅛c. Mild, quiet; Cordova, 9¼@13½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; refined, steady.

CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN.

Republican Committee Counting on Effect of Oregon Election.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Chairman Babcock, of the Republican National Congressional Campaign Committee, says he is perfectly satisfied that his party will control the next House of Representatives by fully as big a majority as that party has in this Congress. Chairman Babcock has begun the work for the campaign in a modest way this year, but expects to branch out and begin a vigorous fight not later than June 12, about the time Congress will take its recess for the Summer. Immediately after Congress adjourns, the Republican National Congressional Committee, under the direction of Mr. Babcock, will have its work going at a very high speed, and it will be energetically conducted until the polls close next November.

Tons of campaign literature will be sent to the four winds early in the canvass, Mr. Babcock believing that to inform voters all over the country with this literature will do as much or nearly as much good as having various districts "stumped" by more or less prominent spellbinders. It will take 100 or more clerks to carry on the work that Chairman Babcock has outlined, and while he anticipates success, as before stated, he does not propose to leave any opening anywhere for the opposition. He will be satisfied if the next House has as big a Republican vote as it has in this. He does not expect to gain largely in any section of the country, but in the general average he thinks there is a possibility that the Republican majority in this House will be slightly increased in the next.

Chairman Babcock and other members of the Congressional campaign committee cannot see where the voters of the country will change their views because of the little flurry stirred up over the passage of the Porto Rican tariff bill—a measure, by the way, upon which Democratic leaders expect to overthrow the present Republican majority in the lower branch of Congress.

The Democratic committee will begin a determined fight about the time that the Republican is ready for a vigorous campaign. It is admitted everywhere that the fight will be hotly contested, and the Republicans seem confident that they will hold their own. They anticipate that there will not be any change for the worse in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Washington, California or Oregon. They expect that the coming election in the latter state will be in their interest, believing that the two Republican nominees for Congress will be elected, and that the state will give an increased Republican majority. Should this be the outcome, they assert it will be of benefit to their party, not only in the Presidential campaign, but also in the 350 Congressional districts in the Union.

COURT-MARTIAL PROCEEDINGS

Officers in the Philippines Guilty of Breach of Military Discipline.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The War Department has received from General Otis, at Manila, the records of the proceedings of courts-martial in the cases of six commissioned officers. The chief of these cases is that of Major George W. Kirkman, Forty-ninth Volunteer Infantry (Captain Twenty-third Infantry), who was dismissed from the service by order of General Otis on conviction by court-martial of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, in having misbehaved in appearing on the streets of Manila in a drunken condition.

The other cases received are those of First Lieutenant Robert C. Gregg, Forty-ninth Volunteer Infantry; First Lieutenant Clayton J. Bailey, Twenty-seventh Infantry; First Lieutenant John J. Foley, Thirtieth Volunteer Infantry, and First Lieutenant Harold Hammond, Ninth Infantry. These officers were tried on various charges. Lieutenants Gregg and Bailey were convicted and sentenced to dismissal and Lieutenants Foley and Hammond were acquitted. The sentence in each case was approved by General Otis and were disposed of without dismission to the authorities at Washington. The records have been sent to the War Department for file and recorded in the office of the Judge-Advocate-General.

At the instance of the Secretary of War, Judge-Advocate-General Lieber will make a special report in the case of Major Kirkman, which report also will have a bearing on the cases of Lieutenants Gregg and Bailey, as the same legal principle is involved in each of them. Generally stated, that involves the right of General Otis to dismiss the officers without the reference to the President, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army. It is admitted that such power is conferred on Generals commanding armies in the field in time of war, but it is contended that no such condition existed in the case of Major Kirkman at the time of the offenses alleged to have been committed.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Brooklyn Won From New York at the Close of the Game.

BROOKLYN, May 3.—Today's game between Brooklyn and New York was ended in the last half of the seventh by darkness, heavy clouds, with threats of rain, making it impossible to see. The score was a tie when the New Yorks were retired in their half of the seventh, and when the Brooklyns had two men on bases the visitors tried to delay matters. A bunt by Jennings and Doheny's wild throw brought in the winning runs. Attendance, 3000. The score:

	R	H	E		R	H	E
New York	4	8	1	Brooklyn	6	8	0

Batteries—Doheny and Warner; Kenny and Farrell.

Umpire—Connolly.

At Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 3.—Loose fielding, poor baserunning and bad judgment generally on the part of the home team gave Cincinnati an easy victory today. Weather cold. Attendance, 900. The score:

	R	H	E		R	H	E
Chicago	4	10	5	Cincinnati	11	14	2

Batteries—Griffith, Harvey and Donahue; Scott and Wood.

Umpire—Swartwood.

At Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, May 3.—The weather was cold and the game uninteresting. The Pittsburgs could not hit Jones. Attendance, 1400. The score:

	R	H	E		R	H	E
Pittsburg	2	6	5	St. Louis	9	11	3

Batteries—Waddell and Latimer; Jones and Criger.

Umpire—Hurst.

Game Postponed.

BOSTON, May 3.—Boston-Philadelphia game postponed; wet grounds.

The American Association.

At Buffalo—Buffalo-Indianapolis game postponed; cold weather.

At Cleveland—Cleveland-Detroit game postponed; cold weather.

At Milwaukee—Milwaukee, 11; Kansas City, 10.

At Minneapolis—Minneapolis, 8; Chicago, 16.

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