COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The weather yesterday was unfavorable for local business, and the steady downpour of rain had a depressing effect on most lines of trade. Produce receipts by rail were of good proportions, quite a quantity of vegetables coming from the Sacramento Valley. The California steamer, in late last evening, did not bring very much produce and fruit. The wet weather is interfering greatly with the strawberry crop. California shipments were shut off several days ago, and since then there has been hardly enough of the Oregon fruit received to supply the demand. Best Hood River and Dalles berries sold yesterday at 10c, and Southern Oregon about 7c and 8c per pound. The egg market stiffened up a little, and they were selling again in a small way at 14c yesterday. Poultry cleaned up fairly well yesterday, and prices are steady.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$355,143	$21,572
Tacoma	226,852	44,636
Seattle	259,037	50,275
Spokane	167,690	70,004

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

Argentine shipments are still heavy, and the news that they had again passed the 2,000,000-bushel mark was not a comforting factor for the bull contingent in the wheat trade yesterday. If these weekly shipments of from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 bushels from the Argentine keep up much longer, the Hessian fly and army worm, the chinch bug and all of the rest of the entomological wheat eaters will have to put in nights and Sundays from now until harvest in order to keep any semblance of strength in the market. Locally there was a kind of day-after-the-Queen's-birthday feeling in the market, and business was on a restricted scale. Walla Walla is nominally 51@52c, and Valley about the same figures. There is too much firmness in freights, and too high a valuation placed on wheat in the country, to admit of much business at present.

Wheat — Walla Walla, 51@52c; Valley, 51@52c; bluestem, 53@54c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2 55@3; graham, $2 50; superfine, $2 10 per barrel.

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

Barley—Feed, $14@15; brewing, $16 per ton.

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

Hay—Timothy, $10@11; clover, $7@7 50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35@40c; store, 25c per roll.

Eggs—13½@14c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $4@4 50 per dozen; hens, $5@6; ducks, $5@7; geese, $6@8 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15c, dressed, 16c per lb.

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

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, $1; carrots, 75c@$1; turnips, 75c per sack; onions, 1½c per pound for new; cabbage, $1 50 per central; potatoes, 50@55c per sack; peas, 4@5c; beans, 10@12c; asparagus, 4@5c; new potatoes, 1½c 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, 75c@$1 per crate for California, 7@10c per pound for Oregon.

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.

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 25; Arbuckle's, $15 13; Lion, $12 13 per case.

Sugar—Cube, $5 80; crushed, $5 80; powdered, $5 80; dry granulated, $5 20; extra C, $4 70; golden C, $4 60 net; half barrels, ¼c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 3½c; 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 flats, 85@95c; Alaska, 1-pound talls, $1 20@1 30; 2-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $6 80@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@5½c; fancy head, $7@7 50 per sack.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—20@8c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12@13c for coarse, 15@16c for best; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, 25c 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@60c; otter (land), $4@8; panther, with head and claws perfect, $10@8; 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, 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@6c 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, 9¾c; tierces, 9¼c per pound. Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 12½c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 12½c; dry salt sides, 8½@9½c; bacon side, 9½@10c; backs, 9½c; butts, 8c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 8c, 10½c; 10s, 10½c.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

No Outside Demand, and Professionals Held Aloof.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The stock market was intensely dull today. There was no appreciable outside demand, and professional traders preferred to hold aloof, pending more definite developments regarding the affairs of Price, McCormick & Co., whose failure was announced yesterday. There were not many transactions under the rule on the exchange today for the firm's account, but there were indications of large transactions in accordance with private settlements. Thus in the early dealings there was a sale of a 900-share block of Atchison preferred, the same house being both the buyer and seller. There was also a report current that large repurchases were made for Chicago account of blocks of stock sold yesterday for the failed firm. The Atchison transaction was explained as being a mere transfer of an account. These operations doubtless represented the progress of a settlement of the firm's affairs. The prices at which they were sold indicated that the buying of the stocks was intended to be about last night's closing prices. The fact that the settlement could be secured helped to sustain the market, and prices ruled for the greater part of the day at or above last night's level, in spite of the almost stagnant condition of the market.

Later in the day the sustaining influence was less effective, and prices generally declined below last night's level. At the same time rumors were disseminated that other houses were in financial difficulty, but nothing developed before the close to warrant those rumors. The undertone of the market was rather depressed, in spite of the support. The extent of the failure affected sentiment adversely, and the collapse in cotton was looked to as materially altering the prospects of the cotton section, owing to the decreased price of the article. It was pointed out that the invariable result of such efforts to establish abnormally high prices is a relapse to abnormally low prices. The disposition manifested in Liverpool to extend the bear movement in cotton, instead of turning to the buying side at the decline, disappointed some expectation.

The prospect of a large increase in the cash reserves of the banks in tomorrow's bank statement seemed to increase rather than relieve depression. In spite of the easier money rates abroad, there was no disposition to buy American stocks today.

The bond market continues dull, and the changes in prices were small and mixed. The total sales, par value, were $1,310,000. United States refunding 2s, when issued, advanced ½ per cent; 3s, registered, and 5s, ¼, and old 4s, ½ per cent in the bid price.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.*	106	Gen. Electric 5s	120
U. S. 2s, reg	106½	N. Y. Central 1sts	111
do 3s, reg	109½	North. Pacific 3s	67½
do 3s, coupon	109½	do 4s	104½
do new 4s, reg	134½	Oregon Nav. 1sts	111
do new 4s, coup	134½	do 4s	104½
do old 4s, reg	115½	Oregon S. L. 6s	129
do old 4s, coup	115½	do con. 5s	113½
do 5s, reg	113½	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	98½
do 5s, coupon	113½	St. Paul consols	170½
Dist. Col. 3-65s	121	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	120
Atchison adj. 4s	84	do 5s	121½
C. & N.W. con. 7s	141½	Union Pacific 4s	105½
do S. F. deb. 5s	119	Wis. Central 1sts	90½
D. & R. G. 1sts	101½	Southern Pacific 4s	83
do 4s	99½		

*When issued.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 269,900 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	25½	Union Pac. pref	75½
do pref	69½	Wabash	8
Balt. & Ohio	76	do pref	20½
Can. Pacific	94	Wheel. & L. E.	9½
Can. Southern	52	do 2d pref	25½
Ches. & Ohio	27½	Wis. Central	15½
Chi. Gr. Western	12½	P. C. C. & St. L.	96
C., B. & Q.	125½	Third Avenue	113½
Chi., Ind. & L.	25	EXPRESS CO'S.	
do pref	52	Adams	114
Chi. & East. Ill.	102	American	149
Chicago & N. W.	162½	United States	40
C., R. I. & P.	106	Wells-Fargo	120
C., C., C. & St. L.	59	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	6	Amer. Cotton Oil	34
do 1st pref	42	do pref	90
do 2d pref	16½	American Malting	3½
Del. & Hudson	111½	do pref	21½
Del., Lack. & W.	177	Amer. Smelt. & R.	37½
Denver & Rio Gr.	17½	do pref	88½
do pref	67½	American Spirits	2½
Erie	11½	do pref	17
do 1st pref	35½	Amer. Steel Hoop	20½
Great North. pref	155½	do pref	69½
Hocking Coal	15	Amer. Steel & W.	33½
Hocking Valley	37½	do pref	73½
Illinois Central	112	Amer. Tin Plate	22½
Iowa Central	17½	do pref	74
do pref	48	Amer. Tobacco	92
K. C., P. & G.	17	do pref	130
Lake E. & W.	20½	Anaconda Min. Co.	41½
do pref	91	Brooklyn R. T.	71
Lake Shore	212	Colo. Fuel & Iron	36½
Louis. & Nash.	79½	Cont. Tobacco	23½
Manhattan El	89½	do pref	77½
Met. St. Ry.	152½	Federal Steel	35½
Mex. Central	12½	do pref	66½
Minn. & St. Louis	61½	General Electric	133½
do pref	94	Glucose Sugar	46½
Missouri Pacific	56	do pref	99½
Mobile & Ohio	39	Int. Paper	22
M., K. & T.	10½	do pref	64
do pref	32½	La Clede Gas	68
New Jersey Cent.	116½	National Biscuit	39
New York Cent.	131½	do pref	80
Norfolk & West.	35	National Lead	19
do pref	78	do pref*	94
Northern Pacific	60	National Steel	28½
do pref	74½	do pref	76
Ontario & West.	21½	N. Y. Air Brake	123
O. R. & N.	42	North American	14½
do pref	76	Pacific Coast	47½
Pennsylvania	129½	do 1st pref	80
Reading	16½	do 2d pref	57
do 1st pref	55½	Pacific Mail	28
do 2d pref	28½	People's Gas	99½
Rio Gr. Western	51	Pressed Steel Car	43½
do pref	87½	do pref	76
St. Louis & S. F.	9½	Pullman Pal. Car	180
do 1st pref	68	Stand. Rope & T.	5½
do 2d pref	32½	Sugar	113
St. Louis & S. W.	11	do pref	111
do pref	26½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	72½
St. Paul	115½	U. S. Leather	10½
do pref	173½	do pref	68
St. Paul & O.	112	U. S. Rubber	28½
Southern Pacific	33½	do pref	94
Southern Ry	12½	Western Union	79½
do pref	54½	Republic Iron & S.	14
Texas & Pacific	16½	do pref	56½
Union Pacific	59½		

*Ex dividend.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—Sterling on London—60 days, $4 85¾; do sight, $4 88¾.

Mexican dollars—48½@49c.

Drafts—Sight, 15c; do telegraphic, 17½c.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Money on call, 1½@1¾ per cent; last loans, 1½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper—3½@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange—Heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87½@4 87¾ for demand and at $4 84¾@4 84¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85½@4 88½; commercial bills, $4 84@4 84¼.

Silver certificates—60@61c.

Mexican dollars—47½c.

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

LONDON, May 25.—Consols—101⅝.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The markets here were quietly steady for a while, but weakened finally in sympathy with continued depression in Westralians. American dealings were microscopic. There was Liverpool buying in the morning, but the close was dull, in sympathy with New York. Copper shares were heavy on the fall in metals. The bank bought £10,000 gold in Australian bars, and received £5000 from Malta.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, May 25.—Atchison, 26; Canadian Pacific, 99½; Union Pacific preferred, 75½; Northern Pacific preferred, 79¾; Grand Trunk, 7½; Anaconda, 8½.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—Wheat, easy. Barley, weak. Oats, weak.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—No. 1 shipping, 90c; choice, 90c; milling, 92½@96½c.

Barley—Feed, 67½@70c; brewing, 77½@80c.

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

Call board sales:

Wheat—Easy; December, 99½c; cash, 90c.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 15@1 15½.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, May 25.—The cool, sequestered vale of life which the wheat market placidly trudged along today was only ⅝c in width, if the expression may be used. The Northwest was still without rain of the sort needed, although Winnipeg, Grand Forks and Fargo got a little moisture, which was sufficient to depress prices here a bit. Before the news of these showers reached here the market was firm on the Liverpool steadiness, the dryness hereinbefore referred to and the damage claims from Kansas and Illinois. The majority of traders are inclined to await something definite, although it is generally believed here that rain in the Northwest would at least be of some benefit. Trade was light both for cash and in the speculative article. July wound up steady, ¼c lower.

Save for a little spurt of activity early, corn was dull and generally under the influence of wheat. The weather was favorable for the crop, and Liverpool was steady. July closed a shade under yesterday, at 37¼@37⅜c.

Oats were dull and easy. July closed ¼@⅜c under yesterday.

There was not much of a provision market, and the range was narrow. Hogs were firm early, but weak later, forming a mild influence for the guidance of the product. July pork closed a shade over yesterday, lard 2½c lower and ribs unchanged.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opened.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	$0 66½	$0 68⅝	$0 65⅝	$0 66⅝
July	67⅛	67½	66⅝	67⅛
CORN.				
May	36⅝	36⅞	36½	36⅝
July	37⅛	37⅜	37	37⅛
September	37⅛	38	37½	37⅝
OATS.				
May	21⅝	21⅝	21½	21⅝
July	21⅝	21⅝	21⅜	21½
September	20⅝	20⅝	20½	20½
MESS PORK.				
July	11 45	11 47½	11 40	11 45
LARD.				
July	6 97½	6 97½	6 92½	6 92½
September	6 95	6 95	6 90	6 92½
SHORT RIBS.				
July	6 57½	6 57½	6 55	6 57½
September	6 55	6 57½	6 52½	6 57½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3, 62@65½c; No. 2 red, 72@72½c.

Corn—No. 2, 37@37½c; No. 2 yellow, 37½c.

Oats—No. 2, 22@22½c; No. 2 white, 24½@25½c; No. 3 white, 24½@25c.

Rye—No. 2, 55½@56½c.

Barley—Good feeding, 36½c; fair to choice malting, 38@41c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 80.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 42½@2 45.

Mess pork—$10 30@11 45 per bbl.

Lard—$6 75@6 92½ per cwt.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $6 40@6 70.

Shoulders—Dry salted, boxed, $6 50@6 75.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $7@7 10.

Butter—Market quiet; creamery, 15@19½c; dairy, 13½@17c.

Cheese—Slow, 8⅝@9⅝c.

Eggs—Steady; fresh, 11½c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts
Flour, barrels	2,000	8,000
Wheat, bushels	28,000	23,000
Corn, bushels	147,000	283,000
Oats, bushels	281,000	107,000
Rye, bushels	.....	1,000
Barley, bushels	26,000	.....

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Flour—Receipts, 111,856 barrels; exports, 112,546. Market steady.

Wheat — Receipts, 158,750 bushels; exports, 89,804. Spot, firm: No. 2 red, 77½c elevator, 82c f. o. b. Options opened firm, but closed weak at ⅛@¼c decline. May closed at 71½c; July, 72⅝c; September, 73½c.

Wool—Quiet.

Hops—Steady.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, May 25.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, buyers indifferent operators; cargoes of Walla Walla, 28s; English country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, May 25.—Wheat and flour in Paris, barely steady; French country markets, quiet. Spot wheat, steady; No. 1 California, 6s 1½d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 5s 9½d. Futures, quiet; July, 5s 9¾d; September, 5s 8d.

Corn—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 4s ½d. Futures, quiet; July, 3s 9¾d; September, 3s 10¼d.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—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@18c.

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

Millstuffs—Middlings, $17@20; bran, 12 50@13 50 per ton.

Hay—Wheat, $8 50@10; wheat and oat, $8@9; best barley, $8@7; alfalfa, $5@7; stock, $5@5 50; compressed wheat, $7@10 per ton; straw, 25@40c per bale.

Potatoes—Early Rose, 60@65c; River Burbanks, 40@65c; Oregon Burbanks, 50@70c per central; new potatoes, 70c@$1 25.

Vegetables—Onions, 75c@$1 per central; garlic, 2½@3½c; green peas, 75c@$1 25 per sack; string beans, 2½@3½c; dried okra, 32½c per pound; asparagus, $1@1 75 per box; egg plant, 8@10c per pound.

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

Bananas, $1 50@3 per bunch.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 18c; do seconds, 16½@17c; fancy dairy, 16@16½c; do seconds, 14@15½c per pound.

Cheese—California, new, 7½@8½c per pound; Young America, 9@9½c; Eastern, 16½@17c.

Eggs — Store, 13@13½c; fancy ranch, 16c; Eastern, 15@15½c per dozen.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 11@12c; do hens, 12@13c 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, $3@6; hens, $5@5 50 per dozen; geese, $2@2 50 per pair.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 16,700; do Oregon, 26,884; do Washington, 1348; wheat, centals, 70,455; do Oregon, 1050; barley, centals, 3020; oats, centals, 2080; potatoes, sacks, 2742; do Oregon, 725; bran, sacks, 300; do Oregon, 3366; middlings, sacks, Oregon, 300; hay, tons, 314; wool, bales, 20; hides, 682.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 3000, including 400 Texans. Steers slow and 10c lower, butchers' stock 10@15c lower; natives, best on sale, one car, $5 45; good to prime steers, $5 15@5 70; poor to medium, $4 40@4 90; selected feeders, steady, $3 45 @ 5 05; mixed stockers, dull, shade lower, $3 75@4 20; cows, $3 10@4 50; heifers, $3 35@5 10; canners, $2 40@3; bulls, $3@4 25; calves, $5@6 50. Texans—Best on sale, one car, $5; fed steers, $4@5 10; Texas bulls, $3 25@3 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 20,000. Market strong to a shade higher; top, $5 35; mixed and butchers, $5 15@5 35; good to choice heavy, $5 25@5 35; rough heavy, $5 10@5 20; light, $5 10@5 30; bulk of sales, $5 25@5 30.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000. Sheep and lambs, dull, 10c lower; good to choice wethers, $4 75@5 10; fair to choice mixed, $4 20@4 90; Western sheep, $4 85@5 15; yearlings, $5@5 30; native lambs, $4 50@7; Western lambs, $6@7.

OMAHA, May 25. — Cattle — Receipts, 3000. Market steady; native beef steers, $4 40@5 30; cows and heifers, $3 70@4 85; canners, $3 50@3 60; stockers and feeders, $3 75@5 30; calves, $3@7; bulls and stags, $3@4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,200. Market steady; heavy sold at $5 05@5 25; mixed, $5 02½@5 05; light, $5@5 07½; bulk of sales, $5 02½@5 05.

Sheep—Receipts, 1400. Market steady; fair to choice natives, $5 20@5 30; fair to choice Westerns, $4 70 @ 5 20; common and choice sheep, $4 25@5; lambs, $5 50@7.

KANSAS CITY, May 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 3500. Market steady; Texas steers, $4 50@5; Texas cows, $3@4 25; native steers, $3 75@5 40; native cows and heifers, $1 75@5 50; stockers and feeders, $3@5 35; bulls, $3 25@5 50 per cwt.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000. Market 5c higher; bulk of sales, $5@5 15; heavy, $5 05@5 25; packers, $5 05@5 20; mixed, $4 95@5 15; light, $4 95@5 10; Yorkers, $5@5 10; pigs, $4 25@4.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market firm; lambs, $4@7 50; muttons, $3@4 50.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Coffee—Options closed steady, 5 points up; sales, 16,500 bags, including May at $6 70; June, $6 75; July, $6 80; September, $6 90. Spot, Rio, firm; No. 7, invoice, 7½c. Mild, quiet; Cordova, 9½@13½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 4c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4½c; refined, steady.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Advices from abroad were rather unsatisfactory, and, in sympathy with this factor, together with the continued large receipts of tin, caused a drop of some 25@37½ points, closing in a demoralized condition, at $28 62½@29. Lake copper, while lower in London, was quiet here, but prices fully sustained, at $16 75. Pig-iron warrants were very weak; Northern No. 1 foundry ruled very weak, at $20@22. Lead continues dull and unchanged. Spelter was a shade firmer on a good export inquiry, and closed firm at $4 50@4 57½. The brokers' price for lead was $4 80, and for copper $16 40@16 62½. Bar silver, 60½c per ounce.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—Bar silver, 60½c.

LONDON, May 25.—Bar silver, 27¾d.

London Wool Auctions.

LONDON, May 25.—The third series of the 1900 auction sales closed today, with offerings of 8285 bales. The selection was fair, and met with a good demand at firm prices. The bulk of the offerings were taken by Yorkshire. The home trade secured 20,000 bales; the Continent, 50,000; America, 3000, and 157,000 bales were held over.

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NATIVE-BORN CHINESE.

Has No Objection to Women Voting if the Constitution Is Amended.

PORTLAND, May 24.—(To the Editor.)—My attention was called to a communication in your issue this morning, signed "M. C. Y.," evidently a woman. She protests against the fact that women are not allowed to vote, and declares it an unjust discrimination, "taxation without representation," as she says. In the letter "M. C. Y." uses this language: "I have noticed in a recent Oregonian that native-born male Chinese are being prepared for the ballot for the coming election. Do our husbands, fathers and brothers consider a Chinaman, who sends the greater part of his earnings back to China and who does virtually nothing to elevate our country, better fitted to assist in making our laws, simply on account of the accident of sex, than the taxpaying American women, who earn and spend their money here at home?"

I desire to answer her questions through your valuable paper. First of all, the Chinese population here probably does not exceed 2500. There are not, on an average, more than 10 per cent who return to China yearly. These do not take back with them to exceed $750 each, which represents many years' accumulations. Unquestionably, their yearly earnings are spent here. Secondly, the Chinese are the same as our American women, i. e., not permitted to vote, even when they have paid taxes. Therefore, how can they "do anything to elevate this country?"

Now a word as to the native-born Chinese being entitled under the Constitution of the United States to the same privileges as to the ballot as other citizens. Should the Constitution be so amended as to permit women to vote, the native-born Chinese would yield graceful obedience to the law. He would not refuse to accord women the right given them by law. He, however, decidedly objects to having any reflections cast upon his right to vote, the same as other citizens.

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WANTS BULL RUN WATER.

A Correspondent Who Voices Sentiment of Those Across the Line.

PORTLAND, May 24.—(To the Editor.)—In your issue of yesterday there was an item in which we are told that Portland is one of the healthiest cities in the States, and that it has the best water on earth since it was supplied with Bull Run.

This is doubtless true as far as it goes, but you overshot the mark when you say that Portland is supplied with Bull Run water. You know very well that a large portion of the East Side is supplied by the Albina Water Company. In the Irvington district we are compelled to use this water, although the Bull Run mains are only a few blocks away. If you would take the trouble to inquire amongst the householders of that locality, you would very soon find out that it is not from choice that we patronize the Albina Water Company.

We are ready to admit that Bull Run is perfection, but those among us who are shut off from the privilege of using it are naturally inclined to feel sore when we read that Portland is supplied with the best water on earth.

We are all aware that the "deus ex-machina" of the Albina Water Company, is also a member of the Bull Run Water Committee. No doubt this fact alone is sufficient explanation of the clearly defined line of demarkation between the territories of the two companies, but to us, who are on the wrong side of the line, it is by no means sufficient consolation.

J. T. D.

Women and the Ballot.

OSWEGO, Or., May 25.—(To the Editor.) I knew a family of seven brothers—middle-aged men—and not one of them had ever cast a vote, simply because they did not want to, and it was their proud boast that neither father nor grandfather before them had ever voted. These were of the "better class" of men—that is, they lived in large houses and had good bank accounts. Do you think no man should be allowed to vote because this small minority "did not desire the ballot"?

Again, these brothers keeping "pure and unspotted" from the polls did not prevent one of them getting into a street brawl, having his ear bitten off and dying from bloodpoisoning.

I am sorry for the unfortunate "woman" who cannot separate the idea of voting and street brawling. Her horizon certainly needs broadening.

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Steamer Hassalo leaves Portland daily, except Sunday, at 8:00 P. M.; on Saturday at 10:00 P. M. Returning, leaves Astoria daily, except Sunday, at 7:00 A. M.

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