COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Wheat and wool were at a standstill last week, but there was a good run of business in nearly all other lines. With wheat off and bearish, exporters show no willingness to make engagements for vessels. Eggs have dropped steadily under larger supplies and at the close the market was barely firm at 12½c. Some lots were sold yesterday at 13c, but they had to grade high to command that figure. The supply of potatoes is plentiful and prices are weaker. The advance of onions to 3½c a pound called out large offerings and prices are down. The market is well stocked with vegetables. A carload of celery, cabbage and cauliflower came in from Los Angeles yesterday morning. The shipment was not in the most satisfactory condition and it is not likely that further orders will be sent to Los Angeles for rail consignment. Supplies of butter and poultry are sufficient to meet the demand.

WHEAT—The Portland market has been flat all week in sympathy with the depression abroad and in the East. Buying is principally confined to millers who are not taking heavy stocks. Some Walla Walla sold up to 56½c for milling purposes, but their price is above the export quotation. The weather will be a factor from now on. Present conditions favor the growing crop. Argentine exports from January 1 to March 1 were only 55 per cent of last year, although ocean freights are 25 to 37½ per cent less, and the price of wheat 8 to 10 cents higher. Shipments were 6,592,000 bushels against 12,504,000 oushels in January-March, 1900. This heavily decreased movement looks confirmatory of the growing opinion in the trade that the surplus from the Argentine crop will not greatly exceed 50 per cent of that of last crop.

FREIGHTS—Market is dull with nothing doing and no one disposed to do business. Rates are nominally 40s to 41s 3d. There is not a disengaged vessel in the river. Tonnage on the way, 60,040; in port and in the river, 20,621.

WOOL—The home situation is lifeless. The Boston market continues unsettled and in favor of the buyers. Increase in the volume of business is reported but the prices are not satisfactory. There is still considerable pressure to liquidate, though it is not so pronounced as it was in the middle of February. The present low price of wool has unquestionably stimulated an increased consumption, and quite possibly will continue to do so. There is a slight rift in the clouds which have hung over the woolen goods situation. There is said to be an improving demand for the better class of men's woolens, for goods which come nearer being all wool, which will, it is believed, tend to increase the consumption of wool and to decrease that of cotton among woolen mills. The spirit of conservatism, however, still characterizes the entire situation, from the retail clothier to the wool merchant. Abroad the situation is unchanged. In New York the inquiry for wool is more frequent and a good many offers are being made. These, however, are considerably below asking prices and where sales are accomplished it is usually at or near buyers' prices. There seems to be an increasing opinion, however, even among those who have been radical bears on the situation that prices will show but little decline from the present level. This has been said for a good many months and prices have continued to recede. There has been more or less buying, but dealers are not anxious to make these transactions public, as they are, as a rule, below the level of the market. Where a manufacturer wants a line of wool he is willing to pay asking prices, but where it is bought because it is believed to be cheap, it is below the ideas of holders.

Mohair is exceedingly dull in the local markets with prospects for lower prices later in the season.

SALMON—The most important feature in connection with the New York market was the announcement on March 1 by the agents representing the Pacific Steam Whaling Company that their price of 95c on red fish, 85c on medium red, and 70c on pink salmon, 1901 Alaska pack, had been withdrawn, in consequence of sales against the probable pack being up to the limit. The agents of the Alaska Packers' Association reported heavy orders as having been placed with them in New York at the opening price, and it is understood that the price may be withdrawn any day. In this connection it is stated that the agents of other independent Alaska salmon packers are still prepared to do business on the 95c basis. Buying is reported in some quarters to have been very heavy in New York, and that a considerable portion of the wants of jobbers here have been supplied so far as Alaska salmon is concerned. It is reported, however, that intimations made to large jobbers here by an independent interest that a price of 92½c for red Alaska will be made later on, has been the means of a few large jobbers placing orders for a smaller portion of their prospective requirements than usual, in the expectation of being able to get in on the lower price.

PROVISIONS—The volume of business was lighter than in the previous week. Offerings were not large. Brisk trade was done in lard. Early in the week prices moved up a little, but the advance was lost at the close. Trade was fair in dry salted meats, with supplies larger and holders firmer. Hams were in fair demand at unchanged prices. With hogs 75 cents higher than a year ago and hams ¾c, an advance may be expected at almost any time.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$403,733	$ 70,556
Tacoma	107,999	38,587
Seattle	306,452	128,302
Spokane	209,695	18,824

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 55@56c; Valley, nominal; bluestem, 57½c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2 80@3 40 per barrel; graham, $2 60.

Oats—White, 44@45c per bushel; gray, 42@43c.

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

Millstuffs—Bran, $16 per ton; middlings, $21 50; shorts, $17 50; chop, $16.

Hay—Timothy, $12@12 50; clover, $7@9 50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½@25c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 11@13c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 12½c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3 50@4; hens, $4 50@5 00; dressed, 11@12c per pound; Springs, $4@4 50 per dozen; ducks, $5@6; geese, $5@6 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 13@15c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13½c; Young America, 13½@14c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, 85c; turnips, 85c; carrots, 85c sack; onions, $2 75@3; cabbage, $1 65@1 75 per cental; potatoes, 45@60c per sack; sweet potatoes, $1 65 per 100 pounds; celery, 80@90c per dozen; California tomatoes, $2 50 per box.

Fruit—Lemons, choice, $2 00; fancy, $2 50@2 75; oranges, $1 75@2 50 for navel; $1 50@1 75 for seedlings, per box; pineapples, $4 00@4 50 per dozen; bananas, $2 50@3 00 per bunch; Persian dates, 6c per pound; apples, $1@1 50.

Dried fruit—Apples, evaporated, 5@6c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 3@4c; pears, 8@9c; prunes, Italian, 5@7c; silver, extra choice, 5@7c; figs, California blacks, 5c; figs, California white, 5@7c; plums, pitless, white, 7@8c per pound.

Meat and Provisions.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers, $4 75; ewes, $4 00@4 50; dressed, 6½@7c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5 00@5 25; light, 4 75@5 00; dressed, 6@7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 7@7½c per pound; small, 8½@9c per pound.

Provisions — Portland pack (Shield brand), hams, smoked, are quoted at 12½c per pound; picnic hams, 9½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 14½@15½c; bacon, 11½c; backs, 11c; dry salted sides, 10½c; dried beef, 15c; lard, five-pound pails, 11c; 10-pound pails, 10⅞c; 50s, 10½c; tierces, 10c per pound; Eastern pack (Hammond's) hams, large, 12¾c; medium, 12½c; small, 13c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 13¾@15¾c; dry salted sides, 9½@10¾c; bacon sides, 10½@11¾c; backs, 11¾c; butts, 10¼c; lard, pure leaf, kettle-rendered, 5s, 11¼c; 10s, 11c; dry salted, bellies, 10½@11¾c; bacon bellies, 11¾@12¾c; dried beef, 15¾c.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $4 50@4 75; cows, $4 00@4 50; dressed beef, 7@8c per pound.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—12@14c per pound; 1899 crop, 5@7c.

Wool—Valley, 14@15c; Eastern Oregon, 9@12c; mohair, 21@23c per pound.

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

Tallow—3c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c per pound.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and upward, 14@15c; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 16 pounds, 14@15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 7@8c; do, 50 to 60 pounds, 7@7½c; do, under 50 pounds, 6½@7c; kip, 10 to 30 pounds, 6½@7c; do veal, 10 to 14 pounds, 7c; do calf, under 10 pounds, 7@8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls (bulls, stags, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, hair-slipped, weather-beaten or grubby), one-third less.

Pelts—Bearskins, each, as to size, $5@20; cubs, each, $2@5; badger, each, 10@40c; wildcat, 25@75c; house cat, 5@20c; fox, common gray, 20@50c; do red, $1 50@2; do cross, $5@15; lynx, $2@3; mink, 50@$1 25; marten, dark Northern, $6@12; do pale pine, $1 50@2; muskrat, 5@10c; skunk, 25@35c; otter (land), $5@7; panther, with head and claws perfect, $2@5; raccoon, 30@35c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50@5; prairie wolf or coyote, 60@75c; wolverine, $4@7; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; do medium, per skin, $3@7; do small, per skin, $1@2; do kits, per skin, 50@75c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 23@25c; Java, fancy, 29@32c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, $12 75; Arbuckle's, $12 25; Lion, $12 25 per case.

Rice—Island, 6c; Japan, 5c; New Orleans, 4@5c, fancy head, $7@7 50 per sack.

Sugar—Cube, $6 45; crushed, $6 70; powdered, $6 65; dry granulated, $5 95; extra C, $5 45; golden C, $5 35 net, half barrels ¼c more than barrels; sacks, 10c per 100 less than barrels; maple, 15@16c per pound.

Salmon — Columbia River, one-pound talls, $1 50@2; two-pound talls, $2 25@2 50; fancy one-pound flats, $2@2 25; ½-pound fancy flats, $1 10@1 30; Alaska talls, $1@1 25; two-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 9c for roasted; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen; walnuts, 10@11c per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, 15c; Brazil, 11c; filberts, 15c; fancy peanuts, 5 pounds, 14@15c; dry-salted, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, cans, 12@14c; almonds, 15@17½c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 5¾c; large white, 5c; bayou, 3½c; Lima, 6½c per pound.

Grain bags—Calcutta, 5@5 12½ per 100 for spot.

Coal oil—Cases, 19½c per gallon; barrels, 15½c; tanks, 13½c.

Stock salt—50s, $14 25 per 100; 100s, $13 75.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Heavy Buying of Burlington by the Big System.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The character of today's stock market was very similar to that of yesterday. Absorption of railroad stocks of a high grade by buyers of abundant resources and of a substantial kind went on side by side with wide fluctuations in some of the highly speculative specialties. So far as the railroad department was concerned, activity was shifted to some extent from those stocks which were most prominent yesterday. A notable feature of the market was that it did not really respond with unanimity at any time to the strength shown by individual stocks. In those stocks which did advance, the strength was not simultaneous. Apparently the demand for one stock would be largely satisfied before the buying was taken up in another. During the latter part of the day there was abundant evidence of large profit taking. Stocks which had been strong early in the day fell back materially and many usually prominent stocks which were not notably active today, were allowed to fall back below last night's level. Nevertheless the day's gains are very striking, both by reason of the character of the stocks affected and the amount of transactions and the extent of the gains in them.

Yesterday's late movement in Burlington was continued at the outset this morning and the stock was carried up 2⅜ to 150½, a record price. The strength of the stock was due to the fact that large competing railroad interests are admittedly buying the stock, professedly for investment, but according to the Wall street interpretation, with a possible view to consolidation, or, at all events, to the extension of a community of interests. Union Pacific, Northern Pacific and Pennsylvania were all said to be interested in the buying. Baltimore & Ohio stocks continued to show conspicuous strength, the common advancing 3 and the preferred 2¾. There was also a striking movement in Atchison preferred, which carried it up 3 points. The common stocks of this road, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, and Louisville & Nashville were also very strong. The later movement of the market had some appearance of manipulation for the purpose of sustaining the market, while profit taking was in progress elsewhere. The reactionary movement took a point or more from the best prices of many stocks. There was a long list of stocks of smaller railroads which were moved up all the way from a point to 2⅝. Long Island rose 8½ on light transactions and closed with a net gain of 6⅝.

Among the industrials, Amalgamated Copper and Sugar claimed the largest share of attention. The former opened down 1⅜ on reports of a renewal of antagonistic measures in Montana. It was strongly supported, and rallied 2⅝ at one time, but in the late dealings it broke below 101 and was closed with a net loss of 2¼. Sugar was forced under last night's price for only a brief period, and after varied fluctuations closed with a net gain of 1⅝. The steel stocks continued much neglected and heavy in tone.

The railroad bond market continued active and prices generally higher. Total sales $5,080,000. United States 3s, reg., declined ¼ on the last call.

BONDS.

U. S. ref 2s	105⅝	D. & R. G. 4s	102½
do coup	105⅝	Gen. Elec. 5s	176
U. S. 3s reg	111	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	107¼
do coup	111	Nor. Pac. 3s	71½
U. S. new 4s reg	137⅜	do 4s	105½
do coup	137⅜	O. R. & N. 1sts	110
U. S. old 4s reg	112	do 4s	104½
do prd	114	O. S. L. 6s	127⅜
U. S. 5s reg	111¼	do con. 5s	116½
do coup	111¼	R. G. W. 1sts	100
Dis. of Col. 3-65s	122	St. Paul con	184
Atchison adj. 4s	93⅜	do C. & P. 1sts	118½
C. & N. W. con. 7s	140⅛	Union Pacific 4s	106
do S. F. deb. 5s	118½	Wis. Cent. 1sts	88
		West Shore 4s	115⅜
		South. Pac. 4s	93⅜

STOCKS.

Atchison	57⅜	Union Pac. pfd.	85⅞
do pfd	91⅞	Wheel. & L. E.	14⅝
Balt. & Ohio	94⅞	do 2ds pfd	31
Can. Pacific	90⅝	Wis. Central	16⅛
Can. Southern	56⅝	P. C. C. & St. L.	59
Ches. & Ohio	43¼	Third-Avenue	119
Chi. G. W.	19⅝	B. & O. pfd	93½
C., B. & Q.	149¼	National Tube	537⅜
Chi., I. & L.	22	do pfd	102⅜
do pfd	71½	EXPRESS CO.S.	
Chi., & E. Ill.	106⅝	Adams	155
Chi., & N. W.	172⅜	American	188
C., R. I. & Pac.	125½	United States	58⅜
C., C. C. & St. L.	75⅜	Wells-Fargo	137
Colo., Southern.	8⅜	MISCELLANEOUS.	
do 1sts pfd	44⅜	Am. Cotton Oil	27
do 2ds pfd	18⅜	do pfd	85
Del. & Hudson	166⅛	Am. Malting	4⅜
Del. L. & West.	192⅜	do pfd	25
D. & R. G.	25⅝	Am. S. & Ref.	83⅜
do pfd	53⅜	do pfd	93⅜
Erie	28⅛	Am. Spirits	1⅛
do 1sts pfd	66	do pfd	17
Gt. North. pfd	198	Am. Steel Hoop.	36⅜
Hocking Coal	15⅛	do pfd	81½
Hocking Valley.	50	Am. Steel & W.	39⅜
Illinois Central.	131⅛	do pfd	96⅜
Iowa Central	27	Am. Tin-Plate	62
do pfd	38½	do pfd	101⅜
L. E. & West.	41	Am. Tobacco	121
do pfd	111	do prd	146
Lake Shore	216¼	Anaconda M. Co	47⅜
Louis & Nash.	94⅜	Brook. R. T.	75½
Manhattan L	118	Colo. Fuel & I.	44½
Met. St. Ry.	162⅜	Cont. Tobacco	46½
Mex. Central	17⅜	do pfd	100⅜
Minn. & St. L.	77⅜	Federal Steel	43⅜
do pfd	108½	do pfd	88⅜
Mo. Pacific	90½	Gen. Electric	213⅜
Mobile & Ohio	31	Glucose Sugar	46½
Mo., K. & Tex.	29⅝	do pfd	92
do pfd	54⅜	Int. Paper	23
N. J. Central	175½	do pfd	74⅞
N. Y. Central	144⅜	LaClede Gas	81½
Norfolk & West	48⅛	National Biscuit	79⅛
do pfd	74	do pfd	94
North. Pacific	84¼	National Lead	15⅞
do pfd	87⅞	do pfd	85½
Ont. & Western	32¼	National Steel	45½
O. R. & N.	42	do pfd	101⅜
do pfd	76	N. Y. Air Brake	153
Pennsylvania	152⅜	North Am. new	75
Reading	32⅜	Pacific Coast	52½
do 1sts pfd	71	do 1sts pfd	88⅛
do 2ds pfd	47¼	do 2ds pfd	62
R. G. W.	68	Pacific Mail	35½
do pfd	93	People's Gas	102⅜
St. L. & S. F.	38⅛	Pressed S. Car	38
do 1sts pfd	82¼	do pfd	73½
do 2ds pfd	65⅜	Pull. Pal. Car	200
St. L., S. W.	26½	Stand. R. & T.	3½
do pfd	58⅜	Sugar	141
St. Paul	153¼	do prd	121
do pfd	192½	Tenn. C. & Iron.	50½
St. Paul & O.	125	U. S. Leather	12⅛
Southern Pacific	45⅝	do pfd	74⅞
Southern Ry.	24⅝	U. S. Rubber	19
do pfd	79	do pfd	58⅜
Tex. & Pacific.	28⅞	West. Union	87⅜
Union Pacific	82¼	Rep. I. & S.	15½
Wabash	17⅜	do pfd	65¼
do pfd	31⅜		

The total sales of stock today were 1,122,300 shares. The closing quotations were:

New York Stocks.

These quotations are furnished by R. W. McKinnon & Co., members of the Chicago Board of Trade:

STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Anaconda Cop. M. Co.	48⅞	49¼	47⅞	47⅞
Amal. Copper Co.	102½	103⅜	100⅝	101
Atchison com.	57⅛	58¼	57	57⅜
Atchison pfd	89⅜	92⅜	89⅝	91⅞
Am. Tobacco com	121	122	120⅜	121½
Am. Sugar com.	140½	141½	139	141
Am. Steel & Wire com.	39½	39½	38⅛	39¼
Am. Steel & Wire pfd.	96½	96⅝	96½	96¼
Am. Steel Hoop com.	36⅝	36⅝	36¼	36¼
Am. Steel Hoop pfd	82⅜	82¼	81⅝	81½
Am. Tin-Plate com	62	62½	62	62
Am. Tin-Plate pfd	101⅝	102½	101⅜	101⅜
Baltimore & Ohio com.	92½	93⅝	92½	94⅝
Baltimore & Ohio pfd.	91⅞	94	91⅞	93½
Brook. Rapid Transit.	77	77	75¼	75⅜
Chi., Ind. & L. com.	33	33½	32⅛	32
Chi., Ind. & L. pfd.	72⅛	72⅛	71½	71½
Chi., Burl. & Quincy.	148½	150½	148½	149¼
Chicago & N. W. com.	172⅜	172⅜	172	172¼
Chi., M. & St. P. com.	153½	153½	153	152⅞
Chi., R. I & Pacific.	125⅜	126⅛	125⅝	125½
New Jersey Central				155½
Chesapeake & Ohio	43⅜	43½	43	43¼
Canada Southern				56⅝
Colo. Fuel & Iron com.	45½	46	44¼	44½
Cont. Tobacco com.	47	47¼	46⅝	46½
Delaware & Hudson	167½	167⅞	166¼	166½
Del., Lack. & Western.	195	195	193½	193⅜
D. & R. G. com				39⅝
D. & R. G. pfd	87½	88½	87½	88½
Erie com	28⅜	28⅜	27⅜	28⅛
Erie 1sts pfd	66½	66½	65⅜	66
Federal Steel com	44⅝	44⅝	43⅝	43⅜
Federal Steel pfd	89⅛	89⅜	88	88⅛
Illinois Central	130⅜	132	131	131¼
Louisville & Nashville.	93¼	95	93¼	94⅝
Met. Traction Co.	163	164	163	162⅜
Manhattan Elevated.	118½	118⅞	117⅞	118
Mexican Central	18⅛	18⅛	17⅛	17⅜
Missouri Pacific	90½	90⅜	90⅛	90½
Mo., Kan. & Tex. com.	21	21	20⅝	20⅜
Mo., Kan. & Tex. pfd.	55	55	54	54⅜
New York Central	145⅛	145¼	144½	144⅞
Norfolk & West. com.	48⅛	48⅞	47⅞	48⅛
Norfolk & West pfd.	84	86½	83	84
Northern Pacific com.	84⅝	84⅞	84¼	84¼
Northern Pacific pfd.	87⅞	88	87⅜	87⅞
National Steel com.	45½	46⅜	45½	45½
National Steel pfd.	101⅞	101⅞	101½	101⅜
Ontario & Western	32⅜	33	32	32⅛
O. R. & N. com				42
O. R. & N. pfd				76
Pennsylvania Ry.	153⅜	153⅜	152½	152⅜
People's G., C. & L. Co.	103½	104	102⅝	102⅞
Pressed S. Car com.	33⅜	33⅜	32	32⅛
Pressed S. Car pfd.				73½
Pullman Company	200	201	200	199
Pacific Mail. S. Co.	35	35½	35	35½
Reading com	32⅜	33	32⅛	32⅝
Reading 2ds pfd.	42⅝	42⅞	42	42⅛
Reading 1sts pfd	72	72⅛	71⅛	71
Southern Railway com.	25⅛	25⅛	24⅝	24⅜
Southern Railway pfd.	79⅜	79½	78⅝	79
Southern Pacific	44⅝	46	44⅛	45⅝
Texas & Pacific	29⅛	29⅛	28⅞	28⅞
Tenn. Coal & Iron	51⅝	52	48⅝	50
Union Pacific com	92	92½	91⅜	92⅛
Union Pacific pfd	86	86½	85½	85⅜
U. S. Leather com.	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛
U. S. Leather pfd	74⅛	74⅝	74⅛	74⅝
U. S. Rubber com	19	19	19	19
U. S. Rubber pfd	59	59½	58½	58⅝
Western Union-Tel	88⅛	88½	87⅝	87⅝
Wabash com	18	18	17	17⅝
Wabash pfd	30⅛	31½	30⅛	31⅜

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

Business on the stock exchange remained narrow and dull today. The public seems to be shy, but the expectation of an early agreement for peace in South Africa continues to grow and spread. American shares were prominent in the trading, though the scale of business was small. London was buying Erie and Reading, then New York opened strong and sent over heavy buying orders for Union Pacific and Baltimore & Ohio. New York sold Southern Railway, both common and preferred, and bought Atchison preferred. Money was hard.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.— Sterling on London, 60 days, $4 85¼; do, sight, $4 88¼; Mexican dollars, 50½@51; drafts, 12½; do, sight, 15.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Money on call, steady, 2¼@3 per cent; last loan, 2½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3½@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87½ for demand, and at $4 84½ for 60 days.

Posted rates, $4 85½@4 88½.

Commercial bills, $4 83½@4 84.

Silver certificates, 61½@63½.

Mexican dollars, 49c.

Government bonds, easier; state bonds, weak; railroad bonds, firm.

LONDON, March 6.—Money, 3½d.

London Financial News.

LONDON, March 6.—Consols, 97¼c. Silver, 28 3-16. Wheat, cargo on passage steadier; cargoes No. 1 standard, California, 30s 3d; cargoes, Walla Walla, 28s 9d; English country markets dull.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, March 6—Atchison 58¼; Canadian Pacific, 94; Union Pacific, preferred, 87⅝; Northern Pacific, preferred, 90; Grand Trunk, 7¼; Anaconda, 10.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—Wheat steady on call and firm in the spot market. Barley futures firmer; spot barley firmer. Oats, firm. Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping No. 1, 95c; choice, 96c; milling, 97½@$1 02½.

Barley—Feed, 72½@73¾c; brewing, 77½@82½c.

Oats—Gray, nominal; black for seed, $1 22½@1 32½; red, $1 25.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Steady; May, 98⅝c; December, $1 04; cash, 95c.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 12½@1 15.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Wheat started with a good demand from shorts and commission houses, the market being influenced by a sharp advance at Liverpool. It still felt the impetus which the market gained on the curb yesterday after the close. This strength was due to a sudden fear that the cold weather had done or would do severe damage to the growing crops. As the weather was still frigid today the influence remained as a comfort to the bulls, although the bearishly inclined speculators smiled at it. May opened ¼ to ⅜@½c higher, at 75⅞ to 76@76¼c and sold to 76¾. It reached to 76c during the forenoon, and held steady for some time. Lack of outside demand later caused a further decline on a very dull market and the close was easy. May unchanged at 75⅝c, the bottom price for the day.

Following a brief period of moderate activity at the opening, the corn market ruled dull and featureless. May closed a shade lower at 40⅝@40⅞c.

Oats were less dull than wheat and corn. The market opened steady, but tired longs soon let go of considerable quantities. The close was weak, May ⅝c lower at 25½c.

Provisions were dull, but firm on light hog receipts. A demand for pork offset the moderate selling of lard. May pork closed 7½c higher, lard a shade up and ribs 5c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
March	$0 74⅝	$0 74½	$0 74	$0 74
April	75½	75½	74⅝	74⅝
May	75⅞	76¼	75⅝	75⅝
CORN.				
March	.....	.....	.....	39½
May	40⅝	41⅛	40⅝	40⅞
OATS.				
March	.....	.....	.....	24¼
May	25¼	25⅝	25⅛	25⅛
MESS PORK.				
March	.....	.....	.....	14 07½
May	14 17½	14 25	14 17½	14 22½
LARD.				
March	.....	.....	.....	7 42½
May	7 47½	7 47½	7 45	7 47½
July	7 52½	7 52½	7 52½	7 52½
SHORT RIBS.				
March	.....	.....	.....	7 05
May	7 07½	7 12½	7 07½	7 10
April	7 22½	7 25	7 20	7 22½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 68@72c; No. 2 red, 76c.

Corn—No. 2, 39¼; No. 2 yellow, 39¼c.

Oats—No. 2, 25¼@25½c; No. 2 white, 27½@30c; No. 3 white, 27@29¼c.

Rye—No. 2, 53c.

Barley—Common, 40@46c; fair to choice malting, 48@55c.

Flax seed—No. 1, $1 67½; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 58@1 59.

Prime timothy seed—$4 40.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $14 05@14 10.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $7 40@7 42.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $7@7 25.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, 6¼@6½c.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $7 40@7 60.

Clover—Contract grade, $10 75.

On the Produce Exchange today, the butter market was active. Creamery, 15@22; dairy, 10@19c. Cheese, dull, 10¼@11¼c. Eggs, quiet; fresh, 14½c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	60,000	38,000
Wheat, bushels	186,000	55,000
Corn, bushels	519,000	149,000
Oats, bushels	520,000	325,000
Rye, bushels	9,000	17,000
Barley, bushels	35,000	5,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Flour—Receipts, 12,388 barrels; exports, 10,131 barrels; market, dull, but steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 51,300 bushels; exports, 93,265 bushels; spot, dull, but firm; No. 2 red, 80½c f.o.b. afloat; 79c elevator.

Options opened firm on better English cables and cold weather in the wheat belt, the latter threatening the crop which in many places is reported to lack protection from snow. Closed net unchanged to ¼c higher; March closed 79¼c; May, 79⅝@80½c; closed, 79⅝c; July, 79 5-16@79⅝c; closed, 79¼c.

Wool—Dull.

Hops—Quiet.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 6.—Wheat—Spot, dull; No. 1 California, 6s 2½d; No. 2 red Western Winter, 5s 11d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 6s 3½d. Futures, steady; May, 5s 11⅝d; January, 6s ¼d.

Corn—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 3s 2¾d; do old, 3s 11¾d. Futures, steady; March, 3s 9½d; May, 3s 9½d.

Wheat at Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, March 6.—Wheat, dull; No. 1 standard, California, 6s 3d; wheat and flour in Paris, weak; French country markets, weak; weather in England stormy.

BEDROCK PRICES FOR WOOL.

Lowest Prices Reached Since the Downward Movement Began.

BOSTON, March 6.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say tomorrow:

"There is as yet no substantial improvement to be noted in the wool market, except that dealers are disposed to exercise a little more discretion in selling, although there is still more or less pressure to liquidate, and wool has been sold at lower prices the past week than at any time since the downward movement began. A large line of territory which was carried as collateral has been parted with at a clean cost of 35@36c, which is the lowest level touched for that class of wool. A portion of the same wools were sold two weeks previously at a clean cost of 42c. A number of holders, not pleased with the amount of stock on hand and a new clip of 300,000 pounds close in sight, are naturally desirous of cleaning out their stocks, and some consigners who had hitherto been holding their wools above the market price have urged the commission-houses to let them go, in order to clear the way for the new season's product. The prices at which wools are being sold are about low enough to interest investors, and it is reported that there have been some purchases for speculative account, not very extended as yet, but sufficiently pronounced to indicate that speculative interests are carefully watching the situation and are willing to take hold when what they consider a favorable opportunity presents itself."

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WHEAT AND STOCK BROKERS

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SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—Wool—Nevada, 11@13c; Eastern Oregon, 10@13c; Valley Oregon, 14@15c; Mountain lambs, 9@10c; San Joaquin plains, 6@7c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@11c.

Hops—1900 crop, 15@20c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $17@19 50; bran, $14 50@15 50.

Hay—Wheat, $9@12; wheat and oats, $8@12; best barley, $9 50; alfalfa, $7@9 50; compressed wheat, $9@13 per ton; straw, 35@47½c per bale.

Potatoes—River Burbanks, 35@60c; Salinas Burbanks, 75c@$1 17; Oregon Burbanks, 65c@$1; Early Rose, 60@75c.

Onions—$3 00 per cental.

Vegetables—Green peas, 3@6c; string beans, 6@8c per pound; asparagus, 7@17½c.

Citrus fruit—Mexican limes, $7 50@8 00; common California lemons, 75c; choice, $2 50; navel oranges, 50c@$2 per box.

Bananas—50c@$1 50 per bunch.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 10@11c; do hens, 12@13c per pound; old roosters, $4@4 50 per dozen; young roosters, $6@6 50; fryers, $5@5 50; hens, $4@5 50 per dozen; small broilers, $3@4; large do, $4 50@5; old ducks, $4@5; geese, $1 50@1 75 per pair.

Green fruits—Apples, choice, $1 25 per box; common, 30c per box.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 18c; fancy dairy, 15c; do seconds, 12c.

Cheese—California, full cream, 9½c; Young America, 10c; Eastern, 15@16½c.

Eggs—Selected, 12c; ranch, 13c.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 21,951 do Oregon, 7018; wheat, centals, 120,145; barley, centals, 2000; oats, centals, 910; do Oregon, 2690; beans, sacks, 2980; corn, centals, 1840; potatoes, sacks, 6025; do Oregon, 728; bran, sacks, 1450 do Oregon, 5117; middlings, sacks, 487; do Oregon, 558; hay, tons, 487; wool bales, 380; hides, 248.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,500, including 900 Texans. Choice native steers, higher; others about steady. Top, $6 25; butchers' stock and Texans, steady to strong; good to prime steers, $5 60@6 25; poor to medium, $3 65@5; stockers and feeders, firm, $2 75@4 60; cows, $2 70@4 35; heifers, $2 75@4 50; canners, weak to shade lower, $2@2 65; bulls, steady, $2 75@4 30; calves, steady, $4@6 25; Texas fed steers, $4@4 90; Texas grass steers, $3 35@4; Texas bulls, $2 50@3 50.

Hogs—Receipts today, 23,000; tomorrow, 28,000, estimated; left over, 2500; shade lower; closing weak; top, $5 62½; mixed and butchers, $5 35@5 60; good to