COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The tone of the market was nominal yesterday, and but few changes were noted. The tendency of eggs was upward, owing to the prospective Easter demand. Some lots brought 14c, although 13½c seemed to prevail. Supplies were received from the Valley, but a good demand steadied the price of the market. Butter was weak, owing to liberal receipts of domestic and California product. Demand was light. There was no movement in poultry.

Vegetables were well cleaned up in anticipation of the arrival of the California steamer. Very good hot-house lettuce from LaCamas sold for $1.75 per case. A supply of home carrots and parsnips was on hand. Good cabbage was scarce, and sold for $1.40@1.50. The best grade will not be ready until the Oregon product shall come along, owing to the difficulty of getting it fresh from the south. Farmers are generally busy at home, but the usual number was selling potatoes. Owing to high prices last year, they have a large supply on hand. Prices were steady, although new product tends to force them down. A supply of California will be in market today and may lower the quotation slightly.

Apples were scarce and firm. A choice consignment from Hood River sold for $2. Bananas are strong. New supply may not arrive until next week, and prices have risen. Citrous fruit is stationary. Fruit jars have advanced 75c to $1 per gross.

Bank Clearances.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$340,746	$ 82,393
Tacoma	108,707	18,814
Seattle	474,758	149,034
Spokane	105,235	34,551

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The local wheat market was steady yesterday, with a fair amount of business doing. Since the price got up to a figure where 45 cents could be paid around Umatilla and Walla Walla Counties, there has been a freer selling movement, and more disposition to clean up the bins without waiting for any further improvement. The European and Eastern markets were fractionally lower, but an easier feeling in freights on the Pacific Coast is helping prices somewhat, or at least preventing a decline. Quotations, as usual, cover quite a wide range. Some buyers said they were securing wheat at 55½ cents. Others admitted that they were paying 57 cents, and there were the usual rumors of higher prices being paid for milling stock.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 57c; Valley nominal; bluestem, 59c per bushel.

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

Oats—White, $1 25 per cental; gray, $1 20@1 22½ per cental.

Barley—Feed, $16 50@17; brewing, $16 50@17 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $16 per ton; middlings, $24 50; shorts, $17 50; chop, $16.

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

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—12@14c per pound; 1899 crop, 6@7c.

Wool—Valley, 14@15c; Eastern Oregon, 9@12c; mohair, 29@31c per pound.

Sheepskins — Shearlings, 15@20c; shortwool, 25@35c; medium-wool, 30@50c; long-wool, 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; 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, stored, hair-slipped, weather-beaten or grubby), one-third less.

Pelts—Shearlings, each, as to size, 25@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.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½@25c; dairy, 17½@20c; store, 10@12½c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 13½@14c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3 50@5; hens, $5@5 50; dressed, 11@12c per pound; Springs, $4@6 per dozen; ducks, $5@6; geese, $6@8 per dozen; turkeys, live, 9@10c; dressed, 13@14c per pound.

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

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Vegetables—Carrots, 75@85c per sack; onions, $2 25@3; cabbage, $1 40@1 50 per cental; potatoes, 45@55c per sack; sweet potatoes, $1 75 per 100 pounds; new potatoes, 3c per pound; celery, 80@90c per dozen; California tomatoes, $1 50@2 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@4 50 per dozen; bananas, $2 25@3 per bunch; Persian dates, 5c per pound; apples, $1@2.

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.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 26@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 25; crushed, $6 50; powdered, $5 85; dry granulated, $5 65; extra C, $5 25; golden C, $5 15 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, 8c 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.

Beans—Small white, 5¼c; large white, 5c; bayou, 3½c; Lima, 6½c per pound.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $6 50@6 75 per 100 for spot.

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

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

Meat and Provisions.

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

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5 00@5 25; light, $4 75@5; 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, 10½c; 50s, 10½c; tierces, 10c per pound; Eastern pack (Hammond's) hams, large, 12½c; medium, 12½c; small, 13c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 13½@15½c; dry salted sides, 9½@10½c; bacon sides, 10½@11½c; backs, 11½c; butts, 10½c; lard, pure leaf, kettle-rendered, 5s, 11½c; 10s, 11c; dry salted bellies, 10½@11½c; bacon bellies, 11½@12½c; dried beef, 15½c.

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

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Upward Movement Caused by Northwestern Railroad Deal.

NEW YORK, March 26.—The recurrence of the story of a Northwestern railroad deal, coupling Northern Pacific and Burlington, was the occasion of an extraordinary and impressive upward movement in the late stock market today. Whatever may be the validity of the oft-renewed claims of a transcontinental arrangement for the benefit of Northern Pacific and Great Northern, it was clear enough that the recovery in the general market was due to the precipitate covering of short contracts which were put out with great freedom and boldness by practically all the trading element on the exchange.

The attack on the market by the bear element had met with inviting success, and they had broken prices throughout practically the whole market. There was some show of strength in the early dealings, and an apparent attempt to renew the bull movement, but it soon became evident that the attempt to advance prices was no longer in such powerful and capable hands as has been the case during much of the recent bull speculation.

When the bears found their attack no longer contested they offered prices down very boldly and made inroads of between 1 and 2 points in practically all the active stocks in the list. The grangers and Southwesterns proved themselves especially vulnerable, in view of the large commitments for the long account, which has recently been made in them. Northern Pacific itself was forced down nearly a point, but Burlington was held above last night's level throughout. Missouri Pacific, after being lifted to 102½, fell back to 100½. The local traction stocks were notably weak, declining from 2 to 2½ points, and there were especially notable declines in the industrial list, Tobacco falling at one time 3½, Amalgamated Copper 2⅝ and Sugar 2 points. Some of the usually quiet stocks which have enjoyed recent extraordinary advances fell back sharply.

The steel stocks shared in the general weakness, and many of them dropped from 1 to 2 points under last night. It was after nearly the whole session had been consumed in this procession of extension of short accounts that the Northern Pacific movement developed. The bears were completely routed, and found the supply of stocks very small, bidding up prices on themselves by rapid strides. There was an almost complete recovery in the general list, and Northern Pacific surged upwards 5¼ points to 91⅝, a record price. The rise in Burlington reached 4⅝. It was the current belief in Wall street that a reaction was favored by the capitalists who are heavily committed to the pending great syndicate transactions, owing to the apprehension that the demands of the animated speculation upon the money market threatened to exhaust the surplus supplies.

The steady upward course of sterling exchange gave good ground for the expectation that gold might go out at an early period. In fact, the report was current that actual arrangements had been made for shipments on Saturday's steamer, but it is probable that sterling exchange will have to rise an additional fraction before exports of gold will be profitable. Railroad bonds continued active and irregular. Total sales, $4,720,000.

United States old 4s, coupon, advanved ¼ on the last call.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.	106	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	107½
do coupon	106½	Northern Pac. 3s	71½
do 3s, reg.	111½	do 4s	105⅝
do coupon	111½	Oregon Nav. 1sts	110
do new 4s, reg.	138¼	do 4s	104
do coupon	138¼	Oregon S. L. 6s	128
do old 4s, reg.	113	do con. 5s	116½
do coupon	114½	Rio Gr. W. 1sts	101⅝
do 5s, reg.	111½	St. Paul consols	184½
do coupon	111½	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118
Dist. Col. 3-65s	122½	do 5s	120½
Atchison adj. 4s	94½	Union Pacific 4s	106¼
C. & N.W. con. 7s	141⅝	Wis. Cent. 1sts	90¼
do S. F. deb. 5s	124	West Shore 4s	115¼
D. & R. G. 4s	102	Southern Pac. 4s	92½
Gen. Electric 5s	176		

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 1,161,500 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	69¼	Wabash	20⅝
do pfd	93⅝	do pfd	40⅝
Balt. & Ohio	90	Wheel. & L. E.	18½
do pfd	90¼	do 2d pref	34
Can. Pacific	93½	Wis. Central	20⅞
Can. Southern	63⅝	P. C. C. & St. L.	66½
Ches. & Ohio	46	Third Avenue	121
Chi. Gr. Western	22⅝	EXPRESS CO.'S.	
C., B. & Q.	167½	Adams	160
Chi., Ind. & L.	37⅝	American	202
do pfd	72⅝	United States	77½
Chi. & East. Ill.	118	Wells-Fargo	143
Chicago & N. W.	177	MISCELLANEOUS.	
C., R. I. & Pac.	127½	Amer. Cotton Oil	35
C., C., C. & St. L.	81½	do pfd	85
Colo. Southern	11⅞	Amer. Malting	5⅝
do 1st pfd	47⅝	do pfd	27
do 2d pfd	22⅝	Amer. Smelt. & R.	57½
Del. & Hudson	163½	do pfd	90½
Del., Lack. & W.	195½	Amer. Spirits	1½
Denver & Rio Gr.	17⅝	do pfd	17
do pfd	96⅝	Amer. Steel Hoop	41
Erie	35⅝	do pfd	92
do 1st pfd	69½	Amer. Steel & W.	42⅝
Gr. North. pfd	201½	do pfd	90½
Hocking Coal	17⅝	Amer. Tin Plate	69½
Hocking Valley	53⅝	do pfd	114½
Illinois Central	136½	Amer. Tobacco	126
Iowa Central	32⅝	do pfd	144
do pfd	61½	Anaconda M. Co.	46
Lake Erie & W.	38	Brooklyn R. T.	80½
do pfd	123	Colo. Fuel & Iron	52⅝
Lake Shore	210½	Cont. Tobacco	44⅝
Louis. & Nash.	99⅝	do pfd	194⅝
Manhattan El	123½	Federal Steel	47⅝
Met. St. Ry.	162⅝	do pfd	101
Mex. Central	23⅝	Gen. Electric	212⅝
Minn. & St. Louis	88	Glucose Sugar	47⅝
do pfd	111	do pfd	94
Missouri Pacific	101	Int. Paper	20⅝
Mobile & Ohio	80	do pfd	78⅝
M., K. & T.	24⅝	La Clede Gas	81½
do pfd	56½	National Biscuit	40⅝
New Jersey Cent.	154½	do pfd	93½
New York Cent.	146½	National Lead	15½
Norfolk & West.	50⅝	do pfd	82⅝
do pfd	85	National Steel	57⅝
Northern Pacific	91½	do pfd	113⅝
do pfd	89⅝	N. Y. Air Brake	150½
Ontario & West.	34½	North American	86½
O. R. & N.	42	Pacific Coast	55
do pfd	76	do 1st pfd	92
Pennsylvania	153⅝	do 2d pfd	64
Reading	34	Pacific Mail	35
do 1st pfd	73	People's Gas	105⅝
do 2d pref	48½	Pressed Steel Car	36⅝
Rio Gr. Western	83	do pfd	79½
do pfd	103	Pullman Pal. Car	203
St. Louis & S. F.	43⅝	Stand. Rope & T.	4
do 1st pfd	85	Sugar	140⅝
do 2d pfd	68⅝	do pfd	121
St. Louis S. W.	34	Tenn. Coal & Iron	56½
do pfd	64	U. S. Leather	12⅝
St. Paul	148½	do pfd	75
do pfd	184½	U. S. Rubber	19⅝
St. Paul & O.	125	do pfd	60
Southern Pacific	46½	Western Union	89
Southern Ry	28⅝	Amal. Copper	100½
do pfd	78⅝	National Tube	38½
Texas & Pacific	34½	do pfd	113
Union Pacific	91⅞	Republic Iron & S.	16½
do pfd	84⅝	do pfd	65½

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Wheat and barley, quiet on call and weak in spot market. Oats, easy. Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping, choice, $1; milling, $1 02½@1 05.

Barley—Feed, 75@76¼c; brewing, 77½@80c.

Oats—Black, for seed, $1 15@1 25; red, $1 25@1 45.

Receipts—Flour, 2200 quarter sacks; wheat, 69,083 centals; barley, 8810 centals; oats, 2280 centals; do Oregon, 620 centals; beans, 87 sacks; potatoes, 1239 sacks; do Oregon, 2948 sacks; bran, 530 sacks; middlings, 800 sacks; hay, 455 tons; wool, 69 bales; hides, 518.

Call Board sales:

Wheat—Quiet; May, $1 02½ bid; December, $1 05 bid; cash, $1.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 15@1 17½.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, March 26.—At the opening the corn market seemed scarcely equal to the pressure from longs who wished to secure profits. Influences in this condition were easier cables and better weather in the West. May opened ⅛c to ¼c lower, at 42¾c to 42⅞@42¾c, and declined during the first hour to 42c. Offerings at this decline became lighter, and for a time the market ruled dull and featureless, excepting moderate purchases by Phillips, who was reported to be in a position to control the market. The selling was general, but in small lots. Small primary receipts and the continued buying by Phillips later started shorts to bidding, and as longs suddenly evinced a disposition to hold tight, or had sold out, the market recovered sharply to 42⅝c, the highest price obtained this season for May delivery. This bulge met renewed pressure from longs, and the market again sagged, May closing easy, ⅛@¼c under yesterday, at 42⅜@42½c.

The market for wheat was very dull and the trade of a scalping character, which offered nothing of interest. Sentiment was still bearish, but the impulse to sell was bridled by fear of a bull corn market. May opened unchanged to ⅛c lower, at 75⅝@75¾c, and dropped early to 75½c. Business for a time was at a standstill, but later, in sympathy with the corn strength, shorts covered, and sent May up to 75⅞c. Following this and also in sympathy with corn the market eased, and May closed ¼@⅜c lower, at 75½@75⅝c.

Oats were almost entirely overlooked. May closed ⅛c lower, at 25c, in sympathy with corn.

Provisions were quiet, but averaged steady, on light hog receipts and higher prices for hogs. May pork closed unchanged, lard 7½c higher, and ribs 2½@5c better.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
WHEAT				
April	$0 74½	$0 74½	$0 74⅜	$0 74½
May	75⅝	75⅞	75½	75⅝
CORN.				
May	42¼	42⅝	42	42½
July	42⅝	42⅞	42¼	42⅝
OATS.				
May	25	25½	24⅞	25
July	24½	24½	24⅜	24⅜
MESS PORK.				
May	15 80	15 80	15 60	15 70
July	15 20	15 20	15 10	15 12½
LARD.				
May	8 02½	8 07½	7 97½	8 07½
July	8 00	8 05	8 00	8 02½
September	8 02½	8 05	8 00	8 02½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	8 00	8 02½	7 97½	8 02½
July	7 90	7 90	7 85	7 90
September	7 87½	7 87½	7 82½	7 87½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady. No. 2 Spring, 67@75c; No. 2 red, 74⅜@76½c.

Corn—No. 2, 41⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 41⅝c.

Oats—No. 2, 26c; No. 2 white, 27½@28½c; No. 3 white, 27½@28½c.

Rye—No. 2, 53½@54½c.

Barley—Good feeding, 40@45c; fair to choice malting, 47@55c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 55; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 56.

Timothy seed—Prime, $4 10.

Pork—Mess, per barrel, $15 50@15 60; lard, per 100 pounds, $8 10@8 15; short ribs, sides (loose), $7 35@8 15; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6 62½@6 87½; short clear sides (boxed), $8 25@8 37½.

On the Produce Exchange today, the butter market was quiet; creamery, 15@21c; dairy, 11@18c; cheese, fairly active, 10¼@11¾c; eggs, quiet; fresh, 11¼c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	40,000	33,000
Wheat, bushels	188,000	72,000
Corn, bushels	206,000	154,000
Oats, bushels	290,000	400,000
Rye, bushels	13,000	3,000
Barley, bushels	4,000	3,000

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreets show the following changes in available supplies from last accounts:

Wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decreased 1,177,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, increase 1,200,000 bushels; total supply, increase 23,000 bushels.

Corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increased 506,000 bushels.

Oats, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increased 181,000 bushels.

The combined stock of wheat at Portland, Or.; Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., decreased 262,000 bushels last week.

European Grain Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 26.—Wheat steady; wheat and flour in Paris, quiet; French country markets, quiet.

Wheat—No. 1 California, 6s 3½d; No. 2 red Western Winter, 6s 1½d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 6s 3¾d. Futures, dull; May, 6s 3¼d; July, 6s 1½d.

Corn—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 3s 11d; do old, 4s ½d. Futures, quiet; May, 3s 10¼d; July, 3s 10¼d; September, 3s 10¼d.

LONDON, March 26.—Wheat cargoes on passage, quiet and steady; No. 1 standard California, 28s 9d; Walla Walla, 28s 6d. English country markets, quiet.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Flour receipts, 21,392 barrels; exports, 2725 barrels; market steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 146,700 bushels; exports, 56,056 bushels; spot, easy; No. 2 red, 81½c, f. o. b. afloat. Options were dull all day, and most of the time rather weak. Closed at a final drop of ¼@¾c. May closed 80¼c; July, 80⅝c; spot, 79⅞c. Wool—Quiet.

Hops—Quiet.

EASTEN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 3500, including 100 Texans. Generally steady. Texans, 10c higher than last week. Good to prime steers, $5@6; poor to medium, $3 75@4 90; stockers and feeders, active, 10c higher, $3@4 75; cows, $2 70@4 40; heifers, $2 75@4 60; canners, $2@2 65; bulls, $2 75@4 35; calves, 25c lower than last week, $4 50@5 75; Texas fed steers, $3 40@4; Texas bulls, $2 50@3 75.

Hogs—Receipts today, 16,000; tomorrow, 24,000; left over, 4000. Active, 10c higher; top, $6 20. Mixed and butchers, $5 90@6 12½; good to choice heavy, $6 05@6 20; rough heavy, $5 90@6; light, $5 85@6 07½; bulk of sales, $6@6 07½.

Sheep—Receipts, 13,000. Sheep steady to strong. Lambs strong. Good to choice wethers, $4 80@5; fair to choice mixed, $4 50@5 85; Western sheep, $4 80@5; yearlings, $4 80@5 10; native lambs, $4 80@5 50; Western lambs, $5 10@5 50.

The Chicago horse market broke the record of receipts yesterday. At the Dexter Park Amphitheater Union Stockyards 1697 horses, in 114 cars, arrived—the largest number ever received in one day. The record was that of June 13, 1898, when 1108 head arrived. A significant fact is that a large proportion of the consignment consists of horses bought especially for English Army officers, many of the mounts having been already selected especially for certain officers, who prefer the American horse to any other.

OMAHA, March 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000 head. Market, active and stronger; native beef steers, $4 00@5 40; Western steers, $3 75@4 50; Texas steers, $3 00@4 00; cows and heifers, $3 25@4 40; canners, $2 00@3 20; stockers and feeders, $3 25@4 75; calves, $3 00@7 00; bulls and stags, $2 50@4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 6800 head. Market, closed 10@15c higher; heavy, $5 85@5 95; mixed, $5 85@5 87; light, $5 80@5 85; bulk of sales, $5 85@5 90.

Sheep—Receipts, 3700. Market, active and strong; fair to choice yearlings, $4 65@5 00; fair to choice wethers, $4 30@4 65; common and choice sheep, $3 70@3 90; lambs, $4 25@5 30.

KANSAS CITY, March 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 8000; market, steady to strong; Texas steers, $4@4 90; Texas cows, $2 65@3 75; native steers, $4 50@5 60; native cows and heifers, $2 50@4 75; stockers and feeders, $4@4 85; bulls, $3@4 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; market, 5@10c higher; bulk of sales, $5 85@5 95; heavy, $5 90@6; packers, $5 85@5 95; mixed, $5 80@5 85; lights, $5 75@5 85; Yorkers, $5 70@5 85; pigs, $5@5 60.

Sheep—Receipts, 3500; market strong; lambs, $5 10@5 30; muttons, $4@5.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 11@13c; Eastern Oregon, 10@12c; Valley Oregon, 14@15c. Fall—Mountain lambs, 9@10c; San Joaquin Plains, 6@7c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@11c.

Hops, crop of 1900, 15@20c.

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

Hay—Wheat, $9@13; wheat and oats, $9@12; best barley, $8 50; alfalfa, $7@9 50; compressed wheat, $8@13 per ton; straw, 40@47½c per bale.

Potatoes—River Burbanks, 20@50c; Oregon Burbanks, 65@90c; Early Rose, 85c@$1; sweet, 50@65c.

Onions—$1 50@2 75 per cental.

Vegetables—Green peas, 2@3½c; string beans, 4@8c per pound; asparagus, $1 75@2 per box.

Citrus fruit—Common California lemons, 75c; choice, $2 25; navel oranges, 50c@$2 per box.

Bananas—$1 50@2 50 per bunch.

Green fruits—Apples, choice, $1 50 per box; common, 50c per box.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 10@11c; do hens, 12@13c per pound; old roosters, $4 50@5 per dozen; young roosters, $7@8; fryers, $6@6 50; hens, $5@6 per dozen; small broilers, $3@4; large do, $5@5 50; old ducks, $5 50@6 50; geese, $1 50@1 75 per pair.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 16½c; seconds, 14c; fancy dairy, 14½c; do seconds, 12c.

Cheese — California, full cream, 9c; Young America, 9½c; Eastern, 15@16½c.

Eggs—Selected, 12½c; ranch, 13½c.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Aside from the continued firmness in tin, the local market was devoid of special feature of interest, with speculation in the former metal on a small scale. The close was firm, at $26 50.

Copper locally continued dull and nominally unchanged, while in London a shade better market was reported, closing firm at £69 5s for spot and £69 15s for futures.

Lead was dull and unchanged, both here and abroad.

Spelter, though continuing weak in its undertone, ruled very slow at $3 85@3 90.

Pig iron warrants, $9 50@10 50; Northern foundry, $15 50@15 60.

Bar silver—69¼c.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Bar silver, 69⅝c.

LONDON, March 26.—Bar silver—27¾d.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, March 26.—There is an improved tone in the wool market this week, and all the indications point toward a stronger situation. The decline in values noted during the past few weeks has been considered, and, now that most of the weak lots have been picked up, dealers are more confident, although present conditions do not indicate that any upward turn would begin right away.

Territory wools continue to head the list of transactions. Fine, medium and fine scoured staples call for 42@43c. Fleece wools are in moderate supply, and, while the demand is moderate, values are kept on a steady basis. New arrivals in Australian wools are held firm, with prices based on the cost to import. Quotations:

Territory, scoured basis—Montana fine, medium and fine, 14@15c; scoured, 42@43c; staple, 45@46c; Utah, Wyoming and Idaho, fine, medium and fine, 12@14c; scoured, 40@42c; staple, 42½@46c.

Australian, scoured basis—Spot prices, combing, superfine, nominal, 68@70c; good, 64@65c; average, 60@63c.

London Wool Auctions.

LONDON, March 26.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today amounted to 11,076 bales. The offerings were of a good quality and purchasing was general. America bought good greasies at top prices, paying from 9d to 1s 4¾d. Scoureds were bought freely by France and Germany. Crossbreds were in good demand at steady prices. Cape of Good Hope and Natal were taken by the home trade and by the Continent.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Coffee—Options closed dull in tone, with prices net unchanged to 10 points lower. Sales, 2750 bags, including: May, $5 60; July, $5 70; September, $5 80. Spot Rio—Dull and weak; No. 7 invoice, 8 87½@7; mild, dull; Cordova, $8@8 12½.

Sugar—Raw, steady to firm; fair refining, 3½c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 13-32c; refined, firm.

Cotton in New York.

NEW YORK, March 26. — The cotton market closed very quiet, at a net advance of 7 points.

MOST FAMED OF DIAMONDS

Six Gems of Priceless Value and Something of Their History.

Woman's Home Companion.

Among historic diamonds the largest and best known is "the Grand Mogul," a stone weighing 280 carats, in the possession of the Shah of Persia. Next comes the "Orloff," named for Count Orloff, who bought it in 1772 for the Empress Catherine of Russia. The stone is rose-cut, shaped like a pigeon"s egg and weighs 195 carats. The third is the "Regent," or "Pitt" diamond, which is one of the French crown jewels. The Duke of Orleans, acting as regent for Louis XV, bought it for him, paying $650,000. The "Florentine," or "Austrian," is the fourth in size, it belonged to Charles the Bold, of Burgundy, and was lost by him at the battle of Granson, in 1476. A Swiss peasant found it and sold it for half a crown. It finally came into the hands of Pope Julius II, who presented it to the Emperor of Austria. The fifth in size, called the "Star of the South," is a Brazilian stone.

The English "Krohinoor," while ranking sixth in size, is counted the most valuable in the world. It was found in the mines of Golconda ages ago, and, after being successively in the possession of many Indian Princes passed to Queen Victoria. These are the six most famous diamonds. A stone recently discovered in Africa can claim to be the largest in the world. It weighed, uncut, 475 carats.

BEET SUGAR IN ILLINOIS.

Farmers Find It Is Much Easier to Raise Corn and Pork.

Peoria Star.

One of the greatest beet-sugar plants in country is about to be constructed at Shelby, Ind. It takes $1,000,000 to put it in operation. The trouble with the best beet sugar plants is one of labor. The Illinois farmer can make a living too easily raising corn and pork, and he will not get down on his hands and knees and weed all day long and go through the backaching toil that is necessary to raise beets. He can do it, but he won't. The experiments that have been successful have been carried out by Russians, imported where they have been colonized from their native land, but with each succeeding year it has been found necessary to bring on a new lot. The old ones would save money enough to buy ground of their own, and they, too, find it easier to raise corn and hogs than beets. The problem seems to be, not to get improved processes for extracting sugar, but to devise labor for cultivating the beet. The "man with the hoe" has discovered that what he wants is a riding plow. He is not going to break his back over the clods when he can mount a spring seat and whistle while he rides.

AT THE HOTELS.

THE PORTLAND.

J C Slater, Seattle
A C Gansler, Camden, N J
O H Adsit, Juneau
E W Ehrman, S F
Mrs F A Wing, Seattle
Mrs Chas D Stinson, do
Miss Dorothy Stinson, Seattle
J Simon, Hotel Dacres, Walla Walla
D Gilman, Seattle
F M Stanley, Seattle
M D Peck, N Y
W W Curtis, Stonycroft
E J Conyer, Minnpls
H H Irvine, St Paul
H S Johnson, Neb
A N Jacob, N Y
F W Jenkins & wife, London
B Hirschfeld, N Y
G H Bradford & wf, A M Cook, Chicago
A E Sanagire, do
B M Crary, Chicago
W H Harkness, do
E R Baxter, Portland, Me
B Burton, Bay City, Mich
Miss Bertha Maine, Indianapolis
Mr & Mrs L B Stearns, city
W S Bryant, Boston
F J Wadley, Detroit
M D Cohn, San Fr
G E Garbell, N Y
E W Lambert, N Y
J C Eisell, N Y
H G Gorham, N Y
J B Wrangham, S F
L B Merton, San Fr
C H Remler, San Fr
E F Wettler, St Louis
M G Sawyer, Minnpls
C M White, N Y
G A Morley, St Paul
G F Meachern, Seattle
I F Dunbar & wife, Salem
W Hurd, city
Mr Bigelow, city
G N Smith, Salem
W L Gazzam, Seattle
W Grant, city
J Hart & w, St Paul
Miss K E Hart, do
Miss C P Donegan, do
B G Baker, Spokane
J Devlin, Everett
S Soule, San Fran
J H Siegel, N Y
R W Foster, N Y
A D Grant, Yuba City
I Rubel, Chicago
W F Dovell, Walla W
Albert Dunbar, Astoria
T H Curtis, Astoria
H Friedlander, Chgo
D Wilson, Ontario
W C Miller, Spokane
I Cohn, N Y
T R Daniel & w, Minneapolis
W F N Davis & wf, Mich
Fred N Davis, do
Mrs A T McGordon, Minneapolis
Jos Theband, San Fr
P B Denver, N Y
Gilbert E Nichols, Boston
Mrs H A Myers, Rochester, N Y
S Fred Myers, do
John L McCarmon, NY
Mrs W G Pearce, Tacoma
S C Irving, San Fr
J T Morrison, San Fr
J T Hall, N Y
L R Prince, Boston
Sherwood Gillespy, Seattle
Alfred Battle & wf, do
W A Doble, San Fr
W L Tucker, N Y
W G Kendrick
A C Striet, San Fr
H A Keyer
G B Small, Baker Cy
Geo L Carey, Omaha
E L Dow, Oakland
J AsDevlin, Astoria
D B Morgan & father
J L Elam, Walla W
Felix Cohen, N Y
Geo Smith, Milwaukee
R Brumbaugh, San Fr
J P Almy & w, Tacoma
D F Sherman, Portland
J M Kerway, Heppner
F J Tourtelot, St Paul
J H McVey & wife, Camp Lake, Wis
Edna McVey, do
M Gaggin, do
H Flory, St Louis
Mrs E M Styne, Honolulu
D J Styne, Tacoma

THE PERKINS.

J M Keeney, Heppner
Hattie O'Conner, Republic, Wash
C W Lord, Arlington
H McDonald, Wallowa
A F Hershner, Hood R
J McGregor, Victoria
Mrs J McGregor, do
B W Powell, CastleRk
W V Appleman, do
H A Smith, Winlock
H H Bridges, Hillsboro
Carl W Feigtly, Corvallis
Lee Rucker, Denver
Joe Rentz, Castle Rk
W F Nugent, Hood R
J S Bennett, Hamburg, Ia
Mrs J S Bennett, do
Mrs Fred W Black, Spokane
Mrs J W Botsford, do
P P Kilbourne, Long Creek
J A Baldwin, San Fr
A P Hays, Seattle
Louis Olofield, S F
Mamie Scheffbone, Riparia, Wash
A Gruhm, San Fr
Miss Loretto, Astoria
Miss Palmberger, do
O Ralston, San Fr
Miss Ralston, San Fr
Mrs O Ralston, San Fr
Mrs Garland, San Fr
Miss Garland, San Fr
H Hinleband, St Paul, Minn
Mrs H Hinleband, do
S Blake, Willsden, Chgo
Daniel I Richards, Ritzville, Wash
J W Lysons, Ft Townd
Geo Rohr, U S A
F S Ivanhoe, La Grnd
S T Smith, Wasco
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