COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

quotations was anounced yesterday. The price of hams rose uniformly 4c, of bacon %c, of lard %c, and of other products in proportion. The new schedule was in proportion. dictated by the Eastern trade and is considered steady.

The coffee situation shows no change, A rise doubtless will occur soon and buyers are stocking up. All dealers are willing to enter into an agreement to advance to list, but they first want to in-sure good faith. For this reason the ompact is not made up immediately. Commission men are giving close attention to the egg market and studying the effect of the northern demand. Willamette Valley recelpts are large, but quo tations from Washington, Idaho and Montana keep the market strong. Alaska demands also have a stimulating effect, so that the present strength may e more than temporary. Fourteen cents is the quotation. Butter is weak, owing to pressure of large California and home supply, and has a downward ten-A fall in California would influence the local market. Oregon cheest is in strong demand, and California is

to balance the market. Asparagus is cheaper and excellent supply is in. Parsnips are scarce and in Beets are still up, with no immediate prospect of decline. There abundance of cabbage, but it falls short of the best quality because of long California peas was the most attractive vegetable in the market yesterday. To-matoes are firm. Old potatoes are weak but steady. New product has small consumption at Phyc. Bananas were well cleaned up yesterday, but will be in good supply this week. Pineapples are scarce.

in large supply. Poultry is steady, de-

mand is light and receipts are sufficient

Bank Clearances. Clearings. ..\$248,667 ...163,004 ...372,760 ...127,572

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc. The local wheat market is etcady in sympathy with Eastern and foreign mar-There is a fair amount of business doing for so late in the season, but it re quires full prices to move much of the ereal still remaining in the country. The bulk of the sales yesterday were at 57 ents, but it is reported that fractionally higher prices were paid in the interior. The milling demand is light on acount of heavy flour stocks in the Orient and no demand for flour except locally. Freights have steadled up again and 37s 6d was paid for an April May ship yesterday. Some snot tonnage is offering on the Puget Sound, but there is nothing near at hand for this port except chartered ves-

Wheat-Walla Walla, 57c; Valley nominal; bluestem, 59c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$2 70g3 40 per bar-rel; grahem. \$2 60. Onts-White, \$125 per cental; gray. \$1 2061 22½ per cental. Barley-Feed, \$16 50637; prewing, \$16 50

G17 per ton. Millstuffs-Bran, \$16 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$17.50; chop, \$16. Hay—Timothy, \$125.12.50; clover, \$769.50; Oregon wild hay, \$567 per ton.

Hops. Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops-12gide per pound; 1899 crop, 867c. Wool-Valley, 14615c; Eastern Oregon, Agrike; mobsir, 2002le per pound, Sheepskins — Shearlings, 15020c; short-wool, 25635c; medium-wool, 30930c; longwool, 60c@\$1 each.

Tallow-Sc: No. 2 and grease, 252%c per pound.

Hides-Dry hides, No. 1, 18 pounds and upward, 14gibc, dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 16

pounds, 146 lie per pound; dry calf, No. 1, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 763c; ao, 50 to 60 pounds, 76774c; do, under 50 pounds, 6467c; klp, 10 to 30 pounds, 6467c; do yeal, 10 to 14 pounds, 7c; do calf. under 10 pounds, 708c; green (unsalted), lc per pound less; culis (bulls stags, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, bairslipped, weather-beaten or grubby), one-

20; cubs, each, \$295; badger, each, 10940c. wildent, Eg75e; house cat, 56/20c; fox, common gray, 30/250c; do red, \$1 50/22; do cross, \$5615; lynx, \$263; mink, 50631 25; marten, dark Northern, \$5612; do pale pine, \$1 5062; muskrat, 5610c; skunk, 256 Sc; otter (land), \$567; pautner, with head and claws perfect, \$265; raccoon, 30635c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, \$3 506 5: prairie wolf or covote, 606750; wolver ine, \$467; beaver, per skin, large, \$26; do medium, per skin, \$367; do small, per ekin, \$192; do kits, per skin, 50075c.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc. Butter-Fancy creamery, 225222e; dairy,

17340130c; store, 10011234c per pound. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 1314314c per dozen ultry-Culckens, mixed, \$3 50g5; hens, \$5006; dressed, little per pound; Springs, \$405 per dozen; ducks, \$506; \$600's per dozen; turkeys, live, 1000 gense, 4005 per dozen; turkeys, live, 1001 lic; dressed, 13614c per pound. Cheese-Full cream, twins, 1361134c; Young America, 134614c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Vegetables—Carrots, 1565c per sack; onions, \$2 2563; cabbage, \$1 4061 50 per cental; potatoes, 4565c per sack; sweet potatoes, \$1 75 per 100 pounds; new potatoes, 25c per pound; ceiery, 8667cc per dozen; California tomatoes, \$1 50@2 per

to more than barrels; sacks, 10c per 100 less than barrels; maple, ligite per pound. talis, \$1 50@2; two-pound talis, \$2 25@2 50; fancy one-pound flats, \$202 %; 1/2-pound fancy flats, \$1 1001 30; Alaska talls, \$10 1 25; two-pound talls, \$1 2002 25.

Nuts-Peanuts, 65247c per pound for raw, 9c for roasted; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen; walnuts, 10gillo per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, 15c, Brazil, 11c; filberts, 15c; fancy pecans, 12 ©14c; almonds, 15@17½c per pound. Beans-Smail white, 5½c; large white, 5c; bayou, 5½c; Lima, 5½c per pound. Grain bags-Calcutta, 16 50@6 75 per 100

Coal oll-Cases, 19%c per gallon; barrels, 15%c; tanks, 13%c

Stock sait-10s, \$14 25 per 100; 100s, \$13 75. Meat and Provisions.

Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers, \$4 75; ewes, \$4@4 50; dressed, 64@7c per

Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$5 00@5 25; ght, 14 7555; dressed, 657c per pound. Veal-Large, 7575c per pound; small, Shight per pound. Provisions - Portland pack (Shield

brand) hams, smoked, are quoted at 12%c per pound; piculo hams, 5%c per pound; breakfast hacen lands breakfast bacon, 144,0054c; bacon, 114c; backs, 11c; dry salted sides, 104c;

dried beef, 15c; lard, five-pound pails, 11c; 10-pound pails, 10%c; 50s, 10%c; tierces, 10c per pound; Eastern pack (Hammond's) hams, large, 12%c; medium,

13c, small, 12½c; picnic, 16c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 14@16c; dry salted 10@11%c; bacon sides, 11@12%c; backs, 11%c; butts, 10%c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 11%c; 10s, 11%c; dry salted bellies, 10@12%c; bacon bellies, 11% @13%c; dried beef, 15%c.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Again Were Prominent.

Beef-Gross top steers, \$4 5094 75; cows. \$494 50; dressed beef, 70%c per pound.

New York Stocks. These quotations are furnished by R. W. McKinnon & Co., members of the Chicago Northern Pacific and Burlington Board of Trade: NEW YORK, March 28.-The stock market continued highly professional today and distinctly two-sided. The outside speculative public is still on the side of STOCKS. the bulls, and that element of the specu-lation continued to have the situation well in control. Any new point of strength which they developed was pretty well assured of a response by followings of small speculators, who kept the current 40% 99% 61% 95% 125% market going.
The selling to take profits continued very large, and was so skilifully man-aged as to do little damage to prices, but there was a bear element among the traders, and they made occasional dem-onstrations in the market when the bur-den of the realizing seemed in a way to overcome the advance. The bear element, however, attracted little outside following, and their operations were not conducted with great confidence. The most promiit position in the trading was still held Northern Pacific and Burlington, and the constantly recurring strength of these stocks made an effective support for the In the same degree the many reactions profit-taking affected the speculative se. Burlington opened under pressure. and after having advanced to a record price at 171%, closed with a net gain of only %. Northern Pacific also made a new high record price at 95%, and closed with a net gain of 1%. There were renewed re-ports today of a plan to retire Northern Pacific preferred, and the report still persisted of an agreement of a consolidation of Northern Pacific and Burlington.

Steel Interests. The course of the steel stocks upon the United States Steel Corporation stocks' entry into the unlisted department of the exchange were a strengthening influence. Although there was a large selling to realize in these stocks, ample sup-port was forthcoming, and the common Mexican Central Mexican Central 2ds... Mexican Central 1sts... was run up I points over yesterday's price on the curb, and preferred rather more than that. The stocks of constituent companies were strong, in sympathy with the common and preferred stocks, all ris-ing from 2 to 2%. There were other points of special strength, such as Western Union, Manhattan, the Wheeling & Lake Eric stocks showing gains of from 2 to 3%. and Lackawanna, which mounted 9 points to far above the highest preceding price. Outside of these individual stocks there were few that rose at any time as much as a point over last night, and many of the recently prominent stocks were constantly held back by the pressure of real-

Rubber Stocks Decline. The rubber stocks reacted widely from yesterday's advance, the common losing 2% and the preferred 64. In the last half hour of the market, on the decision of the New Jersey Court of Appeals in favor of the plaintiffs in the suit to enjoin the absurption of the Guggenheim interests, the smelting socks broke violently, the com-mon falling to 6% and the preferred to 5% below last night's level. This helped to unsettle the close, which was also af-fected by the large profit-taking sales. Discussions of the money market outlook continued, in view of the coming quarter, ly settlement and the uninterrupted drain

by the Subtreasury. Sterling exchange also recovered today, renewing the ap-prehension of gold exports, Business in honds continues large, and new points of strength develop from time to time. Total sales, \$5.006,000. United States old 4s, registered, advanced 1s per

STOCKS.
The total sales of stocks today were 1,454,460 shares. The closing quotations were:
Atchison 613, Wnbash pfd 403,
do pfd 854, Wheel & L E 203,
Bait & Ohio 423, do 2d pfd 37
do pfd 90 Wis. Central 203,
Can. Southern 64 Third Avenus 122
Ches. & Ohio. 463, EXPRESS CO. 8.
Chi. Gr. Western 27 Adams 100
Ch. Ja & Q. 160 American 200
Chi. Ind & L 373, United States IS
do pfd 722, Wells-Fargu 144
Chi & Fast, Ill. 1143, MISCELLANEOUS,
Chicago & N. W. 1772, Amer. Cotton 011 253,
C. R. L & Pac. 129 do pfd 85
C. C. C. & St. L 804, Amer. Mailing 5%,
Colo. Southern 12 do pfd 27 theres. The closing quotations were: Atchison do pfd ... Bait & Ohio do pfd ... Can. Pacific Can. Southern

C. C. & St. L. 80% Amer. Malting
Colo. Southern 12 do pfd
do lst pfd. 47% Amer. Smelt. & R. d
do 2d pfd. 22% do 47d
Del. & Hudson. 163% Amer. Spirits
Del. Lack. & W. 200 do pfd
Denver & Rio Gr. 47% Amer. Spirits
Del. Lack. & W. 200 do pfd
Benver & Rio Gr. 47% Amer. Steel Hoop.
do pfd 98% Amer. Steel & W. do
gr. North. pfd. 2015 Amer. Tin Plate.
Hocking Coal 17 do pfd
Hocking Valley 54% Amer. Tobacco
Illinois Coutral 130% Amer. Tobacco
Illinois Coutral 130% Anaconda M. Co.
do pfd 98% Brooklyn R. T.
Lake Eric & W. 58% Colo. Fuel & Iron.
do pfd 126% Colo. Fuel & Iron.
do pfd 126% Colo. Fuel & Iron.
do pfd 60% Gr. 47% Amer. Tobacco
Lake Shote 210% Anaconda M. Co.
do pfd 60% Gr. 47% Anaconda M. Co.
do pfd 60% Gr. 47% Gr. Federal Steel
Manhattan El 124% Gen. Electric
Mex. Central 25 Glucose Sugar
Minn & St. Louis 88 do pfd
Acceptal 121 Int. Paper

dozen; California tomatora, \$150@2 per box.
Fruit—Lemons, choice, \$2 00; fancy, \$150@2 75; oranges, \$1 75@2 50 for navel; \$150@2 75; oranges, \$1 75@2 75; or

*Ex dividend.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, March 28 .- The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: Business on the Stock Exchange here was brisk today, and the tone was one of cheerfulness. American shares were buoyant through the list and throughout the day. London was a buyer of Northern Pacific, Denver preferred and Eries. Coal stocks were strong. New York sup-ported prices freely. Berlin bought calls on Northern and Union Pacifics, Eries and Readings, chiefly for the end of May or the beginning of June.

Gold to the extent of \$100,000 is going out to South America. The bank has bought £18,000 gold bars. Money was unchanged. The market borrowed £2,000,000 from the bank,

Money, Exchange, Etc.

on London, 60 days, \$4 8515; sterling on London, sight, \$4 89. Drafts-Sight, 124c; telegraph, 15c. Mexican dollars-5944651c.

NEW YORK, March 18 .- Money on call, 21,663 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 51,664 per cent; sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers bills at \$4.8834 demand, and at \$4.845 for 60 days. Posted rates, \$4 85\\64 89; commercial bills, \$4 8464 84\\64

Silver certificates 594 @60c. Mexican dolllars—tec.
Government bonds, firmer; state bonds, strong; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, March 28 .- Money, 4641/2 per

Southern Ry. com... Southern Ry. pfd... Southern Pacific St. L. & S. F. com... St. L. & S. F. 2ds pfd. St. L. & S. F. 1sts pfd.

900 shares.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, March 28.—Atchison, 63%; Canadian Pacific, 26%; Union Pacific preferred, 86%; Northern Pacific preferred, 23%; Grand Trunk, 5%; Anaconda, 3%.

THE CRAIN MARKETS. Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports. SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.-Wheat,

Barley, quiet on call and steady for spot. Onte, quiet and steady. Spot quotations were: Wheat-Shipping No. 1, \$1 014; choice, \$1 614; milling, \$1 024469 05. Barley-Feed, 75@76%c; brewing, S0c. Onte-Black, for seed, \$1 15@1 25; red,

\$1, 25(\$1, 45. Call board sales: Wheat-steady; May, \$1 08%; December, \$1 06%; cash, \$1 01%. Barley-No sales. Corn-Large yellow, \$1 15@1 17%

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 28 .- Flour receipts, 24 978 barrels; exports, 27,116 barrels; mar-

ket, slow but stendy.
Wheat receipts, 75,000 bushels; exports. 64,512 bushels; spot, firm; No. 2 red, SI% f. o. b. afloat, 80 c elevator. Options opened steady, and continued so until near the close, when strength in corn prompted covering, and the close was firm at 4c net advance. May closed at 804c; July, 81c; September, 804c.

Hops-Quiet.

Liverpool Wheat Market. LIVERPOOL, March 25.-Wheat-Spot, firm; No. 2 red Western, 6s 14d; North-ern Spring, 6s 34d; No. 1 California, 6s Futures quiet; May, 6s 1d; July,

Corn-Spot, firm; American mixed new 2s 11d: do old, 4s 1/d. Futures quiet; May 2s 3\d; July, 3s 10\d; September, 3s 11d.

Chiengo Grain and Provisions. CHICAGO, March 28.-Corn opened with entiment only a shade easter, although the rather bearish semblance of news might have excused greater weakness. The weather to begin with, was im-proved, receipts were liberal and continued a largely increased proportion of contract corn, while cables were indifferent. Notwithstanding these considera-42%c and in a few minutes touched 41%8 41%c. Trade was light and May dropped to 42%c. Here the market steadled and began that steady appreciation which culminated in a new high record price for May delivery, doing it in the face of strenuous efforts of certain bear houses to held it. The bull leader was only a moderate buyer, but outside buying and the

The clone was strong, %c over yesterday at 4256c. Wheat was dull, narrow and uninteresting. Much of the time business was at a standstill while traders turned a wisi-ful eye on the superior animation of It was the strength of this market which saved wheat from succumbing to the prevalent bearish news. Even reapathy. Heavy receipts and the weak-ness of the export situation, the mild, clear weather and the optimism of the Price Current reports combined to create bearish sentiment. May opened a shade SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.-Sterling to 160 lower, at 75% to 75% 75% and de-

covering by scalpers raised May to 43c.

clined to 75%. A long period of stagna-tion followed until near the close when the market railled in sympathy-with corn, losing unchanged at 75% 876c.

Oats were in excellent demand for shipment, but for futures business was slug-gish. May closed a shade higher at 25%c. Provisions were dull and easier. Selling by packers and local operators forced prices down in the afternoon. May pork closed lic lower, lard 24/95c down and ribs

The leading futures ranged as follows

WHEAT. CORN. OATS. MESS PORK LARD. SHORT RIBS.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour-Fairly active. Whent-No. 2 Spring, @@72c; No. 2 red, 74%@76%c. 74% 676% c.
Corn-No. 2, 42c; No. 2 yellow, 42c.
Oats-No. 2, 25% 675% c; No. 2 white, 25%
625% c; No. 3 white, 27% 625% c.
Rye-No. 2, 53% 654c.
Barley-Fair to choice maiting, 50% 58c.
Flaxseed-No. 1, 51 55%; No. 1 Northwestern, 51 56% 157.
Timothy seed-Prime, 34.
Mess pork-Per barrel, 515 25% 15 40.

Mess pork—Per barrel, \$15 25@15 40. Lard—Per 100 pounds, \$8 10@8 12%. Short ribs—Sides, 100se, \$7 85@8 05. Shoulders-Dry-salted, boxed, \$6 625/63

Sides-Short, clear, boxed, \$8 1568 to. Clover-Contract grade, \$11. On the Produce Exchange today the but. ter market was quiet; creamery, 15@21c;

dairy, 11@18c. Cheese-Active at 11@11%c. Eggs-Quiet; fresh, 1246c.

Chicago Grain Gossip. F. G. Logan's grain letter to R. W. Mc-

Kinnon & Co., says; Wheat opened a shade higher. There was less apprehension over possible damage by Hessian fly and shorts had covered freely at the close yesterday. The weather map shows about normal temperatures for the time of year. Price current rather bearish. A prominent lo-cal operator, was a fair seller at near the lowest prices of the day and the wheat was taken by commission men. The market is a waiting one and in our opinion some damage to the growing crop must come in evidence before any material improvement is expected. The temper of public, however, is in proper condition to give ue a buil market provided anything should occur in the way of damage to warrant it.

Grain in Europe. LIVERPOOL, March 28.-Wheat-Steady; No. 1 standard California, 6s 4d; wheat and flour in Paris, quiet; French country markets, quiet and steady; weather in England, fine but cold.

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

MARKET BROADENS.

Week Has Brought Further Advonces lu Iron. CLEVELAND, March 28.-Commenting on market conditions the Iron Trade Re-

The iron market is broadening and the week has brought further advances. The buying of pig-iron for delivery after the middle of the year is the feature in that market, and there are accumulating signs a leading interest has pushed its purchases of basic iron farther forward in the year so that they now cover outside requirements for most of 1901 is one significant item. The current of demand in all lines, conspicuously that directly reflecting railroad and agricultural prosperity, is deeper and stronger, and structural operations now promise to exceed the good indica-

tions of the past three months. But with all the strength shown in every quarter except the East—which still lags, though perhaps the halting attitude is not so pronounced—there is no mention of 1899 without the accompanying opinion that the mistakes of that year will not be repeated. A conservative spirit pervades the trade and the impending change in the great steel industries of the Central West is expected to add to rather than setract from the steadying influence which has been exerted by some of the constit-

Steel-making frons have been in demand again. The sales of Bessemer amounted to about \$5,000 tons in the Pittsburg market at \$16 50 valley furnace. Some of the steel companies that sold fron in the Fall are now buying at a very considerable advance over their selling price. Basic and forge iron have also been bought for the Pittsburg district at advancing prices, the latter for pipe works. As in every other time of special pregeure upon steel works, the consumption of iron pipe is increasing, and this has come to be a fairly reliable index to an unusual scarcity of steel.

From the leading markets for foundry iron there are reports of continued strength and more than average activity, all the demand, it would seem, being for

actual consumption and for the most part to cover business actually booked. Buyers have not reached the point at which they feel called upon to contract heavily to save themselves from advances of the near or farther future.

EASTEN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, March 28.-Cattle-Receipts, 10 000. Steers, steady to strong; butchers', strong and active; choice feeders, a shade higher; good to prime steers, \$4 95@6 (6; oor to medium, \$2 75@4 90; stockers and feeders, \$3 15@4 85; cows, \$2 70@4 90; helf-ers, \$2 75@4 @; canners, \$2@2 60; bulls, \$2 60 624 50; calves, \$4 50@5 75; Texas-fed steers, \$405; grassers, \$3 4064; bulls, \$2 7563 75. Hogs-Receipts today, 20,000; tomorrow, 18,000; left over, 3500. Strong, active, good

18,00; left over, 3500. Strong, active, good demand; good clearances; mixed and butchers, \$5,8566 10; good to choice, heavy, \$6,666 12½; rough, heavy, \$5,8566 56; light, \$5,806 65; bulk of sales, \$5,866 66. Sheep—Receipts, 16,000. Sheep and lambs, steady; top, \$5,45; good to choice wethers, \$4,8065 66; fair to choice mixed, \$4,5064 50; Western sheep, \$4,8065 66; yearlings, \$4,8065 15; native lambs, \$4,856 86; Western lambs, \$4,856 86. 5 45; Western lambs, \$6 15@5 45,

OMAHA, March 28.—Cattle-Receipts, a8,000; market, steady; native neel steers, \$4 0095 00; western steers, \$3 75@4 50; Texas steers, \$3 0064 00; cows and helfers, \$3 4064 40; canners, \$1 7563 25; stockers and feeders, \$3 25674 75; caives, \$3 0027 00; bulls and stags, \$2 78@4 E. Hogs-Receipts, 6100; market, 5c higher heavy, \$6 90@5 97; mixed, \$5 87@5 90; light

\$5 85@5 90; bulk of sales, \$6 87@5 92. Sheep-Receipts, 7800; market, steady; fair to choice yearlings, \$4 6025 00; fair to choice wethers, \$4 2504 65; common and choice sheep, \$2 8063 90; jambs, \$4 5065 30. KANSAS CITY, March B.-Cattle-Receipts 5000; market steady to strong; Texas steers, \$4 10@4 90; Texas cows, \$2 65@3 75 native steers, \$4.0005.00; native cows and heiters, \$2.7504.85; stockers and feeders, weak, \$4.2505.25; bulls, \$3.25004.75, Hogs-Receipts 13,000; market steady;

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WHEAT AND STOCK BROKERS

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bulk of sales, \$5 85@35 85; heavy, \$5 90@ 6 05; packers, \$5 85@5 95; mixed, \$5 90@ 5 95; lights, \$5 75@5 90; Yorkers, \$5 70@5 85; pigs, \$6 10@5 00. Sheep-Receipts 8000; market steady; lambs, \$5 10665 25; muttons, \$4 25@5.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS. SAN FRANCISCO March 27.-Wool-Spring-Nevada, 11@12c; Eastern Oregon, 10@13c; Valley Oregon, 14@15c, Fall-Mountain lambs, 9@10c; San Joaquin Plains, 9@

Humboldt and Mendocino, 10glic. Hops, crop of 1900, 15@20c, Milistuffs — Middlings, \$17@19 50; bran, \$15@15 50. Hay-Wheat, 18613; wheat and cats. 1863 12; best barley, 18 50; alfaifa, 1769 50; compressed wheat, 18613 per ton; straw. 40@474c per bale. Potatoes-River Burbanks, 30@50c; Ore-

Onions-\$2673 per cental. Vegetables—Green pens, 263%c; string cans, 467c per pound; asparagus, \$26 Citrus fruit-Common California lemons,

Bananas SI 50672 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, \$798; fryers, \$5,5066; hens, \$566 per dozen; small broilers, \$364; large do, \$565.50; old ducks, \$5 5006 50; geese, \$1 5001 75 per Butter-Fancy creamery, 16c; fancy dairy, 14c. Cheese — California, full cream, 9c Young America, 94ge; Eastern, E-184c.

Young America, 946; Eastern, 1841642.

1838 Selected, 124c; ranch, 134c.

Receipts-Flour, 9737 quarter sacks; wheat, 1370 centals; barley, 6825 centals; coats, 520 centals; coats, 120 centals; coats, 120 sacks; bran, 1250 sacks; middings, 420 sacks; hay, 375 tons; wool, 479 bales; bidas, 361 472 bales; bides, 361.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 28.-Despite the article showed continued firmness, owing to a lack of selling pressure, with final figures on the basis of \$56 40@25 50. The close at London showed spot to be £116 2s 6d, and the future option £114. Copper was featureless, closing un-changed.

Lead was dull at \$4 37%. Spelter dull and without quotable change. SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.-Bar sil-

Coffee and Sugar. NEW YORK, March 28 .- Coffee-Options

closed steady, net unchanged. Sales, 14,-500 bags, including: April, \$5 50; May, \$5 35; September, \$5 80. Spot Rio dull; No. 7 invoice, 65467c. Mild dull; Cordova, \$6 Sugar-Raw firmer; fair refining, 3 17-320;

centrifugal, 96 test, 413-32@41-16c. fined firm. Cotton in New York.

NEW YORK, March 28.-The cotton

market closed steady with a net rise of

10@15 points. EASTERN MULTNOMAH.

Efforts to Improve Mail Service-Changing Boundaries.

GRESHAM, Or., March 28 .- Further efforts are to be made to improve the mail service throughout this section, the Postoffice Department taking an active intermarket, and there are accumulating signs that the trade has confidence in the stability of values as they stand today. That offices are supplied by the Portland-Sandy stage for the best plan by which the public could be served under the next contract, which will be let in September A conference among the Postmasters re-sulted in a plan which has been forwarded to the department and will probably be used as a basis for the next contract. It recommends, in substance, that the ma should come from Portland to Montavilla on the electric cars as early as possible; thence to be forwarded by stage to the various offices now being served by the star route. It is thought that the mell would reach Gresham by 9 A. M. if sent in that way, instead of getting there from 2% to 3 hours later as at present. Quick transit from the Villa will be insisted upon, and all the postoffices would be benefited thereby, whether the people are served by rural-delivery carriers or not. The recommendation also includes a daily mail to Sweethriar, Gage and Huriburt, instead of every other day, as it is now carried. Although the contract is to be let in September next, it will not go into effect until July 1, 1902, and be fore that time arrives there may be a car line out here, which will change all the plans and give the public better mail serv

ice than that outlined in the recommenda-tions of the Postmasters, Fixing Boundaries. David Cathey is circulating a petition tendent asking for a change in the bound-aries of Gresham school district. Since the district was first laid out there have been many transfers of property, which are now lying partially in Gresham dis-trict and the others surrounding it. The object of the petition is to bring some of the pieces of land into the district entirely, while other places will be given the other districts. The disposal of these will depend something on the wishes of their owners and the quantity of land which lies the most in either district. The petition meets with much favor, people who live just over the line ing occasion to get into Gresham district, which has such an excellent school, far superior to any other in the neighboring

Brief Notes.

Allen Shattuck is here from Juneau Alaska, where he is in the hardware bustness. He will return to that place in a few days.

A. S. Gruber is putting up a neat twoatory residence on the Base Line road below Rockwood. It will cost about \$1000, and will be occupied by Mr. Gruber and family when completed. Postmaster Williams, of Sweetbriar, has resigned his office, as it was more bother to him than it was worth. It is under-stood that S Stafford will try to secure

the appointment for the short time rural free delivery will let the office exist. Salmon trout are becoming quite plen-tiful in the Sandy, and many are being caught. Several wagon-loads of people were out from the city Sunday, and all of them took fish home with them. They will be more plentiful in a few weeks,

when the weather gets warmer.

Silver-gray squirrels are becoming quite numerous hereabouts, and are frequently seen along the roads. A few of them were brought here a few years ago, and are increasing quite rapidly. They are protected by law, the penalty for killing

one being quite heavy; hence they will soon become as plentiful as the other and worthless kinds. The O. R. & N. Co. has been shipping illroad ties from Troutdale so rapidly the past few weeks that the teamsters have difficulty in keeping ahead. Only about 45,000 now remain in the yard, which

ONE OPINION OF SEATTLE.

is a small number compared with great piles that sometimes adorn

Portlander Who Sees No Cause to Fear Rivalry.

PORTLAND, March 26 .- (To the Editor.)—I have just returned from Puget Sound, and wish to give you an account of that country, and especially Sentile. So far as Seattle is concerned, the gon Burbanks, 65650c; Harly Rose, Sick town is not what it is cracked up to be, by any means. The lower portion of the business part is in a filthy condition, and the streets don't look as if the place were flourishing. There are thousands of hard-up-looking fellows on the streets, and between 3000 and 4000 around the No; choice, \$2 25; navel oranges, 50c@2 per

> There is not a good improved street on the hill, in the residence portion, and there are horses, with small loads, stuck in the mud everywhere. The retail stores are not packed with customers. The retail There are very few business blocks going up, and the new houses would credit to a mining town, but not to large, established city. The houses have no brick foundations, and the latter are

> just shoveled together.
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> I am sure that the new houses put up in Portland cost a great deal more mone than those erected in Seattle. I ex-pected to see wonders in Seattle, but half of the bustle and business on the streets is a kind of fake-game. Portland need not be afraid of Seattle. If she would only start a smelter, Portland could have thousands of trainloads of ore from the Coeur d'Alene mines, and ore from the Coeur d'Alene mines, and she ought to have lead works at the same time.

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article showed continued firmness, owing town of Olympia is getting to be quite a place. Trainload after trainload of logs are dumped into the bay at Olympia, for miles around, morning after morning. Whistles of saw mills and shingle mills are blowing all over the bay-a condition which few people dreamed of three years ago.

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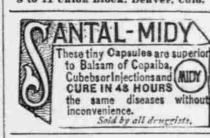
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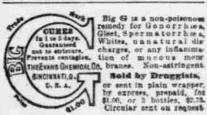
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