COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The Front-street market was quiet yesterday in sympathy with the waning month. Butter was weak, owing to large receipts from California and to the increasing home product. Quotations on creamery will be 2½c lower Monday. Eggs were steady and the opinion was expressed that they have reached their limit. Poultry had good demand and moved better than for several days. Oregon cheese was limited and in strong demand. The vegetable supply was slack, but a small consignment of California was on hand to tide over until the next steamer, which will arrive Sunday night. Lettuce from domestic hothouses had a very ready sale. Bananas were very scarce, but will be in good supply today. Hood River is still providing the market with high-grade apples.

The advance in livestock and packing-house prices is considered a sympathetic movement with the rise of corn, which is now at high figure. The continued heavy export of meat products also has influence on the situation. From present indications the advance will last some time.

Coal oil was reported to have risen ½c, but the office of the Standard Oil Company stated that the order had been countermanded.

Bank Clearances.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$253,875	$84,091
Tacoma	154,571	34,965
Seattle	382,496	54,075
Spokane	118,087	23,899

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The wheat market seems pretty firm, with a good undertone of strength running through it. The Eastern markets closed fractionally higher yesterday, and San Francisco was very much excited. Locally, there is more firmness, and as high as 87½c was offered for Walla Walla. Very few sales were reported, however, and there is less inclination to buy than there was before the first of the bulge shook out some liberal offerings. Freights are steady with no new transactions reported.

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

Flour—Best grades, $2 70@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, $21 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, 8@12c; mohair, 20@21c per pound.

Sheepskins — Shearlings, 15@20c; short-wool, 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; 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, 30@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@75c; otter (land), $5@7; panther, with head and claws perfect, $2@5; raccoon, 30@35c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $1 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, $4@5; dressed, 11@12c per pound; Springs, $4@5 per dozen; ducks, $5@6; geese, $6@8 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 12@14c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12@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 2½@3½c 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, 6c 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@28c; 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, $4@4 50 per sack.

Sugar—Cube, $6 25; crushed, $6 50; powdered, $6 85; dry granulated, $5 65; extra C, $5 25; golden C, $5 15 net, half barrels ⅛c more than barrels; sacks, 10c per 100 less than barrels; maple, 15@16c per pound.

Salmon — Columbia River, one-pound tails, $1 50@2; two-pound tails, $2 25@2 50; fancy one-pound flats, $2@2 25; ½-pound fancy flats, $1 10@1 30; Alaska tails, $1@1 25; two-pound tails, $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, 13c; fancy pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 16@17½c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 5¾c; 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—Lambs, 12½c per pound gross; best sheep, wethers, $5; ewes, $4 50; dressed 7½@8½c per pound.

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

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

Provisions — Portland pack (Shield Brand) hams, 13c; picnic, 9½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 14½@15½c per pound; bacon, 11½c per pound; backs, 11c; dry salted sides, 10½c; dried beef, setts, 15c; knuckles, 18c; lard, 5s, 11½c; 10s, 11¾; 50s, 11c; tierces, 10¾c; Eastern pack (Hammonds), hams, large, 12¾c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic, 10c; shoulders, 10c; breakfast bacon, 14@16c; dry salted sides, 10@11¼c; bacon sides, 11@12c; backs, 11¾c; butts, 10¾c; lard, pure leaf, kettles rendered, 5s, 11¾c; 10s, 11¾c; dry salt bellies, 10¾c; bacon bellies, 11¾@13¼c; dried beef, 15¾c.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $5@5 25; cows and heifers, $4 50@4 75; dressed beef, 7@8¼c per pound.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Furious Speculation in Burlington and Northern Pacific Holdings.

NEW YORK, March 29.—This was another day of heavy speculation in the stock market. The individual examples of notable strength served as an effective prop to the whole market, and kept the bullish spirit in the ascendant, although profit-taking was on an enormous scale all day. The movement was not especially connected with any new developments, but everything received a favorable interpretation from the enthusiastic bulls, and if anything unfavorable came to their notice it was totally ignored.

Burlington and United States Steel stocks were the most conspicuous features in the market, as was the case yesterday, and their strength had a decisive influence on the whole list. Burlington was buoyant from the outset, mounting 4½ points over last night's close in the opening transactions by successive stages of half a point at a time on absorption of 15,000 shares. No authorized announcement was made of a closing of the Northern Pacific-Burlington deal, but the speculators accepted the assertion that "the plan was ripe." There was a furious speculation in this stock, which carried it up through successive reactions to 175, with the close only a shade below that. The profit-taking in Northern Pacific was very heavy, carrying the stock down 1½ from the top level and closing at only a small rally with a net loss of ¼.

The volume of dealings in United States steel stocks was contemplated with delight by the commission brokers as an active speculation in a stock comprising a capital of 8,500,000 shares. The day's business in the common stock amounted to 159,000 shares, and in the preferred to 120,000 shares, or for both 17 per cent of the total transactions. The common stock was lifted at one time 1¾ to 46, and the preferred 1¼ to 96. The offerings brought out at this level were enormous, and apparently the supporters of the stock were satisfied to maintain them at near that level, which was done to the end. There was a very notable demand for high-grade investment stocks and for some others on which the dividend return is still at a high rate. In this class Northwestern was lifted 5½, St. Paul & Omaha 8, Lackawanna 9, Delaware & Hudson 6¾, New York Central ex dividend 2, Illinois Central 2¾, and Western Union 3½.

There were various other points of strength including the Readings, the New York public utilities, the smelting stocks on a rebound from yesterday's depression, People's Gas and various other stocks, including grangers. The Eries, the Wheeling & Lake Eries and the Southwestern group showed the effects of realizing. Sugar was also under pressure. The fact that no engagements of gold were made for tomorrow's steamer was regarded as a favorable factor, although the sterling exchange market was called firm at a slightly lower level, in sympathy with somewhat easier discounts in London. The promise of an unfavorable bank statement was ignored.

There was less activity in the bond market today, and the price movement was irregular. Total sales, $3,895,000.

United States new 4s advanced ¼ per cent on the last call.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref. reg.	106¾	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	107¼
do coupon	106¾	Northern Pac. 3s	72¼
do 5s, reg.	111¾	do 4s	105¼
do coupon	111¾	Oregon Nav. 1sts	109
do new 4s, reg.	138¼	do 4s*	104
do coupon	138¼	Oregon S. L. 6s	132¾
do old 4s, reg.	113¼	do con. 5s	117
do coupon	114½	Rio Gr. W. 1sts	101¾
do 5s, reg.	111½	St. Paul consols	184½
do coupon	111¾	S. P. C. & P. 1sts*	118
Dist. Col. 3-65s	123½	do 5s	120¼
Atchison adj. 4s	95½	Union Pacific 4s	105¼
C. & N.W. con. 7s	141½	Wis. Cent. 1sts	90¾
do S. F. deb. 5s	124	West Shore 4s*	115¼
D. & R. G. 4s*	102	Southern Pac. 3s	83
Gen. Electric 5s	150		

*Bid.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 1,580,000 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	61¾	Wabash pfd	29¾
do pfd	95¾	Wheel. & L. E.	20¾
Balt. & Ohio	82½	do 2d pfd	36¼
do pfd	91¼	Wis. Central	20
Can. Pacific	95	P. C., C. & St. L.	67
Can. Southern	64¾	Third Avenue	121
Ches. & Ohio	46¾	EXPRESS CO'S.	
Chi. Gr. Western	22	Adams	160
C., B. & Q.	174¾	American	200
Chi., Ind. & L.	38	United States	77
do pfd	73	Wells-Fargo	144
Chi. & East. Ill.	116¾	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Chicago & N. W.	167	Amer. Malting	3¾
Colo. Southern	12	do pfd	26
do 1st pfd	47	Am. Smelt. & R.	35¾
do 2d pfd	26	do pfd	94¼
Del. & Hudson	173¾	Amer. Spirits	2½
Del., Lack. & W.	215	do pfd	17
Denver & Rio Gr.	47	Am. Steel Hoop*	43¾
do pfd	98½	do pfd*	93¾
Erie	36¾	Amer. Steel & W.*	45¾
do 1st pfd	69¾	do pfd*	111
Gr. North. pfd	204¼	Amer. Tin Plate*	74½
Hocking Coal	17	do pfd*	118
Hocking Valley	54¼	Am. Tobacco	125¾
Illinois Central	138¾	do pfd	144
Iowa Central	31½	Anaconda M. Co.	45¾
do pfd	61½	Brooklyn R. T.	82¾
Lake Erie & W.	30½	Colo. Fuel & Iron	54¾
do pfd	127	Cont. Tobacco	44½
Lake Shore	210	do pfd	90½
Louis. & Nash.	100¾	Federal Steel	104½
Manhattan El	128	do pfd*	103½
Met. St. Ry.	164¾	Gen. Electric	216
Mex. Central	24¼	Glucose Sugar	49½
Minn. & St. Louis	85	do pfd	96
do pfd	112	Int. Paper	22¾
Missouri Pacific	101¾	do pfd	75
Mobile & Ohio*	82	La Clede Gas	81½
M., K. & T.	24¾	National Biscuit	40¾
do pfd	58	do pfd	95½
New Jersey Cent.	155	National Lead	15½
New York Cent.	146¾	do pfd	84
Norfolk & West.	51	National Steel*	35¾
do pfd	85	do pfd*	119¾
Northern Pacific	94¾	N. Y. Air Brake	150½
do pfd	92¾	North American	88¼
Ontario & West.	39¾	Pacific Coast	54
O. R. & N.	39	do 1st pfd	91
do pfd	76	do 2d pfd	64
Pennsylvania	153¾	Pacific Mail	35¼
Reading	35¾	People's Gas	102¾
do 1st pfd	75¾	Pressed Steel Car	37¾
do 2d pfd	51¼	do pfd	81½
Rio Gr. Western	84	Pullman Pal. Car	203
do pfd	106	Stand. Rope & T.	4¼
St. Louis & S. F.	42¾	Sugar	139¾
do 1st pfd	82½	do pfd	121
do 2d pfd	67½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	58
St. Louis S. W.	32	U. S. Leather	13¾
do pfd	64¼	do pfd	93¾
St. Paul	150¾	U. S. Rubber	29¾
do pfd	184½	do pfd	69
St. Paul & O.	152	Western Union	93¾
Southern Pacific	46¾	Amal. Copper	100¾
Southern Ry	28¾	Nat. Tube*	63
do pfd	79½	do pfd*	117½
Texas & Pacific	34¼	Republic Iron & S.	18¼
Union Pacific	92	do pfd	73¼
do pfd	84½	U. S. Steel	45¾
Wabash	20¾	do pfd	95¾

*Trust receipts. †Ex dividend, trust receipts.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4 85; on sight, $4 89. Mexican dollars, 50½@51c.

Drafts—Sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Money on call, steady, 2@3 per cent.

Last loans, 2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3½@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 83½@4 83¾ for demand and at $4 84¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85½@4 89; commercial bills, $4 84@4 84½.

Silver certificates, 59¾@61c.

Mexican dollars, 49c.

Government bonds, strong.

State bonds, firmer.

Railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, March 29.—Money, 3½@4 per cent.

Consols, 95 11-16.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The Commercial-Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

Business was slack on the Stock Exchange here today. London is beginning to anticipate the Easter holidays. The tone was satisfactory. Even Americans were affected. That department was idle and London was taking profits in a leisurely fashion, until New York caused a hardening of prices by purchases of the Northern Pacific issues. Ontario & Western, and a sharp spurt in New York Central. This last was on bidding in the street after the close. Part of the latest strength was attributed to the reports of the deal for the control of Mexican Central. London is now displaying no independence whatever in its trading in American stocks. Everybody here is simply following the New York lead and the local market becomes distinctly nervous on any break in Wall street.

The Bank has bought £562,000 of gold bars which came from India.

The market is beginning to pay back the heavy sums recently borrowed from the Bank.

New York Stocks.

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

STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Anaconda Mining	45¼	45¾	45¼	45¾
Amalgamated Copper	100	101	99½	101¼
Atchison com.	61¼	61¾	61¼	61¾
Atchison pfd	95½	95½	94¾	95¼
Am. Tobacco com.	125½	126	125	125¼
Am. Sugar com.	140	140¾	139¾	140¼
Am. Steel & Wire com	45¼	46	44¾	45¾
Am. Steel & Wire pfd.	111¼	111½	110¾	111
Am. Smelt. com.	54½	54¾	53¾	54¾
Am. Smelt. pfd.	85	85	82	84½
Am. Steel Hoop com.	44	45½	44	45½
Am. Steel Hoop pfd.	95¾	96	94¼	95¾
Am. Tin-Plate com.	74	74¾	73¾	74
Am. Tin-Plate pfd.	115	116	115	114¾
Balt. & Ohio com.	92¾	93	92¼	92½
Balt. & Ohio pfd.	91½	92	91¼	91½
Brook. Rapid Transit	81¼	83	80¾	82½
Canadian Pacific	93	.....	.....	93½
Chi. & Alton com.	43	43½	42½	43¼
Chi. & Alton pfd.	77¾	78	77½	77½
Chi. & G. W. com.	22¾	23	22½	22¾
Chi., I. & L. com.	39¼	39	38	38
Chi., I. & L. pfd.	73¼	73¾	73	73
Chi., Burl. & Q.	169½	175	169½	174¾
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	150	151¼	149¾	150¼
Chi. & N. W. com.	178¾	184	178	182¼
*Chi., R. I. & P.	128¼	129½	128	129¼
Central of New Jersey	155	155½	155	155
Chesapeake & Ohio	46¾	47	46¾	46¾
Canada Southern	64½	65½	64	64¾
Colo. Fuel & Iron com	55½	55½	54½	54¾
Cont. Tobacco com.	45	45	44¾	44¾
Cont. Tobacco pfd.	105	105¼	104½	105½
Delaware & Hudson	169	174	168	157
Dela., Lack. & West.	213	215	208	215½
Denver & R. G. com.	47½	47¾	47¼	47¼
Denver & R. G. pfd.	98½	98¾	98½	98½
Erie 2d pfd.	58½	59¼	57¾	58¼
Erie 1st pfd.	69¼	69¾	69¼	69¾
Federal Steel com.	51½	51¾	50½	51¼
*Federal Steel pfd.	103	104	103	103
Illinois Central	138½	138¾	136½	138¼
Louisville & Nashville	100	100½	99¾	100¼
Metropolitan Traction	162	165¼	162	164¾
Manhattan Elevated	125	126¼	125	126
Mexican Central	25	25	24¼	24
Mexican Central 1st	31½	.....	.....	31¾
Missouri Pacific	103½	103¾	102½	102¾
Mobile & Ohio	82	82½	82	82
M., K. & T. com.	25	25¾	25	24¾
M., K. & T. pfd.	58½	58½	57¾	58
New York Central	146¾	147¾	146¼	146¾
Norfolk & West. com.	51	51½	51	51
Norfolk & West. pfd.	85	85	85	85
Northern Pacific com.	95½	93¾	92½	92¾
Northern Pacific pfd.	92½	93¾	92½	92¾
National Steel com.	56	56¼	54¾	55¾
National Steel pfd.	115	116	115	115
North American new	88	88¾	86¾	88¼
N. Y., Ont. & West.	35¼	36	35¼	35¾
O. R. & N. Co. com.	.....	.....	.....	42
O. R. & N. Co. pfd.	.....	.....	.....	76
Pacific Coast	54	.....	.....	57
Pacific Coast 1st	64	.....	.....	67
Pennsylvania Ry.	153½	154½	153½	153¾
People's G., L. & C.	104½	107¼	104¼	106½
Pressed Steel Car pfd.	80	82	80	81¾
Pullman Palace Car	206	205	204	204
Pacific Mail Steamship	35	35½	35	35¼
Reading com.	35	36¼	35	35¾
Reading 2d pfd.	50¾	51¾	49¾	51¼
Reading 1st pfd.	74¾	75¼	74¾	75¼
Southern Ry. com.	28¾	29¼	28¾	28¾
Southern Ry. pfd.	79¼	79¾	79	79½
Southern Pacific	46¼	46¾	46¼	46½
St. L. & S. F. com.	43	43¼	42	42¼
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd.	67¼	68	67	67¾
St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd.	.....	.....	.....	32½
Texas & Pacific	34¾	34¾	34½	34¼
Tenn. Coal & Iron	58	58½	57½	58
Union Pacific com.	91¾	92¾	91½	92
Union Pacific pfd.	84¾	85	84½	84¾
U. S. Leather com.	14	14	13¾	13¾
U. S. Leather pfd.	76	76½	75¾	76½
U. S. Rubber com.	20¾	21	19¾	20¼
U. S. Rubber pfd.	60¾	61	60	60
U. S. Steel Co. com.	46	46	44¾	44¾
U. S. Steel Co. pfd.	95¾	96	94¾	95¾
Wheeling & L. E. com.	21	21¾	20½	20¾
Wheeling & L. E. 2d.	37	38	37	37½
Wheeling & L. E. 1st.	60½	60¾	59	59½
Wisconsin Central com.	.....	.....	.....	20¼
Wisconsin Central pfd.	.....	.....	.....	44½
Western Union	94	96¾	93¾	96¼
Wabash com.	29¾	30¼	29¾	30¼
Wabash pfd	40¼	40¾	39¾	39¾
Wabash B	24¼	.....	.....	25

*Ex dividend, 1¼ per cent. Sales, 1,500,000 shares.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, March 29.—Atchison, 62¾; Canadian Pacific, 89¾; Northern Pacific, preferred 95½; Grand Trunk, 8¾; Anaconda, 8¼.

Seat on New York Exchange.

NEW YORK, March 29.—A seat on the New York Stock Exchange was sold today for $55,000, which is $2500 more than the highest price heretofore paid.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—Wheat and barley quiet on call and firm in the spot market. Oats quiet and steady. Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping, No. 1, $1 04¼; choice, $1 02½; milling, $1 03¾@1 06¼.

Barley—Feed, 76¼@77½c; brewing, 80@82½c.

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

Call-board sales:

Wheat—Quiet; May, $1 03¾ bid; December, $1 06¾ bid; cash, $1 02½.

Barley—Quiet; May, 74½c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 15@1 17½.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Oats broke from their usual narrow path. Wheat was dull and neglected, in favor of the greater attractions in neighboring pits. Trade was professional in character the greater part of the session, and the tone easy on the whole, in consequence of liberal receipts, good crop prospects and the favorable weather. May sold between 75¾c and 76c during the forenoon, and later rallied to 76¼c on export sales at the seaboard and in sympathy with corn. The close found the market at 76¼@76⅝c, higher than yesterday's final figures.

Provisions started out heavy because Western receipts were in excess of the number at hand the corresponding day a year ago, and because prices at the stockyards were somewhat easier. May pork closed 17½c lower, lard 5@7½c higher, and ribs 7½c up.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
WHEAT.				
April	$0 75	$0 75¼	$0 75	$0 75¼
May	75¾	76¼	75¾	76¼
CORN.				
May	42⅞	44	42⅝	43¾
July	43	44	42⅞	43¾
OATS.				
May	25¼	25⅞	25¼	25¾
July	24⅞	25¼	24⅞	25¼
MESS PORK.				
May	15 20	15 22½	14 80	15 30
July	15 05	15 05	14 80	15 05
LARD.				
May	8 02½	8 10	8 00	8 10
July	8 00	8 05	8 00	8 02½
September	7 97½	8 07½	7 92½	8 02½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	7 85	8 02½	7 85	8 00
July	7 80	7 92½	7 80	7 92½
September	7 77½	7 90	7 77½	7 90

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 67½@73¾c; No. 2 red, 79c.

Corn—No. 2, 43½c; No. 2 yellow, 43½c.

Oats—No. 2, 26½c; No. 2 white, 28¾@29½c; No. 3 white, 28¾c.

Rye—No. 2, 53@54c.

Barley—Good feeding, 47c; fair to choice malting, 49@56c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 55; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 56@1 57.

Timothy seed—Prime, $4.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $15 12½@15 20.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $8 15@8 20.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $7 50@8 10.

Shoulders—Dry-salted, boxed, $6 75@6 87½.

Sides—Short, clear, boxed, $8 15@8 30.

Clover—Contract grade, $11.

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 15@21c; dairy, 11@18c.

Cheese—Fairly active at 11@11¾c.

Eggs—Active; fresh, 12½@12½c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	30,000	28,000
Wheat, bushels	137,000	49,000
Corn, bushels	697,000	180,000
Oats, bushels	254,000	178,000
Rye, bushels	13,000	15,000
Barley, bushels	17,000	13,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Flour—Receipts, 29,858 barrels; exports, 16,168 barrels. Market active.

Wheat—Receipts, 94,500 bushels; exports, no sales. Spot firm; No. 2 red, 82c f. o. b. afloat; 80½c elevator.

Options were dominated all day by strength of corn, and ruled generally firm, although quiet, closing firm at ¼c net advance. May closed 81c; July, 81¼c; September, 80¾c.

Wool—Dull.

Hops—Quiet.

Grain in Europe.

LIVERPOOL, March 29.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red Western Winter, 6s ½d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 6s 3¾d; No. 1 California, 6s 3½d. Futures quiet; May, 6s 1d; July, 6s 1d.

Corn—Spot firm; American mixed, new, 3s 11½d; American mixed, old, 4s ½d. Futures quiet; May, 3s 10¾d; July, 3s 10½d.

LONDON, March 29.—Wheat cargoes on passage rather firmer; Cargoes, No. 1 standard California, 29s 4½d; Walla Walla, 29s; English country market, quiet and steady.

LIVERPOOL, March 29—Wheat, steady; wheat and flour in Paris, steady; French country markets, quiet and steady.

CORN AT CHICAGO.

Phillips Influence Advanced Market One Cent During the Day.

CHICAGO, March 29.—The corn pit was overflowing with traders at the opening, and their eyes were fastened on George Phillips, who was believed to have control of the market or to be very close to a commanding position. Light country offerings, despite higher bids sent out last night, smaller receipts and the diminishing proportion of contract grade in them were influences which kept the bullish blood circulating.

Phillips, whose line of long stuff is variously estimated in the millions, met the tide of buying orders, and these came from nearly all quarters, with many 50,000 and 100,000 lots. Opening sales were at 42⅞@43c, and during the first 15 minutes the market climbed to 43¾c. The Phillips selling carried in its wake other holdings from traders who are accustomed to follow him. The quantities tossed about were of record-breaking volume. So broad was the demand, however, that the intense pressure succeeded in forcing the market only to 43¾c. Here Phillips ceased his liquidation.

In accounting for Phillips' move, it was said he was selling most of his stuff to brokers who were really his agents, and that he had attempted to shake out the weak longs and lend confidence to the bears to secure a firmer hold upon the market. Phillips became a buyer before the noon hour, and this so alarmed the shorts that the market speedily reacted, May advancing to 44c, the highest price this season for May delivery. The close was buoyant at 1c over yesterday at 43⅞c.

It was reported that the corn Phillips sold at the start was bought in by brokers acting for him, in pursuance of an attempt to further strengthen his hold on the market by shaking out the weak holders.

[illegible] MARKETS.

[illegible] March 29.—Wool—[illegible] Eastern Oregon, [illegible]15c. Fall—Mountain, [illegible]aquin Plains, 6@[illegible]; Mocino, 10@11c.

[illegible]: $17@19 50; bran, [illegible]

[illegible] oats, $1[illegible] [illegible] 50; alfalfa, [illegible] ton; straw, [illegible]

[illegible] 30@50c; Oregon Rose, 35c[illegible]

[illegible]: 29¾c; string [illegible] asparagus, $3[illegible]

[illegible]—Lo[illegible] California lemons, [illegible] navel oranges, 50c@$2 per box; [illegible] $7 00@7 50.

SMALL FLAT [illegible] keeping; no [illegible] $2 50 per bunch.

[illegible] 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, $5 50@6; hens, $5@6 per dozen; small broilers, $3@4; large do, $5@5 50; old ducks, $5 50@6 50; geese, $15@7 00 per pair.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 16c; fancy dairy, 14c.

Cheese — California, full cream, 9c; Young America, 9¼c; Eastern, 15@16½c.

Eggs—Selected, 12½c; ranch, 13½c.

Receipts—Flour, 8695 quarter sacks; do Washington, 7900 quarted sacks; wheat, 700 centals; barley, 8200 centals; oats, 210 centals; beans, 1000 sacks; potatoes, 3300 sacks; do Oregon, 700 sacks; bran, 1500 sacks; middlings, 295 sacks; hay, 350 tons; wool, 350 bales; hides, 500.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000. Steers, strong and active. Butchers', steady to strong. Good to prime steers, $5 00@6 05; poor to medium, $4 90@5 95; stockers and feeders, $3 75@4 75; cows, $2 70@4 40; heifers, $2 75@4 60; canners, $2 00@2 65; bulls, $2 65@4 50; calves, $4 75@6 00; Texas fed steers, $4 00@5 00; Texas grass steers, $3 40@4 00; Texas bulls, $2 75@3 75.

Hogs—Receipts today, 18,000; tomorrow, 15,000; left over, 2000. Choice about steady. Top, $6 15. Mixed and butchers', $5 80@6 07½; good to choice heavy, $5 95@6 15; rough heavy, $5 80@5 90; light, $5 30@6 02½; bulk of sales, $5 95@6 02½.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000. Sheep, strong. Lambs, steady. Good to choice wethers, $4 80@5 15; fair to choice mixed, $4 50@4 90; Western sheep, $4 70@5 15; yearlings, $4 80@5 15; native lambs, $4 85@5 45; Western lambs, $5 10@6 45.

OMAHA, March 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 17,000 head; market, active and stronger; native beef steers, $4@5 40; Western steers, $3 75@4 60; Texas steers, $3@4; cows and heifers, $3 25@4 40; canners, $1 75@3; stockers and feeders, $3 25@4 75; calves, $3@7; bulls and stags, $2 80@4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 7600 head; market, 5c lower and closed weak; heavy, $5 85@5 95; mixed, $5 82@5 85; light, $5 80@5 85; bulk of sales, $5 82@5 87.

Sheep—Receipts, 1900; market steady; fair to choice yearlings, $4 65@5; fair to choice wethers, $4 25@4 65; common and choice sheep, $2 70@3 90; lambs, $4 50@5 65.

KANSAS CITY, March 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 1600; market, slow; Texas steers, $4 10@4 70; Texas cows, $2 75@4 00; native steers, $4 50@5 60; native cows and heifers, $3 25@4 85; stockers and feeders, $3 75@5 25; bulls, $3 25@4 60.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; market, steady to 5c lower; bulk of sales, $5 80@6 00; heavy, $5 80@6 00; packers, $5 50@5 90; mixed, $5 75@5 90; lights, $5 70@5 85; Yorkers, $5 65@5 85; pigs, $5 00@5 50.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000; market, steady; lambs, $5 15@5 35; muttons, $4 25@5 00.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Coffee options closed steady; unchanged to 10 points net lower. Sales, 12,750 bags, including March, $5 55; May, $5 55; July, $5 65@5 70; September, $5 75; No. 7 invoice, 6⅞@7c; mild, dull; Cordova, 8¼@12½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3 1