COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Wholesale business was dull yesterday. Owing to increased receipts of mutton, prices have declined. Beef has advanced and veal is lower. Pork and cured meats are unchanged.

Potatoes again have advanced, and now reached quotations varying between 75c and $1. The country is thought to be pretty thoroughly cleaned up of its surplus, but farmers keep sending in supplies and receipts are large. All stocks are bought promptly for the San Francisco market. The next steamer from Portland will take a larger shipment than usual.

Eggs were firmer yesterday, a few sales over 14c being reported, but that figure ruled. The surplus of the market keeps going into storage. Butter was somewhat improved yesterday. Low prices have greatly increased consumption. Poultry receipts have not been so large this week as last, but as demand has not picked up, prices have not stiffened.

California vegetables will be on hand this morning in usual supply, and at current prices. Oregon asparagus is taking away the market from the California product. Domestic rhubarb is plentiful and sells at 2½ and 3 cents. Hothouse lettuce is now coming in very freely. California strawberries have ready sale. Supply of bananas will be on hand this morning.

Oregon first-grade onions are just about consumed, and the market will be supplied by Australian, which arrived by last steamer from San Francisco.

Clearing-House Statement.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$316,188	$54,093
Tacoma	201,666	40,049
Seattle	370,836	59,612
Spokane	128,048	10,060

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The wheat market was still showing signs of strength yesterday, and the East closed with a decided gain. The foreign market is not following the strength on this side as closely as it might, but is improving somewhat. In the local market there is not much wheat selling, even at high prices. There was a fairly good movement early in the week, but since the prices continued to improve in the East, holders have tightened up again. Walla Walla is quoted as high as 59 and 59½ cents, which is probably a shade more than its export value on present freight rates. It is reported that 37s 6d was paid for a ship yesterday, and if the rate is held at that figure, the wheat market must improve abroad, or decline locally.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 59@59½c; bluestem, 61c; Valley, nominal.

Flour—Best grades, $2 70@3 40; per barrel; graham, $2 60.

Oats—White, $1 30@1 35; gray, $1 25@1 30 per cental.

Barley—Feed, $17@17 25; brewing, $17@17 25 per ton.

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

Hay—Timothy, $12 50@14; clover, $7@9 50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

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 25; Arbuckle's $11 75; Lion, $11 75 per case.

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

Sugar—Cube, $6 35; crushed, $6 60; powdered, $5 95; dry granulated, $5 75; extra C, $5 75; golden C, $5 25 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@250; 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.

Beans—Small white, 3¾c; large white, 3c; bayo, 3½c; Lima, 7¼c; pink, 2½c; red Mexican, 4¾c 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 75; 100s, $14 25; granulated, 50s, $20 00; Liverpool, 50s, $21 00; 100s, $20 50; 200s, $20.

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 pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 15@17½c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Vegetables—Onions, $2 25@3 50; cabbage, $1 40@1 50 per cental; potatoes, 75c@$1 per sack; sweet potatoes, $1 75 per 100 pounds; new potatoes, 2@2½c per pound; celery, 80@90c per dozen; California tomatoes, $1 75@2 25 per box; asparagus, $1 35@1 50 per box; rhubarb, 2½@3c per pound; lettuce, $1 50 per crate.

Fruit—Lemons, choice, $2; 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 50@2 50; strawberries, 15c per box.

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.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 15@17½c; dairy, 12½@14c; store, 10@11c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 14c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3 50@4; hens, $4@4 50; dressed, 11@12c per pound; Springs, $3@5 per dozen; ducks, $5 00@6 00; geese, $6@7 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@12c; dressed, 13@15c per pound.

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

Meat and Provisions.

Mutton—Lambs, 4¾c per pound gross; dressed, 8½@10c per pound; best sheep, wethers, gross, with wool, $3 50@3 75; sheared, $3 00@3 50; dressed, 7c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, $5 75@6; light, $4 75@5; dressed, 7@7½c per pound.

Veal—Small, 8½c; large, 6@7½c per pound.

Provisions — Portland pack (Shield Brand) hams, 13½c; picnic, 9½c per pound, breakfast bacon, 15½@16½c per pound; bacon, 12c per pound; backs, 11¾c; dry salted sides, 11¾c; dried beef, setts, 15c; knuckles, 17c; lard, 5s, 12c; 10s, 11¾c; 50s, 11½c; tierces, 11¼c; Eastern pack (Hammonds), hams, large, 12¾c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c, picnic, 10c; shoulders, 10c, breakfast bacon, 14@16c; dry salted sides, 10¾@12c; bacon sides, 11¾@12c; backs, 12½c; butts, 11½c; lard, pure leaf, kettle-rendered, 5s, 12¼c; 10s, 12c; dry salt bellies, 11½@13c; bacon bellies, 12½@14c; dried beef, 15½c.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $5@5 25; cows and heifers, $4 50@4 75; dressed beef, 8½c per pound.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—12@14c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12½@12½c; Eastern Oregon, 9@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, 50c@$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.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Speculation Was Improved, But Prices Were Erratic.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Speculative sentiment showed a decided improvement today over that which prevailed yesterday, although the movement of prices continued very irregular and at times erratic. The heavy speculative liquidation which was accomplished yesterday and other days of the week, relieving the over-congested condition of the speculative holdings, doubtless had a great deal to do with the better tone of the market.

There were further developments of strength today as a supplement to the Union Pacific movement and the strength of the market was more generally diffused than at any time this week. The manner in which the market received the formal announcement of the terms of the Burlington merger had an encouraging effect on sentiment. There was little in Burlington itself, which moved narrowly by comparison with other stocks, but was very firm al day. Considering the long continued and large advance which the stock has had since this transaction first began to be discussed and its widespread influence in causing other advances in practically the whole market, the firmness of the stock at the highest level in its history was surprising.

One of the favorite maxims with Wall street traders is to sell on good news. Burlington's quiet firmness on the confirmation of its good news argued small holdings of a purely speculative character awaiting realization. The sentimental effect was very marked, owing to the warnings which have been coming from influential commission houses for some time past that over-speculation threatened the stability of the position in the stock market. For the first time this week the bears refrained from their final attack on the market and there was not the flood of realizing orders which has been a feature of the last hour of each day this week.

The most conspicuous movements of the day were distinctly the outgrowth of the current conviction that the perfecting of the Burlington deal will be followed by similar arrangements on the part of the other railway systems as an offset. Stock market gossip attributed the large buying of Atchison to a design on the part of the Pennsylvania to control a Pacific outlet. Baltimore & Ohio, as a subsidiary company, was even more acutely affected than Pennsylvania. The rise in Atchison extended to 4½ in the preferred to 3 in Baltimore & Ohio, 5¾ in Pennsylvania to 2¼. The advance in Northern Pacific was resumed after a lengthy period of comparative quiet, apparently on the theory that it was entitled to rise with Union Pacific, Union Pacific itself was at one time 2¾ over last night and twice receded below last night, closing with a net gain of only a fraction. The strength of Southern Pacific was due to the supposition that it will share in any advantages which accrue to Union Pacific. The official denials which were given out of many rumors of yesterday and today were without the slightest effect on the market.

Special strength was shown by the Chicago Terminal Transfer and Colorado Fuel stocks at advances of 3⅜ to 5½, without news to explain it. Smelting broke 4½ on the announcement of another injunction against the stock issue proposed to take up the Guggenheim interests. The stock rallied 2½. The ease of call money precluded any anxiety over the money market.

The large buying of Union Pacific convertible bonds continued and the market generally was strong. Total sales, par value, $7,050,000.

United States refunding 2s declined ⅛ and the 3s registered ¼ per cent on the last call.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref. reg.	106⅝	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	107½
do coupon	106½	Northern Pac. 3s	72½
do 3s, reg	110½	do 4s	107½
do coupon	111¼	Oregon Nav. 1sts	110
do new 4s, reg	138½	do 4s	104½
do coupon	139½	Ore. Short Line 6s	128½
do old 4s, reg	113¾	do con. 5s	110
do coupon	113⅝	Rio Gr. W. 1sts	101½
do 5s, reg	110	St. Paul consols	193
do coupon	111¼	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118¼
Dist. Col. 3-65s	125½	do 5s	120¼
Atchison adj. 4s	95½	Union Pacific 4s	105¾
C. & N.W. con. 7s	142	Wis. Cent. 1sts	89⅛
do S. F. deb. 5s	124	West Shore 4s	114½
D. & R. G. 4s	102¼	Southern Pac. 4s	94
Gen. Electric 5s	185½		

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 2,083,800 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	70¾	Wabash pfd	40
do pfd	98⅝	Wheel. & L. E.	18¾
Balt. & Ohio	101⅝	do 2d pfd	34½
do pfd	91¾	Wis. Central	22½
Can. Pacific	95⅝	P. C., C. & St. L.	69
Can. Southern	74¼	Third Avenue	125
Ches. & Ohio	47⅝	EXPRESS CO.'S.	
Chi. Gr. Western	24	Adams	165
C., B. & Q.	196¾	American	190
Chi., Ind. & L.	36	United States	89½
do pfd	71	Wells-Fargo	148
Chi. & East. Ill.	129¾	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Chicago & N. W.	205½	Amer. Cotton Oil	27¾
C., R. I. & Pac.	155	do pfd	86
C., C., C. & St. L.	84½	Amer. Malting	5
Colo. Southern	13⅝	do pfd	24½
do 1st pfd	50½	Amer. Smelt. & R.	60½
do 2d pfd	22¾	do pfd	97¼
Del. & Hudson	177	Amer. Spirits	2½
Del., Lack. & W.	215¼	do pfd	17
Denver & Rio Gr.	44⅝	Amer. Steel Hoop	46½
do pfd	95	do pfd	95
Erie	38¾	Amer. Steel & W.	47½
do 1st pfd	69½	do pfd	110¾
Great North. pfd	182½	Amer. Tin Plate	76
Hocking Coal	18¼	do pfd	117
Hocking Valley	51¾	Amer. Tobacco	126½
Illinois Central	141¾	do pfd	144
Iowa Central	30½	Anaconda M. Co.	49
do pfd	59	Brooklyn R. T.	85⅝
Lake Erie & W.	64¼	Colo. Fuel & Iron	98
do pfd	125	Cont. Tobacco	44½
Lake Shore	230	do pfd	104
Louis. & Nash	105	Federal Steel	53½
Manhattan El	128	do pfd	103½
Met. St. Ry.	172⅝	Gen. Electric	221½
Mex. Central	22⅝	Glucose Sugar	51½
Minn. & St. Louis	83½	do pfd	97
do pfd	112	Int. Paper	25
Missouri Pacific	107⅝	do pfd	76¼
Mobile & Ohio	81½	La Clede Gas	84
M., K. & T.	31¼	National Biscuit	40⅝
do pfd	63⅞	do pfd	96
New Jersey Cent.	157	National Lead	17
New York Cent.	152⅝	do pfd	85
Norfolk & West.	53¼	National Steel	56½
do pfd	86½	do pfd	115
Northern Pacific	105¾	N. Y. Air Brake	164
do pfd	99	North American	85½
Ontario & West.	34¾	Pacific Coast	60
O. R. & N.	42	do 1st pfd	94
do pfd	76	do 2d pfd	67
Pennsylvania	160⅞	Pacific Mail	39
Reading	37¾	People's Gas	115
do 1st pfd	75¾	Pressed Steel Car	45½
do 2d pfd	53	do pfd	83⅞
Rio Gr. Western	79	Pullman Pal. Car	209
do pfd	100	Stand. Rope & T.	4½
St. Louis & S. F.	46	Sugar	143½
do 1st pfd	84½	do pfd	121
do 2d pfd	68	Tenn. Coal & Iron	67½
St. Louis S. W.	37¼	U. S. Leather	13½
do pfd	64⅝	do pfd	76½
St. Paul	168⅝	U. S. Rubber	20¼
do pfd	190	do pfd	61½
St. Paul & O.	139	Western Union	92¾
Southern Pacific	53⅛	Amal. Copper	121⅛
Southern Ry	29⅝	National Tube	66⅝
do pfd	83	do pfd	118
Texas & Pacific	47½	Republic Iron & S.	20⅝
Union Pacific	107⅞	do pfd	77
do pfd	91	U. S. Steel	46⅞
Wabash	20⅜	do pfd	94⅝

Foreign Financial News.

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

The stock market here was active and cheerful today. The chief feature was the amazing continuance of the strength and activity of American shares. Union Pacifics were bought from the start. London is beginning to calculate that the increased earnings in this road mean a 9 per cent dividend, distributable on the common stock. Calls for the end of June at 110 are being bought at $10.

The Atchisons are also buoyant, and were helped by a tip that those who have manipulated the rising in Union Pacifics were taking up the Atchisons with a view to adavncing them next. London was doing very well by itself when the opening prices were sent over, showing a big hoist of Union and Southern Pacifics, and of the Baltimore & Ohio shares, Baltimore & Ohio common bounding up $4 a share in four minutes. Except for the specialties the market was fairly quiet, inclining to ease in the street after the close. Men prominent in the market are shaking their heads over these special spurts. Money was tight on the amount blocked up for the new issue of consols.

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 Mining Co.	49	49¼	47¾	49
Amal. Copper Co	122	123	120	121¼
Atchison com	69¾	71½	69¼	70⅞
Atchison pfd	97⅜	99	97⅛	98⅝
Am. Sugar com	143¼	144⅝	142⅜	143¼
Am. Tobacco com	125½	127½	125½	126½
Am. Smelter com	62½	62½	58	60½
Am. Smelter pfd	97½	97⅞	97	97¾
Baltimore & Ohio com.	99	102⅝	99	101¾
Baltimore & Ohio pfd.	92	92½	91⅞	91¾
Brook. Rapid Transit	84½	85⅝	83	85⅝
Chicago & Alton com	45¼	46	45	45½
Chicago & Alton pfd.	78	78½	77⅝	77⅞
Chicago & G. W. com.	22⅝	24½	22¼	24
Chi., Ind. & L. com	36½	37¼	36	36
Chi., Ind. & L. pfd	71	75	71	74¼
Chi., Burl. & Quincy	196⅜	197⅝	196¼	196¾
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	169¼	170⅝	168⅝	168⅝
Chicago & N. W. com.	205	205½	204½	205½
Chi., R. I. & Pacific	154½	158¼	153½	155
New Jersey Central	158	158	157½	157
Chesapeake & Ohio	47⅜	47¾	47¼	47⅝
Canada Southern	74⅛	74¾	74⅛	74¼
Colo. Fuel & Iron com.	96	98½	96	98
Cont. Tobacco com	44⅜	45	41¼	44½
Cont. Tobacco pfd	......	......	......	104
Delaware & Hudson	174¾	179	177½	177
Del., Lack & Western	215	220	215	215¼
D. & R. G. com	45¼	46	44½	44⅝
D. & R. G. pfd	94½	96	94¼	95
Erie com	38	39¼	37⅞	38¾
Erie 2ds pfd	55¼	57⅝	55¼	56½
Erie 1sts pfd	69½	70	69	69½
Illinois Central	141	142	141	141¾
Louisville & Nashville	105	106⅛	105	105½
Met. Traction Co	173	173	171¼	172⅝
Manhattan Elevated	127¾	128⅛	127¼	128
Mexican Central Ry	22⅜	23	22½	22⅞
Missouri Pacific	106½	108	106½	107⅝
Mobile & Ohio	......	......	......	84
Mo., Kan. & Tex. com.	31½	33	31	31¼
Mo., Kan. & Tex. pfd.	63¼	64½	63	63⅞
New York Central	152½	153½	152	152⅝
Norfolk & West. com	53⅜	54	52½	53¼
Norfolk & West. pfd	......	......	......	86½
Northern Pacific com	104½	107¾	104	105¾
Northern Pacific pfd	99	99⅝	99	99
North American new	87⅜	87⅞	85½	85½
N. Y., Ont. & Western.	34⅝	34¾	34¼	34¾
Pennsylvania Ry	159	161	158½	160⅞
People's G., L. & C. Co.	114	115⅞	113¼	115
Pressed S. Car com	46	46	45¾	45½
Pressed S. Car pfd	83½	84⅞	83	83⅞
Pullman Palace Co	207¾	210	207	209
Pacific Mail S. Co.	39	41	39	40¾
Reading com	38½	38¾	37¼	37¾
Reading 2ds pfd	52⅞	53½	52½	53
Reading 1sts pfd	76	76⅝	75⅞	75¾
Southern Ry. com	29⅝	30	29¼	29⅝
Southern Ry. pfd	82¾	83¼	82½	83
Southern Pacific	52	54¾	52	53⅛
St. L. & S. F. com	45½	46⅞	45½	46¼
St. L. & S. F. 2ds pfd	67⅞	68½	67½	68
St. L. & S. F. 1sts pfd	......	......	......	84½
Texas & Pacific	47½	48	47	47½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	67	67⅞	65⅞	67½
Union Pacific com	107	110	106¾	107⅞
Union Pacific pfd	91	91⅛	90¼	91
U. S. Leather com	13½	13¾	13⅝	13½
U. S. Leather pfd	76¾	76¾	76	76⅛
U. S. Rubber com	21	21	20¼	20¼
U. S. Rubber pfd	63¾	64	62	63
U. S. Steel Co. com	46	47⅛	45½	46⅞
U. S. Steel Co. pfd	94⅝	94⅞	93¾	94⅝
Wheel. & L. E. com	18⅜	19	18½	18¾
Wheel. & L. E. 2ds	34¼	35	34¼	34½
Wheel. & L. E. 1sts	55	56	54⅜	55½
Wis. Central com	22¼	23	22¼	22½
Wis. Central pfd	48½	49	48½	48½
Western Union Tel.	92½	93	92	92¾
Wabash com	20¼	20⅜	20	20⅜
Wabash pfd	40	40⅝	40	40

Total sales, 2,077,100 shares.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Money on call, steady at 3@4 per cent; last loans, 3 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent; sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 88¼ demand and at $4 85@4 85⅛ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85½@4 86 and $4 89; commercial bills, $4 84½@4 84¾.

Mexican dollars—48½c.

Bonds—Government, weak; state, weak; railroad, strong.

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

Drafts—Sight, 15c; telegraph, 17½c.

Mexican dollars—49½@50c.

LONDON, April 25. — Consols, 94¼d; money, 3@4½ per cent.

Stocks at London.

LONDON, April 25.—Atchison, 72¼; Canadian Pacific, 96¾; Union Pacific preferred, 92¾; Northern Pacific preferred, 101½; Grand Trunk, 9¾; Anaconda, 11½; United States Steel, 47; do preferred, 97.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 25. — Today's Treasury statement shows:

Available cash balance	$154,131,024
Gold reserve	94,399,009

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices of Cereals at American and European Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Wheat and barley, steady; oats, firm.

Wheat—Shipping, No. 1, $1 01½; choice, $1 02½; milling, $1 05@1 07½.

Barley—Feed, 80@83¾c; brewing, 85@87½c.

Oats—Black for seed, $1 15@1 25; red, $1 22½@1 45.

Call Board sales:

Wheat—Steady; May, $1 02⅝; December, $1 07¾; cash, $1 02½.

Barley—Steady; December, 80c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 15@1 20.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, April 25.—The market for wheat was active, strong and the broadest for weeks. May opened ⅛@¼c lower in sympathy with an easy tone at Liverpool and because the weather was highly satisfactory to farmers. Liberal sales were made at the start, but there was a demand of such breadth that an attempt was made to get the stuff back. The market in consequence rallied to 72⅝c, and later, influenced by damage reports from Kansas, where, it was said, fly ravages were beginning to be apparent, crowded up to 73@73¼c. Realizing sales caused a reaction to 72⅝c during the afternoon, but the close was strong, ½c higher, at 72⅝c.

Oats were fairly strong and firm, in sympathy with wheat and corn. May oats unchanged at the close.

Provisions were quiet, but firm, in sympathy with an advance in prices at the yards. Fluctuations were narrow. Pork closed 5c higher; lard, 2½@5c up and ribs 7½c up.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	$0 71½	$0 73¼	$0 71⅛	$0 72⅝
July	72½	73½	72⅛	73
CORN.				
April	......	......	......	47⅝
May	47⅛	49	47¼	48
July	44⅞	45¼	44⅞	45¼
OATS.				
May	26½	27	26¼	26⅜
July	25¼	25⅛	25½	25½
MESS PORK.				
May	14 37½	14 52½	14 37½	14 45
July	14 52½	14 70	14 52½	14 57½
LARD.				
May	8 22½	8 22½	8 20	8 20
July	8 05	8 12½	8 05	8 07½
September	8 07½	8 12½	8 05	8 07½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	8 22½	8 25	8 22½	8 25
July	7 95	8 02½	7 95	8 00
September	7 90	7 97½	7 90	7 95

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 71¾@72⅝c; No. 2 red, 72½@75c.

Corn—No. 2, 37⅜c; No. 2 yellow, 47⅝c.

Oats—No. 2, 27¼c; No. 2 white, 28½@29½c; No. 3 white, 28@29c.

Rye—No. 2, 53c.

Barley—Good feeding, 45c; fair to choice malting, 52@56c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 61.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $8 10@8 30.

Shoulders—Dry salted, boxed, 6⅝@7¼c.

Sides—Short clear, boxed, $8 37½@8 50.

Clover—Contract grade, $11.

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 15@19c; dairy, 11@18c.

Cheese—9½@11c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 12¼c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	53,000	21,000
Wheat, bushels	121 000	203,000
Corn, bushels	113,000	313,000
Oats, bushels	329,000	524,000
Rye, bushels	11,000	4,000
Barley, bushels	9,000	5,000

Grain in Europe.

LIVERPOOL, April 25.—Wheat—Spot, steady; No. 2 red Western Winter, 5s 10½d; No. 1 Northern, 6s 1d; No. 1 California, 6s 2d. Futures—Steady; May, 5s 10d; July, 5s 10⅝d.

Corn—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 4s 6½d; old, 4s 5d. Futures—Firm; May, 4s 2½d; July, 4s ⅝d; September, 4s.

LIVERPOOL, April 25.—Wheat and flour in Paris, quiet; French country markets, quiet.

LONDON, April 25.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, rather easier; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 29s 3d; cargoes Walla Walla, 29s 6d; English country markets, generally 6d dearer.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Flour—Receipts, 19,355 barrels; exports, 4035 barrels; market, firm and a shade higher.

Wheat—Receipts, 13,300 bushels; exports, 193,000 bushels; spot, firm; No. 2 red, 83 f. o. b. afloat; 80⅝c elevator.

Options opened active and strong, remaining so most of the day on unfavorable reports from Kansas, Missouri and California. They finally eased off a little under realizing and closed steady to firm at ¼@⅝ net advance. May closed, 80c; July, 78⅝c; September, 77⅝c.

Wool—Dull.

Hops—Quiet.

Chicago Grain Gossip.

F. G. Logan, Chicago, wires as follows to R. W. McKnnon:

Wheat closed 72⅝c. Closed yesterday, 72¼c. Liverpool was unchanged; Antwerp, ⅝c higher; Paris, ⅝c higher. The tone of the market, after an easy opening, has been strong. The damage to the German crop has been a factor. There are reports of unfavorable developments from the Southwest, but in the main unaccompanied by details, and rain is said to be needed on the Pacific Coast. On these factors, the market has ruled strong. King & Co., of Toledo, made public their replies to some 2000 inquiries covering the entire wheat belt, which shows almost perfect condition everywhere, except in Michigan, when three-quarters of a crop is expected. Rain is predicted on the Pacific Coast. There is less talk of cash business so far. We do not ourselves as yet get authentic details of damage anywhere. In view of the presence of the Hessian fly last Fall, over a wide area, we still have them in mind, and have our wheather eye open for the appearance of his activity. We think, however, it is too early yet for damage from that cause to make its appearance. In the meantime, without the aid of strength abroad, we see nothing urgent in the situation. Minneapolis stocks will decrease for the week about 350,000 bushels. Primary receipts, 358,000, against 444,000 last year. Shipments, 369,000, against 351,000 bushels last year. Estimated cars for tomorrow, 40.

CHICAGO CORN PIT.

Phillips Sold at Least 2,000,000 Bushels—Violent Fluctuation.

CHICAGO, April 25.—The basic strength of the corn market, independent of the manipulation which has made speculation in the May delivery a nerve-racking proposition, was shown by the yellow cereal during today's session of the Board of Trade. Phillips, credited with attempting to run a corner, sold at least 2,000,000 bushels of May corn, and in doing so showed how firm was his hold on the market.

Although fluctuations were violent, the close found May at 48c, the price at which the bull leader had admitted his willingness to sell. Meanwhile he bought as much July as he had sold of the nearer future. The market for May opened ¼c lower to ⅜c higher, at 47⅞@48⅛c.

A big elevator house, through its representative, offered Phillips 48c for 800,000 bushels of May and got it. Other shorts in wild alarm tried to cover, and sell the market to 49c, the highest price of the crop for this delivery, in a few minutes. Phillips sold at the top and all the way down to 48c.

At this price his realizing stopped. He left the pit for a time, and this gave rise to a rumor that he had made a private settlement with shorts. Fearing that the market was about to collapse, scattered longs hastened to unload, and May broke to 47¼c. Phillips at this point reentered the pit, and a sharp rally to 48⅝c followed. Later the market got back to 47½c, but again recovered and the close was at 48c, ½c under yesterday. It is estimated that the Phillips' line of May at the close was about 3,000,000. It is figured that there will be this amount in store here May 1, and that it will be delivered to him. It is regarded as highly probable that the last remnant of the short interest took its medicine today. Today's receipts were 72 cars, the smallest in years. From this the general market derived much of its bullishness. July corn sold at 44⅞c and 45½c, and closed ¼@⅜c higher, at 45¼c.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 10@12c; Eastern Oregon, 10@13c; Valley Oregon, 14@15c. Fall—Mountain lambs, 6@8c; San Joaquin plains, 6@7c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 9@10c.

Hops—Crop of 1900, 15@20c.

Millstuffs — Middlings, $17 50@20; bran, $16@17.

Hay—Wheat, $9@13; wheat and oats, $9@12; best barley, $9 50; alfalfa, $7 00@9 50; compressed wheat, $8@13 per ton; straw, 40@47½c per bale.

Potatoes—River Burbanks, 50@80c; Oregon Burbanks, $1 10@1 30; Early Rose, 15c@$1; sweet, 50@60c.

Onions—$3@4.

Vegetables—Green peas, 85c@$1; strong beans, 6@9c per pound; asparagus, $1 50@1 75 per box.

Citrus fruit—Common California lemons, 75c; choice, $2 25; navel oranges, $1 00@2 25 per box; Mexican limes, $4 50.

Bananas—$1 50@2 75 per bunch.

Pineapples—$3 00@3 50 per dozen.

Green fruits—Apples, choice, $1 50 per box; common, $1 00 per box.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 9@11c; do hens, 12@13c per pound; old roosters, $3 50@4 00 per dozen; young roosters, $7 00@8 00; fryers, $5 00@6 00; hens, $4 00@4 50 per dozen; small broilers, $2 00@2 50; large do, $4 00 @ 4 50; old ducks, $5 00 @ 6 00; geese, $1 25@1 50 per pair.

Eggs—Store, 13½c; ranch, 15¼c.

Butter—Creamery, 16½c; dairy, 15c.

Cheese—California, full cream, 9½c; Young America, 10½c; Eastern, 14@16c.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 25,100; do Oregon, 24,000; wheat, centals, 430; barley, centals, 5800; beans, sacks, 430; corn, centals, 180; potatoes, sacks, 1600; do Oregon, 1900; bran, sacks, 3300; middlings, sacks, 250; hay, tons, 550; wool, bales, 1700; hides, 250.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, April 25. — Cattle — Receipts, 9000, including 1200 Texans. Steers, steady to strong; butchers' stock, steady, except canners. Good to prime steers, $5@$6; poor to medium, $3 90@4 95; stockers and feeders, strong to 10c higher, at $2 75@4 90; cows, $2 75@4 60; heifers, $2 75@4 85; canners, $2@2 65; bulls, firm, $2 85@4 45; calves, 15@25c higher, at $4@5 25; Texas feeders, $4 25@5 40; Texas grassers, $3 75@4; Texas bulls, $2 75@3 90.

Hogs—Receipts today, 24,000; tomorrow, 16,000; left over, 3500. Market opened irregular, closed weak; top, $6 12½; mixed and butchers', $5 75@6 05; good to choice heavy, $5 85@6 12½; rough heavy, $5 70@5 80; light, $5 70@6; bulk of sales, $5 90@6 02½.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market weak; lambs, steady for wooled; clipped slow. Good to choice wethers, $4 60@4 80; Texas sheep, yearlings, $4 65@4 80; native lambs, $4 50@5 30; Western lambs, $4 75@5 30.

OMAHA, April 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 3300; market, active and steady; native beef steers, $4 25@5 40; Western steers, $4@4 80; Texas steers, $3 50@4 25; cows and heifers, $3 25@5 50; canners, $1 75@3 25; stockers and feeders, $3 50@4; calves, $4@5; bulls and stags, $2 75@3 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,800; market, stronger; heavy, $5 77@5 90; mixed, $5 75@5 77; light, $5 70@5 75; bulk of sales, $5 75@5 77.

Sheep—Receipts, 2900; market, steady; fair to choice yearlings, $4 60@4 90; fair to choice wethers, $4 25@4 65; common and choice sheep, $3 80@3 95; lambs, $4 25@5.

KANSAS CITY, April 25.—Receipts, 5000; market, slow but steady; Texas steers, $4 40@5 10; Texas cows, $2 75@4; native steers, $4 65@5 55; native cows and heifers, $3 25@5; stockers and feeders, $3 85@5; bulls, $3 40@5 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,000; market, 5c higher; bulk of sales, $5 80@5 90; heavy, $5 90@6; packers, $5 80@5 95; mixed, $5 80@5 90; lights, $5 50@5 80; yorkers, $5 45@5 75; pigs, $4 60@5 40.

Sheep—Receipts, 900; market, strong; lambs, $4 75@5; muttons, $4 15@4 80.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The tin market in London advanced slightly today, on a little covering, but was not active. The close was quiet, at £117 17s 6d for spot and £115 7s 6d, denoting a rise of 12s 6d over yesterday's close. Locally, a sympathetic rise took place without stimulating any outside inquiry, and the market was quiet at $26@26 25. There was a slight reaction in copper at London, under liquidation and a lack of support, prices falling off 10s to £70 2s 6d for spot and £70 13s 9d for futures. A steady feeling prevails here, but prices were nominally unchanged, at $17 for Lake Superior, and $16 65½ for casting and electrolytic.

Trading in lead was very slow, and prices remain unchanged, $4 37½. London prices were also without change, being quoted at £12 5s. Spelter ruled tolerably steady at yesterday's figures, at $4@4 05, with prices abroad showing a decline of 2s 6d to £17.

Domestic iron markets were quiet and easy, at $9 50@10 50 for pig iron warrants; Northern foundry, $15 25@16 50; Southern foundry, $14@15 50, and soft Southern, $13@15 50; Glasgow warrants, 55s 1d, and Middlesboro, 46s 3d.

Bar silver—59⅝c.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Bar silver—59⅝c.

LONDON, April 25.—Bar silver—27⅝d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Coffee—Options closed steady with prices net 10@15 points higher; sales, 65,000 bags, including May, $5 05@5 15; July, $5 30@5 35; spot Rio, quiet; No. 7 invoice, 6½c; mild, dull; Cordova, 8¼@12½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 4 11-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 3-16@4¼c; refined, firm.

Cotton at New York.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Cotton closed steady with prices 2 points lower to 5 points higher.

Lease Project Opposed.

Lakeview Correspondent of Paisley Post.

I am only offering a suggestion, Mr. Editor, when I say that all the newspapers in Eastern Oregon should take up the cudgels against that disaster-following proposition of leasing the public domain. Secretly and quietly, and at all times, are the big cattle syndicates of the West using every means in their power to ruin this country by having that act passed by the Congress. Within two years after that becomes a law—and it looks favorable for it—there will not be 5000 sheep in Lake County. And it is not only the sheepmen that will suffer, but the small cattle grower as well. Even such men as Heryford Bros., John Coughlin, and others near their standing as cattle growers will be injured by this law, for the big cattle farms of the entire United States, with their millions, will rule the country as sure as fate. It will practically become a country for a few men in the place of hundreds. There has been a rumor of the great French-Glenn syndicate taking a broad hand in congressional matters of late, and they are in "cahoots" with other millionaire stockmen of the East and West, with plenty of surplus capital to attempt legislative control and to carry out their evil design. It would be a death blow to Lake as well as all other stock sections of this state to have the range fall into the hands of these few barons. The stock sections of Eastern Oregon should move quickly in an appeal to their representatives in Congress to save them from this death blow. The Lake County Examiner made a good fight on this question some time ago, when danger seemed imminent, but that paper appears to have lost sight of the matter of late—now that the danger seems nearer than ever, and the enemy is working secretly. Is it possible that the Examiner pen has been subsidized? I should dislike to think so. I hope the valiant old warrior, T. J. Brattain, of your section, will again don his armor, and enter the fray with Gleaner, to put the people on their guard against this monopoly—the life-sapping barons and landlords with their millions of backing. God save Lake County and Eastern Oregon if that project of leasing the public domain becomes a law.

"Senator Mitchell" Arrested.

Pendleton East Oregonian.

The arrest of Senator Mitchell on Wednesday for larceny of a horse a long while ago has brought out discussion and numerous smiles. Judge Ellis, when told that Senator Mitchell would be up before him for horse stealing at the next term of court, looked surprised and grieved to learn that his old friend had got into trouble, but was relieved in mind when informed that it was an Indian, and not United States Senator John H. Mitchell who had been captured by the officials. There are a number of Indians on the reservation who have names which were given to them by the whites at the time of the allotment of the Umatilla reservation lands. They had unpronounceable names, and in order to get them on the books, one was called Senator Mitchell, another Major Barnhart, and so forth. A third Indian on the reservation with a name that is misleading is Poker Jim. A person might think that he had acquired that cognomen on account of his poker playing proclivities. As a matter of fact he cannot play poker at all—don't know the joker from little casino.

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