COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The market situation yesterday was devoid of features of special interest. Receipts of produce were liberal except from California, where the rains were heavier than necessary for the marketing of fruit and vegetables. The wheat market is still showing considerable strength and Europe and the East both scored moderate advances. In the produce markets yesterday there was continued firmness in potatoes and onions, with eggs a shade weaker, but not quotably lower. The price has not yet declined to a point where there is a demand for cold storage, and until it does, the market will remain unsteady. Butter is firm on good grades, but not so firm on ordinary stock. Veal is weaker under heavy receipts and pork is very firm. Groceries steady with no changes in prices.

Clearing House Statement.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$417,373	$50,596
Tacoma	162,715	27,063
Spokane	158,920	24,826
Seattle	344,526	52,437

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

Europe was a shade higher on futures yesterday, and there was also some strength in the East. San Francisco was holding steady with no advance of consequence on account of the rain. The Portland market is steady, with no new business reported. Walla Walla is generally quoted at 59½ and 60 cents, but farmers are not inclined to accept this figure. Exporters' immediate needs have been pretty well provided for, and they are not pressing matters. Freights are hardening a little on accounut of the improved condition of the California crop.

Wheat—Walla Walla, nominal, 59@60½c; bluestem, 61c; Valley, nominal.

Flour—Best grades, $3 90@4 40 per barrel; graham, $3 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, $17 per ton; middlings, $21 50; shorts, $20; 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, 28@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, $11 75; Arbuckle's, $11 25; Lion, $11 75 per case.

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

Sugar—Cube, $6 40; crushed, $6 65; powdered, $6; dry granulated, $5 80; extra C, $5 30; golden C, $5 30 net, half barrels, ¼c more than barrels; sacks, 10c per 100 less than barrels; maple, 15@16c per pound.

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

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; 100c, $14 25; granulated, 50s, $20; Liverpool, 50s, $21; 100s, $20 50; 200s, $20.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 8c for roasted; cocoanut, 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, $3@4 50; cabbage, $1 40@1 50 per cental; potatoes, 90c@$1 10 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 per box; asparagus, $1@1 25 per box; rhubarb, 2@2½c per pound.

Fruit—Lemons, choice, $3; fancy, $2 50@2 75; oranges, $1 75@2 50 for navel, $1 50@1 75 for seedlings, per box; pineapples, $4@4 50 per dozen; bananas, $2.25@3 per bunch; Persian dates, 5c per pound; apples, $1 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@5c; 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, 14@14½c 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, 4½@5c per pound, gross; dressed18c per pound; best sheep, wethers, gross, with wool, $4 25@4 50; sheared, $3 50@3 75; dressed, 7½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, $5 75@6; light, $4 75@5c; 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, 11½c; dry salted sides, 11½c; dried beef, setts, 15c; knuckles, 17c; lard, 5s, 12c; 10s, 11½c; 50s, 11½c; tierces, 11½c; Eastern pack (Hammonds), ham, large, 12½c; medium 13c; small 13½c; breast, 8c; shoulders, 10c; breakfast bacon, 14@16c; dry salted sides, 10½@12c; bacon sides, 11½@13c; backs, 12½c; butts, 11½c; lard, pure leaf, kettle-rendered, 5s, 12½c; 10s, 12c; dry salted 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, 8½@9½c per pound.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—12@14c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12½@13½c; 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 upwards, 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 40 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, $3@5; badger, each, 10@40c; wildcat, 25@75c; house cat, 5@20c; fox, common gray, 30@60c; do red, $1 50@2; do cross, $5@15; lynx, $2@3; mink, 50c@$1 15; marten, dark Northern, $6@12; do pale pine, $1 50@2; muskrat, 5@20c; skunk, 25@65c; otter (land), $5@7; panther, with head and claws perfect, $3@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.

Atchison and Union Pacific Were the Features of Strength.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The Atchison stocks took the leadership of the market away from Union Pacific today, both in point of strength and activity. During most of the day the volume of transactions in the two common stocks ran a close race, but the dealings in Atchison common and preferred easily outstripped those in the two Union Pacific stocks. A preponderance of the total transactions in the whole market centered in those stocks. There have been very confident predictions that the first dividend on Atchison for a half-year would be 2 per cent, and it is likely that a large short interest was accumulated in the stock by those who had been on the inside. As a matter of fact, the offerings were very moderate. The character of today's buying, however, could by no means safely be attributed either to a demand from shorts or to purely speculative manipulation. The movement was supposed to be due to a new phase of the struggle among the granger trunk lines to secure for themselves compensatory advantages to offset the Burlington deal.

Officials of the St. Paul road were quoted anonymously this morning as breathing forth threatenings of building a new line to the Pacific unless they were accorded a share in the advantages of the supposed Union Pacific absorption. This corroborates the current supposition that the great granger trunk lines feel themselves at a tactical disadvantage if they have not an assured Pacific Coast outlet as well as an Eastern trunk line connection, and that all of them will sooner or later take measures to secure these advantages.

The movement of prices today was cited as giving evidence that the buying of Atchison was for the benefit of St. Paul, and probably also of Rock Island. There was a disposition to attribute the late strength of Baltimore & Ohio to plans for making that road the Eastern outlet, and the late spurt in Norfolk & Western and Chesapeake & Ohio were supposed to indicate alternative possibilities. The declaration of the first dividend on Norfolk & Western of 1 per cent was, however, the more plausible explanation of the strength of the last-named stock.

The feverish and erratic fluctuations in Union Pacific were amply explained by the new uncertainties surrounding the present ownership of its control. There were various rumors, both to the effect that the Vanderbilt interests had perfected their control, and that the Harriman interests had secured the maintenance of their control. Every movement in the stock and every rumor regarding the control were looked upon with suspicion by the uneasy speculators as a device to further the contest, and underlying all was their dread that when once the actual control is decided, the high price will not be maintained. The extreme range of the stock was 6 points, and the net loss 1⅜. Atchison advanced an extreme 11⅝, and came within a fraction of the best. St. Paul is 2¼ higher on the day; Chesapeake & Ohio, 3¼, and Norfolk & Western, 1⅜. The stocks included in the Burlington deal, including the Erie stocks, were all notably heavy. The heavy profit-taking and weakness of the United States Steel stocks had a large sentimental effect on the whole market. New York Central was quite severely handled, and lost 3⅞ on the day. Except for the few special points of strength, the market was on the whole reactionary.

The money rate was distinctly firmer today, ruling at 6 per cent early in the day, and it was said that a number of the banks were calling loans. The Subtreasury figures, which include the payment for the gold exports, show a loss by the money market thus far of $5,758,000. The payments of the Government interest and of the blocks of Government bonds redeemed yesterday, and today, do not figure yet in the statement, but it is evident that there must have been a very heavy movement of cash from the interior during the week to overcome these losses. The sterling exchange market had a firm undertone, and there is still a possibility of gold engagements tomorrow for Saturday's steamer. The closing of the market was easy and almost weak, except for the final spurt in Atchison.

Union Pacific convertible bonds continued very active, and the bond market otherwise was irregular. Total sales, par value, $7,155,000.

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

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.	106⅜	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	107⅝
do coupon	106¼	Northern Pac. 3s	72⅝
do 5s, reg	110	do 4s	106
do coupon	110	Oregon Nav. 1sts	109
do new 4s, reg	137⅝	do 4s	104¼
do coupon	138⅝	Ore. Short Line 6s	128
do old 4s, reg	113⅝	do con. 5s	116
do coupon	113½	Rio Gr. W. 1sts	101
do 5s, reg	110	St. Paul consols	192
do coupon	110	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118½
Dist. Col. 3-65s	125	do 5s	120
Atchison adj. 4s	96	Union Pacific 4s	105⅝
C. & N.W. con. 7s	140¼	Wis. Cent. 1sts	91
do S. F. deb. 5s	124	West Shore 4s	114½
D. & R. G. 4s	102½	Southern Pac. 4s	94
Gen. Electric 5s	185½		

New York Stocks.

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

STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Anaconda Mining Co	51	51¼	50½	50⅝
Amal. Copper Co	123½	124	121½	121½
Atchison com	77½	87¾	77½	87
Atchison pfd	103½	105½	103½	103½
Am. Tobacco com	128⅝	129	127	127½
Am. Sugar com	148¼	148¾	146¼	146½
Am. Smelter com	61	61½	58⅝	59⅛
Am. Smelter pfd	97¾	97¾	96⅝	
Baltimore & Ohio com	109	111	108¼	109⅞
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	93¼	94	93	93¼
Brook. Rapid Transit	86⅞	87¼	85½	85½
Chicago & Alton com	48⅞	48⅞	45½	47
Chicago & Alton pfd	81⅞	81⅞	80½	80½
Chicago & G. W. com	26½	25¾	24	24
Chi., Ind. & L. com	37¼	37¾	37¼	37½
Chi., Ind. & L. pfd	72	72	72¼	71
Chi., Burl. & Quincy	198½	198	196½	198½
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	173	177	170¼	174⅞
Chicago & N. W. com	213	213	211½	210
Chi., R. I. & Pacific	163	165½	161¼	163
New Jersey Central	160	160	158	158
Chesapeake & Ohio	49¼	52¼	48½	51⅝
Canada Southern	75½	75⅝	73¼	74½
Colo. Fuel & Iron com	104	105	104	105½
Cont. Tobacco com	46¼	47⅞	46	46⅞
Cont. Tobacco pfd	104½	104½	104	104½
Delaware & Hudson	173½	179½	177⅝	177¼
Del., Lack & Western	221	221	219	222
D. & R. G. com	47⅝	49⅝	47⅝	47½
D. & R. G. pfd	98½	99	97½	97½
Erie com	42⅛	42¾	40⅝	40⅞
Erie 2ds pfd	58	59	57½	57½
Erie 1sts pfd	71	71½	70⅝	70¾
Illinois Central	148	148	144¼	145¼
Louisville & Nashville	110¼	110⅝	108⅞	109
Met. Traction Co	173⅝	174	172⅛	172⅛
Manhattan Elevated	128½	128¾	127⅞	127½
Mexican Central Ry	29¾	30	28½	28¾
Missouri Pacific	109¼	110	108¼	109½
Mo., Kan. & Tex. com	32¼	32¼	32	32⅛
Mo., Kan. & Tex. pfd	66	66¾	64½	64¾
New York Central	169½	170	165	165½
Norfolk & West. com	54¼	57¾	54	56⅞
Norfolk & West. pfd	89	89	89	89
Northern Pacific com	114½	116⅝	113⅝	114½
Northern Pacific pfd	101	101½	101	99
North American new	87	87	86	86¾
N. Y., Ont. & Western	39¼	39¾	38¼	38⅞
Pennsylvania Ry	156	156⅞	155	155½
People's G., L. & C. Co	119½	119¼	117¼	117½
Pressed S. Car com	46½	46½	45¼	46
Pressed S. Car pfd	86	86¼	85	86
Pacific Mail S. Co	40¼	40¾	39¼	39
Reading com	44	44½	42⅞	42⅞
Reading 2ds pfd	57⅝	58	56½	56½
Reading 1sts pfd	79¼	79½	78½	80½
Southern Ry. com	33¾	33⅞	30	33½
Southern Ry. pfd	87¼	87½	86¼	86¾
Southern Pacific	57⅞	57⅞	56¼	56⅝
St. L. & S. F. com	45¼	50¼	48	50
St. L. & S. F. 2ds pfd	71	71	69½	70⅝
St. L. & S. F. 1sts pfd	86	86½	85½	86
Texas & Pacific	49¾	50½	49½	49½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	65½	66	65	65¼
Union Pacific com	130	133	127	128¾
Union Pacific pfd	98¼	98¾	98	98
U. S. Leather com	16	16⅝	14⅞	15
U. S. Leather pfd	79	79⅛	78½	78
U. S. Rubber com	22⅝	23½	22	22
U. S. Rubber pfd	67½	68	63	64
U. S. Steel Co. com	54½	54½	53⅝	53¼
U. S. Steel Co. pfd	101½	101½	100	100¼
Wheel. & L. E. com	19½	19½	18½	18½
Wheel. & L. E. 2ds	38	38¼	35	37½
Wheel. & L. E. 1sts	56⅝	57	56⅝	57
Wis. Central com	22½	23	22½	23⅝
Wis. Central pfd	47	47½	46⅞	47
Western Union Tel	98¼	99	96⅝	96⅞
Wabash com	21⅞	22⅝	21¾	21⅝
Wabash pfd	44½	44⅝	42¾	42¾

Total sales, 2,826,100 shares. Money closed 4½@5 per cent.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, May 2.—Atchison, 80; Canadian Pacific, 103; Union Pacific preferred, 100; Northern Pacific preferred, 104; Grand Trunk, 12; Anaconda, 10½; United States Steel, 55⅝; do preferred, 104.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4 86; sterling on London, sight, $4 89.

Silver bars, 59⅝c; Mexican dollars, 49½@50c.

Drafts, sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Money on call, firm, 4@6 per cent; last loans, 6 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3¾@4½ per cent; sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 88 demand and at $4 84⅝ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85½@4 86 and $4 89.

Commercial bills, 60c.

Silver certificates, 60c.

Bar silver, 59½c.

Mexican dollars, 48½c.

Government bonds, weak.

State bonds, strong.

Railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, May 2.—Consols, 94⅝; silver, 28; money, 3@4½ per cent.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Wheat and barley steady on call and weak in the spot market.

Oats, dull.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping No. 1, $1; choice, $1 01¼; milling, $1 02½@1 05.

Barley—Feed, 75@77½c; brewing, 80@83⅝c.

Oats—Black for seed, $1 17½@1 27½; red, $1 35@1 45.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Steady; December, $1 05⅛; cash, $1 01¼.

Barley—Steady; December, 73½c.

Corn—Large, yellow, $1 25@1 30.

IN A TIGHT GRIP.

Phillips Still Amusing the Corn Pit in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 2.—In corn the tight grip of the leading bull on the May delivery was more than ever apparent. Prices fluctuated violently within a range of 5c, but actual transactions in the pit were very small. Aside from the manipulations, small receipts of contract grade corn and a report that Argentina's exportable surplus had been reduced 50 per cent were strengthening factors. The manipulation was of course most apparent in many, although the July delivery profited somewhat by it and enjoyed a more general trade. May opened ½c to 1½c higher at 50c to 51c and was bid up in ¼c and ½c jumps to 55 cents. This brought only very small offerings from scattered scalping longs. It was reported that some short lines had been settled at the market price with Phillips in a private conference, but no authority for the assertions could be found. From 55c May dropped back to 53c, not from any increase in offerings, but because the bidding stopped. Later, 54 cents was bid and at the close shorts were offering 53½c, 4 cents more than yesterday's close. July sold between 46c and 47½c and closed 1½c higher at 47@47½c.

While trade in wheat was on a liberal scale, business appeared to be mostly for the professional element, who were looking for "scalps" in the way of quick profits. The market's undertone was firm, however, under the influence of steady cables, hot, dry weather under which insects thrive, and in sympathy with the neighboring strength in corn and oats. From Minneapolis came the doleful word that Kansas complaints of the work of insects in the field were gloomier than ever. From this source was also recorded a fear that wheat will not stool unless some cool, wet weather is forthcoming. There was, however, no lacking of reports of the usual optimistic character of regard to the crop prospects. July opened ¼c higher at 73½c to 73¾c and advanced early to 74⅛c. This was followed by a reaction on profit-taking to 73⅝@73¾c, but bulls bought at the decline and the market again reacted to 74@74⅛c and closed firm ½@⅝c higher at 73⅞c.

The oats market was active and strong. May closed 1½c higher at 29⅝c. July closed with a gain of ⅞c at 27c. The main idea was that the bull crowd in corn had also cornered the supply of oats.

The only redeeming feature of the provisions market was the advance in July pork on buying thought to be for packers. July pork closed at the top 32½c over yesterday; lard and ribs a shade down.

The leading ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	$0 73½	$0 74	$0 73	$0 73⅝
July	73½	74⅛	73⅛	73⅞
CORN.				
May	50	55	50	53½
July	46	47½	46	47½
September	45¾	46⅝	45¾	46⅝
OATS.				
May	28⅝	29½	28⅝	29⅝
July	26⅝	27	26⅝	27
September	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25½
MESS PORK.				
May	15 00	15 15	15 00	15 15
July	15 00	15 32½	15 00	15 22½
LARD.				
May	8 17½	8 17½	8 12½	8 12½
July	8 07½	8 10	8.05	8 05
September	8 07½	8 07½	8 02½	8 05
SHORT RIBS.				
May	.....	.....	.....	8 22½
July	8 00	8 05	7 97½	8 00
September	7 97½	8 00	7 92½	7 95

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Demand, moderate.

Wheat—No. 3, Spring, 73c; No. 2 red, 75@75½c.

Corn—No. 2, 53c; No. 2 yellow, 52@54c.

Oats—No. 2, 29¼@29½c; No. 2 white, 29½c; No. 3 white, 29½@29c.

Rye—No. 2, 53@54c.

Barley—Good feeding, 51@55c; fair to choice malting, 53c.

Flax seed—No. 1, $1 68; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 68.

Timothy seed—Prime, $3@3 75.

Pork—Mess, per bbl., $15 15@15 20.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., $8 17½@8 20.

Short ribs sides—(Loose), $8 10@8 40.

Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 6⅞@7½c.

Short clear sides—(Boxed), $8 37½@8 50.

Butter market dull; creameries, 14@19c; dairies, 11@16c.

Cheese—9½@14c.

Eggs—11½c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	40,000	32,000
Wheat, bushels	41,000	246,000
Corn, bushels	240 000	285,000
Oats, bushels	201,000	424,000
Rye, bushels	11,000	66,000
Barley, bushels	7,000	4,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Flour—Receipts, 26,000 barrels; exports, 15,000 barrels. Fairly active and firm.

Wheat—Receipts, 91,200 bushels; exports, 196,497 bushels. Spot, strong; No. 2 red, 84⅞c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 82c elevator; No. 1 hard Duluth, 95⅞c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened firm and carried the strength pretty much all day on an active trade, partly for outside account. Closed strong, ½@⅞c advance. May closed at 81⅝; July, 79⅝c; September, 78c.

Hops—Quiet.

Hides—Firm.

Wool—Quiet; domestic fleece, 24@27c; Texas, 15@17c.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, May 2.—Wheat cargoes on passage, nominally unchanged; cargoes Walla Walla, 29s 9d; English country markets, firm.

LIVERPOOL, May 2.—Wheat and flour in Paris, firm; French country markets, easy. Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 2 red Western Winter, 6s; No. 1 Northern Spring, 6s 11½d; No. 1 California, 6s 2d. Futures, quiet; July, 5s 11¼d; September, 5s 11d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, and old, quiet, 4s 5½d. Futures, firm; May, nominal; July, 4s 1⅝d; September, 4s ¾d.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Wool—Spring Nevada, 10@12c; Eastern Oregon, 10@13c; Valley Oregon, 14@15c; mountain lambs, 7@8c; San Joaquin plains, 6@7c; Humboldt and Mendicino, 9@10c.

Hops—1900 crop, 15@20c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $17 50@19 50; bran, $16@17.

Hay—Wheat, $9@13; wheat and oats, $9@11; best barley, $9 50; alfalfa, $7@9 50; compressed wheat, $8@13 per ton; straw, 40@47½c per bale.

Potatoes—River Burbanks, $1@1 25; Oregon Burbanks, $1 40@1 60; Early Rose, 85c@$1; sweet, 50@65c.

Onions—$3@4.

Vegetables — Green peas, $1 25 @ 1 75; string beans, 6@9c per pound; asparagus, $1 85@2 per box.

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

Bananas—$1 50@2 50 per bunch.

Pineapples—$2 50@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 25@2 75; large do, $4@4 50; old ducks, $5@6; geese, $1 25@1 50 per pair.

Eggs—Store, 13½c; ranch, 15c.

Butter—Creamery, 16½c; dairy, 15c.

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

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 21,000; Washington, 11,200; wheat, centals, 2300; barley, centals, 3700; potatoes, sacks, 1400; Oregon, 360; bran, sacks, 1450; wool, bales, 2100; hides, 485.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, May 2. —Cattle—Receipts, 13,000. Moderately active, about steady. Butchers' stock slow. Good to prime steers, $5@5 90; poor to medium, $3 95@4 90; stockers and feeders, firm, $3 60@4 90; cows, $2 65@4 50; heifers, $2 70@4 75; canners, slow, $2@2 60; bulls, $2 75@4 45; calves, $4@5; Texas fed steers, $4 25@5 40; grassers, $3 50@4; bulls, $2 75@3 80.

Hogs—Receipts today, 28,000; estimated tomorrow, 18,000; left over, 3500. Market averaged 5c higher; top, $5 95. Mixed and butchers', $5 60@5 90; good to choice heavy, $5 70@5 95; rough heavy, $5 55@5 60; light, $5 55@5 85; bulk of sales, $5 75@5 87½.

Sheep—Receipts, 13,000. Market for sheep weak; lambs, steady to slow. Good to choice wethers, $4 15@4 50; fair to choice mixed, $4@4 30; Western sheep, $4 15@4 50; Texas yearlings, $4 20@4 30; native lambs, $4 20@5 25; Western lambs, $4 50@5 30.

London Wool Auctions.

LONDON, May 2.—At the wool auction sales today a superior selection consisting of 14,907 bales was offered. A good demand prevailed and competition was spirited. The bulk of the offerings sold at full rates. Several good greasy parcels were taken for American. Crossbreds were in large supply and firm, the home trade being the chief buyer. Continental bidders increased their buying again today. Prices declined ¼@½d and several lots were withdrawn.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Coffee—Spot Rio, dull; No. 7 invoice, 6¼c; mild, dull, Cordova, 8¼@12½c.

Futures closed steady, 10@15 points higher. Total sales, 5500 bags, including July, $5 55; September, $5 60@5 70; December, $5 85; March, $6 15.

Sugar—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3¾c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4¼c; molasses sugar, 3½c. Refined firm.

ANECDOTES OF M'KINLEY.

Mr. Hoadley's Personal Recollections of the President.

PORTLAND, May 2.—(To the Editor).—As I have been elbow near the man now our honored President and on his way to the metropolis of the Northwest Pacific, perhaps a few words about him as he appeared to me may not be unwelcome to the readers of The Oregonian.

I first saw William McKinley when he put "Jr." to his name in honor of his sturdy father. It was at a great soldiers' meeting held at Canton, O., at which President Hayes presided. While General Garfield was speaking in the sledge-hammer way characteristic of him and using his left hand in gesticulating (for he was left-handed), Major McKinley, then a Representative in Congress, came upon the platform and, although Garfield was then a candidate for the Presidency, he almost lost his audience, as there was so much flutter over the arrival of the noted apostle of protection. McKinley then was not portly, as he is now, and his face was white unto paleness and smooth from the razor he always had applied under and over his mouth.

I next saw him in New London, O., walking between two men who were escorting him from the railroad station to the hall in which he made an effective speech in behalf of Foraker's candidacy for the Governorship of the state. The Major almost leaned backward, so erect was his carriage, and if I had not known differently, the impression of a man under arrest would have been left in my mind.

I heard him again at a state encampment of the Union soldiers held at Piqua, O., and the speech he made I shall never forget. When fully awakened by the hour he turned to ex-President Hayes, sitting behind him, and addressed him as "my old Colonel," and never human lips were more patriotic. One sentence he spoke was, "Revolutions never go backward."

I heard him again in Medina, O., and once more in Cleveland. The speech at Cleveland was read from manuscript, as he then was Governor of the state and a candidate for the Presidential nomination.

As an orator, McKinley, to me, was far more effective than was Bryan, whom I heard at Portland. He has a seriousness and a purpose and a freedom from attempt to be smart that Bryan has not. He had a single mannerism, in the putting of his hand in his trousers pocket while getting started in speech. His control of voice was perfect, and he never was hoarse whenever I heard him.

But the most vivid impression I have of McKinley is of being with him and several gentlemen in a hotel parlor in Mendina, O., for 30 minutes. He was running for Congress in a badly gerrymandered district, and he was speaking in the different schoolhouses of our county. It was raining hard and the roads were so muddy that if they had any bottom it was not found. The Major had on a rubber coat and his trousers were within rubber boots. There he was before us, and we let him fire away in conversation, and the more optimistic he became upon his election, the faster he smoked his cigar. McKinley is as fond of his cigars as he is of his hymnal. He smoked there in that room until the air was as blue as were we who were with the Major about his election. He wanted our county to give him about 300 more votes than its maximum Republican strength. He thought the Dunkards of Holmes county, the Gibraltar of Ohio Democracy, would help him out. Speaking of Speaker Reed, who then was making campaign speeches in our state, and whom he called "Tom," he said that his speeches never made a vote, as "Tom" was so repulsive to the opposition. He called President Cleveland, "Cleveland," and Mr. Blaine, "Blaine." One of our number, with but one eye, remarked that Senator Hill resembled Senator Carlisle, whereupon the Major graciously shook his head so the others could be corrected in the estimate if such were made by the one-eyed man's remark. The Major did not contradict the man, but let us know how the matter stood. He directed me sportively to see after the brethren.

McKinley, to one near him, does not appear constructed on a massive order. His head is not large, but of medium size. The one special thing he had was graciousness. When he went to Washington from Ohio many of his Ohio friends who thought he had been careless in some appointments while he was Governor and had not shown real executive ability were anxious about his future. But he has made a far better President than those friends expected. Some of his appointments while President, notably that of Root, could not have been better.

I am sure the good people of Portland will be glad to greet a President whose years of administration will form as bright pages in American history as have been written. He is a model husband, as far from imperialism as the East is from the West, and first and last is American. Let me uncover before the gracious William!

B. J. HOADLEY.

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