COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Another drop in sugar was the most important feature in the local market situation yesterday, 15 cents being sliced off the already reasonable figures, with the end not yet in sight. The decline does not seem to be harming anyone in this market to any appreciable extent, as neither wholesaler nor retailers have very much confidence in a speedy return of higher prices and are holding stocks down to very moderate proportions. There were no other changes in groceries yesterday, and most of the dealers reported a good trade. Potatoes continue steady, and some dealers have received orders for shipping into Arizona, a field from which they have previously been shut out by the competition of Colorado potatoes. Shipments by the next steamer will be quite moderate, and a further improvement in the San Francisco market is expected to follow. The egg market, after the decided weakness of Tuesday and Wednesday, had steadied up a little yesterday, but 14 cents was an extreme figure and they were retailing all over the city at 15 cents per dozen. In round lots, sales were made at 13c, and 13½c, and several hundred cases were shipped out of the city at 13½ cents net. Poultry market is still firm for good chickens, but only fairly steady in other lines.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$534,773	$119,927
Seattle	452,632	83,905
Tacoma	153,439	83,805
Spokane	310,272	48,574

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

There was a fractional gain in the wheat markets in the East yesterday, but in the local market, matters were at a standstill. Buyers were quoting about 65½ cents for Walla Walla, with a very limited amount of business possible, at about half a cent to a cent above this figure. Enough ships have missed their cancelling dates within the past month to leave the exporters in this city in a very independent position regarding wheat, and when the exporters cannot pick it up at about an export value, they stay out of the market. The milling demand is fairly good, but as the Oriental flour trade will not readily stand the recent advances made necessary by the advance in wheat, this trade is of smaller proportions than it was a few weeks ago. Receipts of wheat have been quite large within the past few days, but it is nearly all on old account, the greater part of it coming out of Snake River, where it was held up first by low water, and afterwards by ice in the river. Freights remain steady but inactive, with 25 shillings bid, and 26s 3d asked. No new transactions are reported, nor is there liable to be any until there is some improvement in the foreign market.

Wheat—nominal; Walla Walla, 66c; bluestem, 66½@67c; Valley, 65@66c.

Barley—Feed, $20@21; brewing, $21@21 50 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, $1 15@1 25; gray, $1 10@1 20.

Flour—Best grades $2 80@3 40 per barrel; graham, $2 50@2 80.

Millstuffs—Bran, $19 per ton; middlings, $21; shorts, $21 50; chop, $17 50.

Hay—Timothy, $12@13; clover, $7 50@8; Oregon wild hay, $5@6 per ton.

Potatoes and Onions.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks $1 10@1 25 per cental; ordinary, 70@80c; Early Rose, $1 20@1 25 per cental, growers' prices; sweets, $2@2 25 per cental.

Onions—$1 50@1 90 per cental, growers' prices.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Creamery, 25@30c; dairy, 18@22½c; store, 13@15c.

Eggs—13½@14c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13½c; Young America, 14@15c; factory prices, 1@1½c less.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $4@4 50; hens, $5@5 50 per dozen, 10@12c per pound; Springs, 11c per pound, $3@4 per dozen; ducks, $5@6 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12@12½c; dressed, 14@15c per pound; geese, $6 per dozen.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Tomatoes, $4 50 per crate for Mexican; turnips, 65@75c; carrots, 65@75c; beets, 80@90c per sack; pumpkins, $1@1 25; squashes, $1@1 25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75@85c per cental; celery, 75c per dozen, peas, 8½c per pound.

Green fruit—Lemons, $2@3; oranges, $2@2 75 per box; bananas, $2 25@3; pineapples, $5 per dozen; apples, 60c@$1 50; cranberries, $11@12 per barrel.

Dried fruit—Apples, evaporated, 7@8c per pound; sun-dried sacks or boxes, 4@5c; apricots, 11½@12c; peaches, 8@11c; pears, 6@8c; prunes Italian, 3@4c; figs, California blacks, 3½@4c; do white, 5c; plums, pitless, white, 6c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 23@25c; Java, fancy, 29@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; Arbuckle's, $11 75 list; Lion, $11 25 list; Cordova, $12 63 list.

Rice—Imperial, Japan No. 1, 5¾c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans 5@7c.

Salmon—Columbia River, one-pound talls, $1 85; two-pound talls, $3; fancy one-pound flats, $2; ½-pound fancy flats, $1 25; Alaska talls, 95c; two-pound talls, $2.

Sugar—Cube, $4 60; crushed, $4 60; powdered, $4 50; dry granulated, $4 35; extra C, $4 10; golden C, $3 75 net per sack; beet sugar, $4 25 per sack; half barrels, ⅛c more than barrels; sacks, 10c per 100 less than barrels; maple, 15@16c per pound.

Honey—12½@15c per pound.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $6 12½@6 25 per 100 for July-August.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 8@8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, 85@90c per dozen; walnuts, 10½@11c per pound; pine nuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, $3 50@5 per drum; Brazil nuts 7c; filberts, 15@16c; fancy pecans, 14@14½c; almonds, 12½@15c.

Coal oil—Cases, 20½c per gallon; barrels, 15c; tanks, 14c.

Stock salt—50s, $19 75, 100s, $19 25; granulated, 50s, $28; Liverpool, 50s, $28; 100s, $27 50; 200s, $27.

Meats and Provisions.

Mutton—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7@7½c per pound.

Hams, bacon, etc.—Portland pack (Shield brand) hams, 12½c; picnic, 9c per pound; breakfast bacon, 15½@16½c per pound, bacon, 14c per pound; backs ,11¼@12½c per pound; dry-salted sides, 11c per pound; dried beef, setts, 16c; knuckles, 18c per pound; Eastern pack hams, large, 12¼c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic, 9¾c; shoulders, 9¾c; breakfast bacon, 14@15½c; dry-salted sides, 11¼c; bacon sides, 12½c; backs, unsmoked, 11¼c; smoked, 12½c; butts, 9¾@10¾c per pound; dried beef, 15¾@17½c per pound; dry-salted bellies, 11½@12½c; bacon bellies, 12½@13½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, 5¾c; dressed, 6½@7c per pound.

Veal—8@8½c for small; 7@7½c for large.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3¾@4c; steers, 4@4½c; dressed, 6½@7½c per pound.

Lard—Portland (Shield brand), 5s, 12¾c; 10s, 12¾c; 50s, 12¼c; tierces, 12c; Eastern, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 12½c; 10s, 12¾c; 50s, 12¼c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

Hops—12@13½c per pound.

Wool—Nominal; Valley, 13@15c; Eastern Oregon 8@12½c; mohair, 21@21½c per pound.

Sheepskins—Shearings, 15@20c; short wool, 25@35c; medium wool, 30@60c; long wool, 60c@$1 each.

Tallow—Prime, per pound, 4@4½c; No. 2 and grease, 2½@3c.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@15½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 pounds, 15c; dry calf, No. 1 under 8 pounds, 16c; dry-salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 8@9c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7½@8c; under 50 pounds and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5@5½c; kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds 7c; veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 7c; calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less; horse hides, salted, each, $1 50@2; dry, each, $1@1 50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common each, 10@15c; Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.

Pelts—Bear skins as to size, No. 1, each, $5@10; cubs, $2@5; badger, each, 10@40c; wildcat, 25@30c; house cat, 5@10c; fox, common gray, each, 30@50c; do red, each, $1 50@2; do cross, each $5@15; do silver and black, each, $100@200; fishers, each, $5@6; lynx, each, $2@3; mink, strictly No. 1, each, 30c@$1 25; marten, dark Northern, $6@12; marten, pale, pine, according to size and color, $1 50@3; muskrats, large, each, 5@10c; skunk, each, 25@35c; civet or polecat, each, 5@10c; otter, for large prime skins, each, $5@7; panther, with head and claws, perfect, each, $2@5; raccoon, for large prime, each, 30@35c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, each, $3 50@5; wolf, prairie (coyote), with head perfect, each, 40@60c; wolf, prairie (coyote), without head, each, 30@35c; wolverine, each, $4@7; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; do medium, $3@4; do small, $1@1 50; do kits, 50@75c.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Remarkable Exhibit of Strength in Stocks Not Often Heard From.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Today's stock market made a remarkable exhibit of strength in spots. Several of the customary market leaders were included in the upward movement. The strength of the market, nevertheless, failed to carry conviction as to the genuineness of the demand which lifted prices to a higher level. As the advance gained headway, various outstanding short interests were put under pressure, and bought rather urgently to cover short contracts. The demand was, so far, unquestionably genuine. Otherwise, there was the appearance of manipulation. This was partly due to the character of the stocks which advanced most conspicuously—stocks which are often not heard of for weeks at a time on the exchange. Nor was there any tangible news today to account for their strength, either affecting them individually or the general situation. In fact, the conditions which have made the basis of the bear argument early in the week continued in force today. The great snow storm, with the new obstruction to traffic, threatened inroads upon future showings of earnings. The engagements of gold for export Saturday were increased today to $3,300,000, with the possibility of further engagements tomorrow still open.

Reports of friction over freight rates in the Southwest, and of the dissolution of freight associations, on account of threatened action by the Government, continued to be heard. These would all have induced selling of stocks in the speculative temper which prevailed earlier in the week. They were ignored today. A very strong sentimental effect was produced by the persistent show of strength in Chicago & Northwestern, and the character of the buying, which lifted it, and which had every appearance of genuine investment demand. It was this this movement which directly encouraged the heavy buying of St. Paul, and which leavened the whole market in the course of the day. It was supplemented by similiar movements in other high-grade closely-held stocks, such as Pullman, which rose an extreme 16 points; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, 7, and a number of less conspicuous examples. Northwestern itself touched 233. During the existence of a corner in the stock years ago, it touched 230, which was the previous record. Pullman, General Electric, Omaha & Chicago and Eastern Illinois also made record prices today.

Another notable movement was in Colorado Fuel, which gained 10 points on a very active demand and a very feverish movement. This movement is supposed to be directly related to that in Colorado & Southern, which was inclined to rest today, although the second preferred was advanced three points. Outside of these, the most notable movements of the day were in a varied assortment of low-grade obscure stocks. The movement ultimately extended, however, to some of the soft coalers, led by Pennsylvania and other prominent stocks. The late dealings showed the usual profit-taking and the closing was irregular. Rates for call loans continued at the higher level established during the week.

The announcement that the San Francisco traction deal would be arranged without transferring money through the Subtreasury relieved some anxiety over the money outlook, and revealed that the tentative inquiry in Washington as to the facilities for transfer of $50,000,000 to $60,000,000 probably was a strategetic movement having to do with the negotiation of exchange of San Francisco in the market.

The bond market continued rather dull but firm. Total sales (par value), $2,380,000. United States regulars and the 3s advanced ¼ per cent on the last call.

Closing Stock Quotations.

DESCRIPTION.	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Atchison	3,100	75¾	75½	75⅝
do pfd	2,400	96⅝	96¼	96½
Baltimore & Ohio	10,600	105½	104⅝	104¾
do pfd	100	94⅝	94⅝	94⅝
Canadian Pacific	300	112⅝	112⅝	112⅝
Canada Southern				81⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	2,900	46⅝	46	46⅛
Chicago & Alton	800	36¼	36	36
do pfd	200	75⅝	75½	75½
Chicago, Ind. & Louis.	2,400	63⅝	62⅞	63½
do pfd				79½
Chicago & Eastern Ill.	800	159½	158	158⅞
Chicago & Great West.	2,100	24⅝	24¼	24⅝
do A pfd	100	88	88	88
do B pfd				45½
Chicago & N. W.	8,800	233	227½	231
Chicago, R. I. & Pac.	1,800	166¼	164⅝	165
Chicago Term. & Tran	200	17⅛	17⅛	17
do pfd	100	32	32	32
C., C., C. & St. Louis.	1,000	101	100½	101
Colorado Southern	21,900	26⅝	25½	26⅛
do 1st pfd	4,800	71	70⅝	70⅞
do 2d pfd	17,700	42⅝	40½	42½
Delaware & Hudson	2,700	172½	171	171
Del., Lack. & West.	400	255½	254	255
Denver & Rio Grande	2,000	44⅝	44	44⅝
do pfd	600	92	91½	91⅞
Erie	5,900	37⅝	37⅛	37⅛
do 1st pfd	600	68⅝	68	68
do 2d pfd	1,100	55⅛	54⅝	55⅛
Great Northern pfd	100	184½	184½	184½
Hocking Valley	600	69	67⅞	67⅞
do pfd	100	84⅛	84⅛	85⅝
Illinois Central	5,700	149⅝	139¼	146⅝
Iowa Central	10,200	50⅛	49⅛	50
do pfd	2,700	83	82⅝	82½
Lake Erie & Western				67
do pfd				92
Louisville & Nashville.	1,800	104	103⅝	104
Manhattan Elevated	700	131½	131½	131⅝
Metropolitan Street Ry.	1,700	168	167½	167⅝
Mexican Central	5,900	28⅝	27½	28⅛
Mexican National	24,300	19⅝	18	19
Minn. & St. Louis	1,800	110⅛	109½	109½
Missouri Pacific	10,300	100	109½	109⅛
Mo., Kansas & Texas	600	25⅛	25	25
do pfd				54⅛
New Jersey Central				192
New York Central	4,500	151⅛	162⅝	163½
Norfolk & Western	4,200	58⅝	57⅛	57⅝
do pfd				90
Ontario & Western	900	33⅛	33	33⅛
Pennsylvania	5,100	152	150⅝	151⅝
Reading	20,100	54⅝	53⅝	54⅛
do 1st pfd	900	80⅝	80⅛	80⅝
do 2d pfd	8,400	66⅝	65⅝	66⅛
St. Louis & San Fran.	1,200	61	60⅝	60⅝
do 1st pfd	200	83	83	83
do 2d pfd	300	72½	72	72½
St. Louis S. W.	500	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝
do pfd	300	57	56½	57
St. Paul	41,000	165½	163½	164⅝
do pfd	700	191½	190	190½
Southern Pacific	10,700	64⅝	64	64⅛
Southern Railway	1,800	32⅝	32⅛	32⅝
do pfd	1,900	95⅝	95⅛	95⅝
Texas & Pacific	500	36⅝	36⅛	36⅝
Toledo, St. L. & W.	100	22⅞	22½	21½
do pfd	800	40½	39⅝	39½
Union Pacific	13,900	99⅝	99	99⅝
do pfd	1,800	87	86⅝	86⅝
Wabash	1,800	24½	23⅝	24
do pfd	5,400	42⅝	42⅛	42½
Wheeling & Lake Erie.	100	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛
do 2d pfd				31
Wisconsin Central	900	21	20½	20⅝
do pfd	500	42½	42⅛	42½
Express Companies—				
Adams				165
American				230
United States				115
Wells-Fargo				193
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	22,400	69⅝	67⅛	69
Amer. Car & Foundry	21,700	31⅝	31⅛	31⅛
do pfd	800	89⅝	89	89⅝
American Linseed Oil	3,100	23	22	22⅝
do pfd	3,900	58⅝	56⅝	56⅝
Amer. Smelt. & Refin.	5,900	46⅝	46⅛	46
do pfd	800	98⅝	98⅛	98⅛
Anaconda Mining Co.	200	32½	32⅝	32½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	2,100	64	61½	62⅝
Colorado Fuel & Iron	24,800	98	97	97⅝
Consolidated Gas	2,400	220⅛	218	220
Cont. Tobacco pfd				117
General Electric	4,800	302	298⅛	300
Glucose Sugar				44
Hocking Coal				10⅛
International Paper				20⅛
do pfd	300	75⅝	75⅝	75⅝
International Power				86
National Biscuit	400	47⅛	47⅛	47⅛
National Lead	300	17	16⅞	16⅞
National Salt				30
do pfd				69
North American	200	93⅛	93	93
Pacific Coast	100	72	72	72
Pacific Mail	900	46⅝	46	45½
People's Gas	1,100	96⅝	96⅛	96⅛
Pressed Steel Car	1,800	40⅛	39⅛	39½
do pfd	900	84⅛	83⅝	83⅝
Pullman Palace Car	1,700	240	234	239
Republic Steel	200	16⅛	16⅛	16⅝
do pfd	1,800	72	71⅛	71⅝
Sugar	26,000	128⅛	127⅛	127⅛
Tennessee Coal & Iron	17,800	70⅝	69⅝	70⅝
Union Bag & Paper Co.	200	16	16	15⅛
do pfd				20
United States Leather	2,400	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛
do pfd				87½
United States Rubber	100	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛
do pfd	200	56½	53	56
United States Steel	8,900	43⅛	42⅞	43⅛
do pfd	7,100	94⅝	94⅝	94⅝
Western Union	400	90⅝	90⅛	90⅛
American Locomotive	15,200	32⅝	32	32⅛
do pfd	200	92½	92½	92½

Total sales for the day, 577,100 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref. reg.	109	Atchison adj. 4s	93⅛
do coupon	109⅛	C. & N.W. con. 7s	138⅝
do 3s, reg.	109⅛	D. & R. G. 4s	103
do coupon	109⅛	N. Y. Cent. lst s	103⅝
do new 4s, reg.	135⅛	Northern Pac. 3s	74⅝
do coupon	139⅛	do 4s	105⅝
do old 4s, reg.	111⅛	Southern Pac. 4s	97⅝
do coupon	112⅛	Union Pacific 4s	106
do 5s, reg.	106⅛	West Shore 4s	113⅛
do coupon	106½	Wis. Central 4s	89⅝

London Stocks.

LONDON, March 6.—Closing quotations:

Anaconds	6⅝	Norfolk & West.	58½
Atchison	77⅛	do pfd	92⅛
do pfd	99	Ontario & West	33⅛
Balt. & Ohio	107⅛	Pennsylvania	77
Can. Pacific	113⅛	Reading	27⅝
Ches. & Ohio	46⅝	do 1st pfd	41
Chi. Gr. Western	24½	do 2d pfd	34
Chi., M. & St. P.	167	Southern Ry	33⅛
D. & R. G.	45⅛	do pfd	97⅝
do pfd	94⅝	Southern Pacific	69½
Erie	37⅛	Union Pacific	101⅛
do 1st pfd	69½	do pfd	89½
do 2d pfd	56	U. S. Steel	44
Illinois Central	142½	do pfd	97⅛
Louis. & Nash.	106⅛	Wabash	24⅛
Mo., Kan. & T.	25⅛	do pfd	45⅛
do pfd	56⅛	Spanish 4s	76⅝
N. Y. Central	160½		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—Sterling, on London, 60 days, $4 86; sterling, on London, sight, $4 88⅝.

Mexican dollars, 45c.

Drafts, sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Close: Money on call, steady at 2½@3 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87 for demand, and at $4 84⅛ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 86 and $4 88½. Commercial bills, $4 84⅛@4 85⅝.

Mexican dollars, 43½c.

Government bonds, strong.

State Bonds, inactive.

Railroad bonds, firm.

LONDON, March 6.—Consols, for money, 94 3-16; consols, for account, 9 11-16.

Money, 2½@2⅝ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 11-16 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 2⅝ per cent.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

Business was lacking on the Exchange today, but the tone was cheerful, with South African shares leading in the improved sentiment. The better feeling was largely due to the conference of the three Boer Generals, which started a rumor that the War office was in possession of important news. American stocks were idle but firm, till New York bid up St. Paul sharply on a rumor that the stock would be put on a 7 per cent dividend basis next month. Denver & Rio Grande was also in demand, and the list closed at the top, with little doing, however.

The money market was pinched on renewed bank loans and borrowed afresh.

The bank return shows that the bank has been denuded to the extent of £2,750,000. Gold to the amount of £800,000 has been received from Australia.

Gold Shipments.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Company will ship $1,000,000 gold to Europe, Saturday; Goldman, Sachs & Co., $1,800,000, and Ladenburg, Thalman & Co., $500,000, making the total thus far engaged, $3,300,000.

The Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Today's Treasury statement:

Available cash balances	$177,657,961
Gold	91,343,515

GRAIN MARKETS.

"Crop Killer" Appears at Chicago, but Has Little Influence.

CHICAGO, March 6.—The "crop killer" was the most important factor again in wheat today, but his mutterings were not very influential. Continued reports of bad conditions came from Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Indiana. Reports from the last named state were especially gloomy. Statistical papers stated that crop conditions were fair, notwithstanding the damage reports. Cables were somewhat improved and Northwestern receipts were small. Dullness in trade, however, kept May prices hovering closely around 76½c, the greater part of the day. May opened unchanged at 76⅝c, sold as high as 76¾c and closed barely firm, ⅛c up, at 76⅝c.

Corn ruled slightly bearish, after the somewhat steady opening. Cables were slightly improved and early offerings were light.

May prices sagged to 61½c and closed easy ¼c lower, at 61⅜@61⅝c.

Oats were dull. May closed steady, unchanged, at 44½c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	$0 76⅝	$0 76⅝	$0 76⅛	$0 76⅝
July	76⅝	77⅛	76⅝	77⅛
September	76⅛	76⅝	76⅛	76⅝
CORN.				
May	61⅞	62⅛	61½	61⅝
July	61⅛	61⅛	60⅞	61⅛
September	59⅛	59⅛	58⅞	59⅛
OATS.				
May	44⅛	44⅛	43⅞	44⅛
July	35⅛	35⅝	35⅛	35⅝
September	30⅛	30½	30⅛	30⅝
MESS PORK.				
May	15 00	15 25	15 00	15 25
July	15 30	15 42½	15 27½	15 42½
LARD.				
May	9 27½	9 37½	9 27½	9 37½
July	9 37½	9 50	9 37½	9 50
September	9 50	9 60	9 50	9 60
SHORT RIBS.				
May	8 25	8 32½	8 25	8 32½
July	8 40	8 45	8 40	8 45
September	8 52½	8 55	8 52½	8 55

Cash quotations were as follows:

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 71@76c; No. 2 red, 81½@83c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 61c.

Oats—No. 2, 44½@44¾c; No. 2 white, 45½@46½c; No. 3 white, 44@45½c.

Rye—No. 2, 58@58½c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 59@63c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 68; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 71.

Timothy seed—Prime, $6 30@6 40.

Mess pork—$15 05@15 15 per bbl.

Lard—$9 22½@9 25 per cwt.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $8 15@8 30.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, $7 12½@7 25.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $8 35@8 65.

Butter—Easy; creameries, 18@25½c; dairies, 18@23c.

Cheese—Steady, 10⅝@12¼c.

Eggs—Weak; fresh, 19c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	31,000	38,000
Wheat, bushels	27,000	20,000
Corn, bushels	121,000	94,000
Oats, bushels	175,000	153,000
Rye, bushels		1,000
Barley, bushels	22,000	27,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Flour—Receipts, 8199 barrels; exports, 12,149 barrels. More active and firmer.

Wheat—Receipts, 5700 bushels; exports, 24,749 bushels. Spot steady; No. 2 red, 89¼c f. o. b. afloat, 86½c elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 85½c f. o. b. afloat; futures were dull but fairly steady as to undertone because of light receipts West, steady cables and firmness in corn. The close was firm, at ¼@⅝c net advance.

March closed 82⅝c; May, 82½c; July, 82⅝c.

Hops, inactive.

Hides, dull.

Wool, firm.

San Francisco Grain Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—Wheat, steady; barley, inactive; oats, quiet but firm.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping, $1 08¼@1 10; milling 1 12½@1 13¼.

Barley—Feed, 88¾@90¼c; brewing, 92½@95c.

Oats—Red, $1 22½@1 42½; white, $1 25@1 42½; black, $1 15@1 30.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Steady, December, $1 09; cash, $1 10.

Barley—Inactive; May, 92½c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 37½@1 50.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 6.—Wheat cargoes on passage nominal, unchanged; cargoes No. 1, standard California, 29s 3d; cargoes Walla Walla, 29s ¼d.

LIVERPOOL, March 6.—Wheat steady. Holiday in Paris. Weather in England cold and dry.

Chicago Provisions.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Provisions manifested considerable strength in the face of large receipts and low hog prices. May pork closed 15c higher, at $15 25; lard, 10c up and ribs 5c higher.

IRON AND STEEL.

Floods Threaten to Prolong Shortage Beyond Spring Months.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The Iron Age today will say:

The floods and storms have been interfering again with both production and consumption at a time when any delay is seriously annoying. They threaten to prolong the shortage of material beyond the Spring months, and are making more and more difficult the endeavors of important interests to accumulate the finished goods, in anticipation of the usual Spring trade.

The anxiety with reference to the supply of foundry iron, for the second half of the year, is subsiding somewhat, and some of the sellers have been placing comparatively little iron, after the tremendous February rush. Others, however, have booked some large orders. Of course, it is probable that this year's consumption will be considerably larger than that of 1900 and 1901, but the fact remains that there is still a reserve in sight larger than the majority of the trade suspect.

As for the scarcity of structural material, the point is made that it is more apparent than real. Formerly the bridge and structural shops drew upon many mills for their supply, and by distributing their orders were able to arrange for simultaneous deliveries of the different sizes. Since the consolidation, it has not been quite so readily arranged, and it has often happened that work could not be completed because 10 per cent, or less, of the matter, in the shape of particular sizes or sections, was not ready for delivery.

No further importations of any consequence are reported, either in pig iron, billets or finished material.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 6500, steady. Good to prime steers, $6 25@6 90; poor to medium, $4 00@6 30; stockers and feeders, $2 25@5 00; cows, $1 25@5 25; heifers, $2 50@5 50; canners, $1 25@2 25; bulls, $2 25@4 85; calves, $2 50@6 60; Texas fed steers, $4 50@5 90.

Hogs—Receipts, today, 35,000; tomorrow, 28,000; left over, 3000. Opened slow, closed strong. Mixed and butchers, $5 85@6 35; good to choice heavy, $6 25@6 40; rough, heavy, $5 90@6 15; light, $5 75@6 00; bulk of sales, $5 95@6 25.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000. Sheep and lambs slow and lower. Good to choice wethers, $4 65@5 45; fair to choice mixed, $3 75@4 50; Western sheep, $4 60@6 00; native lambs, $3 75@5 45; Western lambs, $5 25@6 00.

KANSAS CITY, March 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 3500, including 800 Texans; strong; native steers, $6 25@6 50; Texas and Indian steers, $3 45@5 85; Texas cows, $3 40@4 50; native cows and heifers, $4 00@4 75; stockers and feeders, $3 25@4 90; bulls, $3 25@4 50; calves, $4 50@6 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000; market, 5c lower; bulk of sales, $5 50@6 30; heavy, $6 25@6 40; packers, $6 00@6 35; medium, $5 95@6 20; light, $5 35@6 20; porkers, $5 60@6 00; pigs, $4 50@5 35.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000; market, steady; muttons, $5 00@5 60; lambs, $6 15@6 45; range wethers, $5 00@5 60; ewes, $4 00@6 40.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 2500; market, steady. Native steers, $4 00@6 50; cows and heifers, $3 25@5 25; Western steers, $4 00@5 60; Texas steers, $3 75@4 15; canners, $2 00@3 25; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4 75; calves, $3 00@7 00; bulls, stags, etc., $2 75@4 60.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; market, a shade lower. Heavy, $5 00@6 20; mixed, $5 90@6 50; light, $5 50@6 10; pigs, $4 50@5 50; bulk of sales, $4 85@6 10.

Sheep—Receipts, 3000; market, steady. Fed muttons, $5 00@5 75; Westerns, $4 25@4 75; ewes, $3 75@4 75; common and stockers, $3 50@4 00; lambs, $5 25@5 40.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—Wool—Spring—Humboldt and Mendocino, 15@16c; Nevada, 12@14c; Eastern Oregon, 12@14c; Valley, Oregon, 13@15c. Fall—Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@12½c; mountain, 9@10c; south plains and San Joaquin, 6@9c; lambs, 6@9c.

Hops—New crop, 13@17½c.

Hay—Wheat, $10@13; wheat and oat, $10@12 50; best barley, $8@10 50; alfalfa, $10@11; clover, $7@8 50 per ton; straw, 45@60c per bale.

Vegetables—Green peas, 3@6c per pound; string beans, 6@10c per pound; asparagus, 12½@20c; tomatoes, $1@1 50; cucumbers, 50c@$1 25 per box; garlic, 1½@2½c per pound; egg plant, 15@20c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $18@19; bran, $16@17 per ton.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1 85@2; River Burbanks, $1 10@1 30; river reds, $1 50@1 60; Salinas Burbanks, $1 50@1 85; Oregon Burbanks, $1 25@1 60; sweets, $1 40 per cental.

Onions—$1 50@2.

Poultry—Turkey gobblers, 13@14c; turkey hens, 15@16c per pound; old roosters, $4 25@4 50 per dozen; young roosters, $6 50@7 50; small broilers, $3 50@4 00; large broilers, $4 50@5 00; fryers, $5 50@6 00 per dozen; hens, $4 50@5 50; old ducks, $5 50@6 00; young ducks, $7@8.

Eggs—Ranch, 13c.

Bananas—$1@2 75 per bunch.

Citrus fruit—Common California lemons, 50c; choice, $2 50; Mexican limes, $6@7; oranges, navel, $1@2 75.

Apples—Choice, $1 50; common, 50c per box.

Pineapples—$3@4.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 28c; do seconds, 24c; fancy dairy, 22c per pound; do seconds, 20c.

Cheese—Young America, 11½c; Eastern, 13@15c; new; 11½c; old, 11c.

Receipts—Flour, qr. sacks, 13,492; wheat, ctls., 170; barley, ctls., 11,502; beans, sks., 300; corn, ctls., 625; potatoes, sks., 659; bran, sks., 1345; middlings, sks., 882; hay, tons, 371; wool, bales, 42; hides, 174.

METAL MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Copper and tin prices were advanced slightly today and the demand also improved a little. The gain in tin was 15 points on the bid price, closing at $25 65 bid, at which five tons were sold, and at $25 70 asked. Five tons June sold at $24 40. The London tin market closed 10s lower, at £114 10s for spot, and £110 10s for futures.

Copper was ⅛c higher for lake and electrolytic, with casting unchanged. Lake closed at 12¼@12½c; electrolytic at 12¼@12⅜c, and casting at 12@12⅛c. Copper at London was 5s lower, at £54 for spot and futures. Lead was steady but unchanged here. London was 2s 6d lower, at £11 10s. Spelter stood at steady prices here, at $4 25@4 30, but London declined 2s 6d lower, to £17 17s 6