COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Not even sugar disturbed the placid nature of the market situation yesterday, and price changes were of very small proportions. Unfavorable weather held back the receipts of produce, but there was enough on hand to prevent any rallies in prices. Advices from San Francisco report that market showing signs of uneasiness regarding potatoes. Considerable quantities of the last shipments from this port have been placed in storage, and are hanging over the market as a continual menace to higher prices. At the same time, Portland buyers were still willing to risk $1 25 for best stock, and were quoting from that figure down as low as 70c per sack for common. Eggs showed no change. The shipment of several hundred cases on Thursday seems to have cleared the air a little, but they were still plentiful yesterday, at 13½c and 14c per dozen. Butter is very firm on best grades with common stock a little more plentiful. Chickens are scarce and high, but other lines of poultry do not show much improvement. Pork is firm and veal steady, with receipts liberal.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$457,119	$51,521
Seattle	476,871	83,793
Tacoma	224,533	31,566
Spokane	201,080	24,370

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The difficulty of securing ships at a reasonable figure, together with the fact that stocks on hand are ample for immediate requirements, has had a tendency to check extravagant bidding for wheat, and some dealers yesterday had their limits down as low as 65c for Walla Walla. Some small sales were reported at 65½c, but it is only at rare intervals that anything can be picked up at this figure, and even at 66c there is very little business doing. Shipowners are quite firm in their ideas regarding values, and until they become reconciled to the situation and accept rates in keeping therewith, there will be no new business of consequence. Two more ships finished loading yesterday, and the fleet now in the river under charter will all be taken care of by the end of the month. A flour cargo is loading for South Africa, and it is reported that a wheat cargo has also been sold for March-April shipment. The growing shortage in the Australian crop promises to make quite a demand for wheat and flour for Africa from the North Pacific ports.

Wheat—Nominal; Walla Walla, 65@65½c; bluestem, 66½@67c; Valley, 65@65½c.

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, 2½@4c; do white, 5c; plums, pitless, white, 6c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 20@22c; 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 65 list.

Rice—Imperial, Japan No. 1, 5¾c; No. 2, 5½c; 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, ¼c more than barrels; sacks, 10c per 100 less than barrels; maple, 15@18c 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, $5@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, 10c; tanks, 14c.

Stock salt—50s, $19 75, 100s, $19 25; granulated, 50s, $25; Liverpool, 50s, $25; 100s, $27 50; 100s, $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@12¼c per pound; dry-salted sides, 11c per pound; dried beef, setts, 16c; knuckles, 18c per pound; Eastern pack hams, large, 12¾c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic, 9¾c; shoulders, 9¾c; breakfast bacon, 14@15½c; dry-salted sides, 11¼c; bacon sides, 12½c; backs, unsmoked, 11¼c; smoked, 12¼c; butts, 9¾@10¾c per pound; dried beef, 15@17½c per pound; dry-salted bellies, 11¼@12¼c; 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, 12¾c; 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, 5 to 15 pounds, 15c; dry calf, No. 1 under 5 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@20; 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; fisherr, each, $5@6; lynx, each, $2@3; mink, strictly No. 1, each, 50c@$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.

Evidence of Conflict Between the Professional Speculators.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The stock market today showed evidence of conflicting emotions on the part of the professional speculators who make up the present market. There was something of a struggle during the early part of the day to keep prices moving upwards, and a number of specialties shot up in the way which has become so familiar of late. Others, which were violently advanced yesterday, showed a tendency to an abrupt relapse. The general active list took on its recently somnolent condition, suggesting that the demand from the short interest which caused yesterday's sharp rise had been satisfied.

The notice that $1,000,000 of the gold engaged for tomorrow's steamer had been withdrawn from export had a mild stimulating effect on the market, but the later forecast of tomorrow's bank statement showed sufficient ground for apprehension still remaining of the rate of depletion of the New York bank reserves. The report that the Government had filed its suit against the Northern Securities Company with the United States Court at St. Paul also caused a ripple of alarm, although it had been abundantly foreseen, and presented no new phase of the case.

The preliminary figures of the money movement for the week indicate that the banks have lost cash to the extent of nearly $5,000,000, including the gold exported Thursday, but not including the $2,300,000 which is to go on tomorrow's steamer. It is argued that Thursday's gold exports, coming late in the week, will not figure for their full effect in the bank statement under the average system, but the same thing was true of last week's statement, leaving the residue of last week's cash losses to be carried over into this week. The apprehension is, therefore, that the small surplus may be cut in two. With the present dimensions of the deposit and cash items in the New York banks, the surplus at its present figure is almost wholly nominal, anyway, and a variation of a few millions has little effect on the proportion of the reserve. The hardening tendency of the money market is a convincing evidence, however, that the banks are not anxious at present to extend their credits.

Of the day's special movement, Colorado Fuel was most conspicuous, with a feverish reaction which reached 6 points at one time. Chicago & Northwestern, after a rise of 1½, also turned downward, and fell at one time 3½ under last night's close. On the side of advances, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha added 4 points to its price, and the preferred 3. The rise of over 3 points in Evansville & Terra Haute was in response to yesterday's rise in Chicago & Eastern Illinois. Westinghouse Electric advanced 5¼, Brooklyn Union, 3½, and American Cotton Oil, 4¾. There was beside a long list of obscure stocks with 1@2 points advances to their credit, all of which were more or less impaired by these late reactions. The markets closed rather easy in spite of a late rise in Colorado Southern and Mexican National.

Today's bond market continued rather dull but firm. Total sales, $2,750,000. United States 2s, coupon, and the old 4s advanced ¼, and the new 4s, coupon, ⅛ per cent on the last call.

Closing Stock Quotations.

DESCRIPTION.	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Atchison	8,900	75¾	75	75
do pfd	2,500	97½	96½	96
Baltimore & Ohio	25,200	105½	104¾	105¼
do pfd				95½
Canadian Pacific	1,900	118¾	112¾	112¾
Canada Southern				87½
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,000	46¼	46	46
Chicago & Alton	1,600	36¼	35	36
do pfd	300	76	75¾	75¾
Chicago, Ind. & Louis.	3,000	64¾	63¾	64
do pfd	200	79½	79	78½
Chicago & Eastern Ill.	900	160¾	158¾	158¾
Chicago & Great West.	800	24½	24	24½
do A pfd	100	89	89	87½
do B pfd				45¼
Chicago & N. W.	4,000	233	228	229½
Chicago, R. I. & Pac.	1,000	165¾	164¾	165
Chicago Term. & Tran.	2,200	18¼	17¾	17½
do pfd	6,300	34	32½	33
C., C., C. & St. Louis				101
Colorado Southern	17,100	29¾	25¼	29¼
do 1st pfd	2,600	71	70½	70½
do 2d pfd	11,900	43	41¼	42¼
Delaware & Hudson	1,100	172½	171¼	171¼
Del., Lack. & West				281
Denver & Rio Grande	900	44½	44¼	43¾
do pfd	300	91¾	91½	91½
Erie	8,600	37¾	37	37½
do 1st pfd	1,300	68	67¾	67¾
do 2d pfd	900	54¾	54½	54½
Great Northern pfd	100	183¾	183¾	184
Hocking Valley	300	69	69	68
do pfd				84
Illinois Central	1,700	140¾	140	139¾
Iowa Central	11,700	50½	49¾	50¼
do pfd	2,800	83¾	82¾	83¼
Lake Erie & Western	200	68¾	68	67½
do pfd	600	135	134	132
Louisville & Nashville	600	104¼	103¾	103¾
Manhattan Elevated	8,900	137¾	131¾	131½
Metropolitan Street Ry.	1,300	168¼	167½	167¼
Mexican Central	2,300	28½	28	28¼
Mexican National	55,900	20¼	19¼	20¼
Minn. & St. Louis	8,000	111¾	110¼	111
Missouri Pacific	8,200	99¾	98¾	98¾
Mo., Kansas & Texas	400	25¼	24	24¼
do pfd	800	55	54¾	54
New Jersey Central	100	191	191	189
New York Central	1,000	163½	162½	162¾
Norfolk & Western	2,400	57¾	57	57
do pfd	200	91	90¾	90½
Ontario & Western	1,100	33¼	33	33
Pennsylvania	28,500	152¼	151¾	151¾
Reading	18,900	55	54¼	54
do 1st pfd	900	81¼	80¾	80¾
do 2d pfd	16,000	67	65¾	66
St. Louis & San Fran.	3,500	61¼	61	60¾
do 1st pfd	100	84½	84½	84
do 2d pfd	700	72¾	72	72
St. Louis S. W.				24¾
do pfd	300	56½	56½	56¼
St. Paul	1,700	164¾	163¼	163¾
do pfd	200	191	190¾	190¾
Southern Pacific	22,000	64¾	64¼	64¼
Southern Railway	1,500	32¾	32½	32½
do pfd	1,000	96	95¾	95¾
Texas & Pacific	1,800	39¾	39¼	39¼
Toledo, St. L. & W.	200	22¾	22¼	22¼
do pfd	400	40¼	39¾	40
Union Pacific	23,600	100	99¾	99¾
do pfd	300	87¼	87	86¾
Wabash	900	24½	23¾	24
do pfd	1,000	42¾	42¼	42¾
Wheeling & Lake Erie	2,200	20	19¼	19¾
do 2d pfd	100	32	32	32
Wisconsin Central	1,000	21¼	20¾	20½
do pfd	400	42½	42¼	42¼
Express Companies—				
Adams				202
American				230
United States	100	115	115	114
Wells-Fargo				195
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	13,800	69¾	68½	68¾
Amer. Car & Foundry	3,600	31½	30¾	31¾
do pfd	700	89¾	89	89¾
American Linseed Oil	900	23	22¾	22¼
do pfd	600	56½	55	55¼
Amer. Smelt. & Refin.	600	46¾	46¼	46½
do pfd	500	98½	98½	98
Anaconda Mining Co.	400	33¼	33	33
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	2,000	64¾	63¾	64
Colorado Fuel & Iron	33,100	98	92	92¾
Consolidated Gas	14,400	222	220	221½
Cont. Tobacco pfd				117½
General Electric	2,100	301	295¼	298¾
Glucose Sugar	100	44½	44½	44
Hocking Coal	1,700	18	16½	16¼
International Paper	100	20½	20½	20
do pfd	400	76	76	76
International Power				86
Laclede Gas				90
National Biscuit				47½
National Lead				19¾
National Salt pfd				66
North American	300	94¼	93½	93¾
Pacific Coast				72
Pacific Mail	1,800	47½	47	47½
People's Gas	400	99¾	98½	99½
Pressed Steel Car	900	40¼	40	39¾
do pfd	300	84	83½	83½
Pullman Palace Car	100	238¾	238¾	237
Republic Steel	11,000	17½	16¾	17¼
do pfd	3,300	72½	72	72¼
Sugar (ex dividend)	19,600	127¾	126¾	127¾
Tennessee Coal & Iron	22,300	71	69¾	69½
Union Bag & Paper Co.				15½
do pfd				79
United States Leather	800	11¾	11½	11¾
do pfd	500	82	81½	81¾
United States Rubber	100	15½	15½	15½
do pfd				56
United States Steel	6,000	43¼	42¾	42¾
do pfd	5,900	94¾	94¾	94¾
Western Union	300	91	90¾	90¾
American Locomotive	4,000	32¾	32	32½
do pfd	1,200	92¼	92¼	92¼

Total sales for the day, 608,100 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref. reg.	100	Atchison adj. 4s	93½
do coupon	109½	C. & N.W. con. 7s	139¾
do 2s, reg	109½	D. & R. G. 4s	103
do coupon	109½	N. Y. Cent. 1st	103¾
do new 4s, reg	138½	Northern Pac. 3s	74¾
do coupon	139¾	do 4s	105¾
do old 4s, reg	111½	Southern Pac. 4s	94½
do coupon	112½	Union Pacific 4s	103½
do 5s, reg	106½	West Shore 4s	113¾
do coupon	106½	Wis. Central 4s	88¾

London Stocks.

LONDON, March 7.—Closing quotations:

Anaconda	6⅝	Norfolk & West	58¾
Atchison	77¼	do pfd	92¼
do pfd	99	Ontario & West	34
Balt. & Ohio	107¼	Pennsylvania	77⅝
Can. Pacific	115¼	Reading	27¾
Ches. & Ohio	47	do 1st pfd	41¼
Chi. Gr. Western	25	do 2d pfd	31¼
Chi., M. & St. P.	168¾	Southern Ry	32¾
D. & R. G.	45	do pfd	97¾
do pfd	94½	Southern Pacific	65¾
Erie	38¼	Union Pacific	102¼
do 1st pfd	69¾	do pfd	99½
do 2d pfd	56¼	U. S. Steel	44¾
Illinois Central	140½	do pfd	97¾
Louis. & Nash.	105¾	Wabash	24½
M., K. & T.	25¾	do pfd	43½
do pfd	50	Spanish 4s	76¾
N. Y. Central	167¼		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4 86; sight, $4 88½.

Mexican dollars—45c.

Drafts—Sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Money on call steady, at 2½@3 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87⅝@4 87¾ for demand, and at $4 85½@4 85¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 84 and $4 88½; commercial bills, $4 84½@4 85¼.

Mexican dollars—43½c.

Government bonds firm; state bonds weak; railroad bonds firm.

LONDON, March 7.—Consols for money, 94 5-16; do for account, 94½. Money, 2¾@3 per cent. Rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 2¾ per cent; do for three-months' bills, 2¾ per cent.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The stock market was exceedingly quiet, tomorrow being a holiday, and the settlement coming on Monday, but sentiment was cheerful, particularly in Kaffirs, where the bull account is much reduced, and there are many temporary bears against the end of March operations. The market regards as hopefully significant the stricter censorship in the Transvaal of all messages passing through Pretoria. Houses with South African connections are buying consols. American shares merely reflect New York price movements. Mexican National rose a point. The market was again a borrower from the bank. Silver is flat on complete absence of support. The metal has the appearance of going lower.

Gold Engagement Canceled.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. have canceled their entire engagement of $1,000,000 gold for export tomorrow. This will reduce the total shipment tomorrow to $2,300,000.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Today's statement of the Treasury shows:

Available cash balances	$177,704,589
Gold	93,163,800

GRAIN MARKETS.

Wheat Slow Most of the Day at Chicago, but Closes Firm.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Wheat was slow most of the day because of the divergence of opinions on the crop condition. Weather predictions were for showers throughout the suffering country today, and even rumors of light showers came to hand. The damage reports, however, showed Kansas in a bad way, and bullish advices kept coming in from Oklahoma, Texas and Ohio. Cables were firm, and Northwestern receipts were very light. May started ⅛c lower to unchanged. The rain reports from Kansas eased May temporarily to 76⅝@76½c, after having sold at 76¾c, but with the arrival of information of a better export, there came a good bulge. Shorts covered, and some fair buying developed late. May sold up with a spurt to 77⅝c, and closed very firm, ⅝c up, at 77½c.

Corn was dull, but followed wheat's strength. May closed firm, ⅝c higher, at 62@62½c.

Oats were very dull, but strong, in sympathy with corn and wheat. May closed ⅝c up, at 44½c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	$0 76⅝	$0 77⅝	$0 76⅝	$0 77½
July	77	77¾	76¾	77⅝
September	76⅝	77⅛	76½	77⅛
CORN.				
May	61⅝	62½	61⅝	62½
July	61¼	61⅞	61¼	61⅝
September	59¼	59⅞	59¼	59⅝
OATS.				
May	44	44⅝	44	44½
July	35½	35¾	35⅜	35¾
September	30⅝	30⅝	30¼	30⅝
MESS PORK.				
May	15 30	15 40	15 30	15 40
July	15 50	15 57½	15 50	15 57½
LARD.				
May	9 40	9 45	9 40	9 42½
July	9 52½	9 57½	9 52½	9 55
September	9 65	9 70	9 65	9 67½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	8 37½	8 42½	8 37½	8 40
July	8 50	8 52½	8 50	8 52½
September	.....	.....	.....	8 62½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 75¼@75½c; No. 2 red, 82¾c.

Oats—No. 2, 44¼@44½c; No. 2 white, 45½@47½c; No. 3 white, 44¼@45¼c.

Rye—No. 2, 58½@59c.

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

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

Mess pork—$15 20@15 25 per bbl.

Lard—$9 30@9 32½ per cwt.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $8 20@8 35.

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

Short clear sides—Boxed, $8 60@8 70.

Butter—Steady; creameries, 18@25c; dairies, 18½@23c.

Cheese—Steady, 10¾@12¾c.

Eggs—Weak; fresh, 18c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	20,000	32,000
Wheat, bushels	33,000	25,000
Corn, bushels	105,000	23,000
Oats, bushels	94,000	248,000
Rye, bushels	4,000	2,000
Barley, bushels	28,000	16,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Flour—Receipts, 7800 barrels; exports, 9532 barrels. Market more active and firm. Winter patents, $3 85@4 25; Winter straights, $3 70@3 90; Minnesota patents, $3 85@4 25; Winter straights, $3 70@3 90; Minnesota patents, $3 50@4; Winter extras, $3@3 25; Minnesota bakers', $2 85@3 20; Winter low grades, $2 80@2 90.

Wheat—Receipts, 37,000 bushels; exports, 35,969 bushels; spot firm; No. 2 red, 78⅝c f. o. b. afloat, 87½c elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 95½c f. o. b. afloat.

Until the last hour wheat was inactive and unmoved by the prevailing market influences, holding steady on light receipts and firmer cables. Near the close, however, upon reports of no rain in the Southwest, the shorts covered and prices jumped ½c, closing firm at ⅝c net advance. March closed at 83c; May, 83½c; July, 83½c; September, 82½c.

Hops—Firm.

Wool—Firm.

Hides—Firm.

San Francisco Grain Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Wheat firm. Barley quiet. Oats quiet.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping, $1 10; milling, $1 12½@1 13¾.

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

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

Call board sales:

Wheat—Firm; May, $1 13¼; December, $1 10; cash, $1 08.

Barley—Quiet; December, 78¾c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 37½@1 50.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 7.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, quiet and steady; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 29s 10½d; cargoes Walla Walla, 29s 6d. English country market quiet.

LIVERPOOL, March 7.—Wheat firm; wheat and flour in Paris firm. Weather in England overcast.

Liverpool Wheat Receipts.

LIVERPOOL, March 7.—Receipts of wheat during the past three days, 207,000 centals, including 41,000 American.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Wool—Spring—Humboldt and Mendocino, 15@16c; Nevada, 12@14c; Eastern Oregon, 12@14c; Valley, Oregon, 15@15c. Fall—Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@12½c; mountain, 9@10c; south plains and San Joaquin, 6@9c; lambs, 6@9c.

Hops—New crop, 18@17½c.

Hay—Wheat, $10@13; wheat and oat, $10@12 50; best barley, $8@10 50; alfalfa, $9@11; clover, $7@8 50 per ton; straw, 45@60c per bale.

Vegetables—Green peas, 5@5c per pound; string beans, 6@12½c per pound; asparagus, 12½@25c; tomatoes, $1@1 50; cucumbers, 50c@$1 25 per box; garlic, 1½@2½c per pound; egg plant, 25c.

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

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1 85@2; River Burbanks, $1 50@1 65; Oregon Burbanks, $1 25@1 60; sweets, $1 40 per cental.

Onions—$1 75@2 10.

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, 26c; do seconds, 23c; fancy dairy, 25c per pound; do seconds, 20c.

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

Receipts—Flour, 15,727 quarter sacks; wheat, 1775 centals; barley, 59,283 centals; oats, 756 centals; do Oregon, 600 centals; beans, 2881 sacks; corn, 1675 centals; potatoes, 3965 sacks; do Oregon, 264 sacks; bran, 572 sacks; middlings, 1835 sacks; hay, 733 tons; wool, 1 bale; hides, 198.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000, including 100 Texans. Market steady. Good to prime steers, $6 50@7; poor to medium, $4@6 30; stockers and feeders, $2 25@5 25; cows, $1 25@5 30; heifers, $2 50@5 10; canners, $1 25@2 25; bulls, $2 50@4 85; calves, $2 50@6 85; Texas fed steers, $4 60@5 35.

Hogs—Receipts today, 26,000; tomorrow, 21,000; left over, 3500. Market 10@15c higher. Mixed and butchers, $5 95@6 50; good to choice heavy, $6 35@6 55; rough heavy, $6 10@6 30; light, $5 90@6 15; bulk of sales, $6@6 35.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market steady. Good to choice wethers, $4 65@5 25; fair to choice mixed, $3 75@4 50; Western sheep, $4 60@6; native lambs, $3 75@6 45; Western lambs, $5 25@6 35.

OMAHA, March 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 1600. Market active and stronger. Native steers, $4@6 50; cows and heifers, $3 25@5 25; Western steers, $4@5 60; Texas steers, $3 75@4 60; canners, $1 75@3 25; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4 75; calves, $3@7; bulls, stags, etc., $2 75@4 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 7500. Market 10c higher. Heavy, $6 10@6 25; mixed, $6@6 10; light, $5 70@6 10; pigs, $4 50@5 25; bulk of sales, $6@6 20.

Sheep—Receipts, 800. Market slow to a shade lower. Fed muttons, $5@5 75; Westerns, $4 50@5; ewes, $3 75@4 75; common and stockers, $3 50@4 60; lambs, $5 50@6 10.

KANSAS CITY, March 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000, including 600 Texans. Market strong to 10c higher. Native steers, $6 20@6 50; Texas and Indian steers, $4 50@5 70; Texas cows, $3 25@4 50; native cows and heifers, $3 25@5 10; stockers and feeders, $3 25@4 75; bulls, $3 25@4 25; calves, $4 50@6 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 3000. Market 10@15c higher. Bulk of sales, $6@6 40. Heavy, $6 40@6 55; packers, $6 10@6 45; medium, $5 50@6 30; light, $5 50@6 30; Yorkers, $5 90@6 30; pigs, $4 60@5 80.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market steady. Muttons, $5@5 50; lambs, $6 20@6 40; range wethers, $5 15@5 50; ewes, $4 50@5 50.

METAL MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 7.—A firm holding of spot tin resulted in the marking up of prices about ⅝c today, so that spot closed at $26 37½@26 45, and 10 tons sold at $26 35. The London market closed 10s higher, with spot at £115 and futures at £111 10s.

Copper was steady, but quiet and unchanged, at New York. Lake was quoted at 12¼@12½c, electrolytic at 12¼@12½c and casting at 12@12¼c. At London there was a gain of 15s, with spot and futures closing at £54 15s.

Lead was steady, quiet and unchanged here at 4½c. London was unchanged at £11 10s.

Spelter ruled dull and 2½ points lower, at $4 22½@4 27½. The London market was 2s 6d lower, at £17 15s.

Iron at New York ruled quiet and nominal. Pig iron warrants were $11 50@12 50; No. 1 foundry Northern, $18 50@19 50; No. 2 foundry Southern, $15@19; No. 1 foundry Southern, $17 50@18; No. 1 foundry Southern soft, $17 50@18. The English markets were a shade lower. Glasgow closed at 53s 4d and Middlesboro at 48s.

Bar silver, 54½c.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Bar silver, 54¾c.

LONDON, March 7.—Bar silver, quiet, 25½d per ounce.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Coffee—Spot quiet; No. 7 invoice, 5¾c; mild dull; Cordova, 8@12c.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 2 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 7-16c; molasses sugar, 2 11-16c; refined dull.

Coffee futures closed quiet, net 5@15 points lower. Total sales, 23,750 bags, including March, $5 35; April, $5 25; May, $5 40; June, $5 50; September, $5 75; October, $5 80; December, $5 95.

London Sheepskin Sales.

LONDON, March 7.—The sheepskins sales were concluded today. The offerings, numbering 165,551 skins, were in fairly satisfactory condition, and all were sold. There was a good attendance. Home and Continental demands were strong, and long-wooled stock advanced ¼d, and short-wooled ⅛@¼d on active buying. Lambs were ¼d dearer, while inferior camp stock brought extreme rates.

Chicago Provisions.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Provisions were quiet, but there was some good commission-house buying. The cash demand was fair. May pork closed 15c up, lard 5c higher and ribs 5@7½c higher.

Hops at London.

LONDON, March 7.—Pacific Coast hops firm, £3 10s@£4 10s.

Cotton.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Cotton closed steady and unchanged.

POISONED HEADACHE POWDERS

Cold-Blooded Murder in a Michigan Town.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 7.—Developments in the investigation into the death of Mrs. Ada Klump, the young wife of William Klump, of Lowell, point to one of the most cold-blooded murders Michigan has ever known. After a diligent inqui