COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The sagging wheat market in Chicago yesterday had slight effect here. Foreign quotations were firm, which held the local prices up well, though late in the day there was a noticeable tendency to soften. In the past few days some wheat has been sold in Umatilla County, but it was for milling purposes, and the price was greater than the foreign market would warrant. Farmers are not selling at export prices, and there is no immediate prospect that they will.

The vegetable and produce market was well cleaned up yesterday, and the street will be in good condition this morning for the fresh arrivals by last night's steamer from San Francisco. Three carloads of oranges came in yesterday from California, but the supply of small oranges was out of proportion to that of the large ones. The prices hold firm.

The local supply of poultry is not sufficient for the demand. Yesterday morning the second shipment of cold-storage broilers came in from the East, 25 dozen, and they were taken by two establishments. But the treatment these chickens are subjected to reduces their quality, and there will be no market for the Eastern broilers when home-grown fowls can be obtained at living prices. The home supply is expected to be sufficient to keep out the foreigner in a few days.

Veal is notably firmer, and dressed hogs have gone up ½c. Shipments of veal to Puget Sound have been quite heavy for the past two days, with the result that the local market has hardened, and the butchers are likely to have some difficulty in supplying all their demands without paying over the 7c agreed upon as the limit.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$324,935	$ 65,206
Seattle	531,355	127,009
Tacoma	186,200	28,764
Spokane	228,310	12,890

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

Wheat—Nominal; Walla Walla, 65c; bluestem, 66c.

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

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

Flour—Best grades, $2 85@3 40 per barrel; graham, $2 50@2 80.

Millstuffs—Bran, $17 per ton; middlings, $19; shorts, $18 50; chops, $16.

Hay—Timothy, $12@15; clover, $7 50@10 per ton.

Potatoes and Onions.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, $1 25@1 50 per cental; ordinary, $1 10@1 25; Early Rose, $1 50@2 per cental, growers' prices; sweets, $2 25@2 50 per cental; new potatoes, 3½@4c per pound.

Onions—$2 per cental, growers' prices.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Weak. Creamery, 18½@20c; dairy, 15@17½c; store, 13@15c.

Eggs—15@16c.

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

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $4 50@5 50; hens, $5@6 per dozen, 11@11½c per pound; Springs, $4@5 50 per dozen; ducks, $5@7 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12@13c; dressed, 14@16c per pound; geese, $6 50@7 per dozen.

Meats and Provisions.

Veal—6@7½c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, 4½c per pound; dressed, 7½c.

Lamb—Gross, 5c per pound; dressed, 8c.

Lard—Portland, tierces, 12½@12¾c per pound; tubs, 12¾c; 50s, 12¾@12¾c; 20s, 12¾@13c; 10s, 12¾@13¼c; 5s, 13@13¼c.

Hogs—Gross, 6¼c per pound; dressed, 7¼@8c.

Beef—Gross, cows, 4@4½c per pound; steers, 5c; dressed, 8@8½c.

Lard—Eastern, pure leaf, kettle-rendered, tierces, 12@12¾c per pound; tubs, 12¾@13c; 50s, 12¾@13c; 20s, 12¾@13½c; 10s, 12¾@13½c; 5s, 12¾@13½c; 3s, 13@13½c.

Lard—Compound, tierces, 9c per pound; 50s, 9½c; 10s, 10c.

Hams—Portland, 13½c per pound; picnic, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c.

Hams—Eastern—Best, 13¾c per pound; small, 13¾c; large, 13½c.

Bacon—Portland, 14@16½c per pound; Eastern, best, 16½c; choice, 13½@14¾c; bellies, 13¼@13¾c.

Dry-salted meats—Portland, clears, 11½@12½c; backs, 11@12c; bellies, 12@13c; plates, 10c; butts, 10c. Eastern—Clears, best, 12¾@13¾c per pound; choice, 11¼@12¾c; backs, 11¾@12¾c; bellies, 12@13c; plates, 11@12c.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables—Tomatoes, $1 75@2 per crate; turnips, 65@75c; carrots, 65@75c; beets, 80@90c per sack; cauliflower, 75@85c per dozen; cabbage, $1@1 25 per cental; celery, 75c per dozen; peas, 4c per pound; asparagus, 7@7½c per pound; beans, 15@18c per pound; artichokes, 65@75c per dozen; lettuce, head, per dozen, 25c; lettuce, hothouse, per box, $1 75@2; green onions, per dozen, 15@20c.

Green fruit—Lemons, $3@3 50; oranges, $2 75@3 50 per box; bananas, $2 25@3; pineapples, $5 per dozen; apples, $1@2 25.

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, 4@5c; do. white, 5c; plums, pitted, 4@5c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

Hops—12½@14c per pound.

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

Tallow—Prime, per pound, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2½@3c.

Wool—Nominal; Valley, 13@14c; Eastern Oregon, 9@11c; mohair, 23½c per pound.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@15½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 10c; 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@7½c. kip, sound, 15 to 40 pounds, 7c; veal sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 1c; 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@50c; 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; fisher, each, $5@6; lynx, each, $2@3; mink, strictly No. 1, each, 50c@$1 50; marten, dark Northern, $6@12; marten, pale, pine, according to size and color, $1 50@2; muskrats, large, each, 5@10c; skunk, each, 40@50c; 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@50c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, each, $3 50@5; wolf, prairie (coyote), with head perfect, each, 50c@$1; wolf, prairie (coyote), without head, each, 50@80c; wolverine, each, $4@7; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; do. medium, $3@4; do. small, $1@1 50; do. kits, 50@75c.

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, $11; Arbuckle's, $11 63 list; Lion, $11 13 list; Cordovas, $11 63 list.

Rice—Imperial, Japan No. 1, $5; No. 2, $4 50; Carolina head, 7c.

Salmon—Columbia River, one-pound tails, $1 75@1 90 per dozen; two-pound tails, $3; fancy one-pound flats, $1 60; ½-pound fancy flats, $1 25; Alaska tails, 95c; two-pound tails, $2.

Sugar—Cube, $4 70; crushed, $4 60; powdered, $4 55; dry granulated, $4 35; extra C, $3 85; golden C, $3 75 net per sack; beet sugar, $4 20 per sack; half-barrels, ¼c 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, 5½@6c per pound for raw, 8@8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, 85@90c per dozen; walnuts, 11@12½c 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, 16c; tanks, 14c.

Stock salt—80s, $2o 65; 100s, $20 15; granulated, 50s, $20 60; Liverpool, 50s, $30 80; 100s, $30 40; 200s, $30.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Break in Grain Sent Prices Up, Only to Be Wiped Out Near Close.

NEW YORK, April 25.—There was a persistent tendency today, among the stocks of grain-carrying railroads, to move in a see-saw fashion with the price of grain. The heavy liquidation and a violent break in prices in this morning's grain market sent prices of the grangers up with a rush, Union Pacific leading with an extreme advance of 2¾. The movement spent its force when it was seen that good buying had developed in the grain market at the decline, and that prices were rallying there from the slump caused by reports of last night's rains. The whole market felt the lack of the early aggressive leadership of Union Pacific, and during the final hour there was a ragged recession which wiped out many early gains and carried prices of important stocks among the grangers, coalers, New York public utilities and high-priced industrials below last night. There was a late advance in the Southern group, marked by very large buying of Southern Railway at an extreme advance of 1%. Louisville was lifted at the same time 2¾, and Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville rose 3½ over last night, after erratic fluctuations. This movement seemed designed to check the decline elsewhere in the market, and when it was seen to be without effect, the Southern stock reacted. There was some bidding up of the grangers again at the close, which was active and steady.

There was large buying of the United States Steel stocks during the morning by brokers usually employed by the syndicate. This buying seemed to be in connection with the issues of the bond circular. The stocks reacted and became dull, with the rest of the market. The circular disclosed that $35,000,000 of the proceeds of the bond issue is designed to capitalize expenditures already made for improvements and for properties purchased. The executive committee estimates that the expenditures of $25,000,000 for proposed improvements will add $10,000,000 to $15,000,000 to the yearly profits. The $50,000,000 proceeds of the sale of bonds for cash are thus accounted for. The provision for the $10,000,000 allowed the underwriting syndicate and the managers, J. P. Morgan & Co., at the rate of 4 per cent of the $250,000,000 bond issue, is not made clear. There was a great variety of movements among the specialties.

Amalgamated Copper advanced on the conjecture that the consolidation of the Heinze interests was preliminary to their absorption. The stock lost the gain. Sugar was weak on the proposed investigation of the company's Cuban holdings by a Senate committee.

The activity of the stock market diverted interest from the bond market, but prices there were firmly held. Total sales, par value, $5,305,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

Closing Stock Quotations.

DESCRIPTION.	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Atchison	41,200	82½	81⅝	82⅛
do pfd	13,300	93¼	93	93⅜
Baltimore & Ohio	8,100	106½	106	106
do pfd				105
Canadian Pacific	31,100	129⅝	128	129½
Canada Southern	1,400	93	92	92
Chesapeake & Ohio	16,900	48⅝	47⅝	48⅛
Chicago & Alton	1,900	38	37¾	37½
do pfd	600	76½	76	76
Chicago, Ind. & Louis.	42,900	72⅛	68	70⅞
do pfd	800	82½	81⅝	82
Chicago & Eastern Ill.	100	167	167	165
Chicago Great Western	8,100	26⅞	25⅜	26⅞
do A pfd	100	89	89	88
do B pfd				80½
Chicago & N. W	2,700	252	250¾	251½
Chicago, R. I. & Pac	300	178½	178	178
Chicago Term. & Tran.	1,900	21⅝	20	20⅝
do pfd	500	39	38½	38⅝
C., C., C. & St. Louis	700	108⅝	106	106⅞
Colorado Southern	600	33	31⅝	31½
do 1st pfd	400	74	73⅜	73⅝
do 2d pfd	700	45½	45¼	45
Delaware & Hudson	8,400	177	175½	176
Del., Lack. & West				286
Denver & Rio Grande	3,100	43⅝	43⅜	43⅝
do pfd	300	92⅜	92¼	92
Erie	19,200	40⅜	39¾	40
do 1st pfd	3,600	71	70½	70½
do 2d pfd	500	56¼	55½	55⅝
Great Northern pfd				184
Hocking Valley	2,200	84½	84	84⅜
do pfd	1,600	92⅜	91½	91½
Illinois Central	4,100	148⅜	148¼	148
Iowa Central	400	49	48⅜	48⅝
do pfd	300	88¼	88¼	88
Lake Erie & Western	400	68½	67½	67½
do pfd				130
Louisville & Nashville	13,200	129¾	127½	128¾
Manhattan Elevated	8,100	136¾	135½	135⅝
Metropolitan Street Ry.	1,100	158	152½	152½
Mexican Central	8,900	29⅝	28⅝	29⅜
Mex. National (T. R.)	4,400	19⅞	19¾	19⅞
Minn. & St. Louis	7,300	113⅜	112⅜	112⅞
Missouri Pacific	30,700	104⅝	101¼	104⅛
Mo., Kansas & Texas	600	26	25⅝	25⅞
do pfd	700	62	61	61⅝
New Jersey Central	600	194	192	190
New York Central	15,400	161	159⅝	159⅝
Norfolk & Western	19,300	59⅜	59	59
do pfd				90
Ontario & Western	33,100	35⅝	35	35¼
Pennsylvania	26,900	152⅜	151½	151⅝
Reading	6,900	67⅜	66¾	66⅝
do 1st pfd	4,300	87	86⅜	86⅜
do 2d pfd	31,800	73¼	72½	72⅝
St. Louis & San Fran.	1,600	70⅜	69¼	69⅜
do 1st pfd	500	84	83½	84
do 2d pfd	300	73⅝	73⅜	73⅜
St. Louis S. W	500	29½	28½	29⅛
do pfd	1,600	61	60¾	60⅝
St. Paul	31,100	170¾	169¾	170⅛
do pfd	700	191	191	191
Southern Pacific	32,500	68¾	67⅛	67⅜
Southern Railway	190,500	35⅝	35⅜	38
do pfd	3,900	96⅝	96⅜	96⅝
Texas & Pacific	4,600	43⅞	43	43
Toledo, St. L. & W	500	24½	23	23
do pfd	3,400	40⅜	40¼	40½
Union Pacific	32,900	106½	104½	105⅞
do pfd	7,200	89⅝	88	88
Wabash	19,100	27	26⅝	26⅝
do pfd	23,100	46¾	45½	45⅞
Wheeling & Lake Erie	3,300	21⅝	21⅜	21
do 2d pfd	1,500	35⅞	34¾	34
Wisconsin Central	3,300	27	26½	26⅞
do pfd	1,000	49	48½	48⅝
Express Companies—				
Adams				205
American	100	230	230	230
United States	300	122¾	122½	120
Wells-Fargo				210
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	52,500	68¼	67	67¾
Amer. Car & Foundry	1,100	30⅜	30¼	30⅜
do pfd	1,900	91⅝	91	91½
American Linseed Oil	4,800	25	24½	24¾
do pfd				54
Amer. Smelt. & Refin	1,100	45¼	44⅜	44⅝
do pfd	500	96⅜	96¼	96
Anaconda Mining Co	1,500	116	113	116
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	58,600	71⅜	70	70¼
Colorado Fuel & Iron	21,100	109¼	108	108
Consolidated Gas	11,200	230½	228½	228
Consol. Tobacco pfd	6,100	124¾	123½	124¾
General Electric	1,400	328	327	328
Hocking Coal	1,600	22	21¼	21⅝
International Paper	800	22	22	22
do pfd	400	75⅞	75½	75½
International Power	2,200	192⅜	186¼	192½
National Biscuit	100	59	59	59
National Lead	200	18⅝	18½	18¾
National Salt				20
do pfd (offered)				69⅜
North American	300	130½	130	129½
Pacific Coast				69
Pacific Mail	200	43	43	43
People's Gas	9,400	105¼	104½	104⅝
Pressed Steel Car	9,600	44⅝	42¾	43¼
do pfd	5,400	86½	85	85⅞
Pullman Palace Car	300	248½	248⅜	239
Republic Steel	8,100	19⅝	19½	19½
do pfd	2,200	76	75½	75½
Sugar	19,200	127⅜	125¼	126¼
Tennessee Coal & Iron	11,200	74½	74	73
Union Bag & Paper Co	200	16	16	15⅝
do pfd				80⅝
United States Leather	6,100	13½	13	13
do pfd	700	84¼	83½	83⅝
United States Rubber				17⅝
do pfd				58½
United States Steel	74,700	43⅞	43⅜	43½
do pfd	62,400	94⅜	94	94⅜
Western Union	1,400	93	92½	92¼
American Locomotive	14,300	36¼	35⅝	35⅞
do pfd	2,600	99¼	98⅜	98½
Kansas City Southern	2,100	27¾	26⅝	26½
do pfd	2,200	61	60	60

Total sales for the day, 1,400,900 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg	109½	L. & N. un 4s	102½
do coupon	109½	Mex. Central 4s	84
do 3s, reg	108½	do 1st inc	34½
do coupon	109½	M. & St. L. 4s	104½
do new 4s, reg	138	M. K. & T. 4s	100¾
do coupon	139¼	do 2ds	84
do old 4s, reg	111¼	N. Y. Cent 1sts	104
do coupon	111¾	do gen 3½s	100
do 5s, reg	103¾	N. J. C. gen 5s	140
do coupon	107	North Pac. 4s	103¼
Atchison gen. 4s	103¼	do 3s	74⅜
Atchison adj 4s	94	N. & W. con 4s	101⅞
B. & O. 4s	102⅝	Reading gen 4s	99⅞
do 3½s	90⅜	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	116¼
do conv 4s	109	do 4s	98⅝
Can. South 2ds	108	St. L. & S. W. 1sts	100
Cent. of Ga. 5s	112¼	do 2ds	87
do 1st inc	87½	S. A. & A. P. 4s of 'd	92
Ches. & O. 4½s	108⅜	Southern Pac. 4s	95⅝
Chi. & Alton 3½s	84⅝	Southern Ry. 5s	122⅜
C. B. & Q. new 4s	96¼	Tex. & Pacific 1sts	120¼
C. M. & St. P. gen 4s	115½	T. St. L. & W. 4s	83¼
C. & N. W. con 7s	136½	Union Pacific 4s	105⅝
C. R. I. & P. 4s	112¼	do conv 4s ex in.	109¾
C. C. C. & St. L. gn 4s	104½	Wabash 1sts	120
Chi. Ter. 4s of'd	90¼	do 2ds	111¼
Colo. Southern 4s	89¾	do deb. b	75½
D. & R. G. 4s	104¼	West. Shore 4s	113⅝
Erie prior lien 4s	100⅝	W. & L. E. 4s	92⅞
Erie gen 4s	88	Wyom. Central 4s	98⅝
F. W. & D. C. 1sts	15	Con. Tobacco 4s	68¼
Hocking Val. 4½s	110		

Closing Quotations.

BOSTON, April 25.—Closing quotations:

Money—		U. S. Steel	43⅜
Call loans	3½@4	do pfd	94½
Time loans	4 @5	Westinghouse com	113½
Bonds—		Mining—	
Atchison 4s	102¼	Adventure	$ 24 00
Gas 1st	85½	Allouez	3 50
Mex. Central 4s	82	Amalgamated	67 50
N. E. G. & C.	54	Bingham	36 62
Railroads—		Cal. & H.	565 00
Atchison	82¼	do pfd	20 50
do pfd	93⅝	Daly West	44 75
Boston & Albany	264	Dominion Coal	140 00
Boston & Maine	196	Franklin	11 00
Boston Elevated	120	Isle Royale	15 00
N. Y. N. H. & H.	235	Mohawk	37 00
Fitchburg pfd	146	Osceola	$ 65 50
Union Pacific	105⅝	Parrott	26 00
Mexican Central	29	Quincy	130 00

Miscellaneous—		Santa Fe Cop	2 75
Amer. Sugar	125⅝	Tamarack	175 00
do pfd	118⅝	Trimountain	95 00
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	182¼	Trinity	15 50
Domin. Iron & S.	69	United States	21 02
Gen. Electric	328	Utah	23 00
Mass. Electric	44½	Victoria	5 00
do pfd	97	Winona	1 75
N. E. G. & C.	4	Wolverines	53 00
United Fruit	106½		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, April 25.—Closing quotations:

Anaconda	5⅞	Norfolk & West	60⅝
Atchison	82⅛	do pfd	92
do pfd	101¼	Ontario & West	20½
Balt. & Ohio	111⅜	Pennsylvania	77⅜
Can. Pacific	132	Reading	34⅜
Ches. & Ohio	48¼	do 1st pfd	44⅝
Chi. Gr. West	25⅜	do 2d pfd	37
Chi. M. & St. P.	174½	Southern Ry	38
D. & R. G.	45⅝	do pfd	96⅛
do pfd	85	Southern Pacific	69⅝
Erie	41⅝	Union Pacific	108½
do 1st pfd	78⅜	do pfd	90½
do 2d pfd	57⅛	U. S. Steel	33
Illinois Central	151	do pfd	97
Louis. & Nash.	130½	Wabash	27½
Mo., Kan. & Tex.	26⅜	do pfd	47⅜
do pfd	58¼	Spanish 4s	78⅝
N. Y. Central	163½		

Foreign Financial News.

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

The stock market continues to show a broadening tendency. There is a steady and cheerful investment business. Old consols sold at 94 11-16, and the new issue was at 1¾ premium. The American department was fairly active and strong, closing at the top. Canadian Pacific was the feature on talk of New York and Montreal buying for control. In the street Union Pacific spurted, and United States Steel, after long neglect, is resuming attention. Mexican Railway firsts again dropped, losing 2½.

Copper was ¼ down to £52½ per ton, and Rio Tintos sold at 43⅜. Gold to the amount of £53,000 has been bought.

Paris Bourse Closes Heavy.

PARIS, April 25.—Business on the bourse today opened quiet, with prices firm, and closed heavy. Kaffirs were in demand during the first hours. Rentes were inactive. Spanish 4s and Italians were firm. Brazilians were easier. Ottoman Bank shares were in request, owing to rumors that the dividend will exceed that of the previous year. Thomson-Houstons were temporarily firm, on the favorable statement made before the shareholders' meeting yesterday. Later they relapsed on realization. Metropolitans were easier. Rio Tintos were favorably influenced by the advance in copper on New York advices. The private rate of discount was 2¼ per cent.

Quiet on Berlin Bourse.

BERLIN, April 25.—Business on the bourse today was extremely quiet, except in the case of Canadian Pacifics, which were active and harder. Locals were dull and easier.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4 86¼; sight, $4 88⅝.

Mexican dollars—Nominal.

Drafts—Sight, 15c; telegraph, 17½c.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Money on call steady at 1¾@4 per cent; closing bid and asked, 3½@4 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87¼ for demand and $4 83⅝ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 86 and $4 88½; commercial bills, $4 84¾@4 85¾.

Mexican dollars—41c.

Government bonds firm; state bonds inactive; railroad bonds firm.

LONDON, April 25.—Consols for money, 94 1-16; do for account, 94 11-16.

Money, 2½@3 per cent; rate of discount for short bills, 2 13-16 per cent; for three-months' bills, 2¾ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Wool—Prices have been withdrawn, as the market is bare of offerings.

Hay—Wheat, $9@11 50; wheat and oat, $9@11 50; best barley, $7 50@9; alfalfa, $8@11; clover, $7@8 50 per ton; straw, 40@55c per bale.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $20 50@21; bran, $17 50@18 per ton.

Vegetables—Green peas, ¾@1c per pound; string beans, 10@12½c; asparagus, $2 25@2 50; tomatoes, $1@1 50; cucumbers, 50c@$1 25 per box; garlic, 2½@3c per pound; egg plant, 17½@20c.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1 50@1 70; River Burbanks, $1 40@1 55; River Reds, $1 50@1 60; Oregon Burbanks, $1 50@1 85; sweets, $1 85 per cental.

Hops—New crop, 15@17½c.

Onions—$1 75@2 25.

Bananas—$1 25@3.

Citrus fruit—Common California lemons, 75c; choice, $2 50; Mexican limes, $4 50@5; oranges, navel, $1@3.

Pineapples—$3@4.

Apples—Choice, $1 75; common, 60c per box.

Eggs—Ranch, 15c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 18c; fancy dairy, 17c per pound; do seconds, 15c.

Cheese—Young America, 8@10c; Eastern, 13@15c; new, 9c; do old, 9@11c.

Poultry—Turkey gobblers, 13@14c; turkey hens, 15@16c per pound; old roosters, $4 25@4 50 per dozen; young roosters, $5 50@6; small broilers, $2@3 50; large broilers, $4@4 50; fryers, $5@6 per dozen; hens, $4@5 50; old ducks, $4 50@5; young ducks, $7@8.

Receipts—Flour, 8655 quarter sacks; do Oregon, 28,044 quarter sacks; do Washington, 10,254 quarter sacks; wheat, 24,127 centals; barley, 6940 centals; oats, 1252 centals; beans, 683 sacks; potatoes, 418 sacks; do Oregon, 3307 sacks; bran, 750 sacks; middlings, 500 sacks; hay, 354 tons; wool, 1522 bales; hides, 318.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

OMAHA, April 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000. Market slow, 5@10c lower. Native steers, $4 80@6 90; cows and heifers, $3 75@6; Western steers, $4 75@6 15; Texas steers, $4 50@5 50; canners, $1 75@3 50; stockers and feeders, $2 75@5 22½; calves, $3 50@4; bulls, stags, etc., $3 75@5 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 8800. Market 5c higher. Heavy, $7 10@7 30; mixed, $7@7 10; light, $6 80@7 05; pigs, $5 50@6 60; bulk of sales, $6 90@7 10.

Sheep—Receipts, 1000. Market strong. Fed muttons, $5 40@6; Westerns, $4 40@5; ewes, $4 50@5 50; common and stockers, $3@4 85; lambs, $5 50@6 90.

KANSAS CITY, April 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000, including 200 Texans. Market steady. Native steers, $5 50@7 20; Texas and Indian steers, $5@5; Texas cows, $3 50@5; native cows and heifers, $3 50@6; stockers and feeders, $3 50@5 25; bulls, $3 50@5 10; calves, $4@6.

Hogs—Receipts, 6000. Market steady to 10c higher; bulk of sales, $6 90@7 20; heavy, $7 25@7 35; packers, $7@7 20; medium, $7 10@7 20; lights, $6 60@7 15; Yorkers, $7@7 15; pigs, $6@6 60.

Sheep—Receipts, 1500. Market steady. Muttons, $5 50@5 80; lambs, $6 50@6 85; range wethers, $5 50@5 90; ewes, $5@5 40.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 5600. Market 5@10c lower. Natives, $5 25@7 25; cows and heifers, $1 25@6 50; veals, $3 25@5 50; bulls and stags, $3@6; stockers and feeders, $2 20@5 35.

Hogs—Receipts, 5483. Market steady to strong. Light and light mixed, $6 85@7 17½; medium and heavy, $7 05@7 35; pigs, $4 35@6; bulls, $7@7 25.

Sheep—Receipts, 3515. Market steady to weak. Western lambs, $6 25@7 10; Western sheep, $4 85@6 25.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Coffee—Spot Rio dull; No. 7 invoice, 5 7-16c; mild quiet; Cordova, 8¾@13c.

Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c. Molasses sugar, 2⅝c; refined steady.

Coffee—Futures easy, closing with prices net 5@10 points lower. Sales were 45,500 bags, including: May, $4 90; July at $5 05@5 10; August, $5 20; September, $5 25@5 30; October, $5 30; December, $5 45@5 50; March, $5 70.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Sugar and coffee unchanged.

Chicago Provisions.

CHICAGO, April 25.—Provisions maintained a firm undertone the greater part of the session, in spite of the weakening influence of grains. Prices, however, slid off in the face of a light run of hogs and the highest prices of the year at the yards. Bears made some use of the contemplated prosecution of the meat trust to depress prices, but packers supported the market at the decline. There was a good demand, especially for lard. July pork closed 15c lower, lard 5@7½c off, and ribs 5@7½c down.

New York Fruit.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Evaporated apples quiet. No changes from yesterday's quotations. Prunes more active for jobbing account, and on new fruit some firmness is shown, though without actual improvement in prices. Old fruit easy and quiet. Peaches and apricots in some jobbing request and steady. Prunes, 3½@6c. Apricots, boxes, 10½@13c; bags, 10@12c. Peaches, peeled, 14@18c; unpeeled, 8@11c.

ALMOST PANIC IN GRAIN

RAIN CAUSES A GREAT COMMOTION AT CHICAGO.

General Wheat-Dumping Process From Opening—Even Worse Break in Corn.

CHICAGO, April 25.—Rains in the four big surplus wheat and corn states played havoc with prices of grains on the Board of Trade today, and caused a commotion for a time that resembled a stampede. Prices spread so widely and so wildly that for a time a panic was feared. There was a wild opening in wheat. Rain had fallen during the night copiously over Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska, and the situation was materially relieved in Kansas. The heavy downpour in this city, as usual, gave an added fright to wheat-holders, and there was a general wheat-dumping process from the sound of the opening gong. Everybody seemed to have selling orders. So rapid was the decline, and so irregular the fluctuations, that stop-loss orders were soon met, and additional stuff was thrown into the pit, contributing toward a further weakness. Two million bushels each were unloaded by several houses.

Aside from the weather news, conditions might be called bullish. The early English cables were not responsive to the slump of yesterday, but they soon got into line and closed weak. Receipts were small, and statistical papers issued bullish reports. Another support was the apparent steadiness of the Kansas City market in the face of the break here. Other outside markets were weak, but occasional reports still complained of crop damage. After the early tumult, prices recovered somewhat, but bearish sentiment induced further pressure, and the market weakened again. May wheat opened ¼@⅝c to 1¼@1½c lower, with sales as wide as 74⅛@73⅝c. July sold at the start between 76@75½c. The close was weak, May 1¼@1½c lower, at 74½c, and July 1¼c off, at 75¼@75⅝c.

Corn suffered even a worse break than wheat at the opening, slumping as much as 2½c. Wheat sympathy and the general rains were the factors. All day the pit was a scene of much excitement and nervous feeling. Corn was dumped freely into the pit, regardless of prices. After the general selling movement had seemingly knocked the bottom out of the market, there was some responsive buying, and prices recovered 1½c from the lower point of the day. Subsequently much of this recovery was lost, as scalpers sold again. The close was weak, July and May closing 1c lower, at 63½c and 62¼c, respectively.

Oats declined with the break in other grains, but the market ruled comparatively quiet. The close was weak, May 1c lower, at 42¼c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	$0 73⅝	$0 74⅝	$0 73⅝	$0 74⅛
July	75¼	76	75½	75⅝
September	75½	75⅝	74½	75
CORN.				
May	61¼	62⅜	61¼	62¼
July	62½	64	62½	62¼
September	61¾	63¼	61½	62¼
OATS.				
May	41⅜	43	41⅜	42¼
July (old)	35	36¼	35	35⅝
July (new)	36⅜	37¾	36⅜	37½
Sept. (old)	30	31¼	30	30⅜
Sept. (new)	32	33	32	32½
MESS PORK.				
May	16 72½	16 72½	16 60	16 62½
July	16 95	17 00	16 82½	16 87½
September	17 10