COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

It was a bad day for woolgrowers and dairymen in the local market yesterday, but quite favorable for potato growers. A sensational drop of 2c per pound in the Eastern wool market, due to the strike, was reflected in the local market, some buyers remaining out altogether, while others put out quotations in keeping with the decline in the East. The extent of the trouble cannot be determined at present, but until there is an adjustment, prices will suffer. The butter market, which was decidedly "wobbly" at 20c on Monday, lost its balance yesterday, and tumbled to 17½c for best creamery, and some sales were made as low as 16c. Receipts were very heavy, and some dealers are predicting still lower prices. Potatoes were soaring again yesterday, and as high as $1 75 per central was paid for some fancy stock, although this figure was more than some dealers would pay, and the bulk of the sales were made around $1 50 and $1 65. Receipts are increasing again and, from present appearances the next steamer will take out a much heavier consignment than went forward on the last one. Poultry was very scarce yesterday, and it is a continual "scrap" among retailers to secure enough to meet their demands. Some choice 1902 Springs sold at $6 per dozen, and old chickens were in demand from $5 50 to $7 per dozen. Eggs were steady at unchanged prices. New potatoes were slightly lower, at 3½c per pound. A carload of bananas arrived yesterday, some of them being a little too ripe for shipping, but in good condition for the hawkers. Groceries show but little change. Beans are firmer, but not quotably higher. Lard and provisions are higher.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$423,897	$94,472
Seattle	450,590	99,062
Tacoma	267,578	27,823
Spokane	219,090	46,404

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The Eastern wheat market steadied up a little yesterday, and this, together with a fairly good tone to the cables, kept the local market steady, but quotations are still to a considerable extent nominal. The wheat is pretty well cleaned out of most sections, and those who are still holding demand fancy figures. The big lot mentioned in The Oregonian's news columns as sold by W. H. Babcock was all choice bluestem, and was divided up among half a dozen buyers at Tacoma. The price paid was 67½c, and is said to be about 1c above the export value, based on 25s ships, which are not available just at present, except for big carriers. No new transactions are reported in freights, even new-crop ships being neglected again. Weather conditions are quite favorable east of the mountains, but in the Valley nearly all prospects of getting in any Spring grain have vanished, and the acreage of that variety will be about the smallest it has been at any time in the past 10 years.

Wheat—Nominal; Walla Walla, 65@65½c; bluestem, 66@66½c.

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, $16@17 per ton; middlings, $19; shorts, $17 50@18 50; chop, $16.

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

Potatoes and Onions.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks $1 40@1 65 per cental; ordinary, $1 25; Early Rose, $1 50@2 per cental, growers' prices; sweets, $2 25@2 50 per cental; new potatoes, 3½c per pound.

Onions—$2 per cental, growers' prices.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Weak. Creamery, 16@17½c; dairy, 12½@15c; store, 10@12½c.

Eggs—15@16c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12½@13c; 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@6 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, 9c.

Lard—Portland, tierces, 12½@12½c per pound; tubs, 13c; 50s, 13c; 20s, 13¼c; 10s, 13½c; 5s, 13½c.

Hogs—Gross, 6½c per pound; dressed, 7½@8c.

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

Lard—Eastern, pure leaf, kettle-rendered, tierces, 12@12½c per pound; tubs, 12½@13c; 50s, 12¾@13c; 20s, 12¾@13¼c; 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, 10c; shoulders, 10c.

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

Bacon—Portland, 14@16½c per pound; Eastern, best, 16½c; choice, 13½@14½c; bellies, 13½@13½c.

Dry-salted meats—Portland, clears, 11½@12½c; backs, 11@12c; bellies, 12@13c; plates, 10c; butts, 10c. Eastern—Clears, best, 12½@13½c per pound; choice, 11½@12½c; backs, 11½@12½c; 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, 7½@10c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 6@7c; apricots, 11½@13½c; peaches, 8@11c; pears, 6@10c; 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—Shearings, 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, 12@13c; Eastern Oregon, 8@10c; mohair, 25½c 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, bull* 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, pinz, according to size and color, $1 50@2; muskrats, large, each, 5@10c; skunk, each, 40@60c; civet or polecat, each, 5@10c; otter, for large prime skins, each, $5@7; panther, with head and claws perfect, each, $2@3; 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, $3@6; do. medium, $3@4; do. small, $1@1 50; do. kits, 50@75c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha 28@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.

Beans—Small white, 3c; large white, 3c; pinks, 2¾c; Bayos, 3¼c; Lima, 4½c per pound.

Salmon—Columbia River, one-pound tails, $1 75@1 90 per dozen; two-pound tails, $3; fancy one-pound flats, $1 90; ½-pound fancy flats, $1 25; Alaska talls, 95c; two-pound talls, $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 30 per sack; half-barrels, ⅛c more than barrels; sacks, 10c per 100 less than barrels; maple, 15@18c per pound.

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, 16½@18c.

Honey—12½@15c per pound.

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

Coal oil—Cases, 20½c per gallon; barrels, 16c; tanks, 14c.

Stock salt—50s, $2 65; 100s, $2 15; granulated, 50s, $2 9 60; Liverpool, 50s, $30 50; 100s, $30 40; 200s, $30.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Strong Evidence of a Diminishing Speculative Interest.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The movement of prices was confined and irregular throughout the day, and there was evidence of a diminishing speculative interest. The wide movements in high-priced stocks continued a feature, but the influence of the advances was impaired by some equally notable relapse in stocks where attempts were made to take profits. A case in point was that of New York, New Haven & Hartford, which fell violently 9 points on an attempt to market a small amount of stocks because of the emphatic disclaimers from both Pennsylvanian and New York Central authorities of the rumors of purchase of control. There was a late rally of several points in the stock. New York Central and Pennsylvania also quieted down from their recent activity and strength. In fact, there was very little show of strength throughout the Eastern railroad field.

The session of the joint committee of operators and miners to discuss disputed points in the anthracite field was a repressive influence on all coalers. The decrease reported in Reading surplus earnings for March was an unfavorable influence. The very heavy decrease in net earnings of the Southern Railway for March was certainly not a stimulating influence, although it was accounted for largely by the notable increase in operating expenses.

The Western railroads, on the other hand, were benefited by the crop news, and by the weekly crop bulletin of the weather report, which was considered very favorable, not only regarding the condition of Winter wheat, but as to the progress made in seeding corn and Spring wheat. The grain-carrying railroads also were helped by the special strength of the Northwestern stocks, which rose 10½ and 5¾, respectively. Rock Island gained an extreme 5%, but lost over 2 points of it. The strength of the Wabash stocks, and of the Wheeling & Lake Erie stocks was evidently due to the apparent certainty that the bid of the syndicate representing the Gould interest for the Western Maryland will be accepted.

The industrials were marked by quite as great irregularity as the railroads, and changes there were constant and variable. A further advance in the foreign market and a drop in the rate of sterling at Paris, both contributed to narrow the margin still remaining from the gold export point. The money market, however, was still undisturbed.

The bond market maintained a firm tone today. Total sales, $3,770,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

Closing Stock Quotations.

DESCRIPTION.	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Atchison	72,000	85¾	82	83¾
do pfd	7,300	99⅝	95¼	99¼
Baltimore & Ohio	2,300	109	108¼	109¼
do pfd	100	96	96	95
Canadian Pacific	12,400	129	127¼	128
Canada Southern	8,300	96	96	95¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	3,500	45⅝	47	47⅝
Chicago & Alton	300	37¼	37½	37¼
do pfd				70
Chicago, Ind. & Louis.	5,200	71¼	70	70
do pfd	100	87	87	87½
Chicago & Eastern Ill.	100	167	167	106
Chicago Great Western	45,000	27¼	25	27⅜
do A pfd	250	89	88¾	89
do B pfd	700	47⅞	46¾	47⅞
Chicago & N. W.	6,000	271	261	265½
Chicago, R. I. & Pac.	6,500	180¼	174¾	178
Chicago Term. & Tran.	200	21¼	21	20⅝
do pfd	300	39¼	38¼	39
C., C., C. & St. Louis	900	106½	106	106
Colorado Southern	4,500	32	31½	31¾
do 1st pfd	1,000	74⅝	73¾	74
do 2d pfd	700	45½	45	44⅝
Delaware & Hudson	800	180¾	179	179
Del., Lack. & West.	100	288	288	286
Denver & Rio Grande	700	44	43⅝	43¾
do pfd	500	92	91⅝	89⅝
Erie	5,200	39⅝	38¼	38⅝
do 1st pfd	1,700	70⅝	70	70½
do 2d pfd	200	55¼	55	55¼
Great Northern pfd	300	187¼	186	186
Hocking Valley	1,100	85¼	84¾	84⅞
do pfd	100	91⅞	91⅞	91½
Illinois Central	20,500	150¼	149	149½
Iowa Central	200	50	49⅝	49½
do pfd	500	90	88	88¼
Lake Erie & Western	200	68¼	68	67⅞
do pfd				128
Louisville & Nashville	3,500	129¼	128½	128
Manhattan Elevated	7,700	136¼	135½	135¾
Metropolitan Street Ry.	1,000	153	152½	152¾
Mexican Central	2,200	29⅝	28¾	28⅞
Mexican National	800	19⅝	19¼	19½
Minn. & St. Louis	700	114¾	114¼	114½
Missouri Pacific	17,800	101½	100⅞	100¾
Mo., Kansas & Texas	3,100	26⅞	26⅛	26½
do pfd	2,700	58¾	57	58¼
New Jersey Central	700	195¼	194½	192
New York Central	12,100	162¼	161¼	161⅞
Norfolk & Western	2,000	58¼	58⅛	58⅞
do pfd	100	90	90	89¼
Ontario & Western	5,300	35⅝	34¾	34⅞
Pennsylvania	14,000	153	152½	152½
Reading	32,000	68	67	67¼
do 1st pfd	1,500	85⅝	86	86
do 2d pfd	15,800	73½	73⅛	72⅞
St. Louis & San Fran.	200	69½	69½	69½
do 1st pfd				84
do 2d pfd	200	73⅞	73½	73⅞
St. Louis S. W.	100	28⅝	28⅝	29
do pfd	100	60⅝	60⅝	60⅝
St. Paul	65,000	172⅝	170⅞	171⅞
do pfd	14,000	198½	192½	195
Southern Pacific	7,700	67⅞	67⅛	67¼
Southern Railway	13,600	37	36⅝	36⅞
do pfd	1,200	96⅝	96	96
Texas & Pacific	1,600	43⅝	43½	43
Toledo, St. L. & W.	100	22⅝	22⅝	22½
do pfd	800	40⅝	40	40½
Union Pacific	29,500	105⅞	104⅝	104⅞
do pfd	1,100	88¼	87⅛	87½
Wabash	10,900	27⅝	27	27¼
do pfd	24,100	45⅞	45⅛	45⅞
Wheeling & Lake Erie	11,500	29⅝	21½	23⅞
do 2d pfd	8,500	38¼	35	37⅞
Wisconsin Central	2,600	27⅞	26⅝	27⅛
do pfd	3,200	49⅝	49	49⅝
Express Companies—				
Adams				205
American				230
United States				122
Wells-Fargo				210
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	7,600	66⅝	65¼	65¼
Amer. Car & Foundry	5,800	31¼	30½	31¼
do pfd	300	91¼	91	91
American Linseed Oil	800	25¼	25	24⅝
do pfd	100	55	55	54½
Amer. Smelt. & Refin.	400	44	43⅝	43⅝
do pfd	600	95⅝	95¼	95¼
Anaconda Mining Co.				112
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	11,500	71½	70⅝	70½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	46,000	110	108¾	109
Consolidated Gas	1,800	228	226	227
Cont. Tobacco pfd	1,500	123¼	121⅞	122
General Electric	100	327	327	325¼
Hocking Coal	400	21	20½	21
International Paper	300	22	21⅝	21½
do pfd	100	75⅝	75⅝	75⅝
International Power	13,000	199	195	197½
Lacleede Gas				89
National Biscuit	500	50	49⅝	49⅝
National Lead	3,300	20¼	19	20⅛
National Salt				20
do pfd				69⅝
North American	1,800	132⅝	131	131
Pacific Coast				68
Pacific Mail	200	43	43	43
People's Gas	1,000	105	104⅝	104⅞
Pressed Steel Car	3,200	46¼	45½	45⅞
do pfd				88
Pullman Palace Car	300	250	248	245
Republic Steel	5,900	19⅞	19¼	19½
do pfd	1,300	75¼	75	75
Sugar	16,400	125⅞	124¼	124½
Tennessee Coal & Iron	500	73¼	72	72
Union Bag & Paper Co.	600	16½	16⅛	16½
do pfd				81½
United States Leather	5,100	14	13½	13⅝
do pfd	800	85¼	84⅝	84½
United States Rubber	200	17⅝	17⅛	17⅛
do pfd	800	59¼	59½	59
United States Steel	10,700	42⅝	42⅛	42⅝
do pfd	8,400	93⅝	93¼	93½
Western Union	400	92½	92½	92⅝
American Tourist Locomotive	30,100	38⅞	35⅝	35⅞
do pfd	5,400	100¼	99½	98½
Kansas City Southern	1,100	26⅝	26	25⅞
do pfd	900	60	59¼	59⅝

Total sales for the day, 806,800 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.	100¼	Atchison adj. 4s	94⅝
do coupon	100¼	C. & N.W. con. 7s	136½
do 3s, reg.	108⅝	D. & R. G. 4s	104¼
do coupon	109½	N. Y. Cent. lsts	104
do new 4s, reg.	138	Northern Pac. 3s	74½
do coupon	139¼	do 4s	105½
do old 4s, reg.	111¼	Southern Pac. 4s	95½
do coupon	111¼	Union Pacific 4s	105⅝
do 5s, reg.	105⅝	West Shore 4s	107⅞
do coupon	107	Wis. Central 4s	94⅝

Stocks in London.

LONDON, April 29.—Closing quotations:

Anaconda	5⅝	N. Y. Central	166
Atchison	82½	Norfolk & West.	69½
do pfd	101¼	do pfd	92
Balt. & Ohio	111½	Ontario & West	33
Can. Pacific	131½	Pennsylvania	78¼
Ches. & Ohio	49½	Reading	34¾
Chi. Gr. Western	26½	do 1st pfd	44½
Chi., M. & St. P.	175	do 2d pfd	57¼
D. & R. G.	45	Southern Ry	30¼
do pfd	94⅝	do pfd	96½
Erie	40⅝	U. S. Steel	44⅝
do 1st pfd	72½	do pfd	96
do 2d pfd	57½	Wabash	27½
Illinois Central	152¼	do pfd	47½
Louis. & Nash.	130	Spanish 4s	78⅝

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

Stocks were slack and dull today. The market looked tired of waiting for peace in South Africa, and the holiday on Thursday was not without influence. American shares were quiet, hardened slightly early, and advanced more rapidly on New York's support of St. Paul, Atchison and Union Pacific, accompanied by good crop news. Grand Trunks were very strong on the excellent revenue statement. Canadian Pacific hung back on its statement, which was regarded as disappointing.

Silver is flat at 23½d per ounce on American pressure to sell, with no Eastern support. England is beginning to understand that the ocean trust is not an acquisition of British shipping, but only a pool, with exchange of share interests.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4 86¼; sight, $4 88⅝.

Mexican dollars—Nominal.

Drafts—Sight, 15c; telegraph, 17½c.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Money on call steady at 3¾@4 per cent; closing bid and asked, 3½@4 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87⅝@4 88 for demand, and at $4 85¼ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 86 and $4 88½@4 89; commercial bills, $4 84⅝@4 85⅝.

Mexican dolars—41c.

Government bonds steady; state bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular.

LONDON, April 29.—Consols for money, 94 7-16; for account, 94⅞.

Money, 2½@3 per cent; rate of discount for short bills, 2⅝ per cent; for three-months' bills, 2⅝ per cent.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances shows:

Available cash balances	$182,448,541
Gold	91,231,962

GRAIN MARKETS.

Professional Buying in Wheat at Chicago Advances Prices Slightly.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Wheat was firm and higher at the opening. Liverpool cables did not show a decided response to the break here yesterday. Receipts were still small, and Kansas was still sending in reports of her crop condition. Both the Northwest and Southwest contradicted the report that farmers' deliveries were more liberal, and said wheat was as hard to buy from first hands as at any time. Reports from North Dakota said this condition covered much of the field. On the other hand, rains were copious in most of the Ohio Valley. There was a little spurt of buying at the start, but, as on yesterday, this turned to a selling pressure later, and early gains were lost. Professionals, however, continued to buy in the dull market, and prices reacted slightly. July opened ¼c higher to unchanged, at 75¼@75⅛, advanced to 75⅜@75⅝c, and closed firm, ¼@⅝c up, at 75⅝@75¾c.

Fair buying by the most prominent bull interests supported corn today. Trade, however, was dull. July closed firm, ¼@⅝c up, at 63⅝@63⅝c.

Oats received no assistance from corn or wheat. The recent heavy rains were deemed beneficial to the sown oats, and receipts were much more liberal than of late. July closed weak, ⅝c lower, at 36⅝c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	$0 74	$0 74¼	$0 74	$0 74¼
July	75⅛	75⅝	75	75½
September	74½	75	74⅝	74⅝
CORN.				
May	62½	62⅝	62⅛	62⅝
July	63⅛	64¼	63½	63⅞
September	63	63⅝	62½	62⅞
OATS.				
May	42⅝	42⅝	42⅝	42⅝
July (old)	35	35¼	34⅝	35⅛
July (new)	37	37	36¼	36⅝
Sept. (old)	30⅝	30½	29⅝	29⅞
Sept. (new)	32	32¼	31¼	31⅝
MESS PORK.				
May	16 75	16 85	16 75	16 77½
July	17 05	17 10	16 97½	17 00
September	17 10	17 17½	17 10	17 10
LARD.				
May	10 00	10 07½	9 97½	10 05
July	10 10	10 15	10 10	10 12½
September	10 25	10 27½	10 22½	10 22½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	9 37½	9 45	9 37½	9 42½
July	9 50	9 52½	9 50	9 50
September	9 60	9 62½	9 57½	9 57½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 71@74½c; No. 2 red, 83½@84½c.

Oats—No. 2, 42½@43½c; No. 2 white, 45@45½c; No. 3 white, 44½@45½c.

Rye—No. 2, 58½c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 68@70c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 67; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 79.

Timothy seed—Prime, $6 50.

Mess pork—$16 80@16 85 per bbl.

Lard—$10@10 07½ per cwt.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $9 40@9 50.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, $7 75@8.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $9 90@10.

Clover—Contract grade, $8 35.

Butter—Steady; creameries, 17@22c; dairies, 17@20c.

Cheese—Steady, 12½@13c.

Eggs—Firm, 15½c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	27,000	23,000
Wheat, bushels	40,000	66,000
Corn, bushels	104,000	99,000
Oats, bushels	338,000	230,000
Rye, bushels	3,000	.....
Barley, bushels	26,000	9,000

OFFICIAL CROP REPORT.

Winter Wheat Makes Good Progress on the Pacific Coast.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The Weather Bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions contains the following:

Much-needed and generally abundant rains fell over a large part of the Missouri, Upper Mississippi and Lower Ohio Valleys, but conditions of drouth have continued in the Upper Ohio Valley, Middle Atlantic States and over the Southeastern Rocky Mountain slope. Rain is now very generally needed over the greater part of the Southern States. A heavy snow storm interfered with farm work in Montana, the Dakotas and Minnesota during the early part of the week, and the high and drying winds of the latter part, in the Central Valleys and Middles States were detrimental. The temperature conditions in the Southern States and in the Northern districts east of the Mississippi were very favorable, but the week was too cool for favorable growth in the Rocky Mountain and North Pacific Coast States. On the Pacific Coast, Winter wheat has made favorable progress. A heavy crop is promised in California, north of Tehachipi. The fruit outlook continues promising, except for peaches in portions of the central valleys.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Flour—Receipts, 20,100 barrels; exports, 1100 barrels. Market quiet.

Wheat—Receipts, 227,625 bushels; exports, 122,402 bushels; spot market steady; No. 2 red, 87½c elevator; No. 2 red, 89c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 84c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 87½c f. o. b. afloat.

Options opened steady, the market was sustained on an even level all day by very bullish crop news from Kansas, partly offset, however, by rains elsewhere. Cables were steady, receipts small and seaboard clearances fair. The close was steady at ⅛c net advance. May, 80⅞@81 3-16c, closed 80⅞c; July, 80 1-16@81⅛c, closed 80⅞c; September, 79⅞@80⅛c, closed 80c; December, 81@81⅝c, closed 81⅛c.

Hops—Firm.

Hides—Quiet.

Wool—Quiet; domestic fleece, 26@29c.

San Francisco Grain Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Wheat active. Barley firmer. Oats dull.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping, $1 11½; milling, $1 12½@1 15.

Barley—Feed, 90⅝@96½c; brewing, 97½c@$1.

Oats—Red, $1 22½@1 40; white, $1 27½@1 42½; black, $1 15@1 27½.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Inactive; May, $1 10⅞; December, $1 08¼; cash, $1 11¼.

Barley—Firmer; May, 90½c; December, 77½c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 37½@1 45.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, April 29.—Wheat steady. Wheat and flour in Paris dull. French country markets quiet and steady. Weather in England overcast.

LONDON, April 29.—Wheat cargoes on passage rather easier. English country markets quiet.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 3000. Market steady. Good to prime steers, $6 80@7 40; poor to medium, $4 75@7 50; stockers and feeders, $2 50@5 25; cows, $1 80@6; heifers, $2 50@6; canners, $1 40@2 40; bulls, $2 50@5 50; calves, $2@5; Texas fed steers, $5 50@6 50.

Hogs—Receipts today, 18,000. Market steady to strong. Mixed and butchers, $6 80@7 30; good to choice heavy, $7 25@7 40; rough heavy, $6 20@7 15; light, $6 75@6 95; bulk of sales, $6 90@7 20; light, $6 75@6 95; bulk of sales, $6 90@7 20.

Sheep—Receipts, 8000. Market steady to 10c higher. Market for lambs steady. Choice wethers, $5 50@6 20; fair to choice mixed, $5 40@5 70; native lambs clipped, $4 75@6 60; Western lambs, $5 25@6 70; Colorado wooled lambs, $7 10.

KANSAS CITY, April 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 6000, including 1000 Texans. Market steady. Native steers, $5@6 30; Texas cows, $3 50@5 25; native cows and heifers, $3 50@5 65; stockers and feeders, $3 25@5 55; bulls, $3 50@5 25; calves, $4 50@6.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000. Market steady and easier; bulk of sales, $6 90@7 30. Heavy, $7 20@7 35; packers, $6 85@7 25; medium, $7 05@7 20; light, $6 60@7 20; pigs, $6 10@6 60.

Sheep—Receipts, 1000. Market steady. Muttons, $5 60@5 90; lambs, $6 40@6 85; range wethers, $5 65@5 70; ewes, $5@5 60.

OMAHA, April 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000. Market slow and 10c lower. Native steers, $5@6 40; cows and heifers, $3 75@6; Western steers, $4 75@6 15; Texas steers, $4 25@5 65; canners, $1 75@3 25; stockers and feeders, $3 75@5 25; calves, $3 50@6 70; bulls, stags, etc., $2 75@5 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,000. Market slow and 10c lower. Heavy, $7 10@7 25; mixed, $6 90@7 05; light, $6 75@7 05; pigs, $5 50@6 50; bulk of sales, $6 85@7 10.

Sheep—Receipts, 8200. Market steady and lower. Fed muttons, $5 25@5; Westerns, $4 25@5; ewes, $4 75@5 65; common and stockers, $3 25@5; lambs, $5 50@6 90.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Wool—Prices have ben 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@10 50; clover, $7@8 50 per ton; straw, 40@55c per bale.

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

Vegetables—Green peas, ¾@1c per pound; string beans, 12½@15c; asparagus, $2 25; tomatoes, 75c@$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 60; River Reds, $1 50@1 60; Oregon Burbanks, $1 60@2; sweets, $1 90 per cental.

Hops—New crop, 15@17½c.

Onions—$1 50@2 50.

Bananas—$1@2 75.

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

Pineapples—$3@4.

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

Eggs—Ranch, 16c.

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, $3 75@4 per dozen; young roosters, $6@7 50; small broilers, $2@3; large broilers, $3 50@4; fryers, $4 50@5 50 per dozen; hens, $3 50@5; old ducks, $4 50@5; young ducks, $7@8.

Receipts—Flour, 1048 quarter sacks; wheat, 4395 centals; barley, 2330 centals; oats, 410 centals; beans, sacks, 1723; corn, 1617 centals; potatoes, 11,158 sacks; middlings, 400 sacks; hay, 5 tons; wool, 509 bales; hides, 763.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The local and foreign markets for tin were lower. London closed £1 off, with spot at £128 15s and futures at £125 2s 6d. New York was dull and lower with spot at $27 87½@28 10.

Copper was easier here and lower abroad in large supplies and light demand. London closed 5s lower, with spot and futures at £52 2s 6d. At New York prices were shaded a little, with Lake at 11.75@11.95c; electrolytic and casting, 11.37½@11.62½c. A sale of 100 tons standard for August delivery was made at 11.15c.

Lead remained about steady and unchanged at 4½c here, while London was also unchanged at £11 12s 6d.

Spelter was steady at £18.

The local iron market presented little feature, ruling steady and unchanged. Pig iron warrants were nominal; No. 1 foundry Northern, $19@20; No. 2 foundry Northern, $18@19; No. 1 foundry Southern, $17 50@18; No. 1 foundry soft, $17 50@18. Foreign markets were easier, with Glasgow closing at 53s 11d, and Middlesboro at 48s 7½d.

Bar silver, 51c.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Bar silver, 51c.

LONDON, April 29.—Bar silver uncertain, 23½d per ounce.

Boston Wool Market Quiet.

BOSTON, April 29.—Very few bu