EVEN WITH DEMAND

Adequate Supply of All Kinds of Produce.

VOLUME OF TRADE IS STEADY

Improvement in Groceries and Merchandise—Exporters Out of the Wheat Market—Hopgrowers Anxious to Sell.

Cereals — Wheat, oats, barley, dull, steady; flour, quiet, unchanged.
Hops—Dull and weak.
Wool—Buying of new clip Eastern Oregon.
Country Produce—Eggs, plentiful and weak; poultry, steady; butter, easier.
Green Produce—Citrus fruits and bananas, in strong demand; green truck, steady; potatoes, dull.
Groceries—Future canned corn higher.
Meats—Beef, plentiful, steady; hogs, scarce, firm.
Provisions—Unchanged.

The volume of trade in local jobbing circles continues steady, with the supply and demand generally even in produce lines, and groceries and other lines showing some improvement. In the latter lines the Spring trade is on the point of opening, and from orders already received, the indications are that it will exceed all previous records. The wheat market is lifeless, so far as export business is concerned. There is nothing doing in hops, and but little more business is looked for this season.

WHEAT—The grain eason has reached that point where dealers can figure up their profits of last year on speculate on the size of the coming crop as they see fit. There is nothing else to keep them busy. Exporters complain of a lack of foreign inquiry and are neither buying nor selling. The mills are taking the little wheat they can get at their own figures, and are not disposed to meet the views of the majority of holders.

The exporting season is drawing to a close. There are only four grain ships in port at present, one of which is without charter. The en route list numbers 21 vessels of an aggregate tonnage of 38,277.

Discussing the strength of the world's wheat markets, J. W. Rush, of London, writes in the Northwestern Miller of March 11 as follows:

The wheat market during the week has been very quiet, and prices have been difficult to maintain, chiefly owing to the pressure of La Plata wheat offers for shipment at 28s for 61 pounds, 28s 3d for 62 pounds, and 29s for 63 pounds, all February-March shipment; for February shipment about sixpence above these prices is asked, but buyers generally show little disposition to operate, the more so as the Russian shipments have lately exceeded expectations, making the total for Europe, and especially for the United Kingdom, larger than we have lately been accustomed to. One of the weak spots of the present position is, in fact, the poorness of the demand for the Continent. Belgium and Germany are especially buying very little just now, and have in fact been very reserved for some weeks past. In France the price of wheat for near delivery has further improved, and is now quite close to an importing level, so that it would not be surprising if a demand for foreign wheat for that country were shortly to spring up, the more so, as good milling wheats of home growth are getting very scarce, and at the same time the new crop does not promise so well as at this date during the last five years. This possibility of a French demand in the Spring serves to buoy up the market, which, however, is in a more or less apathetic state, English buyers feeling that for some time to come, at any rate, their wants are assured. There is, however, a certain amount of anxiety concerning the condition of the young wheat plant in usia, in Bulgaria and in Hungary, so that, quiet as the market is, I do not think that it will be difficult to keep the market up, more especially if the position in the Northwest of America is as strong as it seems to be.

My estimate of the world's production of wheat in 1902 is now fairly complete. The total is considerably in excess of what was expected last Autumn, mainly owing to the big crop in Russia, though I do not by any means accept the official estimate of that crop as final. I am, on the contrary, convinced that the estimate was far too high. However, this may be, I think it tolerably certain that the world's wheat crop of 1902, which, of course, includes the Argentine crop lately reaped, was almost the largest on record. Only on previous crop approached it, viz., that of 1898. The following is the estimate, in quarters, for the last crop, compared with the corrected totals of the four previous years:

1902	370,000,000
1901	352,000,000
1900	326,000,000
1899	345,000,000
1898	370,000,000

The world's wheat consumption, of course, varies according to circumstances. Last year it was far above the normal level, owing to the scarcity and high price of maize; this season the abundance of poor wheat, unfit for milling in England, France, Germany and the Winter-wheat states of America will also make a very great difference. What seems to me tolerably clear is that as at last harvest-time stocks the world over were so relatively small, the previous production, large as it was, especially in 1901 and 1898, was practically all used. So that this year's production, immense though it is, is the less felt.

FLOUR, FEED, ETC.—The flour market is quiet, with values steady. The foreign situation shows no change. No new business is being worked for the Orient, but the forward business keeps up, as exporters are still working on old orders. The inquiry from the Cape is slack. The Portland Flouring Mills Company resumed operations at its local plant yesterday, after a six-weeks' shut-down on account of fire, and has enough business on hand to keep it going for a long time ahead.

The market for millfeed is steady at former quotations. There is no present prospect of a decline, and the season is too far advanced to make an upward movement probable.

Oats and barley are slow and steady at the old prices.

HOPS—Dealers quote the hop market weak, and growers bear out this impression by their anxiety to sell. Trading is at a standstill. While the last authentic sales were at 25c, offerings have been a cent or two below this figure, with no buyers willing to accept the offers. Of the hop situation in the East, the New York Journal of Commerce of March 16 said:

Complaints were general of the unsatisfactory condition of business. The weaker drift to values which has developed latterly has a tendency to keep demand at a minimum, as brewers generally were disposed to hold off from making purchases as long as possible in the efforts to obtain supplies on a more satisfactory basis of values. Statistically, however, the position was figured out a favorable one, and the principal holders of hops showed no anxiety to make sales. Advices from the Coast reported fairly steady markets, with Sonomas at 24c and Oregons at 25c net to growers, with shorts the principal buyers. Advices from up the state reported a sale at 28c, and the indications were that the market for the average run of supplies of state hops had settled to this basis. Offerings, however, were small, as stocks were light, and for the best grades growers held for higher prices. Foreign markets were reported quiet.

The Waterville Times of March 10 says of hops:

"Since the sale of several lots about Oriskany Falls and Madison last week we have heard of no business to speak of. The lots offering now are bringing only about 29c and 30c. The holders of the larger and better grade hops are still out of the market at the present prices."

Pacific Coast hops are quotable in New York as follows: 1902—Choice, 28@30c per pound; medium, 27@28c; ordinary, 26@27c. 1901—22@26c; olds, 8@12½c.

WOOL—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter of March 12 says:

Oregon wools continue quiet, but with prices nominally unchanged. Stocks are small. California wools continue quiet and featureless. A few small lots have been disposed of at prices ranging all the way from a third of a dollar, clean, for defective stock, which has to be carbonized, up to 52c for a nice northern fine wool. Middle county wool has sold at 48c, clean. Good free Fall is quotable at 45c, clean. Advices from Heppner, Or., dated February 26, are that already 500,000 pounds of wool have been bought up in the Sand Hollow country by one firm alone, and at this early stage 9½@10c is being paid for the somewhat sandy Northern Morrow wool, which compares very favorably with the price of last year. Just at this moment, however, the Eastern trade is doing scarcely anything in the West, although keeping in close touch with the course of affairs there.

The Reporter quotes Oregon wools at Eastern seaboard markets as follows: Eastern staple, 17@18c per pound; Eastern Oregon choice clothing, 15@16; do average, 13@14c; do heavy, 12@13c; Valley Oregon, No. 1, 20@21c; do No. 2, 20@21c; do No. 3, 19@20c; do lambs, 16@17c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE—Eggs continue to be the feature of this market. An attempt has been made to keep prices up, but the tendency of the market is in the other direction. The general quotation yesterday was 15c, and there were rumors that the price was shaded in some quarters. Receipts have again become excessive, and unless a shipping outlet is found, the market will undoubtedly drop.

Poultry is generally steady, with enough chickens coming in to supply the demand at present prices. There is a good inquiry for ducks, but none for geese. Turkey receipts are light, but offerings are well taken at good prices.

The tone of the butter market is easier, with receipts of Oregon creamery larger, but still below requirements. So much California butter is coming in that the price of the Oregon product is barely maintained. Cheese is in adequate supply, and is quoted steady.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES—A heavy business is being done in citrus fruits and bananas, from three to five cars of oranges and one to three of bananas coming in each week. Prices are unchanged from last week, with oranges very firm. Apples are becoming scarce. Some of the dealers have exhausted their storage stocks, and receipts from the interior are smaller.

The vegetable supply is ample, considering the season. There is a scarcity of celery and a few other varieties, but the assortment generally is good. Smaller vegetables are coming from California by steamer, heavier stocks by rail.

Potatoes are dragging at the former prices. New potatoes have made their appearance. Onions are dull.

GROCERIES, MEATS, ETC.—The feature of the grocery trade this week has been the marking up of future canned corn 10c per dozen. Eastern packers report that they have no more to offer. Sugar is firm, and other groceries are unchanged. Bluestone is higher.

Trading in live and dressed meats is brisk. Beef is plentiful, but there is a marked scarcity of hogs. Dressed mutton is a shade higher. Hog products are unchanged.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 74c; bluestem, 83@84c; Valley, 78c.

BARLEY—Feed, $23.50 per ton; brewing, $24; rolled, $24.50.

OATS—No. 1 white, $1.15@1.20; gray, $1.12½@1.15 per cental.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19 per ton; middlings, $24; shorts, $20; chop, $18.

HAY—Timothy, $11@12; clover, $8@9; grain, $9@10 per ton.

FLOUR—Valley, $3.60@3.70 per barrel; hard wheat straights, $3.50@3.65; hard wheat patents, $4.10@4.60; Dakota hard wheat, $4.10@4.25; Graham, $3.45@3.85.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 30@32½c per pound; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 15@16c.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 12@13c per pound, young, 11½@12c; hens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, $7@7.50 per dozen; geese, $6@8.

CHEESE — Full cream twins, 16½@17½c; Young America, 17½@18½c; factory prices 1@1½c less; Eastern, 17@17½c per pound; California, 16@16½c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 15c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1902 crop, 23@25c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@15½ 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, 7@8c; under 50 pounds and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5@6½c; kip, sound, 15 to 20 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.

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

WOOL—Valley, 12½@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14½c; mohair, 25@28c.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

GREEN FRUIT—Apples, table, $1@2 per box; cooking, 75@85c; cranberries, Jersey, $11.

TROPICAL FRUIT—Lemons, $2.75@3.25 per box; oranges, navels, $2@2.75 per box; tangerines, $2; grape fruit, $2.50 per box; bananas, $2.25@3 per bunch.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 50@90c per sack; carrots, 50@90c; beets, $1 per sack; parsnips, $1 per sack; cauliflower, $1.85 per crate, cabbage, 1½c per pound; red cabbage, 2c per pound; celery, $3.50 per crate; lettuce, head, 35c per dozen; hothouse, $1.50 per box; green onions, per dozen, 12½c; Brussels sprouts, 6c per pound; squash, 2c per pound; peas, per pound, 10c; parsley, per dozen, 25c; radishes, 25c; green artichokes, $1.50 per dozen; asparagus, 30c per pound; rhubarb, 12½c per pound; cucumbers, $2 per dozen; tomatoes, $3.50 per crate.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, evaporated, 7½c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 5@6c; apricots, 8@10c; peaches, 7½@9c; pears, 7½@8½c; prunes, Italian, 4½@6c; figs, California blacks, 6c; do white, 7½c; Smyrna, 20c; plums, pitted, 4½@5½c.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatel, 4-crown, 7½c; 3-crown, 7½c; 2-crown, 6½c; unbleached, seedless Muscatel raisins, 7½c; unbleached seedless Sultans, 6½c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.85; 2-crown, $1.75.

POTATOES—Best Burbanks, 50@60c per sack; ordinary, 40@50c, growers' prices; new potatoes, 4½c per pound; Merced sweets, $2.50@2.75.

ONIONS—Oregon and Washington, 75c@$1 per cental; shippers' price in carload lots, 50c per cental.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

HONEY—15c per No. 1 frame.

COFFEE—Mocha, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 29@30c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, $11.75; Arbuckle's, $12.25 list; Lion, $11.75.

SALMON — Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.65 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; fancy 1-pound flats, $1.50; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 75c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.20; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.45; 1-pound flats, $1.60.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.62½; No. 2, $5.12½; Carolina head, $7.25; broken head, $4.

SUGAR—Satk basis, net cash, per 100 pounds; cube, $5.35; powdered, $5.20; dry granulated, $5; extra C, $4.50; golden C, $4.40. Advances over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half-barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. Maple, 15@16c per pound. Beet sugar, granulated, $4.90 per 100 pounds.

BEANS—Small white, 4½c; large white, 4c; pinks, 3½c; bayou, 3½c; Limas, 5½c per pound.

NUTS—Peanuts, 6½c per pound for raw, 8@8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, 65@90c per dozen; walnuts, 13½@14½c per pound; pine nuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15@16c; fancy pecans, 17c; almonds, 14@15c; chestnuts, 16c.

SALT—Liverpool, 50s, 45c per sack; half ground, per ton, 50s, $14.50; 100s, $14; Worcester salt, bulk, 320s, $5 per barrel; linen sacks 50s, 85c per sack; bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s, $2.10 per bale.

OILS—Coal oil, cases, 20c per gallon; iron barrels, 16½c; wood barrels, 19c; linseed, boiled, cases, 58c; barrels, 54c; linseed, raw, cases, 57c; barrels, 52c; gasoline, iron barrels 19½c; cases, 26c; turpentine, cases, 55c; wood barrels, 54½c; bulk, 52c; 10-case lots, 57c. Collier and Atlantic white and red lead, in lots of 500 pounds or more, 6c; less than 500 pounds, 6½c.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Gross, cows, $3@3.75; steers, $4@4.75 dressed, 6½@7½c per pound.

VEAL—6@8c per pound.

MUTTON—Gross, $4.50@5; dressed, 6@8½c.

HOGS—Gross, $7@7.25; dressed, 7½@8c.

HAMS—Portland, 14@14½c per pound; picnic 10½c per pound; Eastern, fancy, 14@14½c.

BACON—Portland, 15@17½c per pound; Eastern, fancy, 17½c; standard, heavy, 15½c; bacon bellies, 15½c.

LARD—Kettle rendered: Tierces, 13½c; tubs, 13c; 50s, 13c; 20s, 13½c; 10s, 13½c; 5s, 13½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 12c; tubs, 12½c; 50s, 12½c; 20s, 12½c; 10s, 12½c; 5s, 12½c. Compound lard, tierces, 8½c; tubs, 8c.

SAUSAGE—Portland, ham, 12½c per pound; minced ham, 10½c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c, bologna, long, 8c; weinerwurst, 8c; liver, 7c; pork, 9c; blood, 7c; head cheese, 7c; bologna sausage link, 7½c.

PICKLED GOODS — Portland, pigs' feet, ½-barrels, $5; ¼-barrels, $2.85; 15-pound kit, $1.25. Tripe, ½-barrels, $5.50; ¼-barrels, $3.75; 15-pound kit, $1; pigs' tongues, ½-barrel, $6.

DRY-SALTED MEATS—Portland clears, 12¾@13½c; backs, 11¾@12½c; exports, 20@25 pounds average, 13½@13¾c; butts, 9@10c.

MAY WHEAT FIRM.

Chicago Market Helped by Predictions of a Cold Wave.

CHICAGO, March 18.—There was only a moderate trade in wheat, but the market was firm, notwithstanding the continued weakness in corn. May opened unchanged to ⅛c lower, at 74⅝@74¾c, the steady tone being due to relatively firm foreign markets. Local traders were somewhat bearishly inclined at the start on the Spring-like weather, and there was new selling on that account, which was added to later on the weakness in corn, resulting in a decline to 74c. Estimates of small Argentine shipments, together with predictions of a cold wave throughout portions of the West, induced considerable buying during the latter part of the session, and the market became firm, closing at the top price of the day, at 74½c, a gain of ¾c.

Unsettled conditions governed the corn trade, with weakness underlying the market. The market was quite steady the latter part of the day, and May closed ⅝@½c lower, at 44c. There was a fair general trade in oats, and the market exhibited considerable strength early, but the weakness in corn later caused a decline. The close was steady, with May a shade lower, at 34⅝c.

Trading in provisions was on an active scale, and after a small decline at the start, influenced by the weaker hog market, prices advanced materially and a strong feeling prevailed. There was good buying by the packers throughout the day, and shorts also bought freely. The close was decidedly strong with May pork 32½c higher, lard was up 7½c, while ribs were 17½@20c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	$0 74½	$0 74½	$0 74	$0 74½
July	71⅛	71½	71	71⅜
September	69⅞	70⅛	69⅝	69⅞
CORN.				
March	42	42¼	42	42
May	44⅝	44½	43⅝	44
July	43½	44	43⅜	43⅝
OATS.				
May	34⅝	34½	34⅛	34⅝
July	31⅞	32⅜	31⅞	31⅞
September	28½	28½	28⅛	28⅛
MESS PORK.				
May	17 47½	17 90	17 35	17 87½
July	16 65	16 95	16 50	16 87½
September	16 40	16 65	16 32½	16 60
LARD.				
May	9 77½	9 02½	9 75	9 87½
July	9 62½	9 75	9 60	9 72½
September	9 60	9 75	9 60	9 72½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	9 50	9 70	9 47½	9 70
July	9 35	9 50	9 32½	9 45
September	9 27½	9 37½	9 20	9 32½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Dull and steady.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring 76@77c; No. 3, 69@76c; No. 2 red, 72½@72¾c.

Corn—No. 2 and yellow, 42c.

Oats—No. 2, 33½c; No. 3 white, 33½@35c.

Rye—No. 2, 49½c.

Barley—Good feeding, 42@43c; fair to choice malting, 44@51c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.10; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.12½.

Mess pork—$17.75@17.87½ per bbl.

Lard—$9.75@9.85 per cwt.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $9.55@9.70.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, $8.87½@9.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $10.37½@10.50.

Clover—Contract grade, $12.25.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	39,000	38,000
Wheat, bushels	51,800	12,500
Corn, bushels	331,800	145,400
Oats, bushels	398,200	219,500
Rye, bushels	10,500	.....
Barley, bushels	106,900	26,900

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Flour—Receipts, 80,854 barrels; exports, 2183 barrels. Market steady, but buyers and sellers apart.

Wheat—Receipts, 40,850 bushels; exports, 8025 bushels. Spot market steady. No. 2 red, 80½c elevator and f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 81½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 88½c f. o. b. afloat. Options declined after the opening, but soon rallied, and the rest of the day were fairly well sustained on a little foreign buying, export talk, cold weather predictions and covering. The close was steady at unchanged prices. March closed 76⅝c; September, 75¼c.

Hops—Quiet.

Hides—Firm.

Wool—Firm.

Butter—Receipts, 5300 packages. Market steady. State dairy, 26@27c; creamery, 29c; June creamery, 19@28½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 5000 packages. Market easy. State and Pennsylvania, 17½c; Western uncandled, 17c.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Wheat stronger. Barley stronger. Oats steadier.

Spot quotations:

Wheat — Shipping, $1.38⅝@1.43⅝; milling, $1.50@1.57½.

Barley—Feed, $1.13⅛@1.16¼; brewing, $1.18⅝@1.22½.

Oats—Red, $1.20@1.30; white, $1.25@1.37½; black, $1.12½@1.20.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Stronger; December, $1.21⅝; cash, $1.43⅝.

Barley—Stronger; May, $1.09.

Corn—Large yellow, $1.37½@1.40.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 18.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage steadier; Walla Walla, 30s. English country markets dull.

LIVERPOOL, March 18.—Wheat steady; No. 1 standard California, 6s 9½d. Wheat and flour in Paris firm. French country markets firm.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, March 18.—Wheat 1c lower; bluestem, 84c; club, 78c.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks:

Andes	$0 12	Mexican	$1 50
Belcher	62	Occidental Con	43
Best & Belcher	2 30	Ophir	2 20
Caledonia	2 55	Overman	56
Challenge Con	64	Potosi	42
Chollar	43	Savage	39
Confidence	3 35	Sog. Belcher	28
Con. cal. & Va.	2 10	Sierra Nevada	1 00
Crown Point	43	Silver Hill	64
Gould & Curry	43	Union Con	1 25
General Electric	82	Utah Con	35
Hale & Norcross	14	Yellow Jacket	61

NEW YORK, March 18.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 50	Little Chief	$0 09
Alice	68	Ontario	6 00
Breece	30	Ophir	2 00
Brunswick Con	1	Phoenix	8
Comstock Tunnel	14	Potosi	40
Con. Cal. & Va.	2 10	Savage	33
Horn Silver	1 25	Sierra Nevada	90
Iron Silver	1 15	Small Hopes	50
Leadville Con	3	Standard	3 00

BOSTON, March 18.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 11 50	Old Dominion	$ 21 00
Allouez	8 00	Osceola	71 00
Amalgamated	72 50	Parrott	32 25
Daly West	40 75	Santa Fe Cop.	2 62
Bingham	34	Tamarack	180 00
Cal. & Hecla	545 00	Trimountain	97 00
Centennial	28 25	Trinity	11 25
Copper Range	70 50	United States	25 75
Dominion Coal	122 00	Utah	28 75
Franklin	11 50	Victoria	7 75
Isle Royale	13 50	Winona	13 25
Mohawk	54 50	Wolverines	72 15

Butte Train-Robber Pleads Guilty.

BUTTE, Mont., March 18.—George Howard, alias James Howard, the alleged companion of George Cole, who confessed to robbing the Burlington "flyer" near this city last month, changed his mind in court this morning and decided to stand trial for the alleged offense. He will plead next Saturday morning.

There were eight charges, all being the same as in the cases against George Cole. There were two charges of robbery and six charges of assault in the third degree.

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TENDENCY TO HARDEN

RECOVERY IN LEADING STOCKS IN NEW YORK MARKET.

Money Conditions Less Stringent—Southern Pacific Advances Five Points on Heavy Buying.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Stocks showed some hardness today, and hopes were indulged of a rise on the part of a considerable speculative party which is watching the market closely for a recovery when the interior begins to send back funds to New York and money becomes easier. The few scattered indications of a relaxation of the money market did not appear sufficient to induce buying by the ranks of the professional shorts, who have become uneasy over the cessation of the liquidation in stocks and show anxiety to cover their shorts.

The cessation of the recent persistent selling of New York Central and Pennsylvania was a particularly favorable influence in a negative way. The advocates of higher prices stand in dread of obstacles to be encountered in the way of selling orders on the part of persons who are tied up in unmarketable ventures, and who may desire to realize on securities with an active market to protect themselves in a possible money squeeze late in the year. It has been feared that the recent selling of Pennsylvania was for the purpose of making good losses sustained in a project that has come to grief. The recovery in those two standard railroad stocks is, therefore, of great sentimental influence on the market.

Money conditions are undeniably less stringent. The doubt is how far this is due to the liquidation of stocks and the lessened demand for money in the stock market, and also to the transfer of obligations to foreign creditors whose demands for reimbursement must be met in the future. The advancing course of foreign exchange is evidence of the present end of the borrowing from foreigners. The Subtreasury yesterday made another small contribution to the local money supply. Interior banks for some time past have arranged, as far as possible, all obligations to the Government to be paid to the New York Subtreasury by draft on their New York correspondent banks. The lessened requirement of the Government institution may be accepted in part as a more complacent attitude of the interior money centers toward New York.

Of today's special movements, that in the coalers was due to gossip that the report of the anthracite strike commission, presented to the President today, would prove to be favorable to the companies. The influence of Sugar's advance came largely from Washington, and dealt with the Cuban reciprocity treaty. Buyers of Tennessee Coal professed to have information of very large current earnings. Corn Products was bought on the declaration of its first dividend. Southern Pacific furnished the only sensational feature of the day. There was heavy buying of the stock in the last half hour, which carried the price up 5 points, the net gain being only a fraction under the top figure. The stock lent at a premium of ¼, and there were rumors of important developments in connection with the controversy between the pool and Union Pacific interests. Shares of the latter company were moderately active at a 1-point gain. Other strong stocks included St. Paul, Reading, Northwestern and Tennessee Coal. Profit-taking toward the end caused a shading of prices, and the close was irregular. In the special classes, there was an 8-point decline in American Express.

The bond market showed steadiness throughout the day, but shared to a slight extent in the strength of stocks. Total sales, par value, $1,475,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

New York Stock Market.

STOCKS.	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bid.
Atchison	17,900	82⅝	81⅝	81⅝
do pfd	4,200	97½	97½	97⅝
Balt.more & Ohio	9,600	93⅝	92⅝	93
do pfd				92
Canadian Pacific	10,900	128⅝	128⅛	128⅝
Canada Southern				73
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,400	47	46⅛	46½
Chicago & Alton	1,100	32⅝	32	32½
do pfd				80
Chicago Great Western	1,200	24⅝	24⅛	24
do A pfd				80
do B pfd	500	41	40⅝	40⅝
Chicago & N. W.	700	187	185	186½
Chicago Term. & Tran.				16
do pfd				20
C., C., C. & St. Louis	500	93⅝	29½	91
Colorado Southern				26⅝
do 1st pfd	400	26⅝	26	63
do 2d pfd				40
Delaware & Hudson	500	40½	40	32½
Del., Lack. & Western	900	171	168	170
Denver & Rio Grande				25⅝
do pfd	100	38	38	37⅝
Erie	500	87½	86½	86⅝
do 1st pfd	21,600	39⅝	35⅝	36½
do 2d pfd	4,000	67½	67	66⅝
Great Northern pfd	500	55⅝	54½	54⅝
Rocking Valley				192
do pfd				102½
Illinois Central				97
Iowa Central	2,100	14⅝	13⅝	13⅝
do pfd	300	37½	37½	37
Lake Erie & Western				64
do pfd				41
Louisville & Nashville	4,600	121⅝	121	121
Manhattan Elevated	4,700	141⅝	140⅝	140⅝
Metropolitan Street Ry.	6,300	135⅝	134½	134⅝
Mexican Central	1,500	20⅝	20⅛	20⅝
Mexican National	200	18⅝	18⅛	17⅝
Minneapolis & St. L.	400	101	99½	100½
Missouri Pacific	9,400	109⅝	106⅝	109½
M., K. & T.	800	26⅝	25⅝	25⅝
do pfd	400	56½	56⅛	56½
New Jersey Central	500	191	178	180
New York Central	5,500	157⅝	156⅛	156⅝
Norfolk & Western	1,900	72	71⅝	71⅝
do pfd				88
Ontario & Western	7,500	31⅝	30⅝	31
Pennsylvania	16,100	143⅝	142½	142⅝
Reading	36,000	62⅝	61⅛	61½
do 1st pfd	1,300	84⅝	84½	84½
do 2d pfd				72½
St. Louis & San Fran.	1,000	80	79	78
do 1st pfd				82
do 2d pfd	300	70	69⅝	69
St. Louis S. W.	600	25	24⅝	24⅝
do pfd	100	57	57	57
St. Paul	12,700	170	169	169⅝
do pfd				188
Southern Pacific	70,700	67⅝	63	67⅝
Southern Railway	8,400	32⅝	31⅛	32⅛
do pfd	700	95⅝	94⅝	94⅝
Texas & Pacific	1,500	38½	38⅛	38⅛
Toledo, St. L. & W.	400	26⅝	25½	25⅝
do pfd	700	42	42	42
Union Pacific	28,700	93	92	92⅝
do pfd	100	90⅝	90⅝	90⅝
Wabash	500	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝
do pfd	700	50⅝	49⅝	49⅝
Wheeling & Lake Erie				25½
do 2d pfd				83
Wisconsin Central	700	26⅝	25⅝	26
do pfd	500	50	49⅝	49⅝
Express Companies—				
Adams				215
American	100	212	212	210
United States				130
Wells-Fargo				250
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	51,200	73⅝	72⅛	72⅛
Amer. Car & Foundry	500	40⅝	40⅝	40⅝
do pfd				70⅝
American Linseed Oil				15
do pfd				35
Amer. Smelt. & Refin.	4,200	50⅝	50⅛	50⅛
do pfd				95½
Anaconda Mining Co.	2,500	124	122½	122½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	5,600	66	65	66
Colorado Fuel & Iron	300	65	65	64
Consolidated Gas	1,000	206½	205½	206½
Cont. Tobacco pfd	100	114½	114½	114½
General Electric	700	196	194	193
Hocking Coal				20⅝
International Paper				16⅝
do pfd				71½
Laclede Gas				92½
National Biscuit	300	46⅝	46⅛	46⅝
National Lead	700	26⅝	26⅝	26
North American	100	100½	100½	100⅛
Pacific Coast				65
Pacific Mail				37
People's Gas	1,400	102⅝	102⅛	102⅛
Pressed Steel Car	1,700	61⅝	60⅛	61
do pfd	600	93⅝	93⅛	93⅛
Pullman Palace Car				220
Republic Steel	900	20⅝	20⅛	20½
do pfd	300	78⅝	78	78
Sugar	18,600	127⅝	125½	127⅝
Tennessee Coal & Iron	9,200	66⅝	65⅝	66⅛
Union Bag & Paper Co.				12½
do pfd				75
United States Leather	500	13⅝	12½	12⅝
do pfd				90½
United States Rubber				15⅝
do pfd	200	52⅝	52⅛	51½
United States Steel	6,800	37⅝	36⅝	37
do pfd	4,700	86⅝	86⅝	86⅝
Western Union	100	90	90	89⅝
American Locomotive	400	28⅝	27⅝	27⅝
do pfd	200	94⅝	94	94
Kansas City Southern	800	31	30⅝	30⅝
do pfd	200	55⅝	55	55⅛
Rock Island	16,000	44⅝	44⅛	44⅛
do pfd	1,500	77⅝	77⅛	77½

Total sales for the day, 498,400 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.	107	Atchison adj. 4s	90⅛
do coupon	107⅝	C. & N.W. con. 7s	131⅝
do 3s, reg.	107⅛	D. & R. G. 4s	98½
do coupon	108	Northern Pac. 3s	72⅝
do new 4s, reg.	135	do 4s	103
do coupon	136	Southern Pac. 4s	96⅛
do old 4s, reg.	108⅛	Union Pacific 4s	102⅝
do coupon	109½	West Shore 4s	110
do 5s, reg.	103	Wis. Central 4s	91
do coupon	103		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, March 18.—Closing quotations:

Anaconda	6⅝	Norfolk & Western	73⅝
Atchison	84	do pfd	92
do pfd	100	Ontario & Western	31⅝
Balt. & Ohio	95⅛	Pennsylvania	73⅝
Can. Pacific	133	Reading	31⅝
Ches. &