GREAT BERRY CROP

Oregon Will Break All Records the Coming Season.

PROSPECTS OF GOOD PRICES

Acreage Is Ten to Twenty Per Cent Larger Than Last Year—First Oregon Fruit Will Reach Market June 1—California Outlook.

Oregon will produce this year the largest strawberry crop in its history. Information brought from the berry districts indicate that the acreage will be from 10 to 20 per cent larger than last year. Indications also point to good prices. Latest reports from the yards are that conditions could not be improved upon. The first Oregon strawberries will be in market sometime between June 1 and June 10. For the past four years, L. S. Coon, of Dilley, has shipped in the first lot, and he is expected to keep up his record this year. After the berries from the Dilley district come the Roseburg crop, then The Dalles, then Hood River and White Salmon, and finally Mount Tabor berries. The local trade, especially for canning purposes, is supplied mostly from Mount Tabor and the territory surrounding Portland. These berries also find their way to Puget Sound markets. Last year Hood River shipped out about 40 cars, and this year will do better. The crop from that district is expected to net fully $50,000.

The first California strawberries will be on hand here about a month before the Oregon fruit makes its appearance. The crop in that state will likewise be the largest ever produced there. It is estimated that Florin, a small town in the center of a big berry section, will ship from 200,000 to 250,000 crates this season. Florin is where most of the California berries sold in this market are shipped from. That district supplies territory as far East as Butte and Helena. About 60 per cent of the Florin output finds sale in Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane.

STORING EGGS.

Market Is Relieved, But Does Not Go Higher.

The egg market was in better shape yesterday. The price is unchanged, but dealers quote it steady to strong. The improvement is due to the fact that eggs have begun to go into storage, which reduces the accumulation. No advance can be made in the quotation, as any rise would at once put a stop to storing. Shipments yesterday were small. Wednesday's Tacoma News says of the market there:

An unlooked-for change in the local wholesale market was the advance in eggs announced this morning. Eggs have been weak for several days past, selling to retailers at 16c. The quotation this morning is 17c. It is claimed by the commission men that there has not been a time when receipts in Tacoma justified the 16c market, but the decline was made to meet prices of Portland and other Oregon shippers, who were invading this market. Then, too, some local retailers who buy of farmers direct have been slashing prices to the detriment of their own and the ranchers' profits.

Date Stocks Small.

Mail advices from London have the following on dates:

Our stock of Persian dates today does not exceed 122,500 boxes, against 145,500 boxes last year, and 228,000 boxes in 1901. We have no low dates in mats or skins as during the last two years when stocks were heavier. Our stocks of boxes consist principally of Sair dates, and the market today is quoted at 10s 6d c. and f. for prime native and standard brands. The stocks of Hallowee and Khadrawee dates do not much exceed 10,000 boxes together, and the price is 15s to 16s c. and f. New York.
SUNDAY

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

There is probably less business under way in the wheat market now than at any time since the grain year opened. A few small lots have changed hands, but neither growers nor dealers appear anxious to do business. Farmers look upon offered prices as below actual values, and shippers, with no export inquiry, decline to pay figures asked. With the lack of demand, bluestem wheat, which in the midst of the season easily brought 10c premium, is now approaching the actual difference in value, and is quotable only about 5c above club.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 72c; bluestem, 77@78c; Valley, 76@77c.

BARLEY—Feed, $23.50 per ton; brewing, $24; rolled, $23.

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@19 per ton.

FLOUR—Valley, $3.00@3.70 per barrel; hard wheat straights, $3.50@3.65; hard wheat patents, $3.65@4.25; Dakota hard wheat, $4.10@ 4.25; Graham, $3.45@3.85.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Receipts of poultry were fairly large, but the demand was sufficient to keep them moving at former prices. Butter is unchanged, fancy Oregon creamery remaining scarce.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 30@32½c per pound; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 15@18c.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 12@13c per pound; young, 13@14c; 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, 14@14½c.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

A carload of cabbage came in yesterday, and the steamer last night brought a good assortment of small vegetables and cauliflower. Asparagus is lower.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 80@90c per sack; carrots, 80@90c; beets, $1 per sack; parsnips, $1 per sack; cauliflower, $1.85 per crate, cabbage, 2c per pound; red cabbage, 2c per pound; celery, $3.75 per crate; lettuce head, 35c per dozen; hothouse, $1.75 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, 80c@$1 per dozen; asparagus, 10c per pound; rhubarb, 7½c per pound; cucumbers, $2 per dozen; tomatoes, $3.50 per crate.

DOMESTIC 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@3 per box; tangerines, $2; grape fruit, $2.50 per box; bananas, $2.25@3 per bunch.

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 Sultanas, 6½c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.85; 2-crown, $1.75.

HONEY—15c per No. 1 frame.

POTATOES—Best Burbanks, 50@60c per sack; ordinary, 40@50c; growers' prices; new potatoes, 4½c per pound; Merced sweets, 3@3½c.

ONIONS—Oregon and Washington, 40@50c per cental.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 29@32c; Java, fancy, 26@ 28c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 16@ 20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, $11.25; Arbuckle's, $11.75 list; Lion, $11.75.

SALMON — Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.65 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; fancy 1-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 65c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.20; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $1.60.

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

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

SUGAR—Sack basis, net cash, per 100 pounds: cube, $5.35; powdered, $5.20; dry granulated, $5; extra C, $4.90; 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.

NUTS—Peanuts, 6½c per pound for raw, 8@ 8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, $5@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, 15c.

SALT—Liverpool, 50s, 45c per sack; half ground, per ton, 50s, $14.50; 100s, $14; Worcester salt, bulk, 330s, $5 per barrel; linen sacks, 50s, 85c per sack; bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s, $2.10 per bale.

OILS—Coal oil, cases, 23c per gallon; iron barrels, 16½c; wood barrels, 19c; linseed, boiled, cases, 69c; barrels, 54c; linseed, raw, cases, 57c; barrels, 52c; gasoline, iron barrels, 19½c; cases, 26c; turpentine, cases, 88c; wood barrels, 84½c; bulk, 83c; 10-case lots, 87c. 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, $3.25@4; steers, $4.25@5; dressed, 6¾@7½c per pound.

VEAL—8@9c per pound.

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

MUTTON—Gross, $5@5.50; dressed, 6½@9c.

HOGS—Gross, $7@7.25; dressed, 7½@8c.

HAMS—Portland, 14@15½c per pound; picnic, 10½c per pound; Eastern, fancy, 14@14½c.

LARD—Kettle rendered: Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 13c; 50s, 13c; 20s, 13⅛c; 10s, 13⅛c; 5s, 13½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 12c; tubs, 12⅛c; 50s, 12½c; 20s, 12½c; 10s, 12½c; 5s, 12½c. Compound lard, tierces, 8½c; tubs, 9c.

SAUSAGE—Portland, ham, 12½c per pound; minced ham, 10½c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 8c; wienerwurst, 9c; 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, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1; pigs' tongues, ½-barrel, $6.

DRY-SALTED MEATS—Portland clears, 12¼ @13½c; backs, 11¼@12½c; exports, 20@25 pounds average, 12½@13½c; butts, 9@10c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1902 crop, 21@22c 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, 7@8c; under 50 pounds and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5@5½c; 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, 30@32c.

IRON TRADE REVIEWED.

Labor Situation Is Chief Factor of Uncertainty.

CLEVELAND, March 26.—The Iron Trade Review says:

Conditions persist in the iron trade under which the sale and delivery of material from the finishing mills of the country is notably restricted by an insufficient supply of steel. If the capacity of converters and open-hearth furnaces could be actually employed, the firmness in many finished lines would be only a matter of weeks.

There is undoubtedly an improvement in coke deliveries, and the next two or three months are expected to show steady improvement in that direction. The new West Virginia ovens of the Steel Corporation are starting up, and Western shipments promise improvements, but against these expectations the shadow of trouble with West Virginia miners rises and makes all calculations uncertain. Furnace companies which ordinarily would be arranging for their ore supply at this time are waiting, partly because of the higher prices for Lake Superior ores, partly because the ores they bought last year will last them for several months, in view of their frequent bankings, and not least because of the possibility of trouble both with furnace and coke labor. The whole labor situation indeed, is the chief factor of uncertainty in the outlook for iron and steel.

Mill tonnage is plentiful. The most significant item of the week in this regard is the inquiry for finished steel received from the leading agricultural interests of the country. Work is still being done on the plan to combine the independent sheet and tinplate mills.

Foreign steel has been distinctly higher in the past two weeks, and the domestic steel market is strong, with practically nothing offered. German basic bessemer billets at $28.50 at New York as minimum for large lots, while deliveries cannot be had for two or three months. A further rise of $1 in German steel would add $2.24 to the duty and shut off imports. At Pittsburg bessemer billets have been quoted at $32, and sheet bars at $33 to $33.50. A Chicago sale of open-hearth billets is reported at $33. Wire rods are $36.50@37, Pittsburg, and a gas belt sale is reported at $40. The pig iron situation is still undeveloped.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks:

Alta	$0 50	Mexican	$1 35
Belcher	54	Occidental Con	44
Best & Belcher	2 05	Ophir	2 00
Caledonia	2 35	Overman	49
Challenge Con	60	Potosi	33
Chollar	30	Savage	54
Confidence	1 35	Seg. Belcher	22
Con. Cal. & Va	2 00	Sierra Nevada	88
Crown Point	35	Silver Hill	61
Gould & Curry	35	Union Con	1 05
Hale & Norcross	70	Utah Con	27
Justice	11	Yellow Jacket	44

NEW YORK, March 26.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 20	Little Chief	$0 09
Alice	25	Ontario	5 50
Breese	25	Phoenix	8
Brunswick Con	2	Potosi	30
Comstock Tunnel	10	Savage	30
Con. Cal. & Va	1 95	Sierra Nevada	85
Horn Silver	1 25	Small Hopes	45
Iron Silver	1 00	Standard	3 10
Leadville Con	3		

BOSTON, March 26.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 10 00	Osceola	$ 71 00
Allouez	7 25	Parrott	30 50
Amalgamated	68 12	Quincy	115 00
Bingham	55 00	Santa Fe Cop	2 00
Cal. & Hecla*	528 00	Tamarack	160 00
Centennial	27 50	Trimountain	92 00
Copper Range	67 25	Trinity	10 75
Daly West	41 50	United States	24 50
Dominion Coal	115 00	Utah	28 50
Franklin	11 50	Victoria	7 00
Isle Royale	12 00	Winona	11 25
Mohawk	54 00	Wolverines	72 50
Old Dominion	18 50		

*Bid.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Tin was strong in London, advancing £2 17s 6d, with spot consequently quoted at £137 10s and futures at £137 15s. The New York market was also firm at an advance of about 75 points, spot closing at 30@30.30c. The gains in London were ascribed to the higher prices realized at the Dutch sales.

Copper, after opening about 15s lower, was also very firm in the London market, gaining £1 6s for the day, spot and futures closing at £65. The New York copper market, while continuing dull, was a shade higher. Standard is quoted at 13.75c; Lake and electrolytic at 14.62½@15c; casting, 14.50@15c.

Lead declined 2s 6d in London to £13 2s 6d, but remained unchanged here at 4.67½c.

Spelter was firm in both markets. In London it advanced 2s 6d to £22 17s 6d, while locally it was marked up to 5.75c.

Iron closed at 57s in Glasgow and at 51s 9d in Middlesboro. Locally it was quiet; No. 1 foundry Northern is quoted at $24@24.50; No. 2 foundry Northern, $22@22.50; No. 1 foundry Southern and No. 1 foundry Southern soft, $23.50@25.50. Warrants are nominal.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 26.—The coffee futures market closed unchanged to 10 points lower. Total sales, 56,750 bags, including: March and April, $4.15; May, $4.20; June, $4.30; July, $4.35. Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice, 5⅝c; mild steady; Cordova, 7½@12c.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3 3-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c; molasses sugar, 2 13-16c. Refined quiet: crushed, $5.40; powdered, $4.90; granulated, $4.80.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Cotton—Futures closed easier; March, 9.77c; April, 9.79c; May, 9.81c; June, 9.61c; July, 9.63c; August, 9.32c; September, 8.74c; October, 8.41c; November, 8.30c; December, 8.29c. Spot cotton closed quiet, 10 points up; middling uplands, 10.05c; do Gulf, 10.30c. Sales, 800 bales.

SLUGGISH STOCK MARKET

ACTIVITY IN ONLY ONE OR TWO LINES.

Heavy Liquidation in Amalgamated Copper and Pennsylvania—Weak Bank Statement Tomorrow.

NEW YORK, March 26.—There was not sufficient power in operations in stocks today to overcome the inertia of the market, and the mass of securities was sluggish and semi-stagnant all day. There was quite an active speculation, however, in one or two stocks. This morning there was a continuance of the liquidation in Amalgamated Copper on the part of a large following of the speculative pool in the stock which had lifted the price to 75½c. The selling this morning carried it to 66½c, when support developed based upon the violent rebound in the price for copper in London. The stock was a sustaining factor in the market during the latter part of the day, and rose at one time to 64, a point over last night.

The persistent liquidation in Pennsylvania was the feature of the day. There were active dealings on the curb in the subscription rights to the new stock on a declining scale, the first transaction being at 4⅝, the highest price of the day. The opportunity to purchase these rights at a decline seemed to be taken advantage of by present holders of the stock to sell against the rights. The price of the stock receded to 139⅝, and closed only a shade better. The fall of the stock below 140, which is the price at which the 3½ per cent bonds are convertible into the stock, resulted in a recession in the prices of the bonds to below par. These two movements absorbed by far the largest share of attention in the stock market.

There was some degree of strength in New York Central, due to the denials of the rumors of a transfer of its control to Pennsylvania interests. Support was accorded some of the Gould stocks, Missouri Pacific and Wabash preferred gaining a point at one time. There was an attempt to find an explanation for the rise of 1⅛ in Southern Pacific. All the day's gains were yielded before the close. The tone at the close was easy.

None of the day's developments served to relieve the conviction that the market must face a weak bank statement Saturday. A loss to the Subtreasury yesterday of $1,320,000 brings the drain since Friday to that institution up to $2,158,000. There were some transfers to the West and to Boston by express early in the week, and the shipment of $500,000 gold to Buenos Ayres also must be reckoned with. The signing of a requisition by the Secretary of War for the $5,000,000 appropriated by Congress for the relief of the distress in the Philippines is expected to afford some resource indirectly to the New York money market. The decision of the Secretary of the Treasury to resume the refunding operation after April 1 was not known until after the closing of the market. The heavy requirements for the Pennsylvania stock subscription continued to have a discouraging effect on sentiment over the stronger outlook in the money market. It will be recalled, however, that in January last the Pennsylvania Company negotiated a six-months loan at 4½ per cent for $35,000,000. The proceeds of the first installment of 50 per cent subscriptions of the new stock of the company payable in June will provide more than sufficient resources for the liquidation of this entire loan. The company reserved the privilege at the time the loan was negotiated of extending it for another six months on the same terms.

The net earnings for February published today of the Atchison and the Wabash systems showed that larger gross earnings, based on higher freight rates, had been insufficient to overcome the higher operating expenses. This is an additional feature in the repression of speculative sentiment.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,745,000. United States old 4s, registered, and the 5s advanced ¼ per cent on the last call.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

STOCKS.	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	Bid.	Closing.
Atchison	19,000	81⅞	80⅞	81⅛	
do pfd	800	98	97⅞	97½	
Baltimore & Ohio	17,400	92⅝	91⅞	91⅞	
do pfd				92½	
Canadian Pacific	7,900	129½	128½	129	
Canada Southern				72	
Chesapeake & Ohio	2,700	46½	45⅞	46½	
Chicago & Alton	600	32½	31½	32	
do pfd	800	68⅞	68½	68⅞	
Chicago Great Western	200	24½	24	24½	
do A pfd	200	79	78½	79	
do B pfd	100	39⅝	39⅝	39⅝	
Chicago & N. W.				183½	
Chicago Term. & Tran.	300	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	
do pfd				30	
C., C., C. & St. Louis	200	91½	91½	91½	
Colorado Southern	800	26½	25⅝	26	
do 1st pfd	400	65	65	65	
do 2d pfd	100	40	40	40	
Delaware & Hudson	600	168½	168½	168	
Del., Lack. & Western				254	
Denver & Rio Grande	600	36½	36½	36½	
do pfd	100	86	86	85⅞	
Erie	18,800	35⅝	34⅝	35	
do 1st pfd	1,700	67	66½	66⅞	
do 2d pfd	400	53	52½	53⅛	
Great Northern pfd				190	
Hocking Valley				101	
do pfd	400	96⅞	95½	96	
Illinois Central	2,500	138⅝	138	138⅛	
Iowa Central	100	37	37	36½	
do pfd	100	65	65	64	
Lake Erie & Western	200	42⅝	42⅝	41⅛	
do pfd	300	115½	115	115	
Louisville & Nashville	10,000	118	116	115⅛	
Manhattan Elevated	7,700	139½	138½	139⅛	
Metropolitan Street Ry.	2,600	136	134½	135⅞	
Mexican Central	2,600	27⅛	26½	26⅞	
Mexican National	5,800	18½	18½	18⅝	
Minneapolis & St. L.	100	101½	101½	101	
Missouri Pacific	12,600	108⅞	107⅞	108	
M., K. & T.	100	25⅝	25⅝	25⅞	
do pfd	200	55½	55½	55½	
New Jersey Central				175	
New York Central	1,900	138⅝	134½	135⅛	
Norfolk & Western	1,100	71	70⅛	70½	
do pfd				90	
Ontario & Western	3,600	30½	30⅛	30⅛	
Pennsylvania	115,000	141⅝	139½	139⅞	
Reading	15,700	59½	58⅝	58⅞	
do 1st pfd	500	84	84	84	
do 2d pfd	300	70	70	70	
St. Louis & San Fran.	200	79	79	78⅝	
do 1st pfd				83	
do 2d pfd	100	70	70	69½	
St. Louis S. W.	100	24½	24½	24½	
do pfd	800	57	56	56½	
St. Paul	31,300	165⅝	164⅛	164½	
do pfd				185	
Southern Pacific	19,000	84⅝	82½	83⅝	
Southern Railway	4,500	32⅛	31⅞	31⅞	
do pfd	400	92⅝	92	92	
Texas & Pacific	1,400	37⅝	37⅛	37⅝	
Toledo, St. Louis & W.	100	26⅝	26⅝	26	
do pfd				43	
Union Pacific	35,700	91⅝	90½	91	
do pfd	100	90⅝	90⅝	90½	
Wabash	600	28½	28⅛	28⅝	
do pfd	10,100	50⅝	49⅞	50	
Wheeling & Lake Erie				23½	
do 2d pfd	400	33½	33	33½	
Wisconsin Central	600	25	25	24⅞	
do pfd	200	48½	48⅝	48⅝	
Express Companies—					
Adams				217	
American				215	
United States	100	131	131	130	
Wells-Fargo				220	
Miscellaneous—					
Amalgamated Copper	93,800	69	66½	68	
Amer. Car & Foundry	600	40½	39⅝	40	
do pfd	100	91½	91½	91½	
American Linseed Oil	100	15⅝	15⅝	15½	
do pfd				38½	
Amer. Smelt. & Refin.	2,100	48½	47½	48½	
do pfd	100	94½	94½	94½	
Anaconda Mining Co.	14,100	116	114	116	
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	8,000	65⅞	65½	65½	
Colorado Fuel & Iron	500	66½	66	66	
Consolidated Gas	500	207	207	206½	
Cont. Tobacco pfd				112	
General Electric	100	192⅝	192⅝	194	
Hocking Coal				70½	
International Paper	100	16⅝	16⅝	16½	
do pfd				71½	
International Power				53	
Laclede Gas				92½	
National Biscuit	100	46⅞	46⅞	46⅞	
National Lead	200	23⅝	23⅛	23	
North American	400	102⅝	102	102	
Pacific Coast	200	65	65½	64½	
Pacific Mail	100	36	36	36	
People's Gas	400	102⅝	102	102	
Pressed Steel Car	200	62	61½	61⅝	
do pfd				93	
Pullman Palace Car				222	
Republic Steel	400	20⅝	19⅝	19⅝	
do pfd	200	77⅝	77⅝	77	
Sugar	5,200	125⅝	124⅝	125	
Tennessee Coal & Iron	4,000	66½	65½	65⅝	
Union Bag & Paper Co.				12½	
do pfd				75	
United States Leather	1,200	12½	12½	12⅝	
do pfd	500	90⅝	90⅝	91	
United States Rubber				18⅝	
do pfd	100	51½	51½	51	
United States Steel	8,400	36½	35⅝	36	
do pfd	2,900	89⅝	88⅝	89⅝	
Western Union				88	
American Locomotive	1,200	28	27½	27½	
do pfd	100	94⅝	94⅝	94	
Kansas City Southern				30½	
do pfd				84	
Rock Island	1,000	44½	43½	43⅞	
do pfd	1,300	76	75⅝	76	

Total sales for the day, 549,400 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.	107	Atchison adj. 4s	89½
do coupon	107⅝	C. & N.W. con. 7s	131½
do 3s, reg.	107½	D. & R. G. 4s	98⅝
do coupon	108	Northern Pac. 3s	74⅞
do new 4s, reg.	135⅝	do 4s	103
do coupon	136½	Southern Pac. 4s	89
do old 4s, reg.	109	Union Pacific 4s	101⅝
do coupon	110	West Shore 4s	110
do 5s, reg.	105½	Wis. Central 4s	91¼
do coupon	105½		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, March 26.—Closing quotations:

Anaconda	5⅝	Norfolk & Western	72½
Atchison	83⅝	do pfd	92½
do pfd	99½	Ontario & Western	31
Balt. & Ohio	94⅝	Pennsylvania	72¼
Can. Pacific	132½	Reading	30¼
Ches. & Ohio	47¼	do 1st pfd	42
Chi. Gr. Western	26	do 2d pfd	36½
Chi., M. & St. P.	173	Southern Ry	32½
Denver & Rio Gr.	37½	do pfd	97
do pfd	89	Southern Pacific	63½
Erie	35⅝	Union Pacific	93½
do 1st pfd	68	do pfd	93
do 2d pfd	54½	U. S. Steel	37
Illinois Central	142	do pfd	89⅝
Louis. & Nash.	123	Wabash	29
M., K. & T.	28	do pfd	61½
New York Central	139		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Money on call steady at 5½@5¾ per cent; closing offered at 5 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5⅝@6 per cent.

Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand and at $4.8375@4.8383 for 60-days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.85 and $4.88; commercial bills, $4.83@4.83¼.

Bar silver, 48⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 35¼c.

Government bonds strong; railroad bonds irregular.

LONDON, March 26.—Bar silver dull, 22 7-16d per ounce.

Money, 3½@4 per cent.

Rate of discount for short bills, 3⅝ per cent; for three months' bills, 3⅝ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Silver bars, 48½c per ounce.

Mexican dollars, 39c.

Drafts—Sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4.84⅝; sight, $4.87⅝.

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$621,369	$ 43,159
Seattle	355,150	115,859
Tacoma	292,052	42,405
Spokane	319,296	67,150

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Today's Treasury statement shows:

Available cash balances	$222,143,092
Gold	122,572,370

MODERATE TRADE IN WHEAT.

May Option Closes Steady and Slightly Lower at Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 26.—There was only a moderate trade in wheat, and the business was confined largely to local operators. May opened ⅛@¼c to ⅝c lower, to 72½@72⅝c@72¾c, under the influence of the disappointing cables, which failed to respond as readily as expected by many traders to the late upturn here yesterday, and in consequence there was considerable wheat for sale at the start by some of yesterday's buyers. Shorts were good buyers at the decline, and the market rallied, May selling up to 73@73⅛c. During the remainder of the session the market was influenced easily, but the change in prices was slight. The close was steady, with May ¼c lower, at 72⅝@72¾c.

There was only a light trade in corn, but in spite of the dullness, the market was strong, the small receipts being the main strengthening feature. The business was mostly of a local character, and confined to scalpers and pit traders. May closed ⅝@¾c higher, at 43¼ @43⅜c.

A bullish sentiment pervaded the oats pit throughout the day, and the market was strong, with a good trade the greater part of the day. The close was strong, with May ⅝@⅞c higher, at 33@33¼c.

Provisions were decidedly dull early, and prices were lower on increased receipts of hogs and a decline at the yards. Later, a fair demand from packers developed, and a better tone was exhibited. The close was strong, with May pork 15s higher, lard 5c higher and ribs up 7½c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
May	$0 72½	$0 73⅛	$0 72½	$0 72⅝
July	70	70⅛	69⅝	69⅝
September	68⅝	68⅝	68½	68⅝

CORN.

May	43⅛	43⅝	43	43⅝
July	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝
September	42⅝	43⅛	42⅝	43

OATS.

May	32⅛	33¼	32⅛	33¼
July	30⅝	31	30⅛	30⅝
September	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛

MESS PORK.

May	17 00	18 10	17 82½	18 10
July	17 10	17 27½	17 07½	17 27½
September	16 85	17 00	16 82½	17 00

LARD.

May	10 07½	10 17½	10 07½	10 15
July	9 80	9 90	9 80	9 90
September	9 77½	9 87½	9 77½	9 87½

SHORT RIBS.

May	9 92½	9 92½	9 82½	9 92½
July	9 50	9 60	9 47½	9 60
September	9 40	9 50	9 37½	9 50

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, 75@76c; No. 3, 72c; No. 2 red, 71@71½c.

Corn—No. 2 and yellow, 41⅞c.

Oats—No. 2, 32½c; No. 3 white, 32½@34c.

Rye—No. 2, 29½c.

Barley—Good feeding, 40@41c; fair to choice malting, 47@53c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.10; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.13.

Timothy seed—Prime, $3.42½.

Mess pork—$18.05@18.10 per bbl.

Lard—$10.05@10.17½ per cwt.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $9.75@9.90.

Dry salted shoulders—$8.75@8.87½.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $10.37½@10.50.

Clover—Contract grade, $12.25.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	27,100	33,400
Wheat, bushels	28,700	40,500
Corn, bushels	115,400	253,500
Oats, bushels	255,200	463,700
Rye, bushels	28,500	6,900
Barley, bushels	44,600	18,800

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Flour—Receipts, 25,025 barrels; exports, 32,557 barrels. Market dull but steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 11,400 bushels; exports, 10,026 bushels. Market for spot easy, No. 2 red, 77½c elevator and 79½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 88½c f. o. b. afloat. Immediately after an easier opening, due to better weather conditions, wheat rallied on covering and export rumors, only to react toward noon. It was irregular all the afternoon, and closed dull at ⅛@¼c net decline. March closed 81c; May, 77½c; July, 75½c; September, 73⅝c.

Butter—Receipts, 3200 packages. Market steady. State dairy, 17@27c; creamery, extra, 20c; June creamery, 19@28½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 22,100 packages. Market strong. State and Pennsylvania, 14½c; Western uncandled, 14½c.

Hops—Quiet; olds, 7@12c.

Hides and wool—Firm.

Petroleum—Steady.

Grain at San Francisco.

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