ADVANCE IN RICE

Market Strong on Small Supply and Poor Prospects.

CROP REPORT FOR IDAHO

Oregon Apple Quotations in London—Decline in Local Butter Market—California Truck Scarce—Portland Quotations.

The strength displayed by the rice markets for several weeks past resulted in a general advance yesterday. The firmness of the market has been due to small stocks carried in the country and poor crop prospects here and abroad. In the Orient particularly, the outlook is for a poor season. The crop of Siam is variously estimated at from 50 to 60 per cent of an average yield. In that country, however, no one is in position to give an accurate estimate, there being no reliable source of information, and the figures are based on the reports of millers. The Saigon crop is estimated at 20 per cent below the average yield, owing to drouth. The Burmah government estimate of the quantity of rice available for export next year is 1,960,000 tons of cargo rice, or 240,000 tons less than the estimate of last year.

According to trade papers, the general opinion seems to be that there will be a decrease in Southwest Louisiana this season of from 25 to 30 per cent of what was raised last season. In Texas there will be some increase in the amounted planted, but just how great this increase will be cannot be estimated at this time. It is generally believed, however, that in the neighborhood of Houston about 300,000 acres will be planted, all on land which five years ago was worth only $1 or $2 an acre for grazing and could produce only four or five bushels of grain to the acre.

Idaho Crop Report.

The Weather Bureau's Idaho section crop report for the past month said in part:

The weather during March was favorable for preparatory farm work. Much seeding of Spring wheat was done in the southwest counties and plowing for seeding was done in the southeast sections. Fall wheat was covered with snow throughout a large part of the Winter season and is still well covered in many plateau districts. Wheat is generally reported in healthy and vigorous condition. Some fears are expressed that clover has been Winter-killed in localities.

Fruit trees never were in more healthy and promising condition. The progress of the bud has been delayed beyond the average season, but this fact is regarded with favor, since the possibility of damaging frosts becomes less as the season advances.

Stock, especially sheep, suffered severely during the Winter, owing to scarcity of grass, but the native grasses made rapid growth during the third decade of the month, contributing to a more hopeful outlook.

The great snow packs in the higher mountains assure an abundance of water for the farmer, irrigator and miner.

Great Britain's Coal Supply.

Consul F. W. Mahin writes from Nottingham, under date of March 23, 1903:

According to an English expert, the supply of coal yet remaining to be mined in the United Kingdom amounts to 80,084,000,000 tons, which, at the present rate of mining, would last 379 years. The same authority gives the total output of the world in 1900 as 767,636,204 tons, of which Great Britain produced 229,000,000 tons, or 30 per cent, and the United States 245,000,000 tons, leaving a balance of about 35 per cent for the rest of the world.

California Fruit Agency.

The election of officers of the California Fruit Agency, the new citrus combine, held at Los Angeles recently, resulted as follows: A. H. Naftzger, president and manager; T. O'Neill and F. Q. Story, vice-presidents; G. W. Pelz, secretary; J. L. Merrill, cashier, and W. T. S. Hammond, treasurer. Both the exchange and the independent shippers, now merged, are represented in the list of officers.

Oregon Apples in London.

Mail advices dated London, March 30, report as follows: Fancy Oregon Newtown pippins sold today at auction from 9s to 10s per box 4-tier. Some poor fruit sold as low as 6s 6d.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Extreme quietness prevails in the Northwestern wheat markets, but the tone is steady with prices unchanged. Hay is firm and scarce, with either very little stock in the country, or the farmers holding it back.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 70@71c; bluestem, 73@75c; Valley, 75@76c.

BARLEY—Feed, $21@22 per ton; brewing, $23; 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, $17@17.50; clover, nominal; grainy $14@15 per ton; wheat, $14@15.

FLOUR—Valley, $3.60@3.70 per barrel; hard wheat straights, $3.50@3.65; hard wheat patents, $3.90@4.25; Dakota hard wheat, $4.10@ 4.20; Graham, $3.45@3.65.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

The expected decline of 2½c in butter took place yesterday. Eggs were quoted firm at 16@17c. The state of the market will depend on the quantity of today's receipts. No poultry was received yesterday.

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

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 11@12c per pound; young, 13@14c; hens, 12@12½c; broilers, $4@5 per dozen; turkeys, live, 16@17c per pound; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, $4@7.50 per dozen; geese, $6@6.50.

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

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 16@17c.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

The vegetable market was practically bare, but last night's steamer brought a good assortment, which will be offered today. One car of bananas and two of oranges came in. Fancy navels are firm and higher. Strawberries are weakening.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 80@90c per sack; carrots, California, $1.50; beets, $1 per sack; parsnips, California, $1.75 per sack; cauliflower, $2 per crate; cabbage, 2c per pound; celery, 85c per dozen; lettuce, head, 50c per dozen; hothouse, $1.90@2 per box; green onions, per dozen, 75c; peas, per pound, 6c; parsley, per dozen, 25c; radishes, 25c; green artichokes, 40@75c per dozen; asparagus, 8@10c per pound; rhubarb, 2½@4c per pound; cucumbers, $2.75 per dozen; tomatoes, $4.50 per crate.

DOMESTIC FRUIT—Apples, table, $1.50@2 per box; cooking, 75c@$1; cranberries, Jersey, $11; strawberries, 25c per basket.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, evaporated, 7¼c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 5@6c; apricots, 8@10c; peaches, 7½@8c; pears, 7½@8½c; prunes, Italian, 4½@6c; figs, California blacks, 6c; do white, 7½c; Smyrna, 20c; plums, pitted, 4½@5½c.

TROPICAL FRUIT—Lemons, $2.75@3.25 per box; oranges, navels, $3@3 per box; tangerines, $1.75@2; grape fruit, $2.50 per box; bananas, $2.25@3 per bunch; pineapples, $5@6.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatel, 4-crown, 7¼c; 3-crown, 7¼c; 2-crown, 6½c; unbleached, seedless Muscatel raisins, 7½c; unbleached seedless Sultana, 6½c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.85; 2-crown, $1.75.

POTATOES—Best Burbanks, 50c per sack; ordinary, 25@40c; growers' prices, new potatoes, 4@4½c; Merced sweets, 3@3½c.

HONEY—15c per No. 1 frame.

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

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 28@28c; Java, fancy, 26@ 28c; 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, $10.75; Arbuckle's, $11.13 list; Lion, $11.13.

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.

SUGAR—Rock basis, per 100 pounds; cube, $5.62½; powdered, $5.47½; dry granulated, $5.37½; extra C, $4.87½; golden C, $4.77½; less ¼c per pound for spot cash. Advances over rock basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. Maple, 15@16c per pound. Beet sugar, granulated, $5.02½ per 100 pounds.

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

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.75; No. 2, $5.37½; Carolina head, $7.25; broken head, $4.

NUTS—Peanuts, 6½c per pound for raw, 7@ 8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, 50@60c 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, 320s, $5 per barrel; linen sacks, 50s, 80c per sack; bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s, $2.10 per bale.

OILS—Coal oil, cases, 22c per gallon; iron barrels, 16½c; wood barrels, 19c; linseed, boiled, cases, 59c; barrels, 54c; linseed, raw, cases, 57c; barrels, 52c; gasoline, iron barrels, 19½c; cases, 26c; turpentine, cases, 80c; wood barrels, 76½c; bulk, 74c; 10-case lots, 10c. Collier and Atlantic white and red lead, in lots of 500 pounds or more, 6c; less than 500 pounds, 6½c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1902 crop, 18@20c 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, steer, 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@35c.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Gross, cows, $3.25@4; steers, $4.25@5; dressed, 8c per pound.

VEAL—8c per pound.

MUTTON—Gross, $3@5.25; dressed, 7@9c.

HOGS—Gross, $7@7.50; dressed, 8@9½c.

HAMS—10@14 pounds, 15½c per pound; 14@ 16 pounds, 15c per pound; 18@20 pounds, 14½c; California (picnics), 12c; cottage hams, 11½c; Union hams, 4@6 pounds average, none; shoulders, 11c; boiled ham, 22c; boiled picnic hams, boneless, 16c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 19c; standard breakfast, 17c; choice, 15½c; English breakfast bacon, 11@14 pounds, 15c.

DRY SALT MEATS—Regular short clears, 12½c, 15½c smoked; clear backs, 11½c salt, 12½c smoked; Oregon exports, 25@28 pounds average, 12½c dry salt, 15½c smoked; Union butts, 10@18 pounds average, 9½c dry salt, 10½c smoked.

LARD—Kettle rendered: Tierces, 15c; tubs, 15½c; 50s, 15½c; 20s, 15½c; 10s, 15½c; 5s, 15½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 13c; 50s, 13c; 20s, 13½c; 10s, 13½c; 5s, 13½c. Compound lard, tierces, 8½c; tubs, 9c.

SAUSAGE—Portland, ham, 12½c per pound; minced ham, 10½c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 8c; wienerwurts, 9c; liver, 7c; pork, 10c; 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; ¼-barrel, $3; 15-pound kit, $1.35. Lambs' tongues, ½-barrel, $8.25; ¼-barrel, $4.75; 15-pound kit, $2.25.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Cattle,—Receipts, 2800. Steady; 10c lower; good to prime steers, $5@ 5.50; poor to medium, $4.25@5; stockers and feeders, $3@4.75; cows, $1.60@4.60; heifers, $2.50@5.15; canners, $1.60@2.75; bulls, $2.50@ 4.30; calves, $2.50@5; Texas fed steers, $4@5.

Hogs—Receipts today, 35,000; tomorrow, 20,000; left over, 2500. Opened steady to 5c lower, closed firm; mixed and butchers, $7.05@ 7.35; good to choice heavy, $7.40@7.52½; rough heavy, $7.10@7.25; light, $6.85@7.25; bulk of sales, $7.10@7.40.

Sheep—Receipts, 25,000. Sheep and lambs 10c to 25c lower; good to choice wethers, $4.75@6; fair to choice mixed, $4@4.75; Western sheep, $4.50@6; native lambs, $4.50@7; Western lambs, $4.50@7.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 3000. Market steady; native steers, $4.25@5.35; cows and heifers, $3.25@4.40; canners, $2@3; stockers and feeders, $3@4.90; calves, $3.50@ 6.75; bulls, stags, etc., $2.75@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 4500. Market 5c lower; heavy, $7.05@7.15; mixed, $7.05@7.10; light, $6.96; pigs, $6@6.90; bulk of sales, $7.05@7.10.

Sheep—Receipts, 9000. Market steady, 10c lower. Fed muttons, yearlings, $5.50@6.50; wethers, $5@5.50; ewes, $4.50@5; common and stockers, $2.50@4.50; lambs, $5.50@7.

KANSAS CITY, April 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 5000. Strong to 5c higher; native steers, $4@ 5.25; Texas and Indian steers, $3.50@5; Texas cows, $2@4.95; native cows and heifers, $2.25@ 4.80; stockers and feeders, $2.75@5; bulls, $2.50 @4.25; calves, $2.75@7; Western steers, $2.90 @5; Western cows, $2@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 3000 head. Market weak to 5c lower; bulk of sales, $7@7.20; heavy, $7.10 @7.25; packers, $7@7.12½.

Sheep—Receipts, 4000 head. Market steady; muttons, $3.85@6.15; lambs, $5.50@7.50; range wethers, $4.10@6.20; ewes, $4.15@5.00.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 20.—There was a decline of 2s 6d in the London market, tin being quoted at £131 8¾s and futures £135 15s. Locally, tin was quiet and about 5 points higher on the outside price, with spot being at 30@30.25.

London cabled a decline of 7s 6d on spot copper and of 10s on futures, the former closing at £62 10s and the latter at £62 10s 6d. In the New York market, copper continues nominal. Standard is not quoted. Lake and electrolytic are quoted at 15@15.25 and casting at 14.50@14.75.

Lead was steady and unchanged in London, closing at £12 12s 6d and at 4.67½c in the New York market.

Spelter was quiet at £22 5s in London and at 5.65c in New York.

Iron was dull and their closing was at 48s 10½d. Locally, iron is quiet. No 1 foundry is quoted at $22.25@22.75; No. 2 foundry Northern, $21; No. 1 foundry Southern and No. 1 foundry Southern, soft, at $21.50@22. Warrants are nominal.

International Mining Stock Market.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Arrangements are said to have been contemplated between two leading English banking houses and a powerful New York financial group for introducing to the international public issues of developed and dividend-paying mining properties, cables the Tribune's correspondent in London. The object of the new corporation will, it is stated, be to make a recognized market for mines in New York, and thereby place mining securities of the United States on a corresponding level to that which they occupy here.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Coffee—Futures opened steady at unchanged prices and closed easy net 5@10 points lower. Sales, 29,250 bags, including May, $3.90@3.95; September, $4.30 @4.35; March, $4.80@5. Spot—Quiet, mild, steady. No. 7 Rio, 5¾c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3 3-16@3¼c; centrifugal, 3¾@3 11-16c; molasses sugar, 2 15-16c. Refined, firm; crushed, $5.40; powdered, $4.90; granulated, $4.80.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, April 18, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, as as follows:

	Bushels.	Decrease.
Wheat	37,270,000	2,808,000
Corn	5,344,000	833,000
Oats	6,849,000	190,000
Rye	964,000	75,000
Barley	1,618,000	44,000

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The cotton market closed steady to 2 points higher. Futures closed steady; April, 10.15c; May, 10.19c; June, 9.70c; August, 9.43c; September, 8.75c; October, 8.50c; November, 8.40c. Spot closed quiet, 10 points lower. Middling uplands, 10.65c; sales, 1595 bales.

Butter Slumps at Elgin.

ELGIN, Ill., April 20.—Butter slumped in price today to 25c on the Board of Trade, 2½c lower than last week. The fall is due to excellent Spring pasturage and the increased milk product. Sales for the week were 508,000 pounds.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 20.—Wool—Good; territory and Western, 15@17c; fine, 11@16c; coarse, 12 @15c.

Dairy Produce at Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 20.—On the Produce Exchange, today, the butter market was weak. Creameries, 18@22½c. Eggs—Steady, 14½@14½c. Cheese—Steady, 13½c.

CAUSES HEAVY BUYING

UNEXPECTED DECISION IN NORTHERN SECURITIES CASE.

Sends That Stock Up and Others Are Carried Along With It—Some Depressing Influences.

NEW YORK, April 20.—There was much hesitation and irregularity in today's stock market and this tendency was attributed, in the early part of the session, to the decision of the United States Court at St. Paul, which, it was feared, would refuse the petition of the Northern Securities Company to modify the decree against the company pending the appeal so as to allow the payment of dividends by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific to their stockholders. The general expectation in Wall street was that the petition would be refused and the unexpected decision of modification caused a precipitate buying movement in which the short sellers of the morning were conspicuous. This advance met opposition before it had proceeded far, and prices were carried backward again, after which the market hung practically stagnant for a time. The professionals bid up prices again at the last to the top level and the market closed steady with a showing of net gains reaching over a point for a number of the conspicuous leaders.

As the Northern Securities Company is the principal stockholder of both the Great Northern and Northern Pacific and as the chief function of the Securities Company as a holding company is to receive dividends from the constituent companies and to distribute them to its own stockholders, today's modification of the decree of the court leaves the situation of the company practically unaffected until the Supreme Court shall have decided finally the questions at issue. In the fear that the petitions would be denied, Northern Securities on the curb sold down to 94⅝ this morning, which is only a fraction above the lowest price in the slump of last Monday. On the rebound, the stock advanced to 99¾. Its reaction was a dominant influence in the reaction in the stock exchange; it recovered and closed at 99.

The early stock market fluctuated uncertainly between the contending influences of the strength in the Gould group and the weakness of Reading. The seeming agreement of both sides to the Manhattan labor controversy that settlement was assured and the published rumors that a compromise had been effected in Wabash interests were responsible for the marked strength in the Gould group, in which Manhattan was the leader with a rise of 2%. The depressing factor against Reading was the investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission to open tomorrow of the coal combination, which is expected to furnish material which may be available for use in proceedings under the anti-trust law. The lockout reported at the Reading collieries, owing to a dispute over the Saturday hours for work, helped to depress Reading and some other coalers and the Pennsylvania group lost ground. In the late recovery, Union Pacific, St. Paul, New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio and the Goulds were conspicuous.

The growing ease of money was an encouraging factor for the bulls. Possibly advance knowledge of additional trust company secessions from the Clearing-House privileges may have been a factor in the hesitating tone of the market, although no announcement was made on the subject after the close of the market.

The bond market was dull but steady. Last week's dealings in bonds reached an aggregate in the par value of $15,445,500, which is a decrease of 46 per cent compared with the corresponding period of last year. Total sales, $2,450,000. United States 3s coupon and old 4s declined ¼ per cent. The new 4s advanced ¼ on the last call.

STOCKS.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	29,400	82⅝	81	82¼
do preferred	2,100	97½	97⅛	97½
Baltimore & Ohio	52,300	95¼	91⅞	93⅝
do preferred				92
Canadian Pacific	8,300	131⅝	130¼	131½
Canada Southern				71
Chesapeake & Ohio	2,100	45	44⅛	45
Chicago & Alton	2,000	30⅝	30¼	30⅝
do preferred				69¼
Chicago & Great West.	2,500	22⅝	22	22⅝
do A preferred				72½
do B preferred	100	38	38	37
Chicago & N. W.	11,000	184	180	181
Chicago Term. & Trans.	400	16⅝	15½	15½
do preferred	800	29½	28⅝	28⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	200	90⅝	90⅝	90
Colorado Southern	900	24⅝	24½	24½
do 1st preferred				63
do 2d preferred				36½
Delaware & Hudson	200	166½	165	165
Dels., Lack. & West.				250
Denver & Rio Grande	200	35	34⅝	35
do preferred	300	85⅝	85½	85⅝
Erie	12,200	34½	33⅝	34
do 1st preferred	2,500	66⅝	65⅝	66⅝
do 2d preferred	7,000	52½	51⅝	52⅛
Great Northern pfd				185
Hocking Valley	100	97	97	97
do preferred	200	94½	94½	94½
Illinois Central	2,000	137½	136½	137½
Iowa Central	500	38	34	35½
do preferred	100	58	58	58
Lake Erie & Westerp.				40
do preferred				105
Louisville & Nash	3,900	117½	116½	117⅝
Manhattan L.	32,900	141⅝	139⅝	141½
Metropolitan St. Ry	8,300	133	131½	132
Mexican Central	600	26½	24	26½
Mexican National	800	19⅝	19½	19½
Minneapolis & St. L.	100	96	96	95½
Missouri Pacific	34,700	109⅝	107⅞	109⅝
Mo., Kan. & Texas	4,200	26	24⅝	25⅝
do preferred	400	54⅝	53⅝	54⅝
New Jersey Central				165
New York Central	5,400	152½	151	152½
Norfolk & Western	16,200	71½	71	71½
do preferred	300	89½	89	88⅝
Ontario & Western	4,700	29½	28⅝	29
Pennsylvania	3,500	136⅝	135½	136⅝
Reading	4,900	54⅝	52⅝	53⅝
do 1st preferred				81½
do 2d preferred	200	66⅝	66½	66½
St. Louis & San F.	1,500	71⅝	70⅝	71⅝
do 1st preferred				81
do 2d preferred	500	69⅝	68½	69
St. Louis Southwestern	400	24	23⅝	24½
do preferred	2,700	54	52⅝	53⅞
St. Paul	13,300	163½	161	162⅝
do preferred				183
Southern Pacific	10,800	57½	55⅝	57½
Southern Railway	5,700	31½	30⅝	31⅛
do preferred	600	93½	92½	92
Texas & Pacific	6,500	35½	34½	35½
Toledo, St. L. & W.	100	25⅝	25⅝	24⅝
do preferred				48½
Union Pacific	54,300	91⅝	89⅝	91½
do preferred	1,300	90	90	90
Wabash	600	28	27⅝	27⅝
do preferred	6,000	47⅝	46⅝	45½
Wheeling & Lake Erie	200	22⅝	22⅝	22
do 2d preferred				31
Wisconsin Central	700	24⅝	24½	24⅝
do preferred	500	47⅝	47½	47⅝
Express Companies—				
Adams				220
American				201
Wells, Fargo				200
Miscellaneous—				
Amal. Copper	75,600	66½	64⅝	66
Am. Car & Foundry	200	40⅝	39⅝	40½
do preferred	100	90⅝	90⅝	90⅝
American Linseed Oil				15½
do preferred				33½
Am. Smelting & Refng.	5,800	51½	50	50⅝
do preferred	200	95⅝	95	94½
Anaconda Mining Co.	1,400	110	108	109
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	15,300	67⅝	65	66⅝
Colorado Fuel & Iron	5,500	65½	63½	64⅝
Consolidated Gas	3,700	209⅝	206½	209½
Cont. Tobacco pfd	200	113½	113½	113½
General Electric	1,200	193	192	192½
Hocking Coal	100	20	20	20
International Paper				19½
do preferred	100	70⅝	70⅝	70½
International Power				40
Laclede Gas				97
National Biscuit	300	43⅝	43½	43⅝
National Lead				25
North American				97⅝
Pacific Coast				60
Pacific Mail	100	34	34	34½
People's Gas	3,200	108⅝	102½	108⅝
Pressed Steel Car	700	61⅝	61½	61⅝
do preferred	200	94	93⅝	93½
Pullman Palace Car				215
Republic Steel	300	19⅝	19½	19⅝
do preferred	200	78⅝	78	78½
Sugar	2,800	136½	134⅝	136½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	3,000	65⅝	64½	65½
Union Bag & P. Co.				11⅝
do preferred				74
United States Leather	6,100	13½	13½	13½
do preferred	200	94½	94	94½
United States Rubber	300	15	15	15
do preferred				48½
United States Steel	7,600	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝
do preferred	9,600	87	86½	86⅝
Western Union	400	85½	85½	85½
American Locomotive	7,000	27⅝	27⅝	27½
do preferred	100	93⅝	93⅝	93½
Kansas City Southern	600	30⅝	30	30⅝
do preferred	500	52⅝	52	52⅝
Rock Island	500	43½	47½	43⅝
do preferred	800	76	75	75½

Total sales for the day, 655,000 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	106½	Atchison, Adj. 4s	90
do coupon	106½	C.&N.W. con. 7s	132½
U. S. 3s reg.	107⅝	D. & R. G. 4s	90
do coupon	108⅝	Nor. Pac. 3s	71½
U. S. new 4s reg.	135	Nor. Pac. 4s	102½
do coupon	136	So. Pac. 4s	102⅝
U. S. old 4s reg.	111	West Shore 4s	109½
do coupon	111	Wis. Central 4s	91
U. S. 5s reg.	105⅝		
do coupon	105⅝		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, April 20.—Consols for money, 92⅞d; consols for account, 91 7-16d.

Amaconda	5¾	N. Y. C.	135
Atchison	8⅞	N. & W.	93
do preferred	49⅝	O. & W.	29⅝
B. & O.	94⅝	Pennsylvania	69⅝
Can. Pacific	154⅝	Reading	27⅝
C. & O.	42½	do 1st pfd.	42½
C. G. W.	23⅝	do 2d pfd.	34
C., M. & St. P.	166	Southern Ry.	31⅝
D. & R. G.	36⅝	do preferred	94⅝
do preferred	85⅝	So. Pacific	35⅝
Erie	34⅝	Union Pacific	92⅝
do 1st pfd.	67⅝	U. S. Steel	35⅝
do 2d pfd.	53	do preferred	89
Ill. Central	139⅝	Wabash	27⅝
L. & N.	129	do preferred	47⅝
M., K. & T.	29⅝		

Money Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Money on call, steady at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@5¾ per cent.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87 for demand. Posted rates, $4.84½@4.85 and $4.88. Commercial bills, $4.83¼@4.83⅝.

Mexican dollars, 29½c.

Bar silver, 50⅝c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, steady.

LONDON, April 20.—Bar silver, steady.

Money, 3@3½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 3½ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Silver bars, 50⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 38½c.

Drafts—Sight, 15c; telegraph, 17½c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.84⅝.

Sterling on London, sight, $4.88.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Today's statement of treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve, shows:

Available cash balances	$222,759,502
Gold	114,965,009

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$594,008	$ 80,894
Seattle	581,990	156,210
Tacoma	358,514	41,423
Spokane	325,350	37,452

SUPPORT BY ARMOUR.

Feature of Day's Trading in Wheat Pit at Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 20.—The action of Armour interests in supporting the market on all weak spots was the feature in the wheat pit and resulted in a strong finish. Opening prices were easier on the poor showing of the Liverpool cables, which failed to respond to the advance here Saturday, and July was off ⅛c to ¼c at 72⅛c to 72¼c, while May was a shade higher to ¼@⅜c lower at 77½c to 77⅝c. Considerable liquidation occurred in the last hour, but buying by the prominent long started prices upward. The May delivery was extremely nervous and trading in that option was light, owing to the feeling of uncertainty surrounding the situation. A decrease of 2,803,000 bushels in the visible supply, together with a fair export demand, were bullish influences in the later part of the session. After selling up to 78⅝c, May closed ⅞c higher at 71⅝@71½c, while July closed at an advance of ½c at 72⅝c, after selling at 72⅞73c.

Corn was quiet at the opening under the influence of good commission-house demand, together with covering by shorts, the wet weather, small receipts and higher cables being the strengthening factors. Later in the day, selling by scalpers resulted in a decline. Closing prices were easier, May being off ¼c at 44⅛c, after selling between 44c and 44½c. July closed ¼@⅜c lower at 44⅝c.

Oats were firm and active at the start, due to small receipts and wet weather, but later the market eased off under heavy profit-taking by May holders. Shorts covered freely at the outset and there was good general buying by commission-houses on outside orders. A fair commission-house demand prevented any serious decline and the close was steady. May closed unchanged at 35½c.

Provisions were dull, but held fairly steady. Opening prices were easier on the lower hog market, but covering by local shorts and an improvement in prices at the yards resulted in a firmer feeling. July pork closed a shade lower, July lard was 2½c higher and ribs were 2½c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	$0 77½	$0 78½	$0 77⅛	$0 78½
July	77½	78	72⅛	72⅝
September	69⅝	69⅝	68⅝	69⅛

CORN.

May	44⅝	44½	44	44½
July	44⅝	44½	43⅝	43⅞
September	43½	44⅛	43⅝	43⅞

OATS.

May	35¼	35⅝	34⅞	35⅛
July	31	31⅝	31⅛	31⅛
September	28½	29⅛	28½	28⅝

MESS PORK.

May	18 07½	18 15	18 05	18 10
July	17 65	17 65	17 57½	17 67½
September	17 15	17 22½	17 15	17 22½

LARD.

May	9 90	9 92½	9 87½	9 90
July	9 80	9 80	9 80	9 80
September	9 80	9 82½	9 80	9 82½

SHORT RIBS.

May	9 87½	9 87½	9 87½	9 87½
July	9 75	9 80	9 75	9 80
September	9 65	9 72½	9 65	9 70

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Dull and steady.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, 79@80c; No. 3, 75@78c; No. 2 red, 76½@78c.

Corn—No. 2, 43¾c; No. 2 yellow, 43¾c.

Oats—No. 2, 35¼c; No. 3 white, 37½c.

Rye—No. 2, 50c.

Barley—Good feeding, 36@37c; fair to choice malting, 48@54c.

Flax seed—No. 1, $1.08; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.19½.

Timothy seed—Prime, $3.70.

Mess pork.—Per barrel, $18.05@18.10.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $9.85@9.87½.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $9.80@9.82½.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, $8.37½@8.50.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $10.12½@10.25.

Clover—Contract grade, $11.50@12.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	18,700	11,200
Wheat, bushels	33,500	6,700
Corn, bushels	38,400	127,100
Oats, bushels	145,500	165,600
Rye, bushels	7,000	26,700
Barley, bushels	35,000	10,000

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Flour—Receipts, 18,800 barrels; exports, 8200 barrels.

Wheat—Receipts, 235,650 bushels; exports, 111,955 bushels. Spot, quiet; No. 2 red, 85⅝c; elevator, 82⅝c f. o. b. afloat. At first irregular and at times weak under fine home crop news and liquidation, wheat later improved on foreign buying, a big reduction in the visible supply and covering. The close was rather firm at ⅛@⅜c net advance. May closed, 81⅝c; July, 77¼c; September, 74⅝c.

Butter—Receipts, 5200 packages. State dairy, 17@24c; creamery, 28c; June creamery, 18@ 24½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 32,000 packages