NOT FRENCH PRUNES

Coast Fruit, Treated in Bordeaux, Sold in This Country.

NO DROP IN THEIR EXPORTS

How the Prunes Are Prepared by Enterprising Dealers for Sale in This Country--Making Up the Crop Deficit.

Merchants of Bordeaux, France, import Pacific Coast prunes, repack them and ship them to this country as French prunes, according to United States Consul Tourgee, at Bordeau. The Consul writes on the subject as follows:

The failure of the prune crop would have entailed very serious consequences on the trade of this region but for the large stock of California prunes which were held over from last year, and the sagacious enterprise of French dealers in securing early control of this year's crop on our Pacific Coast. Bordeaux is the real center of the prune trade of the world. The methods of preparing this fruit practiced here are as superior to the manipulation it receives elsewhere, that California prunes brought here and repacked maintain the superiority of French prunes and are re-exported in large quantities to the United States, where they compete sucessfully with the American fruit which has not incurred the cost of a double exportation.

Last year (1903) there were almost no prunes raised in this region, probably not one-twentieth of a normal crop. The deficit was supplied by the importation of prunes grown in California and Oregon. Though the prune crop of this region was so small as to be almost a negligible quantity in the markets of the world, not enough, in fact, to supply the home demand, the export of French prunes was not materially lessened. A considerable portion of this exportation was to the United States, amounting to 96,000 francs ($18,335) in the last six months. I have been unable to get any information that any were shipped as "California prunes." None passing through this Consulate were invoiced as such. French prunes are shipped in much smaller boxes than the California product and are so different in appearance that it would be absurd for a Bordeaux merchant to send them out to fill his orders without repacking and reworking.

The chief difference between California prunes and French prunes as they come from the growers' hands is that the latter are "cooked." I have seen a few shipments of California prunes which seemed to have undergone some sort of process to assimilate the appearance of the French prune. I do not know what it was, but official experts have concluded that the same had been steamed and some viscid substance like glycerin used to give the peculiar glistening appearance of the best French product.

The French prune is the result of moist conditions, almost always ripening in a rainy season. It is possible that this has something to do with the difference in the result of treatment. The French prune is allowed to remain on the tree until it is thoroughly ripe and soft. Very often a considerable portion of the crop falls of its own weight.

When picked it is placed on shallow crates, the fruit just touching each other, and the crates are then put in stone ovens raised to temperature of about 40 degrees C. This very moderate heat is intended to remove the moisture of the fruit so gradually as to avoid breaking the skin by explosion. They remain exposed to it for several hours, according to the condition of the fruit, and are then removed and allowed to cool. When entirely cold they are replaced in the oven and the temperature raised to 80 degrees C., and after a sufficient time again taken out and allowed to cool, after which they are replaced and the temperature raised to 90 degrees or 100 degrees C., the whole process occupying from 30 to 40 hours.

This treatment leaves the fruit soft so that the stone is easily slipped out, and the skin has the glistening appearance always sought for in this class of prunes. This is claimed to be the result of the saccharine which is brought to the surface by the long process of heating and cooling alternately. The fruit is thoroughly cured prunes, and is not liable to become dry or hard. They are used as sweetmeats and employed in the making of confectionery--not for cooking purposes. These require a special preparation which is a trade secret.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Trading in all cereals was slow yesterday. No demand was reported for wheat, oats or barley. Some foreign inquiry is still reported in the flour market. Hay is dull and easy.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 67c; bluestem, 75c; Valley, 77@78c; export values.

BARLEY—Feed, $23 per ton; rolled, $24.50 @25.

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

FLOUR—Valley, $3.90@4.05 per barrel; hard wheat straights, $4@4.25; clears, $3.50@4.10; hard wheat patents, $4.40@4.70; Dakota hard wheat, $5.25@6; graham, $3.50@4; whole wheat, $4@4.25; rye flour, local, $4.50; Eastern, $5@ 5.10.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19 per ton; middlings, $23.50; shorts, $21; chop, U. S. Mills, $18; linseed, dairy food, $19.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $6.25; lower grades, $5.25@5.50; bales, cream, $3.40; other grades, $3; oatmeal, steel-cut, 50-pound sacks, $7.50 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4 per bale; oatmeal (ground), 50-pound sacks, $7 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $3.75 per bale; split peas, $4.50 per 100-pound sack; 25-pound boxes, $1.25; pearl barley, $4 per 100 pounds; 25-pound boxes, $1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.50 per bale.

HAY—Timothy, $15@16 per ton; clover, $8@9; grain, $11@12; cheat, $11@12.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

A very good day's business was done in farm produce. All the chickens received cleaned up early and the demand even extended to other kinds of poultry. Eggs also moved off readily. No change was reported in the butter market. Advices from the country are that the supply of cream is rapidly decreasing.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 29@22½c per pound; fancy creamery, 20c. State creameries: Fancy creameries, 17½@ 20c; store butter, 12½@13c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 19@20c.

CHEESE—Full cream, twins, new stock, 12 @12½c; old stock, 12@8c; Young America, 12 @14c.

POULTRY—Fancy hens, 12½@13c per pound; old hens, 12@12½c; mixed chickens, 11@11½c; old roosters, 9@9½c; young roosters, 12@13c; Springs, 1½ to 2-pound, 18@19c; broilers, 1 to 1½-pound, 19@20c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 14@16c; do dressed, 16@18c; do choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 7@8c; do dressed, 9½@10c; ducks, old, $@$7 per dozen; do young, as to size, $2.50@6; pigeons, $1@1.25.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

The first Oregon apricots of the season arrived yesterday and offered at $1.25 a crate. Oranges are scarce and fancy Valencias are quoted higher. Three cars of bananas were received yesterday. A car of new potatoes from Walla Walla is due about the first of next week.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, $1.50; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.25; cabbage, 1½@1¾c; lettuce, head, 25@40c per doz.; parsley, 25c doz.; tomatoes, $1.75@2; cauliflower, $1.75@2 per doz.; sun plant, 20@25c per pound; celery, 75@90c per doz.; artichokes, 50@60c per doz.; cucumbers, hothouse, $1.25 per doz.; California, $1 per box; asparagus, 50c; peas, 4@6c per pound; beans, green, 4@5c; wax, 4@5c; squash, $1.25 per box; green corn, 60c per doz.

ONIONS—New red, $1.50 per cwt.; yellow, $1.75 per cwt.

HONEY—$3@3.50 per case.

POTATOES—Fancy, 75@$1 per cental, growers' price; new potatoes, $2.25@2.50 per cental.

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

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, evaporated, 4½@5½c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 4½c; apricots, 9@10c; peaches, 6½@7½c; pears, 6½ @11c; prunes, Italian, 4½@7½c; French, 2½@ 5½c; fgs, California blacks, 6c; do white, 7c; Smyrna, 20c; Fard dates, $1.50; pluma, pitted, 6c.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Cherries, 4@5c per pound; gooseberries, 6c per pound; raspberries, $1.25 per crate; apples, new, $1@1.75; apricots, 90c@$1.25 per box; plums, 90c@$1 per box; peaches, $1 per box; cantaloupes, $2.25 per crate; watermelons, 2c per pound; figs, $1 per box; prunes, $1.25 per box; grapes, $1.25@1.50 per box.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, fancy, $3.50@ 3.50; choice, $2.75 per box; oranges, seedlings, $2@2.25; Valencias, $2.75@3.50 per box; Mediterranean sweets, $2@2.25 per box; St. Michaels, $2.25 per box; grapefruit, $2.50@3 per box; bananas, 3½@4c per pound; pineapples, $3.25 per dozen.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Dressed, 5@6½c per pound.

MUTTON—Dressed, 4@5c per pound; lambs, 6c.

VEAL—Dressed, 100 to 125, 6@7c pound; 125@200, 5@5½c; 200 and up, 3½@4c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 150, 7@7½c; 150 and up, 6@7c.

HAMS—Ten to 14 pounds, 13c per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 13c; 18 to 20 pounds, 13c; California (picnic), 9½c; cottage hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9c; boiled ham, 20c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 14c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 16½c per pound; standard breakfast, 15½c; choice, 13c; English breakfast, 11 to 14 pounds, 12c.

SAUSAGE—Portland ham, 13c per pound; minced ham, 10½c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 6½c; wienerwurst, 8c; liver, 5½c; pork, 10c; blood, 5½c; headcheese, 6½c; bologna sausage link, 5½c.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Regular short clears, 8¾@9¾c smoked; clear backs, 8½c; salt, 9½c smoked; Oregon exports, 20 to 25 pounds, average, 9½c; dry salt, 10½c smoked; Union butts, 10 to 18 pounds, average, 8c; dry salt, 9c smoked.

PICKLED GOODS—Pickled pigs' feet, ¼-barrels, $5; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled strips, ½-barrels, $8; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled pigs' tongues, ½-barrels, $8; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kits, $1.25; pickled lambs' tongues, ½-barrels, $8.25; ¼-barrels, $4.75; 15-pound kits, $2.25.

LARD—Kettle-rendered: Tierces, 9¾c; tubs, 9¾c; 50s, 9¾c; 20s, 10c; 10s, 10¼; 5s, 10½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 8¾c; tubs, 9¼c; 50s, 9½c; 20s, 9¾c; 10s, 9¾c; 5s, 9¾c. Compound: Tierces, 6½c; tubs, 6¾c; 50s, 6¾c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.37½; No. 2, $4.62½; Carolina head, 6c; broken head, 4c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 29@35c; Java, ordinary, 16@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@ 12c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $12.50; 50s, $12.75; Arbuckle, $13.37; Lion, $12.87.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.65 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; fancy, 1½-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 87½c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.20; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $1.75; 1-pound flats, $1.85.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds; cube, $6.20; powdered, $5.95; dry granulated, $5.85; extra C, $5.35; golden C, $5.25; advance over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half-barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. (Terms: On remittance within 15 days, deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days, and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c per pound; no discount after 30 days.) Beet sugar, granulated, $5.75 per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

SALT—Bales, $1.30; fine, 50s, $9.75; 100s, $9.50; Liverpool, 50s, $17; 100s, $16.50; 224s, $15.50; half-ground, 100s, $5.20; 50s, $5.65.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15½c per pound by sack, 1c extra for less than sack; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 15c; pecans, jumbos, 15c, extra large, 14c; almonds, I X L, 14c, no plus ultras, 13c, nonpareils, 13c; chestnuts, Italians, 15c, Ohio, $4.50 per 25-pound drum; peanuts, raw, 8c per pound; roasted, 9@10c; pinenuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; cocoanuts, $5@6.50 per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 3¾c; large white, 5½c; pink, 4c; bayou, 3½c; Lima, 4c.

GRAIN BAGS—5½c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1903 crop, 21@24c per pound.

WOOL—Valley, 19@20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10@17c; mohair, 30c per pound for choice.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@15½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 16 pounds, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 pounds, 16c; dry salted bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 8@8½c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7@ 8c; under 50 pounds and cows, 6½@7c; stags and bulls, sound, 4@4½c; kip, sound, 15 to 25 pounds, 7c; under 15 pounds, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound each; horse hides, salted, $1.50@2 each, dry $1@1.50 each; colts' hides, 25@50c each; goat skins, common, 10@15c each; Angora, with wool on, 25c@$1.

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

Oils.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 24½c; iron barrels, 18c; 86 degrees gasoline, cases, 32c; iron barrels or drums, 20c.

LEAD—Pioneer, Collier and Atlantic white and red lead in ton lots, 7¾c; 500-pound lots, 8c; less than 500 pounds, 8¼c.

COAL OIL—Pearl or astral oil, cases, 23c per gallon; water white oil, iron barrels, 10½c; good barrels, none; eocene oil, cases, 25½c; elaine oil, cases, 28½c; extra star, cases, 26½c; headlight oil, 175 degrees, cases, 25c; iron barrels, 15½c.

An advance of 3 cents is noted in linseed oil.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in barrels, 55c; genuine kettle-boiled, in barrels, 57c; pure raw oil, in cases, 60c; genuine kettle-boiled, in cases, 62c; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less per gallon.

BENZINE—Sixty-three degrees, cases, 22c; barrels, 18½c. (Washington State test burning oils, except headlight, ½c per gallon higher.)

TURPENTINE—In cases, 85c per gallon.

LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices at Portland Union Stockyards Yesterday.

Receipts at the Portland Union Stockyards yesterday were 200 cattle, 400 sheep and 50 hogs. The following prices were quoted at the yards:

CATTLE—Best steers, $3.50; medium, $3.25; cows, $3.

HOGS—Best large, fat hogs, $5@5.25; medium large hogs, $4.75.

SHEEP—Best Eastern Oregon and Valley, $2@2.50.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City.

CHICAGO, July 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 6000. Market steady. Good to prime steers, $5.40@ 6.50; poor to medium, $4.50@5.20; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.30; cows, $2.50@4.60; heifers, $2@5.50; bulls, $2@4.40; calves, $2.50@5.75; Texas fed steers, $3.50@5.

Hogs—Receipts, 32,000. Market 10c lower. Mixed and butchers, $5.40@5.55; good to choice heavy, $5.50@5.62½; rough heavy, $5.30@5.50; light, $5.30@5.52½.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000. Market steady. Good to choice wethers, $4.25@5.25; fair to choice mixed, $3.50@4.25; native lambs, $4@ 4.75; Western sheep, $3.90@5.00; Western lambs, $4.50@7.40.

KANSAS CITY, July 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000. Market steady. Native steers, $4.25@ 6.40; native cows and heifers, $2@5.25; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.75; bulls, $2.50@4.25; calves, $2.50@4.75; Western fed steers, $4@ 6; Western fed cows, $2@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 4000. Market steady. Bulk of sales, $5.25@5.35; heavy, $5.30@5.40; packers, $5.25@5.35; pigs and lights, $4.50@5.35.

Sheep—Receipts, 1000. Market steady. Muttons, $3.50@5; lambs, $3.50@5.50; range wethers, $3.75@4.50; ewes, $3.50@4.

OMAHA, July 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 6200. Market steady to higher. Native steers, $4.50 @6.10; cows and heifers, $3@4.50; Western steers, $3@4.65; range cows and heifers, $2.25 @3.60; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.15; calves, $2.50@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,000. Market lower. Heavy, $5.20@5.30; mixed, $5.20@5.25; pigs, $5.15@5.22½.

Sheep—Receipts, 4500. Market active and steady to higher. Western yearlings, $4@ 4.35; wethers, $3.75@4.25.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Andes	$ .12	Justice	$ .18
Belcher	.19	Mexican	.98
Best & Belcher	1.05	Occidental Con.	.70
Caledonia	.56	Ophir	2.75
Challenge Con.	.11	Overman	.20
Chollar	.08	Potosi	.08
Confidence	.59	Savage	.16
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.10	Seg. Belcher	.08
Con. Imperial	.01	Sierra Nevada	.33
Crown Point	.13	Silver Hill	.31
Exchequer	.36	Union Con.	.34
Gould & Curry	.15	Utah Con.	.15
Hale & Norcross	.70	Yellow Jacket	.19

NEW YORK, July 7.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con.	$ .20	Little Chief	$ .05
Alice	.25	Ontario	3.00
Breece	.19	Ophir	2.60
Brunswick Con.	.05	Phoenix	.22
Comstock Tun.	.07	Potosi	.16
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.00	Savage	.25
Horn Silver	1.45	Sierra Nevada	.28
Iron Silver	1.50	Small Hopes	.18
Leadville Con.	.02	Standard	2.03

BOSTON, July 7.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 1.25	Mohawk	$ 41.25
Allouez	8.25	Mont. C. & C.	3.75
Amalgamated	50.25	Old Dominion	12.50
Am. Zinc	9.00	Osceola	60.75
Atlantic	7.75	Parrot	24.75
Bingham	23.50	Quincy	82.00
Cal. & Hecla	465.00	Shannon	5.63
Centennial	25.75	Tamarack	90.00
Copper Range	45.00	Trinity	4.75
Daly West	28.25	U. S. Mining	21.00
Dominion Coal	42.00	U. S. Oil	10.12
Franklin	7.00	Utah	36.63
Granby	3.00	Victoria	3.75
Isle Royale	7.75	Winona	7.00
Mass. Mining	4.00	Wolverine	73.00
Michigan	3.75		

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Today's statement of the Treasury balance shows:

Available cash balance	$166,408,189
Gold	96,188,081

REACTION IN STOCKS

HEAVY LIQUIDATION IN NEW YORK MARKET.

Due to Feeling of Distrust of Character of Previous Advance--Weather News Depressing.

NEW YORK, July 7.—Today's stock market was reactionary—again, and there was very heavy liquidation to take profits on the advance of the last two days. The reaction was only partly effective in the early dealings, and the market was protected by bidding up of such stocks here and there, but this policy became less effective as the day advanced and the reaction became good. There were some unpropitious features in the day's news, but not more so than yesterday, when they proved powerless to affect the upward tendency of prices. The reaction may be said to be due as much as anything to the feeling of distrust of the character of the previous advance.

The buying which caused the advance is quite generally believed to have been done by a powerful party of speculators who have figured in past campaigns in the stock market. Great wealth and ample experience and skill in manipulative tactics are among the freely recognized equipment of the operators credited with the movement. But they do not include the capitalists of the class designated as insiders in the affairs of great corporations and financial institutions, and their buying is not generally recognized as having any investment character, but rather as intended for a sale "for profit."

The unfavorable weather news had a depressing effect. In view of the profit-taking nature of the day's selling, the largest declines are not only found in those stocks which were most conspicuous in the buying movement, especially Union Pacific, St. Paul and Pennsylvania, but pretty much all the active stocks in the market figure in the list of from 1 to 2½ points' loss. The closing was irregular.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, $3,530,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Atchison	74½	T., St. L. & W.	24½
do preferred	94½	do preferred	37¾
Balt. & Ohio	81¾	Union Pacific	90¾
do preferred	92½	do preferred	93¾
Can. Pacific	124¾	Wabash	16½
Cent. of N. J.	162	do preferred	34¾
Ches. & Ohio	31¾	W. & L. E.	15
Chi. & Alton	36	Wis. Central	17½
do preferred	80½	do preferred	35
C. Gt. Western	13½	Mex. Central	7¾
C. & N. W.	171	Express companies	
C., M. & St. P.	144¾	Adams	225
do preferred	178	American	192
C. Term. & Tr.	6½	United States	105
do preferred	15¾	Wells-Fargo	200
C., C., C. & St. L.	71½	Miscellaneous	
Colo. Southern	16	Amalgamated C.	50¼
do 1st pref	49	Am. Car & F.	15½
do 2d pref	20½	do preferred	72½
Del. & Hudson	158	Am. Cotton Oil	26½
D., L. & W.	270	do preferred	88
D. & R. G.	21½	Am. Ice	6½
do preferred	70	do preferred	26¾
Erie	24¼	Am. Linseed Oil	8
do 1st pref	59¾	do preferred	36
do 2d pref	35	Am. Locomotive	19¾
Hocking Valley	66	do preferred	82½
do preferred	82	Am. S. & R.	34
Illinois Central	133¾	do preferred	96¾
Iowa Central	18	Am. Sugar Ref.	127¾
do preferred	34	Anac. M. Co.	73½
K. C. Southern	20	Brook. Rap. T.	49¾
do preferred	41¾	Colo. F. & I.	31¼
L. & N.	114¼	Consolidated G.	194
Manhattan L.	149¾	Corn Products	11
Met. Securities	87¾	do preferred	67¾
Met. St. Ry.	115¾	Lis. Securities	21.
Minn. & St. L.	40	General Elec.	158
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	66¾	Int. Paper	12¾
do preferred	123	do preferred	69¾
Mo. Pacific	91	Int. Pump	28½
M., K. & T.	27	do preferred	72
do preferred	37¾	Natl. Lead	20¾
Mex. N. pref.	37½	No. American	87
N. Y. Central	116½	Pacific Mail	27
Nor. & Western	57¾	People's Gas	98¾
do preferred	86	P. Steel Car	27½
Ont. & Western	26¾	do preferred	91
Pennsylvania	117	Pull. Pal. Car.	220
P., C. C. & St. L.	60	Republic Steel	9¼
Reading	47¾	do preferred	41½
do 1st pref	82½	Rubber Goods	16¾
do 2d pref	69¾	do preferred	77
R. I. Co.	21¾	Ten. C. & I.	36¾
do preferred	65¾	U. S. Leather	6¾
St. L. & S. F.	46¾	do preferred	80½
2d pref	46¾	U. S. Realty	53
St. L. S. W.	11½	U. S. Rubber	57½
do preferred	28½	do preferred	16¼
So. Pacific	47¾	U. S. Steel	16¾
So. Railway	21½	do preferred	57½
do preferred	86	West. Elec.	155
Tex. & Pacific	24¼	Western Union	87

Total sales for the day, 544,500 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, July 7.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	104¾	C. & N. W. C. 7s.	128¾
do coupon	104¾	D. & R. G. 4s.	99½
U. S. 3s reg	105	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	99¼
do coupon	106	Nor. Pacific 3s.	74½
U. S. new 4s reg.	132¼	do 4s	104¾
do coupon	133¼	So. Pacific 4s.	92¾
U. S. old 4s reg.	106¼	Union Pacific 4s.	104¾
do coupon	106¼	Wis. Central 4s	90
Atchison Adj 4s	93¾		

Stocks in London.

LONDON, July 7.—Consols for money, 89¾; consols for account, 89 15-16.

Anaconda	3¼	Nor. & Western	60¾
Atchison	76¾	do preferred	79
do preferred	97½	Ont. & Western	26½
Balt. & Ohio	85	Pennsylvania	60¾
Can. Pacific	128¾	Rand Mines	10¾
Ches. & Ohio	33¼	Reading	24¾
C., Gt. Western	14½	do 1st pref	42¾
C., M. & St. P.	150	do 2d pref	35½
DeBeers	22	So. Railway	22
D. & R. G.	22¼	do preferred	89½
do preferred	72	So. Pacific	49¾
Erie	25½	Union Pacific	94
do 1st pref	61¾	do preferred	96
do 2d pref	37	U. S. Steel	11¾
Illinois Central	137½	do preferred	60
L. & N.	115	Wabash	16½
M., K. & T.	18	do preferred	36½
N. Y. Central	121¼	Spanish 4s	86¾

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, July 7.—Money on call, easy, 1@1¼ per cent; closing bid, 1 per cent; offered, 1¼ per cent. Time loans, easy, 60 days, 2 per cent; 90 days, 2¼@2½ per cent; six months, 3¼ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent.

Sterling exchange—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8725@4.8730 for demand, and at $4.8530@4.8535 for 60 days. Posted rates, $4.86@4.88. Commercial bills, $4.8515@4.8525.

Bar silver—58¼c.

Mexican dollars—46c.

Bonds—Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, July 7.—Bar silver, steady, at 26 13-16d per ounce. Money, 2@2½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2@2¼ per cent; do three months' bills, 2@2¼ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—Silver bars, 58¼c; Mexican dollars, 46¼c. Drafts, sight, 7½c; telegraph, 10c. Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85¾; sight, 4.87¾.

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$908,682	$ 68,546
Seattle	816,957	232,560
Tacoma	297,902	45,543
Spokane	507,366	71,824

CONTINUATION OF RAINS.

Causes Wheat Prices to Advance Steadily at Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 7.—Continuation of heavy rains throughout the West gave the wheat market a strong send-off, opening prices on September being up ⅛@⅜c, at 83⅝@83¾c. There was an active general demand for both the July and September deliveries, but offerings were exceedingly meager, and prices were bid up rapidly. The market was governed almost entirely by news from the Southwest. The most sensational damage reports of the year found their way into the pit, flood conditions being reported from all sections of the Southwest. A Kansas City paper estimated the damage in Kansas and Nebraska, at 50,000,000 bushels. There was also a note of alarm in advices from the Spring-wheat country, a report from the Red River Valley stating that the crop there was in worse condition than it has been in since 1884. Offerings of wheat continued light until the price of September had been forced up to 84⅝c. The market closed strong, with September at 84¾@84½c. July closed at 90@90⅛c.

For the first time in some weeks, there was activity in the corn market. The market closed almost at the highest point. September opened ⅛@¼c higher, at 49¼@49⅜c, closing at 50@50⅛c.

Oats closed strong, with September at 32⅝c.

Provisions experienced a little setback early in the day as a result of a weak tone in the hog market, but sentiment during the latter part of the session was quite firm. At the close September pork was up 5c, lard and ribs were unchanged.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
July (old)	$0 89½	$0 90⅛	$0 89½	$0 90⅛
July (new)	88⅝	90⅛	88⅝	90
Sept. (old.)	85	86	85	85⅝
Sept. (new)	83⅝	84⅝	83⅝	84⅝
CORN.				
July	48⅝	49½	48½	49¼
September	49½	50¼	49⅝	50
December	46¾	47	46	46⅝
OATS.				
July	38¼	39¼	38¼	38⅝
September	32½	33	32⅝	32⅞
December	33¼	33½	33¼	33⅝
MESS PORK.				
July	12 80	12 90	12 80	12 90
September	12 90	13 07½	12 85	13 05
LARD.				
July	7 02½	7 07½	7 02½	7 07½
September	7 12½	7 20	7 10	7 20
October	7 20	7 22½	7 20	7 22½
SHORT RIBS.				
July	7 42½	7 50	7 42½	7 50
Septemebr	7 65	7 70	7 60	7 70
October	7 60	7 75	7 65	7 75

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Firm.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, 96@97c; No. 3, 85@95c; No. 2 red, $1@1.02.

Corn—No. 2, 49¾c; No. 2 yellow, 52c.

Oats—No. 2, 39½@40c; No. 3 white, 37@41½c.

Rye—No. 2, 65c.

Barley—Good feeding, 32@37c; fair to choice malting, 42@50c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.12; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.17½.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2.95.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $12.90@13.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $7.05@7.07½.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $7.25@7.50.

Clover—Contract grade, $10.75.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	35,800	290,700
Wheat, bushels	2,300	5,900
Corn, bushels	321,300	321,900
Oats, bushels	196,000	87,800
Rye, bushels	4,000	3,000
Barley, bushels	11,000	3,200

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, July 7.—Flour—Receipts, 15,100; exports, 1900. Market steady, but buyers scarce.

Wheat—Spot, strong; No. 2 red, nominal elevator; No. 2 red, $1.11½ f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 Northern Duluth, $1.04¾ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal f. o. b. afloat. The continuation of heavy rains through the Southwest had a demoralizing effect on wheat shorts again today, and prices made further big gains, notably July. Evidences of serious damage were forthcoming from Kansas and Missouri, as well as the Ohio Valley. The close showed 1¾@1⅞c net advance. July, 94@ 95½c; closed, 94½c. September, 87½@88⅝c; closed, 88¼c. December, 87½@88⅛c; closed, 88⅛c.

Hops and wool—Steady.

Hides—Quiet.

Petroleum—Easy.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—Wheat and barley steady. Spot quotations: Wheat, shipping, $1.23¾@1.25; milling, $1.30@1.42½. Barley, feed, 96¼@98¾c; brewing, $1.03¾@1.08¾. Oats, red, $1.10@1.20; white, $1.27½@1.35; black, $1.20@1.23½.

Call board sales: Wheat, December, $1.29⅝; barley, December, 94½c; corn, large yellow, $1.45@1.50.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, July 7.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, firm but inactive. English country markets, steady.

LIVERPOOL, July 7.—Wheat—Firm; July 6s 5½d; September, 6s 6½d; No. 1 standard California, no stock. Wheat in Paris, firm; flour in Paris, steady; French country markets, firm; weather in England, unsettled.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, July 7.—Wheat—Unchanged. Bluestem, 79c; club, 66c.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET ACTIVE.

Staple Oregon Sells at 19 Cents in the Grease.

BOSTON, Mass., July 7.—(Special.)—The Boston wool market is more active this week than it has been for a year past, and large consumers have been buying heavily for a fortnight. Business culminated yesterday in the purchase by the American Woolen Company of nearly 10,000,000 pounds, mostly territories. The statistical position is strong, and surplus supplies are exhausted.

Staple Oregon has sold liberally at 19c in the grease, or well up to 58c scoured. Valley Oregon sold at 24@25c. Dead fine territory has been moving on the basis of 55@57c.

The bulk of the business done has been in wool practically to arrive, considerable quantities of Eastern and Valley Oregon going this way. Some of the largest merchants are sold so far ahead they have called a halt.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, July 7.—Tin appeared to be meeting with a little better demand in today's markets, although business was comparatively quiet, owing to moderate offerings, and prices ruled slightly higher. London closed at £117 12s 6d for spot and £117 17s 6d for futures. Locally spot is quoted at 25.70 @25.90c.

Copper was unchanged in London, closing at £57 5s for spot and £57 2s 6d for futures. Locally demand is light, but the market, while quiet, shows a firm undertone. Lake is quoted at 12.62½@12.87½c; electrolytic, 12.20@ 12.60c; casting, 12.25@12.30c.

Lead was unchanged at 4.25@4.30c in the local market, and a trifle higher at £11 15s in London.

Spelter was unchanged in both markets, London closing at £22 and New York at 4.85@4.95c.

Iron closed at 51s 9d in Glasgow and at 42s 10½d in Middlesboro. Locally iron was quiet.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The market for evaporated apples show little change. Futures are offered freely and show an easy undertone, but spot supplies are light and holders are asking full recent prices. Common are quoted at 4@5½c; prime, 5¾@6c; choice, 6¼@ 6¾c; fancy, 7c.

Prunes remain in moderate demand, but are holding fairly steady at recent prices, which range from 2¾@5½c, according to grade.

Apricots are quiet. Quotations remain nominally unchanged, with choice held at 9½@ 10c; extra choice at 10¼@10½c; fancy, 11@13c.

Peaches also are quiet. There seems a disposition to offer new crop fruit for future shipment rather more freely, but prices show no change. Choice are quoted at 7@7¼c; extra choice, 7¼@8c; fancy, 9¼@10c.

Wool Markets.

BOSTON, July 7.—Activity in trading has appeared in the Boston wool market, more marked than any noted in a year or more. The largest consumer in the country has been buying heavily and the transactions have culminated in purchases by the American Woolen Company estimated between 8,000,000 and 10,000,000 pounds. The prospects for woolen inquiry are considered better than for many a day, and all values are very firm and steadily hardening.

ST. LOUIS, July 7.—Wool—Market steady. Territory and Western mediums, 16@22c; fine medium, 16@17c; fine, 15@17c.

Dairy Produce in the East.

NEW YORK, July 7.—Butter—Firm. Creamery, 18@18½c, official prices; creamery, common to extra, 13@18c.

Eggs—Fir