IN SCOTCH MARKETS

Oregon Apples Bring High Prices in Edinburgh.

FINEST FRUIT SEEN THERE

Fancy Newtown Pippins, Well Packed, Sold at 20 Shillings Per Bushel—Large Profits Made in the Deal.

Oregon apples are in high favor in Scotland. A price equal to $15 a barrel was recently realized on a lot sold in the Edinburgh market. This high price was due not only to the remarkable quality of the fruit, but also to the excellent manner in which it was packed. The Edinburgh Scotsman, of February 11, in reviewing the apple situation there, says:

At the present time the finest apples from any outside source come from Oregon. Some of the best are put up in bushel boxes, containing 120 fruits each. They have sold at various prices, depending upon the quality of the samples. These range from 14s to 15s for fine specimens. But the largest and finest have realized from 15s to 20s. A sovereign a bushel for foreign apples in February is remarkable, to say the least. They are Newtowns, immense in size, clear-skinned, of high flavor, and, above all, well graded and attractively packed. Eastern States Newtown Pippins packed in barrels, the best that could be sent from these centers, have sold for as much as 41s a barrel—the highest price secured this season for Newtowns in barrels. But what is that sum to 20s a bushel, equal to 60s a barrel? This wonderful difference is not altogether due to variations in quality. The small, clean, bushel-box package plays an important part in respect to price. When we first advocated the use of the nonchargeable bushel-box by home apple packers, the question of cost was at once raised as an objection against its use. But that is of no account when the extra prices secured by its use and the decreased cost of transit are considered. The foreign growers now send us over 1,000,000 bushel boxes of apples each year. Their use is found remunerative by them. The prices that have been made for apples already this year are without parallel in the history of the trade. But yet the foreign fruitgrower does not dominate the situation in this respect exclusively. British apples have also been sold this year at 10s a half, equal to 20s a bushel, and if the fruit had been collected and specially graded and packed like the Oregon fruit, it would have made higher prices still. Months ago we gave first and exclusive news of the actual collection and purchase of these Oregon fruits in the Scotsman. We said that they had been bought at 10s a bushel in the orchards of Oregon. Well, as 10,000 bushels were secured, it is clear that large profits had been made on the deal. At the time we announced the purchase tons of home-grown apples were a drug at 1s 6d and 2s a bushel. These facts prove that the demand for best apples in the British markets is practically insatiable at high values, even in seasons of abundance. With so much fruit land available in the four kingdoms, it is a pity that apple planters are not more busy. As the result of these high prices a great impetus will be given to home produce industries. The fruit-growing movement has done much good to country cultivators, and the prospects for extended production are certainly better than ever. Cold storage for home-grown apples will prove of undoubted value to all connected with the business. As far as the grower is concerned, it will enable him to prolong the season at a time when the best prices are realized. With a vastly increased output by home-growers, the use of nonchargeable, standardized boxes and cold storage, the Spring apple season can be made most lucrative and important. Cold storage has enabled the foreign apple-grower to strengthen his position in the British fruit markets. When will the British apple-grower recognize the value of cold storage?

LEAVES IT TO ARBITRATION.

Krebs Declare Their Offer Was Made in Good Faith.

SALEM, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Krebs Bros. are indignant over the charge that their offer of 27 cents for choice hops was not made in good faith, and they are out today with a proposal to prove that they have not refused to buy at that figure. McKinley Mitchell, of Portland, says Krebs refused to take his hops at 27 cents for the alleged reason that they were not choice.

Conrad Krebs said tonight that he will submit the question of quality to five Salem hop-buyers, and if the hops are declared choice, he will donate $500 to any charitable institution in the state, Mitchell to do the same if the hops are declared not choice.

In further proof of his good faith, Krebs shows a telegram from John Rangan, of Grant's Pass, refusing an offer of 27 cents for 300 bales of choice hops.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

The steady decline in Eastern and foreign wheat prices has given a very weak tone to the local wheat market, in which trading is of small proportions. Oats and barley are also quiet, but prices are steadily maintained. Hay is depressed, and chest is quoted lower. Flour continues strong, and millfeed is firm at last quotations.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 85c; bluestem, 92c; Valley, 87c per bushel.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.60@4.85 per barrel; straights, $4.20@4.45; clears, $3.85@4; Valleys, $4.10@4.25; Dakota hard wheat, $6.50@7.50; Graham, $3.50@4; whole wheat, $4@4.25; rye flour, local, $5; Eastern, $3@3.10; cornmeal, per case, $1.90.

BARLEY—Feed, $22 per ton; rolled, $24@25.

OATS—No. 1 white, $1.55@1.60; gray, $1.40 @1.45 per cental.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19.50 per ton; middlings, $25; shorts, $22; chop, U. S. Mills, $19; linseed dairy feeds, $18; linseed oilmeal, car lots, $29 per ton; less than car lots, $30 per ton.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pounds sacks, $6.75; lower grade, $5@5.25; oatmeal, steel cut, 50-pound sacks, $5 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4.25; cracked wheat (ground), 50-pound sacks, $7.50 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4 per bale; split peas, $4 per 100-pound sack; 25-pound boxes, $1.15; pearl barley, $4 per 100 pounds; 25-pound boxes, $1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.50 per bale.

HAY—Timothy, $14@16 per ton; clover, $11@12; grain, $11@12; cheat, $11@12.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Eggs continue to move off well, and the market is considered as fairly firm. Poultry cleaned up promptly at former prices. Butter is firm and unchanged.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 17½c per dozen.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 32½c per pound; fancy creamery, 30c. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 27½@30c; store butter, 14@16c.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, new, 14@15c; old, 15c; Americas, 14@15½c.

POULTRY—Fancy hens, 14@14½c; old hens, 12½@13c; young chickens, 12½@12½c; old roosters, 10@11c; do young, 11½@12½c; Springs, 1½ to 2-pound, 17@18c; broilers, 1 to 1½-pound, 22@25c; dressed chickens, 14½@16c; turkeys, alive, 16@17c; do dressed, poor, 17@18c; do choice, 20@22½c; geese, live, per pound, 8@8½c; do dressed, per pound, 10@11c; ducks, old, $8.50@9; do young, as to size, $9@10; pigeons, $1@1.25; squabs, $2@2.50.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Front street was well supplied yesterday with the heavy receipts of the preceding day, and a strong demand made trading lively. New asparagus, rhubarb and cucumbers are offering.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1 per sack; carrots, $1.25; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.50; cabbage, California, 1½c; lettuce, bothouse, 65c per dozen; parsley, 75c dozen; tomatoes, $2.25 per crate; cauliflower, $2 per crate; egg plant, 10@20c per pound; celery, $1.25@3.50 per crate; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 25c per pound; sprouts, 6c; asparagus, 12½@15c per pound; rhubarb 5c per pound; cucumbers, $2.25 per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen.

ONIONS—Fancy, $2.40@2.60, buying price.

POTATOES—Oregon fancy, 85@90c; common, 60@70c, buyers' price; Merced sweets, 1½ @1¾c; new California, 3c per pound.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatels, 4-crown, 7½c; 3-layer Minguettes relaxing, 7½c; unbleached seedless Sultanas, 6½c; London layers, 2-crown, 2c.

whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.85; 2-crown, $1.75.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, evaporated, 6@6½c per pound; sundried, sacks or boxes, none; apricots, 14@16c; peaches, 8@10½c; pears, none; prunes, Italians, 4@5c; French, 2½@3½c; figs, California blacks, 5½c; do white, none; Smyrna, 20c; Fard dates, 9c; plums, pitted, 4c.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, 4-tier Baldwins, $1.25@1.50; Spitzenbergs, $1.75@2; cooking, 75@90c; figs, $55c@$2.50 per box; cranberries, $12.50 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, fancy, $2.75@3.75; choice, $2.75 per box; oranges, standard, $1.45@2; fancy, $2@2.25; mandarins, 60@85c per box; tangerines, $1.50@2 per box; grapefruit, $2.75@3 per box; bananas, 5@6½c per pound.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 29@35c; Java, ordinary, 19 @20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@ 18c; ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $12.85; 50s, $13.85; Arbuckle, $14.85; Lion, $14.85.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.37½; Southern Japan, $5.50; Carolina, 4½@6c; broken, 2½c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pounds talls, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.85; fancy, 1½-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 85c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.45; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.85.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $6.40; powdered, $6.15; dry granulated, $6.05; extra C, $5.85; golden C, $5.45; fruit sugar, $6.05, advance over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half-barrels, 20c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. (Terms: On remittance within 15 days, deduct ⅛c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ¼c per pound; no discount after 30 days.) Beet sugar granulated, $5.85 per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

SALT—California, $11 per ton, $1.60 per bale. Liverpool, 50s, $17; 100s, $16.50; 200s, $16; half-ground, 100s, $7; 50s, $7.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, 10@11c per pound by sack, 1c extra for less than sack; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 14c; pecans, jumbos, 14c; extra large, 15c; almonds, I. X. L., 16½c; chestnuts, Italians, 15c; Cobs, $4.50 per 25-pound drum; peanuts, raw, 7½c per pound; roasted, 9c; pinenuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; cocoanuts, $5@6c per dozen.

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

Oils.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 23½c; iron barrels, 17c; 86 deg. gasoline, cases, 22c; iron barrels or drums, 26c.

COAL OIL—Cases, 21½c; iron barrels, 15c; wood barrels, none; 68 deg., cases, 22c; iron barrels, 15½c; Washington State test burning oils, except headlight, ½c per gallon higher.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 56c; cases, 61c. Boiled: Barrels, 58c; cases, 63c; 1c less in 250-gallon lots.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 55c; barrels, 51c.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7½c; 500-pound lots, 7¾c; less than 500-pound lots, 8c.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Dressed, bulls, 3@4c; cows, 3½@5c; country steers, 4@5½c.

MUTTON—Dressed, 6@7c per pound.

VEAL—Dressed, 100 to 125, 7@7½c per pound; 125 to 200, 4@4½c; 200 and up, 3½@4c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 150, 7½@8c per pound; 150 and up, 7@7½c.

HAMS—Ten to 14 pounds, 12½c per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 12½c; 18 to 20 pounds, 12½c; California (picnic), 8½c; cottage hams, 9c; shoulders, 8½c; boiled ham, 20c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 14c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 16c per pound; standard breakfast, 14c; choice, 15c; English breakfast, 11 to 14 pounds, 13c; peach bacon, 11c.

SAUSAGE—Portland ham, 12½c per pound; minced ham, 10c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 5½c; weinerwurst, 8c; liver, 5c; pork, 9c; blood, 5c; headcheese, 12½c; bologna sausage, link, 40c.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Regular short clears, 9½c salt, 10½c smoked; clear backs, 9c salt, 10c smoked; Oregon export, 20 to 25 pounds, average, 10½c; salt, 11½c smoked; clears, 9½c salt, 10½c smoked; clear backs, 9c; Union butts, 10 to 18 pounds, average, 8c salt, 9c smoked.

PICKLED GOODS—Pickled pigs' feet, ½-barrels, $3; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled tripe, ½-barrels, $3; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kits, $1.25; pickled pigs' tongues, ½-barrels, $6; ¼-barrels, $3; 15-pound kits, $1.50; pickled lambs' tongues, ½-barrels, $3; ¼-barrels, $2.50; 15-pound kits, $2.75.

LARD—Kettle-rendered: Tierces, 9½c; tubs, 9¾c; 50s, 9¾c; 20s, 9¾c; 10s, 10¼c; 5s, 10¾c. Standard pure: Tierces, 8½c; tubs, 8¾c; 50s, 8¾c; 20s, 9c; 10s, 9¼c; 5s, 9½c. Compound: Tierces, 6½c; tubs, 6¾c; 50s, 6¾c; 10s, 7¼c; 5s, 7¾c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1904, 24@26c per pound.

WOOL—Valley, 19@20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@17c; mohair, 25@30c per pound for choice.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@15½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 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, 7@ 8c, under 60 pounds and cows, 6½@7c; stags and bulls, sound, 4@4½c; kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 7c; under 15 pounds, 5c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; calls, 1c per pound; horse hides, salted, $1.50@2 each; dry, $1@1.50 each; colts' hides, 25@50c each; goatskins, common, 10@15c each; Angora, with wool on, 25@40c.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 4@5c; No. 1 and grease, 2½@3c.

LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted at Portland Union Stockyards Yesterday.

Receipts at the Portland Union Stockyards yesterday were 100 cattle and 525 sheep. The following prices were quoted at the yards:

CATTLE—Best Eastern Oregon steers, $4; cows and heifers, $3@3.25.

HOGS—Best large, fat hogs, $6; black and China fat, $5.25@5.50.

SHEEP—Best Eastern Oregon and Valley, $4.25@4.50.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Kansas City, Omaha and Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Cattle—Receipts 5000; market steady. Good to prime steers, $5.25@6.15; poor to medium, $3.75@4.75; stockers and feeders, $2.60@4.50; cows, $2.75 @4.50; heifers, $3@4.75; canners, $1.60@ 2.40; bulls, $2.50@4.15; calves, $3@6.75.

Hogs—Receipts today, 23,000; tomorrow, 40,000; market 5c higher. Mixed and butchers, $4.90@5.20; good to choice heavy, $5.10 @5.22½; rough heavy, $4.90@5.05; light, $4.85@5.10; bulk of sales, $4.95@5.15.

Sheep—Receipts 18,000; sheep and lambs steady. Good to choice wethers, $5.60@6.25; fair to choice mixed, $5@5.50; Western sheep, $5.25@6.10; native lambs, $6@7.75; Western lambs, $6.50@7.75.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 7.—Cattle—Receipts 5100; market steady to easier. Native steers, $3.75@5.50; cows and heifers, $3 @4.10; canners, $1.75@2.85; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.25; calves, $3@6; bulls, stags, etc., $2@4.

Hogs—Receipts 10,500; market 5c higher. Heavy, $4.90@5; mixed, $4.85@4.90; light, $4.70@4.90; pigs, $3.75@4; bulk of sales, $4.85@4.92½.

Sheep—Receipts 12,000; market dull and lower. Western yearlings, $5.75@6.75; wethers, $5@5.90; ewes, $4.75@5.50; lambs, $6.50@7.40.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 7.—Cattle—Receipts 1000; market steady. Native steers, $4@5.85; stockers and feeders, $3@4.75; calves, $3@6.50; Western-fed steers, $4@ 5.35; do cows, $2@4.40.

Hogs—Receipts 13,000; market strong to 5c higher; bulk of sales, $4.90@5.07½; heavy, $5@5.10; packers, $4.95@5; pigs and lights, $4.20@5.

Sheep—Receipts 2000; market strong. Muttons, $4.75@5.75; lambs, $6.50@7.50; range wethers, $5@6.60; fed ewes, $4.75@5.60.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 7.—There was a continued demand, supposed to be for speculative account, in the London tin market, and prices there increased their gain, closing at £133 7s 6d for spot, and £132 5s for future. Locally, the market was quiet, and did not follow the improvement abroad, closing at 28.75@29c.

Copper was firm abroad, with quotations higher at £67 18s 9d for spot and £68 6s 3d for futures. Locally, the situation is unchanged, some lots being offered around inside prices, while the large producers are still firm in their views. Lake is quoted at 15.37½@ 15.50c; electrolytic, 15.29@15.37½c, and casting, 14.87½@15.25c.

Lead was unchanged at 4.45@4.60c locally. In London it was higher at £12 1s 3d.

Spelter remained unchanged at 6.10@6.25c locally, and at £23 15s in London.

Iron closed at 54s in Glasgow and 48s 10½d in Middlesboro. Locally the market continues firm, with some furnaces said to be holding for a slight advance, although the general market shows no quotable change. No. 1 foundry Northern is quoted at $17.50@18.25; No. 2 foundry Northern, $17.50@18; No. 1 foundry Southern and do soft, $17.75@18.25.

Dairy Produce in the East.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Butter—Easy; Western imitation creamery, common to extra, 24 @28c. Cheese and eggs, unchanged.

CHICAGO, March 7.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was decidedly weak; creameries, 22@28c; dairies, 21@28c. Eggs, easy at market, cases included, 19@ 19½c; firsts, 19½c; prime firsts, 20½c; extras, 22c. Cheese, firm, 12@13½c.

TESTING THE MARKET

SPECULATION IN STOCKS TAKES ON WAITING ATTITUDE.

Combinations and Merger Stories Losing Their Effect to Stimulate the Demand.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The speculation in stocks took on rather a waiting attitude today, and business was largely confined to testing operations to learn the temper of the market. These failed to develop any vigorous upward tendency, and the subsequent drop was due as much to disappointment over this lack as to any positive pressure.

The Northern Securities decision or supposition regarding it has figured so long and so often as a speculative factor that the market is somewhat at a loss with the conclusion reached. But the apathetic tone which is creeping over the market evidences that the many combinations and merger stories, none of which have materialized, are losing their force to stimulate demand. The failure of the much-talked-of Southern iron combination has had an admonitory effect, and is regarded as showing the highly credulous condition of mind into which the speculators had been led. A natural spirit of misgiving regarding other vague stories, on the strength of which stocks have been bought, is the result.

Authoritative denial was made today of a recently prevailing rumor of a new issue of Sugar stock with valuable subscription privileges. The strike on the Interborough system in New York City had no very clear effect directly through the stocks immediately concerned, which, in fact, showed strength; but the effect was bad on the general speculative temper. There was a direct effect also in the reduction of the attendance at the Stock Exchange caused by the difficulty in getting to business, and the resultant dullness of the market was partly due to this fact.

There was no change in current conditions of money or business to alter the tone of the stock market. Money on call continued easy. An easier tone of London discounts led to renewed rumors of a reduction in the Bank of England rate on Thursday. But Parts was a seller of securities, apparently on account of the dark Russian prospects. New York exchange at Chicago declined to a small discount, and the New York Subtreasury continued to take a considerable sum from the New York banks.

Revived rumors of a head merger were responsible for the strength of National Lead and the Smelting stocks. The few gains were poorly held, and the market as a whole plainly showed the waning influence of the unverified rumors which have long served to carry prices upward. The closing was easy and at about the lowest of the day.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value, $3,030,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Atchison	6,000	91⅞	90⅞	90⅞
do preferred	1,800	103⅝	102½	102½
Atlantic Coast Line	6,700	142½	139½	140½
Baltimore & Ohio	16,200	109⅝	108⅝	108⅝
do preferred	400	96½	96½	96½
Canadian Pacific	18,500	142½	141⅞	142
Central of N. J.	200	199	199	198
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,800	50⅝	50½	50½
Chicago & Alton	600	40½	39½	39
do preferred	100	81	81	80
Chi. Great Western	3,800	22⅝	22½	22½
Chi. & Northwestern	600	240	239	238½
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	10,500	178	176⅝	177⅝
Chi. Term. & Trans.	600	17½	17	17
do preferred	1,800	32⅝	31½	31⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	600	99	98	98⅝
Colorado & Southern	200	25⅝	25⅝	25½
do 1st preferred				60½
do 2d preferred	100	36⅝	36⅝	36⅝
Delaware & Hudson	200	190	190	189⅝
Del., Lack. & West.	100	355	355	355
Denver & Rio Grande	100	32½	32½	32½
do preferred				87
Erie	35,500	47⅝	46⅝	46⅝
do 1st preferred	2,000	82½	81½	81½
do 2d preferred	9,100	70⅝	69⅝	69⅝
Hocking Valley	100	91½	91½	91
do preferred	100	91⅝	91⅝	91
Illinois Central	1,400	158½	158	158
Iowa Central				28½
do preferred				57½
Ka. City Southern	200	29½	29½	29½
do preferred	400	66⅝	65½	65½
Louisville & Nashv.	6,700	142½	140⅝	141½
Manhattan L.	2,200	171½	170	171
Metrop. Securities	12,700	93⅝	92½	93½
Metropolitan St. Ry.	1,300	124½	122	122½
Mexican Central	5,100	24⅝	24½	24½
Minn. & St. Louis				36
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	5,300	119	117½	117½
do preferred	200	160½	160	160
Missouri Pacific	12,500	100⅝	100⅝	100⅝
Mo., Kan. & Texas	300	31⅝	31⅝	31
do preferred	200	64⅝	64½	64½
National of Mex. pfd.	200	42	41½	41½
New York Central	3,800	157	155⅝	156⅝
N. Y., Ont. & West.	1,800	54½	53⅝	53⅝
Norfolk & Western	600	83⅝	83½	83½
do preferred				92
Pennsylvania	26,600	143⅝	142⅝	142⅝
P., C., C. & St. L.	100	119½	118½	118
Reading	73,700	96⅝	95⅝	95⅝
do 1st preferred	200	92	92	91½
do 2d preferred	200	85½	85½	85½
Rock Island Co.	8,300	35⅝	34½	34⅝
do preferred	1,900	80	79½	79⅝
do 2d preferred	300	72⅝	72	71⅝
St. L. Southwestern				32
do preferred	600	61	60½	60⅝
Southern Pacific	16,500	70	69	69
do preferred	100	118½	118½	118½
Southern Railway	6,900	35⅝	35⅝	35½
do preferred	200	98½	98½	98½
Texas & Pacific	4,500	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝
Toledo, St. L. & W.	200	36⅝	36½	36½
do preferred	200	59½	59⅝	59½
Union Pacific	104,300	134½	132⅝	132⅝
do preferred	500	100	100	99
Wabash	1,600	23	22½	22½
do preferred	1,400	47	46⅝	46⅝
Wheeling & L. Erie	100	19	19	19
Wisconsin Central	100	24	24	23⅝
do preferred	300	52½	52	52
Express companies—				
Adams				245
American				230
United States				130
Wells-Fargo	100	250	250	250
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	29,800	78½	77⅝	77½
Amer. Car & Foundry	1,600	35½	35	35½
do preferred	100	94½	94½	94½
American Cotton Oil	100	35½	35½	35
do preferred				95
American Ice				5½
do preferred	100	39⅝	39⅝	39⅝
American Linseed Oil	100	13	13	13
do preferred	400	44½	44½	44⅝
American Locomotive	2,600	43	42⅝	42⅝
do preferred	200	112	111½	111½
Amer. Sm. & Refining	23,500	92	91½	92⅝
do preferred	2,000	120	118½	119⅝
Amer. Sugar Refining	8,000	147⅝	146	146
Am. Tobacco pf. cert.	1,600	98	97½	97⅝
Anaconda Mining Co.	200	109	109	108½
Brooklyn R. Transit	15,900	66½	65½	66
Colorado Fuel & Iron	2,000	51½	50½	50⅝
Consolidated Gas	7,800	213½	212	212½
Corn Products	2,100	15⅝	15	15⅝
do preferred	1,700	76½	76½	74
Distillers' Securities	100	37⅝	37⅝	37⅝
General Electric	500	187½	187	186⅝
International Paper	400	22⅝	22	22
do preferred	100	78½	78½	78½
International Pump				39
do preferred				86
National Lead	12,200	26⅝	24⅝	25⅝
North American	2,100	103	102	102
Pacific Mail	1,100	46⅝	46	46
People's Gas	8,700	110⅝	108⅝	110
Pressed Steel Car	400	37⅝	37½	38⅝
do preferred				87⅝
Pullman Palace Car				242
Republic Steel	2,600	19½	18½	18½
do preferred	1,800	76⅝	76	76½
Rubber Goods	800	25½	25½	25½
do preferred				92½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	3,900	89½	87½	87½
U. S. Leather	1,000	12	11⅝	11⅝
do preferred	1,100	104½	104	104½
U. S. Realty	1,700	94⅝	93½	94
U. S. Rubber	400	41⅝	41½	41
do preferred	200	111⅝	111⅝	111½
U. S. Steel	65,400	38½	38⅝	38⅝
do preferred	24,400	95⅝	94⅝	95
Va.-Carolina Chemical	200	36½	36⅝	36
do preferred	200	108	108	108½
Westinghouse Elec.	300	150	150	150
Western Union	900	94½	93⅝	93½

Total sales for the day, 785,600 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref 2s reg.	104½	Atchison Adj 4s.	97
do coupon	104⅝	D. & R. G. 4s.	101
U. S. 3s reg.	104½	N. Y. Cent. 1sts.	99⅝
do coupon	104½	Nor. Pacific 3s.	77
U. S. new 4s reg.	132½	do 4s	105½
do coupon	132½	So. Pacific 4s	95½
U. S. old 4s reg.	104½	Union Pacific 4s.	105⅝
do coupon	104½	Wis. Central 4s.	94½

Stocks at London.

LONDON, March 7.—Console for money, 90⅞; console for account, 91¼.

Anaconda	8⅝	Nor. & Western.	85⅝
Atchison	90⅝	do preferred	94
do preferred	103½	Ont. & Western.	26½
Balt. & Ohio	112½	Pennsylvania	73⅝
Can. Pacific	146⅝	Rand Mines	10⅝
Ches. & Ohio	52	Reading	49⅝
C., Gt. Western	23½	do 1st pref	47
C., M. & St. P.	183	do 2d pref	46
DeBeers	18	So. Railway	24⅝
D. & R. G.	34⅝	do preferred	100⅝
do preferred	81	So. Pacific	71⅝
Erie	46½	Union Pacific	137⅝
do 1st pref	84½	do preferred	102
do 2d pref	72½	U. S. Steel	37⅝
Illinois Central	162⅝	do preferred	96½
L. & N.	140⅝	Wabash pref	24
M., K. & T.	32⅝	do preferred	47⅝
N. Y. Central	161	Spanish 4s	94½

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Money on call, steady, 2@2½ per cent; closing bid, 2 per cent; offered at 2¾ per cent. Time loans, steady; 60 and 90 days, 3 per cent; six months, 3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3¾@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, slightly firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8605@ 4.8670 for demand, and $4.8450@4.8455 for 60 days. Posted rates, $4.85½@4.87½. Commercial bills, $4.84¾@4.84½.

Bar silver, 58¾c.

Mexican dollars, 46c.

Bonds—Government, steady; railroads, heavy.

LONDON, March 7.—Bar silver, firm, 27 3-16d per ounce.

Money, 2¾@3 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 7-16@2½ per cent; three months' bills, 2⅝ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Silver bars, 58½.

Drafts—Sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85½; sight, $4.87½.

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$506,514	$103,236
Seattle	854,515	169,072
Tacoma	303,840	25,074
Spokane	409,433	47,832

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances shows:

Available cash balance	$141,296,160
Gold	56,581,547

FAVORABLE CROP WEATHER.

Causes Extremely Weak Wheat Market at Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Favorable weather for the growth of the Fall-sown crop was the prime factor in an extremely weak wheat market here today. At the opening the market showed considerable weakness, May being off ⅝c to ¾c, at $1.14⅝ to $1.15¼. July was down ⅛c to ⅜c, at 97½c to 98¼c. Sentiment in the pit was generally bearish, the majority of traders being on the selling side. The initial decline was due partly to a slump of ¼d at Liverpool. The weakness abroad, however, was of less influence than domestic conditions. Weather throughout the Winter wheat section of the United States was extremely favorable to the development of the new crop, a rise in temperature, accompanied by rains, being reported from many localities.

In addition to the selling by pit traders, commission houses had numerous stop-loss orders, execution of which caused increased weakness as trading advanced. After selling at $1.15¼ shortly after the opening, May gradually declined until the price touched $1.13¾. July sold off to 96⅝c. Later May rallied on covering by shorts, but July was heavy the entire day. A factor that tended to create some demand for May was a report by a local crop statistician, giving a bullish estimate on the amount of wheat in farmers' hands. The statistics given by the expert makes the reserves the smallest in eight years for this time of the year. The market closed weak, with May 1c off at $1.14⅝. July closed 1⅜c down, at 96⅝c.

During the first part of the session the corn market was active and strong, but weakness of wheat made corn weak late in the day. May opened a shade to ⅛@¼c higher, at 48⅝c to 48½c, and closed at 47⅞c.

A decidedly weak feeling developed in the oats market, and values declined quite sharply on selling by a prominent commission-house. May opened unchanged to ⅛c lower, at 27¼@ 27⅛c, and closed at 31⅝c.

Weakness of grain showed a depressing effect on provisions. At the close May pork was off 7½c, at $12.72½. Lard was down 2½@5c, at $7.05@7.07½c; ribs were 2½c lower, at $6.87½ @6.90.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	$1.14⅝	$1.15¼	$1.13⅝	$1.14⅝
July	.97½	.98¼	.96⅝	.96⅝
September	.90⅝	.90½	.89⅝	.89⅝

CORN.

May	.48⅝	.48⅝	.47½	.47⅞
July	.48⅝	.49	.48⅝	.48⅝
September	.49	.49⅝	.48⅝	.48⅝

OATS.

March				.31¼
May	.32½	.32⅝	.31⅝	.31⅝
July	.32	.32½	.31⅝	.31⅝
September	.30½	.30⅝	.29⅝	.29⅝

MESS PORK.

May	12.80	12.80	12.72½	12.72½
July	12.87½	12.95	12.87½	12.87½

LARD.

May	7.07½	7.12½	7.05	7.07½
July	7.22½	7.20	7.20	7.20

SHORT RIBS.

May	6.92½	6.95	6.87½	6.90
July	7.05	7.10	7.02½	7.05

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, $1.12@1.14½; No. 3, $1.05@1.14; No. 2 red, $1.14⅝@1.17½.

Corn—No. 2, 46½c; No. 2 yellow, 46½c.

Oats—No. 2, 31½c; No. 2 white, 32½@33½c; No. 3 white, 32@33c.

Rye—No. 2, 78½@78½c.

Barley—Good feeding, 40@41c; fair to choice malting, 44@47c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.26½; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.28½.

Timothy seed—Prime, $3@3.10.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $12.60@12.70.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $6.92½@6.95.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $6.75@6.87½.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $6.87½@7.

Clover—Contract grade, $12.85.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	42,000	33,400
Wheat, bushels	62,000	44,100
Corn, bushels	808,100