DEMAND IS SLOWER

Buyers Will Only Take Hops at Concessions.

EASTERN MARKETS ARE QUIET

Large Increase in New Acreage Set Out in California—Local Produce and Jobbing Quotations.

The active demand for hops that characterized the market a week ago is lacking this week. At the same time there is less pressure on the part of holders to sell. No transactions have come to light in the past few days. Some orders are on hand, but can only be filled at concessions, as Easterners are offering but 24 cents f. o. b. here.

Quiet conditions also prevail at other points. New York mail advices of March 16 said:

No advices of importance were received from the Coast or up the State, and it was inferred that these markets were holding quiet but steady. Locally the market was without new features. Business was quiet, there being no trading between dealers, and the demand from brewers was slow. Prices were reported unchanged. Foreign markets were reported without changes.

A letter from Nurnberg-Sanz, dated February 24, said:

Owing to exceedingly unfavorable weather and on account of the lasting Winter, inquiry from home consumption and abroad has decreased, and prices are at buyers' favor. Quotations for choice grade qualities are influenced too and same are to be had under price, as there are some speculators who are forced to sell. It is thought, however, that there is still a good many requirements to fill by breweries and therefore business will be reactive, when good weather sets in.

Some contracting has been made in California recently for Fall delivery at 16 cents. The increase in acreage under hops in Sacramento County is estimated at 441 acres, in Yolo County 285, in Yuba County 705, and in Sonoma County 600. These four counties now have a total acreage of 7267 acres, against 5256. The crop is reported in fine condition and the yield will be considerably larger than that of last year, which was 63,000 bales. Contracts have been made recently for Fall delivery at 18 cents.

Estimate of 1905 Hop Crop.

SALEM, Or., March 20.—According to estimates given by H. J. Ottenheimer, a local hop dealer, the probable hop yield of Oregon will amount to 135,000 bales, against 90,000 bales in 1904. These figures are based upon the increased acreage over last year, which is placed at 5000 acres. The increase in 1903-04 was 3000 acres, making a total of 27,000 acres in the state. The new acreage is coming on fine and will yield, barring adverse weather conditions, two bales per acre, while the old yards will average well up to five and a quarter bales per acre.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

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

FLOUR—Patents, $4.60@4.85 per barrel; straights, $4.30@4.45; clears, $3.85@4; Valley, $4.10@4.25; Dakota hard wheat, $4.50@5; Graham, $3.50@4.45; whole wheat, $4@4.25; rye flour, local, $5; Eastern, $5@5.10; cornmeal, per case, $1.90.

BARLEY—Feed, $23 per ton; rolled $24@25.

OATS—No. 1 white, $1.37½@1.42; gray, $1.50 per cental.

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

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $6.75; lower grade, $5@6.25; oatmeal, steel cut, 50-pound sacks, $5 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4.25 per bale; oatmeal (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.

The egg market was steadier yesterday and the break in prices that was threatened has been staved off for a few days. Better outside orders have come in and shipments to Alaska are particularly large. There was nothing done in the poultry market. Butter was without change.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 18c per dozen.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 32½c per pound; fancy creamery, 30c. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 27½@30c; dairy, 15@17c; store butter, 14@15c; California, 29@31c.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, new, 14@15c; old, 18c; Americas, 14@15½c.

POULTRY—Fancy hens, 14@14½c; old hens, 13@13½c; mixed chickens, 12½@13c; old roosters, 10@11c; young roosters, 11½@12½c; Springs, 12½@2 pounds, 17@19c; broilers, 1@1½ pounds, 20@22½c; fryers, chickens, 1@1½ pounds, 20@22½c; turkeys, alive, 17@18c; turkeys, dressed poor, 17½@18c; turkeys, choice, 20@22½c; geese, live, per pound, 8@9c; geese, dressed, 10@11c; ducks, old, 15@9; ducks, young as to size, $9@6.50; pigeons, $1@1.25; squabs, $2@2.50.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Three cars of oranges and one car of San Francisco iced vegetables arrived yesterday. No receipts from Southern California are expected until Wednesday, when three cars of oranges and several of bananas will be due.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1 per sack; carrots, $1.25; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.50; cabbage, California, 1½c; lettuce, hothouse, $1.25@1.50 per box; parsley, 20c dozen; tomatoes, $2.25 per crate; cauliflower, $2 per crate; egg plant, $2.50 per pound; celery, $2.50 per crate; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 25c per pound; sprouts, 6c; asparagus, 8c per pound; rhubarb, 8c per pound; cucumbers, $2.25 per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen.

ONIONS—Parma, $2.90@3.10; No. 2, $1@1.50, buying price.

POTATOES—Oregon fancy, 90c@$1; common, 70@85c; buyers' price; Merced sweets, 1½c.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatels, 4-crown, 7½c; 3-layer Muscatel raisins, 7½c; unbleached sewed Sultanas, 6½c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.65; 2-crown, $1.75.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, evaporated, 6@6½c per pound; sundried, sacks or boxes, none; apricots, 10@11c; peaches, 9@10½c; pears, none; prunes, Italians, 4½@5c; French, 2½@3½c; figs, California blacks, 2½c; do white, none; Smyrna, 20c; Fard dates, 6c; plums, pitted, 6c.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, fancy, $1.75@2.50 per box; choice, $1@1.25; common, 50@75c; figs, 5c@$2.50 per box.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, fancy, $2.75@3.75; choice, $2.75 per box; oranges, fancy, $2.50@2.75 per box; choice, $1.50@1.75; standard, $1.25@1.50; tangerines, $1.50@2 per box; grapefruit, $2.50@3 per box; bananas, 3@3½c per pound.

Meats and Provisions.

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

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy, 7@7½c; ordinary, 5@6c.

VEAL—Dressed, 100 to 125, 7½@8½c per pound; 125 to 200, 6@6½c; 200 and up, 5½@6c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 150, 5c per pound; 150 and up, 7½@8c.

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

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

BARBAGE—Portland ham, 12½c per pound; minced ham, 10c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 5½c; wienerwurst, 6c; liver, 5c; pork, 5c; blood, 5c; headcheese, 12½c; bologna sausage link, 6½c.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Regular short clears, 20c 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, $5; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled tripe, ½-barrels, $5; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled pigs' tongues, ½-barrels, $6; ¼-barrels, $3; 15-pound kits, $1.50; pickled lemon tongue, ½-barrels, $9; ¼-barrels, $5.50; 15-pound kits, $2.75.

LARD—Kettle-rendered, Tierces, 8½c; tubs, 8¾c; 50s, 9¼c; 20s, 9¾c; 10s, 10¼c; 5s, 10½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 6½c; tubs, 8¾c; 50s, 9¼c; 20s, 9c; 10s, 9¾c; 5s, 9½c. Compound: Tierces, 6½c; tubs, 8¾c; 50s, 9¼c; 10s, 7¾c; 5s, 7¾c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 20@25c; Java, ordinary, 20@30c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 16@12c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $13.38; 50s, $13.38; Arbuckle, $14.38; Lion, $14.38.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.37½; Southern Japan, $3.50; Carolina, 4½@6c; breakhead, 3½c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.85; fancy 1@1¼-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 85c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.40; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $1.50.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $5.30; powdered, $5.05; dry granulated, $5.05; extra C, $5.45; golden C, $5.35; fruit sugar, $5.05, 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 ½c per pound; no discount after 30 days.) Beet sugar granulated, $5.55 per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

SALT—California, $11 per ton, $1.60 per bale, Liverpool, 50s, $17; 100s, $18.50; 200s, $16; half-ground, 100s, $7; 50s, $7.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, 12½c 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. Ohio, $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; bayos, 3½c; Limas, 5½c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—Choice 1904, 22½@23c per pound.

WOOL—Valley, 19@20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@17c per pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 25@26c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 16@16½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 9 to 15 pounds, 14@15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 9 pounds, 17@18c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; culls, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hair-slipped, weatherbeaten or grubby, 2@3c per pound less; salted hides, steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 9@10c per pound; 50 to 60 pounds, 8½@9c per pound; under 50 pounds and cows, 8@9c per pound; salted stags and bulls, sound, 6c per pound; salted kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 9c per pound; salted veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 9c per pound; salted calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 10c per pound; green, unsalted, 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less). Sheep skins: Shearlings, No. 1 butchers' stock, 25@30c each; short wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 40@50c each; medium wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 60@80c; long wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, $1@1.50 each. Murrain pelts, from 10 to 20 per cent less, or 12@14c per pound; horse hides, salted, each, according to size, $1.50@2; dry, each, according to size, $1@1.50. Goat skins, 25@50c each; goat skins, common, 10@15c each; Angora, with wool on, 25c@$1.50 each.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 3½@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@3c.

PELTS—Bear skins, as to size, No. 1, $2.50@10 each; cubs, $1@2; badger, 25@50c; wild cat, with head perfect, 25@50c; house cat, 5@10c; fox, common gray, 50@70c; red, $3@5; cross, $5@15; silver and black, $100@300; fishers, $5@6; lynx, $4.50@6; mink, strictly No. 1, according to size, $1@2.50; marten, dark Northern, according to size and color, $10@15; marten, pale, pine, according to size and color, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, 10@15c; skunk, 40@50c; civet, or polecat, 5@10c; otter, large, prime skin, 4@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, $20@30; raccoon, prime, 30@50c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, $2.50@5; coyote, 60c@1; wolverine, 30@5; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; medium, $3@4; small, $1@1.50; kits, 50@75c.

BEESWAX—Good, clean and pure, 20@22c per pound.

CASCARA SAGRADA (Chittam bark)—Good, 4@4½c per pound.

OREGON GRAPE ROOT—Per 100 pounds, $3@4.

FEATHERS—Geese, white, 25@40c; geese, gray or mixed, 25@30c; duck, white, 15@20c; duck, mixed, 12@15c.

Oils.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 22½c; iron barrels, 17c; 86 deg. gasoline, cases, 22c; iron barrels or drums, 20c.

COAL OIL—Cases, 21½c; iron barrels, 15c; wood barrels, none; 63-deg., cases, 22c; iron barrels, 15½c; Washington State test burning oils, except headlight, 1c per gallon higher.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 61c; cases, 66c. Boiled: Barrels, 63c; cases, 68c; 1c less in 5-barrel lots.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 55c; barrels, 52c.

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

LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted at Portland Union Stockyards Yesterday.

Receipts at the Portland Union Stockyards yesterday were 682 sheep and 46 hogs. The following prices were quoted at the yards:

CATTLE—Best Eastern Oregon steers, $4; cows and heifers, $3@3.25; medium, $1.50@2.

HOGS—Best large, fat hogs, $6; block and China fat, $5.25@5.50; stockers, $5.

SHEEP—Best Eastern Oregon and Valley, $4.50@4.75; medium, $4@4.50.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Kansas City, Omaha and Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 22,000; market 10c higher. Good to prime steers, $5.15@6.25; poor to medium, $3.80@5; stockers and feeders, $2.70@4.60; cows, $3@4.40; heifers, $3@5; canners, $1.60@3.40; bulls, $2.50@4; calves, $2.75@6.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 30,000; tomorrow, 27,000; market 10c higher. Mixed and butchers, $5.10@5.40; good to choice heavy, $4.90@5.45; rough heavy, $5.10@5.25; light, $5.05@5.35; bulk of sales, $5.25@5.40.

Sheep—Receipts, 22,000; sheep and lambs strong to 10c higher. Good to choice wethers, $5.75@6.25; fair to choice mixed, $5@5.50; Western sheep, $5@6.10; native lambs, $5.50@7.75; Western lambs, $6.10@7.75.

KANSAS CITY, March 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 8000; market strong. Native steers, $4.00@5.75; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.85; Western fed steers, $4.25@5.25; Western cows, $3.00@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 5000; market 5@10c higher. Bulk of sales, $5.10@5.30; packers, $5.15@5.30; pigs and lights, $4.25@5.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 4000; market 10c higher. Muttons, $4.90@5.90; lambs, $6.50@7.35; range wethers, $5.35@6.60; fed ewes, $4.90@5.60.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 4500; market 10c higher. Native steers, $3.75@5.60; cows and heifers, $3.00@4.30; canners, $2.00@3.00; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.60; calves, $2.75@5.75; bulls, stags, etc., $2.25@4.30.

Hogs—Receipts, 3000; market 5@10c higher. Heavy, $5.10@5.20; mixed, $5.05@5.10; light, $5.00@5.15; pigs, $4.25@5.00; bulk of sales, $5.05@5.12½.

Sheep—Receipts, 4500; market 10c higher. Western yearlings, $5.80@6.05; wethers, $4.25@5.75; ewes, $4.75@5.40; lambs, $6.50@7.40.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	$ .03	Julia	$ .06
Alpha Con.	.09	Justice	.07
Andes	.19	Mexican	1.25
Belcher	.19	Occidental Con.	.50
Best & Belcher	.23	Ophir	.96
Bullion	.25	Overman	.18
Caledonia	.40	Potosi	.12
Challenge Con.	.12	Savage	.13
Choller	.12	Scorpion	.19
Confidence	.62	Seg. Belcher	.06
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.35	Sierra Nevada	.36
Crown Point	.06	Silver Hill	.55
Exchequer	.45	Union Con.	.38
Gould & Curry	.10	Utah Con.	.06
Hale & Norcross	.60	Yellow Jacket	.11

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Adams Con.	$ .25	Little Chief	$ .06
Alice	.55	Ontario	2.75
Breese	.25	Ophir	6.50
Brunswick Con.	.08	Phoenix	.05
Comstock Tun.	.08	Potosi	.10
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.30	Savage	.13
Horn Silver	1.70	Sierra Nevada	.35
Iron Silver	2.25	Small Hopes	.75
Leadville Con.	.03	Standard	1.85

BOSTON, March 20.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 6.00	Mohawk	$ 52.25
Allouez	22.75	Mont. C. & C.	3.75
Amalgamated	79.75	Old Dominion	26.50
Am. Zinc	11.00	Osceola	90.00
Atlantic	16.75	Parrot	28.25
Bingham	21.75	Quincy	100.00
Cal. & Hecla	670.00	Shannon	7.75
Centennial	18.00	Tamarack	232.00
Copper Range	77.00	Trinity	18.13
Daly West	15.75	U. S. Mining	23.50
Dominion Coal	82.50	U. S. Oil	9.50
Franklin	13.63	Utah	40.88
Granby	8.00	Victoria	4.12
Isle Royale	25.00	Winona	15.75
Mass. Mining	11.75	Wolverine	110.00
Michigan	14.00		

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., March 20.—Butter ruled firm at 26c, an advance of 1c per pound over last week's prices. Sales for the week, 482,000 pounds.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Cotton futures closed steady at a net gain of 10@13 points.

MARKET GIVEN SUPPORT

EFFORT MADE TO HOLD PRICES ON AN EVEN KEEL.

Renewed Rumors of Plan for Holding Company for Vanderbilt Properties.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The effects were perceptible in today's stock market of some benevolent supervision, which had the effect of discouraging aggression by the bear party. The buying which checked the decline, however, hesitated to follow prices when they ran upward and speculative operators who attempted to push the advances found themselves in scanty company. The result was a period of dullness in the trading and a narrowing in the fluctuations, prices showing a tendency to settle to about last week's closing. The impression was produced of an effort to hold the present situation on an even keel, while awaiting the result of some of the doubtful factors in the outlook.

The party of reaction was somewhat aggressive in the early part of the day until checked by the measures of support in the market. With the reaction checked, some of the old rumors of deals showed renewed vitality, notably that alleging a plan for a holding company for the Vanderbilt property and for the combination of New York Central, Northwestern and Union Pacific. The Northern Securities case also showed a remnant of its strong hold on speculative sentiment when the intimation was circulated that the Supreme Court was likely to conclude the case by issuing its mandate today for the carrying out of the decision. The renewed signs of depression shortly after noon were clearly due to the news of the adjournment of the court over the recess without issuing its mandate. About the same time there appeared official disclaimers of the New York Central rumors, also pointing out the absence of directors to secure a quorum of the board. Such disclaimers have often been issued in the midst of the most excited periods of late without attracting the slightest attention. Their greatest effect today was an index of the subdued spirit of the speculation.

Attention converged in the money market owing to the low state of the bank reserves and the expected growth of an interior demand for currency. The extreme activity in all lines of business itself promises to increase this demand and any material increase on money supplies will be expected to affect the stock market.

The tone of reviews of traffic conditions by railway officials was fairly enthusiastic, the only complaint being of a shortage of cars. Stocks of merchandise are reported low, owing to former talk of reordering, and orders are reported to be coming now in such volume as to promise a glut of railroad traffice for some time to come. Some renewed credence was given to the story of the merger of Southern iron companies. The railroad equipment stocks were in demand. Intimations of a newly-found value of the Canadian Pacific lands by reason of oil discoveries caused an extended rise in Canadian Pacific stock. Southern iron stocks closed strong and the market closed strong and at the best prices of the day.

Sterling exchange broke violently a full quarter of a cent on the pound and this was pointed to as a promise of relief for the money market.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,570,000. United States bonds were all unchanged.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Atchison	29,500	90¾	89¾	90¾
do preferred	100	103	103	103
Atlantic Coast Line	2,700	142½	141	142½
Baltimore & Ohio	15,200	100½	100¾	100¾
do preferred				99
Canadian Pacific	44,800	150	147	149¾
Central of N. J.				190
Chesapeake & Ohio	22,800	39	37	38¾
Chicago & Alton	200	42	41½	41½
do preferred	100	81	81	80¾
Chi. Great Western	4,900	24½	23¾	24½
Chi. & Northwestern	600	240¾	240	240¾
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	21,200	171½	170	170¾
Chi. Term. & Trans.				17
do preferred	200	33	32	32½
C., C. C. & St. Louis	2,700	106	105	105¾
Colo. & Southern	3,200	24	23½	24
do 1st preferred	100	60½	60½	60¾
do 2d preferred				34
Delaware & Hudson	1,000	191½	191	191½
Del., Lack. & West.				275
Denver & Rio Grande				34½
do preferred	400	89½	89	89
Erie	27,800	47	45½	46¾
do 1st preferred	1,000	81½	80¾	81¾
do 2d preferred	500	68¾	67¾	68¾
Hocking Valley	300	94½	93¼	93¾
do preferred	100	94¾	94¼	94¼
Illinois Central	3,800	162¾	161	162
Iowa Central	100	29	29	29
Kan. City Southern	400	29½	29¼	29½
do preferred	900	65¾	65¼	65¾
Louis. & Nashville	5,700	142½	141	142¾
Manhattan L.	300	169½	169½	169¾
Metrop. Securities	35,800	80¾	78¾	80¾
Metropolitan St. Ry.	6,700	124½	122¾	123¾
Mexican Central	4,200	24¾	24¼	24¾
Minn. & St. Louis	400	62	61	62
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	1,200	119	116½	119
do preferred	1,700	164¾	162¾	164
Missouri Pacific	7,300	105¾	103	105¾
Mo., Kan. & Texas	2,900	32	31	32
do preferred	2,000	66¾	65½	66¾
National of Mex. pfd.	900	41	41	41
New York Central	59,500	168	166¾	168¾
N. Y., Ont. & West.	15,900	67¾	67¼	67¾
Norfolk & Western	6,700	86¾	84¾	86¾
do preferred				92
Pennsylvania	49,500	143¾	142¼	143¾
Pitts., C. C. & St L.	900	82½	82½	81
Reading	81,900	96¾	94¾	96
do 1st preferred	200	92½	92¼	92¾
Rock Island Co.	16,100	30¾	29¾	30¾
do preferred	1,000	82¾	80	79¾
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd.	1,800	71	70	70¾
S. L. Southwestern	600	27	26	26¾
do preferred	3,100	65	64	64¾
Southern Pacific	20,600	86¾	85¾	86¾
do preferred	100	118½	118½	118½
Southern Railway	6,800	35¾	34½	35¼
do preferred	400	90¾	90¾	90¾
Texas & Pacific	400	38¾	38	38½
Toledo, St. L. & W.	1,400	30¾	29	29¾
do preferred	2,400	61¾	59¾	61¾
Union Pacific	500	111¾	110¾	110¾
do preferred	125,100	132¾	130¾	132¾
U. S. Steel	1,000	36¾	34¾	35¾
do preferred	4,800	95¾	94½	95¾
Va.-Carolina Chemical	24,900	35¾	34¾	35¾
do preferred	300	107	107	107
Westinghouse Elec.	100			131¼
Western Union	4,800	93¾	92¾	93¼

Total sales for the day, 1,807,300 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	104¾	Atchison Adj. 4s	97
do coupon	107¾	D. & R. G. 4s	101¾
U. S. 3s reg.	104¼	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	99½
do coupon	104¼	Nor. Pacific 3s	76¾
U. S. new 4s reg.	132½	do 4s	100
do coupon	132½	So. Pacific 4s	93¼
U. S. old 4s reg.	104½	Union Pacific 4s	106½
do coupon	105¾	Wis. Central 4s	94

Stocks at London.

LONDON, March 20.—Consols for money, 91 5-16; consols for account, 91 7-16.

Anaconda	6¼	Nor. & Western	85¾
Atchison	82¼	do preferred	94½
do preferred	100	Ont. & Western	32
Balt. & Ohio	111¾	Pennsylvania	73¾
Can. Pacific	151	Rand Mines	10¾
Ches. & Ohio	39	Reading	49
C. Gt. Western	24¾	do 1st pref	47
C., M. & St. P.	184½	do 2d pref	46¾
DeBeers	17¼	So. Railway	20
D. & R. G.	35¾	do preferred	101¾
do preferred	92¼	So. Pacific	70
Erie	47½	Union Pacific	135¾
do 1st pref	83½	do preferred	102
do 2d pref	70	U. S. Steel	36
Illinois Central	165½	do preferred	97¾
L. & N.	145¾	Wabash	24
M., K. & T.	32¼	do preferred	46¾
N. Y. Central	166	Spanish 4s	81¾

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Money on call, firm, 2@2½ per cent; closing bid, 2½; offered, 2¾. Time loans steady; 60 days, 2@2¼; 90 days and six months, 3¼@3½. Prime mercantile paper, 3¾@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, weak, closing steadier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.88 for demand, and at $4.83@4.84 for 60 days; posted rates, $4.85 and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.83¾@4.83½.

Bar silver—58c.

Mexican dollars—44¾c.

Bonds—Governments, steady; railroads, irregular.

LONDON, March 20.—Bar silver, steady, 26¾d per ounce.

Money, 1¼@2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2¾ per cent; for three months' bills, 2¼@2 5-16 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Silver bars, 58c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85; sight, $4.87.

Drafts, sight, 7½c; telegraph, 10c.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund and exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows:

Available cash balances	$141,329,302
Gold	64,324,888

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$800,979	$119,206
Seattle	734,589	115,975
Tacoma	640,945	76,998
Spokane	529,705	61,797

SCARCITY OF ORANGES.

Few Reach San Francisco From the Southern Districts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 20.—(Special.)—Good sound oranges are likely to command firm prices until free shipments come from the southern districts. Receipts over Sunday were light and included only two carloads for today's auction. One carload of the latter was fancy Redlands stock and brought $1.90 to $2. The other carload sold as follows: Ordinary fancy, $1.50 to $1.60; choice, $1.15 to $1.40; standard, 80 cents to $1. The open market for citrus and other fruits was quiet owing to wet weather. Prices were generally steady. Six carloads of Central American bananas arrived, largely in good shipping condition, and were held at $2 to $3.

High-grade Coos Bay Burbank potatoes that take the place of Salinas are very firm and command $1.35, but the market is inclined to be easy on other Oregon stock and general offerings from the river. The Columbia's cargo was discharged so slowly that little business was done. Sales thus far ranged from $1 to $1.22½, but fancy would probably bring $1.25. Two hundred sacks of the Columbia's onions, rather large, sold at $3. Holders ask $3.25 for fancy medium size, but the market is dragging. New potatoes are firm with receipts light and buying orders for tomorrow's steamer for Puget Sound. Early vegetables are steady.

The grain market was dull. Speculative prices closed weaker. Cash quotations were steady for all cereals.

Butter was weak, with very light orders coming from the Sound. Cheese was steady. Eggs were weaker. Receipts, 72,200 lbs. butter, 8000 lbs. cheese, 26,370 dozen eggs.

VEGETABLES—Garlic, 5@10c; green peas, 3@4c; string beans, 15@20c; asparagus, 3@6c; tomatoes, $1.25@1.50; egg plant, 12c.

POULTRY—Turkey gobblers, 18@20c; roosters, old, $5@5.50; do young, $6.50@7.50; broilers, small, $3@4; large, $4.50@5.50; fryers, $5.50@6; hens, $5@7; ducks, old, $5@6; do young, $6.50@7.50.

CHEESE—Young America, 12½@13c; Eastern, 15@16c.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 25c; creamery seconds, 23c; fancy dairy, 22c; dairy seconds, 22c.

EGGS—Store, 17@18c; fancy ranch, 20c.

WOOL—Lambs', 16@18c.

HOPS—22@23c per pound.

HAY—Wheat, $10@14; wheat and oats, $10@18; barley, $9@10; alfalfa, $8@10.50; clover, $7@9; stocks, $6@7; straw, 40@50c.

MILLFEED—Bran, $20.50@21.50; middlings, $26.50@28.50.

FRUIT—Apples, choice, $2; do common, 75c; bananas, 75c@$2.50; Mexican limes, $4@5; bananas, 75c@$2.50; Mexican limes, $4@4.50; California lemons, choice, $2.50; do common, 75c; oranges, navels, 75c@$2; pineapples, $2@4.

POTATOES—Early Rose, $1.40@1.60; River Burbanks, 75c@$1; river reds, 65@75c; sweets, 75@90c; Oregon Burbanks, $1@1.35.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 12,712 quarter sacks; wheat, 19,437 centals; barley, 62,360 centals; oats, 3500 centals; beans, 597 sacks; corn, centals, 1200; potatoes, 7758 sacks; bran, 200 sacks; middlings, 1500 sacks; hay, 384 tons; wool, 155 bales; hides, 2480.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The London tin market was unchanged at £135, 10s for spot and £134 5s for futures. The local market was quiet, but a shade higher at 29.50@29.75c.

Copper was firm and slightly higher in the London market, closing at £68 7s 6d for spot and £68 15s for futures. Locally the market was quiet, but firm with demand reported quite active. Lake is quoted at 15.37½@15.50c; electrolytic, 15.25@15.37½c, and casting 14.87½@15.25c.

Lead also was higher abroad, closing at £12 8s 9d. Locally the market was steady and higher on the inside price named by the large producers. The quotation now stands at 4.50@4.60c.

Spelter was lower in London, closing at £23 1s 6d. The local market remained quiet, with outside prices a little lower and the general range from 6.15@6.25c.

Iron closed at 54s 9d in Glasgow and at 49s 2d in Middlesboro. Locally iron was unchanged; No. 1 found is quoted at $17.50@18.25; No. 2 foundry Northern at $17.50@18; No. 1 foundry Southern and No. 1 foundry Southern soft at $17.75@18.25.

European Grain Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 20.—Wheat—May, 6s 8½d; July, 6s 8½d.

LONDON, March 20.—Cargoes unchanged.

Dairy Produce in the East.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Butter irregular; extra creamery, 27@27½c; official prices, creamery, common to extra, 19@25c; renovated, common to extra, 18@22c; Western factory, common to extra, 18@22c; Western, imitation, 20@24c.

Cheese firm. State full cream, small and white fancy, 14c; do fine, 13@13½c; do late made, colored and white, choice, 13½@13c; do large colored and white fancy, 13¾c; do fine, 13@13¼c; do late made, colored and white, poor to choice, 10@12¾c.

Eggs strong. Western firsts, 17c; Western seconds, 16½c.

CHICAGO, March 20.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 20@25c; dairy, 18@23c.

Eggs—Firm at mark, cases included, 15½c; firsts, 15½c; prime firsts, 16c; extras, 17c.

Cheese—Firm; 12@13¼c.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The market for evaporated apples remains unchanged, with holders still seeking 5½c for prime, although buyers are holding off for better terms. Common are quoted at 4@5¼c; prime at 5¾@5½c; choice, 6@6¼c, and fancy, 7c.

Prunes continue quiet on spot in the local market, but Coast advices show an improvement in tone in the primary markets. Quotations here range from 2½c to 5¾c, according to size.

Apricots show no new features, remaining firm, with choice quoted at 10¼@11c; extra choice, 11½@12½c; fancy, 12@15c.

Peaches also are firm at recent prices. Choice are quoted at 10@10¼c; extra choice, 10½@10¾c, and fancy, 11¼@12c.

Raisins appeared a little steadier in tone. Loose muscatels are quoted at 4¼@5¼c; London layers, $1.05@1.25, and seeded raisins, 5½@6