WOOL IS STRONGER

Unexpected Keen Demand at London Sales.

SHORT SUPPLIES IN EUROPE

Dealers Who Bought in West Encouraged Over Situation — Contracting Renewed at Higher Prices — Boston Quiet.

BOSTON, March 28.—Although the trading is quiet, there is distinctly a better feeling in the wool market. The unexpected keen demand for wool at the London sales and the general strong demand abroad have shown the trade that there is a scarcity of wool in Europe and it is apparent that dealers who have bought in the West are feeling encouraged over the situation. Territory wools are quiet, but pulled wools are in better demand. Foreign grades are steady. It is said that more advance contracting for the next clip is under way at higher prices. Quotations, territory:

Idaho, fine, 19@20c; heavy fine, 16@17c; fine medium, 19@20c; medium, 21@22c; low medium, 23@24c.

Wyoming, fine, 17½@18½c; heavy fine, 15@16c; fine medium, 18@19c; medium, 22@23c; low medium, 23@24c.

Utah and Nevada, fine, 17@18c; heavy fine, 15@16c; fine medium, 17½@18c; medium, 22@23c; low medium, 23@24c.

Montana, fine, choice, 21@22c; fine average, 19@20c; fine medium, choice, 21@22c; average, 19@20c; staple, 22@23c; medium, 23@25c.

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—Wool—Dull; medium grades combing and clothing, 23@25c; light fine, 18@20c; heavy fine, 14@15c; tub washed, 30@37½c.

DIRTY HOP PICKING.

Growers' Carelessness May Ruin Reputation of Oregon Product.

SALEM, March 28.—(Special.)—Acting upon the theory that when hops are scarce "everything goes," Oregon growers were lenient with pickers last season and let them put in a much larger proportion than usual of leaves and vines. Many protests have been received from every market in which Oregon hops are sold, and it is evident that this practice cannot continue without damage to the reputation of the Oregon product.

One of the latest of these protests came from F. W. Simonds & Son, of New York, who write John Carmichael as follows:

"We have received bitter complaints in regard to the way the growers picked their hops last year, and certainly these complaints were justified. We have never in all our experience known the Oregon crop to have been so carelessly handled in this respect, and unless growers in the future pay more attention to the handling of their crops and see that the leaves and stems are kept out, the Oregon crop will lose its prestige. In previous years one of the principal features of Oregon hops and one that appealed to the English brewers was that 'Oregons' were well and cleanly picked, and growers in their own interest should see that the reputation of the crop should be kept up to the high standard of previous years. This is a matter of vital importance to all concerned in the handling of 'Oregon,' and we ask you to put the matter before your growers in as strong a way as you possibly can. Unless growers take the matter seriously and see to it that there is no repetition of last year's carelessness, it can only mean the decadence of the Oregon crop. Let the growers of Oregon take heed of the fate of New York state, which has suffered enormously for this very reason. This matter cannot be put too strongly, as it means much for everyone concerned.

"F. W. SIMONDS & SON."

CALIFORNIA BUTTER COMING.

St. Paul Brings Light Shipment to Portland—Cheese Is Steady.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—(Special.)—The cheese market is steady under a fairly good demand. Receipts from California interior points are 25 per cent below the corresponding period last year. One reason for this is that cream can be sold to better advantage to condensed milk factories than to cheese factories. The butter market is easy. The St. Paul took light shipments for Portland at prices netting local sellers 24 to 25 cents, and would have taken much more at 23 cents, had that figure been accepted. The indications are that prices will be shaded for the next steamer to the Sound. Eggs are abundant and weak. Receipts, 34,200 pounds butter, 12,100 pounds cheese, 44,730 dozen eggs.

The orange market was less active and easier, buyers having loaded up largely yesterday and the bulk of present stocks being in such soft condition that sales must be made quickly. Bananas were easy under large offerings of ripe stock. Strawberries are arriving daily in fair condition. The cherry crop is likely to be early this season. Apples are inactive.

Fancy old potatoes are firm at full figures and off grades dragging. New potatoes are easy, but receipts are moderate. Best Oregon onions are firm at $3.25, but plenty of poor stock is offered much lower. About 2800 crates of Australian onions arrived, to be held for shipping. Asparagus was steady. Other early vegetables were easier.

The grain market was quiet, with option prices weaker and spot lots held quite steady.

VEGETABLES—Garlic, 8@10c; green peas, 3@5½c; string beans, 8@12½c; asparagus, 4@6c; tomatoes, $1.25@2; egg plant, 12½@15c.

POULTRY—Turkey gobblers, 18@20c; roosters, old, $4@4.50; do young, $7; broilers, small, $3@3.50; do large, $4@4.50; fryers, $4@5.50; hens, $5@7; ducks, old, $6@7; do young, $7@8.

CHEESE—Young America, 12@13c; Eastern, 10@11c.

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

EGGS—Store, 16@16½c; fancy ranch, 18c.

WOOL—Lambs', 16@18c.

HOPS—26@28c per pound.

HAY—Timothy, $10@13.50; wheat and oats, $9@12; barley, $8@10; alfalfa, $8@10.50; clover, $7@9; stacks, $6@7; straw, 25@50c.

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

FRUIT—Apples, choice, $2; do common, 75c; bananas, $1@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@1.65; River Burbanks, 75c@$1; sweets, nominal; Oregon Burbanks, $1@1.40.

RECEIPTS—Flour, quarter sacks, 12,600; wheat, centals, 3600; barley, centals, 1241; oats, centals, 10,401; beans, 2954 sacks; corn, centals, 1261; potatoes 2411 sacks; bran, 990 sacks; middlings, 605 sacks; hay, 615 tons; wool, 145 bales; hides, 165.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

A few Eastern orders continue to come in for wheat, but business with California is very light. Millers are also buying sparingly. Oats and barley are slow at steady rates. Hay is dull and easy. Standard rolled oats have advanced 50 cents per barrel.

WHEAT—Club, 85@86c per bushel; bluestem, 90@92½c; Valley, 87c.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.60@4.85 per barrel; straights, $4.30@4.45; clears, $3.85@4; Valley, $4.10@4.35; Dakota hard wheat, $4.50@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, $23 per ton; rolled, $24 @25.

OATS—No. 1 white, $1.37½@1.42; gray, $1.35 per central.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19.50 per ton; middlings, $25; shorts, $22; chop, U. S. Mills, $19; linseed dairy foods, $15; 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, $3 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 heavy receipts of eggs and slower demand have combined at last to break the market. While 18 cents was the general quotation yesterday, there was more or less shading of this figure. Poultry was in good demand and receipts cleaned up within the former range of quotations. Butter continues very weak, nearly every Front-street house going 30 cents for state creamery brands.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 17½@18c.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 32½c per pound; fancy creamery, 30c. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 27½@32½c; dairy, 15@17c; store butter, 14@15c; California, 28½@31½c.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, new, 14@15c; old, 18c; Americans, 16@16½c.

POULTRY—Fancy hens, 14@14½c; old hens, 13@13½c; mixed chickens, 12½@14c; old roosters, 10@11c; young roosters, 11½@12½c; Springs, 1½@2 pounds, 17@18c; broilers, 1@1½ pounds, 22@25c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, alive, 16@18c; turkeys, dressed poor, 17½@18c; turkeys, choice, 20@22½c; geese, live, per pound, 8@9c; geese, dressed, 10@12c; ducks, old, $8@9; ducks, young as to size, $9@9.50; pigeons, $1@1.25; squabs, $2@2.50.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Yesterday's receipts included a car each of oranges, cabbage and sweet potatoes. Prices on a rule were steady. Trading was fairly good.

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, 25c dozen; tomatoes, $2.25 per crate; cauliflower, $2 per crate; egg plant, 12½c per pound; celery, $3.50 per crate; peas, 6@7c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; asparagus, 7½@8½c per pound; rhubarb, $1@1.25 per crate; cucumbers, $2 per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen; radishes, 15c per dozen.

ONIONS—Oregon fancy, $1.80@3; No. 2, $1@1.50; buying prices: Australian, 5c per pound.

POTATOES—Oregon fancy, 85@90c; common, 65@70c; buying prices: Merced sweets, 1½c.

RAISINS—Loose, Muscatels, 4-crown, 7½c; 3-layer Muscatel raisins, 7½c; unbleached seedless Sultanas, 6½c; London layers, 3-crown, 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, 10@11c; peaches, 6@10½c; pears, none; prunes, Italians, 4@5c; French, 2½@3½c; figs, California blacks, 5½c; 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, 85c@$2.50 per box.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, fancy, $2.75@3.25; choice, $2.75 per box; oranges, fancy, $2.25@2.50 per box; choice, $1.75@2; standard, $1.25@1.75; tangerines, $1.50@2 per box; grapefruit, $2.50@3 per box; bananas, 3@3½c per pound.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

The hop market continues depressed so far as the tone is concerned. Growers are anxiously awaiting the promised advent of exporters, as such an event will undoubtedly send prices up, provided the buying is on a large enough scale. The only transaction reported in the local market was the purchase by Seavey & Metzler of 218 bales from Charles Toose, at Wilsonville. They cost the buyers 24 cents.

HOPS—Choice, 1904, 23½@24c per pound.

WOOL—Valley, 19@20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c per pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 28@30c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 16@16½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 pounds, 14@15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 pounds, 17@18c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; scale, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hair-slipped, weather-beaten 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, 8c per pound; salted stags and bulls, sound, 6c per pound; salted kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 8c 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; calls, 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 less); horse hides, salted, each, according to size, $1.50@2; dry, each, according to size, $1@1.50; colts' hides, 25@50c each; goat skins, common, 10@15c each; Angoras, 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@75c; red, $1@1.50; cross, $5@15; silver and black, $100@200; fisher, $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, 50@75c; otter, large, prime skin, $10@15; pecaba, with head and claws perfect, $20@25; opossum, prime, 30@50c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, $2.50@3; coyote, one $1; wolverine, $6@8; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; medium, $3@4; small, $1@1.50; kits, 50@75c.

BEESWAX—Good, clean and pure, 29@32c per pound.

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

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

FEATHERS—Geese, white, 35@40c; green, 27@30c or mixed, 25@30c; duck, white, 15@20c; duck, mixed, 12@15c.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Dressed, bulls, 2@4c per pound; cows, 4@5½c; country steers, 4@5½c.

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy, 7@7½c per pound; ordinary, 5@6c; Spring lambs (pelts on), $2.50@3.50 each.

VEAL—Dressed, 100 to 125, 7½@8½c per pound; 125 to 200, 5@5½c; 200 and up, 3½@4c.

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

HAMS—Ten to 14 pounds, 12½c per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 12½c; 16 to 20 pounds, 12½c; California (picnic), 8c; cottage hams, 9c; shoulders, 8½c; boiled ham, 20c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 14c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 16c per pound; standard breakfast, 14c; choice, 12c; English breakfast, 11 to 14 pounds, 12c; 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, 5c; bologna sausage, link, 4½c.

DRY SALT-CURED—Regular short clears, 9½c salt, 10½c smoked; clear backs, 9c salt, 10c smoked; clear bellies, 14 to 17 pounds average, 11c salt, 12c smoked; Oregon exports, 20 to 25 pounds average, 10½c salt, 11½c smoked; Union butts, 10 to 18 pounds average, 8c salt, 9c smoked.

PICKLED GOODS—Pickled pigs' feet, ¼-barrels, $3; ½-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled tripe, ¼-barrels, $3; ½-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled pigs' tongues, ½-barrels, $6; ½-barrels, $3; 15-pound kits, $1.60; pickled lambs' tongues, ½-barrels, $9; ½-barrels, $5.50; 15-pound kits, $2.75.

LARD—Leaf lard, kettle-rendered: Tierces, 9½c; tubs, 9¾c; 20s, 9¾c; 10s, 10c; 5s, 10½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 8½c; tubs, 9½c; 50s, 9½c; 20s, 9¾c; 10s, 9¾c; 5s, 9¾c. Compound: Tierces, 6c; tubs, 6¼c; 50s, 6¼c; 10s, 6½c; 5s, 6¾c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, ordinary, 16 @20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $12.25; 50s, $12.38; Arbuckle, $14.38; Lion, $14.38.

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

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pound 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; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $1.85.

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, $5.95, advance over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half-barrels, 25c; 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, 13½c 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, 8c; pinenuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; cocoanuts, $5@6.50 per dozen.

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

Oils.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 23½c; 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, ½c per gallon higher.

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

TURPENTINE—Cases, 81c; barrels, 78c.

WHITE LEAD—Ten lots, 7¼c; 500-pound lots, 7½c; less than 500-pound lots, 8c.

RALLIES POORLY HELD

ACTIVITY IN STOCKS ON A DESCENDING SCALE OF PRICES.

Preparations Made for Subscriptions to Japanese Loan Lead to Some Apprehensions.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Today's stock market was an affair of constant fluctuations, giving an appearance of uncertainty to the temper of the speculation, but the fluctuations were mostly below last night's level. The occasional rallies were poorly held, and the end of the day showed the average of prices considerably below last night. The activity was nearly all on a descending scale of prices, the occasional rallies leading up to dullness and neglect, showing the subsidence of demand from the shorts at the higher level. Call money again touched 4 per cent, and the outlook in the money market plainly was the most direct factor in the operations of the day.

Preparations were being made for the subscriptions to the new Japanese loan, which is to be offered tomorrow, a $75,000,000 installment being New York's portion. Those in charge of the offering claim that every safeguard will be adopted to protect the money market from disturbance, and that the operation will be largely in the nature of a transfer of book accounts between banks. But Wall street has an old experience of such assurances, and is well aware that an operation of that magnitude is not perfected without a necessary shifting of loans on a large scale. The amount of disturbance resulting in the money market is likely to be dependent on the width of the margin surplus above the legal reserve requirements. As the surplus is just now unusually low for the period of the year, there were some natural misgivings that the money market might not escape the Spring flurry.

In addition to the money situation, the market had to pass another day without any verification of numerous merger or dividend rumors. A Southern Pacific dividend had been definitely set down for yesterday, and, not being forthcoming, there was disappointment on the part of an element which had bought on that report.

The report that St. Paul contemplated the expenditure of $100,000,000 for an extension to the Pacific Coast was formally denied by the chairman of the board of that company. The denial was effective in inducing selling of the stock, although similar denials, official or informal, have been made of nearly all the recent deal rumors.

There was evident unloading also of Reading on the part of recent large speculative buyers of that stock. With the speculative favorites, including Union Pacific, St. Paul, New York Central and Reading thus under pressure, small influence was exerted upon sentiment by the few advances in the industrial class, which still manifested themselves in a scattered manner. London was a heavy seller in this market, and there were reports of a violent disturbance on the St. Petersburg bourse. Paris was especially affected in sympathy, but the manifestations were received, as a sign of coming peace, which is a development hoped for in the securities markets.

Sterling exchange was strong and moved decisively away from the gold import point or its immediate prospects.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, $2,845,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Atchison	*25,800	85	80¾	81
do preferred	2,000	102¾	102¾	102
Atlantic Coast Line	1,600	141½	139½	139¾
Baltimore & Ohio	9,100	108¾	107¾	107¾
do preferred	200	96½	96	95
Canadian Pacific	7,800	147¾	146¾	146¾
Central of N. J.				190
Chesapeake & Ohio	15,400	55	52¾	54¾
Chicago & Alton	200	40¾	40¾	40¾
do preferred	200	81	81	80
Chi. Great Western	4,900	23½	22	23¼
Chi. & Northwestern	2,600	244	241	241½
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	26,900	175¾	172¾	173¾
Chi. Term. & Trans.	100	18	18	18
do preferred	1,900	34¾	33¾	33¾
C., C., C. & St. L.	600	108	107½	107½
Colorado & Southern	900	24¾	24¾	24¾
do 1st preferred				60
do 2d preferred	300	34¾	34	34¾
Delaware & Hudson	500	188½	187	187½
Del., Lack. & West.	200	258	255	256
Denver & Rio Grande	100	34¾	33¾	33¾
do preferred				88
Erie	25,800	45¾	44½	45
do 1st preferred	1,700	79¾	79¾	79¾
do 2d preferred	2,500	67½	66½	66½
Hocking Valley				94
do preferred	100	93¼	92¾	93
Illinois Central	1,600	159¾	159¼	159
Iowa Central	1,300	28½	27¾	28¼
do preferred				50½
Kan. City Southern	4,600	31¾	31	31½
do preferred	3,500	65	64	65
Louisville & Nashv.	5,400	149¾	138¾	139½
Manhattan L.	1,000	168	167½	167½
Metrop. Securities	1,300	87¾	86¾	86¾
Metropolitan St. Ry.	6,400	124½	122¾	122¾
Mexican Central	2,700	24¾	24¼	24½
Minn. & St. Louis				90
M., St. P. & S. S. M.				117
do preferred				160¾
Missouri Pacific	6,700	106¾	105½	105¾
Mo., Kan. & Texas	700	31	30¾	30½
do preferred	900	65¾	65	65½
National of Mex. pfd.				49¾
New York Central	36,200	161½	160	160
N. Y., Ont. & West.	42,300	62¾	60½	62
Norfolk & Western	2,400	85¾	84¾	84¾
do preferred				92
Pennsylvania	81,700	141¾	140¾	140¾
P., C., C. & St. L.	100	93	93	93
Reading	81,500	94¼	92½	93
do 1st preferred	100	92	92	91¾
do 2d preferred				90
Rock Island Co.	1,600	34¾	33½	33¾
do preferred	700	79¼	78¼	78¾
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd.	300	67	67	67
St. L. Southwestern	2,400	28	27¾	28¼
do preferred	500	64½	63½	63½
Southern Pacific	53,600	67¾	66½	66¾
do preferred	300	118¾	118	117¾
Southern Railway	3,400	34¾	33	33¾
do preferred	300	94¾	94¾	94¾
Texas & Pacific	300	38¾	37¾	37¾
Toledo, St. L. & W.	200	39½	39¼	37¼
do preferred	400	58¼	57	57
Union Pacific	179,800	128¾	127¼	127¾
do preferred				95½
Wabash	6,900	22¾	22¾	22¾
do preferred	3,300	46¾	45	45
Wheeling & L. Erie				18
Wisconsin Central	400	23¾	23¼	21
do preferred	500	51¾	51	51¼
Express companies—				
Adams				244
American	100	230	230	235
United States				128
Wells-Fargo				250
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	49,900	79	75¾	77¾
Amer. Car & Foundry	2,600	39¾	38¾	38¾
do preferred	600	99½	97¾	99½
American Cotton Oil	100	34½	34½	34¾
do preferred				92
American Linseed Oil				17½
do preferred				44½
American Locomotive	2,200	61½	59	60¾
do preferred	1,600	117½	117	117
Amer. Sm. & Refining	10,200	101¾	100	100¼
do preferred	1,500	121¾	120¼	120
Amer. Sugar Refining	69,100	142	140¾	140½
Am. Tobacco pf. cert.				98¾
Anaconda Mining Co.				117
Brooklyn R. Transit.	17,200	67½	66	66¾
Colorado Fuel & Iron	20,800	58¾	55¾	58½
Consolidated Gas	2,100	206½	205½	206½
Corn Products	300	15¾	14	13¾
Distillers' Securities	1,400	64½	64¾	64¾
General Electric	100	184¾	184¾	184¾
International Paper	100	22½	21¾	21¾
do preferred	300	78	77	77
International Pump				38
do preferred				93
National Lead	600	45¾	42¾	43
North American	500	100¾	100¾	100¾
Pacific Mail	300	44¾	43½	43½
People's Gas	6,800	115½	110	110¼
Pressed Steel Car	1,200	40¾	40	40¼
do preferred	700	94	93¼	93½
Pullman Palace Car	200	248½	248½	246
Republic Steel	10,800	22¾	21¾	21¾
do preferred	6,600	81¾	79½	80
Rubber Goods	3,100	31	29¼	29¼
do preferred	200	98	97¼	97¼
Tenn. Coal & Iron	17,300	97	94¾	95¾
U. S. Leather	800	13¼	12	12¼
do preferred	1,400	105½	103	104½
U. S. Realty	100	93	92¾	92
U. S. Rubber	1,700	42¾	41¾	42
do preferred	200	112	112¾	112
U. S. Steel	59,300	35½	34¾	34
do preferred	47,300	95¾	94¾	94¾
Va.-Carolina Chemical	600	34	33¾	34
do preferred				107½
*Westinghouse Elec.				175
Western Union	200	92¾	92½	92¾

Total sales for the day, 1,050,500 shares.

*Ex dividend.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	104¾	D. & R. G. 4s	101¾
do coupon	105¼	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	100¼
U. S. 3s reg.	104½	Nor. Pacific 3s	76¼
U. S. new 4s reg.	132½	Nor. Pacific 4s	106
do coupon	133½	So. Pacific 4s	98
U. S. old 4s reg.	104¾	Union Pacific 4s	106¾
do coupon	105¾	Wis. Cent. 4s	94
Atchison Adj. 4s	96¾		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, March 28.—Consols for money, 90 1-16; consols for account, 90 1-16.

Anaconda	6	Norfolk & West.	xx
Atchison	90	do preferred	93
do preferred	105¾	Ontario & West.	63¾
Baltimore & O.	111¾	Pennsylvania	72¾
Can. Pacific	152	Rand Mines	10¾
Ches. & Ohio	59½	Reading	48¼
C. Gt. Western	24	do 1st pref.	47
C., M. & St. P.	184½	do 2d pref.	46
DeBeers	17¾	So. Railway	35¼
D. & R. Grande	34¾	do preferred	102½
do preferred	90	So. Pacific	66
Erie	46¾	Union Pacific	181¾
do 1st pref.	82	do preferred	102
do 2d pref.	69	U. S. Steel	35¾
Illinois Central	164½	do preferred	97¼
Louis. & Nash.	143¼	Wabash	23¼
Mo., Kan. & T.	21¾	do preferred	47¼
N. Y. Central	166	Spanish Fours	94½

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alpha Con.	$ .09	Justice	$ .05
Andes	.21	Mexican	1.50
Belcher	.20	Occidental Con.	.88
Best & Belcher	.98	Ophir	7.25
Bullion	.28	Overman	.14
Caledonia	.46	Potosi	.11
Challenge Con.	.14	Savage	.15
Chollar	.12	Seg. Belcher	.09
Confidence	.65	Sierra Nevada	.36
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.55	Silver Hill	.63
Crown Point	.09	Union Con.	.62
Exchequer	.45	Utah Con.	.07
Gould & Curry	.07	Yellow Jacket	.11
Hale & Norcross	.87		

NEW YORK, March 28.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con.	$ .25	Little Chief	$ .06
Alice	.85	Ontario	3.00
Breece	.25	Ophir	7.00
Brunswick Con.	.05	Phoenix	.06
Comstock Tun.	.08	Potosi	.10
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.20	Savage	1.04
Horn Silver	1.75	Sierra Nevada	.35
Iron Silver	3.00	Small Hopes	.25
Leadville Con.	.05	Standard	1.85

BOSTON, March 28.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 5.50	Mohawk	$ 53.00
Allouez	21.50	Mont. C. & C.	3.50
Amalgamated	77.88	Old Dominion	29.00
Am. Zinc	12.00	Osceola	98.00
Atlantic	16.00	Parrot	28.00
Bingham	31.75	Quincy	105.00
Cal. & Hecla	678.00	Shannon	7.63
Centennial	17.25	Tamarack	126.00
Copper Range	73.00	Trinity	16.00
Daly West	15.00	Utah Consolidated	8.00
Dominion Coal	81.00	U. S. Mining	26.13
Franklin	10.00	U. S. Oil	9.50
Granby	5.88	Utah	42.00
Isle Royale	24.00	Victoria	4.50
Mass. Mining	10.25	Winona	12.50
Michigan	13.00	Wolverine	110.00

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$729,949	$ 50,901
Seattle	752,909	171,140
Tacoma	443,908	85,439
Spokane	419,713	99,502

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances shows:

Available cash balance	$128,316,252
Gold	68,128,200

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Money on call strong, 3¼@4 per cent; closing bid, 3½ per cent; offered at 4 per cent. Time loans steady; 60 and 90 days, 3½ per cent; six months, 3½@3¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3¾@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8590@4.8595 for demand and at $4.8290@4.84 for 60 days. Posted rates, $4.84½@4.85 and $4.86½@4.87. Commercial bills, $4.84¼@4.84¾.

Bar silver, 55¼c.

Mexican dollars, 43½c.

Government bonds strong; railroad bonds irregular.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—Silver bars 55¼c.

Drafts, sight, 7½c; do telegraph, 10c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.84¼; do sight, $4.86¼.

LONDON, March 28.—Bar silver, uncertain, 25¼d per ounce.

Money, 2¼@2¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅝ per cent; for three months' bills 2¼@2 3-16 per cent.

LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted at Portland Union Stockyards Yesterday.

There were no receipts at the Portland Union stockyards yesterday. 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; black 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.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 28.—Cattle—Receipts 10,000; market steady. Native steers, $4.25@5.75; stockers and feeders, $3@4.90; bulls, $2.50@4; Western fed steers, $4.25@5.50; do cows, $4@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts 12,000; market 5c lower. Bulk of sales, $5.10@5.27½; heavy, $5.25@5.32½; packers, $5.15@5.25; pigs and lights, $4.35@5.20.

Sheep—Receipts 4000; market strong to 10c higher. Muttons, $4.85@5.90; lambs, $6.50@7.50; range wethers, $5.25@6.65; fed ewes, $4.85@5.65.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 28.—Cattle—Receipts 5000; market steady. Native steers, $3.80@5.50; cows and heifers, $3@4.20; canners, $2@3; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.50; calves, $3.75@5.75; bulls, stags, etc., $2.50@4.25.

Hogs—