IRON PRICES LOWER

Easier Feeling in Bessemer Production.

LARGE FOUNDRY CONTRACTS

Building Outlook Is Steadily Improving—Finishing Mills Are Getting Heavy Specifications—More Talk of Importing.

CLEVELAND, April 6.—The Iron Trade Review this morning says: An easier feeling appears in the pig-iron market. Purchases of 35,000 tons of Bessemer iron for April delivery by the steel corporation were made at $15.50, valley furnaces for the bulk of it and $15.40 at furnace for the balance, the Bessemer Association receding from the stand taken one week ago for $16 at furnace. These transactions show the purpose of the largest interest to hold prices in check and prevent a repetition of the unhealthy boom features of 1902. They thus furnish a key to the policy expected to prevail in finished material markets, though it is to be said that steel billets are today slightly out of proportion with $15.50 pig-iron. Southern iron can be had at $13.50, as heretofore. Of a 3000-ton purchase of No. 2 foundry iron in the Pittsburg district, one considerable lot was at $15.75 furnace.

The general run of foundry buyers have iron bought three months ahead, and are disposed to await developments as to the second half. As indicating the attitude of large buyers, a 4000-ton contract is reported from Chicago, one of 2700 tons from New York and one of 1000 from Pittsburg. The City of Chicago has bought 8400 tons of cast-iron pipe, and that industry is enjoying unusual prosperity. Meanwhile pig-iron production is increasing.

Selling firms which imported iron freely in 1902 are figuring again on business in foreign iron and steel. Ocean freight and prices abroad are too high for the bringing in of iron for purely home consumption, but a $2 advance would start imports by seaboard consumers.

The building outlook is steadily improving, and plans involving large business for the structural mills are coming forward each week. The American Bridge Company booked 50,000 tons in March, though 40,000 is a normal average.

In other lines there has been no marked activity, but with few exceptions finishing mills are getting heavy specifications. Meetings of the billet and plate associations in New York this week decided to make no change in prices. Bar iron lags, among mill products, and the scrap market at the present level works consumption toward steel at the expense of iron. Leading plate mills are three months behind on delivery, but Bessemer tank steel can be shipped in 30 days. Advances of $1 to $2 a ton have been made in light rails, for which recent demand has been unusual.

HOP AND BEER STATISTICS.

Show Plainly That Brewers Must Buy More Hops.

SALEM, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—Hop and beer statistics received today by Salem hop dealers from the United States Treasury and Agricultural Departments furnish the basis for discussion of a decidedly "bull" tendency. From the Agricultural Department it is ascertained that for the year ending July 1, 1904, there were consumed by the brewers of the United States 29,565,534 pounds of hops, or 219,808 bales. These figures are compiled from the sworn statements of brewers, showing the articles consumed by them. From the Treasury Department it is learned that the quantity of beer manufactured was a little more than 48,208,000 barrels. This shows a consumption of .82 pounds of hops per barrel of beer.

"Now," says Conrad Krehe, "if there were 48,000,000 barrels of beer brewed in the United States for the year ending July 1, 1904, there will be 50,000,000 barrels brewed in the year ending July 1, 1905. At the same rate per barrel of consumption of hops it will take 227,777 bales of hops. For patent medicines, yeast, etc., it will take 13,000 bales more, or a total of over 240,000 bales.

"The crop of 1904 amounted to 280,000 bales. There were exported 80,000 bales and imported 12,000 bales, leaving a visible supply of 192,000 bales. It seems to me that this shows that the brewers will be greatly in need of hops before the crop of 1905 comes on the market."

EARLY HOOD RIVER BERRIES

Will Ripen by May 1 if the Weather Continues Warm.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—It is feared the California berries may interfere in the markets with the early Hood River strawberries. The Davidson Fruit Company has received word from Florin that the first shipment from there was made April 2, and that the season is expected to be in full blast by the 10th. Shipments from Florin will continue up to June 1. The crop there is said to be an average one. Last season it was equal to that at Hood River.

Strawberries here have been blooming for two weeks, and if the warm weather continues will be ripe by May 1, two weeks earlier than usual. The crop promises to be of fine quality. The acreage is not so extensive as last year, the crop this year being estimated at 75,000 crates.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

There has been very little trading in the wheat market this week, aside from the buying by millers. Prices are quoted firm. There is some inquiry from the East, and should the advanced prices there be maintained, buying is expected to be resumed on a better scale. The Eastern movement, however, cannot expand to very large proportions, as there is not much wheat left unsold in this country. There is some Oriental demand for wheat, but no demand from Europe. The Japanese are also buying large quantities of barley on this Coast. The demand from that country for flour is less active this week.

WHEAT—Club, 81c per bushel; bluestem, 86c; Valley, 86c.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.60@4.85 per barrel; straights, $4.30@4.45; clears, $3.80@4; Valley, $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, $5@5.10; cornmeal, per case, $1.90.

BARLEY—Feed, $23.50 per ton; rolled, $24 @25.

OATS—No. 1 white, $28@29 per ton; gray, $27@28 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19.50 per ton; middlings, $25; shorts, $22; chop, U. Z. Mills, $19; linseed dairy food, $18.

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.

There was no change in the butter market yesterday, so far as prices are concerned, but the feeling was even weaker than on Wednesday. The trade looks for a drop next Monday, if not before. Store butter is steady yet, but is likely also to decline. The egg market is not healthy, as receipts are not cleaning up, and quotations are barely maintained. Reports from up the Valley are of firmer markets, probably because all the eggs are shipped here. Poultry is very firm, with stocks inadequate.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 17@17½c per dozen.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 27½c per pound; fancy creamery, 26c. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 28c; store butter, 15@16c; California fancy creamery, 25c.

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

POULTRY—Fancy hens, 14@15c; old hens, 13½@14c; mixed chickens, 13@13½c; old roosters, 11@11½c; young roosters, 12@13c; Springs, 1½ to 2 pounds, 20@25c; broilers, 1 to 1½ pounds, 25@25c; dressed chickens, 15@16; turkeys, live, 17@18c; turkeys, dressed poor, 17½@18c; turkeys, choice, 20@22½c; geese, live, per pound, 8@8½c; geese, dressed, per pound, 10@11c; ducks, old, $8.50@9; ducks, young as to size, $6@6.50; pigeons, $1.50@2; squabs, $2.50@3.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

The movement in fresh produce continues to enlarge, stimulated by the warmer weather. The country demand is increasing as fast as the city trade. Heavy receipts lately have left the market well stocked with a good assortment of southern produce. Yesterday's receipts included three cars of oranges and two of bananas. Florin strawberries have again appeared in the market, but the quality is not very good. The berries were offering yesterday at $3.50@3.75 per crate.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1 per sack; carrots, $1.25; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.25; cabbage, old, 1½c per pound; new, 1½c per pound; lettuce, hothouse, $1.75@2.00 per box; parsley, 25c dozen; tomatoes, $2.25 per crate; cauliflower, $2 per crate; egg plant, 12½c per pound; celery, $4@4.25 per crate; peas, 8@9c per pound; peppers, 25c per pound; asparagus, 10c per pound; rhubarb, $1@1.25 per crate; cucumbers, $2 per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen; radishes, 15c per dozen.

ONIONS—Oregon fancy, $2.80@3.25; No. 2, $1 @1.50; buying prices; Australian, 5c per pound.

POTATOES—Oregon fancy, 90c@$1; common, 75@85c, buyers' price; Merced sweets, 1½c.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatels, 4-crown, 7½c; 5-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, 9@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, $3@2.50 per box; strawberries, $3.50 @3.75 per crate.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, fancy, $2.75@ 3.25; choice, $2.75 per box; oranges, fancy, $2.25@2.50 per box; choice, $2@2.25; standard, $1.50@1.75; grape-fruit, $2.50@3 per box; bananas, 5@5½c per pound.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, ordinary, 10 @20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 14@16c; ordinary, 10@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; broken-head, 2½c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.85; fancy, 1½½-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, $6.30; powdered, $5.60; dry granulated, $5.95; extra C, $5.45; golden C, $5.35; fruit sugar, $5.90, 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, $5.85 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, 15½c per pound by sack, 1c extra for less than sack; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 14c; pecans, jumbos, 14c; extra large, 13c; 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; bayou, 3½c; Lima, 5½c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—Choice, 1904, 23½@24½c per pound.

WOOL—Valley, 20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 15@18c per pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 31@32c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 18@19½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 pounds, 18@19½c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 pounds, 17@18c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; culls, 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, 8@9c 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, 8c 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@90c; 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; colts' hides, 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@200; 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, tan, pale, pine, according to size and color, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, 10@15c; skunk, 40@ 60c; civet or polecat, 5@10c; otter, large, prime skin, $6@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, $2@6; raccoon, prime, 30@50c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, $1.50@3; coyote, 60c @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, 26@27c per pound.

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

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

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

Meats and Provisions.

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

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy, 6@7c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; Spring lambs, pelts on, $2.25 @3 each.

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

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

HAMS—Ten to 14 pounds, 12½c per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 12½c; 18 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, 8c; pork, 9c; blood, 5c; headcheese, 8c; 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, ½-barrels, $5; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 10-pound kit, $1.25; pickled pigs' tongues, ½-barrels, $6; ¼-barrels, $3; 15-pound kits, $1.50; pickled lambs' tongues, ½-barrels, $9; ¼-barrels, $5.50; 15-pound kits, $2.75.

LARD—Leaf lard, kettle-rendered: Tierces, 9½c; tubs, 9¾c; 50s, 9¾c; 20s, 10c; 10s, 10¼c; 5s, 10½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 8¾c; tubs, 9¼c; 50s, 9¾c; 20s, 9¾c; 10s, 9¾c; 5s, 9¾c. Compound: Tierces, 6c; tubs, 6¼c; 50s, 6¼c; 10s, 6¾c; 5s, 6¾c.

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; 1c less in 5-barrel lots.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 81c; barrels, 76c.

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

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The London tin market was higher at £140 5s for spot, and £134 17s 6d for futures. Locally the market continued quiet, but was held higher in sympathy with the foreign firmness, closing 30.25@30.50c.

Copper was easier abroad, closing at £67 for spot and £67 7s 6d for futures. Locally the situation was unchanged. On the metal exchange 15.25c is reported bid for lake, but prices generally held around 15.37½@15.50c; electrolytic 15.25@15.37½c, and casting 14.87½ @15.25c.

Lead, unchanged, at 4.30@4.40c locally and £12 11s 3d in London.

Spelter firmer in London, closing at £23 10s. Locally it was unchanged at 6c.

Iron closed 54s 4d in Glasgow, 49s in Middlesboro. Locally the market was quiet; No. 1 foundry Northern, $17.50@18.25; No. 2 foundry Northern, $17.50@18; No. 1 foundry Southern and No. 1 foundry Southern soft, $17.75@ 18.25.

STEEL CAMPAIGN OPENS

ORGANIZED MOVEMENT IN THE PREFERRED STOCK.

Price Rushed Up to Record Mark on Enormous Buying — Entire List Is Helped.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The stock market broadened out today in a much better distribution of strength, and there was a decided growth in animation as well. The tone of the railroad list was not so distinctly different from that of the industries as was the case yesterday and earlier in the week, but there persisted a rather spotty tendency among the railroads.

The inciting influence to the notable revival of speculative interest was the organized movement in United States Steel preferred, which stock was rushed up to a record price by rapid steps on an enormous accumulation. This movement was, of course, based on the extraordinary activity and prosperity in the iron and steel trade. But this is not a new development nor is there any immediate new feature in the situation in that trade. It was inferred, therefore, that the suddenly aggressive tone developed by the stock was due to the formation of a speculative party for the conduct of market operations rather than to a spontaneous spread over night through the country at large of a desire to buy the stock. The preliminary rise in London and the important buying of the stock here carried the impression that the campaign has its ramifications abroad as well as in this country.

The obvious nature of the operation did not have a deterrent effect at all on the sympathetic influence of the movement on the rest of the list. It has been a matter of discouragement among the speculative element for some time that the United States Steel stocks were neglected and comparatively unresponsive to the unprecedented trade conditions in that industry, the effect being to suggest some unknown condition back of the superficial situation which might prompt ultraconservatism on the part of the insiders in the corporation. The relief afforded by today's development from the dampening effect on the general list of the sluggishness of the bulky and unwieldy Steel issues was very quickly manifest throughout the market.

The purpose of the $100,000,000 increase in Union Pacific preferred stock was as much a mystery as when first announced, and the wide range of conjecture on this point was a potent influence on the speculation in various stocks. The conviction was universal that the acquisition of control of another railroad system is in contemplation, but the identity of the railroad intended shifts constantly in the rumors current in the market. St. Paul and Atchison were both pointed to at different periods today, while the New York Central hypothesis suffered some decline by the dragging effect on that stock.

The coming lead merger, which is now generally accepted, was a stimulating factor in the stocks immediately affected. The movement in the Southern group of railroads was helped by the great growth in the cotton movement, and the encouraging reports from the Winter wheat crop were a supporting factor in the general market.

The gradual easing of the money market encourages the faith of the speculative element that there is plenty to go around for all their purposes. The announcement of a call for 50 per cent of Government deposits in two installments on May 15 and July 1 did not disturb this confidence in the slightest degree. The extent of the day's advance invited considerable realizing and the market closed irregular and generally below the best.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, $5,225,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Atchison	68,300	91¼	88⅝	91
do preferred	3,000	103⅞	103	103¼
Atlantic Coast Line	12,700	150	148½	149½
Baltimore & Ohio	40,200	110⅝	109½	110⅝
do preferred	700	96	95⅝	95⅝
Canadian Pacific	57,900	154⅝	152½	154
Central of N. J.	300	204½	203½	203½
Chesapeake & Ohio	7,900	39⅝	38½	38½
Chicago & Alton	600	42½	41½	41
do preferred	300	82⅝	81	82
Chi. Great Western	21,200	24⅞	23½	24⅝
Chi. & Northwestern	1,100	244½	243⅝	243
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	33,300	178⅝	176	177½
Chi. Terminal & Tran.	.....	.....	.....	18
do preferred	400	34½	34½	34
C., C., C. & St. L.	500	108	107⅝	107⅝
Colorado & Southern	5,100	28⅞	28½	28½
do 1st preferred	500	61	60⅝	60⅝
do 2d preferred	300	38½	38	38
Delaware & Hudson	2,000	193½	192	192
Del., Lack. & West.	.....	.....	.....	372½
Denver & Rio Grande	100	35½	35½	35
do preferred	100	90	90	90
Erie	12,000	46⅝	46⅝	46½
do 1st preferred	2,900	81⅝	81	81½
do 2d preferred	1,300	70	69½	69½
Hocking Valley	.....	.....	.....	93
do preferred	100	94½	94½	94½
Illinois Central	8,100	613	160½	161½
Iowa Central	2,500	26½	25	25
do preferred	1,200	56½	56½	56
Kan. City Southern	1,600	31⅞	31½	31
do preferred	1,100	65⅝	65½	65½
Louisville & Nashv.	10,200	144	143½	143½
Manhattan L.	1,000	187	186½	186½
Metropolitan St.	100	87½	87½	87½
Metropolitan St. Ry.	3,700	123⅝	122½	122½
Mexican Central	2,100	25½	24⅞	25
Minn. & St. Louis	.....	.....	.....	90
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	1,200	120⅝	120	119½
do preferred	100	165½	165	164½
Missouri Pacific	10,100	106⅝	106½	107⅝
Mo., Kan. & Texas	2,500	32½	31½	32
do preferred	1,700	66½	66⅝	66⅝
National of Mex. pfd.	.....	.....	.....	40
New York Central	15,100	162⅝	160⅝	161⅝
N. Y., Ont. & W.	6,900	42⅝	41½	41½
Norfolk & Western	11,400	86	85½	85½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	92
Pennsylvania	65,400	144½	143⅝	143⅝
P., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	82½
Reading	47,200	95½	94⅝	94⅝
do 1st preferred	500	92½	92½	92½
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	86⅝
Rock Island Co.	21,600	35⅝	35	35
do preferred	1,700	80⅝	80½	80½
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd.	700	71	70½	70½
St. L. Southwestern	2,100	27½	26⅞	27
do preferred	4,500	66	65⅝	65⅝
Southern Pacific	41,000	68⅝	67½	67⅝
do preferred	200	118½	118½	118
Southern Railway	3,200	35½	35½	35½
do preferred	500	97½	96⅝	96½
Texas & Pacific	3,600	39½	38⅝	38⅝
Toledo, St. L. & W.	6,700	43⅝	40½	43
do preferred	11,900	63⅝	59	62½
Union Pacific	117,400	132⅝	131½	131⅞
do preferred	900	99⅝	99½	99½
Wabash	1,800	23⅝	22½	22½
do preferred	2,800	47	46½	46½
Wheeling & L. Erie	200	18½	18½	18½
Wisconsin Central	1,600	24⅝	23⅞	24
do preferred	3,000	53⅝	51⅞	52⅝
Express companies—				
Adams	100	244	244	235
American	.....	.....	.....	225
United States	.....	.....	.....	127
Wells-Fargo	.....	.....	.....	245
Miscellaneous—				
Amal. Copper	110,100	83⅝	82	82⅝
Amer. Car & Foundry	12,600	41⅞	40⅝	41½
do preferred	1,600	104½	104	104
American Cotton Oil	1,800	37⅝	36½	36⅝
do preferred	100	95⅝	95⅝	95⅝
American Ice	.....	.....	.....	5
do preferred	300	40⅝	40	40⅝
American Linseed Oil	1,700	20⅝	20	19⅝
do preferred	300	45	45	44½
American Locomotive	54,700	55	52½	54⅝
do preferred	1,400	117½	116⅝	117½
Amer. Sm. & Refining	51,600	111½	109⅝	110⅝
do preferred	3,700	127	125⅝	125⅝
Amer. Sugar Refining	10,400	145⅝	144½	144⅝
Am. Tobacco pf. cert.	2,300	99½	98⅝	98⅝
Anaconda Mining Co.	7,800	122⅝	119	121
Brooklyn R. Transit	8,600	68½	67⅝	67⅝
Colorado Fuel & Iron	8,100	56½	55⅝	56½
Consolidated Gas	2,400	206½	205½	206⅝
Corn Products	500	12½	12½	12½
do preferred	700	64½	64	64
Distillers' Securities	9,900	47½	46½	47⅝
General Electric	10,500	189	187	189
International Paper	7,900	24⅝	23⅝	24⅝
do preferred	4,200	82½	81	81½
International Pump	700	37½	36½	37
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	87
National Lead	56,500	51½	50½	50⅝
North American	3,900	103	101½	102⅝
Pacific Mail	700	26½	25½	25½
People's Gas	5,100	113⅝	112⅝	112½
Pressed Steel Car	3,300	43	42½	42½
do preferred	1,300	96½	96	96½
Pullman Palace Car	100	245	245	244
Republic Steel	4,600	24	23½	23½
do preferred	2,900	83⅞	83	83
Rubber Goods	2,300	23½	22½	23½
do preferred	900	108	105	107½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	13,100	104⅝	102½	102⅝
U. S. Leather	.....	.....	.....	12⅝
do preferred	1,100	109	109	108⅝
U. S. Realty	1,300	96½	95½	95½
U. S. Rubber	6,300	44	43⅝	44
do preferred	4,800	118	115½	117
U. S. Steel	11,400	38	37½	37⅝
do preferred	171,000	103⅝	100½	103⅝
Va.-Carolina Chemical	700	37½	36⅝	36⅝
do preferred	1,600	107⅝	107⅝	107⅝
Westinghouse Elec.	2,800	184	180	182
Western Union	200	93½	93	93

Total sales for the day, 1,575,800 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	104⅝	Atchison Adj. 4s	96½
do coupon	104⅝	D. & R. G. 4s	101
U. S. 3s reg.	104	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	100½
do coupon	105	Nor. Pacific 3s	76⅝
U. S. new 4s reg.	135	Nor. Pacific 4s	105⅝
do coupon	135	So. Pacific 4s	95⅝
U. S. old 4s reg.	104⅝	Union Pacific 4s	106½
do coupon	104⅝	Wis. Cent. 4s	94

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Money on call, steady, 3@3½ per cent; closing bid, 3 per cent; offered, 3½. Time loans steady; 60 and 90 days and six months, 3½@3¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3¾@4 per cent.

Sterling exchange, strong, closing steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8640@4.8645 for demand, and at $4.8450@4.8455 for 60 days. Posted rates, $4.85 and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.84¼@ 4.84⅝.

Bar silver—55c.

Mexican dollars—43c.

Bonds—Governments, strong; railroads, firm.

LONDON, April 6.—Bar silver, dull, 25 7-16d per ounce.

Money, 1½@2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 per cent; for three months' bills, 2 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—Silver bars, 53c. Drafts, sight, 7½c; do telegraph, 10c. Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85; sight, $4.87.

Stocks at London.

LONDON, April 6.—Consols for money, 91¼; consols for account, 91⅛.

Anaconda	6¼	Norfolk & West.	88¼
Atchison	91½	do preferred	94⅞
do preferred	105¾	Ontario & West.	64
Baltimore & O.	113¾	Pennsylvania	73⅝
Can. Pacific	157⅞	Rand Mines	11⅛
Ches. & Ohio	60⅝	Reading	48⅝
C. Gt. West	24⅛	do 1st pref	47
C., M. & St. P.	181¼	do 2d pref	46
DeBeers	17⅝	So. Railway	38⅝
D. & R. Grande	36	do preferred	100
do preferred	92¾	So. Pacific	60¼
Erie	48	Union Pacific	136
do 1st pref	84	do preferred	102½
do 2d pref	71¼	U. S. Steel	38⅞
Illinois Central	165½	do preferred	103⅞
Louis. & Nash.	147⅝	Wabash	24¼
Mo., Kas. & T.	32¼	do preferred	48¼
N. Y. Central	168	Spanish Fours	90⅝

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$782,324	$160,819
Seattle	860,821	145,769
Tacoma	498,684	37,069
Spokane	573,569	42,849

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances shows:

Available cash balances	$142,069,093
Gold	71,646,034

LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted at Portland Union Stockyards Yesterday.

Receipts at the Portland Union Stockyards yesterday were 145 cattle, 408 sheep and 405 hogs. The following prices were quoted at the yards:

CATTLE—Best Eastern Oregon steers, $4; cows and heifers, $3@3.50; 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.

CHICAGO, April 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 1000; market 15c higher. Good to prime steers, $6.00@6.85; poor to medium, $4.50@5.75; stockers and feeders, $2.75@5.10; cows, $1.50@5.00; heifers, $2.50@5.50; canners, $1.50@3.00; bulls, $2.00@4.65; calves, $2.50@6.25.

Hogs—Receipts today, 18,000; tomorrow, 15,000; market strong to 5c higher. Mixed and butchers, $5.35@5.62½; good to choice heavy, $5.55@5.75; rough heavy, $5.35@5.45; light, $5.35@5.60; bulk of sales, $5.50@5.60.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; sheep and lambs steady. Good to choice wethers, $5.70@6.15; fair to choice mixed, $4.50@5.65; Western sheep, $4.50@6.00; native lambs, $4.50@7.60; Western lambs, $4.50@7.65.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000; market active. Native steers, $4.25@ 6.25; cows and heifers, $3.25@4.85; Western steers, $3.50@5.25; canners, $2.00@3.00; stockers and feeders, $3.00@5.00; calves, $2.75@6.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 6000; market stronger. Heavy, $5.30@5.37½; mixed, $5.30@5.32½; light, $5.25@5.35; pigs, $4.50@5.15; bulk of sales, $5.30@5.32½.

Sheep—Receipts, 3000; market steady. Western yearlings, $6.00@6.90; wethers, $5.25@5.85; ewes, $5.00@5.65; lambs, $6.75@7.50.

KANSAS CITY, April 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000; market 10c higher. Native steers, $4.50 @6.50; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.25; bulls, $2.65@4.50; Western fed steers, $4.50@6.00; Western fed cows, $3.50@4.90.

Hogs—Receipts, 8000; market steady to strong. Bulk of sales, $5.25@5.45; heavy, $5.40 @5.50; pigs and light, $4.25@5.40.

Sheep—Receipts, 3000; market steady; lambs lower. Muttons, $5.00@6.00; lambs, $6.50@ 7.55; range wethers, $5.00@5.75; fed ewes, $5.00 @5.75.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks were as follows:

Alpha Con.	$ .08	Justice	$ .05
Andes	.30	Mexican	1.75
Belcher	.22	Occidental Con.	.84
Best & Belcher	.94	Ophir	8.38
Bullion	.25	Overman	.15
Caledonia	.45	Potosi	.12
Challenge Con.	.13	Savage	.26
Chollar	.14	Seg. Belcher	.10
Confidence	.70	Sierra Nevada	.43
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.75	Silver Hill	.70
Crown Point	.10	Union Con.	.72
Exchequer	.45