CROPS DOING WELL

Weather Could Not Be Better for Growing Vegetation.

PROGRESS IN FARM WORK

Stand of Fall Wheat Is Good and Spring Wheat Seeding Is Well Advanced — Early Frosts Damage the Fruit.

The weekly crop bulletin of the Oregon section of the Weather Bureau, issued yesterday by Section Director Beals, in part is as follows:

The first half of the week was dry, with frosty nights and warm afternoons. The last half was showery, and good rains fell in all sections of the state. The soil is now in excellent condition for plowing and germination of seeds, and farming operations have made rapid progress during the past week.

The stand of Fall wheat is good; the plant is healthy and its growth during the week has been satisfactory. Spring wheat seeding is well advanced, and in many sections completed. The early sown came up nicely and no complaints are made in any locality regarding its condition. Barley and oats are also doing well. Pasturage is much better than usual at this season of the year, and all grasses and forage plants are thrifty and promising. Lambing is well advanced and the losses have been small. Goat shearing is finished and the mohair clip is above the average, both in quality and quantity.

Early gardens are up and good progress has been made in planting late gardens. Considerable land has been prepared for corn, and in the southern sections some corn has been planted. Early potatoes are doing well, except in a few exposed places, where they were injured by frost. Hope are thrifty and promising.

The frosts have undoubtedly done considerable harm to fruit, but to what extent correspondents disagree. Some think only a reasonable amount of thinning has occurred and that the fruit crop will be better in consequence thereof, while others claim that Italian prunes, peaches, pears, cherries and plums have been seriously harmed. Apples and French prunes have received but little injury. Some varieties of apples have not bloomed so full as usual, but the condition of apples is generally promising.

TUMBLE IN BUTTER.

Most of the City Creameries Go Down to 22½ Cents.

The expected drop in the local butter market came yesterday. The city creamery men got together and decided it was useless to attempt to hold the prices up to 25 cents in the face of the rapid increase in the receipts of cream. They accordingly fixed the price for extra creamery butter at 22½ cents a pound, which price will be effective this morning. Those joining in the agreement were the Townsend, Oregon, Washington, Weatherly and Sunset Creameries. The Hazelwood Company, however, is not yet ready to reduce the price, and still quotes 25 cents for its top grade.

State creamery butter on Front street is also very weak. Dealers say it is almost impossible to move stocks at any price. Open quotations range from 18 to 20 cents, and it is stated that the lower price has been shaded in some instances. The Salem Creamery, which has been holding at 22½ cents, announced that its price will be 20 cents today.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Wheat—Club, 86@87c per bushel; bluestem, 92@93c. Valley, 88c.

FLOUR — Patents, $3.90@4.75 per bushel; straights, $3.75@4.40; clears, $3.60@4; Valley, $3.60@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 cases, $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, $28; shorts, $22; chop, U. S. Mills, $19; linseed dairy food, $18.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $6.75; lower grade, $5@6.25; oatmeal, steel cut, 90-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.

Eggs went up a half cent yesterday and are quoted firm at the advance. Receipts of chickens were larger than usual, but most of the arrivals were cleaned up.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 18½c per dozen.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 22½@25c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 18@20c; store butter, 13@14c; California fancy creamery, 20@22½c.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, new, 14@15c; Young America, 15@16c.

POULTRY—Fancy hens, 14@15c; old hens, 12½@15c; mixed chickens, 12@13½c; old Springs, 11@13½c; young roosters, 12@13c; Springs, 1½@2 pounds, 20@25c; broilers, 1 to 1½ pounds, 25@28c; dressed chickens, 15@16c; 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, $9@9.50; pigeons, $1.50@2; squabs, $2.50@3.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Navel oranges and bananas are very firm. The latter are strengthened by the almost daily advance at New Orleans. Strawberries hold up, but are not selling readily. Fancy potatoes are firm. Large shipments of second grade are made to San Francisco which may weaken that market. Eight carloads of Colorado potatoes are on the way to Portland. The Oregon onion season is about ended.

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, $1.25@1.75 per box; parsley, 25c dozen; tomatoes, $2.25 per crate; cauliflower, $2 per crate; celery, $4@4.25 per crate; peas, 8@9c per pound; peppers, 25c per pound; asparagus, 8½@9c per pound; rhubarb, 4c per pound; cucumbers, $1.50 per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen; radishes, 15c per dozen.

ONIONS—Oregon fancy, $3.50@4; No. 2, $1.50@2.50, buying prices; Australian, 5c per pound.

POTATOES—Oregon fancy, $1@1.15; common, 80@90c, buyers' price; new potatoes, 3@3½c per pound; Merced sweets, 1½@1¾c per pound.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatels, 4-crown, 7½c; 3-layer Muscatel raisins, 7½c; unbleached seedless Sultanas, 6¾c; 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@3¾c; figs, California blacks, 3¾c; 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@3.50 per box; strawberries, $2.50@2.85 per crate.

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

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—Choice, 1904, 23½@25c per pound.

WOOL—Valley, 20@22c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 15@18c per pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 31@33c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 16@16½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 pounds, 11@13c 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, 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; 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, $1@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, pale, pine, according to size and color, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, 10@15c; medium, 40@50c; civet or polecat, 5@10c; otter, large, prime skin, $6@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, $2@5; raccoon, prime, 30@50c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, $3.50@5; 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, 20@22c 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.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, ordinary, 10@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; 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, 3¾c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.85; fancy, 1@1½-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink 1-pound talls, 85c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.30; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $1.85.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $6.30; powdered, $6.05; dry granulated, $5.95; 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 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, 13¾c 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, 35@60c per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 4c; large white, 3½c; pink, 3¾c; bayou, 3½c; Lima, 6c.

Meats and Provisions.

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

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy, 7c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; Spring lambs, 8@9c.

VEAL—Dressed, fancy, 7c per pound; large and ordinary, 5@6c per pound.

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

HAMS—10 to 14 pounds, 12c per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 12c; 18 to 20 pounds, 12c; California (picnic), 8c; cottage hams, 9c; shoulders, 8½c; boiled ham, 19c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 15c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 17c per pound; standard breakfast, 15c; choice, 13½c; English breakfast, 11 to 14 pounds, 12½c; peach bacon, 11½c.

SAUSAGE—Portland ham, 13c per pound; rolled ham, 10c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 5½c; wienerwurst, 8c; liver, 6c; pork, 9c; blood, 5c; headcheese, 6c; bologna sausage, link, 4½c.

DRY SALT-CURED—Regular short clears, 9½c salt, 10½c smoked; clear backs, 9c salt, 10½c smoked; clear bellies, 14 to 17 pounds average, none salt, none 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, 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 lambs' tongues, ½-barrels, $9; ¼-barrels, $5.50; 15-pound kits, $2.75.

LARD—Leaf lard, kettle-rendered: Tierces, 9¾c; tubs, 9⅞c; 50s, 9¾c; 20s, 10c; 10s, 10⅛c; 5s, 10¼c. Standard pure: Tierces, 8¾c; tubs, 9¼c; 50s, 9¼c; 20s, 9½c; 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, 32c; iron barrels or drums, 26c.

COAL OIL—Cases, 21½c; iron barrels, 18c; wood barrels, none; 63 deg., cases, 22c; iron barrels, 15½c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 61c; cases, 65c. Boiled: Barrels, 63c; cases, 65c; lc less in $-barrel lots.

TURPENTINES—Cases, 57c; barrels, 54c.

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 200 cattle and 800 sheep. The following prices were quoted at the yards:

CATTLE—Best Eastern Oregon steers, $4.25; 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@5; medium, $4@4.50.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Kansas City, Omaha and Chicago.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 7200; market slow to 10c lower. Native steers, $4.00@6.50; cows and heifers, $3.50@5.40; Western steers, $3.75@5.25; canners, $2.00@3.50; stockers and feeders, $3.00@5.00; calves, $2.75@6.00; bulls, stags, etc., $2.50@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 9200; market 5c higher. Heavy, $5.20@5.35; mixed, $5.25@5.30; light, $5.25@5.35; pigs, $4.75@4.20; bulk of sales $5.25@5.30.

Sheep—Receipts, 4500; market steady. Western yearlings, $6.00@6.25; wethers, $5.35@5.90; ewes, $5.00@5.60; lambs, $6.75@7.50.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 14,500; market steady. Good to prime steers, $6.00@6.80; poor to medium, $4.60@5.75; stockers and feeders, $2.50@5.00; cows, $2.65@5.75; heifers, $3.00@6.00; canners, $1.60@3.00; bulls, $2.50@5.25; calves, $3.00@6.75.

Hogs—Receipts today, 15,000; tomorrow, 26,000; market 5c higher. Mixed and butchers, $5.40@5.50; good to choice heavy, $5.50@5.60; rough heavy, $5.25@5.45; light, $5.35@5.45; bulk of sales, $5.45@5.55.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; sheep and lambs steady to slow. Good to choice wethers, shorn, $5.25@5.50; fair to choice mixed, shorn, $4.00@4.75; Western sheep, shorn, $4.50@5.50; native lambs, shorn, $4.50@6.70; Western lambs, wool, $6.50@7.85.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 18.—Cattle—Receipts 10,000; market steady. Native steers, $4.75@6.60; native cows and heifers, $2.50@6; stockers and feeders, $3@5.15; bulls, $2.75@4.75; calves, $3@6.25; Western fed steers, $3@6.40; Western fed cows, $3.50@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts 11,000; market strong to 5c higher. Bulk of sales, $5.25@5.40; heavy, $5.35@5.42½; packers, $5.30@5.42½; pigs and light, $4.20@5.35.

Sheep—Receipts 5000; market steady. Muttons, $4.50@6; lambs, $5.75@7.50; range wethers, $5@6.60; fed ewes, $4.50@5.65.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Evaporated apples continue light in demand and show no improvement. Common, 4@5c; prime, 5.35@5.45c; choice, 6@6½c; fancy, 7c.

Prunes are not in large supply here, but prices continue slow, owing to the light demand. Quotations range from 2½c to 5½c.

Apricots are freely offering for future shipment of new crop, but buyers are holding off for lower prices. Choice, 10@10½c; extra choice, 11c, and fancy, 12@15c.

Peaches are scarce and firm; choice, 10@10½c; extra choice, 10½@10¾c, and fancy, 11½@12c.

Raisins are quiet with loose muscatels quoted at 4½@6½c; London layers at $1.05@1.25; seeded, at 5½@6½c.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Cotton futures closed steady at a net advance of 6@8 points. April and June, 7.34c; May, 7.43c; July, 7.38c; August, 7.42c; September, 7.46c; October, 7.52c.

STOCK PRICES SET BACK

CONDITIONS CAUSE APPREHENSION AMONG TRADERS.

Break in Northern Securities Unsettles Sentiment in Exchange—Afraid of Future.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Speculators long on stocks showed a great deal of trepidation today which caused a free unloading and rather severe inroad on prices. The news of the day contained nothing to indicate an impairment of actual values, but the action of the market itself served to create distrust and uncertainty over the many stories of brilliant financial projects which have been the principal motive for the buying of stocks up to the recent high level of prices.

The incident having the most direct influence was the sudden and virulent break of Northern Securities within the first 10 minutes of trading on the curb market. The first few sales of the stock were at a fraction higher than last night, up to 181, but after that there seemed absolutely no demand and the price was offered down precipitately 16 points without finding buyers. This news quickly reached the floor of the stock exchange and induced a slump in the price of Union Pacific and St. Paul. The quick recovery of 10 or 12 points in Northern Securities was reported almost immediately. The feverish action left sentiment very much unsettled.

There was plausibility in the contention that on the eve of the surrender of Northern Securities share certificates to be exchanged for Northern Pacific and Great Northern stock, there developed a certain apprehension that with the return to the market of a great floating supply of these constituent stocks it would be found difficult to keep up their prices to the level to which they have recently sold. The tie-up in the Northern Securities Company has left the actual floating supply of Great Northern and Northern Pacific very small, making it easy to mark up the figures to more than double those prevailing before the formation of the Securities Company.

The reports current to account for these prices, and which have been entirely without sanction of official authority, have all indicated financial readjustment rather than any actual change in the equities of the companies. The supposed plan to incorporate the Great Northern's iron holdings into a separate company is an example.

The market position of Union Pacific also has been the subject of growing suspicion. The enormous borrowing demand for this stock, which has attracted marked attention, has been generally attributed to the desire for its use for proxies at the meeting to authorize the $100,000,000 preferred stock increase. The books are to close for this meeting tomorrow, and there seemed a sudden realization that this might mean a release to the market of a very large amount of this borrowed stock. There was some dread entertained even that this enormous borrowing of stock might represent liquidating sales by insiders who were borrowing for delivery to disguise the source of the selling.

In fact, there was a very general disposition to suspect the speculative conditions of the market as a whole. Pools which have operated in various stocks unloaded to a large extent. The supposition that there was retrenchment by selling in the stock market against the necessities of the wheat deal also continued in force. The Weather Bureau's weekly crop report relieved some apprehension of damage from cold weather. Money continued easy. A survey of the day's net changes, however, reveals a more decided set-back in prices than has occurred in many weeks. The closing tone was the weakest of the day, and prices were at about the lowest.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,365,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Atchison	13,000	89⅝	87⅞	87⅞
do preferred	1,000	103½	103	103
Atlantic Coast Line	12,900	180½	158	157½
Baltimore & Ohio	6,500	110	108⅝	108⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	96
Canadian Pacific	14,400	154	151⅝	151½
Central of N. J.	.....	.....	.....	198
Chesapeake & Ohio	5,100	57	56	56
Chicago & Alton pfd.	.....	.....	.....	80
Chi. Great Western	16,600	24⅝	23⅞	23⅞
C. & N. W.	1,300	240½	237½	238
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	62,600	187½	182⅝	183
Chi. Term. & Transit	.....	.....	.....	17½
do preferred	400	34	33½	33
C., C., C. & St. L.	400	106	104	104
Colorado & Southern	2,300	28½	28½	28½
do 1st preferred	600	60	59⅞	59⅞
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	37
Delaware & Hudson	3,000	192⅝	190	189⅝
Del., Lack. & West.	.....	.....	.....	382½
Denver & Rio Grande	.....	.....	.....	33
do preferred	600	89	89	89
Erie	28,300	46½	45	45
do 1st preferred	1,000	80⅝	80	80
do 2d preferred	2,000	70	68½	68
Hocking Valley	400	96	96⅝	93
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	94
Illinois Central	16,800	166	163	163½
Iowa Central	1,000	36	36	35
do preferred	100	55½	55½	54½
Kansas & Texas	300	30	29½	29½
do preferred	900	69½	62⅝	62⅝
Louisville & Nashv.	15,200	144¼	142	141⅝
Manhattan L.	200	166½	166½	166½
Met. Securities	4,200	87	85½	85½
Metropolitan St. Ry.	12,700	122	121⅞	121⅞
Mexican Central	2,600	24⅝	23⅝	23⅝
Minneapolis & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	60
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	1,700	118	117¼	117
do preferred	100	161½	161½	160½
Missouri Pacific	17,400	107	105	105⅝
Mo., Kansas & Texas	500	31½	30⅝	30½
do preferred	900	67½	66	66
Mex. Nat. R. R. pfd.	.....	.....	.....	38½
New York Central	33,500	157⅝	156	156¼
N. Y., Ont. & West.	4,800	60⅝	59	59
Norfolk & Western	4,400	86	84⅝	84⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	92
Pennsylvania	68,100	143	141⅞	141⅞
Pittsb., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	80
Reading	44,700	97½	96	96
do 1st preferred	100	92⅝	92⅝	92⅝
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	90
Rock Island Co.	22,100	34⅝	33½	33½
do preferred	1,000	79	78⅝	78½
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd.	600	69⅝	68½	68½
St. Louis Southwest.	900	26⅝	25⅞	26
do preferred	3,900	66⅝	65½	65½
Southern Pacific	22,800	67½	65⅝	65⅞
do preferred	500	118½	118	117½
Southern Railway	3,400	34½	33⅝	33½
do preferred	200	97	97	97
Texas & Pacific	1,100	37½	36½	36⅝
Tol., St. L. & West.	200	40⅝	40⅝	40
do preferred	200	62⅝	62	60
Union Pacific	304,000	134	129⅞	130
do preferred	2,300	99½	99¼	99¼
Wabash	300	22½	22½	22
do preferred	1,300	45½	45¼	45¼
Wheeling & L. Erie	.....	.....	.....	18
Wisconsin Central	1,900	24	23	23
do preferred	800	52⅝	52	51½
Express companies—				
Adams	.....	.....	.....	240
American	300	236	235	232
United States	100	125	128	127
Wells-Fargo	.....	.....	.....	240
Miscellaneous—				
Amal. Copper	131,000	88½	86¼	86¼
Amer. Car & Found.	7,400	42½	40⅝	41½
do preferred	700	102⅝	102	101½
Amer. Cotton Oil	900	36¼	35½	35½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	94
American Ice	200	5⅝	5½	5½
do preferred	300	40½	39½	39
Amer. Linseed Oil	700	22½	20½	19
do preferred	300	47½	47½	45
American Locomotive	24,700	60	56½	56⅞
do preferred	2,900	121¼	119½	119½
Amer. Smelt. & Ref.	57,500	120⅞	118½	119½
do preferred	300	124½	124½	123⅞
Amer. Sugar Refining	2,000	142⅝	142	142
Amer. Tobacco, pfd.	1,900	98	97	97
Anaconda Mining Co.	200	124	124	123
Brook. Rapid Transit	13,600	70¼	68½	68½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	33,700	57¼	54⅝	55⅝
Consolidated Gas	5,300	201	199	199
Corn Products	400	12	11⅝	11⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	39½
Distillers' Securities	2,300	44½	43⅞	43⅞
General Electric	1,200	183½	182⅝	183
International Paper	2,700	23⅝	22½	22⅝
do preferred	1,600	81⅝	81¼	81
International Pump	.....	.....	.....	54½
do preferred	400	87⅝	87½	87
National Lead	8,500	49¼	47	47½
North American	10,900	108⅞	105⅝	105⅝
Pacific Mail	1,600	43½	42	42½
People's Gas	14,200	111⅞	110	109⅞
Pressed Steel Car	1,300	48	43½	43½
do preferred	200	99	99	98⅝
Pullman Palace Car	1,000	245½	244	240
Republic Steel	2,900	22½	21⅞	21⅞
do preferred	1,300	81	80½	80
Rubber Goods	4,600	33½	32⅝	32⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	107½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	9,000	103	100¼	100
U. S. Leather	.....	.....	.....	11
do preferred	500	109	109	107
U. S. Realty	200	95	92½	92½
U. S. Rubber	1,100	43⅝	42⅝	42⅝
do preferred	400	117	116½	116½
U. S. Steel	101,100	38¼	36⅞	37
do preferred	122,300	104½	103	103
Virg.-Carolina Chem.	13,900	38	36	36½
do preferred	600	108½	107½	108⅝
Westinghouse Elect.	1,000	175½	174½	175
Western Union	600	93⅝	93½	93½

Total sales for the day, 1,486,400 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	104½	Atchison Adj. 4s	96⅝
do coupon	104½	D. & R. G. 4s	100⅝
U. S. 3s reg.	104⅝	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	100⅝
do coupon	105	Nor. Pacific 3s	77¼
U. S. new 4s reg.	132	Nor. Pacific 4s	103½
do coupon	133	So. Pacific 4s	95½
U. S. old 4s reg.	104½	Union Pacific 4s	106
do coupon	104⅝	Wis. Cent. 4s	94⅝

Stocks at London.

LONDON, April 18.—Consols for money, 90 13-16; consols for account, 90⅞.

Anaconda	6¼	Norfolk & West.	88
Atchison	91⅝	do preferred	94½
do preferred	106	Ontario & West.	62
Baltimore & O.	122½	Pennsylvania	73⅝
Can. Pacific	157½	Rand Mines	10⅞
Ches. & Ohio	58	Reading	30
C. Gt. Western	25	do 1st pref	47½
C., M. & St. P.	190½	do 2d pref	46
DeBeers	17⅛	So. Railway	35¼
D. & R. Grande	34⅞	do preferred	100
do preferred	92	So. Pacific	69⅝
Erie	47⅝	Union Pacific	136⅝
do 1st pref	83	do preferred	102
do 2d pref	77⅝	U. S. Steel	38⅝
Illinois Central	171	do preferred	107
Louis. & Nash.	148	Wabash	23
Mo., Kas. & T.	32⅛	do preferred	47
N. Y. Central	162½	Spanish Fours	90

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8620@4.8625 for demand and at $4.8460@4.8480 for 60-day bills. Posted rates, $4.85@4.87. Commercial bills, $4.84½.

Bar silver, 57¼c.

Mexican dollars, 44¼c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

Money on call, steady, 2½@3 per cent; closing bid, 2¾ per cent; offered at 3 per cent. Time loans easy and dull; 60 days, 90 days and six months, 3½ per cent.

LONDON, April 18.—Bar silver, uncertain, 26⅝d per ounce.

Money, 1¼@1½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1¼@2 per cent; for three months' bills, 2@2 1-16 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Silver bars, 57¼c.

Drafts, sight, 2½c; telegraph, 5c.

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

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$681,401	$ 79,577
Seattle	902,730	138,362
Tacoma	$12,276	41,287
Spokane	472,545	89,127

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Today's statement of the Treasury shows:

Available cash balance	$136,855,675
Gold	66,867,775

STRONG UNDERTONE IN PIT.

Wheat Prices Gradually Work Upward at Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 18.—A strong undertone pervaded the wheat market throughout the entire session, notwithstanding that several bearish factors were in evidence at the start. Despite easier cables and increased local receipts, the market opened firm with July up a shade to ¼c at 87⅝@87¾c. May was unchanged at $1.14¼. One cause of the firmness was a good demand for July from a prominent bull trader. Offerings were comparatively light. The weather throughout the greater part of the Winter wheat belt was reported unofficially as being still dry and cold. This helped to stimulate demand for the distant futures. Prices gradually worked up a trifle. Toward the noon hour the market became decidedly strong on active buying, brought out by a decrease of 2,100,000 bushels in the world's visible supply. A year ago there was a decrease of only 617,000 bushels. On the bulge, July advanced to 88⅝@88¾c. Meanwhile May was lifted to $1.15½ on small scattered trading. The weekly weather report favoring Winter wheat caused a decline late in the day, but part of the gain was lost. Sentiment, however, continued bullish, the market closing firm, with July at 88c. Final quotations on May were 1c higher at $1.15¼.

Influenced by smaller receipts than expected, shorts were active buyers of corn during the first half of the session. Later an easier tone developed. July opened unchanged to ¼c higher at 47½@47⅝c and closed at 47⅜@47½c.

Reports of dry weather had a bullish effect on the oats market. July opened unchanged to a shade lower at 29½@29⅝c to 29¾c, sold up to 30c and closed at 29⅞@29¾c.

Liquidation of May products had a weakening effect on the provision market. At the close July pork was off 5c, lard was unchanged and ribs were off 2½c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$1.14¼	$1.15⅝	$1.14¼	$1.15¼
July	.87⅞	.88¾	.87⅞	.88
Sept.	.82⅞	.83⅞	.82⅞	.83
CORN.				
May	.47¼	.47⅝	.47¼	.47¼
July	.47⅝	.47⅞	.47⅝	.47½
Sept.	.47⅝	.48	.47⅝	.47⅞
OATS.				
May	.29⅝	.30	.29⅝	.29⅞
July	.29⅝	.30	.29⅝	.29⅝
Sept.	.29	.29⅝	.29	.29¼
MESS PORK.				
May	12.57½	12.60	12.50	12.52½
July	12.87½	12.87½	12.80	12.80
LARD.				
May	7.22½	7.25	7.22½	7.22½
July	7.40	7.42½	7.40	7.40
Sept.	7.55	7.57½	7.55	7.55
SHORT RIBS.				
May	6.91½	7.00	6.95	6.95
July	7.25	7.27½	7.22½	7.25
Sept.	7.45	7.45	7.42½	7.42½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Easy.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, $1.07@1.14½; No. 3, $1@1.14; No. 2