New York Order for 500 Bales Being Secretly Filled.

Futile Attempt Made to Suppress the News-Prices in Washington and California Are

HOPS-Eastern dealer quietly filling order for 500 bales.

WOOL-Movement to Oregon clip in Eastern markets. FRUIT-Scarcity of peaches in local

VEGETABLES-Tomatoes and egg plant plentiful

EGGS-Market steady with tendency o advance. BUTTER-Buying at top price not

POULTRY-Continued inquiry for ld chickens.

is market. The biggest deal of the season before morked and it is likely to have a fareaching effect on the market. The greatest crecy has been maintained by the parties rested, but enough facts have leaked out

well-known dealer of New York City, who as been reputed heavily short-sold on the 1904 haver an order for 500 hairs of choicest The purchases are to be made as uding the short-seller's name beoming known in the transaction. It is said of the goods bought were for this dealer's per dozen, occupt, and that he also has a large order re too limited to permit of much business. As Oregon still has a large quantity of th est goods remaining, it is probable that this house expects to secure the bulk of their goods right here.

narrusted to buy the hops was not given out. ut their agent was directed to use every ition to prevent the presence of this rder from becoming known, and he was even equested to ship the goods East in his own me, to be diverted later, in order to insure secrecy. The telegram autouncing this news me received late Wednesday night and is positive in its tone. As the sender is one of the most conservative and reliable ealers in New York, it is regarded by the trade as entirely authentic.

The local buyer who is carrying on this deal iso has an order for 1000 bales of 1905 hope at 15 cents and 'phoned to several of the principal growers of Oregon resterday, but thus far has not been able to close any deals at

This big transaction in 1904s can hardly have other effect then to revive the market and put it on a firmer basis at advanced val-Independently of this influence, much Washington, as shown by the latest Yakima \$3.5064.10; Dakota hard wheat, \$6.5067.25; sale. The firmness of the Northern and Southern markets can no doubt be traced to per bale, \$1.5062.20; Eastern, \$5.5065.60; cornmeal, per bale, \$1.5062.20.

Writing to the Sacramento Union under date of August 12, M. H. Durst, the California prover, says:

"The California hop crop outlook has not changed very materially. Some sections show a slight improvement, others deterioration. On the 4th of August 1 saw the Pleasanton hopyards. It was reported that the crop would be not over one-third of an average. The yield last season was about 2000 bales. Judging from the present outlook, I should a white, none; Smyrma, 20c; Fard dates, 6c. "The California hop crop outlook has not changed very materially. Some sections show a slight improvement, others deterioration. On the 4th of August I saw the Pleasanton hoppards. It was reported that the crop would be not over one-third of an average. The yield hast season was about 2200 bales. Judging from the present outlook, I should say it will be hard for them to pick 1500 bales this assaon. On the 8th of August I was over the Wheatland district again, and I can confirm my statements made in The Union's issue of July 25. The total crop will be approximately what It was lest season.

per acre 8,30 hundredweights. The English acreage last year was 47,749, and yield 5.91

Now, then, if this year's yield per acre out equal to the yield in 1896—the hest years—and allowing 48,000 acres, which is in excess of the actual acreage—the crop would be 572,000 cwts. While if we take the average yield for 19 years, 48,000 acres at 5.5 cwts, per acre, will give a yield of 205,000 cwts, for 1905. It seems to me that even with the present bright prospects England cannot possibly make more than 572,000. That would be a crop per acre equal to the best crop harvested in 20 years. Also it seems as if the chances for growing a full average crop of 298,600 acres were fairly good, but this is by no means certain.

"A few minutes spent considering past crops and conditions show how ridiculous are such estimates as 670,000 to 700,000 cwts. for the 1905 crup in England. I consider 573,000 owth within the range of possibility, but noth-ing over that, while 400,000 cwts is not se-

the United States to grow 200,000 to 240,000 bales, as against 265,000 bales for last year,

according to revised estimates.

The returns for the last fiscal year show a production of 4,945,529 barrels of beer, an increase of one and a quarter million bar-reis over the last year. At .85 of a pound of hope, per barrel, 253,558 bales of 180 pounds each would be required. The increased production of heer can be counted on for 1985-08, so we may add 6500 bales of hope more for increase, making a total regularement for the United States of America brewing of

ever and is practically a negligible quantity. Imports also do not amount to much. With a large English crop we can count on exportng 40,000 to 50,000 bales. With a small one 60 per cent more. It seems to me everything indirates a good, healthy demand for every cale of bogs we can grow in this country thre

EGGS STEADY, BUTTER QUIET.

Good Demand for Old Hens, but Slight In Eggs hold steady at 22 cents, the price at which most lots were sold yesterday. Some

side of this figure. There were no developments in the butter situation. Dealers and creamery men report that buyers are slow to take hold at the top

try: "Market a little better, especially for good bens, which are in request. Springs are in good supply, and steady only. Hens, 1369 135c, and Springs, 15c. Geese and ducks are sult; geese, 860c, and ducks, 13014c, alive. Turkeys are in firm demand at 18, 19, 20c alive old, and good-sized young will sell for a good deal more. Squab pigeons, \$2,5063

PEACHES ARE SCARCE,

Cantaloupes Selling Better and Watermelons

Cleaning Up. city of peaches continfeature of the fruit market. The demand yesterday was very urgent and prices were strong. Ordinary stock brought 65@85 cents and fancy, 85 cents a box. Good cantaloupes sold at \$1.5082.50 per crate and poorer ones around \$1. Melons are cleaning up well, the demand being stronger on the brighter weather Egg plant is coming in freely and is offered at \$1.75@2 per case. Tomatoes are also plentiful at 50975 cents a box. Green corn and cucumbers are slow. Heavy receipts of potatoes and the tack of a shipping demand have caused a weaker feeling in this line.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows: 467,291 457,413

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. strength has been given to the market by the Price Patents, \$4,5004.95 per harrel. 2-cent advance in California and the rise in straights, \$4,94.25; clears, \$5,7504; Valley, Washington, as the control of the control

WHEAT-Club, Togric per bushel; blue-BARLEY-Feed, \$20.50 per ton; brewing,

OATS-No. 1 white feed, old, \$25 per ton gray, old, \$27; white, new, \$23@20.50; gray, new, \$22 per ton.
MILLSTUFFS-Bran, \$19 per ton; mid-

dlings, \$24.50; shorts, \$21; chop, U. S. Miljs, \$19; linseed dairy feed, \$18; alfalfa meal, \$18 per ton per ton.

CEREAL POODS-Rolled oats, cream, 90pound sacks, 88.75; lower grades, \$5.96.25;
uatmeal, steel cut, 55-pound sacks, \$5 per
barrel, 10-pound sacks, \$4.25 per bale; oatmeal (ground), 50-pound sacks, \$7.30 per
barrel, 10-pound sacks, \$4 per bale; split
pess, \$5 per 108-pound sacks; 25-pound boxes,
\$1.40; pearl barley, \$4.25 per 100 pounds; 25pound boxes, \$1.25 per box; pastry 50ur, 10pound sacks, \$2.50 per bale.

HAX-Timothy, old, \$1.3915 per ton; new,
\$11612.50; clover, \$869; grain, \$869; chest,
\$7.5058

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

DOMESTIC PRUITS-Apples 80c@\$1.15 per box; peaches, 65g85c crate; plums, 75cg51 per crate; bischerries, 50c per pound; cantalcupes, \$162.50 per crate; pears, \$1.5062 per box watermeions, 191%c per pound; crateappies, 50c per box; nectainnes, 75c per box; grapes, \$162.50; Camabas, 25g2.50 per dozen, 27apes, \$162.50; Camabas, 25g2.50 per dozen, 55.50; oranges, Vallencias, choice \$3; tancy, \$4 per box; grapefruit, \$2.50g5 per box; hamane, \$15c per pound; pincappies, \$2.50g3.50 per dozen.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER-City creameries: Extra creamery, 274630c per pound; state creamerles: Fancy creamery, 25830c; store butter, 140 154c; Eastern creamery, 2046274c.
BGGS-Oregon ranch, 22c per dozen; Eastern, 20821c. BOGS-Overon rance, the per down; and erem, 19621c.
CHEEFE-Oregon full cream twins, 13c; Young America, 14c.
POULTRY-Average old hens, 1294214c; mixed chickens, 1294214c; old receters 5496 flor; young roosters, 1194114c; Springs, 14; to 2 pounds, 148144c; 1 to 14; pounds, 148416c; dressed, chickens, 18944c; turkeys, live, 186 flor; turkeys, dressed, choice, 509274c; geess, live, per pound, 589c; geess, Gressed, per pound, 19910c; ducks, eld, 13c; ducks, gray, 12c; white, 14c; pigeons, \$161.25; equabs, \$2,92.50.

the hops weigh out at picking time.

It think the English crop reports deserve considerable space at this time, so I refer to the plantation reports from the last Kestish Observer of July 27; also the reports of the plantation reports from the last Kestish Observer of July 27; also the reports of the plantation reports from the last Kestish Observer of July 27; also the reports of the plantation reports from the last Kestish Observer of July 27; also the reports of July 28.

The Thom the quotations I conclude that the outlook for a crop in England must be conceided to be very good, but from many of the sections come reports of vermin, mold and some spider. The reports from Biddenden, Chilham and Chartham, Maidstone, Shedwich and East Susser give one an idea how uncertain present predictions are. I have fraguent cables reporting the crop and estimating it at 600,000 to 600,000 hundredweights. But everything must be very favorable to make these figures. The arreage is under 48,000 sores, and they can hardly count on having more than a crop equal to the best crop in the last 20 years.

If submit here particulars of yield per acre and total crop yield for the four best years during the last 20 years for England.

Yield per Acre. Total Crop. Tear.

Year.

10 each; cubs \$1@2; hadger, 25@50c; wild rat, with hand perfect, 25@50c; house cat. 5@10c; fox. common gray, 50@70c; red. \$5@5; cross. \$5@10; silver and black, \$100@200; fishers. \$1@6; tynz, \$4.50@6; mink; strictly No. i, according to size. \$1@2.50; marten, pale, pine, 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 pole-cat. \$6.90c; civet or pole-cat. \$6.90c; civet iarge prime skin, \$6@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, \$2@5; raccoon, prime, 30@50c; mountain wolk, with head perfect, \$3.00@1; coyote, 60c@\$1; wolverine, \$8@8; beaver, per skin, large, \$5.8; medium, \$8@4; small, \$18.150; kita, 50@73c.

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

CARCARA SAGRADA (Chittam bark) per pound. CASCARA SAGRADA (Chittam bark) -

GRAIN BAGS-Calcutta, T@THc. Groceries, Nuts, Etc. COFFEE-Mocha, 26925c; Java, ordinary, 18
g22; Costa Blen, fancy, 18920c; good, 169
18c; ordinary, 19825c per pound; Columbia
roast, cases, 100s, \$13.75; 50s, \$18.75; Arbuckle,
\$15.25; Llot, \$15.25;
Ricks-Imperial Japan No. 1, \$5.375; Southern Japan, \$3.50; Carolinas 5860c; brokenhead, Tat.

SALMON-Columbia River, 1-pound talls,
\$1.15 per dozen; 2-pound talls, \$2.40; 1-pound
flats, \$1.55; Zanov, 16115-pound flats, \$1.80;
1-pound flats, \$1.10; Alaska pink 1-pound
falls, \$5.5; red. 1-pound talls, \$1.50; sockeyes,
1-pound talls, \$1.55.

SUGAR-Sack basis, 100 pounds; Cube, \$5.55;
powdered, \$5.60; dry granulasted, \$5.50; extra
C. \$5; golden C. \$4.90; fruit sugar, \$5.50; advance over sack basis, as follows: Barrels,
10c; half-barrels, 25c; bozza, 56c per 100
pounds, (Terms: On remittance within 15
days, deduct to per pound; if later than 15
days, deduct to per pound; if later than 15
days and within 36 days, deduct to per
pound no discount after 30 days.) Beet sugar,
granulated, \$5.40 per 100 pounds; maple sugar,
15618c per pound.

pound no discount after 30 days.) Beet augar, granolasted, 55.40 per 100 pounds; maple augar, 15618c per pound.

SALT-California, 511 per ton, 51.60 per bale; Liverpool, 50x, 512; 150x, 516.50; 2x0x, 518; half-pound, 10x, 57; 50x, 57.50.

NUTS-Walmutz, 13%; per pound by sack, ic extra for less than sack; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 16c; pecans, jumbos, 16c; extra large, 15c; almonds, 1. X. L., 16%; chestnuts, Italiabs, 15c; Obin, 54.50 per 25-pound drum; peanuts, 17ax, 17bc per pound; coassed, 5c; pinemuts, 10g13-4c; hickory nuts, re; occoanuts, 36696c per dozen.

BEANS-Small white, 3%G-4%c; large white, 5%c; pink, 3%G-5%c; bayou, 4%c; Lima, 5%c.

BEEF-Dressed Mults. 1632: per pound; cuwa, 346844c; country steers, 483c. VEAL-Dressed, 75 to 125 pounds, 646744c. 125 to 200 pounds age; 200 pounds and up, 3644c. MUTTON-Dressed fancy, 6c per pound ordinary, 485c. PORK — Dressed, 100 to 180, 7874c; 150 and up, 687c per pound.

Provisions and Canned Meats. HAMS—10 to 14 pounds, 15 he per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 15 hc; 18 to 20 pounds, 15 hc; California (picnic) Sc; cottage hams, Sc; shoulders, 9c; boiled ham, 21c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 15c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 19c per pound; standard breakfast, 17c; choice, 15 hc; English breakfast, 11 to 14 pounds, 14 hc; peach bacon, 15 hc. hish oreariss, it to is pounds, 1847; peach about 134c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, 10%c dry sait, 11%c smoked, clear backs, 10%c dry sait, 11%c smoked; clear bellies, it to 17 pounds average, none; Oregon exports, 20 to 25 pounds average, 11%c dry sait, 12%c smoked; Union butts, 10 to 18 pounds average.

harreis, \$9.50; beef, barreis, \$12; hair-barreis, \$4.00.

SAUSAGE—Ham, 18c per pound; minced ham, 16c: Summer, choice dry, 175c; bologna, long, 5½c; weinerwurst, 8c; liver, 6c; pork, 8c; blood; fc; headcheese, 6c; hologna sausage, link 4½c.

CANNED MEATS—Corned beef, pounds, per dozen, \$1.20; rwo pounds, \$2.35; sux pounds, \$2.25; sux pounds, \$2.25; sux pounds, per dozen, \$1.20; two pounds, \$2.25; sux pounds, pounds, hone; two pounds, \$2.35, six pounds, pounds, hone; two pounds, \$2.35, six pounds, pounds, hone; two pounds, \$2.35, lix pounds, hone. Linch tongue, pounds, \$2.35, lix pounds, hone. Linch tongue, pounds, \$2.35, lix pounds, hone; two pounds, \$2.35, lix pounds, hone. Linch tongue, pounds, \$2.35, lix pounds, hone. Linch tongue, pounds, \$2.35, lix pounds, hone. Linch tongue, hone hone, her linch to hone, hone hone, her linch to hone, hone hone, her linch to he

TURPENTINE-Cases, Sic per gallon.
WHITE LEAD-Ton lots, Tije: 800-pound lots, Te,: Irse than 500-pound lots, Se.
GASOLINE-Store, gascline, cases, 234c; iron barrels, 17c; 86 deg, gasoline, cases, 25c; iron barrels or drums, 20c. barrels, 154c.
LINESEED OIL-Raw, 5-barrel lots, 64c; 1-barrel lots, 65c; cases, 70c; boiled, 5-barrel lots, 66c; 1-barrel lots, 67c; cases, 72c.

PLACES AN ORDER IN THE EAST FOR 75,000 TONS.

Quiet Week in the Pig-Iron Trade. Heavy Pressure Upon the

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—In pig iron the week has been rather quiet, taking the country as a whole, says the Iron Age. Purchases by the United States Steel Corporation will prob-ably not be made until sarly in September. In the East there has been a further moderate in the Last there has been a ruther movement in basic pig, one interest taking 10,000 tons at a concession, while another buyer took 4000 tons in addition to previous purchases, of 8000 tons. In the Pittsburg district a leading maker of castiron pipe has

roads have just placed TL000 tons. It is not known whether this system accepted the offers for Pacific Coast delivery made by works in Eastern Germany who are not associated with

The pressure upon the structural mills is exceedingly heavy, and the payment of premiums for prompt delivery and the importing of occasional lots of foreign shapes seem to foreshadow an upward movement. During the week carbuilders have gathered in additional work. It is expected that an order for 12,000 steel care will be in hand either this week or

Dairy Produce in the East. 'CHICAGO, Aug. 17.-On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was firm. Creameries, 17@20c; dairies, 18@18c. Eggs-At mark, cases included, 12%@15c. Cheese-Easy, 11@11%c,

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Butter, firm. Street prices, extra creamery, 21@21%c; official prices unchanged. Cheese and eggs, unchanged,

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Cotton closed stendy with not less of 4 or 5 points. August, 10.32c; September, 10.35c; December, 10.45c; November, 10.55c; December, 10.65c; January, 10.65c; Peruary, 10.75c; March, 10.78c; April, 10.50c; May, 10.85c

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 17 .- Cotton, steady.

Heavy Transactions in Stocks in First Hour's Dealings.

GOOD OUTSIDE INTEREST

Union Pacific Conspicuous on Account of Rumors Concerning Great Northern Developments.

NEW TORK, Aug. 17.-Nearly 500,000 shares of stocks were sold today in the first hour's dealing on the stock exchange. The transactions for the first hour are the most significant of the day, and are the crucial test of the tone of the market in the majority of cases. The extreme animation during that period of today was convincing evidence of the growth of speculative interest. Large orders came from various quarters. The accumulated buying demand was fed steadily during the whole of the first hour in the process of realizing profits. The result was a growing tendency to yield, which became more marked as the accumulated buying orders were worked off. But when this condition of affairs began to be evident, there was a dis-continuance of the pressure to sell, which threw the market in the middle portion of the

day into duliness.

immediate new events were of little conse-tence in the market, and nothing important curred, in fact, to change the general conditions existing. Each day's news adds to the ditions existing. Each day's news adds to the confidence in the prosperous outcome of the grain crops, and the grain carriers held their compicuous place in the day's market. Stocks of Eastern railroads were notably held back by the pressure to realize. Reading being the conspicuous example, although that stock touched a new high record during its period of esterath. So did Eric which was the of strength. So did Erie, which was the

of strength. So did Erie, which was too strong exception in the group.

Union Pacific was again very conspicuous, and was the subject of the most talked-of deals and mysterious developments. These rumous have taken the form of some important development regarding Great Northern preferred, from which it is said the expected benefit to Union Pacific will account by reason of fit to Union Pacific will accrue, by reason of its large holdings of Great Northern. The en-thusiastic forecasts of the corn crop helped Missouri Pacific to an additional advance. A special factor in the Southern group was the belief that the pellow-fever epidemic in New Orleans has come under control.

The peace conference at Portsmouth was the ubject of attentive consideration, under the subject of attentive consideration, under the belief that the critical stage of the negotia-tions had arrived. All signs continued to point to a feeling of confidence in the financial world, and a peaceful outcome of the confer-ence, and peacimistic utteraces from diplo-matic quarters seemed to have no power to alter this feeling. alter this feeling.

The favorable condition reported by the trade authority in the iron and steel industry had its effect on the stock of companies connected with various branches of that industry. There was some special activity in the Republic Steel stocks, induced by discussion of the possible resumption of dividends on the preferred stock. The extra dividend on United States Reduction & Refining explained the ad- Chicago, but large receipts of Oregon wheat vance in the stocks of that company. Be-ports that the often-projected lead merger was again shandored depressed National Leaf and had some effect also on American Smelt-and had some effect also on American Smeltand had some effect also on American Smelt-ing. The money market continued easy, and, therefore, received attention in the stock

market. The digestive process continued up to the are firm. Receipts of hay are lighter, as farm thes, which was made irregular by the heavy ers are reluctant to sell on a weak market rofit-taking in some stocks and the late rise and are storing their product.

Conditions in the fruit market were pracstocks and some others.

\$3,680,000. United States 2s advanced % per arrivals. CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

dams Expre Amalgamated Copper 87,000 86% 85% Am. Car & Foundry 8,800 18% 37% do preferred 1,900 100% 86% 86% 20% do preferred 1,900 100% 86% Agerican Cotton Oil 100 20% 20% 400 preferred American Linseed Oil
do preferred
American Locomotive 30,800 55% 51%
do preferred 1,909 118 115
Am. Smelt. & Refin. 12,909 130% 129
do preferred 900 121% 121%
Am. Sugar Refining, 6,909 145% 144%
Am. Tobacce pfd. 2,200 105% 106
Anaconda Mining Co. 2,100 117% 116%
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In the lighter liese, the moot important development is that a heavy buying movement has set in all along the wire trade. The tombage in aheets, 100, is picking up, but the merchant pipe trade is afflicted with sharp sutting of prices.

In hars the agricultural implement-maker and other consumers who contract for their requirements for six months and a year ahead have now prestly well covered up. The agree gate tonnage has been very large.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Evaporated apples are quiet, but firm, Heidere are asking it gifts of prime fruit for October to November delivery, but bupers are not willing to pay the price to any extent and business consecuently is limited. Common, highly on a price of the price to any extent and business consecuently is limited. Common, highly on a price of the pr

Total sales for the day, 1,194,000 shares. * BONDS.

NEW TORK, Aug. 17 .- Closing quotations N.S. TORK, Aug. 17.—Closing quotations.
U. S. ref. 25 reg. 104 % D. & R. Q. 4s. . 102 %
do coupon... 104 % N. Y. C. G. 3 % . 95 %
U. S. Ss reg. . 103 % Nor. Pacific 4s. 106 %
U. S. bew 4s reg. 132 % So. Pacific 4s. 106 %
do coupon... 122 % Union Pacific 4s. 105 %
U. S. old 4s reg. 104 % Wis. Central 4s. 94 %
do coupon... 104 Jap. 6s. 26 zeries 95 %
Atchisen Adj. 4s. 98 % Jap. 4 % s cer... 90 %

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Consols for money, 90 7-16; consols for account, 90 4.

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Anaconda 6 Norfolk & West 894;

Atchison 934; do preferred 94%

do preferred 107 Ontario & West 58

Baitimore & O 1174; Pennsylvania 75

Can Pacific 164% Rand Mines 8%

Ches & Chie, do Reading 58

C. Gt Western 22%; do 2d pref. 47%

C. M & St. P 191 do int pref. 48%

DeBeers 17 Sc. Railway 36%;

do preferred 92% Sc. Pacific 70%

do lat pref. 80% do preferred 102%;

do 2d pref. 77%; U. S. Steel 37%

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Illinois Central 184 do proferred.

Louis & Nash 153 b Wabash

Mo, Kas & T. 34 do preferred.

N. Y. Central 180 Spanish Fours.

Money, Exchange, Etc. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.-Money on call-easy, 14,62 per cent; closing hid, 1% per cent; offered at 2 per cent. Time loans easy and dull; 60 days, 2% 64 per cent; 90 days, 363% per cent; six months, 4 per cent. Frime mercantile paper, 464% per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual busi ness in bankers bills at \$4.8675@4.8680 for demand and at \$4.8475@4.8480 for 60 days. Posted rates, \$4.85 % @4.87 %. Commercial bille, \$4.84%.

Bar sliver, 60 %c. Mexican dollars, 46%c. Government bonds, firm; rattroad bonds,

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Bar silver, steady, 27%d per ounce. Money, 1%91% per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1 15-16 per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for three-months bills is 2 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.-Silver bars. 60 %c. Sight drafts, 3c; telegraph drafts, 5c. Sterling, 60 days, \$4.83%; sight, \$4.87%.

Daily Treasury Statement, WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Today's state-ment of the Treasury balances in the general fund shows

SAN FRANCISCO EXCHANGE SET-TLES WEIGHTS QUESTION.

December Wheat Weakened by Large Receipts From Oregon-Butter Easier, Buying Light.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 17.-(Special.) -Members of the local grain board at a spe-cial meeting adopted the following standards: No. 1 dark feed barley, 42% pounds to the bushel; ctandard brewing barley, screened, 47 pounds; No. 1 red oats, 32 pounds. December wheat opened higher, following easy, owing to a well-supplied market. Oats were quiet and steady. Grain freights are dull and nominal at union rates. Feedetune

tically unchanged, though peaches and grapes Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, showed some easiness on account of liberal manner of the control of th a small advance. Choice shipping plums and Closing prunes are in light supply. Cits Sales. High. Low. bid. and dried fruits are generally firm. Arrivals of potatoes were moderate and the

market remained active and firm. Sweets were easy. Choice onloss were steadier under shipping demand. Tomatoes were higher, but other green vegetables were generally weak. Butter was easier with prices being shaded between dealers. Receipts were liberal and a good amount is coming from cold storage.

Cheese was firm. Eggs were easy. Receipts, \$1,000 pounds butter, 08,700 pounds cheese, 25,620 dozen eggs. VEGETABLES-Cucumbers, 20630c; garlic, 364c; green peas, 584c; string beans, 16/3c; tomatoes, 40675c; okra, 75685c; egg plant, 50675c.

ers, old, \$494.50; roosters, young, \$4.5085.50; brollers, small, \$292.50; brollers, large, \$29 2.50; fryers, \$182.50; fryers, young, \$364. EGGS — Store, 18823c; fancy ranch, 20c; Eastern, 17824c. BUTTER-Pancy creamery, 25c; creamery

seconds, 22c; fancy dairy, 22c; dairy seconds,

12.50; barley, \$669; straw, \$666; clover, \$78 The leading futures ranged as follows:
10; stock, \$4.5096; straw, 30650c per bale.
POTATOES—Salinas Burbanks, \$566\$1.
Open, High, Low, Co

CHEESE-Young America, 1148124c; East-

ern, 145@155c.

FRUITS-Apples, choice, \$1.15; common, 40c; bananas, \$1@1.75; Mexican limes, nominal; California lemons, choice, \$4.50; common, \$2; oranges, navels, nominal; pincapples, \$1.75@3, HOPS-18@20c per pound.

REUELIPTS-Floor, 16,500 quarter sacks; what \$25.7500 centals, harley, 4000 centals. wheat, 257,700 centals; barley, 4600 centals; onts, 1915 bentals; beans, 585 sacks; potatoes, 2500 sacks; bran, 1485 mcks; middlings, 687

CALIFORNIA'S CITRUS OUTPUT.

sacks; hay, 365 tons; woot, 87 bales; hides,

Crop of Next Year Estimated at 35,000 to 40,000 Carloads. LOS ANGELES, Cal. Aug. 17.—From re-recent estimates made of the citrus crop for next year, indications point to a record-breaker. That there will be upward of \$5,000 carloads is certain, and the aggre-gate may reach 40,000 cars. The current year ends October 31, with shipments that

at about \$12,000,000.

progressing as rapidly as possible; this rapid ripening will cause some reduction of the yield in many iocalities, but the total crop will probably exceed the average; this is es-

the yield from the second cutting in many in-stances is considerably reduced, though in fields where water has been abundant a good yield is secured.

Favorable reports continue to be received relative to the condition of sugar bests, there being few exceptions to the general rule. An effort is being made to save water for late potatoes and garden vegetables, and these crops will probably not suffer greatly in irrigated sections. Melons are becoming fairly plentiful in southwestern markets, and quantities are before shipped; they are reported to be a failure in Cassia County.

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SAME AS EARLIER ESTIMATE

Salem Will Probably Ship Out Seventy-Five Carloads This Season. Market Now Inactive. Condition of Orchards.

SALEM. Or., Aug. 17 .- (Special.)-Though prunes have been dropping from the trees in arge quantities in some orchards, in others the yield is coming out much better than was expected and the general result is likely to be not far from the early estimates, Onethird of a normal crop, or perhaps 4,500,000 pounds, is the estimate which H. S. Gille, of Willamette Valley Prume Association, makes of the 1905 prume crop. In a good year Salem ships 125 carloads of prumes, or about 3.750,-000 pounds. The crop in this vicinity is said to be better than in most parts of the state, and Mr. Gile thinks 73 carleads or about 2,250,000 pounds of dried prunes will go

o market from Salem.

The improved condition of many of the light-erop orchards is difficult to explain satinfactorily, but several explanations are of-fered. One is that the crop was not an badly injured as the growers thought and exaggerated reports were sent in because the growers were discouraged over the out-look. Another explanation is that although the crop was as light as reported, the small number of prunes on the trees resulted in their growing to a large size so that part stockers and feeders, \$2.50g. of the loss was gained. It is also noted that some growers who have light yields neglected cultivation and did not suffer as Sheep-Receipts, 2000; 10: 54 3303 73; lambs \$5.5007 25. neglected cultivation and did not suffer as heavy a drop in the Summer. The more general opinion is that poor cultivation did not prevent the drop or good cultivation cause it, but that where these cultivation cause it, but that where these cultivation cause it, but that where these cultivation cause it. cause it, but that where there was a light crop the trees held the prunes better and developed them to a larger size.

There is nothing doing in the prune ket in Salem at present, though the Willam-ette Valley Prune Association made a number of large sales earlier in the season. The prices received were on a basis of 4% 9 4%c cents for the 40 to 50 size and 5@5% ents for the 30 to 40 size. Owners of commercial drywes are offering 45 cents a hox for fresh prunes picked, which is considered a good price.

ABSENCE OF PREDICTED FROST CAUSES LACK OF SUPPORT.

Shorts at Chicago Later Turn Buyers and Prices Strengthen at the Close. .

inclined to drag early. Absence of frost pre-dicted for the Northwest caused support to be withheld and resulted in an easy tone. September opened at \$15,832c and declined to 81%. At this point, however, shorts, who were at first inclined to ignore reports of interference of wet weather with the moveinterference of wet weather with the move-ment of grain in the Northwest and unfavor-able foreign news, seemingly became con-cerned for their lines. A sharp upturn re-suited. September sold up to 82%c, the ad-vance being well maintained during the re-mainder of the session. The close was firm, a shade under the high point, at 82%88%c. Corn was steady in the face of continued femically cross reports. September started favorable crop reports. September started ige down at 35c and closed at that figure. Oats were steady at a fraction above the previous close. September closed at 26kg, a

WOOL-Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino, 28 Gibe: Nevada, 15619c.

MILLSTUFFS - Bran, \$20.50621.50; middings, \$22627.50.

HAY-Wheat, \$7833.50; wheat and oats, \$58 12.50; barley, \$669; straw, \$669; clover, \$7.5

	WHE	SAT.		
September	.82	High. \$.82% .84% .86%	\$.81% .83 .85%	4 .825 8436 .845 .865
	COF	N.		
Sept. (old)		.531 ₉ .531 ₉ .465 ₉ .445 ₄	.53 .52% .46% .44%	.531, .58 .4616 .44%
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September December May	.27	.2016 .2716 .29	-25% -25% -25%	.2014 .2714 .20
		PORK.		
September	4.32%	14.45	14.32%	14.72%
	LA	RD.		
September	7.72% 7.82%	7,50	T. 1214 T. 8215	7.85 7.85
		RIBS.		
September	8.75	8,87%	8.75	8.75
Cash quotations Figur-Steady. Wheat-No. 3 83883%c.	Spring	. 85@90	e; No.	

Corn-No. 2, 544@544c; No. 2 yellow, 554c; Oats-No. 2, 254c; No. 2 white, 275@28c; No. 2 white, 264@264c. Bys-No. 2, 58c.

nalitur. \$1.06. Flaxmed—No. 1, \$1.16. Mess pork—Fer barrel, \$14.35@14.40. Lard—Fer 100 pounds, \$7.80.

Barley-Good feeding, 38@39c; fair to choice

Clover-Contract grade, \$12.25.	
Receipts.	Shipmenta
Flour, barrels 23,600	24,700
Wheat, bushels 61,700	140,000
Corn. bushels	411,400
Outs, bushels	262,000
Rye, bushels 3,000	200000
Barley, bushels 38,600	31,500

will probably exceed the average; this is especially true in many custern localities, and of Fall wheat in the northern portion of the state; threshing is making good progress in the northern and southwestern grain-growing districts. Hot weather is of great benefit to corn, which is earing well.

Water is falling so rapidly that there will be very little third-crop alfalfa harvested, and tha yield from the second cutting in many instances is considerably reduced, though in fields where water has been abundant a good yield is secured.

But call:

Wheat—Receipts, 24,000 bushels. Spot, firm; Wheat in the call:

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Hops and hides-Quiet. Wool-Firm.

Wheat Sales at The Dailes.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 17.—The 1905 ed going wheat crop is beginning to be delivered at C. W. Stithe warehouses here. The grain is No. 1, N. Co., 7 and buyers are offering 65 to 67 cents a Portland.

ing price of a year ago. Very few sales have so far been made, farmers believing that the marker will be better fater in the season. Most of them will hold at least another month before offering any considerable quantity for sale.

Grain at San Francisco,

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.-Wheat, steady, Barley, weak.

Spot quotations—Wheat: Shipping, \$1.45@
1.55; milling, \$1.57% @ 1.67%. Barley: Feed,
\$1@1.02%; brewing, \$1.05@1.10. Oats: Red. Call-board sales-Wheat, December, \$1.35%,

Barley, December, 97%c. Corn, large yel-

low, \$1.40@ 1.42%

Minneapolis Wheat Market, MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 17.—Wheat—September, Selige: December, Stige: Mar. 87 %c. No. 1 hard, \$1.08 %; No. 1 Northern, \$1.06 %; No. 2 Northern, \$1.04 %.

Wheat at Liverpool. LIVERPOOL Aug. 17. Wheat-September, 6s 7%d, December, 6s %d. The weather in

England today was fine TACOMA, Aug. 17.—Wheat, unchanged; blue-stem, 74c; club, 71c; red, 67c.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

Prices Quoted Locally for Leading Lines The following prices on livestock were quoted

in the local market: CATTLE-Best Eastern Gregon steers, \$100 3.25; good cows, \$292.50; common cows, \$1.50 \$1.75; calves, 125 to 150 pounds, \$5; 200 to

250 pounds, \$1.50@4. SHEEP-Best Eastern Oregon and Valley, \$3.25; medium, \$3; lambs, \$4.50. HOGS-Best large fat hogs, \$6,25896.50; block

and China fat, \$698.25; good feeders, \$5.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK. Prices Current at Kansas City, Omaha and

Chicago, KANSAS CITY, Aug. 17.-Cattle-Race: 5000; stendy to 10c higher; native steers, \$2.75 @5.50; native cows and helfers, \$1.75gh; stockers and feeders, \$2.50g4.10; bulls, \$25.3.25; calves, \$2.50g5.25; Western steers, \$3.25g

selpts, 1400; market, steady, 10c higher; na tive steers, \$3.75@5.50; cows and helfers, \$2.5 G4.25; Western steers. \$394.40; Texas steers, \$2.7593.75; cows and helfers, \$293.40; can-ners. \$1.5092.40; stockers and feeders. \$2.259 4.10; caives, \$2.75@5.25; bulls, stags, etc

Hogs-Receipts 6400; market, 5810c higher; teavy, 35.8085.55; mixed, \$5.5585.90; light, \$5.90@6; pigs, \$5@5.75; bulk of sales, \$5.55@ 5.00. Sheep-Receipts, 3500; market, Westerne, \$565.50; wethere, \$4.5565.15; ewes,

\$4.75@5.90; lambs, \$6.50@7. CHICAGO. Aug. 17.—Cattle—Receipts 8000; market ateady to 10c higher. Good to prime steers \$5.40@6.10; poor to medium, \$4@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.25@4; cows, \$2.25@4.25; heifers, \$2@5; canners, \$1.25@3.50; buils, \$2.10@4; calves, \$3.25@3.50; buils, \$2.10@4; calves, \$3.25@3.50; 0.60; Texas fed steers, \$3.50 @4.50; Western

steers, \$3.50@4.75. Hogs-Receipts today, 21.000; temorrow 17,000; market strong to 3c higher. Mixed and butchers, \$5.75 ff 6.20; good to choice heavy, \$5.65 ff 5.20; light, \$5.75@6.25; bulk of sales \$5.00@6.15 Sheep—Receipts 10,000; sheep, 10@15c higher; lambs 10@15c higher. Good to choice wethers, \$4.90@5.50; fair to choice mixed, \$4.50@4.80; Western sheep, \$4.60@ 5.40; native lambs, \$5.25@7.75; Western

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17-The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows: .13 Savage

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 .- Closing quotations: Adams Con 56 Unitario
Breecs 41 Ophir
Brunswick Con 16 Fmoentx
Comstock Tun 07 Potoni
Con Cal & Va 1.5 Savage
Horn Silver 1.78 Sierra Nevada
Leadville Con 00 Standard BOSTON, Aug. 17.-Closing quotations: Adventure \$ 3.25 Mohawk \$ 34.50 Allouez 34.25 Mont. C & C 3.23 Amalgamated \$6.00 Old Dominion 27.75 Am. Zinc 10.00 Osceola 99.09 Atlantic 18.00 Parrot 25.00 Allouder 20.00 Parrot 100.00

Granty 7.00 Utah Tsie Royale 22.00 Victoria Mass Mining 8.50 Winona Michigan 14.00 Wolverine

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The London tin mar-ket lost ground slightly, closing at \$140 los for spot and f148 17s 6d for futures. Locally, there was little change, with the market at 32,50g32.85c.

closing at 160 10s and futures at 160 ds 3d. Locally, there was no change, take and electrolytic being quoted at 15.825/815.875c, and casting at 15.258/15.50c. Lead was steady at 4.6064.70c in the local market and was also unchanged at £13 18s 9d in London.

Spelter was higher at £24 15s in London, but remained quiet locally at 5.7005.80c. Irun was unchanged abroad, Glasgow clos-ing at 50s 6d and Middlesboro at 47s 45d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The market for coffee futures closed strong at an advance of 15 to 27 points. Sales were reported of 204,-150 hags, including September at 7.18g7.25c; December, 7.45g7.35c; January, 7.60c; March, 7.70g7.80c; May, 7.85g7.85c; July, Sc. Spot Rio, firm; No. 7 invoice, 8%c; mild, steady; Cordova, 10g12c. Sugar-Haw, steady; fair refining, 3½c; cen-trifugal, 86 test, 3½c; molasses sugar, 3½c. Refined, steady; crushed, 6c; powdered, 3.40c.

Weol at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 17.—Wool-Steady. Madium grades, combing and clothing, 23-31c; light fire, 21-27c; heavy fire, 18-22c; tubwashed, 32-642c.

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