THEIR VIEWS HIGH

Woolgrowers Want More Than Buyers Will Pay.

LITTLE CONTRACTING DONE

Some Small Sales Made on the Sheep Back at Elgin and Wallowa. Eastern Markets Are in Healthy Condition.

WOOL—Growers would contract, but at high prices.
SUGAR—Another advance in Eastern markets.
HOPS—Steady movement in local market.
CHEESE—Slight advance in quotations.
BUTTER—California brands on sale.
EGGS—Market off ½ cent.
POULTRY—Supplies light, but sufficient.
VEGETABLES — California produce sells well.

Wool dealers report that some contracting is being done around Elgin and Wallowa, but the buyers are operating very quietly. A good many growers would be willing to sell ahead, but the mark they have set is so far beyond the views of buyers as to preclude the possibility of business being done. More contracting has been done in Idaho than in this state, and further East, some heavy purchases have been made. A gradual elevation of growers' ideas is now reported in many sections, and this, in the opinion of the trade, will stop any buying of consequence until shearing time. If any activity should start up before then it is said it would drive many buyers into the field against their own judgment.

A Boston operator is said to have recently bought up a number of Utah clips on the basis of 21 cents. In Montana, sheepmen are still holding out for 25 cents, and some are even anticipating more money. The Fine wools of Wyoming are said to have been bought a short time ago at a consideration of 23 cents.

Eastern market conditions continue satisfactory, but the shortness of supplies prevents much trading being done. Stocks of Oregon wools are about exhausted in the Boston market, and the few lots of Valley still remaining are quoted at 30 cents for No. 1 and 28@29 cents for Nos. 2 and 3. California wools, both Northern and middle county, are in fair demand, and sales are being made at 27@28c, and 23@24c, the scoured costs of which are 69@70c, and 66@68c, respectively. Free baled scoured California is being bought as freely at 60@62c. Slightly defective is worth 55c, and defective, 40@42c. In territory grades, both worsted and clothing wools are being bought as freely as the limited supplies allow. About 500,000 pounds of half-blood, comprising Dakota, Wyoming and Idaho wools, have been taken by a Philadelphia buyer at a cost of 28c, or 68@70c scoured. Some 450,000 pounds of fine and good fine medium scoured wools are also included in the transfers. Montana staple is bringing 25c. Clothing wools are selling constantly at 69@70c for fine; 66@68c for fine medium, and 65@66c for half bloods. Fine scoured Colorado and New Mexican is being purchased at 69@70c.

ADVANCES IN SUGAR.

New York Market Goes Up Twenty Points in Two Days.

Another 10-cent advance in refined sugar occurred at New York yesterday, making 20 cents advance there in the past two days. No response was made in prices on this Coast. The trade is becoming very much interested in the situation and would like to know what action the Western Refinery is going to take. The exceeding firmness of the market warrants a general advance on the Pacific Coast, but the approaching entry of the New Hawaiian & California Company into the field naturally complicates the situation here. The new company, it is understood, will be in the market the middle of this month, and in some quarters a lively time is expected. Other jobbers believe the conflicting interests will get together sufficiently to prevent any rupture in prices which in the end must prove disastrous to all but the consumers.

Explaining the strong position of the world's sugar markets, a New York broker's latest circular, just at hand, says:

This strength is principally due to the increased disposition shown in Cuba and elsewhere to carry sugars until the prices obtainable in the United States are more on a parity with those ruling for beets in Europe. For a time it looked as if part at least of this disparity might disappear through a decline in the latter, but instead of this beets have exhibited surprising strength and last week's difference of 31c between the importing cost of beets and the prices ruling here for cane sugars has been increased this week to 34c. Naturally Cuba and other cane sugar countries have gathered courage from the firmness of European prices and from an exhibition of strength in a quarter from which they feared a possible show of weakness, owing to the enormous supplies and the lack of relief afforded by predictions of only slightly diminished sowings. If Cuba had made as much sugar as last year and weather had favored the gathering of the crop Cuban planters would probably have gone on selling at 2c for March, but stocks in Cuba are only half what they were at the same period last year, and rains this week having again interfered with the harvesting, the time lost in December-January is not being made up, while the yield continues very disappointing and much below the normal. This and fears that much cane will be left on the ground have caused a better tone in Cuban markets for the time being.

CHEESE MOVING UP.

Market Has An Advancing Tendency, With Sales Very Light.

The cheese market is strong, with an advancing tendency. Some of the large handlers yesterday quoted up to 15½ cents. Stocks are light in jobbers' hands, and there is good prospect for something of a famine in the near future. There will be no boat from Tillamook for 10 days, and before that time the stocks of some of the dealers will be exhausted.

Two shipments of California butter reached Front street yesterday, and the arrival was welcome. One brand was put on sale at 60 cents a roll, with 57½ cents quoted on large lots, and the other, a brand that met with much favor here last year, was offered at 62½ cents. Valley butter was in limited supply and firmly held. The city creameries reported larger receipts of cream, but they had no difficulty in disposing of all their make.

Stocks of eggs grew yesterday, with heavy receipts and a slow movement, and the price was off half a cent.

Not much poultry was received, but the supply proved to be about right at the present high prices.

Steady Movement in Hops.

A steady movement continues in the hop market, but most of the purchases are small and there does not seem to be much life to the trade. It is the general opinion of dealers here that there will be no marked activity until the latter part of this month, when, should the demand be strong, things will become interesting in view of the limited supplies available. It is said that good progress is being made by H. L. Bents in securing additions to the London consignment pool, the lull in the market favoring him.

Steamer Produce Sells Well.

Most of the steamer produce unloaded yesterday was in very good condition and sold readily. The lot consisted of peas, beans, lettuce, sprouts, cauliflower, cabbage and celery. The latter was in half-crates from Jersey Island. A car of oranges arrived last night and another car is due Monday. A car of Southern California celery is on the road and will arrive here Wednesday. Other cars will follow it.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,109,496	$177,710
Seattle	1,766,495	541,270
Tacoma	494,228	43,841
Spokane	578,540	168,761

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR — Patents, $4.10@4.60 per barrel; straights, $3.80@4.10; clears, $3.60@3.80; Valley, $3.60@3.90; Dakota hard wheat, patents, $5.50@6; clears, $5; graham, $3.25@3.75; whole wheat, $3.75@4; rye flour, local, $5; Eastern, $5.25@5.35; cornmeal, per bale, $1.90@2.20.

WHEAT—Club, 67@68c; bluestem, 69@70c; red, 65@66c; Valley, 71@72c.

OATS—No. 1 white feed, $28@29; gray, $27.50@28.50 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $17; country, $18 per ton; middlings, $24.50; shorts, city, $18; country, $16 per ton; chop, U. S. Mills, $17.50; linseed dairy food, $18; alfalfa meal, $18 per ton.

CEREBAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pounds sacks, $6.75; lower grades, $5.25@6.50; oatmeal, steelcut, 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, $5 per 100-pound sacks; 25-pound boxes, $1.40; pearl barley, $4.25 per 100 pounds; 25-pound boxes, $1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.50 per bale.

BARLEY—Feed, $23.50@24 per ton; brewing, $24@24.50; rolled, $24@25.

BUCKWHEAT—$2.25 per cental.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $13@14 per ton; Valley timothy, $8@9; clover, $7.50@8; cheat, $6@7; grain hay, $7@8.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, $1@2.50 per box; cranberries, $12.50@14.50 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $1.50@3 per box; oranges, navels, $1.75@2.25 box; Japanese, 60c per single box; tangerines, $1.85 per half box; grapefruit, $2@2.25; pineapples, $3.75@4 per dozen; bananas, 5c per pound.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1@1.25 per dozen; asparagus, 13@14c per pound; beans, 25c; cabbage, 1½c per pound; cauliflower, $2 crate; celery, $4.75@5; chicory, 25c; cucumbers, $1.25@1.50 per dozen; head lettuce, 25@37½c per dozen; hothouse, $1.50@1.75; peas, 10@11c; peppers, 25@40c; radishes, 20@25c per dozen; rhubarb, $2.75 per box; tomatoes, California, $2.50@2.75 per crate; Florida, $6.50@7 per crate; sprouts, 6½@7c per pound; parsley, 25c.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, 90c@$1 per sack; carrots, 65@70c per sack; beets, 85c@$1 per sack; garlic, 10@12½c per pound.

ONIONS—Buying prices: No. 1, 65@70c per sack; No. 2, nominal.

POTATOES—Buying prices: Fancy graded Burbanks, 60@70c per hundred; ordinary, nominal; sweet potatoes, 2½@2½c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 11@12c per pound; apricots, 12@12½c; peaches, 10½@12½c; pears, none; Italian prunes, 5½@6½c; California figs, white, in sacks, 5½c pound; black, 4@5c; bricks, 12-16 ounce packages, 10@8c per box; 8-ounce, $2@2.40; Smyrna, 20c per pound; dates, Persian, 5½@6c pound.

RAISINS—Seeded, 12-ounce packages, 8@8½c; 16-ounce, 9½@10c; loose muscatels, 2-crown, 7@7½c; 3-crown, 7½@7¾c; 4-crown, 8@8½c; unbleached seedless Sultanas, 6@7c; Thompson's fancy unbleached, 12@12½c; Loose layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.75; 2-crown, $2.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 20@28c; Java, ordinary, 18@22c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 19@22c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $14.75; 50s, $14.75; Arbuckle, $16.95; Lion, $16.25.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5½c; Southern Japan, 5.25c; head, 7c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.85; fancy, 1 to 1½-pound flats, $1.90; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 90c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.25; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.70.

SUGAR—Back basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $6.05; powdered, $5.80; dry granulated, $5.70; fine granulated, $5.25; golden C, $5.20; fruit sugar, $5.70. Advances over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; ½-barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. Terms: On remittances within 15 days deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c; sugar, granulated, $5.30 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; ½-pounds, 100s, $7; 50s, $7.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15½c per pound by sack; ⅛c extra for less than sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 16c; pecans, jumbos, 16c; extra large, 17c; almonds, 14½@15c; chestnuts, Italian, 12½@16c; Ohio, 20c; peanuts, raw, 7½c pound; roasted, 9c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 7½@8c; cocoanuts, 35@90c per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 4c; large white, 3½c; pink, 2½c; bayou, 4½c; Lima, 5½c; red Mexican, 5c.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 30@32½c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 27½@30c; store butter, 16@18½c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 16@16½c per dozen.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream, twins, 14½@15c; Young America, 15½@16½c.

POULTRY—Average old hens, 13@14c; mixed chickens, 12½@13c; broilers, 20@22c; young roosters, 12@12½c; old roosters, 10@10½c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18@20c; geese, live, per pound, 8@9c; geese, dressed, per pound, 10@12c; ducks, 16@18c; pigeons, $1@2; squabs, $2@3.

Provisions and Canned Meats.

HAMS—10 to 14 pounds, 13c pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 13c; 18 to 20 pounds, 13c; California (picnic), 8½c; cottage hams, 9c; shoulders, 8½c; boiled ham, 19c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 14c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 18½c per pound; standard breakfast, 16½c; choice, 15½c; English breakfast, 11 to 14 pounds, 14½c; peach bacon, 13½c.

PICKLED GOODS—Pork barrels, $18; ½-barrels, $9.50; beef, barrels, $12; ½-barrels, $6.50.

SAUSAGE—Ham, 13c per pound; minced ham, 10c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 5½c; weinerwurst, 8c; liver, 6c; pork, 9@10c; headcheese, 6c; blood, 6c; bologna sausage, link, 4½c.

CANNED MEATS—Corned beef, pounds, per dozen, $1.25; two pounds, $2.25; six pounds, $7. Roast beef, flat, pounds, $1.25; two pounds, $2.25; six pounds, none. Roast beef, tall pounds, none; two pounds, $2.35; six pounds, $7.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 10½c; smoked, 11½c; clear backs, dry salt, 10½c; smoked, 11½c; clear bellies, 14 to 17 pounds average, none; Oregon exports, 20 to 25 pounds average, dry salt, 11c; smoked, 12c; Union bellies, 10 to 18 pounds, average, none.

LARD—Leaf lard, kettle rendered: Tierces, 10½c; tubs, 10½c; 50s, 10½c; 20s, 10½c; 10s, 11¼c; 5s, 11¼c. Standard pure: Tierces, 9½c; tubs, 9½c; 50s, 9½c; 20s, 9½c; 10s, 10¼c; 5s, 10¼c. Compound: Tierces, 6½c; tubs, 6½c; 50s, 6½c; 20s, 7½c; 5s, 7½c.

Hops, Wools, Hides, Etc.

HOPS — Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@10½c; prime, 8½@9½c; medium, 7@8c; olds, 5@7c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c; Valley, 24@26c per pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 30c per pound.

HIDES—Dry: No. 1, 16 lbs. and up, per pound, 18@20c; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 lbs., per pound, 16@18c; dry salt, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 18@21c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; culls, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hair-clipped, weather-beaten or grubby, 2c to 3c per lb. less. Salted hides: Steers, sound, 60 lbs. and over, per pound, 11@12c; sound, 50 to 60 lbs., per pound, 10@11c; sound, under 50 lbs. and cows, per pound, 10@11c; stags and bulls, sound, per pound, 7@8c; kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, per pound, 10@11c; veal, sound, 10 to 14 lbs., per pound, 11@12c; calf, sound, under 10 lbs., per pound, 11@12c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less. Sheepskins: Shearlings, No. 1 butchers' stock, each 25@30c; short wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 50@60c each; medium wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each 75c@$1; long wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each $1.25@2; murrain pelts from 10 to 20 per cent less, or per pound, 15@16c; horse hides, salted, each, according to size, $1.50@2.50; dry, each, according to size, $1@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goatskins, common, each 15@25c; Angora, with wool on, each 50c@$1.50.

BEESWAX—Good, clean and pure, 22@25c per pound.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 4@4½c; No. 2 and grease, 2@3c.

CASCARA SAGRADA (chittam bark)—2½@3c, according to quality.

FURS—No. 1, according to size: Bearskins, $5@5.50 each; cubs, $1@3; badger, 10@50c; wildcat, with head perfect, 15c@$1.25; house cat, 5@20c; fox, common gray, 50c@$1.25; red, $2@5; cross, $5@15; silver and black, $100@300; fishers, $3@10; lynx, $3@10; mink, according to size, $1@5; marten, dark, according to size and color, $10@15; muskrat, large, 8@20c; skunk, 40c@$2; civet or polecat, 50@25c; otter, $5@20; panther, $10@; raccoon, 50c@$2.50; mountain wolf, with head perfect, $1.75@8; coyote, 50c@$1.50; wolverine, $4@9; beaver, according to size, $1@10.

Oils.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 88c per gallon.

COAL TAR—Cases, 20c per gallon; tanks, 14½c per gallon.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 25½c; 72 test, 27c; 86 test, 32c; iron tanks, 19c.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c; 500-pound lots, 8c; less than 500-pound lots, 8¼c. (In 25-pound tin pails, 1c above keg price; 1 to 5-pound tin pails, 1c above keg price; 1 to 5-pound tin cans, 100 pounds per case, 2½c per pound above keg price.)

LINSEED OIL—Raw, in barrels, 87c; in cases, 92c; boiled, in barrels, 89c; in cases, 94c; 250-gallon lots, 1c less.

Dressed Meats.

VEAL—Dressed, 75 to 125 pounds, 7½@8c; 125 to 200 pounds, 4½@6c; 200 pounds and up, 3½@4c.

BEEF—Dressed bulls, 2½@3c per pound; cows, 3½@4½c; country steers, 4@5c.

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy, 8½@9c per pound; ordinary, 4@6c; lambs, 8@9½c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 150 pounds, 8@9c; 150 and up, 8@8½c per pound.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

The following livestock prices were quoted yesterday in the local market:

CATTLE—Good steers, $3.75@4; fair to medium, $2.75@3.25; cows, good, $3@3.25; medium, $2.50@2.70; calves, light, 150 to 175 pounds, $4.50@4.75; calves, heavy, $3@3.25.

SHEEP—Good fat sheep, $5.75@6; common, $4.50@5.

HOGS—Best, suitable for packers, $6.25@6.75; fair medium grades, $5.50; light fat weights, 120 to 140 pounds, $5@5.25.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Kansas City, Omaha and Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 7500; market, steady to strong. Beeves, $3.90@6.80; stockers and feeders, $4.25@4.70; cows and heifers, $1.50@5; Texas fed steers, $3.65@4.40.

Hogs—Receipts today, 25,000; tomorrow (estimated), 23,000; market, strong. Mixed and butchers, $6.15@6.40; good to choice heavy, $6.30@6.42½; rough heavy, $6.15@6.25; light, $6.15@6.35; pigs, $5.50@6.10; bulk of sales, $6.30@6.40.

Sheep—Receipts, 7700; market, steady to 10c lower. Sheep, $5.75@6; lambs, $6.35@7.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000; market, 5@10c lower. Native steers, $3@4.65; cows and heifers, $1@4.40; canners, $2@3; stockers and feeders, $3@4.60; calves, $3@6.50; bulls, stags, etc., $2.75@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 1200; market, steady. Heavy, $6.07½@6.20; mixed, $6.07½@6.10; light, $6@6.12½; pigs, $5.50@5.85; bulk of sales, $6.07½@6.12½.

Sheep—Receipts, 4000; market, steady to easier. Yearlings, $5.45@5.90; wethers, $5.25@5.65; ewes, $4.50@5.40; lambs, $6.25@6.60.

KANSAS CITY, March 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 8000; market, active and steady. Native cows and heifers, $2.25@5; stockers and feeders, $3@5; Western cows, $2.75@4.25; Western steers, $3.75@5; bulls, $2.65@4; calves, $4@6.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; market, steady. Bulk of sales, $6.10@6.20; heavy, $6.15@6.25; packers, $6.10@6.22½; pigs and lights, $5.50@6.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; market, steady. Muttons, $4.80@5.85; lambs, $5.80@6.75; range wethers, $5.50@6.12½; fed ewes, $4.25@5.35.

MORE GRAIN ON HAND

STOCKS IN CALIFORNIA WAREHOUSES SHOW LARGE GAIN.

Twice as Much Wheat as a Year Ago. Two-Cent Decline in Butter.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—(Special.)—The Merchants' Exchange official report of stocks of grain in regular warehouses March 1 shows a large decrease in leading cereals compared with February 1, 1906. The figures are: Wheat, 64,811 tons, against 68,599 tons; Barley, 16,793 tons, against 26,254 tons, and oats, 1822 tons, against 2936 tons. Corn increased from 720 to 1372 tons. Bran decreased from 1637 to 851 tons. Stocks of beans are 198,681 sacks, against 196,517 sacks. One year ago the stocks of wheat were 31,609 tons, barley 11,314 tons and oats 2529 tons. Wheat options declined sharply on the local board, following Chicago, and cash values continued easy with general apathy in the market. Barley was steadier for spot and futures. Oats were dull. Bran was easier.

No Oregon potatoes arrived by rail, but 1200 sacks brought by the Senator were on sale. Business in upper grades on the wharf was fairly active at $1 to $1.15. The market remains firm for fancy table stock. Owing to heavy receipts from the river, Early Rose had a sharp decline and are now quoted at $1@1.25. Oregon onions are steady at 90 cents to $1 for choice to fancy. An invoice of 500 crates of Australian onions is on the market at $3.50. Asparagus and rhubarb are declining.

The orange market is steady, small navels being in most demand.

Butter is 2 cents lower. Eggs are ½ cent higher. Cheese is unchanged. Receipts—51,800 pounds butter, 47,000 pounds cheese, 48,630 dozen eggs.

VEGETABLES — Cucumbers, $1@1.50; garlic, 5@6c; green peas, 3@8c; string beans, 12½@18c; asparagus, 3½@9c; tomatoes, $1.25@1.75.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14@18c; roosters, old, $5@5.50; roosters, young, $6@7; broilers, $5@6; ducks, young, $6@7.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 24c; creamery seconds, 22c.

EGGS—Fancy ranch, 16½c.

CHEESE—Young America, 13@14c; Eastern, 16c; Western, 14@14½c.

HOPS—8@12c.

WOOL—South Plains and S. J., 10@13c; lambs, 9@16c.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19@20.50; middlings, $28@28.50.

HAY—Wheat, $11@16; wheat and oats, $8.50@12.50; barley, $8@11; alfalfa, $11@12.50; stock, $7.50@8.50; straw, 50@55c per bale.

FRUIT—Apples, choice, $2; common, 50c; bananas, $2@2.75; Mexican limes, $6@6.50; California lemons, choice, $2.50; common, 75c; oranges, navel, $1.50@3; pineapples, $1.50@3.50.

POTATOES—Early Rose, $1@1.25; Salinas Burbanks, $1@1.50; sweets, 75c@$1; Oregon Burbanks, 75c@$1.15.

RECEIPTS — Flour, 17,186 quarter sacks; wheat, 672 centals; barley, 1445 centals; oats, 1844 centals; beans, 5320 sacks; corn, 724 centals; potatoes, 3696 sacks; bran, 3637 sacks; middlings, 655 sacks; hay, 250 tons; wool, 34 bales; hides, 335.

Dried Fruits at New York.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The market for evaporated apples continues firm, with demand moderate. Common to fair are quoted at 7@8½c; good, 1906 crop, 8½@8¾c; fair to good, 1905 crop, 8¾@9½c; prime, 9¾@9¾c; choice, 10c; fancy, 11@11½c.

Prunes are in good demand on spot with quotations ranging from 4½c to 8c, according to grade.

Apricots are in strong position statistically, but the demand is light and prices unchanged at 10@10½c for choice; 10½@10¾c for extra choice, and 11@12½c for fancy.

Peaches are reported in somewhat better demand on spot, with prices firm. Extra choice are quoted at 10½c; fancy, 10¾@11c; extra fancy, 11½@13c.

Raisins are unchanged.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Coffee futures closed steady at a net decline of 5@10 points; sales were reported of 61,750 bags, including April, 7c; May, 7.05@7.35c; July, 7.25@7.35c; September, 7.45@7.50c; December, 7.60@7.70c; January, 7.75c; spot Rio, quiet; No. 7 invoice, 7 7-16c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 9½@12½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 2⅞@2 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝@3 7-16c; molasses sugar, 2⅝@2 11-16c. Refined steady; crushed, $5.30; powdered, $4.70; granulated, $4.60.

Railroad Declares Dividend.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The directors of the Colorado & Southern Railway today declared a dividend of 2 per cent, understood to be for the semi-annual period on the first preferred stock of the company. The last dividend of 2 per cent was paid April 1, 1904.

CHECKS THE RISE

Stringency in Money Market Prevents Stock Advance.

FRESH SIGNS OF WEAKNESS

Indications of a Continued Inroad on the Reserves of the New York Banks—Overextended, Short Interest Is Shown.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Stocks started toward recovery today after signs appeared that the more urgent liquidation had spent its force. But the continued evidence of stringency in the money market discouraged any ventures on the long side of the market and checked the recovery with recurrent show of weakness from time to time. Everything indicated a continuing inroad upon the reserves of the Clearing-House banks and increased the supposition that the commercial bank statement might show the disappearance of the surplus and the establishment of a deficit in the legal reserves.

The sub-Treasury statement for the day showed an addition of nearly $500,000 to the week's loss by the banks, bringing the total up to $5,663,000. It was reported that interior banks were withdrawing funds from New York on the express movement also. The fall in New York exchange at Chicago for the day from 15c discount to 25c discount indicated the pressure upon New York for funds from that center. Parts of the drain to the sub-Treasury represent requirements of interior institutions, internal revenue payments being paid in New York by drafts on the local deposits of interior banks. Deposits by the banks to keep up the 5 per cent reserve fund in the Treasury to secure bank notes are also running low at this time. Foreign exchange made a decline possible here. Discount rates were appreciably easier today, both in London, Berlin and Paris.

Yesterday's violent declines in stocks brought in the usual orders this morning to sell from holders who received notice to furnish additional margins on speculative holdings. The conclusion of this selling showed an overextended short interest in the Hill railroads and local tractions. The refusal of the application to the state authorities to proceed against the proposed traction merger helped to frighten the shorts in the local tractions. Lively rebounds in those two groups helped to pull the general level of the market up to about last night's closing. But the recovery was poorly held.

The Canadian Pacific reported net earnings for January three times as large as for the same month in the previous year, the Erie and the Central Railway of Georgia twice as large, and the Chesapeake & Ohio an increase to the extent of 76 per cent. These showings were unavailing, however, to induce any extra demand for the stocks. The fluctuating tendency of the market continued up to the close, which was irregular.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value, $2,610,000. United States bonds were unchanged.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Adams Express	.....	.....	.....	248
Amalgam. Copper	104,400	107¾	106½	107¼
Am. Car & Foundry	7,300	41¾	40¾	41¾
do preferred	200	102¼	102	102½
Amer. Cotton Oil	2,100	32½	31¾	32
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	92
American Express	.....	.....	.....	239
Am. Hid. & Lt. pf.	800	26½	26	26
American Ice	3,700	47	46½	46¾
Amer. Linseed Oil	3,700	47	46½	46¾
Am. Linseed Oil	200	21½	21	21
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	44
Amer. Locomotive	9,500	69¾	68¾	69½
do preferred	300	116	116	115½
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	32,100	155½	153¾	154¾
do preferred	7,200	122¾	121½	122
Am. Sugar Refin.	7,200	143¾	140¾	140
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	400	105¾	105¾	104
Anaconda Min. Co.	28,800	276	261	265
Atchison	19,800	89¾	88¾	89¼
do preferred	300	103	102½	102½
Atlantic Coast Line	1,300	137½	136½	137
Baltimore & Ohio	3,600	110¾	109¾	110
do preferred	200	97½	97	96
Brook. Rap. Tran.	22,500	80¾	79¾	80½
Canadian Pacific	4,100	169¾	168¾	169½
Cent. of N. Jersey	200	215	214½	214
Central Leather	1,700	43	42¾	42½
do preferred	500	106	106	105½
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,800	55¾	55½	55½
Chicago & Alton	.....	.....	.....	40¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	78
Chi. Gt. Western	300	20¾	20¾	20¾
Chi. & Northwest	400	226½	225½	226½
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	17,500	177¾	176¾	177½
Chi. Term. & Trans.	.....	.....	.....	13
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	30
C., C., C. & St. L.	300	99½	98¾	98¾
Colo. Fuel & Iron	27,300	62	60	60¼
Colo. & Southern	2,400	34¾	33½	34¾
do 1st preferred	300	72	72	72
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	51½
Consolidated Gas	14,500	157½	154½	155
Corn Products	300	17¾	17¾	17½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	56
Delaw. & Hudson	400	204	203¾	204½
Del., Lack. & W.	.....	.....	.....	450
Denv. & R. Grande	4,500	43¾	42¾	43
do preferred	200	88	87¾	87½
Distillers' Secur.	7,000	56	55½	55½
Erie	11,000	42¾	41¾	42
do 1st preferred	700	77½	77	77½
do 2d preferred	2,500	67½	67	67
General Electric	600	168	166½	167
Hocking Valley	.....	.....	.....	114
Illinois Central	2,700	170½	168¾	168½
International Paper	500	21½	21	21
do preferred	100	83½	83½	83½
International Pump	300	30	30	30
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	81
Iowa Central	200	31	31	30½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	58
Kansas City South.	1,500	29½	28¾	29¾
do preferred	400	90	89	90½
Louis. & Nashville	3,400	146	145	145¼
Manhattan L.	.....	.....	.....	156
Metropol. Securities	2,900	70	67	70
Metropol. St. Ry.	5,100	116	114	114¾
Mexican Central	1,400	24¾	24	24¼
Minn. & St. Louis	200	76	76	75
M., St. P. & S.S.M.	300	152	150¾	151
do preferred	100	170	170	169
Missouri Pacific	3,700	99¾	99	99¾
Mo., Kan. & Texas	900	33¾	33¼	33¾
do preferred	200	68¾	68	68
National Lead	10,000	73½	71½	72½
Mex. Nt. R. R. pf.	.....	.....	.....	39¾
New York Central	5,900	146½	145¾	146¼
N. Y., Ont. & W.	1,600	49¾	49	49¼
Norfolk & Western	6,300	85½	84¼	85¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	90
North American	1,100	99	98	98¼
Northern Pacific	3,200	212	209½	211
Pacific Mail	500	43½	42¼	43¼
Pennsylvania	13,500	158½	157¾	158¼
People's Gas	2,200	96½	96	96½
P., C., C. & St. L.	100	79	79	78
Pressed Steel Car	5,800	33	32	32¼
do preferred	200	97	96¾	96¾
Pullman Pal. Car	.....	.....	.....	236
Reading	50,300	137	135½	136¾
do 1st preferred	1,000	89½	89½	91½
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	86
Republic Steel	1,800	29¾	28¾	29¼
do preferred	1,400	102¼	102	102
Rock Island Co.	6,500	26¾	25¾	26¾
do preferred	3,700	67	65¾	66¼
Schloss-Sheffield	2,900	82¾	77	79
St. L. & S. F. 2 pf.	1,100	45¼	45¼	45½
St. Louis Southw.	700	24¾	24	24
do preferred	400	55½	55	55½
Southern Pacific	12,400	65¾	64¾	65¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	117½
Southern Railway	1,700	28½	27¾	28¼
do preferred	300	100½	100¼	99¾
Tenn. Coal & Iron	700	149	147	147
Texas & Pacific	1,800	34	33½	33½
Tol., St. L. & W.	.....	.....	.....	35¼
do preferred	300	55½	55	54½
Union Pacific	118,700	150¾	148½	150½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	95¾
U. S. Express	.....	.....	.....	115
U. S. Realty	.....	.....	.....	84
U. S. Rubber	1,400	49¾	48¾	49
do preferred	500	108½	108	108¼
U. S. Steel	89,200	41¼	40¾	41½
do preferred	17,600	106¾	105¾	106½
Virg.-Caro. Chem.	1,700	48½	47½	48
do preferred	300	121	111	111½
Wabash	2,800	23¾	23	23¾
do preferred	7,000	51¾	49¾	50
Wells-Fargo Exp.	.....	.....	.....	234
Westinghouse El.	.....	.....	.....	161
Western Union	600	93½	93½	93½
Wheel. & L. Erie	1,100	20¾	20	20¼
Wisconsin Central	200	28¾	28¾	29½
do preferred	200	56	56	55

Total sales for the day, 908,600 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Closing quotations:

U.S. ref. 2s reg.	103	D. & R. G. 4s	99¾
do coupon	103¼	N.Y. C. gen. 3½s	98½
U. S. 3s reg.	103	N. P. 3s	77
do coupon	103	N. P. 4s	103¼
U.S. new 4s reg.	129½	S. P. 4s	93
do coupon	129½	U. P. 4s	104½
U. S. old 4s reg	102½	Wis. Cent. 4s	92½
do coupon	103½	Japan 6s	56¾