SUGAR MARKED UP

Ten-Cent Advance Following New York Rise.

STRONG MARKET IN EAST

Curious Phases of the Situation With Europe Climbing Steadily Upward in Face of Increased Production of Beets.

SUGAR—All grades advance 10 cents.
POTATOES—Shippers out of market.
ONIONS—Dull and weak.
VEGETABLES—Strong demand for Southern produce.
FRUIT—California apples on sale.
EGGS—Shipping orders hold prices steady.
POULTRY — Receipts light and prices firm.
BUTTER—Local conditions are unchanged.
MOHAIR—Eastern market quiet.
WHEAT—Poor shipping demand.
MEATS—Heavier arrivals of veal.

All grades of refined sugar advanced 10 cents a hundred yesterday, the new price of Western dry granulated being $5.80. As the New York market went up 10 cents the day before, jobbers were not surprised when the advance in this territory was announced.

The Eastern situation presents some curious phases at the present time. The position of the market is decidedly strong and the natural course of prices for some time will be upward, but it is possible that later in the season there may be a reversal of conditions that will turn values the other way. Europe will come into the market with a large increase in its beet-sugar output, and Cuba will have a heavy crop from present indications, but whether it will all be marketed remains to be seen. On this coast complications may result from the operations of The New Hawaiian Company, whose refinery at Crockett, Cal., is about ready to make deliveries, but until it enters actively in the trade the market here will be governed, as it has been in the past, by conditions on the Atlantic Seaboard.

While the Eastern market is steadily advancing, there is still room for considerable further improvement, before the parity of European beets to centrifugals is much reduced, particularly as the European markets for beet sugar is keeping close pace with the advance in America. The genuineness of the advance in beet prices on the other side is questioned in view of the large supplies and growing prospects of future supplies. Sowings for the new beet crop are being increased in the estimates, yet the market over there responds promptly to any advance in America, or to unfavorable news from Cuba. Regarding Cuban conditions, the weekly circular of a leading firm of New York brokers, just at hand, says:

"Everything now depends on the weather, and our special cable received March 13 reports heavy rains in some parts. Many estates complain of the lack of labor rather than the lack of laborers on the estates and with wages now paid for four or five days' work, where six days' work was given when crops were smaller, the laborers are more independent, and as usual with that class of people in tropical islands, they are less disposed to help the planters out of the labor difficulty. Many centrals come into competition for laborers, who shift about from one central to another, as inducements are offered. This labor question may be the final and more important reason for curtailing the crop than the weather may prove. There is no lack of cane in the fields for making the full crop estimates, but the weather and labor troubles combined may prove more efficient than lack of cane or small density in reducing the crop estimates. It is, however, too early yet to change estimates even though the impression is quite general that such must be done sooner or later.

Another New York broker summarizes the situation in the following report:

"The future course of the market will depend to a great extent on the beet sowings, and reports so far do not give promise of any great reduction. Unquestionably the Cuban crop has been damaged on account of the rains, and if the rainy season sets in at the usual time the crop will be short. However, allowing for the Cuban crop to be 200,000 tons less than the early estimates, it does not by any means offset the enormous supplies, as the world's visible is so much greater than last year. A shortage in Cuba means that as this season progresses we will have to compete with Europe for supplies, and therefore will gradually approach the European parity. If, however, the sowings are not reduced, it is quite likely that the present prices in Europe will not be maintained, which in turn will make our advances just so much less."

POOR DEMAND FOR WHEAT.

Heavy Shipments of Feed and Flour Check California Business.

The shipping demand for wheat, both coastwise and foreign, is restricted. The California market is depressed now by the abundance of feed and cheap flour shipped down from Oregon and Washington, and millers are, therefore, very slow buyers. Some inquiry in the country for seed wheat is reported, but dealers believe the damage by the cold wave was not so great as first reported. Prices are nominally unchanged, quotations being around 66 and 67 cents, but buyers are not willing to pay these figures and holders ask about 2 cents more.

The latest weekly summary of foreign crop conditions by Broomhall is as follows: United Kingdom—The wheat plant is looking rather sickly. France—The weather is more favorable and no complaints are heard regarding the condition of the crops. Supplies of good wheats are very scarce and dear, while other grades are offered freely and prices are somewhat easier. Germany—The weather is very changeable, but no complaints are heard regarding the crops. Hungary, Roumania, Bulgaria and Italy—Crop conditions are favorable. Russia—Crop conditions are most favorable, but there is further mention of small acreage. Arrivals at the ports are increasing slowly. Business very dull. India—The growing crop of wheat in the united provinces is doing well. The area under wheat in the central provinces, including Berar, is officially stated at 3,543,000 acres, against 3,498,000 acres a year ago. The outturn is estimated at 90 per cent of the normal.

EGGS PILING UP.

Outside Orders, Up to the Present Time, Have Held Market Steady.

A continuance of fair shipping orders is all that saves the egg market. Receipts have been growing larger every day since the weather moderated, and but for the outside outlet prices would have gone to pieces before this. As it is, stocks are piling up and a decline is inevitable. There is a difference of opinion as to how far the market will drop, as everything depends on the attitude of speculators. It is thought they will begin putting away eggs when 15 cents is reached, and if enough go into storage the downward movement will be checked. Very few eggs have been stored up to date. Yesterday's market was quoted at 16@16½ cents and weak.

Poultry receipts were light and all cleaned up at unchanged prices.

There were no new developments in the butter market.

APPLES FROM CALIFORNIA.

Watsonville Fruit Brought Up Owing to Scarcity of Oregons.

So short has become the supply of Oregon apples that the Portland market has to draw on California for this fruit. Newtown Pippins, from Watsonville, are being brought up and sell readily at $1.50 per box. They are the cheapest apple to be found in the local market now. All kinds have advanced sharply, and promise to go higher. Good 3½-tier Oregon Ben Davis were quoted yesterday at $2, four-tier Newtowns were worth $2.50, and for Spitzenbergs, $2.75 was asked.

A letter received by a leading fruit handler from Rogue River yesterday said that the apricot crop was ruined by the late cold snap and the almonds were also killed. Growers in that section had different opinions as to the peach outlook, but the correspondent believed that the majority of the early peaches were lost and that the pears were likewise gone. Winter apples were not hurt. A report from Roseburg said all the peaches were killed in that section.

The three cars of bananas that were held up at Billings during the worst of the storm will arrive here tonight. It is feared that a large part of the shipment will be found to be overripe.

High prices in the lemon market are looked for this Summer. Recent investigation shows that the Summer lemons, which are due in June, July and the early part of August, were seriously hurt by the frost several weeks ago. A good crop is promised of August and September lemons.

Potatoes and Onions Depressed.

There is no life to the potato or onion markets. Shippers do not care to buy, in the face of the demoralization at San Francisco, and prices are almost wholly nominal. As one large shipper said yesterday, "the outlook for the future is certainly not cheerful, as there is an eight months' supply on hand and only three months of consumption." The best grades of Oregon Burbanks are quoted nominally at 50 cents. Shippers will not pay to exceed 75 cents for the best onions, the higher price quoted being paid in a very small way by jobbers for local consumption.

Vegetables in Strong Demand.

Between the steamer, express and rail arrivals yesterday, Front street was well supplied with California vegetables, which were in strong demand, as the late frost caused a shortage in local supplies. Former prices in nearly every case were well maintained. Among the arrivals were 300 boxes of rhubarb and they were practically all sold by the close of the day. The steamer goods arrived in excellent shape. Among the heavy receipts was a car of cabbage. A car of mixed vegetables will be in Friday.

Eastern Mohair Market.

The Boston Commercial Bulletin of March 17 says of the Eastern mohair market:

Moderate sales of domestic combing hair are being made on a basis of 30@32c, while choice carding brings 27@28c. Turkey hair is moving in a steady but small way at current quotations: Foreign: Turkey, extras, 48@50c; Turkey, fair average, 44@48c; Cape, firsts, 41@43c; Cape, seconds, 40@41c. Domestic: Combing, domestic, 30@32c; carding, choice, 27@28c; carding, average, 26@24c; inferior, 15@20c; tops, 50@80c; nolls, first combings, 18@21c; nolls, second combings, 21@24c.

More Veal Arrives.

Receipts of veal were unusually heavy on Front street yesterday, but everything cleaned up at full prices. One or two more days of such arrivals, however, might make a difference. There were no changes in other lines of meat, beef and mutton ruling firm and pork steady.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 924,218	$163,041
Seattle	1,467,205	385,332
Tacoma	581,085	72,978
Spokane	638,967	89,661

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR—Patents, $3.75@4.30 per barrel; straights, $3.40@3.75; clears, $3.35@3.50; Valley, $3.40@3.60; 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@5.25; cornmeal, per bale, $1.90@2.25.

WHEAT—Club, 66@67c; bluestem, 66@67c; red, 64@65c; Valley, 66c.

OATS—No. 1 white feed, $27.50; gray, $27 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $17; country, $18 ton; middlings, $25.50@26; shorts, city, $18; country, $19 per ton; chop, U. S. Mills, $17.50; limeed dairy feed, $18; Acalfa meal, $18 per ton.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pounds sacks, $6.75; lower grades, $5.25@6.50; oatmeal, steelcut, 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, $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, $24.50@25.50.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, $17@18 per ton; common, $13@14; Valley timothy, $8@9; clover, $11.50@8; cheat, $07; grain hay, $7@8; alfalfa, $12.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, $1.50@2.75 per box.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $2.75@3.75 per box; oranges, navels, $2.50@3.25 per box; tangerines, $1.85 per half box; grapefruit, $2.50@3.25; pine apples, $4@4.50 per dozen; bananas, 5c per pound.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1@1.25 per dozen; asparagus, 8½@9c per pound; beans, 7½c; cabbage, 1½@1¾c per pound; cauliflower, $2@2.25 per crate; celery, 75@90c per dozen; chickory, 25c; cucumbers, $1.50@1.75 per dozen; head lettuce, 35@40c per dozen; hothouse, $1.50@1.75; peas, 10@12½c; peppers, 25@40c; radishes, 20c per dozen; rhubarb, $1.50 per box; tomatoes, California, $2.25@2.50 per crate; sprouts, 8@10c per pound; parsley, 25c.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1@1.25 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c @$1 per sack; garlic, 10@12½c per pound.

ONIONS—Buying price: No. 1, 75@90c per sack; No. 2, nominal.

POTATOES—Buying prices: Fancy graded Burbanks, 50@60c 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, 5@6½c per pound; black, 4@5c; bricks, 12-14 ounce packages, 75@85c per box; Smyrna, 20c per pound; dates, Persian, 6@6½c per pound.

RAISINS—Seeded, 12-ounce packages, 8@8½c; 18-ounce, 9½@10c; loose muscatels, 2-crown, 6½@7c; 3-crown, 6½@7½c; 4-crown, 7@7½c; unbleached seedless Sultanas, 6@7c; Thompson's fancy bleached, 10@11c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes, of 20 pounds, $2; 2-crown, $1.75.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 30c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 27½@30c; store butter, 15@16½c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 16@16½c per dozen.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream, twins, 14½@15½c; 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, pound, 8@9c; geese, dressed, per pound, 10@12c; ducks, 16@18c; pigeons, $1@2; squabs, $2@3.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 29@35c; Java, ordinary, 18@22c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@16c; ordinary, 19@22c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $14.75; 50s, $14.75; Arbuckle, $16.38; Lion, $16.38.

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

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.70 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.85; fancy, 1 to 1½-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 90c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.25; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.70.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $6.15; powdered, $5.90; dry granulated, $5.80; extra C, $5.85; golden C, $5.20; fruit sugar, $5.80. 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 ¼c; sugar, granulated, $5.60 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; ¼-pounds, 100s, $7; 50s, $7.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15½c per pound by sack; ½c 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, 8c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 7½@8c; cocoanuts, 85@90c per dozen.

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

Hops, Wool, 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, 25@28c.

HIDES—Dry: No. 1, 16 pounds and up, per pound, 18@20c; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, per pound, 16@18c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 18@21c; dry salted, bull and stags, 1-3 less than dry flint; culls, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hair-slipped, weather-beaten, or grubby, 2c to 3c per pound less. Salted hides: Steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, per pound, 10@11c; steers, sound, 50 to 60 pounds, per pound, 10@11c; steers, sound, under 50 pounds, and cows, per pound, 9@10c; stags and bulls, sound, per pound, 7c; kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, per pound, 10c; veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, per pound, 11c; calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 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, each 50@60c; 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; goat skins, common, each 15@25c; Angora, with wool on, each 30c@$1.50.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Bearskins, as to size, each $5@20; cubs, each, $1@3; badger, prime, each, 25@50c; cat, wild, with head perfect, 30@50c; house cat, 5@20c; fox, common gray, large prime, each, 50@70c; red, each, $3@5; cross, each, $5@15; silver and black, each $100@300; fishers, each, $5@8; lynx, each, $4.50@6; mink, strictly No. 1, each, according to size, $1@3; marten, dark Northern, according to size and color, each $10@15; pale, pine, according to size and color, each, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, each 12@15c; skunk, each, 40@60c; civet, or polecat, each, 5@15c; otter, for large, prime skin, each, $50@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, each $2@5; raccoon, for prime large, each 50@75c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, each $3.50@5; prairie (coyote), 60c@$1; wolverine, each, 50@8; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; medium, $3@7; small, $1@1.50; kits, 50@75c.

BEESWAX—Good, clean and pure, 32@35c per pound.

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

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

Provisions and Canned Meats.

HAMS—10 to 14 pounds, 13c pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 13c; 18 to 20 pounds, 13c; California (picnic), 9c; cottage hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9c; 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, 15c 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, 10¼c; 50s, 10½c; 20s, 11¼c; 10s, 11¾c; 5s, 11¾c. Standard pure: Tierces, 9½c; tubs, 9¾c; 50s, 9¾c; 20s, 10¼c; 10s, 10¾c; 5s, 10¾c. Compound: Tierces, 6½c; tubs, 6¾c; 50s, 6¾c; 20s, 7¼c; 5s, 7¾c.

Dressed Meats.

VEAL—Dressed, 75 to 125 pounds, 7½@8c; 120 to 150 pounds, 6@6½c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@5½c; 200 pounds and up, 5½@4c.

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

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy, 8½@9c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 8@9½c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 150 pounds, 8@8½c; 150 and up, 6@6½c per pound.

Oils.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 91c per gallon.

COAL—Cases, 19c per gallon; tanks, 12½c per gallon.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 25½c; 72 test, 27c; 86 test, 35c; 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, 2c above keg price; 1 to 5-pound tin cans, 100 pounds per case, 2½c per pound above keg price.)

LINSEED OIL—Raw, in barrels, 48c; in cases, 53c; boiled in barrels, 50c; in cases, 55c; 25-gallon lots, 1c less.

WOOL MARKET OPENS HIGH

NEW SPRING CLIP CALIFORNIA AVERAGES WELL.

Rain Restricts General Buying. Shipping Orders at San Francisco for Cold-Storage Apples.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—(Special.)—Small lots of the new Spring clip of California wool are coming forward. The quality averages well. Sales are reported on the following basis: San Joaquin and Southern, 12 months, 14@15 cents; six months, 14@17c; Middle County, free, 22@24c; defective, 18@20c. The market has a good tone, but rain restricts buying.

The hop market is quiet. The consuscess of the selling pool promoters in Sonoma County was a damper on the situation. Quotations remain at 8@12 cents.

A firmer and more active market is now reported for upper grades of cold storage apples. Buying orders are coming here steadily from the East and in a moderate way from Puget Sound ports. The demand is chiefly for fancy four-tier Newtown Pippins, and the price is firm at $1.60 f. o. b. San Francisco, with the expectation that $1.75 will soon be reached. Stocks of cold-storage apples here and in Los Angeles are large, and this outside demand is opportune. The open market for oranges is so lightly stocked and the assortment so poor that dealers are forced to buy of each other. Prices are very firm. Four carloads were auctioned at $2@2.90 for choice to extra fancy navels.

Potatoes and onions are quiet and easy at previous prices, though receipts are lighter.

Grain is dull. Wheat is easier. Barley is firmer. Other cereals are unchanged.

Butter and eggs are steady and cheese easy without change in prices. Receipts, 52,700 pounds butter, 10,500 pounds cheese, 55,740 dozen eggs.

VEGETABLES — Cucumbers, 50c@$2; garlic, 5@6c; green peas, 8@10c; string beans, 7@10c; asparagus, 4@7c; tomatoes, 75c@$1.25.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 15@19c; roosters, old, $3.50@4.50; roosters, young, $4.50@7.50; broilers, small, $3@4; broilers, large, $4.50@5.50; fryers, $5.50@6.50; hens, $4.50@6.50; ducks, old, $5@7; ducks, young, $6@8.

BUTTER—Extra creamery, 23½c; creamery seconds, 22c.

EGGS—Fancy ranch, 18c.

CHEESE—Young America, 12@13c; Eastern, nominal; Western, nominal.

HOPS—8@12c.

WOOL — South Plains and S. J., 14@17c; middle counties, 18@24c.

MILLSTUFFS — Bran, $17.50@18.50; middlings, $28@28.50.

HAY—Wheat, $11@16; wheat and oats, $10@14; barley, $8@11; alfalfa, $11@12.50; stock, $7.50@8.50; straw, per bale, 30@55c.

FRUIT—Apples, choice, $2; common, 50c; bananas, $1@2.75; Mexican limes, $4.50@5; California lemons, choice, $3; common, $1; oranges, navel, $1.50@3.25; pineapples, $1.50@$3.50.

POTATOES—Early Rose, 80c@$1; Salinas Burbanks, $1@1.50; sweets, nominal; Oregon Burbanks, 75c@$1.

RECEIPTS — Flour, 11,514 quarter sacks; wheat, 12,380 centals; barley, 1465 centals; oats, 1545 centals; corn, 370 centals; potatoes, 5023 sacks; bran, 170 sacks; middlings, 65 sacks; hay, 300 tons; wool, 120 bales; hides, 296.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, March 21.—The offerings at the London wool auction sales today amounted to 14,848 bales. There was a good general demand and prices were firm. The home trade secured the bulk of offerings. France bought medium fine scoured. Americans secured several lots of good, light combing cross-breds. The withdrawals to date amount to 1500 bales.

WHOLE LIST WEAKER

Sharp Break in New York Central Stock.

DECLINE OF 2 1-2 POINTS

Report of Big Forthcoming Issue Is Cause of Drop — Reading Affected by Miners' Strike Developments.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The behavior of New York Central stock late in today's session of the stock exchange had a disturbing effect on sentiment and served to enliven what otherwise promised to be a most uninteresting day and the smallest day's trading of the year.

New York Central, up to the early afternoon, was as sluggish and dull as any stock in the market, and its downward course was slow at first. But from 144 the price broke and, after selling at 143, the price declined by half-point intervals to 142, with subsequent sales as low as 141½. The amount of stock offered to cause this wide breach in the market was not large, only one block of over 1000 shares changing hands on the break.

The break was accounted for by reports that an issue of $100,000,000 to $150,000,000 of new stock was in contemplation to finance the vast schemes of improvement and terminal betterments in contemplation by the company. No authoritative admission of the truth of this report could be secured until after the close of the market, and the effect on the stock indicated that a large degree of credence was accorded to the report.

The whole market was weakened in sympathy and sold off generally to a level considerably below last night. The heavy tone of Reading from the start today was attributed to the increasing belief in a strike in the anthracite regions, indicated by the reaffirmation of the uncompromising stand by the operators against any of the concessions asked by the miners. Texas & Pacific was unfortunately influenced by its annual report, which disclosed the same disadvantages in the past year's business which were reflected in the Missouri Pacific's annual statement. The lowest prices of the day were touched in the final hour, but there were some substantial recoveries on covering of shorts by the bears, and the market closed firmer.

Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, $1,985,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Adams Express	.....	.....	.....	247
Amalgam. Copper	113,800	106½	104	105¼
Am. Car & Found.	600	41½	40¾	41½
do preferred	500	101¼	101¼	100¾
Amer. Cotton Oil	900	34½	33½	33
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	92
American Express	.....	.....	.....	22
Am. Hd. & Lt. pf.	1,200	34	33	33¾
American Ice	1,200	46½	46½	49¾
Amer. Linseed Oil	100	20¾	20¾	20¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	44
Amer. Locomotive	10,200	69¼	67	68¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	116¼
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	13,100	156¾	154¼	155¼
do preferred	1,100	121¼	121¼	121½
Am. Sugar Refin.	20,100	138¾	136¾	137¾
Amer. Tobacco pfd.	300	103½	103	102¼
Anaconda Min. Co.	43,700	267¾	261½	263¼
Atchison	6,600	93¾	92¾	92¾
do preferred	100	102	102	101½
Atlantic Coast Line	100	154½	154½	153½
Baltimore & Ohio	1,900	109¾	109¾	109¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	96
Brook. Rap. Tran.	21,900	83½	81¾	82¾
Canadian Pacific	600	171¾	170	170¾
Cent. of N. Jersey	800	216	214	215
Central Leather	1,700	44¼	43½	44¾
do preferred	200	104¼	104¼	103
Chesapeake & Ohio	2,000	59½	56¾	57
Chicago & Alton	.....	.....	.....	39
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	70
Chi. Gt. Western	.....	.....	.....	20¾
Chi. & Northwest	6,700	228½	222	228½
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	10,300	174¾	172½	173
Chi. Term. & Tran.	100	12	12	12
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	29½
C., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	96
Colo. Fuel & Iron	26,800	61¾	60¾	61¼
Colo. & Southern	800	33¼	32¾	33
do 1st preferred	900	69¾	69½	69½
do 2d preferred	200	50	50	50
Consolidated Gas	15,600	146¼	143¾	144¼
Corn Products	300	17	16	17
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	54
Delaw. & Hudson	300	202½	202	202½
Del., Lack. & W.	100	445	445	447
Den. & Rio Grande	600	44¼	43	43¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	86¼
Distillers' Secur.	1,400	60¾	58½	59
Erie	6,900	42¾	41½	41¾
do 1st preferred	1,800	77½	76	76¼
do 2d preferred	300	67	66¼	66¼
General Electric	300	166¼	166	166
Hocking Valley	.....	.....	.....	113
Illinois Central	1,600	170¾	169½	169½
International Paper	3,500	22½	21½	22
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	83
International Pump	.....	.....	.....	31
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	82
Iowa Central	200	31½	31½	29½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	56
Kansas City South.	.....	.....	.....	28
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	57½
Louis. & Nashville	13,700	151	149¼	149¾
Manhattan L.	100	157½	157½	157
Metropol. St. Ry.	100	113½	113½	113
Mexican Central	1,300	24¾	24	24¼
Minn. & St. Louis	.....	.....	.....	74
M., St. P. & S.S.M.	2,100	159½	157½	157½
do preferred	800	175¾	173	174½
Missouri Pacific	14,300	96¼	93¾	94½
Mo., Kan. & Texas	1,200	35¾	34¾	34½
do preferred	1,400	72¼	71½	71½
National Lead	10,300	80¾	77¾	78¼
Mex. Nt. R. R. pf.	.....	.....	.....	28¾
New York Central	25,100	145¼	141½	143¼
N. Y., Ont. & W.	300	49½	49	49¾
Norfolk & Western	100	87½	87½	86½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	91
Northern Pacific	10,100	217¾	213	214
North American	200	99	98½	99
Pacific Mail	400	44	44	43½
Pennsylvania	14,800	137¾	136¾	137½
People's Gas	1,700	95	93¾	93¾
Pc., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	75
Pressed Steel Car.	1,000	51¾	50½	51
do preferred	300	97½	97½	97
Pullman Pal. Car	.....	.....	.....	236
Reading	47,800	127¾	125½	127½
do 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	89
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	85
Republic Steel	500	29¾	28½	28¾
do preferred	400	99½	99½	99¼
Rock Island Co.	100	26½	26	26
do preferred	600	66½	66	66
Schlitz Beverage	700	79½	78	78
St. L. & S. F. 2 pf.	400	46	45¾	45¾
St. Louis Southw.	.....	.....	.....	23
do preferred	500	55½	54½	54½
Southern Pacific	5,900	66¾	65½	65¾
do preferred	600	118	117¼	117¾
Southern Railway	8,900	30½	29	30¼
do preferred	600	102½	102	102½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	400	150½	150	149½
Texas & Pacific	2,000	33¾	32¾	32¾
Tol., St. L. & W.	100	35½	35½	35¾
do preferred	200	54½	54½	54½
Union Pacific	57,200	152½	150¾	151¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	96
U. S. Express	100	53½	53½	53½
U. S. Leather	100	113½	113½	117
U. S. Realty	.....	.....	.....	84
U. S. Rubber	.....	.....	.....	52¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	113
U. S. Steel	57,600	40	38¾	39¼
do preferred	12,100	106¾	104¾	105¼
Virg.-Caro. Chem.	1,600	51	50	50
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	114
Wabash	100	23½	23½	23½
do preferred	200	51¾	50¾	50¾
Wells-Fargo Exp.	.....	.....	.....	222
Westinghouse Elec.	.....	.....	.....	167½
Western Union	100	91½	91½	91
Wheel. & L. Erie	100	18½	18½	18½
Wisconsin Central	200	25¾	25¾	25¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	55½

Total sales for the day, 676,800 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	103¾	D. & R. G. 4s	99¾
do coupon	104¼	N. Y. C. G. 3½s	98
U. S. 3s reg.	103¾	Nor. Pacific 3s	76¼
do coupon	103¾	Nor. Pacific 4s	104½
U. S. new 4s reg.	132¼	So. Pacific 4s	93¼
do coupon	132¼	Union Pacific 4s	104¼
U. S. old 4s reg.	103¾	Wis. Central 4s	90¼
do coupon	104¾	Jap. 6s, 2d ser.	100¾
Atchison Adj. 4s	95	Jap. 4½s, cer.	91¾

Stocks at London.

LONDON, March 21.—Consols for money, 90⅝; consols for account, 90 1-16.

Anaconda	13¾	Norfolk & West.	90¼
Atchison	96	do preferred	93
do preferred	106	Ontario & West.	31¾
Baltimore & O.	113¼	Pennsylvania	70¾
Ches. & Ohio	59	Rand Mines	6
Can. Pacific	176¾	Reading	65¾
C. Gt. Western	21¾	do 1st pref	47
C., M. & St. P.	180	do 2d pref	50
De Beers	18¾	So. Railway	29¾
D. & R. Grande	43¾	do preferred	104½
do preferred	90	So. Pacific	68¼
Erie	43¼	Union Pacific	157
do 1st pref	80	do preferred	99
do 2d pref	68¾	U. S. Steel	41¾
Illinois Central	173	do preferred	108¾
Louis. & Nash.	155	Wabash	24
Mo., Kas. & T.	34¼	do preferred	53
N. Y. Central	150	Spanish Fours	91¼

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Money on call, easier; highest, 5½; lowest, 4½; ruling, 4¾@4½; last loan, 5¾; closing bid, 5; offered, 4. Time loans, steady; 60 and 90 days, 5¼@5½; six months, 5@5½. Prime mercantile paper, 5@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8545@4.8550 for demand, and at $4.8250@4.8255 for 60 days; posted rates, $4.83@4.83½ and $4.86½@4.87. Commercial bills, $4.82.