DUTY ON HOP CLOTH

Growers to Ask Congress for a Reduction.

PETITION BEING SIGNED

Tariff Works a Hardship on the Industry and Does Nothing to Stimulate the Domestic Manufacture.

HOPS — Growers petition Congress for reduction of duty on baling cloth.
WHEAT—Quiet and steady.
FRUIT—Three cars of bananas arrive.
VEGETABLES—Local market fully stocked.
BUTTER—Weak and tending lower.
EGGS—Slow and weak.
POULTRY—Scarce and high.

A petition is being circulated among the hopgrowers of the Pacific Coast, asking Congress for a reduction of the duty on hop bagging. This is a matter that interests all hopgrowers. Cottongrowers get their bagging in the little or no duty, and the hop producers cannot understand why they should have to pay 2¼ cents a yard for theirs. The petition, which is being signed by growers of the three Pacific States and also by New York growers, is in part as follows:

We, the undersigned, American hopgrowers, respectfully and most earnestly petition you and all others having influence in the matter to take immediate action to cause single warp bagging for the baling of hops grown in the United States to be admitted free of duty, or that being denied, then to be admitted under the provisions of paragraph 344 of the tariff act of July 24, 1897.

Previous to the year 1902 single-warp jute bagging of 16 threads or less to the square inch was admitted under the above paragraph, the duty being .5 of 1 cent per square yard. The importation of single-warp jute bagging made in the year 1902 and thereafter have been appraised under and made to pay duty under the provisions of paragraph 341 of the tariff act of July 24, 1897.

This paragraph carries a duty of ⅝ cents per pound and 15 per cent ad valorem.

On several occasions importers of jute bagging have appealed to the United States General Appraisers for relief from the excessive duty on single-warp hop bagging.

A protest before the United States General Appraisers at New York, August 6, 1903, was overruled in the following language: "We find from an inspection of the samples that the merchandise is not bagging suitable for covering cotton. The question raised here was fully discussed and decided in G. A. 5135 (T. D. 23,719). Following that decision the protests are overruled and the decision of the Collector affirmed in each instance."

According to our information and belief, no jute bagging for baling is manufactured in the United States, except in Walla Walla, in the State of Washington, where a small quantity of bagging has for some years been manufactured in the state prison by convict labor. This prison-made bagging may not be legally exported from the state.

The bulk of the hop bagging imported comes from India and is made by native coolie labor.

Previous to 1902 and when the bagging was allowed to enter under paragraph 344 of the tariff act, as above, much of the hop bagging imported was manufactured in Dundee, Scotland, by Anglo-Saxon labor.

The annual production of hops in the United States runs from 250,000 to 300,000 bales. It requires five running yards (6¼ square yards) of bagging for each bale of hops, or a total of 1,562,500 to 1,875,000 square yards. The duty under the paragraph 341 amounts to about 2 cents per yard. Under paragraph 344 it is approximately ½ cent per square yard. The total import tax in the one case is $31,250 to $37,500, and in the other $7812.25 to $9375.

It is evident that the imposition of this high rate of duty has neither:

First—Stimulated the domestic manufacture of the goods.

Second—Prevented the importation of the coolie-made goods of India.

Three—Provided any considerable revenue to the Government.

On the other hand this imposition of this duty has:

First—Worked a hardship on the hopgrowing industry of the United States.

Second—It has caused a discrimination against the hop-growing industry as compared with cotton growing.

Third—It has fostered the importation of bagging manufactured in India by coolie labor.

Fourth—It has caused the practical suspension of importation of the hop bagging from Dundee, Scotland, made by Anglo-Saxon labor.

Fifth—It has caused an element of risk and uncertainty as to import duties to be levied, which has had a tendency to unsettle values in the United States market. The universal belief in the injustice of the high duty levied since 1902 and the uncertainty as to how long the duty will be maintained causes importers to contract for only as much bagging as will supply the annual demand. In case of heavy crops there is a shortage, and when crops are short there is a surplus.

The United States might easily grow the hops for the world if the industry were subject to a little fostering care. The imposition of an excessive duty, which does not stimulate domestic manufacture of the protected goods, is un-American; it is hardship which is unjust to the hopgrower; it is discrimination against a large class of agriculturists; it is unwise and an unpolitic species of special taxation.

For the foregoing, and for other valid reasons, we the petitioners (and it is our right) demand that this matter of duty on bagging for baling of hops be considered by the proper authorities, and acted upon immediately, to the end that jute bagging for our growing crop of hops may be admitted into the United States free of duty and the unjust discrimination which has for the last four years been practiced against hopgrowers be abolished.

We earnestly solicit action on this matter by June 1.

ABUNDANCE OF VEGETABLES.

Car of Rhubarb and Plenty of Green Truck Arrive.

The vegetable market was fully supplied with green produce yesterday and the demand for it was strong. In addition to the steamer stuff unloaded, a straight car of cabbage and a car of cabbage and cauliflower arrived, also the first car of rhubarb ever brought to this city. The latter was placed on sale at $1.25@1.30. Some new California potatoes—genuine ones—were received and held at 5 cents a pound.

Three cars of bananas arrived during the day, in fair condition. Oranges and lemons are strong and tending upward.

BUTTER MARKET TOP HEAVY.

All-Around Cut in Prices Expected—Eggs Dull and Weak.

The butter market is on the point of taking a drop. Prices were maintained more or less generally yesterday, but an all-around reduction seems to be inevitable. The largest handler on Front street still quoted 30 cents on four or five of his best brands, but declared that he might have to begin shading any day now. Most of the city creameries are holding to the 30-cent mark, and report their stocks gradually growing. The break in the San Francisco market yesterday also adds to the weakness caused by larger supplies here. A San Francisco dealer was in the city yesterday offering California butter to the local trade at 28½ cents, and orders were also placed in San Francisco by Portland firms at 22 and 23 cents f. o. b. The exchange quotation dropped during the day to 20 cents. The official quotation there is generally regarded as 2 cents under the open market value.

Eggs ruled very dull and weak. The local demand was slow and shipping orders were few.

Poultry dealers are wondering when there will be an increase in receipts. Light supplies are always expected in the egg season, but never before has there been such a scarcity of chickens as at the present time. Average hens are quoted up to 14½ cents, with 15 cents occasionally paid for a very fancy coop. Broilers and fryers are quoted at $4@6 per dozen, and some of the small ones come to 40 and 50 cents a pound.

WHEAT HOLDS STEADY.

But Very Little Business Is Passing in the Local Market.

The Eastern wheat markets yesterday lost their gain of the latter part of last week, but Liverpool held up and cargoes were quoted higher at 30s 6d. Locally, the market was steady and unchanged, with very little business doing. A number of inquiries received from California Friday and Saturday have not yet resulted in business.

The following table shows the American visible supply yesterday as compared with corresponding dates in former years:

	Bushels.	Decrease.
March 26, 1906	47,329,000	*57,000
March 27, 1905	32,818,000	1,168,000
March 21, 1904	32,925,000	471,000
March 23, 1903	45,055,000	1,011,000
March 24, 1902	50,948,000	1,049,000
March 25, 1901	54,714,000	410,000
March 26, 1900	54,089,000	*177,000
March 27, 1899	30,067,000	*75,000
March 28, 1898	30,061,000	1,356,000

*Increase.

Quantities on passage the last week and a year ago were:

FOR	Week ending March 24.	Week ending March 17.	Week ending March 25, 1905.
	bu.	bu.	bu.
United Kingdom	33,568,000	33,360,000	34,160,000
Continent	16,480,000	16,160,000	14,560,000
Total	50,048,000	49,520,000	48,720,000

World's shipments of wheat, flour included, in the same periods from the principal exporting countries were as follows:

FROM	Week ending March 24.	Week ending March 17.	Week ending March 25, 1905.
	bu.	bu.	bu.
U. S., Canada	2,392,000	2,616,000	1,044,000
Argentina	3,536,000	2,496,000	4,368,000
Australia	280,000	1,280,000	320,000
Danubian ports	288,000	904,000	320,000
Russia	2,144,000	1,888,000	2,176,000
India	.....	8,000	1,136,000
Total	8,641,000	8,586,000	10,164,000

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 918,021	$106,661
Seattle	1,726,005	342,604
Tacoma	725,070	125,344
Spokane	748,653	94,095

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR—Patents, $3.75@4.50 per barrel; straights, $3.40@3.75; clears, $3.25@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, 68c; bluestem, 69c; red, 66c; Valley, 69c.

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

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $17; country, $18 ton; middlings, $28.50@26; shorts, city, $18; country, $19 per ton; chop, U. S. Mills, $17.50; linseed dairy food, $18; Acalfa meal, $18 per ton.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $6.75; lower grades, $5.25@6.50; oatmeal, steel-cut, 50-pound sacks, $3 per barrel; 19-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, $9@9; clover, $7.50@8; cheat, $6@7; 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, $2.75@3.50 per box; tangerines, $1.85 per half box; grapefruit, $2.50@3.25; pineapples, $4@4.50 per dozen; bananas, 5c per pound.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1@1.25 per dozen; asparagus, 8c per pound; beans, 22½c; cabbage, 1¼@1½c 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; onions, 50c per dozen; peas, 10@12½c; peppers, 25@40c; radishes, 20c per dozen; rhubarb, $1.50 per box; spinach, $1.25@1.50 per box; tomatoes, California, $2.25@2.50 per crate; 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@55c per hundred; ordinary nominal; new California, 5c per pound; sweet potatoes, 2½@3c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS — Apples, 11@12c per pound; apricots, 12@12½c; peaches, 10½@12½c; pears, none; Italian prunes, 5¼@6¼c; 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; 16-ounce, 9½@10c; loose muscatels, 2-crown, 6½@7c; 3-crown, 6¾@7¼c; 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, 27½@30c per pound; State creameries: Fancy creamery, 27½@30c; store butter, 16@16½c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 16c per dozen.

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

POULTRY — Average old hens, 14@14½c; mixed chickens, 13@13½c; broilers, 28@29c; young roosters, 13@13½c; old roosters, 11c; dressed chickens, 15@16c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18@20c; geese, live, pound, 8c; geese, dressed, per pound, 10@11c; ducks, 16@18c; pigeons, $1@2; squabs, $2@3.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, ordinary, 18@22c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 19@22c per pound; Columbia roasts, cases, 100s, $14.75; 50s, $14.75; Arbuckle, $16.38; Lion, $16.38.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5¼c; Southern Japan, 5.35c; head, 7c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; 1-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, $5.35; 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 ⅛c; 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, 15¼c 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 per pound; roasted, 8c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 7½@8c; cocoanuts, 35@90c per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 4c; large white, 3¾c; pink, 2¾c; bayou, 4½c; Lima, 5¾c; 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, 10@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, 8 to 15 pounds, per lb. 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@2; 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, $2@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@5; 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 pole cat, each, 5@15c; otter, for large, prime skin, each, $6@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, each, $2@5; raccoon, for prime large, each, 50@75c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, each, $1.50@5; prairie (coyote), 60@$1; wolverine, each, $5@8; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; medium, $3@7; small, $1@1.50; kits, 50@75c.

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.

Provisions and Canned Meats.

HAMS—10 to 14 pounds, 13½c pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 13½c; 16 to 20 pounds, 13½c; California (picnic), 9½c; cottage hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9c; boiled ham, 19½c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 15c.

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, $2.25; six pounds, $7.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 10¾c; smoked, 11¾c; clear backs, dry salt, 10¼c; smoked, 11¼c; 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 10¼c; tubs, 11¼c; 50s, 11¼c; 20s, 11¾c; 10s, 11¾c; 5s, 11¾c. Standard pure: Tierces, 9¼c; tubs, 10¼c; 50s, 10¼c; 20s, 10¾c; 10s, 10¾c; 5s, 10¾c. Compound: Tierces, 6¾c; tubs, 7c; 50s, 7c; 10s, 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, 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@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, 23½c; 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, 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, 48c; in cases, 53c; boiled, in barrels, 50c; in cases, 55c; 25-gallon lots, 1c less.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

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

CATTLE — Good steers, $4@4.50; light weights, $3.25@3.50; cows, good, $3.25@3.50; fair to medium, $2.50@3; calves, good, $4.50@5.

SHEEP—Good, fat, sheep, $6@6.25; fair to medium, $5.50.

HOGS—Good, $7@7.25; light and feeders, $6.50@6.75.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Kansas City, Chicago and Omaha.

KANSAS CITY, March 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; market, steady to a shade lower. Native steels, $4.25@5.90; native cows and heifers, $2.25@5.10; stockers and feeders, $3@4.75; Western cows, $3.75@4.50; Western steers, $3.75@4.50; bulls, $3@4.25; calves, $3@7.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 6000; market, 5@7½c lower. Bulk of sales, $6.17½@6.27½; heavy, $6.25@6.30; packers, $6.20@6.30; pigs and lights, $5.40@6.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000; market, steady. Muttons, $4.50@5.75; lambs, $5.25@6.45; range wethers, $5.25@5.90; fed ewes, $4.25@5.25.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 2200; market, steady to stronger. Native steers, $4@5.65; cows and heifers, $2.85@4.40; Western steers, $3.90@4.65; canners, $1.50@2.75; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.60; bulls, stags, etc., $2.50@4.10.

Hogs—Receipts, 3500; market, slow to 5c lower. Heavy, $6.17½@6.25; mixed, $6.15@6.20; light, $6.10@6.22½; bulk of sales, $6.15@6.22½.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; market, steady. Yearlings, $5.25@5.80; wethers, $5.15@5.70; ewes, $4.40@5.25; lambs, $6@6.50.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 26,000; market, weak to 10c lower. Westerns, $4@6.25; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.85; cows and heifers, $1.55@5; Texas fed steers, $3.75@4.60.

Hogs—Receipts today, 52,000; tomorrow (estimated), 28,000; market, 10c lower. Mixed and butchers, $6.15@6.42½; good to choice heavy, $4.35@6.40; pigs, $3.90@6.20; rough heavy, $6.15@6.25; light, $6.23@6.45; bulk of sales, $6.30@6.40.

Sheep—Receipts, 50,000; market, 10c lower. Sheep, $3.90@6.20; lambs, $4.70@6.85.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alpha Con	$ .09	Julia	$ .04
Andes	.18	Justice	.04
Belcher	.16	Mexican	1.05
Best & Belcher	1.00	Occidental Con	.94
Bullion	.26	Ophir	4.90
Caledonia	.35	Overman	.11
Challenge Con	.11	Potosi	.07
Chollar	.19	Savage	.55
Confidence	.65	Scorpion	.06
Con. Cal. & V.	1.25	Seg. Belcher	.04
Con. Imperial	.01	Sierra Nevada	.26
Crown Point	.04	Silver Hill	.88
Exchequer	.50	Union Con	.39
Gould & Curry	.10	Utah Con	.02
Hale & Nor	1.05	Yellow Jacket	.08

BOSTON, March 26.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 6.50	Mont. C. & C.$	4.25
Allouez	38.50	N. Butte	54.50
Amalgamated	108.37½	Old Dominion	45.75
Am. Zinc	10.00	Osceola	104.00
Atlantic	22.75	Parrot	38.50
Bingham	40.75	Quincy	94.00
Cal. & Hecla	690.00	Shannon	7.50
Centennial	26.00	Tamarack	107.00
Cop. Range	81.00	Trinity	10.00
Daly West	14.00	United Cop.	67.00
Franklin	20.00	U. S. Mining	57.00
Granby	12.00	U. S. Oil	12.00
Green Con.	29.50	Utah	64.75
Isle Royale	23.50	Victoria	8.12½
Mass. Mining	8.75	Winona	9.00
Michigan	93.75	Wolverine	135.00
Mohawk	61.25		

NEW YORK, March 26.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con	$ .25	Little Chief	$ .07½
Alice	3.00	Ontario	2.00
Breece	.37	Ophir	4.75
Brunswick C.	.50	Phoenix	.02
Comstock Tun.	.19	Potosi	.07
Con. Cal. & V.	1.25	Savage	.55
Horn Silver	2.00	Sierra Nevada	.25
Iron Silver	5.50	Small Hopes	.30
Leadville Con.	.05	Standard	3.00

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Coffee futures closed dull, net unchanged, including April, 6.70c; May, 6.80c; July, 7@7.80c; September, 7.20c; October, 7.30c; November, 7.35c; December, 7.45c; January, 7.50c; spot, quiet; No. 7 Rio, 8¼c.

Sugar—Raw, quiet; fair refining, 3 1-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 17-32@3 9-16c; molasses sugar, 2 25-32@2 13-32c; refined, quiet; crushed, $5.40; powdered, $4.80; granulated, $4.70.

STOCKS AGAIN RISE

Another Advancing Movement in New York Market.

READING IS THE LEADER

Trading in Control of Organized Speculative Parties—Extraordinary Earnings Showing by Reading—Money Easy.

NEW YORK, March 26.—The appearance of the market was a good deal improved today. Early advances encountered no important realizing, and the upward movement of prices spread here and there in the market until the show of strength became fairly comprehensive.

Buying was largely concentrated still in a few speculative favorites, notably Reading, which absorbed a large proportion of the total transactions of the day. With Reading and a few favorites included, the expansion in the volume of the aggregate dealings was notable.

The opening of the week brought no such shelling out of liquidation as that with which last week opened. This, in itself, was regarded as a favorable symptom of improved speculative sentiment, since the survey of the course of events for the past week had not induced a feeling of discouragement in holders sufficient to compel them to throw over stocks. Free from the weight of any such offerings, the professional contingent was encouraged to take the market in hand for an advance. The return to Wall street in increasing number of notable figures in the stock market from vacation trips is held to account in large part for the great force manifest in the operations in stocks.

With the market free today from any selling pressure and with no evidence of stringency in the money market with the near approach of the April 1 period, the speculative element was emboldened to take steps in the market to anticipate the coming demand. Most of the movement reflected the operation of well-defined parties to the speculation. The Reading movement naturally associated itself with the supposed strike outlook in the anthracite mining region. News of actual developments either in the anthracite or the bituminous mining dispute was vague and meager, but the rumors alleged a favorable prospect for a settlement. The copper and smelting stocks again moved upwards in common. The Hill stocks, accompanied by Northwestern, made another center of strength, and there was a movement in the Vanderbilt group in which New York Central fully shared.

Atchison had the benefit of the extraordinary showing of net earnings for February, of which the rate of increase over the preceding February was no less than 132 per cent. Current reports of gross earnings of railroads, however, for the third week of the present month showed the unfortunate effect of the stormy weather.

A sharp drop in foreign exchange, under offerings of bankers' bills, was a feature of the day, the proceeds going into the local money market. London discounts declined, and there were heavy receipts of gold in the market from Berlin, supposed to be in transit from Russia. The price of gold was marked up in London. New York exchange at Chicago rose to par from 20 cents discount last week. The Imperial Bank of Germany showed a gain in cash for the week of $7,333,000 with a nominal increase in loans, but an expansion in note circulation in excess of the cash gain. The sub-Treasury starts the week with a gain of nearly $1,000,000 at the expense of the banks, and that institution had a credit at the Clearing-House today of $823,900.

The influence of the Reading movement on the market was sustained, and prices went to the best of the day in the last hour with the closing tone fairly firm.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,050,000. United States 3s registered advanced ¼, and the 4s coupon ½ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Adams Express	....	....	....	247
Amalgam. Copper	19,700	108½	106	108⅝
Am. Car & Found.	400	43	41⅝	42⅝
do preferred	700	101⅞	101½	101⅞
Amer. Cotton Oil	200	34½	34½	34
do preferred	....	....	....	90½
Amer. Express	....	....	....	222
Am. Hide & Lt. pf.	100	35	35	34
American Ice	34,600	50⅝	47½	50
Amer. Linseed Oil	....	....	....	21½
do preferred	....	....	....	43½
Amer. Locomotive	6,300	69½	68⅝	68⅞
do preferred	....	....	....	117
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	19,200	159⅞	157	159½
do preferred	200	122	122	122½
Am. Sugar Refin.	2,000	140	138½	139⅝
Amer. Tobacco pfd.	1,300	104½	104½	105⅝
Anaconda Min. Co.	53,400	272½	266	272
Atchison	16,700	94⅝	93	93⅝
do preferred	1,900	104½	103⅝	103⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	....	....	....	154
Baltimore & Ohio	1,800	111½	110½	111⅛
do preferred	....	....	....	96
Brook. Rap. Tran.	416,900	84⅛	83	83⅞
Canadian Pacific	4,900	172½	172	172¼
Cent. of N. Jersey	100	217½	217½	217½
Central Leather	1,900	45⅝	45⅛	45⅛
do preferred	....	....	....	104⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	8,500	59½	59⅝	59¼
Chicago & Alton	....	....	....	39
do preferred	....	....	....	75
Chi. Gt. Western	700	20⅞	20⅝	20⅞
Chi. & Northwest	5,500	236½	231½	233½
Chi. Mil. & St. P.	6,100	176⅛	174½	176
Chi. Term. & Tran.	....	....	....	11
do preferred	....	....	....	28½
C., C., C. & St. L.	1,200	100½	99½	100½
Colo. Fuel & Iron	6,900	64½	62⅝	64½
Colo. & Southern	1,600	34⅝	33⅝	34½
do 1st preferred	300	70½	70	70
do 2d preferred	....	....	....	56⅝
Consolidated Gas	18,200	148½	145½	147⅝
Corn Products	....	....	....	14½
do preferred	200	54	54	54
Delaware & Hudson	500	208	206½	207½
Del., Lack. & W.	....	....	....	440
Den. & Rio Grande	2,500	45½	43⅝	45
do preferred	200	87	86½	87½
Distillers' Securit.	11,700	61	60	60⅝
Erie	5,400	43½	42⅝	43½
do 1st preferred	400	77⅝	77½	77⅝
do 2d preferred	400	68	67	68⅛
General Electric	....	....	....	166½
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	113
Illinois Central	700	172½	171½	172
International Paper	3,400	63½	63	63⅝
do preferred	1,000	88⅝	85	86½
International Pump	....	....	....	35
do preferred	200	85½	85	84
Iowa Central	300	31⅝	31	31½
do preferred	200	58	58	57½
Kansas City South.	100	28½	28½	28½
do preferred	600	58⅝	58	58½
Louis. & Nashville	1,900	150⅝	150⅝	150⅝
Manhattan L.	....	....	....	157½
Metropol. St. Ry.	....	....	....	111½
Mexican Central	1,200	24⅝	24⅝	24½
Minn. & St. Louis	....	....	....	74
M., St. P. & S.S.M.	1,300	163	161½	162
do preferred	....	....	....	175
Missouri Pacific	5,900	96	95	95⅞
Mo., Kan. & Texas	3,500	35⅝	35½	35½
do preferred	1,800	72⅝	72½	72½
National Lead	6,600	82½	80½	81⅝
Mex. Nt. R. R. pf.	....	....	....	39½
New York Central	9,000	145	143	144⅞
N. Y., Ont. & W.	1,200	50⅝	50	50½
Norfolk & Western	2,400	88⅝	88	88½
do preferred	100	92½	92½	91
North American	1,000	100	99⅝	99½
Northern Pacific	11,500	220½	217	218⅝
Pacific Mail	1,300	45½	44½	45½
Pennsylvania	13,400	138½	137⅝	138⅝
People's Gas	4,300	95⅝	95	95½
P., C., C. & St. L.	100	79	79	80
Pressed Steel Car.	100	52½	52½	52½
do preferred	400	97⅝	97⅝	97
Pullman Pal. Car	....	....	....	237
Reading	151,400	136⅛	131⅞	135⅝
do 1st preferred	....	....	....	91
do 2d preferred	....	....	....	97½
Republic Steel	900	29½	29	29½
do preferred	100	99⅝	99⅝	101
Rock Island Co.	4,500	28½	25⅝	28½
do preferred	100	66½	66½	66½
Rubber Goods	....	....	....	40
do preferred	....	....	....	100
St. L. & S. F. 2 pf.	200	46½	46½	46⅝
St. Louis Southw.	200	23⅝	23½	23½
do preferred	100	54½	54½	54½
Schloss-Sheffield	3,000	83	79½	82
Southern Pacific	12,200	67⅞	67½	67⅝
do preferred	400	118	117½	117⅞
Southern Railway	10,400	40⅞	40⅝	40⅝
do preferred	100	102	102	102
Tenn. Coal & Iron	800	146	146	148
Texas & Pacific	1,300	33⅝	32⅝	33½
Tol., St. L. & W.	4,200	36⅝	36	36
do preferred	200	54⅝	54½	54½
Union Pacific	73,600	153⅞	152⅝	153⅝
do preferred	100	96	96	95
U. S. Express	....	....	....	118
U. S. Realty	....	....	....	85⅝
U. S. Rubber	14,100