BOOM IN POTATOES

San Francisco Prices Have Begun to Soar.

CUT OFF FROM SUPPLIES

Oregon Not in a Position to Profit by the Advance, Owing to the Blockade on the Southern Pacific.

The San Francisco potato and onion markets went soaring skywards yesterday, and there is nothing to prevent them from soaring some more today. Three-cent potatoes are a possibility in the Bay City markets, and onions will probably sell at a price that would make the Oregon grower rich if he had any onions and could sell them there. From around the 2-cent mark Oregon Burbanks sold in San Francisco yesterday at $2.35 and onions took a sheer jump from $1.10 to $1.40. The California flood is responsible for the bulge.

San Francisco is face to face with a potato famine. The high water in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys has cut off the supply of home-grown stock, which was already considerably reduced, and the washouts on the Southern Pacific have prevented that market from procuring supplies in Oregon. Eastern potatoes cannot be brought to the Coast within the time limit now set for the blockade on the Shasta route. These are the reasons for the boom in the San Francisco trade.

At the same time, the Oregon speculators and farmers are not in a position to profit to any great extent by the San Francisco bulge. There is no way of sending potatoes beyond the Siskiyous by rail and only a comparatively small quantity can be forwarded by water, owing to the press of other freight on the few through steamers. The Costa Rica, which went out Thursday night, carried only 2400 sacks, and the Columbia next Tuesday night cannot take to exceed 4000 sacks. The shippers who are fortunate in getting freight space will do well, of course, on the small shipments.

With no other chance of getting in on the San Francisco rise, the old stagers in the trade are lying low, but there are a few dealers who are showing some traces of excitement and have already commenced to bid up on lots in the country. Whether or not they can move them is a question, but this does not concern the farmers if they can get cash down on their sales, and on this basis many of them will probably sell. The more conservative buyers, however, know that when the roads are opened a crash is likely to occur, as some 50 cars are loaded or rolling this side of the blockade, and these will be dumped almost simultaneously on the San Francisco market when the tracks are again ready for trains. It is also most probable that they will be followed by a flood of Eastern potatoes, attracted by the high prices now ruling. A knowledge of the San Francisco potato market makes it easy enough for the experienced traders to forecast the course of prices for the next few weeks.

As only about 250 cars of potatoes remain in all hands in Oregon, it is thought that this spurt, whether or not it yields profit to the dealers of a speculative turn of mind, may materially cut down the surplus.

NOTHING DOING IN HOP MARKET.

Dallas Grower Ships His Crop to London on Consignment.

No sales were reported in the hop market yesterday. A few dealers have orders, but they are generally at low prices. P. S. Greenwood, of Dallas, has shipped 262 bales to London on consignment through T. A. Riggs.

The latest English hop factors' circulars, as given in the Kentish Observer of March 7, are not encouraging. They follow:

Wild, Neame & Co., London—A few lots of hops have been sold during the past week at a reduced level in prices, but business generally continues very dull with some pressure to sell.

Manger & Henley, London—The market does not show any very great strength, notwithstanding the increased trade that has passed during the last fortnight.

W. H. & H. Le May, London—One or two good-sized lots have been cleared during the past week, but the general trade continues quiet and prices remain without alteration.

The Exchange & Hop Warehouses, London—Business remains exceedingly quiet, very few lots having been sold during the week, present consumptions continue to be met with out of merchants' stocks. There is a small demand for 1905 and old hops, but prices offered are exceedingly low and qualities very small.

J. H. Meredith & Co., Worcester—Trade is very slow and merchants' stocks suffice for all requirements, no hops having passed the public scales here for some weeks. Growers' hops are seldom offered, and although some holders are inclined to take less money, sales can only be effected at a reduction which they are not inclined to concede.

ONLY ONE PRICE FOR BUTTER.

You Must Pay 37½ Cents Now or Go Without It.

The advance in butter prices yesterday was general. Not only did every city creamery quote 37½ cents, but this price prevailed everywhere on Front street where any butter was for sale. The rise did not check the demand in the slightest degree. The main thing was to get butter and the price was a second consideration. It is likely that the higher price will bring in some outside butter, which will relieve the local scarcity, but no great quantity from the East or California is expected. The continuance of the present quotations will depend largely upon weather conditions.

Eggs were very firm, notwithstanding some increase in receipts. The generally quoted price was 20 cents.

There was a moderate inquiry for chickens and the old prices prevailed.

Nothing More This Side the Break.

Two cars of oranges arrived from San Francisco yesterday, marking the last of the Southern rail shipments until the railroad is opened again. The steamer due Monday will bring a larger assortment of vegetables than usual, including a carload of celery. Among the smaller truck will be a lot of fancy bunch asparagus that will offer at 17½ cents. Vegetables are becoming scarce on the street, and some lines are already exhausted.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearances of the leading cities of the Northwest yesterday were:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,141,284	$169,984
Seattle	1,614,520	209,877
Tacoma	709,596	97,248
Spokane	733,065	90,134

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Club, 72c; bluestem, 74c; Valley, 70c; red, 71c.

OATS—No. 1 white, $29@30; gray, $28@29.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.15; straights, $3.60; clears, $3.60; Valley, $3.85@3.75; graham flour, $3.75@4.25; whole wheat flour, $4@4.50.

BARLEY—Feed, $22.50 per ton; brewing, $23; rolled, $23.50@24.50.

RYE—$1.45@1.50 per cwt.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $17; country, $18 per ton; middlings, $26@28; shorts, city, $20; country, $21 per ton; U. S. Mills dairy chop, $15.50 per ton; Pacific grain, $16.50 per ton.

CORN—Whole, $24.50; cracked, $22.50 per ton.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $7; lower grades, $5.50@6.50; oatmeal, steel cut, 45-pound sacks, $5 per barrel; 9-pound sacks, $4.25 per bale; oatmeal (ground), 45-pound sacks, $7.50 per barrel; 9-pound sacks, $4 per bale; split peas, per 100-pounds, $4.25@4.50; pearl barley, $4@4.50 per 100 pounds; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.50 per bale.

HAY—Valley timothy, N. 1, $15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $17@18; clover, $9; cheat, $9; grain hay, $9@10; alfalfa, $14.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 37½c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 35@37½c; store butter, 18@20c.

BUTTER FAT—First grade cream, 35c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream twins, 15½@16c; Young America, 16½@17c per pound.

POULTRY — Average old hens, 15c; mixed chickens, 14c; Spring, fryers and broilers, 20@22½c; old roosters, 10@12c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 13@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18½@20c; geese, live, per pound, 8c; ducks, 16@18c; pigeons, $1@1.50; squabs, $2@3.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 20c per dozen.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS — Apples, common, 75c@$1.25 per box; choice, $1.50@2; cranberries, $10 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS — Lemons, fancy $3.25@4 per box; oranges, navels, $2@3.25; grapefruit, $3@3.50; bananas, 4½@6c per pound; tangerines, $1.50@1.75.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1@1.25 per sack; carrots, $1@1.25 per sack; beets, $1.25@1.50 per sack; garlic, 7½@10c per pound; horseradish, 7@8c per pound; chicory, 30c.

FRESH VEGETABLES — Cabbage, California, 2½@3c per pound; cauliflower, $2.50 per doz.; celery, $3.50@4 crate; lettuce, head, 35@45c dozen; onions, 10@12½c per dozen; tomatoes, $2.50@2.75 crate; parsley, 25@30c artichokes, 75@80c doz.; hothouse lettuce, $2 box, sprouts, 9c; peas, 12½c; radishes, 30c per dozen; asparagus, 10c per pound; Bell peppers, 30@35c per pound; rhubarb, $2@2.25 per box; cucumbers, $2.

ONION—Oregon, $1@1.25 per hundred.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 3@8½c pound; apricots, 16@19c; peaches, 11@13c; pears, 11½@14c; Italian prunes, 2¾@6c; California figs, white, in sacks, 5@6½c per pound; black, 4½@5c; sacks, 75c@$2.25 per box; Smyrna, 18½@20c pound; dates, Persian, 6½@7c pound.

POTATOES—Buying prices: Oregon Burbanks, fancy $1.40@1.55; No. 1 choice, $1.20@1.30.

RAISINS—Layers and clusters, 2-crown, $2.15; 3-crown, $2.25; 5-crown, $3.10; 6-crown, $3.50; loose muscatels, 2-crown, 8c; 3-crown, 8½c; 4-crown, 9c; seedless, Thompsons, 10½c; Sultanas, 9@12½c.

Dressed Meats.

VEAL—Dressed, 75@125 pounds, 8½@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6c; 200 pounds and up, 5½@6c.

BEEF—Dressed bulls, 3@3½c per pound; cows, 5@6c; country steers, 6@7c.

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy, 10@10½c per pound; ordinary, 8@9c; spring lambs, 15@16c.

PORK—Dressed, 100@130 pounds, 8½@9c; 150 to 200 pounds, 7@7½c; 200 pounds and up, 6@6½c.

PORTLAND STOCK EXCHANGE.

Only One Sale Reported on the Local Board.

There was only one sale at the Stock Exchange yesterday, a block of 6000 shares of Washougal Extension moving at 25½, the price of the last sale. Twenty-eight was the asked price of J. C. Lee Company. Oregon Trust & Savings Bank was bid up from $120, Thursday's figure, to $125. Telephone stocks were steady and mines unchanged.

Official quotations were as follows:

Bank Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Bank of California	365	...
Bankers' & Lumbermen's	102	...
Merchants' National	...	183
Oregon Trust & Savings	125	...
Portland Trust Company	...	120
United States National	200	...
LISTED SECURITIES.		
Bonds—		
American Biscuit C6. 6s	98	100
City & Suburban 4s	...	92
Columbia Southern Irr'n 6s	...	55
Home Telephone 5s	...	84
O. R. & N. Ry. 4s	99	100½
O. W. P. & Ry. 6s	100	103½
Pacific Coast Biscuit 6s	96½	100
Portland Railway 5s	...	99
Miscellaneous Stocks—		
Associated Oil	43	43½
Home Telephone	30	...
J. C. Lee Company	...	28
Pacific States Telephone	...	109
Puget Sound Telephone	...	50
Mining Stocks—		
Lakeview	...	25
Lee's Creek Gold	01½	02½
North Fairview	...	05
Manhattan Crown Point	18	20
Potlch Mining	...	13¾
Washougal Extension	25½	26
UNLISTED STOCKS.		
Yaquina Bay Telephone	5¼	7½
Alaska Petroleum	13¼	18
British Columbia Amal	04½	09
Cascadia	22½	28
Goldfield Trotter	12½	15
Great Northern	01½	04
Mammoth	08½	17
Morning	03¾	06
Mount Pitt	...	08½
Standard Consolidated	07	10½
Tacoma Steel	12½	15
Coeur d'Alene District—		
Copper King	14¾	15½
Bullion	07½	08½
O. K. Consolidated	03½	05
Happy Day	05	05¾
Park Copper	06	06½
Spokane	42	45
Snowstorm	2.80	2.85

SALES.

6000 Washougal Extension 25½

LOW-PRICED GOLDFIELDS ACTIVE.

Prices Strengthen on Good Buying Orders—Tonopahs Strong.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—(Special.)—The Tonopahs strengthened, Jim Butler getting back above the $1 mark and selling at $1.05, buyer 60 on the last sale.

There were some reactions on the Goldfield list, especially among the stocks that had made a bulge, and more interest was centered in the more moderate priced securities. Sandstorm sold up to nearly 60 cents and Columbia Mountain advanced 4 points over the bid of last night. Jumbo Extension held its advance on yesterday's curb. St. Ives went up to $1.72 on a 12-point advance, with several thousand shares traded in. Atlanta did not maintain the high prices last made and with a volume of 15,000 shares to handle, 71 cents was the closing price.

On some of the stocks, bids and offers were wide apart. In most of the cases prices were inclined to strengthen on good buying orders, but there seemed a lack of support to some of the high prices that did not give the advance movement a strong foundation. Most of the leaders held to their advance, Red Top Extension carrying 35,000 shares at the uniform price of 50 cents. Combination Fraction sagged slightly, while Goldfield Consolidated went to $8.37½ on good buying orders, $8 being the last bid price. Triangle sold to 51 cents, with that price bid, and predictions were made for another advance at the informal.

Everything is said to depend on the labor problem, and no one had a definite idea on the situation during the regular call. Among the sales were:

Montana, $3.70; McNamara, 49c; Midway, $1.77; Gold Anchor, 30c; Boston, 12c; Sandstorm, 60c; Blue Bull, 56c; Adams, 20c; St. Ives, $1.70; Oro, 45c; Atlanta, 71c; Daisy, $2.25; Combination Fraction, $4.35; Kewanas, $1.50; Lou Dillon, 18c; Triangle, 51c; Gold Bar, $1.17; Victor, 25c; Broncho, 13c; Pine Nut, 20c; Stray Dog, 33c; Silver Pick, $1.27.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, March 22.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 3.87½	Osceola	$140.50
Allouez	58.00	Parrot	23.00
Amalgam.	91.37½	Quincy	119.00
Atlantic	15.00	Shannon	18.87½
Bingham	20.50	Tamarack	120.00
Cal. & Hecla	$90.00	Trinity	22.50
Centennial	35.75	United Cop.	65.00
Cop. Range	81.00	U. S. Min.	55.00
Daly West	16.00	U. S. Oil	10.00
Franklin	19.50	Utah	60.87½
Granby	12.25	Victoria	8.50
Isle Royale	21.50	Winona	9.00
Mass. Min.	4.00	Wolverine	160.00
Michigan	15.50	No. Butte	90.25
Mohawk	82.00	Butte Coal	29.75
Mont. C. & C.	1.87½	Cal. & Ariz.	100.00
Old Dom.	49.50	Greene Con.	23.37½

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Today's statement of Treasury shows:

Available cash balances	$256,781,307
Gold coin and bullion	123,465,484
Gold certificates	47,003,500

Milwaukie Country Club.

Eastern and California races. Take Sellwood or Oregon City cars starting from First and Alder streets.

SLUMP IN ERIES

They Carry the Entire List Down With Them.

PACIFICS ARE AFFECTED

New York Stock Market Is Also Influenced by the Advance in the Bank of France's Discount Rate.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The stock market turned very weak again today. Some of the stocks which were under special pressure broke through the low level reached in the panic last week. This was notably true of the Eries, and the weakness of those stocks was of large sympathetic effect upon the whole list. The other dominant factor in the market was the consequences feared from the advance yesterday in the Bank of France's discount rate.

The aggravating cause of the weakness of the Eries was clearly due to the announcement of the management that it would abandon projected betterments in the State of New York from fear of interference with the intended methods of financing the work proposed by legislation for control of public utilities. Back of this open legislation there were current many rumors of internal dissensions in the company and of disappointment as to the results of appointments already made. The bears, in fact, operated in the securities of the company very freely and very boldly. They were not opposed, however, by any protective measures for the securities in the market.

This supine attitude of the friends or controllers of the property had a discouraging effect on any views favoring an advance in prices. Instead of the turn against the supposed large outstanding short interest which was talked of during the hardening period of prices yesterday, the bears undertook fresh operations on a large scale and had good success in precipitating fresh liquidation in various quarters of the list. The Morgan group was especially affected when the entire lack of support in the Eries was perceived. The weakness spread to Southern Railway and to the whole Southern railroad group. The Hills and Harrimans also were acutely affected and had the usual effect of dragging down St. Paul. Atchison and Reading. United States Steel was heavy also, but on a narrower price range than the low-priced shares.

The effect of the advance in the Bank of France rate was heightened by reports from Paris that a further rise was expected next week. The action is directed against a movement of gold to London and also to Berlin. Its special interest to New York is that payment for participation in note issues of American railroads are supposed to be involved in both these movements. This movement of capital out of France evidently is intensified by the wide discrepancy between the ruling interest rates in Paris and the rate of return on these high-grade note issues. The Bank of France finds it unwise to persist in keeping home interest rates so far out of line with the world's average, even with the advantage of stability in the money market for business and trade. It is as a recognition of the rise in money rates that the action of the French bank is regarded rather than from any likelihood of banking reserves in other centers being affected.

Private cables from London reported some anxiety there regarding the outcome of the stock market settlement next week.

Preliminary estimates of the week's currency movement indicate an increase of upwards of $6,000,000 in cash holdings of the banks. It is expected also that the drastic market liquidation of last week, as it came late in the week, will affect the averages of the loan account this week as much as last. A strong bank statement is thus indicated.

The market closed weak and around the low point, at severe declines, the effect of the break in the Eries being aggravated by the slump in Canadian Pacific.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,792,000. United States 2s reg. declined ¼ per cent, the old 4s ¼ per cent and the new 4s ¼ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Adams Express	16,000	.....	.....	279
Amalgam. Copper	1,600	93¾	91½	91½
Am Car & Foundry	1,400	36¾	35¾	35¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	97½
Am Cotton Oil	.....	.....	.....	29
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	88
American Express	.....	.....	.....	200
Am Hd & Lt pf	.....	.....	.....	22
Am Ice Securities	700	78	77½	77½
Am Linseed Oil	300	14	13¾	13
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	27
Am Locomotive	500	64½	62¾	62
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	105
Am Smelt & Refin	64,900	125	118	118
do preferred	2,200	106¾	105½	105½
Am Sugar Refining	1,100	122	121	121
Am Tobacco pf	600	91	90½	90½
Anaconda Min Co	21,900	64¾	62¼	62¼
Atchison	50,200	92	91	91
Atlantic Coast Line	2,100	102	100	100
Baltimore & Ohio	6,400	99	96½	96½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	87½
Brook Rap Transit	5,300	54½	52½	52¾
Canadian Pacific	34,900	71¾	163	163¼
Central Leather	1,400	26¾	29½	29½
do preferred	500	95	94½	94
Cent of New Jersey	.....	.....	.....	170
Chesapeake & Ohio	200	41¼	39½	39¾
Chi Grt Western	300	13¾	13¾	13½
Chi & Northwest	2,600	149¾	142½	142½
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	15,000	133¾	129½	129½
Chi. Term & Trans	.....	.....	.....	5
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	14
C., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	70
Colo Fuel & Iron	7,400	36¾	34	34
Colo & Southern	1,600	27¾	26	26
do 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	61
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	48
Consolidated Gas	400	121	120	118½
Corn Products	800	19¼	19	19
do preferred	500	82¾	82	81¾
Delaw & Hudson	2,100	177½	173	173½
Del., Lack. & West	100	470	470	468
Den & Rio Grande	1,000	31½	30	30½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	73
Distillers' Securit	2,500	70½	68½	68½
Erie	56,500	28¾	24½	25¼
do 1st preferred	5,000	63½	59¾	60
do 2d preferred	8,700	45½	36	37¼
General Electric	500	146	144	144
Great Northern pf	8,900	140¾	138	137¾
Illinois Central	600	141	140	140
Int. Met	3,600	25	24	24
do preferred	1,200	59¾	58½	58¾
International Paper	.....	.....	.....	14
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	76½
International Pump	.....	.....	.....	28
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	78
Iowa Central	.....	.....	.....	19
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	33½
Kan City Southern	3,600	23¼	21½	21½
do preferred	700	53	51½	51½
Louis & Nashville	4,300	118½	114½	114¾
Mexican Central	6,700	20¾	19¾	20
Minn & St. Louis	.....	.....	.....	50
M., St. P. & S.S.M.	600	108	103	103
do preferred	600	134	130¾	130¾
Missouri Pacific	2,700	73¼	71¼	72½
Mo., Kan. & Texas	5,500	36¾	35	35
do preferred	300	65	64¾	64¾
National Lead	1,900	59	57¼	57¼
Mex Nat R R pf	100	50¾	50¾	50
N. Y. Central	7,400	118	116¾	116¾
N. Y. Ont. & West	2,000	38	36½	37¾
Norfolk & Western	.....	.....	.....	76
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	75
North American	700	74½	73	73
Northern Pacific	11,800	127	123¾	123½
Pacific Mail	200	26¾	25¾	25
Pennsylvania	33,200	122¾	120¾	120¾
People's Gas	200	88½	88½	88¾
Pitts. C. C. & S. L.	.....	.....	.....	69
Pressed Steel Car	1,000	35	34	33¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	91½
Pullman Pal Car	600	162	160	159
Reading	124,900	104¾	101½	101¾
do 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	82
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	80
Republic Steel	1,200	29½	25¾	25½
do preferred	2,400	84½	83	83
Rock Island Co	4,100	27¾	26¼	26¼
do preferred	200	46	46	45½
Schloss-Sheffield	500	53	52¼	52
St. L. & S. F. 2 pf	700	36	35¼	35
St. L. Southwest	500	21¾	20¾	20
do preferred	200	51	50½	50
Southern Pacific	30,900	81½	79¾	79¾
do preferred	200	115	114¾	114
Southern Railway	2,600	29¾	28¾	28¾
do preferred	2,300	73½	70¾	71
Tenn Coal & Iron	200	140	139½	139
Texas & Pacific	900	28½	28¼	29½
Tol., St. L. & West	.....	.....	.....	29¾
do preferred	600	51¾	50	49¾
Union Pacific	101,200	136½	132¾	133½
do preferred	400	87	87	86½
U. S. Express	.....	.....	.....	100
U. S. Realty	200	79¼	79	78½
U. S. Rubber	.....	.....	.....	46
do preferred	400	102½	101	100½
U. S. Steel	78,100	37	35¾	35¾
do preferred	12,500	100	98¾	98¾
Vir.-Caro. Chem	1,200	29	28	27¾
do preferred	200	104	102¾	102
Wabash	.....	.....	.....	138
do preferred	1,800	25½	25	25¼
Wells Fargo Exp	.....	.....	.....	222
Westinghouse Elect	.....	.....	.....	149
Western Union	200	80½	80	79½
Wheel & Lake Erie	.....	.....	.....	11¼
Wisconsin Central	.....	.....	.....	17¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	38

Total sales for the day, 916,300 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	104¾	D. & R. G. 4s	95
do coupon	105½	N. Y. C. G. 3½s	91¼
U. S. 3s reg.	103½	N. P. 3s	70
do coupon	103½	do 4s	109¼
U. S. new 4s reg.	130¼	S. P. 4s	87
do coupon	130¼	U. P. 4s	100¼
U. S. old 4s reg.	100¾	Wis. Cen. 4s	86¼
do coupon	101¾	Jap. 6s 2d series	99½
Atch. Adjust.	92	Jap. 4½s ctfs.	88¾

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Money on call, firm, 4½@4¾ per cent; ruling rate, 4½ per cent; closing bid, 4½ per cent; offered at 4½ per cent. Time loans, strong; 60 days, 6½ per cent; 90 days, 6@6½ per cent; six months, 6 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 6@6½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8355@4.8360 for demand and at $4.79 for 60-day bills. Posted rates, $4.80@4.80½ and $4.84½@4.85. Commercial bills, $4.78¾.

Bar silver, 66½c.

Mexican dollars, 51¾c.

Government and railroad bonds, irregular.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Silver bars, 66½c.

Mexican dollars, 51½c.

Drafts—Sight, 5c; telegraph, 10c.

Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4.79¾; sight, $4.84½.

LONDON, March 22.—Bar silver, steady, 30⅞d per ounce.

Money, 3½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 5@5⅛ per cent; do for three months' bills, 5@5 1-16 per cent.

RETAIL TRADE INCREASES

SETTLED WEATHER IN EAST HELPS BUSINESS.

Merchants Stocks Run Low and Orders on Jobbers Are Heavy. Iron in Demand.

NEW YORK, March 22.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Business has responded to the influence of settled Spring weather and the proximity of Easter has increased retail sales of dry goods, millinery and footwear. Many dealers had underestimated requirements and urgent demands are made upon jobbing houses.

Some of the leading tanners have remained out of the hide market so long that most varieties have begun to accumulate. Holdings of native hides are notably large and prices are correspondingly weak. Packer hides are relatively firmer. Reshipment of receipts indicates that the Hamburg market is much firmer than New York.

SPRING TRADE AT ITS HEIGHT.

Promises to Exceed Even Last Year's Big Business.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Spring trade is at its height and the turnover bids fair to exceed even last year's, the stimulus being furnished by more favorable weather, the approach of Easter and the visits of country merchants to the larger centers. Demand for finished lines in iron continue good, and San Francisco has figured to the extent of 1500 tons in the contracts placed for structural material.

Wool is quiet and less tendency to contract for new clips is shown by dealers. The strength of foreign markets is the sustaining feature at Boston. Little is doing in the West.

Domestic hides are quiet, tanners demanding concessions and are willing to see lower prices.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending March 21 number 157, against 186 last week and 170 in the like week of 1906. Canadian failures for the week number 32, as against 23 last week and 29 in this week a year ago.

Wheat and flour exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending March 21 aggregated 1,878,614 bushels, against 2,264,693 bushels last year. For the past 38 weeks of the fiscal year the exports are 127,885,479 bushels, against 101,445,904 in 1905-06.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Bradstreet's Bank Clearings Report for the week ending March 21 shows an aggregate of $3,855,741,000, as against $3,262,220,000 last week and $3,796,408,000 in the corresponding week last year. Canadian clearings for the week total $80,258,000, against $71,904,000 last week and $65,059,000 in the same week last year.

The following is a list of the cities:

		P.C. inc.	P.C. dec.
New York	$2,946,970,000	47.1	....
Chicago	240,986,000	20.7	....
Boston	188,844,000	23.5	....
Philadelphia	164,000,000	15.4	....
St. Louis	60,000,000	19.2	....
Pittsburg	54,418,000	8.4	....
San Francisco	40,386,000	....	1.2
Baltimore	30,015,000	25.6	....
Kansas City	31,116,000	37.0	....
Cincinnati	28,625,000	12.7	....
New Orleans	20,141,000	11.8	....
Minneapolis	19,289,000	11.6	....
Cleveland	19,580,000	42.8	....
Detroit	15,749,000	7.6	....
Louisville	14,055,000	9.5	....
Los Angeles	12,625,000	5.5	....
Omaha	12,016,000	22.5	....
Milwaukee	10,787,000	19.1	....
Seattle	10,184,000	....	6.1
St. Paul	8,976,000	36.3	....
Providence	8,595,000	17.6	....
Buffalo	8,846,000	21.1	....
Indianapolis	7,743,000	43.2	....
Denver	8,446,000	44.7	....
Fort Worth	7,552,000	24.6	....
Richmond	8,815,000	11.5	....
Albany	7,857,000	64.5	....
Washington	6,040,000	17.9	....
Salt Lake City	5,896,000	30.5	....
Portland, Or.	8,153,000	56.1	....
Columbus, O.	5,469,000	7.5	....
St. Joseph	5,073,000	13.9	....
Memphis	3,920,000	....	6.0
Savannah	3,589,000	2.5	....
Atlanta	5,947,000	21.3	....
Spokane, Wash.	5,331,000	38.7	....
Toledo, O.	4,401,000	27.9	....
Tacoma	4,620,000	33.8	....
Nashville	4,223,000	....	1.6
Rochester	3,839,000	....	.2
Hartford	4,222,000	46.8	....
Peoria	2,972,000	14.7	....
Des Moines	3,188,000	25.1	....
Norfolk	2,839,000	40.6	....
New Haven	2,538,000	27.1	....
Grand Rapids	2,612,000	22.4	....
Dayton	2,472,000	29.1	....
Portland, Me.	1,943,000	46.5	....
Sioux City	2,379,000	25.4	....
Springfield, Mass.	2,082,000	19.8	....
Evansville	1,843,000	40.9	....
Birmingham	2,283,000	58.3	....
Syracuse	2,117,000	33.1	....
Augusta, Ga.	1,186,000	25.7	....
Mobile	1,764,000	25.7	....
Knoxville	1,808,000	12.5	....
Wilmington, Del.	1,456,000	22.7	....
Charleston, S. C.	1,358,000	.9	....
Chattanooga	1,585,000	25.6	....
Jacksonville, Fla.	1,685,000	32.9	....
Wichita	1,300,000	36.2	....
Wilkesbarre	1,240,000	33.4	....
Davenport	1,106,000	.7	....
Little Rock	1,433,000	20.1	....
Wheeling, W. Va.	679,000	35.3	....
Fall River	1,220,000	64.0	....
Kalamazoo, Mich.	1,044,000	14.8	....
Topeka	620,000	....	29.7
Springfield, Ill.	933,000	25.0	....
Helena	733,000	1.3	....
Fort Wayne, Ind.	7,024,000	11.5	....
New Bedford	674,000	7.3	....
Lexington	710,000	7.5	....
Youngstown	1,618,000	24.0	....
Erie, Pa.	744,000	37.2	....
Macon	595,000	15.5	....
Akron	748,000	46.3	....
Rockford, Ill.	660,000	10.9	....
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	742,000	37.9	....
Bloomington, Ill.	465,000	....	16.3
Quincy, Ill.	552,000	61.8	....
Springfield, O.	447,000	31.4	....
Sioux Falls, S. D.	432,000	27.8	....
Mansfield, Ohio	390,000	30.4	....
Decatur, Ill.	461,000	28.1	....
Fremont, Neb.	325,000	48.4	....
Jacksonville, Ill.	226,000	....	6.6
Lincoln, Neb.	1,389,000	....	....
Oakland, Cal.	3,319,000	....	....
Houston	23,851,000	32.2	....
Galveston	13,640,000	23.4	....
CANADA.			
Montreal	64,397,000	30.9	....
Toronto	25,913,000	28.0	....
Winnipeg	9,934,000	42.3	....
Ottawa	3,091,000	27.2	....
Vancouver, B. C.	3,771,000	78.9	....
Halifax	1,953,000	2.4	....
Quebec	1,961,000	27.3	....
Hamilton	2,008,000	68.0	....
St. John, N. B.	1,177,000	27.3	....
London, Ont.	1,312,000	44.9	....
Victoria, B. C.	1,108,000	21.6	....
Calgary	1,258,000	....	....
Edmonton	521,000	....	....

TOO HOT FOR WHEAT

High Temperature in Oklahoma and Kansas.

MORE GREEN-BUG ADVICES

Two Are Responsible for Advance in Chicago Market—Active Covering by Shorts—Corn and Oats Are Weak.

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