TALK OF COMBINÉ

Growers' Suspicions Aroused by Inactivity of Woolbuyers.

DOWN ON THE MIDDLEMEN

Reasons Why the Eastern Merchants Will Not Pay the Prices Demanded by the Sheepraisers. Sales of Mohair.

Wool shearing has commenced in earnest in the Sand Hollow country, and if the weather continues warm, will soon be quite general in other parts of Eastern Oregon. general in other parts of Eastern Oregon.
Nothing in the way of new business has
yet been reported from the eastern counties.
Talk is again heard of a "combine" on the
part of buyers to depress prices. The Pendieton Tribune has interviewed a number
of sheepinen and they all seem to be of the
optnion that the buyers are united in a programme to get prices down to the lowest possible level. One of them is quoted as

"The 'speculators' are telling us about the low prices of wool. They are armed fully with words without argument or figfully with words without argument or figures to bear their prices. They will not
contract, as they say, on account of high
prices asked by growers, but will wait until
sales day and then hand it to us. The fact
is they have moved 'heaven and earth' to
break up this sales day for the last three
years, but as they have not been able to
do so, are holding off so this year about
buying until the balance of the buyers get
here, and something (hen will be 'doing.'
They (the 'speculators') tell us that they lost
money last year. The manufacturers don't
say thoy lost anything. We are not working
for the 'speculators.' We do not want the
manufacturers to lose money; we like to
see all prosper, but we want all there is in
the wool, as we have our money tied up in
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The Boston Commercial Bulletin, which has always inclined to the bull side, rather than the bear side of the market, points out clearly the reasons for the conservatism of the trade. The following extracts are taken from its latest lessie:

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On the whole, the statistical situation could not be stronger, yet it is not enough to give dealers confidence in the future or to lead to the hope of higher prices. The feeling in all branches of the market is very conservative. It is believed that the high level of values hos been touched, and that, while there is no immediate prospect of a material decline, any consideration of the future state of the market must take into account the possibilities of lower prices in the Fail or Winter.

Leading manufacturers have sufficient supplies to draw from to make them independent of the market for the next few months. This is the principal cause of present duliness and somewhat unsatisfactory views of the future of the demand. The condition of the goods market is not the best.

Tight money and high borrowing rates

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Tight money and high borrowing rates are restricting business. The outlook for easier financial conditions is uncertain, and dealers and munufacturers are forced to take this into consideration in all operations. Fariff agitation is also a possible disquirbance. There can be cited many reasons for conservatism, prominent among which are those above mentioned. Dealers have to weigh the opportunities for profitable husiness Manufacturers are considering the possibilities of running their mills so that some money may be made. Both are interested in the outcome of the annual struggle between the Eastern dealer and the Western grower. Shearing is reported to have begun in Nevasia and some other sections. Hoston buyers are slow in making a start Westward. It the present determination of Eastern merchants not to buy wool unless at a reasonable price holds, then growers will be obliged to keep their wool or accept lower prices than they received last year,

HOP MARKET IS STAGNANT.

ders Are Scarce and Much Below Seller Views.

hop market is unsatisfactory, both from a grower's and a dealers' standpoint. Orders are few and far between and those that are coming in are at prices far below

ACTIVITY IN THE MOHAIR MARKET.

held at Silverton yesterday. The purchaser was William Brown & Co., of Salem, who bid 29% cents. A small pooled lot was also sold at Sublimity.

Onions Sold at Top Price.

Washington points at \$4.50 per hundred but in spite of this fact jobbing prices on Front street have not been advanced, as farmers are steadily delivering their remnants and this supplies all local require-

There is a good demand for pointoes and the market has not been weakened by the liberal receipts from the East.

Another Creamery for Portland. his interest in the Oregon Creamery Com pany, is preparing to open a creamery of his own in the old Merchants National Bank building on First street. Workmen are tearing out the bank vault to make room for churns and other apparatus of the

Vegetables in Good Demand. Green produce was in fair supply yester-day and in good demand. A car of Los An-geles cabbage that had been long delayed on the road arrived. A car of bananas that was sent to Seattle by mistake also came in. A crate of strawberries was received from Plorin, the first from that section of California, and sold at 25 cents per pound.

Bank Clearings,
 Bank clearings of the leading cities of the Northwest yesterday were:
 Clearings
 Balances

 Portland
 \$1,509,571
 \$122,684

 Seattle
 1,885,322
 220,082

 Taxoma
 917,535
 36,767

 Spokane
 1,010,255
 94,596

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

MILLISTUFFS—Bran, city \$17, country
\$18 per ton; middlines, \$259.26; shorts, city
\$10.50, country \$20.50 per ton; U. S. Milla
dairy chop, \$15.50 per ton.

WHEAT—Club, 750; bluestem, 77c; Valley, 72c; red, 75c.

OATS—No. 1 white, \$20.50; gray, \$28.20.

FLOUR—Paisent, \$4.15; straights, \$2.60;
clears, \$3.50; Valley, \$3.05.3.75; graham
flour, \$3.7594.25; whole wheat flour, \$4.50; Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

flour, \$3.75@4.25; whole wheat flour, \$4@4.50.

RYE—\$1.55@1.50 per cwt.
BARLEY—Feed. \$22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23; rolled. \$23.50@24.50.

CERREAL FUODS—Rolled cars, cream, 90-peund sacks, \$7; lower grades, \$5.50@6.50; oatmeal, steel-sut, 46-pound sacks, \$8.50 re barrel; 9-pound sacks, \$4.25 per bale; oatmeal (ground), 46-pound sacks, \$7.50 per bale; split peas, per 10e pounds, \$4.25@4.80; pearl barrely, \$4@4.50 per 100 pounds; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, \$2.30 per bale.

CORN—Whole, \$20; cracked, \$28 per ton, HAY—Valley timothy, \$0, 1, \$15@15@ per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17@15; clover, \$0; cheat, \$9; grain hay, \$9@10.

Vegetables, Fruits, Efc. Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

DOMESTIC PRUITS—Strawberries, 25c per pound; apples, common, 15cg\$1.25 per box; choice, \$1.50g\$2; cranterries, \$10 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, fancy, \$4 \$5 bex; oranges, navels, \$2.50g\$3.50; grapsfruit, \$1.95.50; bananas, 45; 65c per pound.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; bests, \$1.25 per sac

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc. BUTTER-City creameries: Extra cream-ry, 30g0215c per point. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 27 16 93215c; store butter,

171/2c. BUTTER FAT-First grade cream, 31c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per round. pound.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream twins, 15½ 9
16c; Young America, 16½ 017c per pound.
FOULTRY — Average old hens, 15-016c; mixed chickens, 15-015c; ppring freers and brollers, 22½ 025c; old receters, 10-012c; dressed chickens, 18-017c; turkeys, 11-2, 13 015c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 15½ 020c; geese, live, per pound, 8c; ducks, 16-018c; pigeons, 51-015c; squabs, 82-05.
EGGS—19c per dozen.

The hop market is unanisfactory, both from a grower's and a dealers' estandpoint. Dreiers are fow and far hetwoen and those that are coming in are at prices red below that are coming in are at prices red below that are coming in are at prices red below and the bops they need now and in view of the large surplus on the Coast are not disposed to provide for future requiremental at prices now asked. There was a rumor current in the market that Lachmund & Piness had bought 50 bales from Tadrow's most of the dealers doubted that his tree work was paid. There has been some business in Washington intelly at low prices. The California market is mactive.

Work in the hop yards of Oregon is general and every effort seems to be made to grow a bigger crop than ever, notwithstanding the unsatisfactory prospect. Weather were fravorable in this state.

The latest reports from the English hop trade follow:

Wild. Neame & Co., London—There is practically an alteration in the state of our attentions of the city reports from the English hop trade follow:

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ACTIVITY IN THE MOHAIR MARKET.

Pool Sales at Silverton and Sublimity—

Prices Are Steady.

The mohair market has fully opened and supplies are now coming furward freely from the country. Most of the sales in the open market are made at 79 cents. The price was established at the first pool sale, but the Eastern market is still quiet and buyers say they find it hard to interest manue from their purchase. The latest advices from the East quarte domestic and foreign grades steadily held at the former range of values. The prevailing quotations at Boston follow: Domestic—Combing, 30832c; carding, choice, 136 20c; thus, 30830c; noile, 188 25c. Foreign—Turkey, extra, 52835c;

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Turkey, fair average, 446 48c; Cape, first, 418 40c; Cape, seconds, 40c 41c.

A pool sale of about 15,000 pounds was

Little Outside Participation in Stock Trading.

FUTURE IS TOO UNCERTAIN

Violent Fluctuations of the Day Due to Professional Manipulation. Relapse in Standard Oil

Prices.

NEW YORK, April 15 .- Today's rather vic ent and irregular fluctuations in prices did not alter the general conviction that the cur rent elock market is largely in the hands of professional operators, with the factors of doubt and uncertainty over the future of sufficient force to keep out any large public participation in the trading and to keep a tinge of heaviness in the tone of specualtive sentiment.

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The bear element among the professionals, evidently flushed with their success towards the latter part of last week, made a vigorous onslaught upon the opening market today. The subsequent trading showed the influence of this considerable extension of operations upon the short side, without the dislocing of any important new liquidation. There was a material recovery from the first break, but it was not until the needs of the uncovered bears had been substantially met that the dull and uncertain fluctuations were renewed. The record weekly expansion of bank leans, shown by the bank statement, came in for its share of discussion and was compared with the extended condition of credits for the country at large, shown by the reports to the Con-

share of discussion and was compared with the extended condition of credits for the country at large, shown by the reports to the Controller of the Currency. Today foreign exchange reacted sharply, although call money continued easy.

London looks for a further reduction in the Bank of England discount rate. The discount rate has hardened in Paris, however, and the sterling exchange rate in Paris has failen 3 centimes since Friday, indicating a strong current of remittances from London to Paris. In the time money market there is a stiff-coing of rates for the longer maturities, although the market is soft for the shorter manurities. The opinion is heard from some banking quarters that the present discrepancies in the money market of great case for call loans and sustained firmness for other forms of loans is due to some desire upon the part of lenders to keep alundant funds on hand and immediately available, in order to be prepared for possible contingencies.

The reports of deterioration in condition of the wheat crop and of a spread of the ravages of the green bug made their respectance in the stock market during the day and contributed to a late reaction. A suddon relapse in the price of Standard Oil Company in the ourb market was a sentimental influence towards helping to depress stocks. This downward drift carried prices almost as low as the preceding break, but there was some recovery again before the irregular closing.

\$1,510,000. United States bonds were un

CLOSING ST	OCK Q	UOTAT	TONS.	
	War.	High.	Low.	Bid.
Adams Express Amalgam Copper Am Car & Foundry	63,800	9236	89	280
Am Car & Foundry	1,200	365	145295	09900
Am Cotton Oil	600	3055	9754 30 %	97-
American Extrem	2::::	27351	10000	200
with Ice Socurities.	200	81	79	21 79
ATH LATERCON CHIL	*****	****		13
Am Locomotive do preferred	2,960	62%	60%	80 60 106
Am Smelt & Refin	80,500	12915	12314	125
		3:200344	122	106
Am Tobacco pf Anaconda Min Co	200	\$1996 19174	96% 59	91 50
2555 HARDEN	42.100	1401.96	9236	92
do preferred. Atlantic Coast Line Baltimore & Ohio.	400	95 ¼ 162	95%	101
do preferred Brook Rap Transit	10,000		9615	96 80
Canadian Pacific Central Leather	13,900	58% 174%	178	173
	200	2834	2834 9734	28 97
	200	11/0	190	190
Chesapeake & Ohio Chi Great Western	1,000	41%	40% 13% 148%	13
Chi Great Western Chi & Northwest. Chi., Mil. & St. P. C., C., C. & St. L. Colo Fuel & Iron Colo & Southern do 1st preferred do 2d preferred	21,100	131446	148%	182
Colo Fuel & Iron	5,200 200	35	3414	70
Colo & Southern	200	2634	26	24 26
do 2d preferred Consolidated Gas	3,400	7.77	*****	59 47
Corn Products	200	134%	19%	191
Delaw & Hudson	2,500	Section.	*****	78
Delaw & Hudson Del., Lack & West Den & Rio Grande do preferred	2,000		185	184
do preferred	300 100	75 14	28% 75%	28 72
Distillers' Securit		200.00	6815 2214	68 23
do let preferred	2,100 700	5315 BT 54	2019k	53
do let preferred. do 2d preferred. General Electric. Great Northern pf Hilingir Centrel	7,500		14614	145
Illinois Central Int. Met.	*****	*****	120%	144
do proferred	400 900	5914	25. 5914	25 59
International Papar do preferred.	300	141/2	1414	14
International Pump do preferred				73 28
do restaurad	300	18%	18	78 18
do preferred. Kan Ulty Southern do preferred. Louis & Nashville	******		*****	35
Louis & Nashville	300 600	116%	116	59 115
Mexican Central	1,100	22%	21%	22
Minn & St. Louis., M., St. P. & S.S.M. do preferred. Missouri Pacific. Mo., Kan. & Texas	*****	F1000	+++++	104
Missouri Pacific	7,100	75	72%	184
do preferred		36 66	415 T.Z.	34 65
Mex Nat R R pf.	6,000	60%	87%	58
Mex Nat R R pf. N. Y. Central N. Y. Ont. & West	5,700	1174	116	116
Norfolk & Western do preferred	3,400	76	74	74
North American	1.500	73	71%	77
Northern Pacific.		130 25 % 124 %	1261	126
		1249	1112%	123
Propie's Gas. Pits. C. C. & S. L. Pressed Steel Car	1,300	3514		70
do preferred		3314	3434	93 167
Pullman Pal Car., Reading	3.66 200	108%	10314	167
do let preferred. do let preferred. Republic Steel		*****	0.000	85 82
Republic Steel	3,600 1,500	2814	2774	28
do preferred Rock Island Cl	5,100	2114	20%	83
do preferred	*****		48%	48
Schloss Sheffield St. L. & S. F. 2 pt	400	8214 8514	5314 3414	500 500
do professor	700	211/2	20%	84 27
Southern Pacific, do preferred	61,600	8216	79%	52 50
Bouthern Rallway	2000	2134	20%	216
do preferred Tenn Coal & Iron	700	04 19	63	141
Tol. St. L. & West	400	28 2914	27%	27 28
do preferred Union Pacific	. 500	- 64	28% 58	50 182
do preferred	117,700	138	132%	182
U. S. Express U. S. Renity U. S. Rubber	200	7214 43	72	100
do preferred	200	10014	103	41
U. S. Steel	64,300	77	35%	30
VirgCaro Chem.	300	9014 2514	28	27
do preferred Wabash	300	40.500	1416	104

BONDS.

88%; do for account, 86%.

or account, 88%.

12% Nor. & West. 18
95.57 do ptd. 88
99 Ont. & West. 384
100 Pennsylvania 23%
175 fixed Mines 05%
141 Reading 53%
14 Southern RF. 21

Money, Exchange, Etc. Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

Sterling exchange casy, with actual business in bankers bills at \$4.8540 \$4.8545 for demand and at \$4.8245 \$4.8255 for 60-day bills. Posted rates, \$4.834 and \$4.86%.

Commercial bills, \$4.82\$4.82%.

Har silver, 66c,

Mexican dollars, 50%c,
Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, heavy.

heavy.

Money on call, easy, 2@2½ per cent; ruling rate, closing bid and offered at 2 per cent. Time loans, dull and irregular, 60 days, 3% per cent; 90 days, 4½ per cent; six months, 5 per cent.

LONDON, April 15 .- Bar silver steady 30%d per ounce.
Money, 2% per cent.
The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3% per cent; do three months' bills, 363% per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.-Silver bars Mexican dollars, 51c.
Drafts, sight, par; do telegraph, 25c.
Sterling on London, 60 days, \$4.82%; do
sight, \$4.85%.

Daily Treasury States WASHINGTON, April 15.-Today's statenent of the treasury balances in the general

PORTLAND STOCK EXCHANGE.

Private Sale of Home Telephone at 35-Dro

Private Sale of Home Telephone at 35—Drop in Mammoth.

Five shares of Home Telephone were reported cold at private sale at 25, unchanged from the tast sale. A blocked shares of Mammoth sold on the exchange at 160 shares of Mammoth sold on the exchange at 16, against 12%, the last price path. List 16, against 12%, the last price path at 16, against 10% and the transactions at 15. J. C. Lee Company was 18, with no sales.

Official prices were as follows:

Bank Stocks—Bank of California ... 350
Bankers & Lumbermen's ... 103
Merchant's National ... 1114
Oregon Trust & Savings ... 156
Fortland Trust Company ... 129
United States National ... 200

LISTED SECURITIES.

Bonds- 200 Bonds—
American Hiscuit Co. 6s. 98½
City & Suburban 4s.
Home Telephone 5s.
O. R. & N. Ry. 4s. 98
O. W. P. & Ry. 5s. 109
Pacific Coast Biscuit 6s. 97
Portland Hailway 5s.
J. C. Lee Company 5s.
Miscellaneous Stocks—
Associated Oil 43
Home Telephone 33
J. C. Lee Company
Pacific States Telephone
Puget Sound Telephone
Mining Stocks—
Mining Stocks— 25 UNLISTED 'STOCKS. Taquina Bay Telephone.
Oregon City Mill & Lumber
Alaska Petroleum
British Columbia Amal
Cascadia
Manimoth
Morning
Uneson Securities 10 % 06 01 11 14

Oregon Securities
Standard Consolidated
Facoma Steel
Cosur d'Alene District—
Smillon

SALES.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, April 15.—Closing quotations:
Adventure \$ 3.50 | Parrot \$ 20.50
Allouez 49.00 | Quincy 116.00
Amaigamaid 90.25 | Shannon 17.00
Atlantic 12.00 | Tamarack 106.00
Bingham 17.00 | Trinity 20.00
Cal. & Hecla 810.00 | United Cop. 61.67 %
Cop. Bange. 78.50 | U. S. Mining 52.75
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Daly West 16.00 | Utah 60.12 %
Franklin 16.00 | Victoria 7.377%
Granby 130.00 | Umah 60.12 %
Granby 130.00 | Winona 8.00
Bile Hoyale 17.00 | Winona 8.00
Mass Mining 5.67 % Novada 18.37 %
Mohawk 75.50 | Novada 13.37 %
Mont. C. & C. 2.50 | Cal. & Ariz 155.00
O. Dominion 52.25 | Oscoola ... 132.00

Metal Markets.

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NEW YORK, April 15.—There was a decline of 10% 15% in the London tin market with spot closing at f184 5s and futures at f182 10s. Locally the market was dull and about 10 points lower on the average with spot quoted at 40.20% 40.35c.

Copper was lower in the London market with spot quoted at 104 5s and futures at 194 10s. Locally the market continues dull and practically nominal. Some of the large producers still claim that there is no copper for sale at the lower prices quoted, but it is reported that at least two large handlers are willing to meet the decline. Lake is quoted at 24%25c; electrolytic, 23.50% 24.50c; casting, 22.50% 23c.

Lead was 2s id higher in the English market at 119 17s 6d. Locally the market was dull and unchanged at 6% 10c.

Spelter was unchanged at 125 15s in London, but was a trifle lower at 6.70% 6.80c 10-cally.

Iron was higher in the English market.

Grain and Produce at New York.

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Spic. (Spic. Locally the market with spot quoted at 155.—Flour—Receipts, 72.000 barrels; exports, 4500 barre

cally.

Iron was higher in the English market.
Standard foundry quoted 53a 7d and cleve-land warrants at 54s 7 hd. Locally the mar-ket was unchanged.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and \$1.22% @1.27%.
Oats—Red. Prices Current Local, on Hogs.

The following prices were quoted in the local market yesterday:
CATTLE—Best steers, \$4.75@4.90; medium, \$4.25@4.50; cows, \$3.50@3.85; fair to medium cows, \$5@3.25; bulls, \$1.50@2; medium cows, \$3.93.25; bulls, \$1.50@2; calves, \$4.50@5. SHEEP—Best, \$4.25@0.50. HOGS—Best, \$7.25@7.50; lightweights, \$7.97.25; stockers and feeders, \$0.75@7.25.

Eastern Livestock Prices Eastern Livestock Prices.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Cattle—Receipta 32.—000; steady to 10e lower. Beaves, \$4.20\$ 6.65; good to prime steers, \$4.35\$ 6.65; poor to medium, \$4.20\$ 5.20 5.20; stockers and feeders, \$2.20\$ 5.10; cows, \$1.75\$ 4.80; helfers, \$2.70\$ 6.530; calves, \$5.97.

Hogs—Beceipta today, 48.000; 10e lower, Mixed, \$6.45\$ 6.70; good to choice heavy, \$6.35\$ 6.67\$; heavy, \$6.35\$ 6.60\$ 6.61\$; rough heavy, \$6.35\$ 6.60\$ 6.61\$; rough heavy, \$6.35\$ 6.60\$ 6.65.

Sheep—Receipts, 22.000; steady to shade lower. Natives, \$4.40\$ 6.30; Western sheep, \$4.40\$ 6.20; roarlings, \$6.75\$ 7.50; flative lambs, \$6.50\$ 8.35; Western lambs, \$6.50\$

SOUTH OMAHA, April 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 5500; market, steady to easier. Native steers, \$4@5; cows and heifers, \$2.75@4.55; western steers, \$3.25.95.20; calves, \$4@5.50; bulls, stags, etc., \$3.64.56.
Hogs—Receipts, 6506; market, 5@10c lower. Heavy choice, \$4.40@6.42%; mixed, \$6.35@6.40; light, \$5.35@6.42%; pics, \$5.35@6.42%; bulk of sales, \$6.35@6.42%; pics, \$5.35@6.25; bulk of sales, \$6.35@6.40; market, 10@25c higher. Learlings, \$6.50@3.40; wethers, \$6@6.55; ewes, \$5@6.15; lambs, \$7.50@8.50.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 9000; market, steady to 10c lower. Native steers, \$4.00,640; native cows and helfers, \$2.75,95.25; stockers and feeders, \$7.595.25; stockers and feeders, \$1.75,95.25; do. cows. \$3.94.50.
Hogs—Receipts, 9000; market, 58715c lower. Bulk and packers, \$6.45,96.27 %; heavy, \$6.45,96.25; pags and lights, \$5.009, 0.55. 0.55.
Sheep Receipts, 8000; strong. Muttons, \$3.25@6.25; lambs, \$4.75@5; range wethers, \$5.25@7; fed ewes, \$5.50

New York Cotton Market, NEW YORK, April 15.—Cotton futures closed steady, unchanged to 4 points not higher. April 2.54c; May, 9,08c; June, 9,63c; July, 8,72c; August 2,75c; September, 8,79c; October 18,02c; November, 10,04c; December, 10,11c; January, 10,28c; February, 10.21c.

Wheat Gets a Fine Start in European Countries.

CHICAGO MARKET IS WEAK

Free Selling by Longs Has a Depressing Effect on Prices. Weekly Movement Is Very Heavy.

crop report of the Department of Agricul-ture, covering conditions abroad up to April ture, covering conditions abroad up to April 1, says the heavy snow which fell last Winter over the greater part of Europe has, excepting in parts of Russia and the Balkan States, almost everywhere disappeared. That the protection afforded to Winter cereals has been generally efficacious is being demonstrated by the vigor with which the plants in most countries seem to be responding to the quickening influences of Spring.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET WEAKER. Free Selling by Longs Has a Depress

Effect.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Free selling by longs caused an easy wheat market here today. Sentiment in the pit was bearish all day with the exception of a brief period during the first hour. The market opened weak because of private reports of scattered showers in portions of the Winter wheat built in addition, receipts in the Northwest were liberal and the world's shipments for the week were larger than had been expected. The reports of rain, however, were not confirmed by the Weather Bureau, which announced no rain in Kansas or Nebraska and none in prospect. This caused an active demand by commission houses and shorts which brought about a sharp raily but the advance was only temporary. Longs were encouraged by large primary receipts and continued to sell freely. The close was easy. May wheat opened &c to %c lower at 75½c.

Trading was quiet in the corn pit and in sympathy with wheat. The market closed easy May corn opened a shad; to % to well lower at 47½c to 47%c, sold up to 48e and then declined to 47%c. The close was at 18½c.

Transactions in May oats were very small. The close was strady. May opened inchanged at 44c, sold between 43½c and then declined to 47%c. The close was at 18½c.

The feature of the provisions market was the selling of pork, which has caused by a decline in hog prices. Lard and ribs were a shade lower.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

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W	HEAT.		100
May \$ 78% July .80% September 82% December 84%	\$.70% .81% .83%	Low. \$.78% .80% .82% .83%	Close. \$.78%; .81%; .82%; .54%;
May 47% July 47% September 48%	47%	.4716 .4759 .48	.47% .47% .48%
	ATS.		
May	.40% .40%	.43% .40% .36	.4376 .40% .85%
MES	S PORK.		100
May	16.1716	15.85	16,00 16,05
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May 8.60 July 8.77% September 8.65	8.65 8.7714 8.90	8.60 8.75 8.65	8.65 8.774 8.90
SHOT	RT RIBS.		
May 8.47½ July 8.70 September 8.77½	8.50 8.70 8.77%	8.45 8.6216 8.7216	8.50 8.67% S.75
Cash quotations w Flour-Steady. Wheat-No. 2 Spr 834c; No. 2 red. 77 Corn-No. 2, 464c Oats-No. 2, 435c	ere no fo ring, 51@ %@78%c.	S5c; No.	8, 75 @ 47c.

o. 2. 67c, Fair to choice malting, 69672c, ed-No. 1, \$1.21½; No. 1 Northwest-Barley—Fair to choice mailting, 60%T2c. Flaxmed—No. 1, \$1.11\frac{1}{2}; No. 1 Northy ern, \$1.15\frac{1}{2}.

Timothy seed—Prime, \$4.25.
Clover—Contract grades, \$14.50.
Short ribs—Sides (lowe), \$8.30\squares, \$4.00.
Mess pork—Per harrel, \$15.12\squares, \$16.25\squares, \$16.25\squares, \$16.25\squares, \$16.25\squares, \$16.25\squares, \$16.25\squares, \$16.25\squares, \$1.20.
Whisky—Basis of high wines, \$1.20.

Grain at San Francisco SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Wheat, quiet: barley, strong, Spot quotations.—
Wheat.—Shipping, \$1.36@1.35; milling,

Feed, \$1.20@1.224; brewing, Oats—Red. \$1.30@1.75; white, \$1.00@ 1.65; black, \$1.85@2.25. Call board sales— Wheat—May, \$1.31 bid; December, \$1.59 \$1.30@1.75; white, \$1.00@

bid. Barley—May, \$1.22; December, \$1.21. Corn—Large, yellow, \$1.35@1.40.

Visible Supply of Grain. NEW YORK, April 15,-The visible supply of grain Saturday, April 13, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, was as fol

Minneapolls Wheat Market, MINNEAPOLIS, April 15,-Wheat-May, 80%c; July, 82%c; No. 1 hard, 84%c; No. 1 Northern, 836884c; No. 2 Northern, 8046 804c; No. 3 Northern, 79680c.

Wheat at Tacoma. TACOMA, April 15.—Wheat, unchanged. Binestem, 78@77c; club, 74@75c; red, 72 @73c.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO. Markets. SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market yesterday:

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SAN DIEGO'S CLIMATE. Four times in the history of San Diego has the tem-perature touched \$2 degrees, but has never fallen lower. The temperature of San Diego has exceeded \$3 degrees but nineteen times in thirty-two years.

CHICAGO, April 15.—On the Produce Ex-change today the butter market was firm. Creamerles. 22@29%c; dairies. 20@27c. Eggs. steady; at mark, cases included, 16c; firsts, 16%c; extras steady, 17%c, Cheese, steady, 12%@15c,

NEW YORK, April 15 .- Butter-Western Imitation creamery entrus, 26 27c; firsts, 23@24c. Eggs-weak. Westernrsts, 17@18c; seconds, 16@16%c. Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Evaporated ap-ples—Fancy, 8c; choice, 7c; prime, 6% @ 6%c; poor to fair, 5% 6c. Prunes—California, 3% @18c; Oregon, 5% Apricots-Choice, 17% @18c; extra choice, 184 @ 19c; fancy, 19 @ 20c.
Peaches—Choice, 11 @ 11 ½ c; extra choice, 12 @ 15c; fancy, 12 ½ @ 15c; extra fancy, 13

Raisins—Loose muscatels, 8% @10c; seeded raisins, 7% @11c; London layers, \$1.50@1.60.

Coffee and Sugar. NEW YORK, April 15.—Coffee futures closed steady, net unchanged to 10 points higher. Sales, 30,000 bags, including: May, 5.70g 5.75c; September, 5.50c; October, 5.450g.50c; December, 5.60c and March 5.60c. Spot coffee, quiet. Rio, No. 7, 6%c; Santos, No. 4, 7%c, Mild coffee, dull; Cordova, 9@12%c. Sugar—Raw, firm. Fair refining, 3.23c; centrifugal, 95 test, 3.73c; molasses sugar, lote; refined, steady. Crushed, 5.55c; pow-lered, 4.90c; granulated, 4.80c.

Wool at St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, April 15.—Wool—Steady, Medium grades, combing and clothing, 229 28c; light fine, 20032c; heavy fine, 15017c; tub-washed, 29037c.

Elgin Butter Market. BLGIN, III., April 15.—Butter—Firm and inchanged at 30 cents. Output for the week,

461,000 pounds. Hops at London. LIVERPOOL, April 15.—Hops in London, acide Coust, quiet, #2 10s@#3 1s.

NEGRO TAKEN BY FIENDS

Attempted Lynching Is Frustrated in Louisiana Town. NEW ORLEANS. April 15.—While a score of white men were taking a negro, charged with assaulting a white woman,

from fail at Bunkle, La., last night, with the intention of lynching him, they say they were fired upon by a crowd of negroes, who had hidden near the fail. John Dorman was dangerously wounded in the abdomen, and two other men were wounded.

After the shooting the negroes got away, they say, carrying the prisoner with them. A posse is in search of the

Later dispatches from Bunkle deny that the mob of whites was fired on. It is now the general belief that when the negro prisoner got away from the would-be lynchers shots were fired and mem-bers of the lynching party wounded each

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