WHEAT UP A CENT

Much Firmer Feeling in the Local Market.

BUT TRADE STILL LIGHT

Farmers Not Disposed to Sell, Either on a Decline or an Advance. Interior Stocks Are in Strong Hands.

There is a distinctly firmer feeling prevailing in the wheat market. Local buyers yesterday advanced their prices one cent all around, quoting bluestem at 84 cents and club at 82 cents on track here. Some business at these prices was reported, but the volume of trade was light. The European demand is still backward and until the inquiry improves, buying will not be general in the Pacific Northwest. The long period of inactivity and declining prices has not had a weakening effect on growers and at no time were offerings freely made. Even the near approach of the date for tax collecting has failed to put wheat on the market, as has been the case in previous seasons, and it is evident that what wheat remains in the country is in strong hands.

The foreign markets were in steady trim yesterday, but prices at Chicago made a clean jump of nearly 3½ cents over the opening quotations, and this is likely to be reflected in higher prices at Liverpool today. As the situation is viewed by local traders, the steady decrease in Argentine shipments, expected from now on, can only have a bullish effect on values, which will be further strengthened by the falling off in exports from the United States and Canada. What the gain in prices will be, when the upward movement once sets in in earnest, is a question. The statistical position of the market is exceedingly strong, but the fact must be borne in mind that prices are already at a very high level.

HOP TRADE OF SMALL PROPORTIONS.

A Little Business Doing on Foreign Account—London Trade Reports.

A few lots of hops are changing hands every day, but the market is by no means active. Orders from the East are scarce and most of the business being done is on export account. Oscar Weidner & Co. have bought the Strus lot of 42 bales at Butteville at 3¼ cents. T. A. Riggs, of Monmouth, has secured the following lots in the Independence section for London: Alva Craven, 160 bales; Sloper Bros., 182 bales; D. N. Taylor, 407 bales; W. H. Murphy, 61 bales, and John Cooper, 65 bales.

The latest circulars of the English hop trade follow:

Wild, Neame & Co., London—Since our last report there has been a fair business doing in the best descriptions on offer at current rates. Other grades continue to be neglected.

W. H. & H. Le May, London—The inquiry continues for all classes of copper hops, and several lots have changed hands during the week, the low prices now ruling for such warranting buyers fully covering all their requirements.

Manger & Henley, London—There is a steady demand for all sound, useful grades, which are now getting into a much smaller compass. Prices remain steady.

J. H. Meredith & Co., Worcester—Business continues on very moderate lines, sales being almost confined to the useful medium qualities, which change hands at about recent prices. Inferior samples find little favor with consumers, and holders are not anxious to press sales, as the rates obtainable barely cover picking, curing and market expenses.

WESTERN WOOL IN EASTERN MARTS

Boston Reports Very Little Doing in Oregons—Some Sales of Idaho Wool.

Mail advices from Boston are of very small transactions in Oregon wools, aside from a fair movement in low valley on the scoured basis of 40 cents. Quotations are 22@23c for No. 1, 25@26c for No. 2 and 21@22c for No. 3. The small offerings of fine staple Eastern are not attracting the attention of consumers. No. 1 is quoted at 22@23c.

The purchases of territory wools in Boston have been swelled by the operations of one large consumer, involving between 300,000 and 400,000 pounds of Idaho wool, understood to be at 20c, the scoured cost being estimated at 56@57c. Aside from this feature the market has been quiet, with sales confined to moderate parcels of about all grades, low grades figuring perhaps more conspicuously in the transactions than formerly. About 125,000 pounds half-blood and three-eighths have changed hands on the scoured basis of about 60c for the former and 55c for the latter. The producers of the best class of woolens have been buying fine wools of the better order on the basis of 60@62c, and fine medium at a cost of 55@57c. It is reported that 300,000 pounds of Wyoming fine medium have been transferred, the terms being private. Montana clothing wools are held at 21@22c and selling for about a cent less. Sales of average quality low territory have been made at 45@48c, clean.

STEADY MARKET FOR OREGON ONIONS

Fresh Produce of All Kinds Is in Strong Demand.

The placing of a shipment of new Japanese onions on the Puget Sound markets has had no effect on onion prices here. With firmer advices from California, the local market is in a very steady position. The sale of a few cars at $2.25 was reported yesterday. While some of the growers are showing a willingness to unload their stocks, the others are holding firmly.

The potato market is quiet and steady.

There was a good demand for fresh produce of all kinds yesterday. Two cars of oranges and one car of sweet potatoes made up the heavy receipts. A small shipment of Mexican tomatoes was received and they were quoted at $3.50 per crate.

SUPPLY OF POULTRY IS INADEQUATE

Higher Prices Obtained on Light Receipts. Butter Steady.

The unusually light arrivals of poultry and a first-class inquiry, especially for chickens, have again put prices up. Fat hens readily sold at 14 cents yesterday and a good premium was paid for small springs. Ducks were also in demand and were very scarce.

The egg market was weak and prices were reported to be steadily sagging. Stocks on Front street, however, are not excessive, but jobbers give them no chance to accumulate.

The butter market is steady to firm, as the daily receipts clean up promptly.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,066,681	$109,086
Seattle	937,196	71,087
Tacoma	634,224	27,028
Spokane	659,983	66,734

Feed Advances $2 a Ton.

TACOMA, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Notice of an advance of $2 a ton in the price of mill feed was sent out to the trade today by the Puget Sound Flouring Mills Company. This company now quotes feed in straight or mixed carloads f. o. b. at Northern Pacific or Great Northern stations as follows: Bran, $25.50; bran and shorts mixed, $26.50; shorts, $27.50, and middlings, $30.

There is a strong demand for mill feed from San Francisco, it is said, and prices there have taken a big advance. This market has gone up in sympathy with the California market.

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Club, 82c; bluestem, 84c; Valley, 82c; red, 80c.

BARLEY—Feed, $26 per ton; rolled, $22@30 per ton.

FLOUR—Patent, $4.80; straight, $4.00; clears, $4; Valley, $4.45; graham flour, $4.45@5; whole wheat flour, $4.75@5.25; rye flour, $5.50.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $24.50; country, $23.50 per ton; middlings, $30; shorts, city, $26; country, 27 per ton; chop, $20@25 per ton.

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

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, per barrel, $7; lower grades, $5.50@6.50; oatmeal, steel-cut, 45-pound sacks, $8 per barrel; 9-lb. sacks, $4.25 per bale; split peas, per 100 pounds, $4.25@4.80; pearl barley, $4.50@5 per 100 pounds; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.75 per bale; flaked wheat, $2.75 per case.

CORN—Whole, $32.50; cracked, $33.50.

HAY—Valley timothy, No. 1, $17@18 ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $20@21; clover, $14@15; cheat, $15; grain hay, $14@15; alfalfa, $12@13; vetch, $14.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, $1@3 per box, according to quality; cranberries, $8@11 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $3.00@3.50 per box; oranges, navels, $1.75@2.50; Japanese oranges, 50@55c box; grapefruit, $3.50; bananas, 5@5½c per lb., crated, 5¼c; pineapples, $4@5 per dozen; tangerines, $1.50 per box.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, $1.00 per sack; garlic, 8c per pound.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 90c@$1.00 per dozen; beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 1@1¼c per pound; cauliflower, $1.85; celery, $4.25@4.75 per crate; eggplant, 17½c per pound; lettuce, hothouse, parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 17½c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1¼c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 7c per pound; sprouts, 8@10c per pound; squash, 1@1¼c per pound; tomatoes, crates (6 baskets), $3@5.50; Mexican, crates, $3.50.

ONIONS—Buying price, $2.25 per hundred.

POTATOES—Buying price, 40@50c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, $3.50@3.75 per hundred.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 10c per pound; peaches, 11@12½c; prunes, Italian, 5@6½c; prunes, French, 3@5c; currants, unwashed, cases, 9¼c; currants, washed, cases, 10c; figs, white, fancy, 50-pound boxes, 6¼c.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 37½c per pound; state creameries, fancy creamery, 32@37½c store butter, choice, 16@17c.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream twins, 15c; Young America, 16@16½c per pound.

POULTRY—Average old hens, 14c; mixed chickens, 13@13½c; Spring chickens, 15@16c; turkeys, live, 14@15c; dressed, choice, 16@17c; geese, live, per pound, 9@10c; ducks, 15@16c; pigeons, 75c@$1; squabs, $1.50@2.

EGGS—Fresh ranch, 18@18½c per dozen.

VEAL—75 to 125 pounds, 9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6½c.

PORK—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 7@7½c; packers, 5@6½c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Light arrivals of livestock keep prices very strong in the local market. Yesterday's receipts were only 100 cattle.

The following quotations were current in the local market:

CATTLE—Best steers, $4.20@4.50; medium, $3.50@4; cows, $3.25@3.50; fair to medium cows, $2.75@3.25; bulls, $2@2.75; calves, $3.75@4.50.

SHEEP—Good, $5.50@6.00; lambs, $5.75@6.50.

HOGS—Best, $5.25@5.50; lights and feeders, $5@5.25.

Eastern Livestock Prices.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, about 7000; market, steady. Beeves, $3.90@6; cows and heifers, $1.80@4.90; Texans, $3.75@4.75; calves, $5.25@7.25; Westerns, $4@4.75; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.90.

Hogs—Receipts, about 6000; market, steady. Light, $4.15@4.40; mixed, $4.15@4.45; heavy, $4.15@4.45; rough, $4.15@4.25; pigs, $3.65@4.20; bulk of sales, $4.35@4.40.

Sheep—Receipts, about 12,000; market, weak. Natives, $3.25@5.50; Westerns, $3.30@5.50; yearlings, $5@6.25; lambs, $5@6.75; Westerns, $5@6.90.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 7000, including 500 Southerns; market, steady. Native steers, $4.50@5.75; native cows and heifers, $3.25@5.25; stockers and feeders, $3.40@4.90; bulls, $3.25@4.50; calves, $3.50@6.50; Western steers, $4.25@5.50; Western cows, $3.25@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; market, 5c lower. Bulk of sales, $4.10@4.30; heavy, $3.20@5.25; packers, $4.10@4.30; pigs and lights, $3.70@4.20.

Sheep—Receipts, 4000; market, steady. Muttons, $4.46@5.40; lambs, $6.25@6.65; range wethers, $5@6.10; fed ewes, $4.40@4.90.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 4300; market, slow, 5@10c lower. Native steers, $4@5.60; native cows and heifers, $3.75@4.85; Western steers, $3.25@4.90; Texas steers, $3@4.10; canners, $2.25@3; stockers and feeders, $2.80@4.80; calves, $3@5.50; bulls and stags, $2.75@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,800; market, steady; lambs, easier. Yearlings, $5.25@6; wethers, $5@5.55; ewes, $4.50@5; lambs, $6.25@6.75.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The London tin market was slightly lower with spot quoted at £128 10s and futures at £128 2s 6d. Locally the market was easy with quotations ranging from 28.62½@28.70c.

Copper was higher in London with spot closing at £58 5s and futures at £58 15s. Locally the market was reported dull with lake quoted at 12.62½@12.87½c; electrolytic, 12.50@12.75c, and casting at 12.37½@12.62½c.

Lead was lower at £13 15s in London. The local market was dull at 3.70@3.75c.

Spelter declined to £21 5s in London, but remained dull and unchanged at 4.70@4.75c in the local market.

The English iron market was unchanged to a little lower with standard foundry quoted at 49s and Cleveland warrants at 50s 1½d. Locally the market was reported unchanged.

Dried Fruits at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The better grade of evaporated apples are steadily held, but very little business is reported. Fancy are quoted at 10½@11c; choice, 9¼c; prime, 7⅞@8¼c; Canadian prime, 7½c, and common to fair, 7@7¼c.

There is said to be a better inquiry for prunes. Quotations are from 4½@15c for California fruit, and 3½@10c for Oregons.

Apricots are unchanged with choice at 20@21c; extra choice, 22@23c; fancy, 24@25c.

Although some of the cheap lots of peaches have been cleaned up, there is still a little selling pressure with choice quoted at 10@10¾c; extra choice, 11@11½c; fancy, 11¾@12c; extra fancy, 13@14c.

Raisins are quiet and show little improvement so far as the spot situation is concerned. Loose muscatels are quoted at 5½@7c; seeded raisins, 5¾@8½c; London layers, $1.65@1.75.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 1.50	Quincy	82.00
Allouez	27.50	Shannon	10.75
Amalgamated	50.75	Tamarack	65.00
Atlantic	10.75	Trinity	15.00
Bingham	12.00	United Cop.	5.75
Cal & Hecla	625.00	U. S. Mining	32.00
Centennial	23.00	U. S. Oil	9.75
Cop Range	60.50	Utah	38.50
Daly West	8.50	Victoria	4.00
Franklin	8.50	Winona	5.50
Granby	83.00	Wolverine	120.00
Isle Royale	21.50	North Butte	55.75
Mass Mining	2.75	Butte Coal	20.25
Michigan	7.50	Nevada	9.25
Mohawk	50.00	Cal & Ariz.	99.00
Old Dominion	36.50	Ariz Com.	118.75
Osceola	79.00	Greene Cananea	8.25
Parrott	17.25		

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con.	5	Little Chief	55
Alice	120	Ontario	275
Breece	10	Ophir	200
Brunswick Con.	10	Potosi	11
Comstock Tun.	23	Savage	48
C. C. & Va.	62	Sierra Nevada	38
Horn Silver	50	Small Hopes	18

TRADE AT LOW STAGE

Speculative Fever Subsides in Wall Street.

PRICES HARD TO MOVE

Better Reports From Steel Trade Have No Effect on Trust Stocks. Railway Earnings Reports Show No Improvement.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Conditions in the stock market showed no improvement today and it was the general comment that the day of small things has arrived. Dealings were not only at a low stage, but the lethargy of the price movement was more pronounced, detracting from the ability of the room traders to scalp their fractional profits in the course of the day. The sales for the day were slightly in excess of the record low level of one day last year, but with that exception the daily business at the stock exchange was less than has been done on any one day in over three years.

So far as any general condition was reflected in the day's sluggish market, that in the metal trade was of most influence. Authorities were agreed in assigning some improvement to the steel trade, particularly to the placing of steel rail orders by the railroads from which some re-employment of labor and trade is hoped for. The reported increase in rolling capacity of the United States Steel Corporation was regarded as of cheering import. The stocks of the corporation were as little affected by this favorable news as they have been by other favorable happenings. While the United States Steel stocks have given signs of being "pegged," their action today did not indicate a disposition to advance the prices. The coppers were more responsive to various favorable reports that were current during the day. Large sales of metal were said to have been effected and the surplus stocks largely worked off in that way. Rumors were in circulation to the effect that there was to be a resumption of work in the Butte copper properties, but they were without foundation. The circulation of statements of that kind indicate the professional character of the market.

The appointment of a receiver for a subsidiary Gould road in Texas had some depressing effect on sentiment, notwithstanding vigorous assertions of the purely local causes of the incident having to do with Texas legislation.

There was an impression in the stock market that chances were increasing for enactment of a currency measure at Washington, and this had some effect in sustaining stocks. Railroad earnings reported showed no marked change in the unfavorable conditions for some time prevailing. This was a special influence on New York Central, which was a heavy spot in the market.

The returns of the great foreign banks showed an expansion of their outstanding credits and money rates abroad were affected in consequence. Time money rates here for the longer periods were higher. The slight movements in the stock market were not held with any constancy.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,820,000. United States 4s registered advanced ¼ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Adams' Express				177
Amal Copper	51,100	51¼	49⅝	50⅝
Am Car & Foun.				29½
do preferred				89
Am Cotton Oil	100	25⅛	25⅛	25
do preferred				85
Am Express				180
Am Hd & Lt pf.				13
American Ice	800	13⅜	13⅛	13⅝
Am Linseed Oil	100	6½	6½	6
do preferred				17
Am Locomotive				32¼
do preferred				89
Am Smelt & Ref.	23,600	60	59⅛	59⅝
do preferred	200	89⅛	89	88
Am Sugar Ref.	300	113½	113	112
Am Tobacco ctfs.	100	77	77	77
Anaconda Min Co.	5,700	33⅜	32⅝	33
Atchison	1,200	68⅛	68	68¼
do preferred				83⅛
Atl Coast Line	200	60	59⅝	60
Balt & Ohio	500	79¼	78⅝	78⅜
do preferred				83
Brook Rap Tran.	1,900	40½	40	40
Canadian Pacific	100	143½	143½	143
Central of N J				175
Ches & Ohio				26⅝
Chi Gt Western	1,900	3⅜	3½	3½
Chicago & N W				143
C, M & St Paul	3,800	109⅝	108⅝	108⅝
Chi Ter & Tran				2
do preferred				15
C, C, C & St Louis				49
Colo Fuel & Iron	100	16¼	16¼	16
Colo & Southern	500	22⅜	22¼	21⅝
do 1st preferred	100	51⅞	51⅞	51
do 2d preferred	400	40	40	40
Consolidated Gas	100	98⅝	98⅝	98½
Corn Products	300	11¼	11	11
do preferred	100	58	58	57
Del & Hudson	300	147	145½	147
Del, Lack & West				500
D & R Grande	500	15½	15⅛	15¼
do preferred	100	42½	42½	42
Distillers' Securi	100	28⅛	28⅛	28¼
Erie	400	13⅛	13	13
do 1st preferred	100	27	27	26⅜
do 2d preferred				19
General Electric	100	116	116	115
Illinois Central				123
Int Paper	2,000	9	9	8½
do preferred	200	57⅛	57⅛	57
Int Pump	100	18⅛	18	18
do preferred	100	67⅛	67⅛	68
Iowa Central	600	11	10⅛	10
do preferred	200	28	28	27
K C Southern				18
do preferred				50
Louis & Nashville	100	90	90	91
Mexican Central	1,900	18½	18½	18
Minn & St Louis				20½
M, St P & S S M	100	95¼	95¼	94
do preferred				130
Missouri Pacific	1,400	31⅛	30	30½
Mo, Kan & Texas	400	18	18	17⅞
do preferred	300	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛
National Lead	600	41⅛	41⅛	41
Mex Nat R R pf.				49⅜
N Y Central	11,600	94½	93⅜	94
N Y, Ont & West				30¼
Norfolk & Western	100	59⅞	59⅞	59½
do preferred				80
North American	100	42½	42½	42
Pacific Mail	400	28	27½	27½
Pennsylvania	6,100	112⅝	112	112
People's Gas				85
P, C C & St Louis				65½
Pressed Steel Car	100	19⅛	19⅛	19
do preferred				73
Pullman Pal Car				151
Reading	55,100	96⅛	94⅞	95⅝
do 1st preferred				88
do 2d preferred	200	78⅛	78⅛	77
Republic Steel				15½
do preferred	400	68	65⅝	65½
Rock Island Co.				11
do preferred	200	21½	21½	21½
St L & S F 2 pf.				21
St L Southwest				10⅛
do preferred				25¼
Southern Pacific	1,700	68⅜	68¼	68¼
do preferred				108½
Southern Railway	300	10	9¼	9⅞
do preferred	1,200	30⅜	29	30¼
Texas & Pacific	300	15¼	14½	14½
Tol, St L & West	200	14⅜	14¼	14½
do preferred	100	34⅛	34⅛	33⅞
Union Pacific	35,700	114⅝	113¼	113⅞
do preferred	200	80	80	79
U S Express				80
U S Realty				39
U S Rubber	500	18	18	18
do preferred	200	78½	77⅞	77½
U S Steel	15,200	29	28½	28⅝
do preferred	2,300	92⅛	91⅞	92
Va-Caro Chemical	200	16	16	15⅝
do preferred				90
Wabash				7⅜
do preferred	200	14⅝	14⅛	14
Wells-Fargo Ex				300
Westinghouse Elec				39⅝
Western Union				48
Wheel & L Erie	100	5⅛	5⅛	5
Wisconsin Central				13½
do preferred				37
Northern Pacific	11,600	121⅞	121	121⅝
Central Leather	100	16½	16½	16⅝
do preferred				80
Sloss-Sheffield				39½
Gt Northern pf.	2,400	119	118	118
Inter Met.	400	7⅜	7⅜	7
do preferred	300	20½	20	19¼

Total sales for the day, 289,800 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	105¼	N Y C G 3½s	88½
do coupon	105	North Pacific 3s	71
U. S. 3s reg.	101	North Pacific 4s	100¼
do coupon	101	South Pacific 4s	84
U. S. new 4s reg.	121½	Union Pacific 4s	99⅜
do coupon	121½	Wiscon Cent 4s	82½
Atchison adj. 4s	87	Japanese 4s	77⅝
D & R G 4s	93		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Consols for money, 87⅝; do for account, 87⅝.

Anaconda	$ 6.62½	N. Y. Central	97.00
Atchison	79.25	Norfk & Wes	62.00
do pref.	86.50	do pref.	83.00
Balt & Ohio	80.75	Ont & West	30.75
Can Pacific	147.12½	Pennsylvania	57.75
Ches & Ohio	27.37½	Rand Mines	5.00
Chi Grt West	3.75	Reading	49.25
C. M. & S. P.	111.50	Southern Ry	10.00
De Beers	13.25	do pref.	24.50
D & R G	16.50	South Pacific	70.37½
do pref.	44.50	Union Pacific	117.50
Erie	13.25	do pref.	83.00
do 1st pf.	28.00	U. S. Steel	29.25
do 2d pf.	20.00	do pref.	94.25
Grand Trunk	16.00	Wabash	8.37½
Ill Central	127.00	do pref.	15.00
L & N	92.00	Spanish 4s	92.00
Mo. & K. T.	18.50	Amal Copper	51.25

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Money on call, easy, 1¾@2 per cent; ruling rate, 1¾ per cent; closing bid, 1¾ per cent; offered at 2 per cent.

Time loans, stronger on long dates; 60 days, 3¾@4 per cent; 90 days, 4@4¼ per cent; six months, 4½@4¾ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 4½@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8670@4.8675 for demand and at $4.8355@4.8360 for 60-day bills. Commercial bills, $4.83¼.

Bar silver, 55¼c.

Mexican dollars, 47½c.

Government bonds, firm; railroad bonds, irregular.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Silver bars, 55¼c.

Mexican dollars, 53c.

Drafts, sight, 15c; telegraph, 20c.

Sterling, 60 days, $4.84¼; sight, $4.87½.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Bar silver, quiet, 25⅜d per ounce.

Money, 3¾@4 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3⅝@3¾ per cent; for three months' bills, 3½ per cent.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Today's statement of the treasury balances shows:

Available cash balance	$262,955,379
Gold coin and bullion	200,623,023
Gold certificates	40,771,280

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Vegetables—Garlic, 8@10c; green peas, 10@12½c; string beans, 15@20c; asparagus, 10@30c; tomatoes, $1.50@2; eggplant, 10@15c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4@4.50; roosters, young, $6.00@7.50; broilers, small, $4@4.50; broilers, large, $4.50@5.00; fryers, $5.50@6.00; hens, $4.50@9; ducks, old, $4@5; young, $5@7.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27c; creamery seconds, 26c; fancy dairy, 23c.

Eggs—Store, 16½c; fancy ranch, 17c.

Cheese—New, 11@11½c; Young America 12@12½c.

Millstuffs—Bran, $30@31.50; middlings, $33@35.

Wool—Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino, 20@22c; South Plains and S. J., 5@7c; lambs, 5@8c.

Hay—Wheat, $12@17; wheat and oats, $11@16.50; alfalfa, $9@14; stocks, $7.50@9; straw, per bale, 60@90c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $2; common, 60c; bananas, 75c@$3; Mexican limes, $4@6.50; California lemons, choice, $2.50; common, 75c; oranges, navels, $1.25@2; pineapples, $1.50@2.50.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1.25@1.35; Salinas Burbanks, 75c@$1.10; sweets, $2.50@3; Oregon Burbanks, 75@90c.

Receipts—Flour, 937 quarter sacks; wheat, 700 centals; barley, 600 centals; oats, 610 centals; beans, 500 sacks; potatoes, 900 sacks; hay, 398 tons; wool, 5 bales; hides, 920.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 21@32c; dairies, 20@28c.

Eggs—Firm; at mark, cases included, 20½c; firsts, 21c; prime firsts, 22c; extras, 24c.

Cheese—Firm, 12@14c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Butter, steady. Creameries, specials, 30½@31c.

Cheese—Steady and unchanged.

Eggs—Firm; Western firsts, 23c; do seconds, 22@22½c.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Coffee futures closed steady, net unchanged to five points lower. March, 5.90@5.95c; May, 6c; July, 6.10c; September, 6.15c; December, 6.30c. Spot, quiet; No. 7 Rio, 6½c; No. 4 Santos, 8⅜@8½c. Mild, quiet; Cordova, 10¼@13½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3.33@3.36c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.83@3.86c; molasses sugar, 3.08@3.11c. Refined, steady; crushed, 5.60c; powdered, 5c; granulated, 4.90c.

St. Louis Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—Wool, steady. Territory and Western mediums, 21@23c; fine mediums, 19@20c; fine, 15@17c.

HAVE NEW BUNCO GAME

Swindlers Pose as Collectors of Light Bills.

Bunco men have appeared in Portland with an entirely new game. The scheme is to enter a business man's office and attempt to collect the electric light or gas bill after the pretended representatives of the lighting companies have made an examination of the meters.

Two men, purporting to be collectors for the Portland Light & Power Company, entered the office of Jaynes, Johnson & Co., 211 Fourth street, yesterday, and looked at the meter in the office, after which they announced the bill was $7. The proprietors of the place demurred and said they would not pay bills unless submitted in the regular way. The supposed collectors left the place and the men in the office, becoming suspicious, called at offices of the lighting company at First and Alder streets later in the day and related the incident, asking if the system of submitting monthly statements had been changed.

It was found that the two men did not represent the company in any way, and it is suspected that the two are working their game in other parts of the city. All patrons are warned by the lighting company that they should not give money under any circumstances to persons not properly authorized to receive it.

NEW STOCK IS DAMAGED

Careless Tenant Causes Flood in a Department Store.

A large part of the stock of Spring goods recently received by the department store of McAllen & McDonnell was badly damaged yesterday by the flooding of the store from a faucet left open in one of the offices on an upper floor of the building. When the employes reached the store yesterday morning, the lower floor was covered to the depth of an inch with water, which was dripping from the ceiling. The janitor was hastily summoned to ascertain the cause of the flood. It was located in the laboratory of Dr. Louise Anderson, who had gone home Wednesday night leaving the faucet running.

Dan McAllen was unable yesterday to estimate the loss, but said that it would likely be several thousand dollars. The goods damaged were principally suit and suiting, velvets, laces, etc. The insurance adjusters are now at work estimating the damage.

County Franchise for Electric Line.

Preparatory to the consideration of a franchise for the United Railways Company, the County Commissioners are to make a trip over the White House road, over the proposed railroad line. The trip will be made next week. Herman Wittenberg and A. C. Emmons, the attorney of the company, met yesterday and talked over, in a general way, the terms of the franchise. In a short time the attorney for the railway company will submit to the County Commissioners a draft of the franchise.

Sioux City—Fire Thursday ruined the Greeninger block and the stock of the tenant, the Sioux City Iron Company. Loss, $140,000.

UP WITH A RUSH

Wheat Prices Go Soaring in Chicago Market.

OVER THREE CENTS GAIN

Strong Cash Demand and Light Receipts Are the Strengthening Factors—Reports of Hessian Fly in the Southwest.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—The wheat market opened weak because of a decline of more than one penny at Liverpool. Before the end of the first 15 minutes of trading, however, sentiment had changed to the bull side and throughout the remainder of the day the market showed unusual strength. The domestic situation was the chief bullish influence. Primary receipts are still running very light, the total arrivals today being 331,000 bushels, against 681,000 bushels on the same day last year. The demand for cash wheat here and at outside markets was strong, several reports being received from the southwest telling of damage by the Hessian fly. Demand was general with shorts and prominent bulls leading in the buying. The market closed strong near the highest point. May opened ¼@⅜c to ⅛@⅜c lower at 95c to 95¼c, advanced to 98⅝@98½c, and closed at 98⅜c.

The corn market was strong all day on active demand by shorts and commission houses. The factors responsible for the brisk demand were small receipts, large clearances, talk of small farm reserves and the sharp advance in wheat. The close was strong. May opened ⅛c lower to ⅛c higher at 60⅞c to 61⅛c, advanced to 62c and closed at 61⅞c.

Oats were strong because of the advance in wheat and corn. Trade was light. May opened unchanged to ⅛c lower at 52⅞c to 53c, advanced to 53⅝c and closed there.

Provisions were firm despite an easier market for live hogs. The strength of wheat and corn was the chief bullish influence. At the close May pork was up 15c at $11.55. Lard was 10c higher at $7.55. Ribs were 10@12½c higher at $6.55.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT				
May	$ .95⅝	$ .98½	$ .95	$ .98⅜
July	.90	.93⅜	.89⅞	.93
September	.87⅜	.90¼	.87⅜	.90
CORN.				
May	.61¼	.62	.60⅞	.61⅞
July	.59¼	.59⅞	.59	.59⅞
September	.58½	.59⅜	.58¼	.59⅜
OATS.				
May, old	.53	.53⅝	.52⅞	.53⅝
May, new	.51¼	.51⅞	.51¼	.51⅞
July, old	.44⅞	.45⅜	.44⅞	.45⅜
July, new	.43	.43⅝	.43	.43⅝
MESS PORK.				
May	11.37½	11.60	11.37½	11.55
July	11.77½	11.97½	11.77½	11.92½
LARD.				
May	7.45	7.57½	7.45	7.55
July	7.60	7.80	7.65	7.77½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	6.47½	6.57½	6.87½	6.57½
July	6.75	6.87½	6.75	6.80

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Firm.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, $1.07@1.10; No. 3, 97c@$1.09; No. 2 red, 94½@98⅝c.

Corn—No. 2, 58½@59½c; No. 2 yellow, 61@62c.

Oats—No. 2, 53@53⅝c; No. 3 white, 51½@53⅜c.

Rye—No. 2, 82c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 80@88c.

Flaxseed—No. 1 Northwestern, $1.19.

Clover—Contract grades, $19.50.

Short ribs—Sides (loose), $5.87½@6.37½.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $11.25@11.37½.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., $7.27½.

Sides—Short clear (boxed), $6.37½@6.62½.

Whisky—Basis of high wines, $1.35.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	499,700	250,800
Wheat, bushels	26,000	53,100
Corn, bushels	175,400	125,000
Oats, bushels	243,000	162,900
Rye, bushels	1,000	4,300
Barley, bushels	58,100	31,600

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Flour—Receipts, 23,700 barrels; exports, 13,700 barrels. Market, firmer, with a fair inquiry. Minnesota patents, $5.20@5.50; Winter straights, $4.30@4.50.

Wheat—Receipts, 27,000 bushels; exports, 50,500 bushels. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, $1.02 elevator and $1.03 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.18⅜ f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard Winter, $1.14⅝ f. o. b. afloat. There was a panic among wheat shorts today, following extremely bullish cash wheat news from the interior markets. Prices jumped 2½ cents from the early low point and closed 2@2¼c net higher. May $1.02 9-16@1.05 3-16, closed, $1.05; July, 97 11-16@1.00½, closed $1.00¼.

Hops—Easy.

Hides—Quiet.

Wool and petroleum—Steady.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Wheat, firmer; barley, firm.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping, $1.55@1.60; milling, $1.68@1.72½.

Barley—Feed, $1.27½@1.32½; brewing, $1.32½@1.40.

Oats—Red, $1.85@2; white, $1.50@1.65; black, $2.85@3.

Call-board sales:

Wheat—May, $1.52.

Barley—$1.31¼; December, $1.10½.

Corn—Large, yellow, $1.70@1.75.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Cargoes, firmer, more inquiry; nominal in absence of actual transactions. California, prompt shipment, 3d lower, 35s; Walla Walla, prompt shipment, 3d lower, 34s 9d.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 27.—Wheat, March, 6s 11¼d; May, 7s ½d; July, 7s 1⅜d.

English country markets, steady; French country markets, quiet but steady.

Northwestern Wheat Markets.

DULUTH, Feb. 27.—Wheat, No. 1 Northern, $1.09⅜; No. 3, $1.07⅜; May, $1.06⅜; July, $1.06⅜.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 27.—Wheat, May, $1.07¼; July, $1.06⅝; No. 2 hard, $1.12@1.12½; No. 1 Northern, $1.09½@1.10; No. 2 Northern, $1.07½@1.08; No. 3 Northern, $1.03@1.06.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Feb. 27.—Wheat, one cent higher. Prices paid by exporters: Bluestem, 83c; club, 81c; red, 79c.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Articles of Incorporation.

LAKIN INDICATOR & ADVERTISING MACHINE COMPANY—Incorporators, Walter B. Braden, W. E. Lakin and Abner H. Jones; capitalization, $5000.

NORTH AMERICAN LAND COMPANY—Incorporators, M. K. Wigton, E. J. Burrows and J. S. Roark; capitalization, $50,000.

CENTRAL DOOR & LUMBER COMPANY—Supplementary articles to increase capital stock from $100,000 to $200,000.

WEST SHORE LUMBER COMPANY—Incorporators, Floyd J. Campbell, T. W. Kendall and Edmund P. Sheldon; capitalization $50,000.

Births.

JAMES—At Firland Station, February 19, to the wife of E. H. James, a daughter.

KEEFER—At 252 Eleventh street, February 26, to the wife of J. B. Keefer, a son.

EVERETT—At Highland, February 14, to the wife of Charles Everett, a son.

SPENCER—At Twenty-third and Johnson streets, February 22, to the wife of W. C. Spencer, a daughter.

HUGHES—At 410 Hall street, February 26, to the wife of Joseph Hughes, a son.

SWETT—At 461½ Sixth street, February 19, to the wife of Z. Swett, a son.

DOWUS—At 751 Mississippi avenue, February 26, to the wife of A. L. Dowus, a son.

WEFEL—At 208 Union avenue, February 2, to the wife of Adolph W. Wefel, a son.

BUCKMASTER—At Hotel Clarno, February 21, to the wife of Harry Buckmaster, a son.

Deaths.

ERHART—At Good Samaritan Hospital, February 23, Joseph Erhart, a native of Pennsylvania, aged 65 years.

ROBINSON—At 702 Marshall street, February 23, Allis Robinson, a native of Oregon, aged 28 years.

BRAULT—At Mount Angel, Or., February 22, Hector Brault, a native of Oregon, aged 10 years.

NICHOLLS—At Washougal, Wash., February 22, Nathan Nicholls, a native of Indiana, aged 73 years.

BERGHOFF—At St. Vincent's Hospital, February 22, Ella Berghoff, a native of Michigan, aged 37 years.

BUSCH—At 281 Russell street, February 19, Joseph Busch, a native of Kansas, aged 21 years.

GREGET—At Good Samaritan Hospital, February 21, Joseph Greget, a native of Austria, aged 24 years.

DIX—At Laurelwood, Or., February 21, J. O. Dix, a native of Ohio, aged 82 years.

CAHILL—At St. Vincent's Hospital, February 21, Thomas A. Cahill, a native of New York, aged 58 years.

HARNSHAW—At 896 Sandy Road, February 23, Mary Ann Harnshaw, a native of England, aged 81 years.

CAMILO—At 292 East Eighth street, February 24, Rafelle Camilo, an infant.

LEE—At 739 Savier street, February 23, Frederick W. Lee, a native of Oregon, aged 9 years.

FERGUSON—At 4½ Union avenue, February 25, Georgia W. Ferguson, a native of Kentucky.

EASTERBROOK—At 146 East Twenty-sixth street, February 25, George Easterbrook, a native of Rhode Island, aged 64 years.

REED—At St. Vincent's Hospital, February 27, Mabel Reed, a native of Kansas, aged 26 years.

DAVIS—At Los Angeles, Cal., February 18, Warren N. Davis, a native of Pennsylvania, aged 56 years.

MORRILL—At St. Vincent's Hospital, February 25, Howard C. Morrill, a native of Oregon, aged 18 years.

WALBER—At 354 Montgomery street, February 21, Thomas W. Walber, a native of England, aged 71 years.

Building Permits.

ALBERT LINKE—To erect a two-story frame building on Ross street, between Dixon and Dupont; $2500.

MRS. H. M. REIMAN—To erect a three-story frame building on Montgomery and Fifth streets; $3000.

J. J. RAFFERTY—To erect a two-story frame building on Union avenue and Pearl street; $3000.

H. C. BOULETTE—To erect a one-story frame building on Orchard street, between Gilham and Church; $1200.

J. R. SNYDER—To erect a two-story frame building on Commercial street, between Pearl and Jarrett; $2000.

F. A. BATES—To alter and repair a one and one-half-story frame building at 411 Failing street; $2600.

ANNA GOUTERMOULT—To erect a one-story frame building on Vancouver avenue, between Going and Prescott; $1200.

H. J. ELLIOTT—To erect a one and one-half-story frame building on Bidwell and East Seventh streets; $1200.

JOHN HARRIS—To erect a two-story frame building on Eugene, between Union and Rodney; $5000.

B. F. BERGER—To erect a two-story frame building on East Seventeenth and Tillamook; $4500.

J. B. CLARK—To erect a two-story frame building on East Eighteenth street, between Wygant and Going; $2000.

FRED BAREER—To erect a one-story frame building on Clackamas street, between East Twenty-first and East Twenty-third; $11,000.

J. LINKLATER—To erect a two-story frame building on Mississippi avenue, between Beech and Fremont; $2000.

J. T. ENNIS—To erect a two-story frame building on East Fifteenth street, between Wygant and Alberta; $2000.

B. C. SELBERG—To erect a one and one-half-story frame building on Going street, between Vancouver and Williams; $1200.

J. K. CLARK—To alter and repair a one and one-half-story frame building on East Fifty-sixth street, between Belmont and East Taylor; $1400.

FORBES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—To erect a one-story frame building on Vancouver avenue, between Sellwood and Stanton; $10,000.

C. M. FRALEY—To erect a one-story frame building on Marguerite avenue, between East Sherman and Division; $2000.

MRS. M. J. WALTERS—To alter and repair a two-story frame building on Seventh street, between Mill and Montgomery; $4000.

O. S. GOLDBERG—To erect a two-story frame building on East Sixteenth street, between Alberta and Wygant; $1300.

P. LAWRENCE—To repair a one and one-half-story frame building on Thurman street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first; $400.

Marriage Licenses.

INSKEEP-SIMMONS—Thomas Logan Inskeep, 21, city; Marvel Ford Simmons, 19, city.

LINDBERG-BERGLUND—E. P. Lindberg, 37 Felida, Wash.; Marie Berglund, 23, city.

HOHNSTEIN-HOHN—John George Hohnstein, 21, city; Elizabeth Hohn, 22, city.

TAECK-DEMAN—Arthur Taeck, 24, city; Temetre Deman, 21, city.

M'KINLEY-BRIGHAM — Jay McKinley, over 21, city; Ethel Lucile Brigham, over 21, city.

ANDRUS-BLUE—Arthur G. Andrus, 25, city; Celesta Blue, 17, city.

WARDELL-ARNOLD—C. E. Wardell, 25, Seattle; Ruth E. Arnold, 24, city.

SCOTT-ELIOT—Richard Gordon Scott, over 21, Grants Pass, Or.; Grace Crouch Eliot, over 21, city.

M'LANE-WALKER—A. E. McLane, 36, city; Alice Walker, 33, city.

DUNBAR-JEWETT—C. A. Dunbar, 24, city; Ella M. Jewett, 23, city.

FOX-SHELLEY—Alfred Fox, over 21, Salem; Joyce Shelley, 21, city.

SUMNER-JONES—Charles Arthur Sumner, 22, city; Mada E. Jones, over 16, city.

BRADLEY-EAST—John Edward Bradley, 32, St. John, Wash.; Jennie A. East, 23, city.

POWELL-COFFEY—Henry Eyre Powell, over 21, city; Rose E. Coffey, over 18, city.

GEHRKE-BREITER—Robert C. Gehrke, 27, city; Pearl A. Breiter, 24, city.

REED-MITCHELL—P. E. Reed, 23, city; Vera Margaret Mitchell, over 18, city.

BASS-KAMINSKY—Adolph E. Bass, over 21, city; Reba M. Kaminsky, over 18, city.

GILDEZ-WAHLSTROM—George F. Gildez, 22, city; Hanna W. Wahlstrom, 26, city.

OLIVER-SANDSTONE—Jay Oliver, over 21, city; Hulda M. Sandstone, over 21, city.

HUTCHINS-SMITH—James W. Hutchins, 21, city; Muriel Permib Smith, over 18, city.

LIVINGSTONE-EAGAN—Harry Livingstone, 23, city; Mary Eagan, 22, city.

DERBY-KNIGHTON—William A. Derby, 22, Chehalis, Wash.; Stella Knighton, 22, city.

GRAVNING-EARL—Andrew M. Gravning, 29, city; Della Earl, 27, city.

SYLVESTER-DE TEMPLE—Frank R. Sylvester, 25, city; Anna L. De Temple, 20, city.

WRIGHT-FERRIER—R. L. Wright, 26, city; Flossie M. Ferrier, over 17, city.

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Chicago—Fire Thursday in a three-story stone apartment building at 550-570 Forty-seventh street, caused a panic among the tenants, several of whom were rescued by policemen. Among the rescued were two families of deaf mutes. The damage was about $60,000.

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