IMPORTING OF RICE

Supplies in Java Will Be Drawn Upon.

STOCKS LOW IN THE SOUTH

Market Has a General Upward Tendency—Active Demand for Fresh Produce—Movement to Reduce the Hop Acreage.

More interest attaches to the rice market than to any other of the staple grocery lines, as this is the only commodity that shows at the present time a general upward tendency throughout the country. The strength of the market is due to the scarcity of rice in the South. Not enough domestic rice is left to supply the trade's demands and importations from Java will be resorted to. Advices from the South say the heaviest orders are coming from the Pacific Coast States and other sections of the West, and that those buyers are bidding higher prices than the Eastern trade.

The Southern view of the rice situation is expressed in the following Lake Charles letter to the Rice Industry:

The supply of clean rice in the hands of the mills of Louisiana and Texas is very small, and the bulk of it rests with less than one dozen large dealers. The demand has not been as active in years, and a general good feeling exists between both buyer and seller. Letters from Eastern and Western brokers are calling for samples, and goods are being accepted as fast as they are offered. Considering some of the hard years the millers have recently experienced in marketing the crop, the present demand is a little out of the ordinary. Brewers' rice, bran and polish have all been contracted for and are very hard to procure. More than a dozen of the Louisiana and Texas mills have closed down for the season.

Dan Talmage Sons Company, in their latest circular, say the demand in the East and South continues strong with prices firm all along the line. Stocks in the South are much reduced and preparations for planting are under way with larger seed requirements than usual. Cables and correspondence to Talmage from abroad note an active demand for cleaned rice and a harder tone.

LOCAL SUPPLY OF BUTTER IS SMALL

Market Would Be Firm, but for Cheapness of California.

If it were not for the low price of butter in California, the local butter market might be called firm. A first-class demand exists and the make of the city creameries and receipts from the Valley clean up each day without difficulty. The cheapness of the San Francisco market, however, acts as a weight on the local market. As long as there is no further decline in the South, prices will hold steady here until the home supply increases. Very little California butter has been put on sale so far. A small quantity was offered yesterday at 28¾ cents. City creamery holds at 30 cents and country creamery brands at 27½@30 cents.

Eggs are arriving freely on Front street, but move very slowly. Sixteen cents was again quoted on single cases, but sales of round lots at 15 cents were reported.

Receipts of poultry of all kinds were light and the demand was slow. Prices of hens, Springs and other lines were unchanged.

GOOD TRADE IN GREEN PRODUCE.

Early California Truck Cleans Up Well. Oranges Are Firm.

The brighter weather stimulated the demand for fruits and vegetables yesterday. A well assorted supply of green truck was on hand, part of which was received on the steamer. A car of fancy Los Angeles cabbage also arrived. Cauliflower is rather scarce on the street and firmly quoted. Asparagus, rhubarb and other early vegetables are gradually declining in price.

Two cars of oranges were received and good progress was made in cleaning them up. The orange market is very firm in California and an advance is expected here in a short time. Apples were in fair supply and generally quoted at good prices. Four cars of bananas are due today.

For Reduction of Hop Acreage.

The hop market lacked interest yesterday. A few small transactions were reported at the former range of prices, but most of the buyers who made the active market last week were idle.

It is understood that the Oregon, Washington and California organizers of the Pacific Coast Hopgrowers' Union will hold a meeting in this city on March 30 for the purpose of taking steps to bring about a general reduction of hop acreage on the Pacific Coast.

Refuse to Sell Wheat.

TACOMA, Wash., March 17.—(Special.)—Balfour, Guthrie & Company estimate that between 10 and 15 per cent of the 1907 wheat crop is left in the country, there being a much smaller amount in first hands at present than there was a year ago.

The local market is inactive, the holders not showing a keen desire to sell. Yesterday Balfour, Guthrie & Company sent telegrams to all of their Eastern Washington buyers instructing them to buy, but the firm did not procure a bushel of wheat.

Wheat Market Is Quiet.

The wheat market was quiet yesterday and the quotations of the day before prevailed. These prices are said by exporters to represent full values, but they do not induce holders to part with their wheat, as the feeling in the country is as bullish as ever.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,069,259	$ 82,786
Seattle	1,431,810	138,817
Tacoma	726,371	132,737
Spokane	958,534	189,506

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR—Patent, $4.80; straight, $4.00; clears, $4; Valley, $4.40; graham flour, $4.40@5; whole wheat flour, $4.75@5.25; rye flour, $5.30.

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

BARLEY—Feed, $28 per ton; rolled, $28@30 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $26; country, $27 per ton; middlings, $30; shorts, city, $27; country, $28 per ton; chop, $20@25 per ton.

OATS—No. 1 white, 27@28 per ton.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, per barrel, $7; lower grades, $5.50@6.30; oatmeal, steel-cut, 45-pound sacks, $5 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 ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $19@20; clover, $14@15; cheat, $13; grain hay, $14@15; alfalfa, 12@13.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, $1.25@3.50 per box according to quality; cranberries, $8@11 per barrel.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, 17@18c pound; beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 1¼@1½c per pound; cauliflower, $2; celery, $4.25@4.75 per crate; eggplant, 20c per pound; lettuce, head, 65c per dozen; hothouse, $1@1.25 per box; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 17½c per pound; radishes, 30c per dozen; rhubarb, 5c per pound; spinach, 5c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 1@1½c per pound; tomatoes, crates (6 baskets), $3@3.50; Mexican, crates, $3.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $2.50@3.50 per box; oranges, navels, $1.75@2.25; grapefruit, $3.50; bananas, 5@5½c per lb.; crated, 3½c; pineapples, $4@3.50 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.

ONIONS—Buying price, Oregons, $2.50@2.60 per hundred; Japanese, jobbing prices, $3.50.

POTATOES—Buying price, 40@65c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, $4 per hundred.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 10c per pound; peaches, 11@12½c; prunes, Italian, 5@6½c; prunes, French, 3@5c; currants, unwashed, cases, 9½c; currants, washed, cases, 10c; figs, white, fancy, 50-pound boxes, 6¼c.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 30c per pound; state creameries, fancy creameries, 25@30c; store butter, choice, 16@17c.

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

POULTRY—Average old hens, 14@15c; mixed chickens, 12@13c; Spring chickens, 16@20c; turkeys, live, 15@17c; dressed, choice, 18@20c; geese, live, per pound, 8@10c; ducks, 16@17c; pigeons, 75c@$1; squabs, $1.50@2.

EGGS—Fresh ranch, 15@16c per dozen.

VEAL—75 to 125 pounds, 9@9½c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6½c.

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

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1907, prime and choice, 4@5½c per pound; olds, 1@2c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, average best, 12@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 18@20c, according to fineness.

MOHAIR—Choice, 25c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—3@3½c per pound.

HIDES—Dry, 12@13c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 lbs., 14@16c; culls, 2c per lb. less; salted hides, 5@6c; salted calf, 9c; green (unsalted), 1c per lb. less; culls, 1c per lb. less; sheep skins, shearlings, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, 25@30c; short wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, 50@60c; medium wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, 75c@$1.00; long wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, $1.25@1.50; horse hides, salted, each, according to size, $2.00@2.50; dry, according to size, each, $1.00@1.50; colt's hides, each, 25@30c; goat skins, common, each, 15@25c; Angoras, with wool on, each, 50c@$1.50.

FURS—For No. 1 skins: Bear skins, as to size, No. 1, each, $5.00@10.00; cubs, each, $1@3; badger, prime, each, 25@50c; cat, wild, with head perfect, 30@50c; house, 5@20c; fox, common gray, large prime, each, 40@50c; red, each, $1@5; cross, each, $5@15; silver and black, each, $100@300; fishers, each, $5@8; lynx, each, $4.50@6.00; mink, strictly No. 1, each, according to size, $1@3; marten, dark northern, according to size and color, each, $10@15; marten, pale, according to size and color, each, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, each, 12@15c; skunk, each, 30@90c; civet or polecat, each, 5@15c; otter, for large, prime skin, each, $6@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, each, $2@3; raccoon, for prime large, each, 50@75c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, each, $3.50@5.00; prairie (coyote), 60c@$1.00; wolverine, each, $6@8.00.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

RICE—Southern Japan, 5¼c; head, 6½@7c; Imperial Japan, 6¼c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12@16c per pound. Columbia roast cases, 100s, $14.50; 50s, $14.75; Arbuckle, $16.63; Lion, $15.75.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.95; 1-pound flats, $2.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 95c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $2.

SUGAR—Granulated, $5.05; extra C, $5.15; golden C, $5.05; fruit sugar, $5.65; berry, $5.65; beet sugar, $5.45; cube (barrels), $6.05; powdered (barrels), $5.95. Terms: On remittances within 15 days deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days, and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c per pound; Maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 16½@18c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 16c; pecans, 16c; almonds, 16½@18c; chestnuts, Ohio, 25c; peanuts, raw, 6¾@8½c per pound; roasted, 10c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 10c; cocoanuts, 35@90c per dozen.

SALT—Granulated, $18 per ton; $2.25 per bale; half ground, 100s, $13.50 per ton; 50s, $14 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 4¼c; large white, 4¼c; pink, 4c; bayou, 4c; Lima, 6c; Mexican red, 3¾c.

HONEY—Fancy, $3.50@3.75 per box.

Provisions and Canned Meats.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 22½c pound; standard breakfast, 19½c; choice, 18½c; English, 11 to 14 pounds, 14c pound.

HAMS—10 to 11 pounds, 12c pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 12c; 18 to 20 pounds, 12c; picnics, 9c; cottage, 10c; shoulders, 10c; boiled, 24c.

SAUSAGE—Bologna, long, 8c; links, 7½c.

BARRELED GOODS—Pork, barrels, $20; half-barrels, $11, beef, barrels, $10; half-barrels, $5.50.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears dry salt, 10c; smoked, 11c; clear backs, dry salt, 10c; smoked, 11c; clear bellies, 14 to 17 pounds, average, dry salt, 12½c; smoked, 13½c; Oregon exports, dry salt, 12½c; smoked, 13½c.

LARD—Kettle rendered: Tierces, 12c, tubs, 12¼c; 50s, 12¼c; 20s, 12¾c; 10s, 12¾c; 5s, 12¾c; 3s, 13c; standard pure, tierces, 11c; tubs, 11¼c; 50s, 11¼c; 20s, 11¾c; 10s, 11¾c; 5s, 12¼c. Compound: Tierces, 7¾c; tubs, 7c; 50s, 7c; 20s, 7¼c.

Coal Oil and Gasoline.

REFINED OILS—Water white, iron barrels, 11c; wood barrels, 15c. Pearl oil, cases, 18½c; Head light, iron barrels, 12½c; cases, 19½c; wood barrels, 16½c. Eocene, cases, 21½c. Special W., iron barrels, 14½c; wood barrels, 18½c. Elaine, cases, 28c. Extra star, cases, 21½c.

GASOLINE—V. M. and P. Naphtha, iron barrels, 12½c; cases, 19½c. Red Crown gasoline, iron barrels, 16½c; cases, 23½c. Motor gasoline, iron barrels, 16½c; cases, 23½c; 86 gasoline, iron barrels, 30c; cases, 37½c. No. 1 engine distillate, iron barrels, 10c; cases, 17c.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Vegetables—Garlic, 10@12½c; green peas, 8@12½c; string beans, nominal; asparagus, 5@12c; tomatoes, $1.25@2; eggplant, 10@15c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4@4.50; roosters, young, $6.50@8.50; broilers, small, $4.50@5.50; broilers, large, $5.50@6.50; fryers, $6.50@7.50; hens, $5@9; ducks, old, $4@5; young, $5@7.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 24c; creamery, seconds, 23c; fancy dairy, 20½c.

Eggs—Store, 15c; fancy ranch, 16c; Eastern, 10½@11c.

Cheese—New, 10½@11c; Young America, 12@13½c.

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

Wool—Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino, 20@22c; South Plains and San Joaquin, 5@7c; lambs, 6@10c.

Hops—1907, 1½@6½c; contracts, 9@11c.

Hay—Wheat, $12@17; wheat and oats, $11@16.50; alfalfa, $9@14; stocks, $7.50@9; straw, per bale, 60@85c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $2; common, 60c; bananas, 75c@$3; Mexican limes, $6.50@7; California lemons, choice, $2.50; common, $1.25; oranges, navels, $1.25@2.25; pineapples, $1.50@3.50.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1.25@1.35; Salinas Burbanks, 75c@$1.10; sweets, $2@3.50; Oregon Burbanks, 75c@$1.

Receipts—Flour, 5464 quarter sacks; wheat, 55 centals; barley, 1030 centals; oats, 120 centals; corn, 50 centals; potatoes, 1250 sacks; middlings, 15 sacks; hay, 569 tons; wool, 38 bales; hides, 1814.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The tin market was lower in London with spot quoted at £138 10s and futures at £136 5s. Locally the market was easy in sympathy with quotations ranging from 30.25@30.75c.

Copper was £1 lower in London with spot quoted at £58 5s and futures at £58 12s 6d. The local market was quiet and no change was reported. Lake is quoted at 12.75@13c; electrolytic at 12.62½@12.87½c, and casting at 12.50@12.75c.

Lead was unchanged at £13 13s in London. The local market was firm and higher again with quotations ranging from 3.90c to 4c.

Spelter was unchanged at £21 7s 6d in London and at 4.65@4.70c in the local market.

The English iron market was 3d lower with standard foundry quoted at 48s 9d and Cleveland warrants at 51s. The local market was nominally unchanged.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, March 17.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 22@27½c; dairies, 20@26c.

Eggs—Firm at mark, cases included, 15c; firsts, 15c; prime firsts, 16c; extras, 18c.

Cheese—Steady, 12½@14c.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Butter—Steady; process seconds to specials, 19@24½c.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Firmer. Western firsts, 16c; seconds, 15½@15¾c.

RUMORS OF DEALS

Copper Stocks Lifted at New York.

FOLLOW RISE IN METAL

General Market Is Irregular, but Tendency of Prices Is Upward. Speculation as to the Course of Money Supplies.

NEW YORK, March 17.—There was same further speculative liquidation going on in the stock market today as a natural consequence to the active selling to that end in progress at the end of the previous day. The volume of the market diminished considerably and the tightening of the selling pressure before the end of the day opened the way to an irregular recovery. The rally was not entirely satisfactory to speculative interests and the later market fell into dullness and hesitation.

The action of the Amalgamated Copper was of large influence in the general course of the market and the evidence of support in that stock helped the recovery, just as its sudden break the afternoon before had proved disconcerting to sentiment. The decline was accompanied by the expressed supposition that another message was soon to come from the President containing a severe arraignment of corporations and capitalists, but was checked by the later assumption that the expected message was to be mild in terms and calculated to assuage the dread of security holders. The passage of the Tillman resolution by the Senate at Washington, providing for an investigation as to the extent to which National loans foster speculation in stocks, had a somewhat disquieting effect and was placed in the general category of influences hostile to Wall street, which are complained of in the financial district as representing a prevailing disposition of the times.

While the price movement was downward, attention was paid to news items of a tenor unfavorable to the idea of business revival. Reduction of wages among cotton-mill workers was an instance, as was also the report of labor difficulties on the Denver & Rio Grande. A projected prosecution against the Chesapeake & Ohio kept alive the influence of yesterday's Supreme Court decision in the packing-house discrimination cases. Yesterday's passing of the Crucible Steel preferred dividend was supplemented by some reports from the Pittsburg district alleging renewed decline in the rate of activity in the steel trade for the first half of March.

Another rise in the price of copper in London was an aid to the making of higher prices for the copper securities, although its effectiveness today was in contrast with its lack of influence yesterday to check the decline. There was a reappearance of "deal" rumors in connection with the recovery of prices, affecting supposed further combinations of copper interests and also plans of readjustment among the Harriman properties. Conjectures in which the trading element showed the greatest interest, however, had to do with the course of the money supplies which were instrumental in last week's rise in stocks and the firm intentions of those wielding this influential instrument. The late tone was considerably unsettled by doubts on this question, but last prices were not much below the best.

Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, $2,824,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Adams Express	.....	.....	.....	177
Amal Copper	65,400	57½	54¾	57¼
Am Car & Foun.	1,300	36	29¾	30
do preferred	100	90	90	89
Am Cotton Oil	100	27¼	27¼	26½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	80
Am Express	.....	.....	.....	190
Am Hide & Lt pf.	.....	.....	.....	14
American Ice	1,100	17¾	17¼	17½
Am Linseed Oil	.....	.....	.....	6½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	29
Am Locomotive	500	37¾	37	37½
do preferred	100	91	91	90½
Am Smelt & Ref.	43,400	68¾	66⅝	68⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	93
Am Sugar Ref.	800	119½	118½	119¼
Am Tobacco ctfs.	300	83½	82½	82¾
Anaconda Min Co.	8,800	37½	35¾	37
Atchison	6,300	73½	72	73½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	84¾
Atl Coast Line	.....	.....	.....	65
Balt & Ohio	1,900	82	82	80
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	86
Brook Rap Tran.	21,900	46	43¼	45¾
Canadian Pacific	2,900	145	144¼	145
Central of N J	.....	.....	.....	170
Ches & Ohio	1,200	30½	29	29¾
Chicago Gt West	100	4¾	4¾	4¾
Chicago & N W	2,600	147½	146	147¼
C, M & St Paul	26,900	120¾	117¼	119¾
Chi Ter & Tran	.....	.....	.....	9
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	28
C, C, C & St Louis	.....	.....	.....	48¼
Colo Fuel & Iron	1,800	19¾	18¾	19½
Colo & Southern	1,300	24	23½	23¾
do 1st preferred	500	53½	53	53¼
do 2d preferred	900	44	44	44½
Consolidated Gas	600	102¼	101½	102¼
Corn Products	600	13¼	12¾	12¾
do preferred	300	61	61	60¾
Del & Hudson	800	154	154	155
Del, Lack & West	.....	.....	.....	474
Denver & R Grande	.....	.....	.....	19½
do preferred	1,600	50	50	49
Distillers' Securi.	500	31¾	30¾	30¾
Erie	700	14¾	14¼	14¾
do 1st preferred	500	29	28	28¼
do 2d preferred	600	22	21½	22¼
General Electric	800	123¼	120	122¼
Illinois Central	.....	.....	.....	126
Int Paper	100	9¼	9¼	9
do preferred	100	57	57	57¾
Int Pump	200	23¾	23¾	23½
do preferred	100	73¼	73	72½
Iowa Central	300	11½	11¼	11
do preferred	200	29¾	29¾	29
K C Southern	.....	.....	.....	22
do preferred	200	51¼	50¾	51
Louis & Nashville	400	97¾	97¼	97¼
Mexican Central	300	17¾	17¼	17¾
Minn & St Louis	200	22	22	21½
M, St P & S S M.	2,200	105	102¼	105¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	130
Missouri Pacific	7,900	39½	37¼	39½
Mo, Kan & Texas	1,700	22¾	21¾	22¾
do preferred	300	52¾	51¾	52¾
National Lead	1,500	49¼	48¾	49
Mex Nat R R pf	.....	.....	.....	50
N Y Central	61,800	100	98¼	99½
Norfolk & Western	.....	.....	.....	81¼
N Y, Ont & West	100	31¾	31¾	32¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	80
North American	700	50	49¼	48
Pacific Mail	300	28	28	28
Pennsylvania	8,700	118	116	117¾
People's Gas	18,200	88½	88	88¼
P, C C & St Louis	800	66	66	66
Pressed Steel Car.	500	22¼	22	22¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	80
Pullman Pal Car.	100	150½	150½	150½
Reading	187,200	105¼	102¾	104¾
do 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	85
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	80
Republic Steel	4,000	18¾	17¼	17¾
do preferred	300	73	71¾	72¾
Rock Island Co.	900	13½	13¾	13¾
do preferred	800	25	25	25
St L & S F 2 pf.	900	25	24	25
St L Southwest	.....	.....	.....	12
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	30
Southern Pacific	12,700	74¼	72¾	74¼
do preferred	100	109¾	109¾	109
Southern Railway	600	11¾	11	11¼
do preferred	600	32	30¾	30½
Texas & Pacific	1,100	16¾	15¾	16¼
Tol, St L & West	100	14¾	14¾	14¼
do preferred	200	37½	37½	36¾
Union Pacific	139,400	125½	122¾	124½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	80
U S Express	.....	.....	.....	90
U S Realty	600	41	40½	40
U S Rubber	200	21	21	21
do preferred	400	83½	83	85¼
U S Steel	73,600	34¼	32½	33½
do preferred	4,900	96¾	96¾	96¾
Va-Caro Chemical	400	18	18	18
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	99
Wabash	1,000	9¾	9	9
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	15½
Wells-Fargo Ex.	.....	.....	.....	200
Westinghouse Elec	.....	.....	.....	40
Western Union	200	49	49	49
Wheel & L Erie	200	5¼	5¼	5
Wisconsin Central	.....	.....	.....	14½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	40
Northern Pacific	17,300	127¾	126¾	127¾
Central Leather	200	18¼	18	17¾
do preferred	200	82½	82½	82
Sloss-Sheffield	200	50	49½	50
Gt Northern pf.	5,400	123¼	121¾	123¼
Inter Met	300	7¾	7½	7¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	19

Total sales for the day, 674,000 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Closing quotations:

U. S. reg. 2s	reg 103¾	N Y C G 3½	88¾
do coupon	104½	North Pacific 3s	102
U. S. 3s reg	101	North Pacific 4s	100
do coupon	101	South Pacific 4s	85
U. S. new 4s reg	121½	Union Pacific 4s	100¼
do coupon	122½	Wisconsin Cent 4s	89¾
Atchison adj. 4s	86	Japanese 4s	85¼
D & R G 4s	62		

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, March 17.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 1.50	Parrot	11.25
Allouez	27.00	Quincy	85.00
Amalgamated	37.37½	Shannon	11.62½
Atlantic	10.00	Tamarack	62.00
Bingham	87.00	Trinity	14.00
Cal & Hecla	620.00	United Cop.	4.75
Centennial	32.00	U. S. Mining	32.00
Cop Range	63.25	U. S. Oil	10.00
Daly West	8.12½	Utah	4.37½
Franklin	8.00	Victoria	3.25
Granby	83.00	Winona	3.75
Isle Royale	20.50	Wolverine	120.00
Mass Mining	2.75	North Butte	39.75
Michigan	10.00	Butte Coal	20.50
Mohawk	40.50	Nevada	11.25
Mont. C. & C.	70.00	Cal & Ariz	104.50
Old Dominion	38.25	Ariz Com	18.00
Osceola	84.00	Greene Cananea	8.37½

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Money on call, easy, 1¼@2 per cent; ruling rate, 1¾; closing bid, 1¾; opened, 1¾. Time loans easier; 60 days, 3½@4 per cent; 90 days, 3¾ per cent; six months, 4¼ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 5½@6 per cent.

Sterling exchange, weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8580@4.8585 for demand and at $4.8364@4.8410 for 60-days bills. Commercial bills, $4.82¾.

Bar silver, 55½c.

Mexican dollars, 47c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, steady.

LONDON, March 17.—Bar silver, quiet at 25⅛d per ounce.

Money, 3¼@3½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3¼ per cent; for three months' bills, 2⅞ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Silver bars, 55½c.

Mexican dollars, 53c.

Drafts—Sight, 2½c; telegraph, 5c.

Sterling, 60 days, $4.83¾; sight, $4.86.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Today's statement of the Treasury balance shows:

Available cash balance	$264,201,309
Gold coin and bullion	25,323,596
Gold certificates	35,692,210

WHEAT HAS GOOD TONE

MARKET FIRM NEARLY ALL DAY AT CHICAGO.

Only Weakness Is Caused by Realizing Sales, but Prices Soon Rally.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Wheat was firm almost all day except for a short time during the latter part of the session, when the market weakened owing to realizing sales, but immediately preceding the close the market again became firm, due chiefly to the strength of corn. May opened a shade to ⅛@⅜c higher at 95¼ to 95⅜c, sold at 96⅛c and then declined to 95c. The close was firm at 95⅝@95½c. World's visible supply as shown by Bradstreets, decreased 783,000 bushels.

Corn was strong all day, owing to an official forecast of unsettled weather for the corn belt and because of small receipts. The selling was mainly by longs and offerings were not large. The close was strong with prices at the top notch. May opened a shade to ⅛@¼c higher at 65⅝ to 66c, advanced to 66⅝c, where it closed.

Buying of the July and September delivery by shorts and commission houses was the feature of trade in the oats market. May opened unchanged to ⅛c higher at 54¼ to 54½c, sold at 53¾c and closed at 54c.

Provisions were rather firm because of small receipts of live hogs, but eased off later owing to selling by local packers. At the close, May pork was a shade lower. Lard was unchanged and ribs were 2½c lower at $6.77½.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$ .95½	$ .96⅛	$ .95	$ .95½
July	.90½	.90⅝	.89¾	.90⅛
September	.86⅛	.87⅜	.86⅛	.87⅛
CORN.				
May	.66	.66⅝	.65⅞	.66⅝
July	.63	.63½	.62¾	.63⅛
September	.62⅛	.62⅛	.61⅝	.62⅛
OATS.				
May, old	.54¼	.54¼	.53¾	.54
May, new	.53	.53	.52¾	.52¾
July, old	.47¼	.48¼	.47⅛	.47¾
July, new	.45	.46⅛	.45	.45¾
PORK.				
May	12.30	12.37½	12.20	12.27½
July	12.77½	12.77½	12.62½	12.67½
LARD.				
May	7.95	7.95	7.92½	7.95
July	8.15	8.17½	8.12½	8.17½
September	8.40	8.90	8.35	8.40
SHORT RIBS.				
May	6.80	6.82½	6.77½	6.77½
July	7.15	7.15	7.07½	7.10
September	7.37½	7.37½	7.32½	7.35

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring $1.08@1.10; No. 3, 96@$1.00; No. 2 red, 95@96½c.

Corn—No. 2, 65¾@64½c; No. 2 yellow, 65@65½c.

Oats—No. 2 53½@53¾c; No. 2 white, 51½c; No. 3 white, 51@54c.

Rye—No. 2, 80c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 78@98c.

Flax seed—No. 1 Northwestern, $1.20.

Timothy seed—Prime, $4.75.

Clover—Contract grades, $20.85.

Short ribs—Sides, (loose), $6.12½@6.62½.

Pork—Mess, per bbl., $12.00@12.12½.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., $7.75.

Sides—Short, clear, (boxed), $6.50@6.75.

Whisky—Basis of high wines, $1.35.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	23,500	44,100
Wheat, bu.	65,800	93,400
Corn, bu.	266,700	296,200
Oats, bu.	621,500	302,200
Rye, bu.	12,000	1,200
Barley, bu.	93,500	40,100

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Flour—Receipts, 35,400 barrels; exports, 7000 barrels; demand unchanged.

Wheat—Receipts, 17,000 bushels; spot steady; No. 2 red, $1.01¼ elevator and $1.02½ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.14¾ f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard Winter, $1.12¾ f. o. b. afloat. Better cables, a decrease in Chicago stocks and fears of cold weather advanced wheat ¾c per bushel before midday. Subsequently the market turned weak under pearish crop news and liquidation, but rallied with corn near the close and left off net unchanged. May, $1.02⅝@1.03⅛.

Hops—Easy.

Hides—Dull.

Wool—Quiet.

Petroleum—Steady.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Wheat—Firm.

Barley—Strong.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping, $1.60@1.62½; milling, $1.62½@1.67½.

Barley—Feed, $1.35@1.40; brewing, $1.42½@1.50.

Oats—Red, $1.87½@1.42½; white, $1.45@1.60; black, $1.45@1.55.

Call board sales:

Wheat—May, $1.58½@1.59½.

Barley—May, $1.36½; December, $1.11½.

Corn—Large yellow, $1.62½@1.67½.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 17.—Cargoes, dull and inactive; California, prompt shipment, at 36s 3d; Walla Walla, prompt shipment, at 38s.

LIVERPOOL, March 17.—Wheat, nominal, May, 6s 11⅝d; July, 7s 1½d.

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

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 17.—Wheat—May, $1.06¼; July, $1.04¾; No. 1 hard, $1.10¼@1.10⅝; No. 1 Northern, $1.07¼@1.07⅝; No. 2 Northern, $1.05¼@1.05¾; No. 3 Northern, $1.00@1.03.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, March 17.—Wheat—Unchanged. Blue stem, 84c; club, 82c; red, 80c.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Coffee futures closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points higher. There was no news of importance and trading was quiet. Spot quiet; No. 7 Rio, 9¼c; No. 4 Santos, 8¾c; mild coffee, quiet; Cordova, 10½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm. Fair refining, 3.56c; centrifugal, 96-test, 4.06c; molasses sugar, 3.31c. Refined, steady; crushed, 5.70c; powdered, 5.10c; granulated, 5.00c.

WOOL AT BOTTOM

Boston Dealers Believe Prices Will Go No Lower.

TRANSACTIONS ARE SMALL

Lower Values, However, Prevail at Opening of Second Series of Auctions at London—Declines Are From 7 1-2 to 15 Per Cent.

BOSTON, March 17.—Local wool-dealers believe the bottom of the market has been reached and the slight improvement noted last week will continue. Prices show no downward tendency and are