ALASKA BUYS EGGS

Large Orders From the North Stimulate Local Market.

STORING EGGS CEASES

Eastern Bankers Not Liberal This Year With Speculators—Butter Supply Likely to Increase. Cultivation of Hops.

Several large orders for eggs came in from the Sound cities yesterday, some of them for rush shipment by express. These are evidently going to Alaska on a steamer about to sail. Whatever the destination of the eggs may be, the orders had a stiffening effect on the market and likewise cleaned it up. Notwithstanding receipts were larger than usual. Prices quoted were 15½ and 16 cents.

The day's developments put a stop to whatever storage operations were under way, leaving the speculators in a somewhat confused frame of mind. The market for two days has shown a disposition to work upwards, and one or two firms have thought it high time to put something away. The quantity of eggs stored, however, has only been nominal. Should the Northern demand fall away, prices will undoubtedly drop again and supplies can be put in storage against forward requirements, but if the market holds up, the storage deal will practically be off, so far as this market is concerned. Some of the larger firms are already counting on securing their future supply in the East.

The situation in the Eastern egg trade and the relation of the banks to the storage proposition are shown in the following report from Pittsburg:

The banking interests of the country, including the banks of New York and Chicago, have agreed that in future they will not lend more than 10 cents a dozen on eggs in cold storage, and those who store eggs are warned to govern themselves accordingly in buying eggs for storage, which buying will begin all over the country on April 1. Pittsburg bankers have agreed to go along with those of Chicago and New York. The movement will control the storage of not fewer than 300,000,000 dozen eggs.

Last year as much as 14 cents a dozen was loaned on eggs in storage and the announcement that a limit has been put on egg certificates is expected to cause a slump in egg prices.

Egg authorities say there will be over 300,000,000 dozen eggs stored in the next few weeks at perhaps 15 cents a dozen. Last year eggs were stored at 18 and 19 cents and they were later retailed at 40 cents a dozen or more. Pittsburg will store 500,000 cases, each case holding 30 dozen. New York will store about 1,500,000 cases, Chicago about the same number, Boston 650,000 cases, Philadelphia 350,000 cases, Cincinnati 350,000 cases and other cities in proportion.

Egg certificates, or "negotiable warrants," as they are better known, have become a very large factor in Pittsburg business, and are almost as freely recognized as pig iron certificates. Today's move is the first on the part of the banking interests to control the output of the American hen, an industry twice as big as the iron and steel business.

BANANAS COME BY WAY OF BILLINGS

Two Cars Due by the Northern Route Tuesday—Vegetables in Demand.

A part of Portland's banana supply will be brought in by the Northern route hereafter. Two cars of bananas are now coming by way of Billings and are due here Tuesday. No carlot arrivals were reported yesterday, but two cars of oranges will be in today. The orange market is very firm, with a strong demand all along the Coast.

Buying was active in the vegetable line, as it usually is on Friday. Cabbage advanced 25 cents a hundred in response to a rise in California. Cauliflower of all kinds has cleaned up well. Asparagus and rhubarb were plentiful and somewhat lower. The first green peas of the season arrived from California and were quoted at 15 cents per pound. Two cars of mixed vegetables are due Monday and a car of celery will arrive later in the week.

HARRIS HEAVY BUYER OF HOPS

Salem Dealer Is Reported to Have Secured 800 Bales.

A telephone message was received from Salem yesterday that Joe Harris had jumped into the market vigorously and bought up 800 bales of hops at prices ranging from 5½ to 5 cents.

Conrad Krebs, who has been on a tour of inspection of the hop districts of the state, says the growers are busy at work in all sections cultivating their yards. The number of acres plowed up, he says, is inconsiderable, and everything points to a crop on the vines equal to that of last year.

STRONG DEMAND FOR OLD CHEESE

Stocks Likely to Be Exhausted Soon—More Butter Coming.

There is an active demand for cheese that threatens to clean up the old supply entirely before the new stock has ripened. Prices are firm and half a cent higher than last week. Young Americas are now out of the market.

The demand for butter continues strong, but it is probable that prices are firmer this week than they will be next. The time is at hand when the supply should begin to increase materially. On Front street receipts are already becoming larger, and as soon as a surplus accumulates, it will be difficult to maintain present prices.

Graham and Whole-Wheat Flour Lower.

The flour market is in a weak condition, but no general decline in prices has been announced yet. Graham flour and whole-wheat flour were lowered 25 cents a barrel yesterday.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 668,184	$100,974
Seattle	897,934	71,914
Tacoma	627,450	63,317
Spokane	718,810	112,145

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR—Patent, $4.80; straight, $4.00; clears, $4; Valley, $4.45; graham flour, $4.40@4.75; whole wheat flour, $4.50@5.00; rye flour, $5.50.

WHEAT—Club, 83@84c; bluestem, 85@86c; Valley, 83@84c; red, 81@82c.

BARLEY—Feed, $26 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, $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, $33.50; cracked, $34.50.

HAY—Valley timothy, No. 1, $17 ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $19@20; clover, $14@15; cheat, $15; grain hay, $14@15; alfalfa, 12@13.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, $1@3.50 per box, according to quality; cranberries, $8@11 per barrel.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, 10@14c pound; beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 1½@1¾c per pound; cauliflower, $2; celery, $4.50@5.00 per crate; cucumber, $2.75 per dozen; eggplant, 20c per pound; lettuce, head, 65c per dozen; hothouse, $1.00@1.25 per box; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 15c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 30c per dozen; rhubarb, $2.75 per crate; spinach, 85c per crate; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 1@1¼c per pound; tomatoes, Mexican, crates, $2@2.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $2.50@3.50 per box; oranges, navels, $2@2.75; grapefruit, $3.50; bananas, 5½@6c per lb.; crated, 5¾c; pineapples, $4@5.50 per dozen; tangerines, $1.50 per box.

ONIONS—Jobbing price, Oregons, $4 per hundred.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, 85c per sack; carrots, 85c per sack; beets, $1.00 per sack; garlic, 10c per pound.

POTATOES—Buying price, 40@60c per hundred, delivered Portland; new California, 5½c per pound.

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, 30c per pound; state creameries, fancy creameries, 25@30c; store butter, choice, 16@17c.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream twins, 15@15½c per pound.

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

EGGS—Fresh ranch, 15½@16c per dozen.

VEAL—75 to 125 pounds, 8@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6½c.

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

WHEAT WEAK ALL DAY

SMALL VOLUME OF TRADING IN CHICAGO PIT.

Large Argentine Shipments Cause Selling at the Opening—Weather News Has Bearish Effect.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Wheat was weak all day and the volume of trade was small. Some selling at the opening was caused by liberal shipments from Argentina, but during the greater part of the day the market was affected chiefly by the weather situation in the Southwest.

Corn was weak all day on selling by pit traders. Oats were easy owing to the weakness of wheat and corn. May opened unchanged to a shade lower at 54⅛@54¼c, advanced to 54¾c and then declined to 54⅜c, where it closed.

A 15c advance in the price of live hogs caused a strong and active market for provisions. The market closed strong.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$ .95½	$ .95¾	$ .94⅜	$ .94½
July	.89⅞	.89⅞	.89⅛	.89¼
September	.87⅛	.87⅛	.86⅝	.86⅝
CORN.				
May	.66⅜	.66⅜	.66⅜	.66½
July	.64½	.64½	.64	.64⅛
September	.63⅝	.63⅝	.63¼	.63¼
OATS.				
May, old	.54½	.54⅝	.54⅛	.54½
May, new	.52⅝	.52⅞	.52⅝	.52⅞
July, old	.48⅛	.48⅜	.48⅛	.48⅛
July, new	.46⅛	.46½	.46⅛	.46¼
PORK.				
May	13.00	13.12½	12.95	13.05
July	13.35	13.52½	13.35	13.45
September	13.77½	13.87½	13.75	13.85
LARD.				
May	8.15	8.22½	8.15	8.25
July	8.35	8.45	8.35	8.45
September	8.57½	8.65	8.57½	8.60
SHORT RIBS.				
May	7.00	7.10	6.97½	7.05
July	7.35	7.37½	7.27½	7.35
September	7.57½	7.65	7.55	7.65

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, $1.05@1.07; No. 3, 97c@$1.07; No. 2 red, 94½@95½c.

Corn—No. 2, 64½@65c; No. 2 yellow, 65½@66c.

Oats—No. 2, 53⅜@53½c; No. 3 white, 51½@53½c.

Rye—No. 2, 75c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 78@86c.

Flax seed—No. 1 Northwestern, $1.20¼.

Timothy seed—Prime, $4.70.

Clover—Contract grades, $21.75.

Short ribs—Sides, (loose), $6.87½@6.87½.

Pork—Mess, per bbl., $12.85@12.87½.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., $8.05.

Sides—Short, clear, (boxed), $6.87½@7.12½.

Whisky—Basis of high wines, $1.35.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	18,800	26,700
Wheat, bu.	25,200	90,800
Corn, bu.	219,600	229,100
Oats, bu.	295,500	318,100
Rye, bu.	4,000	8,000
Barley, bu.	319,000	316,000

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Wheat and barley, steady.

Spot quotations:

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

Barley—Feed, $1.37½@1.40; brewing, $1.45@1.52½.

Oats—Red, $1.42½@1.55; white, $1.52½@1.65; black, $1.55@1.62½.

Call-board sales:

Wheat—No trading.

Barley—May, $1.35¼; December, $1.14½.

Corn—Large, yellow, $1.62½@1.67½.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 27.—Cargoes dull and inactive. Walla Walla, prompt shipment, unchanged, 35s 9d; California, prompt shipment, unchanged, 36s.

LIVERPOOL, March 27.—Wheat, March, nominal; May, 7s ¼d; July, 7s 1⅜d.

English country markets, steady; French country markets, dull.

Argentine shipments, 6,176,000 bushels; last week, 6,752,000 bushels.

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Flour—Receipts, 26,400 barrels; exports, 8300 barrels; market dull, unchanged.

Wheat—Receipts, 39,000 bushels; exports, 1500 bushels. Market for spot easy. No. 2 red, $1.01 elevator and $1.02 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.14 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard Winter, $1.12 f. o. b. afloat. May closed $1.03; July, 97⅛c.

Hops—Quiet.

Hides—Steady.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 27.—Wheat—May, $1.05¾; July, $1.05⅛; No. 1 hard, $1.09½; No. 1 Northern, $1.07½; No. 2 Northern, $1.05½; No. 3 Northern, 98c@$1.02.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, March 27.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 22@28½c; dairies, 20@26c.

Eggs—Easy; at mark, cases included, 14⅜c; firsts, 14c; prime firsts, 15c; extras, 16c.

Cheese—Steady, 12@14c.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Butter, steady, unchanged.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Unsettled.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—Wool, steady. Territory and Western mediums, 20@22c; fine medium, 18@19c; fine, 15@17c.

CONFESS WILL IS FORGED

Witnesses in Contest for $1,000,000 Turn Against Schooley.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 27.—Startling developments came in the Schooley-Crawford will case when Albert W. Bahman, of Swedesboro, N. J., and Charles P. Reidel, of Landisville, N. J., pleaded guilty to perjury. They declared the Schooley will, which they witnessed, and by which George B. Schooley, of Philadelphia, sought to inherit the million-dollar estate of his cousin, James L. Crawford, who was a prominent coal operator here, was a forgery. They will testify against Schooley next week.

Schooley was arrested some time ago charged with forging a will, and his bail was surrendered today after Bahman and Reidel confessed.

A detective has gone to Noxen, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, where Schooley has been wintering, to rearrest him.

Albany, Or.—Mrs. Fred Dunning, of Portland, grand chief of honor of the Pythian Sisters, tonight made an official visit to Alpha Temple, No. 1, of Albany, the first lodge of the order organized in this state.

STOCKS ARE BID UP

Strong Closing After Continuous Fluctuations.

BANKING FORECAST GOOD

Strength of Union Pacific Affects the Entire Market—Steel Is Heavy, but Coppers Advance. Canadians Are Higher.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Prices moved continuously in today's stock market. But the course of the movement changed so often as to leave speculative sentiment thoroughly confused. In one important stock could be discerned signs believed to point to distribution going on, while in another appearances would indicate careful manipulation for the purpose of securing stock as cheaply as possible, pointing to accumulation.

The action of Union Pacific had an important influence on the whole list by sympathy. The bad impression created by yesterday's announcement of a coming bond issue seemed to pass away, after a period of early depression. Banking officials credited with the financing intimated that the first reports of the dimensions of the immediate proposed issue had been exaggerated. Stories were thereupon revived of the imminence of the plan for segregation of Union Pacific investments for distribution to stockholders. The stock turned strong again and carried the whole market with it. The heavy tone of United States steel in the early dealings worked on the whole market. The copper securities had the advantage of another rise in the price of the metal here and abroad and reports from London of an improvement in the general market condition for the metal. The special strength shown by the Canadian group of railroads was attributed to a foreign origin and the reason for the advance was not stated.

The compilations of weekly currency movement showed that the accumulation of cash here was going on uninterruptedly. With the large payments made to the subtreasury on account of return of Government deposits, the gain of $2,733,000 made by that institution at the expense of the banks was amply explained. Receipts on balance from the interior by express have been on so liberal a scale as to outweigh this drain and establish a cash gain of probably between $1,000,000 and $2,000,000. It is not supposed that the United States Treasury will be able to avoid further calls upon depositories, as the current deficit in the revenues necessitates the payment out of its available cash balance. The easing of our money rate, while foreign money markets show some occasional stiffness, was not unrelated to the day's rise in foreign exchange rates.

The strong banking forecast helped the late stock market, and the earlier uncertainty was largely discarded in a vigorous upbidding of prices to a strong closing. Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,472,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Adams' Express	......	.....	.....	177
Amal Copper	75,800	62½	60¼	62½
Am Car & Foun.	2,200	33⅜	32⅝	33⅜
do preferred	......	.....	.....	93
Am Cotton Oil	......	.....	.....	28½
do preferred	......	.....	.....	85
Am Express	......	.....	.....	190
Am Hd & Lt pf	......	.....	.....	15
American Ice	2,100	21½	20½	20⅞
Am Linseed Oil	......	.....	.....	7⅞
do preferred	100	18¾	18⅝	18½
Am Locomotive	4,700	47	45½	46⅝
do preferred	400	94½	94	94
Am Smelt & Ref.	84,900	74¾	72⅝	73½
do preferred	200	98	97½	97
Am Sugar Ref.	1,200	126	125½	125⅝
Am Tobacco ctfs	300	85	84½	85
Anaconda Min Co	15,800	40⅝	39	40
Atchison	9,200	76	73½	75⅝
do preferred	100	85⅜	85⅜	85½
Atl Coast Line	700	73	71	73
Balt & Ohio	4,500	84½	82½	84⅛
do preferred	......	.....	.....	85
Brook Rap Tran.	8,700	47¼	46½	47⅛
Canadian Pacific	12,200	154¼	149⅝	153⅝
Central of N J	......	.....	.....	173
Ches & Ohio	6,400	33¾	32	33¼
Chi Gt Western	1,500	5½	5	5½
Chicago & N W	3,000	149	148½	148⅝
C, M & St Paul	11,900	119⅞	118½	119½
Chi Ter & Tran.	......	.....	.....	5
do preferred	......	.....	.....	20
C, C, C & St Louis	1,700	56	51½	55⅜
Colo Fuel & Iron	2,600	23½	22⅝	22⅝
Colo & Southern	800	25½	25	25½
do 1st preferred	500	54	53	53½
do 2d preferred	600	45⅜	45½	45½
Consolidated Gas	4,000	117¾	114	115
Corn Products	400	14½	14	13⅞
do preferred	200	66	65	65
Del & Hudson	600	156	154	155
Del, Lack & West	......	.....	.....	485
D & R Grande	500	21	20⅝	21¼
do preferred	400	56	54⅝	55
Distillers' Securo.	1,600	33½	32½	33¼
Erie	2,100	17	16⅜	16⅞
do 1st preferred	1,400	34⅝	34	34½
do 2d preferred	200	25	25	24⅞
General Electric	400	127½	127	127½
Illinois Central	100	126	126	125⅝
Int Paper	400	9½	9	9
do preferred	......	.....	.....	54⅜
Int Pump	400	24½	24½	23⅞
do preferred	......	.....	.....	79½
Iowa Central	200	12½	12½	12⅜
do preferred	100	34	34	33¼
K C Southern	500	23½	22⅞	23
do dpreferred	200	53⅝	53½	53⅞
Louis & Nashville	900	100	98½	99½
Mexican Central	6,900	19	18	18⅞
Minn & St Louis	200	24¼	23½	24½
M, St P & S S M	1,000	109½	103½	106
do preferred	......	.....	.....	133
Missouri Pacific	4,700	43	40	42½
Mo, Kan & Texas	2,900	24⅞	24	24⅝
do preferred	100	56	56	56
National Lead	2,500	59½	58⅜	59
Mex Nat R R pf.	1,500	51¼	49⅞	51
N Y Central	1,700	99	98⅝	98⅝
N Y, Ont & West	100	34¼	33	34
Norfolk & West	2,600	65½	64½	65¼
do preferred	......	.....	.....	80
North American	2,900	52½	48½	52
Pacific Mail	700	31¼	30	31¼
Pennsylvania	14,600	117⅜	116¼	117¼
People's Gas	1,200	90⅜	90	90¾
P, C C & St Louis	......	.....	.....	70
Pressed Steel Car	500	24⅛	24	24½
do preferred	......	.....	.....	80
Pullman Pal Car	100	153½	153½	152
Reading	46,900	107⅝	106	107¼
do 1st preferred	......	.....	.....	84⅝
do 2d preferred	......	.....	.....	79½
Republic Steel	2,800	19½	19	19⅝
do preferred	3,000	73	72½	72½
Rock Island Co.	1,000	15¼	15	15¼
do preferred	2,000	28⅜	27¾	28¼
St L & S F 2 pf.	......	.....	.....	26½
St L Southwest	......	.....	.....	13½
do preferred	......	.....	.....	32
Southern Pacific	16,500	77	75⅜	76½
do preferred	......	.....	.....	111
Southern Railway	3,000	15⅞	15¼	15⅝
do preferred	1,300	41½	40	41⅛
Texas & Pacific	400	17	17	17½
Tol, St L & West	1,400	17	16⅝	16⅝
do preferred	1,000	41½	40	41
Union Pacific	161,900	129	126⅜	128⅝
do preferred	......	.....	.....	78½
U S Express	......	.....	.....	90
U S Realty	......	.....	.....	39
U S Rubber	500	23¾	23	23⅝
do preferred	300	85	84½	85
U S Steel	81,600	35⅝	34⅞	35½
do preferred	7,500	99⅜	99⅛	99⅜
Va-Caro Chemical	700	20½	20⅛	20½
do preferred	200	94	93⅝	93½
Wabash	2,000	11¼	10	10½
do preferred	1,000	19¾	18½	19⅛
Wells-Fargo Ex	......	.....	.....	300
Westinghouse Elec	1,100	56	50	53
Western Union	1,000	52	50	51½
Wheel & L Erie	400	7⅛	6¼	7⅛
Wisconsin Central	......	.....	.....	15
do preferred	......	.....	.....	38⅜
Northern Pacific	23,100	128⅜	126⅜	127½
Central Leather	300	19	18⅝	18⅝
do preferred	100	85¼	85¼	85
Sloss-Sheffield	100	49⅜	49⅜	49
Gt Northern pf	11,500	124½	123	124
Inter Met	2,200	8½	8	8¼
do preferred	1,600	21⅜	21	21

Total sales for the day, 755,900 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	103⅝	N Y C G 3½s	84½
do coupon	104½	North Pacific 3s	70
U. S. 3s reg.	101	North Pacific 4s	100⅛
do coupon	101	South Pacific 4s	84⅝
U. S. new 4s reg.	120½	Union Pacific 4s	99⅝
do coupon	122½	Wiscon Cent 4s	82½
Atchison adj. 4s	86½	Japanese 4s	77⅛
D & R G 4s	90½		

Eastern Mining Stock.

BOSTON, March 27.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 1.50	Parrot	19.50
Allouez	26.00	Quincy	84.00
Amalgamated	62.12½	Shannon	12.12½
Atlantic	10.25	Tamarack	64.00
Bingham	87.00	Trinity	13.75
Cal & Hecla	635.00	United Cop.	5.00
Centennial	23.00	U. S. Mining	38.00
Cop. Range	66.50	U. S. Oil	10.00
Daly West	8.00	Utah	41.25
Franklin	7.75	Victoria	3.00
Granby	95.00	Winona	5.50
Isle Royale	19.12½	Wolverine	128.00
Mass Mining	2.50	North Butte	57.25
Michigan	11.25	Butte Coal	22.50
Mohawk	51.50	Nevada	13.25
Mont C. & C.	.90	Cal & Ariz.	106.25
Old Dominion	38.25	Ariz Com.	19.00
Osceola	83.00	Greene Cananea	9.37½

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Money on call easy, 1½@2 per cent; ruling rate, 2 per cent; offered at 1¾ per cent.

Time loans, steady; 60 days, 3¼ per cent; 90 days, 3½ per cent; six months, 4@4¼ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 5½@6 per cent; sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8614@4.8620 for demand and at $4.8375@4.8380 for 60-day bills. Commercial bills, $4.83¼.

Bar silver, 55¼c.

Mexican dollars, 47c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, March 27.—Bar silver, quiet, 20 9-16d per ounce.

Money, 2⅜@3 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅜@2½ per cent; for three months' bills, 2⅜ per cent.

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

Mexican dollars, 53c.

Drafts, sight, 10c; telegraph, 12½c.

Sterling, 60 days, $4.84; sight, $4.86⅝.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund shows:

Available cash balance	$262,494,753
Gold coin and bullion	25,285,941
Gold certificates	34,959,930

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Market conditions were unchanged in livestock yesterday, all prices ruling steady to strong. Receipts were 220 hogs and 30 cattle.

The following quotations were current in the local market:

CATTLE—Best steers, $4.40@4.75; medium, $3.75@4.25; cows, $3.50@3.75; fair to medium cows, $2.75@3.25; bulls, $2@2.75; calves, $3.75@4.50.

SHEEP—Good, $5.50@6; lambs, $5.75@6.25.

HOGS—Best, $5.50@5.75; lights and feeders, $5@5.25.

Eastern Livestock Prices.

OMAHA, March 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000. Market 10c lower. Native steers, $5.25@7.00; cows and heifers, $3.25@6.00; Western steers, $3.75@6.00; Texas steers, $3.25@5.25; range cows and heifers, $2.75@4.75; canners, $2.25@3.50; stockers and feeders, $3.00@5.25; calves, $3.00@6.00; bulls and stags, $3.25@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 4000. Market 15@20c higher. Heavy, $5.25@5.35; mixed, $5.15@5.20; light, $5.10@5.25; pigs, $4.00@4.75; bulk, $5.15@5.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 8000. Market steady. Yearlings, $6.00@7.25; wethers, $5.75@6.75; ewes, $5.00@6.00; lambs, $7.00@8.10.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Market.

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

Vegetables—Garlic, 12½@15c; green peas, 3@5c; string beans, 30c; asparagus, 5@8c; tomatoes, $1.25@2; eggplant, 10@15c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4@4.50; roosters, young, $7@9; broilers, small, $4@5; broilers, large, $6@6.50; fryers, $7@8; hens, $5@8.50; ducks, old, $4@5; young, $5@7.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 23c; creamery seconds, 22c; fancy dairy, 20½c.

Eggs—Store, 16c; fancy ranch, 17c.

Cheese—New, 11½@12c; Young America, 12@14c.

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@5½c; contracts, 9@11c.

Hay—Wheat, $12@16.50; wheat and oats, $11@16; alfalfa, $9@14; stock, $7.50@9; straw, per bale, 60@85c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.75; 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, $1.35@1.50; sweets, $3@3.50; Oregon Burbanks, 85c@$1.

Receipts—Flour, 6512 quarter sacks; wheat, 1705 centals; barley, 2380 centals; oats, 495 centals; beans, 1138 sacks; corn, 10 centals; potatoes, 1400 sacks; bran, 136 sacks; middlings, 535 sacks; hay, 586 tons; wool, 130 bales; hides, 815.

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Advanced Weather Stimulates Business at Many Points.

ACTIVITY IN THE WEST

Most Favorable Development in the Manufacturing Lines Is in the Leather Industry—Hide Prices Advancing.

NEW YORK, March 27.—R. G. Dunn & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Retail trade in Spring goods has made further progress and the conservative buying by dealers in preparing for current distribution is now providing a good supplementary demand. Unusually advanced weather in many sections stimulates business and agricultural work is making an early start.

In the leading industries there is evidence of gradual increase in contracts, many plants preparing for greater activity on April 1, while proposed reductions in wages have produced no threats of strikes. The best news of the week as to manufacturing conditions comes from the leather industry, although shipments of footwear through Boston are only about two-thirds those of the same week last year.

Dispatches from the West and South are most favorable as to the general commercial situation, a few cities reporting the volume of business fully equal to last year's and these statements are supported by bank exchanges at these points about the same as in 1907. There still is complaint regarding mercantile collections, although improvement is noted.

There is a better feeling in the hide market, prices advancing in several instances, especially hides suitable for sole leather.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending March 26 shows an aggregate of $2,186,056,000 as against $2,369,540,000 last week and $3,067,203,000 in the corresponding week last year.

The following is a list of the cities:

		P'ct. dec.
New York	$1,274,708,000	35.4
Chicago	224,288,000	1.4
Boston	118,211,000	29.3
Philadelphia	104,272,000	31.9
St. Louis	53,821,000	9.3
Pittsburg	38,309,000	34.9
San Francisco	26,504,000	33.2
Kansas City	31,981,000	*10.1
Baltimore	19,890,000	26.8
Cincinnati	23,735,000	10.4
Minneapolis	18,485,000	2.1
New Orleans	14,860,000	20.5
Cleveland	12,031,000	23.2
Detroit	11,401,000	7.8
Louisville	10,225,000	20.0
Los Angeles	9,145,000	19.0
Omaha	12,040,000	*10.2
Milwaukee	8,704,000	13.7
Seattle	7,138,000	16.5
St. Paul	8,808,000	*.9
Buffalo	6,937,000	6.7
Denver	9,017,000	.3
Indianapolis	5,700,000	18.0
Fort Worth	8,479,000	*10.5
Providence	5,202,000	28.3
Portland, Or	5,817,000	11.7
Albany	5,209,000	23.3
Richmond	5,382,000	10.8
Washington	4,982,000	12.5
Spokane	5,212,000	*5.3
Salt Lake City	4,140,000	14.7
Columbus	4,101,000	19.8
St. Joseph	5,233,000	9.8
Atlanta	4,046,000	11.6
Memphis	4,780,000	*8.2
Tacoma	3,780,000	12.6
Savannah	2,803,000	5.1
Toledo, O	3,413,000	13.0
Nashville	2,780,000	19.4
Rochester	2,563,000	28.2
Hartford	2,569,000	28.5
Des Moines	2,921,000	*3.0
Peoria	2,557,000	*9.5
Norfolk	1,914,000	21.1
New Haven	1,708,000	20.0
Grand Rapids	1,819,000	10.6
Birmingham	1,701,000	20.3
Syracuse	1,796,000	5.0
Sioux City	2,463,000	12.5
Springfield, Mass	1,642,000	16.3
Evansville	1,768,000	*7.9
Portland, Me	1,368,000	11.9
Dayton	1,236,000	9.2
Little Rock	1,227,000	4.4
Augusta, Ga	1,337,000	12.7
Oakland, Cal	1,247,000	55.8
Worcester	1,262,000	19.5
Mobile	1,277,000	21.6
Knoxville	1,397,000	9.2
Jacksonville, Fla	1,359,000	6.4
Chattanooga	1,054,000	9.7
Charleston, S. C.	1,166,000	*2.2
Lincoln, Neb	1,334,000	*13.6
Wilmington, Del	1,085,000	27.4
Wichita	1,508,000	*7.6
Wilkesbarre	1,031,000	9.0
Wheeling, W. Va	1,006,000	1.2
Fall River	850,000	28.4
Davenport	1,038,000	2.7
Kalamazoo, Mich	802,000	18.9
Topeka	854,000	13.8
Helena	735,000	6.1
Springfield, Ill	701,000	10.8
Youngstown	680,000	*4.7
Fort Wayne	808,000	*2.4
New Bedford	700,000	*2.0
Erie, Pa	510,000	29.5
Cedar Rapids, Ia	659,000	*14.1
Macon	473,000	23.5
Akron	416,000	*37.1
Lexington	561,000	16.0
Rockford, Ill	730,000	7.4
Fargo, N. D.	465,000	14.9
Lowell	377,000	6.2
Binghampton	415,000	17.9
Chester, Pa	368,000	19.6
Sioux Falls, S. D.	476,000	7.3
South Bend, Ind	330,000	25.8
Bloomington, Ill	557,000	*14.8
Canton, O	390,000	21.2
Quincy, Ill	478,000	12.2
Springfield, O	377,000	5.9
Decatur, Ill	377,000	34.7
Mansfield, O	275,000	*16.9
Fremont, Neb	314,000	10.2
Jacksonville, Ill	213,000	2.2
Oklahoma	898,000	....
Houston	19,171,000	16.1
Galveston	12,385,000	2.9

*Increase.

EXPANSION IN RETAIL TRADE.

Operations in Building Lines Have Also Increased.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

The first week of Spring has seen an expansion in retail trade and an enlargement of operations in building lines, especially in the West. Conservative estimates of actual needs govern buying and replacement of stocks is the chief source of jobbing and wholesale demand. Trade in the primary branches is therefore quiet, and operations in industrial lines are below normal. Fall trade is backward, awaiting clearer views of the future crop and price conditions. Industrial conditions are still very irregular and shorter reduced time is practically universal.

Business failures for the week ending March 26 number in the United States 286 against 303 last week, 166 in the like week of 1907. Canadian failures for the week number 40 as against 21 in this week a year ago.

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending March 26 aggregated 2,293,964 bushels, 2,707,566 bushels this week last year and 2,904,110 in 1902. For the 39 weeks of the fiscal year, the exports are 165,547,653 bushels, against 130,591,179 in 1906-07. Corn exports for the week are 845,133 bushels against 383,645 last week and 1,844,633 in 1907. For the fiscal year to date the exports are 45,808,579 bushels, against 51,667,856 in 1906-07.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The London tin market was somewhat irregular with spot closing £143 15s and futures at £142 15s. The local market was steady with quotations ranging from 31.50@31.62½c.

Copper advanced to £61 7s 6d for spot and to £61 17s 6d for futures in London. Locally the market was firm and showed a further slight gain with lake quoted at 13.12½@13.37½c; electrolytic, 13.32½@13.35c, and casting at 12.87½@13.00c.

Lead was unchanged in London. The local market was firm and a shade higher at 3.95@4.00c.

Iron was lower in the English market with standard foundry quoted at 51s 3d and Cleveland warrants at 52s 6d. No change was reported in the local market.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The market for evaporated apples was steady and it is said that 7½ cents is being bid for desirable supplies of prime fruit. Fancy are quoted at 10½@11c; choice, 8½@9½c; prime, 7¼@7½c, and common to fair 5⅜@6⅜c.

Prunes are still unsettled, although there is less disposition to shade prices. Quotations range from 4¼c to 14c for California and from 6c to 10c for Oregon fruit.

Peaches of the better grades are said to be scarce and prices are steady to firm, with choice quoted at 10@10½c; extra choice, 11@11½c; fancy, 11½@12c, and extra fancy at 13@14c. Raisins are dull.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The market for coffee futures closed steady net unchanged to 5 points higher. Sales were reported of 8300 bags, including March, 5.80c; May, 5.80c; September, 5.85c; December, 5.95c. Spot coffee, steady; No. 7 Rio, 6c; No. 4 Santos, 8¼@8½c. Mild coffee, quiet; Cordova, 10½@13½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3.88c; centrifugal, 96-test, 4.38c; molasses sugar, 3.61c; refined, steady; crushed, 6.10c; powdered, 5.50c; granulated, 5.40c.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, March 27.—A good selection amounting to 10,333 bales was offered at the wool auction sales today. Competition was more active and merinos improved on increased continental demand. Cross breds were bought freely by the home trade, good medium and coarse showing a hardening tendency.

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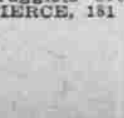

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