PRODUCE IS SLOW

Monday's Business Light on Board of Trade.

TRAIN DELAY HOLDS EGGS

Grainmen Will Frame Rules at Meeting Wednesday Night—First Transaction in Hops at the Exchange.

Monday is always a quiet day in produce times, consequently business was not very brisk on the Board of Trade yesterday. There was a good attendance of members, however, but there was not much to offer.

A large number of feed men were in attendance at the 11 o'clock session and a number of private trades were made. The only sales announced on the board were two lots of white oats and a car of alfalfa. Sample tables were used for the first time.

The grain men decided to hold a meeting at the Board of Trade Wednesday night at 8 o'clock when rules will be framed, and all the details arranged for conducting business at the exchange.

Owing to the late arrival of trains no eggs were offered for sale at the noon call, though offers to buy at 16 cents were made. This figure was posted as the official price for the day, which is ½ cent under Saturday's quotation. The 2½ cent reduction in butter made by several of the city creameries was shown in the official quotation of 27½ cents on extras posted on the blackboard.

The first sale of hops was made at the exchange yesterday, 110 bales of low-grades changing hands at 3 cents. A lot of medium to primes and a lot of olds were offered for sale. As soon as the hop trade realizes the convenience of the Board of Trade as a place for transacting "dealers' business," it is probable they will make extensive use of it.

The tone of the market on butter and eggs was announced as follows:

Butter, weaker, lower; cream receipts increasing. Eggs, heavier arrivals; market weaker.

Transactions of the day were as follows:

Offers to sell—1 car Bermuda onions at $2.25 per 50-lb. crate f. o. b. Portland; 100 to 200 cases golden tomatoes at $2.35; 45 bales medium to prime hops at 3½c; 25 bales 1906 hops at 1½c; 35 boxes Winesap apples at $1.50 city delivery; 100 boxes Roxbury R. apples at $1.50, delivery April 10; 50 tons No. 1 feed barley at $24.00 track; 2 cars country shorts at $27.25 track; 50 boxes golden cheddar cheese at 14c Portland; 90 pounds store butter at 17c; 1000 egg cases at 15c.

Offers to buy—25 tons No. 1 white feed oats at $27.50; 25 tons No. 1 white feed oats at $27.00; 1 car country shorts at $27; 20 cases candled eggs at 16c; 20 cases fancy fresh cream cheese 13½c; 25 to 50 cases candled eggs at 18c, delivered today.

Sales—116 bales medium hops at 3c; 25 tons white feed oats at $27.50; 25 tons white feed oats at $27.00; 1 car second-cut alfalfa at $12 f. o. b. track; 90 pounds store butter at 17c.

BUTTER IS SCARCE BUT GOES LOWER

Increase in Production Is Expected Very Soon.

The butter market took its expected tumble yesterday, several city creameries reducing their quotation 2½ cents. The new price will be general today. The local supply is still rather short, some of the creameries not having enough to fill their orders, but an increase in the cream supply is expected soon, and in the meantime it was thought advisable to prevent the California trade from getting a foothold here.

Hops were quoted lower at 16 cents on the exchange and this price was generally followed on the street.

Poultry receipts were very light and prices nominal.

WIDE RANGE PRICES IN HOP MARKET

Ray & Son Buy Another Fancy Lot at 6 Cents.

There was considerable activity in the hop market yesterday, and the prices paid ranged all the way from 1½ to 6 cents. At the latter figure, A. J. Ray & Son secured the Henry Clandfield lot of 100 bales at Ballston. They recently purchased 194 bales from Richard Clandfield, of Ballston, at the same price. These are described as the finest lots left in the state.

It was reported that Pincus, of Tacoma, sold 300 bales of 1908's, guaranteed choice quality, November delivery, to Seavey at 3 cents. There were also reports of short sales made at 3½@3 cents on the new crop for later delivery.

STRAWBERRIES FROM LOS ANGELES

Small Shipment Arrives in Good Condition and Sells at High Price.

A small shipment of Los Angeles strawberries arrived yesterday and sold at 20@22 cents per half-pound box. They were of good quality. Two cars of oranges were received from the South and the market was reported firm. Apples were in good supply on the street but moved slowly.

Two cars of mixed California vegetables arrived and for a time made business lively on the street. Prices generally were steady except on asparagus, which was less plentiful than on Saturday, and firmer.

Weekly Grain Statistics.

The weekly grain statistics of the Merchants' Exchange follow:

American visible supply—

	Bushels	Decrease.
April 4, 1908	28,786,000	*716,000
April 5, 1907	40,030,000	*2,352,000
April 6, 1906	40,324,000	146,000
April 10, 1905	31,836,000	821,000
April 4, 1904	81,127,000	784,000
April 6, 1903	41,958,000	1,311,000
April 7, 1902	38,014,000	1,121,000
April 8, 1901	33,860,000	898,000
April 9, 1900	39,412,000	*1,209,000
April 10, 1899	36,431,000	*844,000

* Increase.

Quantities on passage—

For	Week Ending Apr. 4 Bushels.	Week Ending Mar. 28 Bushels.	Week Ending Apr. 6, '07. Bushels.
U. K.	18,280,000	22,800,000	22,080,000
Continent	22,280,000	22,400,000	27,040,000
Total	40,560,000	45,200,000	49,120,000

World's shipments by principal exporting countries, from included—

From	Week Ending Apr. 4 Bushels.	Week Ending Mar. 28 Bushels.	Week Ending Apr. 6, '07. Bushels.
U. S. & Can.	2,411,000	2,294,000	3,401,000
Argentine	6,640,000	6,120,000	3,012,000
Australia	360,000	568,000	1,064,000
India	.....	.....	464,000
Danubian Ports	408,000	152,000	352,000
Russia	448,000	168,000	360,000
Total	10,767,000	9,368,000	9,789,000

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,608,343	$159,719
Seattle	1,299,847	128,212
Tacoma	781,856	55,288
Spokane	1,328,908	277,692

Wool and Mohair Weak.

The local wool market has an exceedingly weak appearance and buyers of valley wool quote prices lower at 19@19 cents. Eastern stock is nominally quoted at 18@19 cents. Mohair is coming in steadily and the dealers are paying 20@20½ cents, but are not keen buyers.

BOARD OF TRADE QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—Track prices: Club, 84c per bushel; red, Russian, 82c; bluestem, 87c; Valley, 85c.

BARLEY—Feed, $24.50 per ton; rolled, $27@28; brewing, $27.

OATS—No. 1 white, $26.50 per ton; gray, $26.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.35 per barrel; straights, $3.85; experts, $3.50@3.60; Valley, $4.45; graham, $4.15; whole wheat, $4.40; rye, $3.25.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $25.50@26 per ton; middlings, $29; shorts, country, $26@26.50; city, $27; chop, $22.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, $15; Eastern Oregon, $17.50; mixed, $16; clover, $14; alfalfa, $12.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Extras, 27½c per pound; fancy, 26c; choice, 25c; store, 16½c.

EGGS—Loss off, 16c per dozen.

CHEESE—Oregon cream twins, 15½c per pound; cream brick, 20c; Swiss blk., 20c; limburger, 22½c.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 13c per lb.; fancy hens, 14@14½c; roosters, old, 8c; broilers, lb., 20c; broilers, lb., 22½@25c; dressed poultry per pound, ½c higher; ducks, 16@17c; geese, old, 9c; turkeys, alive, 15@16c; dressed, 17@18c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—Select, selling price, 70c per hundred; Willamette Valley, buying price, 40c per hundred; East Multnomah, buying price, 55c; Clackamas, buying price, 55c per hundred.

ONIONS—Job price, $4.75@5 per hundred; buying price, $4.25@4.50 per hundred; garlic, 10c per pound.

APPLES—Select, $2.50 per box; fancy, $2; choice, $1.50; ordinary, $1.25.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $2@2.75 per box; lemons, $2.75@3.50.

VEGETABLES — Turnips, $1 per sack; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.25; cabbage, $1.75 per hundred; tomatoes, Florida, $4.50@5 per crate; Mexicans, $2.75; cauliflower, California, $1 per dozen; local, 50c@$1; hothouse lettuce, $1.25@1.50 per box; cucumbers, $1@2 dozen; celery, 35c@$1 per dozen.

Meats and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS—Hogs, fancy, 7½@8c per pound; ordinary, 7c; large, 5@6c; veal, extra, 8½c; ordinary, 7½@8c; heavy, 6@7c; mutton, fancy, 7½c.

HAMS—Hams, 10-12 lb., 14½c per pound; 14-16 lb., 14c; 18-20 lb., 14c.

BACON—Breakfast, 15½@22c per pound; picnics, 10c; cottage roll, 11c.

DRY SALT AND SMOKED—Regular short clears, smoked, 13½c per pound; unsmoked, 10½c; unsalted bellies, 10 to 18, smoked, 10@13c; 10 to 18, unsmoked, 12c; clear bellies, unsmoked, 12c; smoked, 14c; shoulders, 11c.

LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 12½c per pound; 5s, 12½c; 50s, tins, 12½c; S. rendered, 10s, 11½c; 5s, 11½c; compound, 10s, 8½c.

JOBBERS' QUOTATIONS.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

FRESH FRUITS—Strawberries, 20@22c per box.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 50c per dozen; asparagus, 90c per pound; beans, 20c per pound; eggplant, 20c per pound; lettuce, head, 40c per dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; rhubarb, 2@2½c per pound; rhubarb, $2@2.25 per crate; spinach, 50c per crate; new California potatoes, 5@5½c per pound; sweet potatoes, 5½c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Grapefruit, $3.50; bananas, 5½@6c per pound; crated, 5½c; pineapples, $4@5.50 per dozen.

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, 6½c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Receipts of livestock have been on a more liberal scale for a few days and have taken some of the strength out of the market, but prices are no lower, as there is still a fair demand. The arrivals yesterday were 465 hogs, 90 cattle, 70 calves and 30 sheep.

The Elgin Recorder says a fine shipment of cattle consigned to Tacoma left the Elgin yards Wednesday evening. M. E. Hotchkiss, the Enterprise dealer, shipped five carloads, and A. B. McCarty shipped two more. It was an exceptionally fine bunch of cattle and were all fattened in Wallowa County.

According to the Moro Observer Barnum Bros. recently had a contract to deliver a bunch of cattle, about three carloads, at a stipulated price, either at Moro or in The Dalles. They delivered at the latter place and made $375 over the price they would have received over expenses, by delivering at Moro.

The following quotations were current on livestock in the local market yesterday:

CATTLE—Best steers, $4.75@4.85; medium, $4.25@4.75; common, $3.50@4; cows, best, $3.75@4.25; common, $3.25@3.75; calves, $4@4.50.

SHEEP—Best wethers, $6@6.50; ewes, $5.50@6; spring lambs, nominal.

HOGS—Best, $6@6.25; medium, $5.75@6; feeders, $5.25@5.75.

Eastern Livestock Markets.

OMAHA, April 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 1700. Active, 10c to 15c higher. Native steers, $5.25@5.70; cows and heifers, $3.75@5.00; Western, $5.75@6.00; Texas steers, $3.75@4.90; cows and heifers, $2.75@4.75; canners, $2.00@2.50; stockers and feeders, $3.00@5.25; calves, $3.00@5.75; bulls and stags, $3.25@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 2400. Market 5c higher. Heavy, $5.25@5.50; mixed, $5.75@5.80; light, $5.70@5.80; pigs, $4.50@5.25; bulk of sales, $5.75@5.85.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000. Market slow and weak. Yearlings, $6.75@7.40; wethers, $6.00@6.60; ewes, $5.75@6.05; lambs, $7.00@8.10.

KANSAS CITY, April 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000, including 1500 Southerns. Market strong to 10c higher. Native steers, $4.00@7; native cows and heifers, $2.75@6.40; stockers and feeders, $3.75@5.60; bulls, $3.75@5.25; calves, $3.50@5.50; Western steers, $4.80@6.75; Western cows, $3.50@5.05.

Hogs—Receipts, 6800. Steady to strong. Bulk of sales, $5.80@5.95; heavy, $5.90@6.00; packers and butchers, $5.80@5.97½; light, $5.70@5.90; pigs, $4.25@5.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 6000. Weak. Muttons, $5.50@6.75; lambs, $6.50@7.90; range wethers, $5.50@7.25; feed ewes, $5.00@6.25.

CHICAGO, April 6.—Cattle—Receipts about 20,000. Market strong to 10c higher. Beeves, $4.35@7.40; cows and heifers, $2.75@5.10; Texas, $4.50@4.90; calves, $4.75@6.75; Westerns, $4.10@5.50; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, about 40,000. Market steady to a shade lower. Light, $5.80@6.25; heavy, $5.80@6.22½; rough, $5.80@5.95; pigs, $4.75@5.80; bulk of sales, $5.95@6.10.

Sheep—Receipts, about 20,000. Market weak to 10c lower. Native, $4.75@6.75; Westerns, $4.90@6.75; yearlings, $6.20@7.90; lambs, $6.00@8.70; Westerns, $6.25@7.90.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Vegetables—Garlic, 15@20c; green peas, 3@5c; string beans, 20c; asparagus, 5@8c; tomatoes, $1.25@2; eggplant, 10@15c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4@4.50; roosters, young, $7@9; broilers, small, $2.50@3; broilers, large, $5@6; fryers, $7@8; hens, $5@$5.50; ducks, old, $4@5; young, $5@7.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32c; creamery seconds, 29½c; fancy dairy, 30c.

Eggs—Fresh, 16½c; fancy ranch, 20c.

Cheese—New, 13@13½c. Young Americas, 12@12½c.

Milkstuffs—Bran, $30@32; middlings, $33@36.

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

Hops—New and old crops, 1½@6½c; contracts, 9@11c.

Hay—Wheat, $13@18.50; wheat and oats, $11@16; alfalfa, $9@14; stock, $7.50@9; straw, per bale, 35@45c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.75; common, 60c; bananas, $1@1.50; Mexican limes, $6@6.50; California lemons, choice, $2.75; common, $1; oranges, navels, $1.25@2.25; pineapples, $1.50@3.50.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1.35@1.50; sweets, $2.50@3; Oregon Burbanks, 80c@$1.10.

Rosalia—Flour, $3.60 quarter sacks; wheat, 1720 centals; barley, 4835 centals; oats, 910 centals; beans, 470 sacks; corn, 600 centals; potatoes, 5270 sacks; bran, 125 sacks; middlings, 125 sacks; hay, 790 tons; wool, 210 bales; hides, 3320.

HELD IN SUSPENSE

Stock Speculators Await Final Erie Settlement.

BEARS AFRAID TO ATTACK

Railway Officials Express More Confidence in Growth of Traffic.—Possible Exportation of Gold From New York.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The announcement of the Erie financial plan, which was made after the stock market closed on Saturday, was without effect today unless the torpid state of the trading was influenced by the peculiarities of the announcement. The tone of the official offer implied a threat that if any of the notes were withheld, the plan would be allowed to lapse. The alternative would be a receivership. The position offered was sufficiently delicate to suggest a suspension of judgment on the efforts until the matter is definitely adjusted, which will be when the old notes mature on Wednesday. The spasmodic jump in prices of stocks on Saturday was accepted as, in some sort, an expression of opinion on the Erie plan so far as perfected and this added to the disinclination to extend the movement.

With the remaining uncertainty over the Erie plan, there was the doubt as to how far the offers on the market of its assumed success had been exhausted. The bears were timid about attacking the market from fear that final success on Wednesday of the effort to secure exchange of the old Erie notes for new would prove a new stimulating tendency on the market. The stock market was held in suspended animation throughout the day as a consequence of these considerations. Operations between three or four traders of the more active class and in a handful of stocks practically made up the whole market.

The price of copper made some recovery in London and the effect was good on the group of copper industrial stocks. Railroad traffic officials expressed some increased confidence in the promise for growth of traffic, but they had no actual increase in the movement to report. Reports of Winter wheat conditions continued favorable with substantial sustaining effect on prices of stocks.

The persistence of the demand upon London for gold and a renewed decline in the sterling exchange rate at Paris kept alive discussion of a possible export movement of gold from New York. Foreign exchange rates here were practically unchanged and the demand for money on time was so light as to offer slight opportunity for placing funds.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, $1,535,000. United States 2s registered, declined ¼ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing
Adams Express	.....	.....	.....	177
Amal Copper	15,500	59⅝	58⅝	58⅝
Am Car & F	600	33	32½	32
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	93½
Am Cotton Oil	100	28	28	28
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	85
Am Express	.....	.....	.....	190
Am Hide & L pf	.....	.....	.....	16
American Ice	3,600	21⅝	19⅝	21⅛
Am Linseed Oil	300	7	7	7
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	17
Am Locomotive	1,800	44½	43⅝	43⅝
do preferred	100	91½	91½	91½
Am Smelt & Ref	22,400	68½	67⅝	67½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	94
Am Sugar Ref	500	124	124	124½
Am Tobacco ctfs	100	85	85	85
Anaconda Min Co	900	38	37½	37⅝
Atchison	2,700	74⅝	74⅝	74⅝
do preferred	500	86	85½	85½
Atl Coast Line	.....	.....	.....	70½
Balt & Ohio	1,900	83½	81	83
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	85
Brook Rap Tran	4,000	46½	45½	45½
Canadian Pacific	4,300	153½	152	152⅝
Central of N J	.....	.....	.....	175
Ches & Ohio	300	31⅝	31	31
Chi Gt Western	100	5½	5½	5½
Chicago & N W	400	146½	146½	146½
C M & St Paul	4,500	117⅝	116½	117
Chi Ter & Tran	.....	.....	.....	5
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	20
C C C & St L	100	52½	52½	52½
Colo Fuel & Iron	2,200	24½	23⅝	23½
Colo & Southern	600	25½	25½	25½
do 1st preferred	200	54½	54½	54½
do 2d preferred	100	44⅝	44⅝	44½
Consolidated Gas	2,200	118½	117	118⅛
Corn Products	100	12½	12⅝	12½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	83
Del & Hudson	100	155½	155½	154⅝
Del, Lack & West	300	480	480	480¼
D & R Grande	400	19⅝	19½	19
do preferred	200	52	51⅝	51½
Distillers' Secur	300	31	30½	30½
Erie	5,200	15⅝	15	15½
do 1st preferred	1,400	32⅝	31	31⅝
do 2d preferred	500	22	24½	20⅝
General Electric	.....	.....	.....	128
Illinois Central	200	123	123⅝	122½
Int Paper	.....	.....	.....	8
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	56
Int Pump	300	23	22⅝	22½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	69½
Iowa Central	.....	.....	.....	12
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	24
K C Southern	.....	.....	.....	25⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	51½
Louis & Nashville	.....	.....	.....	164½
Mexican Central	2,100	19½	18⅝	18⅞
Minn & St Louis	200	24	23⅝	24½
M St P & S S M	1,300	114⅝	113⅝	114
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	132½
Missouri Pacific	600	42	41½	41
Mo, Kan & Texas	1,000	24⅝	23½	23
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	54½
National Lead	1,700	36½	35⅝	35½
Mex Nat R R pf	.....	.....	.....	50
N Y Central	200	97½	97½	97
N Y Ont & West	200	32½	32½	32½
Norfolk & Western	.....	.....	.....	83½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	80
North American	100	51	51	50
Pacific Mail	200	28½	28	28
Pennsylvania	5,000	116⅝	116⅛	115⅝
People's Gas	400	89½	88⅝	88⅝
P, C C & St Louis	.....	.....	.....	69
Pressed Steel Car	.....	.....	.....	23
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	80
Pullman Pal Car	.....	.....	.....	154
Reading	11,100	104⅝	103½	104
do 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	81½
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	82
Republic Steel	100	18⅝	18⅝	18
do preferred	100	89½	89	89
Rock Island Co	900	14½	14½	14½
do preferred	200	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝
St L & S F 2 pf	.....	.....	.....	35
St L Southwest	.....	.....	.....	11⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	30⅝
Southern Pacific	2,600	74⅝	73⅝	73⅝
do preferred	200	111⅝	111⅝	111⅝
Southern Railway	2,200	14½	14	13⅝
do preferred	900	38½	38	37⅝
Texas & Pacific	.....	.....	.....	16½
Tol, St L & West	100	18⅝	18⅝	17⅝
do preferred	700	42½	41½	41½
Union Pacific	51,400	125⅞	124⅝	124⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	79
U S Express	.....	.....	.....	90
U S Realty	.....	.....	.....	40
U S Rubber	100	19⅝	19⅝	20
do preferred	2,100	81½	80	79⅝
U S Steel	32,200	33⅝	33	33⅛
do preferred	2,600	98½	97⅝	97⅝
Va-Caro Chemical	.....	.....	.....	19½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	90
Wabash	400	10½	10½	10½
do preferred	100	17⅝	17⅝	17½
Wells-Fargo Ex	.....	.....	.....	300
Westinghouse Elec	2,800	56½	55	55
Western Union	300	51	51	51
Wheel & L Erie	.....	.....	.....	5½
Wisconsin Central	.....	.....	.....	14
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	37
Northern Pacific	9,200	126⅝	126	126½
Central Leather	400	21⅝	19⅞	20½
do preferred	100	87	87	87
Sloss-Sheffield	.....	.....	.....	45
Gt Northern pf	3,500	122⅞	122⅝	122½
Inter Met	100	8	8	7⅞
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	29
Utah Copper	300	30⅝	30½	30

Total sales for the day, 202,600 shares.

BONDS

NEW YORK, April 6.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg	105⅝	N Y C G 3½s	89⅝
do coupon	106	North Pacific 3s	70½
U. S. 3s reg	106⅝	North Pacific 4s	99⅝
do coupon	107	South Pacific 4s	80
U. S. new 4s reg	126⅝	Union Pacific 4s	96⅝
do coupon	127⅝	Wisconsin Cent 4s	87½
Atchison adj. 4s	86⅝	Japanese 4s	85⅝
D & R G 4s	92		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Money on call easy, 1¼@2 per cent; ruling rate, 1¾ per cent; closing bid, 1¾ per cent; offered at 2 per cent. Time loans dull and steady, 60 days, 3@3½ per cent; 90 days, 3¾@3½ per cent; six months, 3¾@4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4½@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8545@4.8850 for demand and at $4.8415@4.8420 for 60-day bills. Commercial bills $4.83¾.

Bar silver, 55¼c.

Mexican dollars, 47c.

Bonds—Governments, easy; railroads, irregular.

LONDON, April 6.—Bar silver, steady, 25 7-16d per ounce.

Money, 2@2½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2½ per cent; for three months' bills, 2⅝ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—Silver bars, 55¼c.

Mexican dollars, 45c.

Drafts, sight, 7½c; telegraph, 10c.

Sterling, 60 days, $4.83¾; sight, $4.87.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund shows:

Available cash balances	$261,201,494
Gold coin and bullion	96,224,745
Gold certificates	76,992,880

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The London tin market was a little lower today, with spot quoted at £144 15s and futures at £143 5s. Locally the market was steady, with quotations ranging from 31.87½ to 32c.

The London copper market was higher, with spot quoted at £59 2s 6d and futures at £59 12s 6d. Locally the market was dull and unchanged. Lake, 12.87½@12.12½c; electrolytic, 12.75@13c; casting, 12.50@12.75.

Lead was dull and unchanged at £14 in London and at 3.90@4c in the local market.

Spelter was a shade higher at £21 12s 6d in the London market, but remained quiet and unchanged at 4.60@4.70c locally.

Iron was unchanged to 3d higher in the English market, with standard foundry quoted at 50s and Cleveland warrants at 51s 6d. Locally the market was unchanged.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, April 6.—There is very little business in the market for evaporated apples and prices are largely nominal. Fancy, 10½@11c; choice, 9½@9¾c; prime, 7@7½c; common to fair, 5¾@6¾c.

Prunes are steady in tone with quotations ranging from 4½c to 14c for California, and from 6c to 10c for Oregon fruit.

Apricots are in jobbing demand with choice quoted at 18@20c; extra choice, 19@21c, and fancy, 20@24c.

Peaches are steady, with choice quoted at 10@10½c; extra choice, 11@11½c; fancy, 11¾@12c, and extra fancy, 12@14c.

Raisins remain dull and easy, notwithstanding further bullish reports from the Coast as to the new crop outlook. Loose Muscatels, 5@6½c; seeded raisins, 5¼@8¼c; London layers, $1.65@1.75.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, April 6.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 1.62½	Quincy	$1.00
Allouez	24.00	Shannon	13.75
Amalgamated	58.25	Tamarack	60.00
Atlantic	6.00	Trinity	12.75
Cal & Hecla	630.00	United Copper	6.75
Centennial	21.00	U. S. Mining	36.50
Copper Range	65.25	U. S. Oil	9.50
Daly West	8.50	Utah	37.75
Franklin	7.00	Victoria	3.00
Granby	90.00	Winona	5.00
Isle Royale	18.50	Wolverine	123.00
Mass Mining	2.50	North Butte	53.75
Michigan	11.00	Butte Coal	20.75
Mohawk	48.00	Nevada	11.37½
Mont C & C	75	Cal & Ariz	100.00
Old Dominion	34.75	Ariz Com	18.00
Osceola	82.00	Greene Cananea	8.62½
Parrot	18.00		

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Coffee futures closed quiet, net unchanged to 5 points lower. Sales, 11,000 bags. May, 5.70c; September, 5.75c; December, 5.85c; March, 5.90c. Spot, quiet; No. 7 Rio, 6c; No. 4 Santos, 8¾@8½c. Mild, quiet. Cordova, 9¾@15c.

Sugar—Raw, easy. Fair refining, 3.86c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4.36c; molasses sugar, 3.61c; refined, steady; crushed, 6.10c; powdered, 5.50c; granulated, 5.40c.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Cotton futures closed steady, April, 9.41c; May, 9.35c; June, 9.54c; July, 9.57c; August, 9.50c; October, 9.46c; December, 9.46c; January, 9.46c; March, 9.47c.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 6.—Wool, steady. Territory and Western mediums, 16@18c; fine medium, 14@16c; fine, 10@13c.

CITY PREPARES FOR FLEET

VISIT GALA EVENT AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Long Programme of Social and Athletic Events Announced by Reception Committee.

That the arrival of the fleet in San Francisco harbor will be the proudest day of that city's existence is the belief of William McMurray, general passenger agent for the Harriman lines in this territory, who returned yesterday from a short business trip to the Bay City. He says that the big parade on May 8 will be a demonstration the like of which has never been seen on the Pacific Coast. It is expected there will be from 15,000 to 20,000 men in the line of march.

The fleet is to reach the Golden Gate on the afternoon of May 7 and pass in at 1 P. M. The afternoon will be taken up with official calls and at night there will be a reception and ball at the Fairmont hotel, while a club house for enlisted men will be opened.

The following day the parade will be the big event, followed by a reception by the Governor and Mayor at the Fairmont. The Governor will give a banquet at night. Informal receptions, which will continue throughout the fleet's stay, will be given daily at the Fairmont and St. Francis hotels. There will be band concerts in Union Square each afternoon and at night in various squares and parks.

Secretary Metcalf will review the fleet on Friday, May 8. Games will be played in the stadium and boat races will be run at Alameda. The commanding officers will be banqueted Friday night at the St. Francis.

Each following day will find the Bay City en fete. On Sunday, May 10, there will be a yacht club cruise and religious services will be held at the Eighth and Market streets pavilion. An auto ride will be provided for 400 officers on the following day and an observation car ride for 1000 enlisted men. A reception and ball at the Fairmont will occur at night. Boat races for the Battenberg cup, a big Navy event, will be held in front of the city.

Special arrangements to show the children the battleships have been made for Tuesday, May 12. It is planned to take 35,000 school children over the ships. There will be a G. A. R. reception at Dreamland rink Tuesday night.

Wednesday, May 13, will be a day of athletics at the stadium. There will be baseball, field events and tug of war in addition to other games. A trip up Mount Tamalpais will be made on Wednesday.

There will be a dinner Thursday night by the Graduates' Association of the United States Naval Academy. In addition to the events already scheduled, there will be receptions and balls without number. The Native Sons plan several big events for the entertainment of the naval officers.

ARRESTED AS BIGAMIST

Wealthy Tennessean Caught in Sacramento With Erring Girl.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 6.—Requisition papers were issued this morning for the extradition of A. Fulkerson, a wealthy resident of Tennessee and Miss Ada Templeton, a girl with whom he eloped two months ago. The couple have been located at Riverside by James O. Templeton, the girl's brother.

Fulkerson has been arrested on a charge of bigamy and will be taken back for trial to Tennessee where he is said to have a wife.

Olympia Beer. "It's the water." Brewery's own bottling. Phones, Main 611, A 2467.

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ALL NEWS BEARISH

Very Weak Day for Wheat at Chicago.

SLUMP OF TWO CENTS

Depressing Factors Are Lower Cables, Slack Cash Demand, Favorable Weather and Increase in Visible Supply.

CHICAGO, April 6.—Wheat was weak all day, reports of more rain in Kansas being largely responsible. Lower cables, favorable weather for farm work in the Northwest, a slack demand for cash wheat and an increase of 716,000 bushels in the visible supply were influences which induced depression. The close was weak. May opened ¼c to ¼c lower to a shade higher at 92½c to 92¾c, sold off to 90½c and closed at 90½@90⅝c.

Corn was quiet and prices held steady until the late session, when the market weakened in sympathy with wheat. May closed weak at 60½@60¾c.

Oats were weak in sympathy with wheat and corn. May closed at 52½c, the low point.

Provisions were firm. At the close, May pork was up 2½c, lard was unchanged and ribs were a shade higher.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$ .92¾	$ .92¾	$ .90½	$ .90⅝
July	.88½	.88½	.86⅝	.86½
September	.86⅝	.86⅝	.85⅛	.85⅛
CORN.				
May	.66½	.67	.60½	.60⅝
July	.64½	.64⅝	.60¼	.60
September	.63⅛	.63⅝	.62⅞	.62⅝
OATS.				
May, old	.53	.53¼	.52½	.52½
May, new	.51½	.51⅝	.51¼	.51¼
July, old	.46⅝	.46⅝	.45⅝	.45⅝
July, new	.44⅞	.44⅞	.44	.44
PORK.				
May	13.72½	13.87½	13.27½	13.32½
July	13.60	13.72½	13.00	13.07½
September	14.10	14.10	13.65	14.00
LARD.				
May	8.30	8.35	8.25	8.27½
July	8.35	8.40	8.17½	8.22½
September	8.75	8.77½	8.62½	8.67½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	7.17½	7.20	7.10	7.15
July	7.25	7.27½	7.07½	7.02½
September	7.10	7.12½	7.05	7.07½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—