WILL FRAME RULES

Meeting of Butter, Egg and Cheese Men Saturday.

AT THE BOARD OF TRADE

Classification and Inspection of Commodities Will Be Provided For—Business to Be Put on Profitable Basis.

The grain, flour and feed members of the Portland Board of Trade will hold a meeting at the quarters of the board at 8 o'clock Friday evening for further discussion of the rules and regulations made necessary by the steadily increasing trading on the floor.

The produce interests have also found it necessary to systematize their operations and a set of rules will be provided to govern their business on the floor.

"The produce men will meet here at 2 P. M. Saturday," said Secretary Fred Muller, "when the question of rules and regulations will be discussed. A draft of the rules has already been submitted to the committee, and after a few changes have been made they will be placed before all the produce members for discussion and final adoption.

"The rules provide for an inspection bureau, the classification of butter, eggs and cheese and a full description of the different grades. It is contemplated to have a regular inspection service in connection with this classification.

"Aside from the consideration of rules, there will be a discussion of plans for putting the commission business on a more profitable footing. In many instances now, unreasonable competition has made it practically impossible for the commission merchants to get a legitimate profit out of the handling of certain commodities, especially eggs. It is felt that by a thorough discussion of the subject, these obstacles can be overcome and the business put on a profitable basis."

Inquiries from the country as to the workings of the Board continue to be received by Secretary Muller. One of the largest cheese manufacturers in Washington wrote yesterday to know what steps to take to place his products before the local trade.

There was a fair attendance at yesterday's session. Among the out-of-town visitors was J. J. Gessling, of the Hood River mills.

The marked scarcity of all kinds of produce at the present time prevents much activity on the Board, and there are more offers to buy than to sell. When supplies begin to increase next month, heavier trading can be expected.

Market conditions were reported by the several committees as follows:

Grain, Flour and Feed—All markets firm.

Fruit and Vegetables—Active and steady.

Eggs—Firm, good demand; arrivals light.

Poultry—Better call for prime fat hens; mixed lots moving better; turkeys in poor demand.

Dressed Meats—Veal, easier, heavy arrivals, only fat medium sizes wanted; mutton, very hard to move, prices cut to make sales.

Offers and sales were:

Offers to buy—100 tons bran, $24.50; 50 tons feed barley, $25.50; 50 tons No. 1 white oats, $26.50; 3000 bushels bluestem wheat, 85½c; up to 500 cases candled eggs, 16½c track Portland; 1 car No. 1 white oats, $26.50; 20 cars candled eggs, 16½c.

Offers to sell—10 cases fancy creamery butter, 26½c delivered Wednesday; 20 cases fancy creamery butter, delivered Thursday.

Sale—3 boxes full cream cheese, 14c.

NO LIFE IN THE MOHAIR MARKET.

Dealers Making No Effort to Secure Supplies.

There is no improvement in the mohair market, either here, in the East or abroad. Local dealers are not soliciting business, but are taking the few lots offered them at around 20 cents. The latest issue of the Boston Commercial Bulletin says of that market:

There is absolutely no change for the better in the mohair situation, and practically nothing is being done by manufacturers. The general lack of business experienced by other mills is felt as well by users of mohair, and with the exception of taking occasional small lots to "sort out" with, they see no apparent need of purchasing supplies that may not be needed for a long time. Dealers realize the poor conditions existing in the market, and in consequence, are not offering useless price concessions to obtain business. As a result of the inactivity, values while quoted steady are really nominal and can be no nearer accurate until trading of consequence takes place, thus setting a basis of prices to work on.

The foreign markets are without particular interest or activity.

Texas hair is now being brought to the market places, and growers' ideas are said to be still far beyond the maximum figures decided on by dealers.

STRAWBERRIES IN FAIR CONDITION

Orange Market Booming—Texas Onions Are Due Today.

The large shipment of California strawberries received yesterday was in fair condition and sales were at from $3 to $3.50 per crate.

Four cars of bananas arrived in fine shape. The double shipment this week was due to a change in the shipping date at the Gulf port, and as only two cars are coming next week, the supply will prove none too large for the trade. The orange market is booming in California and another advance in local prices is imminent. Two cars of oranges arrived yesterday.

The first car of Texas Bermuda onions passed Ashland yesterday and is due in Portland today or tomorrow. These onions will sell at $2.75 per crate. The cabbage market is very firm and will probably go to 2¼ cents next week.

RECEIPTS OF EGGS ARE SMALL.

First-Class Demand Keeps the Market Firm.

Light arrivals of eggs keep the local market in a firm condition. Some holding back in the country for Easter is evident, but it is not thought the receipts the latter part of the week will be large enough to have much effect on prices. The demand continues strong. It is said three cars of Eastern eggs are en route to Seattle.

Receipts of poultry were fair yesterday and a steady inquiry enabled previous prices to be maintained.

The city creameries as yet have no surplus stock of butter on hand and they report the market firm. The tone on Front street is about steady.

Latest Deals in Hop Market.

Among the transactions in the hop market reported yesterday were the following purchases by Klaber, Wolf & Netter. From Otto Kuenn, of Aurora, 43 bales; R. J. Hendry, Aurora, 60 bales; Tigard & Leland, Tigardville, 84 bales; Ole Vereeth, Woodburn, 55 bales. The price paid for these lots was 2 to 4 cents.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,022,310	$170,224
Seattle	1,227,411	128,157
Tacoma	626,527	31,602
Spokane	1,071,284	106,112

No Sunday Trading on Front Street.

The Front-street produce merchants have agreed to do no more business on Sunday nor will they open their stores to receive freight of any kind on that day. Shippers in the country are being advised to ship no berries, fruit or perishable produce of any kind to arrive here on Sunday.

BOARD OF TRADE QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—Track prices: Club, 84c per bushel; red Russian, 82c; bluestem, 86c; Valley, 84c.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.65 per barrel; straights, $3.50; exports, $3.50@3.65; Valley, $4.45; ¼-sack graham, $4.15; whole wheat, $4.40; rye, $5.25.

BARLEY—Feed, $24 per ton; rolled, $27@28; brewing, $26.

OATS—No. 1 white, $26.50@27 per ton; gray, $26.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $24.50 per ton; middlings, $27.50; shorts, country, $27.50; city, $27; wheat and barley chop, $27.50.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, $15; Eastern Oregon, $17.50; mixed, $12; clover, $14; alfalfa, $12; alfalfa meal, $20.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

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

EGGS—Loss and commission off, 16¾@17c per dozen.

CHEESE—Fancy 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, 9c; fryers, lb., 20c; broilers, lb., 22½@25c; dressed poultry per pound, 1c higher.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—Select, selling price, 70c per hundred; Willamette Valley, buying price, 40c per hundred; East Multnomah, buying price, 50c; Clackamas, buying price, 55c per hundred; new California, 5@5½c per pound; sweet, 3½c per pound.

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

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

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $2.50@3 per box; lemons, $2.75@3.50.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1 per sack; carrots, $1.50@1.75; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.25; cabbage, $2 per hundred; tomatoes, Florida, $4@4.50 per crate; cauliflower, local, 25c@$1; head lettuce, 40c per dozen; hothouse lettuce, $1.50@1.75 per box; cucumbers, $1.50@2.50 dozen; celery, 85c@$1 per dozen; artichokes, 50c per dozen; asparagus, 8½@9c per pound; beans, 20c per pound; egg plant, 25@30c per pound; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 8@10c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 25c per dozen; rhubarb, $1.75@2 per box; spinach, 85c per crate.

Meats and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS—Hogs, fancy, 7¾@8c per pound; ordinary, 7c; large, 5@6c; veal, extra, 8@8½c; ordinary, 7@7½c; heavy, 6c; mutton, fancy, 11c; dressed Spring lambs, 9@10c, selling price, 11c; fancy, 12c.

HAMS—Hams, 10-12 lb., 14¼c per pound; 14-16 lb., 14c; 18-20 lb., 14c.

BACON—Breakfast, 17½@22c per pound; picnics, 10c; cottage roll, 11c.

DRY SALT AND SMOKED—Regular short clears, smoked, 11½c per pound; unsmoked, 10½c; unsalted bellies, 10-13 lbs., smoked, 12@13c; 10-13 lbs., unsmoked, 12c; clear bellies, unsmoked, 13c; smoked, 14c; shoulders, 11c; tongues, 10c.

LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 12¾c per pound; 5s, 12⅞c; 50s, tins, 12⅛c; S. rendered, 10s, 11¾c; 5s, 11⅞c; compound, 10s, 8⅝c.

JOBBERS' QUOTATIONS.

Fresh and Dried Fruits.

FRESH FRUITS—Grapefruit, $2.75@3.25; tangerines, $1.50 per box; bananas, 5½c per pound, crated, 6c; strawberries, $2@2.50 per crate.

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

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

RICE—Southern Japan, 5¾c; 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, $15.88.

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, $1.40; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $2.

SUGAR—Granulated, $6.43; extra C, $5.95; golden C, $5.85; fruit and fruit sugar, $6.55; plain bag, $6.33; cube (barrels), $6.83; powdered (barrels), $6.70. Terms: On remittances within 15 days deduct ½c 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@19c; chestnuts, Ohio, 25c; peanuts, raw, 6¾@8¾c per pound; roasted, 10c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 10c; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen.

SALT—Granulated, $18 per ton; $2.25 per bale; half ground, 100s, $12.50 per ton; 50s, $14 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 4¾c; large white, 4.40c; pink, 3.85c; bayou, 3.95c; Lima, 6c; Mexican, red, 4½c.

HONEY—Fancy, $3.50@3.75 per box.

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@4.50; pearl barley, $4.50@5 per 100 pounds; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.75 per bale; flaked wheat, $2.75 per case.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1907, prime and choice, 4@6c per pound; olds, 1@1½c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 12@15c, according to quality.

MOHAIR—Choice, 20@20½c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—3c per pound.

HIDES—Dry, 12@12½c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 lbs., 14@16c; culls, 2c per lb. less; salted hides, 5c; salted calf, 8c; 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, 30@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@50c; goat skins, common, each, 15@25c; Angoras, with wool on, each, 20c@$1.50.

FURS—For No. 1 skins: Bear skins, as to size, No. 1, each, $5.00@10.00; cubs, each, $1@2; badger, prime, each, 25@50c; cat, wild, with head perfect, 20@30c; house, 5@20c; fox, common gray, large prime, each, 40@50c; red, each, $3@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@40c; 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.

Coal Oil and Gasoline.

REFINED OILS—Water white, iron barrels, 10½c; wood barrels, 14½c; Pearl oil, cases, 18c; head light, iron barrels, 12½c; cases, 19½c; wood barrels, 16½c; Eocene, cases, 21c; Special W. W., iron barrels, 14c; wood barrels, 18c; Elaine, cases, 25c; Extra star, cases, 21c.

GASOLINE—V. M. and P. Naphtha, iron barrels, 12½c; cases, 19½c; Red Crown gasoline, iron barrels, 16½c; cases, 22½c; Motor gasoline, iron barrels, 15½c; cases, 22½c; 86 gasoline, iron barrels, 30c; cases, 37½c; No. 1 engine distillate, iron barrels, 9c; cases, 16c.

Fresh Fish and Shell Fish.

FRESH FISH—Halibut, 8c per pound; black cod, 6c; black bass, 20c; striped bass, 12c; herring, 5½c; flounders, 6c; catfish, 11c; shrimp, 10c; perch, 7c; sturgeon, 12½c; sea trout, 15c; tom cod, 10c; salmon, silversides, 8c; steelheads, 11c; chinook, 10@12c.

CLAMS—Little neck, $2.50 per box; razor clams, $2 per box.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater Bay, per gallon, $2.25; per sack, $4.50; Toke Point, $1.60 per 100; Olympia (120 pounds), $6; Olympia, per gallon, $2.25.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The market for evaporated apples is practically nominal owing to the absence of important business. Fancy are quoted at 10½@11c; choice, 8¾@9½c; prime, 7¾@7½c; and common to fair at 5¾@6¾c.

Prunes are said to be in export demand, and it is reported that some carload lots have been sold in Europe for immediate shipment from the Coast. The spot market is unchanged, with quotations ranging from 4¼c to 14c for California and from 5¾c to 10c for Oregon fruit.

Apricots are quiet with choice at 18@20c; extra choice, 19@21c; fancy, 20@24c.

Peaches unchanged. Choice, 10@12c; extra choice, 11@12c; fancy, 11@12c; and extra fancy at 13@14c.

Raisins are dull, with the tone of the market in favor of buyers. Loose muscatel are quoted at 3@6½c; seeded raisins at 5¾@8c and London layers at $1.65@1.75.

TRADE IS STAGNANT

Business Almost Ceases on the Stock Market.

DAY'S NEWS IS IGNORED

Idle Money Accumulates, but There Is No Speculative Demand for Securities—Statement of Foreign Trade.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Anything of interest in the financial world today was found outside the stock market. That was like a stagnant pool, the slightest stirring on the surface of which were easily negligible. Some of the day's developments were not unimportant, but they had no reflection in the stock market.

The statement of the country's foreign trade for March made a remarkable showing. The point most discussed was the falling off in value of exports as compared with March of last year, the decline of upwards of $12,000,000 in the agricultural exports being expanded in the total exports to over $20,000,000.

Owing largely to the redemptions of bank notes at the Sub-Treasury, the banks have gained from that institution in the present week $4,938,000. Several large dividend disbursements were made today and the plethoric condition of the money market was rather increased. Much disappointment was felt over the report of another increase in the number of idle freightcars, made by the committee on car efficiency of the American Railway Association. Compared with March 18, the date of the previous report, idle freightcars had increased on April 1, 9465. Weather news from the section of the Winter wheat belt, in which rains are desired, is scanned with attention, but not yet with any great anxiety.

Another rise in sterling exchange in this market today and a fall in sterling exchange at Paris, carried conditions across the line of profit on gold exports. Engagements have been looked for for several days, but foreign money markets manifested a languid interest in the matter, and offered no inducement to hasten the movement. The stock market was as little affected by this as by any other influence.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,186,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Adams' Express				177
Amal Copper	21,300	58	56⅞	50¼
Am Car & Foun.	100	33	33	32¾
do preferred				93½
Am Cotton Oil	200	27	26⅝	26¼
do preferred				83
Am Express				190
Am Hd & Lt pf.	200	18⅝	17½	17
American Ice	3,100	25½	24½	24¾
Am Linseed Oil	200	9¼	9¼	9
do preferred				25½
Am Locomotive	300	45	44½	44½
do preferred	100	91⅝	91⅝	91½
Am Smelt & Ref.	10,800	70	68⅝	68⅝
do preferred	900	95¼	95	95
Am Sugar Ref.	400	120½	120¼	120¾
Am Tobacco ctfs				88
Anaconda Min Co.	1,500	37⅞	36⅝	36½
Atchison	2,800	77⅛	76⅝	76¼
do preferred	100	87½	87¼	87¼
Atl Coast Line				72⅞
Balt & Ohio	200	84	84	83⅝
do preferred				81
Brook Rap Tran.	18,300	47⅝	46½	44⅞
Canadian Pacific	3,000	136	134⅝	134⅝
Central of N J				175
Ches & Ohio	100	31⅝	31⅝	31⅝
Chi Gt Western	100	5¼	5¼	5
Chicago & N W	600	149¼	148	148⅝
C M & St Paul	5,200	118⅞	118	118⅝
Chi Ter & Tran.				5
do preferred				25
C C C & St L				52½
Colo Fuel & Iron	2,800	24⅝	23¼	23½
Colo & Southern	3,400	29⅝	28⅞	28⅝
do 1st preferred	200	57	56½	56
do 2d preferred	600	47½	47	46⅝
Consolidated Gas	1,000	117½	117⅛	117⅝
Corn Products	1,100	14¼	14	14
do preferred	100	66½	66½	65½
Del & Hudson				152⅝
Del Lack & West	100	475	475	475
D & R Grande				19⅝
do preferred				60
Distillers' Securi	1,200	31	30½	31
Erie	2,700	18	17¼	17⅛
do 1st preferred	800	34½	34	34
do 2d preferred	300	24	23½	23
General Electric	100	134	134	131½
Illinois Central	100	128	128	125¾
Int Paper				8½
do preferred	100	53½	53½	55
Int Pump				22
do preferred				70½
Iowa Central	700	13	13	12⅝
do preferred	400	32⅝	32½	32⅝
K C Southern				22
do preferred				52
Louis & Nashville				100⅞
Mexican Central	1,400	16⅝	16⅛	16⅛
Minn & St Louis	200	15⅝	15½	15
M St P & S S M	700	112⅝	112½	112
do preferred				136½
Missouri Pacific	3,100	44¼	43⅝	42⅝
Mo Kan & Texas	300	25	24½	24⅞
do preferred	100	58	56	56
National Lead	100	46½	46½	45
Mex Nat R R pf				47¼
N Y Central				97⅞
N Y Ont & West				32½
Norfolk & West	100	63½	63½	63
do preferred				80
North American	400	53⅝	52⅝	50⅞
Pacific Mail				25
Pennsylvania	1,800	117⅝	116⅞	116⅞
People's Gas	300	89½	89¼	89
P C C & St L				72
Pressed Steel Car	200	23¾	23¾	23¼
do preferred				81
Pullman Pal Car				155
Reading	22,700	105¾	104¼	104½
do 1st preferred	100	80	80	80½
do 2d preferred				70½
Republic Steel	1,100	18½	17¾	17¾
do preferred	5,000	68½	68	67½
Rock Island Co.				14¾
do preferred	400	28⅞	28¼	28
St L & S F 2 pf.	200	25¾	25¼	25¼
St L Southwest				13½
do preferred				34
Southern Pacific	2,700	74¾	74	73⅝
do preferred				112⅞
Southern Railway	300	13½	13⅜	13⅝
do preferred	200	39½	39	39
Texas & Pacific				16⅛
Tol St L & West	300	18⅜	18	17½
do preferred	100	41⅝	41¼	40⅝
Union Pacific	47,300	128⅞	127	127
do preferred				79
U S Express				90
U S Realty				44
U S Rubber				20½
do preferred				80¾
U S Steel	23,700	34⅞	34	34
do preferred	2,000	99½	99	98
Va-Caro Chemical	1,100	20¾	19½	18¾
do preferred				90½
Wabash	300	10⅛	10	9½
do preferred				17¼
Wells-Fargo Ex.				300
Westinghouse Elec	2,700	57¾	56¼	55¾
Wheel & L Erie				5½
Wisconsin Central				14½
do preferred				46
Northern Pacific	5,400	126⅝	125½	125⅞
Central Leather	1,200	23	22	22¼
do preferred				87
Sloss-Sheffield	400	44⅞	43¾	43½
Gt Northern pf	1,600	123	122⅝	122⅝
Inter Met	4,400	10¼	9¾	9¾
do preferred	2,400	27⅜	25¾	27⅝
Utah Copper	700	30¼	30	29¾

Total sales for the day, 225,100 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Closing quotations:

U S ref 2s reg	103¾	N Y C G 3½s	90
do coupon	104	North Pacific 3s	71⅝
U S 3s reg	100¾	North Pacific 4s	100¼
do coupon	101½	South Pacific 4s	88¼
U S new 4s reg	119½	Union Pacific 4s	100⅝
do coupon	122½	Wiscon Cent 4s	81
Atchison adj 4s	86¼	Japanese 4s	83½
D & R G 4s	90		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, April 15.—Consols for money, 87 1-16; do for account, 87 3-16.

Anaconda	7.62½	Mo K & T	25.37½
Atchison	78.62½	N Y Central	101.25
do pref	89.50	Norfolk & West	68.00
Balt & Ohio	86.25	Ont & West	33.75
Can Pacific	154.50	Pennsylvania	60.25
Ches & Ohio	32.50	Rand Mines	5.37½
Chi Grt West	5.50	Reading	54.00
C M & S P	121.50	Southern Ry	14.50
De Beers	19.75	do pref	41.00
D & R G	20.25	South Pacific	76.00
do pref	56.00	Union Pacific	131.37½
Erie	18.25	do pref	82.50
do 1st pf	36.00	U S Steel	35.12½
do 2d pf	24.00	do pref	101.50
Grand Trunk	15.62½	Wabash	10.50
Ill Central	128.50	do pref	18.50
L & N	102.50	Spanish 4s	93.00
Amal Copper	59.25		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Money on call easy, 1¾@1⅞ per cent; ruling rate, 1⅞ per cent; closing bid, 1¾ per cent; offered at 1⅞ per cent.

Time loans dull, with easier tendency; 60 days, 2½ per cent; 90 days, 2¾@3 per cent; six months, 3¼@3½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 4¼@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange was strong with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8715@4.8720 for demand and at $4.8565@4.85 for 60 days. Commercial bills, $4.84⅞.

Bar silver, 55c.

Mexican dollars, 47c.

Government bonds, steady; railroads, irregular.

LONDON, April 15.—Bar silver quiet, 25 9/16d per ounce.

Money, 2@2½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅝@2¾ per cent; for three months' bills, 2⅝@2¾ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Silver bars, 55c.

Mexican dollars, 51c.

Drafts, sight, 7½c; telegraphic, 10c.

Sterling, 60 days, $4.85; sight, $4.87⅝.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances shows:

Available cash balance	$255,982,655
Gold coin and bullion	26,827,283
Gold certificates	21,834,380

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

There were more liberal receipts of livestock yesterday than usual, but the good arrivals had no adverse effect on prices, which continued strong because of the excellent demand. The receipts were 490 hogs, 300 sheep and 80 lambs. This was the first important shipment of lambs this season.

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

CATTLE—Best steers, $4.75@5; medium, $4.25@4.75; common, $3.50@4; cows, best, $3.75@4; common, $3.25@3.75; calves, $4@4.50.

SHEEP—Best wethers, $6@6.50; ewes, $5@5.50; Spring lambs, $7@8.

HOGS—Best, $6@6.25; medium, $5.75@6; feeders, $5.25@5.50.

Eastern Livestock Markets.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Cattle—Receipts, about 13,000; market, steady to a shade lower. Beeves, $4.50@7.20; cows and heifers, $2.25@6.20; Texans, $4.20@5.40; calves, $4.50@6; Westerns, $4.50@5.50; stockers and feeders, $3.20@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts about 20,000; market, 5@10c lower. Light, $5.60@5.90; mixed, $5.60@5.95; rough, $5.35@5.55; pigs, $4.50@5.20; bulk of sales, $5.75@5.90.

Sheep—Receipts, about 12,000; market, steady. Natives, $5@6.75; Westerns, $6.25@7.75.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 6000; market, steady to weak. Native steers, $5@6.75; native cows and heifers, $3@6.20; stockers and feeders, $3.75@5.65; Westerns, $3.50@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; market, 5@10c lower. Bulk of sales, $5.50@5.75; heavy, $5.65@5.80; packers and butchers, $5.50@5.75; lights, $5.30@5.65.

Sheep—Receipts, 7000; market, steady. Muttons, $5.25@6.50; lambs, $6.50@7.50; range wethers, $5.50@7; fed ewes, $5@6.20.

OMAHA, April 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000; market, 10c lower. Native steers, $5@6.60; cows and heifers, $3.50@5.75; Western steers, $4½@5.50; Texans, $4.30@5.50; range cows and heifers, $3.75@4.30; canners, $3@3.25; stockers and feeders, $3@5.50; calves, $3@5.50; bulls and stags, $3@5.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,500; market, 10@15c lower. Heavy, $5.40@5.50; mixed, $5.40@5.45; light, $5.30@5.45; pigs, $4.50@5; bulk of sales, $5.30@5.35.

Sheep—Receipts, 6000; market, weak. Yearlings, $6@6.65; wethers, $5.75@6.25; ewes, $5@6.50; lambs, $7.25@7.75.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Vegetables—Garlic, 2@3c; green peas, 2@2½c; string beans, nominal; asparagus, 3@5c; tomatoes, $1.50@2.50; eggplant, 20c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4@4.50; roosters, young, $7.50@10; broilers, small, $4.50@5.50; broilers, large, $3@4; fryers, $7@8; hens, $5@10; ducks, old, $4@5; young, $5@7.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 23c; creamery seconds, 22c; fancy dairy, 20c.

Eggs—Store, 17½c; fancy ranch, 20c.

Cheese—New, 11@11½c; Young America, 12@13½c.

Millstuffs—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@5½c; contracts, 9@11c.

Hay—Wheat, $16@21; wheat and oats, $16@20; alfalfa, $9@14; stock, $9@11; straw, per bale, 55@90c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.75; common, 60c; bananas, $1.75@3.50; Mexican limes, $5.50@6; California lemons, choice, $2.50; common, 75c; oranges, navels, $1.75@2.50; pineapples, $1.50@3.50.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1.25@1.50; sweets, $3@3.50; Oregon Burbanks, 85c@$1.05.

Receipts—Flour, 5060 quarter sacks; wheat, 320 centals; barley, 3670 centals; oats, 1050 centals; beans, 1207 sacks; potatoes, 4095 sacks; bran, 341 sacks; middlings, 270 sacks; hay, 132 tons; wool, 242 bales; hides, 458.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, April 15.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 1.50	Parrot	67.50
Allouez	24.50	Quincy	82.00
Amalgamated	56.87½	Shannon	11.25
Atlantic	8.50	Tamarack	58.00
Bingham	20.00	Trinity	12.50
Cal & Hecla	625.00	United Copper	8.25
Centennial	24.00	U. S. Mining	33.50
Copper Range	64.00	U. S. Oil	20.00
Daly West	8.25	Utah	38.00
Domin Coal	40.50	Victoria	2.50
Franklin	6.75	Winona	3.50
Granby	90.00	Winona	3.00
Isle Royale	15.62½	Wolverine	125.00
Mass Mining	2.62½	North Butte	52.00
Michigan	69.50	Butte Coal	19.50
Mohawk	46.50	Nevada	11.25
Mont C & C	.70	Cal & Ariz	99.00
Old Dominion	32.75	Ariz Com	17.50
Osceola	80.00	Greene Cananea	8.12½

NEW YORK, April 15.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con	5	Little Chief	6
Alice	750	Ontario	365
Breece	10	Ophir	230
Brunswick Con	10	Potosi	5
Comstock Tun	29	Savage	33
C. C. & Va	53	Sierra Nevada	38
Horn Silver	75	Small Hopes	15

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The London tin market was £1 higher, with spot closing at £144 5s and futures at £143. Locally, the market was quiet, but higher, in sympathy with the advance abroad, quotations ranging from 31.75@32.25c.

There was higher market for copper in London, spot closing at £58 7s 6d and futures at £58 17s 6d. Locally the market was quiet and unchanged, with Lake quoted 12.75@12.87½c; electrolytic at 12.62½@12.72½c, casting, 12.37½@12.50c.

Lead unchanged at £13 11s 3d in the London market and at 4.60@4.65c locally.

The English iron market was unchanged to a shade higher, with standard foundry quoted at 50s 6d and Cleveland warrants at 52s. Locally no change was reported.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Coffee futures closed steady at unchanged prices, net 5 points lower to 5 points higher. Sales were reported of 65,570 bags, including May, 5.65c; September, 5.80c, and March, 6c. Spot quiet. No. 7 Rio, 6c; No. 4 Santos, 8¾@8½c. Mild, quiet. Cordova, 9¾@13c.

Sugar—Raw, firm. Fair refining, 3.92c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4.42c; molasses sugar, 3.67c. Refined, steady. Crushed, 6.70c; powdered, 3.60c; granulated, 5.50c.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, April 15.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was easy. Creameries, 21@28c; dairies, 20@26c.

Eggs—Easy; at mark, cases included, 14c; firsts, 14½c; prime firsts, 15c.

Cheese—Steady, 12@13½c.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Butter, steady; held creamery, common to specials, 21@27c; process, common to specials, 16@24½c.

Cheese—Irregular; Winter made, 10@10½c.

Eggs—Firm, unchanged.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Cotton futures closed steady. Closing bids: April, 8.56c; May, 8.96c; June, 9.01c; July, 9.07c; August, 8.99c; September, 8.98c; October, 9.04c; November, 9.03c; December, 9.05c; January, 9.05c; March, 9.06c.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—Wool steady. Medium grades, combing and clothing, 18@19c; light fine, 16@17c; heavy fine, 12@13c; tub washed, 22@27c.

Produce Exchange Holiday.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The Produce Exchange will be officially closed Friday and Saturday, but the Exchange will be opened for the members on Saturday.

TONE IS STRONGER

Continued Drouth in Southwest Helps Wheat Prices.

FOREIGN MARKETS FIRM

Primary Receipts Are Small and Demand for Cash Wheat Is Brisk. Oats Are Also Higher at Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 15.—The wheat market was firm all day because of the continued drouth in Kansas and Nebraska and the absence of any forecast of precipitation for that section. Factors of minor importance were firm cables, small primary receipts and a brisk demand for cash wheat at Minneapolis. Trade became very quiet late in the day because of light demand. The close was firm. May opened ⅛@¼c higher at 90¾@91c, advanced to 92¼@92½c and closed firm at 91⅞@91¾c.

Corn was dull and steady. The range in prices for all deliveries was about half a cent. Acceptances from the country were light and the movement was small. The close was steady. May opened unchanged at 67c, sold between 66⅝c and 67⅝c and closed at 67⅛c.

Oats were firm all day because of absence of rain in the Southwest. The principal trading was in the September option. May opened unchanged at 53c, advanced to 53⅝c and closed at 53⅝c.

Provisions were weak all day because of increased receipts of live hogs here and at other Western packing centers. May pork was 7½c lower; lard was 5c down and ribs were 20c lower.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$ .91	$ .92¼	$ .90⅞	$ .91⅝
July	.85⅞	.86	.85	.85⅞
September	.83⅝	.84	.83¼	.83⅝
CORN.				
May	.67	.67⅝	.66⅝	.67⅛
July	.64	.64⅝	.63⅝	.64
OATS.				
May, old	.53	.53⅝	.53	.53⅝
May, new	.52¼	.52⅝	.51⅞	.51⅞
July, old	.45⅝	.45⅝	.45	.45⅝
July, new	.42⅞	.43	.42⅝	.43
PORK.				
May	13.07½	13.07½	12.90	12.90
July	13.45	13.50	13.20	13.22½
September	13.77½	13.77½	13.50	13.55
LARD.				
May	8.15	8.15	8.02½	8.02½
July	8.37½	8.37½	8.20	8.22½
September	8.55	8.55	8.42½	8.42½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	7.02½	7.02½	6.85	6.87½
July	7.27½	7.27½	7.10	7.12½
September	7.55	7.55	7.35	7.37½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 2 red, 90½@92½c.

Corn—No. 2, 67@67½c; No. 2 yellow, 67⅛@67¾c.

Oats—No. 2, 52⅝@52¾c; No. 2 white, 53c; No. 3 white, 50½@55c.

Rye—No. 2, 76@78c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 72@83c.

Flax seed—No. 1 Northwestern, $1.18.

Timothy seed—Prime, $4.25.

Short ribs—Sides (loose), $6.87½@6.97½.

Pork—Mess, per bbl., $12.90@13.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., $7.97½.

Sides—Short, clear (boxed), $7.37½@7.62½.

Whisky—Basis of high wines, $1.35.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	23,000	15,100
Wheat, bu	35,000	50,000
Corn, bu	142,700	121,000
Oats, bu	245,500	174,100
Rye, bu	30,000	30,000
Barley, bu	6,200	3,400

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Flour—Receipts, 11,800 barrels; exports, 30,600 barrels. Market, steady but quiet.

Wheat—Receipts, 46,000 bushels; exports, 13,600 bushels. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 99⅝c elevator; No. 2 red, $1.00¾ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.08 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard Winter, $1.05¼ f. o. b. afloat. Wheat opened ⅜c higher and sold up to a net gain of about a cent on strong cables, reports of continued dry weather in corn sections and talk of good milling demand. Later prices eased off partially under realizing, closing steady at ⅝@¾c net advance. May closed 99⅞c; July closed 99⅝c; September closed 91⅞c.

Hops—Dull.

Petroleum and hides—Steady.

Wool—Firm.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Wheat, firm; barley, steady.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping, $1.61¼@1.63¾; milling, $1.65@1.70.

Barley—Feed, $1.31¼@1.40; brewing, $1.45@1.52½.

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

Call-board sales:

Wheat—December, $1.50.

Barley—December, $1.23@1.25.

Corn—Large, yellow, $1.62½@1.67½.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, April 15.—Cargoes dull and inactive. Walla Walla, prompt shipment, 3d lower at 34s 3d; California, prompt shipment, 6d lower, at 34s 6d.

LIVERPOOL, April 15.—Wheat, close, May, 6s 11⅝d; July, 7s ⅜d; September, 6s 10⅝d.

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

Northwestern Grain Markets.

DULUTH, April 15.—Wheat—No. 1, Northern, 99⅛c; July, 98c; September, 95⅛c.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 15.—Wheat—May, 98c; July, 99c; September, 88⅝c; No. 1 hard, $1.04⅝; No. 1 Northern, $1.02⅛; No. 2 Northern, 99⅝c.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, April 15.—Wheat—Unchanged. Blue stem, 84c; club, 82c; red, 80c.

Sail Under Your Own Colors.

PORTLAND, April 15.—(To the Editor.)—Your criticism regarding Democrats running for office on the Republican ticket has my approval, and I hope Republicans will be alive to this new enterprise of Democrats to get office. One instance: It was with surprise that I saw the name of E. C. Bronaugh advertised as a Republican candidate for Circuit Judge of this county. Is not Mr. Bronaugh the same man who ran for a city office a short time ago on the Democrat-Citizens' ticket and was defeated? Is he not the same man who, as a member of the Municipal Association, supported Mr. Albee for Mayor at the Republican primaries, and, when he was defeated, openly supported Dr. Lane for Mayor, against George H. Williams, the regular Republican nominee? And was not Mr. Bronaugh appointed to his present position by a Democratic Governor? Does any one believe Mr. Bronaugh is not a Democrat now and that his reason for temporarily espousing the Republican party is to get office? All Democrats like Mr. Bronaugh, who are seeking office on the Republican ticket, Mr. Editor, should find they must sail under their true colors. Truly, the present campaign seems to be a scramble for office.

O. SUMMERS.

Weston Being Inspected.

WESTON, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—The examining board for state normal schools is here inspecting the Weston Normal. The members are J. M. Powers, R. R. Turner and J. A. Churchill, city superintendents, respectively, at Salem, Grant's Pass and Baker City. They will report to the Governor as to their findings. They say they found the Weston School in very satisfactory condition and believed in particular that the work in domestic science and manual training is of much practical value. The visitors were entertained at dinner by the domestic science class, who prepared and served a four-course menu.

The board will visit the Monmouth Normal Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the Drain Normal Monday and Tuesday of next week, and the Ashland Normal Thursday and Friday of next week. This official inspection is made mandatory under the new law governing normal schools.

APPOINTS PAUL V. MARIS

Food Commissioner Bailey Names Dairy Deputy.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner J. W. Bailey has recently appointed Paul V. Maris Deputy Dairy Commissioner to do general work in the interest of the dairymen of Oregon. The position is a new one created through the influence of Mr. Bailey and is a part of a general move on his part to elevate the standard of the dairy industry. For the last three months he has been organizing dairy associations throughout the state. These associations are composed of progressive dairymen, alive to the opportunities for improvement along their line. Mr. Bailey presented to them the proposition of employing a man to travel among them, gathering statistics, making official tests, organizing new associations and doing general work in their interest.

Paul V. Maris is a son of N. C. Maris, field editor of the North Pacific Rural Spirit, of this city. Young Maris has also been employed with The Oregonian and for the past year he has been traveling among the stockmen of the Pacific Coast, doing general reporting work. This has given him an experience which will be valuable to him in the fulfillment of his new duties.

Mr. Maris has been actively engaged with his father on dairy and stock farms all his life and has a practical knowledge of the work which he now takes up.

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