PLENTY OF FRUIT

California Will Have Abundant Supply Early Varieties.

SHIPMENTS SOON TO BEGIN

Apricots, Peaches, Plums and Pears Have Done Well—Local Arrivals of Strawberries Insufficient. Eggs Are Very Firm.

California shippers are preparing to handle a bumper crop of early fruits. The season, on the whole, has been quite favorable and the quality of the fruit promises to be excellent. The California Fruit Distributors send out from their Sacramento office the following information in regard to expected shipments:

Cherries—Showers during the week somewhat retarded shipments. The showers were light and with the cool weather no damage has been done. It is cool and pleasant today and if the weather continues, these shipments will increase materially for the next week. Under normal conditions 40 cars will be shipped in the next seven days. The crop of cherries is good in all districts. Royal Annes are not as heavy, generally, as other varieties.

Apricots—A few crates of the earlier varieties have gone forward, but Royals will not come in for a short time yet. The crop of apricots is large and by June 10, straight carload lots will be going forward. The apricots are very clean and nice and with the favorable weather we have had thus far this season should go forward in good shape.

Plums and Prunes—We have a good crop of all varieties in all districts. They will ripen in seasonable time as regards varieties and district. Growers are thinning them heavily and the quality should be O. K.

Peaches—Also a good crop of all varieties in all districts with the exception of Alexanders and Hale's Early. These varieties are not heavy but will be sufficient for all shipping purposes and will have liberal quantities for auction markets. The earlier varieties will come in with the apricots, or a few days later.

Bartlett Pears—A fine crop of nice, clean fruit in all districts. There is absolutely no scab or smut this year on any pears. While our acreage has been reduced the last few years, the crop is fine on the trees and we will have good liberal quantities for shipment.

Grapes—Splendid prospects for good crops of all varities in all districts.

During the week it has been quite cold with a number of showers. The cool weather and the showers have done no damage and if we have seasonable weather from now on, everything will be satisfactory in all respects. We look forward to one of the most satisfactory shipping seasons on deciduous fruits we have ever had in the state.

EASTERN MOHAIR MARKET IS DULL

Manufacturers Show but Little Interest in Stocks Offered.

Trading in mohair is fairly active, though only a few dealers are in the market. Local prices are unchanged at 18@18½ cents. Conditions in the East show no improvement. The latest issue of the Boston Commercial Bulletin says:

Manufacturers still refuse to display more interest in stocks than they have shown for a long time. Occasionally a consumer inquires for a little hair, but it either results in a purchase of practically no importance, or else in a withdrawal of his offer. While dealers are, in some instances, willing to meet buyers part way in the matter of price, they show no desire to let go stocks at material concessions. In the continued absence of business of consequence, values remain nominally steady.

The foreign markets are as inactive, and as unpremising as the local market.

NOT HALF ENOUGH STRAWBERRIES

Supply Was Short Yesterday and Promises to be Shorter Today.

Not half enough strawberries came in yesterday to supply the local demand and from indications today's supply will be even less. California berries were very firm. Jessies, which were not so good as they have been, brought $1.50@1.60 and Dollars sold readily at $1.85@2. Southern Oregon berries ranged from 12½ to 15 cents. Three crates of Gold Dollars came from Springville and brought 17½ cents.

Express shipments of California cantaloupes are expected to start some time next week, and it is probable a sample crate from Brawley will be in today.

Vegetables were generally in adequate supply. A car of California Bermuda onions was due last night.

Temporary Weakness in Hay.

Hay is being offered very freely on the local market just at present and prices are inclined to weaken, though no lower quotations are given. The weakness, however, is regarded as only temporary and when the present supplies are worked off, a stronger market is looked for. Supplies in the Valley are light and not much is left in Eastern Oregon.

Oats are generally considered as weak with good offerings and an absence of outside demand. The inquiry for barley is also reported slower.

Offers at the Board of Trade.

The following offers and sale were posted at the Board of Trade yesterday:

Offer to buy—10 cases candled eggs, 19 cents.

Offer to buy—10 cases candled eggs, 19 cents; 10 cases candled eggs, 19½ cents; 171 sacks Burbank potatoes, 70 cents f. o. b., Portland; 100 cubes extra creamery butter, future delivery, 24 cents.

Sale—171 sacks Burbank potatoes at 70 cents, subject to inspection.

Egg Market Very Firm.

Eggs were very firm yesterday, but without change in price. Express receipts were light, but a fair quantity came in by freight.

The poultry market dragged with large receipts of chickens and only a moderate demand. Thursday's prices prevailed.

Butter was quoted firm by the city creameries, but there was some weakness in country creamery as a result of larger receipts. Cheese was slow.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 866,258	$127,034
Seattle	1,257,903	235,185
Tacoma	687,794	32,528
Spokane	797,513	82,068

BOARD OF TRADE QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—Track prices: Club, 89c per bushel; red Russian, 87c; bluestem, 92c; Valley, 89c.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.65 per barrel; straights, $3.85@4.35; exports, $3.70; Valley, $4.45; ¼-sack graham, $4.15; wheat wheat, $4.40; rye, $5.25.

BARLEY—Feed, $25.50 per ton; rolled, $27@28; brewing, $26.

OATS—No. 1 white, $27.50 per ton; gray, $27.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $24 per ton; middlings, $30.50; shorts, country, $28.50; city, $27.50; wheat and barley chop, $27.50.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, $15; Eastern Oregon, $18.50; mixed, $16; clover, $14; alfalfa, $12; alfalfa meal, $20.

Meats and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS—Hogs, fancy, 8c per pound; ordinary, 7¼@7½c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 7½c; ordinary, 6½c; heavy, 6c; mutton, fancy, 10c.

HAMS—Hams, 10-12 lb., 13c per pound; 14-16 lbs., 14½c; 18-20 lb., 14½c.

BACON—Breakfast, 15@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, 10@13c; 10-13 lbs., unsmoked, 12c; clear bellies, unsmoked, 13c; smoked, 14c; shoulders, 11c; pig tongues, $19.50.

LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 12¾c per pound; 5s, 12¾c; 50s, tins, 12¾c; S. rendered, 10s, 11¾c; 5s, 11¾c; compound, 10s, 8¾c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

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

POTATOES—Select, selling price, 75c per hundred, Willamette Valley buying price, 50@65c per hundred; East Multnomah, buying price, 55@70c; Clackamas, buying price, 55@70c per hundred; new California, 3½c per pound; sweet, 5½c per pound.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, fancy, $3.25@3.75; choice, $2.50@3.25; lemons, $3.75@4; strawberries, California, $1.50@2.00 per crate; Oregon, 12½@17½c per pound; grape fruit, $2.75@3.25 per box; bananas, 5½@6c per pound; cherries, $1@1.25 per box.

ONIONS—California red, $2.50@2.75 per sack; Bermudas, $2.25 per crate; garlic, 25c per pound.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.50 per sack; carrots, $1.50@1.75; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.25; cabbage, $1.75@2 per cwt; beans, wax, 7@8c per pound; head lettuce, 12½@15c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c@$1 dozen; celery, 85c per dozen; asparagus, $1.50 per box; egg plant, 20c per pound; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 5@6½c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 3c per pound; spinach, 3c per pound; cauliflower, $2.50 per crate.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Extras, 25c per pound; fancy, 24c; choice, 20c; store, 16c.

EGGS—Candled, 19½@20c per dozen; uncandled, 19c per dozen.

CHEESE—Fancy cream twins, 13c per pound; full cream triplets, 13c; full cream Young Americas, 14@14½c; cream brick, 20c; Swiss blk., 20c; limburger, 22½c.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 13½@14c lb.; fancy hens, 14c; roosters, 10c; fryers, 22½@25c; broilers, 22½@25c; ducks, old, 17@18c; spring, 22½@25c; geese, 8@9c; turkeys, alive, 16@18c for hens, 14@16c for gobblers; dressed, 17@18c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Cattle were in good demand yesterday at the prices that have been current for some time past. Present quotations are regarded as the top and it is likely that the near future will see some declines. Sheep are still quoted weak, but the arrivals are worked off. Good hogs are in active demand and strong in price, but underfed stock is slow. Receipts yesterday were 55 sheep, 140 hogs and 22 horses.

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

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

Hogs—Best, $6@6.25; medium, $5.75@6; feeders, no demand.

Sheep—Best sheared wethers, $4.00@4.25; mixed, $3.75@4; Spring lambs, $5.

Eastern Livestock Markets.

SOUTH OMAHA, May 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 1300; market, steady and weak. Native steers, $4.75@6.75; native cows and heifers, $3@5.75; Western steers, $3.50@6; Texas steers, $3@3.25; range cows and heifers, $2.85@4.75; canners, $2.25@3.50; stockers and feeders, $3@5.10; calves, $3.25@6.25; bulls and stags, $3@5.40.

Hogs—Receipts, 19,300; market, shade lower. Heavy, $5.37½@5.45; mixed, $5.35@5.37½; light, $5.30@5.40; pigs, $4.40@5.10; bulk of sales, $5.35@5.40.

Sheep—Receipts, 500; market, steady. Yearlings, $4.85@5.25; wethers, $4.50@5.00; ewes, $4@4.85; lambs, $5.50@6.50.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Cotton futures closed steady. Closing bids: May, 9.84c; June, 9.83c; July, 9.79c; August, 9.59c; September, 9.30c; October, 9.19c; November, 9.09c; December, 9.05c; January, 9.01c; February, 9c; March, 8.90c.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Deaths.

ANDERSON—At Portland, May 20, Mildred Anderson, a native of Oregon, age 4 days.

BARNARD—At Portland, May 19, Baby Barnard, age 5 minutes.

TRENGOVE—At Portland, May 20, Mary A. Trengove, a native of England, aged 59 years.

Building Permits.

LEWIS & LEWIS—To alter and repair two-story brick building on Third street, between Washington and Stark; $100.

E. W. DEMEROW—To erect one-story frame dwelling on East Thirty-third, between Ainsworth and Holbrook; $1500.

JAMES G. BUCKMAN—To erect two-story frame dwelling on East Couch, between East Nineteenth and East Twentieth; $2500.

WILLIAM GRABCH—To erect two-story frame building on Front street, between Sheridan and Caruthers; $2000.

HANNAH JOHNSON—To erect one-story frame dwelling on Baldwin and Wabash streets; $1500.

S. G. REED—To erect concrete wall on Ford, between Viola avenue and Prospect Drive; $1500.

THEODORE MELTON—To erect one-story frame dwelling on Seventeenth street, between Ellsworth and Taggart; $1200.

PAUL WESSINGER—To alter and repair two-story frame building on Nicolai, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets; $350.

GEORGE CALLAM—To erect one-story frame dwelling on East Sixty-ninth, between East Flanders and East Glisan streets; $100.

R. HONAKER—To alter and repair one and one-half-story frame dwelling on East Nineteenth street, between East Salmon and East Main; $300.

WALTER R. THORNE—To erect one-story frame dwelling on East Twenty-fourth, between East Madison and Main; $1800.

D. W. WAKEFIELD—To alter and repair two-story frame dwelling on Chapman, between Madison and Jefferson; $2000.

C. TONSETH—To alter and repair one and one-half-story frame dwelling on East Stark, between East Forty-seventh and East Forty-eighth; $250.

M. STIMPLE—To erect one-story frame dwelling on Smith, near Edgar; $1000.

MAY SLOGAN—To erect two-story frame dwelling on Nineteenth and Flanders; $1900.

A. N. BECHELL—To erect two-story frame dwelling on Colonial and Shaver; $2000.

OLIVER CHILLED PLOW CO.—To erect two-story brick warehouse on East First, between East Taylor and East Yamhill; $25,000.

LANG INVESTMENT CO.—To alter and repair two-story brick building on Fourth, between Alder and Washington; $2500.

Marriage Licenses.

MASON-VIGGERS—Oscar C. Mason, 24, Laurelwood; Miriam Esther Viggers, 20, city.

DAVIS-FOUCH—Clarence Reed Davis, 37, San Francisco; Mabel E. Fouch, 26, city.

SCHNAVELY-POMEROY — William A. Schnavely, 40, city; Mary E. Pomeroy, 35, city.

LEONARD-DAY—J. Thomas Leonard, 24, city; Laura E. Day, 22, city.

WICKERSHAM-HOYT—D. Ross Wickersham, 36, Olympia, Wash.; Georgia Alice Hoyt, 22, city.

NOYES-GROSSE—Leo Clark Noyes, 40, city; Marie L. Grosse, 40, city.

NATNER-COLLENS—H. Natner, 57, Latourelle Falls; S. A. Collens, 56, city.

BACHELDER-FRANK—Harold C. Bachelder, 26, city; Winnie Frank, 23, city.

Wedding and visiting cards. W. G. Smith & Co., Washington bldg., 4th and Wash.

City Says It Is Libeled.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Word comes from Paterson, N. J., that Mayor McBride, of that city, has instructed City Counsel Merrey to begin a suit, charging libel against a New York magazine, which has published an article entitled "The Menace of the Red Flag," which is said to contain reflections on the city. Paterson is becoming tired of being referred to as the headquarters of anarchy in America, and is determined to put a stop to it. Mayor McBride says the statements made in the article are unwarrantable and untrue, and that the author knows them to be false, and that he and other writers must cease publishing such falsehoods.

Lass Who Loves the Sailors.

VALLEJO, Cal., May 22.—A young woman giving the name of Olga Isile and her home as Los Angeles was arrested last evening on Georgia-Street Wharf while entertaining a crowd of bluejackets from the torpedo flotilla. She admits having come up from San Pedro as a stowaway on board the torpedoboat Hopkins, and declares her presence on board was known to most of the crew and to "some of the officers." One seaman appeared at the police station and offered to marry her on his pay day, but she is still in prison.

PRICES RUN OFF

Bull Campaign in Stocks Apparently Is Ended.

SALES ARE MUCH SMALLER

Suit Filed Against the New Haven System Causes Heavy Selling, Which Brings About a Sharp Reaction.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The contraction in stocks today seemed to indicate some subsidence of speculative interest, the total sales for the day falling to the smallest for any day this week. The constant backing and filling kept alive a suspicion that concealment was being sought for the genuine transactions under a cloud of manipulative orders and slick operations of traders induced by those orders.

The opening prices, coupled with the brisk rally at yesterday's closing, resulted in bringing prices in some cases up to near the high levels touched earlier in the week. Traders who thought that this heralded an advance to a new high level and bought stocks on the assumption were then disconcerted by a sharp reaction. The reaction came at the time announcement was made that a suit had been filed by the Government against the New Haven system, alleging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Not much interest was shown in the forecasts of the bank statement, owing to the unvaried ease of the money market. The weeke's absorption by the sub-Treasury and the gold exports amounted to $8,736,000, and only enough cash seems to have been received on balance in the interior movement to reduce this drain to about $5,000,000.

Discount rates declined both in London and Paris today. Foreign exchange here was unchanged. The time money market showed some activity, especially for six months' loans, which were marc at 3½ per cent.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value, $4,546,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Adams' Express		.....	.....	166½
Amal Copper	61,400	66¾	64⅝	64⅞
Am Car & Foun.	1,100	37⅞	37	36¾
do preferred		.....	.....	97
Am Cotton Oil	300	30¼	30¼	30
do preferred		.....	.....	90
Am Express		.....	.....	203
Am Hd & Lt pf		.....	.....	18½
American Ice	1,900	27⅝	27	27½
Am Linseed Oil		.....	.....	10⅝
do preferred		.....	.....	21½
Am Locomotive	600	49½	49	49
do preferred	100	103	103	102
Am Smelt & Ref.	60,100	74	71⅝	72⅝
do preferred	1,100	97⅝	96¾	97¼
Am Sugar Ref	600	130	128½	129
Am Tobacco, ctfs.	700	91	90½	90
Anaconda Min Co.	6,600	42⅞	41¼	41⅝
Atchison	3,400	82⅝	81⅝	81⅞
do preferred	100	92	92	91½
Atl Coast Line	200	92⅝	92	90½
Balt & Ohio	3,500	90	88⅝	88⅝
do preferred		.....	.....	84
Brook Rap Tran	13,300	57⅝	50	50
Canadian Pacific	5,400	160¼	158¾	159⅝
Central of N J		.....	.....	190
Ches & Ohio	12,600	46	44½	44⅞
Chicago Gt West	1,400	7⅛	6⅞	7
Chicago & N W	700	154	153	152¾
C, M & St Paul	39,900	138⅞	136	136⅝
Chi Term & Tran		.....	.....	19
do preferred		.....	.....	23
C, C, C & St L	100	59⅝	59⅝	59
Colo Fuel & ron.	18,700	30⅝	28¾	29½
Colo & Southern	400	31⅞	31½	31½
do 1st preferred	300	59½	59⅝	59
do 2d preferred	200	49	48¾	48¾
Consolidated Gas	7,600	128⅝	126½	126½
Corn Products	2,100	16⅝	16	16⅝
do preferred		.....	.....	73
Del & Hudson	600	163⅞	162½	162
Del, Lack & W		.....	.....	464
D & R Grande	500	26⅞	26	25½
do preferred	300	66	64½	64
Distillers' Securi	1,800	36½	35⅝	35⅝
Erie	9,500	23⅝	22⅞	22⅝
do 1st preferred	1,400	43	41½	41⅝
do 2d preferred	200	30½	29½	29
General Electric	1,800	138½	136⅝	136⅝
Illinois Central	1,800	141⅝	140	139
Int Paper	100	10½	10½	10½
do preferred	100	56	56	56
Int Pump		.....	.....	22½
do preferred		.....	.....	72
Iowa Central		.....	.....	16½
do preferred	300	35½	33½	34½
K C Southern	200	25¼	25¼	26⅝
do preferred	400	57	56½	56⅝
Louis & Nashville	1,000	110	109¼	108¾
Mexican Central	1,900	16⅞	16½	16⅝
Minn & St L	200	30	30	29
M, St P & S S M	300	113	112	111½
do preferred	100	135¼	135¼	136½
Missouri Pacific	6,700	63½	61⅞	61¾
Mo, Kan & Texas	2,200	30¼	29¼	29⅝
do preferred	400	62⅝	62⅝	62½
National Lead	16,600	65⅝	63	64¼
Mex Nat R R pf		.....	.....	51
N Y Central	2,800	106	104⅞	104⅝
N Y, Ont & West	1,000	41½	40⅝	40
Norfolk & West	100	71	71	70
do preferred		.....	.....	80
North American	1,200	61½	60⅝	61⅝
Pacific Mail	10,300	32	27½	27½
Pennsylvania	10,400	122⅞	121	120⅞
Peoples' Gas	400	92⅝	92	92
Pitts C & St L		.....	.....	75
Pressed Steel Car	200	28	28	28
do preferred		.....	.....	87
Pullman Pal Car	100	159	159	160
Reading	201,600	117⅛	113⅞	114
do 1st preferred	500	87	86½	86
do 2d preferred	300	85⅝	85¼	84½
Republic Steel	1,400	18⅝	17⅞	17½
do preferred	1,100	67½	67½	67
Rock Island Co.	1,200	18⅝	18½	18½
do preferred	2,100	38⅝	37½	37½
St L & S F 2 pf	2,200	31	30	30½
St L Southwestern	500	17	16¼	15⅞
do preferred	600	40⅝	40¼	40
Southern Pacific	3,300	88	86¼	86⅞
Southern Railway	2,000	32	31⅝	31⅝
do preferred	700	47½	45½	45½
Texas & Pacific	800	25⅝	24½	24¼
Tol, St L & West	200	19⅝	19⅝	19
do preferred	200	45	45	44
Union Pacific	227,200	151¼	148	148¼
do preferred	200	85½	84⅝	83
U S Express		.....	.....	85
U S Realty	1,600	48	46	47
U S Rubber	400	26¼	26	26
do preferred	200	93⅞	82½	92
U S Steel	79,100	39	38¼	38⅝
do preferred	4,100	102⅞	102¼	102⅝
Va-Caro Chemical	200	25	24½	24½
do preferred	100	97½	97½	97½
Wabash	1,500	14¼	13⅝	13⅞
do preferred	11,900	29	27	27⅝
Wells-Fargo Ex		.....	.....	305
Westinghouse Elec	500	52⅝	51	51
Western Union		.....	.....	58
Wheel & L Erie	500	10¼	10	9¾
Wisconsin Central	100	18	18	17½
do preferred		.....	.....	41¼
Northern Pacific	28,800	139¼	138⅝	134
Central Leather	1,900	26	25⅛	25
do preferred		.....	.....	95¼
Sloss-Sheffield	100	50	50	50
Gt Northern pf	10,600	131⅞	130	130¼
Inter Met	4,000	12¼	11½	11½
do preferred	8,300	33	31	31⅛
Utah Copper	2,200	32	31¼	31¼
Tenn Copper	800	37⅝	36¾	36⅞

Total sales for the day, 984,000 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	103½	N Y C G 3½s	90
do coupon	103⅝	North Pacific 3s	71¼
U. S. 3s reg.	100⅝	North Pacific 4s	101½
do coupon	100⅝	South Pacific 4s	88⅝
U. S. new 4s reg.	120	Union Pacific 4s	101⅛
do coupon	122	Wisconsin Cent 4s	86
Atchison adj. 4s	87½	Japanese 4s	73½
D & R G 4s	92		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, May 21.—Console for money, 86 9-16; do for account, 86⅝.

Anaconda	33.25	N. Y. Central	108.50
Atchison	54.87½	Norfk & Wes	72.75
do pref	95.50	do pref	83.00
Balt & Ohio	92.00	Ont & West	42.25
Can Pacific	164.25	Pennsylvania	63.00
Ches & Ohio	47.25	Rand Mines	6.00
Chi Grt West	7.00	Reading	39.75
C. M. & S. P.	142.00	Southern Ry	10.50
De Beers	19.75	do pref	48.00
D & R G	27.25	South Pacific	90.00
do pref	68.00	Union Pacific	154.25
Erie	24.00	do pref	86.00
do 1st pf	44.50	U. S. Steel	39.25
do 2d pf	31.00	do pref	105.25
Grand Trunk	18.12½	Wabash	104.50
Ill Central	144.00	do pref	28.50
L & N	111.00	Spanish 4s	92.50
Mo. K. & T.	30.87½	Amal Copper	68.00

Eastern Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con	5	Little Chief	5
Alice	225	Ontario	550
Breece	10	Ophir	345
Brunswick Con	10	Potosi	12
Comstock Tun	58	Savage	34
C. C. & Va.	30	Sierra Nevada	26
Horn Silver	50	Small Hopes	18
Iron Silver	100	Standard	169
Leadville Con	5		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Close—Money on call easy, 1½@1¾ per cent; ruling rate, 1½ per cent; closing bid, 1½ per cent; offered at 1¾ per cent.

Time loans, easy; 60 days, 2½ per cent; 90 days, 2¾ per cent; six months, 3¼ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent.

Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8725 for demand and at $4.8525 for 60-day bills.

Commercial bills, $4.84¾.

Bar silver, 55⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 47c.

Bonds—Governments, steady; railroads, heavy.

LONDON, May 22.—Bar silver—Steady, 24 13-16d per ounce.

Money—1¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1 15-16@2 per cent; three months' bills, 1 15-16@2 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Silver bars, 53⅝c per ounce.

Mexican dollars—Nominal.

Drafts—Sight, 10; telegraph, 12.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85¾; sight, $4.87¾.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, May 22.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was firm. Creameries, 19@23c; dairies, 17@21c.

Eggs—Steady at mark, cases included 14¾@14¾c; firsts, 15½c; prime firsts, 17c.

Cheese—Steady, 10¾@12½c.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Butter—Easy, unchanged.

Cheese—Steady, unchanged.

Eggs—Steady, unchanged.

CONDITIONS ARE MIXED

BUT BUSINESS, AS A WHOLE, IS STILL BELOW NORMAL.

Better Weather Helps Retail Business in Some Sections—Improvement in Crops Is Reported.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Mixed conditions prevailing in the crop, trade and industrial situation prevent generalization, except to say that crops as a whole are in rather better shape than a week ago; there is a better tone in some lines of wholesale trade and retail business has been benefited in some sections by better weather. Still business is quite below normal and industry still is slack.

Business failures in the United States for the week ended May 21 number 284 against 281 last week and 165 in the like week of 1907. Failures in Canada for the week number 39 against 22 last week and 19 in this week of 1907.

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ended May 21 aggregating 2,930,254 bushels against 3,684,683 this week last year. For the 47 weeks of the fiscal year, the exports are 186,006,228 bushels, against 153,279,900 in 1906-07.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending May 21 shows an aggregate of $2,639,116,000 against $2,467,803,000 last week and $2,757,307,000 in the corresponding week last year.

		Pct. dec.
New York	$1,629,262,000	0.5
Chicago	228,452,000	10.9
Boston	154,390,000	6.1
Philadelphia	121,034,000	13.6
St. Louis	59,519,000	10.8
Pittsburg	39,230,000	27.6
San Francisco	32,585,000	21.9
Kansas City	34,849,000	6.1
Baltimore	23,480,000	12.2
Cincinnati	22,667,000	17.3
Minneapolis	16,610,000	28.6
New Orleans	15,597,000	13.0
Cleveland	14,829,000	22.3
Detroit	19,528,000	*34.9
Louisville	11,009,000	17.2
Los Angeles	10,498,000	12.8
Omaha	11,221,000	*.09
Milwaukee	9,132,000	12.0
Seattle	7,482,000	25.7
St. Paul	9,285,000	*1.0
Buffalo	8,520,000	0.4
Denver	7,346,000	5.2
Indianapolis	6,349,000	13.1
Fort Worth	9,667,000	*38.7
Providence	6,347,000	18.2
Portland, Or	5,546,000	28.1
Albany	7,143,000	16.8
Richmond	5,640,000	*0.4
Washington, D. C.	5,662,000	10.8
Spokane, Wash	5,730,000	2.3
Salt Lake	4,578,000	9.4
Columbus	4,054,000	28.9
St. Joseph	5,082,000	12.1
Atlanta	3,029,000	18.9
Memphis	4,029,000	16.4
Tacoma	4,100,000	16.8
Savannah	3,145,000	*3.7
Toledo, O	3,021,000	6.4
Nashville	3,111,000	19.5
Rochester	3,301,000	*4.7
Hartford	3,141,000	0.4
Des Moines	3,115,000	9.8
Peoria	2,429,000	11.6
Norfolk	1,935,000	30.7
New Haven	2,213,000	5.3
Grand Rapids	2,447,000	1.5
Birmingham	1,600,000	26.3
Syracuse	1,831,000	15.7
Sioux City	1,808,000	14.0
Springfield, Mass	1,751,000	15.9
Evansville	1,748,000	3.3
Portland, Me	1,633,000	26.3
Dayton	1,566,000	25.1
Little Rock	1,191,000	7.2
Augusta, Ga	1,198,000	13.1
Oakland, Cal	1,458,000	48.4
Worcester	1,372,000	36.2
Mobile	925,000	38.2
Knoxville	1,340,000	15.1
Jacksonville, Fla	1,438,000	6.9
Chattanooga	1,376,000	4.7
Charleston, S. C.	1,149,000	10.5
Lincoln, Neb	1,190,000	11.1
Wilmington, Del	1,307,000	*0.4
Wichita	1,487,000	4.5
Wilkesbarre	1,085,000	8.2
Wheeling, W. Va	1,497,000	28.7
Fall River	863,000	16.1
Davenport	1,557,000	*16.5
Kalamazoo, Mich	1,039,000	2.9
Topeka	1,086,000	*12.8
Helena	786,000	25.7
Springfield, Ill	682,000	*1.9
Youngstown	509,000	3.6
Fort Wayne	748,000	12.9
New Bedford	783,000	*0.7
Erie, Pa	552,000	15.3
Cedar Rapids, Ia	785,000	*37.0
Macon	977,000	*69.3
Akron	598,000	13.2
Lexington	524,000	12.2
Rockford, Ill	576,000	14.7
Fargo, N. D.	446,000	*1.1
Lowell	511,000	3.0
Binghamton	524,000	4.9
Chester, Pa	470,000	10.6
Sioux Falls, S. D.	451,000	*3.2
South Bend, Ind	447,000	14.3
Bloomington, Ill	368,000	19.8
Canton, O	442,000	20.2
Quincy, Ill	384,000	*10.9
Springfield, O	363,000	*2.2
Decatur, Ill	349,000	1.9
Mansfield, O	236,000	41.6
Fremont, Neb	255,000	*4.9
Jacksonville, Ill	198,000	39.1
Oklahoma	963,000		
Houston	12,678,000	52.9
Galveston	12,108,000	16.4

*Increase.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Tin was unchanged at £133 for spot in the London market, while futures were a little higher at £132. Locally the market was dull and unchanged at $29.25@29.50.

Copper was lower in the English market, with spot quoted at £57, 7s, 6d, and futures at £58, 2s, 6d. The local market was quiet and unchanged, with Lake quoted at 12.75@13c; electrolytic at 12.62½@12.87½c and casting at 12.50@12.62½c.

Lead advanced to £14, 2s, 6d in London. The local market was firm and higher at 4.32½@4.33½c. Spelter unchanged.

Iron was 1½d lower at 42s, 10½d in London. The local market was steady, with No. 1 Foundry Northern quoted at $16@16.65; No. 1 Southern and No. 1 Southern soft at $16.25@17.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Coffee futures—Quiet net unchanged to 5 points lower. Sales were reported of 8000 bags, including: July, $6.10; September, $6.05@6.10; December, $6.03@6.10. Spot quiet; No. 7 Rio, 6⅝c; No. 4 Santos, 8⅝c. Mild quiet; Cordova, 9⅝@12⅝c.

Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining, $3.74; centrifugal 96 test, $4.24; molasses and sugar, $3.49. Refined sugar quiet; No. 6, $5; No. 7, $4.95; No. 8, $4.90; No. 9, $4.85; No. 10, $4.75; No. 11, $4.10; No. 12, $4.65; No. 13, $4.60; No. 14, $4.55; confectioner's "A," $5.20; mould "A," $5.75; cut loaf, $6.20; crushed, $6.10; powdered, $5.50; granulated, $5.40; cubes, $5.65.

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Wheat—Spot irregular. Options: Closed ⅝@⅝c net lower on leading positions. May closed $1.01⅞c; July, 99c; closed 99⅛c; September closed 94⅝c.

Petroleum, hops, wool—Steady.

Hides—Firm.

Refined Sugar Reduced.

NEW YORK, May 22.—All grades of refined sugar were reduced 10 cents a hundred pounds today.

KANSAS CROPS GOOD

Reports Cause Weakness in Chicago Wheat Market.

JULY HALF-CENT LOWER

Erratic Course of Prices—Light Trading in May Corn——Oats Are Dull, but Rule