BY THE NORTH BANK

Bananas Hereafter Will Come by New Route.

WILL SAVE MUCH TIME

Oranges Advancing in the South. Grain Holders Asking Full Prices—Oregon Prunes and Apples in the East.

Two cars of bananas were due last night over the North Bank road, the first to be brought to this city by that route. Three cars are coming the same way Monday. Fruit jobbers state that banana shipments by the North Bank line can be received four days sooner than the average Southern time, and in one and one-half days better time than was given by the Northern Pacific last year.

A car of oranges and a mixed car of oranges and lemons were received yesterday. The orange market is very firm as is shown by the following from Wright's news letter, of Los Angeles, of March 27: "No need to tell you that the market is at least 25c a box higher than it was three days ago. The effect is already felt out here in increased inquiry and I know of ten cars of navels being sold here today to one party for immediate shipment at prices ranging from $1.70 to $1.75 cash California. This buyer, one of the shrewdest in the business, evidently thinks that the price is going to be still higher and many out here share that belief."

Among the vegetable receipts of the day was a shipment of hot-house cucumbers from Oregon City, which sold at $2.50 per dozen. Walla Walla rhubarb was quoted at 5@6 cents per pound. Asparagus was a shade lower at 6@12½ cents.

Winningstadt cabbage has cleaned up and another car, due in a few days, will sell at a higher price.

OREGON PRUNES FIRM IN THE EAST

Shipments Now in Transit From the Coast Sold to Arrive.

The New York market is lightly stocked with Italian prunes, which are held at firm prices. The Journal of Commerce says:

Reports current to the effect that the spot market for Oregon Italian prunes had weakened as a result of expected arrivals from the Coast within the next few weeks were contradicted by prominent receivers of that fruit. Although the consuming demand for Italians has been restricted by the competition of the much cheaper California fruit, particularly in the East Side markets, the fact that stocks of Italians here are comparatively small and that no additions to them are possible until after the middle of April, and that the next shipment thereafter will not reach this market until the middle of May, has a tendency to keep the views of sellers firm, particularly as, according to all reports, there is now next to nothing remaining on the Coast. The report of a weakening in the market was attributed to the fact that some 8000 boxes are coming forward from Vancouver and as much, if not more, from Portland. But these goods, it was asserted by trade authorities yesterday, are all sold, and at prices which will not admit of any concessions from 7½c for 30s and 6½c for 40s without a sacrifice of profits. It was reported yesterday that a sale of a car of 40s to come forward by rail, due about April 15, was made at 6¾c f. o. b. Coast, and more could have been sold at the same price if the buyers had had the goods. There seems to be in some quarters a decidedly bearish influence on Oregon Italian prunes, but if statements made by authorities who are supposed to be best posted are to be accepted it has nothing upon which to establish its contention in favor of a lower market. Recent sales of 30s for May delivery at 6¾c are said to have formed the only colorable excuse for the reports of a decline in the market, and even then these transactions could not, in the present condition of supply and demand, have had any influence upon the spot market.

ORANGES CUT DOWN APPLE DEMANDS

Western Box Situation in the New York Market.

The box apple situation in the New York market is reported by the Fruitmen's Guide of March 20, as follows:

For the Far Western box apples a little more trade was noted and the market was given as from $1.25 to $2.25 per box, as to quality and holder. The box apples, it is said, have been a considerable influence in bringing about the lower level of prices on the barrel stock. The chief factor, however, has been the increasing supply and cheapness of the California oranges. The latter product has to a large extent taken the place of the apple in the local market. The receipts in the last six days have been 20,702 barrels of apples compared with about 20,150 barrels in the same period the previous week. It is believed that a good deal of the fruit held at primary points has been distributed to Western points and that the supply now available is considerably below the stock on hand at this time last year. In spite of the fact that the market seems easier there is more or less confidence expressed that a strong situation will be developed before the season has closed.

GRAIN HOLDERS ASK FULL PRICES.

Local Market Is Strong, but Trading Is Small.

There were no new features in the grain market yesterday, which was quiet. Full prices for everything were asked by holders.

Bid and asked prices at the Board of Trade were:

WHEAT.	Bid.	Asked.
March	$1.10	$1.12
April	1.10½	1.13
OATS.		
March	1.95	1.97½
April	1.97½	2.00
BARLEY.		
March	1.45	1.50
April	1.50	1.52½

Receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
March 27-28	11	4	15	1	9
March 29	4	2	8	3	19
March 30	10	2	8	2	11
Total last week	44	17	33	10	70

ACTIVE MARKET FOR MOHAIR.

Prices on a Firmer Basis Here Than in the East.

The mohair market continues active, buyers taking up all offerings around 23 cents at country points and 23½ cents Portland.

The latest mail advices from the East say business in both foreign and domestic hair is still of a comparatively small volume although prices are being nominally maintained as follows:

Foreign—Turkey, extras, 32@38c; fair average, 43@46c. Cape, firsts, 39@42c; do seconds, 36@37c.

Domestic — Combing, 23@28c; carding, choice, 22@25c; average, 17@19c; inferior, 14@16c. Noils, first combings, 16@18c; second combings, 19@20c.

HOP CONTRACTS IN POLK COUNTY.

Offers of 9 to 10½ Cents for One and Two Years.

DALLAS, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Three hop contracts have been filed in Polk County during the past week, as follows: T. Rosenwald & Co., three-year contract with C. H. Mitema, for 40,000 pounds at 11 cents. T. Rosenwald & Co., a three-year contract with W. P. and M. S. Bevens for 10,000 pounds at 11 cents. J. W. Seavy & Co., a contract with Peter Schultz for 30,000 pounds of 1909 hops at 10 cents.

Eleven cents is the highest price that has been offered on contracts in Polk County since January 1, and this has been offered only on three-year contracts. The prices offered on one and two-year contracts range from 9 to 10½ cents.

Potato Trade Is Slow.

The potato market has been quiet for several days. Farmers are holding firmly, but dealers decline to pay extreme prices in view of the rather heavy tone at San Francisco. For the best stock in this territory the prices offered now are $1.25@1.35. When the liberal supplies on the San Francisco market are worked off, improvement is looked for. Advices from the south yesterday were that Oregon Burbanks were being taken over quite freely for seed purposes.

Hop Contracts at 9 Cents.

Hopgrowers are showing more willingness to contract now that there is less demand for this kind of business. Further sales of the growing crop at 9 cents are reported.

Ironmonger, of London, cabled to Isaac Pincus & Sons, of Tacoma, yesterday, as follows:

"Market is weak and lower. Market is very dull and shows further symptoms of declining. Brewers are not buying, awaiting legislation."

H. L. Hart bought 300 bales of 1908s from a local dealer yesterday. This was the only transaction in spot goods on this market.

Country Produce Prices Unchanged.

There were no changes in country produce yesterday. Eggs sold at the former prices and cleaned up well. Over 2000 cases of Oregon eggs have been put into storage here in the past ten days.

There was a strong demand for all kinds of poultry and full prices were realized.

The movement in butter was active and the tone of the market was steady.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,028,533	$132,722
Seattle	1,918,845	221,669
Tacoma	894,332	60,534
Spokane	1,040,018	207,036

Total bank clearings of Portland for the past month were $34,998,801.09 as compared with $27,647,121.10 in March last year, a gain of $7,351,679.99 for the month just closed.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Vegetables and Fruit.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, 65c@$2.50 per box; Malaga grapes, $9 per barrel.

POTATOES—Buying price, $1.25@1.35 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2½c per pound; new California, 7@8c per pound.

SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1 per sack; carrots, 90c; parsnips, $1.50; beets, $1.75; horseradish, 16c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2.25@2.75 per box; lemons, $1.50@4; grape fruit, $4.25@4.75 per box; bananas, 5½@6c per pound; pineapples, $2.75@3.25 per dozen; tangerines $1.75 per box.

ONIONS—Oregon, buying price, $1.75 per hundred.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 65@85c doz.; asparagus, 6@12½c per pound; beans, 25c; cabbage, 3@4c per pound; cauliflower $2.50; celery, $4.75 per crate; cucumbers, $1.50@2.50 per dozen; lettuce, hot house, $1.50 per box; lettuce, head, 85c per dozen; onions, 40@50c per dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; peas, 15c per pound; radishes, 35c per dozen; rhubarb, 5@6c per lb.; spinach, $1; tomatoes, $1@3.50.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem milling, $1.22½@1.25; club, $1.10; red Russian, $1.08; bluestem, shipping, $1.17½@1.18; Valley, $1.10.

FLOUR—Patents, $5.65 per barrel; straights, $5.65; exports, $4.10; Valley, $5.10; graham, 40s, $5.20; whole wheat, quarters, $5.40.

OATS—No. 1 white, $30@40 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26@26.50 per ton; middlings, $33; shorts, $28@30; chop, $20@25; rolled barley, $31@32.50.

BARLEY—Feed, $31@32 per ton.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $13@15 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $16@18; clover, $12@13; alfalfa, $14.50@15; grain hay, $13@14; cheat, $13.50@14.50; vetch, $13.50@14.50.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—City creamery, extras, 32c; factory outside creamery, 30@32c per lb.; California, 29@30c; store, 18@20c. (Butter fat prices average 1½ cents per pound under regular butter prices.)

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 20@21c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 14@14½c; broilers, 24@25c; fryers, 18@20c; roosters, old, 10@11c; young, 14@15c; ducks, 20@22½c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 18@19c; squabs, $2.50@3 per dozen.

CHEESE—Fancy cream twins, 17@17½c per lb.; full cream triplets, 17@17½c; full cream, Young America, 18@18½c.

VEAL—Extras, 10@10½c per pound; ordinary, 7@8c; heavy, 6c.

PORK—Fancy, 9@9½c per lb.; large, 8@8½c.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8½c per lb.; peaches, 7½@8c; prunes, Italians, 5¾@6¼c; prunes, French, 4@6c; currants, unwashed, cases, 9½c; currants, washed, cases, 10c; figs, white fancy, 50-lb. boxes, 6¾c; dates, 7¼@7½c.

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

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12½@15c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 12@13c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15c; pecans, 16c; almonds, 13@14c; chestnuts, Italian, 11c; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; peanuts, roasted, 13@12c; hickory nuts, 10c; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen.

SUGAR—Granulated, $6.05; extra C, $5.55; golden C, $5.45; fruit and berry sugar, $6.05; plain bag, $5.85; beet granulated, $5.85; cubes (barrel), $6.45; powdered (barrel), $6.30. Terms: On remittances within 15 days, deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c per pound. Maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $13 per ton. $1.90 per bale; half ground, 100s, $17.50 per ton; 50s, $8 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 6¼c; large white, 5¼c; Lima, 8c; pink, 8¾c; bayou, 4c; Mexican red, 5¾c.

Provisions.

BACON—Fancy, 21½c per pound; standard, 18c; choice, 17c; English, 15½@16½c; strips, 12½c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 11½c; smoked, 12½c; short clear backs, heavy dry salted, 12½c; smoked, 13½c; Oregon exports, dry salt, 13½c; smoked, 14½c.

HAMS—10 to 12 lbs., 14c; 14 to 16 lbs., 14c; 18 to 20 lbs., 14c; hams, skinned, 14c; picnics, 9½c; cottage roll, 11c; shoulders, 11c; boiled hams, 19@20c; boiled picnics, 17c.

LARD—Kettle rendered: 10s, 14¾c; 5s, 14¾c; Standard pure: 10s, 12½c; 5s, 13¼c. Choice: 10s, 12¾c; 5s, 13¼c. Compound: 10s, 9¼c; 5s, 9¾c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each, 80c; dried beef sets, 17c; dried beef outsides, 16c; dried beef insides, 19c; dried beef kunckles, 15c.

PICKLED GOODS—Barrels: Pigs' feet, $13; regular tripe, $10; honeycomb tripe, $12; pigs' tongues, $19.50.

MESS MEATS—Beef, specials, $12 per barrel; plate, $14 per barrel; family, $14 per barrel; pork, $20 per barrel; brisket, $22 per barrel.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1909 contracts, 10@10c per pound; 1908 crop, 7@7½c; 1907 crop, 3@4½c; 1906 crop, 1½@2c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, contracts, 16@18c per pound; Valley, 16@17c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 23@23½c, Portland, per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16@16½c lb.; dry kip, No. 1, 14@15c pound; dry calfskin, 17½@18c pound; salted hides, 9@9½c; salted calfskin, 14@15c pound; green, 1c less.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Angora goat, $1 to $1.25; badger, 25@50c; bear, $5@20; beaver, $6.50@8.50; cat, wild, 60c@$1; cougar, perfect head and claws, $2@10; fisher, dark, $7.50@11; fisher, pale, $4.50@7; fox, cross, $2 to $2; fox, gray, 40c to 80c; fox, red, $1.25 to $4; fox, silver, $35 to $100; lynx, $10@15; marten, dark, $8@12; mink, 75c@$4.50; muskrat, 10@15c; otter, $7; raccoon, 45c@60c; sea otter, $1@2.50, as to size; skunks, 50@75c; civet cat, 10@15c; wolf, $3@3; coyote, 70c@$1.10; wolverine, dark, $3@5; wolverine, pale, $2@2.50.

CASCARA BARK—Per pound, 4½c.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The London tin market was over £1 higher today, with spot quoted at £134 7s 6d and futures £133 7s 6d. The local market was firm and higher at 29.25@29.60c.

Copper was unchanged in London, with spot quoted £58 and futures at £57 13s 9d. The local market was quiet and unchanged, with lake quoted at 12.07½@13.12½c; electrolytic, 12.90@12.75c; casting, 12.37½@12.62½c.

Lead was higher, at £13 12s 9d in London. The local market was firm and unchanged, at 4.07½@4.10c.

Spelter was unchanged, at £21 7s 6d in London. The local market remained firm at 4.77½@4.82½c.

Iron was unchanged, at 46s 10½d for Cleveland warrants in the London market. The local market was unchanged, with No. 1 foundry northern quoted at $16.25@16.75; No. 2, $15.75@16.25; No. 1 southern and No. 1 southern soft at $15.75@16.25.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 31. — Cotton—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 9.85c; do Gulf, 10.10c. Sales, 2100 bales.

Futures opened barely steady, April, 9.46c; May, 9.47c; June, 9.37c; July, 9.39c; August, 9.33c; September and October, 9.24c; November and December, 9.21c; January, 9.12c.

AT TURNING POINT

Culmination of Depression in Stock Market.

DEMAND IS NOW GENERAL

Speculative Sentiment Affected by the Brighter Trade and Industrial Outlook — Harriman Pacifics at Top Notch.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The stock market today manifested a degree of vigor that proved of notable influence in forming speculative sentiment and in confirming the feeling of confidence. The general outlook is held accountable for the starting up of values and the reviving of speculative interest. With stocks offering steady resistance to news of discouraging conditions in business day after day, the conviction has been forming that operations in the stock market, so far as they might be prompted by such development, had been concluded in the period of depression that has passed.

There is admittedly a large demand, both speculative and investment, which has been waiting for an assurance that the effects on securities of unfavorable factors have been measured. The action of the stock market, in view of some of the later developments, may mark the culmination of depression and the turning point of improvement.

Such a development was the open cut in steel products by the United States Steel Corporation, marking the abandonment of the doubtful policy of ignoring the lack of demand by holding prices at artificial levels. While the new demand stimulated by the cut is reported moderate, yet advices in the last few days are that such demand is growing and is expected to expand materially with the demonstration that bottom prices have been touched. The waiting demand for stocks has become impatient and fearful that opportunities for buying at cheaper prices might be slipping away from them.

London was a buyer of stocks on a liberal scale during the day.

The net earnings statements for February of Southern and Union Pacifics were followed by an advance in the former to a record price and in the latter to the highest price touched since the stock was placed on a 10 per cent dividend basis in August, 1906.

Announcement that tomorrow's expiration of the wage agreements would be followed by maintenance of mining operations was received with satisfaction.

The strength of the day's market was not uniformly held and the close itself was decidedly irregular, under the influence of active profit taking.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, $6,240,000. United States 3s registered advanced ¼ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Am Car & Foun.	4,600	50½	49¾	49¾
Amal Copper	33,800	75⅝	73½	75⅝
do preferred	200	111	111	110½
Am Cotton Oil	1,200	53⅝	52¾	52¾
Am Hd & Lt pf.	.....	.....	.....	38⅝
Am Ice Securi.	9,100	33⅝	32½	33⅝
Am Linseed Oil	.....	.....	.....	14
Am Locomotive	800	54⅝	54½	54½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	114½
Am Smelt & Ref.	22,300	89½	87½	88⅝
do preferred	1,600	104½	103⅝	104½
Am Sugar Ref.	7,600	133½	131½	132⅝
Am Tobacco pfd.	100	93½	93½	93
Am Woolen	600	33	32⅝	32⅝
Anaconda Min Co.	5,300	45½	44½	44⅞
Atchison	33,200	108⅝	106½	108⅝
do preferred	1,000	104⅝	104	104⅝
Atl Coast Line	3,400	122½	120⅝	122
Balt & Ohio	1,400	112½	111⅝	112½
do preferred	200	94½	94½	94½
Brook Rap Tran.	22,900	16½	15½	16½
Canadian Pacific	1,800	173⅝	172	173⅝
Central Leather	2,200	29½	28⅝	29⅝
do preferred	200	102	101⅝	101½
Central of N. J.	.....	.....	.....	225
Ches & Ohio	13,900	70	69½	69½
Chicago Gt West.	1,000	5½	5⅛	5
Chicago & N W	900	182	181	181½
C. M & St Paul	11,400	148⅞	148	148⅞
C. C. C & St. L.	200	73½	73	74½
Colo Fuel & Iron	5,300	36½	35½	35⅞
Colo & Southern	200	64½	64½	64½
do 1st preferred	500	82⅝	82½	81⅝
do 2d preferred	500	78⅝	78	78½
Consolidated Gas	12,200	140	138	139
Corn Products	700	18⅝	18½	18⅝
Del & Hudson	2,200	179⅝	177⅝	178½
D & R Grande	4,900	46½	46	46½
do preferred	800	87⅝	87½	87½
Distillers' Securi.	100	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝
Erie	14,800	30	29½	29⅞
do 1st preferred	1,900	45⅝	44⅞	45½
do 2d preferred	500	35½	35½	35
General Electric	400	157⅝	157	157
Gt Northern pf	6,900	145⅞	145½	145⅝
Gt Northern, Ore	300	68½	67⅝	68½
Illinois Central	2,600	146	144	145⅞
Interborough Met.	2,400	13½	12½	13½
do preferred	1,600	39½	37½	39½
Int Paper	100	10	10	9½
do preferred	100	52	52	51
Int Pump	600	38⅝	38⅝	38½
Iowa Central	400	20⅝	19½	19½
K C Southern	7,900	47½	46½	46⅝
do preferred	1,400	73⅝	73½	73½
Lous & Nashville	6,100	154⅝	152	154½
Minn & St. L.	300	56	56	56½
M. St P & S M.	800	144⅝	144	144⅝
Missouri Pacific	3,200	72⅝	72	72½
Mo. Kan & Texas	16,200	43½	42½	43
do preferred	100	74	74	74
National Lead	6,400	82⅝	81⅝	82
N Y Central	15,400	130½	129⅝	130½
N Y Ont & West	8,700	48	47½	47⅝
Norfolk & West	2,300	90⅝	90½	90½
North American	1,900	81½	79⅝	80½
Northern Pacific	22,400	143⅞	142⅞	143⅝
Pacific Mail	200	32	32	32
Pennsylvania	15,500	134⅝	133⅝	134½
People's Gas	12,700	115	112½	114⅝
P. C. C & St L.	2,100	93½	92½	93
Pressed Steel Car	400	39	38⅝	38½
Ry Steel Spring	.....	.....	.....	29½
Reading	127,900	136½	134⅞	135⅞
Republic Steel	2,100	23	22½	22½
do preferred	1,400	74⅝	73⅝	74½
Rock Island Co.	5,400	25	24½	24⅞
do preferred	6,200	65	64	64⅝
S L. & S F 2 pf.	300	39	39	38⅝
S L Southwestern	1,000	24⅝	23⅝	24⅝
do preferred	1,200	58	56	56⅝
Sloss-Sheffield	400	74½	74	74
Southern Pacific	37,500	128⅝	122⅞	128⅝
do preferred	1,900	125⅝	124⅞	125½
Southern Railway	8,000	28½	28⅞	28
do preferred	3,000	64⅝	64⅝	64⅝
Tenn Copper	400	42½	41⅝	42
Texas & Pacific	800	33½	33½	33½
Tol, St L & West	2,700	52⅝	51½	52
do preferred	1,100	71½	70⅝	70⅞
Union Pacific	132,900	185½	183⅝	185⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	93⅝
U S Rubber	100	32⅝	32⅝	32½
do 1st preferred	200	104	104	103⅝
U S Steel	153,700	49½	48	49
do preferred	3,800	113½	112⅞	113
Utah Copper	1,100	44½	43½	43⅞
Va-Caro Chemical	900	45½	44½	44⅝
do preferred	300	118	118	116
Wabash	500	18⅝	18½	18½
do preferred	3,700	41½	40⅝	41½
Westinghouse Elec	500	82½	82	82⅝
Western Union	200	67	66½	67
Wheel & L. Erie	.....	.....	.....	9
Wisconsin Central	400	48½	48½	48⅝
Am Tel & Tel	6,300	131⅝	130⅝	131½

Total sales for the day, 862,300 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg	101½	D & R G 4s	97½
do coupon	101½	N Y C G 3½s	.....
U. S. 3s reg	101½	North Pacific 3s	74⅝
do coupon	101½	North Pacific 4s	102⅝
U. S. new 4s reg	134	Pacific 4s	101⅝
do coupon	120½	Union Pacific 4s	102⅝
Atchison adj 4s	100⅝	Wiscon Cent 4s	94⅝

Stocks at London.

LONDON, March 31.—Consols for money, $4 13-16; do for account, $4 15-16.

Anaconda	9½	N Y Central	133½
Atchison	109½	Norfk & West	193
do pref	106½	do pref	90
Balt & Ohio	115	Ont & West	49
Can Pacific	177	Pennsylvania	68½
Ches & Ohio	71½	Rand Mines	8⅝
Chi Grt West	5½	Reading	69½
C. M. & S. P.	151½	Southern Ry	26⅞
De Beers	21½	do pref	66½
D & R G	47⅝	South Pacific	124½
do pref	89⅝	Union Pacific	189½
Erie	30⅝	do pref	97½
do 1st pf	46½	U. S. Steel	49½
do 2d pf	35½	do pref	115½
Grand Trunk	29	Wabash	18½
Ill Central	148½	do pref	48½
L & N	132⅝	Spanish 4s	96½
Mo K & T	48	Amal Copper	76

Money, Exchange, Etc.

LONDON, March 31.—Bar silver, steady, 23 8-16d per ounce.

Money, 2½@3 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1¾@1 3-16 per cent; for three months' bills, 1 9-16@1¾ per cent.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Money on call easy, 1¾@2 per cent; ruling rate and closing bid, 1¾ per cent; offered at 2 per cent. Time loans, slightly easier; 60 days, 2¼@2½ per cent; 90 days, 2½ per cent, and six months, 2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent.

Sterling exchange soft with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86@4.8610 for 60-day bills and at $4.8730 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.85¾@4.85⅞.

Bar silver, 50⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 44c.

Government and railroad bonds, firm.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—Silver bars, 50⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 45c.

Drafts, sight, 4c; telegraph, 6c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.86⅝; sight, $4.87⅝.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Today's statement of the treasury balances shows:

Available cash balance	$122,554,575
Gold coin and bullion	4,322,708
Gold certificates	47,295,320

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Butter, steady. Creameries, 22½@29c; dairies, 20⅝@25½c.

Eggs, firm; at mark, cases included, firsts, 20c; prime firsts, 21c.

Cheese—Firm; daisies, 15¾@16c; twins, 13c; Young Americas, 15c.

NEW YORK, March 31. — Butter—Steady, unchanged.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Firm; Western firsts, 20½@21c; seconds, 20c.

NEW BUTTER EXCHANGE

SEATTLE CREAMERYMEN WILL EXCLUDE BROKERS.

Result of Tuesday's Cut in Prices to 32 Cents by the Latter.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—Yesterday's cut in butter is likely to result in the organization of a new butter exchange here, membership in which will be limited to creamery men. Brokers will be excluded. Six of the leading creamery men in the city have agreed to join the new exchange. These six firms held the price of butter at 35 cents today, while outside creamery sold at 32 cents and got the business. A big shipment of California butter is due on the next boat.

Commission men have been notified of a 25-cent advance in orange prices in the South, but there is no change here yet.

The first shipment of Walla Walla asparagus arrived today. Egg plant dropped to 30 cents. Peas also declined to 14 cents and find a slow sale at that price.

There were no grain receipts today for the first time in months.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, $1.40@1.75; Salinas Burbanks, $1.60@1.85; sweets, $1.85@2.

Onions—$1.50@1.85 per cental.

Millstuffs—Bran, $28.50@30; middlings, $35.50@35.50.

Vegetables—Garlic, 9@10c; green peas, 5@8½c; string beans, nominal; asparagus, 2@4c; tomatoes, 75c@$1.25; egg-plant, 20@22c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 26c; creamery seconds, 25½c; fancy dairy, 25c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $5@6; young, $9@12; broilers, small, $5@5.50; broilers, large, $6@7; fryers, $5@9; hens, $5@10; ducks, old, $5@6; young, $6@8.

Cheese—New, 14@15c; Young America, 14@14½c; Eastern, 17½c.

Eggs—Store, 22c; fancy ranch, 23c.

Wool—South Plains and San Joaquin, 8@15c; Mountain, 6@10c; Nevada, 12@15c.

Hay—Wheat, $22.50@26; wheat and oats, $18@24; alfalfa, $14@17.50; stock, $11.50@16; straw, per bale, 60@85c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.75; common, 60c; bananas, $1@3.50; lines, $8.50@9; lemons, choice, $3; common, $1; oranges, $1.25@2.50; pineapples, $2@4.

Receipts—Flour, 9282 quarter sacks; barley, 2440 centals; oats, 785 centals; beans, 818 sacks; potatoes, 1270 sacks; bran, 340 sacks; middlings, 401 sacks; hay, 390 tons; wool, 304 bales; hides, 985.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Beef packers here and in the north are well supplied now and for that reason the local cattle market is a dragging affair. When present stocks are worked off, however, a rally is looked for, as light receipts in the future are indicated. Hogs continue firm at previous prices and sheep are steady, except yearlings, which are lower. Receipts yesterday were 52 cattle, 132 sheep, 102 hogs and 3 horses.

Recent representative sales were: 80 steers, 1170 pounds, at $5.30; 29 steers, 1080 pounds, at $5.15; 22 steers, 1010 pounds, $4.75; 10 cows, 1110 pounds, $4.25; 5 cows, 1050 pounds, $4; 20 cows, 940 pounds, $3.50; 4 bulls, 1430 pounds, $3.25; 1 bull, 1445 pounds, $2.75; 40 calves, 278 pounds, $5.50; 9 cows, 1020 pounds, 3.50; 9 steers, 750 pounds, $4.50; 2 calves, 180 pounds, $5.50; 124 hogs, 179 pounds, $7.50; 47 hogs, 117 pounds, $6.75; 28 cows and steers, 1190 pounds, $4.35; 79 hogs, stockers, 126 pounds, $7; 102 hogs, 190 pounds, $7.50.

The quotations of the Portland Livestock Exchange were as follows:

CATTLE—Top steers, $5.25@5.50; fair to good, $4.75@5.00; common to medium, $3.25@4.50; cows, top, $4.25; fair to good, $3.50@4.00; common to medium, $2.50@3.50; calves, top, $5.00@5.50; heavy, $2.50@4.00; bulls and stags, fat, $3.00@3.50; common, $2.00@2.75.

HOGS—Best, $7.25@7.50; fair to good, $6.75@7.00; stockers, $5.50@6.50; China fats, $6.75.

SHEEP—Top wethers, $5@5.75; fair to good, $4.50@4.75; ewes, ½c less on all grades; yearlings, top, $6.25@6.50; fair to good, $6@6.25; Spring lambs, $9@10.

Eastern Livestock Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 5000; market, steady to strong. Native steers, $5@6.75; native cows and heifers, $2.75@6; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.65; bulls, $3.20@4.80; calves, $3.75@7.75; Western steers, $4.80@6.50; Western cows, $3.50@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,000; market, strong to 5c higher. Bulk of sales, $6.60@6.90; heavy, $6.75@6.95; packers and butchers, $6.70@6.90; light, $6.40@6.75; pigs, $5@6.

Sheep—Receipts, 6000; market, strong. Muttons, $5.25@6.25; lambs, $6.50@8.10; range wethers, $4.50@7.25; fed ewes, $3.40@6.00.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated at 14,000; market, steady. Beeves, $4.70@7.25; Texas steers, $4.40@5.50; Western steers, $4@5.50; stockers and feeders, $3.40@5.50; cows and heifers, $1.90@5.65; calves, $5.75@8.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated at 25,000; market, strong. Light, $6.40@6.90; mixed, $6.60@7.05; heavy, $6.70@7.05; rough, $6.70@6.80; good to choice heavy, $6.80@7.05; pigs, $5.60@6.35; bulk of sales, $6.75@7.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated at 15,000; market, strong to 10c higher. Native, $3.75@6.40; Western, $3.75@6.50; yearlings, $6.30@7.40; lambs, native, $4@8.25; Western, $6@8.35.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 2500; market, steady to strong. Native steers, $4.75@6.75; native cows and heifers, $3.25@5.30; Western steers, $3.50@5.75; Texas steers, $3@5.15; range cows and heifers, $2.85@4.90; canners, $2.25@2.25; stockers and feeders, $3@5.50; calves, $3.50@7.50; bulls and stags, $3@4.90.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000; market, 5@10c higher. Heavy, $6.75@6.90; mixed, $6.55@6.65; light, $6.40@6.75; pigs, $4.50@6; bulk of sales, $6.50@6.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 11,500; market, steady. Yearlings, $6.25@7.15; Westerns, $6@6.40; ewes, $5@5.90; lambs, $7.40@8.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The market for evaporated apples continues quiet with prices practically nominal; fancy, 8¼@9¼c, choice, 7¾@7¾c; prime, 6@8½c; common to fair, 5@6c.

Prunes are somewhat less active on spot, with quotations from 3¾c to 6½c for new crop California fruit up to 40-50s, and from 6½@9c for Oregons, 40-50s to 20-30s.

Apricots are unchanged, with choice, 9½@10c; extra choice, 10@10¼c; fancy, 11½@12c.

Peaches are being offered a little cheaper to arrive with business light; the spot market is rather nominal; choice, 6@6½c; extra choice, 6¼@6¾c; fancy, 7@7½c.

Raisins remain dull, with loose muscatel quoted at 3½@4½c; choice to fancy seeded, 4¾@6¼c; seedless, 3¾@5½c, and London layers, $1.20@1.30.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Coffee futures closed steady at a net decline of 5@15 points. Sales were reported of 261,500 bags, including May at 7.10@7.15c; July, 6.55@6.60c; September, 6.25c; October, 6.05c; December, 6.05@6.10c. Spot quiet. No. 7