TREES IN BEARING

Government Report on the Apple Industry.

SEASON NEARING AN END

Three Thousand Boxes Left in This State—Fine Reputation of Oregon Fruit in the East.

While Oregon apples in quality are superior to those grown anywhere else, in point of quantity the state is considerably behind some other sections, as shown by statistics gathered by the Government of the number of apple trees of bearing age in the United States on June 30, 1908.

The returns show the number of trees on the Pacific Coast and in the leading apple-growing states of the East and Middle Weect as follows:

Oregon	2,823,895
Washington	2,735,824
Idaho	982,349
California	2,878,169
New York	15,064,832
Pennsylvania	11,774,211
Virginia	8,190,026
North Carolina	6,438,871
Arkansas	7,486,145
Tennessee	7,114,053
West Virginia	5,441,113
Kentucky	8,757,238
Ohio	12,952,625
Michigan	10,927,899
Indiana	8,624,598
Illinois	13,450,006
Iowa	6,869,588
Missouri	20,040,399
Kansas	11,848,070

The total number of bearing apple trees in the United States last year was 201,794,642.

The apple season is now drawing to a close. About 3000 boxes are left in storage in this state, and these are being brought out as fast as the demand justifies. Prices are fairly steady.

Fred H. Page, who returned yesterday from an extended trip through the Eastern States, said he heard only praise for Oregon apples wherever he went.

"I talked with a large number of dealers," said Mr. Page, "and they all acknowledged that the apples of the Pacific Northwest were the best in the market. I did not see many Hood River apples, only a few scattering lots, owing to the lateness of the season, but quite a number of Wenatchee wineapsp. The best Western apples were selling for $3 per box."

ENGLISH HOP MARKET DULL.

Trade Is Quiet, but Prices Hold Very Steady.

The Kentish Observer of April 1 says of the London market:

There is not much trade doing on this market, but prices remain steady, anything with fine color fetchtifg very full value when it can be found. Continental markets are dull and depressed, both the home trade and for exportation being at a standstill. American advices speak of a very dull trade for home requirements, and but little demand for export, and that little only for finest qualities, the supply of which is moderate.

London trade reports bearing dates of March 27 to 31 say in part:

Wild, Neame & Co.—The situation on our market is unaltered; consumers are only interested in satisfying their immediate requirements, and values are practically unchanged.

Manger & Henley—A quiet tone continues, the few sales being restricted to actual requirements. Prices favor buyers where sales are pressed.

W. H. and H. Le May—The inquiry noted in our last for the lowest-priced hops still continues, and some few parcels have changed hands.

Exchange and Hop Warehouses—Business is quiet, and stocks being so considerably reduced holders of the better middle-class hops decline to accept the low prices now ruling. Some business continues in yearlings, but the best of these have passed into consumption.

MOHAIR MARKET IS VERY ACTIVE.

Pool at Hillsboro Will Be Sold Next Monday.

Mohair is coming in freely. Most of the dealers are quoting 24 cents, but some lots have lately been bought at 23½ cents. There will be a pool sale of mohair at Hillsboro next Monday. A. J. Ray & Son purchased the Sodaville pool, and not the Scio pool, as reported. The Scio pool is to be sold Saturday.

While good prices are being paid for mohair in this state, the Eastern market continues lifeless. The Boston Commercial Bulletin says of trade there:

The local market is without a ripple of activity as far as new business is concerned, for consumers are still apparently sufficiently stocked with raw material for immediate and near-by wants. Prices are holding nominally steady at quotations.

Foreign—Turkey, extras, 52@58c; Turkey, fair average, 43@46c; Cape, firsts, 39@42c; do seconds, 36@37c.

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

HAY PRICES VERY STRONG.

Receipts Are Steadily Decreasing—Grain Trade Quiet.

The setback given the Eastern wheat market yesterday, of course, had no effect on values here. Buyers, however, were not so ready to take hold. Very little grain was offered, and business was quiet.

The hay market is taking on added strength with the light receipts. Prices have not been advanced yet, but the tendency is distinctly upward.

Bid and asked prices on the Board of Trade were as follows:

WHEAT.

	Bid.	Asked.
April	$1.16	$1.18
May	1.17	1.19

OATS.

April	2.00	2.02½
May	2.02½	2.05

BARLEY.

April	1.50	1.52½
May	1.52½	1.55

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay
April 10-11	3	..	20	5	12
April 12	4	..	2	3	4
April 13	1	..	1	1	1
April 14	5	..	10	..	2
Total last week	23	3	48	11	42

PACKERS BUY EGGS TO STORE.

Getting All They Can in the Country at Full Prices.

The large packers are in the egg market strong at the present time. They are buying freely in the country for storage purposes on the basis of 22 cents Portland, and the result is that a comparatively small quantity of eggs are coming into Front street. Receipts, on the whole, are showing a decrease, and as chickens are becoming somewhat more plentiful it is evident that the heaviest laying season has passed. There was no change in the jobbing quotation yesterday, but the market was very firm.

Poultry prices have been maintained to date, but if receipts continue to grow a lower level will have to be reached.

There was no change yesterday in the butter market. The demand was good and stocks cleaned up.

Vegetables in Good Supply.

The vegetable market was plentifully stocked with nearly all varieties yesterday and prices on most kinds were inclined to weaken.

There were fair receipts of Florin strawberries. A full car of Southern California berries is due today. Oranges continue in strong demand and sell at firm prices.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,135,396	$ 94,545
Seattle	1,680,619	185,216
Tacoma	749,173	71,595
Spokane	1,050,441	103,281

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem milling, $1.25@1.30; bluestem, shipping, $1.17½@1.18; club $1.14@1.16; Turkey red, $1.15; red Russian, $1.08@1.09; Valley $1.10½.

FLOUR—Patents, $6.05 per barrel; straights, $5.10; exports, $4.70; Valley, $5.30; graham, $5.60; whole wheat, quarters, $5.80.

OATS—No. 1 white, $40@41 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26@26.50 per ton; middlings, $33; shorts, $28@30; chop, $20@23; rolled barley, $34@35.

BARLEY—Feed, $32.50@33.50.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $14@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $17@19; clover, $11@12; alfalfa, $14@14.50; grain hay, $13@14; cheat, $14@14.50; vetch, $13.50@14.

Vegetables and Fruit.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, 65c@$2.50 per box. Strawberries, $2.50 per create

POTATOES—Buying price, $1.30@1.40 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2½@3c per pound; new California, 6c per pound.

SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, $1.25; parsnips, $1.50; beets, $1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2.25@$3 per box; lemons, $1.75@4; grape fruit, $3.50@4 per box; bananas, 5½@6c per pound; pineapples, $2.75@3.25 per dozen; tangerines $1.75 per box.

ONIONS—Oregon, buying price, $2 per hundred.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 65@85c doz.; asparagus, Oregon, 75@85c per dozen; California, 5@9c per pound; beans, 25c; cabbage, 4@4½c per lb.; cauliflower, 75c@$1 per doz.; celery, $4.50 per crate; cucumbers, $1.50@2.50 per dozen; lettuce, hothouse, $1.50@1.75 per box; lettuce, head, 85c per doz.; onions, 40@50c per doz.; parsley, 35c per dozen; peas, 12½c per pound; radishes, 35c per dozen; rhubarb, 4@4½c per pound; spinach, 6c; tomatoes, Florida, $3@3.25 per crate.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—City creamery, extras, 27½@29c; fancy outside creamery, 25@29c per lb.; store, 18@20c. (Butter fat prices average 1½ cents per pound under regular butter prices.)

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 22c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 16½@17½c; broilers, 25c; fryers, 18@22½c; roosters, old, 10@11c; young, 14@15c; ducks, 20@22½c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; 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—Extra, 10c per pound; ordinary, 8½@9c; heavy, 7@8c.

PORK—Fancy, 9½@10c per pound; large, 8@9c.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8½c per lb.; peaches, 7½@8c; prunes, Italians, 5½@6½c; prunes, French, 4@6c; currants, unwashed, cases, 9½c; currants, washed, cases, 10c; figs, white fancy, 50-lb. boxes, 6½c; dates, 7½@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, 15c; almonds, 18@14c; chestnuts, Italian, 11c; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; pinenuts, 10@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), $6.80. 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, $7.50 per ton; 50s, $8 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 6¼c; large white, 5¼c; Lima, 6c; pink, 3¾c; bayo, 5¼c; Mexican red, 5¾c.

Provisions.

BACON—Fancy, 21½c per pound; standard, 18c; choice, 17c; English, 15½@16½c; strips, 13½c.

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

HAMS—10 to 13 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, 13½c; 5s, 13¾c. Choice: 10s, 12¾c; 5s, 12¾c. Compound: 10s, 9¼c; 5s, 9¾c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each, 60c; dried beef sets, 17c; dried beef outsides, 16c; dried beef insides, 19c; dried beef knuckles, 18c.

PICKLED PIGS—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, $29 per barrel.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1909 contract, 9c per pound; 1908 crop, 6¼@6½c; 1907 crop, 3c; 1906 crop, 1½c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 16@18c per pound; Valley, fine, 19½c; medium, 18½c; coarse, 17½c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 23½@24c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16@17c lb.; dry kip, No. 1, 15@16c pound; dry calf, 18@19c pound; salted hides, 9@9½c; salted calfskin, 14@10c 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, $5@10; fisher, dark, $7.50@11; pale, $4.90@7; fox, cross, $3 to $5; fox, gray, 60c to 80c; fox, red, $2.25 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, $2@3; coyote, 70c@$1.10; wolverine, dark, $3@5; wolverine, pale, $2@2.50.

CASCARA BARK—Per pound, 4½c.

Eastern Mining Socks.

BOSTON, April 15.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	8¾	Montana C & C	.30
Allouez	38¾	Nevada	20
Amalgamated	76¾	Old Dominion	51¾
Ariz Commercial	41½	Osceola	120¾
Butte Coalition	24	Parrot	33¾
Calumet & Ariz	100	Quincy	88
Cal & Hecla	605	Shannon	14¾
Copper Range	77¾	Trinity	14
Daly West	10	United Copper	12½
Franklin	15	U. S. Mining	41¾
Granby	96	U. S. Oil	37
Greene Can	19½	Utah	39¼
Isle Royale	24	Victoria	14¼
Mass Mining	9½	Winona	4¾
Michigan	12¼	Wolverine	143
Mohawk	61	North Butte	68¾

NEW YORK, April 15.—Closing quotations:

Alice	175	Leadville Con.	45
Bruns Cons pfd	6	Little Chief	10
Com Tunnel Stk	21	Mexican	74
Com Tun Bonds	86.5	Ontario	325
Con Cal & Va	60	Ophir	110
Horn Silver	65	Standard	150
Iron Silver	100	Yellow Jacket	64

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The London tin market was higher today; spot quoted at £133 15s, and futures at £134 15s. The local market was steady at a moderate advance, with spot closing at 29.37½@27.55c.

Copper was 2s 6d lower, with spot quoted at £57 7s 6d, and futures at £58 2s 6d in London. The local market was dull; lake, 12.87½@13c; electrolytic, 12.50@12.62½c, and casting, 12.37½@12.50c.

Lead was a shade lower at £13 3s 9d in London. The local market was firm, however, with spot quoted at 4.14@4.20c.

Spelter advanced to £21 10s in London, and was firm at 5@5.05c locally.

Iron was higher at 47s 7d for Cleveland warrants in the London market. The local market was unchanged.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Coffee futures closed steady; new unchanged to 5 points higher. Sales, 10,205 bags, including: April and May, 6.85c; July, 6.40c; August, 6.20, and March, 5.95c. Spot quiet; No. 7 Rio, 8¼c; No. 4 Santos, 9¼c. Mild quiet; Cordova, 9@15c.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, $3.42; centrifugal, 96 test, $3.92; molasses sugar, $3.17.

Refined steady; crushed, $5.65; powdered, $5.05; granulated, $4.95.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—Wool—Nominal. Territory and Western medium, 18@23c; fine medium, 17@20c; fine, 11@17c.

SELL WITH CAUTION

Unloading of Stocks Has Little Effect on Prices.

BEARS ARE VERY TIMID

Southern Pacific, Reading and National Lead Are the Market Features—Call Money Continues Firm.

NEW YORK, April 15.—There was a quite obvious distribution of stocks today, and the selling to realize profits kept the tenor of the market unsettled and irregular and made considerable inroads on prices in the general list. The selling was conducted with caution and skill, with a view to cause as little an effect on prices as possible.

The bear contingent tried to push the decline in prices and take the market away from the sellers. The bear party seemed timid about extending its position, owing to the impression of the power and capacity of the conductors of the campaign and the fear that the letting down of prices was a maneuver to induce the bears to commit themselves, with the purpose of forcing them to cover shorts at higher prices later.

By bidding up Reading second preferred suddenly and violently, there was revived the old report of the intention to use the privilege to exchange that stock half for first preferred and half for common stock.

Another sustaining force was Southern Railway stocks. These sprang into a rate of activity much in excess of recent custom and were buoyant. The professed reason for the movement was the report that the company sold an additional $5,000,000 of its improvement bonds to bankers who have but recently purchased $21,000,000 of these bonds, and that the offering price of the bonds was being advanced at the same time.

The rise in National Lead was due to a report that the directors had it in contemplation to retire the preferred stock. A reduction in prices of some grades of copper was made at the New York metal exchange, but the copper stocks fared no worse than the general list.

Reports were current of some large orders being placed for structural steel and an aggregate of small orders which gave promise of raising the April total to a record.

Some increased firmness is reported in the money market, but the 2½ per cent rate of yesterday for call loans was not reported. The close was irregular.

Bonds irregular. Total sales, par value, $5,382,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	19,600	77¼	76¾	76¾
Am Car & Foun	1,300	50½	49¾	49¾
do preferred	....	....	....	111
Am Cotton Oil	6,200	59¾	58½	59
Am Hd & Lt pf	300	40	39	38
Am Ice Securi	5,800	40	38½	38¾
Am Linseed Oil	1,000	18	17½	17½
Am Locomotive	1,400	55	53¾	54
do preferred	....	....	....	114½
Am Smelt & Ref	17,900	89	87¾	88½
do preferred	....	....	....	105½
Am Sugar Ref	400	134½	134	133¾
Am Tobacco pf	700	96	95¾	96½
Am Woolen	....	....	....	32¾
Anaconda Min Co	2,400	45¾	45	45½
Atchison	9,200	107½	106¾	106¾
do preferred	....	....	....	103½
Atl Coast Line	2,000	127¾	126	127
Balt & Ohio	6,600	113¼	112¼	112¾
do preferred	....	....	....	95¾
Brook Rap Tran	16,700	77	76¼	76¾
Canadian Pacific	1,100	175¾	175½	175¼
Central Leather	1,100	29¾	29¼	29¼
do preferred	....	....	....	101½
Central of N J	700	255½	254	251
Ches & Ohio	30,800	77	75½	76¾
Chicago Gt West	900	5½	5¼	5¼
Chicago & N W	300	....	180	179
C M & St Paul	10,500	149¾	148½	148½
C C, C & St L	....	....	....	74
Colo Fuel & Iron	1,100	38½	37¾	37¾
Colo & Southern	400	63	62½	62½
do 1st preferred	....	....	....	80
do 2d preferred	....	....	....	76½
Consolidated Gas	5,400	138	134¾	137¼
Corn Products	12,100	22¾	21¼	22¼
Del & Hudson	6,100	183¾	181	181
D & R Grande	13,600	52¾	51	51¾
do preferred	400	87¾	87¾	88
Distillers' Securit	3,600	38¾	37½	38
Erie	26,100	31	29½	30¼
do 1st preferred	4,000	47¼	45½	47
do 2d preferred	1,400	37¾	36¾	37
General Electric	19,700	158	157	157¼
Gt Northern pf	7,000	145¾	143½	144¼
Gt Northern Ore	1,200	69¾	69	68¾
Illinois Central	400	146¼	145¾	145¾
Interborough Met	6,200	15¾	14¾	15¼
do preferred	19,000	45¾	43¾	44¾
Int Paper	1,300	13	12	12½
do preferred	600	57	56½	56½
Int Pump	600	36¼	39¼	39¼
Iowa Central	6,800	36	35	35
K C Southern	2,400	46¾	46	46¼
do preferred	300	73¼	72¾	72¾
Louis & Nashville	1,000	139	139½	139½
Minn & St Louis	200	58¼	57	57
M, St P & S S M	500	136½	135½	135
Missouri Pacific	5,900	74½	73	73½
Mo, Kan & Texas	7,000	43	42¼	42¼
do preferred	600	74¾	74¾	74¾
National Lead	22,800	87	84½	86¾
N Y Central	13,200	131¼	130	130¼
N Y, Ont & West	13,600	48¾	47¾	48¼
Norfolk & West	600	92½	91	91
North American	200	82	81½	81½
Northern Pacific	9,500	145	143¼	143¾
Pacific Mail	1,600	30¼	29¾	29¾
Pennsylvania	6,600	135½	134¾	134½
People's Gas	3,900	116¾	115¾	116¼
Pc C & St L	200	92½	92	91
Pressed Steel Car	200	38	38	37½
Pullman Pal Car	400	184	181½	184
Ry Steel Spring	....	....	....	39
Reading	202,900	142¾	141	141
Republic Steel	400	22½	22¼	22¼
Rock Island Co	700	24¼	24	24
do preferred	2,700	25¼	24¾	25¾
St L & S F 2 pf	600	68	66½	67¾
St L Southwestern	600	24¾	24	24½
do preferred	3,500	58	56¼	57¼
Sloss-Sheffield	1,300	76	75	75
Southern Pacific	9,500	121¼	120¼	120¾
do preferred	800	124¼	123¾	123½
Southern Railway	72,100	29½	27½	29¼
do preferred	12,200	68	66½	67¾
Tenn Copper	800	41½	41¼	41
Texas & Pacific	500	34	33½	33¾
Tol, St L & West	700	53¾	52¾	53¼
do preferred	500	70½	70	69¾
Union Pacific	84,900	188¾	186¾	188¾
do preferred	800	95½	95¼	95¼
U S Rubber	500	33½	32½	31¾
do 1st preferred	400	104	103	103
U S Steel	70,300	52	50¾	51¼
do preferred	1,700	114½	114¼	114¼
Utah Copper	100	43¼	43¼	43¼
Va-Caro Chemical	2,500	48¾	47	47¾
do preferred	....	....	....	117
Wabash	2,800	18¾	17¾	17¾
do preferred	3,300	48½	47½	47½
Westinghouse Elec	....	....	....	81
Western Union	1,500	71½	70¾	70½
Wheel & L Erie	200	10¼	9¾	10
Wisconsin Central	1,600	57¾	56¾	57
Am Tel & Tel	3,700	137	136½	136½

Total sales for the day, 910,400 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Closing quotations:

U S Ref 2s Reg	101½	N Y C Gen 3½s	93¼
do coupon	101½	Nor Pacific 3s	75
U S 3s Reg	101½	do 4s	102¾
do coupon	101¾	Union Pacific 4s	102¾
U S New 4s Reg	110	Wis Central 4s	95¼
do coupon	120½	Japanese 4s	86¼
D & R G 4s	96½		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, April 15.—Consols for money, 85 7-16; consols for account, 85½.

Anaconda	9¾	N Y Central	134¾
Atchison	107½	Norfolk & W	94
do pfd	106½	do pfd	90
Balt & Ohio	115¾	Ontario & West	40¾
Can Pacific	160½	Pennsylvania	69½
Ches & Ohio	78¾	Rand Mines	8¾
Chi Grt Western	5¾	Reading	72¾
C M & St P	153	Southern Ry	28¾
De Beers	13¼	do pfd	68¾
D & R G	53½	Southern Pacific	123¾
do pfd	91	Union Pacific	129¾
Erie	30¾	do pfd	98
do 1st pfd	47	U S Steel	52¾
do 2d pfd	37½	do pfd	117¼
Grand Trunk	19¾	Wabash	19
Illinois Central	150	do pfd	40½
Louisville & N	142	Spanish Fours	96½
M K & T	43¼	Amal Copper	78¾

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Money on call, easy at 1½@2 per cent; ruling rate, 2 per cent; closing bid, 1¾ per cent.

Time loans, firmer; 60 days, 2¼@2½ per cent; 90 days, 2½ per cent, and six months, 2¾@3 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent.

Sterling exchange, steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8650@4.8640 for 60-day bills and at $4.8770 for demand.

Commercial bills, $4.85¾@4.86.

Bar silver, 51½c.

Mexican dollars, 44c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, April 15.—Bar silver, quiet at 23 9-16d per ounce.

Money, ¾@1 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1½ per cent, for three months' bills, 1¾ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Silver bars, 51½c.

Mexican dollars, 45c.

Drafts—Sight, 2½c; telegraph, 5c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.86½; sight, $4.87½.

Daily Treasury Statement.

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

Available cash balance	$127,174,837
Gold coin and bullion	45,925,517
Gold certificates	44,567,910

Discount Rate Unchanged.

LONDON, April 15.—The rate of discount for the Bank of England remained unchanged today at 2½ per cent.

FLOUR MILLS SLACKEN

SCARCITY OF WHEAT AFFECTS SEATTLE PLANTS.

Straight Car of Strawberries Due Today—Vegetable Market Overstocked With Some Sorts.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 15.—(Special.—The first straight car of strawberries is due here Friday morning. The fruit will sell at $2.25, said to be one of the lowest opening prices quoted here in years. Florida berries were selling today as low as $3.50. The stock was in excellent condition.

The rhubarb market broke badly and dealers were offering stock as low as 2 cents and none sold above 3 cents. The top on cabbage is now 4½ cents, a decline of a half cent since the first of the week. Walla Walla asparagus has droppped to $2.25. The market is flooded with asparagus.

Owing to the shortage of wheat, flour grinding has practically ceased at the Centennial plant and the Hammond & Lilly mills are running on one side only. The Novelty mill is the only one in the city that is running at full capacity. The mills still grinding have a very limited amount of wheat.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

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

Potatoes — Oregon Burbanks, $1.65@2; Salinas Burbanks, $1.85@2; sweets, $1.75@2.

Onions—Oregon, $2.40 per cental.

Millstuffs—Bran, $28.50@30; middlings, $33.50@35.50.

Vegetables—Garlic, 8@10c; green peas, 2@8½c; string beans, nominal; asparagus, 50c@$1.50; tomatoes, 75c@$1.25; eggplant, 20@25c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 24c; creamery seconds, 23c; fancy dairy, 22c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $5@5.50; young, $9@12; broilers, small, $3@5; broilers, large, $6@7; fryers, $8@9; hens, $4.50@10; ducks, old, $5@6; young, $6@9.

Cheese—New, 14½@15½c, Young America, 14@15c; Eastern, 17½c.

Eggs—Store, 22½c; fancy ranch, 24c.

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

Hay—Wheat, $23@25.50; wheat and oats, $20@24; alfalfa, $14@17.50; stock, $11.50@16; straw, per bale, 60@85c.

Fruits—Apples, fancy, choice, $1.50; common, 40c; bananas, $1@3.50; limes, nominal; lemons, choice, $3; commons, $1; oranges, $1.65@2.50; pineapples, $3@6.

Flour—Flour, $5.60 quarter sacks; barley, 3565 centals; beans, 500 sacks; potatoes, 3105 sacks; bran, 100 sacks; middlings, 90 sacks; hay, 750 tons; wool, 223 bales; hides, 395.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

There is a good demand for cattle, sheep and hogs of good quality, and such will sell at full prices, but a considerable proportion of the recent arrivals do not grade up well and are moved with some difficulty. In a general way the tendency of prices at present is steady. Receipts yesterday were 158 cattle, 88 hogs and 20 horses.

Prices quoted at the yards yesterday were:

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, $3.50@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, $6.50@7; fair to good, $6@6.25; Spring lambs, $7@7.50.

Eastern Livestock Prices.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 14,000; market, steady. Native steers, $5.25@6.70; native cows and heifers, $3@6.10; stockers and feeders, $3.75@5.60; bulls, $3.25@5.25; calves, $3.50@7; Western steers, $5@6.50; Western cows, $3.50@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; market, 10c lower. Bulk of sales, $6.80@7.05; heavy, $6.95@7.10; packers and butchers, $6.85@7.10; light, $6.50@6.95; pigs, $5.25@6.

Sheep—Receipts, 6000; market, steady. Muttons, $5.10@6.40; lambs, $6.70@8; wethers and yearlings, $4.50@7.35.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 2700; market, slow and weak; feeders, strong. Western steers, $5@5.80; Texas steers, $3@5; cows and heifers, $2.85@4.80; canners, $2.25@3.75; stockers and feeders, $4@5.50; calves, $3.25@4; bulls and stags, $3@5.

Hogs—Receipts, 8000; market, 5c lower. Heavy, $7@7.10; mixed, $6.85@6.95; light, $6.50@6.95; pigs, $5.50@8; bulk of sales, $6.80@6.95.

Sheep—Receipts, 4000; market, strong to 10c higher. Yearlings, $7@7.40; wethers, $6@6.40; ewes, $5.75@6; lambs, $7.65@7.99.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 5000; market, weak. Beeves, $4.60@7; Texas steers, $4.60@5.75; Western steers, $4.40@5.80; stockers and feeders, $3.50@5.60; cows and heifers, $2@5.90; calves, $5@7.

Hogs—Receipts estimated at 22,000; market, 10c lower. Light, $6.70@7.20; mixed, $6.88@7.25; heavy, $6.90@7.30; rough, $6.90@7; good to choice heavy, $7@7.30; pigs, $5.75@6.55; bulk of sales, $7.10@7.20.

Sheep—Receipts estimated at 10,000; market, weak. Native, $3.65@6.15; Western, $3.65@6.20; yearlings, $6.15@7.25; lambs, native, $5.50@8.20; Western, $5.50@8.25.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Evaporated apples steady; fancy, 8¼c to 9¼c; choice, 7@7¾c; prime, 6@12c; common to fair, 5@6c.

Prunes steady; 3¾c to 12c for new-crop California fruit; 6½c to 9c for Oregon 40-50s to 20-30s.

Apricots firm; choice, 10@14c; extra choice, 10½@10¾c, and fancy, 11½@13c.

Peaches unchanged.

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

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Butter — Steady. Creameries, 22@28c; dairies, 19@25c.

Eggs—Firm; receipts, cases included, firsts, 19½c; prime firsts, 20½c.

Cheese—Steady. Daisies, 16¼@16½c; twins, 15½@16c; Young Americas, 15¾@16c; long horns, 15¾@16c.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Butter—Firm. Process, common to special, 15@23c.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

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

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, 20 points higher. Middling uplands, 10.65c; mid-Gulf, 10.90c. Sales, 113 bales.

Futures closed strong. April and July, 10.43c; May, 10.44c; June, 10.43c; August, 10.35c; September, 10.25c; October, 10.26c; November, 10.23c; December, 10.24c; January and March, 10.20c.

BREAK IN WHEAT

Prices Slump Badly in the Chicago Pit.

SELLING ORDERS HEAVY

Efforts of Patten to Stay the Tide Only Partly Successful—Big Bull Leader Buys 3,000,000 Bushels.

CHICAGO, April 15.—The long-expected break in wheat prices came today and was the occasion for one of the wildest scenes ever witnessed upon the Board of Trade. There was heavy selling pressure upon the September delivery throughout the day, resulting in considerable weakness. It was not until the final half hour, however, that the bears broke through the defense of the bulls. An avalanche of selling orders carried prices down violently, declines of ¼ to ½c being registered between sales on the way down.

From $1.29¼, touched about midday, the May option dropped to $1.26. July, which earlier in the day had established a new record at $1.18⅞, declined to $1.14½, while September sold off from $1.08⅞ to $1.06⅝. On the break the leading bulls came to the rescue and bought without reserve during the remainder of the session. Observers close to the Patten interests declared that the purchases during the final 15 minutes aggregated fully