NO BREAK IN WHEAT

Local Market Firm Regardless of Changes Elsewhere.

NO CONCESSIONS ARE MADE

Holders Convinced That Sharp Advances Are Near at Hand—Eastern Demand for Flour Checked. Potato Buyers Excited.

There was plenty of inquiry in the wheat market yesterday. Buyers hoped, from the unsettled conditions in the East, to obtain concessions here, but in this they failed, for sellers showed a firm front and asked former prices. Holders of wheat express the belief that the Eastern market has been manipulated and that bottom has been reached. They believe the advance that is now due will carry prices at Chicago higher than this season. No business in the local market was reported during the day.

The Merchants' Exchange reported weekly foreign shipments as follows: Argentine shipments, 2,960,000 bushels; last week, 2,624,000 bushels; last year, 2,736,000 bushels. Australia shipments, 768,000 bushels; last week, 160,000 bushels; last year, 152,000 bushels. India shipments, 344,000 bushels; last week, 136,000 bushels; last year, none.

Barley was in excellent demand and firm, but the advancing tendency was checked by the easier tone at San Francisco. Oats moved readily at $40@41. The only trading done at $42 so far has been in a small retail way.

Flour continues firm at the recent advance. The future course of the market will depend on wheat prices. A further advance would not occasion surprise. Wholesale grocers report a light flour movement, but this is to be expected, as the retail trade and bakers stocked up as well as they could before the rise, of which they had ample warning. The Eastern demand has been checked temporarily.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
April 17-18	10	3	12	5	3
April 19	..	..	4	1	1
April 20	8	..	5	1	1
April 21	2	1	6	1	4
April 22	..	5	4	1	1
Total last week	26	..	44	12	26

LANE COUNTY FRUIT PROSPECTS.

Heavy Yield of West Varieties Is Looked For.

EUGENE, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—The prospects for a heavy fruit crop in Lane County the coming season are very bright. Some concern was felt for the fruit after the recent frosts, but careful inquiry seems to prove that little damage has been done to crops in general. Some few strawberries were injured, but the blooms were not far enough advanced to cause much injury, and growers say that new blossoms are taking the place of those affected by frost.

Of the later fruits everything points to heavy yields with the single exception of apples. The apple crop in Lane will not be as heavy as last year. The growers account for this through the fact that last season's crop was so heavy it would be impossible to have it repeated this year. Little thinning is done by the apple-growers here, and as a consequence the trees must get some rest. Otherwise the apple outlook is good.

Pears are looking fine and a good crop is certain if nothing interferes with the start already made. Peaches look well and no serious loss is reported through the recent frosts.

The berries promise a good yield, and while it is a little early to figure on some of the fruits, a generally large crop of standard quality is expected by the fruit-raisers.

The farmers are now ready for a little more rain for grains and grasses. The light rainfall of last night is of slight benefit. The fields are a little dry, not, however, to the extent that any loss has been reported or is feared.

ENGLISH HOP TRADE IS DULL.

Waiting for Government Attitude to Be Made Plain.

Conditions in the English hop market are shown in trade circulars, bearing dates of April 5 to 7, as follows:

Wild, Neame and Co., London—Trade continues very dull and the market generally does not anticipate much alteration in the situation until something more decided is known as to the government's attitude towards brewing interests in their coming financial proposals.

W. H. LeMay, London—A holiday tone pervades the market this week, the few inquiries are for immediate requirements principally for the lowest priced qualities.

Manger and Henley, London—There is rather more inquiry for sound hops. Consumers are asking for colory lots to put into cold-store.

J. H. Meredith & Co., Worcester—There is very little business passing on the local market and no growers' hops passed the public scales last week. Good quality Worcesters are scarce and there is no pressure to sell at current values. Wet weather has much delayed cutting and other plantation work, but this is not considered detrimental, as growth is very backward.

NO DECLINE IN CHEESE MARKET.

Another Shipment Due Today, But It Is Already Sold.

Another fairly large shipment of cheese will arrive from Tillamook today, but most of it is going through to Seattle, and what will be left here has already been sold. The market, therefore, holds firm.

Butter was steady at unchanged prices.

The egg market was quoted firm. No business was reported under 23½ cents, while a number of sales were made at 24 cents. Storing is active and there is also a good demand from Seattle.

Poultry cleaned up at former prices.

POTATO BUYERS ARE EXCITED.

Paying Up to $1.60 in the Country—Shortage Is Apparent.

The sudden advance in the San Francisco potato market to $2.25 for best Oregons has caused something of a boom in the potato trade here. Buyers are out in force, trying to get possession of the small remainder of the crop, and are freely paying $1.60 for such stock as is worth it. That there are barely enough potatoes left to last until the close of the situation, six weeks hence, is now apparent.

BERRIES SELL AT LOWER PRICES.

Tomatoes Will Be Plentiful and Cheaper Next Week.

A car of Los Angeles strawberries was received and disposed of before the close of the day, at $1.25@1.50 per crate. Receipts of Florin berries were light and they sold at $2@2.25.

A car of Florida tomatoes arrived and moved well at $3@3.25. Florida tomatoes will be cheaper next week, as three carloads will reach Portland.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 873,254	$187,497
Seattle	1,850,089	200,035
Tacoma	988,593	124,327
Spokane	1,144,058	242,997

Sugar Higher in the East.

There was an advance of 10 cents in refined sugar at New York yesterday, all refiners taking part in the move. The Coast markets are steady, with no indications of any early change in prices.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem milling, $1.27½@1.30; club, $1.20@1.22½; Valley, $1.15.

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, $42 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26.50 per ton; middlings, $33; shorts, $30@32; chop, $25@25; rolled barley, $36@37.

BARLEY—Feed, $34@35 per ton.

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, Los Angeles, $1.25@1.50 per crate; Florin, $2@2.25 per crate.

POTATOES—Buying price, $1.40@1.60 per hundred; new California, 5c 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—Texas, $2@2.25 per crate.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 65@85c doz.; asparagus, Oregon, 12½@15c per dozen; California, 5@7c per pound; beans, 25c; cabbage, 4@4½c per lb.; cauliflower, 75@$1 per dozen; cucumbers, 75c@$1.50 per dozen; lettuce, hothouse, $1.25@1.50 per box; lettuce, head, 40@50c per dozen; onions, 12½@15c per dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; peas, 6@7c per pound; radishes, 20@25c per dozen; rhubarb, 3@3½c per pound; spinach, 90c@$1; 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, 23½@24c per dozen.

POULTRY — Hens, 16½@17c; 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—Extras, 9@9½c 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, 7¼@8c; prunes, Italian, 5½@6½c; 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-lb talls, $2 per dozen; 2-lb talls, $2.90; 1-pound flats, $2.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 95c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $3.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12¾@16c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 12@13c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15c; pecans, 7c; almonds, 13@14c; chestnuts, Italian, 11c; peanuts, raw, 5¾@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), $6.30. 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, $7.50 per ton; 50s, $8 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 6¼c large white, 5¼c; Lima, 5c; pink, 3¾c; bayo, 5¼c; Mexican red, 5¾c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK BARKETS.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Receipts of livestock were light again yesterday, only a few lots of cattle and sheep coming in. The market was strong throughout, especially on cattle, as the prospects are not favorable for sufficient receipts in the near future and packers' stocks are understood to be running low. The arrivals yesterday were 50 cattle and 250 sheep.

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, $2.90@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; shorn, 75c@$1 less; ewes, ½c less on all grades; yearlings, top, $6.50@7; fair to good, $6@6.25; Spring lambs, $7@7.50.

Eastern Livestock Markets.

OMAHA, April 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000. Market, 10c higher. Western steers, $5.00@5.75; Texas steers, $3.00@5.00; cows and heifers, $2.85@4.80; canners, $2.25@3.85; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.75; calves, $3.25@6.50; bulls and stags, $3.00@5.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 8500. Market, strong to 5c higher. Heavy, $7.15@7.30; mixed, $6.85@7.10; light, $6.80@7.10; pigs, $5.50@6.25; bulk of sales, $6.90@7.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 800. Market 10@15c higher. Yearlings, $6.50@7.25; wethers, $4.00@6.50; ewes, $5.75@6.10; lambs, $7.40@7.90.

SHORTAGE OF BERRIES

CAR INTENDED FOR SEATTLE SOLD IN PORTLAND.

No Wheat Trading in the Northern Market—Hay in Heavy Supply and Weak.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 23.—(Special.)—Owing to the fact that a car of Los Angeles strawberries was stopped at Portland, instead of being sent through to its destination here, the market was bare of berries today and will have few for tomorrow, as the car now en route is not due to reach here until about noon. More reports of short crops and poor prospects were received from the Hood River berry district and also from Kennewick.

Asparagus was short on the street today. Walla Walla shippers are unable to supply the demand since Southern shipments were discontinued.

Veal dropped off another ½ cent today. The poultry supply is heavier and a large quantity will be carried over Sunday.

No trading in wheat has been done on the local exchange this week.

Hay is weak, with dealers carrying heavy stocks in local warehouses.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, $1.90@2.25 Salinas Burbanks, $2.40@2.45; sweets, $1.65@2.

Onions—Oregon, $2.40@2.50 per cental.

Millstuffs—Bran, $28.50@30; middlings, $33@35.

Vegetables—Hothouse cucumbers, 40@75c; garlic, 5@10c; green peas, 2½@3½c; string beans, 20@25c; asparagus, $1@2.25; tomatoes, 75c@$1.25; egg plant, 20@25c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 24c; creamery seconds, 23c; fancy dairy, 22½c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4@5; 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, 15@15½c; Young Americas, 14½@16c; Eastern, 17½c.

Eggs—Store, 23c; fancy ranch, 28½c.

Wool—South Plains and San Joaquin, 10@15c; Mountain, 6@10c; Nevada, 13@17c.

Hay—Wheat, $22@24; wheat and oats, $20@23; alfalfa, $14@17; stock, $7@11; straw, per bale, 60@75c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.50; common, 50c; bananas, 75c@$3.50; limes, $4.50@5; lemons, choice, $3; commons, $1; oranges, $1.25@2.50; pineapples, $3@4.

Rye—$2.05. Flour—Quarter sacks, 2114; wheat, 120 centals; barley, 6550 centals; oats, 370 centals; beans, 1663 sacks; corn, 1280 centals; potatoes, 2880 sacks; bran, 105 sacks; hay, 130 tons; wool, 402 barrels; hides, 1565.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Wool—Strong. Territory and Western mediums, 20@24c; fine mediums, 18@22c; fine, 12@18c.

Oregon Postmasters Confirmed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 23.—The Senate today confirmed the nominations of the following Oregon postmasters: Lee Russell, Sheridan; Anna G. Baskert, Freewater; Mary E. Walker, Bandon.

CALL LOANS HIGHER

Advance Causes Some Liquidation in Stocks.

NEW BOND ISSUES COMING

Sales for Foreign Account Due to Turkish Situation—Additional Exports of Gold—Banks Gain in Cash.

NEW YORK, April 23.—There was some calling of loans going on today by the banks and search for renewed accommodations, while the violent effect on the call loan rate apparently had the effect of inducing some speculative liquidation. The call loan rate touched 3 per cent, which is higher than since the first week in January. The sales for foreign account overbalance the purchases and some renewed anxiety over the situation in Turkey was inferred from this and from the weakness of Turkish bonds in the European markets.

Revised estimates of crop prospects continued to come, indicating a greatly enlarged yield. The opening bulge in wheat caused some chill to the speculative sentiment in the stock market and the subsequent reaction was only partly effective in quieting apprehension.

The calling of loans by the banks evidently was for the purpose of meeting the demands on their resources incident to the successive issues of new bonds. Railroad corporations have figured chiefly in these new issues, but the announcement today of the sale of $5,000,000 bonds by the Corn Products Company brought the industrial into the representation.

Estimates of the week's currency movement indicate that there has been a substantial addition to the cash holdings of the banks in spite of the $2,500,000 of gold shipped abroad. Sub-Treasury operations yielded $2,153,000, so that the net receipts on the interior movement went to the advantage of the bank. It is believed the interior receipts exceeded the shipments to the neighborhood of $4,000,000. Withdrawals of $2,500,000 gold from the Sub-Treasury for export were announced late in the day.

The shorts showed some urgency to cover in the late market, but the closing tone of the market was generally weak and showed loss for the day.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $8,078,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	18,700	77⅛	76	76¼
Am Car & Foun	1,300	50½	50	50
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	111¼
Am Cotton Oil	7,200	59⅝	58½	58½
Am Hd & Lt pf	1,700	40½	40	39⅝
Am Ice Securi	11,800	40⅞	39½	40⅛
Am Linseed Oil	.....	.....	.....	16½
Am Locomotive	1,200	55⅝	54⅝	54⅝
do preferred	100	115¼	115¼	114
Am Smelt & Ref	48,900	90⅛	88	88
do preferred	200	105	104⅝	104⅞
Am Sugar Ref	700	134⅞	133	133¼
Am Tobacco pf	200	96⅝	96⅝	96½
Am Woolen	.....	.....	.....	32½
Anaconda Min Co	3,400	45⅝	45	44⅞
Atchison	4,900	108	107¼	107⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	103
Atl Coast Line	600	127½	126	126
Balt & Ohio	6,200	114⅝	113¼	113⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	95½
Brook Rap Tran	8,200	78⅛	77½	77⅝
Canadian Pacific	3,000	176⅞	176	176¼
Central Leather	800	29½	29⅝	29¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	101
Central of N J	.....	.....	.....	228
Ches & Ohio	8,800	76½	75⅝	75⅝
Chicago Gt West	900	5⅛	5	5
Chicago & N We	300	180⅝	180	184
C, M & St Paul	10,700	150¼	149	149
C, C, C & St L	300	74⅞	74⅞	75
Colo Fuel & Iron	3,000	39½	38¼	38⅝
Colo & Southern	1,200	64¼	63⅝	64¼
do 1st preferred	100	82	82	81½
do 2d preferred	400	80⅝	80⅛	80
Consolidated Gas	100	137½	137½	137¼
Corn Products	8,500	23⅝	22⅝	23
Del & Hudson	700	183	182	182¼
D & R Grande	11,200	53	52	52⅝
do preferred	500	88¼	88	87½
Distillers' Securi	3,800	39¼	38	38½
Erie	10,200	31⅝	30⅞	30⅞
do 1st preferred	1,000	47¼	46⅝	46⅝
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	38¼
General Electric	500	150⅞	150⅝	150
Gt Northern pf	8,400	145½	144¼	144
Gt Northern Ore	500	68½	68⅛	68⅛
Illinois Central	1,500	146¼	145¼	145
Interborough-Met	3,600	16	15½	15⅝
do preferred	9,800	45⅝	44⅝	44¼
Int Paper	.....	.....	.....	12
do preferred	100	56½	56½	56½
Int Pump	900	39¼	38½	38½
Iowa Central	1,000	34¼	33½	33½
K C Southern	2,000	46	45½	45½
do preferred	700	73	72⅝	73
Louis & Nashville	1,100	139½	138	138
Minn & St L	600	60	58⅝	58½
M, St P & S S M	400	136½	136	135½
Missouri Pacific	1,400	74½	73½	73⅝
Mo, Kan & Texas	38,700	44½	42⅝	43½
do preferred	3,900	73⅝	73	73½
National Lead	15,500	89½	87½	88½
N Y Central	7,300	131	129½	129⅝
N Y, Ont & West	1,800	49⅞	49	49¼
Norfolk & West	7,100	93½	92	92¼
North American	600	83	82½	82
Northern Pacific	7,400	145⅝	143⅞	143⅞
Pacific Mail	400	30	29½	29⅝
Pennsylvania	12,300	136⅝	135⅞	135⅞
People's Gas	500	116½	116½	116½
P, C C & St L	.....	.....	.....	91⅝
Pressed Steel Car	400	38	37⅝	37⅝
Pullman Pal Car	100	185	185	185⅝
Ry Steel Spring	300	39⅝	39⅝	39¼
Reading	155,800	146⅝	143⅞	144⅝
Republic Steel	900	23⅞	23½	23½
do preferred	900	77½	76½	76½
Rock Island Co	24,300	28⅞	28⅝	28⅝
do preferred	20,000	69⅞	69⅛	69½
St L & S F 2 pf	700	41⅞	41½	41½
St L Southwestern	300	23½	23	23½
do preferred	500	57½	57¼	57⅝
Sloss-Sheffield	100	78	78	78
Southern Pacific	24,500	121¼	119⅝	119⅞
do preferred	400	124	123⅝	123⅝
Southern Railway	3,900	28½	28	28½
do preferred	600	67⅞	67	67¼
Tenn Copper	3,200	42½	41¼	41
Texas & Pacific	500	34⅞	33⅝	33⅝
Tol, St L & West	800	53½	52	52
do preferred	900	69⅝	69	69
Union Pacific	51,100	189⅛	187¼	187¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	95½
U S Rubber	200	33¼	33	33
do 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	104¼
U S Steel	108,700	53⅝	52⅝	52⅝
do preferred	1,700	114⅞	114⅝	114½
Utah Copper	10,600	48½	46	47⅞
Va-Caro Chemical	1,100	47½	47	47
do preferred	100	115	115	114
*Wabash	300	18½	18⅝	18⅝
do preferred	5,100	48½	47⅝	47⅝
Westinghouse Elec	900	83¼	82⅞	82
Western Union	500	70	69⅝	69
Wheel & L Erie	.....	.....	.....	9¼
Wisconsin Central	3,300	61	58⅝	59⅛
Am Tel & Tel	18,300	142⅛	140½	141

Total sales for the day, 858,600 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	101½	D & R G 4s	96⅝
do coupon	101⅝	N Y C G 5½s	92¼
U. S. 3s reg	101½	North Pacific 3s	74⅝
do coupon	102	North Pacific 4s	102¼
U S new 4s reg	119	Union Pacific 4s	102⅝
do coupon	120½	Wisconsin Cent 4s	98
Atchison adj 4s	106⅝	Japanese 4s	86

Money Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Money on call, firm, 2@3 per cent; ruling rate and closing bid, 2 per cent; offered at 2¼ per cent.

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

Prime mercantile paper, 3½@3¾ per cent.

Sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8610@4.8620 for 60-day bills and at $4.8745 for demand.

Commercial bills, $4.85¾@4.85⅞.

Bar silver, 52¼c.

Mexican dollars, 44c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, April 23.—Bar silver, uncertain, 24 1-16d per ounce.

Money, ½@¾, per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1⅛ per cent; three months' bills, 1½ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Silver bars, 52¼c.

Mexican dollars, 45½c.

Drafts, sight, 2½c; telegraph, 5c.

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

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 23.—There was an advance of about 7s 6d in the London tin market today, with spot closing at £133 12s 6d and futures at £134 15s. Locally the market was steady and a little higher, with spot quoted at 29.37½@29.62½c.

Copper was 10s higher at £87 10s for spot and £58 2s 6d for futures in London. Locally the market was dull and unchanged. Lake, 12.87½@13c; electrolytic, 12.50@12.62½c; casting, 12.37½@12.50c.

Lead was unchanged in London. Spot, £18 8s 9d. Locally the market remained quiet at 4.20@4.25c.

Spelter, unchanged in both markets, being quoted at £21 12s 6d in London and at 5.02½@5.07½c locally.

The English iron market was higher, with Cleveland warrants quoted at 47s 7½d. Locally the iron situation is steadier in tone and shows a little improvement in Southern grades. No. 1 foundry Northern, $15.75@16.50; No. 2 foundry Northern, $15.50@15.65; No. 1 Southern and No. 1 Southern soft, $15.25@16.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Butter—Steady. Creameries, 23@27½c; dairies, 19@24c.

Eggs—Easy. Firsts, 20½c; prime firsts, 27½c.

Cheese—Steady. Twins, 15@15½c; Young Americas, 14½@15c; long horns, 14½@15c.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Butter—Weak. Creamery specials, 28c; creamery extras, 27c.

Cheese—Firm. State full cream new colored, best, 14¾@15c.

Eggs—Steady. Western, 22½@23c.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances shows:

Gold coin and bullion	$ 47,060,427
Gold certificates	36,253,420
Available cash balance	126,595,280

CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE

TRADE AWAITS SETTLEMENT OF TARIFF QUESTION.

With This Out of Way and Good Crops Assured, Progress Will Be Rapid.

NEW YORK, April 23.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly trade review tomorrow will say:

Faith in the future is more pronounced than is satisfaction with immediate conditions. There is no more noteworthy feature of the trade outlook than the steadily growing confidence that, with the tariff discussion out of the way and with the year's principal crops assured, the progress towards full industrial prosperity will be rapid.

Iron and steel conditions reflect a broader demand in some divisions, notably in pig iron.

With some improvement in the volume of inquiries and with raw cotton at a high level, prices have held firm in the primary cotton goods market. About 1000 bales of standard drills have been sold to India and small orders for the Red Sea and Africa have been placed.

In the woolen goods division, practically all clothing salesmen are now on the road, and considerable duplicate business is already reported. A very fair demand is noted on wool goods and on worsted stocks many lines are sold up, while others are sharply advanced in price.

In the hide market pronounced strength has developed in all lines, and active buying has been in progress throughout the week. While there have been no further sales of unusual size in the leather market, there is a steady demand from small buyers and the market, on the whole, shows an improvement over last month. Prices are firm, owing to the rapidly advancing hide market.

FALL AND WINTER TRADE GOOD.

Show Better Results Than Spring Business.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Bradstreet's, tomorrow will say:

Trade conditions are without much change and irregularity is still the leading feature in business and industrial lines. Results of Spring business are, as a whole, disappointing. There is, however, more doing in wholesale lines for next Fall and Winter, and the tone in this branch is fairly optimistic.

There is considerably more activity in the pig iron market. A large part of this, however, appears to be at the expense of prices. The coal trade is quiet.

In the leading textile industries there is little change to note. Cotton goods are reported firm, with most woolen goods strong and raw wool prices hardening. Foreign wools are in increased sale and Eastern buyers are now reported contracting more freely for Western clips.

There is a better tone in the leather market, where prices are firmer. Manufacturers are certainly buying more freely, though they report little increase in orders. Eastern shoe shipments are 24 per cent larger than a year ago, but still behind 1907. Building is active all over the country.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending April 22 were 247, against 201 last week and 254 in the like week of 1908, 157 in 1907, 177 in 1906 and 193 in 1905. In Canada the week's failures number 36, against 27 last week and 36 in this week in 1908.

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending April 22 aggregate 1,585,778 bushels, against 1,475,506 bushels last week and 2,417,008 this week last year. For the 43 weeks ending April 22 this year the exports are 151,646,848 bushels, against 176,796,965 in the corresponding period last year.

Corn exports for the week are 1,080,468 bushels, against 799,800 last week and 371,847 in 1908. For the 43 weeks ending April 22 corn exports are 27,649,716 bushels, against 43,615,403 last year.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending April 22 shows an aggregate of $3,194,595,000, as against $2,647,523,000 last week and $1,991,851,000 in the corresponding week last year.

		P.C. Ins.
New York	$2,025,970,000	59.0
Chicago	266,987,000	17.3
Boston	159,505,000	42.6
Philadelphia	149,438,000	45.1
St. Louis	63,175,000	12.5
Pittsburg	47,521,000	22.5
Kansas City	48,064,000	37.3
San Francisco	38,007,000	25.7
Baltimore	26,451,000	25.5
Cincinnati	25,020,000	14.9
Minneapolis	16,457,000	* 2.7
New Orleans	16,699,000	38.6
Cleveland	15,171,000	28.3
Detroit	14,097,000	11.8
Omaha	11,243,000	19.7
Louisville	13,623,000	14.2
Milwaukie	10,762,000	18.8
Fort Worth	12,590,000	80.6
Los Angeles	14,049,000	54.4
St. Paul	8,527,000	18.8
Seattle	10,121,000	32.4
Denver	8,561,000	12.9
Buffalo	8,361,000	17.8
Indianapolis	7,220,000	7.5
Spokane	7,415,000	41.1
Providence	7,507,000	25.8
Portland, Or.	8,274,000	70.4
Richmond	6,489,000	31.6
Albany	5,519,000	8.4
Washington, D. C.	6,183,000	28.0
St. Joseph	6,006,000	36.8
Salt Lake	8,414,000	80.6
Columbus	6,356,000	51.2
Memphis	5,529,000	44.4
Atlanta	5,429,000	39.3
Tacoma	4,047,000	5.4
Oakland, Cal.	7,727,000	36.6
Helena	829,000	62.7
Houston	27,373,000	112.6
Galveston	12,755,000	11.9
Duluth	2,708,000	

*Decrease.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, April 23.—No change is reported in the market for evaporated apples. Fancy, 8¼@9¼c; choice, 7@7¾c; prime, 6@6½c; common to fair, 5@6c.

Prunes remain somewhat unsettled, but are moving fairly well into consumption. New crop California fruit, 3¾@12c; Oregons, 6½@9c for 40-50s to 20-30s.

Apricots firm. Choice 10@10¼c; extra choice, 10¾@10¾c; fancy, 11@13c.

Peaches are quiet with choice, 5@6¼c; extra choice, 6¼@6¾c; fancy, 7@8½c.

Raisins are rather steadier in tone, although the situation is still unsettled. Loose muscatel, 3½@4½c; choice to fancy seeded, 4¾@6c; seedless, 4¾@5½c; London layers, $1.20@1.30.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Cotton futures closed steady. April 10.18c; May, 10.20c; June and July, 10.19c; August, 10.08c; December, 9.98c; January and March, 9.91c.

RALLY LATE IN DAY

Sentiment in the Wheat Pit Is Improving.

PRICES FIRM AT CLOSE

Market Is Extremely Weak, However, Throughout Most of Session and Selling Is on Large Scale.

CHICAGO, April 23.—The fresh break in wheat occurred shortly after the opening, which was very irregular, with prices ⅛c lower to 3⅛c higher. The advance at the start was due chiefly to a sharp rally at Liverpool following considerable weakness earlier in the day. Taking the advance in the English market as an indication of a rally here, shorts plunged to cover on first trades and prices were given a quick upturn.

July opened at $1.10½ to $1.11 and May at $1.23 to $1.24½. Three or four of the leading commission houses which were the principal sellers yesterday, renewed their selling operations and the market soon became extremely weak. Early buyers switched to the selling side and as the prices declined, fresh stop-loss orders were reached which accelerated the downward movement. Before the decline was checked July had sold off to $1.08⅝, May to $1.20¾ and September to $1.01⅝. December had dropped to 99⅝c.

Covering by shorts then caused another rally and during the remainder of the day a much steadier feeling was manifested. News in general was favorable to the bears. Argentine shipments were over the estimate at 2,936,000 bushels for the week and Australia shipped nearly 800,000 bushels. Most of the crop reports which came in were less bullish. The market closed firm with July at $1.10¼, May closed at $1.22⅞ and September at $1.02¾.

Corn prices broke from ½ to 3⅛c early in the day as a result of the unloading of large lines of the May delivery, which some of the leading commission houses had been accumulating for the last few weeks. Initial quotations on May were at 70¾ to 70⅝c, and on July, 68½@68⅜c. At the close, prices were still ¾ to 1⅜@1½c below yesterday's close. May closed at 69¼c and July at 67½c.

Oats followed the trend of the corn market. At the close prices were only a shade to ⅛@⅜c under yesterday's close.

Provisions were firm at the start, but weakened along with grain and closed a shade higher to 7½c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$1.24½	$1.24½	$1.20⅜	$1.22⅞
July	1.11	1.11½	1.08⅝	1.10¼
Sept	1.02½	1.02⅝	1.01⅛	1.02¼
Dec	1.01⅝	1.01⅝	.99⅝	1.01
CORN.				
May	.70⅝	.70⅞	.67⅝	.69¼
July	.68⅝	.68⅝	.66¼	.67½
Sept	.67½	.67⅝	.65	.66⅝
Dec	.58	.58	.57½	.57½
OATS.				
May	.56¼	.56¼	.55	.55½
July	.49¼	.49¼	.48¼	.48⅝
Dec	.42	.42½	.41⅝	.41⅝
MESS PORK.				
May	17.82½	17.82½