BENTS BUYS FREELY

Takes 1000 Bales of Hops for London Shipment.

STRENGTHENS THE MARKET

Some of the Purchases by the Aurora Exporter—Conditions in the East and Abroad—More Wheat Trading.

The heavy buying by Henry L. Bents has rescued the hop market from a condition bordering on weakness, and growers and dealers alike now take a more cheerful view of the future. Mr. Bents' operations bear out the belief that has prevailed that England will continue to draw on Oregon for supplies throughout the remainder of the season. He is practically alone in the buying, however, and it is this absence of competition that prevents prices getting out of the old rut.

Mr. Bents' purchases up to last night aggregated about 1000 bales, taken at 20 to 21 cents. Among the lots secured were those of H. F. Edmondson, of Goshen, 83 bales; 400 bales from Thornsbury & Seavey, mostly around Eugene, and 111 bales from a Silverton grower. Mr. Bents made offers of 20½ cents to a number of Salem holders yesterday.

A California letter reported the sale of a lot of Mendocinos by Sanford Bros. to C. C. Donovan at 17½ cents.

The Kentish Observer of Feburay 3 reports the English market as follows:

There is a little more inquiry for hops, but no great amount of business is being done. Prices remain very steady for all descriptions. Continental markets are very firm at extreme prices for all good kinds, the supply of which is not equal to the demand. American reports speak of slow trade, but good qualities fetch full quotations. London factors' circulars say:

Wild, Neame & Co.—There has been rather more inquiry during the past week and although the actual amount of business passing is small, a somewhat better tendency is noticeable.

Manger & Henley—The amount of business passing is of a restricted character and for immediate requirements only. Values remain firm.

W. H. & H. Le May—The market continues quiet, but the few parcels that are being taken day by day for consumption sensibly reduce the stocks. Prices are firm.

Conditions in New York State are reported by the Waterville Times as follows:

We hear of practically no sales hereabouts and the general tone of the market shows no change from recent reports. Those who have held their hops up to this time show no signs of weakening. There are said to be inquiries for the better classes of hops from day to day, but as for actual business done, there appears to be none. Poorer grades seem to be out of demand. Even should the market liven up, the amount of hops left on our market would make no special stir.

WHEAT MOVING AT LOWER PRICE.

Some Business With California Under Previous Quotations.

There is a fair amount of business under way in the local wheat market, principally by houses having California connections. The tendency of values, however, seems at the present time to be toward a lower level, notwithstanding some improvement in the markets East and in Europe. A full quotation on bluestem yesterday was $1.13, and some business was reported at $1.12. Sellers at these lower figures, however, are not numerous. Red Russian has changed hands at $1.04.

The committee appointed by the members of the Merchants' Exchange to draw up a set of rules for the conduct of business on the exchange held a special meeting yesterday and will report to the exchange at a general meeting Monday noon.

Local receipts, in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange yesterday as follows:

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	28	4	15	5	13
Tuesday	6	4	8	2	11
Wednesday	10	3	6	2	8
Thursday	25	4	4	5	8
Year ago	32	2	3	2	7
Season to date	1979	1158	1521	1219	1985
Year ago	9444	1383	842	633	2003

GOOD SUPPLY OF CALIFORNIA TRUCK

Two Cars of Mixed Vegetables and One of Celery Arrive.

The vegetable supply on Front street was increased yesterday by the arrival of one car of celery and two cars of mixed truck from California. Aside from head lettuce, with which the dealers were overstocked and which was weak at 40 to 75 cents a dozen, all vegetables were firm. Sweet potatoes are cleaning up well and it is not likely that many more will be brought up during the remainder of the season.

Oranges and apples are going into consumption at a satisfactory rate.

LOCAL RECEIPTS OF EGGS LARGER

But With a Good General Demand the Market Is Steady.

The egg market was steady yesterday at 28 cents, though receipts were larger than they have been for some time past. There was a good general demand.

Poultry was in moderate supply and with a good inquiry prices were firm, especially on chickens.

There were no new features in the butter and cheese markets.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings for the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,614,435	$320,733
Seattle	1,756,153	272,375
Tacoma	934,191	149,593
Spokane	681,870	78,318

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, $1.13; club, $1.06; red Russian, $1.04; Valley, $1.20; 40-fold, $1.10.

BARLEY—Feed and brewing, $28@28.50 per ton.

FLOUR—Patents, $6.15 per barrel; straights, $5.75; export, $4.50; Valley, $5.20; graham, $5.70; whole wheat, quarters, $5.90.

CORN—Whole, $35; cracked, $36 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $24@26 per ton; middlings, $34; shorts, $25@28; rolled barley, $32@33.

OATS—No. 1 white, $31@31.50 per ton.

HAY—Track prices: Timothy: Willamette Valley, $18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $21@22; alfalfa, $17@18; California alfalfa, $16@17; clover, $16; grain hay, $17@18.

Vegetables and Fruits.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, $1.25@3 box; pears, $1.50@1.75 per box; Spanish Malaga, $5.50@6 per barrel; cranberries, $8@9 per barrel.

POTATOES—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 70@80c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2½c per pound.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1@1.35 per dozen; cabbage, $1.50@2 per hundred; cauliflower, $1.75 per dozen; celery, $4.00 per crate; eggplant, 25c pound; head lettuce 40@75c per doz.; hothouse lettuce, $1.25 $1.50 box; garlic, 12½c lb.; horseradish, 9@10c per pound; green onions, 35@40c per doz.; radishes, 25c per doz.; rhubarb, 15c lb.; sprouts, 9c per lb.; tomatoes, $2.25@2.50 per crate.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, $2@2.75; lemons, $3@4.50; grapefruit, $3.50@4 per box; bananas, 5@5½c per pound; tangerines, $1.75 per box; Japanese oranges, $2 per bundle.

ONIONS—Oregon, $1.50 per sack.

SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25 per sack; rutabagas, $1@1.25; carrots, $1; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—City creamery extras, 37@39c; fancy outside creamery, 35@39c per lb.; store, 29@32½c. (Butter fat prices average ½c per pound under regular butter prices.)

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, 28c per dozen.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, 19@20c per pound; young Americas, 20@21c.

PORK—Fancy, 11@12c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 12@12½c per pound.

POULTRY—Hens, 17½@18c; Springs, 17½@18c; ducks, 18@20c; geese, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 23@25c; dressed, 27@30c; squabs, $3 per dozen.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 10c per pound; peaches, 7c; prunes, Italians, 4@8c; prunes, French, 4@8c; currants, 10c; apricots, 12½c; dates, 7½c per pound; figs, 100 half pounds, $3.25 per box; 50 six-ounce, $1.75 per box; 12 12-ounce, 75c per box.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.95; 1-pound flats, $2.10½; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 90c; 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@16c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15c per pound; Brazil nuts, 12½@15c; filberts, 15c; almonds, 16@17c; pecans, 15@16c; cocoanuts, 90c@$1 per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 5.60c; large white, 4½c; Lima, 5c; pink, 3.20c; red Mexican, 7¾c.

SUGAR—Dry granulated, per full sack, $6.05; beet, $5.85; extra C, $5.55; golden C, $5.45; cubes (barrel), $6.45; powdered (barrel), $6.30. Terms on remittances.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 15½c; smoked, 16½c; short clear back, heavy dry salted, 16c; smoked, 17c; Oregon exports, dry salted, 16c; smoked, 17c, within 15 days, deduct ¼c per pound. If later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ¾c per pound. Maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $14.50 per ton; half ground, 100s, $10.50 per ton; 50s, $11 per ton.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25@3.50 per case; strained, 7c per pound.

Provisions.

BACON—Fancy, 25c per pound; standard, 21c; choice, 20½c; English, 19½@20c.

HAMS—10 to 13 pounds, 17c; 14 to 16 pounds, 17c; 13 to 20 pounds, 17c; hams, skinned, 17½c; picnics, 12½c; cottage rolls, 13½c; boiled hams, 23@24c; boiled picnics, 20c.

LARD—Kettle rendered, 10s, 17½c; standard pure, 10s, 16¼c; compound, 12½c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each, 60c; dried beef sets, 19c; dried beef outsides, 17c; dried beef insides, 21c; dried beef knuckles, 20c.

PICKLED GOODS—Barrels: Pigs' feet, $13.50; regular tripe, $10; honeycomb tripe, $12; lunch tongues, $19.50; mess beef, extra, $12; mess pork, $25.

Furs.

FURS—Mink, Northwest Canada and Alaska, $5@50; Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and Utah, $5.50@7; Oregon, Washington and California, $4@5.50; British Columbia and Alaska Coast, $4@5. Red fox, Canada and Alaska, $8@10; Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, $7. Lynx, Alaska and British Columbia, $28; Pacific Coast, $22. Raccoon, 70c@$1. Skunk, Canada, $2.50; Pacific Coast, 70c@$1.50. Wolf and coyote, Canada, $4@5; Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, $2.75@3.25; Oregon, Washington, Utah, Nevada, $1.50@3. Beaver, Oregon, Washington, Canada, Alaska, $5.50@7; Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, $6.50@7; cubs, $2@2.50. Otter, Canada, Alaska, $12.50@14; Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, $10@15. Wildcat, Alaska, Canada, British Columbia, $3@4.50; Pacific Coast, $1.75@2.50. Gray fox, Pacific Coast, $1.75@2.50; Bear, black and brown, Alaska, Canada, $16@20; cubs, $12@15; Pacific Coast, $10@15; cubs, $5@7; grizzly, perfect, $25@35. Badger, $2. Muskrat, Canada, Alaska, 40c; Pacific Coast, 30c. Marten, Canada, Alaska, $12@18; Pacific Coast, $10@12. Fisher, British Columbia, Alaska, $15@20; Pacific Coast, $9@15. Wolverine, $6@8. Silver fox, $300@500. Cross fox, Alaska, $10@15. Sea otters, $200@450. Blue fox, $8@10. White fox, $12@20. Swift fox, 40c. Ermine, 40c. Mountain lion, $5@10. Bingtail cat, 35@75c. Civet cat, 10@30c. House cat, 5@25c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1909 crop, prime and choice, 20@22c; 1908s, 17½c; 1907s, 11½c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c pound; olds, nominal.

MOHAIR—Choice, 25c pound.

CASCARA BARK—4½@5c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, 18@18½c per pound; dry kip, 18@18½c pound; dry calfskin, 19@21c pound; salted hides, 10@10½c; salted calfskin, 15c pound; green, 1c less.

BUY WHEAT FOR MEXICO

NEW BUSINESS IS REPORTED AT VANCOUVER, B. C.

Nothing Is Doing at Seattle in This Line — Potato Market Is Firmer.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Seattle grain men have so far been unable to take any of the wheat orders now being placed in the Northwest for shipment to Mexico, although sales were reported at Vancouver for that trade today. The local market was somewhat firmer, due to the activity at Portland and Vancouver. Prices did not advance and no sales of any consequence were reported. About the top quotation was $1.14 for bluestem. A little activity was reported in the country.

Packers asked 13 cents for lamb here today and 14½ cents for veal. Sales of prime beef were reported at 9 cents, a slight decline over recent prices.

The potato market was considerably stiffer with most dealers holding Yakimas No. 1, at a cent a pound. The demand for fancy stock is brisk and the supply none too liberal. There is an overstock of cheap tubers, however, which are selling as low as $15 a ton.

The market is overstocked with tomatoes. Cubans sold as low as $2 for four basket crates. Cauliflower is also a drug. Celery is quite plentiful and 30 cents lower.

Snow and cold weather diminished the receipts of fresh local ranch eggs, but the plentiful supply of California stock holds prices at the 30-cent level.

Dealers look for some increase in the poultry supply in the near future.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The following were the quotations in the market today:

Millstuffs—Bran, $25.50@27.50; middlings, $32@34.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, $1.25@1.50; garlic, 4@5c; green peas, 7@10c; string beans, nominal.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32c; creamery seconds, 31c; fancy dairy, 29c.

Eggs—Store, 22½c; fancy, 23c.

Cheese—New, 18@19c; Young Americas, 18@20c.

Hay—Wheat, $14@19; wheat and oats, $12@16; alfalfa, $9@12; stock, $6@9; straw, per bale, 50@75c.

Hops—18@22c per pound.

Wool—South Plains and San Joaquin, 8@10c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, 75c@$1; common, 50@75c; bananas, 75c@$3; limes, $4@4.50; lemons, choice, $2@2.50; common, $1@1.50; oranges, navels, $1.25@1.75; pineapples, $2@2.50.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, $1.25@1.30; Salinas Burbanks, $1.40@1.55; sweets, $2@2.25.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $5@5.50; young, $7@9; broilers, small, $3@4; large, $4.50@5; fryers, $6@7; hens, $5@10; ducks, old, $5.50@6.50; young, $7@9.

Receipts—Flour, 4356 quarter sacks; wheat, 515 centals; barley, 7250 centals; oats, 160 centals; beans, 500 sacks; potatoes, 6010 sacks; bran, 910 sacks; middlings, 60 sacks; hay, 582 tons; hides, 957.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Cotton—spot, steady; mid-uplands, 14.80c; mid-gulf, 15.05c. Sales, 1261 bales.

Futures closed steady, 2 to 11 points higher.

February, 14.51c; March, April and July, 14.52c; May, 14.63c; June, 14.56c; August, 14.00c; September, 13.12c; October, 12.70c; November, 12.56c; December, 12.53c.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—Wool, unchanged. Territory and Western mediums, 25@29c; fine mediums, 20@24c; fine, 12@21c.

Railways to Carry Chehalis Logs.

ELMA, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The completion of the Grays Harbor branch of the Union Pacific Railway means that no more logs will be floated down the Chehalis River to market. With the Northern Pacific following the north side of the river and the Union Pacific the south bank, logs can be delivered from any point in the interior without being floated. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lost in logs that have been hung up along the river and never recovered, in addition to millions of feet that have been swept out to sea.

STOCKS RISE AGAIN

Union Pacific and Steel the Strong Leaders.

READING UNDER PRESSURE

Reassuring Reports From the Iron and Steel Trade—Southern Pacific Bought for London Account—Bonds Are Firm.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Prices of stocks rose further today, although it was noticeable that Reading, which made up more than one-third of the aggregate dealings yesterday, was pressed for sale steadily in realizing profits on the sharp rise yesterday.

There was no one stock as prominent today as was Reading yesterday, but the congestion of dealings in Union Pacific and United States Steel and the aggressive upward movement of these stocks carried out the indication of large professional participation in the transactions which made up the body of the market.

Another fact pointing to the same conclusion was the manner in which new interpretations were placed on facts that have been public knowledge for some time. This applied particularly to the view taken of the expected Supreme Court decisions bearing on the anti-trust law.

Reassuring views of the iron and steel trade from a trade authority, which expressed conviction that the lull in demand was due as much to obstructions to deliveries by weather blockades of freights as to any falling off in consumptive demand, were a sustaining influence in United States Steel and by sympathy to other stocks.

There were large purchases of that stock and Southern Pacific for London account. The fresh storm blockades all through the Western country and the predictions of their extension were without sufficient influence to turn the prevailing tide of sentiment.

One of the points advanced by professional buyers of stocks was the hope that the disciplinc dealt by the stock exchange to the members concerned in the Columbus & Hocking Coal & Iron pool might invite public confidence and attract outside participation in the stock market.

The engagement of $1,250,000 in gold for shipment to South America for London account was without appreciable effect on the money market.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, $3,873,000. United States bonds were unchanged in call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Allis Chalmers pf.	100	42	42	42
Amal Copper	44,600	77⅞	75½	76⅞
Am Agricultural	400	47	46½	47
Am Beet Sugar	800	39⅝	38⅞	38⅞
Am Can pf	300	76½	76⅜	76½
Am Car & Fdry.	3,000	62½	62	62
Am Cotton Oil	5,000	66½	65	66⅝
Am Hd & Lt pf.	600	38½	38	39
Am Ice Securi.	.....	.....	.....	23½
Am Linseed Oil	500	15	14⅞	14⅞
Am Locomotive	1,300	51½	50⅝	51
Am Smelt & Ref.	26,200	84⅝	83	83⅞
do preferred	100	107⅝	107⅝	107
Am Sugar Ref	300	125⅝	125	124
Am Tel & Tel	1,400	136½	136	136
Am Tobacco pf	500	93⅞	93⅛	92⅛
Am Woolen	500	35⅝	35	35
Anaconda Min Co.	11,900	51½	50	50⅝
Atchison	16,700	116	115⅝	115⅞
do preferred	200	103⅞	103⅞	103½
Atl Coast Line	200	129	129	128½
Balt & Ohio	2,000	111⅝	111⅝	111½
do preferred	100	94	94	91½
Bethlehem Steel	.....	.....	.....	28
Brook Rap Tran.	3,800	74⅝	73½	73⅝
Canadian Pacific	900	181½	180⅝	180½
Central Leather	6,200	41⅞	40⅞	40⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	107
Central of N J.	.....	.....	.....	295
Ches & Ohio	10,500	85	84⅝	84⅝
Chicago & Alton	.....	.....	.....	56
Chicago Gt West.	4,300	32⅞	30⅞	32½
Chicago & N W.	2,100	157½	156⅝	157⅛
C M & St Paul	12,100	146½	145⅛	146
C C C & St L.	.....	.....	.....	77
Colo Fuel & Iron	2,500	40	38½	39⅞
Colo & Southern	1,400	61⅛	60⅛	60⅛
do 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	81
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	79
Consolidated Gas	8,500	147⅛	145⅛	145⅛
Corn Products	700	19	18⅞	18⅞
Del & Hudson	500	175⅞	175	175⅞
D & R Grande	3,200	41½	40⅞	41⅛
do preferred	200	79⅞	79½	79½
Distillers' Securi.	800	32	31⅞	31⅞
Erie	2,000	29⅞	29⅛	29⅛
do 1st preferred	900	46⅛	46	45⅞
do 2d preferred	1,000	36	36	35
General Electric	1,000	156½	155½	155
Gt Northern pf	2,700	137⅞	137⅛	137⅛
Gt Northern Ore	1,900	71⅞	71	71
Illinois Central	600	143	142⅞	143
Interborough Met.	27,000	22⅞	21⅞	22⅞
do preferred	29,300	57⅛	55	56⅞
Inter Harvester	1,400	88⅛	87½	87⅞
Inter Marine pf6	.....	.....	.....	20⅛
Int Paper	1,600	14⅞	14	14⅛
Int Pump	200	49	48⅞	48½
Iowa Central	400	22⅞	22½	22⅞
K C Southern	900	38⅞	38⅛	38
do preferred	300	69⅞	69	69⅛
Louisville & Nash	1,000	149⅞	149⅞	149½
Minn & St Louis	.....	.....	.....	42½
M S P & S S M.	100	144	142⅞	142⅞
Missouri Pacific	2,300	71⅞	70⅞	70⅞
Mo, Kan & Texas	6,000	44⅛	43½	43⅞
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	76
National Biscuit	.....	.....	.....	108½
National Lead	1,400	81⅞	81	81⅛
Mex Nat Ry 1st pf	.....	.....	.....	60
N Y Central	8,900	120⅞	119⅞	119⅞
N Y, Ont & West.	1,700	45⅞	45⅛	45⅞
Norfolk & West.	11,100	102⅞	101½	101½
North American	800	80⅞	79⅞	80½
Northern Pacific	4,600	137	136⅞	136½
Pacific Mail	1,200	46⅞	46½	46⅞
Pennsylvania	16,300	133⅞	132⅞	133⅞
People's Gas	1,900	110⅞	110	110⅛
P C C & St L.	1,400	98	97⅛	97⅞
Pressed Steel Car.	1,200	44	42½	43½
Pullman Pal Car.	100	198	198	196½
Ry Steel Spring	600	43	41½	42
Reading	126,800	169⅝	168	168⅛
Republic Steel	4,100	40⅞	40½	40⅞
do preferred	1,000	102⅞	102½	102½
Rock Island Co.	46,200	49⅞	48⅞	49⅛
do preferred	700	87	86½	86½
St L & S F 2 pf	1,300	49⅛	48½	48⅛
St L Southwestern	5,400	30	28½	30
do preferred	500	74	73⅞	74
Sloss-Sheffield	.....	.....	.....	75½
Southern Pacific	29,900	126⅝	125⅞	126
Southern Railway.	2,000	29	28⅞	28⅞
do preferred	1,600	65⅞	65	65⅞
Tenn Copper	100	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛
Texas & Pacific	1,000	30⅞	30	30
Tol, St L & West.	1,400	45⅛	44⅞	45
do preferred	700	66½	65⅞	65⅞
Union Pacific	105,300	187⅛	185⅛	182⅞
do preferred	600	102⅞	102	102
U S Realty	300	74	74	79
U S Rubber	1,600	42⅞	42⅛	42
U S Steel	144,800	81⅛	79⅞	80⅞
do preferred	1,600	120⅛	119⅞	120
Utah Copper	1,900	56⅞	55⅛	56⅛
Va-Caro Chemical	8,300	55⅞	55	55
Wabash	1,800	22	21⅞	21⅞
do preferred	10,500	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞
Western Md	1,800	48	47	48
Westinghouse Elec	300	69⅛	69	69⅛
Western Union	200	73	72½	72⅛
Wheel & L Erie	.....	.....	.....	54
Wisconsin Central	400	50⅛	50	49
Pittsburg Coal	1,800	16⅛	15	15
Am Steel Fdy	400	59⅞	58⅛	59⅞
United Dry Goods	100	118½	118½	118
Laclede Gas	1,000	99⅞	99½	99½

Total sales for the day, 820,300 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	100⅛	N. Y. gas 3½s	90⅛
do coupon	100½	No. Pacific 3s	73⅞
U. S. 3s reg.	102⅛	No. Pacific 4s	101
do coupon	102⅛	Union Pacific 4s	101⅛
U. S. new 4s reg.	114⅛	Wis. Central 4s	94⅞
do coupon	114½	Japanese 4s	92⅛
D. & R. G. 4s	96⅛B		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Money on call, easy; 2½@3 per cent; ruling rate and closing bid, 2¾; offered at 3.

Time loans, steady; 60 days, 3½ per cent and 90 days, 3½@3¾; six months, 3¾@4.

Prime mercantile paper, 4½@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange, steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8440@4.8450 for 60-day bills, and at $4.8840 for demand.

Commercial bills, $4.83½@4.84½.

Bar silver, 52½c.

Mexican dollars, 44c.

Government bonds, steady; railroads firm.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Bar silver, steady; 24¼d per ounce.

Money, 1@1½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 3-16 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for three months bills is 2 3-16 per cent.

Consols for money, 82; for account, 82 1-16.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85; sight, $4.87½.

Silver bars, 52¾c.

Mexican dollars, 45c.

Drafts—Sight, 10c; telegraph, 12½c.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The condition of the Treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust funds—

Gold coin	$862,166,869
Silver dollars	486,302,000
Silver dollars of 1890	3,860,000
Silver certificates outstanding	486,502,000

General fund—

Standard silver dollars in general fund	4,890,895
Current liabilities	95,176,316
Working balance in Treasury offices	21,447,883
In banks to credit of Treasurer of the U. S.	34,872,851
Subsidiary silver coin	4,215,635
Total balance in general fund	81,995,803

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	53	Miami Copper	23⅞
Amalg. Copper	76⅞	Mohawk	65
A. Z. L. & Sm.	31½A	Nevada Con.	22⅞
Arizona Com.	39⅛	Nipissing Mines	10
Atlantic	9	North Butte	32½
B C C & C rts.	19½	North Lake	18⅛
B & C C & S M.	17½	Old Dominion	44
Butte Coalition	26⅞	Osceola	151
Cal. & Arizona	70	Parrott (S & C)	29
Cal. & Hecla	635	Quincy	88
Centennial	26	Shannon	13½
Cop. Ran. C. C.	76⅞	Superior	38⅞
E. Butte Cp. M.	9⅞	Sup & Bos Min.	13½
Franklin	19⅞	Sup & Pitts Cop.	12⅞
Giroux Con.	9⅞	Tamarack	75½
Granby Con.	89	U. S. Coal & Oil.	39
Greene Cananea.	9⅞	U. S. S. R. &M.	44
I. Royalle (cop)	22	do preferred	49⅞
Kerr Lake	9⅞	Utah Cons.	31
Lake Copper	82	Winona	10
La Salle Copper.	15½	Wolverine	141

CATTLE MARKET STEADY

NO TOP-GRADE STOCK OFFERED AT THE YARDS.

Prices Realized Are Good Considering the Quality—Day's Receipts Are Small.

All the business reported at the stock yards yesterday was in the cattle line. None of the offerings was of top grade stock and consequently the prices realized were not up to those of the previous day. The tone of the market in general was steady.

One lot of steers brought $5.40, but most of the sales were at $5.25. Cows ranged in prices from $3.50 to $4.75 and other cattle moved at the previous prices.

The receipts were 173 cattle and 93 hogs.

Shippers were A. R. Ford, of North Yamhill, one car of hogs; Brazee Butcher Company, of Nampa, Idaho, four cars of cattle, and Thirman & Harris, of Baker City, three cars of cattle.

The days sales were as follows:

	Weight.	Price.
200 steers, good	1171	$5.25
25 steers, good	1290	5.25
24 steers, good	1299	5.25
32 steers, good	1187	5.25
3 steers, common	1150	4.25
4 steers, fair	1115	5.00
16 steers, common	1086	4.75
19 steers, good	1309	5.10
2 steers, good	1138	5.10
16 cows, good	1060	4.50
4 cows, good	1000	3.50
2 cows, good	1040	4.25
1 cow, fair	1100	3.50
32 cows, extra good	982	4.75
7 cows, good	1070	4.25
1 calf, fair	450	4.75
1 yearling, common	600	3.00
1 stag, good	1550	3.50
2 bulls, good	1800	3.50
2 bulls, common	1690	2.10
2 bulls, fair	1000	3.25

Prices quoted on the various classes of stocks at the yards yesterday were as follows:

CATTLE—Best steers, $5.50@5.70; fair to good steers, $4.50@5; strictly good cows, $4.50@4.75; fair to good cows, $3.75@4; light calves, $5.50@6; heavy calves, $4@5; bulls, $3.50@3.75; stags, $3@4.

HOGS—Top, $9@9.25; fair to good hogs, $8.50@8.75.

SHEEP—Best wethers, $6@6.25; fair to good wethers, $5@5.50; good ewes, $6; lambs, $6@6.50.

Eastern Livestock Markets.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 9000; market, steady to strong. Beeves, $4.45@7.85; Texas steers, $4.10@5.20; Western steers, $4.20@6.10; stockers and feeders, $4.20@5.55; cows and heifers, $2.30@5.90; calves, $7@9.20.

Hogs—Receipts estimated at 24,000; market, 10@15c higher. Light, $8.75@9.25; mixed, $8.75@9.27½; heavy, $8.85@9.32½; rough, $8.85@9; good to choice heavy, $9@9.32½; pigs, $7.90@9.05; bulk of sales, $9.10@9.20.

Sheep—Receipts estimated at 8000; market, strong to 10c higher. Native, $4.50@7.25; Western, $5@7.15; yearlings, $7.50@8.60; lambs, native, $7.25@9.10; Western, $7.25@9.10.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 3000; market, strong to 10c higher Native steers, $5.25@7.50; native cows and heifers, $3@6.25; stockers and feeders, $3.75@5.90; bulls, $4@5.50; calves, $4.50@9.00. Western steers, $5@7; Western cows and heifers, $3@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000; market, 10c higher. Bulk of sales, $8.90@9.05; heavy, $9@9.10; packers and butchers, $8.90@9.10; light, $8.70@8.95; pigs, $7.50@8.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000; market, strong. Muttons, $5.50@7; lambs, $8@9; fed Western wethers, $5@7; Western ewes and heifers, $3@5.50.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 2600; market, 10c higher. Native steers, $4.50@7; native cows and heifers, $3.50@5.50; Western steers, $3.25@6; Western cows and heifers, $2.80@4.80; canners, $2.50@3.50; stockers and feeders, $3@5.70; calves, $4@8.25; bulls, stags, etc., $3@5.

Hogs—Receipts, 16,700; market, 10c higher. Heavy, $8.90@9.05; mixed, $8@8.90; light, $8.70@8.90; pigs, $7.75@8.50; bulk of sales, $8.80@8.90.

Sheep—Receipts, 9200; market, stronger. Yearlings, $7@8.10; wethers, $6@6.80; ewes, $5.25@6.65; lambs, $7.50@9.

Hogs High at Denver.

DENVER, Feb. 17.—Hogs were quoted on the Denver market today at $9.35 per hundred pounds.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The market for standard copper on the New York Metal Exchange was dull today, with spot and all deliveries up to the end of May closing at 12.87½@13.00c. The English market was steady, with spot quoted at £59 and futures at £59 17s 6d. Local dealers quote lake copper at 13.62½@13.87½; electrolytic at 13.37½@13.62½c; casting, 13.12½@13.37½c.

Tin was irregular, with spot closing at 32.25@32.50c; February, 33.30@33.45c; March, 33.20@33.35c; April, 33.25@33.50c. The London market closed firm at an advance, with spot quoted at £152 5s and futures at £153 7s.

Lead was dull, with spot quoted at 4.40@4.55c New York and at 4.30@4.40c East St. Louis. The London market was lower at £13 5s.

Spelter was weak, with spot quoted at 5.40@5.55c New York and 5.20@5.30c East St. Louis, and London was unchanged at £23 5s.

Iron locally was unchanged.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Evaporated apples, quiet. Fancy, 10½@11c; choice, 9@9½c; prime, 8¾@7c; common to fair, 6@5¾c.

Prunes steady. California up to 30-40s, 2¾@9¼c; Oregons, 6@9c.

Apricots firm. Choice, 11¼@11¾c; extra choice, 11½@12¼c; fancy, 12¼@12½c.

Peaches unsettled. Choice, 6¾@7c; extra choice, 7@7½c; fancy, 7¾@8c.

Raisins dull. Loose muscatels, 4@5¾c; choice to fancy seeded, 5@6¾c; seedless, 3½@4¾c; London layers, $1.15@1.25.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Coffee closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points higher. Sales were reported of 24,250 bags, including March at 7.00c; May, 7.10c; August, December and January, 7.15c. Spot quiet. No. 7 Rio, 8¾c; No. 4 Santos, 9¼@9¾c. Mild quiet. Cordova, 9@9¾c.

Sugar—Raw, firm. Muscovado 89 test, 3.76c; centrifugal 96 test, 4.26c. Molasses sugar 89 test, 3.45c. Refined, steady. Crushed, 5.85c