FARMERS HOLD BACK

Practically No Wheat Offered on Market.

DEALERS BID UP PRICES

Willing to Take Club on Track Basis of 81 to 82 Cents—As High as 84 Cents Paid for Sound Delivery.

The demand for wheat was not so keen yesterday as on Saturday, yet so sparing were the offerings that buyers found it necessary to raise their bids in order to get grain. Club could be sold almost anywhere at 82 cents and it is understood a cent over this price was offered. For delivery on the Sound, buyers have paid as high as 84 cents for club and have offered 86 and 86½ cents for bluestem. The quantity of bluestem offered on the market was decidedly small. Inquiries for prices were received from California.

Oats and barley showed a continuation of last week's firmness. While there were sales of oats Saturday at $27.50, there were offers as high as $28 yesterday.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	30	2	33	5	14
Year ago	31	1	8	5	9
Season to date	10128	514	1622	737	2629
Year ago	8368	1186	1655	971	2413

Foreign crop conditions, as summarized by the Liverpool Corn Trade News, were:

United Kingdom—The Winter wheat crop shows good improvement, while preparation for Spring sowing is being hindered as a result of rains.

France—Some authorities are very optimistic regarding crop conditions, whilst others are doubtful owing to the bad start made by the crops. This condition, however, is offset by the fact of heavy Spring sowings. The importation of foreign wheat is on a very large scale.

Germany—The crop outlook continues generally favorable. Some authorities predict heavy imports of foreign grain in the Spring.

Hungary—According to an official report the crop outlook is mostly favorable. The estimate of last year's wheat crop has been reduced by 16,000,000 bushels, making the total crop about 168,000,000 bushels.

Italy—The crop outlook is favorable, with weather conditions seasonable. There are good supplies of native wheat.

Roumania—The crop outlook is generally satisfactory. The weather is Springlike. Some authorities think that most of the best quality wheat from last year's crop has been sold.

Russia—Crop conditions are generally favorable, with the weather mild.

Australia—There is a large fleet of vessels loading at ports in this country.

American Visible Supply—

		Bushels.	Decrease.
March 20,	1911	30,562,000	1,660,000
March 21,	1910	26,798,000	*351,000
March 22,	1909	37,676,000	*80,000
March 23,	1908	39,118,000	1,031,000
March 25,	1907	47,733,000	*399,000
March 26,	1906	47,329,000	*37,000
March 27,	1905	32,813,000	1,168,000
March 21,	1904	32,923,000	471,000
March 23,	1903	45,055,000	1,011,000
March 24,	1902	50,948,000	1,049,000

*Increase.

Quantities of Passage—

For	Week ending Mch. 18 Bushels	Week ending Mch. 11 Bushels	Week ending Mch. 19,'10 Bushels
U. K.	31,920,000	30,720,000	31,760,000
Continent	21,360,000	22,640,000	15,440,000
Totals	53,280,000	53,360,000	47,200,000

World's Shipments (flour included)—

From	Week ending Mch. 18 Bushels	Week ending Mch. 11 Bushels	Week ending Mch. 19,'10 Bushels
U. S. - Can.	1,885,000	2,249,000	1,281,000
Argentina	2,980,000	2,680,000	1,352,000
Australia	1,640,000	2,400,000	2,320,000
Dan. ports	344,000	1,168,000	240,000
Russia	2,472,000	3,624,000	2,376,000
India	1,032,000	2,656,000	224,000
Totals	11,353,000	14,177,000	7,993,000

World's shipments to date—

From—	Total since July 2, '10.	Same period last season.
U. S. and Canada	86,648,000	111,571,000
Argentina	48,828,000	32,618,000
Australia	36,200,000	37,054,000
Danubian ports	73,248,000	9,312,000
Russia	157,872,000	156,228,000
India	36,464,000	21,016,000
Total	439,250,000	369,111,000

HOP ORDERS NOT BEING FILLED.

There Is Demand From the East, but Higher Prices Necessary to Buy.

A quiet effort is being made to pick up spot hops of last year's and 1909 growths, but the buyers are not disposed to raise their bids and consequently nothing is doing. The same state of affairs prevails in the contract market.

Bernhard Bing writes from Neuremberg, under date of February 27:

There is no material change to note. The tendency of our market remains exceedingly firm. We estimate that during the last four weeks more than 2000 bales have been taken off from the market. The receipts of the market are insignificant and never in the previous years has stock been in such a small compass as in this year.

ORANGE STOCKS ARE VERY LOW.

But Several Cars are Due Today—Strawberries Latter Part of Week.

Among yesterday's arrivals from the South were a car each of head lettuce and Mexican tomatoes. The latter were in lugs and were offered at $1.75@2. Asparagus was lower, at 12½ cents a pound, and rhubarb declined sharply to $2.25@2.50 per box.

There was a scarcity of oranges on the street, but several cars are due today.

Los Angeles advices were that strawberry shipments under ice will start the latter part of this week.

Eggs Show Upward Tendency.

The egg market opened very firm with a cent over last week's prices asked in some quarters. Arrivals were light.

Very little poultry came in and it sold readily at Saturday's quotations. Dressed meats were unchanged.

Butter was firm and cheese steady at the old prices.

Advance in Turpentine.

A three-cent advance in turpentine was announced yesterday. The new quotation on cases is $1.19.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,417,238	$253,216
Seattle	2,117,820	282,895
Tacoma	704,819	72,242
Spokane	637,641	94,310

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 84@85c; club, 81@82c; red Russian, 80c; Valley, 81c; 40-fold, 83c.

BARLEY—Choice feed, $24@24.50 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $20@21 per ton; middlings, $27@28; shorts, $21@22; rolled barley, $25.50@26.50.

FLOUR — Patents, $4.75 per barrel; straights, $3.85; exports, $3.60; Valley, $4.50; graham, $4.50; whole wheat, $4.75.

CORN—Whole, $29; cracked, $30 per ton.

OATS—No. 1 white, $27.50@28 per ton.

HAY—Track prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, No. 1, $21@22; mixed, $16@20; alfalfa, $11.50@12.50; grain hay, $12@14.50; clover, $11@12.

Vegetables and Fruits.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, 85c@$1 hundred; parsnips, 85c@$1; turnips, 85c@$1; beets, 90c@$1.

GREEN FRUITS—Pears, $1.50@1.75 per box; Malagas, $6@7.50 per barrel; cranberries, $11.50 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2.50@2.75 per box; Florida grapefruit, $4.50; California grapefruit, $3@3.50; bananas, 5@5½c per lb.; pineapples, 6c per lb.; lemons, $2.50@4; tangerines, $1.75 per box.

APPLES—Fancy, $2@2.75; choice, $1@2; common, 50c@$1 per box.

VEGETABLES — Asparagus, 12½c per lb.; cabbage, $1.50 per 100; cauliflower, local, $1.25 per dozen; California, $2.25 per crate; celery, California, $3.50@3.75 per crate; cucumbers, $2@2.25 per box; eggplant, 15c lb.; garlic, 10@12c per lb.; green onions, 20c per doz.; head lettuce, 50c per doz.; hothouse lettuce, $1.25 per box; peppers, 20c per lb.; radishes, 30@35c per doz.; rhubarb, $2.25@2.50 per box; sprouts, 9c; tomatoes, $1.75@2.

POTATOES—Oregon, buying price, $1.25@1.50 per hundred.

ONIONS—Buying price, $2 per hundred.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 11@11½c per lb.; currants, 12½c; apricots, 14½@16c; dates, package, 10½c per lb.; figs, bulk, white or black, by sack, 7@8c; 5-6s, $1.50@1.75; 12-12s, 85c; 20-12s, $2.25; 10-1s, 85c; Smyrnas, 18c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.10 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.95; 1-pound flats, $2.40; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, $1.25.

NUTS—Walnuts, 17½@18c per pound; Brazil nuts, 14@16c; filberts, 16c; almonds, 16@18c; pecans, 15c; cocoanuts, 90c@$1 per dozen; chestnuts, 12½c per pound; hickory nuts, 8@10c per pound.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 22@34c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $15 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $8.50 per ton; 50s, $9 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 4½c; large white, 4½c; Lima, 5.90c; pink, 6½c; red Mexicans, 6½c; bayou, 6½c.

RICE—No. 1 Japan, 4¾c; cheaper grades, $3.50@4.55; Southern head, 3½@7c.

HONEY—Choice, $3.75 per case; strained, 8½c per pound.

SUGAR—Dry granulated, fruit and berry, $5.40; beet, $5.20; extra C, $4.90; golden C, $4.85; yellow D, $4.70; powdered, $4.75. Terms on remittances within 15 days, deduct ⅛c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c per pound. Maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

Provisions.

HAMS—10 to 12 pounds, 17@18¼c; 12 to 14 pounds, 16¾@17½c; 14 to 16 pounds, 16½@17½c; skinned, 15½@17c; picnics, 13c; cottage roll, 15c.

SMOKED MEATS—Beef tongues, 65c; dried beef sets, 22c; outsides, nom., insides, 22c; knuckles, 22c.

BACON — Fancy, 27c; standard, 24c; choice, 22c; English, 18½c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 13¾c; smoked, 15½c; backs, light, salt, 13¾c; smoked, 15¾c; backs, heavy, salt, 13¾c; smoked, 15½c; exports, salt, 15c; smoked, 16½c.

LARD—Kettle rendered, tierces, 12¾c; tubs, 13c; standard, pure, tierces, 12¼c; tubs, 12½c; choice, tierces, 11c; tubs, 11¼c; shortening, tierces, 9¾c; tubs, 10c.

TALK OF FLOUR ADVANCE

LARGE STOCK OF PATENTS NOT WORRYING MILLERS.

Owing to the Scarcity of Bluestem Wheat, Latter Brings 86 Cents.

SEATTLE, March 20.—(Special.)—Bluestem wheat went to 84½ cents on the Merchants Exchange today. Other varieties were unchanged. It was reported that a sale of bluestem wheat was made to a miller at 86 cents Saturday afternoon. Practically no bluestem was offered.

There is talk of another rise in the price of flour. The large surplus of patent flour in the Northwest is not worrying millers much in view of the limited supply of bluestem wheat.

The apple market is very strong. Large sizes of the best sellers are almost impossible to obtain.

A carload of cauliflower arrived and was quoted at $2.50 a crate. A fresh consignment of Illinois cucumbers arrived and sold at $2.50 to $3. A large consignment of vegetables is due to reach the street on tomorrow's boat from San Francisco.

The potato market was steady to firm with $34 the prevailing price in fancy stock.

Receipts of eggs were so heavy today that no attempt was made to lift the price above 22 cents. Receipts were unusually heavy for Monday. The street is now receiving enough local eggs to meet all requirements.

The butter market was easier. A supply of fresh Eastern butter has arrived and materially relieved the tension.

Poultry was scarce but the demand was moderate.

A large consignment of halibut arrived from the North and sold at 5½ cents.

PRODUCE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Quotations Current in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—The following produce prices were current today:

Vegetables—Cucumbers, $1.50@2.25; garlic, 4@6c; green peas, 5@12½c; string beans, 15@20c; asparagus, 6@10c; tomatoes, nominal; egg plant, 8@12½c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 28c.

Eggs—Store, 19½c; fancy ranch, 21c.

Cheese—Young America, 15@16c.

Millstuffs—Bran, $24@26; middlings, $33@35.

Fruit—Apples, choice, $1.10; common, 75c; Mexican limes, $7@7.50; California lemons, choice, $3; common, $1.25; oranges, navel, $1.50@2.50; pineapples, $2@2.50.

Potatoes—Salinas Burbanks, $2.10@2.25; Oregon Burbanks, $1.90@2.15.

Onions—Nominal.

Hay—Wheat, $8@13.50 per ton; wheat and oats, $8@11; alfalfa, $8@12.

Receipts—Flour, 1570 quarter sacks; wheat, 7035 centals; barley, 12,340 centals; oats, 190 centals; potatoes, 5140 sacks; hay, 598 tons.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Standard copper, dull; spot, March, April, May and June, 11.85@11.90c; London, firm; spot, £54 13s 9d. Futures, £55 11s 3d. Customs-house returns show exports of 12,491 tons so far this month. Lake copper, 12.50@12.62½c; electrolytic, 12.37½@12.50c, and casting, 12@12.25c.

Tin firm, but quiet. Spot, 3970@39.82½c; March, 39.55@40c; April, 39.25@39.75c; May, 39.25@39.62½c; June, 39.25@39.50c. London strong. Spot, £179 10s; futures, £178 15s.

Lead easy, 4.40@4.50c New York; 4.20@4.22½c East St. Louis. London, £12 2s 6d.

Spelter, dull, 5.30@5.40c New York; 5.40@5.45c East St. Louis. London, £23.

Iron—Cleveland warrants, 49s 6d in London. Locally iron was steady. No. 1 foundry Northern, $15.75@16.25; No. 2 foundry Northern, No. 1 foundry Southern and No. 1 foundry Southern soft, $15.50@16.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The visible supply of grain in the United States March 19, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, was as follows:

	Bushels.	Decrease.
Corn	12,122,000	79,000
Oats	14,590,000	666,000
Rye	160,000	77,000
Barley	1,261,000	*61,000

The visible supply of wheat in Canada last Saturday was 10,131,000 bushels, an increase of 741,000.

*Increase.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Cotton futures closed steady unchanged to 7 points higher. March, 14.42c; April, 14.42c; May, 14.52c; June, 14.44c; July, 14.42c; August, 13.91c; September, 13.05c; October, 12.66c; November, 12.55c; December, 12.55c; January, 12.53c.

Cotton—Spot quiet, 5 points higher. Middling uplands, 14c; do. Gulf, 14.85c. Sales, 1200 bales.

Chicago Produce Market.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Butter, easy. Creameries, 16@23c; dairies, 15@21c. Eggs, weak. Receipts, 19,024 cases. At mark, cases included, 13½@14c; firsts, 15c; prime firsts, 15½c. Cheese, steady. Daisies, 13@13½c; twins, 11½@12c; Young America, 13½@13¾c; long horns, 13½@14c.

London Bullion Movement.

LONDON, March 20.—Bullion amounting to £20,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England today for shipment to Batavia.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 20.—Wool—Unchanged. Territory and Western mediums, 19@22c; fine mediums, 16@18c; fine, 12@13c.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, March 20.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today amounted to 12,-000 bales.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., March 20.—Butter, firm, 25c. Output, 447,900 pounds.

Hops at London.

LIVERPOOL, March 20.—Hops in London, Pacific Coast, firm, £4 10s@£5 5s.

YARD PRICES CLIMB

Prime Steers Dime Higher at North Portland.

MONTANA STOCK AT $6.50

Choice Ewes Show a 15-Cent Advance Over Last Week's Prices. Good Run Over Sunday and Active Demand.

The week opened with the upward tendency of the cattle market still in force and with all classes of good sheep showing a firm market position.

Among the day's sales were about eight loads of prime Montana steers at $6.50, an advance of a dime over the best prices current last week. The bulk of the steer sales ranged from $5.85 to $6.25. Three extra good cows brought $6, and others sold at $5 and $5.50.

Several good-sized bunches of choice lambs brought $5.50, the top ruling quotation. Most of the ewes went at $4.15.

The receipts, which included a number of exhibits for the livestock show, were 671 cattle, 8 calves, 229 sheep, 173 hogs and 20 horses.

Shippers of the stock were: M. T. Whalen, Woodland, Wash., 1 car of cattle; Robert Bros, Hansen, Idaho, 2 cars of cattle; A. L. Demaris, Milton, 2 cars of cattle and hogs; Masterson & Wiley, Wallowa, 1 car of cattle; McKinnon & Chandler, La Grande, 2 cars of cattle; C. C. Ketchum & Sons, The Dalles, 1 car of sheep; S. R. Brooks, Shaniko, 1 car of cattle; W. O. Minor, Heppner, 1 car of cattle and calves; Rugg Brothers, Echo and Athena, 3 cars of sheep; E. J. Stike, Echo, 1 car of cattle; Ed Thompson, Chicago, Ill., 1 car of horses; C. A. Mahon, Huntington, 1 car of cattle; P. J. Brown, Haines, 1 car of cattle; R. W. Parker, North Powder, 1 car of cattle; Hunter & Miller, North Powder, 1 car of cattle; W. H. Fields, Idaho Falls, 1 car of hogs; R. N. Adams, Pendleton, 1 car of cattle; A. M. Michels, Pendleton, 1 car of cattle; T. Baudron, Joseph, 1 car of sheep; J. W. Inman, Shaniko, 1 car of cattle and hogs; Ed Cassidy, Gazelle, Cal., 1 car of cattle; Frank Brown, Carlton, 1 car of cattle and sheep; C. P. Ragsdale, Joseph, 2 cars of sheep; E. J. Dixon, 4 cars of cattle; E. T. Slayton, Madras, 2 cars of cattle; W. H. Harris, Sheridan, Mont., 2 cars of cattle; F. J. Gross, Whitehall, Mont., 3 cars of cattle, and Adams Brothers, who drove in 66 sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Weight.	Price.
27 steers	1112	$6.00
459 lambs	79	5.50
210 ewes	113	4.15
201 lambs	78	5.50
1 ewe	100	4.15
29 ewes	119	4.15
9 sheep	1385	6.35
2 cows	1255	4.50
6 cows	1076	5.00
1 steer	1220	5.50
2 cows	1315	6.00
26 steers	1084	5.85
2 steers	1280	5.75
1 cow	1080	6.00
2 cows	1050	5.50
20 steers	1252	6.25
2 steers	1315	5.75
2 calves	220	6.50
150 steers	1072	6.10
50 steers	1271	6.25
1 steer	1420	6.00
2 steers	485	5.50
51 steers	1141	6.50
37 steers	1126	6.50
24 cows	958	5.00
71 cows	923	5.00
5 cows	850	5.00
1 cow	820	4.50
8 calves	277	6.25
8 bulls	1403	4.50
90 sheep	73	3.50
40 ewes	118	4.15
201 lambs	75	5.50
1 team drafters		$600
1 drafter		300

Prices current on the various classes of stock at the Portland Union Stockyards were as follows:

Prime steers	$6.00@$6.50
Choice steers	5.75@ 6.00
Good to choice steers	5.50@ 5.75
Common steers	4.00@ 5.00
Prime cows	5.00@ 5.50
Choice cows	4.75@ 5.00
Common cows	2.00@ 4.00
Choice heifers	5.25@ 5.50
Choice bulls	4.50@ 4.75
Fair to good fat bulls	3.75@ 4.00
Common bulls	3.00@ 3.50
Choice light calves	7.75@ 8.00
Fair to good light calves	7.00@ 7.50
Choice to heavy calves	5.25@ 5.50
Fair to medium heavy calves	4.75@ 5.00
Choice stags	5.25@ 5.50
Fair to good stags	4.00@ 5.00
Hogs—	
Choice light	8.25@ 8.50
Good to choice	8.00@ 8.25
Choice heavy	7.75@ 8.00
Sheep—	
Choice yearling wethers, grain fed	4.50@ 4.
Choice yearling wethers, grain fed	4.50@ 4.85
Old wethers	4.00@ 4.25
Choice ewes, grain fed	3.50@ 4.15
Fair to medium ewes, grain fed	2.75@ 3.25
Choice lambs, grain fed	5.25@ 5.50
Good to choice, grain fed	5.00@ 5.25
Fair to good	4.75@ 5.00
Culls	2.50@ 3.50

Current prices in the horse market follow: Extra heavy drafters, $300@500; 1400 to 1600 pounds, $160@350; 1200 to 1400 pounds, $100@250; chunks, $80@150; drivers, $75 up; saddlers, $60 up; plugs, $10@40.

Eastern Livestock Prices.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Cattle—Estimated receipts, 25,000. Market, steady. Beeves, $5.15@6.85; Texas steers, $4.45@5.60; Western steers, $4.75@5.85; stockers and feeders, $4.00@5.75; cows and heifers, $2.60@5.85; calves, $6.25@8.50.

Hogs—Estimated receipts 60,000. Market, dull to 10c lower. Light, $6.70@7.00; mixed, $6.50@6.90; heavy, $6.40@6.80; rough, $6.40@6.65; good to choice heavy, $6.65@6.80; bulk of sales, $6.65@6.80.

Sheep—Estimated receipts, 21,000. Market, steady. Native, $3.00@5.15; Western, $3.25@5.10; yearlings, $4.75@5.65; lambs, native, $5.00@6.50; Western, $5.25@6.60.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Coffee futures closed barely steady at a net decline of 2@10 points. Sales, 19,250 bags. March, 10.15c; April, 10.49c; May, 10.32c; June, 10.47c; July, 10.12c; August, 10.28c; September, 10.12c; October, 10.13c; November, 9.97c; December, January and February, 9.89c.

Spot quiet, nominal. No. 7 Rio, 12⅝c; Santos No. 4, 13⅝c. Mild coffee dull; Cordova, 13½@15¾c.

Raw sugar firm; Muscovado, 89 test, 3.36c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.86c; molasses, 89 test, 3.11c. Refined sugar, steady.

ABSORB ALL OFFERINGS

STOCK MARKET STRONG IN FACE OF OBSTACLES.

Steel, Reading, Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific Are Leaders in the Advance.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The suddenly acquired strength which late last Saturday changed a slow, dropping stock market into an unexpectedly firm one was shown today in advances which were scored in the face of various obstacles, chief among which were the large offerings made on any considerable advances, and uncertainty as to whether the Supreme Court would decide the anti-trust cases today.

Gains of about a point were made by many of the important issues. Offerings were large enough to force a quick recession, however, and the market fell into a state of coma. When it became known that the rulings were not to be made today, the market grew very active and prices advanced materially in a few minutes, but stocks were again sold freely enough to check the rise. Prices receded and trading was dull until the last hour, when the best figures of the day were established.

United States Steel, Reading, Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific were leaders in the advance. Canadian Pacific equalled its high record made last week.

Western roads reported a slight relaxation in traffic. Pittsburg reported the iron and steel export business unusually active.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,364,000. United States 2s and 4s registered declined ¼ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Allis Chal pf	200	32½	32	32
Amal Copper	9,000	64⅝	63¾	64⅝
Am Agricult	2,300	58⅜	57⅝	57⅝
Am Beet Sugar	3,300	46	45	45½
American Can	300	9⅝	9⅜	9⅝
Am Car & Fdy	400	54¼	53½	54½
Am Cotton Oil	400	60⅜	60	60
Am Hd & Lt pf	.....	.....	.....	23
Am Ice Securi	100	24⅛	24⅛	23⅝
Am Linseed	.....	.....	.....	11
Am Locomotive	200	39¼	39	39
Am Smel & Ref	3,300	76⅝	75½	76⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	104
Am Steel Fdy	200	47½	47½	47½
Am Sugar Ref	2,700	120⅝	119	120⅝
Am Tel & Tel	2,000	146½	145⅞	146⅝
Am Tobacco pf	200	98	97½	97½
Am Woolen	1,700	36¼	35½	35½
Anaconda M Co	300	39	39	38¾
Atchison	10,200	109⅛	107⅞	108⅝
do preferred	200	102½	102½	102½
Atl Coast Line	.....	.....	.....	120¾
Bal & Ohio	600	103⅞	103¼	103½
Bethlehem Steel	100	32½	32½	32¾
Brook R Tran	2,500	77⅞	77½	77⅝
Canadian Pac	3,100	218¾	218⅜	218¾
Central Leather	100	29⅜	29⅜	29½
do preferred	200	99½	99½	99½
Central of N J	.....	.....	.....	270
Ches & Ohio	4,200	83¼	82⅝	83
Chicago & Alton	.....	.....	.....	24¾
Chi Gt W new	100	21⅜	21¼	21½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	44
Chicago & N W	200	145½	144½	144½
C. M & St Paul	9,000	122⅝	121¼	122½
C. C. C & St L	.....	.....	.....	58
Col Fuel & Iron	.....	.....	.....	32¾
Col & South	200	54¼	54	54
Consol Gas	6,900	144½	143¼	144¼
Corn Products	300	14⅛	14⅛	14
Del & Hudson	100	168	168	167½
D & R Grande	500	32	31⅝	32
do preferred	100	70⅝	70½	70
Distillers' Securi	300	36⅝	36½	36⅝
Erie	1,700	29⅜	28¾	29⅛
do 1st pf	1,400	48⅛	47⅝	48
do 2d pf	100	37½	37½	37¼
Gen Electric	100	149½	149⅛	149
Gt North pf	3,100	127½	126⅝	127¼
Gt North Ore	1,600	61⅜	60	61¼
Illinois Central	100	135	135	134
Interbor Met	1,200	19⅜	19½	19⅜
do preferred	3,600	55¼	54½	54⅝
Inter Harvester	400	117⅞	117	117
Inter Marine pf	300	17	16⅝	16⅝
Int Paper	200	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝
Int Pump	200	41⅜	41	41¼
Iowa Central	.....	.....	.....	16⅝
K C Southern	900	35	35	34
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	68
Laclede Gas	300	111⅝	111¾	111¾
Louis & Nash	.....	.....	.....	144⅝
Minn & St L	400	24½	24	24
M. S P & S S M	1,300	148	147¾	147⅞
Mo, Kan & Tex	2,300	34½	33½	34
Mo Pacific	16,300	52⅞	51¾	52¼
Nat Biscuit	1,400	130½	129	129⅝
Nat Lead	.....	.....	.....	52½
Mex N Ry 2 pf	100	35½	35½	34⅞
N Y Central	4,000	108½	107⅝	108¼
N Y, Ont & Wes	200	41½	41½	41⅝
Norfolk & West	5,900	107⅝	106⅝	107½
North Am	.....	.....	.....	70
North Pacific	3,800	127¼	126⅝	126½
Pennsylvania	3,800	127⅛	126⅜	126⅝
People's Gas	1,200	106½	106	106⅝
P. C C & St L	500	98	97	98
Pittsburg Coal	600	21¾	21½	21½
Pressed S Car	500	33½	33¼	33½
Pull Pal Car	700	161½	161	160½
Ry Steel Spring	.....	.....	.....	33½
Reading	6,900	158⅛	156⅛	158
Republic Steel	.....	.....	.....	33½
do preferred	200	97⅜	97¼	97½
Rock Island Co	2,600	30½	29⅞	30⅜
do preferred	100	60¼	60⅜	60½
St L & S F 2 pf	200	42	41½	41⅜
St L Southwest	100	31½	31⅛	31⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	66⅝
Sloss Sheffield	100	52⅝	52⅝	53
Southern Pac	6,600	117⅝	116½	117⅛
Southern Ry	400	27	27	26⅝
do preferred	700	65	64⅝	64⅝
Tenn Copper	100	38¾	38¼	37⅝
Texas & Pac	.....	.....	.....	28⅝
Tol, St L & Wes	200	23⅝	23¼	22½
do preferred	400	51½	51⅛	51½
Union Pac	48,000	177½	173¾	176⅝
do preferred	100	91⅛	91⅛	91
U S Realty	.....	.....	.....	70½
U S Rubber	2,700	43¾	42	43
U S Steel	85,400	79¼	77⅝	79¼
do preferred	1,300	119¼	118⅝	119
Utah Copper	500	44⅝	44¼	44¼
Va-Caro Chem	9,300	66⅛	65⅝	66½
Wabash	100	17⅛	17⅛	17¼
do preferred	900	38⅝	37⅝	38¼
Western Md	.....	.....	.....	49⅝
Westing Elec	.....	.....	.....	67
West Union	700	72⅛	71⅝	72½
Wheel & L E	.....	.....	.....	4¼
Lehigh Valley	5,300	174⅛	172½	174

Total sales for the day, 373,900 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	101¼	N. Y. C. gn 3½s.	88 B
do coupon	101¼	No. Pacific 3s.	70¼ B
U. S. 3s reg.	101⅛	No. Pacific 4s.	99⅝ B
do coupon	101⅜	Union Pacific 4s.	100⅝
U. S. new 4s reg.	115	Wis. Central 4s.	92⅝
do coupon	115½	Japanese 4s	88
D. & R. G. 4s	92⅝		

Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, March 20.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	33½	Mohawk	43
Amalg. Copper	64½	Nev. Con. x-div.	18⅝
A. Z. L. & Sm.	25¼	Nipissing Mines	11
Arizona Com.	14¼	North Butte	20¼
Atlantic	4	North Lake	6
B & C C & S M.	12½	Old Dom. ex-div.	38
Butte Coalition	17½	Osceola	108
Cal. & Hecla	498 A	Parrott (S. & C.)	12½
Centennial	12½	Quincy	67½
Cop. Ran. C. Co.	64¾	Shannon	10⅝
E. Butte Cp. M.	12⅝	Superior	35½
Franklin	9¼	Sup & Bos Min.	4¾
Giroux Con.	6½	Sup & P Ex-div.	14
Granby Con.	33	Tamarack	40
Greene Cananea	6¼	U. S. S. R. & M.	35 A
I. Royale (Cop.)	12½	do preferred	47
Kerr Lake	6⅝	Utah Con.	14
Lake Copper	35	Winona	7½
La Salle Copper	4½	Wolverine	132
Miami Copper	19⅝	Miami Copper	19½

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Money on call, steady, 2@2¾ per cent; ruling rate, 2½ per cent; closing bid, 2¼ per cent; offered at 2¾ per cent.

Time loans, steady, dull; 60 days, 2¾ per cent; 90 days, 2¾ per cent; six months, 3¼ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8415@4.8420 for 60-day bills and at $4.8650 for demand.

Commercial bills, $4.83¼@4.83½.

Bar silver, 52⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 45c.

Government bonds, weak; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, March 20.—Bar silver, steady at 24¼d per ounce.

Money, 2¾@3 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅝ per cent; do for three months' bills, 2⅝@2⅞ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.84½; do sight, $4.86⅝. Drafts, sight, 4½c; telegraph, 7c.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Exchange on New York, par.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—At the beginning of business today the condition of the United States Treasury was:

Working balance in Treasury offices	$25,972,294
In banks and Philippine Treasury	31,546,565
Total balance in general fund	83,373,453
Ordinary receipts yesterday	3,245,849
Ordinary disbursements	2,174,091

The deficit to date this year is $4,432,-661, as against $22,421,136 at this time last year. These figures exclude Panama Canal and public debt transactions.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Evaporated apples firmly held, owing to light stocks; on the spot, fancy are quoted at 12½c; choice, 13c; prime, 12½c.

Prunes, firm, with a good jobbing demand; quotations from 3@12½c for Californias up to 30-40s, and 11@12c for Oregons from 60s to 20s.

Peaches in better demand; firmer. Choice, 7¾@7½c; extra choice, 7¾@8½c; fancy, 8¾@9c.

Grain Markets of the Northwest.

TACOMA, March 20.—Wheat: Bluestem, 83@84c; fortyfold, 81@82c; club, 82c; red Russian, 80c. Receipts, wheat 2 cars, hay 3 cars.

SEATTLE, March 20.—Milling quotations: Bluestem 85c, fortyfold 83c, club 82c, Fife 82c, red Russian 81c. Export wheat: Bluestem 82c fortyfold 80c, club 79c, Fife 79c, red Russian 78c.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, March 20.—Cargoes, firmer. Walla Walla, for shipment, at 34s. English country markets, generally 6d dearer; French country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, March 20.—Close: Wheat—March, 6s 9d; May, 6s 9⅝d; July, 6s 9⅝d. Weather, fine.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 20. — Wheat — May, 97⅞c; July, 98⅝@99c; September, 92⅝c. Cash, No. 1 hard, 99⅝c; No. 1 Northern, 98⅝@99⅝c; No. 2 Northern, 95⅝@98⅝c.

Duluth Flax Market.

DULUTH, March 20.—Flax on track and to arrive, $2.60; May, $2.60 asked.

SEE SAW MARKET

Wheat Speculation Hinges on Kansas Reports.

NET CHANGE UNIMPORTANT

Free Offerings at Liverpool From India, Russia and Argentina. Coarse Grains Decline at Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 20.—A see-saw movement in prices of wheat today left the market this evening just at the same point as Saturday night to ⅛@¼c below. Differing views in regard to the Kansas crop prospects led to a rise and then a decline. The first news at hand concerning Kansas wheat told of a serious outlook as to the western part of the state. Prospects of about 2,-000,000 acres there, it was alleged, were very poor. Dry weather, especially in the Canadian Northwest, had a tendency also to develop sentiment in favor of the bulls. Later in the session bears were encouraged by dispatches confirming previous optimistic ideas relative to the central portion of Kansas. Moreover, the world shipments exhibited had a big increase and there were reports of free and cheaper offerings at Liverpool from India, Russia and Argentina. One local trader let go of fully 1,000,000 bushels during the decline. Last sales were at nearly the bottom prices reached, but the final tone was firm. May ranged from 90¾@90⅞a to 91⅝c, closing ⅛@¼c off, at 91@91⅛c.

Longs took profit on corn and there was also some selling by commission-houses. May ranged between 49 and 49⅝c, with the close at 49@49⅛c, a net loss of ⅝c. Cash corn was easy. No. 2 yellow finished at 47½@48½c.

Oats sagged with corn after a little strength early. Low and high figures for May were 31⅛c and 31⅝c, with the price in the end ⅛@¼c down, at 31⅛c.

Heavy receipts of hogs resulted in much pressure in provisions. The outcome showed itself in a setback all around—pork 27½@37½c, lard 10@12½c to 15@17½c, and ribs 15@20c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$ .91¼	$ .91⅝	$ .90⅞	$ .91⅛
July	.90	.90½	.89½	.89⅞
Sept	.89⅞	.89⅞	.89¼	.89⅜
CORN.				
May	.49⅝	.49⅝	.49	.49⅛
July	.50⅝	.50⅝	.50⅛	.50⅛
Sept	.51⅝	.51⅝	.51⅛	.51⅛
OATS.				
May	.31⅝	.31⅝	.31⅛	.31
July	.31⅛	.31⅛	.31⅛	.31⅛
Sept	.31⅛	.31⅛	.31⅛	.31⅛
MESS PORK.				
May	16.90	16.90	16.65	16.67½
July	16.20	16.20	16.00	16.00
LARD.				
May	8.85	8.87½	8.75	8.75
July	8.77½	8.80	8.67½	8.72½
Sept	8.80	8.80	8.67½	8.70
SHORT RIBS.				
May	9.25	9.30	9.12½	9.12½
July	8.80	8.82½	8.70	8.70
Sept	8.75	8.77½	8.67½	8.67½

Flour—Neglected.

Rye—No. 2, 93c.

Barley—Feed or mixing, 60@78c; fair to choice malting, 91c@$1.02.

Flaxseed—No. 1 Southwestern, $2.54½; No. 1 Northwestern, $2.67½.

Timothy seed—$11.60@11.70.

Clover—$15.75.

Pork—Mess, per barrel, $17.75@18.25.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $8.67½.

Short ribs—Sides (loose), $8.50@9.12½.

Sides—Short, clear (boxed), $9.12½@9.25.

Grain statistics:

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 562,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 565,000 bushels, compared with 815,-000 bushels the corresponding day a year ago. The visible supply of wheat in the United States decreased 1,660,000 bushels for the week. The amount of breadstuff on ocean passage increased 2,176,000 bushels. Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 18 cars; corn, 528 cars; oats, 174 cars; hogs, 22,000 head.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	12,400	5,700
Wheat, bushels	150,000	4,000
Corn, bushels	526,700	95,600
Oats, bushels	169,200	141,300
Rye, bushels	1,000	....
Barley, bushels	58,500	10,100

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Wheat—Firm.

Barley—Firm.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping, $1.45@1.47½ per cental.

Barley—Feed, $1.20 per cental; brewing, $1.22½@1.27½.

Oats—Red, $1.20@1.30 per cental; white, nominal; black, $1.17½@1.20.

Call board sales:

Barley—December, $1.17¼ per cental bid, $1.17½ asked; May, $1.25 per cental.

Foreign Acreage and Crop Estimates.

ROME, March 20.—The International Institute of Agriculture has issued the following estimates of the area and production of wheat:

Place—	Area, acres.	Production, bushels.
Argentina	12,233,000	148,400,000
Chile	2,257,580	39,304,000
Australia	....	97,688,000
New Zealand	269,230	7,944,000

The area planted in the above countries was 97.9 per cent, and the yield 107.8 per cent, compared with the previous year. The area sown in Winter wheat follows:

Hungary, 741,000 acres; British India 28,-960,000 acres, Mexico 1,719,000 acres.

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