OLD SWINDLE TRIED

Joseph A. Feeny, Near-Victim of 'Spanish Prisoner' Trick.

CABLE TO MADRID SENT

Portland Man, However, on Receiving Bulky Instructions on How to Free Russian Banker, Visits District Attorney.

The ancient "Spanish prisoner" game almost caught another victim, when Joseph A. Feeny, of 6345 Foster Road, sent a cablegram to Madrid in response to the frantic appeal of the "wealthy Russian banker," supposed to be serving a sentence in a Spanish prison for manslaughter.

Mr. Feeny got a bulky reply with instructions to leave for Madrid at once. He read the reply and took it to District Attorney Evans' office.

"I've decided someone is trying to play a joke on me. I think I'll leave these things here," he said, and went away.

Copies of the "Russian banker's" appeal for help are common in all parts of the United States. The stock letter, which is sent in response to the cablegram, however, is rare, and District Attorney Evans says none has ever fallen into his hands before. When a "victim" goes that far he usually "falls" the rest of the way, or if he doesn't, he keeps quiet about it, because he does not want it known that he spent his perfectly good money to send a cablegram to Madrid.

Plight Is Described.

Old as it is, the Spanish prisoner "bunko" game may still need explaining. The first letter sent out from Madrid informs the recipient that he has been recommended as a man of good heart and one who will be trustworthy in an important mission. The Russian banker, in this case named Serge Solovieff, incloses a newspaper clipping which tells part of his story.

He absconded from St. Petersburg and went to America. He deposited $480,000 in a Chicago bank and took a certificate of deposit. He went back to Europe and found himself in Spain. There he met an old enemy, had a quarrel, and shot the man dead on the street. He was arrested, tried, and sentenced to prison for manslaughter. His luggage was still in the railway station accumulating storage charges and dust. His portmanteau, containing the precious certificate of deposit, is in the hands of some man who has a claim against it.

The Russian banker isn't anxious about himself. He cares only for his beautiful daughter. Will the kind Americans please procure the certificate of deposit, cash it, pay the daughter $320,000 and keep the $160,000 for his trouble? The mission requires secrecy.

Directions Given for Journey.

The first letter contains a request that the recipient cable to a certain mysterious address in Madrid.

The second letter, sent in response to the cablegram, further elucidates the situation. It contains a long list of directions for the journey to Madrid. It contains an official-looking document purporting to be the Russian banker's commitment papers. It contains a long letter explaining many things and expressing many thanks. The kind American must send a cablegram when he reaches New York and another when he gets to Gibraltar. Also, he should bring along $3000 to pay the bad man who is keeping the Russian bankers' portmanteau. The certificate of deposit is in a secret pocket of this portmanteau.

To make the second letter even more impressive a number of Spanish newspaper clippings which might or might not have a bearing on the case are thrown in for good measure.

Needless to say, the $3000 which the kind American pays to the man to get the portmanteau is the key to the whole situation.

Mr. Evans has filed for reference the new series of letters.

BIG MINING PROJECT BEGUN

Smelter and Railroad Planned to Work Copper Near Wenatchee.

WENATCHEE, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—The construction of 26 miles of railroad at an approximate cost of $20,000 a mile, the erection of a big smelter, the employment of hundreds of men and the expenditure of thousands of dollars in the development of one of the greatest bodies of low-grade copper ore in the world are contemplated by the owners of the famed Holden mine, located 12 miles up Railroad Creek on Lake Chelan.

The Holden mine is under control of J. P. Graves and associates of Spokane. A great deal of development work has been done on the Holden mine and it is stated by mining authorities that enough ore has been blocked out to keep the smelter steadily engaged for many years. The ore is low-grade but with treatment would pay enormous returns.

AUTOS DISPROVE WARNING

Motorists Using Roads Mr. Bowlby Said Are Impassable.

ALBANY, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding State Highway Engineer Bowlby's statement that roads through the Willamette Valley will not be passable until June 1, automobile parties are now passing through this city daily. Six auto parties, who were making a journey through the valley, were registered at one hotel here yesterday and there are almost as many some other days.

People here are also using roads in all directions for motoring. Practically every car in the city and the surrounding country was out last Sunday, the roads being full of cars.

$1000 RAISED FOR CANNERY

Output of Hoke Plant to Be Four Times That of Last Year.

MEDFORD, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—The campaign for funds for the Hoke cannery has succeeded beyond all expectations. The committee announced today that $1000 had been secured and an order already has been sent in for the new machinery.

The Hoke cannery was established last year by local merchants and the first season was so successful that an enlarged plant was found necessary. The output will be four times as great this year as it was last.

NEW MURDER TRIAL FACED

Leavenworth Man Arraigned for Second Killing in Courtroom.

WENATCHEE, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Harry E. Carr, of Leavenworth, convicted February 12 of murder in the second degree for the shooting of J. C. Parsons in the courtroom at Cashmere, yesterday was arraigned on the charge of murder in the first degree for the shooting of C. D. Franklin, which occurred at the same time as the Parsons shooting December 7, while Franklin was being tried for indecent assault on a little girl. Carr pleaded not guilty, with insanity as a defense.

On the morning of February 12, after a dramatic trial lasting three days, which had aroused intense interest all over the county on account of the prominence of the principals, the jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree against Carr on the charge of shooting Parsons. The defense attempted to prove that Carr, owing to mental strain, which he had undergone before the shooting, was temporarily deranged or insane at the time of the shooting, but has since recovered.

MORE STOCK OFFERED

IMPROVEMENT IN VOLUME OF TRADE AT YARDS.

Good Light Hogs Bring $7.45, Nickel Better Than on Preceding Day—Cattle Steady.

There was a little more activity at the stockyards yesterday than on the two preceding days, but business still continues quiet.

There were no developments of importance in the market. A small load of hogs sold at $7.45, a nickel better than Wednesday's price, but most of the sales were at $7.40. The best steers on sale brought $7.25 and $7.25. No sheep or lambs were disposed of.

Receipts were 189 cattle, 1 calf, 297 hogs and 342 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle—Carl A. Johnson, Woodlawn, Wash., 1 car.

With hogs—A. Atkins, Grooscup, 1 car; J. W. Stix, The Dalles, 1 car.

With sheep—R. N. Stanfield, Buhl, Idaho, 1 car.

With mixed loads—W. W. Smith, Corvallis, 1 car hogs and sheep; C. E. Lucke, Estacada, 1 car cattle and hogs; same, Canby, 1 car hogs and sheep; H. G. Chamberlain, Goodhue, 2 cars cattle and hogs; E. T. Slayton, Terrebonne, 4 cars cattle and calves; W. O. Minor, Heppner, 1 car cattle and hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
1 cow	750	$5.85	3 hogs	114	$6.75
20 steers	922	7.50	1 bull	1280	5.25
9 steers	962	8.25	1 bull	1370	4.00
3 steers	797	6.75	1 cow	720	6.35
2 steers	935	7.20	1 cow	1050	5.00
1 bull	1030	4.25	4 cows	1110	6.25
7 hogs	218	7.40	1 cow	1050	6.25
89 hogs	201	7.40	1 cow	1250	6.25
1 hog	124	6.25	1 cow	980	5.00
40 hogs	176	7.40	1 steer	780	6.50
65 hogs	220	7.40	5 steers	61118	7.25
19 hogs	157	7.40	1 steer	1020	7.25

Prices current at the local stockyards on the various classes of stock:

Best steers	$7.25@7.75
Choice steers	7.00@7.25
Medium steers	6.75@7.00
Choice cows	6.00@6.50
Medium cows	5.00@5.75
Heifers	5.00@6.25
Bulls	3.50@6.00
Stags	5.00@6.25
Hogs—	
Light	6.50@7.45
Heavy	5.90@6.90
Sheep—	
Wethers	7.00@7.75
Ewes	6.00@6.75
Lambs	7.50@9.00

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 25.—Hogs—Receipts 15,800, lower. Heavy, $6.35@6.50; light, $6.40@6.55; pigs, $5.60@6.25; bulk of sales, $6.35@6.45.

Cattle—Receipts 2000, strong. Native steers, $6.25@8; cows and heifers, $5@6.75; Western steers, $6@7.60; Texas steers, $5.80@7.20; cows and heifers, $4.75@6.50; calves, $7@9.75.

Sheep—Receipts 5000, steady. Yearlings, $8.50@9; wethers, $7.50@8; lambs, $5@9.90.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Hogs—Receipts 23,000, dull, shade under yesterday's average. Bulk, $6.55@6.65; light, $6.45@6.70; mixed, $6.45@6.70½; heavy, $6.20@6.70; rough, $6.20@6.35; pigs, $5.35@6.20.

Cattle—Receipts 3000, firm. Native steers, $5.85@8.80; Western, $5.35@7.40; cows and heifers, $3@7.75; calves, $6.50@10.

Sheep—Receipts 10,000, slow. Sheep, $7.10@8.15; yearlings, $7.85@9.15; lambs, $7.50@9.85.

JOHNSON DUE AT HOQUIAM

Representative to Stop Over Before Trip to Hawaii.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Representative Johnson is expected home the last of the week or the first of next from Washington, D. C., having returned by way of California, where he attended the expositions at San Diego and San Francisco. He will remain at Hoquiam for about a month.

On April 27 Congressman and Mrs. Johnson will leave San Francisco as members of the party made up by the territories committee of Congress for a visit to Hawaii. Mr. Johnson is the Republican member of the committee. The party will return about June 1 from the islands.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, March 25.—Maximum temperature, 58.3 degrees; minimum, 42.8. River reading, 8 A. M., 3.1 feet; change in last 24 hours, 1 inch rise. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), none; total rainfall since September 1, 1914, 28.04 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 35.78 inches; deficiency, 12.74 inches. Total sunshine, 8 hours and 42 minutes; possible sunshine, 12 hours and 26 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) 5 P. M., 29.80 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 24 hours	Wind. Velocity	Wind. Direction	State of Weather
Baker	46	0.00	8	NW	Pt. cloudy
Boise	56	0.00	6	N	Cloudy
Boston	60	0.00	10	SW	Cloudy
Calgary	24	0.00	6	SE	Clear
Chicago	44	0.01	10	NE	Cloudy
Colfax	54	0.00	8	N	Clear
Denver	34	0.00	24	NW	Snow
Des Moines	52	0.06	12	N	Cloudy
Duluth	22	0.00	12	NW	Clear
Eureka	54	0.00			Cloudy
Galveston	66	0.00	14	SE	Clear
Helena	20	0.00	12	N	Snow
Jacksonville	68	0.00	4	SE	Clear
Kansas City	40	0.02	24	N	Cloudy
Los Angeles	64	0.00	10	SW	Pt. cloudy
Marshfield	56	0.02	6	W	Clear
Medford	58	0.00	4	N	Pt. cloudy
Minneapolis	26	0.00	22	NW	Clear
Montreal	46	0.14	12	SW	Rain
New Orleans	72	0.00	10	SW	Clear
New York	56	0.00	20	SW	Cloudy
North Head	56	0.00	12	NW	Clear
North Yakima	54	0.00	16	SE	Pt. cloudy
Pendleton	56	0.00	6	W	Clear
Phoenix	78	0.00	4	NW	Cloudy
Pocatello	48	0.00	4	N	Cloudy
Portland	*58	0.00	20	E	Clear
Roseburg	60	0.00	6	NW	Pt. cloudy
Sacramento	62	0.00	16	SW	Cloudy
St. Louis	50	0.00	10	N	Cloudy
Salt Lake	60	0.00	14	SE	Cloudy
San Francisco	62	0.00	14	SW	Cloudy
Seattle	60	0.00	12	N	Pt. cloudy
Spokane	44	0.00	12	NE	Clear
Tacoma	58	0.00	14	E	Clear
Tatoosh Island	56	0.00	20	E	Clear
Walla Walla	56	0.00	4	SE	Cloudy
Washington	62	0.00	4	W	Cloudy
Winnipeg	16	0.00	18	NW	Clear

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A well-defined depression is central over Northern Utah and a large high-pressure area overlies the Dakotas. Light snow has fallen in Southern Montana, Wyoming, Eastern Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, and rain has fallen in portions of Missouri and the Middle Atlantic States. It is much colder in the Plain States and the Upper Mississippi Valley and correspondingly warmer in the South Atlantic States.

The conditions are favorable for fair weather in this district Friday except in Southern and Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho, where cloudiness will increase and probably be followed by showers.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Friday, fair; northerly winds.

Oregon—Friday, showers south and east portion, fair northern portion; northerly winds.

Washington—Friday, fair; northerly winds.

Idaho—Friday, showers south, fair north portion.

EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.

*A maximum wind velocity of 26 miles from the east occurred in Portland at 3:55 P. M.

LEATHER IS WEAKER

Market Is Now in Process of Readjustment.

EXPORT TRADE CHECKED

Hide Values Are Affected and Declines Are Under Way—If War Continues, Buying by Europe May Be Resumed.

The market for all kinds of leather, as well as hides, continues weak and prices seem to be in the process of adjustment to the new conditions. The boom brought about by large purchases of leather by European governments during the latter part of last year has passed. During the late Fall and early Winter months, large contracts were made in the United States by several of the European governments for many different varieties of leather goods suitable for military use, and there was also unusually heavy buying of leather by individuals abroad, especially those located in Great Britain. This great increase in foreign trade caused such demand for certain lines of leather, particularly heavy shoe upper, strap, bag, collar, saddlery skirting and harness, that prices advanced to a point almost beyond the reach of domestic users, and now that the foreign inquiry has practically ceased tanners are commencing to realize that unless there is a resumption of European buying on an extensive scale values must return to a more normal level.

Along with the rapid advance in leather hide prices rose in proportion and tanners fear that on the downward swing of the market material losses will have to be sustained on hides worked up at the high prices. During the past five or six weeks American hide prices have declined from 2c to 2½c, but that tanners consider the market as still too high is evidenced by the fact that only small scattering sales are effected.

Of late there has been some trouble regarding deliveries of leather military equipment to Great Britain on contracts made late last year and numerous shipments from Western factories of these goods have been rejected by the English government agents in New York, despite the fact that they had been passed by factory inspectors appointed by the British government.

Buying for European account is probably not at an end but it is doubtful if the high prices of last Winter are restored. Dun's Review believes that if the war in Europe is to continue for any length of time there can be no doubt but that American leather will be needed for army shoes and other military equipment, but that there will be any such scramble or any such prices paid as was the case during the early stages of the conflict is extremely doubtful. Most of the European belligerents are in a more favorable position now to produce a good part of their supplies than was the case formerly and the different countries have also made better arrangements for buying abroad. Go-betweens and fat commissions have been largely eliminated and in most cases responsible parties have been appointed as agents who are in a position to see not only that the buyers receive the right quality and kind of goods they desire, but that prices will not be on an extravagant basis.

ACTIVE APPLE SEASON IS PLANNED

North Pacific Fruit Distributors Will Maintain Organization.

Announcement is made by the North Pacific Fruit Distributors that the organization will be maintained, notwithstanding the withdrawal of the Apple Growers' Association of Hood River.

The Hood River association has given no official notice to the Distributors of its intent to leave the fold, but the Distributors' board of trustees has been meeting in Spokane for several days and, it is stated, has been proceeding on the assumption that such action will be taken and also that H. F. Davidson, of Hood River, will retire from the presidency next month in conformity with an announcement recently made by him.

The trustees present at the Distributors' meeting were firm in their determination to maintain the organization and go ahead with new plans for the coming year.

"A number of problems that have hitherto perplexed us were worked out at the meeting," said J. H. Robbins, general manager of the Distributors. "Some of these problems have been referred to the executive committee to put into definite form for presentation at the next board meeting, April 6. While it is not thought advisable to intimate the direction these plans will take just now, we can say that they are designed to effect greater unity, simplicity, economy and efficiency. They are based in a large measure upon the two years' actual experience of the Distributors."

ARGENTINE WOOL PRICES ARE RECORD

This Year's Clip of Republic Will Produce $19,000,000.

According to La Prensa of Buenos Aires the 1915 wool clip of Argentina will yield 85,000 bales, which, if current prices are obtained, will produce $19,000,000 United States currency. Never in the business history of these countries has wool realized such high prices as are now being paid, due entirely to the urgent need for this raw material in certain of the countries engaged in the war in Europe. Although this year the wool clip is less in quantity than last year, its greater value compensates for this shrinkage, so that the proceeds should amount to about the same as last year's.

The highest price paid for wool in the Sydney market this season was established yesterday, says the Sydney Herald of February 18, when 15½ shillings (31 cents) per pound was realized for six bales of crossbred. Merino wool usually takes pride of place in quality, quantity and price, but the war has placed crossbred wool on a far higher plane than it previously occupied. This season's previous record price was 15¼ shillings (30¼ cents) paid for merino wool, obtained for the leading lines of two or three famous clips. Yesterday that was superseded by the 15½ shillings (31 cents) for six bales of the WLS brand, a fine, bright, and light crossbred hogget wool.

HALF CENT DECLINE IN CHEESE

First Change Announced in Tillamook Prices This Year.

Cheese prices were reduced half a cent yesterday by Tillamook manufacturers. The new f. o. b. Portland quotation on flats is 14½ cents. This is the first change announced in cheese prices this year. Increased production is given as the reason for the decline.

The butter market is firm for fresh city creamery, which is scarce. The make has not yet begun to increase and the Sound markets are holding steady.

There are indications of a decline in egg prices in the near future. Some of the large storers have ceased buying. Case count sales were reported yesterday at 19 and 19¼ cents.

Poultry was firm, with a good demand and a light supply. Country killed meats were steady.

POTATO STOCKS ARE MUCH REDUCED

Fair Movement in Storage Apples—Vegetables From California.

The steamer Great Northern brought a liberal supply of California vegetables, chiefly asparagus, peas, radishes and parsley. There was a good demand for asparagus, which was steady at 8 to 12½ cents.

Storage apples are moving fairly well and it is expected now they will clean up, as there are not many good apples left in the Northwest outside of storage.

Choice Oregon potatoes are becoming very scarce and the market is firmer. Buyers are paying 1 cent in the country for the best. There is a moderate trade with California. Among local arrivals yesterday was a car each from Yakima, Spokane and Idaho.

NO WHEAT SALES AT THE EXCHANGE

Only Transactions Reported Are in Oats and Millfeed.

There were no transactions in the local wheat market yesterday. The only sales at the Merchants' Exchange were 400 tons of May oats at $34 and 100 tons of May bran at $24. The last sale of May oats was on Tuesday and the price was the same. The millfeed deal was the first since March 10, when spot bran brought $25.

There was no demand for wheat at recent prices. Bids for all deliveries were reduced from 1 to 6 cents, except for May Fife, which was unchanged. It was April Fife that scored the heaviest loss.

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

Portland—	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Today	6	1	2	....	6
Year ago	12	1	6	2	6
Season to date	15,266	1853	1732	1823	1719
Year ago	14,693	2210	2270	1448	2309
Tacoma—Wed.	5	4	....	....	7
Year ago	2	2	....	....	1
Season to date	8,512	521	....	671	2789
Year ago	7,974	676	....	405	2063
Seattle—Tues.	12	....	....	8	4
Year ago	9	4	....	1	6
Season to date	7,058	1018	1892	1030	4828
Year ago	6,147	975	1675	1190	4319

Sugar Prices Quoted Higher.

According to announcement made, sugar prices were restored to the refinery basis yesterday, which is 25 cents above the previous jobbers' list. The Eastern market was firm.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday was as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,539,991	$150,810
Seattle	1,404,401	113,530
Tacoma	310,954	66,083
Spokane	463,546	51,827

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

Prompt delivery:

Wheat—	Bid.	Ask.
Bluestem	$ 1.30	$ 1.34
Fortyfold	1.29	1.34
Club	1.29	1.32
Red Russian	1.20	1.27½
Red fife	1.20	1.30
Oats—		
No. 1 white feed	31.75	35.00
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	25.00	26.00
Bran	22.25	24.50
Shorts	23.00	25.00
Futures—		
April bluestem	1.32	1.34
May bluestem	1.35	1.36
April fortyfold	1.30	1.34
May fortyfold	1.32	1.36
April club	1.29	1.32
May club	1.30	1.34
April red Russian	1.21	1.25
May red Russian	1.25	1.30
April red fife	1.20	1.30
May red fife	1.27	1.32
April oats	32.50	33.25
May oats	33.75	34.00
April feed barley	25.25	26.00
May feed barley	25.50	26.50
April bran	22.75	24.50
May bran	23.75	24.25

FLOUR—Patents, $7 a barrel; straights, $6.50; whole wheat, $7.20; graham, $7.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $26.50 per ton; shorts, $28.50; rolled barley, $31 @32.

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

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $14@15; valley timothy, $12@12.50; grain hay, $10@12; alfalfa, $12.50@13.50.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $2@2.50 per box; lemons, $3@3.75 per box; bananas, 4½c per pound; grapefruit, $3@4.25; pineapples, 6c per pound; tangerines, $1.25@1.75 per box; blood oranges, $1.50 per box.

VEGETABLES — Cucumbers, hothouse, $1.50 per dozen; peppers, 30@35c per pound; artichokes, 75c per dozen; tomatoes, $5 per crate; cabbage, 1½@2½c per pound, celery, $4.50 per crate; cauliflower, $2 per crate; sprouts, 8@8c per pound; head lettuce, $2.25 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 75c @$1 per box; spinach, 60@75c per box; rhubarb, 5@6c pound; asparagus, 8@12½c per pound; eggplant, 30c per pound; peas, 10@15c per pound.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, 50c@$1.50 per box; cranberries, $11@12 per barrel.

POTATOES—Oregon, $1@1.35 per sack; Yakima, $1@1.25; new potatoes, 10c per pound; sweet potatoes, 2½c per pound.

ONIONS — Oregon, selling price, $1 per sack, country points.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, $1.25 per sack; beets, $1.50 per sack; parsnips, $1.25 per sack; turnips, $1.75 per sack.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 19@19½c; candled, 20c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, large, 15½@16c; hens, ordinary, 15@15½c; broilers, 18@20c; turkeys, dressed, 20c; live, 15c; ducks, 12@13c; geese, 9@10c.

BUTTER—Creamery, prints, extras, 29½c per pound in case lots; ½c more in less than case lots; cubes, 25c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbers' buying price, 14½c per pound, f. o. b. dock, Portland, Young Americas, 15½c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 11½@12c per pound.

PORK—Block, 10c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON — Columbia River one-pound talls, $2.30 per dozen; half-pound flats, $1.50; one-pound flats, $2.90; Alaska pink, one-pound talls, $1.05.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15@24c per pound; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 15@24c; almonds, 23@24c; peanuts, 6¾c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; pecans, 19@20c; chestnuts, 10c.

BEANS—Small white, 6½c; large white, 6¼c; Lima, 6½c; pink, 5@6c; Mexican, 6½c; bayou, 6½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 18½@33½c.

SUGAR — Fruit and berry, $6.70; beet, $6.50; extra C, $6.20; powdered, in barrels, $6.95; cubes, barrels, $7.10.

SALT—Granulated, $15.50 per ton; half ground, 100s, $10.75 per ton; 50s, $11.50 per ton; dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 6¼@6¾c; broken, 4c per pound; Japan style, 5@5¼c.

DRIED FRUITS — Apples, 8c per pound; apricots, 13@15c; peaches, 5c; prunes, Italians, 8@9c; raisins, loose Muscatels, 8c; unbleached Sultanas, 7½c; seeded, 8@9c; dates, Persian, 10c per pound; fard, $1.65 per box; currants, 8¾@12c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS — 1914 crop, nominal; contracts, nominal.

HIDES—Salted hides, 14½c; salted kip, 14½c; salted calf, 18c; green hides, 13c; green kip, 14½c; green calf, 18c; dry hides, 25c; dry calf, 27c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, coarse, 22@25c; Eastern Oregon, fine, 18@20c; Valley, 29c, nominal.

MOHAIR—New clip, 28@30c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 4½c per pound.

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 15c; dry short-wooled pelts, 12c; dry shearings, each, 10c; salted shearings, each, 15@25c; dry goats, long hair, each, 15c; dry goat shearings, each, 10@20c; salted sheep pelts, March, $1@2 each.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, 17½@18½c; skinned, 17@18c; picnic, 12c; cottage roll, 13½c; broiled, 19@28c.

BACON—Fancy, 27@28c; standard, 23@24c; choice, 17½@22c; strips, 17½c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 13@15½c; exports, 15@17c; plates, 11½@12c.

LARD—Tierce basis: Kettle rendered, 12½c; standard, 12c; compound, 8¾c.

BARREL GOODS—Mess beef, $23; plate beef, $24.50; brisket pork, $28.50; pickled pigs'feet, $12.50; tripe, $9.50@11.00; tongues, $25@30.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; special drums or barrels, 13½c; cases, 17½@20½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 12c; cases, 19c; engine distillate, drums, 7½c; cases, 14½c; naptha, drums, 11c; cases, 18c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 75c; raw, cases, 80c; boiled, barrels, 77c; boiled, cases, 82c.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 60c; in cases, 67c; 10-case lots, 1c less.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Evaporated apples quiet. Prunes dull and easy. Peaches quiet and steady.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Hops quiet.

A hobby is a man's best asset right up to the time it gets him into an asylum.

HIGH RECORDS MADE

Wall Street Stock Prices Continue to Advance.

ACTIVE ISSUES IN LEAD

Another Million in Gold Is Engaged at Ottawa—Foreign Exchange Markets Are Firmer—Bond List Is Also Higher.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Dealings in stocks contracted considerably today, but prices continued to forge ahead, numerous new high records for the year being scored. The advance included many representative shares in the railroad class, such as Atchison, Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Louisville & Nashville, these showing gains of 1 to 2 points at their best.

Union Pacific retained its leadership with a substantial advance over its high price of the previous session, and Southern Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio and a few stocks in the international list also went to higher levels. Offerings for foreign account were a factor and probably a restraining influence, particularly in Union Pacific and United States Steel. Sales through London thus far this week are estimated at as much as 50,000 shares, but the liquidation which was feared on London acceptance of this market's minimum prices has not yet materialized.

Other strong points in today's trading included the anthracite shares, Canadian Pacific and minor issues like those comprising the former Gould groups. Industrials and specialties were comparatively inconspicuous, the metal stock falling to make further response to another advance in the price of copper to 15¾ cents. Final prices were mostly under the top level, but the understone lost little of its firmness.

Withdrawal of one of the most prominent financial institutions from the exchange market contributed greater strength in quoted rates on almost all foreign markets.

Another $1,000,000 gold was engaged at Ottawa and $500,000 additional gold was taken from Japan's store of the yellow metal. The gold inflow from Canada, largest of any week in over a year, was reflected in the weekly statement of the Bank of England, which reported a bullion loss of over $1,000,000.

The Atchison system contributed a noteworthy statement of earnings for February, showing a net gain of about $750,000.

Total sales of stocks amounted to 443,900 shares.

Bonds were more active and higher. Total sales, par value, aggregated $2,909,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Alaska Gold	1,800	34½	34½	34½
Amal Copper	2,200	62½	61½	61½
Am Beet Sugar	6,800	44½	43½	44½
American Can	3,700	30¾	29½	29½
Am Smel & Ref	7,400	68¾	67¾	67¾
do preferred		....	....	103¾
Am Sugar Ref	2,300	103¾	103¼	103
Am Tel & Tel	800	122	121½	121¾
Am Tobacco	200	224¼	224	223¼
Anaconda Min	8,200	29	28	28¼
Atchison	7,400	99½	95¼	98½
Balt & Ohio	2,500	71¼	70¼	71
Brook R Tran	5,000	89¾	88¼	88¾
Cal Petroleum	500	16¾	16¼	16¼
Canadian Pac	2,200	162¼	160¾	161
Central Leather	3,100	35¾	34¾	34¾
Ches & Ohio	400	44¼	44	43¼
Chi Gt Western	500	11¾	11¾	11½
C, M & St Paul	....	....	....	89½
Chicago & N W	100	125¾	125¾	125¾
Chino Copper	7,600	38	36¾	37¾
Col Fuel & Iron	700	27¾	27¾	27¾
Col & Southern	....	....	....	25
D & R Grande	....	....	....	5½
do preferred	....	....	....	19¾
Distillers' Secur	....	....	....	8¾
Erie	6,900	24	23¾	23¾
General Elec	....	....	....	141¾
Gt North pf	2,200	118¾	117¾	117¾
Gt North Ore	10,900	34¾	33¾	33¾
Guggenheim Ex	700	52	51½	51
Illinois Central	....	....	....	107
Interboro Met pf	1,100	62½	61½	61¾
Inspiration Cop	4,200	23¼	22¾	23¼
Inter Harvester	....	....	....	92¾
K C Southern	200	23	22¾	23
Lehigh Valley	2,800	23	22¾	23
Louis & Nash	200	115	115	116
Mex Petroleum	4,500	70¾	69½	69½
Miami Copper	2,700	23¾	23¼	23¼
Mo, Kan & Tex	1,200	12¾	12¾	12¾
Mo Pacific	9,100	12½	11	11½
Nat Biscuit	600	123	122	122½
National Lead	8,800	58½	57½	57½
Nevada Copper	6,000	12¾	12½	12½
N Y Central	4,200	86	85	85
N Y, N H & H	12,500	57½	54	56½
Norfolk & West	....	....	....	102½
Northern Pac	3,500	105½	105	105¾
Pac Tel & Tel	....	....	....	28
Pennsylvania	2,400	106¾	106¼	106¾
Pull Pal Car	200	151½	151½	151
Ray Con Copper	2,800	19¼	18¾	18¾
Reading	51,500	147¾	145¼	145¼
Republic I & S	1,000	21¾	21¼	21
Rock Island Co	200	5	½	½
do preferred	500	1	1	¾
St L & S F 2 pf	....	....	....	5¼
Southern Pac	....	....	....	89½
Southern Ry	1,400	16½	16¼	16¾
Tenn Copper	300	30	29¾	29¾
Texas Company	500	134½	133¾	134
Union Pacific	47,000	126	124¾	125
do preferred	....	....	....	89½
U S Steel	40,300	49	47½	48¾
do preferred	700	106	105¾	105
Utah Copper	6,600	56¾	55¾	56½
Wabash pf	300	2	2	2
Western Union	1,000	64¾	64	64½
Westing Elec	1,500	72¾	72	72¾

Total sales for the day, 443,900 shares.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg.	98½	N Y C gen 3½s	79
U S ref 2s cou.	98¾	Nor Pacific 3s	64¾
U S 3s reg	101½	Nor Pacific 4s	92¼
U S 3s cou	101½	Union Pacific 4s	93¾
U S new 4s reg.	109½	S P Co 5s	98¼
U S new 4s cou.	110½		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Mercantile paper, 3½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, strong. Sixty-day bills, $4.7750; for cable, $4.0815; for demand, $4.7963.

Bar silver, 50½c.

Mexican dollars, 38½c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, strong.

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

Call money, steady; high, 2 per cent, low, 1¾ per cent; ruling rate, 2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closing bid, 1¾ per cent; offered at 2.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Mexican dollars, 37½c. Sterling, 60 days, $4.76¾; demand, $4.79½; cable, $4.80¾.

LONDON, March 25.—Bar silver, 23 13-16d per ounce. Money, 1@1¼ per cent. Discount rates—Short bills, 2¼@2¾ per c