WHEAT RISE HALTS

Government Action Checks Speculative Markets.

FORMER PRICES HOLDING

Little Grain Is Now Available in Northwest—Oats and Barley Strong, With Local Sales at Higher Rates.

The upward course of the local wheat market met a check yesterday when the Eastern market broke on word that the Administration had taken steps to regulate commodity prices. At the Merchants' Exchange bids for bluestem were lowered 1 to 2 cents, while offers for other sorts of wheat were about unchanged from Thursday.

Stocks in the Northwest are so small, however, that it is likely values will hold unless some radical move is soon made by the authorities. In the meantime, there is a sharp Eastern demand for spot wheat, and the premium quoted yesterday was unchanged. Trading in the country was light, as but little wheat was offered. A sale of bluestem at an interior point at $2.25 was reported.

Oats were the strongest feature of the market. April and June bids were raised a quarter at the exchange, and there were sales made in the open market at $51. Spot barley was sold at $51.50 and $52.

No changes were announced in the flour or mill feed markets.

Argentine wheat shipments for the week were 246,000 bushels, against 3,224,000 bushels a year ago.

Russell's Commercial News said: "The question of the supply of wheat remaining in the country is extremely vital at the present moment. Taking the Government estimate of farm reserves and mill stocks, which were considerably below private estimates made at the same time, and the Chicago Trade Bulletin report of the visible supply, the total amount of wheat in the country on March 1 was 283,000,000 bushels, private statistics being 15,000,000 to 25,000,000 bushels higher. From this has been consumed domestic food for a month and a half, about 62,000,000 bushels; a month and a half of exports, say 18,000,000 bushels, and deducting 30,000,000 bushels for Spring wheat seed, would be 110,000,000 bushels accounted for. This is vs in the country at the present time 182,000,000 bushels, of which 37,000,000 bushels are in the visible. This supply is enough for food for two and a half months, say 105,000,000 bushels, leaving the balance as a surplus for export or carry over. The Canadian supply, after deducting food and seed requirements from the crop and the carry over and the exports to April 1, shows a total in that country over and above home requirements of about 70,000,000 bushels, of which 42,000,000 bushels are in sight in the visible supply."

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Fri..	27	....	4	3	3
Year ago....	10	....	14	1	3
Season to date.	4788	198	1271	2110	2261
Year ago....	9589	1302	1645	929	2241
Tacoma, Thurs.	14	....	1	1	5
Year ago....	9	....	....	....	5
Season to date.	5541	116	....	504	1760
Year ago....	6319	498	....	323	2109
Seattle, Thurs.	18	1	5	3	20
Year ago....	2	1	3	1	17
Season to date.	4577	807	1460	1098	8512
Year ago....	7330	1255	1881	922	8859

EGGS MAY NOW BE AT THE TOP

Lighter Buying for Storage Purposes Is Anticipated.

The egg market was higher yesterday with sales reported on the street at 35½@36 cents, case count. There were indications that the market has now gone as high as it can at this time. Speculators are exercising more caution in their purchases and a stoppage of buying for storage account would occasion no surprise. Southern and Eastern markets reacted yesterday, and in view of the steps taken by the Government to control food prices, a general break in speculative values is not improbable.

The butter market was weaker with very little movement in country creamery cubes even at the lower prices asked.

All lines of dressed meats and poultry continue firm with limited arrivals.

Potato Market Is Firm.

The potato market was strong with a better demand from California and also inquiry from the East. The price generally offered by buyers was $4 for good shipping stock.

The street was well supplied with vegetables and all lines were steady.

A large shipment of Los Angeles strawberries was received and sold fairly well at $2 a crate.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,345,552	$193,705
Seattle	3,289,420	723,849
Tacoma	389,442	54,194
Spokane	1,054,624	143,583

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session:

April delivery:

Wheat—	Bid.	Yr. ago.
Bluestem	$ 2.31	$ 1.00
Fortyfold	2.27	.90
Club	2.27	.88
Red Russian	2.25	.89
Oats—		
No. 1 white feed	50.00	25.25
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	51.50	26.00
Futures—		Bid.
May bluestem		$ 2.32
June bluestem		2.32
May fortyfold		2.28
June fortyfold		2.29
May club		2.27
June club		2.27
May Russian		2.26
June Russian		2.26
May oats		50.50
June oats		51.50
May barley		51.50
June barley		49.00

FLOUR—Patents, $11.20; straights, $10@10.40; Valley, $10.20; whole wheat, $11.40; graham, $11.20.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $37 per ton; shorts, $41 per ton; rolled barley, $53 per ton.

CORN—White, $62 per ton; cracked, $63 per ton.

HAY—Producers' prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, $24@26 per ton; Valley timothy, $18@20; alfalfa, $18@20; Valley grain hay, $16@18.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extras, 39½@40c; prime firsts, 38½c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 44c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 44c; No. 2, 42c.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook triplets, 24c; Young Americas, 25c per pound; longhorns, 24c. Coos and Curry, f. o. b. Myrtle Point: Triplets, 23½c; Young Americas, 24½c per pound; longhorns, 24c per pound.

EGGS — Oregon ranch, current receipts, 33½@34c per dozen; Oregon ranch, selects, 35c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 21@22c per pound; broilers, 30@40c; turkeys, 25@26c; ducks, 22@25c; geese, 15@16c.

VEAL—Fancy, 14@15c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 19c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $2.50@3.45; lemons, $3.50@4.50 per box; bananas, 5½c per pound; grapefruit, $3@6.25.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 85c@1.10 per dozen; tomatoes, $3.75 per crate; cabbage, 4½@6½c per pound; eggplant, 25c per pound; lettuce, $2.25@2.75; cucumbers, $1.25@1.75 dozen; celery, $1@1.28 per dozen, $6@7 per crate; cauliflower, $1.25@2.25 per crate; peppers, 45@50c per pound; rhubarb, 2 @ 4c per pound; peas, 10@11c per pound; asparagus, 9@12½c per pound; spinach, $1.50 per box; sprouts, 12½c per pound.

POTATOES—Oregon buying prices, $4 per hundred; new Floridas, jobbing price, $5 per hamper.

ONIONS—Oregon jobbing prices: No. 1, $12.50 per sack; Australian, 11@12½c per pound.

GREEN FRUIT—Strawberries, $2 per crate; apples, 85c@$2.35 per box; cranberries, $8 per barrel.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $9.10; Honolulu plantation, $9.05; Granta Pass beet, $8.90; California beet, $8.90; extra C, $8.70; powdered, in barrels, $9.65; cubes, in barrels, $9.85.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.40 per dozen; one-half flats, $1.50; one-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pinks, 1-pound, talls, $1.25.

HONEY—Choice, $3@3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, 13@22½c; Brazil nuts, 21c; filberts, 22c; almonds, 19@20c; peanuts, 7@7½c; cocoanuts, $1.10 per dozen; pecans, 17½c.

BEANS—Oregon, small white, 11c; California, small white, 15c, large white, 14c; Lima, 15½c; bayous, 11c; pink, 11.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@25c.

SALT—Granulated, $16.75 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $11.50 per ton; 50s, $12.25 per ton; dairy, $14.75 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 7¼@7¾c pound; blue rose, 6¾@7c; broken, 5½c; Japan style, 6@6¼c.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 10@11c; apricots, 16@19c; peaches, 10@11c; prunes, Italian, 9@10c; raisins, 85c@$3 per box; dates, fard, $2.50@3 per box; currants, 15@16c; figs, $2@3.50 per box.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1916 crop, 4@6c per pound; 1917 contracts, nominal.

HIDES—Salted hides (25 pounds up), 18c; salted stags (50 pounds and up), 14c; green and salted kip (15 pounds to 25 pounds), 18c; green and salted calf skins (up to 15 pounds), 28c; green hides (25 pounds and up), 16c; green stags (50 pounds and up), 12c; dry hides, 30c; salt hides, 25c; dry horse hides, $1.50@2.50; salt horse hides, $3@5.

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 30c; salted long-wooled pelts, $1.50@3.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, fine, 30@35c per pound; coarse, 40c; Valley, 40@45c; MOHAIR—46c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 7@8c per pound.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 20c; standard, 28c; skinned, 27@28c; picnics, 24½c; cottage rolls, 27c.

LARD — Tierce basis, kettle-rendered, 24½c; standard pure, 24c; compound, 18c.

BACON—Fancy, 37@38c; standard, 32@33c; choice, 26@30½c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 24@26c; exports, 23½@25½c; plates, 19½@21c.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; cases, 18½@22c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 21½c; cases, 30c; naptha, drums, 19½c; cases, 28c; engine distillate, drums, 13½c; cases, 19c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $1.24; cases, $1.31; boiled, barrels, $1.26; cases, $1.33.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 67c; in cases, 74c.

ALL LINES ARE STEADY

FAIR RUN OF STOCK AT NORTH PORTLAND YARDS.

Most of the Cattle Offered Are Medium Grade—Bulk of Hog Sales at $15.25 to $15.35.

There was a larger run at the stockyards yesterday than on any day since Monday, cattle comprising a good part of the receipts. The market was steady and about unchanged in all departments. Medium steers were taken at $8.75 to $9 and cows sold up to $8.50. The bulk of the hog sales were at $15.25 to $15.35.

Receipts were 265 cattle, 28 calves, 433 hogs and 514 sheep. Shippers were W. C. Calhoun, Meridan, 5 cars cattle; W. A. Grover, Robinette, 1 car cattle; Frank Wann, Mount Angel, 1 car cattle, calves and hogs; C. E. Lucke, Molalla, 1 car hogs (East Portland) 1 car cattle and hogs; Cutsford Bros., Hubbard, 1 car cattle and hogs; L. A. Thomas, West Stayton, 1 car hogs; B. W. Porter, Junction City, 1 car cattle and calves; T. D. Halstead, Junction City, 1 car cattle and calves; C. Nelson, Montura, 1 car cattle, calves and hogs; Shepherd Commission Company, Washougal, 3 cars cattle and sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

Weight.	Price.		Weight.	Price.
16 hogs....	215	$15.25	2 cows....	890	$ 7.75
2 hogs....	455	14.25	1 cow....	1010	7.75
3 hogs....	260	13.25	1 calf....	110	10.00
3 hogs....	370	14.25	1 bull....	1480	7.00
12 hogs....	197	13.75	7 cows....	890	7.60
2 hogs....	290	14.75	1 cow....	1000	7.50
5 hogs....	117	13.75	9 cows....	1066	7.75
4 hogs....	127	15.10	2 calves....	130	10.00
1 hog....	250	15.10	11 cows....	1014	8.50
1 hog....	200	15.10	1 cow....	990	6.00
11 hogs....	184	15.10	1 cow....	1110	7.50
39 hogs....	167	15.35	1 cow....	900	7.00
4 hogs....	125	14.00	3 cows....	777	6.00
1 hog....	300	14.35	3 cows....	750	5.00
1 hog....	280	14.50	7 cows....	837	7.00
7 hogs....	267	15.35	2 cows....	860	5.00
5 hogs....	208	15.35	2 cows....	805	5.00
14 hogs....	170	15.10	6 cows....	863	6.50
2 hogs....	300	14.10	1 cow....	860	7.25
1 hog....	380	14.10	1 heifer....	540	8.00
62 hogs....	175	15.35	1 calf....	100	10.00
1 hog....	190	14.75	1 calf....	120	10.00
2 hogs....	345	14.35	2 calves....	155	10.00
1 cow....	1030	8.75	1 calf....	250	9.00
1 cow....	850	5.50	1 calf....	350	7.00
2 bulls....	1503	7.85	5 steers....	834	8.75
23 cows....	1050	7.85	2 steers....	890	9.00
1 bull....	1350	5.00	2 steers....	875	9.00
1 bull....	1070	6.00	1 bull....	1270	5.50
1 bull....	1130	6.75	1 bull....	1020	6.00
1 cow....	1040	8.60	2 bulls....	225	13.50
5 cows....	1012	6.00	58 hogs....	141	15.10
5 steers....	834	8.75	5 hogs....	224	15.25
1 calf....	350	7.00	1 hog....	400	15.50
2 calves....	155	10.00	6 ewes....	96	6.50
1 bull....	680	8.00	6 ewes....	153	10.25

Prices current at the local yards were as follows:

Steers, prime	$ 9.75@10.25
Steers, good	9.50@ 9.75
Steers, medium	9.00@ 9.50
Cows, choice	8.50@ 9.00
Cows, medium to good	7.95@ 8.25
Cows, ordinary to fair	7.00@ 7.50
Heifers	6.50@ 8.00
Bulls	5.50@ 8.00
Calves	8.00@10.00
Hogs—	
Light and heavy packing	15.00@15.50
Rough heavies	14.00@14.50
Pigs and skips	13.50@14.00
Stock hogs	12.00@13.25
Sheep—	
Wethers	9.75@12.00
Ewes	9.00@10.75
Lambs	10.25@13.50

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, April 20.—Hogs—Receipts 6100, higher. Heavy, $15.35@15.70; light, $14.75@15.50; pigs, $12.50@14.60; bulk of sales, $15.20@15.60.

Cattle—Receipts 700, steady. Native steers, $9.50@13; cows and heifers, $8@11; canners, $5.50@6.50; stockers and feeders, $6.50@10.25.

Sheep—Receipts 6000, higher. Yearlings, $12@13.75; lambs, $14.75@15.80.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Hogs—Receipts 15,000, strong, 5c above yesterday's average. Bulk, $15.40@15.85; light, $14.60@15.75; mixed, $15.15@15.95; heavy, $15.15@16; rough, $15.15@15.40; pigs, $10@13.90.

Cattle—Receipts 1000, weak. Native beef cattle, $9@13.25; stockers and feeders, $7.15@9.90; cows and heifers, $5.60@11; calves, $8.50@12.75.

Sheep—Receipts 7000, unsettled. Wethers, $10.60@12.80; lambs, $11.90@13.85.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Current on Butter, Eggs, Fruits, Vegetables, Etc., at Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Butter—Fresh extras, 38½c; prime firsts, 38c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 34½c; extra firsts, 33½c; fresh extra pullets, 34½c; extra firsts pullets, 31½c.

Cheese—New firsts, 20c; Young Americas, 25c.

Poultry—Hens, 24@25c; old roosters, 15@16c; fryers, 35@40c; broilers, 33@35c; squabs, $2.00@2.25; pigeons, $1.75@2.25; ducks, 19@20c; geese, 20@21c; turkeys, nominal.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 4½@5½c; Summer squash, $1.75@2; Southern iced lettuce, $1.25; iceless, 75c@$1.00; peas, Southern fancy large, 4c; small, 3c; tomatoes, Mexican repacked, $1.50@2.25; green peppers, Florida, 30@40c; egg plant, 17½@20c; garlic, 1@3c; onions, green, $1.00@1.50; celery, $1.25@2.00; rhubarb, San Jose, $1.10@1.25; fancy, $1.00; cucumbers, $2.00@2.50; mushrooms, 15@25c.

Potatoes—Rivers, $4.50@4.75; new, 7@8c per pound.

Onions—Australian, $8@8.50 on the street.

Fruit—Strawberries, $1.25@1.75; lemons, $3@3.50; grapefruit, $2.50@3; oranges, navels, $2.25@2.90; bananas, $1.50@2.50; pineapples, $2.25@2.50; apples, ——.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c@$1.25 per dozen; asparagus, 9@12½c per pound; beans, 10@11c per pound; cabbage, $1.50 per box; sprouts, 12½c per pound; garlic, 12½c per pound; green peas, 10@11c per pound; lettuce, $2.25@2.75; cucumbers, $1.25@1.75 dozen; celery, $1@1.28 per dozen, $6@7 per crate; cauliflower, $1.25@2.25 per crate; peppers, 45@50c per pound; rhubarb, 2 @ 4c per pound; peas, 10@11c per pound; asparagus, 9@12½c per pound; spinach, $1.50 per box; sprouts, 12½c per pound.

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WAR TAXES FACTOR

Munition Stocks Extensively Sold at Declines.

OTHER SPECIALTIES WEAK

Wall-Street Market Unsettled by Professional Operations, but Tone at Close Is Steadier—Steel Regains Early Loss.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Speculative stocks, notably those which are likely to bear the greater burden of the Government's forthcoming policy of war taxation, were more extensively liquidated today at gross declines of 2 to 7 points. Foremost among these issues were the leading munitions and equipments, oils, motors and tobaccos, with an admixture of kindred specialties. Selling was largely of professional origin, but the severe shrinkage later forced investment offerings of high-grade issues. The setback embraced fertilizers, papers and utilities, especially gas shares.

Rails opened the session at gains of 1 to 2 points on the tentative rate order granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, but these advances were soon dissipated in whole or part. New Haven duplicated its recent minimum of 39¼, making a partial recovery with other rails on belated short covering.

The more noteworthy recessions of the day included Bethlehem Steel, new stock, which fell 6⅞ points to 115¾, with 4 for the old shares at 128; New York Airbrake, 6 at 134; Gulf States Steel, 5 at 121; Industrial Alcohol, 6 at 102½; Union Bag & Paper, 4½ at 90 and 4 for Ohio Gas at 138.

Reversals of 2 to 4 points were registered by Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies, General Motors, American Tobacco, Mexican Petroleum, Texas Company, United States Rubber, Distillers' Securities, American Zinc and Wells-Fargo Express. Marines were heavy with other shippings most of the time, but rebounded briskly toward the close.

United States Steel made an extreme loss of 3¼ at 104, but freely taken on the decline and rallied almost a point. Final prices in most instances were 1 to 3 points above lowest quotations. Total sales, 640,000 shares.

The only feature of the irregular bond market was a point rise in New York Central refunding 4½s. Total sale of bonds, par value, $2,850,000. United States bonds were again erratic, registered 2s losing ¾ per cent and recovering ½ per cent, and coupon 4s advancing 1¼ per cent.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Am Beet Sugar	5,100	92	90½	91½
American Can	2,000	43	43¼	43⅝
Am Car & F	500	66¾	64½	64⅝
Am Locomotive	600	67	66	66½
A Smelt & Rfg	2,200	99¾	98¼	98½
Am Sugar Rfg	200	111½	111	110¾
Am Tel & Tel	200	123½	123¼	123¾
Am Z, L & S	2,400	32¾	30¾	31
Anacon Copper	10,500	77¾	75⅝	76⅛
Atch, top & S F	1,600	102¾	102¼	102¼
A G & W I S S L	9,100	99⅛	96¼	98½
B & Ohio	1,700	78¾	76	76
B & Sup Copper	1,200	42¾	41¼	41⅝
Cal Petroleum	500	21	20	20
Can Pacific	800	161½	160¼	160¼
Central Leather	6,800	84⅞	82¼	82⅝
Ches & Ohio	1,700	61	60	60
C, M & St. P	1,600	81	79⅜	80
C & N W	600	114½	113¾	113⅝
C, R I & P ctfs				46⅛
Chino Copper	1,700	53⅝	52¾	53
Colo F & Iron	500	47¾	46¼	46¼
C Prods Rfg	3,100	23½	23	23¼
Crucible Steel	10,300	62¼	59¼	60½
Cuba Cane Sugar	5,200	46	44¾	45⅞
Dist Securities	3,300	14	11⅝	12
Erie	7,600	28¼	27¼	27⅜
General Electric	800	163¼	162¾	162
General Motors	11,600	101⅝	99	100
Gt Nor Pfd	1,700	110⅝	109⅞	110¼
Gt Nor Ore ctfs	2,800	50⅝	30	30¼
Illinois Central	5,900	104⅛	104	103
Inspiration Copper	3,200	55¾	54¼	54⅜
I M M pfd	32,800	78⅝	76	78⅜
Inter Nickel	7,300	41¾	40¼	40½
Inter Paper	800	38	37¼	38
K C Southern	400	23¾	22¾	22¾
Kenn Copper	3,100	43⅝	42⅜	43
N & Nashville	400	131½	131	131
Maxwell Motors	3,600	45¾	43¼	44⅛
Mex Petroleum	87,800	87¼	85½	85⅞
Miami Copper	1,500	41⅝	41¼	41⅜
Missouri Pac	5,000	29⅝	28¾	28¾
Montana Power	300	98½	98	97½
Nevada Con	900	22¾	22⅜	22⅝
N Y Central	1,800	95¾	93½	94
N Y, N H & H	4,400	41	39¾	40
N & W Southern	900	129	128¾	128¾
Nor Pacific	2,300	104	103¾	103¾
Pacific Mail	700	21½	21¼	21⅜
Pennsylvania	1,600	53⅝	53¼	53¼
Pittsburg Coal	1,500	44	42⅝	42½
Ray Con Copper	15,000	29¼	28¾	29
Reading	16,900	96½	94¾	95¾
R Iron & Steel	4,200	79	77¼	77¾
Shat Ariz Cop	300	24¾	24½	24½
Southern Pacific	5,400	95¾	94¼	94
Southern Ry	9,900	29¾	28	28¾
Studebaker Corp	6,400	86	85¾	84¾
Texas Co	2,100	210	206	208
Union Pacific	15,000	138⅛	136¾	136¾
U S Ind Alcohol	33,000	109	102½	104¼
U S Rubber	118,800	112¾	110¾	111¾
U S Steel	640,100	119	115¾	117¾
Utah Copper	7,700	111¾	109¾	110¾
Wab pfd "B"	2,600	26	25¾	25¾
Western Union	200	97	96½	95½
West Electric	2,200	49¼	48¼	48¾

Total sales for the day, 640,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	98½	N P 3s	*83
do coupon	*98	Pac T & T 5s	*98½
U S 3s reg	99½	Pa con 4½s	97½
do coupon	*99	Stor 7s	107½
U S 4s reg	105	S P ref 4s	87
do coupon	105¾	U P 4s	94¾
Atch gen 4s	87½	U P cv 4s	95¼
D R R G ref 5s	65½	U S Steel 5s	105⅝
N Y C deb 6s	107	S P cv 5s	100
N P 4s	90¼	Anglo-Fr 5s	94½

*Bd.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Mercantile paper, 4½@4¾ per cent.

Sterling, 60-day bills, $4.72; commercial 60-day bills on banks, $4.72; commercial 60-day bills, $4.71¾; demand, $4.75¾; cables, $4.76¼. Francs, demand, 5.71; cables, 5.70. Guilders, demand, 40½; cables, 40¾. Lires, demand, 6.94; cables, 6.93. Rubles, demand, 28⅝; cables, 28¾.

Bar silver, 74⅛c.

Mexican dollars, 57⅜c.

Government and railroad bonds, irregular.

Time loans, firmer; 60 days, 3¾@4 per cent; 90 days, 4@4¼ per cent; six months, 4@4¼ per cent.

Call money, firmer. High, 3 per cent; low, 2¾ per cent; ruling rate, 2¾ per cent; last loan, 2¾ per cent; closing bid, 2¼ per cent; offered at 2¾ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Sterling, $4.71½; demand, $4.75¾; cables, $4.76⅛.

LONDON, April 20.—Bar silver, 37 3-16d per ounce.

Money, 4¼ per cent.

Discount rates, short bills, 4¾@4¾ per cent; three months, 4¾@4¾ per cent.

Stocks Narrow at London.

LONDON, April 20.—American securities moved narrowly and closed quiet on the stock exchange today.

Coffee Futures Are Lower.

NEW YORK, April 20.—A renewal of liquidation caused further declines in the market for coffee futures here today, with July contracts selling at 9.10c and December at 8.40c, or 10 points under last night's close. The market opened at a decline of 4 to 6 points. The close was a shade up from the lowest, showing a decline of 4 to 7 points for the day. Sales 34,000. April, 7.92c; May, 7.95c; June, 8.04c; July, 8.13c; August, 8.20c; September, 8.27c; October, 8.33c; November, 8.40c; December, 8.45c; January, 8.50c; February, 8.57c; March, 8.65c.

Spot quiet. Rio 7s, 10½c; Santos 4s, 10¾c. Private cables from Brazil have been much delayed recently and comparatively few offers were received today. Those reaching here were about unchanged, Santos 4s ruling around 9.90c to 10.00c, London credits. The official cables reported no change in the primary markets except Santos futures, which were 75 to 100 reis lower. Victoria cleared 6000 and Santos 37,000 for New York.

Fifteen New Beet Sugar Factories.

Willett & Gray give the American beet crop, 1916-17 outturn, as 734,577 tons. The sowings were 672,116 acres, against 617,732 acres last year. The weather was very unfavorable and seriously affected the yield, which was 0.94 ton per acre, against last year's figures of 1.18 tons. The previous year's crop was the largest on record and outturned 779,750 tons. Next campaign outlook is about fair. It is difficult to secure acreage because of high prices availing for other foodstuffs. Fifteen new factories are expected to be in readiness for slicing in the Autumn of 1917.

WOOL PRICE MOVING UP

BOSTON MARKET IS STRONG, WITH SOME ADVANCES.

Buying in West Resumed at Slightly Hardening Rates—Mills Working on Army Cloth.

BOSTON, April 20.—The Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow:

The wool market this week was strong, with prices slightly up. Demand was fairly general, so far as grades were concerned, and manufacturers and dealers took both spot wools and in one or two instances some contracts at full market rates.

Buying in the West has been resumed at slightly hardening rates, good medium clips having been taken as high as 48c, while growers are asking 50c for the best medium clips.

Manufacturers are busy on old contracts and are giving special attention to khaki lines.

Scoured basis, Texas, fine 1 months, $1.25@1.30; fine, eight months, $1.19@1.15.

California, Northern, $1.25; middle county, $1.10@1.15; Southern, 85@87c.

Oregon, Eastern No. 1 staple, $1.30; Eastern clothing, $1.15@1.20; Valley, No. 1 $1@1.05.

Territory, fine, staple, $1.35@1.40; half-blood combing, $1.20@1.25; three-eighths blood combing, $1.10@1.12; fine clothing, $1.20@1.25; fine medium, clothing, $1.10@1.15.

Pulled, extra, $1.35; AA, $1.30@1.35; A supers, $1.15@1.20.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL MAY BE BOUGHT

Government Said to Be Negotiating With Great Britain for Supply.

The report that the Government is negotiating with great Britain to secure the release of 100,000,000 pounds of Australian wool gains credence in many quarters of the market, says a wool trade advices received from New York. It is sufficiently well founded to hold back a part of the market's speculative tendency. The action of the authorities in regulating the wool trade's export of supplies is interpreted in the light of this report, and conservative dealers feel that the Government must see some probability of lower values, otherwise they would have availed themselves of the wool tender. On the other hand, it is argued that most Australian wool is unsuitable for Army cloths, and that the price at which it may be secured will probably be on a par with or above the domestic market.

Efforts are being made to secure the quartermaster's approval for the use of South American crossbreds in uniform cloths. With the general wool scarcity in mind and this new use apparent, many dealers are holding their South Americans at marked advances, though the wools are still obtainable here and there at the old levels. Argentine linconina, which, it is said, sold in Boston on Thursday at 53c, are held as high as 57c. Asked prices on straight quarters range from 53c to 60c and on high quarters from 58c to 63c.

It is understood that no export tax on woot exists at present in Argentina. Such a tax was proposed last December and a bill presented to the extraordinary session of the Argentine Congress to that effect. The President has since withdrawn that legislation and declared the session closed, according to a report from the United States Consul in Buenos Aires.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 20.—Turpentine, firm, 46c. Sales, 114 barrels; receipts, 14 barrels; shipments, 483 barrels; stock, 880 barrels.

Rosin, firm. Sales, 349 barrels; receipts, 344 barrels; shipments, 127 barrels;; stock, 94,505 barrels. Quote: A, B, $5.60; C, D, $5.65; E, $5.75; F, $5.80; WW, $6.10.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Spot cotton, quiet. Middling, 19.85c. Futures closed steady, 28 to 32 points lower.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses.

HOWE-CAMPION—Ralph M. Howe, Lents, Or., and Catherine Campion, 495 Broadway.

HOLMES-HOLMES—Fred Holmes, 175 East Sixtieth street, and Edith Byland, 1601 East Seventh street.

WAGNER-DODSON — Frank J. Wagner, Hotel Menlo, and Pearl Belle Dodson, 863 Clinton street.

BRATLEY-REED—Louis Bratley, 289½ First street, and Joy Reed, Corbett, Or.

JELDERKS-HALL—Albert Jelderks, Arlington, Or., and Flavel Hall, 741 Mississippi avenue.

ADAMS-GILVIN—E. C. Adams, Roseburg, Or., and Lulu Gilvin, 167 King street.

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