COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

A large share of the business in the wholesale district during the past week has been on Cape Nome account. Not only was there a considerable amount of outfitting done by the retailers and small wholesalers in this city, but all of the big houses have handled an immense business with Puget Sound cities, which still depend to a considerable extent on the Portland jobbers for supplies. There is nothing of special interest in prices, which have ruled steady in most lines. The wheat markets are still dragging, and with a continuation of present magnificent crop prospects, much lower prices are not improbable. There have been a number of sales of wool during the week, and it is expected there will be a more general loosening up of stocks during the coming month. Prices are steady, and will undoubtedly hold about where they are, or else advance slightly. The supply of hops still held in the country is being gradually drawn on, but the prices realized are not very satisfactory for the growers who have held them so long after the time when better prices could have been secured.

The showery weather has been very unfavorable for strawberries, and as California shipments were shut off early in the week, the Oregon berries were not plentiful enough to supply the demand except at figures which were generally higher than those at which the California berries had been moving. Yesterday the scarcity was so marked that best Hood River berries again sold up to 12½ and 15 cents a pound by the crate, with very ordinary stock bringing 10 cents, and nothing selling less than 7 and 8 cents. With a cessation of the rain, there will be plenty of berries in a few days, and prices will drop back to seasonable proportions. California cherries, apricots, peaches and apples were received during the week, but with the exception of the cherries, the quality of the fruit is not strictly first-class, a not unusual feature of early receipts of California fruit.

There are plenty of new potatoes and onions from California, and the quality is improving with each arrival. The market for old potatoes has ruled steady during the week, with 50 cents about the top figure. There has been a temporary scarcity of butter for a few days, due to the heavy shipments made to the North, and best creamery is firm at 40 cents. Eggs are also a shade steadier, and sales were made yesterday as high as 14 cents. Poultry cleaned up well at quotations. Veal is steady, and pork is also in fairly good demand.

WHEAT—With at least eight ships to load during the last month of the cereal year, there will of course be some stir in the wheat business in this port during the next few weeks, but from present appearances it will be almost wholly confined to putting afloat wheat now on spot, or already purchased in the interior. The farmers are not disposed to accept the prices which are offered by exporters, and it is highly probable that were they inclined to sell, a further break in the local market would ensue, on account of the difficulty in securing tonnage. Under such unfavorable circumstances, the season is bound to "drift" out with what little activity there is confined to settling up old business. The milling trade has eased off on account of the poor demand from the Orient, and this is still further depressing the wheat market. A few sales were made during the week at 52 cents for Walla Walla, and Valley was nominally the same figure. Yesterday, however, the continued weakness in the foreign market and a further advance in freights caused some of the exporters to reduce their figures to 51 cents. Bluestem is nominally 54 cents, with only a limited demand. There is nothing new in the crop situation. It could not well be improved on, and unless there is trouble within the next 30 days a crop which will be pretty close to a record-breaker will be practically assured. The situation in California is thus described by the Commercial News:

The crop in California has been benefited by opportune rains, and we may at least expect an average yield. The market is dull, and with reason, for there will be a large surplus in addition to a good crop; the demand is light, and ships are at present too scarce and freight rates too high to cause an increased movement among shippers. Exports so far have amounted to 5,630,459 centals.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 51@52c; Valley, 51@52c; bluestem, 53@54c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2 55@3; graham, $2 50; superfine, $2 10 per barrel.

Oats—White, 35@36c; gray, 32@33c; stained, 29@30c per bushel.

Barley—Feed, $14@15; brewing, $16 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $12@13 per ton; middlings, $16@19; shorts, $13@15; chop, $14.

Hay—Timothy, $10@11; clover, $7@7 50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35@40c; store, 25c per roll.

Eggs—13@13½c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $4@4 50 per dozen; hens, $5@6; ducks, $5@7; geese, $6@8 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15c, dressed, 16c per lb.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12½@13c; Young America, 14c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, $1; carrots, 75c@$1; turnips, 75c per sack; onions, 1½c per pound for new; cabbage, $1 50 per central; potatoes, 50@55c per sack; peas, 4@5c; beans, 10@12c; asparagus, 4@5c; new potatoes, 1½c per pound.

Fruit—Lemons, $2 50@3; oranges, $2@3 25 per box for navels, $2 per box for seedlings; pineapples, $4 50@6 per dozen; bananas, $2 50 @3 per bunch; Persian dates, 7½@8c per pound; strawberries, 75c@$1 per crate for California, 7@10c per pound for Oregon.

Dried fruit—Apples, evaporated, 7@8c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 4@5c; pears, sun and evaporated, 5@6c; plums, pitless, 4@ 6½c; prunes, Italian, 3½@5½c; silver, extra choice, 5 @ 6c; figs, Smyrna, 22½c; California Black, 5@6c; do white, 10c per pound.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 28@32c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; do good, 16@18c; do ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia, roast, $12 25; Arbuckle's, $13 15; Lion, $12 15 per case.

Sugar—Cube, $5 80; crushed, $5 80; powdered, $5 80; dry granulated, $5 20; extra C, $4 70; golden C, $4 60 net; half barrels, ¼c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 3½c; bayou, 4c; Lima, 6c per pound.

Salmon—Columbia river, 1-pound talls, $1@1 50; 2-pound talls, $2@2 50; fancy, 1-pound flats, $1 65@1 75; ½-pound fancy flats, 85@95c; Alaska, 1-pound talls, $1 20@1 30; 2-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $6 50@6 75 per 100 for spot, $6 12½@6 25 for July-August.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 10c for roasted; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen; walnuts, 10@11c per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts 7c; chestnuts, 15c; Brazil, 11c; filberts, 15c; fancy pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 15 @ 17½c per pound.

Coal oil—Cases, 21½c per gallon; barrels, 17½c; tanks, 15½c.

Rice—Im ond, 6½c; Japan, 5½c; New Orleans, 4½@5½c; fancy head, $7@7 50 per sack.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—7@8c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12@15c for coarse, 15@16c for best; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, 25c per pound.

Sheepskins—Shearlings, 15@20c; short-wool, 25@35c; medium-wool, 30@50c; long-wool, 60c@$1 each.

Pelts—Bear skins, each, as to size, $5@15; cubs, each, $1@5; badger, each, 50c; wildcat, 25@75c; housecat, 5@25c; fox, common gray, 40c@$1; do red, $1 75@3 50; do cross, $2 50@6; lynx, $2@4 50; mink, 40c@$1 75; marten, dark Northern, $5@10; do pale, pine, $2@4; muskrat, 8@12c; skunk, 50@80c; otter (land), $4 @8; panther, with head and claws perfect, $1@3; raccoon, 25@80c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50 @ 5; wolverine, $2 50@6; beaver, per skin, large, $6@7; do medium, per skin, $4@5; do small, per skin, $1@2; do kits, per skin, $1@3.

Tallow—4@5½c; No. 2 and grease, 3½@4c per pound.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and upward, 15@15½c; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 16 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 pounds, 15@16c; dry salted, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 8½@9c; do 50 to 60 pounds, 8@8½c; do under 50 pounds and cows, 7½@8c; kip, 15 to 25 pounds, 7½@8c; do veal, 10 to 14 pounds, 7½c; do calf, under 10 pounds, 7½c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls (bulls, stags, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored hair slipped, weather-beaten or grubby), one-third less.

Meat and Provisions.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, sheared, $3 50@3 75; dressed, 7@7½c per pound; spring lambs, 9@9½c per pound gross.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5; light, $4 50; dressed, 8@9c per pound.

Veal—Large, 6½@7½c per pound; small, 8@ 8½c.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $4 @ 4 50; cows, $3 50@4; dressed beef, 6½@7½c per pound.

Provisions—Portland pack (Shield brand): Hams, smoked, are quoted at 13c per pound; picnic hams, 9½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 13½c; bacon, 9½c; backs, 9½c; dry salt sides, 8½c; dried beef, 17½c per pound; lard, 5-pound pails, 10c; 10-pound pails, 9½c; 50s, 9½c; tierces, 9½c per pound. Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 12½c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 12½c; dry salt sides, 8½ @9½c; bacon side, 9½@10c; backs, 9½c; butts, 9c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 10½c; 10s, 10½c.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref.*	104	Gen. Electric 5s	120
U. S. 2s, reg	99½	N. Y. Central 1sts	111
do 5s, reg	109½	North. Pacific 3s	67¾
do 5s, coupon	109½	do 4s	104¾
do new 4s, reg	134½	Oregon Nav. 1sts	111
do new 4s, coup	134½	do 4s	109¾
do old 4s, reg	112¾	Oregon S. L. 6s	129
do old 4s, coup	112¾	do con. 5s	113½
do 5s, reg	113¾	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	99
do 5s, coupon	113¾	St. Paul consols	170¾
Dist. Col. 3-65s	121	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	120
Atchison adj. 4s	84½	do 5s	121½
C. & N.W. con. 7s	141½	Union Pacific 4s	106
do S. F. deb. 5s	119	Wis. Central 1sts	90¾
D. & R. G. 1sts	101½	Southern Pacific 4s	82½
do 4s	99¾		

*When issued.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 84,800 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	25¼	Union Pac. pref	73¾
do pref	70¾	Wabash	8
Balt. & Ohio	76	do pref	20¾
Can. Pacific	93½	Wheel. & L. E.	6¾
Can. Southern	51	do 2d pref	29¾
Ches. & Ohio	27½	Wis. Central	15
Chi. Gr. Western	12¾	P. C. C. & St. L.	56½
C., B. & Q.	126	Third Avenue	114
Chi., Ind. & L.	23	EXPRESS CO'S.	
do pref	52	Adams	113
Chi. & East. Ill.	102	American	150
Chicago & N. W.	162½	United States	45
C., R. I. & Pac.	106¼	Wells-Fargo	118
C., C., C. & St. L.	58½	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	6	Amer. Cotton Oil	34
do 1st pref	42	do pref	90
do 2d pref	16½	Amer. Malting	3¼
Del. & Hudson	113¾	do pref	21½
Del., Lack. & W.	177	Amer. Smelt. & R.	37½
Denver & Rio Gr.	18¾	do pref	88½
do pref	67¼	Amer. Spirits	2¾
Erie	11¾	do pref	17
do 1st pref	35¼	Amer. Steel Hoop	20½
Great North. pref	153½	do pref	70
Hocking Coal	15	Amer. Steel & W.	34¾
Hocking Valley	37½	do pref	73½
Illinois Central	132½	Amer. Tin Plate	22½
Iowa Central	17½	do pref	72
do pref	48	Amer. Tobacco	92¾
K. C., P. & G.	17	do pref	130
Lake Erie & W.	27	Anaconda Min. Co.	41
do pref	91	Brooklyn R. T.	71¾
Lake Shore	212	Colo. Fuel & Iron	36
Louis. & Nash.	78¼	Cont. Tobacco	24
Manhattan El	89¾	do pref	78½
Met. St. Ry.	154½	Federal Steel	34¾
Mex. Central	12¾	do pref	67
Minn. & St. Louis	62	Gen. Electric	134
do pref	95	Glucose Sugar	45½
Missouri Pacific	55¾	do pref	99½
Mobile & Ohio	39½	Int. Paper	22
M., K. & T.	11	do pref	69¾
do pref	32¾	La Clede Gas	18
New Jersey Cent.	117	National Biscuit	39¾
New York Cent.	121½	do pref	80
Norfolk & West.	35¼	National Lead	19¾
do pref	73¾	do pref	94
Northern Pacific	59¼	National Steel	38¾
do pref	74½	do pref	86
Ontario & West	20¾	N. Y. Air Brake	122
O. R. & N.	42	North American	14¾
do pref	76	Pacific Coast	48
Pennsylvania	129¾	do 1st pref	80
Reading	16¾	do 2d pref	58½
do 1st pref	56¼	Pacific Mail	28
do 2d pref	28	People's Gas	99
Rio Gr. Western	37½	Pressed Steel Car	43½
do pref	87½	do pref	76
St. Louis & S. Fr.	10	Pullman Pal. Car	180
do 1st pref	68	Stand. Rope & T.	5¾
do 2d pref	33½	Sugar	114
St. Louis & S. W.	11	do pref	110½
do pref	26¾	Tenn. Coal & Iron	72½
St. Paul	115½	U. S. Leather	10¾
do pref	172	do pref	68
St. Paul & O.	112	U. S. Rubber	28¾
Southern Pacific	33¾	do pref	96
Southern Ry	12	Western Union	79¾
do pref	54½	Republic Iron & S.	14
Texas & Pacific	16½	do pref	56
Union Pacific	53¾		

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—Wheat and barley easy on call, and dull in the spot market. Oats dull.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping, No. 1, 90c; choice, 90c; milling, 92½@96¼c. Barley, feed 67½@70c; brewing, 77½@80c. Oats, milling, $1 15@1 17½; gray Oregon, $1 07½@1 12½; red, 95c@$1 20.

Call board sales:

Wheat, easy; December, 98¾c; cash, 90c. Barley, easy; December, 69½c. Corn, large yellow, $1 15@1 17½.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, May 26.—The wheat market was almost too small to be visible to the naked eye. The market opened firm, because the Northwest was still without sufficient moisture to sprout the seed. Later, principally out of sheer inactivity, the market eased, and the half session wound up in an inanimate condition. The pit was all but deserted most of the day. Cables were easy. July closed a shade under yesterday, at 67c.

Corn was weak at the start. It grew weaker as the session progressed, and at the end was at its weakest. This was because of increased farmers' deliveries, and the favorable weather, combined with a slack demand. There was only a very lonely scattering bunch of traders. July closed ⅝@¾c under yesterday, at 36⅝c.

With corn and wheat dull, little could be expected of oats. The speculative trade was flat. July closed ⅛@¼c down, at 21⅛@21⅜c.

Provisions dragged throughout the session and towards the close became decidedly weak. A weaker hog market, the dullness in corn, and the grain weakness were the factors. July pork closed 12½c under yesterday, lard 10c lower, and ribs 7½c depressed.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opened.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	$0 69¾	$0 69¾	$0 69¼	$0 69¼
July	67¾	67¾	66¾	67
CORN.				
May	36¾	36¾	36¼	36¼
July	37	37¼	36⅝	36⅞
September	37⅝	37⅝	37⅜	37⅜
OATS.				
May	21¼	21¼	21¼	21¼
July	21⅝	21⅝	21¼	21⅜
September	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
MESS PORK.				
July	11 40	11 40	11 32½	11 32½
LARD.				
July	6 87½	6 90	6 82½	6 82½
September	6 87½	6 90	6 82½	6 82½
SHORT RIBS.				
July	6 55	6 55	6 50	6 50
September	6 55	6 55	6 50	6 50

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, dull and steady; Winter patent, $3 60@3 70; straights, $3 30@3 40; clears, $2 80@3 30; spring specials, $3 80@3 85; patents, $3@3 45; straights, $2 60@2 80; bakers, $2@2 40; No. 3, 62@65½c; No. 2 red, 72@72½c; No. 2 corn, 37@37½c; No. 2 yellow, 37¼@38c; No. 2 oats, 21¾@22¼c; No. 2 white, 24@24½c; No. 3 white, 23¼@ 24½c; No. 2 rye, 55½; good feeding barley, 36½c; fair to choice malting, 37@40c; No. 1 flax seed, $1 80; prime timothy seed, $3 45; mess pork, per bbl., $10 30@11 35; lard, per 100 pounds, $6 70@6 82½; short ribs sides, loose, $6 40@6 65; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $6 50@6 75; short clear sides, boxed, $6 95@7 05; whiskey, basis of high wines, $1 23; clover, contract grade, $7 50.

On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 15@ 19½c; dairy, 13½@17c; cheese, steady, 8½@9¾c; eggs, steady; fresh, 11½c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts
Flour, barrels	12,000	7,000
Wheat, bushels	36,000	2,000
Corn, bushels	223,000	29,000
Oats, bushels	250,000	146,000
Rye, bushels	2,000	.....
Barley, bushels	23,000	7,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Flour receipts, 28,383 bbls; exports, 26,465 bbls; market dull and shade weaker. Minnesota patent, $3 60@3 80; Winter straights, $3 35@3 45; Wheat—Receipts, 248,000 bushels; exports, 293,943 bushels; spot, dull; No. 2 Red, 78c elevator.

Options opened steady, ruled steady for the greater part of the day, and closed weaker at ¼c decline. July closed at 72¾c; September closed at 73¼c.

Wool, quiet; domestic fleece, 25@28c.

Hops, steady; Pacific Coast new, 10@ 13c.

European Grain Market.

LONDON, May 26.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, easier and neglected; English country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, May 26.—Wheat, quiet; wheat and flour in Paris, steady; French country markets, quiet.

Wheat, spot, dull; No. 1 California, 6s 10@6s 2d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 5s 9½d. Futures, nominal; July, 5s 8¼d; September, 5s 7¾d.

Corn, spot, quiet; American mixed new, 4s ½d. Futures, nominal; July, 3s 9¾d; September, 3s 9¾d.

Flour, St. Louis fancy Winter, steady, 7s 3d.

Hops at London, Pacific Coast, steady, £2 15s and £3 15s.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—Wool—Spring, Nevada, 14@16c; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Valley Oregon, 20@22c. Fall—Northern mountain, 10@12c; mountain, 8@10c; plains, 8@10c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 14@15c.

Hops—Crop '99, 11@13c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $17@20; bran, $12 50 @13 50 per ton.

Hay—Wheat, $8 50@10; wheat and oat, $6@9; best barley, $5@7; alfalfa, $5@7; stock, $5@5 50; compressed wheat, $7@10 per ton; straw, 25@40c per bale.

Potatoes—Early Rose, 60@65c; River Burbanks, 40@65c; Oregon Burbanks, 50@70c per central; new potatoes, 70c@$1 25.

Vegetables—Onions, 75c@$1 per central; garlic, 2½@3½c; green peas, 75c@$1 25 per sack; string beans, 2½@3½c; dried okra, 32½c per pound; asparagus 51@1 75 per box; egg plant, 8@10c per pound.

Citrus fruits—Oranges, navels, $1 50@2; Mexican limes, $4@4 50; common California lemons, $1 25@1 50; choice, $1 25@1 50 per box.

Bananas, $1 50@2 per bunch.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 18c; do seconds, 15½@17c; fancy dairy, 15@16½c; do seconds, 14@15½c per pound.

Cheese — California, new, 7½@8½c per pound; Young America, 8@9½c; Eastern, 16½@17c.

Eggs—Store, 12@14c; fancy ranch, 16c; Eastern, 15@15½c per dozen.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 11@12c; do hens, 12@13c per pound; old roosters, $3 25@3 50 per dozen; young roosters, $5@ 6 50; small broilers, $1 75@2 50; large broilers, $3@3 50; fryers, $3 50@4 50; hens, $4@ 4 50 per dozen; geese, $2@2 25 per pair.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 20,880; oats, centals, 935; beans, sacks, 300; middlings, sacks, 2540; wool, bales, 119; wheat, centals, 5450; barley centals, 6570; corn, centals, 165; potatoes, sacks, 3531; bran, sacks, 1225; hay, tons, 198; hides, 702.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, May 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 300; nominally steady; native, good prime steers, $5 10@5 70; poor to medium, $4 40@ 4 90; selected feeders, $4 40@5 10; mixed stockers, $3 75@4 25; cows, $3 10@3 50; heifers, $3 25@5; canners, $2 40@3; bulls, $2 90@4 40; calves, $5@6 75; Texans, receipts, 2900 for the week; Texas fed steers, $4@5 15; Texas bulls, $3 35@3 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 16,000. Generally 5c lower; top, $5 35; mixed and butchers', $5 05@5 35; good to choice heavy, $5 20@5 25; rough heavy, $5 05@5 15; light, $5 05@5 20; bulk of sales, $5 12@5 27½.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Sheep and lambs, slow; good to choice wethers, $4 90@5 25; fair to choice mixed, $4 35@4 75; Western sheep, $4 75@5 25; yearlings, $5 25@5 50; native lambs, $5 45@7; Western lambs, $6@ 7; Spring lambs, $4 25@7 50.

OMAHA, May 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 26,000 head; market, steady; native beef steers, $4 40@5 40; cows and heifers, $3 70@5 50; canners, $2 50@3 60; stockers and feeders, $3 75@5 25; calves, $3@7; bulls and stags, $3@4 30.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,100 head; market, 5c lower; heavy, $5@5 15; mixed, $4 97½@5; light, $4 90@5 02½; bulk of sales, $4 97½ @5 02½.

Sheep—Receipts, 100; market, steady; fair to choice natives, $5 20@5 54; fair to choice Westerns, $4 50@5 20; common to choice sheep, $4 25@5; lambs, $5 20@7.

KANSAS CITY, May 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 500; market, unchanged.

Hogs—Receipts, 6000; market, 5 cents lower; bulk of sales, $5 05@5 15; heavy, $5@ 5 20; packers, $5 05@5 15; mixed, $4 95@5 10; lights, $4 90@5 05; Yorkers, $5@5 05; pigs, $4 80@5.

AMERICAN INDIFFERENCE.

Should Not Expect Consuls to Act as Drummers.

The story of American indifference to some large contracts in Yucatan, says the New York Journal of Commerce, is followed up by the story of indifference to contracts in the City of Mexico, at the mere suggestion of which English contractors at once sent an agent to investigate the matter on the spot. The rapid growth of our manufactured exports has attracted attention, but the growth does not run all through our manufactures nor is its rate uniform. Some manufacturers are working hard to get foreign trade, but a great many others are not. Some of these have no desire for foreign trade; some desire it, but are not willing to work for it as English and German manufacturers and contractors are. This trade will not come to this country of its own accord. Merchants who really desire foreign trade cannot depend upon the Government furnishing the outward transportation or upon United States Consuls serving as commercial travelers in soliciting orders for them. Least of all can they rely upon the foreign dealer hunting them up and conforming the details of his order to their convenience. The foreign dealer has all the manufacturing resources of Europe pressed upon his attention by commercial travelers who speak his language and will undertake to supply exactly the goods that he believes he can sell.

The Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The cotton market opened steadier in tone, with nearer options 10@16 points higher and the new-crop position 7@12 points higher on a flurry of general buying, led by local shorts. Buying orders of considerable importance were received from Europe. After the call the market eased off under selling from New Orleans. The market for futures closed steady, with prices net 3 to 12 points higher.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The brokers' price for copper is $16 50@16 62½; casting copper, 15¾c.

Bar silver, 60¾c.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—Bar silver, 60¼c.

LONDON, May 26.—Bar silver, 27⅝d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Coffee options closed 5 points lower; sales, 13,500 bags, including July, $6 70@6 80; September, $6 85@6 90; December, $7 15; spot Rio, barely steady; No. 7 invoice, 7¾c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 9¼@12½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 4c; centrifugal 96 test, 4½c; refined, firm; granulated, $5 30; cut loaf, $5 75.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, May 26.—Atchison, 25¾; Canadian Pacific, 95¾; Union Pacific, preferred, 75½; Northern Pacific, preferred, 76¾; Grand Trunk, 7½; Anaconda, 5⅝.

REIGNS IN PARIS.

Rejane, Bernhardt's Great Rival's, Dramatic Success.

Rejane, writes H. J. P., in London Sketch, reigns in Paris. Sarah Bernhardt proclaimed from the housetop that she would never appear in Germany, and the crowd of weaker-minded Frenchmen applauded. Rejane simply shrugged her shoulders, and, with a smile that for once lit up her indifferent, doe-like eyes, replied: "Art has no country. I am going to Berlin."

That is years ago, but it was Rejane who brought about the end of the dispute between France and Germany, although she never contemplated it, and certainly never foresaw it. The Chauvinist press danced and squeaked for a few minutes, but when they saw that she was determined, and that their yells were useless, they respected that calm woman, and in a few minutes Yvette Guilbert and a crowd of artists were signing engagements with German agents and blessing her for breaking down that barrier that had meant a loss to them of thousands since the year 1870.

Becomes Famous.

Her receptions from the highest in the land in Germany drifted by degrees out of the columns set in small type and devoted to theatrical intelligence, and were changed into the news columns, and full headings were given. The prediction that her reappearance at the Vaudeville would give rise to similar scenes that had occurred at the Comedie-Francaise over "Thermidor" or at the Opera over Wagner were so much stupidity, and she came back and was cheered to the echo.

Her home and her children are her one love and happiness. Never under any circumstances do you see paragraphs of attempted robbery, colliding carriages and miraculous escapes in regard to her. She detests the interviewer, and would prefer to give him a £10 note, so that she should be left in peace and quietness, than that he should have to work to earn a similar sum from any journal. Directly she can shake off the crowds that rush to her loge to deluge her with bouquets and cards she drives straight to her children's nursery, and before she even removes her hat and cloak she runs up and kisses each sleeping child and assures herself that all has been well in her absence.

Her love for her own is overwhelming, and when, two years ago, she contemplated a divorce from her husband, M. Rorel, those who acted as peacemakers found her determined and resolute, until it was pointed out that the children of a divorced woman are strangely regarded by the world, and then she broke down and a reconciliation was effected.

Luxury in Dress.

No artist is so scrupulous as to the fit and absolute accuracy of the designs of her dresses. A designer—a friend of Jambon's—came to me one day, and put it down before my eyes some of the most beautiful reproductions in silk flowers that I had ever seen. "Those were designed for Rejane," he said, "and in her dresses everything is done by hand. She has found that the flowers are not true to nature, for she has compared every single one with the original blossoms, and has pointed out to me even where there are errors as to the arrangement of the petals."

As a matter of fact, her mania for luxurious dresses for herself and for her whole company has been a blow to French actresses—for it must be remembered that it is the artist and not the management that pays in France. In Maurice Donnay's "La Douloureuse," some three years ago, the scene at the Vaudeville was at one time occupied by a crowd of actresses who had simply small speaking parts, but whose dresses in no instance could have cost less than $300, and whose jewels would have paid the Transvaal war indemnity.

Washington Barber Shop Rules.

In one part of Washington there is an exclusive settlement of negroes. They have their little shops in which the necessaries of life are kept on sale. The prices range from a cent up to a quarter. In one of the shanties is a barber shop. It has two chairs of the most primitive style. On the wall is a torn colored picture of a colored fire company in a frame without a glass. Underneath this is a paper on which are written these rules:

Shave, 5 cents. Spot cash.
One hair cut 10 cents. " "
Shampooin Saturday 5 cents Extra
Other days, except Sunday, 3 cents.
No shavin Sunday.
Boss takes tips.
Shine next door,
Shut on holidays.
No credit in the Store.
Gamblin barred
Except pints on races.
No politics lowed.
Same on religion.

—New York Sun.

Didn't Work This Year.

A curious Scotch rhyme concerning the calculation of Easter runs as follows:

First comes Candlemass,
And then the new mune,
The next Tuesday after that
Is a fasting e'en.
That moon out,
And the next at its height,
Then next Sunday after that,
Is aye Pasche right.

It is said that this rhyme has never been known to be inaccurate before, but if it is worked out for this year it will be found that it places Easter day on April 32.—Oil City Derrick.

TO EXTEND TROLLEY LINE

NORTH MOUNT TABOR BRANCH WILL RUN TO BASE LINE ROAD.

Preparations for Soldiers' and Sailors' Reunion—News of a Day on the East Side.

Residents east of Mount Tabor along the Base Line road will be delighted to hear that the City & Suburban Railway Company will extend the North Mount Tabor Railway along Hibbard street, from the north side of Montavilla to the Base Line road, as soon as the work can be got at. The County Commissioners, on petition of fully 50 landowners facing Hibbard street, have agreed to grant the railway company the privilege of building the spur, if it will comply with conditions that will insure that the track will be no obstruction. It has been mainly through the persistent efforts of T. C. Thronson that this needed improvement has been brought to the present favorable situation. He has been at work on the proposition since the first of the year. He first visited the owners of the property along Hibbard street and secured their signatures to a petition to the County Court asking for right of way. Now the County Commissioners have granted the petition. He was before the Commissioners with Manager Campbell, who agreed that the track should be laid even with the surface of the road, the ties well sunk down and the road sanded, so that it will not obstruct the roadway in any way. Mr. Campbell assured Mr. Thronson that work will be commenced on this railway extension as soon as practicable. It will be about half a mile in length. The track which extends about half a mile eastward from Hibbard street will be taken up and used on the spur. The new extension will be a great benefit for a wide section, and will also increase the railway traffic. People who have been climbing up Mount Tabor to reach the terminus of the Sunnyside line will have a street car almost at their doors.

Reunion Committee to Meet May 31.

Secretary Foss, of the Multnomah County ex-Soldiers' and Sailors' Association, will issue a call for a meeting of the association on the evening of May 31 at 54 Grand avenue, to make arrangements for holding the annual encampment. The committee is composed of J. S. Foss, secretary; Judge John E. Mayo, president; E. W. Allen, J. E. Williams, J. M. Fowler, DeWitt Miller, Jacob Deckenbech, A. C. Sloan, T. A. Wood, Chris Bell and two others not yet named. This meeting is called to appoint sub-committees on grounds, speakers and programme, and to take such other action as may be necessary to set in motion all the preliminaries for the reunion. For this reason a full committee meeting is desired. The committee represents veterans of the Civil, Indian, Mexican and Spanish Wars, and the intention is to have all these wars represented in the daily programmes. As the reunion will continue nearly a week, veterans of all these wars may have ample opportunity to take part.

The selection of grounds will be an important matter, but offers are coming in. It is thought that the choice lays between Sellwood grounds and Hawthorne Springs. The latter is admitted to be the finest place in the state. It is all prepared. There is a speakers' stand, and benches are all provided. Electric lights are also there. The Sellwood grounds are in a beautiful grove near the sawmill, and a short distance from the Oregon City Railway. It may be reached by the river also. For campers there is ample room. It will cost about $200 to fix up the place, provide a speaker's platform, electric lights, benches and water, but it is considered that the money can be easily raised if the committee accept the place.

Closing Entertainment and Banquet.

The Columbian Literary Society, of the Portland University, gave its final entertainment and banquet in the university building at Sunnyside Friday evening. Owing to the prevailing storm, the attendance of friends from the outside was small, but students generally were present to enjoy the programme. "The Raven," by A. E. Wilson, was well rendered, while the "Prophecy," read by O. R. Anderson, was especially enjoyable. He told about events 25 years from the present, when he finds many of the members of the Columbian Society have achieved fame. C. G. Wakefield delivered a burlesque oration that caused much amusement. J. G. Richardson gave a well-rendered recitation, a selection from Burke, and received much deserved applause. The music was excellent, and the violin selections by Miss Annie English were especially meritorious. On the whole, the programme was very pleasing. Had the weather been more favorable, the chapel would have been filled. At about 10 o'clock the members of the society with a few invited guests went to the banquet-hall and enjoyed an inviting repast, enlivened by short talks and repartee. This closes the career of the Columbian Literary Society, which has added much to the pleasure of the students since the beginning of the Portland University.

Accepted a Call.

Rev. B. F. Winchester, of Snohomish, Wash., has accepted a call to become the pastor of the Hassalo-Street Congregational Church, Holladay addition. It is expected that he will come to Portland before or about the middle of June and enter on his work. Mr. Winchester is a young man, but of much experience, and his father was a minister. He is a married man, his wife being the daughter of a minister. Mr. Winchester is very highly recommended as a man of very fine attainments, and the members of Hassalo-Street Church are pleased to secure him as a pastor.

Campmeeting Closes Today.

The Seventh Day Adventist campmeeting and conference, in Holladay's addition, will close today. With the exception of the past few days, the regular programme has gone forward without inconvenience. Elder Decker, president of the conference, expresses his appreciation for favors received during the past 14 days. As today is the last, the attendance on the services will no doubt be large.

Camp Will Hear Chaplain Gilbert.

Members of Gilbert camp, No. 1, Spanish War Veterans, will attend services this evening, at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, West Side. They will gather at their hall, at East Morrison street and Union avenue, at 7:30 o'clock and proceed across Morrison-street bridge to the church. Uniforms will not be worn. It is desired that all members of the camp should be present on time.

G. A. R. Will Attend Church.

Sumner post and Sumner Woman's Relief Corps, of the East Side, will attend church this evening at the United Brethren Church, East Fifteenth and East Morrison streets. Rev. Mr. Dell, the pastor, will address the old soldiers on that occasion. The poet and corps will attend the services in a body.

East Side Notes.

Ex-Fire Chief T. DeBoest, No. 127, candidate for Constable, East Side, deserves your vote.

There is quite a stream of water flowing from some source near the foot of East Stephens street. It evidently comes from a leak in the water main at that place.

The Sellwood Presbyterian and Methodist Churches will unite this evening in a memorial service in memory of the Nation's dead. Next Tuesday evening Picket post, of Sellwood, will hold a memorial service in the Presbyterian Church of that place.

The little son of A. H. Metcalf, while riding on a bicycle Thursday, fell and broke his left forearm. Also the daughter of Cris Myers fell and fractured her collar bone a few days ago.

Possible to Travel 5000 Miles in Russia for $3 60.

The Russian Government is now providing transportation to emigrants from European Russia who are willing to make new homes in Siberia at rates of fare that have probably never been equa