DISCUSS THE RULES

Produce Men Hold Meeting at Board of Trade.

CO-OPERATION IS DESIRED

General Meeting Is Called for April 27, When the Regulations Will Be Finally Adopted—Decline in Butter.

There was a well attended meeting of Front street commission men and the dairy interests on the floor of the Board of Trade yesterday at 2 P. M. for the purpose of discussing rules and regulations governing the dairy and produce business. The discussion brought out a great many valuable suggestions, and it was considered by everybody present that the spirit of co-operation which the daily meetings on the floor of the Board of Trade has brought about, will result in a much better understanding among the Front street merchants. Everybody present at the meeting conceded the fact that present conditions were not satisfactory, but that a thorough and free discussion of the present drawbacks through the Board of Trade was bound to readjust matters along popular lines.

The meeting resolved that each member present should discuss during the coming week the various suggestions made at the meeting with his business friends in the different lines and report back on Monday, April 27, at 8 P. M., when another meeting of the produce and dairy interests will be held for the purpose of further discussing the rules submitted, with a view of final adoption.

As one of the leading Front street merchants expressed it at the meeting, "what we produce merchants mostly need is unity and co-operation. There is no better medium through which we can obtain it than the Board of Trade."

The rules discussed covered regulations to govern the purchase and sale of butter, cheese, eggs, poultry, fruit and vegetables; the classification of butter, cheese and eggs; provision for the inspection of eggs, cheese, and butter; the definition of grades, etc.

An invitation will be extended to all the commission and dairy interests to attend the meeting on Monday, April 27, and to judge from the interest which was evidenced at yesterday's meeting, the attendance of practically every firm is anticipated.

At the noon session of the Board the official quotation on wheat was given a range of 1 cent upwards. Lemons were quoted firmer and strawberries, rhubarb, tomatoes, cauliflower and peas were quoted lower.

No sales were posted. Two cars of club feed wheat were offered for sale at $29 per ton track, Portland, and there was an offer to buy two cars of fife wheat at 83 cents.

DUMPING HOPS ON ENGLISH MARKET

July Place to Dispose of the American Surplus.

Regarding the recent shipment of 2000 tons of American hops from New York to England on the Adriatic, the London Daily Express says:

"The cargo is the largest one of hops ever brought from America and the White Star Line has not hitherto been identified with hop freightage. The regular hop trade between England and America has been carried on by the Atlantic Transport Line, whose steamer Minneapolis arrived at Tilbury on Wednesday night with about 5000 bales of American hops—equal to 375 tons! The 2000 tons on the Adriatic is equal to nearly a third of the total foreign imports for one year. The quantity of hops sent to England from other countries, including Germany and America, during the ten years 1898 to 1907 averaged 122,179 cwt. (9608 tons) a year.

"Paul G. Horst & Co., one of the principal firms of hop importers, readily admitted that a substantial proportion of the Adriatic's cargo was coming to them. 'There is a large surplus in America,' their representative added, 'and, seeing there is no restriction in the English market, why should not American growers send their hops over here, where at least they will realize something?'

"The following are the approximate quantities which will go to each of the following firms in the Borough:

	Bales.
Paul G. Horst & Co.	2000
Wigan, Richardson & Co.	1500
Clemens Horst Company	1000
Strauss & Co.	400

BUTTER WILL BE LOWER MONDAY

City Creameries Will Drop to 25 Cents. California Buying Oregon Cheese.

There will be an all-around drop in the butter market Monday morning. The city creameries will lower the price of their best grades to 25 cents and on Front street there will be a corresponding scaling down of quotations. Production is increasing at a good rate and in the commission district, especially, supplies are accumulating. As the California market has steadied, it is probable the new local price will hold good for some time.

The egg market continued firm yesterday, with most of the sales on the street at 17½ cents. Shipping orders were light. Slow buying by the local trade is expected in the first half of the week, which may lead to a shading of prices unless the Sound cities renew their orders.

Poultry, especially hens, weakened yesterday, due to a light demand from the large retailers. Some stocks on the street were cleaned up at 14 cents.

The cheese market is firmer. San Francisco is buying heavily and Seattle is expected to be in the market soon. The Northern cities are about cleaned up on Eastern cheese and are asking for prices here.

BETTER FEELING IN OATS MARKET

Good Demand From California for Barley and Wheat.

The calling for bids by the Government on 5000 tons of oats has created a better feeling in the market. Prices have not been affected, but in some quarters it is believed an advance is coming. Valley holders are shipping most of their supplies to California, where better prices are available. The demand for oats from the East has ceased, but shipments on late purchases are still going forward.

There is some demand from Northern and Southern California points for barley and in view of the lightness of supplies here, the market is in a very firm position.

About the only inquiry for wheat at present is from California and the demand from that quarter is urgent enough to give the market a firm tone, even in the absence of export buying. Farmers are not forcing anything on the market.

NOT MANY STRAWBERRY BUYERS

High-Priced Early Fruits Not in Much Favor This Year.

Almost 200 crates of California strawberries came up yesterday, but they met with an indifferent demand. Prices quoted were $2.25@2.50 for the best. So far this season the berry market has been a failure and it affords a probable indication of what will happen when other early fruits come in. Purchasers are not so ready to pay fancy prices for early produce as they were last year.

A straight car of Mexican tomatoes is due Monday. The order for a car of Florida tomatoes was cancelled when it was learned the Mexicans were coming. A car of mixed vegetables were received yesterday.

QUARTERS OF THE BOARD OF TRADE

Will Not Be Moved From the Commercial Club Building.

In view of the erroneous impression that the Board of Trade is to occupy quarters in the Board of Trade Building on Fourth and Oak streets the officers of the Board of Trade wish it to be known that the permanent quarters for the next five years at least, by lease, will be on the ground floor of the new Commercial Club building. Rooms 7 and 8, with entrance on Fifth street, have been fitted up with blackboards and all other conveniences for the transaction of business on the floor of the Exchange.

The organization has neither officially or unofficially any interest in or connection with the building on Fourth and Oak streets. As an association the Board of Trade was organized in 1894 as the Portland Board of Trade and was incorporated on February 26 of this year as the Board of Trade of Portland, Oregon.

Transactions in Hop Market.

T. H. Hubbard & Company yesterday bought and took in the H. C. Minto lot of 125 bales of hops at Salem, paying 4½ cents. Kola Neis bought a lot of 64 bales of mediums at 3½ cents. These were the only transactions reported in the hop market.

Hillsboro Mohair Pool.

The Washington County angora goat raisers are making up a pool of mohair, which will be offered for sale at Hillsboro on Tuesday, April 28.

BOARD OF TRADE QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—Track prices: Club, 84@85c per bushel; red Russian, 82@83c; bluestem, 86@87c; Valley, 84@85c.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.65 per barrel; straights, $3.85@4.25; exports, $3.50@3.65; Valley, $4.45; ¼-sack graham, $4.15; whole wheat, $4.40; rye, $5.25.

BARLEY—Feed, $24 per ton; rolled, $27@28; brewing, $26.

OATS—No. 1 white, $26.50@27 per ton; gray, $26.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26 per ton; middlings, $30.50; shorts, country, $28.50; city, $27.50; wheat and barley chop, $27.50.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, $15; Eastern Oregon, $17.50; mixed, $16; clover, $14; alfalfa, $12; alfalfa meal, $20.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Extras, 27½c per pound; fancy, 26c; choice, 25c; store, 16½c.

EGGS—Loss and commission off, 16½@17c per dozen.

CHEESE—Fancy cream twins, 15½c per pound; cream brick, 20c; Swiss blk., 20c; limburger, 22½c.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 13c per lb.; fancy hens, 14½@15c; roosters, old, 8c; fryers, lb., 20c; broilers, lb., 22½@25c; dressed poultry per pound, 1c higher.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—Select, selling price, 70c per hundred; Willamette Valley, buying price, 45c per hundred; East Multnomah, buying price, 55c; Clackamas, buying price, 55c per hundred; new California, 5@5½c per pound; sweet, 5½c per pound.

APPLES—Select, $2.50 per box; fancy, $2; choice, $1.50; ordinary, $1.25.

ONIONS—Job price, $4.75@5 per hundred; buying price, $4.25@4.50 per hundred; Texas Bermudas, $2.75 per crate; garlic, 15c per pound.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $2.50@3 per box; lemons, $2.75@3.75; strawberries, 15@20c per pound.

VEGETABLES — Turnips, $1 per sack; carrots, $1.50@1.75; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.25; cabbage, $2 per hundred; tomatoes, Florida, $2.75@4 per crate; Mexican, $2; cauliflower, local, 25@75c; head lettuce, 40c per dozen; hothouse lettuce, $1.50@1.75 per box; cucumbers, $1.75@2.50 dozen; celery, 95c@$1 per dozen; artichokes, 50c per dozen; asparagus, 5@7c pound; beans, 20c per pound; egg plant, 25@30c per pound; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 7@8c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 25c per dozen; rhubarb, 4@4½c per pound; spinnach, 85c per crate.

Meats and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS—Hogs fancy, 7½@8c per pound; ordinary, 7c; large, 5@6c; veal, extra, 8@8½c; ordinary, 7@7½c; heavy, 6c; mutton, fancy, 11c; dressed Spring lambs, 9@10c; selling price, 11c; fancy, 12c.

HAMS—Hams, 10-12 lb., 14½c per pound; 14-16 lb., 14c; 18-20 lb., 14c.

BACON—Breakfast, 15½@22c per pound; picnics, 10c; cottage roll, 11c.

DRY SALT AND SMOKED—Regular short clears, smoked, 11½c per pound; unsmoked, 10½c; unsalted bellies, 10-12 lbs., smoked, 10@13c; 10-18 lbs., unsmoked, 12c; clear bellies, unsmoked, 13c; smoked, 14c; shoulders, 11c; tongues, 10c.

LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 12¾c per pound; 5s, 12⅞c; 50s, tins, 12¼c; S. rendered, 10s, 11¾c; 5s, 11⅞c; compound, 10s, 8⅝c.

JOBBERS' QUOTATIONS.

Fresh and Dried Fruits.

FRESH FRUITS—Grapefruit, $2.75@3.25; tangerines, $1.50 per box; bananas, 5½c per pound; crated, 6c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 10c per pound, peaches, 11@12½c; prunes, Italian, 5@6½c; prunes, French, 3@5c; currants, unwashed, cases, 9¼c; currants, washed, cases, 10c; figs, white, fancy, 50-pound boxes, 6¼c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

RICE—Southern Japan, 5¼c; head, 6½@7c; Imperial Japan, 4¾c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12@16c per pound. Columbia roast cases, 100s, $14.50; 50s, $14.75; Arbuckle, $16.63; Lion, $15.88.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.95; 1-pound flats, $2.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 95c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $2.

SUGAR—Granulated, $6.45; extra C, $5.95; golden C, $5.85; fruit and berry sugar, $6.55; plain bag, $6.35; cube (barrels), $6.85; powdered (barrels), $6.70. Terms: On remittances within 15 days deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days, and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c per pound; Maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 16½@18c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts 16c; pecans, 16c; almonds, 15½@18c, chestnuts, Ohio, 25c; peanuts, raw, 6¼@8¼c per pound; roasted, 10c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 10c; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen.

SALT—Granulated, $18 per ton; $2.25 per bale; half ground, 100s, $13.50 per ton; 50s, $14 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 4¾c; large white, 4.10c; pink, 3.85c; bayou, 3.86c; Lima, 6c; Mexican red, 4½c.

HONEY—Fancy, $3.50@3.75 per box.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, per barrel, $7; lower grades, $5.50@6.59; oatmeal, steel-cut, 45-pound sacks, $8 per barrel; 9-lb. sacks, $4.25 per bale; split peas, per 100 pounds, $4.25@4.80; pearl barley, $4.50@5 per 100 pounds; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.75 per bale; flaked wheat, $2.75 per case.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1907, prime and choice, 4@6c per pound; olds, 1@1½c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 12@15c, according to quality.

MOHAIR—Choice, 20@20½c per pound.

HIDES—Dry, 12@12½c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 lbs., 14@16c; culls, 2c per lb. less; salted hides, 5c; salted calf, 9c; green (unsalted), 1c per lb. less; culls, 1c per lb. less; sheep skins, shearlings, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, 25@30c; short wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, 50@60c; medium wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, 75c@$1.00; long wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, each, $1.25@1.50; horse hides, salted, each, according to size, $2.00@2.50; dry, according to size, each, $1.00@1.50; colt's hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 15@25c; Angoras, with wool on, each, 30c@$1.50.

FURS—For No. 1 skins: Bear skins, as to size, No. 1, each, $5.00@10.00; cubs, each, $1@3; badger, prime, each, 25@50c; cat, wild, with head perfect, 30@50c; house, 5@20c; fox, common gray, large prime, each, 40@50c; red, each, $3@5; cross, each, $3@15; silver and black, each, $100@300; fishers, each, $5@8; lynx, each, $4.50@6.00; mink, strictly No. 1, each, according to size, $1@3; marten, dark northern, according to size and color, each, $10@15; marten, pale, according to size and color, each, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, each, 12@15c; skunk, each, 30@40c; civet or polecat, each, 5@15c; otter, for large, prime skin, each, $6@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, each, $2@3; raccoon, for prime large, each, 50@75c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, each, $3.50@5.00; prairie (coyote), 60c@$1.00; wolverine, each, $6@8.00.

Coal Oil and Gasoline.

REFINED OILS—Water white, iron barrels, 10½c; wood barrels, 14½c. Pearl oil, cases, 18c; head light, iron barrels, 12½c; cases, 19½c; wood barrels, 16½c; Eocene, cases, 21c. Special W. W., iron barrels, 14c; wood barrels, 18c; Elaine, cases, 28c; Extra star, cases, 21c.

GASOLINE—V. M. and P. naphtha, iron barrels, 12½c; cases, 19½c. Red Crown gasoline, iron barrels, 16½c; cases, 22½c; motor gasoline, iron barrels, 15½c; cases, 22½c; 86 gasoline, iron barrels, 30c; cases, 37½c; No. 1 engine distillate, iron barrels, 9c; cases, 16c.

Fresh Fish and Shell Fish.

FRESH FISH—Halibut, 6c per pound; black cod, 8c; black bass, 20c; striped bass, 12c; herring, 5½c; flounders, 4c; catfish, 11c; shrimp, 10c; perch, 7c; sturgeon, 12½c; sea trout, 18c; tom cod, 10c; salmon, silversides, 9c; steelheads, 11c; chinook, 8@10c.

CLAMS—Little neck, $2.50 per box; razor clams, $2 per box.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater Bay, per gallon, $2.25; per sack, $4.50; Toke Point, $1.50 per 100; Olympia (120 pounds), $6; Olympia, per gallon, $2.25.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, April 28.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 21@28c; dairies, 20@26c.

Eggs—Firm at mark, cases included, 14c; firsts, 14½c; prime firsts, 15c.

Cheese—Steady, 11½@12¾c.

EAGER TO COVER

Buying by Shorts Sends Prices of Wheat Up.

VERY FIRM AT CHICAGO

World's Shipments Next Week Estimated at Half the Quantity Left Afloat a Year Ago—Corn and Oats Are Strong.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Wheat opened easy, but eager covering by shorts on the decline created a firm tone. Bullish sentiment continued to increase until the close of the session. Heavy covering by shorts of July and September held the bulge. It was estimated today that the world's shipments for next week will be about 6,000,000 bushels against 12,656,000 for the same week last year and this caused a firm feeling at the close. May opened ⅜c to ⅝c lower at 91⅜@91½c, sold between 91⅛c and 93½c and closed at 92¾@93c.

Corn was firm at the opening, trade being comparatively heavy. The July option sold freely. The market stiffened a little in the last hour. May corn opened unchanged to ¼c lower at 66⅞c, sold between 66⅛ and 67½c and closed 66⅝@66¾c.

The oat market opened lower because of selling by commission houses, but the market rallied quickly along with wheat and the loss was recovered. May oats opened unchanged at 53½c, sold between 53¼c and 53⅝c and closed at 53½c.

The provisions market opened firm because of an advance of 10c in the price of live hogs and then eased off slightly from the top because of a poor demand for the cash product, and on selling by local packers. At the close May pork was 10c higher; lard was 5c up, and ribs were 7½c higher.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$.91⅜	$.93¼	$.91⅛	$.93
July	.85¼	.86¾	.84¾	.86⅜
September	.83	.84¼	.82¾	.84
CORN.				
May	.66⅞	.67½	.66⅛	.66⅝
July	.63½	.64	.63¼	.63½
September	.61½	.62⅝	.61¼	.62⅛
OATS.				
May, old	.53½	.53⅝	.53¼	.53½
May, new	.52	.52	.51½	.52⅜
July, old	.45⅛	.45½	.45⅛	.45⅜
July, new	.43	.43½	.43	.43½
September	.37⅝	.37⅝	.36⅝	.37½
PORK.				
May	13.05	13.10	13.05	13.10
July	13.42½	13.47½	13.37½	13.45
September	13.75	13.82½	13.72½	13.77½
LARD.				
May	8.15	8.15	8.12½	8.12½
July	8.32½	8.37½	8.32½	8.32½
September	8.52½	8.55	8.52½	8.52½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	6.97½	6.97½	6.95	6.97½
July	7.25	7.25	7.22½	7.25

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady. Winter patents, $4.25@4.60; straights, $4@4.40; Spring patents, $4.95@5.10; straights, $4@4.50; baker's, $3.10@4.10.

Wheat—No. 2 red, 91⅛@93¼c.

Corn—No. 2, 66⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 67@67½c.

Oats—No. 2, 52½c; No. 2 white, 58½c; No. 3 white, 50@53c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 72@83c.

Flax seed—No. 1 Northwestern, $1.18½.

Timothy seed—Prime, $4.25.

Short ribs—Sides, (loose), $6.50@7.

Pork—Mess, per bbl., $13.10@13.20.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., $8.05.

Sides—Short, clear, (boxed), $7.37½@7.62½.

Whisky—Basis of high wines, $1.05.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	46,400	21,800
Wheat, bu.	35,000	86,900
Corn, bu.	311,900	230,300
Oats, bu.	46,000	389,300
Rye, bu.	1,000	7,800
Barley, bu.	67,100	29,100

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Wheat—Firm. Barley—Strong.

Spot quotations: Wheat—Shipping, $1.61¼@1.63¾ per cental; milling, $1.65@1.67½ per cental.

Barley—Feed, $1.37½@1.41¼ per cental; brewing, $1.45@1.55 per cental.

Oats—Red, $1.42½@1.55 per cental; white, $1.57½@1.65 per cental; gray, $1.55@1.62½ per cental.

Call Board sales: Wheat—May, $1.60 per cental bid; December, $1.57½ per cental.

Barley—May, $1.36¼@1.37¾ per cental; December, $1.32½@1.34 per cental.

Corn—Large yellow, $1.62½@1.67½ per cental.

Northwestern Wheat Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 18.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, $1.05@1.05½; No. 1 Northern, $1.03@1.03½; No. 2 Northern, $1.01@1.01½; No. 3 Northern, 92½c; May, $1.03¾; July, $1.00¼@1.00½; September, 89¼c.

DULUTH, April 18.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.01½; No. 2 Northern, 98c; May, 99c; July, $1; September, 96½c.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, April 18.—Cargoes, firmer. Walla Walla, prompt shipment, 3d higher at 34s 6d. California, prompt shipment, 6d higher at 35s.

Holiday at Liverpool.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, April 18.—Wheat—Unchanged. Bluestem, 84c; club, 82c; red, 80c.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT CROPS

GOOD YIELDS OF ALL KINDS ARE EXPECTED.

Largest Apricot Crop in Years. Some Shortage in Early Peaches, but Others Doing Well.

The California Fruit Distributors have issued from the Sacramento office a general letter to the trade on conditions and prospects for the deciduous fruit crops throughout California as they exist at the present time. The letter follows:

The past Winter has been an unusually favorable one for deciduous fruit, and while the rainfall has been somewhat below normal there has been a sufficiency in all districts, and crops of all varieties of deciduous fruits will mature nicely, even though we have no more rain.

While it is a little early to state definitely, the prospect at the present writing is that the season will open up about the same time as last year.

Cherries—Indications are for a good crop of the early varieties of cherries and the Black Tartarian and Royal Anne yield will be exceptionally good. This remains true in all cherry districts.

Apricots—The apricot crop will be one of the largest we have had in a number of years.

Peaches—While there will be a little shortage in the very early varieties of peaches, such as Alexanders and Hales, the prospects are for a good crop of all other varieties of peaches in all districts in the state.

Plums and prunes—All varieties of plums and prunes are looking fine at the present writing and with the danger of frost practically passed we can safely predict a large crop of all varieties of this fruit.

Bartlett pears—Are showing up well and there will be a good yield of this fruit.

In summing up the above report you will see we are looking forward to shipping from California this season a good crop of all varieties of fruit from all districts.

New York Produce Markets.

NEW YORK, April 18.—All commodity exchanges in the city being closed today, quotations were generally nominal and holiday prices prevailed in practically all outside markets.

Hops—Pacific Coast, 1907, 5@8c; 1906, 3@5c.

Hides—Bogota, 17c; Central American, 17c.

Wool—Domestic fleece, 31@34c.

Petroleum—Refined New York, 8.70c; Philadelphia and Baltimore, 8.75c; do. in bulk, 4.95c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

The continued heavy receipts of sheep and lambs, which have kept the market weak for several days, resulted in lower quotations on these lines yesterday. As shearing is now general in the valley, there is likely to be a steady influx of sheep in the local market for some time. Hogs and cattle, especially the latter, continue very scarce and the market shows a strong tone. Receipts yesterday were 143 sheep, 22 lambs, 192 hogs and 96 cattle.

The following quotations were current on livestock in the local market yesterday:

CATTLE—Best steers, $4.75@5; medium, $4.25@4.75; common, $3.50@4; cows, best, $3.75@4; common, $3.25@3.75; calves, $4@4.50.

SHEEP—Best wethers, $6@6.25; ewes, $5@5.50; Spring lambs, $7.

HOGS—Best, $6@6.25; medium, $5.75@6; feeders, $5.25@5.50.

Eastern Livestock Prices.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 1000. Market, steady. Native steers, $5.00@6.75; native cows and heifers, $3.25@6.25; stockers and feeders, $3.50@5.50; bulls, $3.50@5.25; calves, $4.00@5.75; Western steers, $4.25@6.60; cows, $1.75@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 3000. Market 5@10c higher. Bulk of sales, $5.35@5.70; heavy, $5.65@5.75; packers and butchers, $5.55@5.75; lights, $5.50@5.65; pigs, $4.00@4.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 9000. Market, steady, mostly Texas muttons. Muttons, $4.75@6.50; lambs, $6.25@7.50; range wethers, $4.75@7.00; fed ewes, $4.50@6.00.

OMAHA, April 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 100. Market unchanged.

Hogs—Receipts, 6700. Market 10c higher. Heavy, $5.45@5.62; mixed, $5.47½@5.55; light, $5.45@5.55; pigs, $4.50@5.00; bulk of sales, $5.50@5.55.

Sheep—Receipts, 7500. Market, steady. Yearlings, $6.00@6.50; wethers, $5.75@6.25; ewes, $5.25@5.55; lambs, $7.00@7.60.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Vegetables—Garlic, 25@30c; green peas, 1½@1¾c; string beans, nominal; asparagus, 4@5½c; tomatoes, $1.50@2.50; eggplant, 20c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4@4.50, roosters, young, $7.50@10; broilers, small, $4.50@5.50; broilers, large, $3@4; fryers, $7@8; hens, $5@10; ducks, old, $4@5; young, $5@7.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½c; creamery seconds, 22c; fancy dairy, 20c.

Eggs—Store, 18c; fancy ranch, 22c.

Cheese—New, 11@11½c; Young America, 12@13½c.

Millstuffs—Bran, $30.50@32; middlings, $33@36.

Wool—Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino, 20@22c; South Plains and San Joaquin, 5@7c; lambs, 6@10c.

Hops—New and old crops, 1½@5½c; contracts, 9@11c.

Hay—Wheat, $16@21; wheat and oats, $16@20; alfalfa, $9@14; stock, $8@10; straw, per bale, 55@90c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.75; common, 60c; bananas, $1@3.50; Mexican limes, $6@6.50; California lemons, choice, $2.50; common, 75c; oranges, navels, $1.75@2.50; pineapples, $1.50@3.50.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1.35@1.50; sweets, $3@3.50; Oregon Burbanks, 85c@$1.05.

Receipts—Flour, 2590 quarter sacks; wheat, 3335 centals; barley, 1890 centals; oats, 1000 centals; beans, 45 sacks; potatoes, 2300 sacks; bran, 225 sacks; middlings, 210 sacks; hay, 775 tons; wool, 108 bales; hides, 1050.

Exports and Imports.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The exports of specie from the port of New York for the week ending April 18 were: Gold, $1,005,805; silver, $845,030. The imports were: Gold, $225,941; silver, $8229.

The imports of merchandise and dry goods for the week ending April 11 were valued at $10,043,344.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—Wool—Weak. Medium grades, combing and clothing, 18@19c; light fine, 15@16c; heavy fine, 11@12c; tub-washed, 20@26½c.

SAYS THEY ARE MARRIED

Society Journal of Paris Reveals the Sagan-Gould Secret.

PARIS, April 18.—The Cri de Paris, which professes to chronicle the doings of the fashionable set of Paris, insists in its issue of today that the marriage of Madame Anna Gould, formerly the wife of Count Boni de Castellane, and Prince Helie de Sagan, already has taken place. The paper announced some time ago that this marriage had been celebrated secretly in Germany. Today it says:

"We are now in a position to complete our information. This marriage was celebrated secretly in a little town on our Eastern frontier. When in New York Mme. Gould informed her family that her wedding already was an accomplished fact and this is why the members of her family so quickly assented. We would add that for certain legal reasons, which delicacy prevents us from disclosing, this marriage can be broken.

"This possibly greatly consoles the families which have been so crushed by the marriage, but we hope that they will not by any rude process trouble the happiness of the young couple, who, during their sojourn in New York were so much together."

Continuing, the paper adds that Mme. Gould has resolved irrevocably to break with the past. She is selling out her celebrated wine cellar, a merchant of Bordeaux having already purchased $16,000 worth of her stock.

SHERIFF SUED FOR REWARD

Lets Prisoners Escape and Detectives Hold Him Responsible.

SPOKANE, April 18.—A novel suit for $12,000 from Sheriff Shoemaker, of Helena, Mont., has been started by Detectives McPhee, Macdonald and Briley of Spokane. These detectives captured Ed Frankhauser and Charles McDonald, who held up the Oriental Limited train at Rondo, Mont., last September, securing $40,000. The robbers escaped from the Helena Jail a few weeks ago and the detectives hold that Sheriff Shoemaker, having thus caused them to lose the reward offered, should pay it himself, and are suing him and his bondsmen.

FAVORS ORGANIC UNION

Troy Conference of M. E. Church Adopts Memorial on Subject.

SARATOGA, N. Y., April 18.—The Troy Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church today adopted a memorial to the General Conference, requesting that body to take some action looking toward organic union of the Methodist Episcopal, Free Methodist, Wesleyan Methodist and other Methodist bodies. The Conference decided by an almost unanimous vote to take no action on a memorial asking that the paragraph forbidding dancing, card-playing and theater-going be stricken from the book of discipline.

Taft Indorses Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Secretary Taft filed today with the Senate committee on commerce his cordial indorsement of Senator Newlands' bill, which provides for the appointment of an inland waterways commission and the general improvement of watercourses of the country.

EXCESS OF FUNDS

New York Has More Money Than Can Be Used.

GOLD EXPORTS RESULT

Surplus Carried by Clearing-House Banks Is Largest Reported in Over Ten Years — Gain in the Past Week.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The Financier will say: The surplus reserve of the New York Clearing House banks, according to the statement of their actual condition issued Saturday is $53,258,056, an increase of $8,048,075 since the last previous report. This is the highest surplus reserve reported in over 10 years and is due to the continued heavy remittances of cash from the interior and, to a lesser extent, to the losses which the Treasury is making to the banks on account of currency deficiencies.

The gain in cash made by the Associated Banks last week was $9,937,100. Loans decreased $2,159,500, and deposits rose $7,556,100. This was on the report of actual conditions. The statement of averages, covering six days' operations, showed materially different figures, the average increase in deposits alone having been $20,000,000, but the actual figures reveal the true condition of the banks, the old system of averages being misleading in this respect.

The continued flow of money from the interior and the accumulation of cash which the banks are making from other sources is not as helpful a sign as might be imagined, for the reason that it shows an excess of liquid funds above the needs of business, and the exports of gold which began last week are a logical consequence of the surplus of cash at this center. Just when further withdrawals of public deposits in banks by the Government will be made is uncertain, but with the losses which the Treasury is reporting, for reasons already outlined, a recall of public deposits would be regarded very complacently by the banks.

Indications of any return flow of money from New York to the interior to meet the Spring crop requirements are still wanting, but this movement cannot be much longer delayed, although its volume is problematic. Money rates in New York are now down to these of European centers, and very narrow fluctuations will increase the exports of gold or stop it.

The banks and trust companies not reporting through the clearing-house made substantial gains in all items last week, due in part to the inclusion of the figures of one of the failed Brooklyn trust companies which has resumed business. The actual cash reserve of the clearing-house banks is now 29.26 per cent, that of the trust companies 30.4 per cent and of the state banks 27.02 per cent.

The statement of clearing-house banks for the week shows that the banks hold $49,973,425 more than requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is an increase of $6,707,750 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

The statement follows:

		Increase.
Loans	$1,195,728,900	$8,317,100
Deposits	1,245,099,900	20,089,000
Circulation	59,499,300	*93,500
Legal tenders	69,699,200	2,197,900
Specie	290,676,700	9,532,100
Reserve	361,375,900	11,730,000
Reserve required	311,402,475	5,022,250
Surplus	49,973,425	6,717,750
Ex-U. S. deposits	60,866,375	6,712,125

*Decrease.

The statement of the banks and trust companies of Greater New York not members of the clearing-house shows that these institutions have aggregate deposits of $819,710,500; total cash on hand, $58,008,000, and loans amounting to $806,572,200.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Money on call nominal. Time loans, nominal; 60 days, 2½@2¾ per cent; 90 days, 2¾ per cent; six months, 3¼@3½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 4½@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange, nominal, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8720@4.8725 for demand and $4.8475@4.8480 for 60-day bills. Commercial bills, $4.84½.

Bar silver, 54⅝c.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Silver bars, 54⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 51c.

Drafts—Sight, 7½c; telegraph, 10c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85¼; sight, $4.87¾.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Today's Treasury statement:

Available cash balance	$251,842,109
Gold coin and bullion	23,784,727
Gold certificates	29,195,700

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,124,573	$121,161
Seattle	1,247,268	221,337
Tacoma	591,836	55,405
Spokane	756,756	119,747

Clearings of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma for the past week and corresponding weeks in former years were:

	Portland.	Seattle.	Tacoma.
1908	$6,927,920	$8,494,942	$4,033,090
1907	7,441,194	9,201,147	4,572,461
1906	2,882,292	10,403,289	3,928,108
1905	3,719,669	5,366,721	2,867,978
1904	4,012,299	2,845,286	1,209,483
1903	2,457,023	2,660,485	1,749,836
1902	2,480,141	2,266,778	1,242,928
1901	2,146,255	2,249,222	1,046,353

EEL FISHERMEN SUFFER

Lessees of Fishing Rights on Lough Neagh Given Monopoly.

DUBLIN, April 18.—(Special.)—Attention has been called to the hard case of a number of Irish fisher folk residing near Lough Neagh. It seems that from time immemorial they and their forefathers have been accustomed to earn their livelihood by catching eels from the lough, and now, by a decision of the Irish Land Judge's Court—if it is not reversed on appeal—they will no longer be able to "scoop" the eels.

Lord Shaftesbury is the owner of the fishing rights of the lough, and he has leased to one Edward Armstrong O'Neill and others the eel fisheries. It is the lessees who have obtained a declaration of title to the exclusive right of fishing for eels. When it is stated that there are 2000 people who live entirely by this industry, it will be seen that the injunction is a serious matter for them. They contend the lough is an inland sea, free to every subject of the realm, and they appeal for funds to enable them to carry the case to a higher court.

POLE INSULTS KAISER

Paints Picture That Salon of Independents Cannot Exhibit.

PARIS, April 18.—(Special.)—The "Salon of Independents," which knows no jury and admits any work which anyone may choose to send in, has just opened an exhibition of 6237 oil paintings. This appalling number of canvases was reduced a few hours later, but, unfortunately, by only six. They were removed, not for artistic reasons, which would have applied just as well to a good many other exhibits, but for reasons of international decorum.

A Polish artist, M. Boleslas Biegos, who formerly was a strangely eccentric and gruesome sculptor, has taken recently to political paintings, in which he displays the same want of taste. Last year he showed a "Jiu-Jitsu Match," in which, though it was very badly painted, the Tsar of Russia and the Mikado of Japan could be recognized wrestling in scanty attire. This picture the police removed. This year six pictures by M. Biegos have been taken away by order. The artist, being a Pole, may be forgiven for feeling strongly on the question of the expropriation of the Poles by Prussia, but he expresses his feelings too strongly in another than an artistic sense on canvas.

In his six pictures Kaiser Wilhelm is represented in the scantiest clothing, with or without Prince Buelow in the same state. "Nero on Polish Soil," "The Expropriation of the Poles," "The Invasion of Russia by Prussia," are three of the "works of art." Another represents the Emperor impersonating Venus and standing on the Place de la Concorde, while in "The Victory of the Gallic Cock" the bird of France has fought and worsted the double-headed eagle, while the Kaiser looks on.

Several German visitors at the show on the opening day were naturally displeased by the pictures, which the police soon afterwards removed, and which will be no loss to art.

COUNTESS LIVES TOO HIGH

FRENCH WOMAN'S MOTHER ASKS COURT FOR GUARDIAN.

Young Woman Has Mania for Poultry, Dogs and Cattle and for Building Houses.

PARIS, April 18.—(Special.)—Whoever, in the opinion of French courts of law, lives beyond his or her means, can at any time be legally restrained and reduced to the status of an infant. The mother of the Countess de Cholet now petitions for an order placing her daughter under the guardianship of a "family council," on the ground of her alleged thriftlessness. The Countess, when she married, had a fortune of $440,000, and her husband, from whom she has since separated, had a post in Constantinople worth $16,000 a year. The Countess insisted on keeping up two flats in Paris, at rentals of $1600 and $3200 a year, respectively, while living in Constantinople. Moreover, when she and the Count came to Paris on visits, they did not live in either flat, because she preferred to stop in a hotel in the Place Vendome, taking pension in a neighboring restaurant at $20 a head per day.

Two children were born in Constantinople, and the Countess attached a doctor to her person at a salary of $2400 for two or three weeks at a time. Eventually she returned to Paris and separated from the Count, when her "spending fury," according to her mother's counsel, increased. She keeps all sorts of animals, poultry, dogs and cattle, and has a kennel in England; she builds houses constantly, and constantly alters them at great expense. She is accordingly in debt, has mortgaged her property heavily, and pawned her jewels. This is the case for the mother, representing the "family council."

The court must now paternally decide whether the Countess is or is not a spendthrift, and whether she may be allowed to go on managing her own affairs, or must be reduced to the position of a legal infant with a guardian, who will dole out her money to her quarterly.

HAS CONSENT OF BRITAIN

Russia Suppressing Kurds Under an Agreement Regarding Persia.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 18.—The Foreign Office is keenly interested in Russia's little frontier war in Persia. It is the first occasion to arise for the active application of Russia's rights under the Anglo-Russian agreement to endeavor to preserve order in Northern Persia. The operations themselves are considered of minor importance, and they will quickly come to an end so soon as the subsidence of floods permit the movement of Russian detachments.

Russia counts upon the support of Great Britain and no interference on the part of any other power.

WILL WIPE OUT THE KURDS

Russians Send More Troops Against Frontier Brigands.

TIFLIS, April 18.—The situation on the Persian frontier arising from the activity of bands of marauding Kurds has not materially improved. The Persian bandits again concentrated in force yesterday and renewed their attack against Belesuvar. The Russians countered with energy, and their artillery bombarded several villages in which the brigands had taken shelter. The Russian commander has received orders to disperse and entirely wipe out the bands. Reinforcements are being sent in to him from Baku and Lenkoran. The expedition that went in from Baku found its flanks to be menaced by the brigands. It therefore occupied points in Persian territory in order to equip adequately the line of communication. In addition to the losses previously reported, the Russians have had seven soldiers killed. The Russian commander says in a report that the Persian authorities have lost their heads entirely and that anarchy reigns in the district.

Lieutenant-General Mistchenko, Governor-General of Tiflis, has left here for the Kars district, to supervise the precautionary measures Russia is taking along the Turkish frontier, in view of the mobilization of Turkish troops on the other side of the line.

FAR FROM PICTURE BOOK

"Flora of Washington" Merely Dry Botanical Report.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 18.—Representative Humphrey has secured a limited reprint of the "Flora of Washington," a Government botanical report, for which there has been considerable demand. The book is one couched in purely scientific terms and of absolutely no value to a person not familiar with botany, and for this reason Mr. Humphrey intends to confine the distribution to schools and other institutions which can make proper use of the document.

Many demands have come from uninformed persons who expected to receive a beautifully illustrated work, filled with colored pictures of all the wild flowers native to the Evergreen state. The book is nothing of the sort. To any but a botanist it is a dry, uninteresting document that would find its way into the waste-basket.

Militia After Night Riders.

OWENSBORO, Ky., April 18.—Company C, of the Kentucky National Guard, received orders from Adjutant-General Johnson last night to leave today for Paducah. It is supposed that they will see duty in Trigg and Calloway Counties, where alleged Night-Riders are being rounded up.

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