FAVORS A COMBINE

Eastern Hop Dealer Says There Are Too Many Buyers.

SUGGESTS CO-OPERATION

Claims the Pacific Coast Hopmen Are Getting Rich Too Fast. Better Tone in the Local Market.

The following is a copy received by local hop dealers yesterday of a circular said to have been sent to all the leading hop dealers of the East and Middle West. It is signed by Lilienthal Bros. of New York, one of the largest hop firms in this country:

"The remuneration paid our Pacific Coast buyers is not only very excessive, in the light of present values, but it has been indirectly a stimulus to overproduction. There are too many buyers in the field and they, in turn, become a source of false encouragement to the growers. We suggest co-operation."

The assertion that the hop buyers of the Coast are overpaid must have been intended as a joke. If any of them have made their expenses this season, it would be interesting to know who they are. The claim that the buyers are responsible for overproduction is regarded as absurd. The only encouragement given the growers this year has been by the big Eastern dealers who have so freely contracted the coming crop.

The last sentence in the circular is the most significant of all. There has long been talk of a probable combination of the large dealers and though the rumors have been denied it would surprise no one in the trade if such a combine were finally formed.

The general tone of the local market yesterday was quite firm. The demand is good and there is a chance that the remainder of the crop may soon be cleaned up. The Horst Company, of London, is in the market and its agent is said to have offered 7¼ cents for a fancy lot.

Julius Pincus yesterday bought the Hovenden lot of 150 bales at Hubbard at 7 cents and 125 bales from Donald McCarty of Independence at the same price.

NO TRADING IN WHEAT MARKET.

Holders Refuse to Make Concessions. Barley Is Strong.

There was not much snap to the local wheat market yesterday. Buyers kept in the background, or when they appeared offered lower prices, but holders were in no way shaken in their firm views. The position of the market, so far as this section of the country is concerned, is as strong as it ever was, and the question that is agitating the trade is not so much the price of wheat as where to get supplies to carry business through to the end of the season.

The barley market is very firm. The demand for rolled barley taxes the mills to the utmost, and it is not improbable there may be another advance in this cereal soon. Oats are also quoted firm.

Russian wheat shipments for the week were reported by the Merchants' Exchange at 1,576,000 bushels and Danubian shipments at 600,000 bushels.

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
17th-18th	10	3	12	5	3
19th	..	4	1	1	1
20th	8	..	5	1	1
21st	2	1	6	1	4
22d	..	5	4	1	1
23d	2	7	9	4	8
This week	22	9	38	12	16
Last week	26	..	44	12	26

BIG WEEK IN BERRY TRADE.

Portland Never Before Handled So Much Early Fruit.

Portland never before did a larger business in early strawberries than last week. Three cars were disposed of and two more could easily have been used. Considering that the Florin season has not really opened yet, this is something remarkable.

No Southern produce of any kind was received in time for business yesterday, owing to the delayed train service. On the train were 250 crates of Florins. Another car of Los Angeles fruit will be in Monday morning. Other California sections have berries to offer on this market. Shippers at Penrhyn, Placer County, write to the trade here that they will be ready to ship Dollar berries in carload lots on May 1.

In the absence of fresh arrivals, there was a general cleaning up of the carryover stock of vegetables. The first car of Bermuda onions from Coachella will be put on sale Monday morning at $2 per crate. A small shipment of Jersey sweet potatoes will also be offered. Two cars of bananas are due Monday.

POTATOES IN STRONG DEMAND.

Full Prices Being Paid in Country for Everything Offered.

Potato dealers freely paid $1.60 per hundred in the country yesterday. In most sections farmers were ready sellers at this price, but a few were disposed to hold their potatoes a while, believing a higher market will yet prevail. The situation is certainly strong all around.

The Lebanon Express says of potato buying in that section:

"Several potato-raisers around Crabtree yesterday completed the sale in a pool of eleven carloads of potatoes, as follows: J. W. Mitchell, 2600 bushels; E. A. Easton, 1200; Walter Alvin, 1200; William Crabtree, 600; Jake Bilyeu, 300; William Prine, 300. Six hundred bushels make a carload, approximately two bushels to a sack. The price paid was 90 cents net, the buyers, Woods & Hurst, of Aurora and Silverton, furnishing the sacks and twine."

COLLECTING DALLAS MOHAIR POOL

Quantity Is Much Larger Than Was Estimated.

The work of gathering in the Polk County mohair pool, which was sold recently, is nearly completed and the weighing in shows the pool contains between 75,000 and 80,000 pounds, or over 50 per cent more than the estimate made earlier in the season.

The mohair has been weighed in at seven different shipping points in Polk County, from which it will be sent direct to Portland. The places of weighing in and the amount of mohair (approximately) received at each point are as follows: Airlie, 22,000 pounds; Sheridan; 25,000 pounds; Dallas, 20,000 pounds; Amity, 5000 pounds; Monmouth, 2000 pounds; Ballston, 1000 pounds; Perrydale, 1000 pounds.

NOT ENOUGH EGGS COMING.

Price Is Steadily Advanced—Butter Market Is Steady.

The egg market is steadily on the climb. Twenty-four cents was the ruling price on the street yesterday and with the supply insufficient. A 25c cent market is likely in the coming week. Local dealers were yesterday paying 23 cents at country points.

The poultry market held its own. Receipts were small and everything cleaned up.

Butter was steady at unchanged prices. In some quarters a decline is looked for in the coming week.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 887,700	$115,772
Seattle	1,489,941	178,332
Tacoma	683,708	21,685
Spokane	1,138,854	223,808

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

	Portland.	Seattle.	Tacoma.
1909	$6,923,020	$10,165,289	$4,332,053
1908	5,376,693	7,382,419	3,948,953
1907	6,833,140	9,056,452	4,398,138
1906	4,231,472	8,322,474	3,036,831
1905	3,509,250	4,235,787	2,817,109
1904	3,659,238	3,488,534	2,090,828
1903	2,759,857	3,356,017	1,975,289
1902	2,127,489	2,600,010	1,948,111
1901	2,017,199	1,934,049	2,485,498

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem milling, $1.27½@1.30; club, $1.20; Valley, $1.15.

FLOUR—Patents, $6.05 per barrel; straights, $5.10; exports, $4.70; Valley, $5.30; graham, $5.60; whole wheat, quarters, $5.80.

OATS—No 1 white, $42 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26.50 per ton; middlings, $33; shorts, $26@32; chop, $20@25; rolled barley, $36@37.

BARLEY—Feed, $34@35 per ton.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $14@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $17@19; clover, $11@22; alfalfa, $14@14.50; grain hay, $13@14; cheat, $14@14.50; vetch, $13.50@14.

Vegetables and Fruit.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, 65c@$2.50 per box. Strawberries, Los Angeles, $1.25@1.50 per crate; Florin, $2@2.25 per crate.

POTATOES—Buying price, $1.50@1.60 per hundred; new California, 5c per pound; sweet, 4½c per pound.

SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, $1.25; parsnips, $1.50; beets, $1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2.25@$3 per box; lemons, $1.75@4; grape fruit, $3.50@4 per box; bananas, 5½@6c per pound; pineapples, $2.75@3.25 per dozen; tangerines $1.75 per box.

ONIONS—Bermuda, $2.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 65@85c doz.; asparagus, Oregon, 12½@15c per dozen; California, 5@7c per pound; beans, 25c; cabbage, 4@4½c per lb.; cauliflower, 75@$1 per dozen; cucumbers, 75c@$1.50 per dozen; lettuce, hothouse, $1.25@1.50 per box; lettuce, head, 40@50c per dozen; onions, 12½@15c per dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; peas, 6@7c per pound; radishes, 20@25c per dozen; rhubarb, 3@3½c per pound; spinach, 90c@$1; tomatoes, Florida, $6@3.25 per crate.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—City creamery, extras, 27½@29c; fancy outside creamery, 25@29c per lb.; store, 18@20c. (Butter fat prices average 1½ cents per pound under regular butter prices.)

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 23½@24c per dozen.

POULTRY — Hens, 16½@17c; broilers, 25c; fryers, 18@22½c; roosters, old, 10@11c; young, 14@15c; ducks, 20@22½c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, $2.50@3 per dozen.

CHEESE—Fancy cream twins, 17@17½c per lb.; full cream triplets, 17@17½c; full cream, Young America, 18@18½c.

VEAL—Extras, 9@9½c per pound; ordinary, 8½@9c; heavy, 7@8c.

PORK—Fancy, 9½@10c per pound; large, 8@9c.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8½c per lb.; peaches, 7¼@8c; prunes, Italian, 5½@6¼c; prunes, French, 4@6c; currants, unwashed, cases, 9½c; currants, washed, cases, 10c; figs, white fancy, 50-lb. boxes, 6¾c; dates, 7¼@7½c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-lb talls, $2 per dozen; 2-lb. 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.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12¾@16c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 12@13c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15c; pecans, 7c; almonds, 13@14c; chestnuts, Italian, 11c; peanuts, raw, 5¾@6c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 10c; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen.

SUGAR—Granulated, $6.05; extra C, $5.55; golden C, $5.45; fruit and berry sugar, $6.05; plain bag, $5.85; beet granulated, $5.85; cubes (barrel), $6.45; powdered (barrel), $6.30. Terms: On remittances within 15 days, deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ½c per pound. Maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $13 per ton, $1.50 per bale; half ground, 100s, $7.50 per ton; 50s, $8 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 6¼c large white, 5¾c; Lima, 5c; pink, 3¾c; bayo, 6¼c; Mexican red, 5¾c.

Provisions.

BACON—Fancy, 21½c per pound; standard, 18½c; choice, 17½c; English, 15½@16½c; strips, 13½c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 15½c; smoked, 13½c; short clear backs, heavy dry salted, 12½c; smoked, 13½c; Oregon exports, dry salt, 12½c; smoked, 14½c.

HAMS—10 to 13 lbs., 14½c; 14 to 16 lbs., 14½c; 18 to 20 lbs., 14½c. Hams, skinned, 14½c; picnics, 10c; cottage roll, 11c; shoulders, 11c; boiled hams, 19@20c; boiled picnics, 17c.

LARD—Kettle rendered: 10s, 14¾c; 5s, 14¾c. Standard pure: 10s, 13½c; 5s, 13¾c. Choice: 10s, 12¾c; 5s, 12¾c. Compound: 10s, 9¾c; 5s, 9¾c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each, 60c; dried beef sets, 17c; dried beef outsides, 16c; dried beef insides, 19c; dried beef knuckles, 18c.

PICKLED GOODS—Barrels: Pigs' feet, $13; regular tripe, $10; honeycomb tripe, $12; pigs' tongues, $19.50.

MESS MEATS—Beef, specials, $12 per barrel; plate, $14 per barrel; family, $14 per barrel; pork, $20 per barrel; brisket, $22 per barrel.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1909 contract, 9c per pound; 1908 crop, 6@7c; 1907 crop, 8c; 1906 crop, 1½c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 13@18c per pound; Valley, fine, 20c; medium, 19c; coarse, 18c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 24@25c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16@17c lb.; dry kip, No. 1, 15@16c pound; dry calfskin, 13@16c pound; salted hides, 9@9½c; salted calfskin, 13@14c pound; green, 1c less.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Angora goat, $1 to $1.25; badger, 25@50c; bear, $5@20; beaver, $6.50@8.50; cat, wild, 50c@$1; cougar, perfect head and claws, $5@10; fisher, dark, $7.50@11; pale, $4.50@7; fox, cross, $3 to $5; fox, gray, 60c to 80c; fox, red, $2.25 to $4; fox, silver, $35 to $100; lynx, $10@15; marten, dark, $8@12; mink, 75c@$4.50; muskrat, 10@15c; otter, $7; raccoon, 45c@60c; sea otter, $1@2.50, as to size; skunks, 50@75c; civet cat, 10@15c; wolf, $2@3; coyote, 70c@$1.10; wolverine, dark, $5@5; wolverine, pale, $2@2.50.

CASCARA BARK—Per pound, 5½c.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, April 24.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	8	Mohawk	60½
Allouez	38½	Mont C & C	25
Amalgamated	76¼	Nevada	20¼
Ariz Com	41½	Old Dominion	57½
Atlantic	11	Parrot	32¾
Butte Coal	22	Quincy	88
Cal & Ariz	99½	Shannon	14
Cal & Hecla	605	Tamarack	67
Copper Range	77½	Trinity	13½
Daly West	16	U. S. Mining	45¼
Franklin	13¾	U. S. Oil	3½
Granby	95	Utah	40¾
Greene Cananea	10¼	Victoria	4½
Isle Royale	23	Winona	1¾
Mass Mining	34	Wolverine	43
Michigan	12	North Butte	63½

NEW YORK, April 24.—Closing quotations:

Alice	175	Leadville Con	45
Brunswick Con	6	Little Chief	9
Com Tun stock	21	Mexican	78
do bonds	16½	Ontario	350
C C & Va	50	Ophir	115
Horn Silver	160	Standard	60
Iron Silver	100	Yellow Jacket	65

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Evaporated apples, unchanged; fancy, 8¾@9¼c; choice, 7¾c; prime, 6@6½c; common to fair, 5@6c.

Prunes somewhat unsettled, but demand rather better than usual for this time of year and prices on attractive fruit are well maintained. New crop California fruit, 3¾@12c; Oregon 40-50s to 20-30s, 6½@9c.

Apricots unchanged; choice, 10@10½c; extra choice, 10½@10¾c; fancy, 11@13c.

Peaches quiet. Choice quoted at 6@6¼c; extra choice, 6¼@6¾c; fancy, 7@8½c.

Raisins quiet as a rule. Loose muscatel, 3½@4½c; choice to fancy seeded, 3¾@6c; seedless, 3¾@5½c; London layers, $1.20@1.30.

Imports and Exports.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Imports of merchandise and drygoods at the Port of New York for the week ending today were valued at $16,770,760.

Imports of specie for the Port of New York for the week ending today were: Silver, $82,316; gold, $111,286.

Exports of specie from the Port of New York for the week ending today were $2,600,250 gold and $29,870 silver.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Cotton futures closed steady. April, 10.38c; May, 10.39c; June, 10.31c; July, 10.32c; August, 10.20c; September, 10.10c; October, 10.09c; November, 10.06c; December, 10.06c; January, 10c; March, 10.01c. Spot closed quiet, 25 points higher. Middling uplands, 10.70c No sales.

BEARS SEEK COVER

Purchasing of Shorts Makes Lively Stock Market.

PRICES WILL NOT DOWN

Foreign Exchanges Take a Favorable View of the Course of Affairs in Turkey—Bond Market Very Active.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The activity of the stock market today was attributed in large measure to covering operations by bear speculators who sold stocks freely yesterday. The news from Constantinople was sensational, but foreign securities markets were sufficiently indifferent to suggest to the bear party that they were in a hazardous position, with obligations to deliver stocks of which prices refused to decline.

The securities markets abroad seemed to take a favorable rather than an apprehensive view of the course of events in Turkey, indicating the preference of the financial powers for the ascendency of the liberal element in Turkish affairs.

The announcement late yesterday of a $2,000,000 gold shipment to France opens up a fresh factor of depletion of banking reserves. Lenders of money are not showing anything like the late prevailing eagerness to place funds as any marked revival of mercantile demand for credits would be bound to alter materially the tone of the money market.

The money outlook did not prevent another broad and active bond market today. The break in the price of wheat was a sustaining influence on stocks.

The bank statement showed an expansion in the loan averages of $11,792,200, although the actual loan increases on Friday night had reached only $1,672,600. The increase of $17,518,000 in the local account of the trust companies seems to have been taken over from the banks during the week in connection with bond flotations. The relief afforded to the banking position finds reflection in the rise of $1,245,350 in the actual surplus on Friday night, compared with the decrease of $1,094,285 in that item shown by the computation by averages.

Bonds were steady to strong. Total sales, par value, $3,342,000. United States 3s coupon have advanced 1-4 per cent on call during the week.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	13,600	77¾	76¼	77
Am Car & Foun	600	50⅝	50¼	50
do preferred		.....	.....	111¼
Am Cotton Oil	300	58¾	58¼	58¾
Am Hd & Lt pf	400	40¾	40½	40¾
Am Ice Securi	1,900	40½	40	40¼
Am Linseed Oil	100	16⅝	16⅝	16
Am Locomotive	1,500	55½	55	55½
do preferred		.....	.....	114
Am Smelt & Ref	21,800	88¾	88⅝	89⅝
do preferred	700	105¼	105	105
Am Sugar Ref	300	136⅝	133½	133½
Am Tobacco pf		.....	.....	96½
Am Woolen	300	33	33	33
Anaconda Min Co	1,600	45½	44⅞	45¼
Atchison	2,600	107⅞	107¼	107¾
do 1st preferred		.....	.....	103⅝
Atl Coast Line		.....	.....	126½
Balt & Ohio	3,000	114	113½	113½
do preferred		.....	.....	95½
Brook Rap Tran	11,700	79	77½	78½
Canadian Pacific	1,000	176¾	175⅝	175⅝
Central Leather		.....	.....	29¼
do preferred		.....	.....	101
Central of N J		.....	.....	278
Ches & Ohio	6,200	76½	75¾	76⅜
Chicago Gt West	500	5⅛	5	5
Chicago & N W		.....	.....	170
C, M & St Paul	800	149⅞	149½	149½
C, C, C & St L		.....	.....	74
Colo Fuel & Iron	1,100	38¾	38	38⅞
Colo & Southern		.....	.....	61½
do 1st preferred		.....	.....	81½
do 2d preferred	300	80½	80½	80½
Consolidated Gas	300	137½	137¼	137¼
Corn Products Ref	2,400	23½	23	23¼
Del & Hudson		.....	.....	182
D & R Grande	2,700	52⅝	52¼	52½
do preferred	200	87¾	87¾	87½
Distillers' Securi	400	38¾	38½	38½
Erie	2,700	31½	30⅞	30⅞
do 1st preferred	200	47	47	47
do 2d preferred	500	38¾	38¾	38
General Electric	300	158	158	158
Gt Northern pf	2,500	144½	143¾	144¼
Gt Northern Ore	100	69	69	68
Illinois Central	300	145¾	145¼	145½
Interborough Met	600	15⅝	15½	15⅝
do preferred	1,600	45¼	44⅝	45
Int Paper	1,100	12⅝	12	12
do preferred	200	56½	56½	56½
Int Pump	600	39⅝	39	39¼
Iowa Central		.....	.....	33½
K C Southern	500	45¾	45¼	46½
do preferred		.....	.....	72½
Louis & Nashville		.....	.....	138
Minn & St L	800	60	59½	59½
M, St P & S S M		.....	.....	150¾
Missouri Pacific	500	74	73¾	73¾
Mo, Kan & Texas	10,300	44¼	43⅝	43¾
do preferred	200	73¾	73½	73½
National Lead	2,600	88⅞	88⅝	88½
N Y Central	1,800	136⅝	136	136⅝
N Y, Ont & West	200	49⅝	49¼	49¼
Norfolk & West	400	92⅞	92½	92
North American	200	82¼	82¼	82
Northern Pacific	600	144½	143¾	144¼
Pacific Mail	200	30	29¾	29½
Pennsylvania	2,300	135¾	135⅝	135½
People's Gas	1,500	116½	116	116½
P, C C & St L		.....	.....	91½
Pressed Steel Car		.....	.....	37½
Pullman Pal Car		.....	.....	185
Ry Steel Spring		.....	.....	39¼
Reading	77,700	146⅛	144⅝	145¾
Republic Steel	1,800	24	23¼	23½
do preferred	1,200	77½	77	77½
Rock Island Co	28,900	29½	28⅝	29¼
do preferred	11,100	70⅝	69½	70
St L & S F 2 pf	3,200	43	41¾	42¾
St L Southwestern		.....	.....	23⅝
do preferred		.....	.....	57½
Sloss-Sheffield		.....	.....	75
Southern Pacific	5,100	120⅝	119¾	120
do preferred		.....	.....	123½
Southern Railway	1,400	28⅝	28¼	28¼
do preferred		.....	.....	67½
Tenn Copper	200	41⅞	41½	41½
Texas & Pacific	1,100	34	33½	33⅝
Tol, St L & West	300	52¾	52¼	52
do preferred	300	69¾	69	69
Union Pacific	31,300	188¼	187½	187⅞
do preferred		.....	.....	95¼
U S Rubber	800	33½	33	33¼
do 1st preferred	300	104⅝	104½	104½
U S Steel	59,900	53⅞	52⅞	53⅝
do preferred	300	114⅝	114⅝	114¾
Utah Copper	2,700	48½	47¾	47⅞
Va-Caro Chemical	500	47	46⅝	46⅝
do preferred		.....	.....	114
Wabash	2,400	19	18½	18¾
do preferred	2,300	49	47⅝	48⅝
Westinghouse Elec	400	82	81½	81½
Western Union	200	69½	69	69
Wheel & L Erie	100	10	10	9¾
Wisconsin Central	200	59½	59½	59¾
Am Tel & Tel	4,900	141½	140¾	141¼
Total sales for the day	391,400 shares.			

BONDS.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Closing quotations:

U. S. reg. 2s	92½	N Y C G 3½s	92¼
do coupon	101⅝	North Pacific 3s	74⅞
U. S. 3s reg	101½	North Pacific 4s	102⅝
do coupon	102	South Pacific 4s	91
U S new 4s reg	119	Union Pacific 4s	102⅞
do coupon	120½	Wisco Cent 4s	96
Atchison adj 4s	106⅞	Japanese 4s	86
D & R G 4s	96⅝		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, April 24.—Consols for money, $4 15-16; do for account, $4 15-16.

Anaconda	9⅝	N. Y. Central	133
Atchison	110	Norfk & West	94⅝
do pref	106¼	do pref	90
Balt & Ohio	116½	Ont & Western	50⅝
Can Pacific	180½	Pennsylvania	69¼
Ches & Ohio	77½	Rand Mines	8⅝
Chi Grt West	5½	Reading	74¼
C. M. & S. P.	153	Southern Ry	28⅝
De Beers	13¼	do pref	69
D & R G	53⅝	South Pacific	122⅞
do pref	88½	Union Pacific	192⅝
Erie	31⅝	do pref	98
do 1st pf	48	U. S. Steel	54¼
do 2d pf	39	do pref	117½
Grand Trunk	21¼	Wabash	19
Ill Central	149½	do pref	49
L & N	142	Spanish 4s	97
Mo K & T	44⅝	Amal Copper	79

BANK DEPOSITS ARE SWELLED.

Surplus Reserve at New York Is Again Decreased.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The statement of clearing-house banks for the week shows that the banks hold $10,107,375 more than the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is a decrease of $1,094,625 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:

		Increase.
Loans	$1,339,585,500	$11,792,200
Deposits	1,389,383,700	13,994,700
Circulation	49,290,500	142,100
Legal tenders	76,969,800	*1,190,900
Specie	280,343,500	2,394,800
Reserve	357,453,300	2,414,900
Reserve required	347,345,925	3,498,725
Surplus	10,107,375	*1,094,625
Ex-U. S. deposits	10,766,300	*1,090,775

*Decrease.

The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing-house banks today was 25.80.

The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York, not reporting to the clearing-house shows that these institutions have aggregate deposits of $1,242,921,900; total cash on hand, $146,412,700, and loans amounting to $1,103,118,700.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Money—On call, nominal. Time loans, firmer; 60 days, 2@2½ per cent; 90 days, 2½ per cent; six months, 2¾@3 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent.

Sterling exchange, steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8605@4.8615 for 60-day bills, and at $4.8755@4.8740 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.85½@4.86.

Mexican dollars—44c.

Bonds—Government, steady; railroad, strong.

LONDON, April 24.—Bar Silver—Steady 24d per ounce.

Money—½@¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1¼@1 3-16 per cent; for three months bills, 1¼@1 5-16 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Silver bars—52¼c.

Mexican dollars—46c.

Drafts—Sight, 2½c; telegraph, 5c.

Sterling on London—60 days, $4.86¾; sight, $4.87¾.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve, shows:

Gold certificates, $37,165,830; gold coin and bullion, $46,119,193; available cash balances, $124,572,786.

ORANGES ARE HELD UP

SEATTLE FRUIT INSPECTOR FINDS SCALE ON THEM.

Eggs Will Advance Again in the Coming Week—Onions Are Firmer.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—The fruit inspector today held up four carloads of oranges and would not permit them to be unloaded until they were fumigated. The fruit was affected with the scale.

Oregon onions were firmer today and dealers were asking 3¼ cents. Asparagus was very scarce, as there have been no receipts of any consequence for several days.

There were no strawberry receipts today and the city is without berries.

Eggs will be higher again next week. Dealers sent out offers of 25 cents for good local stock.

Buying prices on broilers were cut 5 cents all around, now ranging from 30 to 40 cents for ¾ to 1½-pound stock.

Brick cheese advanced to 21 cents today.

Heavy receipts of veal have resulted in still further cuts in prices, stock selling generally today at 11 cents.

No change in butter quotations was announced today.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, $2@2.25; Salinas Burbanks, $2.40@2.47½; sweets, $1.65@2.

Onions—Oregon, $2.40@2.50 per cental.

Milkstuffs—Bran, $28.50@30; middlings, $33@35.

Vegetables—Hothouse cucumbers, 40@75c; garlic, 8@10c; green peas, 3@3½c; string beans, 15@25c; asparagus, 75c@$2.25; tomatoes, 75c@$1.25; egg plant, 20@25c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 24c; creamery seconds, 23c; fancy dairy, 22½c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4@5; young, $9@12; broilers, small, $3@5; broilers, large, $6@7; fryers, $8@9; hens, $4.50@10; ducks, old, $5@6; young, $6@9.

Cheese—New, 15@15½c; Young Americas, 14½@16c.

Eggs—Store, 23c; fancy ranch, 24c.

Wool—South Plains and San Joaquin, 10@15c; Mountain, 6@10c; Nevada, 13@17c.

Hay—Wheat, $22@24; wheat and oats, $20@22.50; alfalfa, $14@17; stock, $7@11; straw, per bale, 60@75c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.50; common, 50c; bananas, 75c@$3.50; limes, $4.50@5; lemons, choice, $3; common, $1; oranges, $1.25@2.50; pineapples, $5@4.

Receipts—Flour, 2154 sacks; wheat, 1270 centals; barley, 6580 centals; oats, 315 centals; corn, 125 centals; potatoes, 2770 sacks; bran, 165 sacks; middlings, 15 sacks; hay, 490 tons; wool, 362 bales; hides, 1250.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

There was a strong tone to the livestock market yesterday. Arrivals in the past week have been limited and with a steady all-around demand, an advance in some parts of the list was the result. Steers and cows were raised a quarter, while hog prices were lifted 10 cents. Sheep were held at the former level. The receipts for the day were 16 cattle and 317 hogs.

Late representative sales at the yards were: 164 wool sheep, averaging 87 pounds, at $6.25; 33 sheared yearlings averaging 75 pounds, at $5.50; 18 old sheep, averaging 100 pounds, at $4.50; 35 hogs averaging 200 pounds, at $7.60; 11 steers, averaging 1147 pounds, at $5.50; 1 bull weighing 1950 pounds, at $3.25; 1 cow weighing 825 pounds, at $4.50; 4 cows, averaging 1014 pounds, at $4.75; 48 steers, averaging 1080 pounds, at $5.50; 2 bulls, averaging 1470 pounds, at $4.25; 10 steers, averaging 955 pounds, at $4.85; 83 feeder hogs, averaging 112 pounds, at $6.50; 9 hogs, averaging 180 pounds, at $7.

Prices quoted at the yards yesterday were:

CATTLE—Top steers, $5.50@5.75; fair to good, $5@5.25; common to medium, $4.50@4.75; cows, top, $4.25@4.50; fair to good, $3.75@4.25; common to medium, $2.50@3.50; calves, top, $8.00@8.50; heavy, $3.50@4.00; bulls and stags, fat, $3.00@3.50; common, $2.00@2.75.

HOGS—Best, $7.35@7.60; fair to good, $6.85@7.10; stockers, $5.50@6.50; China fats, $6.75.

SHEEP—Top wethers, $5@5.75; fair to good, $4.50@4.75; shorn, 75c@$1 less; ewes, ½c less on all grades; yearlings, top, $6.50@7; fair to good, $6@6.25; Spring lambs, $7@7.50.

Eastern Livestock Market.

KANSAS CITY, April 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 300 head. Market, steady. Native steers, $3.00@6.60; native cows and heifers, $3.25@6.25; stockers and feeders $4.00@5.75; bulls, $3.50@5.25; calves, $3.75@6.25; Western steers, $5.00@5.35; Western cows, $3.75@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 2000 head. Market, strong to 5c higher. Bulk of sales, $6.80@7.35; heavy, $7.00@7.35; packers and butchers, $7.00@7.30; light, $6.60@7.10; pigs, $5.50@6.50.

Sheep—No sheep.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 200 head. Market, steady. Western steers, $3.00@5.75; Texas steers, $3.00@5.00; cows and heifers, $2.85@4.80; canners, $2.25@3.75; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.25; calves, $3.25@6.50; bulls and stags, $3.00@5.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 6900 head. Market 5c higher. Heavy, $7.25@7.30; mixed, $7.00@7.20; light, $6.85@7.10; pigs, $5.50@6.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 100 head. Market, steady. Yearlings, $6.50@7.25; lambs, $7.50@8.50.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Cattle—Estimated receipts, 50. Market, steady. Beeves, $4.70@6.90; Texas steers, $4.50@5.65; Western steers, $4.40@5.65; stockers and feeders, $3.40@5.50; cows and heifers, $2.00@5.90; calves, $4.50@6.00.

Hogs—Estimated receipts, 9500. Market, 5c higher. Light, $7.00@7.40; mixed, $7.05@7.55; heavy, $7.05@7.52½; rough, $7.05@7.20; good to choice heavy, $7.20@7.52½; pigs, $5.80@6.80; bulk of sales, $7.30@7.45.

Sheep—Estimated receipts, 4000. Market, steady. Native, $3.60@6.00; Western, $3.80@6.00; yearlings, $6.00@7.00; lambs, native, $5.50@8.10; Western, $5.50@8.20.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—Wool, firm, Territory and Western, 20@24c; fine mediums, 18@22c; fine, 12@18c.

WHEAT DOWN AGAIN

Slump at Liverpool Causes Break at Chicago.

SELLING ON LARGE SCALE

Decline Abroad Due to Increased Offerings of Argentine and Indian Wheat at Lower Prices. European Crop Good.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Owing to a sensational decline of 2½@3¼d in the price of wheat at Liverpool, the market opened here greatly demoralized and with prices ranging from 1⅝c to 3¼c lower, July being at $1.07@1.08½ and May at $1.19½@1.20½. The September del