CANDY WAR IS DRAWING VERY NEAR

CANDY SITUATION IS COMPLICATED

COMPANIES LIABLE TO DECLARE WAR ALMOST ANY DAY NOW—COMBINE RESENTS THE COMING OF OTHER CONCERNS—POULTRY IS STILL SHORT.

Front Street, May 3.—The principal items of interest in the Portland wholesale markets today are:

Little outside call for eggs.
Meats are in fair demand.
Poultry still shows scarcity.
Good potatoes hold their tone.
Candy situation is complicated.
Feed products getting scarcer.
Hay is quoted firm.
Apples coming fast again.
Oranges show large movement.
Larger receipts of salmon.
Shad is quoted lower.
Butter is moving now.
No changes in crackers.

Candy Situation Grows Complicated.

The situation in the local candy market is growing more complicated every day and within the next day or so a war between the rival interests is expected to break forth. The new factory which is being completed in the northern part of the city is the main contention, although the Pacific Coast Biscuit company is said to have shown its displeasure at the trade patronizing a number of smaller concerns which have been established in this city within the past two years. "There is plenty of business for all," says a candy man, "and there is no use in fighting and scaring the trade so that they will not buy at all. This city has shown a large growth within the past few years and there certainly ought to be more candy eaten.

Much Eastern Candy Is Sold.

"The high prices which have been ruling in candy since the formation of the combine have caused quite a large amount of business which usually belongs to this city to be sent to the east. Every year of late there has been a number of carloads of eastern candies brought out to this city which, at the prices here were not too high, would be bought in this city."

Meats Are in Fair Demand.

The supply and demand for fresh meats is about equal and all the markets are ruling firm. There is now a better tone in veal, but slightly larger receipts would wreck the market. Hogs are rather scarce and all arrivals are bringing top figures. The arrivals of lambs continue quite liberal, but the market does not show any degree of weakness now. Prices are unchanged.

Poultry Still Shows Scarcity.

The receipts in the poultry market continue to drag along, and are still under the demand. All stocks with the exception of geese continue wanted at the top figures.

Good Potatoes Hold Tone.

There are not many good potatoes coming into the market just now and prices on this class of stock are showing a better tone. The receipts of very poor potatoes are larger and potatoes of this class are likely to be weak for some time. The very fancy goods are practically sold out.

Little Outside Call for Eggs.

There is very little outside call for eggs, and with an increase in the receipts the market would go lower. The local demand is fair, but at the present quotations would not take half of the stocks offered. The north is not in the market at over 17½ or perhaps 18c, and as this is below the local figures, no shipments are made.

Butter Begins to Move.

The lower prices on creamery butter have caused a better demand and stocks are now showing a better movement than for some time. A larger portion of the goods now being sold are for speculators, who will store the stocks for winter with its higher prices. The storage operations this year will not be as large as those of last season on account of the general weakness of prices for storage during the past year.

Feed Products Getting Scarce.

It is now apparent to all that the mill feed products are becoming scarce, and almost every day there is a screwing up of quotations. The longer the mills are idle the higher feed quotations will go. The demand for flour at the present time is about as dull as it could be, and no improvement is looked for during the next few weeks.

Hay Is Quoted Firm.

Although there is plenty of grass for all the stock now the demand for the better grades of hay is stronger and prices are showing an improved tone.

Larger Receipts of Salmon.

The receipts of fresh salmon from all sources, the Columbia, the Willamette, the Clackamas and the Sacramento, were larger today, but there were no changes in the prices.

Shad Coming in Faster.

The high water and the over supply of driftwood do not have much effect upon the large run of shad, for the fish are now flooding the market and prices today are about 1c lower.

No Changes in Crackers Today.

Although there are mumblings of further trouble in crackers, no definite changes appeared today. The various interests are feeling their way, but another eruption is expected within the next few days. The trade, although enjoying the fight, is not buying very heavily.

Merchants' Opinions on Today's Markets.

W. B. Glafke Co.—Butter market is very weak and plenty.

W. T. Turner & Co.—No changes in either the poultry or egg situation; former continues scarce.

Bell & Co.—Strawberries continue to come in better shape and prices are going down; large amount of apples now arriving.

Chatterton & Co.—Chickens ready sale; eggs slightly weaker; fancy veal ready sale; hogs are in demand.

Levy & Spiegl.—Better strawberries are now coming from California points.

G. S. Smith Co.—Eggs are selling all right; poultry not coming plentiful enough for demand at high figures continue to be the only price; veal and hogs are both in better demand; oranges are selling very fast now.

Malarkey & Co.—Shad from the Columbia river are coming in faster and prices are down; salmon more plentiful with no changes in quotations.

D. E. Meikle.—Potato market in good condition; demand for good stocks heavy with the receipts light.

L. Jaggar.—Potato market just steady; receipts are fairly good.

W. I. Swank.—Potato market steady under heavy receipts of poor grade stock.

Smith Bros.—Hogs and veal of good quality are selling all right at present prices; don't believe that prices on veal will slump any more this season.

Davenport-Thompson Co.—Car oranges arrived today; selling very fast; butter seems to have a better movement at the cut prices.

Everding & Farrell.—Poultry still very scarce; fancy veal is steady; hogs firm; eggs seem to be all right.

Dryer, O'Malley & Co.—Poultry receipts far too short for the present demand and prices now ruling are first-class; potato market is unchanged.

Page & Son.—Business rather light today; lots of tomatoes, peas and butter now arriving; latter is weak.

Toft, Hine & Co.—Eggs seem slightly weaker with the outside demand smaller at lower prices; fair receipts of fresh meats with prices unchanged; poultry very scarce.

McKinley Mitchell.—Potato situation unchanged today.

Today's wholesale quotations, as revised, are as follows:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 78c; bluestem, 83@85c; valley, 82@85c.

BARLEY—Feed, $24.00; rolled, $25.00@26.00; brewing, $23.50@24.00.

OATS—Producers' price—No. 1 white, $24.00@24.50; gray, $23.00 per ton.

FLOUR—Eastern Oregon: Patents, $4.40; straights, $3.65@3.70; valley, $3.95@4.05; graham, ¼s, $3.65; 10s, $3.95.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $20.50 per ton; middlings, $26.00@27.00; shorts, country, $22.00; chop, $18.00.

HAY—Timothy, $18.00; eastern Oregon, $17.50; mixed, $14.00; clover, $11.00; grain, $12.00@12.50; cheat, $12.00@12.50.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—27@29c for choice; 24@25c for prime; poor quality, 18@20c; contract, 1904, 16@18c.

WOOL—Valley, coarse to medium, 16c; fine, 16½c; eastern Oregon, 10@12½c.

MOHAIR—New, 30@34c.

SHEEPSKINS—Shearing 10@20c; short wool, 20@30c; medium wool, 30@50c; long wool, 50c@$1 each.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 10 lbs and up, 14½c per lb; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 lbs, 12½c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 lbs, 15½c; dry salted bulls and stags, 1-3 less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, sound, 60 pounds or over, 6@7c; 50 to 60 lbs, 6c; under 50 lbs and cows, 5@6c; stags and bulls, sound, 4½c; kip, 15 to 30 lbs, 6½c; sound, 10 to 14 lbs, 6½c; calf, sound, under 10 lbs, 8½c; green (unsalted), 1c per lb less; culls, 1c per lb less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.25@1.75; dry, each, $1.00@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angoras, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.00.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—Sweet, 19@21c; sour, 17@19c.

BUTTER—City creameries, 20@22½c; fancy, 20c; ordinary, 17½c; store, 11@12c.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon, 18@18½c; dirties, 18c; bakers' 17½@18c.

CHEESE—New—full cream, twin, 13@13½c; Young America, 14½@15c; California, 13c.

POULTRY—Producers' prices — Chickens, mixed, 14c per lb; hens, 14½c per lb; roosters, old, 12½c per lb; springs, 15½c per lb; broilers, 18½c per lb; fryers, 14@15c per lb; ducks, old, 12c per lb; young, 15c per lb; geese, 7½@8c per lb; turkeys, 15@16c per lb; dressed, 18c per lb.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—$1.25@1.30; buyers' prices for shipping, $1.25 cwt; ordinary, $1.25 per sack; buying, $1.05@1.10; new, 3@4c per lb.

ONIONS—Oregon, $2.50@3.00; buying prices, best, $2.50; f. o. b. Portland, $2.50.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, Oregon, 35c@$2.25; per box; oranges, navels, $1.75@2.25 per box; tangerines, 75c@$1.00 per box; bananas, 5½c lb; lemons, choice, $2.25@2.50 per box; fancy $2.75@3.00 per box; limes, Mexican, 65c per 100; pineapples, $3.50; strawberries, 17@24c.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 75@85c per sack; carrots 75c per sack; beets, $1.25 per sack; Oregon radishes, 17½c per doz; California, 25c per doz; cabbage, Oregon, $2.50; California, $2.50 per crate; hot-house lettuce, 50c per doz; green peppers, 5c per lb; horseradish, 7@8c per lb; celery, $1.00 per doz; tomatoes, California, $1.75@3.00 per crate, Florida, $3.50 per crate; parsnips, 75c@$1.25; cucumbers, $2.00 per doz; butter beans, 10c per lb; sprouts, 6c; cauliflower, $2.00; artichokes, 75c per doz; green peas, 5@6c per lb; asparagus, California, 6c per lb; Walla Walla, $1.25 per box; Oregon, 8c per lb; green onions, 15c per doz.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 6@7c per lb; apricots, 11@13c per lb; sacks, ½c per lb less; peaches, 6@9c per lb; pears, 8½c per lb; prunes, Italian, 3½@4½c per lb; French, 3½@4½c per lb; figs, California blacks, 6@6½c per lb; do whites, 6½@7c per lb; plums, pitted, 5½@6c per lb; dates, golden, 6½c per lb; fards, $1.50 per 10-lb box.

RAISINS—Seeded, fancy, 1-lb cartons, 50 packages to case, 9½c pkg; seeded 12-oz cartons, 7½c; loose Muscatels, 50-lb boxes, 7@8½c per lb; London layers, $1.85@2.00; clusters, $2.60@3.75; ¼s, 25c; ⅛s, 50c advance over pound cartons.

FIGS—Ten 1-lb cartons, choice brand, $1.00; 10 1-lb cartons, fancy brand, $1.10; 10 1-lb bricks, 2-crown, 90c; 10 1-lb bricks, 3-crown, 95c; 50 ½-lb bricks, per box, $2.25; 4-row layers, per 10-lb box, 90c; loose, 50-lb boxes, per lb, 6@6½c. Calimyrnas—Six-crown, 10-lb carton, per box, $2.00; 5-crown, 10-lb carton, per box, $1.75; 4-crown, 20 ½-lb cartons, per box, $1.75.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—"Sack basis" — Cube, $5.90; powdered, $5.85; dry granulated, $5.05; best granulated, $5.00; extra C, $5.10; golden C, $5.05; bbls, 10c, ½ bbls, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis, less 25c cwt for cash, 15 days; maple, 14@16c per lb.

HONEY—14½@15c.

COFFEE—Green Mocha, 21@23c; Java, fancy, 20@22c; Java, good, 20@25c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 16@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 11@13c per lb; package coffee, $12.80.

TEAS—Oolong, different grades, 25@65c; gunpowder, 25@42c; English breakfast, different grades, 12½@50c; spiderlegs, uncolored Japan, 50@65c; green Japan (very scarce), 30@60c.

SALT—Fine—Bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s, $1.10; $1.50; table, dairy, 50s, $8.15@11.50; 100s, $5.00@8 —; imported Liverpool 50s, $16.50@17.00; 100s, $16.50; 224s, $16.50. Extra fine, bbls—2s, 3s, $4.00; 5s, $4.00; 10s, $4.00; bulk, 320 lbs, $5.50; sacks, 50s, 85c.

SALT—Coarse, half ground, 100s, per ton, $5.50@6.50; 50s, per ton, $5.65@7.00; Liverpool lump rock, $15.00@16.50 per ton; 50-lb rock, $5.00@6.75; 100s, $5.00@6.25.

(Above prices apply to sales of less than car lots. Car lots at special prices subject to fluctuations.)

GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, $5.75@6.00 per 100.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5¾c; No. 2, 4¾c; New Orleans head, 7@7½c.

BEANS—Small white, 3½c; large white, $3.30@3.40; pink, $4.00; bayou, 3½c; Limas, $4.25.

NUTS—Peanuts, 7½c; jumbos, 9½c lb; raw, 8@10c per lb for roasted; cocoanuts $5@6.50 per doz; walnuts, 14¾@15¾c per lb; pine nuts, 10@12½c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; chestnuts, eastern, 15@16c per lb; Brazil nuts, 15c per lb; filberts, 15@16c per lb; fancy pecans, 14@15c per lb; almonds, 18@19c per lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present base at $2.85.

ROPE—Pure Manila, 15½c; standard, 12½c; last, 10½c.

Paints, Coal Oils, Etc.

COAL OIL—"Pearl or Astral"—Cases, 22c per gal; water white, iron bbls, 10½c per gal; wooden, — ; headlight, 170-deg, cases 24c per gal; headlight, iron bbls, 17½c per gal.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in bbls, 52c per gal; cases, 57c per gal; genuine kettle boiled, cases 59c per gal, bbls 54c per gal; ground cake, car lots, $25.00 per ton; less than carloads, $28.00 per ton.

GASOLINE—86-deg cases, 22c per gal, iron bbls 26c per gal; stove, cases 24½c per gal, iron bbls 18c per gal.

BENZINE—86-deg., cases 22c, iron bbls, 15½c.

PAINT OIL—Raw, bbls 33c per gal, cases 38c per gal; boiled, cases 40c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 85c per gal; wooden bbls, 81c per gal; iron bbls, 79c per gal; 10-lb case lots, 84c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7c; 500-lb lots, 7½c per lb; less lots, 7¾c per lb.

Meats and Provisions.

FRESH MEATS — Inspected — Beef, prime, 7½@7¾c per lb; cows, 6½@7c per lb; mutton, dressed, 7@8c per lb; lambs, dressed, 10c per lb.

FRESH MEATS—Front street—Beef, steers, 6@7¼c per lb; pork, block, 7@7½c lb; packers, 4@7¼c per lb; bulls, 4@4½c lb; mutton, dressed, 6½@7¼c per lb; veals, small, 5@7c per lb; large, 4@5c per lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 14 lbs, 12½c per lb; 14 to 16 lbs, 12½c per lb; 10 to 20 lbs, 12½c per lb; cottage, 9½c per lb; picnic, 9c per lb; breakfast bacon, 12@16c per lb; regular short clears, unsmoked, 9½c per lb; smoked, 10½c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 9½c per lb; smoked, 10½c per lb; Union butts, 10 to 15 lbs, unsmoked, 8c per lb; smoked, 9c per lb.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 10¾c per lb; 5s, 10¾c per lb; 50-lb tins, 10¼c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 9¾c per lb; 5s, 9¾c per lb; 50s, 9½c per lb; compound tierces, 7½c per lb; tubs, 7½c per lb; 50s, 7¾c per lb.

CANNED SALMON—Columbia river 1-lb talls, $1.85; 2-lb talls, $2.45; fancy 1-lb flats, $1.85; ½-lb fancy flats, $1.25; fancy, 1-lb oval, $2.25; Alaska talls, pink, 80@85c; red, $1.50; nominal 2s, talls, $2.00.

FISH—Rock cod, 7c per lb; flounders, 5c per lb; halibut, 5c per lb; crabs, $1.25 per doz; razor clams, 9c per doz; little-neck clams, 3c; striped bass, 10@12½c per lb; catfish 8c per lb; salmon, chinook, 10c per lb; steelheads, 9c per lb; herring, 5c per lb; soles, 6c per lb; shrimps, 10c per lb; shad, dressed, 5c per lb; perch, 5c per lb; shad roe, 30c per lb, roe shad, 8c per lb.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gal, $2.25; per sack, $3.75 net; Olympia, per sack, $5.25.

Retail Lumber Prices.

	Com. Per M Ft.	Select Per M Ft.	Clear Per M Ft.
Rough, dimension regular sizes 2x3 to 12x12, 32 ft.	$ 8.50	$16.00	$23.00
Rough, dimension regular sizes to 12x12, 34-40 ft.	9.50	17.00	24.00
Rough, dimension regular sizes to 12x12, 42-48 ft.	11.50	19.00	26.00
Rough, dimension regular sizes to 12x12, 50-56 ft.	15.50	23.00	30.00
For each additional 2 inches in width add	1.00	2.00	2.00
For odd and fractional sizes sawed add not less than	2.00	3.00	4.00
For sawing vertical grain to 4x12 add	3.00	3.00	3.00
Common rough boards, regular sizes to 12 in. wide to 24 ft. inc., assorted lengths	9.50	11.00	

Specified lengths of boards $1.00 per M feet additional.

Board to consist of lumber less than 2 inches in thickness.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

New York, May 3.—Cotton closed 5 points lower for near and about unchanged for the winter options. Today's market:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	11.20	11.27	11.17	11.20@22
May	13.24	13.30	13.20	13.26@28
June	13.33	13.35	13.33	13.35@38
July	13.47	13.51	13.40	13.47@48
August	13.15	13.21	13.13	13.19@20
September	11.78	11.83	11.77	11.82@83
October	11.31	11.34	11.28	11.31@32
November	11.06	11.20	11.06	11.20@21
December	11.19	11.21	11.16	11.19@20

Foreign Coffee Lower.

New York, May 3.—Havre coffee declined ¾; Hamburg declined ½; Rio, two days, 4,000 bags; Santos, two days, 7,000 bags.

STOCKS JUST A DULL SEE-SAW MARKET

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

New York, May 3.—Logan & Bryan say: Just a dull see-saw market. The bear traders sold stocks yesterday and are buying them back today. There is nothing in the news or the current developments to give the market a headway in either direction. There is uncertainty as to the amount of gold that is likely to be exported, but the general view is that there will not be enough to affect the bank situation or to materially tighten the money market. In the meantime nothing seems to disturb the confidence of holders sufficiently to bring about any free offerings of long stocks. Until this happens materially lower prices are not likely, notwithstanding the dullness and the efforts of the bears.

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Anaconda Mining Co.	.....	.....	.....	76
Amal. Copper Co.	47½	48	46¾	46¾
Atchison, common	72	72½	71½	72½
do preferred	92⅝	93	92⅝	92¾
Am. Car & Foundry, c	.....	.....	.....	17
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	69
Am. Sugar, common	126½	127½	126½	126⅝
Am. Smelt., common	49⅝	49⅝	48⅝	48½
do preferred	95⅝	95⅝	94⅝	94⅝
Baltimore & Ohio, com	78⅝	79⅛	78⅛	79
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	90
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	45⅝	46⅞	45⅛	45⅝
Canadian Pacific, com	116⅝	117	116½	116⅝
Chicago & Alton, com	38	38½	38	37⅝
do preferred	81½	81½	81½	81½
Chicago & Gt. West., c	15½	16	15⅝	15½
Chi. Mil. & St. Paul	142⅝	143½	142⅝	143¼
C. & N. W., common	.....	.....	.....	170
Chicago Terminal Ry	.....	.....	.....	8¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	30⅝	30⅝	30½	30⅝
Colo. Fuel & Iron, com	.....	.....	.....	30½
Colorado Southern, com	.....	.....	.....	15⅝
do second preferred	.....	.....	.....	21½
do first preferred	.....	.....	.....	52
Delaware & Hudson	156½	157	156	156⅞
Delaware, Lack. & Wes.	271	271	270½	270
D. & R. G., common	.....	.....	.....	20
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	69⅝
Erie, common	24	24½	23⅞	24⅛
do second preferred	38¼	38½	37⅞	38½
do first preferred	63¼	63¼	63	63¼
Illinois Central	130¼	130¼	130¼	130
Louisville & Nashville	107⅛	107⅛	106⅞	107
Met. Traction Co.	109½	110	108⅝	109⅝
Manhattan Elevated	142⅝	142½	142⅛	142½
Mexican Central Ry	7	8⅛	7	8
Minn., St. P. & Ste. M.	60	60½	60	60
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	116
Missouri Pacific	92	92	91½	91⅞
M. K. & T., common	17	17¼	17	17
do preferred	36½	36½	36	36½
New York Central	115½	115½	115⅛	115½
Norfolk & Western, com	56⅝	56⅞	56⅝	56⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	88
N. Y., Ont. & Western	21¼	21½	21	21⅝
Pennsylvania Railway	117½	118	117¼	117⅝
Pressed Steel Car, com	26½	26½	26⅛	26⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	69
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	26½	26½	26	26
Reading, common	43¼	43⅝	42⅝	43
do second preferred	.....	.....	.....	60¼
do first preferred	.....	.....	.....	78½
Rep. Iron & Steel, com	6⅝	6⅞	6⅝	6⅝
do preferred	42½	42½	42¼	42
Rock Island, common	22⅛	22¼	22	22⅛
do preferred	62⅝	63	62⅝	63
Southern Ry., common	20¼	20⅝	20¼	20¼
do preferred	84	84⅝	84	84⅝
Southern Pacific	47	47½	46⅝	47⅝
St. Louis & S. F., 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	46½
do first preferred	.....	.....	.....	60
St. Louis & S. W., com	.....	.....	.....	13⅝
do preferred	33¼	33¼	32⅝	32⅝
Texas & Pacific	.....	.....	.....	22
Tennessee Coal & Iron	35½	36	35	35
Toledo St. L. & W., com	26½	26½	25½	25½
do preferred	38⅝	38⅝	38	38¼
Union Pacific, common	83½	84⅝	83½	84½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	91
U. S. Leather, common	7	7	6⅞	6⅞
do preferred	79½	79⅝	79½	79⅝
U. S. Rubber, common	17½	18	17½	17⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	67¼
U. S. Steel Co., common	10½	10½	10	10
do preferred	55⅝	55⅝	55	55¼
Wheel. & Lake E., 2d p	25	25½	24½	24½
do first preferred	43	43½	43	43
Wisconsin Central, com	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝
W. U. Telegraph	88⅝	88⅝	88½	88¼
Wabash, common	18	18	17⅝	17⅝
do preferred	37	37⅛	36⅞	37

Money, 1½ per cent.
Total sales for day, 290,100 shares. Pressed Steel Car, ex-dividend of 1¾ per cent.

AMERICAN STOCKS IN LONDON.

London, May 3.—2 p. m.—Anaconda Copper advanced ⅛; Atchison advanced ½; Baltimore & Ohio advanced ⅝; Canadian Pacific advanced ¼; Chesapeake & Ohio advanced ½; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul advanced ¼; Erie advanced ¼, firsts advanced ¼; Illinois Central declined ⅛; Louisville & Nashville declined ¼; Mexican Central unchanged; Missouri, Kansas & Texas declined ¼; New York Central declined ⅛; Ontario & Western advanced ¼; Norfolk & Western advanced ¼; Pennsylvania advanced ⅝; Reading advanced ⅛; Southern Pacific advanced ⅛; Southern Railway declined ¼, preferred advanced ⅛; Union Pacific advanced ⅛; United States Steel advanced ⅛, preferred declined ¼; Consols, 89⅝, advanced ¼; rest unchanged.

SAN FRANCISCO LOCAL STOCKS.

San Francisco, May 3.—Close 11:30 a. m.

	Bid.	Ask.
Contra Costa Water	37½	40
Spring Valley Water	38½	39
Central Light	4	—
Mutual Electric	12¼	12½
Giant Powder	60½	—
Vigorit Powder	4½	4⅝
Honokaa Sugar	11¾	12
Hutchinson Sugar	8½	9
Paauhau Sugar	13	14
Alaska Packers' Asso.	139½	140½
Cal. Wine Asso.	91½	92⅝

CHICAGO LOCAL STOCKS.

Chicago, May 3.—Close:

	Bid.	Ask.
National Biscuit	42¼	42½
do preferred	105	106
Swift Packing	100	100¼
American Box	1⅞	—
do prefered	12¾	13½
American Can Co.	4¼	4½
do preferred	36	36⅝
Chicago City Ry	157	160
Diamond Match	129½	130
North Side Ry	65	70
West Side Ry	38	42
Metropolitan Street Ry	—	15

TODAY'S CLEARINGS.

The Portland clearing house reports today:

Clearings	$580,321.11
Balances	46,204.37

NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET.

New York, May 3.—Coffee closed 5 points lower. Today's market:

	Bid.	Ask.
May	$5.65	$5.70
June	5.70	5.80
July	5.70	5.85
August	5.95	6.00
September	6.10	6.15
October	6.20	6.25
November	6.30	6.35
December	6.40	6.45
January	6.50	6.55
February	6.60	6.65
March	6.65	6.70

Total sales today, 32,000 bags.

Hutton & Co. say: Our opening was not a full response to the tone abroad, being $13.34 for May and being $13.48 for July. May declined to 20 and July to 40 soon after the opening, from which price the market rallied on short covering, preparatory to receiving the government report, which was expected to be more bullish than generally thought. The main thing lacking in the market here is not sentiment, but more substantial buying power, which has been conspicuously absent. We are inclined to the opinion that the 10 per cent increase in acreage is more than has been or will be actually under cultivation this year.

BOSTON COPPER CLOSE.

Boston, May 3.—Copper close:

	Bid.	Ask.
Shoe Machinery	49⅝	50
do preferred	29	29⅝
Old Dominion	12½	13
United States	19⅞	20⅛
Zinc	9⅝	10½
Michigan	4½	5
Osceola	56	57
Arcadian	40	50
Atlantic	7½	8
Bingham	21	21½
Calumet	465	465½
Copper Range	42⅝	43
Wyandot	50	75
Quincy	81	84
Santa Fe	1¼	1⅝
Shannon	7⅝	7⅞
Victoria	3	3¼
Winona	6	6⅛
Wolverine	71	72

Paine, Webber & Co. say: The copper metal market is firm. New York reports that 13⅝c is bid and 13¾@13⅞c asked for lake copper. Copper Range led a moderate improvement in local copper stocks. Its report will be issued tomorrow. It was bought by traders.

QUARTER UP TO QUARTER DECLINE

IT WAS A FAIRLY ACTIVE, BUT IRREGULAR, WHEAT MARKET—FINE WEATHER CAUSES LIQUIDATION ON AN EARLY BREAK—MAY OATS STRONG.

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

Chicago, May 3.—Logan & Bryan say: The close in wheat was ¼c higher to ¼c lower. It was a fairly active but irregular market. The fine weather caused liquidation and a break early. After the break there was large buying of July wheat through commission houses with St. Louis connections, but when the trades were concluded it was impossible to tell whether it was the covering of shorts or not. This rallied the market sharply and the close was quiet. The news of the day was on the while bearish. There is continued fine weather. Bradstreet makes the world's visible increase 1,000,000 bushels, against a decrease of 5,200,000 bushels last year. The Illinois crop report indicates an improvement of the condition of the growing crop. In Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania much will be plowed up. By comparison with previous reports it is mildly bearish. It says seeding is progressing favorably in the northwest. The cash situation is poor. There is still a good deal of bullish speculative sentiment and an irregular market is quite likely.

Corn Practically Unchanged.

Corn prices closed practically unchanged. The trading is almost wholly local. There are rumors of Patten selling and Armour covering of short July. Pending the opening of navigation and the settlement of vessel strike, the cash situation is uncertain. Cash corn in other markets is fairly strong, however, and cash prices in this market are not far from a shipping basis.

May Oats Strong.

In May oats the principal strength was in May and the weakness in September. There was nothing new in the situation. The cash situation is still obscured by the strike of the vessel men but the general impression is that the cash demand is fairly good at current prices.

Stocks in Outside Hands.

Stocks of provisions show a small decrease in lard and ribs and a small increase in pork for the month of April. We have felt that with the culmination of the May liquidation we might get a better market. Another feature, however, is that a very large percentage of the holdings is in outside hands. For the time being, however, we are inclined to think it won't hurt to buy provisions on the weak spots, although we must confess we see no very bullish signs.

Today's markets:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	$ .88⅝	$ .89	$ .87⅝	$ .89 A
New July	.83⅝	.84⅝	.83⅝	.84½ B
Old July	.84⅛	.85¼	.84⅛	.85¼ A
New Sept	.79⅝	.80	.79⅛	.79⅛
Old Sept	.80⅝	.81⅛	.80½	.81
Corn—				
May	.45⅝	.46⅛	.45½	.45⅝ B
July	.47½	.48	.47⅛	.47⅝
Oats—				
May	.39½	.40⅝	.39¼	.40¼
July	.38¼	.38⅝	.38	.38½
Pork—				
May	11.67	11.67	11.50	11.50
July	12.05	12.07	11.70	11.72
Lard—				
May	6.52	6.57	6.47	6.47
July	6.72	6.72	6.62	6.62
Ribs—				
May	6.10	6.17	6.10	6.15
July	6.45	6.47	6.40	6.40

PRIMARY SHIPMENTS AND CLEARANCES.

	Today Bush.	Year Ago Bush.
Wheat	218,000	334,000
Corn	470,000	434,000
Shipments were:		
Wheat	504,000	508,000
Corn	276,000	554,000

Clearances were: Wheat and flour, 75,000 bushels; corn, 66,000 bushels; oats, 21,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CASH WHEAT.

Chicago, May 3.—Cash wheat at noon:

	Bid.	Ask.
No. 2 red	$1.00	$1.05
No. 3 red	1.00	1.04
No. 2 hard winter	.89	.91
No. 3 hard winter	.88	.90
No. 1 northern spring	.92	.94
No. 2 northern spring	.92	.94
No. 3 spring	.97	1.04

Paris Wheat and Flour.

Paris, May 3.—Close: Spot wheat, ¼ centime higher, futures ⅛ centime higher; spot flour 25 centimes higher.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

Milwaukee, May 3.—Close: Wheat—May, 89@89½c; July, old, 85⅝c; new, 84½c. Corn—May, 45⅝c; July, 47½c.

New York Wheat Market.

New York, May 3.—Close: Wheat—May, 91½c; July, 89¼c asked; September, 83c bid; December, 82⅛c bid.

Kansas City Wheat Market.

Kansas City, May 3.—Close: Wheat—May, 82⅝@82½c; July, 73c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Duluth, May 3.—Close: Wheat—May, 90c bid; July, 90½c.

San Francisco Grain Market.

San Francisco, May 3.—11:30 a. m. session:

	Open.	Close.
Wheat, May	$1.24⅝	$1.25½
Wheat, December	—	1.25½
Barley, December	.93⅝	.93¼

CHICAGO GRAIN CAR LOTS.

Chicago, May 3.—Car lots:

	Cars.	Grade.
Wheat	42	—
Corn	324	32
Oats	110	10

Liverpool Grain Market.

Liverpool, May 3.—Close: Wheat, May, 6-3½, ½ lower; July, 6-4½, ⅝ lower.
Corn—May, 4-3⅝, ¼ lower; July, 4-3⅝, ⅝ lower.

AMERICAN VISIBLE SUPPLY.

Chicago, May 3.—Primary receipts:

	This Year Bush.	Last Year Bush.	Increase Bush.
Wheat	30,357,000	33,456,000	*3,099,000
Corn	7,830,000	6,490,000	1,340,000
Oats	9,100,000	6,226,000	2,874,000

*Decrease.

HOGS AND SHEEP NONE TOO STRONG

Portland Union Stockyards, May 3.—The cattle market continues strong, while sheep are dull and hogs quiet. The receipts today consisted of 86 cattle, 156 sheep and 10 horses. Official ruling prices:

Cattle—Best eastern Oregon steers, $4.75; best valley steers, $4.00@4.50; medium steers, $2.75@3.00; cows, $3.70@3.90; bulls, $2.95@3.50; stags, $3.50@3.55.

Hogs—Best heavy, $5.50; block, $5.25; China fats, $5.00; stockers and feeders, $4.25@5.00.

Sheep—Best grain-fed wethers and lambs, $4.00@4.25; sheared, $3.50; mixed sheep, $3.25@4.25.

EASTERN HOGS ARE STEADY.

Chicago, May 3.—Livestock receipts:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	14,000	4,000