THE WORLD'S MARKETS

BEST BUTTER IS ON FAMINE LIST

Few Sellers Able to Supply Trade With What Stocks Are Actually Needed.

Local Butter Prices.

	Per Pound
Today	36 c
Same Day 1908	37½c
Same Day 1907	35 c
Same Day 1906	32½c
Same Day 1905	32½c

TODAY'S WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Famine in best butter.
Egg market is higher.
Chicken cleanup.
More bullish on potatoes.
Onions continue weak.
Smelt prices down to 2c pound.
Salmon season comes to end.
Cabbage supplies more liberal.
Dealers scramble for hops.
Nails down 5c today.

Famine in Best Butter.

Unusual firmness is today noted in the local butter situation. Great strength is displayed in all lines but the best feeling is in the better grades. However the disposition to buy ordinary stuff is more pronounced than at any time during the past month. Best known brands of butter are in such short supply that some of the makers cannot supply more than a quarter of the trade while others are not getting enough butter to count. Today the trade is not experiencing the slightest difficulty in moving any of the first class brands at 36c a pound—there being no discrimination between city and outside creamery on any hand. While this year's butter prices are considered very high, a year ago today the better grades were quoted at 37½c although the market was not so firm as it is today. In fact the first day of March 1908, showed the price back to 35c again, from which it never recovered until the low point of the year was reached. On this day in 1907 the price of best butter was firm at 35c. February 27, 1906, the price in this market was weak at 33½c and on the same day in 1905 stood at exactly the same figure.

Eggs Are Firm and Higher.

While the receipts of eggs were heavier yesterday than at any time during the present season, the market gained considerable strength in the afternoon and some sales were made at 23c and 24c, although some were still reported around 22½c. This morning there were few eggs on hand and in consequence the few sales reported were at a fractional advance over yesterday, although those who received the most did not hesitate to move the supplies at whatever figure obtainable, preferring to take the old price rather than take chances with the market at this time of the season.

Chicken supplies along Front street are quite well cleaned up and high prices continued until the close of the week.

More Bullish on Potatoes.

There is a more bullish feeling locally in the potato situation but no change in values is noted. The strength comes mostly from those dealers who have purchased liberally and therefore would be the gainers if they could put an artifical advance upon values here and in the south. However the situation is better on its own accord.

Regarding onions there is not the slightest difference of opinion among Front street handlers. All interests are of the opinion that the market will continue weak and dragging as long as growers are willing to offer freely supplies which they cannot keep because of quality. All dealers are likewise of the opinion that onions will be scarce and high late in the season—after the poor stock is worked off.

Smelt Prices Down to 2c Pound.

The price of Columbia river smelts dropped to 2c a pound in the Front street market this morning. While supplies were not greatly increased, the fact that today was the end of the week caused receivers to lower their value in order to clean up.

The open season for salmon fishing along the Columbia comes to an end today and finds practically no fresh stock in the hands of dealers. A year ago at this time the market was full of fresh fish and the trade did not know just how to unload at a profit.

Brief Notes of Wholesale Trade.

Cabbage supplies are more liberal. A car was reported in from Los Angeles today while another is due from San Francisco Monday. Price still high.

Dealers continue to scramble for spot hops and the same is true of the contract market. No change in values.

Dressed hogs are still quoted steady to firm but veal supplies have been so liberal recently that the price is being shaded in most instances.

The hide market is somewhat easier with opposing dealers not fighting nearly so hard to obtain supplies at present quotations.

Front street sells at the following prices. Those paid shippers are less regular commissions:

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER — Extra creamery, 35@36c; fancy, 32½@35c; store, 18c.

BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 34½c, sour, 32½c lb.

EGGS—Local best, 22½@24c doz.

CHEESE—Fancy full cream flats, 16½c; triplets and daisies, 17c; Young Americas, 17@17½c; storage twins, 16c; triplets and daisies, 16@16½c.

POULTRY — Mixed chickens, 15@15½c; fancy hens, 15½@16c; roosters, old, 12c; fryers, 17c; broilers, 22c; geese, 10c; turkeys, alive, 17½@20c; dressed, 20@25c; ducks, 18@20c; pigeons, squabs, $2@2.50 dozen; old, $1.00; dressed poultry, 1@1½c higher.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 18c. 1909 contracts, eastern Oregon, 16@20c lb.

HOPS—1908 crop, choice, 8c; prime to choice, 7½c; prime, 6@7c; medium, 6c.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb., 3@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 10@15c each; short wool, 25@40c; medium wool, 50c@$1 each; long wool, 75c@$1.25 each.

HIDES—Dry hides, 16c per lb; green, 9c per lb; bulls, green salt, 6c per lb; kips, 9c; calves, green, 14@16c per lb.

MOHAIR—1908—Nominal, 18@19c.

CHITTIM BARK—Old, 4½@5c; new, 4½@5c lb.

Grain, Flour and Hay.

BARLEY—Feed, $26.50@27.00; rolled, $28; brewing, $27@27.50.

WHEAT—Buying price, new—Track, Portland—Club, $1.03@1.05; bluestem, $1.15@1.20; fortyfold, $1.05; red Russian, $1@1.01; Turkey red, $1.07@1.10; Willamette valley, $1.03@1.05.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price—Bran, $26.50; middlings, $32.00; shorts, $30; chop, $21@29; alfalfa meal, $20 per ton.

FLOUR—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patent, $5.45; straight, $4.45; export, $4.00; bakers, $5.20; valley, $5.20; graham, ¼s, $5; whole wheat, $5.20; rye, 5s, $5.50; meal, $3.00.

HAY — Producers' price—New timothy, Willamette valley fancy, $16.00; ordinary, $14@18; eastern Oregon, $18; mixed, $11.50@12.00; clover, $11.00; grain, $13.00; cheat, $13.00; alfalfa, $13.

OATS—Producers' price—Track, No. 1 white, $35@36.50; gray, $34@35.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, new navels, $2.50@2.75 per box; tangerines, $1.55; bananas, 5@5½c lb; lemons, $3.25@5.00 box; grapefruit, $3@4; pineapples, Hawaiian, $3@3.25 dozen; pears, $1.25@2.

POTATOES—New, selling $1.25@1.50; buying for shipment, per cwt., country, fancy, $1.25; ordinary buying, $1.00@1.10; sweet $2.50@3.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, $1@1.10; beets, $1@1.10; carrots, $1@1.10 sack; parsnips, $1@1.10; cabbage, 2½@3c; tomatoes, $2@2.75 crate; beans, 12½c lb.; cauliflower, $1.50@2 crate; peas, 12½c; horeradish, 9c lb; artichokes, 65@75c doz.; green onions, 15c per doz; peppers, bell, 5c; Chile (—); head lettuce, 40c doz; hothouse, $1.50@1.75 box; radishes, 15c doz bunches; celery, 75@85c; eggplant, (—) lb; asparagus, 15@16c lb.

ONIONS — Jobbing—Fancy Oregon, $1.90@2.25 per ckt; ordinary, $1.50; garlic, 8c pound.

APPLES—Fancy Hood River, $2.50@3.00; ordinary, $1.50@1.75; poor, $1.40 per box.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—Cube, $6.35; powdered, $6.50; fruit or berry, $5.75; dry granulated, $5.75; conf. A, $5.95; extra B, $5.25; Golden G, $5.55; D, yellow, $5.05; beet, granulated, $5.55; barrels, 15c; half barrels, 30c; boxes, 55c advance on sack basis. Idaho prices are 45c lower.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

SALT—Coarse—Half ground, 100s, $11.00 per ton; 50s, $11.50; table, dairy 50s, $16.50; 10s, $16.00; bales, $2.35; imported Liverpool, 50s, $20.00; 100s, $19.00; 40s, $18.00; extra fine, barrels 2s, 5s and 10s, $4.50@5.50; Liverpool lump rock, $20.50 per ton.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans, head, 6@6¾c; Ajax (—); Crecle, 5¼c.

HONEY—New, 15c per lb.

BEANS—Small white, $6; large white, $5.00; pink, $3.50; bayou, $4.00; Limas, $5.35; Mexican reds, $5.75.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 12 lbs., 14½c per lb; breakfast bacon, 13@21c lb.; picnics, 9½c; cottage roll, 11c lb.; regular short clears, smoked, 13c lb.; backs, heavy smoked, 12c lb.; light, smoked, 12c lb.; bellies, smoked, 15c lb.; pickeled tongues, 60c each.

DRESSED MEATS — Front street hogs, fancy, 9c; ordinary, 8@8½c; veals, extra, 9½@10c; ordinary, 9c; heavy, 6@7c; mutton, 7@8c.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 13¾c per lb; 5s, 14¾c per lb; 50 lb. tins, 13½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 12¾c per lb; 5s, 12¾c per lb; compound, 10s, 8¾c per lb.

CLAMS—Hardshell, per box, $2.40; razor clams, $2.00 per box; 10c per doz

FISH—Rock cod, 10c lb; flounders, 6c lb.; halibut, 10c per lb.; striped bass, 15c pound; catfish, 10c pound; salmon, supply of fresh fish nominal); fresh steelhead, 10c pound; chinook, 12½@15c; herrings, 5c per lb; soles, 7c per lb; shrimp, 12½c per lb; perch, 6c per lb; tomcod, 10c per lb; lobsters, 35c per lb; fresh mackerel, (—) per lb; crawfish, 20c per dozen; sturgeon (—) per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; Columbia smelts, 2c lb; silver smelts, 5c per lb; black cod, 7½c per lb; crabs, $1.25@1.45 per dozen.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon, $2.50; per 100 lb. sack, $5; Olympia, per gallon, $2.40; per 100 lb. sack, $6.00@6.50; canned, 60c can, $7.00 doz; eastern in shell, $1.75 per 100.

Paints, Coal Oil, Etc.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls., 67c; cases, 73c; boiled, bbls., 69c; cases, 75c; a gal; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less; oil cake meal, $37 ton.

ROPE—Manila, 9½c; sisal, 7½c lb.

BENZINE—86 deg., cases, 19c per gal; iron bbls., 11½c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 58½c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c per lb; 500 lb. lots, 8c per lb; less lots, 8½c per lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis, $2.80.

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	916	918	915	915@917
March	935	936	932	932@933
May	920	921	920	927@928
July	928	930	927	927@928
September	...	...	...	920@922
October	923	925	922	922@923
December	918	920	918	917@919

Journal want ads, 1c a word.

CLUB WHEAT SELLS AT $1.08 AND RED $1.05 FOR APRIL DELIVERY

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Wheat, Cars.	Barley, Cars.	Oats, Cars.	Hay, Cars.	Flour Sacks.
Sat.	38	2	7	6	6,150
Fri.	30	7	2	8	4,840
Thurs.	25	4	6	10	6,900
Wed.	37	..	2	26	4,500
Tues.	100	10	3	20	14,810
Mon.	....	—Holiday—			
Total	230	23	20	70	37,200

Sales of red wheat are reported here for April delivery at $1.05 a bushel track Portland, and $1.08 a bushel for the same delivery of club. The first transaction was for 500 tons and the latter for 300 tons.

While the market is very firm these are the only sales of note reported, each being the highest price reached by the respective grades for the present season, or in fact any time since wheat growing became firmly established here.

There is likewise a firmer tone ruling in the coarse grain list, one sale of a car of white oats being reported at $36.25 a ton, and more is said to be wanted at the same price. While the barley market has been inactive of late, the dullness is said to be due more to the lack of offerings than to any change in sentiment. One local buyer was freely offering $28.25 a ton for barley here.

There was no change in sentiment on the Portland board of trade today and values there remain unchanged from yesterday.

Board of trade prices:

	Bid.	Ask.
NO. 1 CLUB WHEAT.		
February	103	105
March	104	106
NO. 1 WHITE OATS.		
February	175	180
March	177½	182
NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.		
February	140	141½
March	141½	142

BEST OREGON APPLES WANTED IN THE LONDON MARKET JUST NOW

W. Dennis & Son of Covent Garden market report the London apple market under date of February 19 as follows: "The apple market this week has shown a slightly upward tendency both on barrel and box stock, with a more decided inquiry for better class stock than the average supplies which are coming forward. Whilst arrivals of this character have met with good results, a few cars of first class State Baldwins and Greenings realized from 25s to 27s per barrel and Californian Newtowns have been the turn better both in demand and price, four tiers bringing from 7s to 7s 5d and 4½ from 6s to 6s 3d. Very few Oregons have been arriving and the bulk are far from good quality landing in poor shape. Anything clear and sound has readily brought buyers at from 11s to 12s per box, and we believe that fine stock of this description would meet with even better results than these. There are indications of improvement in the apple business and we think shippers will do well to keep their stock moving."

FOREIGN WHEAT MARKETS HIGHER

Liverpool Closes With Net Gain of 1-4 to 7-8d—Chicago Down Today.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Feb. 27.	Feb. 26.	Loss.	1908.
May	118A	118⅛A	⅛	98⅝
July	104¾A	105⅝A	⅝	93
Sept.	98⅝	99¼	⅝	90

Chicago, Feb. 27.—There was great strength abroad in the wheat market today. Considerable short covering was manifest at Liverpool and the closing there was ¼d to ⅞d above the advanced prices of yesterday.

Chicago market opened rather weak and depressed, closing rather steady with a net loss of only ⅛c from yesterday in the May and ⅝c in the July and September options.

Primary receipts in bushels:

	Today.	Year ago.
Wheat	507,000	324,000
Corn	835,000	444,000
Shipments:		
Wheat	249,000	400,000
Corn	400,000	371,000

Range of Chicago prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	118¼	119	117⅞	118 A
July	105⅛	105⅞	104¾	104¾ A
Sept.	99⅝	99⅝	98½	98⅝
CORN.				
May	66⅝	66¾	66½	66½
July	65⅞	66	65¾	65¾ A
Sept.	65⅝	65¾	65½	65½
OATS.				
May	55⅛	55⅛	55	55⅛ A
July	50	50	49¾	49⅞
Sept.	40¾	40⅞	40½	40⅝ A
PORK.				
May	1707	1712	1705	1710 A
July	1710	1712	1710	1712
LARD.				
May	972	972	967	972 A
July	982	982	982	982
Sept.	...	...	...	995
RIBS.				
May	892	895	892	895 A
July	910	910	907	910

BOSTON COPPER MARKET

Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.

Boston, Feb. 27.—Official bid prices:

Arcadian	5	Old Dominion	49
Adventure	7¾	Osceola	128
Allouez	40	Parrot	26¾
Atlantic	15⅞	Phoenix	1A
Boston Cons.	11¾	Quincy	86
Butte Coala	23¼	Royale	29
Cal. & Ariz.	99	Shannon	13¾
Cal. & Hec.	695	Sup. & Pitts.	14½
Centennial	47	Sup. & Boston	14¾
Copper Mt.	30	Tamarack	84
Cop. Range	72	Trinity	12¾
C. Ely	7¾	United	13
Daly West	9½	Utah Mining	38
Granby	92	Utah	41
Green Can.	13	Utah Victoria	4½
Mass.	5	Wolverine	143
Michigan	10¼	Winona	5¾
Mohawk	61	Yukon	4¼
Nevada	16⅞	U. S. Mining	39¾
Nipissing	9¾	Gold Cons.	8
N. Butte	69⅞		

SPOKANE MINING EXCHANGE

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

Spokane, Feb. 27.—Mine shares:

	Bid.	Ask.
Almeda	2	2½
Copper King	5	5¾
Gertie	2⅞	3⅛
Humming Bird	6½	8
Idaho S. & R.	6½	7
Mt. Coal	69	72
Kendall	94	105
Lucky Cal.	7¼	7½
Missoula	2¾	3¼
Monitor	29	31½
Nabob	2¾	2⅞
Oom Paul	3	5
Rambler	13	15¼
Rex	8¾	9½
Snowshoe	5⅝	6½
Snowstorm	166	167
Stewart	65	75
Tamarack	55	80
Wonder	2⅞	3¼
O. K. Cons.	⅞	1⅛

PORTLAND PRODUCE RECEIPTS

Portland Board of Trade furnishes following list of produce arrivals for the 24 hours ending 11:30 a. m. today: Apples, 440 boxes; 1552 boxes oranges, 24 sacks onions, 46 boxes lettuce, 71 sacks potatoes, 8 sacks turnips, 39 boxes spinach, 27 packages vegetables, 2653 gallons cream, 1995 gallons milk, 88 packages butter, 388 cases of eggs, 37 boxes cheese, 38 boxes clams, 9 boxes crabs, 5 boxes shrimps, 1 box mussels, 241 boxes fish, 70 sacks and 2 pails oysters, 45 coops chickens, 1 coop turkeys, 765 pounds dressed poultry, 5 dressed hogs, 32 dresed veal, 1 car meat, 1 car PH. products, 37 cars wheat, 2 cars barley, 7 cars oats, 6 cars hay, 6150 sacks flour, 2 cars feed.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Feb. 27.—Wheat closing ¼ to ½d higher. March, 8s 3d; May, 8s 2¼d; July, 8s 4½d.

SCANT SUPPLY IN STOCKYARDS

Just a Handful of Cattle Comes to Market Today—Poor Stuff Neglected.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Saturday	...	50	...
Friday	52	...	...
Thursday	349	215	222
Wednesday	82	490	1906
Tuesday	...	none	...
Monday	183	584	12
Total	666	1289	2140

Portland Union Stockyards, Feb. 27.—The livestock market was good today but there was only a handful of arrivals and this consisted of cattle. Just 50 head appeared in the yards during the 24 hours and for that reason there was little doing in the yards today.

It is only in the best quality that a very good call is noted for some poor stuff has been hanging fire for several days.

Hogs and sheep are firm but nominal at former values.

Today's arrivals of livestock compare with this day in recent years as follows:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1909	..	50	...
1908	98	53	311
1907	..	30	...
1906	175	...	...
1905	13	243	220

A year ago today all lines of livestock were showing strength at unchanged prices.

Lester Wade of Condon was a recent visitor at the yards with a car of mixed cattle.

Mr. Greene of Baker City brought a car of mixed cows and steers to market.

Smith Brothers of Prineville are again business visitors in the yards. This time with five cars of cattle.

W. S. Daly of Heppner paid the Portland stockyards a call with a load of cows and steers.

The following is the general range of values on stock ruling in the yards for late shipments:

Hogs—Best east of mountains, $7.25@7.50; ordinary, $7.00; blockers and feeders, $5.75.

Cattle—Best steers weighing 1200 pounds, $5.35@5.50; medium steers, $5.00@5.25; poor steers, $4.50@4.75; best cows, $4.25@4.50; medium cows, $3.50@3.75.

Sheep—Best grain fed wethers, $5.50@6.00; best hay fed wethers, $5@5.50; ordinary wethers, $5.50@5.75; lambs, $6.50@6.75; straight ewes, $5.25@5.50; mixed lots, $6.00.

Veal — Choice young calves, $5.50; heavy and rough, $4.50@4.75.

Yard's Representative Prices.

Following prices are representative of latest transactions and show exactly the state of the demand, prices and quality offered:

STEERS.

	Weight.	Price.
16 steers	18,725	$5.00
24 steers	29,155	5.10
COWS.		
10 cows	9,535	$4.25
26 cows	26,490	3.80
2 cows	2,260	3.50

Eastern Livestock Markets.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Receipts—Hogs, 21,000; cattle, 400; sheep, 2000. Hogs are steady; cattle, steady; sheep, strong.

Kansas City, Feb. 27.—Receipts—Hogs, 5000; cattle, 400; sheep, none.

Omaha, Feb. 27.—Receipts — Hogs, 9000; cattle, 300; sheep, 1000.

Sheep Sales at Fossil.

Fossil, Or., Feb. 27.—Sheep buyers are arriving in this part of the country, and are making contracts. Andy Patterson contracted one band of mixed yearlings, delivery April 1, with wool at $4 a head. Frank Templeton sold 1730 mixed lambs and 2-year-old wethers for $4.10, delivery about the 20th of March, and Josh Hardie sold 1500 mixed yearlings at $4.25, delivery to be at Condon, April 1.

PINCUS GETS ROSE HOPS AT 10 CENTS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or. Feb. 27.—A contract for the sale of 100,000 pounds of hops at 10c a pound has been recorded at Salem. The contract calls for 1909 crop of George L. Rose, near Independence. The hops were bought by Isaac Pincus & Sons of Tacoma. Rose is known as one of the most careful growers of hops in the Salem district.

PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Eggs, per dozen—California fresh, including cases, extras, 22c; first, 21½c; seconds 21c; thirds, 20½c.

Butter, per pound—California fresh, extras, 34½c; first, 34c; seconds, 30½c; storage, California extra, 31½c; storage eastern extra, 31½c; ladles extras 23½c.

New cheese, per pound—California flats, fancy, 14½c; firsts, 14c; seconds, 12c; California Young America, fancy, 16c; first, 15c; eastern New York cheddars, fancy, 17½c; Oregon flats, fancy, 14½c; Oregon Young America, fancy, 16c; California storage fancy flats, 13c; Oregon flats fancy, 14½c; Oregon Young America, 16c.

Potatoes, per cental—Early Rose, $2; river whites, fancy, $1.40@1.60; No. 2, (water soaked stock) at $1@1.25; Lompoc Burbanks, $1.85@2; do Salines, $1.60@1.75; do Oregons, $1.65@1.75; sweet potatoes, per crate, $1.65@1.75; do per sack, $1.50.

Onions, per sack—Oregon, $1.75@2.

Oranges, per box—Navels, standard, $1.80@2; fancy, $2.25@2.50; tangerines, per box, $1@1.50.

St. Louis Wheat Market.

St. Louis, Feb. 27.—May wheat, $1.13½.

ZION CITY CLAIMED TO BE MONEY MAKER

Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 27.—Reports in the possession of Receivers Thomas and Voliva of Zion City indicate that that community is on a money making basis. A report on factories and industries shows a profit of $7000 during January and that for the six months preceding January the net profit was $26,653.

A sum of $147,000 in cash was raised by the receivers after June 5 last year and after deducting running expenses and incidentals a balance of $36,311 is on hand.

The assets of Zion City are reported to be $1,642,182.

NARROW TRADE IN STOCK LIST

New York Market Dull With Little Change — Bank Statement Good.

New York, Feb. 27.—There was but little change in either price or sentiment in the stock market today, the list being within a fraction of last closing at the end of today's session.

With the exception of one or two leaders, the entire list was dull with small sales.

The bank statement was of good character, showing an increase in reserves and a decrease in the loan account.

(Range of New York prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Copper Co.	68¼	68¼	67⅞	68⅛
Am. Car & F., c.	48⅛	48⅛	47¼	47⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	109
Am. Cot. Oil, c.	53⅝	53¾	52⅝	52⅝
Am. Loco., c.	51⅛	51½	50½	50⅞
Am. Sugar, c.	...	...	...	129¾
Am. Smelt., c.	81½	81⅝	80⅝	80⅝
do pfd.	102	102½	102	102
Anaconda M. Co.	40⅛	40½	39⅝	40½
Am. Woolen, c.	...	...	...	27½
Atchison, c.	102½	102¾	102¼	102⅝
do pfd	102	102	101⅞	101⅞
B. & O., c.	107¼	107½	106⅝	106⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	92½
Brooklyn R. T.	72	72	70¾	71
Can. Pac., c.	171½	172¼	171½	171⅞
Cen. Leather, c.	29½	29½	29⅛	29¼
C. & G. W., c.	6¾	6⅞	6	6
C., M. & St. P.	143½	142¼	143	142⅝
C. & N. W.	174⅝	176½	174½	176⅛
Ches. & Ohio	65⅝	65⅞	65	65
Col. F. & I., c.	31½	32½	31⅞	31¾
Col. South., c.	...	...	...	62
Col. South., 2d p.	78½	78⅞	78	78
Col. South., 1st p.	...	...	...	81⅞
Del. & Hudson	172	172½	172	171½
D. & R. G., c.	43½	43¾	42⅞	43
D. & R. G., p.	85⅝	86	85⅝	85⅛
Erie, c.	27½	27⅞	27⅝	27¾
Erie, 2d p.	...	...	...	32½
Erie, 1st pfd.	42½	42¾	42½	42½
G. Northern, p.	140¾	141	140¼	140½
Illinois Central	140	141	140	140¼
Int. Met., c.	14¾	14⅞	14⅝	14½
Int. Met., p.	40¼	41¾	40⅛	40¼
L. & N.	129⅝	130⅛	129⅝	129½
Manhattan Ry.	...	...	...	145
Mex. Cen. Ry.	20	20⅛	20	20½
M., K. & T., c.	38¾	39	38½	38⅞
M., K. & T., p.	...	...	...	72
Distillers	34½	34½	34⅛	34½
Ore Lands	67½	67¾	66⅝	66⅞
Missouri Pacific	67½	68	67½	67⅝
National Lead	74⅝	74½	73½	73½
N. Y. Central, c.	123⅝	122½	122½	122½
N. Y. O. & W., c.	44¼	44¾	44¼	44¼
Nor. & West., c.	86½	87	86½	86½
do pfd	...	...	...	85
North American	...	...	...	79
Northern Pa., c.	137⅛	137⅝	136¾	137⅛
Pacific M. S. Co.	32	33	32	32
Penn. Ry.	129⅝	129⅝	128⅝	128¾
P. G., L. & C. Co.	110⅝	110⅝	110¼	110½
Pressed S. C., c.	...	...	...	35½
do pfd	...	...	...	95
Reading, c.	123	123¼	119⅞	121½
do 1st pfd	...	...	...	102¼
Rep. I. & S., c.	20	20	19	19⅝
do pfd	72	73	72	72¾
Rock Island, c.	22¾	23¼	22¾	23⅛
do pfd	60¾	61⅝	60¾	60½
S. L. S. F. 2d pfd.	37½	37½	37¼	37¼
Southern Pac., c.	117¼	117½	116¾	116⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	120
S. Railway, c.	24⅝	24¾	24¼	24½
do pfd	63½	63½	63	63½
Texas & Pacific	31⅝	31½	31¼	31¼
T., St. L. & W., c.	45	45½	44¾	44½
do pfd	...	...	...	67½
Union Pacific, c.	177	177½	176¾	177
do pfd.	95¾	96½	95¾	95½
U. S. Rubber, pfd	102	102½	102	102½
U. S. Steel Co., c.	44⅝	44¾	44	44⅜
do pfd.	110⅛	110⅝	110	110
Wabash, c.	17⅝	17⅝	17⅛	17⅜
do pfd.	44⅛	44½	44¼	44½
W. U. Tel.	66	66	66	65
Wis. Cen., c.	44	45¾	43	45½
do pfd.	86¼	87½	86¼	87⅝
Westinghouse	75½	76	75	75
Utah Copper	41½	42	41⅛	41
Third Ave.	38	38¾	37	37½
Cons. Gas	127	127½	126½	126½
Big Four	75⅞	...	...	75¾
Great West.	8⅛	...	...	8¼
Can. pfd.	...	...	...	75¼

Total sales for day, 338,900 shares.

STATE TO FIGHT DIVORCE CAUSES

California Senator Proposes Innovation in Separation Procedure.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 27.—A divorce commissioner to inquire into the causes of a divorce action and to represent the state in opposition to a separation between man and wife if the evidence seems to point to collusion or other wrong motive in the action, this is the innovation which the present legislature threatens to introduce into California's courts. Senator Charles W. Bell's bill, making such a provision, was reported on favorably by the senate judiciary committee.

Superior judges, clergymen and prominent laymen joined in discussing the proposed law, the statement being made that divorces were not only too common but often founded on the flimsiest pretexts and pressed with fraudulent intent by both parties.

In Los Angeles, it was asserted, not less than 60 per cent of the divorces were collusive. The need of a divorce commissioner was pointed out by Judge J. H. Merriam, who argued that at present judges had no right to inquire into the facts; the law preventing them from being both judges and advocates at the same time.

QUORUM BREAKING LEGISLATORS FLEE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Hopkinsville, Ky., Feb. 27.—Eight runaway senators who secretly left Nashville in an alleged attempt to prevent a quorum of the Tennessee legislature to elect boards of election to choose a state treasurer and state comptroller are in hiding here today. Sergeants-at-arms and deputies are scouring the state for the senators. Other senators are in Alabama. Several said they would continue their evasive tactics indefinitely.

News Gossip of Finance

Hitting the Independents.

There was a cut of 5c a keg in the base price of wire nails locally today. This was in answer to sharp competition among the steel and iron manufacturers and the relentless war the steel corporation is waging against the smaller institutions. While no definite information is obtainable from the big company, it is stated by independents that they are being secretly undersold and therefore are making an open cut to get from under.

Regarding Wisconsin Central Stocks.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—A director of the Wisconsin Central says of the position of the preferred and common stocks after acquisition of the campany by the Canadian Pacific: "The preferred stockholders of the Wisconsin Central will surrender their right to share profits with the common stock above 4 per cent, but in consideration thereof, they obtain an unconditional guarantee by the Soo line of the 4 per cent for 99 years indorsed on each certificate, a guarantee which takes preference over the entire capital stock of the Soo line, representing an equity of over $36,000,000. The position of the common stock is strengthened by the surrender of the right to share in returns above 4 per cent by the preferred stockholders. The Canadian Pacific and Soo line will immediately throw about $1,000,000 additional business over the Wisconsin Central, adding about $350,000 of net revenue per annum. The closing up of outside agencies, which last year cost the Wisconsin Central $165,000, will effect a saving of over $100,000 a year, and the consolidation of terminals at St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth will save over $200,000 per annum, or a total of savings and annual revenue of over $450,000 per annum, equal to over 4 per cent on the common stock."

United States Government Bonds.

New York, Feb. 27.—Government bonds:	Bid.	Ask.
Twos, registered	100½	.....
Threes, registered	100½	.....
do coupon	100¾	101½
Threes, small bonds	100	.....
Fours, registered	119¾	.....
do coupon	119¾	.....
Twos, Panama	100½	101½
do coupon	102	103
Fours, new, registered	121½	122½
District of Columbia	108½	.....
Fours, Philippine	100	.....

Today's Metal Prices.

New York, Feb. 27.—Copper, ½c lower; lake, 12⅝@12¾c; electrolytic, 12¼@12½c; castings, 12⅛@12⅝c. Lead—$3.92½@3.97½.

World's Silver Market.

New York, Feb. 27.—Bar silver, 50⅝c. London, Feb. 27.—Silver, 23 5-16d.

Copper Range Dividend.

Boston, Feb. 27.—Copper Range has declared a dividend of $1 a share, payable April 1. Books close March 6 and reopen March 15.

English Consols Higher.

London, Feb. 27.—Consols up 1-16. Money 84⅝. Account, 84½.

Portland Banks.

Clearings, Feb.	$24,406,225.32
Year ago	21,216,359.32
Gain today	3,189,868.90
Balances, Feb.	2,732,620.70
Year ago	3,693,619.40
WEEKLY STATEMENT.	
Clearings, 1909	$5,354,921.56
Year ago	5,548,594.08
Balances, 1909	573,612.77
Year ago	850,944.83
DAILY STATEMENT.	
Clearings today	$836,322.29
Year ago	831,493.62
Gain today	4,828.67
Balances today	146,276.27
Year ago	190,239.72

Tacoma Banks.

Clearings today	$814,087
Balances today	75,319

Seattle Banks.

Clearings today	$1,409,721
Balances today	154,603

U. S. Treasury Statement.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The treasury statement today shows:
Receipts $2,309,603.
Disbursements $2,689,000.

LEAVE STEEL MERGER ALONE