

COMMERCIAL.

Shipping Wheat Lower and Decidedly Easy—Milling Firm.

Spot Barley Quiet and Steady—Speculative Market Weaker, Though More Active.

San Francisco, February 27th. Shipping Wheat is lower and decidedly easy. Milling continues firm and is not plentiful; as high as \$1 3/4 is asked for some extra choice. Little doing in the local speculative market. Chicago is weak. Export business has been rather quiet for the past week or more, the Australian demand has been pretty well satisfied and the European demand is light; the last cargo cleared from here was on the 19th instant. Spot Barley is quiet and steady; the speculative market is weaker and more active; for quite a while there was scarcely anything done on call. Oats are still dull at yesterday's decline; to-day's receipts were but 60 cents.

Potatoes and Onions continue weak; new Potatoes are firmer. Bay Peas are weaker. Rhubarb is lower; there were 300 boxes in to-day. Very few Mushrooms are still in light supply and move slowly. Asparagus is weak and lower; 250 boxes arrived to-day. Cucumbers are still in light supply and move slowly. Butter continues easy, with lower tendency in prices. Cheese at the moment is steady and stocks kept pretty well cleared up, but the receipts will increase shortly and lower figures will prevail. Eggs continue on their downward course. There are a few dealers who are trying to maintain prices, and who still obtain 12c for store and 14c for ranch Eggs, but the majority of dealers are weakening and consequently the low prices prevail.

Produce Quotations. FLOUR—Net cash prices for Family Extras, \$4 1/4 to \$4 1/2; Bakers' Extras, \$3 9/16 to \$4; superfine, \$2 3/4 to \$3. WHEAT—Shipping Wheat is quoted at \$1 1/4 per cwt for No. 1 and \$1 1/8 for choice. Milling Wheat, \$1 2/8 to \$1 3/8. BARLEY—Feed, fair to good, 70c; choice, 75c to 80c. OATS—Milling, 75c to 80c; good to choice, 70c to 75c. RICE—Fair to good, 10c; choice, 11c to 12c. CORN—Large Yellow, \$1 1/4 to \$1 1/2; Small Yellow, \$1 1/4 to \$1 1/2. WHEAT—Milling, \$1 1/4 to \$1 3/8. BARLEY—Feed, fair to good, 70c; choice, 75c to 80c. OATS—Milling, 75c to 80c; good to choice, 70c to 75c. RICE—Fair to good, 10c; choice, 11c to 12c. CORN—Large Yellow, \$1 1/4 to \$1 1/2; Small Yellow, \$1 1/4 to \$1 1/2.

pair; Squirrels, 30c; Geese, 60c; Brant, 40c. VEGETABLES—Onions, 2c per lb; Bunch Vegetables, 12c; Garlic, 10c per lb; Lettuce, 3 for 5c; Bay Lettuce, 3 for 10c; Artichokes, 7c per dozen; Dried Peppers, 20c per lb; Savory Cabbage, 10c per head; Sprouts, 7c; Celery, 50c per head; Cauliflower, 10c per head; Horseradish, 10c per lb; Mushrooms, 10c to 12c; Spinach, 5c; Cream Squash, 3c per lb; new Asparagus, 15c per lb; String Beans, 15c; Green Peas, 8c; Tomatoes, 10c per lb. POTATOES—Rivers, 5c per cwt; Sallinas, \$1 25; Sweets, \$1 50; New Potatoes, 5c per lb. MEATS—Beef—Prime Rib Roast, 12c to 15c; Loin Steak, 12c to 15c; Rump Steak, 10c; Chuck Roast, 10c; Brisket, 8c; Chuck Steak, 10c. Veal—Loin and Rib Chops, 15c; Roast Veal, 12c. Mutton—Leg, 11c to 12c; Loin and Rib Chops, 12c; Mutton Steer, 8c; Shoulder Chops, 8c. Pork, 8c to 12c; Corned Beef, 8c to 12c; Bacon, 8c to 12c; Ham, 12c to 13c. HAY AND GRAIN—Oat Hay, 15c per cwt; Wheat, 55c; second quality, 50c; Alfalfa, new, second and third cutting, 55c; Whole Barley, 90c; Ground Barley, 95c; Feed Oats, \$1 25; Middlings, 90c; Bran, 70c; Straw, 60c.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCK MARKET. San Francisco, February 27th. Morning Session—Ophir, \$1 25; G & C, 36c; B & B, 74c to 75c; C & V, \$1 90; Savage, 41c to 42c; Chollar, 33c; H & N, \$1 25; Yellow Jacket, 35c; S Nevada, 35c; Union, 40c; Bullion, 12c; Union Con, 4c; Silver Hill, 2c; Occidental, 5c to 8c. Afternoon Session—Ophir, \$1 25; G & C, 36c; B & B, 74c to 75c; C & V, \$1 90; Savage, 41c to 42c; Chollar, 33c; H & N, \$1 25; Yellow Jacket, 35c; S Nevada, 35c; Union, 40c; Bullion, 12c; Union Con, 4c; Silver Hill, 2c; Occidental, 5c to 8c.

UNFAIR TACTICS. Comments on Recent Reports about the Funding Bill.

(From the San Jose Herald.) The reports telegraphed to this coast of C. P. Huntington's experience with the Pacific Railroad Committee create the impression that he is faring badly. In fact those who know Huntington's astuteness of mind and facility of expression have been rather surprised that he has made so poor a showing. This is partly explained by Eastern exchanges now coming to hand which show that the telegraphed reports have contained only a part of his case and that the weakest.

Just now most of the daily papers of San Francisco are engaged in the apparently congenial and popular business of roasting Huntington and the railroad company in connection with refunding. Most of them have not always done so. Some of them, not so long ago but that plenty of persons can remember it, were the railroad's good friends—why this change of base?

It will be remembered that some years ago when Huntington assumed personal charge of the Southern Pacific affairs he proceeded to purge the pay-roll of the company. It was always the fact undoubtedly that a great many newspapers were on that roll. Whether that was a greater discredit to the company or to the papers the public must decide. At any rate a lot of them were let out, and from that day to this they have been the loudest of anti-railroad howlers on general principles. Some of them

have become enlisted with other great interests, such as the sugar trust, but all are bound together by the common bond of opposition to the railroad. Mayor Sutro, who is mad because the railroad would not help him out in his Cliff House land and pleasure resort speculation, has allied himself with these disgruntled newspapers to fight refunding. The promoters of this fight have never been able to agree upon any substitute for refunding, and have never been able to show that any substitute offered better chances to the Government and the people. In pursuit of their purpose they have resorted mostly to appeals to the passions and prejudices of the people, and, as it now appears, have even come down to suppressing and garbling reports of proceedings before Congressional committees.

The "Herald" knows that the managers of the railroad have had plenty to answer for in the past. It is not worth while going over that record. It is too familiar to the people. But that is not now the matter at issue. Congress and the people are confronted by a plain business proposition as to what is best to be done about the debt of the companies. Huntington has made certain statements before the committee that are entitled to weight as matters of fact, no matter if Huntington did make them. The longest headed business men of the community have indorsed the soundness of his position on that point. The other side have proved the weakness of their case by trying to misrepresent his position, and they profess to expect sensible people to stand in with them.

For one, the "Herald" declines. It sees no merit in their demand for foreclosure unaccompanied by a single answer for the suggestion for the subsentiate fate of the road. It takes this case by itself without regard to what the railroad managers may have done in this, that or the other case, and consider it on its business merits. In this it believes it will have the support of the solid business element of this community.

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Eastern Grain Market. New York, February 27th. WHEAT—February, 75c; March, 75c; May, 73c; June, 73c; July, 73c. Chicago, February 27th. WHEAT—February, 64c; May, 67c; July, 67c.

SACRAMENTO MARKET. No Improvement in Trade In Local Produce Cereals—Fish To-day.

Sacramento, February 27th. Business in local Produce circles is drifting along on a very quiet market, and prices show no change.

To-morrow (Friday) there will be a plentiful supply of Fish at prices following: Flounder, 12c per lb; Sole, 12c; Smelt, 15c; Rockcod, 12c; Salmon, 15c; Catfish, 10c; Perch, 15c; Sturgeon, 15c.

In smoked and cured Fish the following prices will rule: Oregon Smoked Salmon, 20c per lb; Smoked Sturgeon, 20c; Red Herring, 15c per dozen; Yarmouth Bleached, 30c; Finnan Haddies, 30c per lb; Kipper Herring, 40c per dozen; Codfish, Eastern, 15c per lb; California, 10c; Brick, 20c; Holland Herring, 40c per dozen; Select Mackerel, 50c per dozen; Mackerel, extra, select Eastern, 50c each; California Mackerel, 5 for 25c.

Shell Fish are quoted as follows: California Oysters, \$1 a hundred; Large Eastern Oysters, 35c per dozen; small, 25c; opened, 50c; Eagle Brand, 70c per can; Blue Point, 50c; Soft Clams, 15c per dozen; Hard Shell Clams, 20c quart; Clams, opened, 20c per quart; Shrimps, 12c per lb; Crabs, 15c.

Following are the retail rates for the various articles mentioned: FLOUR—Family Extras, \$2 20 per 100 lb; \$1 10 for 50 lbs. FRUIT—Bananas, 25c per dozen; Limes, 15c; Lemons, 25c; Oranges—Seedling, 15c to 20c per dozen; Navel, 40c to 75c. Dates, 8c per lb; Apples, 4c to 5c per lb; Coconuts, 10c each; Cranberries, 40c per quart; Fine apples, 6c each.

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POULTRY—Turkeys—Live Hens, 14c per lb; Live Gobblers, 12c; Dressed, 15c; Broilers, 35c; Tame Ducks, 75c; Geese, \$2 per pair. EGGS—Ranch, 20c per doz; Rabbits, 35c per pair.