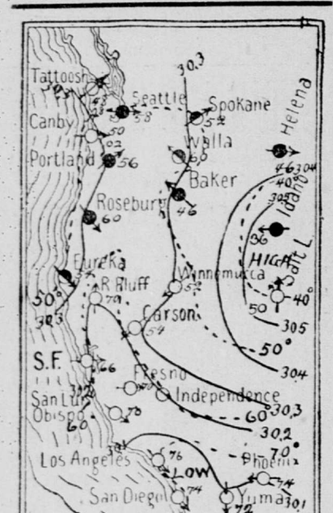
THE COMMERCIAL WORLD.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Sugar advanced.
Silver lower.
Wheat dull but steady.
Barley futures firmer.
More demand for Oats.
Corn and Rye very dull.
Sharp fluctuations in Beans.
Hay steady.
Potatoes dull and weak. Onions lower.
Butter weak. Cheese weaker.
Eggs sell well.
Vegetables steady.
Poultry market in good shape.
Lighter receipts of Strawberries.
Provisions unchanged.
Coal rather weak.
Canned Salmon quiet.
Raisins cleaning up.



Explanation.

The arrow flies with the wind. The top figures at station indicate maximum temperature for the days; those underneath it, if any, the amount of rainfall, of melted snow in inches and hundredths, during the past twelve hours. Isobars, or solid lines, connect points of equal air pressure; isotherms, or dotted lines, equal temperature. The word "low" means high barometric pressure and is usually accompanied by fair weather; "low" refers to low pressure, and is usually preceded and accompanied by cloudy weather and rains. "Lows" usually first appear on the Washington coast. When the pressure is high in the interior and low along the coast, and the isobars extend north and south along the coast, rain is probable; but when the "low" is inclosed with isobars of marked curvature rain south of Oregon is improbable. With a "high" in the vicinity of Idaho, and the pressure falling to the California coast, warmer weather may be expected in summer and colder weather in winter. The reverse of these conditions will produce an opposite result.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORT.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, SAN FRANCISCO, April 1, 1896, 5 P. M. Weather conditions and general forecast:

The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date as compared with those of the same date last season: Eureka 35.97, last season 38.09; Red Bluff 16.59, last season 27.72; San Francisco 15.37, last season 23.86; Fresno 5.37, last season 13.16; San Luis Obispo 15.41, last season 24.90; Los Angeles 8.88, last season 15.45; San Diego 5.68, last season 11.90; Yuma 0.88, last season 3.01.

The following maximum temperatures are reported from stations in California to-day: Eureka 54, Red Bluff 70, San Francisco 66, Fresno 70, San Luis Obispo 78, Los Angeles 76, San Diego 74, Yuma 72.

San Francisco data—Maximum temperature 66, minimum 48, mean 57.

There was no rainfall reported from stations in California to-day.

The pressure is highest this evening over Montana and is lowest in Southern California. It has fallen considerably throughout Nevada, Idaho and Montana, but has commenced to rise slightly along the Oregon and Washington coast. The temperature has risen from 10 to 15 degrees throughout Nevada and Utah. It has remained nearly stationary in California, and conditions are not favorable for any marked changes in the immediate future.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, April 2, 1896:

Northern California—Fair Thursday; light, generally northerly winds in the interior; brisk to high northwesterly winds Thursday afternoon on the northern coast.

Southern California—Fair Thursday; fresh northerly winds.

Nevada—Fair Thursday.

Utah—Fair; warmer Thursday.

Arizona—Fair Thursday.

San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Thursday; brisk westerly winds in the afternoon.

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Local Forecast Official.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Financial.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 1.—Operators at the Stock Exchange were waiting all day for the action of the directors of the American Tobacco Company on the dividend matter. For days it has been generally understood that the company intended to resume the payment of cash dividends. Remembering the star-chamber proceedings of the management last December, when the first knowledge of the fact that the company had passed from the dividend-paying list was received through an obscure advertisement, the street was in a state of fear. It will also be called to mind that the officials of the company were brought before the governing committee of the Stock Exchange, and it was a question for a time whether the stock of the company would be permitted to remain on the list.

Naturally pending an official statement, operators were disposed to go slow. It was not until the adjournment of the board that the street had any idea of the action of the directors. Shortly after 3 o'clock it was officially announced that the directors had declared a dividend of 2 per cent cash on the preferred, and 2 per cent cash and 20 in scrip on the common. At the close the common was bid for at 95 against 83¾, the final transaction at the Stock Exchange. It was figured that at the closing price the stock with the new privilege is worth 110 on paper. The other industrials were strong for Sugar, Distillers, Leather preferred, General Electric and Consolidated Gas. The railways were also strong, and better figures were recorded for the Grangers, Louisville & Nashville and Manhattan.

The talk of gold exports was ignored, notwithstanding statements that a commission-house intended forwarding $1,000,000 by Saturday's steamers. The market at the Stock Exchange closed quiet in tone. On the curb, however, there was a lively trading in tobacco for fully two hours after the close of the exchange. The changes show losses of ⅛ to ⅞ per cent for the railway list. The industrials, however, gained ⅛ to 1 per cent. Total sales footed up 114,390 shares.

Bonds were active and strong. Sales footed up $1,994,000. Atchison adjustment fours rose ⅞ to 48¾; Kansas Pacific consolidated sixes, 2 to 74; Kansas and Texas seconds, 2 to 59¼; Northern Pacific consols fives, 1 to 48; do certificates, 1 to 48; St. Joseph and Grand Island sixes certificates, 1 to 47.

In Government bonds, $75,000 coupon fours of 1925 brought 116¾.

Grain.

FLOUR—Dull, barely steady. Winter wheat, low grades, $2 25@2 85; do, fair to fancy, $2 85@3 90; do, patents, $3 90@4 25; Minnesota clear, $2 70@3 70; do, straits, $3@3 60; patents, $3 85@4 20; low extras, $2 25@2 85; city mills, $4 15@4 25; do, patents, $4 20@4 45; rye mixtures, $2 50@3 30; superfine, $2@2 50; fine, $2@2 30. Southern flour, quiet; common to fair extra, $2 40@3; good to choice, $3@3 30. Rye flour, quiet, $2 65@2 90. Buckwheat flour, $1 20@1 25.

BUCKWHEAT—40@41c.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow Western, $2 20@2 25; Brandywine, $2 20.

RYE—Nominal; Western, 40½c.

BARLEY—Firm; ungraded Western, 39@45c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; Western, 50@55c.

WHEAT—Dull; firm with options. No. 2 red, store and elevator, 79¼c; afloat, 80¾c; f. o. b., 80¼@81¼c; ungraded red, 64@82c.

Options were dull, firm at ¼@½c advance following the West and on local covering, with only a moderate scalping trade. May and July most active. No. 2 red: April, 70½c; May, 70⅜c; June, July and September, 70c; August, 69⅞c; December, 72c.

CORN—Scarce, firm, dull. No. 2, 37½c; elevator; 38½c afloat.

Options were firm and dull, at ⅛@¼c advance without feature. May only traded in, April, 35⅞c; May, 35½c; July, 36⅝c.

OATS—Stronger.

Options—Dull, firmer. May, 24⅝c. Spot prices: No. 2, 24¾c; No. 2 white, 26c; No. 2 Chicago, 25¾c; No. 3, 26c; No. 3 white, 25c; mixed Western, 25@26c; white do and white State, 26@28c.

FEED—Bran, 60@62½c.

MIDDLINGS—65@70c.

RYE—Feed, 62½@65c.

Provisions.

BEEF—Slow; unchanged. Beef hams inactive; $14 50@15. Tierced beef, quiet; city extra India mess, $15@15 50. Cut meats, slow, steady; pickled bellies, 12 pounds 4¾c; do shoulders, 4½c; do hams, 8½@9c.

LARD—Quiet, firmer. Western steam, $5 35@5 40; city, $4 95; May, $5 40. Refined, quiet; continent, $5 65; South American, $6 00; compound, 4⅝@4¾c.

PORK—Steady, moderate demand; mess, $8 75@9 50. Beef, dull.

BUTTER—Moderate demand: State dairy, 9@20c; do creamery, held, 13@18c; Western dairy, 10@14c; do creamery, 13@21c; do held, 12@18c; do factory, 8@15c; Elgins, 21c; imitation creamery 11@12c; rolls, 10@12c.

CHEESE—Fair jobbing demand. State, large, 6@10¼c; do fancy, 10@10¼c; do small, 6@10¾c; part skims, 3@5c; full skims, 2@2½c.

EGGS—Fairly active. State and Pennsylvania, 12c; Southern, 10½@11c; Western, fresh, 11½c; duck, 25@29c; goose, 90c.

TALLOW—Quiet; barely steady. City, 3⅝@3 11-16c; country, 3⅝@3¾c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Dull, weak. Crude, 21c bid; yellow prime, 25½c; do off grades, 25¼@25½c.

RICE—Firm, quiet. Strained common to good, $1 75@1 77½.

TURPENTINE—Firm; 28½@29c.

POTATOES—Easy. Sweets, $1 50@4 50.

RICE—Fair demand; firm. Domestic, fair to extra, 3@5¾c; Japan, 4@4¼c.

MOLASSES—Firm. New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 27@37c.

COFFEE—Steady; 5 to 20 points up. May, $12 60@12 70; June, $12 15; July, $11 65@11 70; August, $11 35; September, $10 95@11 05; November, $10 55; December, $10 40@10 50; January, $10 35; March, $10 30@10 35. Spot Rio, dull, steady; No. 7, 13¾c.

SUGAR—Raw, firm and quiet; fair refining, 3¾c; centrifugals 96 test, 4 3-16c. Refined, quiet and firm; No. 6, 4 9-16c; No. 7, 4⅜c; No. 8, 4 7-16c; No. 9, 4 5-16c; No. 10, 4 5-16c; No. 11, 4¼c; No. 12, 4 3-16c; No. 13, 4⅛c; off A, 4⅝@4 13-16c; mold A, 5 7-16c; standard A, 5 3-16c; confectioners' A, 5 1-16c; cut loaf and crushed, 5 13-16c; powdered, 5 7-16c; granulated, 5 3-16c; cubes, 5 7-16c.

Fruit and Produce.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—Almonds—Soft-shell, 7½@8c; do paper-shell, 11@12c.

APRICOTS—Bars, 9@12½c.

PEACHES—Peeled, 13½@15c; unpeeled, 4@6½c.

PRUNES—Four sizes, 5@5½c.

RAISINS—Clusters, $1 25@1 40; do London layers, 75@85c; do three-crown loose Muscatel, 3¾@3½c; do four-crown, 4@5c.

WALNUTS—Standard, 6½@7c; do soft-shell, 8½@10c.

HOP—Quiet. State common to choice, 2½@8c; Pacific Coast, 2½@8c.

WOOL—Firm; moderate demand; domestic fleece, 16@22c; pulled, 15@33c; Texas, 9@12c.

Merchandise.

PIG IRON—Steady, quiet; American, $11@11 50.

COPPER—Dull. Lake, $10 62½@10 75.

LEAD—Quiet; domestic, $3 10.

TIN—Steady; straits, $13 35@13 45; plates dull.

SPELTER—Quiet; domestic, $4 10@4 15.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 1.—Wheat took on a little more strength this morning than it possessed at the close yesterday. In explanation of the better feeling, firmer Liverpool cables, light Northwestern receipts, 257 cars, against 522 last week, 190 a year ago, and some dry weather reports from Kansas were cited. There was moderately good selling right at the opening and the full advance was not retained permanently. Another rally took place, however, when the New York clearances, 268,155 bushels, were posted. Outside business was notable for its scarcity, while the volume of local trading was decidedly ordinary. Receipts at Chicago were 10 cars and 284,000 bushels were withdrawn from store. Total Atlantic seaboard clearances amounted to 335,348 bushels. The only change in quotations in Continental markets was a decline of ½ mark at Berlin. May wheat opened from 65⅝@65¾c, sold between 63⅝c and 63⅞c, closing at 63¾@63⅞c, 5c higher than yesterday. Estimated receipts for to-morrow 12 cars.

CORN—Was a beneficiary of the merit of wheat and prices under the influence of sympathy with the finer grain, displayed a fair proportion of firmness. Business was, however, at a standstill, no incident or event of unusual interest being noted. Liverpool cables were quiet and firm. Receipts were 134 cars, 26 less than estimated. There were no withdrawals from store. Export clearances were 152,526 bushels. May corn opened at 29½c, advanced to 29⅝@29¾c, where it closed, ¼c higher than yesterday. Estimated receipts for to-morrow 150 cars.

OATS—Had a quiet session, with prices ruling steady to firm most of the time. The influence for strength came from the leading grain markets. Receipts were 117 cars and 122,150 bushels were withdrawn from store. May oats closed ⅜c higher than yesterday. Estimated receipts for to-morrow 100 cars.

FLAX—Was easy. Cash, 88@88¼c; May, 86½@87¼c; June, 87¼c bid; September, 90@91¼c. Receipts were 12 cars.

PROVISIONS—The tone of product was firmer this morning, shorts covering a considerable amount of the property sold yesterday. The strength exhibited by grain was an inducement to buyers. The hog market was lower, but that had little if any effect on product. May pork closed 25@27½c higher, May lard 7½c higher and May ribs 10 higher.

Closing Prices.

WHEAT—April, 63c; May, 63¾@63⅞c; July, 64@64½c.

CORN—April, 28¾@28⅞c; May, 29⅝@29¾c; July, 30¾c.

OATS—May, 19⅝@19¾c; July, 20c; September, 20¼c.

PORK—May, $8 60; July, $8 77½.

LARD—May, $5 12½; July, $5 27½.

RIBS—May, $4 67½; July, $4 77½.

Livestock.

UNION STOCKYARDS, ILL., April 1.—The run of cattle to-day was light and prices recovered 10c of the recent loss. The demand for choice stock was good. Receipts of hogs were moderate and prices held steady. The inquiry was good. Sheep were steady with a moderate supply and a good demand.

CATTLE—Receipts, 6500; fancy beeves, $4 20@4 30; choice to prime, 1300 to 1700 pound steers, $4@4 15; good to choice steers, 1200 to 1600 pounds, $3 70@3 95; medium steers, 1000 to 1300 pounds, $3 55@3 65; common steers, 950 to 1300 pounds, $3 25@3 50; choice stockers and feeders, $3 50@3 85; common to good stockers, $2 75@3 40; bulls, choice to extra, $2 75@3 25; bulls, poor to good, $2@2 70; cows and heifers, extra, $3 50@3 75; cows, fair to choice, $2 40@3 40; cows, poor to good canners, $1 50@2 85; veal calves, good to choice, $4 25@5 10; calves, common to good, $3@4; Texas fed steers, $2 85@3 75; Texas bulls, oxen and cows, $2 25@3; milkers and springers, per head, $20@40.

HOGS—Receipts, 23,000. Heavy packing and shipping lots, $3 65@3 75; common to choice mixed, $3 65@3 90; choice assorted, $4@4 15; light, $3 75@4; pigs, $3@4.

SHEEP—Receipts, 9000. Inferior to choice, $2 75@3 80; lambs, $3 80@4 75.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Bonds, Exchange, Money and Railroad Shares.

Money on call has been firm at 3@4½%; last loan at 3½%, and closing offered at 3½%. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@6%. Bar silver, 68⅛c. Mexican dollars, 54½c. Sterling exchange barely steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87¾@4 88 for sixty days and $4 88¾@4 89 for demand. Posted rates, $4 89@4 90. Commercial bills, $4 86¾@4 87½. Government bonds firm; State bonds dull; railroad bonds strong. Silver at the board was easier.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Am Tel & Cable	92	Norfolk & West	1½
Atchison	15⅞	Preferred	6⅝
Preferred	24¼	Northern Pacific	1⅜
Adams Express	147	Preferred	11½
Alton, Terre Haute	54	Northwestern	103⅞
American Express	110½	Preferred	145½
American Tobacco	89¾	N. Y. Central	95¾
Preferred	102	N. Y. Chicago & S. L	13
Bay State Gas	20½	1st preferred	75
Baltimore & Ohio	17⅞	2d preferred	31
Brunswick Lands	½	N. Y. & N. H	177
Buffalo, Rochester	15	N. Y. & New Eng	40
Canada Pacific	54½	N. Y. Susq & W	8
Canada Southern	48¾	Preferred	23¼
Canton Land	50⅞	Ontario	14
Central Pacific	14⅝	Ontario & Western	14⅛
Ches. & Ohio	18	Oregon Improvm.	1
Chicago Alton	155	Preferred	—
Preferred	170	Oregon Navigation	20
Chicago, B. & Q	77⅝	Oregon Short Line	3⅝
Chicago & E. Ill	41¼	Pacific Mail	27¼
Preferred	97	Peoria, D. & Evans	2½
Chicago Gas	67½	Pittsburg & W pfd	16
Cleve & Pittsburg	160	Pullman Palace	153
Consolidation Coal	30	Quicksilver	2½
Consolidated Gas	152¾	Preferred	15
C. C. C. & St. Louis	36¼	Reading	11⅛
Preferred	86	Rio Grande & Western	18
Colo. Fuel & Iron	28¾	Preferred	45
Preferred	96	Rock Island	71½
Cotton Oil Cert	15	Rome Wat & Ogden	114½
Commercial Cable	155	St. L. & S. W	4¾
Del. Hudson	126½	Preferred	11
Del. Lack & Western	160½	St. Paul	75
Denver & R. G	12¼	Preferred	125⅝
Preferred	46¾	St. Paul & Duluth	26
Distillers	18⅛	Preferred	79
General Electric	37⅛	St. Paul & Omaha	33⅛
Erie	14½	Preferred	122½
Preferred	38¼	St. P. M. & M	109
Fort Wayne	160	Silver Certificates	68¼
Great Northern pfd	108	Southern Pacific	19
Green Bay	½	Southern R. R	9⅛
Harlem	295	Preferred	29¼
Hocking Coal	2½	Sugar Refinery	117½
Hocking Valley	15¾	Preferred	100¾
Homestake	30	Tenn. Coal & Iron	29
H. & Texas Central	2⅝	Preferred	100
Illinois Central	91	Texas Pacific	8⅜
Iowa Central	9¼	Tol. A. A. & N. Mich	—
Preferred	37½	Tol. & Ohio Cen	30
Kansas & Texas	11¾	Preferred	70
Preferred	26	Tol. St. Louis & K. C	5
Kingston & Pem	3	Preferred	10
Lake Erie & West	17½	Union Pacific	7½
Preferred	69½	U. P. Den. & Gulf	3½
Lake Shore	146	U. S. Cordage	5
National Lead	23¼	Preferred	9¾
Preferred	86¼	Guaranteed	19
Long Island	81	U. S. Express	43
Louisville & Nash	50	U. S. Leather	9
Louisville Nat Ch	88¾	Preferred	61¾
Preferred	20	U. S. Rubber	26½
Manhattan Consol	106¼	Preferred	85
Memphis & Charls	15	Utica & B. River	150
Mexican Central	10½	Wab. S. L. & Pac	6⅞
Michigan Central	93	Preferred	17⅝
Minn & St. L	—	Wells-Fargo	100
Preferred	—	Western Union	84⅛
Minn. & St. L com	19½	Wis Central	2¾
1st preferred	79¼	Wheeling & L. E	9⅜
2d preferred	52	Preferred	32
Missouri Pacific	24	Am Cotton Oil pfd	62½
Mobile & Ohio	22	W U Beef	7¾
Nashville Chatt	68	Ann Arbor	9¾
National Linseed	18	Preferred	26¼
N. J. Central	104	Brooklyn Traction	20½
North American	5¼		

CLOSING BONDS.

U S 4s reg	108⅝	M K T 2ds	59¼
Do, 4s coupon	109½	Do, 4s	85½
U S 5s new reg	116	Mutual Union 6s	113½
Do, 4s coupon	116⅝	N J Cent Gen 5s	115
Do, 2s	95	Northern Pac 1sts	115¾
Do, 5s	113¾	Do, 2ds	105⅝
Do, 5s coupon	113¾	Do, 3ds	73½
Cherokee 4s, 1896	100	Northwest Consols	139¼
Do, 1897	102	Do, deb 5s	108
Do, 1898	100	O R & N 1sts	110
Do, 1899	100	St L & Iron Mt Gen 5s	77½
Pacific 6s of '95	—	St L & S F Gen 6s	105
D. C. 3-6 5s	109¼	St Paul Consols	128¼
Ala Class A 4	107	St. P. C. & Pa 1sts	115½
Do, Class B 4, 5s	107	Do, Pac Cal 1sts	110
La Consol 4s	97	Southern R. R. 5s	91⅜
Missouri funding	—	Texas Pacific firsts	88⅝
N Carolina con 6s	118½	Texas Pac seconds	22¾
Do, 4s	103	Union Pac 1st of 96	103½
So Carolina 4½s	106	West Shore 4s	105½
Tenn new 3s	85	Mobile & Ohio 4s	65¼
Va funding debt	61	R Grande West 1sts	75
Do, reg	—	Ches & O 5s	108
Do, deferred 6s	5	Atchison 4s	79
Do, trust repts st	6	Do, 2ds A	26½
Canada South 2ds	104½	G H & S A 6s	103
Cen Pac 1sts of '95	102	Do, 2d 7s	100
Den & R G 1st	114	H & Tex Cent 5s	108
Do, 4s	88	Do, con 6s	107½
Erie 2ds	65½	Reading 4s	78
Kansas Pa Consols	74	Missouri 6s	100
Ks Pa 1sts Den div	109		

FOREIGN MARKETS.

WHEAT IN LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, ENG., April 1.—The spot market is steady at 5s 5d. Cargoes dull at 27s 6d arrived.

FUTURES.

The Produce Exchange cable gives the following Liverpool quotations for No. 2 Red Winter: April, 5s 5d; May, 5s 5½d; June, 5s 5¾d; July, 5s 5¾d; August, 5s 6d.

SECURITIES.

LONDON, ENG., April 1.—Consols, 109 13-16; silver, 31⅛d; French Rentes, 101f 40c.

EXCHANGE AND BULLION.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 88
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 89½
Sterling Cables	—	4 90
New York Exchange, sight	—	05
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	07½
Fine Silver, per ounce	—	68⅛
Mexican Dollars	55½	56

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

Custom-house collections in March were $457,750, against $593,600 in March, 1895. For the first three months of the year they were $1,458,142, against $1,464,200 for the same time in 1895.

STOCKS OF GRAIN.

Produce Exchange Grain Inspector Abel reports stocks of Grain in Call Board warehouses April 1 as follows, in tons:

	WHEAT			
	Port Costa.	Stockton.	City.	
March 1	50,637	41,720	2,425	
April 1	49,625	34,197	2,148	
	Barley.	Oats.	Corn.	Bran.
March 1	3,255	5,596	1,467	118
April 1	2,977	4,863	1,828	49

The receipts in March were 10,413 tons Barley, 1278 do Oats, 1395 do Corn and 2506 do Bran.

CANNED AND DRIED FRUITS AND SALMON.

The Cutting Packing Company's circular says:

SALMON—Transactions in spot goods are of extremely meager character; considerable doing in futures of Alaska and some small booking of Columbia River at a shade less for the latter than last year's prices on account of an anticipated lower price for raw fish, as the packers are making a stand to resist the extreme demands of the fishermen, claiming that they cannot pack to any profit at the high prices of last year and compete with the lower-priced fish of British Columbia and Alaska. The result of these efforts is not yet known. The Alaska Packers' Association has not yet given any intimation of what prices it will put upon the various grades. From the preparations being made in all directions it is safe to predict a large pack, especially in low-grade fish, which finds favor on account of its cheapness in the United States trade, particularly in the Southern and Southwestern States.

CANNED FRUITS—After discounting all reports from the sections affected by frost early in March we find that the almond crop as a whole, apricots and peaches partially, and cherries in a still less degree, are severely injured north of the latitude of Marysville and in a few localities south of that line. Otherwise the crop throughout the State of all varieties is one of the largest and best quality ever known. This is very satisfactory and gratifying after the great scare and naturally following the heavy frost and unusual snow. The weather during the past two weeks has been exceptionally warm, and there is still a chance for more frost, which would do even more damage than that occurring before, on account of the trees being in a still more forward condition. This, however, is hardly probable. There is absolutely no trade except a light jobbing one from the Territories. Now and then inquiries are made for a car, but usually for a much smaller quantity. So far no values or prices apparently have been made or even considered by grower or packer.

There is a species of fight going on in future of peas and tomatoes, but little if any actual trade is resulting therefrom. Spot tomatoes are still dull at 70@70½c for 2½ lbs. and $1 90 for gallons. Quotations are out for future asparagus, which is about two weeks earlier than usual.

DRIED FRUITS—There is but little change in the situation since our last circular; the demand has been light on all varieties, and such sales as have been made have been in hand to mouth quantities.

PRUNES—Are firm, yet there is little demand, no interest is manifest in a carload way, and the 4 sizes quotable at 3½c go a-begging.

PEACHES—Of choice and prime quality are in good supply, but fancy stock is scarce. The principal inquiry comes for raisins. Stocks on the coast are fast being cleaned up, and there is now every indication of an advance in values.

PRODUCE MARKET.

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS.

WHEAT—The Seafarer takes for Cork 76,759 ctls, valued at $82,500.

Exports from this port in March were 516,905 ctls, valued at $591,077, making total exports thus far this crop year of 8,738,352 ctls, valued at $9,003,577.

The market is steadier, but dull. No. 1, $1 07½; choice, $1 08¾@1 10; lower grades, $1@1 05; extra choice for milling, $1 10@1 20.

CALL BOARD SALES.

INFORMAL SESSION—10 o'clock—December—600 tons, $1 07¼; 100, $1 07½.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—December—200 tons, $1 07½; 200, $1 07⅝; 1500, $1 07¾; 1000, $1 07⅞; 300, $1 08. May—200, $1 07⅛; 700, $1 07½; 100, $1 07¾.

AFTERNOON SESSION — December—300 tons, $1 08⅛; 1300, $1 08¼. May—100, $1 07¾.

BARLEY—Futures were firmer, but spot prices showed no change. Feed, 67½@70c ℔ ctl; choice, 71¼c ℔ ctl; Brewing, 80@85c.

CALL BOARD SALES.

INFORMAL SESSION—10 o'clock—December—100 tons, 71c; 100, 71½c.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—December—200 tons, 71½c; 100, 71⅝c; 200, 71¾c; 100, 71⅞c.

AFTERNOON SESSION — December — 300 tons, 72c; 200, 71⅞c.

OATS—The demand seems to be improving, but the market is not active. Milling are quotable at 75@82½c ℔ ctl; fancy Feed, 82½@85c; good to choice, 75@80c; common to fair, 67½@72½c; Gray, 71½@80c; Red, nominal; Black, nominal; Surprise, 90@95c ℔ ctl.

CORN—Large Yellow, 90c; Small Round do, $1; White, 80@85c ℔ ctl.

RYE—77½@80c ℔ ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—85@90c ℔ ctl.

FLOUR AND MILLSTUFFS.

FLOUR—Net cash prices are as follows: Family extras, $3 75@3 85; Bakers' extras, $3 55@3 65; superfine, $2 75@3 ℔ bbl.

CORNMEAL, ETC. — Feed Corn, $20@20 50; Cracked Corn, $21 ℔ ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in 10-lb sacks are as follows, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour 2¾c; Rye Flour, 3¼c; Rice Flour, 7½c; Cornmeal, 2¾@3c; extra cream do, 3½c; Oatmeal, 3¾c; Oat Groats, 4½c; Hominy, 4@4½c; Buckwheat Flour, 4c; Cracked Wheat, 3½c; Farina, 4½c; whole Wheat Flour, 3c; Rolled Oats, 4½c; Pearl Barley, 4½c; Split Peas, 4¾c; Green do, 5¼c ℔ lb.

HAY AND FEEDSTUFFS.

BRAN—$12 50@13 ℔ ton.

MIDDLINGS—$16@17 ℔ ton for lower grades and $17 50@18 50 ℔ ton for the best.

FEEDSTUFFS — Rolled Barley, $16@16 50; Oilcake Meal at the mill, $21 ℔ ton; jobbing, $21 50; Cottonseed Oilcake, nominal—none here.

HAY—Is steady, owing to the recent dry north winds. Wheat, $8@11 50; Oat, $8@9; Wheat and Oat, $8@11; Barley, $7@9; Alfalfa, $7@9; Clover, $6@8 50; Compressed, $7@10 50; Stock, $6@7 ℔ ton.

STRAW—35@55c ℔ bale.

BEANS AND SEEDS.

BEANS—Prices show considerable change. Colored are much lower. Butters are higher. Whites also show some fluctuations. Bayos, $1@1 12½ ℔ ctl; Small Whites, $1 25@1 45 ℔ ctl; Pea, $1 30@1 50 ℔ ctl; Large Whites, $1@1 10 ℔ ctl; Pink, 90c@$1 12½; Reds, $1 25; Blackeye, nominal; Red Kidney, $1 75; Limas, $2 45@2 60; Butters, $1 60@1 70.

SEEDS—Brown Mustard is quotable at $1 50@2 25 ℔ ctl; Trieste, $2@2 50; Yellow Mustard, $1 40@1 50; Flax, $1 70@1 80; Canary, 2¾ ℔ lb; Alfalfa, 7½@9½c ℔ lb; Rape, 2½c ℔ lb; Hemp, 3½c ℔ lb.

DRIED PEAS—$1 25@1 40 ℔ ctl for Niles and $1 25@1 45 for Green.

POTATOES, ONIONS, VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—New Potatoes, 1@2c ℔ lb; Merced Sweets, $2 75 ℔ ctl; River Burbanks, 30@40c ℔ sk; Oregon Burbanks, 25@60c; Oregon Garnet Chiles, 60@75c; Early Rose, 30@40c; Petalumas and Tomales, 30@45c ℔ sack.

ONIONS—Have again declined. Good to choice, 50@65c ℔ ctl; Cut Onions, 25@40c; Oregon, 60@75c ℔ ctl.

VEGETABLES—Arrivals were 658 boxes Asparagus and 705 boxes Rhubarb and 435 sacks Peas.

Prices showed little change.

Egg Plant from Los Angeles 15c ℔ lb; Mexican Tomatoes, $1 50@1 75 ℔ box; Los Angeles Tomatoes, $1 50@2 ℔ box; Cucumbers, 50c@$1 ℔ doz; Asparagus, $1@2 ℔ box for ordinary and $2 25@2 50 for extra; Rhubarb, 40@85c; Mushrooms, 10@15c ℔ lb; Dried Peppers, 10@12½c; Green Peas, 1½@2½c ℔ lb; String Beans, 8@10c; Dried Okra, 12½c; Cabbage, 85@40c ℔ ctl; Garlic, 4@5c ℔ lb; Marrowfat Squash, $30 ℔ ton.

POULTRY AND GAME.

POULTRY—A car of Eastern sold at 17c for Turkeys, $5 50 for Ducks, $1 50 for Geese, $6@6 50 for Hens, $8@9 for young Roosters, $5 for old Roosters and $6 for Broilers.

Local receipts are moderate and the market is firm. Young stock is scarce and still higher. No more dressed Turkeys coming in.

Live Turkeys are quotable at 16@17c ℔ lb for Gobblers, 16@17c ℔ lb for Hens; Geese, ℔ pair, $1 50@2; Ducks, $4 50@5 50 for old and $7 50@8 50 for young; Hens, $4 50@5 50; Roosters young, $7 50@8 50; do, old, $4 50@5; Fryers, $6 50@7; Broilers, $5 50@6 for large and $3@4 50 for small; Pigeons, $1 75@2 for young and $1 25@1 75 for old.

GAME—Hare, 75c@$1 ℔ doz; Rabbits, $1 25 for Cottontails and $1 ℔ doz for small.

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

BUTTER—Continues weak and in heavy supply.

CREAMERY — Fancy, 16c; seconds, 14½@15c ℔ lb.

DAIRY—Fancy, 14c ℔ lb; good to choice, 13@13½c; lower grades, 12@12½c.

EASTERN—Nominal.

CHEESE—Receipts are larger and the market is rather lower. Fancy mild new, 10@10¼c ℔ lb; common to good, 9½c; Cream Cheddar, 12@12½c; Young America, 11c; Western, 12@12½c; Eastern, 13@14c.

EGGS—The demand is good and prices are rather firm than otherwise. Store Eggs, 10½@11c; ranch Eggs, 11@12½c; Duck Eggs, 15c ℔ dozen.

DECIDUOUS AND CITRUS FRUITS.

APPLES—$1@1 25 ℔ box for good to choice, 50@85c for common to fair, and $1 50@2 for fancy.

BERRIES — Receipts of Strawberries were 9 chests, selling at 75@90c ℔ drawer for Longworths and 15@50c for large berries. The latter continue sandy and dirty and do not find favor.

CITRUS FRUITS — Oranges are quotable at $1@1 50 ℔ box for Seedlings, $1 50@2 75 for Navels and $1 50@2 50 for Malta Bloods; Lemons, $1@1 50 for common and $2@2 50 for good to choice; Mexican Limes, $5 50@6 ℔ box; Bananas, $1 25@2 50 ℔ bunch; Pineapples, $2@5 ℔ dozen.

DRIED FRUITS, RAISINS, NUTS, ETC.

DRIED FRUITS—The following nominal prices rule on the Fruit Exchange:

CARLOAD LOTS—Apples, 1½@2½c ℔ lb for quartered, 2@3c ℔ lb for sliced and 4¼c ℔ lb for evaporated; Peaches, 3¼@4c ℔ lb and 5½@6c for fancy; peeled in boxes, 12c; Apricots 7½@8½c for prime to choice, 9½c for fancy and 10@11c ℔ lb for fancy Moorpark; Figs, black, 2½c for unpressed; White Figs, 4@5c in sacks; Pears, 7c ℔ lb for evaporated halves, 4@4½c ℔ lb for quarters; Prunes, 3¾@4c; Plums, 4c ℔ lb for pitted and 1½@2½c for unpitted; Nectarines, 5@6c ℔ lb for prime to choice and 6½c for fancy.

JOBBING PRICES—Evaporated Apples, 4@4½c ℔ lb; sun-dried, 1½@2c ℔ lb; Peaches, 3@4c ℔ lb and 5c ℔ lb for fancy; peeled in boxes, 10@12½c; Prunes, 4c for the four sizes, 6c for 40@50's and 5c for 50@60's; Apricots, 6@9½c for prime to choice, 10@11c for fancy Moorpark; Figs, black, 2¼@2¾c; White Figs, 3@5c; Pears, 6½c for evaporated halves and 3@5½c for quarters; Plums, 3½@4c for pitted and 1@1½c for unpitted; Nectarines, 4@5c ℔ lb for prime to choice.

RAISINS AND DRIED GRAPES—Prices are as follows, carload lots, f. o. b. San Francisco: London layers, 85@90c ℔ box; four-crown, loose, 3¾c ℔ lb; three-crown loose, 2½c ℔ lb; two-crown, 2c; seedless Sultanas, 3¾@4c; seedless Muscatels, 2½@2¾c; three-crown London layers, 75@90c; clusters, $1 35@1 50; Dehesa clusters, $2 10@2 25; Imperial clusters, $2 60@2 75; Dried Grapes, 2½c ℔ lb.

JOBBING PRICES — Four-crown loose, 3c; 3-crown, 2¼@2½c; 2-crown, 1¾@2c; Seedless Sultanas, 3¾@4c; Seedless Muscatels, 2½c; 3-crown London layers, 75@90c; clusters, $1 40@1 50; Dehesa cl