COMMERCIAL WORLD.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Wheat about the same.
Barley futures continue to advance.
Oats, Corn and Rye unchanged.
Beans and Seeds dull.
Hay dull and unchanged.
Bran higher; Middlings firm.
Silver unchanged.
Heavy arrivals of Oregon Potatoes.
Onions unchanged. Asparagus lower.
Three cars of Eastern Poultry sold.
Dressed Turkeys in oversupply.
Game cheap and weak.
Ten cars of Oranges came in.
Choice Apples firm.
Meat market unchanged.
New prices for Pacific Codfish.

THE CLEARING HOUSE.

CONDITIONS OF TRADE AS SHOWN BY THE CLEARINGS.

The report of Charles Sleeper, manager of the San Francisco Clearing House, at the recent annual meeting of the association, says:

The clearings for the year 1898 were $813,153,024, and for 1897 $750,789,143 91, a gain of $62,363,880 09.

The clearings by half year for 1897 and 1898 are shown in the following statement:

Time—	1897.	1898.
First half of year	$324,149,941 33	$397,422,596 77
Second half of year	426,639,202 58	415,730,427 23
Totals	$750,789,143 91	$813,153,024 00

Gain or Loss—
Increase first half of year $73,272,655 44
Decrease second half of year 10,908,775 35
Total gain $62,363,880 09

In the statement above it will be observed that the gain in the clearings of 1898 over those of 1897 was made in the first half of 1898, and is accounted for thus:

Business was quite good in the first half of 1898, by reason of an abundant cereal harvest in 1897, for which the farmers received "lots of money," enabling them to pay off much indebtedness, which money in turn relieved the financial stringency that had been prevailing in the first half of 1897 and prior thereto.

The clearings of the second half year of 1898 would have been much larger had not the season 1897-1898 been a "dry year," which caused the cereal crop to be about one-third of the usual amount, and consequently the grain-farmer has received little money with which to pay off "old scores."

The clearings were augmented during the year by transactions arising from unusual trading in securities and army supplies, and without doubt caused the clearings of the second half of 1898 to exceed those of like period of 1897.

OUR NATIONAL EXPORTS.

The following figures taken from the bulletin issued by the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department, show the value of the principal articles of merchandise exported from the United States, first for January and next for the seven months ended January 31, 1899: Breadstuffs, $25,620,440, $168,296,561; cotton, $28,844,604, $154,065,818; mineral oils, $3,817,129, $31,662,410; cattle and hogs, $1,927,337, $16,211,084; provisions, $14,414,637, $95,009,995; totals, $75,624,147, $465,185,868. The values of the articles mentioned exported during the month and seven months ended January 31, 1898, were $73,176,885 and $804,805,581. The value of the exports of breadstuffs from San Francisco during January was $691,951, and for the seven months then ended $3,896,650, against $1,650,482, $16,746,328, for the same time last year.

WEATHER REPORT.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20, 5 p. m.

The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date, as compared with those of same date last season, and rainfall in last twenty-four hours:

Stations—	Last 24 Hours.	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	0.00	18.38	23.79
Red Bluff	0.00	13.06	9.30
Sacramento	0.00	7.85	6.85
San Francisco	0.00	7.77	5.88
Fresno	0.00	3.74	3.23
San Luis Obispo	0.00	7.20	3.90
Los Angeles	0.00	2.90	4.13
San Diego	0.00	3.71	3.18
Yuma	0.00	1.34	1.23

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature, 72; minimum, 51; mean, 62.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The weather is cloudy over Washington and Oregon and light scattering rain has fallen over the States during the day. Elsewhere on the Pacific slope the weather is fair.

The changes in pressure and temperature have been very slight over the Pacific slope.

Light northerly winds have prevailed in the Sacramento Valley.

Conditions are favorable for fair and continued warm weather in California Tuesday.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight February 21, 1899:

Northern California—Fair Tuesday; continued warm; fresh north wind.

Southern California—Fair Tuesday; continued warm; fresh northwest wind.

Nevada—Fair Tuesday.

Utah—Partly cloudy Tuesday.

Arizona—Fair Tuesday; continued warm.

San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Tuesday; continued warm; fresh northwest wind.

Mount Tamalpais report: Clear; wind north, 20 miles; temperature, 62; maximum temperature, 66.

G. H. WILLSON,
Local Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The active stock specialties generally made large advances to-day, while the railways gained from one to three points. A strong tone prevailed practically all day, with the strength radiating from one group of stocks to another. The movement started in the Grangers and standard stocks and next the Pacific advanced. Interest then switched into the Flower group and the Southwesterns successively and then into the industrials, with sugar and tobacco leading the rise. Central and Southern Pacific were weak in the forenoon prior to the publication of the reorganization plan of the former road, and subsequently rallied but feebly. London opened slightly below parity and on the rise here sold above 35,000 shares and subsequently reached about 58,000 shares. Among the Grangers, St. Paul made an extreme gain of 1½, being sold by London and purchased by Western houses. Burlington rose a point and then dropped 2½, closing about the lowest. The news that the syndicate had secured a majority of the Chicago and Alton stock benefited the Southwestern group, including Texas Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Kansas and Texas preferred over 2 points each. Union Pacific followed with a rise of over a point. Atchison preferred was about the strongest stock among the railways, making an extreme rise of 3¼ on favorable forecasts of earnings. Metropolitan made an extreme advance of 5¼. Brooklyn Transit 3⅞ and Manhattan 3¾. Tobacco was a sensational feature among the industrials, adding to its recent rise 5½ points. Many conflicting rumors, all lacking confirmation, were disseminated concerning the continued rise in Tobacco. There are some in the street who appear to believe that a movement against the short interest, part of which was formed on the breaking up of the pool in the stock some time ago, and another short interest recently formed in expectation of a violent trade war to follow the organization of the Union Tobacco Company. Sugar became active again and rose 6¼ points to 140½, the top price recorded for the day. This move was in spite of a rival company making a cut in their price of the refined article.

In the final hour realizations appeared in many stocks, which caused some decline of note, but the general market displayed a rallying tendency at the end.

The bond market shared in a general show of strength to-day, but the rises were generally of the merest fraction. Considerable activity was noted in the semi-speculative grades. Total sales, $5,500,000.

Government bonds were unchanged in the bid quotations.

Total sales of stocks to-day were 1,158,400 shares, including 45,230 Atchison, 144,220 Atchison preferred, 19,350 Central Pacific, 5830 C. & O., 46,520 Burlington, 7525 Illinois Central, 23,520 Louisville & Nashville, 42,450 Manhattan, 43,190 Metropolitan, 23,000 Reading preferred, 36,110 Missouri Pacific, 3272 M. K. & T., 23,695 do preferred, 9960 New York Central, 15,220 Northern Pacific, 5475 do preferred, 29,350 Rock Island, 3720 St. Louis & S. F. second preferred, 42,550 Union Pacific, 14,320 do preferred, 66,620 St. Paul, 12,280 Southern Pacific, 4230 Southern, 8940 Southern preferred, 22,520 Texas and Pacific, 117,420 Tobacco, 11,720 Federal Steel, 13,110 do preferred, 31,020 People's Gas, 3215 Consolidated Gas, 58,020 Brooklyn Transit, 4003 Pacific Mail, 90,320 Sugar, 6230 Tennessee Coal and Iron, 5060 Leather preferred, 10,540 Rubber, 5285 St. Louis and Southwestern.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Atchison	23⅞	Do 2d pref	42½
Do pref	66½	St Louis & S W	10½
Baltimore & Ohio	70½	Do pref	30¾
Canada Pacific	96¼	St Paul	132¾
Canada Southern	60	Do pref	139
Cent Pac	54½	St P & Om	93
Ches & Ohio	29½	Do pref	170
Ch & Alton	159	So Pacific	33
Chi B & Q	116¼	So Railway	13½
Chi & Ei Ill	68½	Do pref	51¾
Do pref	118	Texas & Pacific	23¾
Chi G W	16⅝	Union Pacific	49½
Chi Ind & L	9¾	Do pref	52¾
Do pref	45	U P D & G	12¾
Chi & N W	150½	Wabash	5⅝
Do pref	192	Do pref	23½
C C C & St L	60½	Wheel & L E	11¾
Do pref	98	Do pref	33
Del & Hudson	113⅞	Express Companies—	
Del L & W	161	Adams Ex	115
Den & Rio G	23¾	American Ex	142
Do pref	75⅝	United States	55
Erie (new)	14⅝	Wells Fargo	125
Do 1st pref	39¼	Miscellaneous—	
Ft Wayne	178	A Cot Oil	36¾
Gt Nor pref	182¾	Do pref	92
Hocking Val	8½	Am Spirits	13⅝
Illinois Cent	118	Do pref	36½
Lake Erie & W	20¼	Am Tobacco	171½
Do pref	67½	Do pref	139
Lake Shore	200½	Cons Gas	205¼
Louis & Nash	66⅝	Com Cable Co	180
Manhattan L	113⅞	Col F & Iron	34¼
Met St Ry	247	Do pref	90
Mich Cent	113½	Gen Elec, ex-div	113½
Minn & St L	48½	Haw Com Co	70
Do 1st pref	98	Brooklyn R T	96⅝
Mo Pacific	47¾	Intl Paper	61¾
Mobile & Ohio	40	Do pref	88
Mo K & T	14½	Laclede Gas	84½
Do pref	40½	Lead	36⅞
N J Central	104¾	Do pref	113⅞
N Y Central	139½	Fed Steel Co	52¼
N Y Chi & St L	14¼	Do pref	88½
Do 1st pref	65	Nat Lin Oil	6¼
Do 2d pref	34	Pacific Mail	51½
Nor West	194¼	People's Gas	116
No Amer Co	8⅝	Pullman Pal	161½
No Pacific	54½	Silver Certificates	59½
Do pref	80½	Standard R & T	11¾
Ontario & W	22⅞	Sugar	138¾
Or R & Nav	46	Do pref	113
Or Short Line	42½	T C & Iron	44⅝
Pac C 1st pref	83½	U S Leather	7
Do 2d pref	67	Do pref	72
Pittsburg	180	U S Rubber	53¾
Reading	22⅝	Do pref	117¼
Do 1st pref	64⅝	West Union	95¼
R G W	27	Or Nav pref	73
Do pref	75	Pac Coast	49½
Rock Island	121½	Colo Southern	7½
St Louis & SF	12⅝	Do 1st pref	55
Do pref	72	Do 2d pref	21¼

CLOSING BONDS.

U S new 4s reg	128½	N J C 5s	117½
Do coupon	128½	North Car 6s	130
U S 4s	112⅞	Do 4s	106
Do coupon	113½	No Pac 1sts	115
Do 2ds	99	Do 3s	68⅝
U S 5s reg	112½	Do 4s	105½
Do 5s coupon	112½	N Y C & St L 4s	107
District 3.65s	118	Nor & W 6s	130
Ala class A	107	Northwstrn cons	144½
Do B	107	Do deb 5s	122
Do C	100	Or Nav 1sts	110
Do Currency	100	Or Nav 4s	102⅝
Atchison 4s	102⅛	O S Line 6s tr	129
Do adj 4s	84	O S Line 5s tr	111½
Can So 2ds	110½	Reading 4s	88½
C & Ohio 5½s	95⅝	R G W 1sts	64
Chi Term 4s	95⅝	St L & I M C 5s	111¾
C & Ohio 5s	118¼	St L & S F G 6s	123¾
C H & D 4½s old	104⅝	St P Con	164½
D & R G 1sts	109	St P C & P 1sts	119
D & R G 4s	101	Do 5s	121
Erie Gen 4s	72⅞	So Railway 5s	106
F W & D C 1sts tr	88⅞	Stand R & T 6s	110
Gen Elec 5s	114	Tenn new set 3s	97¾
G H & S A 6s	109	Tex Pac L G 1sts	112½
Do 2ds	110	Do reg 2ds	51⅝
H & T C 5s	110½	Union Pac 4s	104⅞
Do con 6s	115	U P D & G 1sts	87¾
Iowa C 1sts	108½	Wabash 1st 5s	115¼
La new con 4s	101	Do 2ds	96¾
L & N Uni 4s	95	W Shore 4s	112½
Pac Con 6s	114⅝	Va Centuries	85⅝
M K & T 2ds	68¾	Do deferred	7
Do 4s	95	Wis Central 1sts	69
N Y Central 1sts	116	Colo Southern 4s	87

MINING STOCKS.

Cholar	40	Ontario	5 75
Crown Point	27	Ophir	1 25
Con Cal & Va	2 35	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	60	Quicksilver	1 00
Gould & Curry	50	Do preferred	4 50
Hale & Norcross	30	Sierra Nevada	95
Homestake	50 00	Standard	2 45
Iron Silver	80	Union Con	65
Mexican	75	Yellow Jacket	31

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		Wis Central	63½
Call loans	2@3	Ed Elec Tel	195
Time loans	3@4	Gen Elec prefrd	66⅝
Stocks—		Bonds—	
Amer Sugar	23⅞	Atchison 2ds	100⅝
Do preferred	138⅜	Mining Shares—	
Bay State Gas	113½	Allouez Min Co	12¾
Bell Tel	3¼	Atlantic	41
Boston & Albany	372	Boston & Mont	370
Boston & Maine	248	Butte & Boston	93
Boston & L	172	Calumet & Hecla	885
Chi Bur & Q	88	Centennial	50
Fitchburg	146	Franklin	28¾
Gen Electric	114	Old Dominion	47½
N Y & N Eng	6¾	Osceola	104
Or Short Line	201	Quincy	185
Rubber	45	Tamarack	247
San Diego	53⅝	Wolverine	50
West End	49⅝	Parrott	45½
Do preferred	93	Humboldt	2¾
Westing Elec	111	Union Land	10
Do preferred	48	Winona	19¾

THE LONDON MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The markets here were fairly active and hard to-day. Americans were firm throughout, particularly St. Paul and Atchison and Denver preferred. London, however, did little. There was considerable dealings in Central Pacific. The meeting was very harmonious, a motion for an adjournment being seconded. The stock was 55 before the meeting, afterward 54. It closed 54½.

CLOSING.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Canadian Pacific, 92¼; Northern Pacific preferred, 82¾; Union Pacific preferred 83; Grand Trunk, 8.

Bar silver, steady, 27½d.
Money, 1¼@1½ per cent.

NEW YORK GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—FLOUR—Receipts, 16,728 barrels; exports, 19,777; entirely featureless, but held nearly steady. Minnesota patents, $3 90@4 20.

WHEAT—Receipts, 21,600 bushels; exports, 224,639; spot firm. No. 2 red, 84⅝c, f. o. b. afloat to arrive. Options opened steady but quiet. They were bearish and went short in the face of crop damage news and small world's shipments, only to be scared in at midday by an unexpected decrease in the visible supply. Subsequently prices were held on light offerings and closed firm at ¾c to ⅞c net advance. Spot inquiry was light. March, 82⅝@83c, closed 83c.

HOPS—Steady. State, common to choice, 1898 crop, 17@18c; Pacific Coast, 1898 crop, 18@19c.

WOOL—Firm.

METALS—Iron made a jump of 75 points, tin 50 to 75 points and spelter 25 points to-day, and closed very firm, with a good demand. Lead, on the other hand, went off 7½ to 15 points, while copper was unchanged and destitute of special new features. The news in the primary points and abroad averaged up decidedly in favor of holders. The chief cause for the improvement in tin, however, was scarcity and more urgent demand. At the close the Metal Exchange called:

PIGIRON—Warrants, strong, at $9 25 nominal.

LAKE COPPER—Quiet and unchanged, with $17 50 bid and $18 asked.

TIN—Firm, with spot scarce; quoted at $24.

LEAD—Quiet, with $4 42½ bid and $4 45 asked.

SPELTER—Strong and higher, at $6 50.

The brokers' price for lead was given at $4 20 and copper at $18.

COFFEE—Options closed quiet, 5@10c lower. Sales, 18,000 bags, including March, $5 40@5 45; May, $5 60; June, $5 65; August, $5 80; September, $5 85; October, $5 90; December, $6.

Spot coffee, Rio, dull and featureless. No. 7 invoice, 6¼c; No. 7 jobbing, 7c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 8@14c.

SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3 13-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 5-16c; molasses sugar, 3⅝c; refined, irregular and unsettled.

BUTTER—Receipts, 7554 packages; steady. Western creamery, 16@22c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 12@14c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4900 packages; steady. Western, 23½c; Southern, 23@23½c.

DRIED FRUITS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—California dried fruits, steady.

EVAPORATED APPLES—Common, 7@8¼c; prime wire tray, 8¾@9c; choice, 9¼@9½c; fancy, 9¾@10c.

PRUNES—4@10c.

APRICOTS—Royal, 11@14c; Moorpark, 13@17c.

PEACHES—Unpeeled, 9@11c; peeled, 25@28c.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Wheat was firm to begin with to-day and had several good apologies to offer to shorts for being so. The world's shipments to Europe last week amounted to only 4,791,000 bushels, or about 2,500,000 bushels less than Europe's estimated weekly requirements, while the quantity on ocean passage was reduced 350,000 bushels, against 290,000 bushels in corresponding week last year. Reports from Missouri and Nebraska were that the winter plant had been seriously injured by the recent extreme cold. May opened at 72⅝@72½c. Liverpool reported wheat stocks in that port 115,000 bushels larger than last Monday, while London cables claimed only a small business in wheat and American flour is a sack lower since Friday last. This encouraged the bears to sell, and May declined to 72⅛c. The visible supply, instead of increasing 500,000 bushels, as generally expected, showed a decrease of 543,000 bushels, while the Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were large, amounting to 935,000 bushels. These two announcements sent wheat up to 73⅝c very quickly. Very heavy damage to wheat from late frosts was claimed from the State of Washington and Oregon. That helped to maintain the market near the end, and May wheat closed at 73⅛c.

Large receipts and a poor shipping demand weakened corn early, but the decline was all recovered and May closed ¼c higher. Oats followed corn, gaining ⅛c.

Provisions were decidedly lopsided and kept toppling over every time buyers made an attempt to steady the market for a while. The enormous receipts of hogs at the yards started such heavy selling that the market got on a level with stop-loss orders. The stop-loss orders increased instead of stopping the loss. Pork lost 35c; lard 15c and ribs 15@17½c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
May	72½	73⅝	72⅛	73⅛
July	70¾	71¾	70¼	71½
Corn No. 2—				
May	35½	36	35¼	35¾
July	36½	36⅝	35¾	36¼
September	36⅝	37	36⅝	36¾
Oats No. 2—				
May	27½	27⅞	27⅛	27½
July	25½	25⅞	25⅛	25⅝
Mess Pork, per barrel—				
May	9 60		9 35	9 35
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
May	5 40	5 40	5 30	5 30
July	5 50	5 52½	5 42½	5 42½
September	5 62½	5 62½	5 52½	5 55
Short Ribs, per 100 pounds—				
May	4 77½	4 80	4 65	4 67½
July	4 90	4 90	4 80	4 82½
September	4 97½	5 00	4 92½	4 92½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, dull and steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 67@70½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 64@70c; No. 2 red, 72@73½c; No. 2 corn, 34½@34¾c; No. 2 oats, 27¼@27½c; No. 2 white, 29½@30c; No. 3 white, 29¼@29¾c; No. 2 rye, 56@56¼c; No. 2 barley, 42@51c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 16; prime timothy seed, $2 45; mess pork, per bbl, $9 20@9 25; lard, per 100 lbs, $5 15@5 20; short ribs sides (loose), $4 55@4 65; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 25@4 37½; short clear sides (boxed), $4 80@4 95; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1 25.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	19,000	8,000
Wheat, bushels	32,000	6,000
Corn, bushels	539,000	218,000
Oats, bushels	422,000	145,000
Rye, bushels	6,000	3,000
Barley, bushels	43,000	52,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the Butter market was steady; creameries, 14@21½c; dairies, 11½@18c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 22c. Cheese, steady; creams, 9¾@11c.

WHEAT MOVEMENTS.

Cities—	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
Minneapolis	400,040	45,920
Duluth	129,731	.....
Milwaukee	15,400	2,830
Chicago	32,400	5,986
Toledo	17,153	12,400
St. Louis	27,000	17,000
Detroit	10,881	3,828
Kansas City	54,000	39,500
Totals	677,605	127,464
Tidewater—		
Boston	4,381	145,118
New York	221,600	224,639
Philadelphia	4,387	2,718
Baltimore	4,773	148,000
New Orleans		148,911
Galveston	41,412	36,000
Totals	76,553	705,386

LIVERPOOL FUTURES.

Wheat—	March.	May.
Opening	5 7⅝	5 7¾
Closing	5 8	5 7¾

PARIS FUTURES.

Flour—	Feb.	May-Aug.
Opening	45 05	45 10
Closing	44 75	44 90
Wheat—		
Opening	22 15	21 25
Closing	22 25	21 30

WHEAT IMPORTS AT LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 20.—Imports of wheat in Liverpool for the week: Atlantic ports, 121,400 quarters; from Pacific ports, none; other ports, 25,000 quarters.

Imports of corn from Atlantic ports during the week, 74,900 quarters.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—CATTLE—Cattle were 10c lower to-day. Fancy, $5 70@5 90; choice steers, $5 30@5 70; medium steers, $4 75@4 95; stockers and feeders, $3 50@4 70; bulls, $2 75@4 25; cows and heifers, $3 20@4; Western fed steers, $4 10@5 50; Texas steers, $3 50@5; calves, $4@7 60.

HOGS—Were 5c lower. Fair to choice, $3 65@3 80; heavy, packing, $3 45@3 62½; mixed, $3 45@3 70; butchers, $3 50@3 75; lights, $3 45@3 70; pigs, $3@3 50.

SHEEP—Averaged 10c lower, owing to the large supply. Sheep, $2 50@4 60, largely $3 75@4 40; lambs, common to prime, $4@5, chiefly $4 75@4 95.

Receipts—Cattle, 13,000; hogs, 43,000; sheep, 20,000.

VISIBLE GRAIN SUPPLY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on Saturday, February 18, 1899, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange is as follows:

Wheat—29,618,500 bushels; decrease, 543,000.
Corn—31,820,000 bushels; increase, 246,000.
Oats—8,678,000 bushels; increase, 1,526,000.
Rye—1,541,000 bushels; decrease, 46,000.
Barley—2,772,000 bushels; decrease, 150,000.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Consols, 111 7-16; silver, 27½d; French rentes, 102f 87½c; wheat cargoes off coast, nothing doing; cargoes on passage, nominal, unchanged; English country markets, quiet; import into U. K., wheat, 277,000 qrs.; import into U. K., flour, 262,000 bbls; wheat and flour on passage to U. K., 2,560,000 qrs; wheat and flour on passage to Continent, 1,220,000 qrs; Indian shipments wheat to U. K., 14,000 qrs; Indian shipments wheat to Continent, 15,000 qrs.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 20. — WHEAT—Firm; wheat in Paris, quiet; flour in Paris, weak; French country markets, quiet.

COTTON—Uplands, 3 13-32d.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 20.—CORN—Spot, easy; American mixed, new, 3s 6½d; do old, 3s 7¾d. Futures, steady; March, 3s 5½d; May, 3s 5¼d.

WHEAT—Spot, No. 1 red northern spring, steady, 6s ½d. Futures closed steady; May, 5s 7¾d; March, 5s 8d.

CASH IN THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $272,885,648; gold reserve, $227,654,365.

PORTLAND'S BUSINESS.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 20.—Clearances, $267,621; balances, $67,307.

NORTHERN WHEAT MARKET.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 20.—Portland wheat exporters who buy and sell on close margins refuse to quote above 57@58c for Walla Walla, this being the top figure possible under existing charter rates.

The mills are in the market, though, at higher figures and are paying up to 59c and possibly a shade more for heavy wheat, and as they are not dislodging very much even at this figure, some exporters are offering the same quotations. Valley is nominal at 59@60c and bluestem 61@62c.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, Feb. 20.—WHEAT—Club, 58c; bluestem, 61@62c.

LOCAL MARKETS.

EXCHANGE AND BULLION.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 85¼
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 87¼
Sterling Cables	—	4 88
New York Exchange, sight	—	17½
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	20
Fine Silver, per ounce	—	59¾
Mexican Dollars	—	47½@48

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS.

WHEAT—Futures opened higher, but fell back. The spot market was quiet and unchanged.

Spot Wheat—Shipping, $1 13¾@1 16¼; milling, $1 17½@1 20 per ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—May—2000 ctls, $1 19; 2000, $1 18⅝. December—8000, $1 21; 6000, $1 21⅛.

Second Session—May—2000 ctls, $1 18⅝; 2000, $1 18. December—4000, $1 21¼; 4000, $1 21; 2000, $1 20¾.

Regular Morning Session—December—6000 ctls, $1 21¼; 2000, $1 21⅛; 2000, $1 21; 6000, $1 20⅞; 8000, $1 20¾. May—4000, $1 17¾.

Afternoon Session—May—12,000 ctls, $1 17½; 2000, $1 17⅜; 6000, $1 17¼; 4000, $1 17⅛. December—2000, $1 20¾; 4000, $1 20.

BARLEY—There was another advance in futures, but the spot market did not budge. It is strange that with the steady advance in futures spot grain remains stationary.

Feed, $1 25@1 30; Brewing, nominal.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—Seller, 1899, new—2000 ctls, $1 03½; 2000, $1 04; 6000, $1 04¼; 4000, $1 04½; 4000, $1 04¾. May—2000, $1 22⅝.

Second Session—Seller 1899, new—2000 ctls, $1 04¼; 8000, $1 04½; 2000, $1 04¾; 4000, $1 04.

Regular Morning Session—Seller 1899, new—4000 ctls, $1 04; 8000, $1 03¾; 2000, $1 03⅝; 4000, $1 03½.

Afternoon Session—Seller 1899, new—2000 ctls, $1 03¾; 2000, $1 03; 2000, $1 02¼; 2000, $1 02⅞.

OATS—The demand was moderate and prices were sustained.

Fancy Feed, $1 35@1 37½ per ctl; good to choice, $1 27½@1 32½; common, $1 25; Surprise, $1 42½@1 50; Gray, $1 27½@1 35½; Milling, $1 32½@1 35 per ctl; Red, $1 45@1 55; Black, $1 50@1 55.

CORN—

Small round Yellow, $1 25; Eastern large Yellow, $1 10; White, $1 10; mixed, $1 07½@1 10 per ctl; California White, $1 12½.

RYE—$1 12½@1 15 per ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal.

FLOUR AND MILLSTUFFS.

FLOUR—California family extras, $4@4 15; bakers' extras, $3 90@4; Oregon and Washington, $3@3 65 per bbl.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in sacks are as follows, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour, $3 25 per 100 pounds; Rye Flour, $2 75 per 100; Rice Flour, $7; Cornmeal, $2 50; extra cream Cornmeal, $3 25; Oatmeal, $4 20; Oat Groats, $4 40; Hominy, $3 25@3 50; Buckwheat Flour, $4@4 25; Cracked Wheat, $3 75; Farina, $4 50; Whole Wheat Flour, $3 50; Rolled Oats (barrels), $6 05@6 50; in sacks, $5 65@6 05; Pearl Barley, $5; Split Peas, $4 25; Green Peas, $4 50 per 100 pounds.

HAY AND FEEDSTUFFS.

Bran and Middlings are very firm and the former is higher, while the latter are expected to advance any day.

Hay is dull and unchanged, in spite of the continued dry weather.

BRAN—$19@19 50 per ton.

MIDDLINGS—$20@22 per ton.

FEEDSTUFFS—Rolled Barley, $26@27 per ton; Oilcake Meal at the mill, $31@31 50; jobbing, $32@32 50; Cocoanut Cake, $24@25; Cottonseed Meal, $28@30 per ton; Cornmeal, $23 50@24 50; Cracked Corn, $24@25; Mixed Feed, $19 50@20.

CALIFORNIA HAY—Wheat, $16@17 50 for good to choice and $13 50@15 50 for lower grades; no fancy coming in; Wheat and Oat, $13 50@16 50; Oat, $12 50@14 50; Island Barley, $13@14; Alfalfa, $11@12; Stock, $10; Clover, nominal.

OUTSIDE HAY (from Oregon, Utah, etc.)—Wheat and Wheat and Oat, $12 50@13 50; Oat, $11@12; Grass Hay, $10; Oat, $12@13; Clover, $10@11; Timothy, $10 50@12 per ton.

STRAW—35@75c per bale.

BEANS AND SEEDS.

All descriptions remain unchanged and quiet. BEANS—Bayos, $1 70@1 80; Small Whites, $2 10@2 15; Large Whites, $1 65@1 75; Pinks, $1 90@2; Reds, $3 25@3 50; Blackeye, $3 75; Butters, $2 25@2 50; Limas, $3 20@3 25; Pea, $2 35@2 50; Red Kidneys, $2 40@2 50 per ctl.

SEEDS—Brown Mustard, $4 50@4 75 per ctl; yellow Mustard, $3 75@4; Flax, $2 15@2 25; Canary Seed, 2¼@2¾c per lb; Alfalfa, 8@8½c; Rape, 2¼@2¾c; Hemp, 2½@3c; Timothy, 5@5½c.

DRIED PEAS—Niles, $1 65@1 70; Green, $2 10 per ctl.

POTATOES, ONIONS AND VEGETABLES.

The Oregon steamer brought down 6947 bags Potatoes and the market is easy in consequence. Onions show no change.

Asparagus was lower. Otherwise Vegetables stood about the same.

Hothouse Cucumbers from San Jose, $1 50@2 per dozen.

POTATOES—$1@1 10 per ctl for Early Rose, 90c@$1 10 per sack for River Burbanks; Sonoma and Marin Burbanks, 90c@$1 10 per ctl; Oregon, 80c@$1 25; Sweet Potatoes, 75c for River and $1 75 for Merced; New Potatoes, 1½@2½c per lb.

ONIONS—60@90c; Oregon, $1@1 25 per ctl.

VEGETABLES—Asparagus, 8@12½c per lb for No. 2 and 15@20c for No. 1; Rhubarb, 10@12½c per lb; Green Peas, 4@8c; String Beans, —@—; Cabbage, 40@50c; Tomatoes, $1 25@2 25 for Los Angeles; Egg Plant, —@— per lb; Garlic, 4@6c per lb; Dried Okra, 15c per lb; Green Peppers, —@— per lb; Dried Peppers, 7@12½c; Carrots, 25@35c per sack.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Three cars of Eastern Poultry sold at 13c for Turkeys, $5 50 for old Roosters and Ducks, $2@2 50 for Geese, $6 50@7 for Hens, $7 50@8 for young Roosters and $6@6 50 for Fryers. Another car goes on to-day.

In anticipation of Washington's Birthday dressed Turkeys came in heavily, the receipts amounting to 93 cases. But they came to a poor market, as the weather is altogether too hot, and they sold low.

The Game market continues flat.

POULTRY—Dressed Turkeys, 10@13c; live Turkeys, 11@13c for Gobblers and 11@13c for Hens; Geese, per pair, $1 50@1 75; Ducks, $4 50@6; Hens, $5 50@6 50; young Roosters, $7@7 50; old Roosters, $4 50@5 50; Fryers, $5 50@6; Broilers, $5@5 50 for large, $3 50@4 50 for small; Pigeons, $1 25@1 50 per dozen for old and $2 25@2 50 for Squabs.

GAME—Quail, $1@1 25; Mallard, $2 50@3; Canvasback, $2 50@3; Sprig, $1 25; Teal, $1; Widgeon, 75c@$1; Small Duck, 75c; English Snipe, $2 50; Jack Snipe, $1 25; Gray Geese, $1 50; White Geese, 75c; Brant, 75c@$1 25; Honkers, $3; Hare, $1; Rabbits, $1 50 for Cottontails and $1 for small.

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

Eggs are firm under a renewed shipping demand for Montana, Seattle, Portland and other northern points. Nevada is also buying in Santa Rosa, and under this free call for supplies the market is well cleaned up.

Butter is weak, but no lower. Cheese is quiet.

BUTTER—

Creamery—Fancy creameries, 26@26½c; seconds, 25c.

Dairy—Choice to fancy, 22@24c; common grades, 17@21c.

Pickled Goods—Firkin, 16@17c; pickled roll, 14@16c for dairy and 16@17c for creamery squares; creamery tub, 19c.

Eastern Butter—Ladle packed, 13½@14c per lb; Elgin, nominal.

CHEESE—Choice mild new, 11@11½c; old, 10@10½c; Cream Cheddar, 12@12½c; Young America, 11½@12½c; Eastern, 10@12c.