COMMERCIAL WORLD.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver weaker.
Wheat lower.
Bad break in Barley futures.
Oats firm. Corn and Rye dull.
No Hay market.
Bran and Middlings unchanged.
Beans easier.
Potatoes and Onions the same.
Butter weaker. Eggs unchanged.
Slight advance in Poultry.
Game dull.
Fresh and Dried Fruits unchanged.
Beef firm. Hogs weaker.
New York Exchange lower.
Decreased exports of Produce.

EXPORTS OF PRODUCE.

Exports of produce from this port during the first two months of the year were $5,089,700, against $6,109,500 for the same time in 1898, the leading shipments being as follows: To Atlantic ports, $540,800; Great Britain, $811,900; China, $628,100; Japan, $717,800; Australia, $234,100; British Columbia, $134,500; Mexico, $239,200; Central America, $343,300; Hawaiian Islands, $1,113,400; Philippines, $137,400.

MONEY IN CIRCULATION.

According to a treasury statement the money in circulation in the United States on the 1st of March was as follows:

Gold coin	$702,305,269
Silver dollars	63,135,375
Small silver	69,143,814
Gold certificates	32,966,839
Silver certificates	396,400,705
Treasury notes	94,204,459
United States notes	308,305,398
Currency certificates	23,105,000
National Bank notes	239,275,723
Total	$1,928,842,612
In 1897	1,726,376,659
Increase	$202,465,953

Of the increase this year $148,420,387 is represented by gold coin, $4,000,000 by standard dollars, $4,000,000 by fractional silver coin, $16,000,000 by silver certificates, $44,000,000 by greenbacks and nearly $18,000,000 by bank notes. There has been a decrease of $6,000,000 in gold certificates, $4,000,000 in treasury notes and $25,000,000 in currency certificates.

The circulation per capita is given at $25 51. The net increase in circulation for the month of February was $10,582,065.

THE HAY MARKET.

The circular of Somers & Co., under date of the 14th, says of Hay:

"The long expected movement with Hay has come at last, and, as we have expressed ourselves previously, a start seemed to be all that was required to improve prices very materially. Stocks in town have been running down for some little time past, for almost every one has been looking for a further decline in prices, and have therefore been somewhat anxious to clean out so as to be prepared to stock up again at lower figures. No further decline could be noted, and as receipts continue to run rather light one dealer after another was forced to go on the market to purchase to supply his trade. This demand, coupled with the continued dry weather, created somewhat of a stir about Friday of last week, and as soon as any activity could be noted on the market one dealer after another became an active bidder on the market.

"Until to-day crop prospects have been very discouraging, and prices have been steadily advancing. As we write it is raining and the wind seems to be in the right direction for a continuous downpour. In proof of our statement, which we have often expressed, that the San Francisco Hay market is not a weather market, we would state that to-day at our regular auction held in the rain, $18 75 was bid for choice Wheat Hay on several carloads, there being but nine carloads in all, total receipts for the day.

"Reports have come to us that many of the dealers have been canvassing the country quite thoroughly in their efforts to make purchases, which tends to prove that they have confidence in the future of the market. According to reports that we have received, stocks are becoming depleted throughout the State, which factor is one more to home consumption than the demands of the San Francisco market. A dry spring will increase the demand throughout the country which will leave less Hay to be shipped here, in which event we may look for higher prices than the existing range, unless Oregon, Washington and other States have an oversupply which they can ship here. This idea of foreign Hay shipments is a matter of considerable uncertainty at the present time. From reports received to date and from prospects as they appear to us, we are inclined to believe that the present range of prices will at least be maintained, if it does not advance still further."

WEATHER REPORT.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 15, 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	1.04	27.42	27.97
Red Bluff	0.12	13.78	12.07
Sacramento	2.20	10.61	8.55
San Francisco	0.95	9.19	7.49
Fresno	0.01	3.79	3.85
San Luis Obispo	0.26	7.46	5.37
Los Angeles	0.00	2.92	4.82
San Diego	0.00	3.71	3.65
Yuma	0.00	1.34	1.62

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature, 55; minimum, 49; mean, 52.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The storm which has been off the Oregon coast has moved south and is central off the California coast to-night. The pressure has fallen over California and risen over Oregon and Washington.

Rain has fallen from Roseburg, Or., south to Tehachapi in the interior and the vicinity of Santa Barbara along the coast. The rain has been heaviest in the lower Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys and along the bay counties.

High southerly winds are reported from the interior of California.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, March 16, 1899:

Northern California—Rain Thursday; brisk southerly wind.

Southern California—Rain Thursday; fresh southwest wind.

Nevada—Snow Thursday; cooler in north portion.

Utah—Rain or snow Thursday; cooler.

Arizona—Cloudy in south portion, snow in north portion Thursday.

San Francisco and vicinity—Rain Thursday; fresh to brisk southerly wind.

G. H. WILLSON,
Local Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The changes in stock prices to May were mixed, with losses prevailing. For the greater part of the day stocks were under pressure, in part due to the strength in the call money market, where 5 per cent was recorded for some loans, although most of the business was at 4 per cent.

London, while trading both ways, disposed of more stock than it took. The selling of Manhattan was attributed to the underwriting syndicate of the issue of new stock, although there was no means of ascertaining the real source. The stock closed with a loss of nearly 2 points after an earlier extreme decline of 3⅝. Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf left off 4 points down in anticipation of a possible heavy assessment in the plan of reorganization. American Steel and Wire dropped 3⅜, with a smaller sympathetic recession in Federal Steel issues. There were fractional recessions, too, in Northern Pacific, Atchison, the Readings and the grangers. Chicago Terminal stocks were benefited by talk of a contract with Chicago and Alton, while Colorado Southern was up on rumors of negotiations with Union Pacific. American Tobacco rose 2 points, but Continental Tobacco, now dealt in in the unlisted department, made, compared with the opening, a net loss of 1⅛ for the common and 3 for the preferred. New York Air Brake jumped 10¼ points. Conflicting rumors regarding the probability of the success of certain legislation lent feverishness to Consolidated Gas, which, however, rose ¾. Metropolitan Street Railway, People's Gas and Sugar gave some evidence of strength. A slight recession in the strength of call money, although it closed with transactions at 3¼@4 per cent, induced some covering in the afternoon. The closing tone was uncertain, with prices below the best and above the worst. The Government trade statistics, showing an excess of exports of nearly $34,000,000, was not altogether favorably received, because of the imports exceeding any since March a year ago, while the exports showed a shrinkage of over 20 per cent compared with any of the preceding four months.

To-day's bond market, while irregular, showed a yielding tendency. Total sales, $2,550,000.

United States new 4's registered advanced ⅛ and do coupon ¼ in the bid price.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 450,100 shares, including: Atchison, 3790; do preferred, 36,565; Burlington, 15,520; Manhattan, 26,054; Metropolitan, 5097; Missouri Pacific, 11,740; Northern Pacific, 16,065; do preferred, 5310; St. Paul, 14,308; Union Pacific, 8205; do preferred, 10,665; Texas and Pacific, 5055; American Steel and Wire, 28,334; do preferred, 5025; American Tobacco, 12,765; Federal Steel, 9663; do preferred, 9659; Consolidated Gas, 9170; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 56,828; Sugar, 20,465.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Atchison	20⅞	St Louis & S W	8½
Do pref	59¾	Do pref	27
Baltimore & Ohio	69	St Paul	126⅞
Canada Pacific	85	Do pref	170½
Canada Southern	75½	St P & Om	91½
Cent Pac	48¾	Do pref	172
Ches & Ohio	26¼	So Pacific	33¼
Chi & Alton	170	So Railway	12¼
Chi B & Q	139⅞	Do pref	48⅞
Chi & E Ill	66	Texas & Pacific	23½
Do pref	120½	Union Pacific	43⅝
Chi G W	15½	Do pref	77½
Chi Ind & L	8½	U P D & G	12⅞
Do pref	42	Wabash	7⅞
Chi & N W	146⅜	Do pref	21⅜
Do pref	192	Wheel & L E	11¼
C C C & St L	57¼	Do pref	32
Do pref	97	Express Companies—	
Del & Hudson	114	Adams Ex	112
Del L & W	164½	American Ex	140
Den & Rio G	21	United States	54
Do pref	72	Wells Fargo	125
Erie (new)	14	Miscellaneous—	
Do 1st pref	38	A Cot Oil	36½
Ft Wayne	178	Do pref	92
Gt Nor pref	192½	Am Spirits	13⅞
Hocking Val	5⅝	Do pref	39¾
Illinois Cent	114¾	Am Tobacco	212
Lake Erie & W	18	Do pref	147
Do pref	65½	Cons Gas	216
Lake Shore	200	Com Cable Co	190
Louis & Nash	63¾	Col F & Iron	24⅝
Manhattan L	105⅛	Do pref	93
Met St Ry	253¼	Gen Electric	117½
Mich Cent	113	Haw Com Co	78½
Minn & St L	53	Brooklyn R T	99½
Do 1st pref	89	Intl Paper	53¾
Mo Pacific	46	Do pref	84½
Mobile & Ohio	39¾	Laclede Gas	51
Mo K & T	13	Lead	33¾
Do pref	38½	Do pref	112½
N J Central	112½	Federal Steel	52
N Y Central	131¾	Do pref	86¼
N Y Chi & St L	13½	Nat Lin Oil	4
Do 1st pref	63	Pacific Mail	47⅞
Do 2d pref	33	People's Gas	114¾
Nor West	175⅝	Pullman Pal	157½
No Amer Co	9	Silver Certificates	59½
No Pacific	49¾	Standard R & T	10
Do pref	77¾	Sugar	140⅝
Ontario & W	17	Do pref	112
Or R & Nav	45	T C & Iron	46¾
Or Short Line	42½	U S Leather	6¾
Pac C 1st pref	87½	Do pref	70
Do 2d pref	63	U S Rubber	49¾
Pittsburg	180	Do pref	115¾
Reading	23⅝	Western Union	94
Do 1st pref	65	Am S & W Co	62¾
R G W	35	Do pref	103¼
Do pref	76	Or Nav pref	70
Rock Island	116⅝	Pac Coast	45
St Louis & S F	11¾	Colo Southern	7⅝
Do pref	71	Do 1st pref	56
Do 2d pref	38⅛	Do 2d pref	23¾

CLOSING BONDS.

U S 3s	107¼	N Y Central 1sts	114¾
U S new 4s reg	128⅜	N J C 5s	118½
Do coup	128½	North Carolina 6s	130
U S 4s	111¼	Do 4s	104
Do coup	113	No Pac 1sts	116½
Can So 2ds	109⅞	Do 3s	68
C & O 4½s	93	Do 4s	103⅜
Chicago Term 4s	99	N Y C & S L 4s	107
C & Ohio 5s	118¾	N Y C & H 6s	132
C H & D 4½s	104⅝	Nor & W 6s	130
D & R G 1sts	108½	Northwest consols	143½
D & R G 4s	100⅝	Do deb 5s	122
East Tenn 5s	105	O Nav 1sts	111¼
Erie Gen 4s	73	O Nav 4s	101¾
F W & D 1sts tr	84	O S Line 5s tr	128½
Gen Elec 5s	121	O S Line 5s tr	111
G H & S A 6s	110	Reading 4s	93¼
Do 2ds	111½	R G W 1sts	96⅛
H & T C 5s	110	S L & I M Con 5s	111½
Do con 6s	130	S L & S F Gen 6s	123½
Iowa C 1sts	109	St P Con	164½
La new consols 4s	109½	St P C & P 1sts	122
L & N Uni 4s	96	Do 5s	120¼
Pac Con 6s	120	So Ry 5s	105¼
M K & T 2ds	67⅜	Standard R & T 6s	86
Do 4s	93½	Tenn new set 3s	97½
		Tex Pac L G 1sts	112½
		Do Reg 2ds	52⅞
		Union Pac 4s	104⅜
		U P D & G 1sts	92½
		Wabash 1st 5s	114⅝
		Do 2ds	95
		W Shore 4s	113
		Va Centuries	83
		Do deferred	9½
		Wis Cent 1sts	68¼
		Colo Southern 4s	87½

MINING STOCKS.

Chollar	30	Ontario	5 50
Crown Point	15	Ophir	1 00
Con Cal & Va	1 75	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	45	Quicksilver	1 75
Gould & Curry	35	Do pref	6 00
Hale & Norcross	30	Sierra Nevada	45
Homestake	55 00	Standard	240
Iron Silver	65	Union Con	50
Mexican	66	Yellow Jacket	18

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		Ed Elec Tel	195
Call loans	3@3½	Atchison pref	59⅝
Time loans	3½@4	Bonds—	
Stocks—		Atchison 4s	100
A T & S Fe	20¾	New England 6s	113¾
Amer Sugar	140½	Gen Elec 5s	68¼
Do pref	113¼	Mining Shares—	
Bell Tel	343	Allouez Min Co	16
Boston & Albany	245	Atlantic	32
Boston & Maine	170	Boston & Mont	350
Chi Bur & Q	139	Butte & Boston	82
Fitchburg	114¼	Calumet & Hecla	735
Gen Electric	117¾	Centennial	44
Fed Steel	52¼	Franklin	23⅝
Do pref	86¼	Old Dominion	39
Mexican Cent	6	Osceola	89½
Old Colony	201	Quincy	160
Rubber	49	Tamarack	225
Union Pac	14¾	Wolverine	46
West End	83½	Parrott	44½
Do pref	112	Union Land	8
Westingh Elec	48	Adventure	14
Do pref	62½	Winona	16
Wis Cent	1¼		

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Money on call, firmer, at 3½@4 per cent, last loan 3½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3¼@4¼ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 84@4 84¼ for demand and $4 83¼@4 83½ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4 84@4 85 and $4 86@4 87; commercial bills, $4 82½@4 83; silver certificates, nominally 59½@60½c; bar silver, 59⅝c; Mexican dollars, 47½c; Government bonds, strong; State bonds, weak; railroad bonds, irregular.

CASH IN THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $277,809,871; gold reserve, $241,371,347.

LONDON MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 15—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets here were slightly livelier to-day. Paris was strong. Spanish fours reached 58⅝ and coppers were in demand. Tintos were 39⅞. Calls to end in March were offered at ½. Utahs were 8⅝. Calls to end in middle April, ¾. Anacondas were 9½. Bostons nominal.

Americans opened steady, dropped, then hardened on New York purchases and finally relapsed. They were worse in the street. Money was hard.

The week's bullion movement was only £8000 received.

CLOSING.

Canadian Pacific, 87¾; Northern Pacific, 80½; Union Pacific preferred, 79⅞; Grand Trunk, 7¾; bar silver, 27½d; money, 2½@2¾ per cent.

NEW YORK GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, March 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 29,915 barrels; exports, 3784. Dull and easier.

WHEAT—Receipts, 70,400; exports, 242,055. Spot easy. No. 2 red, 81½c f. o. b. afloat to arrive. Options opened weak in response to foreign selling and rains in California. A rally followed at midday on cold weather predictions, but liquidation developing again, prices eased off once more and closed weak at ¾@1c net lower. March, 86¾@81⅛c, closed 80¾c; April, 75⅝@75½c, closed at 75⅝c; May, 74 7-16@75c, closed at 74½c; July, 73¾@73¾c, closed at 73¼c; September, 71¾@71⅝c, closed at 71¾c.

HOPS—Dull.

HIDES—Firm.

METALS—Trade in metals was never large to-day, nor were the changes noted in values of special significance. It was a small waiting market, buyers holding off for further developments and sellers for new inspiration from abroad or home sources. At the close the Metal Exchange called:

PIGIRON—Warrants, quiet at $10 25 nominal.

LAKE COPPER—Unchanged at $17 75 nominal.

TIN—Firmer, with $23 80 bid and $23 90 asked.

LEAD—Unchanged, with $4 35 bid and $4 40 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4 20 and for copper $17 62½@17 75.

COFFEE—Options closed quiet, 15@10 points net lower. Sales, 10,250 bags, including: May, $5 15; June, $5 20@5 25; July, $5 30; September, $5 50; October, $5 60; December, $5 75; March (1900), $5 90. Spot coffee—Rio, quiet, barely steady. No. 7 invoice, 6 3-16c; No. 7 jobbing, 6 11-16c. Mild—Steady. Cordova, 8@14c.

SUGAR—Raw, steady, but inactive; fair refining, 3⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅜c; molasses sugar, 3¾c. Refined, steady and less active.

BUTTER—Receipts, 7213 packages. Steady. Western creamery, 15@20c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 12@14½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 19,803 packages. Quiet. Western, 13½@14c; Southern, 12½@14c.

DRIED FRUITS.

NEW YORK, March 15.—California dried fruits steady.

EVAPORATED APPLES—Common, 7@8½c; prime wire tray, 8¾@9c; choice, 9¼@9½c; fancy, 9¾@10c.

PRUNES—4@10c.

APRICOTS—Royal, 12@14c; Moorpark, 13@17c.

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

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Complete summaries of the amount of winter killed wheat in several States showed apparently very little warrant for the sensational damage reports with which the trade has recently been flooded and caused the wheat market to open at a decline of ⅜@½c. At the decline several shorts saw a convenient opportunity to cover and price advanced slowly to 70¼c. At this point, however, news was received from California of the thorough breaking of the drought in that State. That started the bears selling on a large scale and the damage prospect. This with which trading commenced. Reports of an improvement in the export demand at the seaboard caused a rally near the end and May hesitating at 69⅜@69½c, rose slowly to 69⅞c. The strength did not last long, however, it was a weak market entirely, with the bulls relying on the damage prospect. The price soon slipped off to 69½c, closing at 69½@69¾c.

Corn did not appear to have any clear notion as to what direction to take. It followed the course of wheat for the most part. Near the end of the session the market got on a level with "puts." Buying against privileges caused prices to stiffen a little. May closed ¼c lower.

Oats ruled weak and lower in sympathy with the other grains. There was a fair general trade. May closed ¼c lower.

Provisions ruled steady, notwithstanding a sharp break in the price of hogs. The latter are so much under the prices for product that the weakness at the yards does not have much influence on provisions futures as packers are selling their output for cash. May pork closed unchanged; May lard and May ribs closed a shade higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
May	70	70¼	69⅜	69⅝
July	69¼	69⅝	68⅝	68¾
Corn No. 2—				
May	35⅛	35¼	34⅞	35
July	35¾	35⅝	35⅜	35⅝
September	36¼	36⅜	36⅛	36⅜
Oats, No. 2—				
May	26⅜	26½	26¼	26⅜
July	24⅞	24⅞	24⅝	24¾
Mess Pork, per barrel—				
May	9 15	9 20	9 12½	9 17½
July	9 30	9 35	9 27½	9 35
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
May	5 37½	5 40	5 35	5 40
July	5 50	5 55	5 47½	5 52½
September	5 62½	5 67½	5 62½	5 67½
Short Ribs, per 100 pounds—				
May	4 70	4 75	4 70	4 75
July	4 82½	4 87½	4 82½	4 87½
September	4 97½	5 00	4 97½	5 00

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, dull and unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 66@69c; No. 3 spring wheat, 62@67½c; No. 2 red, 69½@70½c; No. 2 white, 33¾@34c; No. 2 oats, 26½@26¾; No. 2 white, 28⅛@29¼c; No. 2 rye, 54c; No. 2 barley, 38@48c; No. 1 flax seed, $1 18; prime timothy seed, $2 55; mess pork, per barrel, $9@9 05; lard, per 100 pounds, $5 25@5 27½; short ribs sides (loose), $4 45@4 75; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4¾@4⅝c; short clear sides (boxed), $4 75@4 90; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 26.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	13,000	20,000
Wheat, bushels	79,000	27,000
Corn, bushels	485,000	301,000
Oats, bushels	405,000	330,000
Rye, bushels	16,000	4,000
Barley, bushels	48,000	33,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the Butter market was steady; Creameries, 14@19½c; Dairies, 11½@17c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 13c. Cheese, steady; Creameries, 10½@11c.

WHEAT MOVEMENTS.

Cities—	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
Minneapolis	130,500	19,680
Duluth	151,858	.....
Milwaukee	22,400	7,700
Chicago	.....	.....
Toledo	19,338	22,400
St. Louis	21,000	17,000
Detroit	4,891	10,860
Kansas City	37,000	66,000
Totals	.....	.....
Tidewater—		
Boston	18,565	39,162
New York	70,400	242,055
Philadelphia	2,997	58,711
Baltimore	14,044	45,342
Galveston	.....	.....
New Orleans	47,968	.....
Totals	.....	.....

LIVERPOOL FUTURES.

Wheat—	March.	May.	July.
Opening	5 4¾	5 4¾	5 4¾
Closing	5 4¾	5 4¾	5 4¾

PARIS FUTURES.

Flour—	March.	May.
Opening	43 85	43 50
Closing	42 85	43 50
Wheat—		
Opening	20 45	20 80
Closing	20 45	20 85

THE RAISIN MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The Journal of Commerce says: Telegraphic reports that raisin growers and packers have come to an understanding with regard to the handling of next season's crop have not as yet received positive confirmation. According to some of the larger commission merchants here, while the basis of operations may have been established by the association, unless co-operation was secured of some of the larger outside packing concerns, which up to a late date had positively declined to go into the combination, the success of the growers' association was uncertain. Trade here is awaiting fuller reports. In the meantime there seems to be a better feeling in the spot market for loose Muscatel raisins and rather more demand from consumers, though sales are almost entirely of small lots. We heard to-day of a sale of a car of two-crown standard at 4 cents. No further business in Pacifics was reported. California London layers are dull. There are sellers at $1, but buyers' views do not seem to be above 85 to 90 cents. It is generally believed that rather a large stock of these goods, for which there is little or no consuming demand, will be stemmed and eventually disposed of as loose. Clusters are not wanted and prices are nominal. Valencia layers are dull. Sultanas receive little attention, but holders do not seem to be inclined to make further concessions.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 15.—CATTLE—Cattle were about the same as yesterday, beef cattle averaging 10c lower than at the close of last week. Fancy cattle brought $5 70@5 85; choice steers, $5 30@5 65; medium steers, $4 65@4 95; beef steers, $3 85@4 60; stockers and feeders, $3 50@4 75; cows and heifers, $3 30@4; Western fed steers, $4 10@5 50; Texas steers, $3 40@4 85; calves, $3 50@7.

HOGS—The top free deliver— of hogs caused a decline of 5c to 10c in prices. Fair to choice, $3 72½@3 85; heavy, packing lots, $3 50@3 70; mixed, $3 60@3 77½; butchers, $3 60@3 87½; light, $3 55@3 62½; pigs, $3 20@3 65.

SHEEP—The light supply of sheep caused an active demand and prices kept firm at the recent large advance. Poor to prime sheep brought $3@4 70; yearlings, $3@4 85; lambs, $4 10@5 25.

Receipts — Cattle, 13,000; hogs, 30,000; sheep, 12,000.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, March 15.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say to-morrow: The formation of the worsted trust and the announcement made as to the organization of other combines have brought business in the Boston wool market almost to a complete standstill. Manufacturers generally and the members of the trade are at sea as to what the ultimate effects of these combines will be and are buying only such wools as they absolutely need.

The sales of the week at Boston amount to 1,461,500 pounds domestic and 410,500 pounds foreign, making a total of 1,871,500, against a total of 2,322,000 for the previous week and a total of 1,107,000 for the corresponding week last year. Sales since January 1, 1899, amount to 39,674,000 pounds, against 37,126,480 pounds last year at this time.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, March 15.—The wool auction sales were continued heavy to-day, after a day's interruption, owing to the fog, with a large number of buyers present. The offerings aggregated 13,095 bales, and were of a good selection. Good scoured merinos sold at 10 per cent above the January sales. The Continental buyers were unusually active and secured the majority of good greasy merinos, which brought large prices. Crossbreds were eagerly bid for, the Yorkshire buyers securing the bulk.

COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 15.—COTTON—Dull; middling, 6 7-16c.

NEW ORLEANS, March 15.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 5⅞c.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, March 15.—Consols, 110⅝; silver, 27½d; wheat cargoes off coast, nothing doing; cargoes on passage, buyers, indifferent operators; English country markets, generally 6d cheaper.

LIVERPOOL, March 15. — Wheat, steady; wheat in Paris, quiet; French country markets, steady.

COTTON—Uplands, 3⅝d.

CLOSING.

WHEAT—Spot, steady.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, 3s 5¾d.

Futures, steady; March, 3s 4⅝d; May, 3s 4d; July, 3s 4½d.

PORTLAND'S BUSINESS.

PORTLAND, Or., March 15.—Clearances, $257,912; balances, $83,230.

NORTHERN WHEAT MARKET.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, Or., March 15.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 57@58c; valley, 59c; blue stem, 61½c.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, March 15.—Wheat—Club, 58c; blue stem, 61@62c.

LOCAL MARKETS.

EXCHANGE AND BULLION.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 84½
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 86½
Sterling Cables	—	4 87
New York Exchange, sight	—	12½
New York Exchange, telegraph	—	15
Fine Silver, per ounce	—	59⅝
Mexican Dollars	—	48

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS.

WHEAT—Weaker prices at Chicago, coupled with the rain, again depressed quotations, as will be seen. The market was active on call, but dull on the spot.

Spot Wheat—Shipping, $1 10@1 12½; milling, $1 15@1 17½ per ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal session—9:15 o'clock—December—2000 ctls, $1 14⅝; 12,000, $1 14¾; 24,000, $1 14⅞. May—4000, $1 13; 28,000, $1 13⅛; 26,000, $1 13¼; 2000, $1 13⅜.

Second Session—December—4000 ctls, $1 14⅛; 2000, $1 14⅛; 18,000, $1 14. May—2000, $1 12¾; 4000, $1 12¾.

Regular Morning Session—May—8000 ctls, $1 12½; 2000, $1 12⅝; 8000, $1 12¾; 2000, $1 12⅞; 4000, $1 13; 18,000, $1 13¼. December—6000, $1 14¼; 2000, $1 14; 6000, $1 14⅜; 4000, $1 14¼; 2000, $1 14⅛; 16,000, $1 14½.

Afternoon Session—December—4000 ctls, $1 14½; 2000, $1 14⅜; 22,000, $1 14⅛; 6000, $1 14¼. May—4000, $1 12⅝; 2000, $1 12; 8000, $1 12¾; 10,000, $1 12⅞.

BARLEY—Futures broke all to pieces on the first calls, owing to the rain, and seller the year dropped to 89½c, against $1 05¾ on Monday. As the rain was still confined to the northern half of the State, however, there was a subsequent recovery, as will be seen. Trading was very heavy.

The spot market was unchanged. The rain does not affect it, as supplies are light.

Feed, $1 25@1 27½; Brewing, nominal.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal session—9:15 o'clock—Seller '99, new—20,000 ctls, 92c; 62,000, 92¼c; 4000, 92⅝c; 22,000, 92½c; 6000, 92⅝c; 28,000, 92⅞c; 2000, 93c; 16,000, 92¾c. May—2000, $1 15; 2000, $1 14¾.

Second Session—Seller '99, new—12,000 ctls, 91⅛c; 4000, 91c; 2000, 90⅞c; 2000, 90⅝c; 4000, 90½c; 2000, 90⅜c; 14,000, 90¼c; 50,000, 90c; 10,000, 89⅞c; 8000, 89½c; 2000, 89⅜c; 10,000, 89⅞c.

Regular Morning Session—Seller '99, new—2000 ctls, 91c; 6000, 91¼c; 6000, 91½c; 12,000, 92¼c; 40,000, 92c. May—6000, $1 14.

Afternoon Session—Seller '99, new—12,000 ctls, 91¾c; 2000, 91½c; 12,000, 91¼c.

OATS—The market was strong at the advance, though trade was not brisk. The rain has no effect on values.

Fancy Feed, $1 45 per ctl; good to choice, $1 40@1 42½; common, $1 32½@1 37½; Surprise, $1 45@1 50; Gray, $1 35@1 40; Milling, $1 42½ per ctl; Red, $1 50@1 55; Black, $1 30@1 40.

CORN—

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

RYE—$1 10@1 12½ per ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal.

FLOUR AND MILLSTUFFS.

FLOUR—California family extras, $4; bakers' extras, $3 85@3 90; 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 50@4 75; Oat Groats, $4 75; 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 55@6 95; in sacks, $6 35@6 75; Pearl Barley, $5; Split Peas, $4 25; Green Peas, $4 50 per 100 pounds.

HAY AND FEEDSTUFFS.

There was no Hay market owing to the rain, and previous quotations are continued. What effect the rain will have remains to be seen. It may check a further advance, but dealers do not expect an immediate decline.

Bran and Middlings are as before.

BRAN—$20@21 per ton.

MIDDLINGS—$21@22 50 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 50@18 75 for good to choice and $15@16 for lower grades; no fancy coming in; Wheat and Oat, $14 50@17 50; Oat, $14 50@16 50; Island Barley, $13 50@15; Alfalfa, $10 50@12; Stock, $9@11; Clover, nominal.

OTHER HAY (from Oregon, Nevada, etc.)—Wheat and Wheat and Oat, $15@16 50; Cheat, $12@12 50; Grass Hay, $10@11; Oat, $14@15; Clover, $10 50@11 50; Timothy, $12@13 per ton.

STRAW—35@70c per bale.

BEANS AND SEEDS.

The rain gives the Bean market an easier feeling, though quotations show no change worthy of note.

BEANS—Bayos, $1 75@1 85; Small Whites, $2 10@2 20; Large Whites, $1 80@1 90; Pinks, $2 05@2 15; Reds, $3 25@3 35; Blackeye, $3 75@3 85; Butters, $2 25@2 50; Limas, $3 65@3 75; Pea, $2 25@2 50; Red Kidneys, $2 50@2 60 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@2½c; Hemp, 2¼@3c; Timothy, 5@5½c.

DRIED PEAS—Niles, $1 65@1 70; Green, $2@2 20 per ctl.

POTATOES, ONIONS AND VEGETABLES.

Potatoes continue very firm, though there is no further advance.

Vegetables were in lighter receipt and several descriptions sold off rather better. Peas advanced.

Receipts were 676 boxes Asparagus, 269 boxes Rhubarb and 50 sacks Peas.

Hothouse Cucumbers, $1@1 50 per dozen.

POTATOES—$1 15@1 20 per ctl for Early Rose $1@1 20 per sack for River Burbanks; Sonoma and Marin Burbanks, $1 10@1 25 per ctl; Oregon, 90c@$1 for seed and $1 25@1 40 for Burbanks; Sweet Potatoes, 75c for River and $1 75@1 85 for Merced; New Potatoes, 3c per lb.

ONIONS—60@85c per ctl, outside quotation for Oregon.

VEGETABLES—Asparagus, 2@4c per lb for No. 2, 5@6c for No. 1 and 7c for fancy; Rhubarb, $1@1 50 per box; Green Peas, 2½@6c; String Beans, ——; Cabbage, 40@50c; Tomatoes, $1@1 75 for Los Angeles and $1 25@1 75 for Mexican; Egg Plant, 12½c per lb; Garlic, 8@9c per lb; Dried Okra, 15c per lb; Dried Peppers, 10c; Green Peppers, 30c; Carrots, 25@35c per sack.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Slim receipts of Poultry enabled dealers to get