COMMERCIAL WORLD.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver unchanged.
Sterling exchange firm.
Mexican dollars neglected.
Wheat futures firmer.
Barley and Corn lower.
Oats and Rye unchanged.
Ruinous prices for new Hay.
Bran and Middlings easy.
Beans and Seeds unchanged.
Old Potatoes about out; new steady.
Onions and Vegetables about the same.
Poultry firm.
Eggs doing better.
Butter steady and Cheese weak.
Pears appeared from the river.
Canners bidding $55 for fine Apricots.
Cherries weaker. Strawberries firmer.
Citrus fruits unchanged.
Provisions in good demand.
Meat market unchanged.

OUR EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

The New York circular of Henry Clews says: "It seems probable that, from this time forward, one important 'bull' element will become less conspicuous than it has been for many months past. It was not to be expected that the extraordinary excess of exports over imports could be maintained indefinitely. It has been due to exceptional temporary conditions, both domestic and foreign, which are beginning to gradually disappear. The extraordinary business prosperity we are now experiencing has increased the demand for both domestic and imported products; we therefore find the April returns of foreign trade exhibiting a decrease of $11,000,000 in exports and an increase of $9,300,000 in imports; the result being that the balance for that month is $20,300,000 less in our favor than in the same month of 1898. The totals for the two months, March and April, better express the extent of this reaction. For those two months last year, the excess of exports was $94,400,000, while for March and April, 1899, the excess was only $54,800,000; which shows a falling off in the creditor balance of $39,600,000 for the two months, or at the rate of $238,000,000 per year. The probability is well established that, in view of the favorable crop prospects in other countries, Europe may want less grain from us than in either of the past two years, and it now looks as though we may have a smaller surplus for export than then; and if, under these changed conditions, the price of cereals should decline, a decrease in the value of our grain exports must be expected."

THE MAGNATES OF WALL STREET.

Henry Clews, the New York banker, thus moralizes:

"Mr. Flower's sudden death simply made a bargain-counter for the thousands of millionaires and the hundreds of multi-millionaires to pick up securities cheap, and they were quick and ready to take up everything in the way of good properties offered at the concessions which were made. Mr. Flower's death removes a man from active life who was a factor in the development of this country's resources and one whom all will miss; but Wall street will soon forget the shock and the worst of it may certainly be considered as over.

"The Wall street market cannot be measured by any single man coming into existence or going out of it. Mr. Flower was probably worth $10,000,000. Think for a moment of the vast money power which backs Wall street and the business interests of this country which he leaves behind: John D. Rockefeller, worth $300,000,000; William, his brother, $150,000,000; the Astors, $250,000,000; the Vanderbilts, $400,000,000; Carnegie, $150,000,000; the Goulds, $100,000,000; Russell Sage, $40,000,000; P. Huntington, $40,000,000, and a great many others worth twice as much as what Governor Flower possessed. I give this array of figures of individual wealth to show how insignificant the power of any one man is as compared with a combination of others. This is an age of combination, and Wall street is now the market of the world for speculative dealings and investment transactions. The great wealth of Europe is more or less in and out of this market in both classes of operations. It was thought when A. T. Stewart died there would be no one to take his place, and behold the change! If he should come back now, there would be no place for him, nor could he create one. When Commodore Vanderbilt died the feeling was the same; it was when William H. Vanderbilt departed, also Jay Gould and a host of others. None of these are missed now in business affairs; so the world goes on and will to the end."

IMPORTS OF GROCERIES.

Imports of staple groceries at this port during the first four months of the year were as follows, compared with the same time in 1898: Sugar, 103,627,800 pounds, against 80,550,700; Coffee, 11,925,000 pounds, against 10,504,500; Rice, 31,428,800 pounds, against 25,340,200; Tea, 1,437,200 pounds, against 1,260,400.

FOREIGN IMPORTS.

Foreign imports at this port for the first four months of the year were $14,453,100, against $14,008,760 for the same time in 1898, the leading sources being as follows: Japan, $3,437,350; China, $2,548,500; Great Britain, $684,500; Hawaiian Islands, $3,736,400; Central America, $1,163,800; British Columbia, $808,200; East Indies, $846,868.

WEATHER REPORT.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 24, 1899, 5 p. m.

The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date as compared with those of same date last season and rainfall in last 24 hours:

Stations—	24 Hours.	Last Season.	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	0.16	33.04	32.83	
Red Bluff	0.32	20.32	14.71	
Sacramento	0.04	14.10	10.15	
San Francisco	0.10	16.10	9.13	
Fresno	0.00	7.03	4.94	
San Luis Obispo	0.00	16.46	7.14	
Los Angeles	0.00	4.95	7.06	
San Diego	0.00	4.96	4.94	
Yuma	0.00	1.34	1.63	

San Francisco City—Maximum temperature, 56; minimum, 48; mean, 52.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The depression central this morning over Nevada has moved slowly northward and now overlies Montana, where it has been attended with showers from San Francisco northward. Rain is still falling at Red Bluff and northward and a thunderstorm is reported at Kalispel.

The temperature has fallen rapidly over Nevada and Northeastern California. Throughout California the temperatures are from twelve to twenty-eight degrees below the normal.

The following maximum wind velocities are reported: Idaho Falls, 23 miles per hour from the south; Winnemucca, 32, from the west.

Forecasts made at San Francisco for thirty hours, ending at midnight, May 25:

Northern California—Showers early Thursday in the northern portion; fair elsewhere; fresh westerly winds.

Southern California—Fair Thursday; warmer; fresh westerly winds.

Nevada—Cloudy and probably showers early Thursday.

Utah—Cloudy; probably showers Thursday; colder.

Arizona—Cloudy Thursday; cooler near Phoenix.

San Francisco and Vicinity—Fair Thursday; warmer; fresh westerly winds.

ALEXANDER McADIE, Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Prices of stocks drifted to a lower level to-day in the uncertain and irregular manner which is characteristic of a dull and undecided market. The dullness of the market is entirely normal for this time of the year when the fate of the coming crops on which so much depends is still in the balance. In present conditions the market still has several favorable factors to contend with. In the first place there is evidently hanging over it some of the large holdings that were taken on for the purpose of averting a panic and which are offered for realizing purposes at a certain point in any advance. In today's market also, it was rather obvious that some of the newly floated industrials were not having an easy time. This was especially true for the various companies which were to have been aggregated in the projected great steel combination, the plan for which seems to have been materially altered. American Hoop, Tin Plate, Steel and Wire and National Steel were all quite acutely affected, and in the late dealings Federal Steel and Colorado Fuel also succumbed to attacks. The continued heaviness of Amalgamated Copper in the outside market also gave evidence of the saturated state of the public demand for new industrial securities. Added to these incidents of weakness, continued fears that the coming crop would turn out badly, and the bears had a good field for operations. There was very little resistance offered to their manipulations, but the operations were not very bold and not on a very large scale. The early strength in Sugar served to deter them somewhat. The failure of the foreign wheat market after the recent holiday, to be impressed with the fears expressed in the domestic market regarding the crops also had its influence in restricting the operations of the bears. The break in Sugar, however, and the persistent weakness of the steel stocks and the rally in wheat encouraged a late attack on the market which was directed principally against the so-called Gould Southwestern and Brooklyn Transit. The whole railroad list showed the effect of the raid, but the strangers and Atchison preferred showed the best resistance. Net losses of the rule, but in the railroads are restricted to fractions except for a few cases. Sugar was the leader in point of activity, and after covering 3 points, closed 1⅝ lower. The Tobacco stocks and Anaconda were also notably weak, the latter on London selling, accompanied by a further decline in the price of Copper. Air Brake lost 11½ points. The demand for railroad bonds continued active and the market was strong, many of the reorganization 4 per cents continuing to make new high records. New issues which are in course of disposal by underwriting syndicates and second grade bonds are about all that have not been put at prohibitive prices. Total sales $2,790,000. There is a good investment demand for Government bonds, which are at record prices. The 3s, the 5s and the old 4s registered advanced ⅛ in the bid price.

The total sales of stocks to-day amounted to 391,063 shares, including: American Hoop, 5700; American Steel and Wire, 16,200; American Sugar, 40,800; American Tin Plate, 11,100; American Tobacco, 5000; Anaconda, 5200; Atchison preferred, 32,000; Brooklyn Transit, 25,700; Canadian Pacific, 3400; Burlington rights, 14,900; Burlington, 13,500; Continental Tobacco, 5900; Federal Steel, 18,700; Louisville and Nashville, 3800; Manhattan Consolidated, 9000; Metropolitan, 3000; M. St. P. and S. S. M., 3000; Missouri Pacific, 9000; National Steel, 5300; Northern Pacific, 11,400; Pacific Mail, 3000; People's Gas, 14,000; Rock Island, 4900; St. Paul, 14,900; Southern Pacific, 4800; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 4000; Union Pacific, 7200; do preferred, 7200.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Atchison	17¾	St Paul	122⅝
Do pref	53½	Do pref	169¼
Baltimore & Ohio	66¾	St P & Om	93
Canada Pacific	98¼	Do pref	170
Canada Southern	52½	So Railway	11⅝
Cent Pac	51⅝	Do pref	50⅝
Ches & Ohio	25½	Texas & Pacific	18¾
Chi & Alton	160	Union Pacific	41⅝
Chi B & Q	129⅝	Do pref	74¼
Chi & E Ill	71	Wabash	7½
Do pref	121	Do pref	19½
Chi G W	13⅝	Wheel & L E new	8⅞
Chi Ind & L	9	Do pref	24
Do pref	39	Express Companies—	
Chi & N W	151½	Adams Ex	151
Do pref	192	American Ex	140
C C C & St L	51	United States	48
Do pref	94	Wells Fargo	125
Del & Hudson	116½	Miscellaneous—	
Del L & W	167	A Cot Oil	34¾
Den & Rio G	21⅞	Do pref	90½
Do pref	75¾	Amn Spirits	10¾
Erie new	12¾	Do pref	32½
Do 1st pref	33½	Am Tobacco	101¾
Ft Wayne	184	Do pref	141
Gt Nor pref	170	Cons Gas	180
Illinois Cent	112¾	Com Cable Co	179
Lake Erie & W	16	Col F & Iron	44¾
Do pref	67½	Do pref	105
Lake Shore	202	Gen Electric	115½
Louis & Nash	65¼	Haw Coml Co	105
Manhattan L	109⅝	Brooklyn R T	111¼
Met St Ry	224	Intnl Paper	14¼
Mich Cent	113	Do pref	80½
Minn & St L	57	Laclede Gas	53
Do 1st pref	101	Lead	30
Mo Pacific	40⅛	Do pref	112
Mobile & Ohio	39	Fed Steel	58
Mo K & T	12	Do pref	80
Do pref	32¾	Nat Lin Oil	1½
N J Central	111	Pacific Mail	48
N Y Central	130⅞	People's Gas	117¾
N Y Chi & St L	13	Pullman Pal	158
Do 1st pref	65	Silver Cert	61
Do 2d pref	30	Standard R & T	7¾
Nor West	19	Sugar	156½
No Amer Co	11⅝	Do pref	117
No Pacific	47⅞	T C & Iron	56½
Do pref	75¾	U S Leather	6
Ontario & W	24¾	Do pref	69½
Or R & Nav pref	69½	U S Rubber	46½
Pac Coast 1st pfd	82½	Do pref	115
Do 2d pref	55	West Union	91⅝
Pittsburg	184	Amn S & W Co	60¾
Reading	19⅝	Do pref	56
Do 1st pref	34⅝	Colo Sts	2¾
R G W	33	Do 1st pref	45
Do pref	76½	Do 2d pref	18
Rock Island	109⅝	Pac Coast	38
St L & S F	9⅞	Nor & W pref	67¼
Do pref	68½	Glucose	69⅛
Do 2d pref	35½	Con Tobacco	50
St L & S W	13	Do pref	83
Do pref	31¾	National Steel	46
So Pacific	31¾	Do pref	85⅛

CLOSING BONDS.

U S 2s reg	100	M K & T 2ds	66¾
Do 3s	108¾	Do 4s	95½
Do coup	108¾	N Y Cen 1sts	114½
Do new 4s reg	130	N J Cen g 5s	120
Do coup	130	N Carolina 6s	127
Do old 4s reg	112⅛	Do 4s	104
Do coup	112½	No Pac 1sts pf	120
Do 5s reg	112⅝	Do 3s	67¾
Do coup	112⅝	Do 4s	105⅞
Dist 3.65s	118	N Y C & St L 4s	105¾
Ala class A	111	Norf & W con 4s	95
Do B	110	Do gen 6s	131
Do C	100	Oregon Nav 1sts	111
Do current	104	Do 4s	104½
Atchison gen 4s	102	Or Short Line 6s	131¾
Do adj 4s	81¾	Do con 5s	113
Can So 2ds pf	111¼	Reading gen 4s	87½
Ches & O 4½s	94¾	R G W 1sts	99⅞
Do 5s	118½	St L & I M con 5s	111¼
C & N W con 7s	143	Do gen 6s	125⅜
Do S F deb 5s	122½	St Paul con	168
Chi Term 4s	102	St P C & P 1sts	123⅝
D & R G 1sts	105⅛	Do 5s	123⅝
Do 4s	102⅝	So Railway 5s	111
E T Va & Ga 1sts	105½	S R & Twine 6s	86
Erie gen 4s	71¾	Tenn new set 3s	85
Ft W & Den C 1st 6s	114	Tex & Pac 1sts	116½
Gen Electric 5s	120½	Do 2ds	55⅛
G H & S A 6s	114	Union Pac 4s	108¼
Do 2ds	111½	Wabash 1sts	115½
H & T C 5s	113	Do 2ds	99½
Do con 6s	112	West Shore 4s	114⅞
Iowa Cen 1sts	114	Wis Cen 1sts	73¾
K C P & G 1sts	65	Va cent	5
La new con 4s	110⅛	Do deferred	6
L & N unified 4s	99¼	Colo So 4s	87

NEW YORK MINING STOCKS.

Chollar	28	Ontario	7 50
Crown Point	23	Ophir	1 05
Con Cal & Va	1 70	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	2 00
Gould & Curry	29	Do pref	7 50
Hale & Norcross	31	Sierra Nevada	77
Homestake	55 00	Standard	2 50
Iron Silver	55	Union Con	42
Mexican	45	Yellow Jacket	37

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		West End	92
Call loans	3½@4	do pref	116
Time loans	3½@4½	Westingh Elec	50
Stocks—		Wis Cen	75
Atchison	17⅞	Bonds—	
do pref	53⅜	Atchison 4s	101½
Am Sugar	156¼	New Eng 6s	113½
do pref	117	Wis Cen 1st	73
Bell Tel	344	Mining shares—	
Bost & Albany	260	Adventure	11
Boston Elevated	109	Allouez Mining Co	3½
Bost & Maine	181½	Atlantic	32
C B & Q	129⅜	Bost & Mont	364
Ed Elec Ill	200	Butte & Bost	90
Fitchburg pref	116	Calumet & Hecla	520
Gen Electric	116	Centennial	38
Fed Steel	58	Franklin	20
do pref	80	Humboldt	25½
Mexican Cen	13	Osceola	85½
Michigan Tel	92½	Parrott	62
N Y & N E pf	100	Quincy	160
Old Colony	209	Santa Fe Copper	13¾
Old Dominion	41⅞	Tamarack	230
Rubber	46	Winona	15
Union Pac	41¼	Wolverines	43½
Union Land	8½	Utah Con	43½

CHICAGO.
THE LONDON MARKET.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: Business was slack in the markets here today on the approaching settlement. The tone was depressed. The feature was the slump of Spanish fours to 61½ for the reasons mentioned yesterday. Other foreign stocks were sympathetically affected. Tintos were 45⅞; Anacondas, 12; Utahs, 8¾; Bostons, 2 7-16.

Americans opened flat and remained steady, later hardening slightly, but they were very idle. New York began firm, but in the street was stagnant, and the closing was heavy. Canadian Pacific weakened to upder par, but Berlin and Amsterdam bought freely to 101⅜. There is some Continental demand for gold that prevents arrivals from reaching the bank. The day's session of the Exchange was preceded by hearty singing of the national anthem, accompanied by two cornets, one played by a veteran member. The demonstration was in honor of the Queen's birthday.

CLOSING.

LONDON, May 24.—Canadian Pacific, 105¾; Erie, 13; Northern Pacific preferred, 78¾; Union Pacific preferred, 77⅛; Grand Trunk, 8; Anaconda, 12⅛; bar silver, steady, 28⅛d per ounce; money, 1¼ per cent.

NEW YORK GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, May 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 15,600; exports, 3454. Moderately active; steady; closing firmer with wheat. Winter patents, $3 75@3 90; winter straights, $3 50@3 60; Minnesota patent, $3 90@4 10.

WHEAT—Receipts, 13,125; exports, 39,935. Spot steady. No. 2 red, 83¼c; spot and to arrive, f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 red, 80¼c elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 84⅛c; f.o.b. afloat. Options opened steady with Chicago, but met selling orders that produced a sharp decline. Subsequent irregularity developed during the late session into a strong advance based on local covering and strength in the Southwest. Crop news was very bad all day but generally ignored. Export trade and clearances light. The close was strong at ¼@½c net advance; May, 80⅞@81½c; closed 81½c; July, 78½@79 13-16c; closed 79¾c; September closed 78⅜c; December, 78¾@79⅞c; closed 79⅜c.

HOPS—Steady.

HIDES—Firm.

WOOL—Firm.

The metal market continues flat. News was scarce and of an indifferent purport, with prices opening firm and closed nominally unchanged. At the close the Metal Exchange called:

PIGIRON—Warrants quiet at $11 50.

LAKE COPPER—Dull at $18 50; nominal.

TIN—Dull, with $25 65 bid and $25 75 asked.

LEAD—Quiet but steady, with $4 45 bid and $4 50 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4 25 and for Copper $18 50.

SPELTER—Spot, unchanged.

COFFEE—Options closed quiet. Sales, 8,250 bags, including May, $5 00; June, $5 00; September, $5 20; December, $5 60.

SPOT COFFEE—Rio dull; mild, quiet; about steady.

SUGAR—Raw firm; refined firm.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5906 packages. Steady. Western creamery, 15@18c; factory, 11½@13c.

EGGS—Receipts, 12,075 packages. Firm. State and Pennsylvania, 15½@16c; Western, 16c; Southern, 11@13c.

DRIED FRUITS.

NEW YORK, May 24.—California dried fruits quiet and steady.

EVAPORATED APPLES—Common, 7@8c; prime wire tray, 9¼@9½c; choice, 8¾@9c; fancy, 9¼@9¾c.

PRUNES—4½@9½c.

APRICOTS—Royal, 13½@14c; Moorpark, 14@18c.

PEACHES — Unpeeled, 9½@11¼c; peeled, 25@28c.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, May 24.—Wheat news was bullish from the start, but the bears made a concerted effort to dislodge holdings and a ¼c advance scored at the opening was turned into a ⅞c decline during the first two hours' trading. Crop damage reports began to pour in from every direction, accompanied by orders to buy. In the scramble for offerings the bears bid prices up rapidly. Reports of damage by rust in Hungary caused a reaction and the market closed within a fraction of the top. July opened ¼c higher at 74⅝@74½c, advanced to 74½@74¾c, declined to 73¾c, advanced to 75⅛@75½c and closed at 75½c.

Corn weakened early on country selling and favorable weather, but turned strong near the close in sympathy with the advance in wheat. July advanced ⅛c.

Heavy receipts and a poor cash demand were against oats. July closed a shade lower. Selling by packers owing to the large receipts of hogs weakened provisions. July pork lost 2½@5c, lard 5@7½c and ribs 2½c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
May	73⅝	74⅛	73	74⅛
July	74½	75¼	73¾	75⅛
September	74½	75	73½	75
Corn No. 2—				
May	33	33	32¾	32
July	33⅜	33½	33⅛	33½
September	34	34	33⅝	34
Oats No. 2—				
May	26½	26½	26⅜	26⅜
July	23½	23⅝	23¼	23½
September	20¾	20¾	20½	20⅝
Mess Pork, per barrel—				
July	8 20	8 22½	8 17½	8 22½
September	8 35	8 37½	8 32½	8 37½
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
July	5 10	5 10	5 07½	5 07½
September	5 22½	5 22½	5 20	5 22½
Short Ribs, per 100 pounds—				
July	4 72½	4 72½	4 67½	4 72½
September	4 85	4 85	4 82½	4 85

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 73@74c; No. 3 spring wheat, 68@72½c; No. 2 red, 75@76½c; No. 2 corn, 33¼@33½c; No. 2 oats, 26½@27c; No. 2 white, 29@29¾c; No. 3 white, 28@25c; No. 2 rye, 61½c; No. 2 barley, 36@40c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 06; prime timothy seed, $2 35; mess pork, per barrel, $8 15@8 20; lard, per 100 pounds, $5 05@5 07½; short ribs sides (loose), $4 55@4 85; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 37½@4 62½; short clear sides (boxed), $5@5 10; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 26; clover, contract grade, $6 30.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	16,000	25,000
Wheat, bushels	45,000	82,000
Corn, bushels	233,000	368,000
Oats, bushels	684,000	251,000
Rye, bushels	10,000	4,000
Barley, bushels	19,000	.....

On the Produce Exchange to-day the Butter market was quiet; creameries, 12@17½c; dairies, 10@16c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 13c. Cheese, steady; creameries, 8⅝@9¾c.

LIVERPOOL FUTURES.

Wheat—	May.	July.	Sept.
Opening	....	5 8¾	5 8⅛
Closing	....	5 8⅞	5 8¼

PARIS FUTURES.

Wheat	May.	Sept.	Dec.
Opening	20 65	20 30	
Closing	20 60	29 30	
Flour—			
Opening	43 75	27 85	
Closing	43 60	27 80	

EASTERN LIVESTOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, May 24.—CATTLE—There was a fairly active demand for cattle to-day at the recent advance. Fancy grades sold at $5 55@5 65; choice steers, $5 25@5 50; mediums, $4 80@5 20; beef steers, $4 30@4 75; stockers and feeders, $4@5 25; bulls, $3@4 50; cows and heifers, $3 70@4 35; Western fed steers, $4 60@5 50; Texas, $4@5; calves, $5@7 50.

HOGS—The supply of hogs exceeded the demand and buyers succeeded in forcing a decline of 2½c to 5c. Fair to choice, $3 87½@4 05; heavy packers, $3 55@3 85; mixed, $3 65@3 70; butchers, $3 70@3 97½; lights, $3 65@3 95; pigs, $3 35@3 80.

SHEEP—There was the usual active demand for sheep and lambs at steady prices. Poor to prime sheep, $4 75@5 65; yearlings, $5 60@5 75; wooled Colorado lambs, $6 90@7; clipped lambs, $4 75@6 50; spring lambs, $6@9 per hundredweight.

Receipts—Cattle, 15,500; hogs, 36,000; sheep, 15,000.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, May 24.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say to-morrow of the wool trade:

The strength and activity previously noted in the wool market has been well sustained during the week under review, and in some respects the movement partakes of the characteristics of a veritable boom. It is not as yet, however, a manufacturers' market, although consumers have been a little more in evidence than previously. The greater portion of the business done consists of purchases by dealers themselves, although as a rule where manufacturers have bought they have been obliged to pay higher prices or they have not succeeded in getting the wool. A number of dealers are not offering their wool at all and are practically out of the market. The advance in the price of territory wool in this market has resulted in checking the export movement, and the few remaining lots of Australian wool in bond owned by dealers are held at higher figures than foreign buyers will pay.

The sales of the week at Boston amount to 6,031,000 pounds domestic and 857,000 pounds foreign, making a total of 6,888,000, against a total of 8,315,500 for the previous week, and a total of 2,340,000 for the corresponding week last year. Sales since January 1, 1899, amounted to 96,291,800 pounds, against 48,348,310 pounds last year at this time.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT SALES.

NEW YORK, May 24.—California fruit sold to-day: Apricots—Royals, $9 25 per single crate; Seedling, $3 25@4 25. Cherries—Royal Anne, 75c@$3 85 per box; Tartarians, $1 10@2 95; Black Republicans, $2 20@2 35; Centennials, 35c@3 10; May Dukes, $1 25@2 20; Rockports, $1 50@2 05; Admiral Deweys, $2; Queens, 95c; Clevelands, 40c.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, May 24.—Consols, 110¼; silver, 28⅛d; French rentes, 102f 20c; wheat cargoes off coast, nothing doing; cargoes on passage, quiet and steady; English country markets, firm.

LIVERPOOL, May 24.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 1 standard California, 6s 3½d@6s 4d; wheat in Paris, quiet; French country markets, quiet and steady.

COTTON—Uplands, 3⅜d.

CLOSING.

WHEAT—Spot No. 2 red Western winter, firm, 6s; No. 1 red Northern Duluth, firm, 6s 4d; No. 1 California, 6s 3½d@6s 4d. Futures, steady: July, 5s 8⅞d; September, 5s 8¼d.

CORN—Spot American mixed new, easy, 6s 3d; mixed old, 3s 6¼d. Futures, quiet; May, 3s 5⅝d.

Receipts of wheat during the past three days, 245,000 ctls, including 126,000 American. Receipts of American corn during the past three days, 145,200 ctls.

PORTLAND'S BUSINESS.

PORTLAND, May 24.—Clearings, $266,013; balances, $42,686.

NORTHERN WHEAT MARKET.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, May 24.—Walla Walla, 57@57½c; valley, 58½c; bluestem, 59@60c.

Cleared—British bark Iverna, for Queenstown, with 134,288 bushels wheat.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, May 24.—Wheat was quiet to-day under the effects of the holiday in the English markets. Club, 57c; bluestem, 60c.

LOCAL MARKETS.

EXCHANGE AND BULLION.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 86½
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 88¾
Sterling Cables	—	4 89¼
New York Exchange, sight	—	12½
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	15
Mexican Dollars	—	49½@50½
Fine Silver, per ounce	—	61¼

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS.

WHEAT—Futures opened weak and dull, but subsequently improved in sympathy with Chicago, which was firm, with a few shorts trying to cover, but who were unable to find Wheat when it was wanted. There were continued bad crop reports from Russia, Roumania and Hungary.

Spot Wheat stands the same.

Spot Wheat—Shipping, $1 05@1 06¼; milling, $1 08¾@1 12½.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock — December—12,000 ctls, $1 15¼.

Second Session—December—4000 ctls, $1 15¼.

Regular Morning Session—December—2000 ctls, $1 15⅞; 24,000, $1 16.

Afternoon Session — December — 18,000 ctls, $1 16⅜.

BARLEY—The market is dull and lower, both on and off call.

Feed, $1 07½@1 10; Brewing, $1 12½@1 15 per ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—Seller '99, new—2000 ctls, 85c.

Second Session—December—10,000 ctls, 88c; Seller '99, new—2000, 84½c.

Regular Morning Session—Seller '99, new—2000 ctls, 85c; 12,000, 85⅛c. December—4000, 88⅜c; 6000, 88¾c.

Afternoon Session—No sales.

OATS—The market is dull and unchanged. The supply on hand is meager and the Oregon and Washington crops are looking poorly, but the Oregon farmers are planting Oats where they had intended to sow wheat, and this may make up some of the deficiency.

Fancy Feed, $1 17½@1 50 per ctl; good to choice, $1 42½@1 47½; common, $1 37½@1 40; Surprise, $1 50@1 55; Gray, $1 35@1 45; Milling, $1 45@1 50 per ctl; Red, $1 35@1 40; Black, $1 30@1 32½.

CORN—The market continues dull and a decline in yellow is noted.

Small round Yellow, $1 30@1 32½; Eastern large Yellow, $1 12½; White, $1 15@1 17½; mixed, $1 10 per ctl; California White, nominal.

RYE—97½c@1 02½ per ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal.

FLOUR AND MILLSTUFFS.

FLOUR—California family extras, $3 60@3 75, usual terms; bakers' extras, $3 40@3 50; Oregon and Washington, $3 40@3 45 per barrel for extra, $3 25@3 40 for bakers' and $2 30@2 50 for superfine.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in sacks are as follows, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour, $3 25 per 100 lbs; Rye Flour, $2 75; Rye Meal, $2 50; 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 50; Green Peas, $5 per 100 lbs.

HAY AND FEEDSTUFFS.

A car of choice new Wheat sold at $8 and a car of new wild Oat at $6. There is no demand and the market was never in worse shape than at the present moment.

Bran and Middlings are quiet.

BRAN—$16@16 50 per ton.

MIDDLINGS—$17@$19 50 per ton.

FEEDSTUFFS—Rolled Barley, $23@24 per ton; Oilcake Meal at the mill, $25@26 50; jobbing, $27 50; Cocoanut Cake, $21@22; Cornmeal, $23 50@24 50; Cracked Corn, $24@25; Mixed Feed, $15@16; Cottonseed Meal, $24@26 per ton.

OLD HAY—Wheat, $10@12 for good to choice and $7 50@9 for lower grades; Wheat and Oat, $7@11; Oat, $6@10; Barley, $6@8; Alfalfa, $5@7.

NEW HAY—Wheat, $7@8; Wild Oat, $6@7; Alfalfa, $5@7 per ton.

STRAW—25@50c per bale.

BEANS AND SEEDS.

There are no further changes to report.

BEANS—Bayos, $1 40@1 50; Small White, $1 90@2 10; Large Whites, $1 40@1 65; Pinks, $1 80@1 90; Reds, $2 35; Blackeye, $4@4 15; Butters, nominal; Limas, $3 90@4; Pea, $2@2 35; Red Kidneys, $2 50@2 70 per ctl.

SEEDS—Brown Mustard, nominal; Yellow Mustard, 2¾@3c; Flax, nominal; Canary Seed, 2¾c per lb; Alfalfa, 8½@9½c; Rape, 3@3½c; Hemp, 4@4¼c; Timothy, 4¾@5¼c.

DRIED PEAS—Niles, $1 50@1 90; Green, $1 75@2 25 per ctl.

POTATOES, ONIONS AND VEGETABLES.

Receipts were 590 boxes Asparagus, 128 boxes Rhubarb, 266 sacks Peas, 232 sacks Beans and 3564 boxes and 468 sacks new Potatoes.

There are very few old Potatoes left, and they are nominal. New are not materially changed. Onions are steady.

Vacaville Vegetables came in during the afternoon, owing to an accident in transit, and were carried over. Green Peas were firmer, but the other descriptions stood about the same.

POTATOES—Old, $1 25@1 75 per ctl; New Potatoes, 1@1½c per lb in sacks and $1@1 60 for Rivers in boxes.

ONIONS—Old are nominal; new, 25@40c per sack for Red.

VEGETABLES—Asparagus, 60c@$1 25 per box for No. 2, $1 50@1 75 for No. 1 and $2@2 25 for fancy; Rhubarb, 50@65c per box for common and 75c@$1 for good to choice; Green Peas, 1½@2½c per lb for common and 2½c for Garden; String Beans from Los Angeles, 4@5c for green and 5@6c for Golden Wax; String Beans from Vacaville, 5@7c for green and 6@7c for Wax; Horse Beans, 35@50c per sack; Cabbage, $1 25@1 35; Tomatoes, $1 25@1 75 per box; Mexican Tomatoes, $1 50@1 75; Egg Plant, 10@12½c per lb; Garlic, 5@6c for new; Dried Okra, 15c per lb; Dried Peppers, 10c; Green Peppers, 10@15c; Carrots, 30@40c per sack; Hothouse Cucumbers, 25@75c per dozen; Sacramento and Marysville Cucumbers, $1 75@2 75 per box; Summer Squash, 75c@$1 25 per box.

POULTRY AND GAME.

The market continues firm, there being no Eastern here at the moment.

POULTRY—Live Turkeys, 13@15c for Gobblers and 13@15c for Hens; Geese, per pair, $1 50; Goslings, $1 25@1 75; Ducks, $5@6 for old and $5 50@7 for young; Hens, $5@6; young Roosters, $7@8; old Roosters, $5@5 50; Fryers, $5 50@6; Broilers, $4 50@5 50 for large, $2 50@3 50 for small; Pigeons, $2@2 25 per dozen for old and $1 75@2 25 for Squabs.

GAME—Hare, $1; Rabbits, $1 25 for Cottontails and $1 for small.

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

Receipts of Eggs are decreasing and the market is slightly stronger. Butter is steady, but Cheese continues weak.

BUTTER—

Creamery—Fancy Creamery, 17c; seconds, 16@16½c.

Dairy—Fancy, 15c; good to choice, 13@14½c; store, 11@12c per lb.

CHEESE—Choice mild new, 8½@9c; old, 8c; Young America, 10c; Eastern, 13@15c.

EGGS—Quoted at 15@16½c for store and 17@18½c per dozen for ranch; Eastern, 16½@17c.

DECIDUOUS AND CITRUS FRUITS.

Receipts were 2390 boxes Cherries and 778 chests Strawberries.

Madeline Pears from the river sold at $1 per crate.

The canners are bidding $50@55 per ton for Blenheim and Moorpark Apricots in Alameda County, but it is reported that the growers are not sel