COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

General advance in Hams, Bacon and Lard.
Wheat and Barley a fraction lower.
Silver and Exchange as before quoted.
Oats, Corn and Rye unchanged and quiet.
Hay easy under larger receipts. Feedstuffs unchanged.
Pink Beans quoted weak under heavy holdings. Limas firm.
Potatoes weak under liberal arrivals. Onions weak.
Asparagus breaks under excessive receipts.
Eggs in moderate supply and higher again.
Butter and Cheese in free receipt, but steady.
Two cars of Eastern Poultry arrived. Game nominal.
Prunes and Dried Peaches in very fair demand.
Wool, Hides and Hops unchanged.
Hogs scarce and still higher.
Fourteen cars of Citrus Fruits sold at auction.
Local stocks and bonds quiet. Oil stocks active.

Dried Fruit in New York.

Mail advices from New York say: "It is difficult to say just what the spot market on California raisins is, inasmuch as there is virtually no demand. Unquestionably, however, the recent cut on the coast on export prices has greatly unsettled the local market, and, though reluctant to admit it, holders are disgusted. Two-crown and 2-crown loose muscatels undoubtedly can be bought ¼c lower than ten days ago. There was a rumor of a sale of 2-crown yesterday at 5c. Stocks are not believed to be heavy and are understood to be largely in seeders' hands.

"Prunes continue firm on spot, particularly 40-50s, 50-60s and 60-70s, which are scarce. Fifties are especially scarce, many dealers being entirely out. There is a good inquiry for 60-70s and for 90-100s. The very small sizes are wanted also. Some of the prunes recently purchased on the coast at about a 2c basis are beginning to arrive, and these should relieve the scarcity and give the market a sufficient supply for some time.

"On the coast the situation is said to be decidedly stronger and there are reports that the Cured Fruit Association has finally secured control of all outside goods and that henceforth it will be impossible to buy at cut prices. There seems a lack of offerings from California at the prices which have prevailed right along, a circumstance which seems confirmatory of this report. However, as the trade bought quite freely two weeks ago at the low prices then offered by outsiders the alleged buying by the association causes less interest here than might otherwise have been the case.

"Apricots are in better demand, a very fair trade being reported in some quarters yesterday. The market, however, is easy. Peaches are selling only in a small way. Figs are having a fair sale. Apples on the spot continue quiet. A little business is heard of in choice goods at 5½c. New crop apples are beginning to attract attention. Prime are offered for October-November delivery at 6c. A sale was reported made at that price, but this could not be positively confirmed."

Weather Report.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18—5 p. m. (120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)

The following are the seasonal rainfall's 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	....	40.14	42.53
Red Bluff	....	22.17	18.68
Sacramento	....	19.01	15.44
San Francisco	....	18.79	17.02
Fresno	....	10.28	6.19
Independence	....	5.80	2.43
San Luis Obispo	....	27.62	14.70
Los Angeles	....	34.10	5.56
San Diego	....	8.56	3.13

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature, 6; minimum, 49; mean, 58.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The weather is partly cloudy over the northern portion of the Pacific slope and generally clear over the southern. Light showers have fallen over the Rocky Mountain region.

The pressure has risen over the plateau and Rocky Mountain regions and fallen along the immediate Pacific Coast.

The temperature has fallen in Northern Arizona and Utah and remained nearly stationary in other districts.

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

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, March 19, 1901:

Northern California—Fair Tuesday; continued warm weather; light northerly wind.

Southern California—Fair Tuesday; continued warm weather; light northerly wind.

Nevada—Fair, warmer Tuesday.

Utah—Fair, warmer Tuesday.

Arizona—Fair, warmer Tuesday.

San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Tuesday; continued warm weather; light northerly wind.

H. C. WILLSON,
Local Forecast Official, temporarily in charge.

EASTERN MARKETS.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The course of events in last week's stock market led up to to-day's excitement on the Stock Exchange. The powerful professional speculators who had been manipulating prices for an advance for a long time saw the promise of their reward in the growing outside interest in the market. The relief afforded by Saturday's bank statement gave pretty good assurance of an increased demand for stocks this morning. The public appetite was whetted by several announcements, which either came very opportunely for the purpose or were set afloat with a view of their effect. One of the greatest difficulties which the professional bulls have had to contend with was the dragging tendency of the steel stocks, under the apprehension that when the new United States Steel Corporation stocks are introduced on the Stock Exchange they may prove weak and have an unsettling influence on the general market. The report that the Rockefeller iron interests in the Lake Superior region were to be included in the steel merger therefore proved very opportune for the bulls and awakened the steel stocks from their dormant state into strength and activity. It was very difficult to secure any authoritative confirmation of the transaction and no details were vouchsafed of the terms or whether any increase in the proposed capital issue of the great steel corporation was involved. The stock of that corporation was active and buoyant in the curb market in sympathy with the movements of other stocks on the exchange. There was a continuance of the excited speculation in Burlington on the publication of the circumstantial assertions that President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern had secured control of the Burlington. Burlington's insiders were inclined to deprecate these assertions, giving color to the belief that competitive buying for control was going on. It was confidentially stated that the New York Central had secured control of the Manhattan and would guarantee a dividend of 6 per cent. This statement received an emphatic denial from the president of the New York Central. General Electric's advance was an outgrowth of the supposition that the new control of the Manhattan would hasten its electrical equipment. The rise in the other grangers was palpably in sympathy with Burlington. St. Paul alone hanging back. Missouri Pacific seemed to be marked up in an endeavor to revive the strength of the Southwesterns, but the maneuver proved without effect. A number of specialties moved independently, including Sugar, Tobacco, Consolidated Gas, People's Gas and American Snuff preferred. The New York, Chicago and St. Louis stocks, Pacific Coast second preferred, Lake Erie and Western preferred and Louisville and Nashville were all conspicuously strong. The weakness of the coalers was due to fears of a miners' strike. Great Northern preferred reacted on profit-taking on the declaration of the stock subscription rights. The gain in the principal steel stocks extended from 2 to 5 points and they held better than any others. Burlington's extreme rise was 4¾. Manhattan's 4½ and a large number of the other most prominent stocks from 2 to 5. Northwestern preferred jumped 7. The taking of speculative profits caused wide reactions at times, but the undertone continued strong to the close, although last prices of many stocks were notably below the best.

The railroad bond market continued active, but was reactionary in spots on profit-taking. Total sales, par value, $6,375,000.

United States refunding 2s advanced ⅛ per cent on the last call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Shares Sold.	Stock—	Closing Bid.
28,000	Atchison	58⅝
39,000	Atchison pref	93⅝
3,300	Baltimore & Ohio	91¾
100	Canadian Pacific	90¼
5,400	Canada Southern	62
13,700	Chesapeake & Ohio	47¼
10,700	Chicago Great Western	22¾
141,000	Chicago Burlington & Quincy	162⅝
10,000	Chicago Ind & Louisville	38
600	Chicago Ind & Louisville pref	72½
4,000	Chicago & Eastern Illinois	117⅞
4,200	Chicago & Northwestern	178⅝
76,100	Chicago Rock Island & Pacific	128⅝
1,600	C C C & St Louis	77¼
12,600	Colorado Southern	11⅝
2,100	Colorado Southern 1st pref	46½
1,500	Colorado Southern 2d pref	20¾
7,300	Delaware & Hudson	165
200	Delaware Lackawanna & Western	196
1,600	Denver & Rio Grande	41
2,200	Denver & Rio Grande pref	89⅞
160,100	Erie	33⅛
32,100	Erie 1st pref	68⅞
4,000	Great Northern pref	204½
2,200	Hocking Coal	18⅝
1,000	Hocking Valley	54
8,300	Illinois Central	138¼
4,600	Iowa Central	31⅝
1,200	Iowa Central pref	59
100	Lake Erie & Western	45¼
100	Lake Erie & Western pref	119
.....	Lake Shore	210¼
44,200	Louisville & Nashville	98
112,500	Manhattan Elevated	28⅝
9,500	Metropolitan Street Railway	167⅞
19,200	Mexican Central	21⅝
.....	Minneapolis & St Louis	84
600	Minneapolis & St Louis pref	112½
22,800	Missouri Pacific	95⅝
.....	Mobile & Ohio	80⅝
7,800	Missouri Kansas & Texas	25⅝
21,500	Missouri Kansas & Texas pref	58⅝
.....	New Jersey Central	155
8,700	New York Central	145⅝
8,300	Norfolk & Western	51⅝
.....	Norfolk & Western pref	85
57,100	Northern Pacific	86⅝
6,600	Northern Pacific pref	89
10,100	Ontario & Western	32⅝
.....	Oregon Railway & Nav	42
.....	Oregon Railway & Nav pref	76
14,700	Pennsylvania	152½
12,800	Reading	31⅝
27,000	Reading 1st pref	72⅝
16,000	Reading 2d pref	43⅝
.....	Rio Grande Western	65
.....	Rio Grande Western pref	96⅝
13,100	St Louis & San Fran	41⅞
.....	St Louis & San Fran 1st pref	85¼
4,200	St Louis & San Fran 2d pref	68⅝
6,000	St Louis Southwestern	32
54,000	St Louis Southwestern pref	63¼
34,400	St Paul	150½
200	St Paul pref	183½
.....	St Paul & Omaha	126
32,600	Southern Pacific	45⅝
27,400	Southern Railway	25⅝
9,000	Southern Railway pref	73⅝
22,400	Texas & Pacific	31
2,200	Union Pacific pref	85½
63,300	Union Pacific	92⅞
6,600	Wabash	19⅝
8,100	Wabash pref	34⅝
1,200	Wheeling & Lake Erie	15⅝
100	Wheling & Lake Erie 2d pref	32
.....	Wisconsin Central	19⅝
.....	Third Avenue	121
2,000	Baltimore & Ohio pref	92¼
6,000	National Tube	57¼
3,900	National Tube pref	105⅝
	Express companies—	
.....	Adams	155
100	American	194
2,200	United States	69
.....	Wells-Fargo	142
	Miscellaneous—	
1,000	American Cotton Oil	27
.....	American Cotton Oil pref	85
.....	American Malting	5⅝
200	American Malting pref	27¼
4,200	American Smelting & Refin	55½
1,200	American Smelting & Refin pref	94⅝
.....	American Spirits	1½
.....	American Spirits pref	17
13,400	American Steel Hoop	39⅞
4,100	American Steel Hoop pref	85¼
9,300	American Steel & Wire	41
8,500	American Steel & Wire pref	100⅝
5,000	American Tin Plate	67½
2,200	American Tin Plate pref	106
70,400	American Tobacco	128½
.....	American Tobacco pref	147
1,200	Anaconda Mining Co	45⅞
60,900	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	82⅝
4,100	Colorado Fuel & Iron	47⅝
19,700	Continental Tobacco	46⅝
1,200	Continental Tobacco pref	106
6,800	Federal Steel	45⅞
26,200	Federal Steel pref	84¼
3,600	General Electric	213
100	Glucose Sugar	47½
.....	Glucose Sugar pref	95
500	International Paper	22⅝
200	International Paper pref	73
200	Laclede Gas	82
1,200	National Biscuit	41
.....	National Biscuit pref	95½
1,200	National Lead	15¼
200	National Lead pref	85
8,800	National Steel	49½
4,000	National Steel pref	106½
.....	New York Air Brake	162
1,000	North American	77½
500	Pacific Coast	38½
.....	Pacific Coast 1st pref	90
1,000	Pacific Coast 2d pref	66¼
200	Pacific Mail	34¼
41,300	People's Gas	107⅝
100	Pressed Steel Car	37
200	Pressed Steel Car pref	77
.....	Pullman Palace Car	205
.....	Standard Rope & Twine	4¼
80,600	Sugar	141⅛
100	Sugar pref	121⅛
7,100	Tennessee Coal & Iron	56¼
8,100	United States Leather	12¾
400	United States Leather pref	74
100	United States Rubber	23⅞
1,200	United States Rubber pref	81⅛
4,400	Western Union	89
13,300	Amalgamated Copper	101¼
4,100	Republic Iron & Steel Co	16⅝
2,200	Republic Iron & Steel Co pref	66
.....	P C C & St Louis	60¼

1,655,500 Shares sold.

CLOSING BONDS.

U S 2s ref reg	105⅝	N Y Central 1sts	107¼
U S ref 2s coup	106¼	N J Cent gen 5s	133
U S 2s registered	111	Northern Pacific 3s	71½
U S 3s coupon	111	Northern Pac 4s	105⅝
U S new 4s reg	138	N Y C & St L 4s	106⅛
U S new 4s coup	138	Nor & W cons 4s	103⅝
U S old 4s reg	112	Oregon Nav 1sts	110
U S old 4s coup	114	Oregon Nav 4s	104⅝
U S 5s registered	111½	Or Short Line 6s	127⅝
U S 5s coupon	111½	Or S L cons 5s	116½
Dist of Col 3.65s	123	Reading gen 4s	94½
Atchison gen 4s	104⅝	R G Western 1sts	100⅞
Atchison adjust 4s	94½	StL & I M cons 5s	117½
Canada Sou 2ds	108¼	St L & S F gen 6s	131
Ches & O 4½s	103⅛	St Paul consols	184½
Ches & Ohio 5s	121¾	St P C & P 1sts	118
C & N cons 7s	140½	St Paul C & P 5s	121
C & N S F Deb 5s	122	Southern Pac 4s	92⅝
Chicago Term 4s	97½	Southern Ry 5s	117½
Colo Southern 4s	87	Standard R & T 6s	56
Denver & R G 4s	102⅝	Texas & Pac 1sts	119
Erie general 4s	87⅝	Texas & Pac 2ds	92
Ft W & D C 1sts	101	Union Pacific 4s	105⅞
Gen Electric 5s	176	Wabash 1sts	119¼
Iowa Cent 1sts	117¼	Wabash 2ds	110
L & N unified 4s	101¼	West Shore 4s	115¼
M K & T 2ds	80¼	Wis Central 1sts	91
M K & T 4s	98⅛	Va Centuries	96

MINING STOCKS.

Adams Con	23	Little Chief	14
Alice	35	Ontario	8 50
Breece	1 20	Ophir	60
Brunswick Con	24	Phoenix	08
Comstock Tunnel	05	Potosi	13
Con Cal & Va	1 50	Savage	05
Deadwood Terra	1 50	Sierra Nevada	25
Horn Silver	1 10	Small Hopes	65
Iron Silver	60	Standard	3 90
Leadville Con	05		

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—			
Call loans	3 @4	Union Land	3½
Time loans	3½@4	West End	94⅝
Stocks—		Bonds—	
A T & S F	58½	Atchison 4s	102
A T & S F pref	93⅝	N E Gas & Coke 5s	68
American Sugar	141	Mining shares—	
Am Sugar pref	121	Adventure	13
Am Telephone	161½	Amalg Copper	101½
Boston & Albany	253	Atlantic	32½
Boston Elevated	171	Bingham	24⅝
Boston & Maine	195	Boston & Montana	357
C B & Q	162⅝	Butte & Boston	152

Dominion Coal	29½	Calumet & Hecla	860
Dom Coal pref	110	Centennial	24½
Federal Steel	45⅝	Franklin	22⅝
Fed Steel pref	94¼	Humboldt	60
Fitchburg pref	144½	Osceola	87
General Electric	215½	Parrot	53
Gen Elec pref	193	Quincy	174
Ed Elec Ill	245	Santa Fe Copper	7
N E Gas & Coke	13	Tamarack	342
Old Colony	208	Utah Mining	34½
Old Dominion	36	Winona	6
Rubber	15¼	Wolverines	51
Union Pacific	92¾		

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Money on call steadier at 2¼@3 per cent; last loan, 2½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87¼ for demand and at $4 84⅝@4 84½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4 85@4 85½ and at $4 88½; commercial bills, $4 83½@4 84. Silver certificates, 61½@63c. Bar silver, 61c. Mexican dollars, 49c. Government bonds, strong; State bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, irregular.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—To-day's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve for redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $150,643,705; gold, $91,616,640.

London Market.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: There was very little doing here in the stock market to-day, but a much calmer view was taken of the threatened conflict between the Russian troops and ours in China and prices were firm.

The American department was the most active in the market. Throughout the whole session stocks were very strong, mainly, however, on professional trading. Louisville and Nashville was the favorite under the inspiration of influential orders cabled over from New York. The bank bought £25,000 in gold bars. The call loan rate was 3@4 per cent.

CLOSING.

LONDON, March 18.—Atchison, 60⅝; Canadian Pacific, 93; Chesapeake and Ohio, 47; Northern Pacific preferred, 91⅝; Grand Trunk, 7⅛; Anaconda, 9¼; Rand, 42; bar silver, steady, 28¼d per ounce; money, 3¼@3½ per cent.

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, March 16, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 55,124,000 bushels; decrease, 769,000 bushels. Corn, 22,438,000; increase, 1,334,000. Oats, 10,871,000; increase, 33,000. Rye, 1,198,000; increase, 83,000. Barley, 1,337,000; increase, 18,000.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 18.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,000 bbls; exports, 18,700 bbls; rather weak and unsettled under heaviness in wheat with demand unimportant; winter straits, $3 45@3 55; Minnesota patents, $4@4 35; winter extras, $2 45@2 80.

WHEAT—Receipts, 120,600 bushels; exports, 201,500 bushels; spot, easy; No. 2 red, 81⅝c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 80½c elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 90½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth, 92⅝c f. o. b. afloat. Options displayed considerable heaviness to-day. The bull fever materially subsided in the face of disappointing cables, fine weather West and less decrease in the visible supply than expected, and under active unloading prices broke over a cent per bushel without attracting satisfactory export demand; closed easy at ⅝@¾c decline from Saturday's curb close. March closed at 80¼c; May, 80 7-16@81⅝c, closed at 80⅝c; July, 80¼@81⅛c, closed at 80⅝c; September, 79⅝@79⅞c, closed at 79⅝c.

HOPS—Quiet.

HIDES—Steady.

SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3½c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 1-32c; molasses sugar, 3 9-32c; refined, steady.

COFFEE—Spot Rio, barely steady; No. 7 invoice, 7¼c; mild, dull; Cordova, 8@8½c. Futures closed steady in tone, with prices 5 to 15 points lower; total sales reached 48,250 bags, including March (1902), $6 05; May, $5 65; June, $5 70; July, $5 75; September, October and November, $5 80; December, $5 95@6; January, $5 95.

BUTTER—Receipts, 9383 packages; firm; State dairy, 15@21c; fresh creamery, 16@22c; June creamery, 14@19½c; factory, 10@14½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 19,345; steady; State and Pennsylvania, at mark, 13¼@13½c; Western, at mark, 13½c; Southern, at mark, 12@12¾c.

DRIED FRUITS.

The market for evaporated apples is rather unsettled and weak as to tone, with prices decidedly below Saturday's close. The depression was the result of heavy offerings and an advance of export inquiry. State common was quoted at 3@4c; prime, 4½@4¾c; choice, 5@5¼c; fancy, 6@6½c. California dried fruits were barely steady and somewhat lower.

PRUNES—3¼@7½c per pound.

APRICOTS—Royal, 7½@12c; Moorpark, 8¼@13c.

PEACHES—Peeled, 12@20c; unpeeled, 5½@10c.

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, March 18.—May wheat opened ⅝@⅝c lower at 77½c to 76⅞c, with long interests endeavoring to rid themselves of holdings, which suddenly became worthless to them when they summed up the situation early. Liverpool failed to reflect Saturday's advance here. To this potent consideration were added heavy world's shipments, a big increase on passage and liberal receipts at spring wheat points. To make the situation more bearish, Nebraska reported that the condition of wheat in that State was 14 per cent better than at the same period a year ago. A remnant of the bull force rallied to the support of the market and succeeded in causing a rally to 77⅛@77¼c, following the opening. Desertion from their already thinned ranks soon rendered further resistance useless, as outside aid which had been hoped for failed to materialize. The heavy primary receipts, small seaboard clearances and disappointingly light visible decrease, together with the lack of export inquiry, were influences which struck the market after it had declined ½c, and many sold out. Longs were reported to have sold short under 77c. Under this pressure May slumped to 76c. It took all forenoon to accomplish this decline. The trade had been excited and large. At the bottom transactions fell off in volume and the pit became more quiet for spot. Shorts took profits and the market rallied to 76½c, but closed heavy at 1¼c lower at 76⅝c.

The corn market enjoyed a fair portion of attention, displaying a firmness which was conspicuous in comparison with the weakness in the neighboring wheat pit. May closed ¼@¾c lower at 41⅝@41¾c. The July option attracted considerable attention and ruled ¼c over May.

Oats were moderately active and steady in sympathy with corn and on a fair cash demand. May closed ⅛c lower at 25½c.

Provisions showed some uneasiness early on the liberal run of hogs at the local yards, but a good cash demand and the fact that receipts at the chief Western markets showed a falling off from last year caused a rally later, and the close was firm. May pork closed 20c higher; May lard closed 7½c up, and May ribs closed 7½c improved.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2—				
March	75⅞	75⅞	75⅛	75¼
April	76	76	75¼	75½
May	77⅛	77¼	76	76⅝
Corn No. 2—				
March	....	....	....	40⅛
May	41¼	41¼	41⅛	41⅛
July	41½	41⅝	41¼	41½
Oats, No. 2—				
March	24¼	24¼	24⅛	24¼
May	25¼	25¼	25	25⅛
Mess Pork, per barrel—				
May	15 70	15 90	15 65	15 90
July	15 10	15 15	14 95	15 10
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
May	7 72½	7 77½	7 67½	7 77½
July	7 77½	7 82½	7 72½	7 80
September	7 82½	7 85	7 77½	7 85
Short Ribs, per 100 pounds—				
May	7 47½	7 57½	7 47½	7 55
September	7 50	7 57½	7 47½	7 55

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, dull; No. 3 spring wheat, 69@73¾c; No. 2 red, 77c; No. 2 corn, 40¾c; No. 2 yellow, 40¾c; No. 2 oats, 26c; No. 2 white, 28@29c; No. 3 white, 27@28½c; No. 2 rye, 52@53c; fair to choice malting barley, 50@57½c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 54; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 55; prime timothy seed, $4; mess pork, per barrel, $15 75@15 80; lard, per 100 pounds, $7 72½@7 77½; short-rib sides (loose), $7 45@7 60; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6 50@6 75; short clear sides (boxed), $7 50@8; whisky, basis of high wines, $1 27; clover, contract grade, $10 65@10 75.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	49,000	27,000
Wheat, bushels	56,000	56,000
Corn, bushels	265,000	296,000
Oats, bushels	254,000	247,000
Rye, bushels	4,000	4,000
Barley, bushels	21,000	10,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was dull; creamery, 15@21½c; dairy, 11@18c. Cheese, active, 10¾@11¾c. Eggs, dull; fresh, 11¾c.

Foreign Futures.

LIVERPOOL.

Wheat—	May.	July.
Opening	6 1⅛	6 1⅛
Closing	6 ⅝	6 ⅝

PARIS.

Wheat—	March.	May-Aug.
Opening	18 75	19 85
Closing	18 75	19 85
Flour—		
Opening	24 10	25 30
Closing	24 10	25 30

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 21,000, including 1000 Texans. Choice steers, steady to strong; others 10c lower. Good to prime steers, $4 60@4 80; poor to medium, $3 60@4 75; stockers and feeders, $2 65@4 65; cows, $2 65@4 35; heifers, $2 65@4 65; canners, $2@2 60; bulls, $2 60@4 25; calves, $4 50@5 75; Texas fed steers, $4@5; Texas grass steers, $3 40@4; Texas bulls, $2 50@3 25.

HOGS—Receipts, 34,000; to-morrow, 23,000; left over, 1000. Opened weak to 5c lower. Top, $5 82½; mixed and butchers', $5 50@5 57½; good to choice heavy, $5 70@5 82½; rough heavy, $5 55@5 65; bulk of sales, $5 65@5 75.

SHEEP—Receipts, 23,000. Sheep, steady to strong; yearlings, steady; lambs, slow to 10c lower. Good to choice wethers, $4 50@5; fair to choice mixed, $4@4 60; Western sheep, $4 50@5; yearlings, $4 75@5 10; native lambs, $4 65@5 45; Western lambs, $5@5 45.

New York Metal Market.

NEW YORK, March 18.—A decline of £1 5s in Tin in London caused considerable selling pressure at the opening of the local Metal market and prices broke about 30 points. Thereafter the market ruled weak and unsettled, with trading on a very small scale. The close was weak at $25 50. Nothing of interest was noted in Lead, and prices remain unchanged at $4 37½. Spelter was weak in the absence of buying orders, and prices were not materially changed, closing at $3 90@3 95. Copper was inactive and nominally unchanged at $17 for Lake and $16 62½ for casting.

Pig Iron warrants, dull, $9 50@10 50; Northern foundry, $15 50@16 50.

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, March 18.—Consols, 96 7-16; silver, 28¼d; French rentes, 101f 42½c; cargoes on passage, rather firmer; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 30s 6d; cargoes Walla Walla, 29s; import into United Kingdom, wheat, 337,000; import into United Kingdom, flour, 275,000; wheat and flour on passage to United Kingdom, 3,660,000; wheat and flour on passage to Continent, 1,190,000.

LIVERPOOL, March 18.—Wheat, firm; No. 1 standard California, 6s 3½d@6s 4d; weather in England, overcast.

COTTON—Uplands, 4 13-16d.

CLOSING.

WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 2 red Western winter, 5s 11½d; No. 1 Northern spring, 6s 2½d; No. 2 California, 6s 2¾d. Futures, dull; May, 6s ¾d; July, 6s ¾d.

CORN—Spot American mixed, new, 3s 11¼d; old, firm, 4s. Futures, quiet; May, 3s 10¼d; July, 3s 10¼d; September, 3s 10½d.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, March 18.—The offerings at the Wool auction sales to-day numbered 9812 bales. The attendance was large and competition brisk. Prices showed a hardening tendency. Some Victorian and Queensland greasy Merinos were in active request at full rates for America, French and German buyers operated freely, but the home trade secured the bulk of the offerings. Several parcels of Good Hope and Natal greasy were taken for America. Light Cape of Good Hope and Natal sold well.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Cotton closed steady at a net decline of 9@12 points.

Portland's Business.

PORTLAND, Or., March 18.—Clearings, $339,768; balances, $53,378.

Northern Wheat Market.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, March 18.—Some sales of Walla Walla Wheat were made to-day at 57c, but very little can be obtained at that price.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, March 18.—Wheat—Blue Stem, 58½c; Club, 56½c.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Exchange and Bullion.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 85¼
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 88⅝
Sterling Cables	—	4 89⅝
New York Exchange, sight	—	15
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	17½
Silver, per ounce	—	60⅞
Mexican Dollars, nominal	50 @	51

Wheat and Other Grains.

WHEAT—The English and Continental markets were generally firm, but the American markets were slightly lower. At the opening at Chicago there were more buyers than sellers, but later on there was considerable realizing and a good deal of prominent short selling. The cash demand was less urgent. The American visible supply decreased 769,000 bushels. World's shipments for the week, as far as reported, were 44,000 quarters Danubian and 178,000 Argentine.

The local market was off, both as to spot and futures. The latter declined considerably, but subsequently recovered somewhat.

Spot Wheat—Shipping, 98⅝c; milling, $1 04¼@1 06 per ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—May—2000 ctls, $1 02⅝; 20,000, $1 02½. December—2000, $1 05½; 8000, $1 05⅝; 2000, $1 05⅝; 4000, $1 05⅞.

Second Session—May—2000 ctls, $1 02; 6000, $1 01¾; 2000, $1 00¾; 2000, $1; 8000, $1 00⅝; 12,000, $1 00¼; 4000, $1 00⅜; 12,000, $1 00½. December—2000, $1 05⅝; 6000, $1 05½; 2000, $1 05¾; 4000, $1 05¼; 12,000, $1 05½; 8000, $1 05.

Regular Morning Session—May—2000 ctls, $1 01⅝; 6000, $1 01⅝; 4000, $1 01¼. December—4000, $1 05½; 2000, $1 05⅝; 8000, $1 05¼.

Afternoon Session—May—2000 ctls, $1 01. December—4000, $1 01¾.

BARLEY—The advance of Saturday was not maintained, and sales were few, though the market was not particularly weak.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Feed, 77½c for choice bright, 75@76¼c for No. 1 and 72½@73¾c for off grades; Brewing and Shipping grades, 80@85c; Chevalier, nominal.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—No sales.

Second Session—No sales.

Regular Morning Session—No sales.

Afternoon Session—No sales.

OATS—The market was quoted quiet as usual, with no change in quotations.

White, $1 25@1 45; Surprise, nominal; Red, $1 25@1 40 for Feed and $1 35@1 45 for Seed; Gray, nominal; Black, for Feed, $1 17½@1 20; for Seed, $1 25@1 30 per ctl.

CORN—Neglected and nominal.

Yellow, $1 10@1 15; White, $1 10@1 15; Eastern mixed, $1 12½ per ctl.

RYE—80@82½c per ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal.

Flour and Millstuffs.

FLOUR—California Family Extras, $3 25@3 50, usual terms; Bakers' Extras, $3 15@3 25; Oregon, $2 75@2 85 per barrel for family and $2 75@3 for bakers'; Washington, bakers', $2 75@3.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in sacks are as follows, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour, $3 per 100 lbs; Rye Flour, $2 75; Rye Meal, $2 50; Rice Flour, $7; Corn Meal, $2 75; extra cream do, $3 50; Oat Groats, $4 50; Hominy, $3 50@3 75; Buckwheat Flour, $4@4 25; Cracked Wheat, $3 50; Farina, $4 50; Whole Wheat Flour, $3 25; Rolled Oats (barrels), $6 10@7 60; in sacks, $5 75@7 25; Pearl Barley, $5; Split Peas, $5; Green Peas, $6 50 per 100 lbs.

Hay and Feedstuffs.

Hay was easy under receipts of over 750 tons. There was nothing new in Feedstuffs.

BRAN—$15@15 50 per ton.

MIDDLINGS—$16 50@19 50 per ton.

FEEDSTUFFS—Rolled Barley, $17@17 50 per ton; Oilcake Meal at the mill, $25@26; jobbing, $26 50; Cocoanut Cake, $17@18; Corn Meal, $25@25 50; Cracked Corn, $25 50@26; Mixed Feed, $15@16.

HAY—Volunteer, $5@8; Wheat, $11@13; Wheat and Oat, $9@12; Oat, $9@11 50; Clover, nominal; Alfalfa, $8@9 50; Barley, $7 50@9 50 per ton.

STRAW—35@47½c per bale.

Beans and Seeds.

Stocks of Pink Beans are reported heavy and this description is weak, though most holders are unwilling to give way. Other sorts are firmly held.

BEANS—Bayos, $2 60@2 75; Small White, $4 50@4 90; Large White, $4@4 25; Pink, $1 90@2 15; Red, $3@3 50; Blackeye, $3@3 25; Limas, $5 75@5 90; Pea, nominal; Red Kidney, $3 75@4 per ctl.

SEEDS—Brown Mustard, nominal; Yellow Mustard, nominal; Flax, $2 50@3; Canary, 3½@3¾c for Eastern; Alfalfa, 7½@8½c for California and 8@9½c for Utah; Rape, 2@2½c; Hemp, 3½c; Timothy, 6¼c.

DRIED PEAS—Niles, $2@2 50; Green, $2 70@3 per ctl; Blackeye, nominal.

Potatoes, Onions and Vegetables.

The feature yesterday was the heavy arrivals of Asparagus, the quantity being 1946 boxes. Seldom, if ever, has this amount been equaled in this market. Sales were made by the box, and at much lower prices. In fact, the decline was sharp. Rhubarb held its own and Beans were higher under reduced arrivals. The other Vegetables showed no particular change.

Receipts of Potato