COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Exchange as before quoted. Silver weaker.
Wheat and Wheat freights quiet.
Barley higher and in improving demand.
Oats very firm and selling freely.
Corn and Rye dull at previous prices.
No change in Hay and Feedstuffs.
White Beans in small supply and firm.
Potatoes firm at a further advance in Oregons. Onions steady.
Poultry market well supplied and weak.
First Cherries of the season arrived from Vacaville.
Oranges firm. Nine cars to be auctioned to-day.
Lemons and Limes in good supply and weak.
Provisions quieter and easier. Barreled Beef lower.
Hops very firm, with unusually light stocks.
Wool inactive and unchanged. Hides dull and accumulating.
Veal, Mutton and Lamb declining. Beef steady and Hogs firm.
Dried Fruit, Nuts and Raisins locally very quiet.
Local stocks and bonds not very active.
Grain Bags weakening under dry weather.
More changes in Pacific Codfish.
Fractional changes in Butter, Cheese and Eggs.

Fruit and Salmon in London.

The London Grocers' Gazette of March 30 says:

"The market for salmon is without animation, but prices keep steady, and with more suitable weather after the holidays a brisker business is anticipated. The Strathdon and Alsternixe are both reported off the coast and may be expected in at London shortly. The former brings 55,000 cases and the latter 91,000 cases of Alaska. The heavy quantities of California fruit which have been arriving in this country are to be further augmented by the arrival of the Strathdon with 35,000 cases and the Alsternixe with 44,000 cases. While the recent arrivals have practically all been taken off the quays, resales have only been possible at prices considerably lower than those originally paid by the sellers. In fact business has only been possible at a smart reduction in prices."

Prunes and Raisins in New York.

Latest mail advices from New York say:

"Demoralized conditions prevail at practically all points in prunes and raisins. Excitement quoted down somewhat yesterday, but general conditions were about the same as on Wednesday. The New York trade still gives little evidence of any disposition to buy to any extent either prunes or seeded raisins from California at the reduced prices, while holders of spot stocks, particularly raisins, are willing to sell at almost any price at which they can find a buyer. The spot situation on prunes is a little better than on raisins, for the simple reason that stocks are light. What trade is doing is at 4½@5c under prices at which sales were made before the cut on the coast.

"The cut of 2c on seeded raisins by the association has affected the spot market for all sorts of raisins, but the market is still very unsettled and there is so complete a lack of demand that it is practically impossible to quote the actual market at the moment. California loose Muscatels, however, can be bought without difficulty at 5¼c for 2-crown, 5¾c for 3-crown and 6c for 4-crown, and very likely less money would be accepted.

"The extreme weakness of the raisin market led to some speculative buying yesterday of California London layers. A well-known jobbing house, which has been prominent of late as a rather heavy buyer of apricots, purchased 4300 boxes of 3-crown layers from a local holder, this transaction practically giving the buyer, it is understood, control of the bulk of these goods on the spot. The price was not given out, but undoubtedly was considerably under the market. The new holder asks $1 40.

"There is a better feeling in apricots, due largely to the recent buying; but quotations are practically as they have been. Figs are in good demand and firm; dates quiet; apples very dull; sun-dried apples are lower and easy."

The Weather and Crops.

The report of A. G. McAdie, section director of the climate and crop section of the Weather Bureau, for the week ending Monday, is as follows:

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The temperature has been considerably higher than during the preceding week and no injurious frosts have occurred since Tuesday morning. With the exception of a light shower in the vicinity of San Diego, no rain has fallen during the week. Dry northerly winds have continued in most sections. Fogs along the coast have been beneficial to crops.

The severe frosts of the preceding week, though less injurious than at that time estimated, damaged all varieties of deciduous fruits materially, especially in the central and northern portions of the State. Some favored localities escaped serious injury, but from nearly all sections the reports continue very discouraging. In some places it is said the apricot crop will be a failure, and peaches, prunes, grapes and other fruits will yield a very light crop. The first shipments of early cherries and strawberries were made from the Sacramento Valley during the week. Oranges and olives were not injured by frost.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY—The weather has been warmer than during the preceding week and no severe frosts have been reported since last Monday. Dry northerly winds have prevailed, and as no rain has fallen during the week the soil has become very dry. Late reports from the fruit districts state that while considerable damage resulted from the frosts of last week, the loss will not be as heavy as then estimated. In portions of Placer County there was no injury to fruit, and the orchards on the Sacramento and American rivers were not seriously damaged. Good crops are expected in those sections. The first strawberries from Placer County and the first cherries from Solano County were shipped on the 11th. Grain is still in fair condition, but rain is needed.

COAST AND BAY SECTIONS—The temperature has been above normal during the week and no severe frosts have occurred since the 9th. The combination of dry winds and absence of rain are seriously affecting crops in some sections. Early wheat is in good condition, but the late sown and pasturage need rain very soon. Barley is heading out. The hay crop will be heavy. Deciduous fruits were considerably injured by frosts during the preceding week, although some sections report that the loss will be very light. Apricots, peaches and almonds appear to have been most seriously affected, but in places prunes, grapes and walnuts were greatly damaged. The orchards on high lands suffered less than those on the lower lands.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY—Generally clear weather, with warm days and cool nights accompanied by dry northerly wind, has prevailed during the past week. Frosts occurred quite often during the early part of the week, severely damaging almonds and apricots and in some sections vines. Peaches were damaged considerably in some localities, but a fair crop is expected. Other fruits were but slightly damaged. Rain is badly needed in all sections. The ground is generally too dry for the cultivation of orchards and vineyards. Early sown grain continues to look well in most sections, but the late sown is generally suffering for rain. Grain is heading out in some places. Haying will commence next week and a good crop is expected. Alfalfa is doing well. Stock of all kinds is healthy and in good condition. Green feed continues plentiful.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Nearly normal temperature has prevailed during the week. No severe frosts have occurred and no rain has fallen, except a light shower in San Diego County. Early sown grain continues in good condition, but the later sown must have rain soon to insure a crop. Haying is in progress in some sections; the yield of hay will be heavy. Apricots were seriously damaged by frosts during the preceding week in Santa Barbara County and other places. Lemons are on market in San Diego.

Los Angeles summary—Frost damage last week was not general; apricots, walnuts and vegetables were injured in some localities, in others not. Apricots are practically a failure; peaches promise well. Haying is in progress; early sown, good crop; late sown, drying up.

Weather Report.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16—5 p. m.
(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)

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

	Last 24 hours.	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	0.00	44.49	47.31
Red Bluff	0.00	22.67	20.56
Sacramento	0.00	17.50	16.40
San Francisco	0.00	18.99	17.89
Fresno	0.00	10.38	7.36
Independence	0.00	5.49	2.81
San Luis Obispo	0.00	27.88	15.26
Los Angeles	0.00	14.17	5.71
San Diego	0.00	10.55	3.41

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature, 63; minimum, 45; mean, 54.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The pressure has fallen slowly over Washington and Western Montana. It has risen over Utah and Arizona. An area of low pressure overlies the valley of the Colorado. No rain has fallen west of the Rocky Mountains except in Utah and Northern Arizona.

The temperature has fallen slightly in Southern Utah and Arizona. Freezing temperature is reported at Flagstaff.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours, ending midnight, April 17:

Northern California—Fair Wednesday, with fog along the coast; light northerly winds in the interior; fresh westerly on the coast.

Southern California—Fair Wednesday; light westerly winds.

Nevada—Fair Wednesday; light northerly winds.

Utah—Fair Wednesday; warmer; light northerly winds.

Arizona—Light snow in extreme northern portion; cloudy in the southern portion Wednesday; warmer Wednesday night.

San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Wednesday, with fog in the morning; light southerly changing to brisk westerly winds.

ALEXANDER G. McADIE,
Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The stock market gave evidence to-day that the speculation still retains an abundant vitality, but nevertheless the tone was exceedingly feverish and at times very nervous. An opportunity was given during the morning to see the unwisdom of the speculative leaders in having attempted to substitute a lot of low-grade industrial stocks for the high-grade railroads as leaders of the market. The violent relapses from yesterday's manipulated advances in some of these stocks caused considerable disorder in the market during the early trading. The decided weakness of the United States Steel stocks on account of the reported threat of the president of the Amalgamated Association to precipitate a strike had an unsettling effect all through the industrial list. It was proved once again that the industrial stocks are influenced by such variety of causes and conditions that it is hopeless to expect any uniform movement in all of them. All high-priced industrials continued to show strength, notably Sugar and Amalgamated Copper. The dealings in the latter stock were on an enormous scale and the price movement violent and erratic. After the opening bulge realizing carried the price ½ point below last night. Later in the day, after the publication of the proposition for absorbing the Butte and Boston and Boston and Montana the stock was run up 4¼ from the lowest to 128⅝. The last price was 125⅞—a net gain of only ⅜. The general market proved rather indifferent to the movement of the specialties and there was a general declining tendency. Rock Island especially falling 3¾ under last night and a large number of prominent railroad stocks from 1 to 2 points. With the revival of rumors that the Burlington plan of merger would certainly be published to-morrow that stock, Northern Pacific and the Eries became extraordinarily buoyant again and there was a sympathetic recovery in the general market. The Kansas and Texas stocks were another center of strength. In this movement Burlington touched 195, a recovery from the lowest of 7½, and Northern Pacific, selling ex-dividend of 1 per cent, rose by violent advances to 165½—an extreme advance of 7½. The Erie stocks rose from 2 to 3 points. The prices of all of these stocks except Erie second preferred made new high records to-day. Notwithstanding the sympathetic recoveries in the general market it will be seen that the day's net changes are as a rule of insignificant dimensions. The gains by the banks from the sub-treasury, owing to the high level of pension payments and the buying of bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury, afford unquestionable relief to the money market. The rise in Chicago exchange to 10c premium also reflects the turning point in the interior currency movement in favor of New York. But the significant fact in the day's money market was the quick response of the sterling exchange market to the easier money conditions here, giving grounds for the conjecture that any increase in the available supply of funds in New York will go to London for the purpose of the coming issue of consols. It is important to remember that this government loan, which is estimated at $250,000,000 as a minimum, is in excess of any loan since the French indemnity to Germany. The London money market is at present not only heavily indebted to the Bank of England, but the amount of French and American capital at interest in London is of unprecedented volume. London's solicitude over the foreign exchange is thus easily explicable. The constant growth of the trade balance indicates the increase of this country's capital resources for investment. But it is obvious that the placing of the investment is purely a question of relative interest rates. The extraordinary financial operations in progress in New York were again reflected today in the clearing-house exchanges, which reached the astounding aggregate of $445,241,223, compared with the previous record daily clearing of $437,852,980 on one day of last week. Operations in connection with the United States Steel Company's finances are supposed to account for these figures.

The bond market became irregular to-day on realizing in speculative issues. Total sales, par value, $5,200,000.

United States refunding 2s declined ⅛ and new 4s advanced ¼ per cent on the last call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Shares Sold.	Stock—	Closing Bid.
23,860	Atchison	64⅞
10,800	Atchison pref	95¼
700	Baltimore & Ohio	92½
500	Canadian Pacific	94½
6,100	Canada Southern	65
4,105	Chesapeake & Ohio	46¾
3,200	Chicago Great Western	23¼
167,100	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	194⅝
700	Chicago, Ind & Louisville	37½
1,000	Chgo, Ind & Louis pref, ex div	71¾
.....	Chicago & Eastern Illinois	117
3,460	Chicago & Northwestern	206½
20,200	Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	153
8,900	C C C & St Louis	87⅝
25,900	Colorado Southern	13¼
4,000	Colorado Southern 1st pref	49
6,200	Colorado Southern 2d pref	22¾
5,100	Delaware & Hudson	179½
400	Delaware, Lack & Western	225½
1,600	Denver & Rio Grande	42
1,500	Denver & Rio Grande pref	93¼
119,800	Erie	41
30,700	Erie 1st pref	72
3,800	Great Northern pref	181
1,500	Hocking Coal	19¼
400	Hocking Valley	53
3,200	Illinois Central	140¼
1,500	Iowa Central	32⅝
100	Iowa Central pref	62¾
.....	Lake Erie & Western	61
.....	Lake Erie & Western pref	125
.....	Lake Shore	230
9,600	Louisville & Nashville	104½
34,500	Manhattan Elevated	127¾
57,800	Metropolitan Street Railway	175¼
7,100	Mexican Central	24½
1,200	Minneapolis & St Louis	85¼
.....	Minneapolis & St Louis pref	112
16,300	Missouri Pacific	103½
300	Mobile & Ohio	82¾
17,100	Missouri, Kansas & Texas	28¾
61,900	Missouri, Kansas & Texas pref	62
100	New Jersey Central	155½
13,100	New York Central	150⅝
3,900	Norfolk & Western	52½
.....	Norfolk & Western pref	86¼
105,600	Northern Pacific, ex div	103¾
12,100	Northern Pacific pref	97⅝
11,100	Ontario & Western	34⅝
.....	Oregon Railroad & Navigation	42
.....	Oregon Railroad & Nav pref	76
19,200	Pennsylvania	157½
9,100	Reading	29⅞
11,100	Reading 1st pref	76¼
11,000	Reading 2d pref	52⅝
.....	Rio Grande Western	79
.....	Rio Grande Western pref	100
7,000	St Louis & San Francisco	43
.....	St Louis & San Fran 1st pref	82½
3,100	St Louis & San Fran 2d pref	67¾
2,200	St Louis, Southwestern	36½
3,300	St Louis, Southwestern pref	64
25,100	St Paul	154⅝
400	St Paul pref	191½
.....	St Paul & Omaha	140
11,800	Southern Pacific	45¾
7,900	Southern Railway	28¼
5,200	Southern Railway pref	81
16,600	Texas & Pacific	42½
33,600	Union Pacific	93⅝
3,200	Union Pacific pref	85¼
1,200	Wabash	20
3,900	Wabash pref	39½
400	Wheeling & Lake Erie	19
.....	Wheeling & Lake Erie 2d pref	34½
13,900	Wisconsin Central	20¾
100	Third Avenue	123
200	Baltimore & Ohio pref	90½
100	National Tube Co, t r	66¾
.....	National Tube Co pref, t r	118
	Express Companies—	
.....	Adams	165
.....	American	197
1,800	United States	88½
.....	Wells-Fargo	140
	Miscellaneous—	
1,100	American Cotton Oil	26
.....	American Cotton Oil pref	84
100	American Malting	5¾
100	American Malting pref	25¾
14,900	Am Smelting & Refining	62⅛
7,100	Am Smelting & Refining pref	96¼
.....	American Spirits, nom	2½
.....	American Spirits pref, nom	17
.....	Am Steel Hoop, t r, nom	46½
.....	Am Steel Hoop pref, t r, nom	95
600	Am Steel & Wire, t r	47⅛
.....	Am Steel & Wire pref, t r, nom	110¾
.....	Am Tin Plate, t r, nom	76
.....	Am Tin Plate pref, t r, nom	117
23,700	American Tobacco	129½
200	American Tobacco pref	146
43,200	Anaconda Mining Co	32⅝
23,600	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	83
27,900	Colorado Fuel & Iron	35⅞
7,700	Continental Tobacco	47½
700	Continental Tobacco pref	165
.....	Federal Steel, t r	53
.....	Federal Steel pref, t r	102
800	General Electric	227
1,200	Glucose Sugar	52¾
.....	Glucose Sugar pref	96½
700	International Paper	26
700	International Paper pref	79⅛
.....	Laclede Gas	85
100	National Biscuit	39¼
.....	National Biscuit pref	96
2,300	National Lead	18¾
700	National Lead pref	33¾
200	National Steel, t r	57
.....	National Steel pref, t r	116
400	New York Air Brake	161
100	North American	86½
.....	Pacific Coast	53
.....	Pacific Coast 1st pref	90
.....	Pacific Coast 2d pref	63
400	Pacific Mail	36¾
29,700	People's Gas	113⅞
7,600	Pressed Steel Car	47¾
2,200	Pressed Steel Car pref	85⅛
200	Pullman Palace Car	212½
200	Standard Rope & Twine	4½
74,900	Sugar	149⅞
.....	Sugar pref	123
9,200	Tenn Coal & Iron	68⅜
17,500	United States Leather	14¼
5,200	United States Leather pref	78⅝
1,200	United States Rubber	21¼
300	United States Rubber pref	61
15,500	Western Union	93½
214,400	Amal Copper	125⅛
3,100	Republic I & T Co	20¼
1,500	Republic I & T Co pref	76¾
.....	U C & St L	60
96,400	United States Steel	46⅝
67,600	United States Steel pref	94⅛

1,817,400 total sales.

MINING STOCKS.

U S 2s ref reg	106⅝	N Y C 1sts	107⅜
Do coup	106⅝	N J C gen 5s	132⅛
Do 3s reg	110¾	No Pacific 3s	72½
Do 3s coup	111½	Do 4s	105¼
Do new 4s reg	138¼	N W C & S L 4s	107¼
Do new 4s coup	139¼	Nor & W con 4s	101⅛
Do old 4s reg	113⅝	Or Nav 1sts	109
Do old 4s coup	113⅝	Do 4s	105
Do 5s reg	110½	Or Short Line 6s	128
Do 5s coup	111½	Do con 5s	116
Dist of Col 3.65s	124½	Reading Gen 4s	95⅛
Atchison gen 4s	102	Rio G W 1sts	101⅜
Do adj 4s	95¾	S L & I M con 5s	115½
Canada So 2ds	107½	S L & S F gen 6s	131½
Ches & O 4½s	106½	St Paul con	190½
Do 5s	121½	St P C & P 1sts	131¼
C & N W con 7s	142	Do 5s	120⅛
Do S F deb 5s	124	So Pacific 4s	92⅛
Chicago Term 4s	96	So Railway 5s	116½
Colo So 4s	88	Stand R & T 6s	59
D & R G 4s	102	Tex & Pac 1sts	119½
Erie Gen 4s	89	Do 2ds	100
F W & D C 1sts	104½	Union Pac 4s	105¾
Gen Electric 5s	185½	Wabash 1sts	120
Iowa Central 1sts	117	Do 2ds	110⅝
L & N unified 4s	102½	West Shore 4s	114¾
M K & T 2ds	81	Wis Cen 1sts	89¾
Do 4s	93⅞	Va Centuries	95½

CLOSING BONDS.

Adams Con	23	Little Chief	14
Alice	35	Ophir	82
Breece	1 35	Ontario	8 75
Brunswick Con	20	Phoenix	08
Comstock Tunnel	06	Potosi	07
Con Cal & Va	2 00	Savage	10
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	20
Horn Silver	1 10	Small Hopes	65
Iron Silver	60	Standard	4 00
Leadville Con	05		

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		Bonds—	
Call loans	3 @4	Atchison 4s	102
Time loans	3½@4½	N E Gas & C 5s	65½
Stocks—		Mining Shares—	
A T & S Fe	65	Adventure	15½
A T & S Fe pref	95	Bingham M Co	26⅝
American Sugar	149¾	Allouez Mining	125
Am Sugar pref	123	Atlantic	33⅛
Am Telephone	174½	Boston & Mont	445
Boston & Albany	264	Butte & Boston	114
Boston & Maine	195	Calumet & Hecla	835
Chgo B & Q	194½	Centennial	28½
Dominion Coal	26	Franklin	18½
Dom Coal pref	112½	Humboldt	25
Fitchburg pref	145	Osceola	87½
Ed Elec Ill	240	Parrot	56½
N E Gas & Coke	11	Quincy	185
Old Colony	209	S Fe Copper	5½
Old Dominion	34½	Tamarack	345
Rubber	25	Utah Mining	36¾
Union Pacific	93½	Winona	4½
West End	98	Wolverines	53
Westinghouse El	64¾		

London Market.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

Trading on the stock exchange to-day was narrow and the tone was weakening under the shadow of the impending budget. American shares were stagnant, dragging down to the very close of the day that was featureless. There was some talk of active money in New York and of the threatened steel strike. The shares of the United States Steel Corporation relapsed two points to 47c on the fear of trouble.

New York bought copper shares by cable. This was before the New York opening and Wall-street representatives were paying freely for calls on Anaconda, ⅝ for the end of May and ⅞ for the end of June, but this stock relapsed later with the rest of the American list and with tintos, which went off on London selling. The fortnightly statistics in copper showed a decrease of 629 tons in stocks and 954 tons in supplies. It is rumored that the Amalgamated Company is absorbing Avino.

Mexican rails were pursuing the same upward course that they took yesterday.

The bank has bought £74,000 of gold in bars and half a million sovereigns were shipped from Calcutta to-day.

CLOSING.

LONDON, April 16.—Atchison, 66⅛; Canadian Pacific, 97; Northern Pacific preferred, 96⅞; Grand Trunk, 8⅝; Anaconda, 11⅛; Rand mines, 4⅛.

Bar silver, steady, 27 1-16d per ounce.
Money, 3@3¼ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Money on call firm, 4@6 per cent; last loan, 4 per cent; ruling rate, 5½ per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 88 for demand and $4 84⅝@4 84¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4 85½@4 89; commercial bills, $4 84@4 84½. Silver certificates, 60c. Bar silver, 58⅝c. Mexican dollars, 48c. State bonds, steady; Government bonds, irregular; railroad bonds, irregular.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—To-day's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $153,121,712; gold, $98,199,547.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, April 16.—FLOUR—Receipts, 27,019 barrels; exports, 4467. Firm and more active at a shade higher prices in some instances. Minnesota patents, $3 90@4 20; Winter extras, $2 45@2 80.

WHEAT—Receipts, 37,050 bushels. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 79¼c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 76½c elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 85¾c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth, 89c f. o. b. afloat. Options were firm all the forepart of the day on export rumors of a generally good cash demand West, heavy seaboard clearances again, fears of cold weather working down into winter wheat States, steady cables, some prominent buying West and local covering. A sharp break finally occurred under realizing, however, and the close was easy at ⅛c net decline. May, 76⅞@77⅝c, closed 76⅞c; July, 76⅝@77⅛c, closed 76⅝c; September, 75½@76 3-16c, closed 75⅝c.

HOPS—Steady.

HIDES—Firm.

WOOL—Dull.

COFFEE—Spot Rio, dull; No. 7 invoice, 6½c; mild, steady; Cordova, 8¼@12½c. Coffee futures closed quiet, with prices net unchanged to 5 points lower. Total sales were 29,000 bags, including: May, 5.20@5.35c; July, 5.50c; August, 5.60c; September, 5.65@5.70c; December, 5.85c; January, 5.85c, and May, 6@6.05c.

SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3 9-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 3-32@4⅛c; molasses sugar, 3 11-32c; refined, firm.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4500 packages. Steady; fresh creamery, 16@21c; factory, 11½@13½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 24,500 packages. Firm; Western regular packing, 14@14½c; do storage, 14½c.

Dried Fruits in New York.

NEW YORK, April 16.—There were no new features in the evaporated apple market today. Demand was of moderate proportions at old prices. State, common, 3@4c; prime, 4½@4⅝c; choice, 5@5¾c; fancy, 6@6½c.

California dried fruits ruled inactive. Prunes were nominally quoted at 3¼@7c per pound, as to size and quality.

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

PEACHES—Peeled, 12½@20c; unpeeled, 5½@10c.

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, April 16.—During the first two hours the wheat market looked strong. The weather maintained a seasonable perfection and receipts were liberal at spring wheat points, but on the other hand was a collection of considerations more potent, at least early, when the market advanced ¾c. Liverpool showed appreciation of the advance here yesterday and with this in mind opening bids were from ¼c to ¼c improved for May, which changed hands from 70⅛@71c. Bears hazarded small lots and forced the market to 70¾c a few minutes later. The strength of the coarser grains made itself felt at this juncture, however, and the bears ceased their operations and covered later as added incentives for so doing were felt. Among these bullish items were a report from Oklahoma that the crop of that territory had been damaged 25 per cent by fly, liberal seaboard clearances, a heavy visible decrease and a prediction of frost for Kansas. May rallied and advanced slowly to 71½c during the forenoon. The market was not strong on the bulge, however, and when longs attempted to secure profits the price dropped sharply to 70¾@70⅞c. The close a moment later found May ¼c under yesterday at 70½c.

Moderate activity and a considerable degree of strength, due to unfavorable seeding weather, characterized the corn market. May closed ½c higher at 44¼c.

Oats were active and strong. May closed ⅜c higher at 25½c.

Provisions were quiet and easier, influenced by increasing hog receipts and lower prices for them. July pork closed 10c lower; lard, 12½c down and ribs 20c depressed.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
May	71	71½	70½	70½
July	71⅛	71⅝	70⅞	70¾
Corn No. 2—				
April	....	....	....	43¾
May	44	44½	43¾	44¼
July	43¾	44⅛	43⅝	43⅞
Oats No. 2—				
May	25¼	25⅞	25¼	25½
July	25¼	25⅜	25⅛	25⅛
Mess pork, per barrel—				
May	14 15	14 22½	14 10	14 12½
July	14 30	14 40	14 25	14 30
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
May	8 17½	8 20	8 12½	8 15
July	8 07½	8 10	8 02½	8 05
September	8 02½	8 07½	8 02½	8 02½
Short ribs, per 100 pounds—				
May	8 32½	8 35	8 25	8 25
July	7 95	7 97½	7 92½	7 92½
September	7 92½	7 95	7 87½	7 87½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady; No. 3 spring wheat, 68½@70¼c; No. 2 red, 70½@73c; No. 2 corn, 43¾c; No. 2 yellow, 43¾c; No. 2 oats, 27@27¼c; No. 2 white, 29¼@30c; No. 3 white, 28½@30c; No. 2 rye, 53c; good feeding barley, 46c; fair to choice malting, 51@56c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 59; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 59; prime timothy seed, $3 70; mess pork, per barrel, $14 12½@15; lard, per 100 pounds, $8 25@8 30; short ribs sides (loose), $8 15@8 35; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 7⅛@7¼c; short clear sides (boxed), $8 37½@8 50; whisky, basis of high wines, $1 27; clover, contract grade, $11.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	26,000	28,000
Wheat, bushels	64,000	152,000
Corn, bushels	124,000	87,000
Oats, bushels	336,000	446,000
Rye, bushels	5,000	9,000
Barley, bushels	32,000	3,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was steady; creameries, 15@20½c; dairies, 11@18c. Cheese, steady, 11@12½c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 12c.

Foreign Futures.

LIVERPOOL.

Wheat—	May	July.
Opening	5 9⅛	5 9⅝
Closing	5 9¼	5 9½

PARIS.

Wheat—	April.	May-Aug.
Opening	18 60	19 35
Closing	18 60	19 35
Flour—		
Opening	23 65	24 35
Closing	23 65	24 30

Available Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies from last account:

Wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 3,912,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, increase, 800,000; total supply, decrease, 3,112,000 bushels.

Corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 1,143,000 bushels.

Oats, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 34,000 bushels.

Pacific stocks decreased 211,000 bushels last week.

New York Metal Market.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The downward course of lead in London was unabated to-day, prices having further declined 3s 9d to £12 2s 6d, touching the lowest figures in years. The principal cause attributed to the weakness is heavy shipments from this country; New York alone shipped 4200 tons abroad since the 1st of April. Lead in local circles, however, remains inactive and unchanged at $4 37½. There was a sympathetic rise of about 15 points on bid figures for tin to-day as prices took another move upward in London. Trading, nevertheless, was very slow and our market closed firm but quiet at $26@26 50. At London the close was firm at £117 2s 6d for spot and £114 5s for futures. Although a steady undertone was prevalent in copper prices were more or less nominal, owing to the absence of business, with the closing basis at $17 for Lake Superior and $16 62½ for casting. In London an advance of 10s was noted, making spot £70 17s 6d and futures £71 10s. Spelter ruled quiet and about steady at $3 90@3 95. Domestic iron markets were without important features, but continue steady. Glasgow warrants closed quiet on the basis of 54s 3d and Middlesborough at 45s 3d.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 16.—A firm opening, with prices 5@10 points higher, resulted from an unexpected show of strength abroad. The July position was relatively the firmest option on the list, while May, except at the opening, was the first to give way to liquidation on room profit-taking. The market closed quiet, unchanged to 3 points lower.

New Orleans Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, April 16.—COTTON—Steady; middlings, 8⅛c.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, April 16.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3000; generally steady; good to prime steers, $5@6; poor to medium, $3 90@4 95; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4 75; cows, $2 75@4 50; heifers, $2 80@4 75; canners, $2 10@2 75; bulls, $2 80@4 50; calves, $3 75@5 25; Texas fed steers, $4 25@5 35; grassers, $3 50@4; bulls, $2 75@3 50.

HOGS—Receipts to-day, 20,000; to-morrow, 23,000; left over, 3000; weak; top, $6 20; mixed and butchers, $5 85@6 12½; good to choice heavy, $6@6 20; rough heavy, $5 85@5 95; light, $5 85@6 05; bulk of sales, $5 95@6 10.

SHEEP—Receipts, 7000; lambs, slow; shorn lambs, up to $5 15; good to choice wethers, $4 75@5; fair to choice mixed, $4 50@4 75; Western sheep, $4 75@5; yearlings, $4 75@5; native lambs, $4 75@5 35; Western lambs, $5@5 35.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, April 16.—Business has been slower in the wool market this week, but prices remain steady. Dealers are under the impression that, although the market is not ready to advance prices, yet the outlook is bright. Territory wools continue to meet with most attention. Fine medium and fine scoured, staple in, is quoted at 41@43c and the strictly staple article calls for 44@45c. Quotations:

Territory, scoured basis—Montana, fine medium and fine 14@15c, scoured 42@43c, staple 45@46c; Utah, Wyoming and Idaho, fine medium and fine 12@14c, scoured 40@42c; staple, 44@45c.

Australia, scoured basis, spot prices—Combing, superfine nominal, 68@70c; good, 64@65c; average, 60@63c.

Portland's Business.

PORTLAND, April 16.—Clearings, $357,449; balances, 39,180.

Northern Wheat Market.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, April 16.—In the Portland wheat market the ruling quotation was about 57c, although some of the dealers were not inclined to go above 56½c for Walla Walla. Bluestem was nominally two cents higher.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, April 16.—Wheat unchanged. Bluestem, 59c; club, 56½c.

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, April 16.—Consols, 95½; silver, 27 1-16d; French rentes, 101f 12½c; cargoes on passage, white quiet, red easy; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 29s 3d; cargoes Walla Walla, 29s 1½d; English country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, April 16.—Wheat, quiet; No. 1 standard California, 6s 1½d—6s 2d; wheat in Paris, barely steady; flour in Paris, barely steady; French country markets, quiet; weather in England, showery.

COTTON—Uplands, 4 19-22d.

CLOSING.

WHEAT—Spot, dull; No. 1 California, 6s 1¾d; No. 2 red Western winter, 5s 10½d; No. 1 Northern spring, 6s ½d. Futures, quiet; May, 5s 9½d; July, 5s 9½d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed new, 4s 1d; do old, 4s 2½d. Futures, quiet; May, 4s ¼d; July, 3s 11¾d; September, 3s 11¾d.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Exchange and Bullion.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 85½
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 88¾
Sterling Cables	—	4 89¾
New York Exchange, sight	—	15
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	17½
Silver, per ounce	—	58⅞
Mexican Dollars, nominal	49½ @	50

Wheat and Other Grains.

WHEAT FREIGHTS—Are quiet and nominally quoted as before—33s 9d and 35s, usual options,