COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Slight variations in Exchange and Silver.
Wheat rather weaker and Barley rather firmer.
Oats, Corn and Rye as previously quoted.
Hay weak, Bran firm and Middlings steady.
White Beans continue to decline. Colored firm.
Butter lower. Cheese and Eggs unchanged.
Nothing new in Dried Fruit.
Provisions higher at Chicago and expected to advance here.
Hogs in light receipt and firm.
Potatoes firm, Onions easy and most Vegetables weak.
Poultry and Game cleaning up readily.
Oranges, Lemons and Limes steady and unchanged.
Local stocks and bonds continue quiet.

Dried Fruits in New York.

Mail advices from New York say: "The situation in currants presents some uneasiness, notwithstanding the views of sellers hold around 5c for fine Amalias uncleaned in barrels. Reports are current that this figure on firm offer might be shaded in some quarters, but we are unable to confirm sales at lower than the inside quotations on fine Amalias. The demand is light, although some inquiry from interior points is heard of for round lots, with prospective buyers' ideas somewhat under the market. The large number of holders, coupled with the slack buying interest, has induced a feeling of unrest. Stocks in bond on March 1 are given as 6,698,083 pounds, compared with 3,096,362 pounds on the same date last year. The market in Greece is quoted above the parity of spot cost to lay down.

"In prunes a fair jobbing interest is shown with firmness noted on large sizes. For 40-50 Santa Clara fruit new in 25 lb boxes offerings are available in some quarters at 6⅝c, but some holders ask up to 7c. Outside fruit is available at around 6½c in new prunes. Sizes 50-60 show a fair interest, and a little more movement is noted in 60-70. Smaller sizes are not in active demand and the feeling continues barely steady. Coast advices report no important change in the general situation there. Oregon prunes on the spot are steady and in fair request.

"In raisins spot seeded continue dull and show no special feature, with choice and fancy in 1 lb cartons available at 8¼c and 8½c respectively. Valencia layers are showing a fair movement, and 7½c is reported inside. Apricots and peaches remain steady to firm with a good jobbing interest shown. Dates are unchanged and fairly active. Figs are in strong position with spot stocks reduced. Bonded stocks on March 1 are given as 517,786 lbs as against 414,445 lbs on the same date last year. The figures for this report are questioned in the trade, the belief existing that stocks are considerably less than those given.

"In nuts a fair business is doing in nuts in shell, with Tarragona almonds offering more freely at 10½c. For shelled almonds the market is more active, and both Sicily and Valencia shelled show more firmness. Reports of frost by cable from the other side have tended toward increasing the strength shown here. Stocks of all descriptions of almonds on March 1 are given as 696,057 lbs, against 488,475 lbs on the same date last year. A fair interest in shelled walnuts is noted within the quoted range."

Weather Report.

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

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

Stations—	Last 24 Hours.	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	0.00	43.98	40.67
Red Bluff	0.00	27.75	22.17
Sacramento	0.00	15.46	17.18
San Francisco	0.00	16.77	18.79
Fresno	0.04	6.10	10.28
Independence	0.00	4.05	5.81
San Luis Obispo	0.08	19.28	27.62
Los Angeles	0.32	9.35	14.10
San Diego	0.28	5.29	9.19

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature, 51; minimum, 41; mean, 46.

The following maximum and minimum temperatures were reported from Eastern stations:

Boston	58-36	Kansas City	60-48
Cincinnati	54-46	Omaha	62-46
Philadelphia	66-44	Chicago	44-38
Washington	64-36	Duluth	40-34
Jacksonville	74-60	St. Louis	62-50
New York	62-42	Salt Lake City	46-36

THE COAST RECORD.

STATIONS.	Barometer.	Minimum Temperature.	Maximum Temperature.	Direction of Wind.	State of Weather.	Precipitation.
Astoria	29.92	50	38	SW	Cloudy	.01
Baker	29.74	46	28	NW	Clear	.00
Carson	29.76	38	18	W	Cloudy	.00
Eureka	30.00	48	34	N	Cloudy	T
Fresno	29.88	54	38	NW	Clear	.04
Flagstaff	29.52	30	24	NW	Snow	1.80
Pocatello, Ida.	29.62	46	30	N	Pt Cldy	T.
Independence	29.64	44	26	N	Clear	.00
Los Angeles	29.84	54	40	W	Cloudy	.32
Phoenix	29.78	64	46	W	Rain	.76
Portland	29.92	40	38	SE	Cloudy	T
Red Bluff	29.84	58	38	E	Clear	.26
Roseburg	30.00	48	38	NE	Cloudy	.00
Sacramento	29.86	56	38	SW	Clear	.00
Salt Lake	29.58	48	36	NE	Cloudy	T.
San Francisco	29.94	50	42	W	Clear	.00
S. L. Obispo	29.94	54	38	W	Clear	.08
San Diego	29.84	54	50	NW	Cloudy	.28
Seattle	29.86	52	36	NW	Cloudy	.00
Spokane	29.74	52	30	SW	Clear	.00
Neah Bay	29.82	46	34	SW	Rain	.06
Walla Walla	29.80	54	32	W	Clear	.00
Winnemucca	29.68	36	22	NE	Snow	.01
Yuma	29.74	56	46	W	Clear	.20

Temperature at 7 a. m., 42 degrees.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The pressure has risen rapidly over the coast north of Point Conception and has fallen rapidly over Arizona. A marked depression overlies the valley of the Colorado. Heavy snow is reported in Northern Arizona and generous rains have fallen at Yuma and Phoenix. High northwest winds have occurred at San Diego with a good rainfall.

Conditions are favorable for heavy frosts Tuesday morning in California where the wind lulls.

Over Southern Arizona there has been a fall of 20 degrees in temperature and the current readings are from 20 to 33 degrees below the normal.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight March 25:

Northern California—Fair Tuesday with heavy frosts in the morning; light northerly wind.

Southern California—Fair Tuesday with frost in the morning; light northerly winds.

Nevada—Fair Tuesday, warmer at night; light northerly winds.

San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Tuesday, with frost in the morning; cloudy at night; light northerly winds.

ALEXANDER G. McADIE,
Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, March 24.—To-day's market made some attempt to rally from the reactionary tendency that developed before the close on Saturday and to resume the upward tendency which was becoming fairly general on Friday. Prices started higher this morning, but the market during the day did not hold out the promise of the early dealings and again relapsed into a dull and drifting condition, with the dealings almost entirely in professional hands and only the more obscure stocks moving with any degree of energy. There was a marked demand for the Readings and an apparent attempt to shift the leadership into the coals from the Western grain carriers, whose strength last week was supposed to be due to the favorable prospects of the grain crops. But the obvious fact that selling to take profits was going on in St. Paul, showing the work of professional hands, detracted from the influence of the new strength in the Readings. The renewed attendance at his office of the most prominent capitalist in the street and the return to New York from holiday excursions of other large capitalists were looked to by the more sanguine of the traders to result in a revival of market activity, but except for the buying of the Readings no such influence was apparent. Amalgamated Copper was notably active, and, with occasional rallies, was depressed on account of a fear that the Anaconda dividend to be acted upon this week will not be maintained. There was an active speculation in the United States Leather stocks at advances of a point or more, accompanied by reports, subsequently circulated, that the accumulated dividends due on the preferred stock were to be funded into a bond. Louisville and Nashville and Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville rose together in the later trading, thus reviving the old rumors of a combination. Outside of these cases the market was uneven and very irregular. Colorado Fuel and Iron was active and erratic, ranging both above and below Saturday's price and closing with a net gain of a point. Soothing assurances were heard that the condition of the money market was perfectly safe, but it is yet felt that there is danger of flurries in the money market in case sterling exchange again hardens toward the gold export point. The market closed heavy.

The bond market was irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,720,000.

United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Shares—		High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	11,700	78¾	77⅞	78
Atchison pfd	7,600	97⅞	97⅝	97⅝
Balt & Ohio	8,400	107⅛	106¼	106½
Balt & Ohio pfd	100	95¼	95¼	95
Canadian Pacific	800	115¾	115½	115½
Canada Southern	1,300	87⅞	87½	87½
Ches & Ohio	1,800	45⅞	45½	45½
Chicago & Alton	300	36¼	36	36
Chi Ind & Louis	12,100	67½	65½	67¼
Chi Ind & L pfd	100	79¼	79¼	79
Chi & East Ill	200	160	160	159½
Chi & Gt Western	1,000	24½	24⅛	24⅛
Chi & Gt W A pfd				87
Chi & Gt W B pfd				45
Chicago & N W	2,100	231½	230	229½
C R I & P	2,200	180	179½	179¼
Chi Term & Trans	200	19	19	18
Chi Ter & Trn pfd	300	35¼	34¾	34½
C C C & St Louis	100	102⅜	102⅜	102⅜
Colorado Southern	1,300	28	27½	27¼
Colo South 1st pfd	600	71½	71⅜	71
Colo South 2nd pfd	300	42¼	41½	41½
Del & Hudson	1,400	172¾	172	171¾
Del Lack & West	300	285½	285½	284
Denver & Rio G	100	43⅝	43⅝	43
Denver & R G pfd	300	91¾	91¼	91¼
Erie	6,400	37⅜	37	37½
Erie 1st pfd	1,700	69½	69	69¼
Erie 2nd pfd				55¼
Gt Northern pfd	200	185½	185½	184½
Hocking Valley	500	71¼	71	70¾
Hocking Val pfd	300	86⅝	86½	86¼
Illinois Central	2,500	142¾	141⅞	141⅞
Iowa Central	300	49½	49	48¾
Iowa Central pfd	100	82¾	82¾	82¼
Lake Erie & West				67⅝
Lake Erie & W pfd				130
Louis & Nashville	24,300	107½	106⅛	106¾
Manhattan L	6,400	133⅜	132⅝	133¼
Metropolitan St Ry	1,800	168	167½	167⅝
Mexican Central	100	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝
Mexican National	3,800	19⅝	19¼	19½
Minn & St Louis	400	110¼	110½	110¼
Missouri Pacific	2,200	101⅝	101	100¾
Mo Kan & Tex	300	24½	24	24¾
Mo Kan & Tex pfd	600	54½	54	54¼
New Jersey Cent	100	192	192	192
New York Central	5,500	163¾	163¼	163½
Norfolk & West	1,000	56⅝	56⅛	56⅜
Norfolk & W pfd				90
Ont & West	7,000	33⅝	32⅞	33⅜
Pennsylvania	6,600	151⅝	151	151⅛
Reading	83,700	57¾	55⅞	57⅜
Reading 1st pfd	5,000	81⅞	81¼	81¾
Reading 2nd pfd	34,300	69½	68⅜	68⅝
St L & S F	3,100	67¾	67	66⅝
St L & S F 1st pfd				82½
St L & S F 2nd pfd	700	74⅜	74¼	74
St Louis S W	100	27	27	26½
St Louis S W pfd	3,400	60¼	59½	59¾
St Paul	47,300	168⅞	167½	167⅝
St Paul pfd				190½
Southern Pacific	8,700	65⅝	65	65
Southern Railway	2,800	32⅞	32¼	32⅝
Southern Ry pfd	5,600	97¼	96⅞	97⅛
Texas & Pacific	1,400	41¼	40⅛	41
Toledo St L & W	500	22⅜	21¾	21
Tol St L & W pfd	5,700	39⅜	37¼	37¼
Union Pacific	15,900	100⅞	100½	100⅛
Union Pacific pfd	1,000	88¼	87¾	87½
Wabash	400	23⅝	23⅜	23⅜
Wabash pfd	700	43	42⅞	42⅝
Wheeling & L E	100	19½	19½	19¼
Wheel & L E pfd				31½
Wisconsin Central	800	22⅝	*22¼	22½
Wisconsin Cent pfd	300	44	43⅝	43
Express companies—				
Adams				200
American				228
United States				110
Wells-Fargo				197
Miscellaneous—				
Amalg Copper	44,600	63⅝	61¼	61⅞
Am Car & Foundry	5,500	32½	32⅛	32
Am Car & Foun pf	600	91½	91¼	91½
Am Linseed Oil	400	25	24¾	24¾
Am Linseed Oil pfd				52
Am Locomotive	1,700	32¼	32	32
Am Locomotive pf	700	94	93⅞	93¼
Am Smelt & Refin	1,000	46½	46½	46½
Am Smelt & R pfd	300	97½	97¼	97⅜
Anaconda Min Co	4,900	30⅛	29	29
Brooklyn Rap Tran	6,700	65⅝	64½	65¼
Colo Fuel & Iron	24,100	105¼	102¼	104⅝
Consolidated Gas	1,700	224	223	222½
Continental Tob pf				120½
General Electric	1,700	324½	323	323
Hocking Coal	11,200	22¼	21⅛	21⅛
International Pap	1,300	22½	22	22
Internat Paper pfd	200	75¾	75½	75
International Pew	800	95⅜	94⅝	95
Lacledes Gas				80
National Biscuit	900	51	51	50⅝
National Lead	500	19⅝	19	19½
National Salt pfd				62
North American	7,200	122	117	120¾
Pacific Coast				73½
Pacific Mail	1,400	45	44	44
People's Gas	2,100	102½	102	101⅞
Pressed Steel Car	800	40¾	40⅝	40⅝
Pressed St Car pfd	2,700	84⅞	83¾	84¾
Pullman Pal Car				235
Republic Steel	2,600	18⅜	18¼	18¼
Repub Steel pfd	1,500	75	74⅝	74½
Sugar	16,400	134	132⅝	132¾
Tenn Coal & Iron	6,700	71⅞	71	71¼
Union Bag & Pa Co				16
Union Bag & P pfd	100	81	81	80
U S Leather	31,200	13¼	12¾	13
U S Leather pfd	4,900	83¾	82¼	82⅞
U S Rubber	3,300	18¾	18¼	18¼
U S Rubber pfd	1,200	64	62	62
U S Steel	8,500	42¾	42⅛	42¼
U S Steel pfd	2,700	94½	94¼	94¼
Western Union	200	90¼	90⅛	90⅛
Total sales	626,000			

NEW YORK BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	109	L & N unif 4s	102¾
U S ref 2s coup	109½	Mexican Cen 4s	83
U S 3s reg	109¼	Do 1st inc	33¼
U S 3s coup	109¼	Minn & St L 4s	103¾
U S new 4s reg	139	M K & Texas 4s	100
U S new 4s coup	139¼	Do 2ds	82¾
U S old 4s reg	111	N Y Central 1sts	106½
U S old 4s coup	112	Do gen 3½s	108
U S 5s reg	106	N J Cen gen 5s	139¾
U S 5s coup	106	Northern Pac 4s	105¾
Atchison gen 4s	105½	Do 3s	74⅝
Do adjst 4s	94¼	Norf & W con 4s	103¾
Balt & Ohio 4s	104⅝	Reading gen 4s	99
Do 3½s	96⅛	St L & I M cn 5s	119⅞
Do conv 4s	107½	St L & S F 4s	99¼
Canada So 2ds	108	St L S W 1sts	90½
Central of Ga 5s	110⅝	St L S W 2ds	80½
Do 1st inc	78½	San A & A P 4s	91⅝
Ches & Ohio 4½s	107¾	Southern Pac 4s	94⅝
Chi & Alton 3½s	84½	Southern Ry 5s	121⅞
C B & Q new 4s	95⅞	Texas & Pac 1sts	120½
C M&St P gen 4s	115½	Tol St L & W 4s	85
Chi & N W cn 7s	137¾	Union Pacific 4s	105⅝
C R I & P 4s	112⅝	Do conv 4s	106⅝
C C C&StL gn 4s	103½	Wabash 1sts	110¾
Chi Terminal 4s	87⅝	Do 2ds	110½
Colo & South 4s	94½	Do deb B	75⅝
Denver & R G 4s	103¼	West Shore 4s	113
Erie prior lien 4s	100	W & L Erie 4s	91
Do gen 4s	87½	Wisconsin Cen 4s	90½
Ft W & D C 1sts	112½	Con Tob 4s	66⅝
Hocking Val 4½s	109½		

NEW YORK MINING STOCKS.

Adams Con	25	Little Chief	11
Alice	40	Ontario	7 25
Breece	50	Ophir	90
Brunswick Con	09	Phoenix	06
Comstock Tunnel	05	Potosi	08
Con Cal & Va	1 20	Savage	04
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	10
Horn Silver	1 40	Small Hopes	45
Iron Silver	70	Standard	3 45
Leadville Con	05		

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		United Fruit	101¼
Call loans	3½@4½	Westinghse com	98¼
Time loans	4 @5	Smelting—	
Bonds—		Adventure	21
Atchison 4s	103	Allouez	3¾
Gas 1sts	87	Amalgamated	61¾
Mexican Cen 4s	81	Baltic	45
N E Gas & Coke	58	Bingham	23½
Railroads—		Cal & Hecla	600
Atchison	77⅞	Centennial	24
Do pfd	97½	Copper Range	68
Boston & Albany	263	Dominion Coal	118
Boston & Maine	194½	Franklin	12½
Boston Elevated	169	Isle Royale	17¾
N Y N H & H	214½	Mohawk	33½
Fitchburg pfd	146¼	Old Dominion	19¾
Union Pacific	100⅝	Osceola	60
Mexican Central	29½	Parrot	28
Miscellaneous—		Quincy	132
American Sugar	132⅝	Santa Fe Copper	2¾
Do pfd	119½	Tamarack	180
Amer Tel & Tel	168¾	Trimountain	99
Dom Iron & S	44½	Trinity	14¼
General Electric	323	United States	18
Mass Electric	37¼	Utah	22¾
Do pfd	96¾	Victoria	5⅝
N E Gas & Coke	6¼	Winona	1½
U S Steel	42	Wolverine	52
Do pfd	94½		

LONDON CLOSING STOCKS.

Consols for money	94	Mo Kan & Tex	25
do for acct	94 1-16	do pref	55½
Anaconda	6¼	N Y Central	167½
Atchison	80	Norf & West	57¾
do pref	100¼	do pref	92½
Balt & Ohio	109¼	Ontario & West	33⅝
Can Pacific	118¾	Southern Ry	33⅝
Ches & Ohio	46⅝	do pref	99½
Chi Gt Western	25	Southern Pac	67
C M & St Paul	172½	Union Pacific	103
Den & R G	44½	do pref	90¼
do pref	94½	U S Steel	43¼
Erie	38¼	do pref	96¾
do 1st pref	70¾	Wabash	24¼
do 2d pref	56¼	do pref	43¾
Ill Central	146¼	Spanish 4s	77½
Louis & Nash	108⅞		

Bar silver, quiet, 24⅝d per ounce. Money, 2¾@6 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 11-16 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 2¾ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Money on call was firm at 3@5 per cent; closing offered at 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4½@5 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87¾@4 87¾ for demand and at $4 85½@4 85¼ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4 86 and $4 88½. Commercial bills, $4 84½@4 85½. Bar silver, 53⅞c. Mexican dollars, 43¼c.

Bonds—Governments, steady; States, inactive; railroads, irregular.

London Market.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The stock market had an excellent tone today. The peace news from South Africa is too inconclusive to inspire public buying, but it caused the bear contingent to fidget and the professional element to support prices. Consols jumped to 94¼, assisted by a short supply owing to sales in anticipation of the budget. The bears scrambled to cover and the Continent supported prices, but the close was a shade easier at 94 1-16. The strength of consols assisted home stocks, but the American department was quite idle. London continued to look on even when New York became a buyer in the street of the Coalers, Baltimore and Ohio and Union Pacific. The contangoes began at 4¼ and finished at 3¾.

Rio Tintos sold at 43.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—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, $172,619,528; gold, $90,347,400.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 37,200 barrels; exports, 14,990; dull and irregular; closing steadier with wheat.

WHEAT—Receipts, 81,700 bushels; exports, 127,335 bushels; spot, firm. No. 2 red, 84⅝c elevator; No. 2 red, 86⅝c f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 81⅝c f. o. b., afloat. Early weakness and a later recovery were the features to-day. The afternoon rally was promptred by covering, better cables, less favorable crop rumors and strength in coarse grains. The close was firm at ⅛c net advance. March closed at 78⅝c; May, 77⅞@77 9-16c, closed 78⅝c; July closed at 78¾c; September, 77⅞@78⅛c, closed 78½c.

HOPS—Firm.

HIDES—Quiet.

WOOL—Firm.

COFFEE—Spot Rio, dull. No. 7 invoice, 5 11-16c. Mild, quiet. Cordova, 8@12c. Futures closed net unchanged to 5 points lower. Total sales, 4250 bags, including: April, $5 20; September, $5 70; December, $5 95.

SUGAR—Raw, firm. Fair refining, 3c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3½c; molasses sugar, 2¾c. Refined is regular.

DRIED FRUITS.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Evaporated apples remained quiet and steady, with jobbers taking small lots of prime to choice. Prices showed no change. State and common to good, 7@8¾c; prime, 9@9¼c; choice, 9½@10c; fancy, 10@12c.

A limited jobbing interest was shown for prunes and prices were steady for large sizes. Small sizes were a little easier and might be held for less than quoted.

Apricots and peaches were steady in tone, with a good business noted at quotations. Firmness was noted in fancy grades of both.

PRUNES—3½@7c.

APRICOTS—Royal, 10@14c; Moorpark, 11½@12½c.

PEACHES—Peeled, 14@18c; unpeeled, 8@10c.

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, March 24.—There was continued heavy liquidation in wheat at the opening on the strength of the weather conditions. It seemed that every portion of the winter wheat country had received its share of rainfall and everything favored crop growth. Statistics were bearishly inclined and traders were in a guessing mood. The seaboard reported additional exports Saturday and ten loads early today. Speculators were inclined to the belief that there should be a natural reaction after Saturday's extreme weakness and shorts sought cover in large numbers. Cables were weaker, but not enough so to make bulls apprehensive. The general situation had changed little, but big local traders and commission houses were inclined to the buying side on the argument that wheat was on a new basis and would see marked activity. Trade in general was heavy and the tone for some time nervous. In the end the buying side showed the most strength. May opened ¼@¼c lower at 71⅞c to 71¾c, dipped to 71⅝c on the heavy selling, reacted to 72⅜c, fluctuated nervously, sold up to 72½c and closed firm, ¼@⅝c higher, at 72¼@72⅜c.

Corn had the largest trade in many days. Speculation was mixed and nervous and the pit at all times was crowded. The opening was weak and lower, but the crowd covered and began to take the bull side. For some time it was hard to tell which way the market was going. Near the close outside buying orders came in and May closed with a firm tone, ½@⅝c higher, at 58⅝@58¾c.

Trade in oats was not important and followed other grains. May closed ¾c up at 42½c.

Provisions were off a little at the opening, but there soon sprang up a good commission house demand, supposed to be for packers' account, and the cash business was much improved. May pork closed strong, 35c higher; lard, 20@22½c up and ribs 20@22½c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
May	71⅞	72½	71⅝	72⅞
July	72¾	73¼	72¼	73
September	72¾	73⅜	72⅝	72⅞
Corn No. 2—				
May	58⅛	58¾	57½	58¾
July	58⅝	59⅛	58	58¼
September	57¾	57⅝	56⅝	57½
Oats No. 2—				
May	41½	42½	41	42½
July	34⅛	34½	33½	34⅜
September	28½	29⅞	28½	28⅞
Mess Pork, per bbl—				
July	15 65	16 12½	15 65	16 10
May	15 50	16 00	15 50	15 95
Lard, per 100 lbs—				
May	9 47½	9 70	9 47½	9 70
July	9 57½	9 80	9 57½	9 80
September	9 70	9 90	9 70	9 90
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs—				
May	8 55	8 80	8 85	8 80
July	8 67½	8 90	8 67½	8 90
September	8 80	9 00	8 80	9 00

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, dull; prices 10c lower; No. 3 spring wheat, 70⅝@70¾c; No. 2 red, 71@73c; No. 2 oats, 41½@42c; No. 2 white, 43@45c; No. 3 white, 42@44c; No. 2 rye, 56½@57c; fair to choice malting barley, 63@66c; No. 1 flaxseed $1 68; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 72; prime timothy seed, $6 85; mess pork, per bbl., $15 85@15 90; lard, per 100 lbs., $9 40@9 62½; short ribs sides (loose), $8 65@8 80; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 7⅛@7¼c; short clear sides (boxed), $9 20@9 30; whisky, basis of high wines, $1 30; clover, contract grade, $8 75.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	30,000	16,000
Wheat, bushels	31,000	23,000
Corn, bushels	138,000	24,000
Oats, bushels	151,000	83,000
Rye, bushels	1,000	3,000
Barley, bushels	31,000	30,000

On the Produce Exchange the Butter market was easy; creameries, 20@27c; dairies, 19½@26c; cheese, firm, 11¼@12½c; eggs, easy, fresh 14c.

Eastern Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, March 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 24,000; active, steady to 10c lower; good to prime steers, $6 50@7; poor to medium, $4@6 40; stockers and feeders, $2 50@5; cows, $1 50@5 50; heifers, $2 50@6 10; canners, $1 50@2 40; bulls, $2 50@5; calves, $2 50@6 75; Texas fed steers, $5 20@6.

HOGS—Receipts to-day, 47,000; to-morrow, 30,000; left over, 5010; opened steady; closed 5@10c lower; mixed and butchers', $6 20@6 60; good to choice heavy, $6 45@6 62½; rough heavy, $6 20@6 35; light, $6@6 35; bulk of sales, $6 25@6 45.

SHEEP—Receipts, 18,000; strong; lambs, steady to 10c lower; good to choice wethers, $5@5 65; fair to choice mixed, $4 25@5; Western sheep and yearlings, $5 25@6 10; native lambs, $4@6 65; Western lambs, $5 25@6 65; spring lambs, $7@12.

ST. JOSEPH.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1400. Market steady. Natives, $5 35@6 90; cows and heifers, $1 50@5 75; veals, $3 50@6 25; stockers and feeders, $2 25@5 25.

HOGS—Receipts, 2700. Steady. Light and light mixed, $6@6 32½; medium and stock, $6 32½@6 55; pigs, $4 25@5 50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 10,100. Market steady to strong. Western lambs, $6@6 65; Western sheep, $4 35@6.

New York Metal Market.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The metal markets were quite conventional to-day. Business in all departments was slow. Tin, however, was easy at a decline of 7 points, with spot closing at $26@26 25. At London the market closed at unchanged prices with spot standing at £116 15s and futures at £114 7s 6d.

Copper was unchanged at New York, with lake at $12@12 75 and electrolytic and casting at $12@12 25. London closed 2s 6d lower, with spot at £52 and futures at £51 17s 6d.

Lead was 2s 6d lower at London, which closed at £11 7s 6d. New York was unchanged at $4 12½.

Spelter was 2s 6d lower at London at £17 10s, while New York was unchanged at $4 35.

Domestic iron markets were steady in tone and unchanged. Pigiron warrants were nominal. No. 1 foundry, Northern, $18 50@19 50; No. 2 foundry, Northern, $18@19; No. 1 foundry, Southern, $17 50@18; No. 1 foundry, Southern, soft, $17 50@18.

English markets were firmer with Glasgow at 52s 5d and Middlesboro at 46s 9d.

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, March 22, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows:

Wheat, 50,548,000 bushels; decrease, 1,049,000. Corn, 9,108,000 bushels; decrease, 578,000. Oats, 3,029,000 bushels; decrease, 525,000. Rye, 2,070,000 bushels; decrease, 10,000. Barley, 1,759,000 bushels; decrease, 11,000.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Cotton closed steady, 1@8 points lower.

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, March 24.—Consols, 94 1-16; silver, 24⅞d; French rentes, 100f 65c; cargoes on passage, rather easier; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 30s 3d; English country markets, quiet; wheat and flour on passage to United Kingdom, 4,190,000; wheat and flour on passage to Continent, 1,310,000.

HOPS—Pacific Coast, firm, £3 13s@£4 15s.

LIVERPOOL, March 24.—Wheat, dull; No. 1 standard California, 6s 3d@6s 3½d; wheat in Paris, steady; flour in Paris, steady; French country markets, quiet; weather in England, unsettled.

COTTON—Uplands, 4¾d.

Imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were 46,000 quarters from Atlantic ports, 5000 from Pacific ports and 18,000 from other ports.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, March 24.—The offerings at the wool auction sales numbered 12,873 bales. There was a large attendance. Competition was spirited and full prices were obtained. Some superior scoured and fine New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland greasy were in eager demand for the Continent. Americans purchased suitable fine medium greasy crossbreds.

Northern Business.

SEATTLE, March 24.—Clearings, $500,459; balances, $100,552.

PORTLAND, March 24.—Clearings, $1,192,122; balances, $103,373.

SPOKANE, March 24.—Clearings, $350,886; balances, $51,170.

TACOMA, March 24.—Clearings, $195,039; balances, $30,135.

Northern Wheat Market.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, March 24.—WHEAT—Walla Walla, 63½@64c; bluestem, 65c; valley, 64@65c.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, March 24.—WHEAT—Quiet and unchanged; bluestem, 66c; club, 65c.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Exchange and Bullion.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 85¾
Sterling Cables, sight	—	4 88¼
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New York Exchange, sight	—	07½
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	10
Silver, per ounce	—	53⅞
Mexican Dollars, nominal	—	45½

Wheat and Other Grains.

WHEAT—Chicago was a fraction or so higher, with more buyers than sellers and cash houses buying. The weather in the West and Southwest was showery and the shorts were inclined to take their profits. The general opinion was that the decline had been overdone, and the market became firm, but it had little or no outside support and the St. Louis bears broke out again as big sellers of both wheat and corn. The export business was quieter. It was very large during the closing days of last week, and most of the long wheat accumulated during the dry weather scare was liquidated and went into new hands. New York also reported less export demand, at slight concessions from Saturday's lowest price.

The American visible supply decreased 1,049,000 bushels. The world's shipments for the week were as follows, in quarters: Russian, 105,000; Danubian, 64,000; Argentine, 148,000; Indian, 28,000; Australian, 55,000.

This market was quiet, with a decline in shipping grades. Rather more country wheat is co