COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Bank Clearings continue to gain over the preceding year.
Renewed activity in the local Gas stocks.
Wall-street stocks higher and buoyant.
Silver and Exchange show little variation.
Wheat freights quiet and weak.
Wheat weak and more freely offered.
Barley quiet, with light receipts and demand.
Oats, Corn and Rye still quoted dull.
Flour in slow request. Local mills still cutting Millstuffs.
Hay, Bran and Middlings as before quoted.
Fair inquiry for some kinds of Beans and Seeds.
Butter easier under extremely large arrivals.
Cheese easy. Eggs still being bought up for storage.
Death of Swift expected to affect Hog prices.
Hams, Bacon and Lard firmly held, but quiet.
Beef firm, Mutton and Lamb lower and Veal steady.
Nuts now moving off rapidly. Honey quiet.
Dried Fruits, Nuts and Raisins still dull.
Hops easy and quiet. Wool shearing checked by the rain.
Dry Hides firm and wet weak. Tallow fairly steady.
Potatoes, Onions and Vegetables dull and weak.
Poultry and Game in less demand and easier.
Rainy weather keeps the Fresh Fruit market quiet.

Bank Clearings.

Local bank clearings in March were $129,046,292, against $120,797,935 for March, 1902. For the first three months of the year they were $372,939,769, against $314,883,079 for the same time last year.

Duties on Imports.

The receipts of duties on imports at the Custom-house at San Francisco during the month of March were $686,364, against $568,627 in March, 1902. The total receipts for the first three months of the year were $2,058,714, against $1,813,172 during the same period in 1902.

Coinage in March.

The coinage at the United States Branch Mint in this city during the month of March was as follows: Double eagles, $3,940,000; half eagles, $960,000; half dollars, $232,386, making a total of $5,132,386. There was no coinage in March, 1902. From July 1, 1902, to date the coinage amounts to $38,123,584, against $53,885,528 during the same period in 1901-02.

Retail Meat Market.

The following retail prices for Meats are quoted by the Retail Butchers' Protective Association:

BEEF—Prime Roast, 15@18c; Porterhouse Steak, 20@22c; Tenderloin Steak, 15@18c; Sirloin Steak, 12½@15c; Top Round Steak, 12½; Beef Stew, 10c; Corned Beef, 8@10c; Soup Bones, 4c; Soup Meat, 4@10c.

VEAL—Loin Roast, 15@20c; Shoulder Roast, 12½@15c; Chops or Cutlets, 15@20c; Stew, 12½@15c.

MUTTON—Leg, 15c; Forequarter, 8@9c; Stew, 8@10c; Prime Chops, 12½@20c.

SPRING LAMB—Chops, 25c; Leg Roast, 12½@14c; Shoulder Roast, 10@12½c; Chops, 15@18c.

These prices do not cover the cheaper grades, as it is impossible to quote regular prices on them.

The Bean Trade.

The circular of the Schultz-Hansen Company gives the consumption of Beans in the San Francisco market, including exports by rail and sea, from December 1, 1902, to March 1, 1903, at 181,565 sks, and continues:

Shipments from December 1, 1902, to March 2, 1903, out of Sacramento, Marysville, Stockton, Watsonville, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura points are estimated at 300 cars, or about 120,000 sacks. Total shipments of all kinds of beans since December 1, 1902, to March 2, 1903, 391,565 sacks, leaving on hand March 2, 1903, in the State of California, 451,360 sacks of all kinds of beans, segregated as follows:

Limas, sks	210,000
Large and small whites, sks	136,919
Pinks, sks	44,291
Bayos, sks	25,997
Blackeyes, sks	30,000
Miscellaneous, sks	5,000
Total	451,360

Trade the past three months for beans has been very heavy, most all points in the United States drawing on California for supplies. This is due to the shortage of the Michigan and New York crops. Michigan dealers claim there are only six hundred cars in the State against the usual supply at this time of the year of about two thousand cars. The largest trade that California has is from March to November. If the demand during the above period is as good as it has been the past three months, there is not now on hand five months' supply.

The Weather and Crops.

The weekly report of A. G. McAdie, section director of the climate and crop service of the Weather Bureau, is as follows:

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The temperature was considerably above normal during the week, and the weather was generally cloudy or partly cloudy in all sections. Rains fell in all parts of the State the precipitation on the 24th and 25th in Southern California having been the heaviest of the season. The San Joaquin Valley and the southern coast counties also received generous and beneficial rains.

Grain and grass made very rapid growth and are in most excellent condition in all sections. The outlook for heavy crops of wheat, barley, oats and hay was never better at this season. In portions of Northern California the grain acreage is smaller than usual, owing to continued wet weather, and the land will be planted to corn. Early grain is heading out in portions of Southern California. Pasturage is plentiful and of excellent quality. Stock are in good condition. The soil is too wet for summer-fallow plowing, but work is progressing in orchards, vineyards and hop fields. In Southern California the soil is reported in better condition than during the past ten years.

Deciduous fruit prospects are excellent in all parts of the State. Apricots, almonds, plums and early peaches are very thrifty, and apparently have not been injured by frost during the season. Cherries and prunes are in bloom in the Sacramento Valley. Figs are thrifty. Strawberries are somewhat late, but give promise of a large yield. Vineyards and citrus orchards are in good condition.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY.—Warm weather and frequent rains during the week were very beneficial to grain and grass, which made rapid growth. Grain is now in splendid condition, and the prospect for heavy crops was never better at this date. Green feed is abundant, and stock are in good condition. The soil is too wet in most places for summer-fallowing, but work is progressing in hop fields, orchards and vineyards. Cherries, prunes and peaches are in bloom. Apricots, almonds, plums and early peaches have not been injured by frost and give promise of large crops. Figs are setting full. Strawberries look well, but somewhat late.

COAST AND BAY SECTIONS.—The weather continued warm and very favorable for growing crops during the week, and the frequent rains were beneficial, especially in the central and southern districts. Grain and grass made rapid growth, and heavy crops are probable in nearly all sections. In some of the northern counties the grain acreage is smaller than usual, owing to continued wet weather, and the land will be planted to corn. The grain and hay crops in San Benito County and vicinity are reported in the very best condition, with indications of unusually heavy yields. Green feed is abundant in all sections, and stock are in prime condition. Deciduous fruits have not been seriously injured by frosts this season, and the outlook is good for large yields of all varieties. Vineyards are in excellent condition.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.—Cloudy, warm weather prevailed during the week, and generous rains were frequent. These conditions were most favorable for all growing crops, fruit trees and vines. Grain and grass have made rapid growth; the former is in excellent condition and green feed is plentiful. From present indications the grain and fruit crops will be very large. Plowing has been suspended owing to the recent heavy rains, except in some portions of Merced County, where the ground is being prepared for planting Egyptian corn and sorghum. Fruit trees have started new growth, orchards and vineyards are in excellent condition, and irrigating water is plentiful. Stock of all kinds are healthy and improving rapidly.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—The rain at the beginning of the week was general and the heaviest of the season in some places. At Anaheim the precipitation on the 24th and 25th was 2.14 inches, for the month 4.76 inches, and for the season 12.52 inches. At Poway, San Diego County, the seasonal rainfall up to the 27th was 12.41 inches; at San Bernardino 11.90 inches, at Santa Barbara 16 inches. The soil is in better condition than it has been for the past ten years. Grain and grass have made rapid growth, and crop prospects are excellent. Grain is heading out in some localities, and wild oat hay is being harvested in San Diego County. Fruit trees and vines are in good condition.

EUREKA SUMMARY.—Grass is growing rapidly, and stock are looking better. Spring plowing, sowing grain and pruning are progressing. The fruit trees in the northern portion of the county are blossoming. The San Jose scale, scarlet and budding indicate an abundance of fruit.

LOS ANGELES SUMMARY.—Warmer weather following good rains, with ground in good condition, started crop growing finely. Some early barley has headed; orange blossoms delayed by rain.

Weather Report.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31, 5 p. m.

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

Stations.	Last 24 hours.	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	0.10	49.35	41.43
Red Bluff	0.02	22.98	25.77
Sacramento	0.00	17.72	15.56
San Francisco	0.04	11.82	19.56
Fresno	0.00	7.93	9.85
Independence	0.00	1.41	5.00
San Luis Obispo	0.12	19.85	19.49
Los Angeles	1.00	15.31	10.41
San Diego	0.28	10.19	9.00

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

Kansas City	64-28	Philadelphia	44-30
Denver	56-18	Washington	46-26
St. Louis	52-30	Cincinnati	50-32
Chicago	44-32	New York	44-30
New Orleans	76-56	Boston	44-28

THE COAST RECORD.

Stations.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Dew Point.	Humidity.	Wind Velocity.	Direction.	Rainfall.	Weather.
Eureka	30.06	50	44	NW	Clear	10	.00	Clear
Red Bluff	30.08	58	44	NW	Clear	6	.00	Clear
Sacramento	30.08	54	42	NW	Cloudy	6	.00	Cloudy
San Francisco	30.12	54	48	NW	Cloudy	14	.00	Cloudy
Fresno	30.14	58	48	NW	Cloudy	6	.00	Cloudy
Independence	30.12	60	34	NW	Clear	6	.00	Clear
San Luis Obispo	30.08	54	50	NW	Cloudy	6	.00	Cloudy
Los Angeles	30.12	62	48	SE	Cloudy	10	.00	Cloudy
San Diego	30.14	62	50	SE	Cloudy	8	.00	Cloudy
Seattle	30.20	54	50	NE	Pt. Cldy	18	.00	Clear
Spokane	30.34	50	40	E	Clear	6	.00	Clear
Tatoosh	30.22	50	44	E	Clear	10	.00	Clear
Walla Walla	30.24	56	44	E	Clear	6	.00	Clear
Winnemucca	29.70	44	40	NE	Rain	22	.02	Cloudy
Yuma	29.96	66	64	NW	Pt. Cldy	6	.00	Clear

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECASTS.

A well-marked disturbance of Pacific Northwest and has caused heavy and widespread rain in California, with snow in the mountains.

At Los Angeles a rainfall of 2.00 inches has occurred and at Fresno of 1.20 inches.

The temperature has fallen from ten to twenty-six degrees over the Intermountain Country and Northwest, and Pacific Northwest has had snow and cold weather in the mountains.

Conditions continue unfavorable for settled fair weather.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, April 1, 1903:

Northern California—Cloudy, unsettled weather Wednesday, clearing in the northern portion; showers in the southern portion; fresh northerly winds.

Southern California—Cloudy, unsettled weather Wednesday, with showers; brisk southerly winds.

Nevada—Rain or snow Wednesday; much colder; brisk to high northwest winds.

San Francisco and vicinity—Clearing Wednesday, fresh north winds.

ALEXANDER G. MCADIE,
Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The stock market showed a rather hesitating and irregular tendency to recover to-day. The movement seemed based upon an assumption that easier money conditions will follow the arrangement of the April settlement. The immediate money market was still under the influence of the preparations for these settlements and call loan rates were very stiff all day. The Sub-Treasury statement showed that the banks have lost to that institution since the last bank statement $2,235,000, and there was a small credit balance in its favor at the Clearing-house this morning, but the Government's draft for $2,000,000 was presented at the Sub-Treasury during the day by its fiscal agent and was paid out in cash for disbursement in relief of distress in the Philippines. The fiscal agent, through an Oriental branch, is able to dispense with a recourse to the exchange market. The effect is to benefit the New York money market and offset the previous absorption by the Sub-Treasury. The payment over the counter of the Sub-Treasury serves also to allow the amount to figure in the average of the reserves of the banks for more than one day than would an ordinary Sub-Treasury operation. The disbursement of the Government interest, payable on April 1, will further relieve the drain into the Sub-Treasury.

Foreign markets showed the same spirit of expectancy of easier conditions and discounts were quotably lower in Berlin and London, the published opinions of a leader in the financial world expressing confidence in the duration of prosperous conditions and faith in the soundness of securities which remain to be sighted in the market. There was no one factor which was so potent in causing dullness and hesitation over the financial outlook as the existence of this mass of apparently unsalable matter on the market, and the measures necessary to protect these holdings are undoubtedly the cause of the constant liquidation of securities of the highest grade. The proclamation of faith in the new securities by a well-recognized authority, on valuables therefore had a marked effect on sentiment. There were occasional interruptions to the advance, the most notable occurring after the strong opening, when a general attack was made on the list. Sugar yielded easily, by reason of the reduction in price of granulated grades, and Amalgamated was depressed on account of the violent break in the London copper market. Later the Wabash securities were sold on account of a proposed $10,000,000 bond issue, but the weakness of this grade of securities was not as influential in shaping sentiment as the evidence that supports was offered by New York Central, Pennsylvania, St. Paul and the high-grade railroad stocks. Doubtless a demand to cover shorts played a part in the strength; but cessation of liquidation in the high-grade investment stocks afforded a great relief to the sentiment of depression lately prevalent in the market. The flurries in the call money market interrupted the advance, but did not cause weakness. Call money rose to 12 per cent in the last hour, but the temporary check to the advance was followed by a renewed strength and the close was active and strong at about the top level. The day's gains reached 2 to 2½ points for St. Paul, New York Central, and Union Pacific, which were the most conspicuous stocks in the trading. Gains of a point or more were numerous.

Bonds were steady and not very active. Total sales (par value), $2,590,000.

United States old 4s declined ¼ and the 5s registered and the new 4s coupon ½ per cent on the last call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Stocks.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	36,600	81	80¾	80¾
Atchison pfd	3,800	97¾	96¾	97¼
Balto & Ohio	36,100	91½	89¾	91¾
Balto & Ohio pfd				92
Canadian Pacific	16,000	129¼	127¼	129¼
Canada Southern				71
Ches & Ohio	1,000	45½	44¾	45¼
Chicago & Alton	2,100	31	30½	30¾
Chi & Alton pfd	100	69	69	69
Chicago & G W	2,700	23¾	22¾	23¾
Chi & G W A pfd				70
Chi & G W B pfd	300	41	39½	39½
Chicago & E I	760	184½	182½	183
Chi Term & Tran	300	16½	16½	16
Chi, T & H pfd	500	29¼	29½	29½
C C C & St Louis	100	89½	89½	89½
Colorado Southern	600	27½	25¾	26
Colo Sou 1st pfd	100	65	65	64½
Colo Sou 2d pfd	600	39¾	38¾	39¾
Del & Hudson	900	166½	164¾	166
Del Lack & West				154
Denver & Rio G				35½
Denver & R G pfd	300	86	85½	85½
Erie	24,800	35¾	34¾	35¾
Erie 1st pfd	5,500	66¾	66	66¾
Erie 2d pfd	2,400	53¾	52¾	53
Great Northern pfd				185
Hocking Valley	700	99¾	99	99¾
Hocking Val pfd				95½
Illinois Central	200	137¾	136½	137
Iowa Central	200	36½	36½	36¼
Iowa Central pfd				62½
K C Southern	300	30¾	30¾	30¾
K C Southern pfd	200	55	53½	55
Lake Erie & West	500	41	40¾	40¾
Lake Erie & W pfd	100	119	119	119
Louis & Nash	5,000	118½	116½	118½
Manhattan L	6,400	139¾	138½	139¼
Met St Ry	4,600	135¾	134½	134¾
Mexican Central	1,200	26½	26½	26½
Mexican National	300	18	17½	18
Minn & St L	500	99½	97	99½
Minn St L pfd				92½
M St P & S S M	2,800	164½	162½	163½
Missouri Pacific	7,300	103	101½	102½
Mobile & Ohio				80
N Y Central	45,100	134¾	133½	134½
N Y Chic & St L	4,400	69¾	68¾	69¾
N Y & West pfd				90
Ontario & Western	2,400	30¾	29¾	30¾
Pennsylvania	38,700	143¾	142¾	143¾
Reading	216,600	59¾	58	59¾
Reading 1st pfd	100	84	84	84
Reading 2d pfd	200	71	71	71
Rock Island	19,005	34½	33	34½
Rock Island pfd	500	78	76	77½
St L & S F 2d pfd	100	73½	73½	73½
St Louis & S W	600	28½	28	28½
St Louis & S W pfd	200	58¾	58¾	58¾
Southern Pacific	54,300	69¾	67¾	69¾
Southern Railway	1,000	36¾	35¾	36¾
Southern Ry pfd	200	92	92	92
Texas & Pacific	2,000	36¾	35¾	35¾
Toledo St L & W	500	29¾	29¾	29¾
Toledo St L & W pfd				43
Union Pacific	51,300	97¾	95¾	97¾
Union Pacific pfd	600	90	90	90
Wabash	2,700	27¾	26¾	27¾
Wabash pfd	13,900	48½	46½	48½
Wheeling & L Erie	200	22	22	22
Wheeling & L E pfd	500	71	70½	70½
Wis Central	500	24¾	24	24½
Wis Central pfd	600	47½	46½	47½
Express Companies				
Adams				230
American				150
United States				130
Wells Fargo				240
Miscellaneous				
Am Cotton Oil	300	37¾	36¾	36¾
Am Cotton Oil pfd				90
Am Sugar Ref	5,400	133¾	132¾	133¾
Am Sm & Ref	2,900	92¾	92	92¾
Am Sm & Ref pfd	1,000	100	99¾	100
Am Tob pfd	200	84	84	84
Brooklyn Rap Tran	2,000	66	65¾	65¾
Col Fuel & Iron	3,000	54¾	53¾	54¾
Con Gas	200	203½	203½	203½
Consol Tob pfd	300	113	112½	112½
General Electric	200	188	187	188
Hocking Coal	400	20¾	20	20¾
Int Paper	100	14	14	14
Int Paper pfd	700	70¾	70	70¾
National Biscuit	100	85	85	85
National Lead	300	26	25¾	25¾
North American	1,200	102¾	98¾	101
Pacific Coast	100	92½	92½	92½
Pacific Mail	100	36	36	36
Pressed Steel Car	1,200	51	51	51
Pressed S Car pfd	100	80	80	80
Pullman Palace Car				232
Republic Steel	200	19¾	19¾	19¾
Republic Steel pfd	500	77	75	77
Sugar	14,200	124¾	122¾	124¾
Tenn Coal & Iron	2,300	65	63½	64¾
U S Leather	2,700	12	11½	12
U S Leather pfd	500	91	90	90½
U S Rubber	300	15	15	15
U S Rubber pfd				50½
U S Steel	14,700	35¾	35¾	35¾
U S Steel pfd	10,900	85½	85	85½
Western Union	500	87½	87½	87½
Total sales	741,400			

UNITED RAILROADS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

NEW YORK, March 31.—United Railroads of San Francisco bond transactions $11,900, at 78¼ to 78½ at 10:00 a. m.

NEW YORK CLOSING BONDS.

U S 2s reg	100	Stock Land	44½
U S 2s coup	100¼	4s N Y Dock	100
U S 3s reg	107	Mexican Cent 4s	77
U S 3s coup	108¼	Mex Cent 1st inc	36
U S new 4s reg	136½	Minn & St L 4s	99½
U S new 4s coup	137½	Mo K & T 4s	98¾
U S old 4s reg	110½	Mo K & T 2ds	80¾
U S old 4s coup	112½	N Y C gen 3½s	103
U S 5s reg	103½	N J C gen 5s	130
U S 5s coup	104½	Nor Pacific 4s	102¾
Atchison gen 4s	103	Nor Pacific 3s	72½
Atchison adj 4s	90	Nor & W con 4s	100
Balt & Ohio 4s	102	Reading gen 4s	97
Balt & Ohio 3½s	92½	S L & I M con 5s	114½
B & O conv 4s	101	S L & S F 4s	96½
Canada So 2s	105½	S L Southern 1st 5s	96½
Cent of Ga 5s	107½	S L Southern 2ds	81
Cent of Ga 4s	93½	S P C & P 1st 4s	82½
Ches & Ohio 4½s	96	So Pac coll 4s	88½
Chgo & Alt 3½s	75¼	So Railway 5s	116
C B & Q new 4s	92¾	Tex & Pac 1st 5s	115¾
C M & St P gen 4s	110¾	T St L & W 4s	77
C & N W con 7s	137¾	Union Pac 4s	103¾
C R I & P 4s	106	U Pac conv 4s	102¾
C C C & St L gen 4s	100¼	Wabash 1sts	116
Chgo Term 4s	90	Wabash 2ds	105
Chic & Erie 5s	107½	West Shore 4s	113
Den & Rio Gr 4s	98½	W & L E 4s	107½
Erie prior lien 4s	97	Wis Cent 4s	90¾
Erie gen 4s	85	Con Tobacco 4s	62
F W & D C 1sts	110½	L E & J 1st 5s	85½
Hocking Val 4½s	107¼	Pennsylvania	98
Manhattan 4s	104		

NEW YORK MINING STOCKS.

Adams Con	50	Little Chief	08
Alice	24	Ontario	5 38
Breece	25	Ophir	1 45
Brunswick Con	04½	Phoenix	08
Comstock Tunnel	09½	Potosi	22
Con Cal & Va	1 45	Savage	26
Horn Silver	1 25	Sierra Nevada	70
Iron Silver	95	Small Hopes	40
Leadville Con	03	Standard	3 15

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		Mining—	
Call loans	5 @6	Adventure	10
Time loans	5¼@6	Allouez	71
Bonds—		Amalgamated	67
Atchison 4s	100	Daly West	42½
Mexican Cent 4s	76	Bingham	31
Railroads—		Calumet & Hecla	535
Atchison	81¼	Centennial	26¼
Atchison pfd	97	Copper Range	64
Boston & Albany	257	Dominion Coal	109½
Boston & Maine	184	Franklin	11
Boston Elevated	147	Isle Royale	12
N Y, N H & H	209	Mohawk	52½
Fitchburg pfd	141	Old Dominion	18
Union Pacific	91¼	Osceola	69½
Mexican Central	26¼	Quincy	129
Miscellaneous—		Santa Fe Copper	2
American Sugar	124	Tamarack	160
Am Tel & Tel	158½	Trimountain	89¾
Dom Iron & Steel	28	Trinity	10¾
General Electric	188	United States	24¼
Mass Electric	34	Utah	29¾
Mass Elec pfd	96	Victoria	6¾
United Fruit	106½	Winona	10¼
U S Steel	35¾	Wolverine	72
U S Steel pfd	85¾		
Westinghse Com	100		

LONDON CLOSING STOCKS.

Cons for money	90¼	Norfolk & Westn	70¾
Cons for account	90⅝	Nor & West pfd	92½
Anaconda	5¾	Ontario & Westn	30¾
Atchison	82⅝	Pennsylvania	70
Atchison pfd	99½	Reading	29¾
Balt & Ohio	92⅝	Reading 1st pfd	43
Canadian Pacific	131¼	Reading 2d pfd	36
Ches & Ohio	45⅝	Southern Railway	32½
Chgo Gr Western	24½	So Railway pfd	92½
Chgo M & St P	165½	Southern Pacific	61⅝
Den & Rio Gr	36½	Union Pacific	92⅞
Den & R G pfd	88¾	Union Pac pfd	92½
Erie	35⅝	U S Steel	36⅝
Erie 1st pfd	68¼	U S Steel pfd	87½
Erie 2d pfd	53½	Wabash	28½
Illinois Central	140	Wabash pfd	49½
Louisvl & Nashvl	120⅝	De Beers	21⅝
Mo., Kans & Tex	25⅝	Rands	11⅛
N Y Central	134½		

Bar silver, steady, 22¾d per ounce. Money, 3½@4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3⅝ per cent, and for three months' bills 3⅝ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Money on call strong at 6@15 per cent, closing at 10@12 per cent; time money steady; sixty days, 5½ per cent; ninety days, 5½ per cent; six months, 5@5¼ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange steadier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87@4 87.05 for demand and at $4 83.70@4 83.80 for sixty days; posted rates, $4 83½@4 88; commercial bills, $4 83@4 85. Bar silver, 49¼c. Mexican dollars, 38½c. Government bonds, weak; railroad bonds, steady.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 31.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,649 barrels; exports, 17,300 barrels. Quieter but well held. Minnesota patents, $3 85@4 10; winter straights, $3 50@3 60.

WHEAT—Receipts, 19,505 bushels; exports, 107,813 bushels. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, 78½c elevator; No. 2 red, 79½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 81½c f. o. b. afloat. No. 1 hard Manitoba, 87c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened easier and rallied off higher cables and decreasing stocks here, but eventually gave way under big Western receipts, poor exports, easy French cables and liquidation, closing ¼c net lower. May, 75½@77 15-16c, closed 77½c; July, 74 13-16@75⅝c, closed 74⅞c; September, 73¼@73⅝c, closed 73½c.

HOPS—Quiet.

HIDES—Quiet.

WOOL—Firm.

PETROLEUM—Steady.

SUGAR—Raw, nominal; refined, unsettled.

COFFEE—Futures closed unchanged. Sales, 16,000 bags, including: April, 4.10c; May, 4.10@4.15c; July, 4.35c; September, 4.50c; November, 4.65c; December, 4.80@4.85c; January, 4.90c; March, 5.05c.

DRIED FRUITS.

EVAPORATED APPLES—Show continued weakness under a light demand, though prices are without further change. Common are quoted at 3½@4½c; prime at 5c; choice at 5½@6½c, and fancy at 7@7½c.

PRUNES—Spot. Are quiet and easy in tone, with quotations ranging from 2c to 7c for all grades.

APRICOTS—Are in fair demand and rule steady at 7½@8c for choice, and 9½@10½c for fancy.

PEACHES—Are quiet and featureless at 7½@8c for choice and 8½@9c for fancy.

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, March 31.—There was a moderate trade in wheat and after a temporary advance easily the market developed weakness and the close was near the bottom. The opening on May was 74c to ¾@1c lower at 72¾@72⅞c, to 73c, influenced largely by the change made yesterday in the visible supply together with the indifferent cables and favorable weather. Good commission house demand soon caused an advance and the early loss was more than regained, May selling up to 73⅞c. Estimates of a large increase in the world's visible supply gained in the afternoon. Later in the day the bears turned sellers and the market rounded weakened with no news to support it and May sold off to 72¾c. The close was ½c lower at 72¾c.

The bulk of the trading in corn consisted in the selling of May and buying of July. The sentiment was bearish, due to the favorable weather, together with the weakness in the wheat market. The firmness which was manifest at the opening, influenced by higher cables, was soon lost and weakness prevailed throughout the session. May closed ⅝c lower at 43⅝c after ranging between 44⅛@44c and 43⅝@44c.

Oats were quiet and eased off somewhat in sympathy with the weakness in other grains. The close was easier, with May ⅛@¼c higher after selling between 33¾c and 33⅛c.

Trading in provisions was dull, with considerable selling pressure on the May product. The close was easy, May pork being 12½c lower at $18, and lard and ribs 5@10c lower at $9 62½ and $9 80.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2—				
May	73	73⅞	72¾	72¾
July	69⅞	69⅞	69¼	69¾
September	68	68⅞	67⅞	68
Corn, No. 2—				
May	43⅞	44	43⅝	43⅝
July	44	44⅛	43⅞	43⅞
September	45	45⅛	44⅞	45
Oats, No. 2—				
May	33⅞	34⅛	33⅝	33⅝
July	30	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛
September	27	28	27½	27½
Mess Pork, per bbl—				
May	18 45	18 47½	18 30	18 30
July	17 87½	17 87½	17 62½	17 65
September	17 02½	17 02½	16 90	16 92½
Lard, per 100 lbs—				
May	10 12½	10 12½	9 92½	10 02½
July	9 87½	9 87½	9 62½	9 80
September	9 85	9 85	9 80	9 80
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs—				
May	9 32½	9 32½	9 17½	9 20
July	9 30	9 32½	9 20	9 05
September	9 00	9 02½	9 05	9 05

Cash quotations: Very dull. Flour, Steady. No. 2 spring wheat, 69@70c. No. 3 spring wheat, 71½@72c. No. 2 red, 72½c. No. 2 corn, 42½c. No. 2 yellow, 42@42½c. No. 2 oats, 33¼c. No. 2 white, 35@36c. No. 2 rye, 55c. Good feeding barley, 39@42c; fair to choice malting, 47@53c. No. 1 flaxseed, $2 06@1 07. No. 1 Northwestern, $1 09. Prime timothy seed, $4 45. Mess pork, per bbl, $18@18 05. Lard, per 100 lbs, $10 02½@10 12½. Short ribs sides (loose), $9 75@9 87½. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 8@8¼c. Short clear sides (boxed, $10 37½@10 50. Whisky, basis of high wines, $1 26.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	26,600	27,700
Wheat, bu	70,300	45,100
Corn, bu	338,000	207,400
Oats, bu	330,000	407,000
Rye, bu	3,800	11,300
Barley, bu	34,000	16,500

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was firm. Creameries, 18@25c; dairies, 15@22c. Eggs, steady, 13½c. Cheese, steady, 12@13½c.

Foreign Futures.

LIVERPOOL.

	May.	July.
Wheat—		
Opening	6 1½	6 3½
Closing	6 1½	6 3½

PARIS.

	March.	May-Aug.
Wheat—		
Opening	22 40	23 05
Closing	22 25	23 15
Flour—		
Opening	30 80	31 20
Closing	30 60	31 20

New York Metal Market.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Advancing 7s 6d to £139 12s 6d for spot and £139 15s for futures in the London market, tin here was very quiet, about steady at 30@30.25c. Copper declined 2s 6d in London, where spot and futures closed at £63 15s. The New York market, however, remained quiet and unchanged. Standard is quoted at 13.75c; lake and electrolytic 14.75@15c, and casting 14.50@15c. Lead was 3s 9d lower in London at £12 17s, but remained quiet here at 4.37½c. Spelter was unchanged both in New York and London. The latter market closed at £13 5s and the former at 5.75c.

Iron closed at 57s in Glasgow and at 51s 7½d in Middlesboro. In New York iron market remains quiet. No. 1 foundry Northern is quoted at $24@24 50; No. 2 foundry Northern at $22@22 50, No. 1 foundry Southern and No. 1 foundry Southern, soft, at $23 50@24 50. Warrants remain nominal.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 6 points to 5 points higher and closed steady, 6 to 10 points higher.

Eastern Livestock Market.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 31.—CATTLE—Receipts, 8800; steady; good to prime steers, $4 90@5 25; poor to medium, $4@4 75; stockers and feeders, $2 25@4 90; cows, $1 50@4 40; heifers, $2 50@4 75; canners, $1 50@2 75; bulls, $2 50@4 40; calves, $3@6 50; Texas fed steers, $4 40@5 40.

HOGS—Receipts, 12,000; to-morrow, 25,000; left over, 3000; 5@10c lower; mixed and butchers, $7 15@7 35; good to choice heavy, $7 40@7 60; rough heavy, $7 10@7 40; light, $6 90@7 20; bulk of sales, $7 10@7 25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 14,000; sheep steady; lambs, fancy higher; good to choice, $5 50@6 50; fair to choice mixed, $4 50@5 50; Western sheep, $5 50@7; native lambs, $5 50@7 65; Western lambs, $5 50@6 85.

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