FOR THE TABLE.

The world wakens early these mornings and the marketing portion of it takes up its burden betimes. In the markets we find portly matrons filling ample baskets with wholesome articles for the little brood at home, singing peans of rejoicing as they trill in the interstices with asparagus at 2½ cents per pound and eggs at 15 cents per dozen, for this is a gala time of the year to those with limited purses. Their purchases are made in the smallest butchers' shops and greengrocers' stalls; at the larger markets larger prices prevail. Asparagus like young tree trunks brings the round price of 10 cents a pound, but it looks good enough to eat raw.

Alameda peas are but 4 cents per pound, and from them we may begin an ascending scale—new potatoes, string beans, tomatoes, mushrooms, etc. What the French call "mange tout," the edible podded or string pea—probably only the seed pod in an immature state—is for sale at 12½ cents per pound, and while the pods are tender it is a delicious vegetable. It should be prepared like string beans, strings and tips removed, then dropped into boiling water, salted, and with a small piece of soda no larger than a pea added, and boiled thirty minutes, then drained, buttered plentifully and served hot.

Cucumbers are still high in price, large ones selling for 15 cents apiece, but they will soon reach a lower level and make even a dinner of herbs a joy. There is an art even in serving cucumbers, as they should be crisp and cool. Soaking in salt and water makes them flabby and displirited in appearance, so it is better to lay them after careful peeling in pure, cold water till needed, then slice thin and dress just before serving with oil, vinegar, salt and cayenne or black pepper. Add a lump of ice if the weather is warm.

Strawberries are improving rapidly in appearance and declining in price, selling to-day for 25 cents per pound.

There is no prettier sight in the early morning than the fish stalls, their untrodden ways sprinkled with fresh sawdust, their counters snowy and lined with parsley, where each variety of fish has its separate domain. On their green beds lie salmon, halibut, cod, bass, pompano, white bait, salmon trout (golden and speckled), silvery brook trout, crabs, crawfish, shrimps, etc. Occasionally a flounder, overtenacious of life, will make a spasmodic flop into the pile of smelt as if he were determined to die game and uphold his reputation for freshness.

White bait, which is associated with Dickens, and dinners at Greenwich, has always been considered a London fish, caught in brackish waters in that neighborhood, but it has migrated toward its American cousins, and has a place in our market. It is a wee white fish not more than two or three inches in length, dainty, allowing but little handling and spoling very soon. In cooking it should be patted dry between the folds of a napkin, shaken gently in very fine crumbs or cracker meal, then placed in a wire basket and fried for one minute in deep fat which must be boiling. They must be served immediately, with bits of lemon, cayenne pepper and slices of brown bread spread with fresh butter. This innocent-looking fish is sold for 75 cents a pound, at which price pompano can be had also, which seems to be a subject for congratulation.

Halibut, however, firm and white and sweet can be had for one-third this price, and sometimes for much less. It was formerly brought from Puget Sound, hung so that the steamer's paddle would pour over it a continuous shower of cold salt water. Now it is carried on ice, and is even being caught in our own waters just outside the heads. A small halibut weighing about twenty or thirty pounds is better than a larger fish, and a section about four inches in thickness will weigh about five pounds. It is large grained like the sturgeon, but much more tender and of finer texture; there are few bones—none except the vertebræ and long straight ribs, which are easily removed. From this section, after skinning it, cut slices an inch thick across the grain, roll in cornmeal salted and peppered, and fry in hot pork fat, and serve with slices of pork brown and crisp. This dish has a real New England flavor, and leaves little to be desired unless that little be a dry boiled potato, rolled in butter and parsley, and a crisp-sliced cucumber.

Family Retail Market.

Butter is dearer. Cheese and Eggs are unchanged. Honey is rather higher.

In Meats Spring Lamb is a trifle cheaper. Young Roosters and Ducks are somewhat dearer. Turkeys go begging at low prices. No change in Fish.

Strawberries are still dear and backward in coming forward. Summer Vegetables are rather cheaper this week.

Following is THE CALL'S regular weekly retail price list:

COAL—PER TON.

Cannel	11 00@ —	Scotch	10 00@ —
Diamond	8 50@ —	Seattle	8 00@ 8 50
New Wellington	9 50@ —	New Seattle	8 00@ 8 50
Wellington	9 50@ —	Coos Bay	7 00@ 7 50
		Coke, ₱ bbl.	75@ —

DAIRY PRODUCE, ETC.

Butter, fancy, ₱ roll	45@50	Cheese, Swiss	25@35
do, choice	40@ —	Common Eggs, ₱ dz	15@ —
Ordinary do	35@ —	Ranch Eggs, ₱ doz	17@20
Cheese, Cal	12@ —	Honey, comb, ₱ lb	@15
Cheese, Eastern	20@ —	do, extracted	10@12

MEATS—PER POUND.

Bacon	5@ —	Pork, fresh	10@12
Beef, choice	12@15	Pork, salt	12@15
do, good	8@ 10	Pork Chops	12½
Corned Beef	8@10	Round Steak	—@10
Ham, Cal.	—@15	Sirloin Steak	12½@15
do, Eastern	15@ —	Porterhouse, do	17@20
Lard	10@15	Smoked Beef	—@15
Mutton	10@12	Pork Sausages	—@20
Spring Lamb	12@18	Veal	10@12

POULTRY AND GAME.

Broilers, each	40@ 60	Ducks, each	65@1 00
Hens, each	50@ 75	Geese, each	1 50@2 00
Young Roosters, each	85@1 00	Pigeons, ₱ pr.	50@ 65
Old Roosters, each	50@ 65	Rabbits, ₱ pair	25@ 50
Turkeys, ₱ lb.	12@ 17	Hare, each	20@ —
		Wild Geese, each	25@ 30

FRUITS AND NUTS.

Apples, ₱ lb	5@ 8	Oranges, ₱ doz	10@35
Almonds, ₱ lb	20@25	Raisins, ₱ lb	5@15
Bananas, ₱ doz	15@2	Strawberries, ₱ basket	20@25
Cocoanuts, each	10@12	Walnuts, ₱ lb	15@20
Lemons, ₱ doz	15@25		
Limes, ₱ doz	10@15		

VEGETABLES.

Asparagus, ₱ lb	4@ 8	Okra, dried, ₱ lb	25@ —
Artichokes, ₱ dz	30@50	Peppers, dry, ₱ lb	20@25
Beets, ₱ doz	10@15	Pepper, green, ₱ lb	0@50
Beans, white, ₱ lb	—@ 5	Parsnips, ₱ doz	15@20
Do, colored, ₱ lb	4@ 5	Potatoes, ₱ lb	1½@2½
Do, Lima, dry, ₱ lb	5@ 6	Do, new, ₱ lb	4@5
Cabbages, each	4@ 8	Do, Sweet, ₱ lb	4@ 5
Cauliflowers, each	8@10	Radishes, ₱ dz bchs	15@20
Celery, ₱ bunch	5@ 8	Rhubarb, ₱ lb	4@ 6
Cucumbers, ₱ dz	100@200	Sage, ₱ lb	30@35
Cress, ₱ doz bunchs	15@ —	String Beans, ₱ lb	20@25
Garlic, ₱ lb	8@10	Marft Squash, ₱ lb	—@ 5
Green Peas, ₱ lb	4@ 6	Thyme, ₱ lb	25@40
Lentils, ₱ lb	8@10	Turnips, ₱ doz	15@20
Lettuce, ₱ doz	15@20	Tomatoes, ₱ lb	20@25
Onions, ₱ lb	—@ 5		

FISH—PER POUND.

Barracuda	15@ —	Shad	10@ —
Carp	8@10	Sea Bass	—@ —
Codfish	10@12	Smelts	10@12
Flounders	8@12	Soles	10@ 2
Halibut	15@20	Skates, each	15@20
Herring	—@ —	Sturgeon	10@ —
Kingfish	10@ —	Tomcod	12@ —
Mackerel	—@ —	Clams, ₱ gal	—@75
do, Horse	—@ —	Do, hardshell, ₱ 100	50@ —
Perch	10@ —	Crabs, each	10@15
Pompano	—@ —	Do, softshell, ₱ dz	37@50
Rockfish	15@ —	Mussels, ₱ qrt	10@ 5
Salmon, smoked	25@ —	Oysters, Cal, ₱ 100	50@75
Salmon, fresh	10@15	Do, Eastern, ₱ dz	25@35
Shrimps	10@ 5		

FEMALE CARPENTERS.

Driving Twenty-Four Nails for a Prize.

Baltimore Sun.

"A Female Columbian Carpentership Contest" was a novel feature of an entertainment given at Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church, South Stockton street. Eight women entered the contest, and each was decked out in a white cap and carpenter's apron. Before each was a pine plank, down which a line was drawn. Each contestant was armed with a hammer and a handful of nails. The feat for which the prizes were awarded was the driving of twenty-four nails in a workmanlike manner within a time limit of ten minutes.

When the signal "Go" was given there was a sound of mighty hammering, an occasional howl over a mashed finger, and a tremendous fumbling for nails. Annie McCarmack got her twenty-four in first, and as they were also driven straighter than those of the other lady carpenters, she was awarded the first prize.

Maine's Male Housekeepers.

Lewiston Journal.

One of the oddities of life in the Maine factory villages is the class of men who can appropriately be called "housekeepers." In almost any town where much manufacturing is done, numbers of these men may be found. If one calls soon after meal time he will be likely to find them with aprons on washing dishes. At other hours they may be seen sweeping up, making beds, cleaning and washing the children, cleaning house or cooking. Whether any of them do the family sewing is not so certain. These men are housekeepers for the simple reason that their wives can earn more working in the mill than they can, and it becomes a matter of money-saving to let them do it. Some of them saw and pile the wood in the shed, and do the chores, and take care of the garden, and do other man's work around home as well as the housekeeping, and the arrangement seems to be profitable.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

PALACE HOTEL.

Mrs G W Cheeseman, N Y — Dr A Lukens, N Y
Mr Ward, N Y — Mrs Hammond, Mount V
M Hammond, Mount V — Mrs J Snyder, Mount View
Miss L Snyder, Mount V — Miss L Dale, Mount View
A L Drew, S Bernardino — C B Hosmer & w, Boston
J P Looke, Omaha — J M Curtice & w, Kans C
J Curtice, Kansas City — S L Munson, Albany
E W Freeman, Riverside — J R Rivas, Los Angeles
Mr Bullon & w, Boston — Miss M Roberts, Boston
R Dewey, Paris — H G Knickerbocker, Chicago
A J Harrell, Visalia — Miss L B Bancroft, Lynn
Miss C L Bancroft, Lynn — Mrs C P March, Woodstk
E H Wilson & w, Woodstk — M J Murphy & w, Detroit
H B Anchencloss & w, N J — E C Quiggle & w, Hartford
F W Carpenter & w, R I — Miss I Carpenter, R I
Miss J Carpenter, R I — Miss G M Dusey, R I
J H McEwen, Watsnvle — W W Knowles, Portland
C H Cobburn & w, Nev — J A Marcarm, Portland
W S Marcurm, Portland — Gen H B Compton, Portld
L R Fields, Portland — Col J B Eddy, Portland
L Baker, Portland — F Boslett & w, Tacoma
E Cumenge, Paris — H Michel & Fernais, Paris
Mrs H H Knowles, N Y — Miss Pions, N Y
J M Sproul, Chico — J McNeil, Santa Cruz
F Sattler, Belleville — C N Dickey, Cal
J L Van Ornum, Pasada — L T Mace, San Jose
W H Wiley & w, Idaho — Mrs E Henry, Wash
Mrs J W Morgan, Wash — Miss Spicer, Troy
Anne E Spicer, Troy — J Moore Jr, Phila
G K King, Philadelphia — F O Ferris, U S A
G E Goodman Jr, Napa — J K Cumming & w, St Louis
P F Marsly, Oregon — H Herz, N Y
Mrs W Edgar & md, N Y — Miss Edgar, N Y
Mrs H G Hubbard, Conn — Miss M E Copeland, Conn
Eloupuy de Lorme, Spain — S Kayser, Philadelphia
W G Beale, Philadelphia — Mr Corware & w, Chicago
Mrs J F McCord, Des M — Mrs C W Manning, Des M
Miss Clapp, Des Moines

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

C H Williams, Eureka — G W Mayhew, Cripple Ck
G W Hopkins, Arcata — A F Baker, Maxwell
R Nicolson, Eureka — A L Matthis, Houston
C Fleckenson, Eureka — V H Sargent, Sta Barbara
C Buhl, Tulare — W G Davenport, Hollister
H K Perry, Mason City — W A Perry, Placerville
Miss A Perry, Wis — J W Bloom, Hillsburg
G B Morse, St Louis — J Knight, Lake Valy
H A Morse, St Louis — Mrs J B Black, New Mex
Ed Wills, Cal — S B Kennedy, Los Ang
J W Korn, San Diego — J Smith, Santa Monica
H W Briggs, Utica — H Stewart, Stewart Point
W H Rice, Chico

NEW WESTERN HOTEL.

S A Hagg, Alameda — O C Hawkins, Red Oak
S Andersen, Ocean Bch — A M Hawkins, Red Oak
H Smith, Centerdale — J Henry & w, Chicago
C E Triplet, Centerdale — G Lawrence, Chicago
C Ernest, Merced — G Willis, Fresno
J C Law, Brentwood — M J Lee, Fresno
E M Macy & w, Chicago — A Howard & w, Fresno
T Ankney & w, Chicago — J J Merry & w, Chicago
G Arkwright, Kans — L Gooton, Tex
G Hawkins, Red Oak

The great oaks in Waverly, Mass., are survivals of an oak forest that must have existed in that region, according to the geologists, as far back as the tenth century.

MARKET REPORTS.

FRIDAY EVENING, April 20.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver unchanged.
Grain futures fluctuating.
Flour firm.
Oats easier. Corn nominal.
Rye firmly held.
Hay weaker, but no lower.
Seeds offered meagerly.
Some changes in Beans.
Rice as before.
Quicksilver marked up.
Onions scarce and higher.
Butter advanced again.
Cheese and Eggs unchanged.
More Eastern Poultry in.
Honey advancing.
Cherries, Peaches and Apricots damaged by frost and wind.
Dried Fruit advancing rapidly.
Sacked Raisins higher. Layers lower.
Strawberries sold well.
Oranges continue firm.
Provisions unchanged.
Hogs declined. Lamb weak.
Tallow weak and dull.

Overland Shipments.

Overland shipments from Northern and Central California via Southern Pacific lines in March were 31,174 tons as follows: From San Francisco, 20,138 tons; Oakland, 1259; San Jose, 2414; Stockton, 2374; Sacramento and East, 3992; Marysville, 473; Portland, 533.

The leading items were as follows: 258 tons Barley, 1459 do Beans, 542 do Borax, 64,250 gallons Brandy, 1,305,250 do Wine, 2589 tons Canned Goods, 2391 do Dried Fruit, 223 do Green Fruit, 10 do Nuts, 1249 do Raisins, 204 do Hides, 319 do Leather, 4 do Honey, 134 do Hops, 130 do Potatoes, 432 do Powder, 18 do Quicksilver, 539 do Vegetables, 785 do Wool, 337 do Canned Salmon, 649 do Coffee, 475 do Tea, 8124 do Sugar, 189 do Rice, and 8000 gals Syrup.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, April 20.—It was not a very active market on the Stock Exchange to-day, but buying was good at intervals and the general tendency of prices was upward, an improvement being recorded in the active list ranging from 1@1½, and in the specialties extending to 5¾.

London was but a small factor in the advance, and although a buyer its purchases were not large. The fact that only half a million additional gold was engaged for shipment, and that the total amount to be exported does not exceed $3,000,000, had a favorable effect on the share speculation, as it was expected that at least a million more would be forwarded. It is the general impression, also, that these were the last of the gold shipments for some time to come, and the treasury gold reserve will not be impaired by reason of withdrawals for exportation.

A belief in the improved prospects for crops, and consequently in the greater earning capacity of the granger roads, increased the purchase demand of leading stocks of that group, all of which made fractional gains. The industrials were less active than usual, but participated generally in the advance recorded, especially Chicago Gas, the impression gaining ground that the company has little to fear from the quo warranto proceedings. The market was dull at the opening, and gained strength as the morning advanced, prices continuing to move upward until noon. The higher figures induced realizations and a few short lines were put out, which caused a temporary break in the advancing column and a slight reactionary movement. The speculation was unsettled until after delivery here, when purchasers again came into the market with the result of a gain, sending the market upward. The final dealings were particularly firm in tone and the market closed strong.

Items of the principal advances are: Missouri Pacific 1 per cent, 1½ in Chicago Gas and National Linseed, 2 in Consolidated Gas and National Cordage preferred. Declines were recorded of 1 per cent in Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, National Starch and Rubber, 1⅝ in Canadian Pacific and 3 in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba.

The railway and miscellaneous bond market was firm throughout the day and fairly active.

Government bonds firm, except for 4's, which are a trifle lower. State bonds inactive. Petroleum steady. Pennsylvania oil sales none, closed 85c bid. Lima oil sales none.

GRAIN AND MERCHANDISE.

Wheat—April, 62½c.
Flour—Steady.
Hops—Steady; Pacific Coast, 13@18c.
Pigiron—Dull.
Copper—Quiet.
Lead—Quiet.
Tin—Firm for spot; straights, $19 55 bid; plates, firmer.
Spelter—Easy; domestic, $3 30 bid.
Coffee—Options opened barely steady at 10@20 points decline, ruled generally dull and weak and closed quiet, 5 to 25 points net decline. Sales 12,000 bags, including May, $15 80@15 90; June, $15 60@15 70; July, $15 30@15 40; August, $15 05; September, $14 70@14 75; December, $14 10. Spot coffee, Rio, dull and nominal; No. 7, 17c. Warehouse deliveries yesterday, 6270 bags; New York stock to-day, 155,770 bags; United States stock, 206,197 bags; afloat for the United States, 38,000 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 512,197 bags, against 435,899 bags last year.

Rio—Market steady; No. 7 Rio, 17$350; exchange, 9 7-32d; receipts, 16,000 bags; stock, 99,000 bags.

Santos—Market quiet; no quotations; receipts, 2000 bags; stock, 36,000 bags.

Hamburg—Market dull; sales, 7000 bags; prices ⅛@¼ pf lower.

London—Market dull and prices 3@6d lower.

Havre—Market irregular. Sales 37,000 bags; prices lower.

Sugar—Raw easier; fair refining, 2⅜c; sales, 103 hogshead and 1539 bags; Muscovado, 89 test, 2⅝c.

Dun's Review of Trade.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Orders for future distribution are still materially restricted by uncertainty about action at Washington about the outcome of labor difficulties. Most of the recovery realized in business was made possible by consent of the worker to accept lower wages for a time, and if they insist on restoration of wages before consumption has restored prices many works must stop. The great strike threatened by bituminous coal-miners and strikes of all employes on some railroads make the future less hopeful.

Exports of gold had some influence and continuing loss in earnings some. Some earnings for April thus far decreased 13.4 per cent against 14.1 in February and 13.4 in March. Demoralization of Lake freights already diverts much bulky eastbound tonnage from railroads though the movement of other merchandise is well sustained. The failures of the past week have been somewhat more important than usual, and were 219 in the United States against 186 last year, and 45 in Canada against 22 last year.

For the first half of April liabilities reported have been $4,168,416 of which $2,082,550 were of manufacturing and $1,900,427 of trading concerns.

Stickers Affect Trade.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Bradstreet's Review of Trade to-morrow will say: With the exception of the prospect for a still further extension of strikes and other labor disturbances no plainly retarding influence is manifesting itself. So far as learned there are about twenty-three additional strikes, involving 23,000 people. This brings the total number of those now on strike or idle because of strikes up to 60,000. The week also furnishes eleven shutdowns of important industrial establishments, more than offset by the resumption of thirty-two others, which furnish employment to 5000 operatives, although seven important establishments announce reductions of wages. The widely heralded announcement that 200,000 coal-miners will strike to-day has occasioned uneasiness among manufacturers at many central, Western and Eastern cities owing to the prospective scarcity of fuel. Cities along the line of the Great Northern Railroad, which road is now at a standstill because of strikes of employes, are finding their reduced volumes of business still further curtailed, and at Chicago labor troubles seriously affect the building trades.

Exports of wheat (flour included) from both coasts this week amount to 3,019,000 bushels, a gain of 33 per cent over last week. In a like week last year the total exportation was 3,071,000; two years ago 3,107,000 bushels, and six years ago it was 2,222,000 bushels.

At Omaha trade is checked, due to the revival of farm work following the good rains throughout Nebraska, which was to be expected. No material change is reported at Chicago or St. Louis, the volume of business in staples being about an average.

Futile Efforts of Bears.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Bradstreet's financial report to-morrow will say: While there has been a continuance of speculative inactivity caused by renewed efforts on the part of professional operators to depress prices, the stock market still shows little susceptibility to such influences. The heavy gold shipments of last week and the expectation of a further outflow at the close of the present week were supplemented by exaggerated impressions regarding the significance of the friction between various railroads, both in the trunk line and granger groups, and by fears of an extension of the Great Northern strike to others. Due use was made of the facts by the bear party, who were also encouraged by the evident lack of buying power and the failure of foreign support to appear. In spite of these influences, no real tendency to liquidate was discovered, and toward the end of the week it became evident that the limited impressions which had been made on prices had been effected at the expense of a considerable increase in the short interest. The concessions recorded in prices have mainly been unimportant, though the sale of a considerable amount of New York Central, putting that stock below par, was regarded as somewhat significant, the grangers' stock, however, upon which the bear attack was the most severe, declined only gradually in spite of the generally poor earnings, which are now being reported by railroads in that section and the disturbing influence of the general crisis in rates.

The industrial stocks, though somewhat neglected as a class, were strong throughout. On Friday the general market rallied sharply, apparently on covering of short sales, the grangers being conspicuously strong. The tone of speculation, however, was dull and professional throughout.

Chicago Markets.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Wheat was quiet with less doing than any other day for the past three weeks. Opening transactions were at a trifling advance and soon afterward sold up ⅛@¼, eased off ¼@⅜, then rallied ½c and held steady. Liquidation of May was still in progress in a moderate way; there was fair selling of May and buying of July. Grand Forks, N. D., reported two inches of snow, with little prospect of seeding for two weeks. A dispatch from Watertown, S. D., stated that there was a blizzard there yesterday and it was freezing to-day. Reports from what seemed to be reliable sources said such of the wheat sown last month in the Northwest had been rotted by the cold, wet weather and will have to be reseeded. A dispatch from California said: "Sacramento promises three-quarters of a crop. From Merlier, south, failure past redemption."

The weather map showed that the storm in the Northwest was moving eastward. The weather news kept prices from going lower, corn was steady and closed ⅛c higher. Oats ¼c higher and provisions closed strong after a weak opening. Estimated receipts for to-morrow: Wheat, 90 cars; corn, 275 cars; oats, 240 cars; hogs, 15,000 head. Lake business dull at 1c for corn to Buffalo or Port Huron.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Lard per 100 lbs.—		Wheat No. 2—	Highest.	Lowest.
May	— —	April	59½c	58⅞c
July	$7 72½ $7 60	May	59⅞c	59⅜c
Sept	$7 27½ $7 20	July	61¾c	60¼c
Short Ribs per 100 lbs.		Corn No. 2—		
May	$6 57½ $6 45		Highest.	Lowest.
July	$6 52½ $6 37½	April	38¾c	38½c
Sept	$6 55 $6 55	May	39¼c	39c
Mess Pork per bbl.—		July	40c	39¾c
May	$12 70 $12 42½			
July	$12 92½ $12 60			

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Steady, unchanged. No. 2 Spring Wheat, 59⅜@59½c; No. 3 Spring Wheat, no sales; No. 2 Red, 62⅜@59½c; No. 2 Corn, 39c; Prime Timothy Seed, $4 25@4 30; Mess Pork ₱ bbl, $12 67½@12 70; Lard, ₱ 100 lbs, $7 82½@7 85; Short Ribs sides (loose), $6 62½@6 67½; Dry Salted Shoulders (boxed), $6@6 25; Short Clear Sides (boxed), $6 97½@7 12½; Whisky, distillers' finished goods, ₱ gal, $1 15; Sugars, Cut Loaf, —; Granulated, —; Standard A, —.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the Butter market was quiet, unchanged; Eggs unchanged.

CATTLE.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Cattle receipts 7000; slow, barely steady; prime to extra native steers, $4 25@4 60; medium, $3 95@4 10; others, $3 50@3 85; Texans, $3@3 40.

Hogs—Receipts, 23,000; slow; 10@15c lower; rough, heavy, $4 25@4 50; packers' and mixed, $5 15@5 20; prime heavy and butchers' weights, $5 25@5 35; assorted light, $5 20@5 25.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 5000; dull, lower, weak and unsettled; top sheep, $4@4 50; top lambs, $5@5 10.

Crop Prospects in California.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Bradstreet's San Francisco special correspondent wires as follows: As far as the grain crop of California is concerned the outlook is very bad. It all depends on whether we have rain within ten days or two weeks. Without any more rainfall we will have a fair crop in the Sacramento Valley and in the extreme northern portion of the San Joaquin Valley, while in most of the San Joaquin and Southern California the yield will be next to nothing. It is estimated that under such conditions we would have about 14,000,000 bushels of wheat for export of this year's crops. We will carry over about the same quantity of last year's wheat.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

		Pr Ct. Inc.	Pr Ct. Dec.
New York	$497,185,528	.....	29.6
Chicago	84,811,804	.....	24.0
Boston	67,227,270	.....	35.7
Philadelphia	64,725,393	.....	11.7
St. Louis	22,411,966	.....	14.5
San Francisco	14,727,491	.....	5.2
Baltimore	14,161,790	.....	9.5
Pittsburg	15,846,107	.....	7.7
Cincinnati	12,843,350	.....	9.2
Kansas City	9,751,356	.....	10.1
New Orleans	7,908,544	.....	26.1
Buffalo	8,745,764	.....	56.0
Milwaukee	4,340,144	.....	55.5
Detroit	6,757,097	.....	10.2
Louisville	5,970,089	.....	24.6
Minneapolis	4,314,339	.....	48.3
Omaha	5,378,780	.....	17.1
Providence	4,302,300	.....	33.9
Cleveland	4,982,307	.....	30.6
St. Paul	3,077,243	.....	36.0
Denver	2,258,752	.....	40.6
Portland, Or	1,155,351	.....	40.5
Los Angeles	1,408,808	.....	13.0
Tacoma	532,585	.....	33.0
Spokane	307,979	.....	68.3
Totals, U. S.	$909,889,815	.....	26.9
Exclusive of New York	$412,706,287	.....	23.5
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$9,816,175	.....	13.7
Toronto	5,285,264	.....	26.3
Halifax	993,240	.....	33.2
Winnipeg	797,699	.....	.....
Totals	$17,244,766	.....	.....

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Bonds, Exchange, Money and Railroad Shares.

Money on call easy at 1%; last loan 1%; closed at 1%. Prime mercantile paper, 2¾@5%. Posted rates $4 88@4 89½. Commercial bills, $4 86¼@4 86½. Silver certificates, 61¾c. Sterling exchange firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 88¼@4 88½ for demand and $4 87@4 87½ for sixty-day.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Atchison	15⅛	Northern Pacific	5
Adams Express	151	Preferred	20⅛
Alton, Terre Haute	25	U. P. Den. & Gulf	6½
Preferred	150	Northwestern	108¾
American Express	111	Preferred	143½
Bell Telephone	201½	N. Y. Central	99⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	89	N. Y. & New Eng	19¼
Canada Pacific	67¾	Ontario & Western	16¼
Canada Southern	—	Oregon Improvmt	15
Central Pacific	15½	Oregon Navigation	22
Ches. & Ohio	18½	Oregon Short Line	9
Chicago Alton	139	Pacific Mail	16½
Chicago, B. & Q.	81½	Peoria D. & Evns.	4¾
Chicago Gas	88⅞	Pittsburg	152
Consolidated Gas	138¼	Pullman Palace	172½
C. C. C. & St. Louis	38¾	Reading	20⅛
Colo. Coal & Iron	12	Richmond Terminl	—
Cotton Oil Cert	31	Preferred	—
Del. Hudson	138¼	Rio Grande & West	14½
Del. Lack & Westn	164	Preferred	42
Denvr & R. G pref.	32¼	Rock Island	70⅛
Distillers	26¼	St. L. & S. F. 1st p.	—
East Tenn	4⅝	St. Paul	63
Erie	14½	Preferred	120¼
Preferred	33¾	St. Paul & Omaha	39⅝
Fort Wayne	153	Preferred	115
Great Northern pf.	104	Southern Pacific	21¼
Chic. & E. Ill. pf.	93	Sugar Refinery	98⅛
Hocking Valley	18	Tenn. Coal & Iron	17¾
Illinois Central	93	Texas Pacific	9¼
St. Paul & Duluth	26	Tol. & O. Cen. pf.	69
Kansas & Texas pf.	25½	Union Pacific	21⅛
Lake Erie & West.	16¾	U. S. Express	56
Preferred	69⅛	Wab. St. L. & Pac	7⅜
Lake Shore	128½	Preferred	17½
Lead Trust	39¾	Wells-Fargo	123
Louisville & Nash.	51	Western Union	84⅝
Louisvle & New Al	71¼	Wheeling & L. E.	13⅛
Manhattan Consol.	176½	Preferred	60
Memphis & Charl.	5	Minn. & St. Louis	12
Mexican Central	8¼	Denver & Rio G.	10¾
Michigan Central	97¾	General Electric	40⅜
Missouri Pacific	30¾	National Linseed	21
Mobile & Ohio	18¾	Col. Fuel & I.	26
Nashville Chatt	73	Preferred	68
National Cordage	23⅛	H. & Tex. Cent.	3
Preferred	49	Tol. A. A. & N. Mich.	8½
N. J. Central	—	Tol. St. Louis & K. C.	1
Norfolk & West pf.	22⅞	Preferred	7
North American	4⅞		

CLOSING BONDS.

U S 5s, registered	117¼	Oregon & Trans 6s	—
Do, coupon	118¾	SL & IronMtGen 5s	80¼
Do, 4s registered	113¾	S L & S F Gen M	98
Do, coupon	114	St. Paul Consols	130½
Do, 2s reg	96	St. Paul, C & Pac 1sts	110½
Do, coupon	—	Tex Pac L G Trfcts	83½
Pacific 6s of '95	103	Tex Pac R G Tr Rcts	25
Louisiana stmpd 4s	95	Union Pacific 1sts	165
Missouri 6s	100	West Shore	165
Tenn new set 6s	105	R Grande West 1sts	86½
Do, 5s	101	Atchison 4s	75¾
Do, 3s	78	Do, 2½s A	36¼
Canada South 2ds	105½	G H & Sa 6s	100
Cen Pacific 1sts	104	Do, 7s offered	103
Den & R G 1sts	115	H & Tex Cent 5s	106¼
Do, 4s	77½	Do, 6s	102¾
Den & RG West 1sts	—	N C 6s offered	122
Erie 2ds	80½	Do, 4s	98
M K & T Gen 6s	46¾	Tenn old 6s	60
Do, 5s	82¾	Va Centuries	60
Mutual Union 6s	111	Do, deferred	8½
N J C int Cert	115¼	S C Non-fund	2
Northern Pac 1sts	112¾	Ala Class A	109
Do, 2ds	84½	Ala Class B	102
Northwest Consols	140	Ala Class C	92
Do, debenture 5s	111	Ala Currencies	95

Foreign Markets.

WHEAT IN LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, April 20.—The spot market is quiet at 5s 1d. Cargoes are quiet at 24s 9d for off coast, 25s 3d for prompt shipment and 24s 9d for nearly due.

FUTURES.

The Produce Exchange cable gives the following Liverpool quotations for No. 2 Winter Red: April; 4s 10¾d; May, 4s 11d; June, 4s 11d; July, 4s 11d; August, 4s 11¼d; September, 4s 11¼d.

SECURITIES.

LONDON, April 20.—Consols, 100 1-10@100⅛; Silver, 28¾d; French Rentes, 99f 50c.

Portland's Business.

PORTLAND, Or., April 20.—Clearings, $126,000; balances, $20,000.

Wheat—Dull and steady; Valley, 85c; Walla Walla, 75c ₱ ctl.

Exchange and Bullion.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 88
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 89¼
New York Exchange, sight	—	12½
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	17½
Fine Silver, spot, ₱ ounce	—	63
Fine Silver, 30 days	—	62½
Mexican Dollars	53	53½

Produce Market.

FLOUR—Firm at the improved rates. Net cash prices are as follows: Family extras, $3 60@3 70; Bakers' extras, $3 50@3 60; superfine, $2 70@3 ₱ bbl.

WHEAT—The feeling on call was weak yesterday, owing largely to the indications of rain, and futures were lower all around. No. 1, 92½@93¾c; choice, 95c; lower grades, 80@90c; extra choice for milling, $1 05@1 07½ ₱ ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

INFORMAL SESSION—10 o'clock—December—300 tons, $1 18¼; 200, $1 18⅛; 200, $1 18; 600, $1 17⅞; 300, $1 17½; 300, $1 17¼; 100, $1 17⅛; 200, $1 17. Seller '94, new—200, $1 09¼.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—December—200 tons, $1 17¾; 100, $1 17¼; 100, $1 17½; 100, $1 17⅜.

AFTERNOON SESSION—December—200 tons, $1 18; 300, $1 18⅛; 1500, $1 18¼; 300, $1 18⅜; 1300, $1 18½.

BARLEY—Continued indications of rain depressed actual grain 2½c yesterday morning and broke December to $1 16⅞ on the first call, against $1 18⅛ as the best price of the preceding day. On the second call, however, confidence became partially restored and the market recovered to $1 19¼. Feed, $1 07½; choice bright, $1 08¾@1 10; dark Coast, $1 05@1 06¼; Brewing, nominal at $1 12½ ₱ ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

INFORMAL SESSION—10 o'clock—December—500 tons, $1 17; 300, $1 16⅞; 100, $1 17⅛; 300, $1 17¼.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—December—200 tons, $1 18; 700, $1 19; 200, $1 18⅝; 200, $1 18½; 100, $1 18¾; 800, $1 19¼. May—100, $1 07; 200, $1 07½.

AFTERNOON SESSION—December—500 tons, $1 19⅞; 100, $1 19½; 200, $1 19⅝;