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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK. March 15. Money—Easy at 1½%; closed offered 1¾. Prima Paper—1½% per cent. Exchange Bills—Steady at 4 8/16; demand, 4 8/16. Governments—Firm.

Stocks—The demand for railway bonds continues largely beyond precedent and many commission houses have heavy orders from investors which cannot be filled and the demand is not confined to home investors, but extends to foreign houses, who have large orders for European account. Today there was an advance right through the list.

Bonds Improvement in some cases are very marked. West shore first were special feature, the market advancing from 56½ to 58½ on large sales—three million three hundred thousand dollars changing hands on the way up.

Stocks, after an irregular opening became weak; prices declined ½ to 1 per cent. The weakness is due to the unfavorable advices from the west, regarding the railway situation there and after the first call was completed a change in the temper of speculation and the feeling of weakness gave way to one of strength and almost buoyancy. The market was also more active and prices advanced 1 1/14c, with Pacific Mail, Western Union, Union Pacific, Grangers' and Gould's harness features in the afternoon. The market is comparatively firm, but at the close the Northwestern fell off 1 1/4 to 117½, and the St. Paul to 91½. Outside of these shares the decline was merely fractional. It was flooded at times, with a bearish rumor regarding the probable action of the Northwestern pool. Steamers for Europe—day took out no gold. Of thirty leading stocks, fifteen closed higher this evening than last night; 12 were lower and 3 were unchanged.

COUpons

3's.....	101
4½' Coupons.....	118
4's.....	123
Pacific 6's of 95.....	129

STOCKS AND BONDS.

* Asked.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

CHICAGO. March 15.—Flour—Quiet; good to choice white wheat flour, 5 00@5 5/8c; soft spring wheat, 4 00@4 5/8c; Minnesota baker's, 4 00@4 25c.

Wheat—Regular wheat comparatively quiet and steady; during most of the season prices fluctuated within range of 8¢ and about average, but now are well above the latter. Choice white wheat, 6 00@6 1/2c for April; 6 00@6 1/2c for May; 6 00@6 1/2c for June; 6 00@6 1/2c for July; 6 00@6 1/2c for August; 6 00@6 1/2c for September; 6 00@6 1/2c for October; 6 00@6 1/2c for November; 6 00@6 1/2c for December; 6 00@6 1/2c for January; 6 00@6 1/2c for February; 6 00@6 1/2c for March; 6 00@6 1/2c for April; 6 00@6 1/2c for May; 6 00@6 1/2c for June; 6 00@6 1/2c for July; 6 00@6 1/2c for August; 6 00@6 1/2c for September; 6 00@6 1/2c for October; 6 00@6 1/2c for November; 6 00@6 1/2c for December; 6 00@6 1/2c for January; 6 00@6 1/2c for February; 6 00@6 1/2c for March; 6 00@6 1/2c for April; 6 00@6 1/2c for May; 6 00@6 1/2c for June; 6 00@6 1/2c for July; 6 00@6 1/2c for August; 6 00@6 1/2c for September; 6 00@6 1/2c for October; 6 00@6 1/2c for November; 6 00@6 1/2c for December; 6 00@6 1/2c for January; 6 00@6 1/2c for February; 6 00@6 1/2c for March; 6 00@6 1/2c for April; 6 00@6 1/2c for May; 6 00@6 1/2c for June; 6 00@6 1/2c for July; 6 00@6 1/2c for August; 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