THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

There Was a Fair Demand for Wheat Yesterday.

BUT OFFERINGS WERE LESS URGENT

Chief Factor in the Market Was the Receipt of Numerous Crop Damage Reports from the Various States—Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 16.—There was a fair demand for wheat today but offerings were less urgent and a dull feeling pervaded the market. This was partly due to unusual reaction from the extreme depression which has ruled for some days. The chief factor in the market is the receipt of numerous crop damage reports from the different states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas. Coming, as they did, from various sections, operators seemed to place some reliance in them and bought quite freely. Some of the prominent local operators took up a fair quantity, claiming to be "long," while the shorts also covered. The market no doubt became considerably oversold the last few days and it required something of this nature to start operators to buying. A letter from official source said the Michigan crop looked well up to the recent freeze, but it is now black in many sections and wheat must be dead in clay soil. Reports from other states show that the late freeze did more or less damage. Bradstreet's reported a decrease of 1,063,000 bu. east and a decrease of 401,000 bu. west of the Rocky mountains. The export clearances were again quite large and aggregated 555,000 bu., of which 239,000 bu. was flour.

Early cables were weak, but did not leave any apparent effect on prices. Liverpool was from ½d to 1d lower and Berlin was 2 marks off. Logan, Schwartz-Dupee, Norton Worthington, Partridge and others had good buying orders, and as there was but little for sale prices gradually firmed up. Reem was also prominent on the buying side and partly to cover short and partly for investment. After buying freely during the early part of the day, Partridge turned after the market had advanced ¾c and sold heavily on the bulge. May opened at from 85¾c to 85⅝c, advanced before noon, with slight reactions, to 86⅛c, then there was quite a rush to sell, early buyers taking profits and short sellers putting out liberal lines, and there was a gradual decline to 85¼c, assisted by weaker cables. Berlin being 3¼ marks off and Paris 20 centimes lower with London 3d lower. Near the close, however, there were better advices from abroad and short sellers turning into taking profits, there was a rally to 86⅛c at which the market closed firm. A dispatch from Terre Haute reported considerable damage in Indiana by the weather and that a quarter acreage in some counties would have to be plowed up. Lamson had the following from Evansville, Ind.: "A gentleman here today from Kentucky says wheat looks beautiful, four inches high and green. Six weeks ago the same fields were barren."

Corn was quiet but firm during the forenoon, being influenced almost entirely by sympathy with the firmness in wheat and other speculative products. There was little in the way of news and the trade was slow. There seemed to be a general disposition to take advantage of the decline to cover shorts, while the selling was somewhat restricted. During the last hour, however, the market turned weak, when wheat broke, and lost the advance. May opened ⅛c higher at 39⅝c, advanced to 39¾c, reacted to 39⅛c and closed steady at 39⅜c.

Oats sympathized with corn and closed at ¼c advance.

Hog products started firm with a good demand from shorts and not much offered. Baxter, Mitchell and Beasly were the best buyers with Hately Bros., the principal sellers. Hogs at the yards were 10c higher. Later on there was a reaction when grains turned weak. Pork closed easy at a decline of 2½c, though lard and ribs show an advance of a like amount.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 185 cars; corn, 300 cars; oats, 150 cars; hogs, 26,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT-No. 2				
March	$ 83½	$ 84⅝	$ 83½	$ 84⅛
May	85¼@85⅜	86⅝	85¼	86⅛
CORN No. 2—				
March	38⅝	38⅝	38¼	38¼
May	39⅝	39⅝@40	39⅜	39⅜
June	38¾	38¾	38⅝	38¾
OATS No. 2—				
March	28⅛	28⅛	28	28⅛
May	28⅞	29¼	28¼@⅜	28⅞
MESS PORK—				
March	10 45	10 50	10 40	10 40
May	10 60	10 65	10 55	10 55
LARD—				
March	6 25	6 27½	6 25	6 27½
May	6 30	6 32½	6 30	6 32½
SHORT RIBS—				
March	5 65	5 67½	5 62½	5 65
May	5 70	5 72½	5 67½	5 70

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull and weak, with some local sales at 10c lower.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring wheat, 84¼c; No. 3 spring wheat, 80@83c; No. 2 red, 88½c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2, 38¼c; No. 3 yellow, 38¾@39c.

OATS—No. 2, 28¼@28½c; No. 2 white, 31½@32c; No. 3 white, 29½@31c.

RYE—No. 2, 81½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 56c; No. 3, 42@56c; No. 4, 40@48c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 97c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.27@1.28.

PORK—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.40; lard, per cwt., $6.22½; short ribs sides (loose), $5.65; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.50; short clear sides (boxed), $6.10.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.13.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, unchanged.

CORN—No. 3, 37½@38c.

Receipts and shipments today were as follows:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, barrels	28,000	24,000
Wheat, bushels	66,000	57,000
Corn, bushels	275,000	76,000
Oats, bushels	235,000	141,000
Rye, bushels	17,000	4,000
Barley, bushels	81,000	39,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady and unchanged; fancy creamery, 27½@28½c; fine western, 25@27c; ordinary, 21@24c; selected dairy, 22@28c; ordinary, 18@21c. Eggs, 13c.

CHEESE—Firm; full cream cheddars, 11@11½c; flats, 11@12c; young Americas, 12¼@13c.

HIDES—Unchanged.

TALLOW—Unchanged.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 16.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,880 pkgs; exports, 80,293 bbls., 50,322 sacks; market generally dull and heavy.

CORN MEAL—Dull.

WHEAT—Receipts, 57,000 bu.; exports, 24,438 bu.; sales, 4,285,000 bu. of futures; 146,000 bu. spot. Spot quiet, stronger; No. 2 red, $1.00½ @1.07½ in store and elevator; $1.01½@1.03 afloat; $1.01⅜@1.01¾ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 96@96½c; ungraded red, 92½@99½c; No. 1 northern, 98⅞@$1.01; No. 1 hard, $1.02⅞@1.03½; No. 2 northern, 95¼c. Options advanced ⅞@1⅛c on on Bradstreet's statement of decreased supplies, bad crop reports from the northwest, liberal clearances and reported postponement of consideration of the anti-option bill, declined ¼@⅝c on weaker cables, better weather abroad and foreign selling, closed steady at ⅛@⅜c over yesterday. No. 2 red, March 90⅞@91⅛c, closing at 91⅛c; April, 98⅞@99⅛c, closing at 99⅛c; May, 96⅞@98c, closing at 97⅝c; June, 96⅞@96⅞c, closing at 96c; July, 95⅝@96⅛c, closing at 95¾c.

RYE—Dull but steady; western, 9.@97c.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2 Milwaukee, 68@69c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull.

CORN—Receipts, 120,125 bu.; exports, 120,469 bu.; sales, 705,000 bu. futures; 14,000 bu. spot. Spot market firmer and moderately active; No. 2, 47c in elevator; 47½@48c afloat; ungraded mixed, 46½@48½c; No. 3, 47c; steamer mixed, 46⅝@47½c. Options opened ⅛@¼c up, with wheat, closed weak with increase in the Bradstreet statement at ⅛c down to ⅛c up; March, 46⅞@47c, closing at 47c; April, 47¼@47½c, closing at 47¼c; May, 46⅞@47¼c, closing at 46⅞c; June, 46⅞@46¾c, closing at 46⅞c; July, 46⅛@46⅜c, closing at 46⅜c; August, 46⅝@47⅛c, closing at 46⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 42,000 bu.; exports, 1,493 bu.; sales, 135,000 bu. futures; 96,000 bu. spot; spot market stronger but quiet; options dull and irregular; May, 35⅝@35¾c, closing at 35c; July, 33⅞@34⅛c, closing at 34⅛c; spot No. 3 white, 37¼c; mixed western, 35@36c; No. 2 Chicago, afloat, nominal.

HAY—Firm, quiet; shipping, 65@75c; good to choice, 85@90c.

HOPS—Quiet, steady.

SUGAR—Raw, moderately active and steady; sales, 31,000 bags centrifugals to Boston at 3⅝c. Refined, firm; firm demand; No. 9, 3 11-16@3 15-16c; No. 10, 3⅞@3¾c; No. 11, 3 9-16@3 11-16c; No. 12, 3⅞@3⅞c.

MOLASSES—Foreign, dull; New Orleans, firm and active.

RICE—Firm; good demand.

PETROLEUM—Dull and easier; crude, in bbls., Parker's, $5.65; crude, in bulk, $3.10. United closed at 57c for April.

COTTON SEED OIL—Quiet and steady.

TALLOW—Higher and excited; city ($2.00 for packages), 4 13-16@4⅝c.

ROSIN—Dull.

TURPENTINE—Dull and nominal at 37½@38c.

EGGS—Firmer and active; western, 14½@15½c; receipts, 1,000 pkgs.

PORK—Quiet.

CUT MEATS—Quiet; pickled bellies, 6¼@6⅝c; pickled shoulders, 5@5¼c; middles, quiet and easy; short clear, $5.90.

BUTTER—Firm, better demand; western dairy, 17@22c; western creamery, 24@33c; western factory, 17@22c; Elgins, 23c.

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CHEESE—Quiet and steady; part skims, 6@10c.

PIG IRON—Quiet and weak; American, $15.75@17.25.

LARD—Firmer and quiet; western steam, $6.62½. Option sales, 3,000 tierces; March, $6.60; May, $6.64; July, $6.72@6.73, closing at $6.74 bid.

COPPER—Strong; lake, $11.60.

LEAD—Dull; domestic, $4.22½.

TIN—Firm; straits, $19.65@19.70.

Omaha Produce Markets.

FLOUR—Omaha Milling company's Reliance patent, $2.50; Invincible patent, $2.40; Lone Star Superlative, $2.20; Snowflake, $1.85; Fancy Family, 1.75; S. F. Gilman's Gold Medal, $2.50; Snow White, $2.25; Snowflake, $2.00; low grade, $1.60; Queen of the Pantry, $1.60.

POULTRY—Chickens, good stock, 9@10c; geese and ducks, 11@12c; turkeys, 13@14c.

BUTTER—Best choice country roll, 20@21c; lower grades, 17@19c.

HIDES—No. 1 green salted hides, 4½@4¾c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4½@4¾c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½@4c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½@4c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7@8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5@6c. Tallow, No. 1, 3½@4c; tallow, No. 2, 3½c; grease, white A, 4c; grease, white B, 3½@3¾c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 16c; rough tallow, 1½@2c.

EGGS—Although the supply was not large there was still a weak undertone to the market and sales were reported at 10½@11c.

HAY—Slow at $4.00@5.00. The latter price could only be obtained for something extra good.

FRUITS—California riverside oranges, $2.50@2.75; Washington navels, $4.00; good apples, $3.50@3.00; choice lemons, $4.00@4.25; fancy lemons, $4.50; bananas, crated, $2.00@2.50; cranberries, shipping stock, $8.50@6.00; strawberries, 40@45c qt.

VEGETABLES—California cabbage, 2¼c per lb. in crates; home grown lettuce, 40c per doz.; onions, 75c@$1.00 per bu.; Nebraska hand picked beans, $1.75@1.85; medium, $1.50@1.70; California celery, $1.00@1.25; sweet potatoes, $3.75@3.00; Colorado and western Nebraska potatoes, 35@40c; native potatoes, 25@30c; lima beans, 4½@4½c per lb.; water cress, 20-qt. cases, 12½@15c per qt.; spinach, $1.00@1.25 per bbl.; Spanish onions, $1.50 per crate; radishes, 40c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, $3.00@3.50; teal, $1.50@2.00; mixed, $1.25@1.50.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 16.—FLOUR—Low grades easy, others quiet.

WHEAT—Bad weather caused an active demand from the shorts and prices sharply advanced. May rising 1c and July 1⅝c. Later there was a decline but the close was ⅛c for May and 1⅛c for July above yesterday: No. 2 red, cash, 88⅝c; May closed at 88⅝@88½c; July, 83⅛c; August, 82⅝c.

CORN—Followed wheat, both up and down, and closed ¼c above yesterday: No. 2 cash, 35⅝c; March, 35⅝; May, 35⅝c.

OATS—Cash, nominally worth 30c; May higher, closing at 29⅛c.

RYE—Dull and lower, 82c bid.

BARLEY—Quiet: Minnesota sold at 52½c.

BRAN—Quiet; 67½@70c.

HAY—Dull and unchanged; prairie, $7.50@8.00; timothy, $13.00@15.50.

LARD—Dull $6.07½.

FLAX SEED—88c.

CORN MEAL—Steady; $1.95.

WHISKY—Quiet; $1.13.

BAGGING—Steady; 6½@8c.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.20@1.25.

PORK—Better; $10.87½.

LARD—Firmer; $6.15.

DRY SALT MEATS—Unchanged and only a job trade done; loose shoulders, $4.40; longs and ribs, $5.70; shorts, $5.85; bacon shoulders, $5.00; longs and ribs, $6.40; shorts, $6.50; hams, $10.00@10.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 lbs.; wheat, 23,000 bu.; corn, 35,000 bu.; oats, 26,000 bu.; rye, 10,000 bu.; barley, 15,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 lbs.; wheat, 25,000 bu.; corn, 97,000 bu.; oats, 33,0 0 bu.; rye, 10,000 bu.; barley, none.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 16.—FLOUR—Firm and unchanged; patents, $2.25; choice to extra fancy, $1.60@2.25.

WHEAT—Dull but firm; No. 2 hard, 77c; No. 2 red, 8.c.

CORN—Steady, with fair trade; No. 2, mixed, 31c; No. 2 white, 35c.

OATS—More active and steady; No. 2 mixed, 28c; No. 2 white, 28c.

RYE—Steady at 78c.

FLAX SEED—Steady at 85c on a basis of pure.

BRAN—65c.

HAY—Strong; timothy, $8.00 per ton; prairie, $5.0 @6.00.

BUTTER—Unchanged; creamery, 22@30c.

EGGS—Firmer at 10½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 41,000 bu.; corn, 8,000 bu; oats, 19,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 42,000 bu.; corn, 18,000 bu.; oats, 31,000 bu.

Manchester Commercial Review.

MANCHESTER, March 16.—The Guardian in its commercial article says: Business is largely suspended in consequence of the further reduction in the price of cotton at Liverpool, buyers preferring to await developments. The unsettled condition and unsettled state of the market is due to the increasing receipts of cotton at American ports and the acceptance of highest crop estimates. The inquiry for the east is small at low rates. There is some demand for printing cloths, but they are easier to buy. There is a fair miscellaneous inquiry for small parcels. The sales are moderate. The sales of export yarns are small at a decline.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Futures closed steady; sales, 144,800 bales; March, $6.30; April, $6.30; May, $6.43; June, $4.52; July, $6.62; August, $6.71; September, $6.81; October, $6.91; November, $7.00; December, $7.10.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 16.—Cotton steady; middling, 6¼c; low middling, 5¾c; good ordinary, 5⅛c; net receipts, 3,296 bales; gross, 3,803 bales; exports to France, 6,557 bales; coastwise, 4,350 bales; sales, 7,600 bales; stock, 442,500 bales.

LIVERPOOL, March 16.—Free sellers at previous rates: middling, 3 9-16d; sales, 10,000 bales, of which 1,500 were for speculation and export, and includes 9,100 American.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Business in dry goods was firm, but demand tends to more safe conditions for the moment. Agents are delivering many goods or orders and a large number of articles, fancy and staple, continue sold ahead of the laws. The market was unchanged in tone and stocks are moderate to scarce. There is some trading in less important lines and styles but prices rule steady to firm. The jobbing trade was scarcely as active as last week, but a good business is expected for some time to come.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 16.—WHEAT—Steadier; May, 88⅝c; No. 2 spring, 86c; No. 1 northern, 88½c.

CORN—Active; No. 3, 37¼@38c.

OATS—Steadier; No. 2 white, 32c. No. 3 white, 30@31c.

BARLEY—Higher; No. 2, 51c; sample, 42@60c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 83c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Options opened steady, unchanged to 15 points down; closed steady, 5 points up to 5 points down; sales, 8,250 bags, including March, $16.75; May, $12.95; July, $12.50; August, $12.50; September, $12.35; October, $12.25; December, $12.16. Spot Rio dull but steady; No. 7, $14.62½.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 16.—WHEAT—Dull; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 8s@8s 1d per cental; red western spring, 7s 11½d@8s; No. 2 red winter, 7s 10d@7s 10½d.

CORN—Easy; demand poor; mixed western, 4s 8d per cental.

On the Berlin Bourse.

BERLIN, March 16.—The bourse today was very dull, in sympathy with the unsettled feeling in Paris and with the Guenzburg failure. International stocks declined. Russian securities show a fall of three-eights of 1 per cent.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., March 16.—WHEAT—Stronger; No. 2 red, 94c.

CORN—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 42c.

OATS—Easy; No. 2 mixed, 31½c.

WHISKY—$1.13.

New York Exchange Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Exchange was quoted as follows: Chicago, 75c discount; Boston, 15@25c discount; St. Louis, 50c premium.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., March 16.—WHEAT—Steadier; No. 2 cash, 92½c.

CORN—Firmer; No. 2 cash, 41c.

OATS—Quiet; cash, 32c.

Traders' Talk.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 16.—Counselman & Day to Cockrell Bros.: The early strength in wheat, on buying orders for July and crop damage reports from the winter wheat states, was entirely lost on selling by eastern and foreign houses when the late cables quoted English markets weaker and continental demoralized. The final rally was in buying through brokers thought to be covering sales for elevator people. The crop damage reports had no influence on eastern markets, but no doubt was the undercurrent to the strength here. Corn and oats opened strong and shippers bought freely to cover recent sales. Receivers report a readiness among farmers to sell and receipts are expected to increase largely as soon as country roads permit hauling. Elevator people sold futures on every hard spot against purchases at western points. The railroads are making an effort to secure business before navigation opens and a decline in freights is predicted by shippers. The offerings of provisions were light and packers were free buyers, especially of lard and ribs, which closed a shade firmer. Scalpers bought pork on the early advance, but resold when wheat weakened and closed it at the low point of the day.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Operators, Including the Room Traders, Were Awaiting Events Yesterday.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Operators, including even the room traders, were today awaiting events, and especially as regards the sugar combination and the action of the Pennsylvania authorities in the matter of the coal combination. The street is inclined to place the probability of the bill in the New Jersey legislature securing the signature of the governor against the possibility that the Pennsylvania may be able to find some flaw in the agreement, and Reading displayed a strong temper throughout most of the session while realizations on the late advance and the execution of stop orders gave sugar a weak spurt in prices, caused by the execution of some buying orders in Atchison for speculative account, but the general list during the greater portion of the day remained without feature of any kind and dullness and stagnation ruled. The new developments in both Richmond & West Point and Tennessee coal were productive of no further movements in either of the stocks but a demonstration against the bonds of the first named was followed by an immediate recovery and in Tennessee coal a steady dribble of stocks to market to realize on the late advance kept the stock drooping throughout most of the session.

There was also some buying of Northwestern, which was sufficient to advance its quotations one point, supposed to be based on the earnings of the company, but the inactive stocks were unusually barren of interest and the limited animation shown in East Tennessee second preferred resulted in no movement in their prices. Reading was advanced in the forenoon, but its activity dwindled to ordinary proportions; after this no change of note occurred in the stock but the opening of the market was made on generally lower quotations, but the strength of Reading rallied the entire market and a small fractional gain became the rule despite the weakness in Sugar. The movement in Atchison toward 12 o'clock further advanced the list, but here all the motion in the market ceased, the subsequent trading being done within the narrowest limits and it was not until just at the close when the closing out of a few long accounts sagged the list off a shade. The market closed, however, dull and steady to firm, generally at small fractional advances for the day. There was no material change in any of the active shares, but the majority of the list is slightly higher than last evening.

Government bonds have been dull and steady.

State bonds have been entirely neglected.

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York Stock exchange today.

Atchison	34¾	do preferred	112⅞
Adams Express	145	N. Y. Central	106⅞
Alton, T. H.	35	N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	19⅛
*Alton, T. H. pfd	105	do preferred	76
American Express	117½	Ohio & Miss.	21⅞
*B. C. R. & N.	50	do preferred	85
Canada Pacific	88½	Ontario & Western	20¼
Canada Southern	62	Oregon Improvem't	25⅛
Central Pacific	31	Oregon Nav.	85⅛
Ches. & Ohio	23¾	N. Y. A.	158
do 1st preferred	61	Pacific Mail	36
do 2nd preferred	42½	P. D. & E.	20
Chicago & Alton	141	Pittsburg	150
C., B. & Q.	107⅛	Pullman Palace	174
C., C., C. & St. L.	71⅞	Reading	57¼
Del. Hudson	139½	Rock Island	89
Del., L. & W.	160	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	76
D. & R. G. pfd	36½	do preferred	17½
East Tennessee	7⅛	St. P., Min. & Man.	113
do 1st preferred	40	St. Paul & Omaha	48
do 2nd preferred	18¼	do preferred	114
Erie	32⅞	Tenn. Coal & Iron	47
do preferred	85	Texas Pacific	11¼
Fort Wayne	153	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd	83
Chi. & East Ill.	63½	Union Pacific	46⅞
Hocking Valley	30¾	U. S. Express	48
Houston & W. T.	46⅞	Wabash, St. L. & P.	12⅛
Illinois Central	103	do preferred	29½
St. P. & Duluth	43	*Wells Fargo Ex.	144
Kansas & Texas	17⅛	Western Union	83⅛
Lake Erie & West	25⅞	Am. Cotton Oil	87¼
do preferred	75⅛	Colorado Coal	36¾
Lake Shore	133¾	Iron Silver	120
Louisville & Nash	74⅞	Ontario	43½
Louisville & N. A.	25¼	Quicksilver	3½
*Memphis & Char.	50	do preferred	19
Michigan Central	111	Sutro	5
*Mil. L. S. & W.	91	Bulwer	30
do pfd	130	Richm'nd & W.P.Ter.	15¾
Minn. & St. L.	9⅞	Wisconsin Cen.	18
do preferred	20	Great Northern pfd	136
Missouri Pacific	62	Chicago Gas	74¾
Mobile & Ohio	39	Lead Trust	89
Nashville Chatt.	85¾	Sugar Trust	96
N. J. Central	103¼	Southern Pacific	28½
Norfolk & W. pfd	50½	R. G. W.	37¾
Northern Pacific	23⅛	do pfd	72½
do preferred	67	Dist.	74½
U. P., Denver & G.	20⅞		
Northwestern	120¾		

*bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 250,808 shares, including: Atchison, 22,235; Erie, 9,780; Northwestern, 9,098; Reading, 74,500; Richmond & West Point, 10,320; St. Paul, 6,000; Western Union, 4,590.

Financial Review.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The Post says: The movement of prices in the stock market today was again unnatural, which is as much as to say that the market was exceedingly dull and fluctuations irregular. Reading moved up and down, after its habitual disposition, within the range of 1 point.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 16.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½ to 2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed offered at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet, but steady at $4.85½ for sixty-day bills and $4.87½ for demand.

The closing quotation on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.	116	Mutual Union 6s	*107
U. S. 4s coup.	117	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	111⅛
U. S. 2s reg.	*100	North. Pacific 1st	117
Pacific 6s of '95	*109	North Pacific 2nds	116¼
La. stamped 4s	86	Northwestern Con.	137
Tenn. new set 6s	105	North. Debent. 5s	*107
Tenn. new set 5s	98	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	85¾
Tenn. new set 3s	69½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	108¾
Canada So. 2nds	109¾	St. Paul Consols	126
Cen. Pacific 1sts	*107	St. P., C. & Pac. 1sts	*117
Den. & R. G. 1sts	117	Tex. P. L. G. Tr. 1s	83¼
D. & R. G. West 4s	80¾	Tex. P. R. G. Tr. 2s	34½
Erie 2nds	107⅞	West Shore	103½
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	80¾	C. P. 1sts	108
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	50¾	R. G. W 1sts	70¾

*bid.

Financial Notes.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Clearings, $133,912,730; balances, $6,794,959.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 16.—Bank clearings this day, $1,497,835.

PARIS, March 16.—Three per cent rentes, 95f 22½c for the account ex. interest.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 16.—Bank clearings, $14,881,216; balances, $2,144,946; money, 3½ per cent.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 16.—Bank clearings today were $2,717,237, and balances, $285,504. Rate, 6 per cent.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 16.—New York exchange selling at par. Clearings, $647,618; balances, $418,531.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 16.—Clearings, $1,387,375. New York exchange: Commercial, 50c per $1,000 premium; bank, $1.50 per $1,000.

BOSTON, Mass., March 16.—Clearings, $16,806,278; balances, $2,637,619. Money, 2 per cent. Exchange on New York, 15 to 20 per cent discount.

London Stock Market.

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LONDON, March 16.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Money was in better request. Up to 2 per cent was paid today. Advances in the discount market were also a little harder in tone at 1⅛ per cent. Not a great deal was doing. The appointment of a receiver in the affairs of Messrs. Murrieta & Co. had very little effect on the stock markets, stopping buying in Argentine securities was about all it did. Home rails were better all around, especially Northeastern and Brighton, which gained ½ per cent on the day. American shares were dull and neglected throughout the day; Grand Trunk issues, after being very quiet, closed dull. Mexican rails also declined. Italian, Portuguese, Greek and Brazilian declined. Egyptian, Chilian, Turkish are improved. The silver market is very quiet. Prices for bars are unchanged at 41¼d.

Boston Stock Market.

BOSTON, Mass., March 16.—The following were the closing prices on stocks on the Boston stock market today:

Atchison & Topeka	34⅛	Calumet & Hecla	205
Boston & Albany	200	Franklin	12⅛
Boston & Maine	168	Kearsarge	12⅛
C. B. & Q.	107⅛	Osceola	23
Fitchburg R R.	88	Santa Fe Copper	43
Flint & Pere M. pfd	81⅛	Tamarack	160
Kan. C., St. J. & C. B.	112	Boston Land Co.	6
Mass. Central	11	San Diego Land Co.	18
Mex. Cen. com	19⅛	West End Land Co.	19⅛
N. Y. & N. England	49	Bell Telephone	204⅞
N. Y. & N. Eng 7s	120	Lamson Store S	16⅛
Old Colony	173	Water Power	35⅛
Wis. Cen. com	40	Cent. M	12⅛
Allouez Min. Co. new	1⅛	Nat. & T.	51
Atlantic	10⅞	U. S. & B. C.	15⅛
Boston & Montana	30⅞	H. H.	58⅛

Denver Mining Stocks.

DENVER, Colo., March 16.—The following list is the closing quotations on the Mining exchange today. Sales 24,668.

Alleghany	9	Gold Rock	45
Amity	2	Ironclad	20
Argonaut	20	John J	⅛
Ballarat	5	Justice	18
Bangkok-Cora B.	4	Leavenworth	6
Bates-Hunter	55	Lexington	41
Big Indian	10	Little Rule	90
Big Six	4	May Mazeppa	70
Brownlow	4	Morning Glim	52
Calliope	16	Omega	275
Claudia J	2½	Park Consolidated	6½
Century	8	Pay Rock	3⅛
Clay County	30	Potosi	1⅛
Diamond B	3½	Puzzler	5
Denver Gas and Oil	7⅛	Rialto	105
Eumons	48	Running Lode	80
Gettysburg	29	Whale	6
Golden Treasure	65		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The following are the closing mining stock quotations:

Best & Belcher	220	Mexican	190
Caledonia B. H.	105	Ontario	4200
Chollar	190	Ophir	300
Con. Cal. & Va.	475	Plymouth	175
Deadwood	190	Savage	150
Eureka Con.	195	Sierra Nevada	175
Gould & Curry	135	Standard	1.35
Hale & Norcross	150	Union Con.	150
Homestake	1300	Yellow Jacket	105
Horn Silver	560		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 16.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	16	Navajo	192
Bulwer	15	Ophir	300
Best & Belcher	220	Potosi	110
Bodie Consolidated	240	Savage	150
Con. Cal. & Va.	565	Sierra Nevada	175
Crown Point	175	Union Con.	165
Eureka Con.	300	Utah	55
Gould & Curry	135	Yellow Jacket	110
Hale & Norcross	140	Com.	10
Mexican	210	N. Q.	55
Mono	10		

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Steady Run of Stock Finds Prices Uneven and the Trade Unsettled.

OMAHA, March 16.—Three days' receipts foot up 8,303 cattle, 19,197 hogs and 2,650 sheep against 8,172 cattle, 5,668 hogs and 2,962 sheep the first half of last week, about