COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Pork Broke Nearly One Dollar Per Barrel Early Yesterday.

FEW OUTSIDE ORDERS WERE RECEIVED

Corn Was Supported by Some Covering by the Shorts—Wheat Trading Was of a Restricted Character—Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 24.—A break of nearly $1 per barrel took place today in the price of pork. From $19.10, last night's closing figures, the market fell to $18.22½, closing at $18.25. The speculative branch of the trade has been in the hands of scalpers for several days, no outside orders having been received. The big plungers took advantage of this condition of things and organized a vicious raid. They found the market poorly supported, and pressed their advantage with vigor, bringing out a lot of property on stop loss orders and precipitating a violent flurry. The closing price marks a decline of $2 a barrel in pork from the outside price made on the recent advance. The slump was a Board of Trade affair entirely, the hog market at the stock yards feeling the effects of the raid only slightly. It was looked upon by many as the long looked for beginning of the end of the bull campaign in provisions. Compared with yesterday's closing prices, the May deliveries are 20c off for lard and ribs tonight, and wheat from ¼c to ⅝c.

Corn was supported by some covering by the shorts and longs offering ¼c higher.

Wheat trading was of a restricted character. Prices early in the day declined ½c below the closing figures of yesterday, then became stronger and the decline was recovered, but eased off ⅛c again, closing steady.

The attitude of the clique is still the principal consideration with operators and so long as it is believed to hold on to its line there will probably not be much disposition to short the market, however bearish leaders may feel unless there should be something unusually bearish in the way of news.

One of the firm features was the fact that local receipts were 100 cars less than expected and cables reported a little better tone abroad. The cliques had a few brokers in the market who picked up some wheat, but it was more to let the crowd know that the clique was still here than to any desire to add much to its holdings. The dispatch showing Farmer Hatch had suffered another defeat in his efforts to bring the anti-option bill to a direct vote was another strengthening factor.

A large business was done in corn and an early period of weakness gave way to a subsequent recovery under good buying. The initial decline carrying May down ⅜c was due to the bright weather, which suggested further liberal receipts and sympathy with other markets. The majority of traders strove to make May touch 43c, believing this would bring out some stop loss orders on the selling side. But a good showing had been scored during the last ten days, and some of the operators on the short side having a profit came in as buyers.

There was good trade in oats within a range of ½c. The market closed steady at about the same figures as yesterday. There has been a good deal of liquidation by longs of late, but it has not been as thorough as in corn. The shorts have covered quietly and were the best buyers today.

The market for hog products was demoralized and as prices declined under free offerings considerable long property was thrown on the market, and especially on behalf of outside parties, which had been carried on small margins, and this added to the depression generally. Prices fluctuated wildly and on the whole range declined materially all around. Trading on behalf of outsiders was very unsatisfactory and it was almost impossible to comply with orders.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 165 cars; corn, 290 cars; oats, 215 cars; hogs, 8,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.	Y'S'DY
Wheat No 2					
February	74	74	73¼	73¾	74
May	77¼	77¼	76⅞-77	77	77¼@⅜
July	75½	75¾	75	75⅝@¾	75½
Corn No. 2—					
February	40⅝	40⅝	40⅛@40⅜	40⅛@⅜	40⅛@⅜
May	43⅝	43¾	43⅛@43⅜	43⅛@⅜	43⅜
July	43⅝	44¼	43⅝	44¼	43⅝
Oats No. 2—					
February	30	30¼	30	30¼	29⅞
May	32⅝@⅞	32¾@33	32½	32¾	32¾@⅞
Mess Pork—					
May	19 00	19 00	18 25	18 27½	19 07½
Lard—					
May	12 50	12 65	12 50	12 65	12 80
July	12 20	12 20	11 70	11 70	12 25
Sept	11 82½	11 82½	11 40	11 40	11 95
Short Ribs—					
May	10 10	10 10	9 92½	9 95	10 15

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull, easy, unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 73½@74c; No. 3 spring, 62@64c; No. 2 red, 73½@73¾c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2, 40½c; No. 3, 36¾c; No. 3 yellow, 37⅛@38c.

OATS—No. 2, 30½@30¾c; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3 white, 32@34c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 64c; No. 3, f. o. b., 43@60c; No. 4, f. o. b., 36@50c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.20.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.00.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $18.25; lard, per 100 lbs., $12.65; short ribs sides, (loose) $9.95@10.25; dry salted shoulders, (boxed,) $9.87½@10.00; short clear sides (boxed), $10.00@10.95.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.17.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, 5½@5⅝c; granulated, 5⅛c; standard "A," 5c.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	25,000	20,000
Wheat, bu	131,000	42,000
Corn, bu	128,000	144,000
Oats, bu	248,000	96,000
Rye, bu	6,000	6,000
Barley, bu	61,000	28,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creamery, 19@27c; dairy, 20@25c. Eggs, unsettled; fine stock, 20@25c.

Omaha Grain Market.

Considering the discouraging influence of freight blockades and dull eastern markets it must be conceded that the Omaha grain market is fully as active as could be expected. There is no lack of buyers, but sellers are afraid of not being able to get cars in time to fill contracts.

The following prices are for delivery at Mississippi river points:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 70c bid; No. 3 spring, 58c bid; No. 2 red winter, 70c bid; No. 3 red winter, 63c bid; No. 2 hard winter, 63½c bid, 64c asked.

OATS—No. 2 white, 32½c bid; No. 3 white, 32c bid, 33c asked.

CORN—No. 3 or better, cash, 37½c; same, March shipment, 37½c bid, 38c asked; same, April shipment, 37⅝c bid; No. 2 white, 38c bid.

Among the sales were: 10 cars No. 3 or better cash corn, St. Louis terms, 37½c; 25 cars No. 3 or better corn, Cincinnati terms, last half of March shipment, 38c.

BOARD BRIEFS.

J. G. Burris of Cook has been in looking over the grain market.

E. G. West of Gothenburg was among the visitors on the board.

The grain men held a meeting previous to the call in the office of Harry Miller, and after talking over the situation carefully decided to put forth every effort possible to build up a grain market at Omaha. They all expressed themselves as being fully alive to the necessity of having a good market at Omaha and of the advantages to be derived from such a market.

Omaha Produce Market.

Aside from the change in the egg market prices on produce of all kinds were about steady. Eggs, as will be noted below, went down to 20c, as was predicted they would the day before.

APPLES—Stocks are held at $3.50@4.00 for fair to choice stock.

BANANAS—Quoted at $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

BEANS—Choice navy, $2.25.

BUTTER—A good many commission dealers are complaining of the poor quality of butter that is coming to market at the present time. Only about one box out of ten is good enough for the retail trade, the other nine packages going to the packers to be worked over. Packing stock is selling at about 18c, while strictly choice roll goes at 20c and occasionally as high as 20@22c.

CALIFORNIA CABBAGE—Per lb., 2½c.

CELERY—Per doz., 40c.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and bugle, $10.50; Jersey Cape Cod, $9.50.

EGGS—The market was weaker and sales were mostly at 20c. Some dealers were feeling so weak that they were predicting that eggs would sell at 18c before the close of the week.

GAME—Small rabbits, $1.50; jack rabbits, $3.50.

HAY—The market was a little firmer and sales generally were made at $6.50@7.00.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 3½c; No. 1 green salted, 4½c; No. 2 green salted, 3½c; No. 1 green salted, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 2 green salted, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 7½c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5½c; No. 1 dry flint, 6@7½c; No. 2 dry flint, 4@5½c; No. 1 dry salted, 5@6c; part cured hides ½ per cent per pound less than fully cured.

HONEY—Choice to fancy white clover, 18@20c; fair to good, 16@18c.

LEMONS—Choice, $3.50@3.75; fancy, $4.00.

MALAGA GRAPES—Good shipping stock, $8.50.

NEW VEGETABLES—Lettuce, radishes and parsley, 45c per doz; green onions 40c.

NUTS—Large hickory, $1.50; black walnuts, $1.00@1.25.

ONIONS—Home grown, $1.20@1.25 per bushel Spanish per crate, $1.90@2.00.

ORANGES—Florida fancy, per box, $3.50; five to ten box lots, $3.25; russetts, $3.00@3.25; Mexican oranges, single boxes, $3.25; five to ten box lots, $3.00; California mountain oranges, $2.50; navels, $4.00.

OYSTERS—Oysters are being offered at 16@38c per can, which is a reduction of 4c per can.

POULTRY—Chickens are quoted at 8@10c, but it requires very fancy sized chickens to bring the top of the market. Turkeys are very slow sale at any price, the consumption having dropped off all of a sudden. Choice turkeys would not bring over 12@13c, and the greater part of the stock that is coming to market at the present time would have to sell lower. Geese and ducks are in pretty fair request at 11@12c for choice and 9@10c for rough.

POTATOES—Only small lots moving from store. Western Nebraska stock is quoted at 85c; Utah and Colorado, $1.00@1.10; choice native, 75@80c.

SWEET POTATOES—There are a few in the market which are selling at $4.50.

TANGERINES—In half boxes, $3.00.

VEAL—Choice and small fat veals, 7@9c; large and thin, 3@6c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,233 pkgs.; exports, 8,712 bbls., 22,322 sacks; sales, 10,901 pkgs.; market dull, steady.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; steady.

RAILWAY—Dull, firm.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet, steady.

WHEAT—Receipts, 2,325 bu.; exports, 31,314 bu.; sales, 2,125,000 bu. futures, 96,000 bu. of spot. Spot market dull and steady; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 79½c; afloat, 79⅞ 79¾c; f. o. b., 78⅝@80c; No. 1 northern, $1¼@$1.21; No. 1 hard, 88⅝@88¾c; No. 2 northern, 83⅛@83½c. Options were fairly active and chiefly local; switching, declining early ⅝c with the west and on realizing, advancing ⅝c on foreign buying and shorts covering, falling ¼c and closing steady at ⅛c under; No. 2 red, March, 77⅝@77⅞c, closing at 77⅝c; May, 80⅝@81⅛c, closing at 80⅞c; July, 81¼@81⅜c, closing at 81⅜c.

CORN—Receipts, 45,000 bu., exports, 91,000 bu.; sales, 600,000 bu. futures, 78,000 bu. spot. Spots firm, quiet; No. 2, 52⅝@52¾c in elevator, 53@53½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 51@53c; steamer mixed, 51⅝@51⅞c; No. 3, 49½@50c. Options declined ⅞@¾c with wheat and the west, rallied ¼@⅝c on local covering, closed firm and dull at ⅛@⅜c over yesterday; February, 52⅝@52¾c, closing at 52¾c; March, 51⅞@52¼c, closing at 52¼c; May, 50⅝@50⅞c, closing at 50⅞c; July, 50½@51c, closing at 51c.

OATS—Receipts, 48,300 bu.; exports, 1,497 bu., sales, 145,000 bu. futures, 232,000 bu. spot. Spots fairly active, firmer; options quiet, ⅛c up; steady; February, 37⅛@37⅞c, closing at 37⅝c; March, 37⅛@37⅞c, closing at 37⅞c; May, 37⅛@37⅞c, closing at 37⅝c. Spot, No. 2, white, 41c; No. 2 Chicago, 38½@39c; No. 3, 37½c; No. 3, white, 40@40½c; mixed western, 38@38½c; white western, 40@45½c.

HAY—Moderate demand, firm.

HOPS—Dull, weak; state common to choice, 20@23c; Pacific coast, 19@23c.

HIDES—Fair demand; steady.

WOOL—Dull, domestic fleece, 27@32c; pulled, 20@37c; Texas, 17@21c.

CUT MEATS—Easy; pickled shoulders, 10c; pickled hams, 14c; middles quiet, easy; short clear, 10½c.

LARD—Dull, lower; western steam closed at $12.95; sales, none; option sales, none; March, $12.95; May, $12.95; July, $12.19.

PORK—Quiet, lower; old mess, $19.50@19.75; new mess, $20.00@20.25.

BUTTER—Quiet, weak; Elgin, 27½@28c.

CHEESE—Quiet, steady.

EGGS—Large supply, lower; receipts, 4,636 pkgs. western fresh, 22½@23c.

TALLOW—Quiet, weak; city ($2.00 for pkgs.), 3⅞c asked.

COTTON SEED OIL—Dull, weak; crude, 50c; yellow, 58c asked.

TURPENTINE—Dull and easy at 34½@34¾.

ROSIN—Quiet firm.

PETROLEUM—The limited production in the field has further stimulated bullish sentiment on the premium certificates and at the Consolidated board today, although they opened ⅝c lower they were steady to 61c with considerable increase of business done. The close was strong with 61c bid. At the Stock exchange 8,000 lbs. changed hands at 57¼@58c.

RICE—Firm, active.

MOLASSES—New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, firm, good demand.

SUGAR—Raw, firm, active; sales, 58 hhds. and 10 tierces; muscovado, 98 test, at 3c; centrifugals, 96 test, at 3⅛c and 100 bags; molasses sugar 89 test at 2¾c; refined, firm, fairly active.

PIG IRON—Steady, quiet; American, $12.75@15.50.

COPPER—Quiet, steady; lake, $11.95.

LEAD—Dull; domestic, $3.95.

TIN—Firm; Straits, $20.10.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—FLOUR—Quiet, steady.

WHEAT—Declined early, partially recovered, gradually worked off and closed ¼c down; No. 2 red, cash, higher at 67⅞c; February, 67⅞c bid; March, 68⅛c bid; May, 71⅜c asked; July, 72⅜c asked.

CORN—Unsettled, following wheat, recovering and closing ¼c up; No. 2, cash, 37½c; February and March, 37⅞c; May, 39⅝c asked; July, 40⅝c asked.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 cash, 32½@33c bid.

BRAN—Dull and unchanged.

RYE—Dull and unchanged.

BARLEY—Dull and unchanged.

FLAXSEED—Lower at $1.19.

CLOVER—$11.50@12.40.

LEAD—$3.70; spelter, $4.05.

CORN MEAL—Weak at $2.05@2.10.

BAGGING AND TIES—Unchanged.

WHISKY—$1.17.

PROVISIONS—Dead, dull, lower. Pork, $19.50 both old and new. Lard, $12.50. Dry salt meats, shoulders, $9.62½; longs and ribs, $10.37½; shorts, $10.62½; boxed, $10.37½; shorts, $10.62½, boxed 15c higher. Bacon, shoulders, $10.25; longs and ribs, $11.37½; shorts, $11.50; hams, $14.00@15.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 37,000 bu.; corn, 176,000 bu.; oats, 24,000 bu.; rye, none; barley, none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 12,000 bbls.; wheat, 81,000 bu.; corn, 260,000 bu.; oats, 22,000 bu.; rye, 17,000 bu.; barley, 2,000 bu.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Hubbard, Price & Co.'s cotton letter says: Spinners have again deserted the Liverpool market and their takings are but 5,000 bales, while the arrival market has been the scene of wild fluctuations, finally closing very steady at 7⅝c, a decline from yesterday's closing. At the opening of our market the liquidation of the long interest caused a decline of from 8 to 10 points, though the market quickly recovered a portion of this loss on a rumor that the mills were resuming work with the assistance of nonunion men. Our private cable dispatch shows that the market is very discouraging to the holders of cotton unless the men surrender unconditionally to the demand of the masters. During the afternoon the market recovered most of the loss and closed steady at the highest of the day and within 4 points of yesterday's figures. The strength of prices is founded principally upon the exceptionally light interior movement. The present movement seems to point to a total production of less than 6,500,000 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—Steady; middling, 9¼c; sales, 3,200 bales; receipts, 1,400 bales; shipments, 1,300 bales; stocks, 104,000 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 24.—Futures steady; sales, 110,300 bales; February, $8.88 bid; March, $8.88@8.90; April, $8.98@8.99; May, $9.07; June, $9.13@9.14; July $9.19@9.20; August, $9.19@9.20; September, $8.90 bid; October $8.75 bid.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 24.—Steady; fair to middling, 9 7-16c; middling, 9 1-16c; low middling, 8 13-16c; good ordinary, 8 7-16c; net receipts, 1,000 bales; gross, 1,100 bales; exports to Great Britain, 100 bales; sales, 1,000 bales; stock, 331,644 bales.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 hard, 65@66c; No. 2 red, 70½@71c.

CORN—¼@⅜c lower; No. 2, mixed, 33½c; No. 2 white, 35c.

OATS—Weak; No. 2 mixed, 29½@30c; No. 2 white, 30½@31c.

RYE—Steady at 52c.

FLAX SEED—Lower at $1.08@1.10.

BRAN—Firm at 63@64c.

HAY—Weak; timothy, $8.00@9.50; prairie, $6.50@8.00.

BUTTER—Light demand and dull; creamery, 24@27½c; dairy, 17@19c.

EGGS—Weak at 18c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 67,000 bu.; corn, 8,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 91,000 bu.; corn, 23,000 bu.; oats, none.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Quiet; demand fair; holders offer moderately; No. 2 red, spring, 6s 4d@6s 5d per cental; No. 2 red, winter, 5s 9d@5s 10d. Receipts of wheat the past three days, 231,000 centals, including 175,000 American.

CORN—Quiet; demand fair; western mixed, old, 4s 1½d per cental; western mixed, new, 4s 4½d. Receipts of American corn the past three days, 66,100 centals.

BEEF—Extra India mess, 80s per tierce.

PORK—Prime mess, western lime, 93s 9d per bbl.

BACON—Long and short clear, 55 lbs., 52s 6d per cwt.; long and short clear, 45 lbs., 53s 6d.

LARD—Prime western, 62s per cwt.

LINSEED OIL—22s 6d per cwt.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 24.—FLOUR—Quiet.

WHEAT—Steady; May, 68⅛c asked; No. 2 spring, 68c; No. 1 northern, 72c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 3, 38@38½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3 white, 32@33½c.

BARLEY—Quiet; No. 2, 62½@63c; sample, 40@62c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 1, 57c.

PROVISIONS—Lower; pork, May, $18.37½; lard, May, $12.65.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 86,500 bu.; barley, 100,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,600 bbls.; wheat, 23,400 bu.; barley, 10,400 bu.

Philadelphia Grain Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Dull and featureless; No. 2 red, February 70¼@70½c.

CORN—Options steady; No. 2 mixed, February, 49c.

OATS—In car lots, steady; No. 2 white, February, 40@40½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 24.—The market opened weak and 5c below last night's close, but the decline did not last long and was recovered before noon. The close was somewhat irregular. Close: No 1 hard, cash and February, 68½c; May, 73c; July, 75½c; No. 1 northern, cash and February, 66c; May, 70⅝c; July, 73c; No. 2 northern, cash, 60¼c; No. 3, 55c; rejected, 49½c.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 24.—There was only small decline from opening prices before an advance started that held until the close. Cash market steady. No. 1 northern, 66c; No. 2 northern, 63@64c. Receipts, wheat, 298 cars. Close: May, 68¼c; July, 70½c. On track: No. 1 hard, 67½c; No. 1 northern, 66c; No. 2 northern, 63c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The demand for dry goods at first hands was without material change. The market continued firm, although there was, as always, some articles not up to requirements that seek a market below cost.

American Refrigerator Beef.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 24.—American refrigerator beef, forequarters, 3¾d; hindquarters, 5½d.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—American refrigerator beef, forequarters, 24 6d@2s 8d; hindquarters, 3s 4d@3s 5d per 8 lbs. by the carcass.

Cincinnati Grain Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Easier; No. 2 red, 71c.

CORN—Stronger; No. 2 mixed, 44½c.

OATS—Strong; No. 2 mixed, 34@35c.

WHISKY—In good demand at $1.17.

Baltimore Grain Market.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Steady, No. 2 red, spot and February, 75⅝@75½c.

CORN—Firm; mixed spot 47⅞c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white western, 40½c; No. 2 mixed western, 37c.

London Oil Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—LINSEED—46s 6d per quarter.

LINSEED OIL—22s 1d per cwt.

TURPENTINE SPIRITS—24s 1½d per cwt.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 72½c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 cash, 42c bid.

OATS—Quiet; cash, 35½c.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—Receipts, 26,400 lbs.; shipments, 97,500 lbs.; market strong, with a good inquiry.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Options quiet; unchanged to 10 points up, closed steady 5@10 points up.

Business Briefs.

Chris Kimmel is reported as about to sell out his saloon at Seward.

J. W. Wagner will be succeeded in the hotel business at Tobias by A. White.

T. C. Wells has bought the blacksmith shop of Wells & Smith at Valparaiso.

M. S. Briggs has bought out the jewelry business of G. W. Vass at Plattsmouth.

D. C. Scranding succeeds E. L. Thornton as proprietor of a general store at Eddyville.

A. Lawson in the hardware business at Fairbury has been succeeded by D. Kavanagh.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Decidedly Bearish Sentiment Existed in Wall Street Yesterday Morning.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—A decidedly bearish sentiment existed in Wall street this morning, but as the day developed there was a material change in this respect, and, while resistance was given to the declines in the leading weak stocks, the market as a whole again showed a disposition to break away from the influence of these stocks, as their movements were the result of special causes and not justified by the recent situation.

The outgo of gold for tomorrow was reduced to a mere nominal sum, and money was decidedly easier than for some time before the holiday. While little attention was paid to these influences, they evidently had their full effect, and a weak, feverish and unsettled speculation was changed into a strong one.

Reading and its affairs occupied still the prominent position on the street, but there was a decidedly weak feeling and although the transactions in Reading were still large, the price was depressed only a fraction and a full and substantial rally was in progress during the entire day. The stock moved steadily upward, finally closing at 30 with a net gain of 1¾ per cent. It was somewhat handicaped, however, by the course of its ally, New England. The bears found this stock an easy prey, and undoubtedly heavy liquidation was performed, while the bears uncovered stop orders continuously and from 37 last evening, it declined to 28¾ with hardly a rally worthy of the name and finally closed at 29 with a net loss of 8 per cent. Rumors of the worst kind were persistently circulated and the chief of these was that the roads would certainly go into the hands of a receiver while at one time it was said on the board that Mr. Parsons had actually been appointed.

An emphatic denial was received from Boston and one of the directors who had recently resigned said that no receiver could be appointed when the road was not in default and he knew of his knowledge that no obligation which could not be immediately provided for was pressing. Notwithstanding this, however, the decline was not checked and the stock closed weak. Only one other prominent feature marked the proceedings, which was Sugar. The belief was general that the liquidation in progress was for the account of the pool and a decline of nearly 5 per cent to 111½ was established in the forenoon.

The appearance of Mr. White in the crowd turned the course of prices and almost a full recovery from the lowest was effected before the close, stimulated primarily by his purchases. Among the other industrials Cordage was specially weak in the forenoon, retiring to 37, against 42⅝ last night, and in this also a full recovery was brought about.

The following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York Stock exchange today:

Atchison	37⅝	Northern Pacific	15⅝
Adams Express	158	do preferred	40⅝
Alton, T. H.	12½	U. P. Den. & Gulf	14⅝
do preferred	150	Northwestern	112
American Express	117	do preferred	144½
Baltimore & Ohio	22	N. Y. Central	136¾
Canada Pacific	83¼	N. Y. & N. E.	23
Canada Southern	55	Ontario & Western	17⅝
Central Pacific	26	Oregon Imp.	19
Ches. & Ohio	22¼	Oregon Nav.	70
Chicago Alton	141	O. S. L. & U. N.	19
C. B. & Q.	95¾	Pacific Mail	23⅝
Chicago Gas	88⅛	Peoria, Dec. & E.	9⅝
Consolidated Gas	129¼	Pittsburg	155
C. C. C. & St. L.	51½	Pullman Palace	158
Cotton Oil Cert	47¾	Reading	29⅞
Del. Hudson	127	Richmond Terminal	9⅝
D. L. & W.	140¼	do preferred	37
D. & R. G. pfd	32	Rio Grande W.	22
D. & C. F. Co.	30¾	do preferred	60
East Tenn.	4¼	Rock Island	83¼
Erie	22¾	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	75
do preferred	50½	St. Paul	70⅝
Fort Wayne	155	do preferred	122¼
Gt. Northern pfd	143	St. Paul & Omaha	5⅛
C. & E. I pfd	102¾	do preferred	118
Hocking Valley	28¼	Southern Pacific	22
Illinois Central	99½	Sugar Refinery	116⅞
St. Paul & Duluth	42	Tenn. Coal & Iron	31
Kan. & Tex pfd	24¼	Texas Pacific	9
Lake Erie & West	22¼	Col. & O. Cent. 1 fd.	78
do preferred	76¾	Union Pacific	37¾
Lake Shore	127¼	U. S. Express	65
Lead Trust	40⅞	W. St. L. & P.	12
Louis. & Nash	74⅝	do preferred	29⅝
Louis. & New Alb'y	22½	Wells Fargo Exp.	145
Manhattan Con.	109	Western Union	84⅝
Memphis & C.	43	Wheeling & L. E.	11⅝
Michigan Central	104⅛	do preferred	61
Missouri Pacific	55⅛	Mina & St. L.	16
Mobile & Ohio	34⅝	D. & R. G.	19¾
Nashville Chatt	87	General Electric	137⅛
Nat'l Cordage new	62⅝	National Linseed	36⅛
do preferred	111	C. Fuel & Iron	68¾
N. J. Central	119	do preferred	111
Norfolk & W. pfd	51⅛	Hous. & Tex. Cen.	6
North American Co	9		

The total sales of stocks today were 497,700 shares, including: Atchison, 11,800; Chesapeake & Ohio, 6,100; Chicago Gas, 18,700; Lackawanna, 17,900; Distilling, 14,200; Erie, 56,000; Louisville & Nashville, 5,500; Manhattan, 5000; Missouri Pacific, 4,500; National Lead, 9,400; St. Paul, 6,600; Cordage, 20,800; Northern Pacific preferred, 31,400; Reading, 18,000; Richmond Terminal, 5,800; Rock Island, 6,500; St. Paul, 38,200; St. Paul & Omaha, 5,100; Union Pacific, 3,700; Western Union, 15,700.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 4 to 5 per cent; last loan 5 per cent; closed offered at 5 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@6½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet but firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86 for sixty-day bills and $4.88½ for demand.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady to firm. State bonds neglected and dull.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg	112¼	Northern Pac. 2nds	113⅝
U. S. 4s coup	112¼	N. W. Consols	135
U. S. 4½s reg	109⅝	do deben. 5s	112
Pacific 6s of '95	105	Pittsburg	155
Louisiana st'pd 4s	95	S. L. & S.F. Gen. M.	101⅛
Tenn. new set 6s	101⅛	St. Paul Consols	125⅛
Tenn. new set 5s	101	U. P. C. & P. 1sts	117
Tenn. new set 3s	75¼	P. L. G. Ter. Rcts.	86
Canada So. 2nds	101⅛	P. P. R. G. Ter. Rcts.	26⅝
Cen. Pacific 1sts	106	Union Pacific 1sts	106
D. & R. G. 1sts	118	West Shore	101⅛
D. & R. G. 4s	87	T. & O. W. 1st	26½
Erie 2nds	103¾	Atch. 4s	82¾
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	82	Atch. 2⅝s, class A.	54¾
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	45½	G., H. & S. A. 6s	107⅛
Mutual Union 6s	113	do 2d 5s	87
N. J. C. Int. Cert	113	H. & T. C. 6s	105⅛
Northern Pac. 1sts	116	H. & T. C. Cons. 6s	107

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LONDON, Feb. 24.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—There has not been much disposition to enter into engagements for the new account on the Stock exchange, but a good deal has been done in connection with closing outstanding business. Consols are 1-16 per cent better for the money account, Indian rupee paper is ¼ per cent lower, though silver is unchanged. Foreign government securities close flat. Mexican 6s have fallen 1¼ per cent, Turkish B & C ¼ per cent, Turkish D 5-16 per cent, Greek bonds ¼ to ½ per cent, Spanish 7-16 per cent and most others ⅛ per cent. Home railways have been weak the greater part of the day but were somewhat more favorably inclined at the close. Americans experienced some rally on receipt of opening prices from New York, accompanied by a few buying orders from that center, but the last hour they again became weak on further realizations and final quotations are about the lowest. Northern Pacific preference have fallen 4½ per cent, Norfolk & Western preference and Atchison 1⅛ per cent and nearly all others ¼ to ½ per cent. In the street, after the close of the house, the tendency became better again on New York buying. Canadian lines, after being flat, close steadier. Mexican ordinary preference maintain a rise of ¼ to ½. Miscellaneous securities have not been much dealt in. There was a good demand for money. Short loans were charged ¼ to 2 per cent. The discount market continued firm, two and three months bills being quoted at 1⅞ to 2 per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Crown Point	55	Plymouth	50
Con. Cal. & Va	280	Sierra Nevada	130
Deadwood	130	Standard	135
Gould and Curry	90	Union Con	100
Hale and Norcross	125	Yellow Jacket	55
Homestake	1100	Iron Silver	56
Mexican	175	Quicksilver	300
Ontario	1300	do preferred	1200
Ophir	225	Bulwer	10

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 24.—Clearings, $2,129,840.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Three per cent rentes, 98f 77½c for the account.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 24.—Clearings, $619,141; balances, $226,027.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 24.—New York exchange selling at par.

OMAHA, Feb. 24.—Clearings, $1,364,147; same day last week, $1,179,306.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Clearings, $136,278,537; balances, $6,639 106.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 24.—Clearings, $2,500,184; balances, $309,147. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 24.—Clearings, $15,708,880; balances, $1,748,406. Money, 4 per cent.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today, £30,000.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 24.—Clearings, $3,492,000. Money, 4@7 per cent. New York exchange, 40@60c discount.

HAVANA, Feb. 24.—Spanish gold, $2.40@2.41½; actual range week, quiet; short sight gold, 9¼c; on London, 20¼c premium.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 24.—Clearings, $16,943,510; balances, $1,957,480. Money, 7 per cent. Exchange on New York at par.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—Clearings, $4,552,617; balances, $597,671. Money quiet, 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 75@80c discount.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 24.—Clearings, $3,240,874; New York exchange, common, 75c per $1,000 premium; bank, $1.50 per $1,000 premium.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Exchange was quoted as follows: Chicago, 80c discount; Boston, par; St. Louis, 60c to 75c discount.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 24.—Clearings, $19,931,475. New York exchange sold at 80c discount. Sterling exchange, dull, $4.84¼ for sixty-day bills, $4.88¼ for sight drafts. Money steady at 6 per cent.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle Trade Still Improving—Hogs Strike the Down Grade Heavily.

FRIDAY, Feb. 24.

Receipts of all kinds today were light. So far this week, compared with last, receipts show an increase of 3,000 cattle and 4,500 sheep and a falling off of about 3,000 hogs.

The cattle market was better again today. Receipts were light, but 73 cars being on sale. A good share of these were beef steers, but the general quality of the offerings was common. Shippers could find little here to interest them and bought very sparingly. Local houses all had good orders and bought freely at prices strong to a dime higher than Thursday. Fair to good 1,000 to 1,200-lb. steers sold largely at from $4.15 to $4.35, with extreme sales at from $3.70 to $4.50. The trade was tolerably active throughout and little of any consequence remained unsold at the close.

Cows sold rather unevenly. The good to choice grades sold a shade stronger at from $3.25 to $3.85, but common and canning grades were in indifferent demand and sold 5c to 10c lower than Thursday at around $2 and $2.35. Fair to good stuff sold right around steady prices at $2.50 and $3.25. Bulls, oxen and stags were in only moderate demand and steady to a shade lower at from $1.50 to $3.50. Common to choice veal calves were in good demand and firm at from $2.25 to $6.

There was not a great deal doing in the stocker and feeder line. The better grades are in very limited supply and held at prices too high for the average country buyer. Poor stuff is not wanted by anyone and the ordinary grades are selling at about steady prices around $2.80 and $3.45. Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
8	837	$3 70	1	900	$4 15
5	1100	3 75	12	941	4 15
1	800	3 75	13	1100	4 15
8	978