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Wheat and Corn Weakened at the Close After Being Strong.

PROVISIONS WERE WEAK DURING THE DAY

Numerous Crop Damage Reports Continue to Disturb the Market—Prices Generally Showed a Good Deal of Firmness.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 24.—After an all-day bold front, wheat and corn, within fifteen minutes of the close, weakened most ingloriously. Corn, which had only been encouraged by the example set for it by the wheat market, was the weaker of the two when its supporters began to show the white feather.

Wheat had gained about ½c for July, but dropped it all at the close. Corn lost ⅜c of the highest price it brought early in the session.

Provisions were weak during the greater part of the day, but the decline in the end was not very material. Vance and Hibbard bought from 600,000 to 700,000 bu. as the wheat market was declining, 250,000 of which they got from Partridge in one lamp. Late continental cables were all lower, and a sudden desire to sell developed.

There was more than the usual excitement on a small break, and heavy trading during its continuance. Cold, unfavorable weather and some little activity on the part of the clique brokers and a rumor that Cudahy's name was to be given up on some of the recent large purchases were the strong factors in wheat prior to the break.

Crop damage reports are numerous, particularly from Indiana and Missouri. The drouth in western Indiana was apparently unbroken, and receipts in the north were again light.

These conditions started shorts to covering freely, and as there was little for sale, prices showed a good deal of firmness. The opening was ⅛c higher for May and ⅛c higher for July, and after some fluctuations, prices were further advanced ⅛c for the former and from ⅛c to ¼c for the latter future.

The corn crowd studied the weather reports and concluded stories meant reduced receipts, and when cables came in showing quite an advance and wheat proved slightly higher, there was fair buying. One prominent house took a considerable quantity, and the professional operators followed this lead, especially as outside news suggested strength.

Subsequently there was a desire to unload and offerings could not be absorbed, except at the concessions in prices. Holders sent offers to the east and raised local prices on the contract grade above a shipping basis. This worked against stability. The market closed ⅛c from the bottom and ⅛c under yesterday's final quotations.

There was a fair trade in oats, prices covering a range of ⅛c and closing weak at inside prices with a net loss of from ⅛c to ⅜c. The feature was the advance in June that has been selling the same as May to ⅛c premium.

The most striking feature of the provision trade was a drop of 25c in May lard, while July and September closed with a net gain of 2½c. Trade was very light. The party usually depended upon to support products appeared for a long time to have abandoned the attempt.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 195 cars; corn, 178 cars; oats, 160 cars; hogs, 8,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.	YEST'Y.
Wheat No 2.					
March.....	73⅞	74⅜	73⅛	74¼	73⅞
May.....	76	77⅜	75⅝	77	76
July.....	75⅞	76⅛@⅜	75	75	75⅛@⅞
Corn No. 2—					
March.....	41⅞	41⅞	40⅞	40⅞@41	41⅛
May.....	45⅝	45⅝	45⅛	45⅛@⅜	45⅞
July.....	44¼	44⅝	43⅞	43⅞	44⅛
Oats No 2—					
March.....	30⅞	30¼	30	30	30⅛
May.....	32⅞	32⅞	32⅛	32⅛@⅜	32⅝
June.....	32⅛	32⅜	32	32	32⅛@⅜
Mess Pork—					
May.....	17 60	17 67½	17 40	17 47½	17 52½
July.....	17 47½	17 50	17 42½	17 50	17 47½
Lard—					
May.....	11 40	11 40	11 20	11 25	11 55
July.....	10 90	11 00	10 82½	10 92½	10 87½
Sept.....	10 95	11 05	10 87½	10 97½	10 95
Short Ribs—					
May.....	10 07½	10 07½	10 02½	10 05	10 10
July.....					9 65

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull, unchanged; winter patents, $3.70@4.20; winter straights, $3.30@3.35; spring patents, $3.85@4.10; spring straight, $2.60@3.10; bakers', $2.10@2.35.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 73½c; No. 3 spring, f. o. b., 58@71½c; No. 2 red, 73½c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2, 40⅞@41c; No. 3 cash, 38½c; No. 3 yellow, 40@40⅛c.

OATS—No. 2, 30½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 36c; No. 3 white, 32c.

RYE—No. 2, 49c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 62c; No. 3, f. o. b. 43@65c; No. 4, f. o. b., 35@46c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.19½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.40.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $17.27½@17.30. Lard, per 100 lbs., $11.10@11.12½; short ribs sides (loose), $10.05@10.07½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $9.37½@9.50; short clear sides (boxed), $10.50@10.55.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, 5⅝@5⅞c; granulated, 5⅛c; standard "A," 5c.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	12,000	27,000
Wheat, bu.....	83,000	24,000
Corn, bu.....	170,000	103,000
Oats, bu.....	182,000	185,000
Rye, bu.....	3,000	4,000
Barley, bu.....	24,000	42,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 20@29c; dairy, 20@27c. Eggs, firmer; strictly fresh, 14½@15c.

Omaha Grain.

The following prices are based upon delivery at Mississippi river points:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 70c bid; No. 2 hard, 61c bid.

RYE—No. 2, 54c bid.

OATS—No. 2 white, 33½c bid; No. 3 white, 32c bid.

CORN—No. 2, cash or April, 37½c bid; No. 3 or better, cash or April, 37½c bid.

Among the sales were the following: Fifty cars No. 3 or better corn, Toledo terms, March or April shipment, 37¾c.

Omaha Produce Market.

The hay market is quoted lower, but aside from that there was not very much change in the market. Butter is scarce and game flat.

APPLES—Choice shipping stock is quoted at $4.50.

BANANAS—Per bunch, including crates and packing, $2.00@2.75.

BEANS—Choice navy, $2.45.

BUTTER—Extra choice country roll, 20@22c; fair to good country roll, 18@20c; packing stock, 16@17c.

CALIFORNIA CABBAGE—Per lb., 3c.

CELERY—Per doz., 40c.

CRANBERRIES—Per box, $3.25.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $2.

EGGS—The market was not much changed from yesterday. Dealers were still asking 14c for small lots, but the majority of the sales were made at 13½c.

GAME—Commission houses that make a specialty of game are discouraging the shipment of ducks, as the market is oversupplied and prices very low. Mixed ducks, 75c@$1.00; teal, $1; red heads, $2; mallards, $2.50; geese, $3.00@6.00, according to size.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $3.50.

HAY—The market on good upland hay was $5.50.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 4c; No. 2 green, 3c; 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., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint, 7½c; No. 2 dry flint, 5½c. No. 1 dry salted, 6c.

HONEY—Choice to fancy white clover, 18@19c; fair to good, 16@18c.

LEMONS—Choice, $3.50; fancy, $4.

NEW VEGETABLES—Lettuce, 40c; radishes and parsley, 45c per doz.; green onions, 35c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per bbl., $4; Spanish, per crate, $2.

ORANGES—Florida fancy, per box, $3.50; russetts, $3.25; Mexican oranges, single boxes, $3.25; 5 to 10-box lots, $3; California mountain oranges, $2.50; Washington navels, $4; Newcastle California seedlings, $2.75; Med. sweets, $2.75; Riverside seedlings, $2.75.

OYSTERS—Per can, 100@38c.

POTATOES—Colorado, $1.20@1.25; choice native stock, 85@90c.

POULTRY—The market was about steady, though not quite so strong as it was a few days ago. Choice hens, 9@10c, live; young roosters, 6@9c; old roosters, 5@6c; geese and ducks, dressed, 11@12c; dressed turkeys, 12@14c.

STRAWBERRIES—Per quart, 25@30c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $5.

TANGERINES—In half boxes, $2.75@3.00.

VEAL—Choice and small fat veals, 7@8c; large and thin, 3@6c.

PRODUCE POINTERS.

Julius Peycke has gone on a trip to Texas and Arkansas looking after the fruit interests of his house.

A commission man remarks that there is no surer way to lose a shipper than to have him ship in a barrel of pop corn.

W. H. Hazzard has gone to Arkansas in the interest of Branch & Co. He will be present at the meeting of the berry growers at Van Buren.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The demand for dry goods disclosed improvements as regards both spring and fall fabrics, with interest in the latter widening out to all receipts of a special character, as dress goods, flannels, blankets, shirtings, cotton flannels, comfortables, silks and ribbons. Hosiery and underwear are already well under control of orders, as are also checkings. This movement is especially early this year, but not greatly heavier than usual. Staple and fancy cottons are not likely to come to the front for some time this season. Current demands are moderate, but there was rather more doing in medium grades of brown and bleached cottons. Many goods are still going forward on orders and these supply the bulk of actual requirements. The market was unchanged in tone, holders being firm.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 20,600 pkgs.; exports, 2,400 bbls., 16,100 sacks; sales, 12,600 pkgs.; market dull; held steady.

CORN MEAL—Dull, steady; yellow, $2.95@2.75.

RYE—Quiet, easier; western, 59@63c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 24,000 bu.; exports, 23,000 bu.; sales, 2,790,000 bu. futures, 158,000 bu.; spot. Spot market firm, fairly active for exports: No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 75c; afloat, 75½@75¾c; f. o. b., 75¾@76½c; No. 1 northern, 81½@81¾c; No. 1 hard, 85½c; No. 2 northern, 80½@80¾c. Options were active, opening firm at ¼@½c advance with the west, closing weak and unchanged to ⅛c down: No. 2 red, May, 76½@76⅞c, closing at 76⅛c; June, 76⅞@77⅛c, closing at 76⅝c; July, 77⅛@77 3-16c, closing at 77⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 61,800 bu; exports, 850 bu.; sales, 575,000 bu. futures, 87,000 bu. spot. Spots moderately active, easier, closing steady: No. 2, 52½@52¾c in elevator, 53½@53¾c afloat; ungraded mixed, 52@53c; steamer mixed, 51½@51¾c; No. 3, 50¾@51¼c. Options opened ⅛c advance, closed steady at ⅛@⅜c decline; May, 49⅞c; July, 50⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 58,800 bu; exports, 100,000 bu.; sales, 70,000 bu. futures, 108,000 bu. spot. Spots dull, weak. Options dull, lower; May, 37⅝@37⅞c, closing at 37c; July, 37⅞@38c, closing at 37c; No. 2 white, April, 41½c; spot: No. 2 white, 42½@43c; No. 3, 38c; No. 3 white, 42c; mixed western, 38½@40½c; white western, 42@49c.

HAY—Fair demand; prime firm, good to choice, $00@$1.00.

HOPS—Quiet, steady; state, common to choice, 15@21½c; Pacific coast, 18@21½c.

HIDES—Dull, easy.

WOOL—Quiet but firm; domestic fleece, 27@32c; pulled, 26@37c; Texas A, 17@21c.

PROVISIONS—Cut meats, quiet and steady; pickled bellies, 10@10½c; pickled hams, 12½@13c; shoulders—Dull, lard, firm; western closed at $11.60; sales, none; options sales, none; March, closed at $11.50; May closed at $11.50 asked; July, $11.10 asked; September, closed at $11.10 asked. Pork, quiet and easier; old mess, $18.50@19.75; new mess, $18.75@19.00.

BUTTER—Firmer; good demand, western dairy, 18@23c; western creamery, 24@30c; western factory, 17@23c; Elgin, 30c.

CHEESE—Steady.

EGGS—Large receipts, easier; receipts, 13,300 pkgs; western, fresh, 16½@16¾c.

TALLOW—Closed steady; city ($2 for pkgs.) 5⅝c.

PETROLEUM—Quiet; firmer; refined, $5.45, nominal; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $5.40; nominal; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, $2.90@2.95; United, closed at 68c bid.

ROSIN—Quiet, steady; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.42½.

TURPENTINE—Dull, lower at 34½@35c.

RICE—Fairly active, firm.

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

SUGAR—Raw, dull; fair refining, 3c; centrifugals, 96 test, 3½c; refined, active, higher; off A, 4⅛@4¼c; mould A, 5 15-16@6⅜c; standard A, 4 13-16@4⅞c; confectioners A, 4 9-16@4¾c; cut loaf, 5¼@5 7-16c; crushed, 5½@5⅝c; granulated, 4 11-16@5c; cubes, 4 15-16@5⅛c.

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

COPPER—Steady; lake, $11.70.

LEAD—Steady; domestic, $4.

TIN—Closed steady; straights, $20.85 bid; $20.90 asked; plates, quiet, steady; spelter, firm, steady; domestic, $4.27½.

Business Changes.

The following are reported at Dun's mercantile agency:

Ashland, Neb., Brownell & Anderson, boots and shoes, succeeded by Brownell & Harris.

Holdrege, Neb., J. C. Hultquist & Co., hardware, sold out.

Lincoln, Neb., Oakley & Kempter, paints, succeeded by Carpenter & Kempter.

Norfolk, Neb., Norfolk Brick and Tile company, dissolved and plant sold.

North Platte, Neb., Samuel Adams, groceries, closed by creditors.

Plattsmouth, Neb., A. B. Knotts, printer, succeeded by E. A. Blanchard.

Superior, Neb., Mahaney & Ulrich, meat market, succeeded by Dolrich & Finklepaugh.

Wayne, Neb., Raite & Laurie, flour and feed, succeeded by Alex Laurie.

Marshalltown, Ia., Bailey & Forney, groceries, negotiating to sell out.

Onawa, Ia., M. H. Kendall, groceries and bakery, deceased.

Castlewood, S. D., Hodgson & Smith, meat market, succeeded by R. C. Hodgson.

Elk Point, S. D., Bishop & Lee, general store, succeeded by J. W. Lee.

Garden City, S. D., Hayward & Hart, successors to Hayward & Fletcher.

Langford, S. D., W. K. Van Brunt, general store, will discontinue here.

Moscoe, S. D., Hammill & Lewis, general store, dissolved.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 24.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—Was firm early but turned weak, closing ⅜c below yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, higher, 63¾c; May, 63½c.

CORN—⅜@⅝c higher; No. 2 mixed, cash, 37c; May 38⅜c.

OATS—Sold down; No. 2 cash, 31c; May, 31⅝c.

PROVISIONS—Dull, heavy, without change; Pork, mess, $18.25; new, $18.50. Lard, unchanged at $11.87½. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $9; longs and ribs, $10.15; shorts, $10.40; boxed, 15c more. Bacon, unchanged; packed shoulders, $10.50; longs and ribs, $11.12½@11.25. Hams, sugar cured, unchanged, 13½@14½c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 17,000 bu.; corn, 123,000 bu.; oats, 27,000 bu.; rye and barley, none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat 42,000 bu.; corn, 123,000 bu.; oats, 14,000 bu.; rye, 1,000 bu.; barley, none.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 24.—Futures steady; sales, 62,700 bales, March $8.46 bid; April, $8.46@8.48; May, $8.57@8.58; June, $8.65@8.66; July, $8.72@8.74; August, $8.73@8.74; September, $8.51@8.54; October and November, $8.47@8.48; December, $8.49@8.51.

Good middling, 9 1-16c; middling, 8 1-16c; low middling, 8⅜c; good ordinary, 8 1-16c; net receipts, 1,630 bales; gross receipts, 1,931 bales; exports to Great Britain 832 bales; to France, 130 bales; to the continent, 1,908 bales; sales, 3,050 bales; stock, 292,309 bales. Weekly: Receipts, 21,409 bales; gross, 23,800 bales; exports to Great Britain, 3,762 bales; to France, 2,710 bales; to the continent, 11,934 bales; coastwise, 6,075 bales; sales, 21,000 bales.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 24.—WHEAT—More active and higher: No. 2 hard, 63@64½c.

CORN—Firm and a trifle higher; No. 2 mixed, 34c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 28½@29c.

BUTTER—Firm, unchanged; creamery, 25@28c; dairy, 18@21c.

EGGS—Firm at 13c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 5,000 bu.; corn, 11,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 4,000 bu.; corn, 10,000 bu.; oats, 1,000 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 24.—WHEAT—Quiet; holders offer moderately. Receipts wheat past three days, 191,000 centals, including 109,000 American. No. 1 California, 5s 11½d @6s ¾d per cental; No. 2 red, winter, 5s 6d@5s 7d.

CORN—Firm; demand fair; mixed western, 4s 2¾d per cental for new; old unquoted. Receipts American corn past three days, 73,000 centals.

BACON—Long clear, 45 lbs., 50s 6d per cwt.

LARD—Prime western, 57s 7d per cwt.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 24.—WHEAT—Steady; July, 67½c; No. 2 spring, 65c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 3, 40½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 3 white, 34½@35½c; No. 3, 33@33½c.

BARLEY—63c.

RYE—55½c.

PROVISIONS—Quiet.

PORK—May, $17.45.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 24.—Cash wheat was the feature on the floor. There was a strong market; No. 1 northern, 68½c; No. 2 northern, 64@64½. Receipts, 178 cars. Close: March, 63½c; May, 64⅝c; July, 67⅞c. On track: No. 1 hard, 67½c; No. 1 northern, 66c; No. 2 northern, 63c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Options opened dull, unchanged to 10 points up, closed barely steady, 5 down to 5 up; sales, 214,700 bags, including: March $17.16@17.20; April, $16.75@16.80; May, $16.60; July, $16.35@16.40; September, $16.35. Spot Rio, steady, quiet; No. 7, $17.12½.

Philadelphia Grain Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 24.—WHEAT—Firm, advanced; No. 2 red, March, 73½@73⅝c.

CORN—Firm, higher; No. 2 mixed, March, 49½@49¾c.

OATS—Car lots quiet and steady; March, 41½c.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., March 24.—WHEAT—In fair demand; No. 2 red, 67½@68c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 42@42½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 34½@35c.

WHISKY—Quiet, steady; $1.17.

Baltimore Grain Market.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 24.—WHEAT—Active, firmer; No. 2 red, 74@74½c.

CORN—Firm; mixed spot and March, 48c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white western, 41c.

Wool Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 24.—Quiet, prices steady; western line or XX, 26@27c; medium, 33@34c; coarse, 34@35c; Montana, 16@22c; territorial, 15c.

American Refrigerator Beef.

LIVERPOOL March 24.—AMERICAN REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3¾d per lb.; hindquarters, 5¾d per lb.

LONDON, March 24.—AMERICAN REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 2s 2d; hindquarters, 3s 2d@3s 8d per 8 lbs. by the carcass.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Complete Change in the Complexion of Affairs in Securities Yesterday.

NEW YORK, March 24.—There was a complete change in the complexion of affairs on the Stock exchange today. Bears were inclined to be aggressive until early in the day, when a sharp raid was made on Sugar, New England, Chicago Gas and a few other specialties. The shares yielded from 1 to 1¼ per cent, the latter in Sugar, which fell off from 102¼ to 99¾. It was in this stock that the bears met their first defeat. Around par heavy buying orders were placed, and the result was a sharp rally. In the meantime the street became imbued with the fact that money was working toward greater ease and that gold exports were likely to be much less than anticipated.

It was announced that the $500,000 which had been engaged for shipment by tomorrow's steamer by Heidelbach, Ichelheimer & Co. had been withdrawn, and that instead of the $2,500,000 expected to go forward by next Tuesday's steamer probably less than half that will go. These matters, together with advices from the west that the railroads will soon announce an advance in passenger and freight rates, and that Mr. J. Pierrepont Morgan will arrange for a government loan while abroad, started an active buying movement in which the commission houses were conspicuous. The purchases covered an unusually wide range and the demand finally became so pronounced that the shorts took alarm, and rushed in and tried to cover with the result of making a strong to buoyant speculation. The advance was equal to from 1 to 5 per cent, the latter in Pittsburg & Western preferred, which on small offerings rose to 39. The buying of this stock was based on heavily increased earnings, and the fact that the company is expected to derive benefit from its close alliance with the Baltimore & Ohio road. Lackawanna rose 2¼ per cent to 145½ and the shorts are being badly punished. Jersey Central sold up 2 per cent and there was a lively inquiry for other high priced stocks like Lake Shore, Delaware & Hudson and an urgent demand for the grangers, Manhattan, New England and Missouri Pacific.

Among the industrials United States Rubber led with a rise of 5¼ per cent to 55¼ on semi-official statements that negotiations between the company and its rivals are rapidly approaching an amicable conclusion. General Electric and Edison Illuminating were from 1 to 2½ per cent higher and all were prominent in the dealings. Sugar also developed buoyancy near the close, rising ⅝ per cent from the low point. The market left off strong on the advance.

The Post says: Until the last hour, when the professional traders were seized with a fit of enthusiasm, the stock market consisted of a marking up process, almost wholly confined to stocks of whose real situation nobody had the faintest notion. The cheap and worthless stocks were especial points of attention. North American was one of the conspicuous points of interest, while the climax was reached in a 5-point advance in United States Rubber. If anybody except the "inside" manipulators bought this common stock today, he had probably failed to read the original circular of the rubber concern. A very elaborate set of figures then reported to show the statement that all of the allied companies had earned an average in the ten preceding years something over $100,000 less than was required for the dividend on the preferred stock. But figures of this kind are not seriously considered in such manipulation.

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

Atchison.....	31	Pacific Mail.....	43¾
Adams express.....	150	do preferred.....	41¾
Alton, T. H.....	81	U. P., Den. & Gulf...	14⅞
do preferred.....	145	Northwestern.....	103¾
American Express..	111	do preferred.....	138¾
Baltimore & Ohio..	88	N. Y. Central.....	136¾
Canada Pacific.....	82¾	N. Y. & N. E.....	19
Canada Southern..	54	Ontario & Western.	17⅞
Central Pacific.....	36⅝	Oregon Imp.....	15⅛
Ches. & Ohio.....	22⅛	Oregon Nav.....	96
Chicago Alton.....	141	O. S. L. & U. N.....	19
C. B. & Q.....	95¾	Pacific Mail.....	43¾
Chicago Gas.....	72⅝	Peoria, Dec & E.....	15
Consolidated Gas..	224	Pittsburg.....	170
C. C. C. & I.....	49¾	Pullman Palace.....	197
Cotton Oil pf.....	68¾	Reading.....	24⅛
Del. Hudson.....	129	Richmond Trm'l'l..	10
D. L. & W.....	145	do preferred.....	38
D. & R. G. pf'd.....	34¾	Rock Island.....	82
D. & I. F. C. o.....	36¼	do preferred.....	61
East Tenn.....	4	Rock Island.....	83¾
Erie.....	29¼	St. Paul.....	76⅞
Fort Wayne.....	152	do preferred.....	121¾
Ft. Norton pf'd.....	136	St. Paul & Omaha...	49¾
C. & E. I. pf'd.....	101	do preferred.....	118¾
Hocking Valley.....	28¼	Southern Pacific....	32¾
Illinois Central....	98½	Sugar Refinery.....	102⅞
St. Paul & Duluth..	20	Tenn. Coal & Iron..	26¼
Kan. & Tex pf'd....	24½	Texas Pacific.....	9⅝
Lake Erie & West..	22⅝	Tol. & O. Cen. pf'd.	77
do preferred.....	77	Union Pacific.....	56¾
Lake Shore.....	127¼	U. S. Express.....	61¼
Lead Trust.....	32½	W. Shore.....	99
Louis. & Nash.....	73¾	do preferred.....	115
Louis. & New Alb'y.	22¼	Wells Fargo Exp....	146
Manhattan Con.....	139	Western Union.....	93¼
Memphis & Ch'st'n.	40	Wheeling & L. E.....	12
Michigan Central..	105	do preferred.....	56
Missouri Pacific ...	57	Minn & St. L.....	16
Mobile & Ohio.....	32	U. S. R. G.....	13¼
Nashville Chatt....	85	General Electric....	34⅝
National Cordage..	61¼	National Linseed...	33¾
do preferred.....	108¾	C. Fuel & Iron.....	68¼
N. J. Central.....	118	do preferred.....	104
Norfolk & W. pf'd..	52¼	Hous. & Tex. Cen...	4⅝
North American Co	11¾	Tol. A. A. & N. M..	5¾

*ex div.

The total sales of stocks today were 338,400 shares, including: Atchison, 3,600; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 7,000; Chicago Gas, 7,000; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 42,200; Distilling, 15,400; Erie, 3,800; General Electric, 4,700; Manhattan, 3,900; Missouri Pacific, 5,000; National Linseed, 9,700; New England, 16,700; North American, 8,100; Northern Pacific preferred, 45,300; Reading, 27,200; St. Paul, 18,900; Sugar, 58,500; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 6,500; Western Union, 4,900.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 24.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 2@4 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed offered at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86@4.86¼ for sixty-day bills and $4.87½@4.88 for demand.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds active.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.....	112	St. L. & S. F. G. 6s..	89
U. S. 4s coup.....	112	L. & S. F. Fin. M..	119
U. S. 4½s reg.....	109	St. Paul Con.....	127
Pacific 6s of '95.....	105	St. P. C. & P. 1sts...	117
Louisiana new 4s..	91¾	C. P. L. G. Tr Rcts	77¾
Missouri 6s.....	101	C. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts.	26
Tenn. new set 6s...	101¾	Union Pacific 1sts...	107
Tenn. new set 5s ...	100	West Shore.....	101¾
Tenn. new set 3s...	75¾	R. G. W. 1s.....	76
Canada So. 2ds.....	107¼	Atch. 4s.....	82¾
Cen. Pacific 1sts.....	107	Atch. 2ds, class A..	53¼
D. & R. G. 1sts.....	120	A. T. & S. F. A 5s..	103¾
D. & R. G. 4s.....	87	do 2d 5s.....	103
Erie 1st s.....	93	H. & T. C. 5s.....	105
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s..	83¾	H. & T. C. Con. 6s...	106
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s..	45	N. Carolina 6s.....	124
Mutual Union 6s...	103	N. Carolina 4s.....	98
N. J. C. Int. Cert...	111	S. C. Brown con....	97
N. Pac. 1sts.....	116¼	Penn. old 6s.....	62
N. Pac. 2sts.....	120	Virginia 6s.....	50
N. W. Consols.....	134⅞	do ex. mat. coup...	85
N. W. Deben. 5s.....	101	Va. Con. 2-4 series..	51

London Financial Review.

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LONDON, March 24.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—General business was extremely slack on the Stock exchange, in fact a majority of the members have been completely idle and with the settlement commencing on Monday and Easter holidays almost immediately following, there appears to be no immediate prospect of improvement in this respect. Funds are unchanged, while Indian rupee paper improved ¼ per cent. Foreign government bonds closed firm. As regards home bonds, stocks, Greek 1881 and 1884 advanced ¼ to 1¼ per cent, and Egyptians, Hungarian gold, Spanish and several Turkish issues ¼ to ½ per cent. Argentine fell, 1886, having fallen 1½ per cent and funded ½ per cent on reports of ministerial changes. Home railways were favorably influenced by fine weather and heavy receipts in view of the settlement, and closing firm. An advance of 1 per cent was established in London & Southwestern, ½ per cent in Midland, Metropolitan and Great Eastern, 1½ per cent on Lancashire and Yorkshire, and ¼ to ½ per cent in most others. Scotch lines were exceptionally dull. Americans were very little dealt in, but the tendency at the close was favorable, more steadiness being reported. New York & Erie second mortgage advanced ¾ per cent, Atchison, Central Pacific, Pennsylvania and Union Pacific, ⅛ per cent, but Northern Pacific preference marked a decline of ½ per cent, and several others ¼ to ¾ per cent. Canadians were very much neglected. Grand Trunk first and second preference are ⅛ to ¼ per cent better, while Canadian Pacific is ¼ per cent lower. Mexican bonds are unchanged. Money was once more in good demand at 2 to 2½ per cent. Discount rates on the other hand were somewhat easier, three months bank bills being quoted at 1⅞ per cent. Gold demand in the open market has practically ceased, the metal being now quoted at 77s 10d per ounce.

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 24.—Clearings, $1,569,830.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Clearings, $98,270,962; balances, $4,507,779.

OMAHA, March 24.—Clearings, $949,461; same day last week, $961,008.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 24.—Clearings, $1,917,363; balances, $325,869. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 24.—Clearings, $9,092,797; balances, $1,690,793. Money, 4½@5 per cent.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 24.—New York exchange selling at $1.50. Clearings, $331,250; balances, $144,713.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 24.—Clearings, $1,573,559. New York exchange, commercial, 75c per $1,000 premium; bank, $1.50 premium.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 24.—Clearings, $3,367,546; balances, $372,072. Money quiet at 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 90c premium.

BOSTON, Mass., March 24.—Clearings, $12,420,705; balances, $1,486,104. Money, 6 per cent. Exchange on New York, par to 5c discount.

NEW YORK, March 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Exchange was quoted as follows today: Chicago, 35c premium; Boston, par to 5c discount; St. Louis, 90c premium.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 24.—Clearings, $15,151,539. New York exchange, 25c premium. Sterling exchange quiet; sixty-day bills, $4.86; demand, $4.88. Money firm at 6@7 per cent.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle Higher Under Brisk Demand with Good Supply—Hogs Active and Lower.

FRIDAY, March 24.

Receipts so far this week, compared with last, show an increase of about 500 cattle and 6,000 hogs and a falling off of some 300 sheep.

The supply of cattle was the most liberal of the week and nearly double last Friday's run. As to quality, the cattle were generally common, although the offerings included a fair number of steers of good weight and a few that were choice. Dealers generally were anticipating liberal receipts tomorrow and next week, but on account of the bullish tone to eastern advices sellers all started in asking higher prices. This buyers were slow to concede except in occasional instances where they paid 5c to 10c higher for choice fat killers that just suited them. Speculative shippers thought prices were too high and held off, but as dressed beef houses all wanted good supplies, the movement was free and the offerings soon changed owners. Good to choice 1,250 to 1,450-lb. steers sold at from $4.60 to $5.15, with a few good 1,000 to 1,200-lb. steers at from $4.25 to $4.50. Common and inferior light stuff and odds and ends sold from that down to $3.50.

With not over twenty loads of cows on sale and everybody wanting some, the market was decidedly lively with prices stronger on all grades. Old thin cows were slow sale at from $1.75 to $2.25, but good to prime cows and heifers sold readily at from $3.80 up as high as $4.20. The big bulk of the fair to good stuff changed hands at around $2.75 to $3.60. Bulls and oxen were in moderate supply and fairly demanded at full strong prices, from $2.25 to $3.75 for common to choice fat stock. There were very few veal calves on sale, but the demand was good and prices stronger, choice stock selling up to $6.25.

The stocker and feeder trade was slow. Regular dealers reported a very slack country trade and were not disposed to pay very strong prices for the fresh offerings. Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
12.....	745	$3 50	11.....	1078	$4 40
1.....	1060	3 50	53.....	1136	4 40
6.....	1095	3 50	17.....	1177	4 40
10.....	958	3 60	3.....	1180	4 40
12.....	819	3 75	18.....	1088	4 40
19.....	878	3 95	18.....	1104	4 40
1.....	825	4 00	6.....	1045	4 40
1.....	740	4 00	8.....	1098	4 40
6.....	1007	4 00	35.....	1183	4 40
3.....	853	4 00	11.....	1065	4 40
40.....	911	4 05	48.....	1139	4 40
11.....	957	4 10	20.....	1118	4 45
11.....	1076	4 10	28.....	1181	4 45
11.....	965	4 10	12.....	1057	4 45
22.....	1135	4 15	22.....	1064	4 45
17.....	948	4 20	9.....	1093	4 50
49.....	984	4 20	9.....	1217	4 50
36.....	1084	4 20	18.....	1129	4 50
10.....	1251	4 25	4.....	1295	4 50
1.....	1240	4 25	40.....	1195	4 50
20.....	1008	4 25	59.....	1173	4 55
9.....	1060	4 25	19.....	1161	4 55
15.....	946	4 25	20.....	1260	4 60
1.....	1040	4 25	17.....	1247	4 60
19.....	1072	4 30	17.....	1225	4 65
19.....	1040	4 30	3.....	1570	4 65