COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Gain of One Cent in Wheat Was Scored Yesterday.

MANY FACTORS FIGURED IN THE RESULT

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CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—A gain of 1c in wheat today made a red letter day for the bulls. A decrease of nearly 5,000,000 bu. in the world's visible last week, 2,800,000 bu. of it occuring in this country; shipments from exporting countries, which fell 13,000,000 bu. short of supplying the weekly needs of the importations and evidences that American wheat is now the cheapest in the world in the shape of an anxious inquiry for it for abroad, were all elements of strength. Today country millers bought 130,000 bu. in stored winter wheat, and New York reported 13 boat loads. The wheat market reported firm and ruled strong during the entire forenoon. The Liverpool market was called firm at an advance of ½d, and with an upward tendency. Paris was quoted firm. Berlin ¼ mark higher, and New York reported a continental demand for wheat. The English supply, which yesterday was reported to have increased 630,000 bu. last week, it was found had decreased about 300,000 bu., a mistake having been made in the quantity of flour said to have been imported, which made the above difference of about 200,000 bu. in the result. The total quantity afloat from all the exporting countries last week fell 3,000,000 bu. short of the estimated weekly requirements of the importing countries, and about noon it became known that the stocks in this country at the points included in Bradstreet's visible supply statement had decreased 2,853,000 bu. compared with a decrease of only 1,155,000 bu. at the same places on the corresponding week of the year before. The one solitary bearish feature in the day's announcement was the receipt of 615 carloads of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth, about that is all shipping wheat, worth 5c to 10c per bu. more than the article which is used to speculate in.

Corn started strong, without anything particularly encouraging that was not previously known concerning it. The receipts here were 439 cars, compared with 365, but the course of the market yesterday was not quite satisfactory to the local shorts, and they were inclined to cover. The breaking up of the country roads, which was one of the reasons given for the firmness of the day before, was again referred to, and appeared to be one of the actuating influences against firmness this morning. Some confirmation of the effect of bad roads was found in the fact of the estimated receipts for tomorrow being only 160 cars. St. Louis sent bullish dispatches and buying orders. The opening price for May was 45¼c, and very soon it touched 45⅝c to 45½c, reacted to 45c, and then became strong again, advancing to 45½c, and closing with buyers at 45⅝c.

There was considerable activity in oats. The price was influenced principally by the firmness in wheat and corn together, with some effect resulting from Bradstreet's report of a decrease in oats of 230,000 bu. May opened at 29⅝c, sold at 29⅛c down to from 29¼c to 29⅛c, and up to from 29½c to 29⅝c, at which price it closed, an advance of ¼c.

The receipts of hogs were 28,000 head, and that, confirming yesterday's estimated light run, gave the provision market at the start a gain of about 5c in pork and 2½c in lard. At the close that gain was lost and a little more. Pork, which closed yesterday at $10.25, opened at $10.27½ and sold as high as $10.30, dropped back to $10.15, but owing to the closing strength in wheat the price recovered to $10.22½ and closed at that. Lard sold at $6.52½ and closed at $6.47½. Ribs sold from $5.30 to $5.25, and closed at $5.27½.

Receipts for tomorrow are estimated: Wheat, 14 cars; corn, 160 cars; oats, 107 cars; hogs, 39,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closs.
Wheat, No. 2				
Feb.....	51	52	50⅞	51¾
May.....	53⅝	54⅝	53¼	54⅛
July.....	54⅝	55⅝	54⅝	55¼
Corn No. 2...				
Feb.....				43⅝
May.....	45¼	45⅝	45	45⅝
July.....	44⅝	45	44½	44⅞
Oats No. 2...				
Feb.....				28⅞
May.....	29⅝	29⅝	29¼	29⅝
June.....	29¼	29⅝	29⅛	29⅝
July.....	27⅞	28	27⅝	28
Pork per bbl				
Feb.....				10 02½
May.....	10 27½	10 30	10 15	10 22½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Feb.....				6 35
May.....	6 52½	6 52½	6 47½	6 47½
Short Ribs—				
Feb.....				5 10
May.....	5 30	5 30	5 25	5 27½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 51¾c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 52c.

CORN—No. 2, 45⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 28⅝c; No. 2 white, 31⅝@31¾c; No. 3 white, 31½c.

RYE—No. 2, 51½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 53@53½c; No. 3, 51@53c; No. 4, 50@51½c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.29.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.85.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.25; lard, per 100 lbs., $6.37½; short ribs, sides (loose), $5.10; dry salted shoulders (boxed), nominal; short clear sides (boxed), nominal.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.25.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	12,000	9,957
Wheat, bu.....	7,800	18,188
Corn, bu.....	171,280	28,633
Oats, bu.....	220,600	117,118
Rye, bu.....	9,150	3,406
Barley, bu.....	57,400	16,712

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was dull: creamery, 10@22½c; dairy, 9@20c. Eggs, steady; really fresh, 17@22c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—FLOUR—Receipts, 27,000 bbls.; exports, 20,400 bbls.; sales, 30,500 pkgs. Market strong at firmer prices, which are freely bid. Business again largely in city mills. Spring patents had a good call; city mill patents, $4.00@4.15; city mill clears, $3.35; Minnesota patents, $3.95@3.80; Minnesota bakers, $2.60@3.60; winter extra, $2.00@2.80; spring extra, $1.85@2.65; winter low grades, $1.70@2.15. Southern flour, dull; common to fair extra, $1.80@2.40; good to choice extra, $2.40@2.95. Rye flour, firm; sales, 750 bbls.; superfine, $2.15@2.80; fancy, $2.70@3.00. Buckwheat flour, quiet; $1.70.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet; $1.60@1.70.

CORN MEAL—Dull; western, $1.05@1.10; Brandywine, $2.80; sales, 400 bbls., 2,000 sacks.

RYE—Nominal; car lots, 55c; boat loads, 55@56c.

BARLEY—Dull; two-rowed state, 60@61c; Canada, 70@72½c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 70@72c; six-rowed, 73@75c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 5,200 bu.; exports, 89,800 bu.; sales, 4,290,000 bu. futures and 104,000 bu. spot. Spot market firm; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 58¼c; afloat, 59½c; f. o. b., 60½c, afloat; No. 1 northern, 68½c, delivered; No. 1 hard, 69½c, delivered. Options opened firmer on a correction in the English visible supply from 600,000 bu. increase to 600,000 bu. decrease; closed ⅞@1⅛c advance; February closed at 58c; March, 57⅞@58⅛c, closed at 58⅛c; May, 58⅝@59⅛c, closed at 59⅛c; June, 58⅝@59⅛c, closed at 59⅛c; July, 58⅞@59⅝c, closed at 59⅝c; August, 58 15-16@59⅝c, closed at 59⅝c; September, 59⅝@60⅛c, closed at 60⅛c; December closed at 62c.

CORN—Receipts, 32,400 bu.; exports, 27,100 bu.; sales, 500,000 bu. futures and 21,000 bu. spot. Spot market firm; No. 2, 49⅝c in elevator; 50⅝c afloat; steamer mixed, 49⅝c, delivered. Options opened steady; later advanced on covering, due to small estimates and predictions of rains, and closed ⅛c higher; February closed at 49⅛c; May, 49⅝@49⅞c, closed at 49⅞c; July, 49⅝@49⅞c, closed at 49⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 82,500 bu.; exports, 600 bu.; sales, 200,000 bu. futures and 250,000 bu. spot. Spot market firm; No. 2, 33⅛@34c; No. 2 delivered, 34⅛@35c; No. 2, 33¼c; No. 2 white, 35½c; No. 3 white, 37½@37½c; track, white western, 38@42c; white state, 38@42c. Options quiet but steady, closing unchanged at ¼c advance; February, 33⅛@33⅜c, closed at 33⅜c; March, 33⅛@33⅜c, closed at 33⅜c; April, 33⅛@33⅜c, closed at 33⅜c; May, 33⅛@33⅜c, closed at 33⅜c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 65@80c; good to choice, 85@95c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, old, 3@7c; Pacific coast, old, 3½@7c; 1894, 7@11c.

HIDES—Steady; wet salted New Orleans, 4½@5c; Buenos Ayres, 12@13½c; Texas, dry, 7@7½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 14½@17c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@18c; pulled, 19@24c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.00@12.00; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, $17; packed, $8.00@10.00; city, extra India mess, $16.00@18.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, 5½@6c; pickled shoulders, 4½c; pickled hams, 8@8½c. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $6.70; sales, 250 tierces at $6.70; city at 6¼@6⅜c; sales, 175 tierces; February closed at $6.70, nominal; May, $6.80, nominal; refined, steady; continent, 8¾c; compound, 5@5⅛c. Pork, steady; new mess, $11.25@11.75; family, $11.50@12.00; short clear, $12.00@14.50.

BUTTER—Fairly steady; western dairy, 9@15c; western creamery, 15@22c; western factory, 8@14½c; imitation creamery, 10@17c; state dairy, 14@20c; state creamery, old, 12@19c; Elgins, 22c.

CHEESE—Firm; state, large, 10@11½c; small, 9½@12c; part skims, 3@8½c; full skims, 1½@2½c.

EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 21c; ice house, 22@23c; western fresh, 20@20½c; southern, 20@20c; receipts, 1,561 pkgs.

PETROLEUM—Firmer; United closed at 103½; Washington, bbls., $6.90@7.10; Washington in bulk, $4.55; refined, New York, $6.30; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $6.25; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, $3.75.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; Scotch, $19.00@20.00; American, $9.50@12.50. Copper, flat; brokers' price, $9.60; exchange price, $9.65. Lead, quiet; brokers' price, $3.02½; exchange price, $3.07½. Tin, quiet; Straits, $13.00@13.07½; plates, steady. Spelter, dull; domestic, $3.10. Sales on 'change, 19 tons July tin at $13; 25 tons August, $13; 25 tons to April 30, one day's notice, $12.95.

ROSIN—Firm; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45.

TURPENTINE—Firm at 32c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4⅝@6¾c; Japan, 4½@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 22@28c.

ORANGES—Steady; Florida, $1.00@3.00; California, $3.25@3.50.

COTTON SEED OIL—Inactive; off crude, 20@21c; prime summer yellow, 26@28c; off summer yellow, 25@26c; yellow butter grades, 27@28c; prime white, 29@30c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

The butter market has been slow for some little time, and the feeling is weak.

The receipts of eggs are very light, and the market has advanced quite rapidly during the past few days. While the weather is very mild, it does not appear to have any effect upon the situation so far as causing an increase in the receipts. Quotations:

BUTTER—Culled stock, 6@8c; common to fair, 10c; fair to good country, 11@12c; choice to fancy, 13@15c; gathered creamery, 18c; separator creamery, 19@20c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh laid, 24@25c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 5½@6½c; ducks, 6c; turkeys, 6c; heavy toms, 5c; geese, 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 6@6½c; choice large, 6½@7c; choice small, 7@8c; tu keys, fair to good, 8@8½c; choice heavy, 8½@9c; choice small, 9@10c; ducks, fair to good, 7½@8c; fancy, full dressed, 9@10c; geese, fair to good, 7½@8c; fancy, full dressed, 9@10c.

GAME—Blue wing teal, per doz., $1.50; green wing teal, per doz., $1.25@1.50; ducks, mixed, per doz., $1.00@1.25; canvasbacks, $4.00@5.00; mallards and red heads, $2.50@3.00; small rabbits, 50c; jack rabbits, 75c; squirrels, 60c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 110 lbs., are quoted at 6@6½c; large and coarse, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young Americans, 13c; twins, 12½c; Nebraska and Iowa, full cream, 11c; Nebraska and Iowa, part skims, 7@8c; Limburger, No. 1, 11c; brick, No. 1, 11c; Swiss, No. 1, 15c.

HAY—Upland hay, $9; midland, $8.50; lowland, $8; rye straw, $6. Color makes the price on hay. Light shades sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Western stock, car lots, 65c; small lots, 70c.

OLD BEANS—Hand picked, navy, $1.90@2.00; Lima beans, per lb., 5½c.

ONIONS—On orders, $1.00@1.10; per bbl., $2.75@3.00.

CABBAGE—On orders, 2c.

CELERY—Per doz., 50@60c; California, 90@$1.00.

SWEET POTATOES—Good stock, $2.50; Kansas, $2.00@2.25.

BEETS—Per bbl., $1.50.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $2.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate of a doz. and half of two doz., $2.25.

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 6@7c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

RUTABAGAS—Per lb., 1½c.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.50.

SPINACH—Per bbl., $2.50@4.00.

PIE PLANT—Per doz., 75c.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Winter Nellis, none.

APPLES—Choice stock, $4.50@4.75.

GRAPES—Concord, none; Malagas, per 65 to 68-lb. bbls., gross, $10.00@10.50.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, fancy, $11.00@11.50 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Floridas, per box, $3.75@4.00; California navels, $3.50; seedlings, $3.

BANANAS—Choice stock, $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

LEMONS—Messinas, sizes 300 to 360, choice, $3.25; fancy, $3.50@4.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 16c; horseshoes, 20c; extra standards, 21c; extra selects, 25c; company specials, 26c; New York counts, 30c; bulks, standard, per gal., $1.70.

NEW FIGS—Extra fancy, 16c; fancy, 14c; choice, 12@12c; California, bags, 7c.

HONEY—New York, 17c; dark, 14@15c; California, 16c; strained, 4 to 10-lb. cans, per lb., 10c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon jugs, per doz., $12; Bixby, 5-gal. cans., $3.

NUTS—Almonds, 15c; English walnuts, soft-shelled, 12c; standards, 10c; filberts, 8@9c; Brazil nuts, 8c.

SAUER KRAUT—Choice white, per bbl., $4.50@5.00; per half bbl., $2.50@2.75.

MINCE MEAT—Fancy, in half bbls., per lb., 5½c; 1-lb. pkgs, 6c; condensed, per case of 3 doz. pkgs., $2.50.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $5; half bbl., $3.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½@4c; No. 2 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5c; part cured hides ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins) each, 50@15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 50@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins) No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 50@5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 40@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 40@6½c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 40@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3¾c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3¾@4½c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½@3c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 17@20c; rough tallow, 2c.

FURS.

FURS—Bear, black, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1 medium, $15; No. 1 small, $8.00@10.00; bear, black, yearlings, No. 1 large, $12.00@15.00; No. 1 medium, $10; No. 1 small, $7; bear, black, cubs, No. 1 large, $6.00@8.00; No. 1 medium, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 small, $4; bear, black, Montana and Rocky mountain, No. 1 large, $18.00@20.00; No. 1 medium, $14; No. 1 small, $10; bear, black, Montana yearlings, No. 1 large, $12; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, black, Montana cubs, No. 1 large, $6.50; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; bear, silver tip, No. 1 large, $30; No. 1 medium, $12; No. 1 small, $8; bear, silver tip, yearlings, No. 1 large, $11; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, silver tip, cubs, No. 1 large, $6; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; bear, brown, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1 medium, $16; No. 1 small, $12; bear, brown, yearlings, No. 1 large, $10.00@12.00; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $6; bear, brown, cubs, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $3; badger, No. 1 large, $1.00@1.50; No. 1 medium, 60c; No. 1 small, 50c; fisher, No. 1 large, $8; No. 1 medium, $6; No. 1 small, $4; fox, silver, as to color, according to beauty, No. 1 large, $100; No. 1 medium, $60; No. 1 small, $50; fox, silver, pale, according to beauty, No. 1 large, $50; No. 1 medium, $30; No. 1 small, $20; fox, cross, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $2; fox, red, No. 1 large, $1.50; No. 1 medium, $1.25; No. 1 small, $1; fox, gray, No. 1 large, 75c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1 small, 40c; fox kits, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 30c; lynx, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $2; No. 1 small, $1.50; marten, No. 1 large, $2; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, $1; mink, No. 1 large, 60@65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 35c; mink, dark, No. 1 large, 65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 30c; mountain lion, perfect head, and feet, No. 1 large, $1.00@2.00; imperfect skins, $6.00@7.00; No. 1 small, 45; otter, pale, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $4; raccoon, No. 1 large, 60@70c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1 small, 35c; raccoon, black, as to beauty, No. 1 large, 50c@$2.00; skunk, black, cased, narrow stripe, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 25c; skunk, broad stripe, No. 1 large, 20@25c; wolverine, No. 1 large, $4; No. 1 medium, $3; No. 1 small, $2; wolf, mountain, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $2; No. 1 small, $1.50; wolf, prairie, No. 1 large, 65@90c; No. 1 medium, 60c; No. 1 small, 40c; beaver, per skin, No. 1 large, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $2; beaver kits, No. 1 large, $1; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, 75c; muskrats, winter, No. 1 large, 8@10c; No. 1 medium, 9c; No. 1 small, 7c; muskrats, fall, No. 1 large, 4@6c; No. 1 medium, 7c; No. 1 small, 6c; muskrat kits, 2@3c.

Wool Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—WOOL—Moderate demand, steady; Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, XX and above, 17@18c; X and above, 16@17c; medium, 20@21c; quarter blood, 21@22c; common, 18@19c; New York, Michigan, Washington, etc., 16@17c; X, 15@16c; medium, 19@20c; quarter-blood, 20@21c; common, 17@18c; washing and combing and delaine, fine, 18@20c; medium, 21@22c; low, 22@23c; coarse, 20@21c; unwashed light and bright, fine, 11@12c; medium, 15@16c; low medium, 16@17c; coarse, 15@16c; unwashed dark colored light, fine, 9@10c; heavy, fine, 5@8c; medium, 12@13c; fine medium, 11@12c; coarse, 11@12c; territorial and northwestern light, fine, 8@10c; fine, 7@9c; medium, fine, 10@11c; medium, 11@13c; quarter-blood, 12@13c; coarse, 10@12c.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—The wool market continued quiet, but firm in tone, the volume of sales footing up to a very fair average. Manufacturers are buying with considerable freedom, and the lots of wool shown by most of the dealers are now pretty well broken up, but that does not seem to strengthen prices appreciably. Buyers are turning their attention more toward foreign goods, now that the domestic offerings are getting low. Territory wools, Montana, fine and fine medium, 9@12c; No. 2 medium, 12@13c; Wyoming, Utah, Dakota, Nevada, Idaho and Colorado, fine and fine medium, 9@11c; No. 2 medium, 11@12c; California wools, spring, northern, 10@12½c; middle counties, spring, 9@11c; Oregon Mills, eastern, fair, 9@10c; choice, 11@12½c; Australian wools, scoured, combing, super, 41@42c; average, 35@37c.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 26.—Wheat ½c higher; No. 2 hard and No. 2 red, 51½@52c; rejected, 47@48c; sample sales, Mississippi river basis, entirely nominal; no satisfactory quotation obtainable.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 40½@40½c; No. 2 white, ...½c.

OATS—Unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 27½c; No. 2 white, 31c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 52c.

FLAX SEED—Dull, $1.28.

BRAN—Firm, 65@66c.

HAY—Weak, but unchanged.

BUTTER—Easier; creamery, 17@21c; dairy, 12@15c.

EGGS—Lower, 20c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 1,000 bu.; corn, 15,000 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—None.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—Spot firm; demand moderate; No. 2 red winter, 4s; No. 2 red spring, 5s 3d; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 2d; No. 1 California, 5s 2d; futures opened firm, with near and distant positions 1 farthing higher, and near position ½ to 1 penny higher, and distant ¼ penny higher; business about equally distributed; February, 4s 7½d; May, 4s 8¼d; June, 4s 8½d; July, 4s 8½d.

CORN—Spot firm; American mixed, new, 4s 1½d; futures closed firm, with near and distant positions 1 farthing higher; February, 4s 1½d; March, 4s 1½d; April, 4s 1¾d; May, 4s 1¾d; June, 4s ½d; July, 4s 2½d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, steady; demand moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 30s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 30s; long clear, light, 28 to 40 lbs., 28s; long clear, heavy, 35 lbs., 29s; short clear, backs, light, 18 lbs., 29s 6d; short clear, middles, heavy, 28s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 35s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 27s 6d. Hams, 14 to 18 lbs., 38s. Beef, extra India mess, 63s 9d; prime mess, 63s 9d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 52s 6d. Lard, steady; prime western, 33s 6d; refined, in pails, 34s.

FLOUR—Firm; demand fair; St. Louis fancy winter, 5s 6d.

CHEESE—Steady; demand moderate; finest American white, 48s; finest American colored, 49s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 75s; good, 55s.

TURPENTINE—Spirits, 23s 6d.

ROSIN—Common, 4s 6d.

COTTON SEED—Liverpool, refined, 17s 9d.

LINSEED OIL—31s 9d.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 6d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 4½d; hindquarters, 5½d.

BLEACHING POWDER—Hardwood, Liverpool, 17s.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, £2 15s.

PEAS—Canadian, 4s 11½d.

The receipts of wheat during the past three days were 225,000 centals, including 62,000 American. The receipts of American corn during the past three days were 115,800 centals.

Weather cold and dry.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Dull Opening, Followed by Considerable Trading, and Lower Close.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—There was a moderate volume of business in the Stock exchange today, but the trading was unsettled in tone and the closing prices were, in a majority of cases, below the final sales of yesterday. Speculation opened dull, but firm, and some slight gains were made. A raid on Chicago Gas was soon made which sent that stock down 1⅝ per cent, and weakened the general market. Tobacco and New York Central sold off 1¼. Missouri Pacific and Manhattan ⅞, Sugar ¾ and other shares from ¼ to ½ per cent. Canadian Pacific was an exception, advancing 2½ per cent. The declining tendency was checked before 11 o'clock, and a rally of from ¼ to ¼ per cent took place, led by the Cordage stocks, which came into good demand, the buying, it is believed, being for the account of a new bull pool. On the purchase of 100 shares Northwestern preferred rose 2 per cent. Approaching noon, some of the industrials, including Sugar, Chicago Gas and Tobacco, fell off from ½ to ¾ per cent, and Louisville & Nashville lost ½ per cent, and a few of the straight list a smaller fraction, but the market quickly steadied itself, and during the hour following noon a firm tone prevailed. Cottonseed Oil moved up 1¼ per cent, and the general list from ¼ to ⅞ per cent, exceptions being St. Paul & Omaha and Northern Pacific preferred, which declined ¾ per cent, and Rubber, ½ per cent. A drive against the grangers was made about 1 o'clock, which was chiefly directed against Northwestern, that stock giving way 1, Burlington and St. Paul ⅝ and Rock Island ¼ per cent. The depression was communicated to the rest of the list, which receded from ½ to ⅞ per cent. After delivery of over the market became firmer, and a partial recovery took place, which ranged up to ⅞ per cent, speculation being fairly steady at the close. Susquehanna & Western preferred was heavy during the early afternoon and broke 4½ per cent, with a final rally of 2½ per cent to 36½. American Express dropped 2 per cent, but recovered 1 per cent. Adams Express made a gain of 4½ per cent. The more important declines on the day are: Chicago Western, New York Gas and Consolidated Coal, 1 per cent; Chicago Gas, 1¼ per cent (due to the action of the Chicago aldermen in granting franchises to another gas company and to an electric light company); Northern Pacific preferred, 2¾ per cent, and Susquehanna & Western preferred, 2 per cent. Cotton Seed Oil shows a gain of 2⅛ per cent and Canadian Pacific 2½ per cent.

London was in the market only to a small extent, and mainly as a seller of the international specialties. The market as a whole is almost entirely in the hands of professional traders. There was a fair amount of trading in bonds today, early part of the day prices sagged off, but in the late session a firmer feeling prevailed, and the closing was in good tone. The aggregate sales were $895,000.

The Evening Post's London cable says: American is at a premium of 1¼ per share. The allotment letters will be posted tonight. The loan was applied for eighteen times over here. The rate of allotment will vary from 5 per cent as a minimum to 50 per cent as the maximum. All possible care will be taken to favor bona fide applications in preference to premium hunters. The Stock exchange settlement has begun with a small account, but dearer money. Contangoes on Americans are 2½ to 3 per cent. The general tone of the market today was quiet, but firmer. Americans improved, closing steady. Canadian Pacifics rallied ¾ per cent. Grand Trunks have risen sharply on the unexpected increase in traffic. Louisville was exceptionally lower on a general house tip to sell it. Silver stocks were sentimentally better on the parliamentary discussion tonight of the question of an international monetary conference.

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

Atchison.....	3⅞	Northwestern.....	88½
Adams Express...	143	N. W. pfd.....	138½
Alton, T. H	35½	N. Y. Central.....	97¼
Am. Express.....	109	N. Y. & N. E.....	29⅞
Baltimore & Ohio.	60	Ontario & W.....	25⅛
Canada Pacific...	42¼	Oregon Imp.....	10
Canada Southern..	48¼	Oregon Nav.....	17
Central Pacific....	12⅝	O. S. L. & U. N....	4½
Ches. & Ohio.....	16⅝	Pacific Mail.....	21½
Chicago Alton.....	146	P. D. & E.....	21¼
C., B. & Q.....	70	Pittsburg.....	154
Chicago Gas.....	70⅝	Pullman Palace..	154½
Consolidated Gas.	131	Reading.....	9½
C., C., C. & St. L..	36	R. G. W.....	10⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron..	43	R. G. W. pfd.....	43
Cotton Oil Cert....	20¼	Rock Island.....	61⅞
Delaware & Hud..	126⅝	St. Paul.....	54⅞
Del., Lack. & W...	157⅝	do pfd.....	117¼
D. & R. G. pfd.....	34¼	St. P. & Omaha...	30
D. & C. F. Co.....	10⅛	do pfd.....	109
Erie.....	29⅛	Southern Pacific...	17⅛
do pfd.....	16	Sugar Refinery....	90⅝
Fort Wayne.....	156	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	4
G. Northern pfd...	100	Texas Pacific.....	8⅝
C. & E. I. pfd.....	91	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	70½
Hocking Valley...	18⅝	Union Pacific.....	8⅝
Illinois Central...	85⅝	U. S. Express.....	40
St. P. & Duluth ...	20	W. St. L. & P.....	5½
K. & T. pfd.....	21⅛	do pfd.....	12⅝
Lake Erie & West	15⅛	Wells Fargo Ex....	102
do pfd.....	70⅛	Western Union ..	87⅝
Lake Shore.....	130⅝	Wheeling & L. E..	8⅞
Lead Trust.....	27⅛	do pfd.....	83
Louisville & N....	50⅝	M. & St. L.....	22⅛
L. & N. A.....	6⅛	D. & R. G.....	10½
Manhattan Con....	107½	G. E.....	28⅝
Memphis & C.....	10	N. L.....	19⅝
Michigan Cent....	96	C. F. & I.....	24
Missouri Pacific...	19⅝	do pfd.....	55
Mobile & Ohio.....	14	H. & T. C.....	2⅛
Nashville Chat....	74	T. A. A. & N. M....	1
National Cordage	5⅝	T. St. L. & K. C	1
do pfd.....	9⅝	do pfd.....	7
N. J. Central.....	12	S. R. R.....	9⅛
N. & W. pfd.....	11	do pfd.....	31¼
North Am. Co.....	3⅝	Am. Tob. Co.....	87⅛
Northern Pacific..	3⅝	do pfd.....	102¼
No. Pac. pfd.....	13⅝	St. P. M. & M	105
U. P., D. & G.....	3		

The total sales of stocks today were 140,708 shares, including: American Tobacco, 4,000; American Sugar, 28,700; Burlington, 3,500; Chicago Gas, 23,500; Distilling and Cattlefeeding, 10,700; Louisville & Nashville, 6,000; Missouri Pacific, 4,500; New Jersey Central, 4,900; Northwestern, 13,400; Northern Pacific preferred, 4,200; Rock Island, 3,400; St. Paul, 5,000; United States Cordage, 3,300; United States Cordage preferred, 2,400.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88⅝@4.89 for demand and at $4.87@4.87½ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.88@4.89½; commercial bills, $4.86@4.86¼.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm. State bonds, dull. Railroad bonds, steady.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 5s. reg.....	116	D. & R. G. 4s.....	80⅝
U. S. 5s. coup.....	116	Erie 2ds.....	57
U. S. 4s, reg.	112⅛	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	93
U. S. 4s. coup.....	112⅝	G. H. & S. A. 7s...	100
U. S. 2s. reg.....	95	H. & T. C. 5s.....	15⅛
Pacific 6s of '95..	100	do 6s.....	102
Ala. Class A.....	104	M. K. & T. 1st 4s..	80⅛
Ala. Class B.....	105	do 2d 4s.....	45⅝
Ala. Class C.....	96	Mutual Union 6s..	111⅛
Ala. Currency.....	96	N. J. C. Gen. 5s....	111⅝
La. New Con. 4s...	92½	No. Pac. 1sts.....	112⅝
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	82
N. C. 6s.....	125	N. W. Consols.....	134
N. C. 4s.....	99	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	108
S. C. nonfund.....	1⅛	R. G. West. 1sts...	65
Tenn. new set 6s.	84⅞	St. P. Consols 7s..	125
Tenn. new set 5s.	100	do C. & P. W. 5s.	109⅝
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I.M. Gen. 5.	77
Va. Centuries.....	58⅝	St. L. & S.F. Gen. 6.	103
do deferred.....	6⅛	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	84⅝
Atchison 4s.....	64⅝	do 2ds.....	23⅛
do 2d A.....	17	U. P. 1sts of '96...	102
Canada So. 2ds...	108	West Shore 4s.....	104⅛
C. P. 1sts of '95...	100⅛	So. R. R.....	86¼
D. & R. G. 7s.....	115		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—Call loans, 3@4½ per cent; time loans, 3½@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	3⅞	Westingh. Elec..	30⅛@32
Am. Sugar.....	90⅝	W. Elec. pfd...	48⅝@49⅛
Am. Sugar pfd....	91⅝	Atchison 2ds.....	107⅛
Bay State Gas....	8	Atchison 4s.....	64⅛
Bell Telephone.