COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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SMALL RECEIPTS MADE CORN FIRM

That Market Broke with Wheat, but Reacted on Moderate Buying at the Close—Oats Fluctuated with Other Grains.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Wheat was firm the greater part of the day on the export business, but broke sharply near the finish on easy closing cables and a disappointing Bradstreet's report, closing ½c lower for May. May corn closed unchanged, May oats ⅛c lower, and provisions at declines.

The heavy export clearances of wheat and flour from New York and Baltimore yesterday imparted considerable firmness to wheat, which opened in good demand at the rate which was named as the nominal value on the curb on the day before. With yesterday's heavy clearances, followed by heavy exports today, the market became quite strong, and some bearish matters in the day news was forgotten for a time. May started with plenty of buyers at 54⅞c and sellers at 55c, and a compromise was made at from 54⅞c to 55c. The bulls who had sold out on Monday afternoon, not wishing to take a risk over the holiday, began to buy as soon as they saw the price was not about to go all to pieces. The buying of that character started a general upward movement, which frightened those of the scalpers who had been inclined to work the short side. The price rose to 55½c by about 11 o'clock under the good demand and limited offerings. Paris was reported closing 10 centimes lower for April flour and 10 centimes lower for the September-December term of wheat. The closing cables and some disappointment with the result of Bradstreet's visible supply statement created a weaker feeling to succeed the earlier bullishness, and the price dropped back again around 55c for May. The world's stocks decreased 2,338,000 bu. last week, which was a disappointment, inasmuch as a falling off to the extent of 4,000,000 bu. had been looked for by some of the more imaginative of the bull crowd. The Illinois state crop report was very bearish. It remarked that damage to wheat by any cause was so slight that no consideration had been taken of it, and the crop promises a large yield at harvest. The heaviness in the market, which was inaugurated about noon, increased during the last hour. At the close the price was 54⅞c for May.

The corn market was firm early owing to the small receipts and a better demand for the light offerings. The early firmness in wheat was also an element in the strength displayed by corn. The receipts inspected since Thursday were only 116 cars, and 110 are the slender estimated receipts for to-morrow. Primary market receipts since Monday were 291,000 bu., compared with 1,229,000 bu. on the corresponding two days of the year before. May opened unchanged at 46½c, sold to 46⅞c and closed at 46½c. The market broke with wheat, but reacted at the close on moderate buying.

Oats followed the other markets in fluctuations and experienced quite a good business. At the start considerable strength was noted, and under a good demand from shorts, created by the big prices, the feeling grew even stronger. Carrington-Hannah took hold freely. Other buying was scattered.

Later on in the session, when wheat and corn fell back, oats also took a tumble. May sold from 29⅞c to 30⅛c down to 29⅞c, at which price it was offered at the close. July ranged between 29c to 29⅛c bid and 28⅝c to 28¾c, closing at the low price.

The trade in provisions was heavy, but for a long time the market gave no indication of the impending collapse, which revealed itself near the close. The Cudahy interests were said to be against the market, and early in the session Armour & Co. were reported to be giving it some support. It broke, however, and broke badly. May pork opened at $12.52½, declined to $12.45, then rose to $12.52½. It held comparatively steady until within forty-five minutes of the close, when a rapid decline set in, which carried the price off to $12.10, with $12.12½ the latest trading price, a 35c loss. Lard and ribs acted in a similar manner to pork, and at the close lard and ribs were each 10c lower than on Monday.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
April.....	54	54½	53⅝	53⅝
May.....	54⅞@55	55⅛	54⅝	54⅝
June.....	56⅝@5⅝	56⅝@5⅝	56	56⅛@5⅛
Sept.....	57⅝	57⅝	57⅛	57⅛
Corn No. 2.				
April.....	45½	45½@46	45⅝	45½
May.....	46⅝@46⅞	46⅞@47	46⅝	46½
July.....	46⅝	47	46⅝	46⅝
Oats No. 2.				
May.....	29⅞	30⅛	29⅞	29⅞
June.....	29⅛	30	29⅛	29⅛
July.....	28⅝	29	28⅝@⅝	28⅝@⅝
Pork per bbl				
May.....	12 52½	12 57½	12 10	12 12½
July.....	12 62½	12 72½	12 25	12 27½
Lard, 100 lbs				
May.....	7 07½	7 07½	6 95	6 95
July.....	7 17½	7 20	7 07½	7 10
Sept.....	7 30	7 30	7 25	7 25
Short Ribs—				
May.....	6 35	6 40	6 22½	6 22½
July.....	6 50	6 55	6 35	6 35
Sept.....	6 62½	6 67½	6 50	6 50

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Winter patents, $2.50@2.80; winter straights, $2.35@2.60; spring patents, $3.10@3.50; spring straights, $2.90@3.25; bakers, $1.75@2.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 56⅝@60⅝c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 53⅝@53⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, 45⅝@45⅞c; No. 3 yellow, 44½@45c.

OATS—No. 2, 30c; No. 2 white, 33@33½c; No. 3 white, 32⅝@33½c.

RYE—No. 2, 54@54½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 53c; No. 3, 50@51½c; No. 4, 52c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.38½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.30.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.12½@12.25. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.85@6.87½. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.20@6.25. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.37½@5.50; short clear sides (boxed), $6.45@6.50.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, unchanged.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	21,000	15,000
Wheat, bu.....	35,000	53,000
Corn, bu.....	148,000	84,000
Oats, bu.....	308,000	285,000
Rye bu.....	12,000	4,000
Barley, bu.....	82,000	4,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 10@20c; dairy, 8@18c. Eggs, firm; 11½@12c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, April 3.—FLOUR—Receipts, 19,200 bbls.; exports, 12,600 bbls.; sales, 12,100 pkgs. Firmly held for winters but springs still neglected and heavy. No export inquiry; city mill patents, $3.90@4.15; winter patents, $2.80@3.15; city mill clears, $3.25@3.85; winter straights, $2.35@2.80; Minnesota patents, $3.15@3.75; winter extras, $1.90@2.40; Minnesota bakers, $2.00@3.00; winter low grades, $1.70@2.15; spring low grades, $1.75@1.90; spring extras, $1.85@2.35. Rye flour, quiet; sales, 400 bbls.; superfine, $2.95@3.10; fancy, $3.10@3.20. Buckwheat flour, nominal.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; sales, 2,000 sacks; yellow western, $1.00@1.12; Brandywine, $2.75.

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

BARLEY—Nominal; western, 61c to arrive; two-rowed, 60@61c.

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

WHEAT—Receipts, 3,900 bu.; exports, 290,800 bu.; sales, 2,440,000 bu. futures and 52,000 bu. spot. Spot weaker; No. 2, in store and elevator, 59¾c; afloat, 59c; f. o. b., 61⅞c, afloat; No. 1 hard, 69¼c, delivered. Options ruled strong all the forenoon and suffered a complete reaction in the afternoon, closing unchanged to ⅛c lower. The early strength was due to firm French advices, continental buying, some crop damage talk and heavy clearances and the subsequent decline to disappointing reduction in world's stocks, lower late cables and general realizing; No. 2 red, May, 60 3-16@60 13-16c, closed at 60⅞c; June, 59⅝@60⅞c, closed at 60⅝c; July, 59⅝@61⅛c, closed at 60⅝c; August closed at 61c; September, 61⅛@61⅝c, closed at 61⅛c; December, 63⅝@64⅝c, closed at 63⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 12,400 bu.; exports, 1,400 bu.; sales, 140,000 bu. futures and 27,000 bu. spot. Spot quiet; ungraded mixed, 50½@52c, delivered; steamer mixed, 50½@51½c. Options advanced at first with wheat and later was supported by talk about light receipts, but finally sold off under realizing and closed unchanged; May, 44 9-16@45⅛c, closed at 45⅛c; July, 46⅛@46⅛c, closed at 46⅛c; September closed at 51⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 48,300 bu.; exports, 400 bu.; sales, 100,000 bu. futures and 46,000 bu. spot. Spot dull; No. 2, 32@33⅝c; No. 2, delivered, 34½c; No. 3, 33c; No. 3 white, 37½c; No. 2 white, 36⅝c; track white western, 37@41c. Options quiet and generally steady until near the close, when prices gave way; left off unchanged to ⅛c lower; April closed at 32⅝c; May, 33⅝@33⅞c, closed at 33⅝c; July closed at 34c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 80@75c.

HOPS—Slow; state, common to choice, old, 3@7c; 1894, 4@10c; Pacific coast, old, 3½@10c.

HIDES—Firm; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 5@6c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 13@13½c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 7@7½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy, 16@18c.

PROVISIONS—Steady; family, $10.50@12.00; extra mess, $7.00@8.00; beef hams, $19; city extra India mess, $16.00@18.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled shoulders, $5.87½@5.75. Lard, lower; western steam closed at $7.15; April closed at $7.20, nominal; May, $7.30, nominal; refined, steady; continent, $7.60; S. A., $8. Pork, dull; spot mess $13.50@14.00; family, $13.50; short clear, $13.25@13.00.

BUTTER—Quiet; western dairy, 8@13½c; western creamery, 12@21c; western factory, 7½@12c; Elgins, 21c; imitation creamery, 8@15c; state dairy, 10@16c; state creamery, 21c.

CHEESE—Heavy; large, 8@11½c; small, 8@12c; part skims, 2@8c; full skims, 1½@2c.

EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 13½@13½c; western fresh, 13½c; southern, 12½@12½c; receipts, 12,125 pkgs.

TALLOW—Strong; city, 4⅝@5c; country, 4⅝@5⅛.

PETROLEUM—Nominal; United closed at $1.14 bid; Washington, 10c.; $7, nominal; Washington, in bulk, $4.50; refined New York, $5.35; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7.30; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $4.80.

ROSIN—Quiet; strained, common to good, $1.65@1.60.

TURPENTINE—Dull; 32½@33c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4⅝@5¼c; Japan, 4¾@5c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@38c.

ORANGES—Firmer; California, $3.00@3.50; West Indian, $3.00@4.50.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; Scotch, $19.00@20.00; American, $9.50@12.50. Copper, easy; brokers' price, $9.37½; exchange price, $9.25@9.34. Lead, steady; brokers' price, $3; exchange price, $3.19@3.12½. Tin, easy; Straits, $13.90@13.95; plates, steady. Spelter, firm; domestic, $3.20. Sales on 'change, 10 tons May tin, $13.85; 25 tons April tin, $14; 25 tons April tin, $13.90; 25 tons June tin, $13.80; 25 tons June tin, $13.85.

COTTONSEED OIL—Quiet; prime crude, 22@24c; off crude, 20@21c; prime summer yellow, 26½@27c; off summer yellow, 26c; yellow butter grades, 28c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Per doz., 11c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 5@6c; common to fair, 7@8c; fair to good country, 10@11c; choice to fancy, 13@15c; cathered creamery, 16c; separator creamery, 17@18c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6½@7c; mixed, 6c; ducks, 7@8c; turkeys, 8c; heavy toms, 7c; geese, 7@8c.

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.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6@7c; large and coarse, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young Americans, 11c; 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, $5.50; color makes the price on hay. Light shades sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

PIGEONS—Per doz., $1.00@1.20.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Western stock, car lots, 75c; small lots, 80c.

OLD BEANS—Hand picked, navy, $2; Lima beans, per lb., 5½c.

ONIONS—On orders, $1.30@1.50; per bbl., $3.

CABBAGE—On orders, 2½c.

CELERY—California, 80c@$1.00.

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

BEETS—Per bbl., $1.50.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $1.50.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate of a doz. and half or 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 bu. box, $1.15.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.60@1.75.

GREEN ONIONS—Per doz. bunches, 20@25c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 35@40c.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Winter Nellis, none.

APPLES—Choice stock, $5.00@5.50; box apples, $2.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, fancy, $11.50@12.00 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California Redlands, $3.75@4.00; fancy navals, $3.50@3.75; 96 to 126 size, $3.25; choice, $3.35.

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

LEMONS—Messinas, sizes 300 to 360, choice, $3.50; fancy, $3.75@4.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 16c; horseshoes, 20c; extra standards, 21c; extra selects, 25c; company selects, 26c; New York counts, 30c; bulks, standard, per gal., $1.30.

FIGS—Fancy, 14@15c; choice, 12@13c; California, bags, 7c.

HONEY—New York, 16c; dark, 14c; California, 12@14c.

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., $5.50; per half bbl., $3.00@3.25.

MINCE MEAT—Fancy, in half bbls., per lb., 5½c; 10-gal. kegs, 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, 5c; No. 2 green hides, 4½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 6c; No. 2 green salted hides, 5½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 6c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 5½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs. 8c; No. 2 veal calf 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 6c; 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, 5@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 4¼c; tallow, No. 2 4c; grease, white A, 3¾@4¼c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½@3c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 17@20c; rough yellow, 2c.

FURS.

FURS—Bear, black, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; 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 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, $8.00@9.00; 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, $20; 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, $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, $2; No. 1 medium, $1; No. 1 small, 75c; 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, $3; 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 large, 50c@$2.00; skunk, black, cased, narrow striped, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 25c; skunk, broad striped, 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, 50c; beaver, per skin, No. 1 large, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $2; beaver kits, No. 1 large, $2; 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.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, April 3.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at 5@15 points advance; ruled generally firm on European cables and estimated amount of Santos remaining in interior only 250,000 bags; closed quiet at 15@20 points net advance; sales, 5,500 bags, including: May, $14.75@14.80; July, $14.70@14.75; October, $14.70; December, $14.45. Spot coffee, Rio, steady; No. 7, $16.67½; mild quiet; Cordova, $18.50@19.00; sales yesterday, 4,000 bags Rio, No. 8, at $14.25 and f and 300 bags Maracaibo, p. t. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 4,521 bags; New York stock today, 149,501 bags; United States stock, 1,157,157 bags; afloat for the United States, 251,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 445,157 bags, against 502,786 bags last year.

SANTOS, April 3.—Firm; good average Santos, $16 reis, 8,000 bags; stock, 251,000 bags.

HAMBURG, April 3.—Steady, unchanged to ¼ pfg advance; sales, 2,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 3.—Quiet; No. 7 Rio, $9; exchange, 9¾d; receipts, 8,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 3,000 bags; cleared for Europe, none; stock, 157,000 bags; Rio shipments to Europe during March, 29,000 bags; to the United States, 15,000 bags; to other countries, 15,000 bags; Santos shipments to Europe during March, 80,000 bags; to the United States, 130,000 bags.

HAVRE, April 3.—Coffee opened steady, unchanged; at 12 m., steady, ½f advance; at 3 p. m., steady, unchanged; closed steady, ¼f higher; sales, 11,000 bags.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, April 3.—WHEAT—Steady, firm; demand poor; No. 2 red winter, 4s 9½d; No. 2 red spring and No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 2d; No. 1 California, 4s 11d; futures opened firm and unchanged, closed steady, with near and distant positions ¼d higher; business about equally distributed; April, 4s 9¼d; May and June, 4s 9¾d; July, 4s 10d; August, 4s 10¼d; September, 4s 10½d.

CORN—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 4s 2¼d; futures opened quiet, with near positions ¼d lower and distant positions unchanged, closed steady, with all positions ¼d higher; business heaviest on near and most distant positions; April, 4s 2¼d; May and June 4s 2½d; July, 4s 3d; August, 4s 3¼d; September, 4s 3¼d.

FLOUR—Steady; limited demand; St. Louis fancy winter, 5s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, steady; demand poor; Cumberland cut, 25 to 30 lbs., 34s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 34s; long clear, light, 38 to 45 lbs., 32s 6d; long clear, heavy, 35 lbs., 33s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 34s; short clear middles, heavy, 35 lbs., 32s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 35s 6d; shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 31s; hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 43s. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 58s 9d; prime medium, 55s 9d. Lard, quiet; prime western, 35s 3d; refined, in pails, 37s.

CHESE—Steady; demand moderate; finest American white, 49s 6d; finest colored, 51s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 75s; good, 50s.

COTTONSEED OIL—Liverpool refined, 17s 3d.

LINSEED OIL—20s 6d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £2 10s.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Securities Were a Trifle More Active Yesterday Than on Tuesday.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The stock market was a trifle more active today than on yesterday, but the general tendency of speculation was lower. The publication of gross earnings for March of the St. Paul and Rock Island railroads, showing heavy decreases, had an unfavorable effect on the trading and induced sales of the general list at the opening. London houses were among the sellers. The depression continued during the first hour, but the declines were confined to fractions, except in Sugar, which broke 1⅝ per cent on selling credited to inside interests, and General Electric, which lost 1½ per cent on sales, in part to liquidate a long account and for the short account. Between 11 o'clock and noon the trading was firmer in tone and fractional gains were made in the greater part of the list.

An exception to the upward movement was Canadian Pacific, which declined 1½ per cent on sales due to anticipation of an unfavorable annual report. Pittsburg & Western preferred 1 per cent, New Jersey Central and Norfolk & Western ¾ per cent. In the next hour the dealings were extremely light, and the only notable change in price was a result of 6 per cent in New York, New Haven & Hartford, which moved up to 231 on the purchase of 100 shares. About 1 o'clock Sugar came into good demand and sold up 1⅝ per cent, Manhattan 1¼ per cent and other shares a smaller fraction.

The higher figures made in Sugar brought out considerable stock, on which it was desired to realize profits, and a loss of 1 per cent resulted, none of which had been recovered at the close. General Electric was also pressed for sale and receded an additional ¾ per cent, the closing price being at the lowest point touched. Around delivery hour speculation became strong, Manhattan making an improvement of 1¾ per cent to 113½, which is the highest figure reached by the stock this year. From half past 2 to the close of business the trading was heavy. Oregon Improvement sold off 2 per cent and the general list ⅛@¾ per cent.

Compared with yesterday's final sales, the principal losses are: Oregon Navigation, 2 per cent; Canadian Pacific, 1½ per cent. There was more animation to the bond trading today and prices were generally well maintained until near the close, when there were material recessions in some of the speculative issues. The aggregate sales were $1,372,000, of which $181,000 were of Chicago & Northern Pacific first trust receipts and $125,000 Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf firsts.

The Evening Post's London financial article: The stock markets were idle and dull today. Foreign stocks were depressed by the enormously high rates at the Paris settlement. American railroad bonds were quickly bought, but shares were full on realizations. Canada Pacific was flat on unfavorable anticipations of the annual meeting. A big bimetallic meeting is being held at the Mansion house today. Mr. Balfour is speaking. The only point is that it is considered to commit the conservatives to the scheme to place the currency in the political program. Only 200,000 of India council drafts were alloted today out of sixty. The weakened tone.

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

Atchison.....	6⅛	Northwestern.....	91⅛
Adams Express...	143	N. W. pfd.....	138
Alton, T. H	137	N. Y. Central.....	95⅝
Am. Express	112	N. Y. N. & E.....	37
Baltimore & Ohio.	58	Ontario & W.....	16¼
Canada Pacific...	39	Oregon Imp.....	7
Canada Southern..	49	Oregon Nav.....	17
Central Pacific....	17	O. S. L. & U. N....	0¼
Chesapeake	17⅝	Pacific Mail.....	22⅝
Chicago Alton.....	147	P. D. & E.....	4½
C., B. & Q.....	73¼	Pittsburg.....	155
Chicago Gas.....	71⅝	Pullman Palace...	150
Consolidated Gas.	132	Reading.....	9⅝
C., C., C. & St. L...	37½	R. G. W.....	16⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron..	5½	R. G. W. pfd.....	37
Cotton Oil Cert....	26	Rock Island.....	63⅝
Delaware & Had...	127¼	St. Paul.....	57½
Del., Lack. & W...	158	do pfd.....	115½
D. & R. G. pfd....	37⅝	St. P. & Omaha...	32
D. & C. F. Co.....	15	do pfd.....	106
Erie.....	9⅝	Southern Pacific..	17¼
Erie, pfd.....	31⅝	Sugar Refinery....	101⅛
*Fort Wayne	157	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	17⅝
G. Northern pfd...	107	Texas Pacific.....	9⅝
C. & E. I. pfd.....	95	T. & O Cent. pfd..	78
Hocking Valley....	26⅝	Union Pacific....	11⅝
Illinois Central....	98½	U. S. Express.....	44
St. P. & Duluth	25	W. St. L. & P.....	6½
K. & T. pfd.....	26⅝	do pfd.....	14½
Lake Erie & West	17⅝	Wells Fargo Ex...	105
do pfd.....	74⅝	Western Union ...	88¼
Lake Shore.....	137¼	Wheeling & L. E...	12
Lead Trust.....	32½	do pfd.....	41
Louisville & N....	51¼	M. & St. L.....	26⅛
L. & N. A.....	7	D. & R. G.....	12
Manhattan Con....	113¼	do pfd.....	33⅛
*Memphis & C....	10	N. Y.	20⅝
Michigan Cent....	91	C. F. & I.....	25
Missouri Pacific...	23⅝	*do pfd.....	64
Mobile & Ohio.....	15	H. & T. C.....	1⅛
*Nashville Chat...	70	T. A. A. & N. M....	2
National Cordage.	5⅛	T. St. L. & K. C...	1
do pfd.....	9⅝	*do pfd.....	10
N. J. Central.....	93	S. R. R.....	11⅝
N. & W. pfd.....	13	*do pfd.....	33⅝
North Am. Co.....	4⅛	Am. Tob. Co.....	95
Northern Pacific..	4½	do pfd.....	108
No. Pac. pfd.....	16⅛	St. P., M. & M	106
U. P., D. & G.....	4½		

* bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 3.—Call loans, 3¼@5 per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	6	W. Elec. pfd.....	61@52
Am. Sugar.....	101⅛	Gen. Elec. old...	62@65
Am. Sugar pfd....	94	Edison Elec.....	125
Bay State Gas.....	7	Atchison 2ds.....	20½
Bell Telephone....	190	Atchison 4s.....	67¾
Boston & Albany..	206½	New England 6s..	108¼
Boston & Maine...	166	Gen. Electric 5s...	88
do pfd.....	153	Wis. Cent. 1sts...	57
C. B. & Q.....	73⅛	Allouez Mining Co	25
Fitchburg.....	86	Atlantic.....	9¾
Gen. Electric.....	33⅛	Boston & Montana	38⅝
Illinois Steel.....	45	Butte & Boston...	10⅛
Mexican Central..	8	Calumet & Hecla.	282⅝
N. Y. & N. E.....	37	Centennial.....	50
Old Colony.....	180	Franklin.....	11
Ore. Short Line...	6	Kearsarge.....	86½
Rubber.....	39⅛	Osceola.....	21
Union Pacific.....	11⅛	Quincy.....	101
West End.....	63½	Tamarack.....	133
Westingh. Elec....	35⅛	Wolverine.....	4

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	27	Gould & Curry.....	53
Alpha Con.....	10	Hale & Norcross..	140
Andes.....	27	Julia.....	7
Belcher.....	43	Justice.....	17
Best & Belcher....	85	Kentucky Con.....	6
Bodie Con.....	140	Mexican.....	83
Bullion.....	22	Mono.....	26
Caledonia.....	10	Occidental Con....	13
Challenge Con....	45	Ophir.....	170
Choliar.....	58	Overman.....	17
Confidence.....	145	Potosi.....	59
Con. Cal. & Va....	280	Savage.....	39
Con. Imperial.....	1	Union Con.....	55
Crown Point.....	42	Yellow Jacket....	60
Exchequer.....	3		

Silver bars, 66½@66⅝c. Mexican dollars, nominal. Drafts, sight, 7½c; telegraphic, 10c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	15	Ontario.....	900
Choler.....	49	Ophir.....	150
Crown Point.....	35	Plymouth.....	20
Con. Cal. & Va....	260	Quicksilver.....	225
Deadwood.....	40	do pfd.....	1400
Gould & Curry....	40	Sierra Nevada....	75
Hale & Norcross..	40	Standard.....	265
Homestake.....	1850	Union Con.....	50
Mexican.....	75	Yellow Jacket....	50

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, April 3.—4 p. m. closing:

Can. Pacific	40	St. Paul com.....	59
Erie.....	10⅝	N. Y. Central.....	98
Erie 2ds.....	65⅝	Pennsylvania.....	52⅝
Ill. Central.....	90	Reading.....	6⅝
Mexican ordinary.	18⅝	Mex. Cen. new 4s..	62⅝

BAR SILVER—30¼d per ounce.

MONEY—¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in open market for short and three months' bills is ⅞ per cent.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Receipts Show a Considerable Increase for the Day.

QUITY IS ALSO GREATLY IMPROVED

Hay and Cornfed Steers in Demand and Mounting in Price—Other Grades Follow—Hogs Active at Fully Steady Prices.

WEDNESDAY, April 3.

The receipts today were 2,089 cattle, 4,119 hogs, 3,173 sheep and 20 horses, as against 1,015 cattle, 4,370 hogs and 1,195 sheep yesterday and 1,552 cattle, 4,362 hogs and 349 sheep on Wednesday of last week.

CATTLE—The arrivals of cattle for the day numbered seventy-five cars, as against forty-one yesterday and sixty on Wednesday of last week. Among the offerings there was quite a sprinkling of hayfed western beeves and some good cornfed natives. A train of hayfed Nevada steers sold at $4.75. A part of a load of cornfed Hereford steers brought $6. There was a good demand for desirable beef steers and the buyers were not very long in cleaning up the supply at good steady prices. The trade was practically over with some time before midday so far as beef steers were concerned.

There were about ten loads of cows and mixed butchers' stock on the market. The trade did not show any material change as compared with yesterday. Some choice heifers sold at $4.75 and $5, while there were quite a number of cows good enough to bring $3.00@4.00.

There were quite a good many western feeders on the market and a very fair showing of native stock cattle. The rain on the first of the week and the consequent improvement in the country appears to have produced a better feeling in the feeder market. The demand today was good and the market active at stronger prices. A large proportion of the feeders sold at $3.35@3.75. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2....	805	$3 50	2....	905	$4 50	1....	1110	$5 00
1....	1150	4 25	22....	827	4 90	21....	1102	5 00
8....	953	4 25	1....	1030	4 95	19....	1218	5 25
6....	935	4 25	4....	1120	4 95	16....	1140	5 60
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