COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Was Weak and Strong by Turns Yesterday.

SPECULATIVE TRADE WAS MODERATE

Corn Ruled Fairly Active, Part of the Business Being the Change from May to June.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Wheat was weak and stronger by turns today and closed firm at 65⅝c for May, or ⅛c over yesterday's close on frost reported from some of the wheat growing states. Corn, oats and provisions were all moderately influenced by wheat, the two former closing with a shade of improvement, the latter at a slight loss.

There was only a moderate speculative trade in wheat, the range for the session being ⅞c. The start was easy on the failure of any cold or severe temperature to materialize in the northwest; then, receipts in that section were liberal and the Price Current's weekly crop summary was taken as a little bearish. All this combined to weaken prices at the start. New York reported nothing doing there in the export, which was also something of an influence. There was, however, very fair buying at the decline by professionals and some of the larger commission houses and prices soon advanced. Public cables came ½d higher and the flour output for the week made a fair showing at 211,356 bbls., against 223,215 bbls. for the same period in 1895. Frosts were again reported in California, killing at Fresno, and cut some figure. The starting of the fleet here also had some little influence and then the out inspection was fair. There was quite a little changing—selling May and buying July and vice versa, the premium for July widening at one time to from 1c to 1⅛c.

There was a moderate speculative tone in corn, the market ruling fairly active, the range, though, being narrow, at from ⅛c to ¼c. The feeling developed was fairly firm and the close showed ⅛c advance.

Oats were steadier with a fair trade. Part of it was in the way of changing May to June and in covering shorts in both months. Prices had a ¼c range and closed at the top, with a gain of from ⅛c to ¼c, the latter being on September.

There was considerable business transacted in the market for hog products and the feeling in a general way was easier, with frequent fluctuations in prices within comparatively narrow ranges. Speculative offerings were quite free and the demand fairly active and credited to shorts. The receipts of hogs were fair and prices lower, the supply for the week exceeding the estimates.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow are: Wheat, 18 cars; corn, 225 cars; oats, 190 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closes.
Wheat, No. 2				
April.....	64⅝@65	65⅝	64⅝	65⅝
May.....	65⅝@65⅞	66	65⅛@65⅜	65⅝@⅝
July.....	66⅝	67	66⅛	66⅞@67
Corn, No 2.				
April.....	29⅝@⅝	29⅞	29⅝	29⅝@⅞
May.....	30⅛@⅛	30⅜	30⅛	30⅛@⅜
July.....	31⅛@⅛	31⅜	31⅛@⅛	31⅛@⅜
Sept.....	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝@⅝
Oats, No. 2.				
May.....	19⅝	19⅞	19⅝@⅝	19⅞
July.....	20	20⅛	20	20⅛@⅛
Sept.....	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛
Pork per bbl				
May.....	8 50	8 60	8 47½	8 60
July.....	8 70	8 77½	8 65	8 77½
Lard, 100 lbs				
May.....	4 95	4 97½	4 90	4 95
July.....	5 10	5 12½	5 05	5 10
Short Ribs—				
May.....	4 35	4 37½	4 32½	4 37½
July.....	4 50	4 52½	4 47½	4 52½

Cash quotations were as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 64½c; No. 3 spring, 55@65½c; No. 2 red, 68⅝@69⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, 30⅛@30⅜c; No. 2 yellow, 30½@30⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 19⅝c; No. 2 white, 19⅞@20⅛c; No. 3 white, 19½@22c.

RYE—No. 2, 37c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 92c.

PRIME TIMOTHY SEED—$3.20.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.55@8.60; lard, per 100 lbs., 4.90@4.92½; short ribs, sides, loose, $4.35@4.40; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.50@4.62½; short clear sides, boxed, $4.50@4.62½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

POULTRY—Firm; turkeys, 11@12½c; chickens, 8½@9c; ducks, 11@12c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	10,000	9,000
Wheat, bu.....	13,000	306,000
Corn, bu.....	86,000	676,000
Oats, bu.....	180,000	709,000
Rye, bu.....	10,000	1,000
Barley, bu.....	31,000	11,000

On the Produce exchange to day the butter market was weak; creamery, 12@16c; dairy, 10@14c. Eggs, weak; 10 a 10½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 16.—FLOUR—Receipts, 10,600 bbls.; exports, 14,600 bbls.; steadier and more active on winter grades, but dull for spring grades, owing to the extreme views of the mills. Minnesota patents, $3.75@4.05; winter extras, $2.60@3.00; Minnesota bakers, $2.70@3.15; winter straights, $3.65@3.75; winter low grades, $2.20@2.40. Rye flour, steady; superfine, $2.65@2.75; fancy, $2.75@3.00.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 39@40c.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, coarse, 75c.

RYE—Nominal at 43@45c.

BARLEY—Steady; malting, 39@45c; feed, 35@37c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 44@55c.

WHEAT—Exports, 161,200 bu.; spot, inactive; No. 2 red, 77c; No. 1 hard, 74½c, elevator. Options opened easier on favorable winter wheat news, but rallied on talk of a cold wave west; was irregular during the day on a scalping trade and finally advanced sharply on active coverings, closing at ⅛@⅞c net higher; April closed 75⅝c; May, 73⅞@75⅝c, closing 75⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 64,400 bu.; exports, 17,300 bu.; spot, quiet; No. 2, 40c, elevator. Options opened steady and advanced on smaller receipts and lighter offerings, closing unchanged to ⅜c net higher; April closed 37⅛c; May, 36⅝@36⅞c, closing 36⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 129,200 bu.; exports, 159,600 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2, 25½c. Options, dull, but fairly steady, closing unchanged; May, 24⅞@24⅞c, closing 24⅞c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 80c; good to choice, 90c@$1.00.

HOPS—Dull; 1894 crop, 2½@4½c; 1895 crop, 3@8c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 2½@4c; 1895 crop, 3@8c.

HIDES—Dull; Buenos Ayres, dry, 16c; Texas, dry, 9c; California, 14c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, B. A., light to heavy weight, 19@20c; acid, 17@22c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $10.15; ex. tra mess, $7.50@8.50; packet, $8.00@10.50. Cut meats, pickled hams, 8½@9c. Lard, steady; western steam closed $5.20. Pork, dull; mess, $9.00@9.50; short clear, $10.00@11.50; family, $10.25@10.75. Tallow, easier.

OILS—Petroleum, quiet; United closed at $1.22 bid. Rosin, firmer; strained, common to good, $1.80@1.95. Turpentine, steady at 28½@29c. Cottonseed oil, quiet; prime crude, 21½@22c; butter grades, 27@28c; prime summer yellow, 25½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,776 pkgs.; weak; western creamery, 11@17c; Elgins, 17c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,590 pkgs.; quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 12c; western, 11@11½c; southern, 10½@11c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@37c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 3⅝@6c; Japan, 3⅝@4¼c.

METALS—Pig iron, market firm; southern, $10.75@13.00; northern, $11.00@13.50. Copper, steady; brokers, $10.87½; exchange, nominal. Lead, steady; brokers, $2.80; exchange, $3.05. Tin, market firmer; straits, $13.30@13.40; plates, steady. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $4.10@4.15.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 16.—FLOUR—Easy and lower; patents, $2.65@3.75; extra fancy, $3.35@3.75; fancy, $2.90@3.00; choice, $2.55@2.65.

WHEAT—A decline resulted from the somewhat free selling at the opening on continued prospects of fine winter wheat crop weather, but adverse conditions in the northwest checked this and caused a reaction and the market for futures closed ⅛@⅝c above yesterday. Spot, dull; No. 2 red, cash, 68c, elevator; 70@72½c, track; No. 2 hard, 68c; May, 69⅝c bid; July, 61⅝c, bid; August, 63⅝c, bid.

CORN—Futures again strong, with a small advance, but May was the only option in demand. Spot, higher; No. 2 mixed, cash, 27½@27½c; May, 27⅝@27½c; July, 28⅝c, bid.

OATS—Quiet and steady for futures. Spot, dull and steady; No. 2 cash, 18½c, bid; May, 18⅝c; July, 19½c, bid.

CORN MEAL—$1.40@1.45.

BRAN—Salable, east side, at 47½c, and sold f. o. b., this side, at 49c.

FLAXSEED—Steady at 82c.

TIMOTHY SEED—$2.50@2.60.

HAY—Choice grades, both timothy and prairie, scarce and in demand at an advance; prairie, $6.50@9.25; timothy, $8.50@15.00, this side.

BUTTER—Easier; creamery, 14@18c; dairy, 12@14c.

EGGS—Lower; fresh, 8½c.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 7½c; turkeys, 13c; ducks, 9@9½c; geese, 5½c.

WHISKY—$1.22.

METALS—Lead, unchanged; sellers asking $2.77½, with $2.75 bid. Spelter, steady at $3.90.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, new, $8.75; old, $8.25. Lard, easier; choice, $4.72½@4.75. Bacon, boxed shoulders and longs, $5.75; ribs and shorts, $5.25. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.37½; longs, $4.50; ribs, $4.75; shorts, $4.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 5,000 bu.; corn, 20,000 bu.; oats, 17,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 18,000 bu.; corn, 8,000 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, April 16.—A widened inquiry for staple and colored cottons with considerable business in the former, and much more prospective, was a feature of the market today. The large curtailment of production by the colored goods mills is beginning to be felt in the scarcity of some styles. There was an improved request for purely summer stuffs, such as organdies, lawns, crepes, seerges and prints. The general reflection of the market shows decided improvement. Printing cloths were dull at 2¾c.

FALL RIVER, April 16.—Cloths, steady at 2½c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

The receipts of chickens were heavier yesterday, and the market easier in consequence. With the market as high as it has been for some time back, any material increase in the arrivals may be expected to give values a lower tendency.

The egg market was also a little easier, and a considerable proportion of the local sales are made at 9c. Quotations:

EGGS—Fresh stock, 9c.

BUTTER—Fair to good stock, 7@9c; choice to fancy country, 12c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6½@7c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11½c; Edam, per doz., $2.50; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limburger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young American, 11½c; Swiss, fancy, 11c.

POULTRY—Live—Hens, 8@8½c; old cocks, 3@4c; turkeys, 10@11c; ducks, 8@10c; geese, 60@70c; spring chickens, per doz., $3.

HAY—Upland, $4; midland, $3.50; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2½c; common, 1½@2c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, $2.00@2.50; redheads, $2.00@2.25; canvas back ducks, $2.00@2.25; teal, blue winged, $1.00@1.25; teal, green winged, $1.00@1.25; mixed, $1.00@1.25; Canada geese, $3.50@4.50; snipe, $2.00@3.00; speckled brants, $3.00@3.00.

PIGEONS—Live, $1.20@1.25; dead pigeons not wanted.

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Florida stock, 6-basket crates, $3.50.

PEAS—Boxes, ⅝ bu., $2.

TOP ONIONS—Per doz. bunches, 20@25c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.25@1.50.

WAX BEANS—Per bu. box, $4.50.

STRING BEANS—Per bu. box, $2.50.

SPINACH—Per box, $1.10@1.25; per bbl., $2.50@3.00.

PIE PLANT—Illinois stock, 50-lb. box, $3.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, 2 doz., $3.

CABBAGE—California stock, per lb., 2½c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 35@50c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.40.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.50@3.00 per bbl.; seed sweet potatoes, $2.25.

CELERY—California, per doz., No. 1, $1; No. 2, 80c; No. 3, 60c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4@4½c.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.75.

POTATOES—Native stock, 20@25c; Colorado stock, 25@40c; Red River valley seed potatoes, 50c; Early Ohio, seed, 40@50c; Florida new potatoes, per bu. crate, $1.50.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $3.

CALIFORNIA ASPARAGUS—Per 20-lb. crate, $2.50.

FRUITS.

There were no strawberries of any account in the market today, owing to the excessive rains and washouts in the south. The few here sold at very high prices. Quotations:

STRAWBERRIES—Texas, per case of 24 pts., $6.00@7.00; per 24 pts., $3.00@3.50.

APPLES—Choice to fancy Ben Davis, $4.00@4.50; choice wine saps and willow twigs, $4.50@5.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $4.50@5.00; boxes, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California budded seedlings, fancy, $2.75@3.00; choice, $2.50@2.75; fancy navels, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.50@3.75.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $3.25@3.50; choice, $3.00@3.25; California, $2.75@3.00.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The oyster season is practically over, and no one is trying to do much in that line. There is, however, stock still to be had on the market. Quotations:

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 14c; choice, 13c; California amber color, 10c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $3; per bbl., $6.

OYSTERS—Mediums, 15c; standards, 20c; extra selects, 25c; company selects, 27c; New York counts, 30c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; half bbl., $2.

PIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 30-lb. boxes, 14c; choice 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 9@10c.

DATES—Halloween, per lb., 5c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 7c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½ gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9c.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each, $1.40.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; medium size, 10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 8c; large, 10c; peanuts, raw, 4@5½c; roasted, 7½c.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6¼@6½c; medium steers, 6c; good cows and heifers, 5⅝@6c; medium cows and heifers, 5¼@5½c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 4@4½c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7@7½c; good hindquarters, steers, 7½@8½c; cow rounds, 5¼c; cow plates, 3½c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3½c; steer chucks, 4c; beef tenderloins, 22c; beef rolls, boneless, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; loin backs, boneless, 8c; loin backs, 7½c; cow ribs, No. 2, 8c; cow loins, No. 3, 9c; beef trimmings, 2½c; rump butts, 5c; shoulder clods, 5c.

MUTTON—Dressed lamb, 7½c; dressed mutton, 6½c; racks, 8c; legs, 9c; saddles, 9c; stews, 3c; sheep pluck, 3c; sheep tongues, per doz., 25c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 6½c; spare ribs, 4½c; ham sausage butts, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; pork trimmings, 4c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; tenderloins, 14c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½c; No. 2 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7@8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 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 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1 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@5c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 4@5c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, yellow, 1½c; grease, dark, 1½c; grease, house, 1½c; grease, dark, 1½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1½c.

BONES—In car lots weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece, washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

FURS.

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BEAR—					
Black	$20@25	$ 15 00	$ 8@10	$10@12	$ 5 00
Black Yearlings..	12@15	10 00	7 00	7 00	3 00
Black Cubs.....	6@ 8	5@ 6	4 00	5 00	2 00
Black Montana & Mountain	18@22	14 00	10 00	10 00	4 00
Black Montana Yearlings	12 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Black Montana Cubs	6 50	4 50	3 00	4 00	2 00
Silver Tip.....	20 00	12 00	8 00	9 00	4 00
Silver Tip Yrlgs.	11 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Silver Tip Cubs..	6 00	4 50	3 00	3 00	1 50
Brown	20@25	16 00	12 00	12 00	5 00
Yearlings	10@12	8 00	6 00	8 00	4 00
Cubs	7 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	2 00
Badger	1@1 50	60	50	50	50
Fisher	8 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00
FOX—					
Silver (according to beauty).....	100 00	60 00	40 00	20 00	10 00
Silver Pale (according to bea'y)	50 00	30 00	20 00	15 00	6 00
Cross	7 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Red	1 50	1 25	1 00	75	25
Gray	75	50	40	35	15
Kit	50	40	30	20	10
Lynx	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 25	35
Marten	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	50
Mink	80@85	60	45	25	10
Mink Dark.....	85	65	45	20	10
Mountain Lion (perfect head and feet).....	1@ 2				
Otter	8 00	6@ 7	5 00	4 00	2 00
Otter Pale.....	7 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	1 50
Raccoon	60@70	50	25	20	10
Raccoon, Black (as to beauty)..	50@62				
SKUNK—					
Black, cased.....	1 25	75	50	50	25
Short striped.....	1 00	70	45	40	20
Narrow striped...	50	40	25	20	10
Broad striped.....	20@25				
Wolverine	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Wolf, Mountain..	3 00	2 00	1 50	75	40
Wolf, Prairie.....	65@90	60	40	20	10
Beaver, per skin.	5@ 6	4 50	3 00	4 00	2 00
Beaver Kits.....	2 00	1 50	75	50	25
MUSKRATS—					
Spring					
Winter	8@10	9	7		
Fall		7	6		
Kits	2		3		

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Volume of Business in Securities Not Very Large.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Although the volume of business in stocks today was not large the undertone was strong throughout, and the character of the dealings was improved by a further increase in dealings by commission houses. Conservative operators continue, however, to regret the lack of broadness and the relative inferior position of the regular railway list. In their judgment the concentration of speculation in this or that industrial renders the bona fide investors timid, although it is hoped that the heavy accumulation of money at this center may redirect the attention of actual buyers to the security market. Today Sugar figured for nearly one-third of the entire dealings, recording 58,400 shares. The pool in the specialty continues to be active, and its members predict 130 or higher for the stock. An element of danger in the situation is that every other man in Wall street is a bull on Sugar. The upward movement today resulted in the covering of a considerable amount, and many stop loss orders were reached.

In the Sugar trade predictions of further important advances in the price of the product are made. Today the raw grades were marked up ⅛d. The extreme advance in the stock was 2⅛ per cent, bringing the price to 125⅛. The closing was at a fraction from the high level. The trading in the general market embraced a number of the usually inactive shares. London was alternately buyer and seller of stocks in this market, and also purchased our bonds to a moderate extent. Erie lists preferred rose 2 per cent, and a block of the general lien mortgages was also taken. Buying of Southern Ss and Northern Pacific and Atchison issues was likewise credited to Europe. The market moved irregularly, and although there were several conspicuously weak spots, the general trend of prices was upward. Lead shares, common and preferred, were prominent, and made substantial gains on reported favorable trade conditions. The buying was also attended by conjectures that at the regular monthly meeting of the directors, held today, a dividend on the common stock, might be declared. As a matter of fact only routine business was transacted, and an official of the company informed a representative of the Associated press that the question of a dividend was not discussed. The common sold up 1⅝ per cent, and the preferred 2⅛ per cent, closing at the top. The sterling exchange market displayed an easier tendency, but a temporary decline in the price of call money to 2½ per cent was not hailed with unmixed satisfaction; the low figure served to accentuate the dullness of commercial business. It is gratifying to note, however, that there is no pressure of any description of commercial paper on the market, and choice names that some time ago were not sold below 6 per cent and over, are now quoted at 5½ per cent, and exceptional cases at 5 per cent. In the great crop sections delay in seeding is more than offset by the abundant moisture on the soil. In the railways, Missouri Pacific was unusually active, and rose 1⅛ per cent, with a corresponding material recession. The fluctuations in other leading shares were mainly fractional. The closing was steady, with irregular fractional net changes in the active list. Bonds were active and strong in foreign purchases notably; fractional gains occurred in the speculative issues, but in active bonds some important advances were recorded. The aggregate dealings were $2,462,000. Governments ruled strong on purchases of $115,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The improvement on the Stock exchange continues, but home rails, which are still booming, closed below the best. Consols sold at 111. There was an all around improvement in American bonds and shares, the former on investment purchases and the latter on professional operations. A well sustained improvement will have to be established, however, before the public here will be interested. Prices closed at the best. Louisville, Southern, Erie and Reading were especially favored. Heather good quarters here consider the withdrawal of gold from America for Russia as probably about over. Canadian Pacific was strong. The buying was apparently from Montreal. South Americans were good. Chilians recovered on reassuring telegrams as to the financial position. The coin situation in the Bank of England increased this week £566,000, of which £251,000 came from abroad, the details being, £245,000 in bar gold bought and £6,000 from the continent. The only other feature was an increase of £141,000 in other deposits, showing a continued glut of money. The Paris and Berlin markets were firm and a trifle more active.

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

Atchison.....	16¾	N. Y. Central.....	97
Adams Ex.....	148	N. Y. & N. E.....	48
Alton, T. H.....	58	Ontario & W.....	15
Am. Express.....	113	Oregon Imp.....	1
Baltimore & Ohio..	18¾	Oregon Nav.....	22
Canada Pacific....	58¾	O. S. L. & U. N....	4
Canada Southern..	50⅛	Pacific Mail.....	27⅛
Central Pacific....	15⅛	Peoria Dec. & E...	2⅛
Ches. & Ohio.....	16⅛	Pittsburg.....	160
Chicago & Alton..	154	Pullman Palace...	158
C., B. & Q.....	79⅛	Reading.....	11⅛
Chicago Gas.....	69	R. G. W.....	18
Consolidated Gas..	157	R. G. W. pfd.....	45
C., C., C. & St. L..	34½	Rock Island.....	71⅛
Colo. Coal & Iron..	2	St. Paul.....	70⅝
Cotton Oil Cert....	14⅛	do pfd.....	129⅛
Delaware & Hud..	127	St. P. & Omaha....	39⅝
Del., Lack. & W...	159	do pfd.....	122
D. & R. G. pfd.....	4⅛	Southern Pacific..	19⅛
D. & R. G. Co.....	18⅝	Sugar Refinery....	125⅛
East Tenn.....	15⅛	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	31⅛
Erie.....	40⅝	Texas Pacific.....	8⅝
Erie pfd.....	23⅛	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	73
Fort Wayne.....	160	Union Pacific.....	8⅛
G. Northern pfd...	111⅛	U. S. Express.....	39
C. & E. I. pfd.....	99	W. S. Express.....	6½
Hocking Valley...	16⅛	W. St. L. & P. pfd..	18⅝
Illinois Central...	94⅛	Wells Fargo Ex...	98
St. P. & Duluth....	24	Western Union....	84⅛
K. & T. pfd.....	27⅝	Wheeling & L. E..	8⅛
Lake Erie & West.	18	do pfd.....	33½
do pfd.....	70⅛	M. & St. L.....	19⅝
Lake Shore.....	147½	D. & R. G.....	12⅝
Lead Trust.....	27⅝	G. E.....	37
Louisville & N....	51⅝	N. P.....	18⅛
L. & N. A.....	8⅛	C. F. & I.....	30½
Manhattan Con....	111⅝	do pfd.....	100
Memphis & C.....	15	H. & T. C.....	2½
Michigan Central..	95	Mex. Central.....	5⅝
Missouri Pacific...	25⅞	T. St. L. & K.C. pfd	10
Mobile & Ohio.....	22	S. R. R.....	9⅝
Nashville Chat....	68	S. R. R. pfd.....	30⅝
National Cordage..	4⅝	Am. Tob. Co.....	68⅝
Nat. Cordage pfd..	9⅛	do pfd.....	96
N. J. Central.....	100⅛	Am. Tel. & C. Co...	93⅛
N. & W. pfd.....	5⅝	Com'l Cable Co....	159
North Am. Co.....	5⅛	Am. Sugar pfd.....	102⅛
Northern Pacific...	1⅛	U. S. Cordage pfd..	10
N. Pacific pfd.....	10⅛	U. S. Leather pfd..	61⅛
U. P. D. & G.....	3⅝	U. S. Rubber.....	27
Northwestern.....	104	do pfd.....	85
do pfd.....	146⅛	S L.S. & E 1st R.R.	38@42

The total sales of stocks today were 187,400 shares, including the following: American Tobacco, 3,300; Chicago Gas, 5,000; General Electric, 5,500; Louisville & Nashville, 7,900; Missouri Pacific, 9,900; Northern Pacific preferred, 3,700; Reading, 4,600; Rock Island, 5,200; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 3,400; Southern Railroad preferred, 3,800.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 16.—MONEY ON CALL—Closed easy at 2½@3½ per cent; last loan, 3 per cent; closed, 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5½@6½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Dull and easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87½@4.88⅝ for demand, and $4.87⅜@4.88 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.89, and $4.89½@4.90; commercial bills, $4.87.

BAR SILVER—67⅝c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—67¾@68¼c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong; state bonds, dull; railroad bonds, strong.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg. new.	116⅝	C. P. 1sts of '95....	112¼
U. S. 4s coupon new	116⅝	D. & R. G. 7s.....	112
U. S. 5s, reg.....	112⅝	D. & R. G. 4s.....	88
U. S. 5s, coup.....	113⅛	Erie 2ds.....	97
U. S. 4s, reg.....	108⅝	G. H. & S. A. 6s....	105
U. S. 4s, coup.....	109	G. H. & S. A. 7s....	100
U. S. 2s, reg.....	95	H. & T. C. 5s.....	108
Pacific 6s of '95...	103	do 6s.....	100
Ala., class A.....	106	M., K. & T. 1st 4s..	84⅝
Ala., class B.....	106	do 2d 4s.....	50½
Ala., class C.....	101	Mutual Union 6s...	114
Ala. Currency.....	100	N. Y. Cent. 5s.....	113⅛
La. New Con. 4s ..	97⅝	No. Pacific 1sts...	114⅝
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	111
N. C. 6s.....	124	N. W. Consols....	139⅛
N. C. 4s.....	103	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	111
S. C. nonfund.....	4	R. G. West. 1sts...	73⅛
Tenn. new set 6s.	83⅝	St. P. Consols 7s..	128
Tenn. new set 5s..	108	do C. & P. W. 5s.	114
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	77⅛
Va. Centuries.....	60⅝	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	107⅛
do deferred.....	4⅛	Texas Pac. 1sts...	88
Atchison 4s.....	79⅝	do 2ds.....	23⅛
Atchison 2d A.....	46	U. P. 1sts of '93....	105⅛
Canada So. 2ds....	104⅛	West Shore 4s.....	105⅝
L. & N. unified 4s.	78	Southern 5s.....	92⅝
O. R. & N. 1sts...	110	N. Pac. 3ds.....	74⅛

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 16.—Call loans, 4@6 per cent; time loans, 4@6 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	16⅛	Westingh. Elec....	29
Am. Sugar.....	125⅛	W. Elec. pfd.....	52⅛
Am. Sugar pfd....	102⅝	Wis. Central.....	3⅝
Bay State Gas....	9⅛	Edison Elec. Ills..	138
Bell Telephone...	203	Gen. Elec. pfd....	76
Boston & Albany.	208	Atchison 2ds.....	26⅛
Boston & Maine..	169	Atchison 4s.....	79⅝
Boston & M. pfd...	153⅛	New England 6s..	112
C. B. & Q.....	79	Gen. Electric 5s...	90
Fitchburg.....	94	Wis. Cent. 1sts ..	43
Gen. Electric.....	37	Allouez Mining Co	1
Illinois Steel.....	73⅛	Atlantic.....	18
Mexican Central..	10⅛	Boston & Montana	70
N. Y. & N. E.....	48	Butte & Boston...	9
Old Colony.....	176	Calumet & Hecla..	38
Ore. Short Line...	8⅝	Franklin.....	11
Rubber.....	27	Kearsarge.....	16⅛
San Diego.....	10	Osceola.....	25⅛
Union Pacific.....	8⅛	Quincy.....	120
West End.....	68	Tamarack.....	98⅛
West End pfd.....	89	Wolverine	7

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

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

Alta.....	7	Hale & Norcross..	120
Andes.....	25	Julia.....	4
Belcher.....	41	Justice.....	3
Best & Belcher....	47	Mexican.....	33
Bodie Con.....	41	Mono.....	10
Bullion.....	3	Occidental Con....	93
Bulwer Con.....	35	Ophir.....	87
Caledonia.....	4	Overman.....	8
Challenge Con....	21	Potosi.....	22
Chollar.....	37	Sayano	25