COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Covering of Shorts Causes a Big Bulge and Wheat Closes Higher.

CORN AND OATS ADVANCE FRACTIONALLY

Lower Liverpool Cables Lead to Great Weakness at the Start, but a Large Gain Takes Place Later.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Wheat today recovered all the ¾c it lost yesterday, closing at the same price it did Tuesday. The closing advance succeeded a very weak opening and was caused more by the covering of shorts on a somewhat oversold market than to any real statistical strength. Corn and oats shared in the strength to a degree, corn advancing ¼c and oats 1-16c. Provisions were heavy, but showed slight changes.

Two factors contributed to the weakness with which wheat started. The principal one was the lower English cables, especially those bearing on the Liverpool market. Some of the earlier Liverpool cables reported a decline of 1½d, with wheat pressing for sale as they put it. As the decline on this side yesterday amounted to only ¾c it could not be attributed altogether to sympathy; in fact, many regarded the slump as a result of manipulation pure and simple, but it had its effect on opening prices nevertheless. The other factor was prominent yesterday, consisting of reports that much of the recent cash business had been sold against for May delivery. For a few minutes after the opening traders were rather on the fence. Not so much was offered for sale as had been expected in view of the low Liverpool quotations, and this fact encouraged home traders to buy, with the result that a slight advance ensued. But the liquidation, though delayed, came at last and for half an hour the pressure to sell was persistent and heavy not only from those anxious to liquidate, but from professional bears, putting out additional short lines. Opening trades in May were made at 74⅝@74⅞c, as against yesterday's closing price of 74⅞@75c. After a brief rally to 75⅝c an irregular decline to 73¼c followed. This was the lowest point of the day and proved to be the rallying point of a 1⅞c bulge, the price reaching 75⅛c shortly before the close. As far as fresh news went there was nothing of moment added further than confirmation by cable from London of the reported 33 per cent deficiency in condition of the French crop compared with last February's report. An old but still active trader remarked that he thought the market was as much congested with wheat sold short as it was with long wheat when the price of May was 85½c. After 75⅛c had been reached some reaction followed, but the closing was strong at 75⅝c.

Corn was dull, but firm. Local receipts were liberal, but although the market was heavy for a time prices never got below yesterday's close. During the last hour a more active demand sprang up in sympathy with the advance in wheat and prices advanced accordingly. May opened unchanged to 2½c and advanced slowly to 24¼c, where it closed.

Oats were active from start to finish. Selling by shorts, which started immediately after the opening, brought about a decline and for a time the market was decidedly weak. The rally which ensued was brought about through sympathy with wheat, many who sold early buying back their lines. May opened unchanged at 17⅝@17⅝c, declined to 17⅜c and recovered to within 17@17⅛, closing at 17⅜c bid.

Provisions were weak, though keeping within narrow limits. There were good reasons for firmness in the strong hog market and light yard receipts, but nevertheless the market acted heavy from the start. About all the business, however, consisted of commission house selling of lard. At the close May pork was 2½c higher at $7.57½, May lard 5c lower at $3.80@3.82½ and May ribs unchanged at $3.87½.

The estimated receipts for Friday are: Wheat, 25 cars; corn, 550 cars; oats, 280 cars; hogs, 19,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
Feb.....	75⅝@74⅞	74⅞	72⅛	74	73⅞
May.....	74⅝@¾	76⅛	74¼	75¾	74⅝-75
July.....	70⅞ 1¼	72¼	70⅞@⅝	72	71⅛@⅝
*Corn—					
Feb.....	21⅛	22⅛	21⅛	22⅛	22
May.....	24	24¼	24	24¼	24
July.....	25⅛	25⅜@⅝	25⅛	25⅜@⅝	25⅛@¾
Sept.....	26⅛	26¾	26⅛	26¾	26⅛
*Oats—					
Feb.....	15¼	15⅝	15¼	15⅝	15⅛
May.....	17⅝@¾	17⅝@¾	17⅜	17¾	17⅝@¾
July.....	18¼	18⅝	18⅛@¼	18⅝	18⅛
Pork—					
Feb.....					7 45
May.....	7 57½	7 60	7 55	7 57½	7 55
July.....	7 67½	7 70	7 67½	7 70	7 62½
Lard—					
Feb.....					3 75
May.....	3 87½	3 87½	3 82½	3 82½	3 87½
July.....	3 95	3 95	3 87½	3 90	3 95
Sh't Ribs					
Feb.....					3 85
May.....	3 87½	3 87½	3 87½	3 87½	3 87½
July.....	3 95	3 97½	3 95	3 97½	3 95

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, $4.50@4.60; spring specials, $4.50; spring straights, $3.40@3.70; winter straights, $4.10@4.50; spring patents, $4.65@4.30; bakers, $3.00@3.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 74@74¾c; No. 3 spring, 73@75c; No. 2 red, 84¾@85¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 22¼@22½c; No. 2 yellow, 22¼@22½c.

OATS—No. 2, 16½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 19½@20¼c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 16½@19c.

RYE—No. 2, 34½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 25@32c; No. 4, f. o. b., 24½@26c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 73½@76½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.75@2.80.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.52½@7.55. Lard, per 100 lbs., $3.70@3.72½. Short ribs, sides (loose), $3.72½@3.97½. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.12½@4.25.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.14; granulated, $4.51.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	8,000	19,000
Wheat, bu.....	17,000	41,000
Corn, bu.....	267,000	68,000
Oats, bu.....	263,000	204,000
Rye, bu.....	5,000	2,000
Barley, bu.....	59,000	12,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 9@17c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 13c. Cheese, steady; 9@9½c. Dressed poultry, easy; turkeys, 11@12c; chickens, 6@7c; ducks, 10@11c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, 11c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@10c; choice to fancy roll, 13@14c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

GAME—Blue winged teal ducks, $1.75; green wing, $1.50; redheads and mallards, $3.75; small rabbits, 40@60c; jacks, $1.00@1.25; squirrels, 60@70c; Canada geese, large, $6.00@7.00; small, $4.00@5.00.

CHEESE—Domestic bricks, 10½c; Edam, per doz., 79; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.15; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 9½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 10¾c; twins, fancy, 10½c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7@7½c; large and coarse, 4@6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 5½@6c; turkeys, 10@11c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 8@9c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5c; cocks, 3@4c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@90c; dead pigeons, not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $4; lowland, $3.50; rye straw, $3.50; 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., 2@2½c; choice green, running to curl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

SWEET POTATOES—On orders, per bbl., $1.75.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., $1.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.35.

CABBAGE—Fancy stock, per 100 lbs., $2.

CELERY—Per doz., 25c; fancy, large, 45c.

POTATOES—Good native stock, per bu., 30c.

FRUITS.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, per bbl., $6.00@6.50.

APPLES—Fancy, New York, $1.60@1.65; extra fancy, large, $1.75.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per box, $2.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, $2.75@3.00; California navels, 150s to 200s, $3.75; large sizes, $3.25@3.50; seedling, $2.75.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Choice, 13@14c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $3.50; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.50@2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., nacy, soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; small, $1.50; cocoanuts, 5c each.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 15c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 11c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 5½c; No. 2 green hides, 4½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 8@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@9c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 8@9c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@90c; green salted, shearling, short wool, 30@40c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

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

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter-blood, 10@12c; medy, burry and cheaty, 8@9c; coarse and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 8@9c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@17c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 12@3c; dead pulled, 8@6c.

BONES—In car lots, weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $2.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and musty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

FRESH MEATS.

BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6@7c; western steers, 5½@6c; good cows and heifers, 5½@6c; medium cows and heifers, 5¼c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 4½c; good forequarters steers, 5c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 7½c; good hindquarters native steers, 8½c; tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 3½c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 4½c; cow chucks, 3½c; boneless chucks, 4c; plates, 3½c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 12½c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; ribs, No. 1, 10½c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, 5½c; rounds, shank or rump off, 6½c; rounds, shank and rump off, 7c; trimmings, 3½c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; kidneys, each 5c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, 2c, tongues, per lb., 12c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5¾c; tenderloins, 12c; loins, 6c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 3½c; snouts and ears, 3½c; backbones, 2½c; neckbones, 2½c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 3c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 7c; dressed sheep, 6c; racks, 3½c; legs and saddles, 8c; breasts, and stews, 2½c; tongues, each, 5c; plucks, each, 5c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Favorable Influences Have Little Effect on a Sagging Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The stock market lacked strength today and showed a decided tendency to sag, in spite of some seemingly very favorable factors in the outlook. The weak spot was clearly enough in the industrial group, but the effect, through sympathy on the part of the rest of the list, was sufficient to neutralize the encouraging influences, and as a result the market closed on a plane a fraction lower than last night's closing. Sugar was the center of attack for the decline, being subjected to nearly all the unfavorable influences of the day. One of these was the apprehension of action directed against the trusts in some of the states that have recently adopted anti-trust legislation. This influence was manifested not only in the case of Sugar, but also, in a degree, in Leather preferred, which declined 1¾ per cent on transactions aggregating 12,600 shares. The dullness in the trade also had its effect on this stock. National Lead shared with Sugar this influence and lost 1¼ per cent, while Tobacco lost a sharp fraction, but made a full recovery toward the close. Chicago Gas was one of the sufferers from fear of adverse action by legislatures and fell off 1⅞ per cent on account of a bill in the Illinois legislature to fix the price of gas at 60 cents. Sugar was also the victim of the special apprehension of adverse changes in the impending new tariff and was bombarded persistently by the leading bears. There was a lack of supporting orders from interests which are usually conspicuously active in this stock. As a result there was a heavy dealing in this stock, and the price ran down 2⅛ per cent to 114⅛. The offerings included some very large blocks of stock. This was the decisive influence in checking the hardening tendency with which the market opened and which was due largely to the fact that the Bank of England had reduced its rate of discount to 3 per cent. The delayed statement of the Burlington for December proved to have been more favorable than had been counted upon by the doubters, showing an increase in the surplus of earnings after charges of $69,752. This also proved without effect in saving the market from a decline, though early coverings advanced the stock a sharp fraction and served to steady the market. The dealings in Burlington footed up over 15,000 shares, and after rising and then falling it closed with a net decline of ½ per cent. The railway list dropped in sympathy with the decline in the industrials and partly on account of the rather unfavorable traffic statements from the last week and month of January. The list succumbed to depression and sank with the close to the lowest prices of the day. The unfavorable statement of the Jersey Central, showing a decrease in surplus earnings of $432,602, caused that stock to sell down 1¾ per cent and had a depressing effect on the group of anthracite coal roads. The Northern Pacific and Union Pacific stocks showed comparative firmness, but dealings were largely reduced over those of yesterday. London selling was an additional influence in the decline in railway shares, which, though general, was only fractional.

The bond market ruled active and generally higher. The Northern Pacific issues were the feature. Large blocks of these securities were dealt in, with the inquiry very pronounced from the arbitrage houses. The improvements in the general market were mainly fractional, but sharp concessions were secured in a few of the inactive liens. The sales were 2,683,000 shares. Government bonds continue heavy on profit-taking, with the dealings centered in the new 4s. The sales were $2,800.

The Evening Post's London cablegram says: "The change in the bank rate from 3½ to 3 per cent had no effect on the stock markets today. The tone was rather dull. Bulls were taking profits, the charge in rate being what they went in for. Hence consols were a shade lower. Kaffirs were weaker on the political outlook. Americans were good, with an extensive buying of bonds and shares, but the close was a fraction under the best. In Paris the market was weak and in Berlin steady."

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

Atchison.....	14¾	Oregon Nav.....	14
Adams Ex.....	149	O. S. L. & U. N.....	14
Allon. T H.....	56	Pacific Mail.....	25¼
Am. Express	110	Peoria. Dec. & E .	2¼
Baltimore & Ohio.	15	Pittsburg	166½
Canada Pacific....	55¾	Pullman Palace...	155½
Canada Southern..	45	Reading.....	26¼
Central Pacific...	11½	R. G. W.....	12
Ches. & Ohio.....	17¼	do pfd.....	40
Chicago & Alton..	165	Rock Island.....	67½
C. B. & Q.....	74½	St. Paul.....	70⅝
Chicago Gas.....	77¼	do pfd.....	133
Consolidated Gas.	148	St. Paul & Omaha.	48⅝
C., C., C. & St. L..	27	do pfd.....	130
Colo. Coal & Iron..	⅞	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	77
Cotton Oil Cert...	11¼	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	112⅝
Delaware & Hud..	107¾	Texas Pac. 1sts...	8⅞
Del., Lack. & W...	152¾	Texas Pacific.....	9⅛
Erie.....	14¾	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd.	50
Erie pfd.....	35¾	Union Pacific.....	7
Fort Wayne.....	164	U. S. Express.....	36
G. Northern pfd...	121⅛	W. St. L. & Pac...	6⅛
C. & E. I. pfd.....	95	W. St. L. & P. pfd..	15⅛
Hocking Valley....	10	Wells Fargo Ex...	99
Illinois Central...	94¾	Western Union...	83
St. P. & Duluth...	20	Wheeling & L. E..	2½
E. R. 2d pfd.....	30¾	do pfd.....	10
Lake Erie & W st.	16½	Minn. & St. Louis.	19
do pfd.....	65	Den. & R. G.....	11½
Lake Shore.....	153	Gen. Electric.....	35¾
Lead Trust.....	22⅝	Nat'l Linseed.....	13
Louisville & N....	51	Col. Fuel & I.....	24¼
L. & N. A.....	¾	do pfd.....	90
Manhattan Con....	89⅝	Tol. St. L. & K. C..	5½
Memphis & C.....	15	do pfd.....	10
Michigan Central..	90	Southern.....	9⅛
Mo. Pacific	22	Southern pfd.	29⅛
Mobile & Ohio.....	21	Tobacco.....	72⅝
Nashville Chat....	66	do pfd.....	102
N. J. Central.....	98⅝	Am. T. & C. Co....	90
N. & W. pfd.....	17¼	C. C. Co.....	150
North Am. Co.....	4½	Am. Sugar pfd....	102¼
Northern Pacific..	15	Leather pfd.....	59⅛
N. Pacific pfd.....	37	Rubber.....	22¼
U. P., D. & G.....	2	Rubber pfd.....	74⅝
Northwestern.....	104¾	O. R. & N. 4s.....	44
do pfd.....	153	Cotton Oil pfd....	53¼
N. Y. Central.....	98¾	P. C. C. & St. L pfd	48
N. Y. & N. E.....	38	Am. Spirits.....	13⅛
Ontario & W.....	15	Am. Spirits pfd...	31¼

Total sales of stocks today were 136,521 shares, including: American Tobacco, 3,300 shares; American Sugar, 34,600 shares; Burlington, 17,500 shares; Chicago Gas, 9,700 shares; Louisville & Nashville, 3,000 shares; Northern Pacific, 4,000 shares; Northern Pacific preferred, 5,100 shares; St. Paul, 8,200 shares; Union Pacific, 3,200 shares.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 1¾ per cent; closing offered at 1½@2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¼@4.86½ for demand and $4.84¼@4.84⅝ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85@4.85½ and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.83¼.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—64⅝@65¼c.

BAR SILVER—64⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Weak; new 4s, reg. and coupon, 127½; 5s, reg. and coupon, 113½; 4s, reg., 111⅝; coupon, 112; 2s, reg., 95½; Pacific 6s of '98, 103½.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg..	122⅛	D. & R. G. 4s.....	88
U. S. new coup....	122⅝	Erie 2ds.....	66½
U. S. 5s, reg.....	113½	G. H. & S. A. 6s....	101⅝
U. S. 5s, coup.....	113½	do 7s.....	96
U. S. 4s, reg.....	111⅝	H. & T. C. 5s.....	108
U. S. 4s, coup.....	112⅛	do 6s.....	102
U. S. 2s, reg.....	95½	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.	84
Pacific 6s of '95...	103½	do 2d 4s.....	60
Ala., class A.....	105⅛	Mutual Union 6s..	111⅛
Ala., class B.....	103¾	N. J. C. Gen. 5s....	117½
Ala., class C.....	98¾	No. Pacific 1sts...	114⅝
Ala. Currency.....	98	N. W. Consols....	140¾
La. New Con. 4s...	95⅛	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	112
Missouri 6s.....	100	R. G. West. 1sts...	74
N. C. 6s.....	122	St. P. Consols 7s..	130
N. C. 4s.....	102⅛	do C. & P. W. 5s.	113⅛
S. C. nonfund.....	1	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	77
Tenn. new set 6s..	79	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	112⅛
Tenn. new set 5s..	105	Texas Pac. 1sts...	8⅞
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	Texas Pac. 2sts...	21
Va. Centuries.....	62¼	U. P. 1sts of '91...	104¼
do deferred.....	6	West Shore 4s....	108
Atchison 4s.....	82⅛	L. & N. unified 4s.	80
Atchison 2d A....	48⅛	Southern 5s.....	90⅛
Canada So. 2d.....	107	O. R. & N. 1sts....	111⅛
C. P. 1sts of '93...	101	O. R. & N. 4s.....	83¾
D. & R. G. 7s.....	111¼	N. P. 3sts.....	82⅝

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	7	Justice.....	4
Alpha Con.....	10	Kentuck.....	2
Andes.....	14	Lady Wash. Con..	1
Belcher.....	30	Mexican.....	45
Best & Belcher...	71	Occidental Con....	15
Bullion.....	5	Ophir.....	85
Caledonia.....	10	Overman.....	12
Challenge Con....	40	Potosi.....	51
Chollar.....	98	Savage.....	49
Confidence.....	105	Sierra Nevada....	49
Con. Cal. & Va....	2 34	Silver Hill.....	1
Con. Imperial.....	1	Union Con.....	40
Crown Point.....	31	Utah Con.....	4
Gould & Curry....	52	Yellow Jacket....	31
Hale & Norcross..	115		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—Call loans, 2¼@4 per cent; time loans, 3@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	14⅝	Wis. Central.....	9
American Sugar...	114⅝	Bal. Elec. Ill.....	145
Am. Sugar pfd....	112¼	Gen. Elec. pfd.....	77
Bay State Gas.....	5⅝	Atchison pfd.....	24⅝
Bell Telephone...	216¼	Atchison 4s.....	81⅛
Boston & Albany.	200¼	New England 6s..	113
Boston & Maine...	161½	Gen. Elec. 5s.....	95
C., B. & Q.....	74¾	Wis. Cent. 1s.....	38
Fitchburg.....	91¼	Allouez Mining Co	1
General Electric..	35¾	Atlantic.....	24
Illinois Steel.....	36	Boston & Montana	109⅝
Mexican Central..	8¾	Butte & Boston....	11⅛
N. Y. & N. E.....	60	Calumet & Hecla..	355
Old Colony.....	170¼	Centennial.....	6⅛
Ore. Short Line...	15	Franklin.....	11⅛
Rubber.....	22¼	Kearsarge.....	18¼
Union Pacific.....	7⅛	Osceola.....	33¾
West End.....	65	Quincy.....	116
West End pfd.....	89½	Tamarack.....	117⅛
West. Elec.....	23	Wolverine.....	10
W. Elec. pfd.....	50		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols m'y.....	113 3-16	St. Paul common..	78⅝
Consols, acc't..	113 5-16	N. Y. Central.....	96¼
Can. Pacific.....	57¾	Pennsylvania.....	53⅝
Erie.....	13⅛	Reading.....	13⅝
Erie 1st pfd.....	36¾	Mex. Con. new 4s.	71
Ill. Central.....	97¼	Atchison.....	15⅛
Mexican ordinary.	22		

AMERICAN EAGLES—Quoted at 76s 5d.

BAR SILVER—29¾d per oz.

MONEY—1 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 1 13-16@1⅞ per cent; for three months, 1 3-16@1⅞ per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	48	Ontario.....	900
Choliar.....	98	Ophir.....	90
Crown Point.....	30	Plymouth.....	18
Con. Cal. & Va....	200	Quicksilver.....	10
Deadwood.....	100	Quicksilver pfd...	1 100
Gould & Curry....	45	Sierra Nevada....	50
Hale & Norcross..	100	Standard.....	150
Homestake.....	2900	Union Con.....	35
Iron Silver.....	32	Yellow Jacket....	80
Mexican.....	40		

Financial Notes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $6,430,412; balances, $218,497.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $15,919,411; balances, $1,743,521.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $5,031,785; balances, $879,263.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $8,567,655; balances, $1,229,935.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $4,438,012; balances, $1,031,922. Money steady at 5@7 per cent. New York exchange, par bid; 25c premium asked.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $13,003,127. Money steady and unchanged. New York exchange, 40c discount. Foreign exchange steady; demand, $4.86⅝; sixty days, $4.84⅝.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20m 40½pfg.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—Specie rentes, 102f 15c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 19c for checks.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 191; at Lisbon, 42½; at Rome, 104.22½. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today was £80,000.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—FLOUR—Receipts, 11,000 bbls.; exports, 14,260 bbls. Steady, but dull through the day; winter extras, $3.25@3.60. Rye flour, quiet; superfine, $2.00@2.75. Buckwheat flour, dull; $1.05.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; 34@35c.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 58c.

RYE—39@39½c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 28½@29c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 50@58c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 10,185 bu.; exports, 132,080 bu. Spot, dull; No. 1 hard, New York, 90⅝c. Options opened weak under lower cables and active selling for short account; later there was a sharp rally on covering induced by bullish French crop news and fair seaboard clearances; closed ⅜@⅝c net higher. No. 2 red, February, closed at 83⅝c; May, 80 11-16c@82¼c; closed, 82⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 48,750 bu.; exports, 101,385 bu. Spot steady; No. 2, 29c. Options opened steady and advanced on covering prompted by the strength in wheat, closing at ¼c advance. February closed at 29c; May, 29⅞@30c; closed, 30c.

OATS—Receipts, 76,800 bu.; exports, 75,000 bu. Spot steady; No. 2, 21⅜c. Options quiet, but steadier, closing ⅛c higher. February closed at 21⅛c; May, 22@22¼c; closed, 22¼c.

HAY—Steadier; shipping, 52@57c; good to choice, 57½@72½c.

HOPS—Steady; 1895 crop, 36@7½c; 1896 crop, 9@13½c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3½@7½c; 1896 crop 9@13c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 12@13c; Buenos Ayres, steady and nominal; California, 25½c.

LEATHER—Firm; heavy weights, 19½@20½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 7,498 pkgs.; firmer; western creamery, 12@21c; Elgins, 21c; factory, 7@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,274 pkgs.; quiet; state, large and small, 8½@12¼c; part skims, 50@9½c; full skims, 3@3½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,651 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 16½c; western, 13@15c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $9.50@10.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 4½@4¾c; pickled shoulders, 4⅝@4¾c. Lard, weak and dull; western steam, $4. Pork, quiet; mess, $8.25@8.75. Tallow, quiet.

OILS—Cottonseed, steady; prime crude, 29c; prime yellow, 22¾@23c. Petroleum, firmer; United closed at 82½c bid; Pennsylvania crude, higher; March, 92½c bid. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.70. Turpentine, quiet; 28@28½c.

RICE—Steady at 4⅞c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, 22@30c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $11@12; northern, $11@13. Lead, steady; brokers, $2.90; exchange, $3.17½@3.22½. Copper, firm; exchange, $12. Tin, quiet but steady; straits, $13.50@12.60; plates, quiet. Spelter, firm; domestic, $4.05@4.10.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 4.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—Futures opened lower on account of lower cables, but as Chicago did not respond to the break here the market began to advance slightly after a few wide fluctuations. After advancing the remainder of the day the market closed ⅜c to ½c higher than yesterday for May and July; spot ⅜c higher; No. 2 red, cash, in elevator, 84c bid; on track, 86@85c; May, 84⅛@84¼c; July, 87⅛c bid.

CORN—Futures dull, firmer and a shade higher than yesterday; spot higher; No. 2 cash, 20c; May, 21⅝c; July, 23@23¼c; September, 24⅛c bid.

OATS—Dull, but firmer; higher for both spot and May; No. 2 cash, 17⅛c bid; 18c asked; May, 18⅝c bid.

RYE—Nominal; 33c, on track.

BARLEY—Dull at 35@39c.

CORN MEAL—$1.35.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, worth nominally 60@41c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50.

HAY—Quiet, steady and unchanged; prairie, $4.00@7.50; timothy, $5.00@5.50.

WHISKY—$1.18.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 18@21c; dairy, 12c.

EGGS—Firm at 11½c.

METALS—Lead, firm at $2.92½. Spelter, firm at $3.85.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $7.45@8.00. Lard, easy; prime steam, $3.62½; choice, $3.80. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.50; extra short clear, $4.62½; ribs, $4.87½; shorts, $5. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders and extra short clear, $4.25; ribs, $4.40; shorts, $4.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 4,000 bu.; corn, 95,000 bu.; oats, 30,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 36,000 bu.; corn, 229,000 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

London Colonial Wool Sales.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—There was a full attendance at the wool-auction sales today. A mixed selection was offered, consisting of 15,339 bales, of which 10,600 were withdrawn. Good merinos and crossbreds showed a hardening tendency, while lower grades ruled irregular. Good short Cape of Good Hope and Natal wools were inactive; New Zealand slips were firm and greasy; combined stocks active. Following are the sales: New South Wales, 4,353 bales; scoured, 6½@6¾d; greasy, 5d@11½d. Queensland, 595 bales; scoured, 11½d@1s 3d; greasy, 5½@6d. Victoria, 2,049 bales; scoured, 1s 1d@1s 2d; greasy, 6½@11d. South Australian, 1,645 bales; scoured, 9½d@1s 2d; greasy, 4½@8d. West Australia, 114 bales; greasy, 5@6d. New Zealand, 648 bales; scoured, 7d@1s 2d; greasy, 4@10d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 2,708 bales; scoured, 7d@1s 3d; greasy, 4@8¾d. Punta, 187 bales; greasy, 4½@7d.

Buenos Ayres wool firmer, with sales of 453 bales of greasy at 6½@8d.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 4.—WHEAT—Market fairly active, about unchanged; No. 2 hard, 75@76c; No. 2 red, nominally, 80@83c; No. 2 spring, 75@75½c.

CORN—Market dull, lower; No. 2 mixed, 17½c.

OATS—Market steady; No. 2 white, 17½@20c.

RYE—No. 2, nominally, 30c.

HAY—Market steady, unchanged; choice timothy, $8.00@8.50; choice prairie, $5.00@5.50.

BUTTER—Market firm, slightly higher; creamery, 17½@19c; dairy, 10@13c.

EGGS—Market steady; receipts light; quotable at 11½c.

Sugar Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—SUGAR—Cane, quiet; fair demand; centrifugal Java, 11s; Muscovado, fair refining, 9s 6d. Beet, steady, but little desire to operate; February, 9s; March, 9s ¾d.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—SUGAR—Raw