COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat is Strong the First Half of the Day and Then Turns Weak.

CLOSES WITH A ONE-EIGHTH CENT DROP

Corn is a Shade Easier and Oats Fairly Firm—Provisions Weaker, with Nominal Changes in Price.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Wheat bulls had a strong inning today, lasting about an hour, and then the bears went in and were still batting in an irresolute way at the close, the score standing ⅛c in their favor at the call of time. Crop damage reports caused the early strength and realizing as the principal reason for the decline. Corn was a shade easier and ¼c lower in the end. Oats also lost a trifle, but averaged firm. Provisions were rather weaker, but changes in prices were in the end very slight.

For a few moments after trading started in the wheat pit the market showed signs of weakness, not from any particular cause outside of the almost perfect weather, but from a belief that some substantial reaction from the advance of the past few days was about due. This feeling, although not taking on the proportions of a general movement, was sufficient to cause July to open a shade lower at from 73⅜c to 73⅛c and to force it down soon after to 73⅛c. Only for a short time, however, was the weakness apparent. It was the same old story of crop disaster, not only at home but abroad, and the buying which started on these reports and which increased in volume as the session progressed, carried the price up to 74⅝c before 11 o'clock. Damage reports from California were of the usual gloomy character, but those from Illinois were still darker. The area sown last fall was 1,749,000 acres, and of that standing, according to the state report, 520,000 acres. The condition of the small remainder is 51, indicating roughly a crop of about 4,000,000 bu., compared with a yield last year of 28,700,000 bu. from an acreage of 1,950,000. It was said that the French crop would show a 20 per cent shortage from last year, which, if true, would compel that country to export at least 50,000,000 bu. Chicago receipts were 26 cars, Minneapolis and Duluth received 267 carloads, compared with 291 a year ago and 362 on the corresponding day of the year before. Clearances of wheat and flour from Atlantic ports were equal to 157,000 bu. New York reported a good demand for wheat on foreign account. By the time the price had reached 74⅝c shorts had about disappeared and reports of showers in California easily broke the market to 73⅝c. These reports were afterward corrected so that when a rally to 73⅞c ensued. That was the price asked at the close.

Corn was firm during a greater part of the session and only eased off when wheat weakened. Country houses did most of the selling. The cash trade was good and had much to steady the market. Exports amounted to 531,000 bu. July opened a shade lower at 25⅝c, sold to 25⅛@25⅜c and broke to 25¼c, closing easy at from 25⅛c to 25¼c. Oats was strong early on covering and with wheat. The market yielded later on realizing, the selling becoming heavy after the decline started. The shipping demand, so sharp all week, showed a pause today. July opened a shade lower at from 18⅛c to 18¼c, sold between 18⅛@18c and closed at 18⅛c asked.

Provisions were easier at the opening on liberal hog receipts here and further west. Trading was very dull, but enough support was given the market to cause a slight recovery of the initial decline, except in lard. At the close July pork was 2½c higher at $8.65, July lard was 2½c lower at $3.97½ and July ribs unchanged at $4.65@4.67½.

Estimated receipts Thursday: Wheat, 7 cars; corn, 125 cars; oats, 140 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'dy.
*Wheat—					
May...	74¾	75⅜	74⅝	74⅝	74⅝
July...	73⅝@⅞	74⅝	73	73⅜	73⅝
Sept...	69⅝	70⅝	69⅝	69⅝	69½@⅝
*Corn—					
May...	24⅝	24⅝	24⅛	24⅛	24⅝
July...	25⅜	25⅜@⅝	25⅛	25⅛@¼	25⅜@½
Sept...	26⅛	26⅜	26¼@⅜	26⅜	26⅝
*Oats—					
May...	18	18⅜@⅜	18	18	18
July...	18¼	18⅜	18	18⅛	18¼
Sept...	18⅛@¼	18⅜	18⅛@⅜	18⅜	18½
Pork—					
May...	.....	.....	.....	8 62½	8 60
July...	8 57½	8 67½	8 57½	8 65	8 62½
Sept...	.....	.....	.....	8 67½	8 65
Lard—					
May...	.....	.....	.....	3 92½	3 95
July...	4 00	4 00	3 95	3 97½	4 00
Sept...	4 10	4 10	4 05	4 07½	4 10
Sh't Ribs—					
May...	4 65	4 65	4 62½	4 65	4 65
July...	4 65	4 67½	4 62½	4 67½	4 67½
Sept...	4 67½	4 70	4 67½	4 70	4 70

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Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $4.40@4.60; straights, $4.30@4.40; spring specials, $4.50; spring patents, $3.90@4.20; bakers, $2.90@3.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 74⅝c; No. 3 spring, 70@74c; No. 2 red, 94⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 24⅝@24¾.

OATS—No. 2, 18⅛c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 22½@24c; No. 3 white, 21@22c.

RYE—No. 2, 35@35½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 28@33c; No. 4, f. o. b., 27@28c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 77¾@78c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85@2.90.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.62½@8.65; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.92½@3.95; short ribs, sides (loose), $4.60@4.80; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.25@5.50; short clear sides (boxed), $5.00@5.12½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.39; granulated, $4.77.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	6,000	5,000
Wheat, bu	6,000	122,000
Corn, bu	193,000	269,000
Oats, bu	324,000	528,000
Rye, bu	3,000	.....
Barley, bu	26,000	5,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was weak: creamery, 10@14½c; dairy, 7@13c. Eggs steady; fresh, 8½c. Cheese, weak; 9¼@10c. Live poultry, steady; turkeys, 7@8c; chickens, 7c; ducks, 8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 12.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,345 bbls.; shipments, 14,445 bbls.; firm and generally held above buyers' views; winter patents, $4.35@4.40; straights, $4.00@4.55; Minnesota patents, $4.35@4.50; winter extras, $3.50@3.80; winter bakers, $2.50; winter low grades, $2.60@2.90. Rye flour, dull.

CORN MEAL—Steady; western, 60c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 37½c.

BARLEY—Steadier; 28½@35½c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 43@54c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 108,225 bu.; exports, 70,677 bu. Options opened steady and advanced sharply on active foreign buying, higher cables and bad California reports, small clearances and short selling, closing unchanged to ⅛c net advance. No. 2 red, May, 81⅝@82⅝c, closed at 82c; September, 75⅛@76⅝c, closed at 75⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 9,750 bu.; exports, 107,194 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 30½c. Options opened steady and advanced on rains west, but finally broke with wheat and closed unchanged; May, 30@30⅛c, closed quiet; September, 22@22½c, closed at 22c.

OATS—Receipts, 216,000 bu.; exports, 116,579 bu.; spot quiet; No. 2, 22c. Options opened steady, but later sold off and closed partially ⅛c lower; May, 22⅛@22c, closed at 22⅛c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 55@60c; good to choice, 70@75c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 3@6c; 1896, 5@10c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@6c; 1896 crop, 6@11½c.

HIDES—Quiet; Buenos Ayres, 18½@19c; Texas, 20½@21c; California, 15½@16c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19@20c and 20@22c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 7,126 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 12@15c; Elgins, 15c; factory, 8@11c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 4,835 pkgs.; quiet; state large, 9½@10c; state small, 10¼@11¼c; part skims, 6@8c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 8,148 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 10½@11c; western, 10¼@10½c; southern, 9@9½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, 19.50@10.50; beef hams, $22; packet, $8.00@8.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $5.00@5.50; pickled shoulders, $5; pickled hams, $9.00@9.50. Lard, easier and dull; western steam, $4.20; refined, steady. Pork, quiet; mess, $8.50@9.75; short clear, $9.25@10.50; family, $9.50@10.50. Tallow, dull.

OILS—Cottonseed, dull; prime summer yellow, 22¾@24c; off summer yellow, 23¼@23½c. Petroleum, dull; United, no market; Pennsylvania crude, steady; June, 85c bid. Rosin, dull. Turpentine, steady at 28¼@28½c.

RICE—Fair to extra, 4¼@6c; Japan, 4¼@4½c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 23@28c.

FREIGHTS TO LIVERPOOL—Dull and weak; cotton by steam, 16c; grain by steam, 2½c.

METALS—Pig iron, easy; southern, $2.25@10.50; northern, $11.00@12.00. Copper, steady; brokers, $11; exchange, $10.80@11.00. Tin, steady; plates, weak. Spelter, steady at $4.15@4.20. Lead, quiet but steady; exchange, $3.35@3.45.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, May 12.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Strong and higher for evaporated apples; other fruits steady; evaporated apples, prime wire tray, 4c per lb.; wood dried, prime, 4@4½c; prunes, 2½@3c, as to size and quality; apricots, Royal, 11c; Moor Park, 12@15c; peaches, unpeeled, 6@10c.

NUTS—Quiet and steady; walnuts, 6½@7½c.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, May 12.—COFFEE—Options opened barely steady, 5 to 10 points lower, following easier foreign markets, free receipts and small warehouse deliveries. Europe sold, local traders bought. Clearances from Santos were very heavy. Considerable switching was done. Closed barely steady, 5 to 10 points lower. Sales, 5,800 bags, including September at $7.55. Spot coffee, Rio, dull and weak; No. 7, invoice, $7; jobbing, $8.50. Mild, quiet and steady; Cordova, $11.50@13.75. Sales, 600 bags Maracaibo, p. t.; 25 bags Port Cabello, p. t. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 10,124 bags, including, 1,926 bags from New York; New York stock today, 239,327 bags; United States stock, 392,514 bags; afloat for the United States, 329,500 bags. Total visible for the United States, 712,081 bags against 369,194 bags last year and 507,416 bags in 1895.

HAVRE, May 12.—COFFEE—Closed quiet at ½@1f net less. Sales, 14,000 bags.

SANTOS, May 12.—COFFEE—Spot: Rio, dull, with quotations on the basis of 8 for No. 7 Rio invoice lots and $8.50 for jobbing packages. Santos, quiet; good average Santos, 9,700 reis. Receipts, 9,000 bags; stock, 806,000 bags.

HAMBURG, May 12.—COFFEE—Prices declined ¼ pfg. Sales, 8,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 12.—COFFEE—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 9,350 reis; exchange, 7 25-32d. Receipts, 4,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 11,000 bags; for Europe, 1,000 bags; stock, 221,000 bags.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Bulk of sales, 7½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 6@8c; choice, to fancy roll, 11@12c; separator creamery, 16c; gatherer creamery, 14c.

GAME—Everything out of season.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 8@8½c; large and coarse, 4@6c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6@6½c; cocks, 3@5c.

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

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $3.50; lowland, $3.00; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

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

VEGETABLES.

GREEN PEAS—Per ½-bu. box, 75c.

PIE PLANT—Per lb., 1c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 40@50c; Texas, ⅛-bu. box, $1.00.

ASPARAGUS—Per doz., 20@35c.

SPINACH—Per basket, 50@60c; per bbl., $1.50.

TOMATOES—Per 6-basket crate, $2.50.

RADISHES—Per doz., 20@25c.

EGG PLANT—Per doz., $1.50.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 25@30c.

WAX BEANS—Per ½-bu. box, $1.00; per bu., $3.00.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., 75c.

STRING BEANS—Per ½-bu. box, $1.00.

NEW ONIONS—Per doz., 10@20c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 25@30c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $3.50; southern, 65-lb. sack, $2.75.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., 1.10@1.20.

CABBAGE—California, 2½c per lb.

CELERY—Per doz., large California, No. 1, 50c; No. 2, 45c.

POTATOES—New, per bbl., $4.50; per lb., 3½c; old native stock, per bu., 25c; early Ohio seed potatoes, Red river Valley, 45c; Minnesota, early Ohio, 40c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Good stock, $2.00@3.00.

APPLES—Fancy large, $3.00@3.50.

TROPICAL FRUIT.

ORANGES—Seedlings, $2.75@3.00; Mediterranean sweets, fancy, $3.50; choice, $3.25.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.25@3.50; choice California, $3.

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

PINEAPPLES—Per doz., $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12@13c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, $4.50 each.

FIGS—Imported fancy 4 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 50-lb. boxes, 13@14c.

HONEY—Choice, 12@15c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.35; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 green salted 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@50c; green salted, shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrian wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrian wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2¾c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1¾c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarterblood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@8c; 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.

BONES—In carlots, 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.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lb., 6¾c; good forequarters, steers, 5½c; good hindquarters, 8½c; western steers, 6½c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 6c; fair cows, 5½c; common cows, 5c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 10c; strip loins, 8c; rolls, 9c; sirloin butts, 8c; shoulder clods, 5½c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 4½c; cow chucks, 3¾c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 3½c; steer plates, 3¾c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 12c; loins, No. 3, 9c; No. 1 short loins, 16c; No. 2 short loins, 14c; No. 3 short loins, 12c; sirloin ends, 8@10c; ribs, No. 1, 12c; ribs, No. 2, 10c; ribs, No. 3, 7c; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, shank off, 7c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 7½c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 25c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 11c; loins, 6c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage, butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 3c; backbones, 2c; cheek meats, 3c; neck bones, 2½c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz. 30c; livers, each 3c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

London Again Gives Only Strength to the New York Market.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Today's market for stocks was almost a repetition of yesterday's, whatever strength was generally manifested not outlasting very long the close of the London exchange and the strength reflected from there, which was, however, less marked than yesterday. London also was again a purchaser of securities in this market, though not in so large a volume as yesterday. Some purchases were also said to be for Holland account. The stocks bought by the foreigners were Union Pacific, St. Paul and Louisville & Nashville; also Norfolk & Western. Some sale for foreign account were also made. The selling movement in Sugar and Chicago Gas became heavy later in the day, Sugar being sold on reports of jeopardy to the sugar schedule of the amended tariff bill and Chicago Gas on reports of the unlikelihood that expected beneficial legislation could be enacted in Illinois. This caused such sharp declines in those stocks that the depression spread by sympathy through the list. The dullness of trading was in part due to the expected announcement of further gold shipments, but these were not forthcoming beyond an increase of only $50,000 by a house which had already announced $500,000 by tomorrow's steamer. Whatever shipments may be made by Saturday's steamer are now expected to be small, as was foreshadowed last night. There is, in fact, a very light demand for exchange and no encouragement to offer bills against gold. It is evident that a very small quantity of these would break the exchange market below the profitable point for gold shipments. What shipments may be forthcoming on special orders from Europe of course remain open to conjecture. The considerable purchases of our securities by London yesterday and today has a tendency to weaken exchange. An increase in the exports from the port of New York for the week of $1,564,365 somewhat offset the enormous imports of last week and the government receipts from customs from day to day show that this week's imports will reach nothing like last week's exports. On the other hand, New York exchange on Paris shows a tendency to harden and the Paris rate on London declined slightly again today. As a result of the upward movement of stocks today and the subsequent reaction, net changes are for the most part very narrow. The restricted character of the market is shown by the fact that Sugar and Chicago Gas absorbed over one-third of the total dealings and as these two stocks were notably depressed they constitute an effective drag on the market. The foreign purchases of stocks were estimated at from 12,000 to 15,000 shares. The decline in Sugar reached 1¼, with a rally of ⅝. Chicago Gas fell 1⅝, but the net loss was only ⅝. There was little of importance in the movement of railway shares, but the reaction in the market carried the list generally to a fraction below last night's close. Union Pacific was an exception and advanced 1⅛ to 7⅜ on foreign buying. Oregon Navigation preferred enjoyed a further rise of 2 points. Standard Oil liquidated certificates sold today at 31½.

The bond market maintained a firm tone generally, with purchases for foreign account again noted. Gains of slight fractions were generally made in the leading issues, with the speculative liens absorbing the bulk of the proceedings. Improvements of a fraction were scored in some inactive middle grade stocks. Transactions were $1,125,000. Governments were dull, but a hardening tendency was apparent in the new 4s. The sales were $32,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets were quiet today, with a reaction in some of the speculative stocks which have recently advanced so sharply. The tone, however, is still distinctly firm. Americans were quiet but firm, with some exceptionally good buying, notably of Central Pacific, Norfolk & Western and Union Pacific. The close was steady, but there was no business. Braxils were better again and Kaffirs were good. There was a sharp rise in Peruvian stocks on a reported contract signed by a French syndicate with the Peruvian government for a loan of about £1,000,000. It is believed that satisfactory arrangements will be concluded for maintaining the Peruvian corporation bonds.

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

Atchison	10⅝	N. Y. Central	99⅝
Adams Ex	152	N. Y. & N. Eng	37
Alton T. H	50	Ontario & W	13⅝
Am. Express	113	Oregon Nav.	10
Baltimore & Ohio	11⅛	O. S. L. & U. N.	16
Canada Pacific	54⅝	Pacific Mail	27⅜
Canada Southern	46⅝	Peoria, Dec. & E.	14
Central Pacific	8	Pittsburg	159
Ches. & Ohio	16⅝	Pullman Palace	157
Chicago & Alton	150	Reading	19
C. B. & Q.	74⅛	R. G. W.	12⅛
Chicago Gas	81⅛	do pfd	30
Consolidated Gas	162⅝	Rock Island	63⅛
C., C., C. & St. L.	28	St. Paul	74¼
Colo. Coal & Iron	28	do pfd	131
Cotton Oil Cert	11¼	St. Paul & Omaha	56⅝
Delaware & Hud	105¼	St. P. & O. pfd	138
Del., Lack. & W	148¼	Southern Pacific	15
Dr & R. G. pfd	38¼	Sugar Refinery	114¼
Erie	12⅛	Tenn. Coal & Iron	19¼
Erie pfd	29¼	Texas Pacific	9
Fort Wayne	17	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd.	50
G. Northern pfd	160	Union Pacific	7⅜
C. & E. I. pfd	21⅛	U. S. Express	38
Hocking Valley	9	W. St. L. & Pac	4⅝
Illinois Central	92⅛	W. St. L. & P. pfd	12⅝
St. P. & Duluth	18	Wells Fargo Ex	101⅛
K. & T. pfd	27⅝	Western Union	76⅛
Lake Erie & West	14⅛	Wheeling & L. E.	4
do pfd	38⅛	W. & L. E. pfd	2⅝
Lake Shore	103⅝	Minn. & St. Louis	17
Lead Trust	24⅝	Den. & R. G.	10
Louisville & N.	45⅝	Gen. Electric	31¼
L. & N. A.	87	Nat'l Linseed	19
Manhattan Con	83⅛	Colo. Fuel & Iron	16¼
Memphis & C.	15	do pfd	87
Michigan Central	98	Tol. St. L. & K. C.	5⅛
Mo. Pacific	13⅝	do pfd	18⅛
Mobile & Ohio	17	Southern	8
Nashville Chat	66	Southern pfd	26¼
N. J. Central	77⅝	Tobacco	71⅝
N. & W. pfd	20⅛	Tobacco pfd	104
North Am. Co	4	Am. T. & C. Co	87
Northern Pacific	13⅛	Rubber	12⅝
N. Pacific pfd	37	Rubber pfd	34⅛
U. P. D. & G.	1⅛	C. Co	160
Northwestern	104⅞	A. S. R. pfd	103⅝
do pfd	154⅛	Leather pfd	54⅝

The total sales of stocks today were 125,526 shares, including American Sugar, 25,300; Burlington, 7,000; Chicago Gas, trust receipts, 23,200; Louisville & Nashville, 4,300; Manhattan Consolidated, 4,500; Reading, 1,400; St. Paul, 10,100; Union Pacific, 1,100; Western Union, 3,500; New Jersey Central, 6,500.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, MAY 12.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1¼@1½ per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent and closed offered at 1¼@1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87¼@4.87½ for demand and at $4.86¼@4.86½ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.87@4.87½ and $4.88@4.89. Commercial bills, $4.85½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60½@61c.

BAR SILVER—60⅛c per ounce.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BANDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg	122⅝	D. & R. G. 7s	110⅛
U. S. new 4s, coup	122⅝	do 4s	87⅝
U. S. 5s, reg	113	Erie 2ds	62⅛
U. S. 5s, coup	113	E. T. & S. A. 6s	105⅝
U. S. 4s, reg. R	111⅛	do 7s	110
U. S. 4s, coup	112	H. & T. C. 5s	110
U. S. 2s, reg	96	do 6s	108
Pacific 6s of '95	111	L. & N. 1st 4s	84⅛
Ala., class A	106	do 2d 4s	55⅛
Ala., class B	105	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	107
Ala., class C	100	No. Pacific 1sts	117⅛
Ala. Currency	100	No. Pacific 2nds	53⅝
La. New Con. 4s	96	N. W. Consols	144⅛
Missouri 6s	100	do S. F. Deb. 5s	113
N. C. 6s	125	R. G. West, 1sts	73⅝
N. C. 4s	104	St. P. Chic. 5s	120
S. C. nonfund	⅛	St. P. C. & P. W. 5s	116
Tenn. new set 6s	84⅛	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	67
Tenn. new set 5s	75	St. L. & S. F. Gen 6	111⅛
Tenn. old 6s	60	Texas Pac. 1sts	89⅝
Va. Centuries	64⅝	Texas Pac. 2ds	20⅛
do deferred	4	U. P. 1sts of '96	103⅛
Atchison 4s	89⅝	Union Shore 1st	109
do 2ds	45⅝	L. & N. unified 4s	79⅝
Canada So. 2nds	106⅛	O. R. & N. 1sts	112⅛
C. P. 1sts of '95	102⅝		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, May 12.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	10⅛	W. Elec.	22
American Sugar	114⅝	W. Elec. pfd	50
Am. Sugar pfd	103⅝	Ed. Elec. Ill.	145
Bay State Gas	4¼	Gen. Elec. pfd	68
Bell Telephone	231⅛	Atchison pfd	20
Boston & Albany	213	Atchison	7⅝
Boston & Maine	160	New England 6s	113
C. B. & Q.	74⅛	Wis. Cent 6s	119⅛
Chicago Gas	81⅛	Calumet Mining Co	90
General Electric	31⅛	Atlantic	20⅛
Illinois Steel	34⅛	Boston & Montana	121⅛
Mexican Central	8	Butte & Boston	17⅝
Y. Y. & N. E.	57⅛	Calumet & Hecla	375
Old Colony	177	Centennial	6¼
O. S. L.	15⅝	Franklin	19⅝
Rubber	13	Kearsarge	16
San Diego	9	Osceola	30⅝
Union Pacific	7⅛	Quincy	107
West End	77	Tamarack	119
West End pfd	93	Wolverine	9¼

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	5	Hale & Norcross	81
Alpha Con	7	Julia	4
Andes	21	Justice	3
Belcher	24	Kentucky Con	4
Best & Belcher	58	Mexican	40
Bullion	4	Occidental Con	10
Caledonia	12	Ophir	94
Challenge Con	28	Overman	14
Chollar	63	Potosi	40
Confidence	105	Savage	14
Con. Cal. & Va	180	Sierra Nevada	42
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con	37
Crown Point	26	Utah Con	4
Exchequer	6	Yellow Jacket	27
Gould & Curry	27		

Silver bars, 60⅝c; Mexican dollars, 49⅛@50c; drafts, sight, 10c; drafts, telegraph, 12½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar	60	Ontario	700
Crown Point	30	Ophir	95
Con. Cal. & Va	200	Plymouth	18
Deadwood	115	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	25	Quicksilver pfd	1000
Hale & Norcross	75	Sierra Nevada	40
Homestake	2900	Standard	155
Iron Silver	35	Union Con	35
Mexican	40	Yellow Jacket	25

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, May 12.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	113⅜	N. Y. Central	102⅝
Consols, acc't	113 7-16	Pennsylvania	54⅝
Can. Pacific	55⅝	Reading	9⅝
Erie	12⅝	Mex. Cen. new 4s	70⅝
Ill. Central	95	Atchison	10⅝
Mexican ordinary	10⅝	L. & N.	46⅝
St. Paul common	75⅝		

BAR SILVER—27⅝d per oz.

MONEY—¼@⅝ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1 5-16 per cent; for three months' bills, 1 per cent.

Greek and Turkish Bonds.

LONDON, May 12.—Foreign securities are quoted as follows: Greece, 1884, unchanged at 22½; Turkey, new defense, unchanged at 102¼; group 1 (A), unchanged at 65, group 2 (B), ¾d lower at 8⅝; group 3 (C), ¼d lower at 20¼; group 4 (D), ¼d lower at 19⅞.

American Securities in London.

LONDON, May 12.—American securities opened easier, but improved with continued firmness. The close was firm with a moderate demand.

Financial Notes.

BALTIMORE, May 12.—Clearings, $2,236,192; balances, $203,525.

BOSTON, May 12.—Clearings, $18,682,501; balances, $1,938,375.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Clearings, $90,228,358; balances, $5,448,531.

PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—Clearings, $1,400,893; balances, $1,561,924.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Clearings, $16,129,232. New York exchange, 50c premium. Foreign exchange, steady; demand, $4.87⅝; sixty days, $4.86.

ST. LOUIS, May 12.—Clearings, $5,524,960; balances, $646,544. Money, @7 per cent. New York exchange, 60c premium bid; 80c premium asked.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, May 12.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 38½ pfg.

PARIS, May 12.—Three per cent rentes, 103f 37c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 11c for checks.

LONDON, May 12.—The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England yesterday is now reported to be £56,000 instead of £90,000. Indian council bills, is 1 3-16d. Gold at Rome, 104.97; Buenos Ayres, 20.5.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, May 12.—WHEAT—No. 1 red northern spring, 6s 4½d.

CORN—American mixed spot new, steady at 2s 6½d. Futures, steady; May, 2s 6½d; June, 2s 7½d; July, 2s 8d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, dull; clear bellies, 12 to 14 lbs., 26s; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 28s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 28 lbs., 26s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 25s 6d; clear middles, heavy, 45 to 48 lbs., 25s. Shoulders, firm; square, 12 to 14 lbs., 26s 6d. Lard, prime western, dull at 21s 3d.

CHEESE—Ordinary, new, 58.

Cotton Markets.

NEW YORK, May 12.—COTTON—Spot steady; middlings, 7⅜c; middling gulf, 8c; middling upland, 7⅜c. Sales, 2,913 bales. Futures, steady; sales, 87,500 bales; January, $6.89; February, $6.83; $7,500 bales; January, $6.89; February, $6.83; March, $6.87; May, $7.45; June, $7.42; July, $7.45; August, $7.39; September, $7.05; October, $6.83; November, $6.82; December, $6.85.

NEW ORLEANS, May 12.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 2,500 bales; ordinary, 8 5-16c; good ordinary, 6 11-16c; low middling, 7 1-16c; middling, 7⅜c; good middling, 7 3-16c; middling fair, 8⅛c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Men's wear, merino and cotton dress goods, knit underwear and also dress silks and silks are doing well on autumn sales. The movement of cotton is fairly free from the more fancy styles, but staples were slow. The export shipments of cotton goods to China, Africa, South America and other countries amounted to 17,241 pkgs., of the value of $750,000, the largest of any week in the history of the country. The cloths dull but steady at 2 7-16c. Fall River declines to sell at that price.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 12.—FLOUR—Steady and unchanged; patents, $4.20@4.30; extra fancy, $4.40@4.50; fancy, $3