COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat is Heavy and at the Close Shows Declines.

CAUSE IS DUE TO WEAK ENGLISH MARKETS

There Are No Special Features in the Other Grains or in Provisions, the Day Being Uninteresting.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Wheat was heavy all day and at the close showed declines of ¾c in the May option and 1⅛c in July. The market was affected principally by the decline in the English markets. The disposition among wheat traders to leave that market for the coarser grain pits caused a decided decrease in the volume of wheat trading. Corn was heavy and declined ¼c. Oats were firm after early weakness and closed a shade higher. Provisions were irregular, pork declining 17½c, while lard and ribs did not change much.

All the firmness which characterized Monday's wheat market had apparently deserted the pit at the opening of trading today. The starting price for May ranged all the way from $1.06⅝ down to $1.05¾, as compared with Monday's closing price of $1.06¾, while July, in which the most trading was done throughout the session, opened at from 91⅞c to 91⅝c, a decline of ⅝@1c. May touched $1.05 before it was sufficiently supported to bring about a recovery. Commission houses were the best sellers at the opening, brokers for Leiter being credited with some of the offerings of May. The opening weakness was due apparently to the decline at Liverpool. That market was from ⅜c to 1⅛c lower, and London also showed weakness. News which followed, though of a mixed character, favored the bulls as a whole and for a time the market took on some appearance of strength. Covering by shorts started in a moderate way shortly after the opening and prices gradually worked back, May advancing to $1.06 and July to 92½c. Indian advices reported the crop prospects in the central provinces were favorable, but this was counteracted by private cablegrams from Argentine, reducing the estimates on the exportable wheat surplus of that country to 24,000,000 bu. Additional strength was lent to July by moderate support from the Leiter interests. Trading at no time, however, was very heavy in either option. The fear of Leiter's influence over the market was shown by many traders leaving the wheat pit for the coarser grain markets. Northwest receipts were not very heavy. Minneapolis and Duluth reporting 370 cars, against 250 cars last week and 190 cars a year ago. Chicago receipts were 72 cars, of which 37 cars were of contract grade. Export clearances from Atlantic ports were 525,000 bu., the figures in most instances being for two days. After the reactions noted July sagged back to 91½c and May to $1.05½c on realizing by room traders. Buying was started later on the Bradstreet's visible supply report, which showed a decrease of 375,000 bu. This was a surprise, as the trade had been led to expect a heavy increase, and good prices for a time got back nearly to their former level. Later in the day, however, the market became quite weak on further declines in English markets. Leiter brokers had meantime stopped buying July contracts, prices tumbling rapidly. July got down to 91c and May to $1.05, but reacted again before the close on covering, May closing at $1.06 and July at 91⅝c.

Corn was moderately active. The opening weakness of wheat caused a rush to sell at the start, chiefly by room traders, and prices declined sharply. A rally followed on covering and on the heavy exports, but prices declined again later, the market being easy at the close. A feature was the number of traders in the corn pit who usually operate in wheat. May ranged from 30⅞c to 30⅛c and closed ¼c lower at 30⅝c.

Oats were active and unsettled. The feature was the revival of the export demand, which acted as a strong support to the market. Opening prices were lower in sympathy with wheat and corn. Prices advanced at once on elevator and professional buying. At the top there was moderate realizing and prices slowly declined. The close was steady. May ranged from 27c to 26½c and closed a shade higher at 26⅝@26⅞c.

Provisions were fairly active and irregular. The weak hog market started the market at general declines, pork being especially weak on stop loss orders. At inside figures there was good miscellaneous buying and lard and ribs became fairly strong. Pork, however, was weak throughout, Packers being the best buyers. At the close May pork was 17½c lower at $10.82½. May lard 5c higher at $5.30 and May ribs unchanged at $5.25.

Estimated receipts Thursday: Wheat, 110 cars; corn, 600 cars; oats, 400 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

Estimated receipts Tuesday: Wheat, 37 cars; corn, 390; oats, 250; hogs, 20,000.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Mon'y.
*Wheat—					
Feb...	1 03	1 06	1 03	1 06	1 07
May...	1 05-⅝	1 06¾	1 05	1 06	1 06¾
July...	91⅝@⅞	92½	91	91⅝	92⅝
*Corn—					
May...	30⅛ @ ¼	30⅞	30⅛	30⅝	30⅞
July...	31⅛@¼	32	31⅝@⅝	31⅝@⅞	32⅛
Sept...	33	33⅛	32⅞@33	33	33⅛
*Oats—					
May...	26½	27	26½	26¾@⅞	26⅞
July...	22½	24⅛	24⅛@⅜	24⅛@⅜	24⅛@⅜
Pork—					
May...	10 75	10 90	10 75	10 82½	11 00
July...	10 95	10 95	10 80	10 85	11 00
Lard—					
May...	5 20	5 32½	5 20	5 30	5 25
July...	5 30	5 40	5 30	5 37½	5 32½
Ribs—					
May...	5 15	5 25	5 15	5 25	5 25
July...	5 25	5 32½	5 25	5 30	5 32½

*Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $4.80@4.90; straights, $4.30@4.40; spring specials, $5.40@5.50; bakers, $3.50@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, nominal; No. 3 spring, 94@98c; fancy, $1.01; No. 2 red, $1.04@1.06.

CORN—No. 2, 29⅝@29⅞c.

OATS—No. 2, 26c; No. 2 white, 28½c; No. 3 white, 28@29½c.

RYE—No. 2, 50c.

BARLEY—236⁄25c, f. o. b.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.23½@1.28.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.92½@2.95.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl., $10.75@10.90. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.22½@5.25. Short ribs, sides (loose), $5.15@5.40. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 44.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.40@5.55.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.18½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.01; granulated, $5.51.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	20,000	30,000
Wheat, bu	79,000	243,000
Corn, bu	1,074,000	383,000
Oats, bu	686,000	413,000
Rye, bu	17,000	4,000
Barley, bu	105,000	22,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 13@19½c; dairies, 11@15c. Cheese, quiet, 8@8½c. Eggs, fresh, 14c. Dressed poultry, firm; turkeys, 8@11c; chickens and ducks, 7@9c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 37,854 bbls.; exports, 23,808 bbls.; moderately active, firm and a shade higher on choice grades; city mill patents, $5.65@5.90; city mill clear, $5.40@5.60; Minnesota patents, $5.35@5.50; Minnesota bakers', $4.40@4.60; winter straights, $4.60@4.75; winter extras, $3.70@4.10; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, dull, $2.80@3.25. Buckwheat flour, steady; $1.25@1.30.

BUCKWHEAT—Firm; 39@39½c.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 76c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 58½c.

BARLEY—Firm; feeding, 40½c.

BARLEY MALT—Firm; western, 52½@67c.

WHEAT—Firm; receipts, 74,900 bu.; exports, 253,776 bu.; spot, easy; No. 2 red, $1.08⅞ f. o. b. afloat to arrive; options opened weak at ⅝@1⅛c decline under bearish cables and more peaceful political outlook abroad, and except for a mid-day spurt was irregular and weak all day, closing ⅞@1⅛c net lower. The only bull factors were fair clearings, a decrease in Bradstreet's world's visible and clique support. May, $1.01⅝@1.04, closed $1.02⅝.

CORN—Receipts, 182,325 bu.; exports, 86,865 bu.; spot easy; No. 2, 37⅝c; options opened easier at ¼c decline and was depressed further by larger receipts and cables. Heavy clearances and a fair export demand had little effect. The close was ¼@⅜c net lower; May, 35½@35 11-16c, closed 35⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 194,400 bu.; exports, 107,224 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2, 32c; options quiet, but fairly steady on export demand at Chicago, closing unchanged; May closed at 29⅝c.

FEED—Firm; bran, 59@71½c; middling, 75@77½c. Rye, 60c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 30@35c; good to choice, 65@75c.

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 17@19c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 8@10c; 1897 crop, 16@19c.

HIDES—Steady; California, 17½@18½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, 19½@20c.

WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 24@31c; Texas, 13½@18c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $11.25@11.75; extra mess, $8.00@8.50; beef hams, $22.00@23.00; packet, $10.00@11.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $6.00@7.00; pickled shoulders, $4.75; pickled hams, $7.75@8.00. Lard, firm; western steamed, $5.32½@5.35; refined, steady. Pork, firm; mess, $11.00@11.25; short clear, $10.75@12.25; family, $11.50. Tallow, quiet; city, 3⅝c; country, 3⅛@3½c.

OILS—Crude cottonseed oil, steady; prime crude, 20½c; prime yellow, 23½c. Rosin, steady; common to good, $1.60@1.65. Turpentine, quiet at 34@34½c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4¾@5¾c; Japan, $@3¼c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@32c.

METALS—Pig iron warrants, dull, with $6.50 bid and $6.70 asked. Lake copper, firm, $11.30 bid and $11.50 asked. Tin, quiet, $14.00 bid and $14.10 asked. Spelter, firm, $4.10 bid and $4.20 asked. Lead, barely steady, $3.77½ bid and $3.82½ asked. The firm tone that fixed the settling prices for miners and smelters in the west makes the price of lead $3.60.

BUTTER—Receipts, 15,428 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 14@22c; Elgins, 23c; factory, 11@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,216 pkgs.; quiet; September, 9½c; light skims, 6@8¼c; part skims, 4@5½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 15,214 pkgs.; state and Pennsylvania, 15c; western 15c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 11@11½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

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

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 6c; old roosters, 3c; ducks, 6c.

GAME—Small rabbits, per doz., 75c; large, $1.25; squirrels, 50@60c.

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

POTATOES—Burbank, $5.50; midland, $5.00; Jewland, $4.50; rye straw, $4.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 40c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., $1.10@1.25.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.30.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-peck bbls., $2.50.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 1½c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 50@55c; western stock, 70c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00@3.50; California Bellefleur, boxes, $1.50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Oregon, boxes, $1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.00@7.25; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $7.50@7.75; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, $6.00.

GRAPES—Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navels, $2.75@3.00; fancy seedlings, $2.50; choice, $2.25.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $8.00; choice, $2.75.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 11c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 10@11c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medium, 6@7c; extra large, 8@9c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; Spanish peanuts, per lb., $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 12c; 5-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 14@15c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@23c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.00.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@11c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $4.00; half bbl., $2.25@2.35.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can., each, $2.75; pail cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 5½c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00; bbl., $5.25.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6¾c; good forequarters steers, 5½c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 6½c; fancy heifers, 6¼c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 5¾c; fair cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; No. 2 chucks, 6½c; rounds, No. 1, 7½c; rounds, No. 2 6¾c; rounds, No. 3, 6¼c; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 11c; calf livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 9c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c; tenderloins, fresh, 18c; tenderloins, frozen, 15c; boneless strips, fresh, 10c; boneless strips, frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 8c; strip loins, frozen, 6½c; bolls, boneless, 9c; rolls, spencer cuts, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6½c; rump butts, boneless, 5½c; No. 1 chucks, 5c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 3 chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 3½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 13½c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; short loins, hotel style, 4c above loins; cow loin, ends, 8c; steer loin, ends, 9c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs, 9c per lb.; lambs, 8c; sheep, 7c; market racks, long, 9c; hotel racks, short, 11c; loins, 9c; saddles, 8½c; legs, 8½c; lamb legs, 8½c; breasts and stews, 3½c; lamb stews, 3½c; fore quarters, 5½c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c per lb.; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 15c; loins, short, 6c; long, 6c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5½c; Boston butts, 5½c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 3c; neckbones, 2c; cheek meat, 1c; neck bones, 2c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 3c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 35c; livers, per doz., 35c; fresh tongues, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 30c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 green salted hides, 8c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1 each, 8c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 6@6c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

TALLOW, GREASE ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; muskrat, 5c; 5c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—FLOUR—Advancing in sympathy with wheat; patents, $4.85@5.00; straights, $4.45@4.60; clears, $4.0@4.25; medium, $3.00@3.75.

WHEAT—Lower, closing 1c for May and 1½c for July below Monday; May opened 1c lower, declined ⅜c more, advanced 1½c and late declined 1½c, closing weak, with sellers ⅜c above the bottom. Spot, lower to sell; No. 2 red cash, elevator, $1.00; track, 99½@$1.00; February, $1.00; May, $1.01⅞ asked; July, 86⅝c; No. 2 hard, cash, 93@94c.

CORN—Futures sympathized with wheat, declining and closing with sellers ¼@¼c for May and 1-16c for July below Monday. Spot, dull; No. 2 cash, 28c; February, 28c; May, 28⅛@28¼c; July, 29½@29¾c.

OATS—Futures, dull, easy and lower, with cash feeling better, but prices unchanged; No. 2 cash, elevator, 26½c; track, 27c; February, 26½c; May, 26⅞c bid; July, 24½c; No. 2 white, 28½c.

RYE—Steady, 49½c.

FLAXSEED—Steady, $1.20.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.90@3.00.

CORNMEAL—Firm, $1.50@1.55.

BRAN—Firm; sacked track, this side, 60c.

HAY—Active, strong for choice timothy; prairie, $6.00@8.50; timothy, $6.50@9.00.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 16@20c; dairy, 8@15c.

EGGS—Steady, 12½c.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.29.

COTTON TIES—70c.

BAGGING—5½@6c.

METALS—Lead, lower, $3.60, sellers. Spelter, lower, $3.90@3.92½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $10.87½. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.00; choice, $5.15. Bacon, boxed lots, extra short clear, $5.87½@6.12½; ribs, $6.00@6.25; shorts, $6.12½@6.37½. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.75@5.00; extra short clear, $5.50@5.75; ribs, $5.62½@5.87½; shorts, $5.75@6.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 28,000 bu.; corn, 137,000 bu.; oats, 48,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 63,000 bu.; corn, 132,000 bu.; oats, 24,000 bu.

Weare Commission Company.

OMAHA OFFICE, Feb. 23.—The rest of a day in the market did not gain any strength in prices, since cables came 1½d lower this morning, causing the opening here to be at from $1.05⅝ to $1.06¼ for May wheat and 30½c to 30⅝c for May corn and 26½c for May oats, which were practically the low prices for the day, yet the market closed at 2c lower for wheat, 1c cash, current, the same price prevailing for May and 91⅝c for July, showing a decline for this last named month of 1½c, and indicates where the greater portion of the trade is and also where the bear sentiment is having the greatest effect, which, too, decides where the clique's greatest strength is. They have to hold the May option up until the balance of that large line of wheat is disposed of and it is now going without any premium over the option.

Corn lost ¼c during the session, while oats maintained its former price. The closing of our market was in accord with all other markets.

Spanish affairs and the perfect new crop conditions on the basis of the present prices are causing material increase in the bearish sentiment on wheat, yet, as above mentioned, the clique is controlling the nearby months and the cash supply.

Coarse grains and provisions are supported with a very good undertone and with a continuance of the present indications for the coming crop we believe the sale of deferred months would be profitable.

Privileges on July wheat were: Puts, 90½c and calls, 93c. Hereafter the curb and privileges will be quoted in the July month.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.—FLOUR—Active; western superfine, $2.80@3.20; western extra, $3.45@4.10; western family, $4.00@4.20; winter wheat patents, $4.85@5.10; spring wheat patents, $5.10@5.20; spring wheat straight, $4.80@5.00; receipts, 12,000 bbls.; exports, 22,796 bbls.

WHEAT—Dull and lower; spot and month, $1.02¼@1.02½; May, $1.02¼@1.02½; steamer No. 2, 95½@96½c; receipts, 54,359 bu.; exports, none; stock, 2,808,342 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 86c@$1.03.

CORN—Dull and easy; spot and month, 34½@34¾c; steamer mixed, 34½@34¼c; receipts, 265,537 bu.; exports, 229,486 bu.; southern corn, 34¼@35¼c; southern yellow, 34½@35½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 30c sellers; No. 2 mixed, 27½@28c; receipts, 25,655 bu.; exports, none.

RYE—Easier; No. 2 nearby, 56½c; No. 2 western, 57½c; receipts, 19,536 bu.; exports, none.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $12.50@13.00.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Steady; demand slow; steam to Liverpool, per. bu., 3¾d; American, 3¾d; Liverpool for orders, per quarter, 3s 4½d; March.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy creamery, 21@22c; fancy imitation, 17@18c; fancy ladle, 15c; good ladle, 12@14c; store packed, 10@22c.

EGGS—Quiet; fresh, 15c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, 6, large, 5¾@6c; fancy New York, 57, medium, 10@10½c; fancy New York, 33, small, 10¼@10½c.

Wool Markets.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—WOOL—Following are the quotations for leading descriptions:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleece, X and above, 27@28c; XX, 29c; XX and above, 30@31c; delaine, 29@31c; No. 1 combing, 30@31c; No. 2 combing, 30@31c. Michigan, Wisconsin, etc.—Michigan, 24c; No. 1 Michigan, 28c; No. 1 Illinois combing, 29c; No. 2 Michigan combing, 28@29c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 26@28c; New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 29@32c; No. 1 New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 27c; delaine Michigan, 29c. Unwashed medium, Kentucky and Indiana quarter-blood combing, 25c; Kentucky and Indiana three-eighths blood combing, 23@24c; Missouri quarter-blood combing, 21c; lake and Georgia, 23@24c. Texas wools, spring medium, twelve months, 16@18c; scoured, 43@45c; spring fine, twelve months, 18@19c; scoured, 50c. Territory Wools—Montana fine medium and fine, 16@18c; scoured, 47@50c; staple, 52@53c. Utah, Wyoming, etc., fine medium and fine, 15@17c; scoured, 47@48c; staple, 50@52c. Australian, scoured basis combing, superfine, 50@72c; combing, 65@68c; combing, average, 62@65c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 23.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 1 red northern spring, dull, 5s 2½d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 3s 6d; American mixed, old, 3s 6¼d; futures, firm; February, 3s 4¾d; March, 3s 4⅝d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, 10s.

PORK—At London, Pacific coast, firm, £4 15s@£5 5s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 65s 9d; prime mess, 58s 9d. Pork, firm; prime mess, fine western, 51s 3d; fine medium, 49s 7d. Ham, short cuts, 51s 6d. Tallow, dull, 24s 6d. Bacon, steady, 32s 6d; short ribs, 31s 6d; long clear middles, light, 31s; long clear middles, heavy, 30s 6d; short clear backs, 28s 6d; clear bellies, 34s. Shoulders, firm, 26s 6d. Lard, prime western, steady, 27s.

CHEESE—American, finest white and colored, steady, 48s.

TALLOW—Prime city, firm, 19s.

OILS—Cottonseed, Liverpool refined, firm, 15s 9d. Turpentine spirits, firm, 24s 9d. Rosin, common, steady, 4s 3d.

Bradstreet's Visible Statement.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's, covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in available supplies last Saturday as compared with the preceding Saturday:

WHEAT—United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, decrease, 1,165,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe, increase, 800,000 bu.; world's supply, net decrease, 365,000 bu.

CORN—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 65,000 bu.

OATS—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 1,350,000 bu.

Among the more important reductions reported to Bradstreet's and not given in the official weekly visible supply statement was the decrease of 295,000 bu. at New Orleans, 150,000 bu. at Galveston, 100,000 bu. at northwestern interior elevators and 392,000 bu. at Manitoba and northwestern Ontario storage points.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 23.—WHEAT—May opened lower; fairly active; No. 1 hard, 91c; No. 2, 88½@91c; No. 3, 85@88½c; No. 1 red, 95@96c; No. 2, 93@95¾c; No. 3, 91c; No. 2 spring, 85@88c; No. 3, 83@84½c.

CORN—¼@½c lower; weak; No. 2 mixed, 26½@27¼c.

OATS—Firm, rather slow; No. 2 white, 26½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 47c.

HAY—Weak; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $7.00.

BUTTER—Choice, firm; creamery, 15@18c; dairy, 12@15c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, 11½c.

RECEIPTS—For two days: Wheat, 111,000 bu.; corn, 97,800 bu.; oats, 25,600 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 42,000 bu.; corn, 17,500 bu.; oats, 1,000 bu.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23.—HOG PRODUCTS—Barely steady. Pork, standard mess, $11.12. Lard, refined tierce, 4¾@5¼c; pure tierce, $5.12½@5.25. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $5.12½@5.25; sides, $5.87½. Bacon, clear rib sides, $6.62½. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.25@9.75.

COFFEE—Firm; Rio, ordinary to fair, 7¼@9c.

RICE—Firm; ordinary to good, 3⅝@4¼c; grain and feed stuffs firmer.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $4.60@4.70; patents, $4.90@4.95.

CORNMEAL—$1.65@1.70.

BRAN—$1.00.

HAY—Prime, $12.00@13.50; choice, $14.00@14.50.

CORN—No. 2 white, sacked, 38c; mixed, 37½c; yellow, 38c.

OATS—No. 2, sacked, 33c.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 23.—FLOUR—Fairly active; fancy, $4.40@4.60; family, $3.80@4.10.

WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2 red, $1.

CORN—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 29c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 53c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firmer at $5.15. Bulk meats, firm at $5.25. Bacon, firm at $6.

WHISKY—Dull at $1.29.

BUTTER—Dull; Elgin creamery, 21½c; Ohio, 13@18c; dairy, 10@11c.

SUGAR—Firm; hard refined, $4.22@5.97.

EGGS—Firm at 12½c.

CHEESE—Quiet and steady; good to prime Ohio fat, 8½@9c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—Receipts: Wheat, two days, 322 cars.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—Receipts: Wheat, 35 cars.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Receipts today: Wheat, 72 cars; corn, 418 cars; oats, 266 cars. Estimated tomorrow: Wheat, 110 cars; corn, 600 cars; oats, 400 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 23.—Receipts: Wheat, two days, 196 cars.

DULUTH, Feb. 23.—Receipts: Wheat, 48 cars.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Apples, firm; other fruits steady. Evaporated apples, unchanged, 3@7½c per lb.; prime wire tray, 8½c; wood dried, prime, 8½c; choice, 8¾@9c; fancy, 9½@10c. Prunes, 3@8½c. Apricots, Royal, 5@7½c; Moorpark, 9@11c. Peaches, unpeeled, 5@7c; peeled, 12@20c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Feb. 23.—WHEAT—Lower, active; No. 2 red, cash, $1.00; May, $1.00½.

CORN—Active, steady; No. 3 mixed, 31c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 27c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 41½c.

CLOVERSEED—Easy; prime cash and March, $4.12½.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 23.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 97c; No. 2 red, 98c; May, 98⅝c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 33c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 32½c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Feb. 23.—CORN—Firm, inactive; No. 2, 30c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 28½c.

WHISKY—Market steady; high proof spirits, $1.19.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 20½c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh nearby and western, 15c.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—WHEAT—December, $1.32⅝; May, $1.42.

BARLEY—Weak; December, 92c; May, $1.00⅝.

Australia's Exportable Wheat.

ADELAIDE, South Australia, Feb. 23.—The exportable surplus of the wheat yield is estimated at 19,000 tons.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Reflects an Uneasiness Over the Cuban Question.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Today's further decline in stocks undoubtedly reflected a condition of real apprehension in the minds of holders of securities as to the developments in the Cuban question. Commission house orders to sell were in large volume even at the opening, and these soon swept away the advances over Monday's level which had been elaborately arranged by the friends of the cause to establish a higher range of prices in London over the holiday. There was professional buying here at the opening, designed by the same end, but not even the first quotations were up to the London parity. Gains were promptly wiped out by the slump which followed the abandonment of the professional attempt to sustain prices. The uncovering of margins and selling orders to stop losses brought upon the stock of the market. Sugar led the break with a decline of over 2 points after a rise of a point, and fluctuated feverishly all day, closing near the lowest at an extreme decline of over 3 points. The local specialties were conspicuous for weakness. Metropolitan Street Railway lost 7 points and Manhattan about 3. Great Northern preferred dropped off 7 points. The weakness of the morning was in spite of large buying in this market for London account. Estimates of the volume of this buying ran as high as 60,000 shares of stocks. The London market and the continental exchanges showed an improved tone on the subsidence of the Spanish regarding situation, but there was a significant decline in London and Paris in the Spanish 4s, the closing price in London showing a loss of ¾, as compared with Monday's closing. The weakness in the stocks which were the favorites in the London buying was deferred until later in the day, but they ultimately succumbed, along with the rest of the list. In fact the weakness of these stocks in the afternoon after the sustaining force of the London buying had been withdrawn contributed to the final break in the market. The day's net losses exceeded 2 points in only a few of the standard stocks, but were over 3 points in some of the specialties. The outlook in the money market is not such as to encourage speculation. Call loans were made at 2 per cent today. Currency continues to move to the interiors, and the balance of trade against us in the clearing house to day of $1,172,726, reflecting the withdrawal of another 10 per cent on the government payments from the Union Pacific. Foreign exchanges were weaker, yielding slightly to the force of London buying of stock. The exchange on Paris was more marked. This development offers some corroboration of the report that a portion of the money which is going from Paris to London, on account of the disturbed condition of affairs in the French capital, is going into American securities. Standard Oil liquidating certificates are not dealt in on the exchange, but on the outside market they are quoted at 370, as against 350. Before the recent 10 per cent dividend distribution the stock sold at 448.

Bonds were weak in sympathy with stocks, especially in the speculative issue. There were heavy dealings in Union Pacific 4s. Total sales, $4,121,000. Government bonds were decidedly weak. United States new 4s, registered, declined ¼; United States new 4s, coupon, ½ and old 4s, registered 2s and the 2s ¼ bid.

The Evening Post's London financial cable says: The stock markets opened firm, but later became flat, not on political news, but owing to the position of the account at settlement, brokers owing clients are not meeting their obligations as might be, and some are closing out their obligations.

Following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

Atchison	11⅝	Hawaiian Com Co.	20
do pfd	28	St. P. & Om	71⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	16	do pfd	148
Canada Pacific	82	St. P. M. & M	180
Canada Southern	49	So. Pacific	19
Central Pacific	12⅝	So. Railway	8⅞
Ches. & Ohio	21	do pfd	28⅛
Chicago & Alton	165	Texas & Pacific	10⅝
C., B. & Q	96⅝	Union Pacific	29¾
C. & E. I.	55	U. P. D. & G.	9
C. C. C. & St. L.	41	Wabash	7
do pfd	78	do pfd	15⅝
D. L. & Hudson	109⅝	Wheel. & L. E.	2⅝
Del. L. & W.	150	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	12⅝
Den. & Rio G	12	Adams Ex.	125
do pfd	47¾	American Ex.	126
Erie (new)	14⅝	United States Ex.	42
Erie 1st pfd	39⅝	Wells Fargo Ex.	115
Ft. Wayne	170	A. Dot. Oil	19
Great Northern pfd	150	do pfd	70⅝
Hocking Valley	8⅝	Cons. Gas	181
Illinois Central	102⅝	Com. Cable Co.	175
Lake Erie & W.	14⅝	Col. F. & Iron	21
do pfd	70	Gen. Electric	33
Lake Shore	192	Illinois Steel	50
Louisville & Nash.	55	Leather	12
Manhattan L.	107⅝	do pfd	61⅝
Met. St. Ry.	44	Nat. Lead	37
Michigan Central	94⅝	Nat. Lead pfd	106⅝
Minn. & St. L.	27	Nat. Lin. Oil	17⅝
do 1st pfd	86	Oregon Imp. Co.	27
Mo. Pacific	27	Pacific Mail	28⅝
Mobile & Ohio	28	Pullman Pal.	174⅝
Mo. K. & T.	7⅝	Silver Certificates	55⅝