COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

July Wheat is Weak and Winds Up with a Notable Loss.

WEAKNESS CAUSED BY LEITER SELLING

Corn and Oats Follow Wheat, Each Closing at Lower Figures, While Provisions Remain About Unchanged.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Wheat today became very weak toward the close and wound up with a loss of ⅞c in July. Selling of May wheat at $1.05 by Leiter precipitated a flood of selling orders in July. Corn and oats followed wheat, closing about ¼c lower each. Provisons did not change much.

Wheat started a little easier. Cables showed slight declines and Liverpool reported receipts considerably in excess of normal requirements. These were side issues, however, the main reason for the shading of prices being the large additions to the contract stocks which were reported. Of the receipts of 192 cars today 57 were of contract grades, to which were added sixteen cars and 23,000 bushels of No. 1 northern out of private elevators, in all about 126,000 bushels. As this made about 237,000 bushels added to the stock in two days, it caused a little pressure on the market at first, July opening a shade lower at 86⅝@86¾c. This was the extent of the decline for the time being, and, though offerings were plenty, the demand became so strong that prices gradually advanced and the market was strong for over two hours following. Besides the natural inclination of traders to play for a reaction after the recent sharp decline in prices, strength shown by outside markets, especially by New York, had a tendency to drive shorts in and the urgency of this class of buying indicated that the market had been rather oversold. Clearances were large, 582,000 bushels, which was a bull help, as were also reports of continued drouth and unpromising outlook in California. July, which advanced to 88c, was not alone in the strength. September received more or less attention and was advanced to 79½c during the rise in July. May received the usual support from Leiter, although it hardly needed it. There was some short demand in this delivery, resulting in an advance to $1.05. About 12 o'clock the turn in the market came. Bradstreet's report on the visible supply showed a decrease of only 1,254,000 bushels. This was disagreeable news to longs, as the decrease last year had been 5,077,000 bushels, and started selling again, many of the early buyers putting their lines on the market. The result was a decline to 87¾c. Then the market turned radically weak. Leiter's brokers, who had been bidding $1.04 for May, sold quite a lot of it when the price reached $1.05 and this fact brought millions of bushels of July onto the market. As shorts had previously been pretty well filled up, prices dropped like a shot to 86½c. It rebounded to 88¾c, then dropped again. The last few minutes of trading was characterized by extreme nervousness and weakness. With almost no support of consequence July sank to 85¾c and closed weak at 85¾c. May rested at $1.04 and September declined to 77¾c, closing at 77⅞c.

Corn was firm until late in the day, though showing less animation than for some time. Trading all day was extremely narrow and the market purely a sympathetic one. Prices advanced a little early with wheat and were well maintained until the break in wheat occurred, when the market became very limp. May ranged from 30¼@29⅞c to 30c and closed ⅛@⅜c lower at 29⅞@30c.

The market for oats was almost stagnant. There was almost no trading of consequence until late in the day, when the break in wheat was productive of some animation. Prices early were stronger with wheat, wet weather west also having its influence. There was quite free selling following one late wheat weakness and prices declined easily, the close being weak. May ranged from 26⅛c to 26⅜c and closed ¼c lower at 26⅛@26¼c.

Light hog receipts made a rather firm provision market during the morning. There was less pressure to sell and a better general demand was evidenced resulting in a good advance in prices. When the break in grain came offerings became too much for the demand and all the advance was lost, the close being rather easy. May pork closed 2½c lower at $9.80; May lard, unchanged at $5.07, and May ribs 2½c higher at $5.02½.

Estimated receipts Wednesday: Wheat, 120 cars; corn, 200 cars; oats, 175 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
March	1 01¾	1 01¾	1 01¾	1 01¾	1 01¾
May	1 04	1 05	1 04	1 04	1 04
July	86⅝@⅝	88	85⅝	85⅝	86⅝
*Corn—					
May	30⅛	30⅛@⅜	29⅞-30	29⅞-30	30⅛
July	31⅛@⅜	31⅛	31⅛@⅜	31⅛	31⅜
Sept	32⅜@⅝	32⅝@⅝	32⅜	32⅜	32⅜
*Oats—					
May	26⅛@¼	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛@¼	26⅛@¼
July	24⅜	24⅜@⅝	24⅛	24⅛@¼	24⅜@⅝
Lard—					
May	5 10	5 12½	5 05	5 07½	5 07½
July	5 17½	5 17	5 15	5 15	5 10
Sh'Ribs					
May	5 07½	5 05	5 00	5 02½	5 00
July	5 07½	5 12½	5 07½	5 07½	5 05

*No 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, $4.80@5.00; straights, $4.30@4.60; spring specials, $5.40@5.50; spring patents, $4.70@5.10; bakers, $3.60@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 92@94c; No. 3 spring, $1.00@1.08; No. 2 red, $1.01¼@1.01¾.

CORN—No. 2, 29½c.

OATS—No. 2, 28½c, f. o. b.; No. 3 white, 28½@29½c.

RYE—No. 2, 49½c.

BARLEY—F. O. b., No. 3, 35@39c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.20@1.24.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.77½@9.82½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.00@5.02½. Short ribs, sides (loose), $4.80@5.10. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00; short clear sides (boxed), $5.25@5.40.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.88; granulated, $5.38.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	64,000	80,000
Wheat, bu	90,000	150,000
Corn, bu	314,000	381,000
Oats, bu	321,000	300,000
Rye, bu	36,000	5,000
Barley, bu	83,000	32,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 15@18½c; dairies, 10½@16c. Cheese, quiet, 9@9½c. Eggs, fresh, 9½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 34,474 bbls.; exports, 17,521 bbls.; market weak and nominally lower; city mill patents, $5.85@6.10; city mill clears, $5.60@5.75; Minnesota patents, $5.20@5.45; Minnesota bakers', $4.40@4.60; winter patents, $4.90@5.30; winter straights, $4.50@4.65; winter extras, $3.50@4.10; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, dull; fancy, $3.85@3.25. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.30@1.50.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 45c.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 70c.

RYE—Easier; No. 2 western, 52c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 41½c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 52½@67c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 135,875 bu.; exports, 238,257 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, 91-16d, f. o. b., afloat to arrive and $1.06½ spot. Options opened firm on favorable Liverpool market news and was further advanced by bullish Russian crop estimates causing a scare among shorts; subsequent realizing, however, provoked a sharp decline, notably in late deliveries, which closed ½@⅝c net lower, against ½@⅝c advance in near months. On the curb heavy sales again rattled the market and forced May off to 98⅝c; No. 2 red, March, $1.04⅝@1.05¼; closed $1.04⅝; May, 99⅝@$1.00⅝; closed, 99⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 99,450 bu.; exports, 87,707 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2, 37½c. Options opened steady with wheat, but lacking speculative support soon eased off, closing dull and easy at ⅛c net decline; May, 34⅝@35c; closed, 34⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 128,000 bu.; exports, 86,046 bu. Spot, quiet; No. 2, 31@31½c; No. 2 white, 33½c. Options inactive and nominally steady all day, closing unchanged; May closed, 30½c.

FEED—Quiet; bran, 80@82½c; middlings, 80c; rye feed, 82½@85c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 50@75c; good to choice, 85@90c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 11@19c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 8@10c; 1897 crop, 12@18c; London market, 95s@$1.00.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 19@25½c; Texas dry, 18c; California, 17½@18½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 20@22½c.

WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 17½@22½c; Texas, 12½@15½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.25@11.75; extra mess, $8.00@9.00; beef hams, $22.50@23.00; short clears, $10.00@11.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 5.25@7.00; pickled shoulders, 4.62½@4.75; pickled hams, $7.75@8.00. Lard, easy; western steamed, $5.02½; refined, weaker. Pork, dull; mess, $10.00@10.25; short clear, $10.50@12.50; family, $11.00@11.50. Tallow, dull; city, 3 11-16c; country, 3⅝@3¾c.

BUTTER—Steady; fair to extra, 11½@15½c; Japan, 8½c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.47½@1.45. Turpentine, steady at 35½@37c. Cottonseed, small trade, nominal, 24.

METALS—All departments show neglect and the situation taken altogether lacked special new features. At the close today the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants dull, with $6.75 bid and $6.85 asked. Lake copper, very quiet, with $11.37½ bid and $12 asked. Tin, very quiet at $14.20 bid and $14.30 asked. Spelter, quiet at $4.20 bid and $4.25 asked. Lead, dull at $3.70 bid and $3.75 asked. Lead was quoted at $3.50 by the firm fixing the settling price for miners and smelters at the west.

BUTTER—Receipts, 9,166 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 14@19c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 11@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,454 pkgs.; dull; light skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 4@5½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 15,609 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 10½@11c; western, 10½c; southern, 10½c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 8c.

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

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 6@7c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 5½@6c; old roosters, 3c; ducks, 6c.

GAME—Mallards, $3.00@3.25; teal, $1.25@1.50; brants, $3.50@4.50; Canadian geese, $1.50@6.00; mixed, $1.25@1.50.

PIGEONS—Live, $1; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $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 50c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., $1.00@1.10.

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

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

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 3½@4½c.

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

TOMATOES—Per crate, seven baskets, $4.00@$4.25.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $7.50.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00@3.25; California Bellflower, boxes, $1.50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Nebraska, boxes, $1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Fancy Jersey, per bbl., $10.00.

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, $2.75; choice, $2.50; fancy Messina, $3.00@3.50.

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.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 10c; 5-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 13c; 2-lb. boxes, 22 @25c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.00.

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

KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; half bbl., $2.25.

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

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Sair, 5c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00; bbl., $5.00.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6¾c; good forequarters steers, 5½c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 6¼c; fancy heifers, 6¼c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 5½c; 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; rounds, No. 1, 7½c; rounds, No. 2, 6½c; rounds, No. 3, 6½c; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12c; 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, 9½c; boneless strips, frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 7½c; strip loins, frozen, 6½c; filet mignons, 20c; rolls, prime cuts, 9c; sirloin, loin butts, boneless, 8c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6½c; rump butts, boneless, 5½c; No. 1 chucks, 5c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 3 chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 5c; cow plates, 3½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 7c; 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, 9c; legs, 9c; lamb legs, 10c; breasts and stews, 3½c; tongues, each, 3c; forequarters, 5½c.

PORK—Dressed, pigs, 5½c per lb.; dressed hogs, 5¼c; tenderloins, 15c; loins, short, 6½c; long, 6c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5¾c; 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, 2c; neck bones, 2c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; necks, 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; hog rinds, 1c; blade bones, 5c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7½c; No. 2 green hides, 6½c; 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, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3@3¼c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; 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; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@60c; red fox, $5@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@25c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 15.—FLOUR—Lower; patents, $4.70@4.85; straights, $4.35@4.50; clear, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Lower, closing ⅝c for July and ½c for September below yesterday, with May unchanged. The close was at the bottom, with buyers scarce. Spot, higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 98c; track, 98⅛@99c; March, 97½c; May, 99⅛c; July, 81½c; September, 76½c; No. 2 hard cash, 91c.

CORN—Futures a shade lower than yesterday. Spot, higher on call; No. 2 cash, 27½c; March, 27½c; May, 27⅜c bid; July, 28½c; September, 29⅜c.

OATS—Futures, weak and lower. Spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 27c; track, 27½c; March, 27c; May, 26⅝c asked; July, 27⅜c; No. 2 white, 28⅜c.

RYE—Firmer, 48½@48⅝c.

FLAXSEED—Nominal, $1.15.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85@2.95.

CORNMEAL—Firm, $1.50@1.55.

BRAN—Lower to sell; sacked, east track, not salable above 58c.

HAY—Firm; prairie, $6.50@8.25; timothy, $8.00@10.50.

BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 9@15c.

EGGS—Lower, 8½c.

WHISKY—$1.20.

COTTONTIES—70c.

BAGGING—5½@6c.

METALS—Lead, dull, $3.55 asked. Spelter, nominal, $4.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; standard mess, jobbing, $9.87½. Lard, nominal; prime steam, $4.87½; choice, $4.95. Bacon, extra short clear (boxed lots), $5.62½@5.75; ribs, $5.75@5.87½; shorts, $5.87½@6.00. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.50@4.75; extra short clear, $5.12½@5.25; ribs, $5.25@5.37½; shorts, $5.37½@5.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 119,000 bu.; oats, 38,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, 164,000 bu.; oats, 42,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, March 15.—FLOUR—Western superfine, $2.70@3.10; western extra, $3.25@4.00; western family, $4.30@4.60; winter wheat patent, $4.75@5.00; spring wheat patent, $5.20@5.40; spring wheat straight, $5.00@5.15; receipts, 14,609 bbls.; exports, 3,523 bbls.

WHEAT—Strong; spot and month, 99¼@99⅝c; May, $1.00¼@1.00⅝; steamer, No. 2 red, 96c bid; receipts, 14,870 bu.; exports, none; southern wheat by sample, 96@$1.00½; southern wheat on grade, 96@$1.00.

CORN—Firm; spot and month, 34@34⅛c; May, 34⅛@34⅜c; steamer mixed, 33½@33⅝c; receipts, 358,080 bu.; exports, 154,746 bu.; southern white corn, 33½@34½c; southern yellow corn, 33½@34½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 34½@35c; No. 2 mixed, 32@33½c; receipts, 7,634 bu.; exports, 60,019 bu.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 nearby, 53½@55⅝c; No. 2 western, 56½@56⅝c; receipts, 17,257 bu.; exports, 12,000 bu.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Quiet; rates fairly steady; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 3½d. May; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 3s 6d@3s 7½d. March; 3s 4½d. April.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 19@20c; imitation, 17@18c; fancy ladle, 15c; good ladle, 13@14c; store packed, 10@12c.

EGGS—Fresh, 9½c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 9¼@9½c; fancy New York, medium, 9½@9⅝c; fancy New York, small, 10¼@10½c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 15.—WHEAT—Active, ½@1c higher; No. 1 hard, 90c; No. 2, 87@90c; No. 3, 85@87½c; No. 1 red, 94@95c; No. 2, 92@93½c; No. 3, 88@91c; No. 2 spring, 87c; No. 3, 83@85c.

CORN—Moderately active, ½c higher; No. 2 mixed, 26½@26¾c.

OATS—Active, firm; No. 2 white, 28c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 46c.

HAY—Firmer; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $7.00@7.25.

BUTTER—Weaker; creamery, 15@18½c; dairy, 14@16c.

EGGS—Steady at 9c.

New York Weekly Market.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Considerable excitement prevailed on the wheat curb late this afternoon. Badly shaken by attacks made during the regular market sessions, the bull element lost entire control of the market after 2:15, prices breaking to 93c for May, against 95½c at the regular close, and $1.00⅛ as the highest for the day. There was no attempt made to check the demoralization of values. Wheat bought earlier in the day was hastily unloaded on the fast falling market, and bear traders, encouraged by reports that Leiter had sold 1,000,000 bu. of May wheat, hammered away at values with a vigor not equalled since the middle of last week. At 4 o'clock the market was in a quieter mood, with prices a fraction up from the lowest, but still in a very unsettled condition.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 15.—WHEAT — Spot, steady; No. 3 red western, winter, 7s 10½d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 3s 5½d. Futures, steady; March, 3s 5¼d; May, 3s 3¾d; July, 3s 3d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady, 9s 3d.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, firm; £4 10s@£5 3d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 68s 9d; prime mess, 58s 9d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, firm, 51s 3d; prime mess, medium western, 48s 9d. Hams, short cut, steady, 3s 6d. Bacon, firm, 31s; short ribs, steady, 31s 6d; long clear middles, light and heavy, 29s 6d; long clear middles heavy, steady, 29s; short clear backs, steady, 28s 6d; clear bellies, steady, 32s 6d; shoulders, square, steady, 24s 6d. Lard, prime western, steady, 27s 6d.

CHEESE—American finest white and colored, easy, 35s 6d.

TALLOW—Prime city, firm, 20s.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, Liverpool refined, steady, 15s 3d. Turpentine spirits, firm, 25s 9d. Rosin, common, steady, 4s 3d.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, March 15.—FLOUR—Firm; fancy, $4.25@4.55; family, $3.80@4.10.

WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2 red, 97½c.

CORN—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 31@31½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 28⅝@29c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 54c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, easy, $4.90. Bulk meats, easy, $5.10. Bacon, easy, $5.85.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.20.

BUTTER—Easier; Elgin creamery, 20½c; Ohio, 13@18c; dairy, 10@12c.

SUGAR—Easy; refined, $4.10@5.85.

EGGS—Firmer, 9c.

CHEESE—Steady; good to prime Ohio flat, 9@9½c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Receipts today, Wheat, 192 cars; corn, 396 cars; oats, 289 cars. Estimated carlots tomorrow: Wheat, 130 cars; corn, 200 cars; oats, 175 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 246 cars.

ST. LOUIS, March 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 26 cars.

DULUTH, March 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 116 cars.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—BUTTER—Dull and easier; fancy western creamery, 19½c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby, 10½c; fresh western, 10½c.

CHEESE—Steady; New York factory, full cream, fancy, 8¾c; full cream, fair to choice, 7¼@8¼c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., March 15.—WHEAT—Fairly active; cash and May, unchanged, 97c.

CORN—Active, closed weak; No. 2 mixed, 31c.

OATS—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, 27½c.

RYE—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 51c.

CLOVERSEED—Active, steady; prime cash, $2.95.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, March 15.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 94c; No. 2 red, cash and May, 95⅝c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 32c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 29⅝c.

RYE—No. 2, 52c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, March 15.—CORN—Firm; No. 2, 27c.

OATS—Firm and inactive; No. 3 white, 27@28c.

RYE—Quiet and nominal; No. 2, 49@50c.

WHISKY—High proof spirits, $1.19½.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—WHEAT—Dull; December, $1.33¼; May, $1.40¼.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Prices Are Confused and the Market Puzzling.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The movements in stock prices today were confused and the market puzzling. Decidedly lower quotations for Americans in London caused an unsettled tone in prices. Prices partly responded to the London initiative, but did not go further than the London party. A furious buying movement further lifted the whole market strongly above last night's closing. The buying was most conspicuous in the local and industrial specialties, but there was no lack of strength in the railway list, grangers being especially heavy. Heavy realizing met the advance and wiped out a large part of it when the first hour had expired. This was the most active period of the day's trading. There then ensued a slow and laborious recovery, which developed higher prices than the first spurt. And yet this second advance was wiped out in practically all cases except in the case of some specialties, and the day shows net losses in most of the standard stocks, extending to a point or over in some cases. Thus almost the extreme range of the market was traversed four times during the day. There was little in the news to explain this movement. Wall street explanation of the movement was in the political line. Spanish is partly recovered in Paris, after a decline, reflecting the growing better political feeling there. London sold freely here on the morning advance, and there was heavy realizing besides attributed to very powerful local market interests. The character of this realizing suggested that the advance might have been manipulated, but the procedure of forcing such a maneuver by a powerful combination is to bid up the price of Americans in London by cable orders, the supply of stocks being limited there and results more easily attained. But London prices were lower this morning. The early advance was materially helped by the aggressive strength of the local traction stocks on account of the belief in antagonism to rapid transit plans in influential quarters. Metropolitan street railway was at one time up 6 points and Manhattan 3¼ points. A number of the industrial stocks rose over 2 points, and a number of the railroad stocks at one time showed net advances of over a point. The retrograde movement of prices seems to be disassociated from any news of the day, as were the advances. Realizing of profits offers the only explanation. Prices for foreign exchange moved to a lower level today in spite of additional movements of gold for import. Actual rates for demand sterling declined ¼, and the actual rate for sixty-day bills, as well as the posted rates for both long and short sterling, fell ½c. Besides the engagements of gold for import from Europe to New York a shipment of $2,000,000 was announced from Australia for San Francisco. There was no easing of the local money rate in response to these movements. The bond market was strong up to the closing, when prices eased off in sympathy with stocks. Total sales, $2,190,000. United States new 4s advanced 1½, the 5s ½ and the old 4s registered ¼ bid.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram: In spite of Lord Salisbury's illness the stock markets here opened better today, in the absence of further alarming news, but on heavy selling of Spanish and other stocks from Paris all the markets slumped. Americans at one time were very flat. There was no support from arbitrage houses and prices here were below the New York level. Then the two big New York houses started and bought, and prices recovered simultaneously. Paris stopped selling, with the result that the bears hastened to scramble in, causing prices in all the markets to close at the best. Spanish 4s fluctuated between 52 and 53¾, closing at 53. Grand Trunk was better, in sympathy with Americans, and South Americans were better on the Paris markets, which are still most unsettled and fever'sh. The suicide of a stock broker does not indicate fresh financial trouble. In spite of the heavy premium on gold by the Bank of France, I understand that shipments from Paris to New York still pay. There is an impression to good quarters that the Bank of England may raise the price of eagles on any further considerable withdrawals. The London market is 3¼, and consequently the Bank of England monopolizes the discount business.

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

Atchison	11⅛	Hawaii Com. Can.	30
do pfd	24⅝	St. P. & Om	68
Baltimore & Ohio	26¾	do pfd	150
Canada Pacific	81½	St. P. M. & M.	227
Canada Southern	47	So. Pacific	15⅝
Central Pacific	12	So. Railway	7⅝
Ches. & Ohio	18⅝	do pfd	25⅝
Chicago & Alton	147½	Texas & Pacific	9⅛
C., B. & Q.	80⅝	Union Pacific	25¼
C. & E. I.	53	U. P. D. & G.	7¼
C. C. C. & St. L.	27⅝	Wabash	6⅝
do pfd	82	do pfd	15
Del. & Hudson	109⅛	Wheel. & L. E.	1½
Del. L. & W.	150	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	9¼
Den. & Rio G.	10⅝	Adams Ex.	100
do pfd	43⅝	American Ex.	120
Erie (new)	12⅝	United States Ex.	38
Erie 1st pfd	34⅝	Wells Fargo Ex.	114
Ft. Wayne	165	Am. Cot. Oil	16⅛
Great Northern pfd	147	A. Cot. Oil pfd	67⅛
Hocking Valley	5⅝	Am. Spirits	6⅛
Illinois Central	99	Am. Spirits pfd	17
Lake Erie & W.	21¼	Am. Tobacco	94⅛
do pfd	66	do pfd	112
Lake Shore	184½	People's Gas	89⅝
Louisville & Nash.	48⅝	Cons. Gas	177½
Manhattan L.	101	Com. Cable Co.	171½
Mich. Cent.	94	Col. F. & Iron	19⅝
Michigan Central	101⅝	do pfd	78
Minn. & St. L.	25	Gen. Electric	31⅛
do 1st pfd	80	Illinois Steel	45
do 2d pfd	40⅝	Lac Clede Gas	17
Mobile & Ohio	26	Lead	29⅝
Mo. K. & T.	11	do pfd	103
Mo. K. & T pfd	31⅝	Nat. Lin. Oil	14
Chi., Ind. & L.	7	Oregon Imp. Co.	24⅛
do pfd	24	Pacific Mail	28⅝
N. J. Central	91⅝	Pullman Pal.	169⅛
N. Y. Central	109⅛	Silver Certificates	65
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	12	Stand. Rope & T.	3⅛
do 1st pfd	35	Sugar	126⅝
do 2d pfd	30	T. C. & Iron	109⅝
Norfolk & Western	11	U. S. Leather	18⅛
No. Amer. Co.	5⅝	do pfd	58
No. Pacific	21⅛	U. S. Rubber	57
do pfd	50⅝	do pfd	66⅛
Ontario & W.	14⅛	Western Union	86⅛
Ore. R. & Nav.	44	Northwestern	116⅛
Ore. Short Line	28	do pfd	173
Pittsburg	168	Ble Grande West	23
Reading	16⅝	do pfd	50
Rock Island	83⅛	Chicago Great W.	7⅛
S. L. & S. F.	6⅛	S. L. & S. W.	4⅝
do 1st pfd	55	do pfd	16⅛
St. Paul	88⅝	Reading 1st pfd	38⅝
do pfd	144⅛		

Total sales of stocks today, 428,100 shares, including: Atchison preferred, 7,298; Chesapeake & Ohio, 3,570; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 46,773; Erie preferred, 3,116; Louisville & Nashville, 10,110; Manhattan, 35,570; Metropolitan, 9,513; Reading preferred, 3,433; Missouri Pacific, 3,600; Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 6,600; New York Central, 7,040; Northern Pacific, 7,021; Northern Pacific preferred, 18,130; Rock Island, 13,235; St. Paul, 52,750; Union Pacific, 5,070; Tobacco, 10,905; People's Gas, 10,920; General Electric, 5,470; Sugar, 47,560; Western Union, 3,450.

American Securities in London.

LONDON, March 15.—The market for American securities after a firm opening was quiet and declining, but recovered before the close on New York buying. The closing tone was buoyant and the demand moderate.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 15.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally at 2@2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83¾@4.84 for demand and $4.81⅝@4.81 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.81½@4.83 and $4.84½@4.85½; commercial bills, $4.80¼@4.80¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—55@55¾c.

BAR SILVER—55¼c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—45c.

[illegible] steady; new 4s, registered, 121; coupon, 121¾; 5s, reg., [illegible]; coupon, 111; 2s, 96⅝; Pacific 6s of '95, 102½.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg.	122⅛	N. J. C. 5s	111⅛
U. S. new 4s cou.	122⅛	N. C. 6s	130½
U. S. 4s, reg.	110⅛	N. C. 4s	101
U. S. 4s coup.	111	No. Pacific 1sts	115½
U. S. 2s, reg.	96⅝	No. Pacific 3s	59¼
U. S. 5s, reg.	111	No. Pacific 4s	94
U. S. 5s, coup.	111	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	103
District 3.65s	116	N. & W. 5s	129
Ala., class A	108⅛	N. W. Consols	143
Ala., class B	108⅛	N. W. Deb. 5s	115
Ala., class C	106	Ore. Nav. 1sts	110
Ala. Currency	99	Ore. Nav. 4s	104
Atchison 4s	88⅝	O. S. L. 6s, t. r.	71⅝
Atchison adj. 4s	57	O. S. L. 5s, t. r.	98⅛
Canada So. 2nds	105⅛	O. Imp. 1sts, t. r.	104⅛
Chicago Ter'l 4s	81⅝