COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Continued Liquidation by Longs During Day Weakens Wheat.

EARLY BREAK ALMOST RECOVERED LATER

May Pork Opens Two and a Half Cents to Five Cents Higher and Runs Upward, Closing Higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Continued liquidation by speculative longs today weakened wheat. The decline was checked by some export business at the seaboard and at the close May wheat had recovered all but ¼c of an early slump of ⅞@1c. Corn and oats freed themselves from their entangling alliance with wheat and left off with an improvement of ⅝c in corn and ¼@⅜c in oats. Pork advanced 5@7½c, lard 2½c and ribs 5c.

Comparative firmness at Liverpool, considering the sharp slump here yesterday, gave wheat a good start. The weather throughout the winter wheat country was recognized as being very trying on the plant and as the fields were said to be for the most part bare of snow, some apprehension under such conditions was unavoidable. May opened ⅛@¼c higher at 74⅝@⅞c, and as there was a disposition on the part of several shorts to cover the price touched 75¼c. Chicago received 88 carloads, as against 41 for the same day last year. Minneapolis and Duluth got 403 cars, compared with 264 cars for the corresponding day a year ago.

Primary western market receipts aggregated 584,000 bu., whereas 378,000 bu. was the total the previous year. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour for the day, exclusive of Newport News, was equal to 670,000 bu. The early signs of recuperation in the local market disappeared under the discouraging weakness of the New York market.

While at Chicago the price of May wheat showed a ⅝c advance of yesterday's closing price, New York did not recover more than ¼c. As the heavy shorts who had sold May from around 79c showed no inclination to cover on the early advance the market was left without support as soon as a few of the more moderate operators had taken what profit the improvement in prices gave them. The holders of long wheat loaded down the market with offerings and May declined quickly to 73⅞c. That figure brought May within the limit of some orders for export and this caused enough buying to send May up to 74⅜@74½c, where it closed.

Moderate receipts, light offerings and a good shipping demand strengthened corn. Receipts were only 434 cars, and New York reported a moderate demand for export. May opened ⅛@¼c higher at 37⅝@37¾c, advanced to 37⅞c, sagged off to 37⅜c on some profit-taking, then rallied to 37⅞c, the closing figure.

Oats were slow, but strong. Receipts were 103 cars and a large movement is anticipated on account of the reduced rates which went into effect Monday. May began ⅛@¼c better at 28c, reached 28⅛c, sold down to 27¾c, then recovered to 28⅛c, at the close.

Provisions started firm, but became weak under the influence of the forenoon break in wheat. Later, however, the market recovered again on the reported healthy tone of the cash trade. Some of the early weakness was ascribed to a large increase in stocks at Liverpool. May pork opened 2½@5c higher at $10.37½@10.40; rose to $10.42½, sold off to $10.27½, then firmed up to $10.40@10.42½ at the close. The range in lard and ribs was narrow.

Estimated receipts for Thursday: Wheat, 87 cars; corn, 620 cars; oats, 150 cars; hogs, 31,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Y'st'y
*Wheat.					
May...	74⅝-75	75⅛	73⅞	74⅝@¾	74⅝@¾
July...	72⅝@¾	73⅜	71⅞	72⅝	72⅝
*Corn.					
May...	37⅝@¾	37⅞	37⅜	37⅞	37⅛
July...	38⅛	38⅜	37⅞	38⅛@⅜	37⅛
Sept...	38⅝@¾	38⅞	38⅝@¾	38⅞	37⅞
*Oats.					
May...	28	28⅛	27¾	28⅛	27¾@¾
July...	26⅛	26⅜	26⅛	26⅜	26¼
Pork.					
May...	10 37½	10 42½	10 27½	10 42½	10 35
Lard.					
May...	5 80	5 82½	5 77½	5 82½	5 80
July...	5 92½	5 95	5 90	5 95	5 92½
Ribs.					
May...	5 15	5 17½	5 12½	5 17½	5 12½
July...	5 25	5 27½	5 25	5 27½	5 25

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet and easy; winter straights, $3.50@3.70; patents, $3.90@4.00; hard patents, $3.70@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 69@73c; No. 3 sprin, 65½@71c; No. 2 red, 73@74c.

CORN—No. 2, 36@36½c.

OATS—No. 2, 27½@28c; No. 2 white, 30@30½c; No. 3 white, 29½@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 57c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 42@51c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.14@1.18; prime timothy seed, $2.35@2.40.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.20@10.25. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.60@5.62½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.80@5.05. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.32½; short clear sides (boxed), $5.10@5.15.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.23.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.70; granulated, $5.20. The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Ship'ts.
Flour, bbls	17,000	25,000
Wheat, bu	99,000	26,000
Corn, bu	705,000	137,000
Oats, bu	234,000	255,000
Rye, bu	14,000	6,000
Barley, bu	92,000	5,000

On the Produce exchange today, the butter market was steady; creameries, 13@18½c; dairies, 10½@16c. Eggs, firm at 17½c. Cheese, steady; creams, 9¾@11c. Dressed poultry, firm; turkeys, 9½@10½c; ducks, 6@7½c; chickens, 8@8½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—FLOUR—Receipts, 33,765 bbls.; exports, 9,805 bbls. Market neglected and lower, on spring wheat grades. Minnesota patents, $4.10@4.25.

CORNMEAL—Steady at 81@85c.

RYE—Weak; No. 2 western, 66@67c, f. o. b., afloat.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@68c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 114,400 bu.; exports, 36,065 bu. Spot steady; No. 2 red, 82⅝c, f. o. b., afloat, to arrive. Options opened firmer on the unexpected steadiness of cables and unfavorable weather news from the west. Shorts were stubborn, however, and failure to run them in provoked more and heavier liquidation at midday, helped also by small clearances. In the last hour, moderate rallies followed on export rumors and the close was steady, at ⅛@¼c net decline. March, 80½@81¼c, closed at 80⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 29,250 bu.; exports, 161,257 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 45⅝c, f. o. b., afloat. Options market opened steady with wheat, broke sharply under renewed liquidation, but rallied finally as big export developments and closed firm at a partial ¼c net advance. May, 42 3-16@42⅜c, closed at 42⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 80,400 bu.; spot market quiet; No. 2, 34½c; No. 2 white, 36c. Options dull.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 7@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 18@19c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 7@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 18@20c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 11½c; Texas, dry, 12c.

WOOL—Steady; fleece, 17@22c; Texas, 11@14c.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4⅛@4¼c; country, 4@4¼c.

RICE—Firm; extra, 4½@6c; Japan, 5¼c.

MOLASSES—Weak; New Orleans, 16@18c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Firm; prime crude, 19½c; prime yellow, 24@25c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,982 pkgs.; market western creamery, 16@19c; Elgins, 19c; western factory, 10@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 982 packages; firm; large white, 10½c; small white, 11@11¼c; large colored, 10½c; small colored, 11@11¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,940 packages; firm; western, 19½c; southern, 18@19½c.

METALS—At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants firm, at $8.50 nominal; lake copper strong and higher, with $17.00 bid and $17.25 asked; tin, strong, with $25.00 bid and $25.15 asked; lead, strong, with $4.05 bid and $4.75 asked; spelter, firm, with $5.70 bid and $5.80 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.30 and for copper, $17.50.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2 red, 75@76c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 37½c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 30½@31c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 65c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firmer at $5.42½. Bulk meats, easy at $4.85. Bacon, dull at $5.75.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.28.

EGGS—Firm at 15c.

CHEESE—Active and firm.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—PROVISIONS—Firm. Pork, standard mess, $9.50@10.00. Lard, refined tierce, $4.25@4.37½; pure, $6.12½. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $4.50; sides, $5.37½. Bacon, clear ribs sides, $6.12½. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.50@9.50.

COFFEE—Steady; Rio, ordinary to fair, 7½@8¾c.

RICE—Low grades, off; ordinary to good, 3@4⅜c.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $3.65@3.75; patents, $4.15@4.20.

CORNMEAL—66@67c.

HAY—Prime, $11.00@12.00; choice, $13.00@13.50.

CORN—No. 2 sacked, mixed, 43c; white, 42@42½c; yellow, 43@44c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 34c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Products.

EGGS—Receipts, liberal; market firm; fresh stock, 15c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@11c; choice, 13@14c; separator, 18c; gathered creamery, 14@15c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 6@6½c; dressed, 7@8c; old roosters, live, 3c; dressed, 4c; spring chickens, live, 6c; dressed, 7@8c; ducks, live, 6c; dressed, 8c; geese, live, 6c; dressed, 8c; turkeys, live, 7@8c; dressed, 10@11c.

GAME—Teal, blue wing, $1.75; green wing, $1.50; mixed, $1.75@2.25; jackrabbits, $1.50@1.75; cottontails, $1.00@1.25.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.

VEAL—Choice, 8@8½c.

OYSTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., $1.10; mediums, per can, 15c; Standard, per can, 20c; Extra Select, per can, 25c; New York Counts, per can 30c.

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.50.

SPINACH—Per basket, 75@80c.

LETTUCE—Home grown, per doz. bunches, 40c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per doz. bunches, 30c.

CELERY—California, good stock, 25c; choice, 35c; fancy, 50c; extra large, 75c; Michigan, choice stock, 25@30c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 50@60c.

BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., $1.35@1.40.

POTATOES—Choice, sacked, 45@50c; poorer stock, 40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Fancy, per bbl., $2.50.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $4.00; Genitons, $3.50; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., $4.00@4.25; western boxed apples, $1.65@1.75.

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., $8.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $6.50; per crate, $2.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.75; choice, $3.50; Messina, fancy, $4.25@4.50.

ORANGES—Mexican, $3.75; Navels, fancy, $3.25; choice, $3; seedlings, $2.25.

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

FIGS—Imported, none; California, 10-lb. boxes, $1.40@1.50.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 5½c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 10c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 11@12c; standards, 10c; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 7@8c; cocoanuts, per 100, $4; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; roasted, 6½c; chestnuts, 8@9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $2.

HONEY—Choice white, 12@12½c.

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

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, in boxes, 9@10c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 salted hides, 7½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

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

FURS—Mink, 100@75c; bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15@50c; muskrat, 3@7c; raccoon, 15@60c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; cross fox, 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie), coyotte, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

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@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, 4@5c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—FLOUR—Dull and lower to sell; patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $3.25@3.35; clear, $2.85@3.10.

WHEAT—Options steady to lower; spot nominally lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 76c; track, 75@77c; February, 76c; May, 77¾c bid; July, 70⅝c; No. 2 hard, 69@69½c.

CORN—Options fractions higher; spot lower; No. 2 cash and track, 35c; February, 35c; May, 36c bid; July, 36½c.

OATS—Steady to firm; No. 2 cash, 28½c; track, 29c; February, 28⅝c; May, 28⅞c bid; July, 26c; No. 2 white, 30½@31c.

RYE—Firm at 55c bid.

FLAXSEED—Lower at $1.11.

POULTRY—Firm and higher; chickens, 76@7½c; turkeys, 8½@9c; geese, 4½@5c; ducks, 6½@7c.

CORNMEAL—$1.75@1.80.

BRAN—Unchanged.

HAY—Dull but steady; timothy, $6.50@8.50; prairie, $6.75@7.00.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 12@16c.

EGGS—Lower at 15½c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.26.

METALS—Lead, higher at $4.45; spelter, firm at $5.45.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, old, $9.37½; new, $10.25. Lard, steady; choice, $4.70. Dry salt meats, shoulders, $4.60; extra shorts, $4.75; ribs, $5.00; shorts, $5.12½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.62½; extra shorts, $5.25; ribs, $5.50; shorts, $5.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, 64,000 bu.; oats, 47,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 40,000 bu.; oats, 20,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 1.—WHEAT—Quiet and ⅜@½d lower; March, 5s 10½d; May, 5s 9½d.

CORN—Quiet and ½d lower; March, 3s 7¾d; May, 3s 7⅝d.

PROVISIONS—Shoulders, square, firm at 25s 6d. Bacon, clear bellies, dull at 32s 6d. Lard, prime western, 29s 3d.

The following are the stocks of breadstuffs and provisions in Liverpool: Flour, 19,000 sacks; wheat, 16,000 centals; corn, 752,000 centals; beef, none; pork, none; bacon, 7,600 boxes; hams, 1,300 boxes; shoulders, 2,700 boxes; lard, 47,000 tierces; cheese, 96,300 boxes; butter, 4,500 packages.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 1.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 hard, 65@66½c; No. 3, 62@64½c; No. 2 red, 73@74c; No. 3, 66@70c; No. 2 spring, 64@65c; No. 3, 60@63½c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 mixed, 33½@33½c; No. 2 white, 34½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 29@29½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 55c.

HAY—Firm, unchanged.

BUTTER—Steady; separator, 16@18c; EGGS—Fresh, 15½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 52,800 bu.; corn, 38,300 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 47,800 bu.; corn, 6,500 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Feb. 1.—WHEAT—Lower and easy; No. 2 cash, 73c; May, 76¼c.

CORN—Lower and steady; No. 2 mixed, 36½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 25c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 cash, 58c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Higher and firm; prime cash, old, $3.70; new, $4.05.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 1.—WHEAT—Market weak; May, 71⅝c; July, 72⅝c; on track, No. 1 hard, 72½c; No. 3 northern, 77½c; No. 2 northern, 69½c.

FLOUR—Lower; first patents, $3.80@3.90; second patents, $3.60@3.70; first clear, $2.70@2.90.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—Receipts: Wheat, 22 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 1.—Receipts: Wheat, 38 cars.

Receipts at primary markets: Wheat, 584,236 bushels; corn, 1,078,448 bushels.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Feb. 1.—CORN—Easy; No. 3, 33½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 29@29½c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.26.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 1.—WHEAT—Cash, No. 1 hard, 73⅝c; July, 75¼c; No. 1 northern, cash, 70½c; May, 72⅝c; July, 73½c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 6⅝c. Net receipts, 186 bales; gross, receipts, 5,395 bales; sales, 30 bales; stock, 97,479 bales. Total today: Net receipts, 21,760 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 8,763 bales; to the continent, 31,465 bales; stock, 1,014,521 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 1,950 bales; ordinary, 3⅝c; good ordinary, 4 15-16c; low middling, 5 5-16c; middling, 5⅝c; good middling, 6⅝c; middling fair, 6⅞c. Receipts, 3,789 bales; stock, 411,533 bales. Spot futures steady; February, $5.70@5.72; March, $5.71@5.72; April, $5.75@5.77; May, $5.78@5.80; June, $5.79@5.91; July, $5.82@5.83; August, $5.80@5.82; September, $5.66@5.67; October, $5.66@5.67; November, $5.66@5.68; December, $5.68@5.70.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 1.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 6,740 bbls.; exports, 24,754 bbls.

WHEAT—Dull and lower; spot and month, 75⅝@75¾c; March, 76⅛@76⅜c; steamer No. 2 red, 72⅝@72¾c; receipts, 23,456 bu.; exports, 88,000 bu.; southern wheat by sample, 70@76⅝c; on grade, 73⅛@76¼c.

CORN—Firm; spot and month, 39⅝@40c; March, 40⅝@40½c; steamer mixed, 37⅝@37¾c; receipts, 247,172 bu.; exports, 131,145 bu.; southern white corn, 38½@40½c; southern yellow, 37⅝@40½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 2 mixed, 33@33½c; receipts, 947 bu.; exports, 40,000 bu.

OPERATIONS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

Many Specialties Make Sharp Advances with Mixed Changes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Many specialties made sharp advances today, while the changes in the railways were rather mixed. Interest centered largely in low-priced stocks, as is shown by the dealings of 56,000 shares in Texas Pacific and 40,000 in Denver & Rio Grande, which made extreme advances of 2 points each, Atchison preferred, which of late has been a bear target, made an advance of about 2 points on transactions of 10,000 shares. Among the other strong stocks were Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, Des Moines & Fort Dodge, Manhattan, Mobile & Ohio, Lake Erie & Western and Twin City Rapid Transit, which made average advances of 2 points aside from the last mentioned, which rose 5 points and lost half of it. New York, New Haven & Hartford advanced 6 points and New York Air Brake, after an initial break of 4 points, rose 9.

London was a seller on balance, of about 35,000 shares, but was a purchaser in the late dealings. The market locally opened lower under bear pressure and commission house realizations. The reaction reached a point in only a few shares, which embraced some of the specialties, Louisville, New Jersey Central and Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis. The decline in standard stocks was checked after fractional recessions on the appearance of buying orders which caused a renewed advance and standard stocks rallied above yesterday's close.

Sugar was attacked, thus checking the rise elsewhere. Finally, after feverish fluctuations, Sugar ended with a small gain. The reported gold developments in Colorado lent strength to Denver & Rio Grande and its semi-annual statement was also a supporting factor. Manhattan's rise was probably on an advance information of the provisions for a loan for electrical equipment. The bears, as usual, sought to bring about a reaction in the last hour, but the offerings were well taken and as soon as pressure was removed the market closed firm. The St. Paul weekly statement of gross earnings, which often, according as they are more or less favorable, have a distinct effect upon the market, did not appear today, and it was said that it would be given out Saturday night.

The bond market maintained a very strong tone throughout, with exceptional strength in Texas & Pacific seconds, New Haven deferreds and Wisconsin Central first. The latter rose 7¾ points to 68¾, but receded to 65¼. Total sales, $6,325,000. United States new 4s, coupon, advanced ⅛ per cent in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: Business was resumed here to day and consols were dull on the news that a Chinese 5 per cent loan of £1,300,000, secured by the northern railways, will probably be issued at the end of the week. The American market is much shrunk. Dealers who came over from Africans are returning thither, and nervous bulls sold morning, but Scotch buyers bought Denver issues and Atchison, Chesapeake and Union Pacific, and the close was at the top. In the street, however, business was restricted. I can confirm the report of the early appearance of the Central Pacific reorganization scheme. The assessment will be $10 in exchange for 25 per cent of fours, or 20 of fives of Southern Pacific bonds. Tintos touched 39¾ and closed at 39 on a large bear failure in Paris. There was a rise in copper of 15s a ton. I hear from a good source that the year's output of Rio tintos has been taken at 73 to 75. Arucola mine statistics for the fortnight show supplies down 564 tons. The bank has bought £116,000 of gold in bars, including £75,000 of African gold at 77s 9¾d.

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

Atchison	23¼	do 2d pfd	45¾
do pfd	62¾	St. L. & S. W.	16⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	70	do pfd	40
Canada Pacific	86	St. Paul	126½
Canada Southern	50	do pfd	168
Central Pacific	51⅝	St. P. & O.	93½
Ches. & Ohio	20	do pfd	170
Chicago & Alton	159	Southern Pacific	17½
C. B. & Q.	125⅞	Southern Ry.	12½
Chicago & E. I.	67	do pfd	50¼
do pfd	116	Texas & Pacific	20¼
Chicago G. W.	14	Union Pacific	47⅝
Chicago, I. & L.	8⅛	do pfd	80½
do pfd	30	*U. P. D. & G.	15⅝
Chicago & N. W.	149¾	Wabash	8½
do pfd	191	do pfd	23½
C., C., C. & St. L.	80¾	**W. & L. E.	12⅛
do pfd	96¾	do pfd	33⅞
Del. & Hudson	112½	Adams Express	160
Del. L. & W.	154	American Ex	140
Denver & Rio G.	32	U. S. Express	55
do pfd	74½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	125
Erie (new)	15¼	A. Cot. Oil	36¾
do 1st pfd	40½	do pfd	75¼
Fort Wayne	178	American Spirits	13⅝
Great Northern pfd	115¼	do pfd	38¼
Hocking Valley	27⅞	American Tobacco	146⅞
Illinois Central	117¼	do pfd	137
Lake Erie & W.	20⅞	Consolidated Gas	199¾
do pfd	75½	Com. Cable Co.	190
Lake Shore	202½	Colorado F. & I.	31½
L. & N.	66¼	do pfd	93
Manhattan L.	118¼	General Electric	111½
Met. St. Ry.	217½	H. C. O.	62½
Michigan Central	115	do pfd	96
Minn. & St. L.	46	Int'n'l Paper	6⅞
do 1st pfd	98	do pfd	32
Missouri Pacific	47¼	Laclede Gas	55
Mob'le & Ohio	41⅝	Lead	32¾
M., S. & T.	14½	do pfd	112
do pfd	38¾	Nat. Lin. Oil	7
N. J. Central	102	Pacific Mail	32½
N. Y. Central	132½	People's Gas	116
N. Y., C. & St. L.	16	**Pullman Palace	160
do 1st pfd	73	Silver certificates	59½
do 2d pfd	37	Standard R. & T.	10
Nor. & West	19¼	Sugar	134⅛
No. American Co.	13⅞	do pfd	113
Northern Pacific	52⅝	Tennessee C. & I.	44¾
do pfd	80	U. S. Leather	7¼
Ontario & W.	22¾	do pfd	75
Oregon R. & N.	49	U. S. Rubber	52¼
Oregon S. L.	6	do pfd	116
P. C. 1st pfd	85	Western Union	93⅞
do 2d pfd	64½	Federal Steel	52⅞
Pittsburg	180	do pfd	83
Reading	23⅛	Ore. Nav. pfd	75½
do 1st pfd	61½	Pacific Coast	48
do 2d pfd	46¼	Colorado Southern	12¾
R. G. W.	37½	do 1st pfd	54¼
do pfd	73	do 2d pfd	44¼
Rock Island	118¼		
St. L. & S. F.	19½		
do 1st pfd	73½		
St. L. & S. F. Gen.	6		

*Ex. int. **Off'd.

N. Y. C. 1sts	117½	Gen. Elec. pfd	1½
N. J. C. 5s	115¼	Atchison pfd	62⅛
N. C. 6s	130	Wis. Central 1sts	63½
N. C. 4s	104	do 4s	13½
No. Pacific 1sts	116	Allouez Mining Co.	10½
*No. Pacific 3s	68½	Union Land	8¾
No. Pacific 4s	105⅛	Boston & Mont.	345
N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	107¼	Butte & Boston	90
N. & W. 6s	129	Calumet & Hecla	750
N. W. Consols	144¼	Centennial	7⅛
N. W. Deb. 5s	122	Franklin	28½
Ore. N. 1sts	113½	Old Dominion	23¾
Ore. N. 4s	100¼	Osceola	161
*O. S. L. 6s	129	Quincy	180
O. S. L. 5s	111⅝	Adventure	9¾
Reading 4s	93¾	Tamarack	240
R. G. W. 1sts	94¾	Wolverine	48½
St. L. & I. M. con 5s	111	Parrott	39½
St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	123¼	Humboldt	2½
St. P. Consols	162½	Winona	16
St. P. C. & P. 1sts	119		
St. P. C. & P. 5s	113⅛		
S. R. & T. 6s	6		
Tenn. new set 3s	96¾		
T. P. L. G. 1sts	113		
T. P. Rg. 2ds	60		
**U. P. D. & G. 1sts	91		
Wab. 1st 5s	111⅝		
Wab. 2d 5s	97¼		
W. Shore 4s	112⅝		
Va. Centuries	87		
Va. deferred	8¼		
Wis. Cent. 1sts	65⅛		
U. P. 4s	106⅝		
Colorado South'n 4s	86⅛		

*Ex. int. **Off'd.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	5	Justice	10
Alpha Con	3	Kentucky Con	8
Andes	14	Mexican	39
Belcher	14	Occidental Con	23
Benton Con	5	Ophir	64
Best & Belcher	47	Overman	5
Bullion	2	Potosi	19
Caledonia	22	Savage	14
Challenge Con	13	Sierra Nevada	90
Chollar	29	Standard	225
Con. Cal. & Va.	145	Union Con	39
Crown Point	14	Utah Con	14
Gould & Curry	28	Yellow Jacket	14
Hale & Norcross	9		

Silver bars, 59⅝c; Mexican dollars, 47½@48c. Drafts, sight, 17½c; telegraph, 20c.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The following are the closing quotations on mining stocks:

Choler	20	Ontario	600
Crown Point	10	Ophir	57
Con. Cal. & Va.	145	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	45	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Curry	31	do pfd	500
Hale & Norcross	30	Sierra Nevada	80
Homestake	5000	Standard	260
Iron Silver	78	Union Con	32
Mexican	33	Yellow Jacket	15

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	111 1-16	N. Y. Central	137
Consols, acct	111 3-16	Pennsylvania	68
Canadian Pacific	89⅝	Reading	11⅞
Erie	15⅝	U. P. pfd	83¾
do 1st pfd	41¼	Atchison	22⅞
Illinois Central	120½	L. & N.	76¼
N. Pac'c pfd	83	Grand Trunk	7⅞
Pennsylvania common	132⅛		

BAR SILVER—Steady, 27½d per ounce.

MONEY—1@1¼ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 2⅛@2 3-16 per cent; for three months' bills, 2 3-16@2¼ per cent.

Financial Notes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $274,584,675; gold reserve, $228,652,342.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Clearings, $21,669,429; balances, $2,518,663; New York exchange, par; sterling exchange, posted rates, $4.84@4.86; actual rates, $4.83½@4.85⅛; sixty days, $4.82½@4.84; Stocks quiet; Strawboard, 32; Alley 1, 77; Diamond Match, 144¼; Biscuit, common, 53¼; Biscuit, preferred, 104¾; West Chicago, 95; North Chicago, 219.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—Clearings, $5,111,950; balances, 984,040; money, 4@6 per cent; New York exchange, par bid, 15c premium asked.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—Clearings, $1,561,600; New York exchange, bank, $1 premium, commercial, 50@75c discount.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—Money, 2½@6 per cent; New York exchange, 15c discount; clearings, $2,404,700.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Clearings, $245,401,264; balances, $11,595,170.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—Clearings, $31,601,900; balances, $3,681,355.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—Clearings, $20,715,806; balances, $2,649,519.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 1.—Clearings, $1,697,595; balances, $405,099.

CONDITION OF THE WOOL MARKET.

Prices Harden Ten Per Cent and Are Maintained at London Sale.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The first series of the 1899 wool auction sales closed today. Throughout the series the tone was very strong. It is estimated that the home trade secured 83,000 bales, the continent 82,000 and America 6,000. Nineteen thousand bales were carried over. The opening was active at an advance of from 5 to 7 per cent. Subsequently merinos were in particular request, especially medium and inferior combing, by the home trading and the continent. Prices soon hardened 10 per cent above the previous sale and maintained until the end. The feature of the sales was the continual spirited continental demand for fine locks and pieces, which were about the dearest in the market throughout. American requirements were limited, the demand for well-grown and medium greasy crossbreds causing a rise of 10 to 15 per cent above the December average. During the last day or two operations slackened, but the eager competition was again evident today. The finer qualities, in sympathy with merinos, were strongly supported, principally by the home trade. Coarse and shabby, also scoured slips improved slightly early in the session, but later there was a slackening in the demand. Withdrawals were more frequent. Cape of Good Hope and Natal was in limited supply. There was a good request for these grades and medium scoureds. Fleece washed advanced 7½ per cent and snow white greasies 5 per cent. The number of bales offered today was 12,142. The following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 7,500 bales; scoured, 1s 4d@1s 9d; greasy, 5¾@11½d. Queensland, 3,700 bales; scoured, 1s 2d@1s 5d; greasy, 6¾@10½d. Victoria, 900 bales; scoured, 6½@9 1s 9d; greasy, 6@10d. West Australia, 800 bales; greasy, 5½@10d. New Zealand, 2,700 bales; scoured, 6¼d@1s 1½d; greasy, 5½@9½d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 1,400 bales; scoured, 9d@1s 5½d; greasy, 6¼@9d.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say tomorrow: The wool market has on the whole shown some improvement during the last week. Prices as yet have shown no advance, it is true, but a firmer feeling prevails and there has been more business transacted. The cause of improvement was the report of an advance in the price of heavyweights by a leading worsted mill and the possibility that a further advance would be established on the goods next week. The bullish feeling is intensified also by the course of the London sales, at which prices have advanced about 20 per cent on some lines of cross-breds and fully 5 per cent on merinos. The month of January was a disappointing one. The volume of business transacted was considerably less than last year. The sales amounted to only 17,882,000 pounds, as compared with 23,610,000