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Statistical Information Bearish and Wheat Yields, but Closes Steady.

WEAK MARKET IN WHEAT DEPRESSES CORN

Light Trade in Market for Oats—Provision Market Opens Stagnant and Heavy, but Closes Fairly Steady.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Statistical information was bearish today and wheat yielded, but closed steady. May ½@⅝c under Saturday. May corn closed a shade down and May oats a shade improved. Provisions at the close were a shade to 5c lower.

The day in the wheat pit was quiet. The steadiness of Liverpool gave the market a bit of backbone early, May opening ⅛c over Saturday at 66⅝c. There was no demand at that figure and the price quickly broke to 65⅝c, where some support from shorts steadied the market. May worked up to 66c, but lost its hold again, as primary receipts were heavy and the visible disappointed holders by showing an increase. May sold off to 65½c, where there was a better demand. The market steadied and May closed ⅛@⅜c under Saturday, reacting from 65½c to 65⅝@65¾c. The cash demand was slow, although bids were not far out of line. The northwest was a seller here and New York and St. Louis covered shorts. New York reported five loads taken for export. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 63,000 bu. Primary receipts were 767,000 bu., compared with 599,000 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 937 cars, against 723 cars last week and 540 cars a year ago. Local receipts were 67 cars, one of contract grade.

The corn market held steady on the light country offerings and firm cables. Trade was quiet and fluctuations were narrow. The weakness of wheat had something of a depressing influence, but the price yielded but little and the close was steady. Shippers were fair buyers. Elevator interests sold July and bought May, the latter closing only a shade under the more distant future. Receipts here were 606 cars, six cars over the estimate. May ranged from 35¾c to 35⅝@35¾c and closed a shade down at 35c.

The trade in oats was light, but as there was no pressure to sell and shorts covered the close was firm. The cash demand was moderately fair. Local receipts were 290 cars. May sold from 23¾@23⅝c and closed a shade over Saturday at 23⅝c.

The provisions market was stagnant and heavy, but closed fairly steady. Prices at the yards were lower and the demand generally was slow, although it was reported that the export trade was a bit better. Scattered longs sold persistently and packers were moderate buyers. May pork ranged from $10.65½ to $10.57½ and closed a shade under Saturday at $10.62½@10.65; May lard from $5.82½ to $5.75, closing 5c lower at $5.77½, and May ribs from $5.82½ to $5.75@5.77½, with the close 2½@5c depressed at $5.77½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 43 cars; corn, 889 cars; oats, 275 cars; hogs, 33,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'y.
*Wheat—					
Feb.	.....	.....	.....	64⅝	65
May	66⅛	66⅛	65½	65⅝@⅞	66½
July	66⅝@⅞	66⅞	66¼@⅜	66½@⅝	66⅞
*Corn—					
Feb.	.....	.....	.....	33⅛	33
May	35¼	35¼	34¾@⅞	35	34⅝@⅞
July	35¼	35¼@⅜	34⅞	35@⅛	34⅞
*Oats—					
May	23⅞	23⅞	23¼@⅜	23⅞	23¼
July	22¼@⅜	22⅞	22¼@⅜	22¼@⅜	22¼
Pork—					
May	10 62½	10 67½	10 57½	10 62½	10 75
July	10 70	10 70	10 62½	10 65	10 77½
Lard—					
May	5 82½	5 82½	5 75	5 77½	5 90
July	5 90	5 90	5 82½	5 87½	6 00
Ribs—					
May	5 80	5 82½	5 75	5 77½	5 87½
July	5 80	5 82½	5 77½	5 80	5 90

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet: winter patents, $3.50@3.70; straights, $3.10@3.40; clears, $2.90@3.10; spring specials, $3.90@4.00; patents, $3.20@3.55; straights, $2.60@3.00; bakers, $2.10@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 61@65c; No. 2 red, 67½@68½c.

CORN—No. 2, 34c; No. 2 yellow, 34¾@35c.

OATS—No. 2, 22⅝@22c; No. 2 white, 24@24½c; No. 3 white, 23@23½c.

RYE—No. 2, 53½@54½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 37½@42c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, No. 1, $1.69; northwest, $1.69. Timothy seed, prime, $2.45.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.65@10.65; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.62½@5.70; short ribs, sides (loose), $5.65@5.90; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50; short clear sides (boxed), $5.90@6.00.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis of high wines, per gal., $1.23½.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, $6.65; granulated, $5.49.

The following are the receipts and shipments for the day:

Articles.	Receipts	Shipm'ts
Flour, bbls.	41,000	31,000
Wheat, bu.	33,000	12,000
Corn, bu.	518,000	278,000
Oats, bu.	355,000	162,000
Rye, bu.	18,000	7,000
Barley, bu.	111,000	54,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 18@23c; dairies, 15½@21c. Cheese, firm at 12@12½c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 13@13½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—FLOUR—Receipts, 29,244 bbls.; exports, 5,129 bbls.; dull and easier in absence of buyers, who were discouraged over the firmness of mills in face of the break in wheat: Minnesota patents, $3.85@4.10; Minnesota bakers, $2.90@3.05; winter patents, $3.65@3.85; winter straights, $3.40@3.55; winter extras, $2.00@2.90; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40. Rye flour, fair to good, $3.00@3.20; choice to fancy, $3.20@3.60. Buckwheat flour, firm at $1.75@1.85.

BUCKWHEAT—Firmer at 50@53c c. i. f. New York.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 83c; city, 86c; Brandywine, $2.20@2.30.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 60½c f. o. b. afloat; state rye, 60@61c c. i. f. New York, car lots.

BARLEY—Weak; feeding, 43¼@46½c; malting, dull at 51@65c. New York.

WHEAT—Receipts, 32,800 bu.; exports, 62,806 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, 74c; elevator, 74⅝c f. o. b. afloat in store; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 79½c f. o. b. afloat prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 80c f. o. b. afloat prompt. Options opened steady on better cables than expected, but immediately weakened under heavy northwest receipts, bearish weekly statistics and free short selling. Heaviness continued pretty much all day, attended by a very light local trade and disappointing export demand; closed quiet at at ½@⅝c net loss; February closed at 73⅝c; May, 71⅛@72⅛c, closed at 72c; July, 71⅝@72⅛c, closed at 72c; September closed at 73⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 281,700 bu.; exports, 196,949 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 42c f. o. b. afloat and 42c elevator. Options market opened steady on light country acceptances, subsequently advancing a little on a demand from shorts, but later prices eased off from top with wheat, closing steady at unchanged prices; May, 40⅛@40⅜c, closed at 40⅛c; July closed at 40⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 79,200 bu.; exports, 162,735 bu. Spot, quiet; No. 2, 29c; No. 3, 28½c; No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3 white, 31c; track, mixed western, 29@30c; track, white western, 31½@35c; track, white state, 31½@35c. Options market dull.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 65@70c; good to choice, 80@87½c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@15c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@15c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 29 to 35 lbs., 19½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 15c; California a, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 25@25½c; acid, 23@23½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; family, $11.00@13.00; mess, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $20.50@21.00; packet, $10.50@12.00; city, extra India mess, $20.00@22.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 56 82½@7.50; pickled shoulders, $6; pickled hams, $9.00@10.50. Lard, firm; western steam, $6.10; February, $5.17½, nominal; refined steady; continent, $6.30; South America, $6.60; compound, $6.00@6.12½. Pork, firm; mess, $10.75@11.50; short clear, $11.75@13.00; family, $13.00@15.50. Tallow, firm; city, 5½c; country, 5¼@5⅜c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4@6½c; Japan, 4¾@5c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 40@55c.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand-picked, 4@4½c; other domestics, 3½@4c.

METALS—Conditions in the metal market were quite generally unsatisfactory abroad as well as at home. The local market for pig iron warrants was extremely dull and quite nominal. Lake copper continued on its protracted course of apathy at the unvarying price of $18.25. The only change made by prices was in an entirely nominal advance from $31.75 to $32@32.50 for tin, while lead ruled dull and unchanged at $4.70 bid and $4.75 asked and spelter easy, but without change, at $4.55@4.65. The brokers' price for lead was $4.45 and for copper $18.25.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS — Receipts, liberal; fresh stock, weak at 12c.

DRESSED POULTRY — Choice to fancy turkeys, 10@11c; ducks, 10c; geese, 10c; spring chickens, 9@9½c; hens, 9@9½c; roosters, 5@6c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 8c; spring chickens, 8c; young, staggy and old roosters, 4@6c; ducks, 8@8½c; geese, 8@8½c; turkeys, 7½@8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 16c; choice, 17@18c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 22@23c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 90@$1.00.

VEALS—Choice, 9@10c.

GAME—Ducks, mallards, $3.00@3.25; blue wing teal, $1.75; green wing teal, $1.25@1.50; mixed ducks, $1.50@2.00.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 18c; standard, per can, 22c; bulk standard, per gal., $1.25; extra selects, per can, 30c; extra selects, per gal., $1.60@1.75; New York counts, per can, 35c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25.

HAY—Per carload lots: Upland, choice, $6; midland, choice, $5.50; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $4.50; No. 3 corn, 27½c; No. 3 white oats, 22½c; cracked corn, per ton, $12; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $12.50; bran, per ton, $12.50; shorts, per ton, $12.50.

VEGETABLES.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz. bunches, 50c.

SPINACH—Per box, $1.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 40@50c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 40c; fancy head lettuce, per bbl., $2.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., Illinois, $3; Jerseys, $5; large bbls., Kansas, $2.75.

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 30@40c.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, 4c.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.25.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; California, per bunch, 40@75c.

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

RHUBARB—Per doz., 65@75c.

ONIONS—Retail, yellow, 75c, red, 85@90c; Ohios, per bbl., $2.25.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $3.00@3.50; New York stock, $4; fancy, $4.50@4.75.

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., $7.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, per bbl., $8.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California, fancy navels, per box, $3.25@3.50; choice navels, $2.75@3.00; California seedlings, per box, $2.50@2.75.

LEMONS—California, choice, per box, $3.00; fancy, $3.50; Messinas, choice, per box, $3.00; fancy, $4.00.

BANANAS—Per bunch, medium, $1.75@2.00; fancy, $2.00@2.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.25.

NUTS—Hickory, large, per bu., $1.25; shellbarks, $1.35.

FIGS—California, layers, per 10-lb. box, 90c; California carton, per 10-lb. box, $1.00; imported figs, per lb., 12c.

HIDES.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7½c; No. 2 green hides, 6½c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 salted hides, 7½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 68⅝c; track, 72c; February, 68⅝c; May, 68⅝c; July, 65⅝@66⅝c; No. 2 hard, 66@67c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 32⅝c; track, 33⅝@34c; February, 32⅝c; May, 33⅝c; July, 32⅝c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 24½c; track, 24½c; February, 24⅝c; May, 24@24¼c; No. 2 white, 26c.

RYE—Firm at 55c.

FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; patents, $3.55@3.65; extra fancy, $3.20@3.25; clear, $2.70@2.80.

SEEDS—Timothy seed, $2.00@2.30; prime worth more. Flaxseed, lower at $1.67.

CORNMEAL—$1.80@1.85.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, 64@66c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $9.00@11.00; prairie, $8.00@8.25.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.23½.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.20.

BAGGING—5⅞@6⅝c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork: Steady; jobbing, old, $10.50; new, $11.37½. Lard: Lower; prime steam, $5.55; choice, $5.60. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, lower; extra shorts, $6.00; clear ribs, $6.12½; clear sides, $6.25. Bacon, boxed, dull; extra shorts, $6.50; clear ribs, $6.62½; clear sides, $6.75.

METALS—Lead: Dull at $4.57½@4.62½. Spelter: Dull at $4.45@4.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 18,000 bu.; corn, 157,000 bu.; oats, 76,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 115,000 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Butter, Egg and Cheese Market.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26.—EGGS—Higher at 12½c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 20@24c; dairy, 16@19c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—BUTTER—Receipts, 7,361 pkgs.; steady; June creamery, 19@22½c; western, 20@24c; factory, 16@18c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 751 pkgs.; market firm; full made fancy, large and small, 13c; choice grades, 12@12¾c.

EGGS—Receipts, 10,649 pkgs.; market firm; western, at mark, 14¾c; southern, at mark, 14c@14½c.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 26.—BUTTER—Creamery, 20@23c; dairy, 18c.

EGGS—½c higher; supply on hand small; demand greater than usual; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 11½c doz., cases returned.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 26.—CHEESE—Steady and active; large, 13@13½c; medium, 13¼@13½c; small, 13½@13¾c.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy creamery, 25@26c; fancy imitation, 21@23c; fancy ladle, 19@20c; good ladle, 17@18c; store packed, 16@18c; rolls, 17@20c.

EGGS—14c.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—BUTTER—Quiet; fancy western creamery, 25c; fancy western prints, 26c.

EGGS—Firm and ½c higher; fresh nearby, 13½c; fresh western, 13½c; fresh southwestern, 13c; fresh southern, 12c.

CHEESE—Unchanged.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 26.—FLOUR—Dull; western superfine, $2.25@2.35; western extra, $2.40@2.50; western family, $3.20@3.50; winter wheat patents, $3.65@3.85; spring patents, $3.75@4.00; spring wheat straights, $3.45@3.60; receipts, 11,968 bbls.

WHEAT—Very dull; spot and February, 71⅝@71¾c; March, 71⅞@71⅞c; May, 72⅛@72⅛c; steamer, No. 2 red, 67⅝@67¾c; receipts, 1,363 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 66@73c; southern wheat, on grade, 68@72c.

CORN—Dull and easier; spot and February, 39⅝@39¾c; March, 39⅞@39⅞c; April, 39⅞@39⅞c; steamer mixed, 38⅝@38½c; receipts, 181,487 bu.; southern white corn, 40@41c; southern yellow, 41@41½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 2 mixed, 29@29½c.

HAY—Firm; No. 1 timothy, $16.00.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—Futures closed steady; March, 5s 8½d; May, 5s 8¾d; July, 5s 8½d. Spot, No. 1 northern, spring, dull.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, quiet at 3s 7¾d. Futures steady; May, 3s 7¾d.

PROVISIONS—Shoulders, square, 12 to 14 lbs., dull at 32s. Lard, prime western, in tierces, steady at 30s 3d.

The imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were 48,000 quarters from Atlantic ports, 1,000 quarters from Pacific ports and 1,000 quarters from other ports.

The imports of corn from Atlantic ports last week were 39,000 quarters.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—May, 62c; cash, No. 2 hard, 62½c; No. 3, 59@62c; No. 4, 57@60c; No. 2 red, 68c; No. 3, 64@65c.

CORN—May, 31⅝c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 31½c; No. 2 white, 32⅝@32¾c; No. 3, 32c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24½c.

RYE—No. 2, 55c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.50@10.00; choice prairie, $7.00@7.50.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 7,000 bu.; corn, 16,500 bu.; oats, 25,000 bu.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—Dull, lower; No. 2 cash, 70½c; May, 72¼c; July, 70½c.

CORN—Firm, active; No. 2 mixed, 35½c.

OATS—Dull, weak; No. 2 mixed, 24c.

RYE—Dull, weak; No. 2 cash, 58½c.

SEEDS—Clover, active, higher; prime cash, old, $5; February and March, new, $5.20; No. 2, $4.60@5.20.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Feb. 26.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 33½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 24½c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.23½ for finished goods.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard cash, 65⅝c; No. 1 northern, May, 65½c; July, 66⅝c; No. 2, 61½c; No. 3 spring, 58½c.

OATS—22@22½c.

CORN—29c.

Statement of Visible Supply.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on Saturday, February 24, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange is as follows: Wheat, 53,444,000 bu.; increase, 225,000 bu. Corn, 16,332,000 bu.; increase, 317,000 bu. Oats, 3,755,000 bu.; increase, 12,000 bu. Rye, 1,152,000 bu.; increase, 8,000 bu. Barley, 1,341,000 bu.; decrease, 81,000 bu.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, February, 62⅝c; May, 63½c; July, 64⅝c. On track: No. 1 hard, 65½c; No. 3, 29c; No. 2 northern, 60c.

FLOUR—Unchanged.

BRAN—Steady, unchanged.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—½c lower; No. 1 northern, 65½c; No. 2 hard, 63½c.

RYE—Dull; No. 1, 57c.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2, 45½c; sample, 37½@43c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Railroad Department Creates Most Notable Feature in Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The most notable feature of today's feverish and excited stock market was the fact that the railroad department apparently succeeded in breaking away from the influence of the industrials and specialties and in differentiating the undeniable elements of strength in that department from the demoralization and weakness in the other. The railroads succumbed in the early dealings to the sympathetic influence of the violent declines amongst the industrials, but during the day a confident demand sprang up for a number of railroad stocks which lifted the whole level of that department materially above Saturday's close. So far as the news of the day went it shed little light on the extreme weakness of a number of the industrials. The movement had all the appearance of a sort of duel between powerful contending interests and there are circumstances tending to confirm this explanation of the movement.

A report finds credence that the long interests of Third Avenue stock are thriftily availing themselves of the unsettling influence of the weakness in this stock to make a bear raid on other stocks. That bitter animosities and rivalries are involved is also a current rumor in the street, the same potential entities coming into play as during the panic of last December. The battle raged most fiercely about the stocks of the New York public utilities, for the centralized control of which a long standing contest has been waged.

The notorious financial difficulties of Third Avenue played a continuing part today and there was added to this rumors that the companies would be severely dealt with in the approaching application of the new state franchise taxation law. The extreme decline in the New York Traction and Gas stocks ran from 2 to nearly 9 points, the latter in Third Avenue.

Sugar was another storm center, the furious speculation in that stock hinging upon the doubts regarding the next quarterly dividend, action upon which is imminent. A reduction in the existing rate is taken for granted, but opinion differs as to the amount of the reduction, extending all the way to total suspension. Sugar's total fall was 7⅞ and it closed practically at the lowest. Tennessee Coal and the Tobacco stocks also showed notable weakness. Except in Sugar there were violent rallies from time to time, reflecting the demands from the bears to cover shorts. The strength of the railroad stocks was based upon the substantial ground of increased earnings. A large number of returns were made during the day, all showing very striking gains over the corresponding period of last year. For the last week in February the most notable examples were Norfolk & Western, Ontario & Western, Louisville & Nashville and Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville. For January a handsome showing of net earnings was made by Wabash, Chicago & Eastern Illinois and Hocking Valley. Saturday's weak bank statement had some continued effect in the early dealings, but there is an impression held in speculative circles that some part of the recent large expansion of loans is designed for future use in the stock market. Sterling exchange was weak on increasing offerings of cotton bills. The actual rate for demand sterling declined ⅝ and for long sterling ½ per cent.

The bond market was rather dull and irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,380,000.

Government bonds were buoyant under the influence of the refunding bill now in conference. United States new 4s and old 4s, coupon, advanced 1½, and the old 4s, registered, the 3s and 5s a point in the bid price.

The following are the quotations for the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison	20½	Tex. & Pacific	16⅛
do pfd	61⅝	Union Pacific	49⅝
Baltimore & O.	62½	do pfd	79⅞
Canada Pacific	97½	Wabash	6⅝
Canada So.	48¼	do pfd	20½
Ches. & Ohio	28⅝	Wheel. & L. E.	10½
Chicago Gt. W.	13⅝	do pfd	27½
C., B. & Q.	127½	Wis. Central	15⅛
Chicago, I. & L.	21⅝	Adams Ex.	115
do pfd	64¼	American Ex.	146
Chicago & E. I.	95½	U. S. Express	46
Chicago & N. W.	169	Wells-Fargo Ex.	123
C., R. I. & P.	106⅞	Amer. Cot. Oil	32½
C., C., C. & St. L.	88½	do pfd	93½
Colorado So.	9½	Amer. Malting	5½
do 1st pfd	42½	do pfd	24½
do 2d pfd	15½	Amer. S. & R.	39⅝
Del. & Hudson	116⅛	do pfd	90⅝
Del. L. & W.	189½	Amer. Spirits	2½
Den. & Rio G.	19⅝	do pfd	17½
do pfd	77⅝	Amer. S. Hoop.	43
Erie	12½	do pfd	82
do 1st pfd	37½	Amer. S. & W.	56⅝
Gt. Nor. pfd	156	do pfd	91⅝
Hocking Coal	17¼	Amer. Tin Plate	31½
Hocking Valley	33½	do pfd	91
Illinois Central	113	Amer. Tobacco	126
Ia. Central	13	do pfd	137
do pfd	48½	A. Min. Co.	49¼
K. C. P. & G.	12½	Brk. Rap. Tr.	68⅝
Lake Erie & W.	21⅝	Co'o. F. & I.	43½
do pfd	84	Con. Tobacco	39
Lake Shore	194	do pfd	84
Lous. & Nash.	81⅝	Federal Steel	53
Manhattan L.	91½	do pfd	73⅝
Met. St. Ry.	169½	Gen. Electric	126
Mex. Central	11½	Glucose Sugar	59⅝
Minn. & St. L.	60½	do pfd	98¼
do pfd	91	Int'n'l Paper	26½
Mo. Pacific	55¼	do pfd	67¼
Mobile & Ohio	41	*Laclede Gas	74
Mis., K. & T.	16½	Nat. Biscuit	36¼
do pfd	32½	do pfd	90
N. J. Central	116½	National Lead	24⅝
N. Y. Central	132	do pfd	106
Nor. & West.	52⅝	National Stch.	35½
do pfd	75	do pfd	94
No. Pacific	52½	N. Y. Air Brake	129
do pfd	74	No. American	14¼
Ontario & W.	24⅝	Pacific Coast	49½
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	do 1st pfd	82
do pfd	75	do 2d pfd	62
Pennsylvania	134	Pacific Mail	28¾
Reading	18½	People's Gas	98½
do 1st pfd	59	Pressed S. C.	34
do 2d pfd	30⅝	do pfd	85½
Rio G. W.	19	Pullman P. Car	187
do pfd	89½	Standard R. & T.	7½
St. L. & S. F.	10⅝	Sugar	107⅝
do 1s pfd	67	do pfd	110
do 2d pfd	33¼	Tenn. C. & I.	91½
S. L. S. W.	11¾	U. S. Leather	13½
do pfd	29½	do pfd	81½
St. Paul	127½	U. S. Rubber	21
do pfd	171	do pfd	56
St. P. & Omaha	119	Western Union	89⅝
So. Pacific	38½	Republic I. & S.	23¼
So. Railway	12⅝	do pfd	67½
do pfd	37⅝	P. C. C. & St. L.	70

*Offered.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—MONEY—On call, steady; actual transactions ranging from 2 to 2½ per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed offered at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4½@6¼ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86⅝@4.86¾ for demand and at $4.83¼@4.83⅝ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@4.84½ and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.82@4.82¼.

SILVER—Certificates, 59¾@60⅝c; bar, 59⅝c. Mexican dollars, 47⅝c.

BONDS—Government bonds, steady; state, inactive; railroad, irregular.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg.	101	N. Y. C. 1s	110¼
do 2s, reg.	101⅝	*N. J. C. g. 5s	123
do coupon	101⅝	No. Carolina 6s	127
do new 4s, reg.	136½	do 4s	102
do coupon	136½	No. Pacific 6s	69⅝
do old 4s, reg.	117	do 3s	69⅝
do coupon	117½	*N. Y. C. & S. L. 4s	108
do 5s, reg.	115	N. & W. c. 4s	95½
do coupon	115	do gen. 6s	139
D. of C. 3 65s	118	Ore. Nav. 1s	110
Atch. gen. 4s	156⅝	do 4s	101
do adj. 4s	81½	O. S. L. 6s	127
Canada So. 2s	109	do con. 5s	113⅞
C. & O. 4½s	98⅝	Reading gen. 4s	85
do 5s	118½	R. G. W. 1s	97½
C. & N. W. c. 7s	141	S. L. & I. M. c. 5s	110⅞
do S. F. deb. 5s	120	St. L. & S. F. gen. 6s	122
Chicago Ter. 4s	52½	St. P. consols	137¼
D. & R. G. 1s	103½	St. P., C. & P. 1s	120
do 4s	98½	do 5s	120⅝
E. T. V. & G. 5s	101½	So. Railway 5s	107⅝
Erie gen. 4s	70	*S. R. & T. 6s	75½
*F. W. & D. C. 1s	71½	Tenn. n. s. 3s	91
*Gen. Elec. 5s	126	Texas & Pac. 1s	31
G. H. & S. A. 6s	107	do 2s	55½
do 2s	107	Union Pacific 4s	104⅝
H. & T. C. 6s	119	Wabash 1s	116½
do consol 6s	112	do 2s	93¼
Ia. Central 1s	113	West Shore 4s	113
*K. C. P. & G. 1s	72	Wis. Cen. 4s	90
La. new con. 4s	106	Va. Centuries	87
L. & N. unf. 4s	99⅝	*do deferred	9
M., K. & T. 2s	65½	Colo. So. 4s	81½
do 4s	93⅝	So. Pacific 4s	87⅝

*Offered. **Trust receipts.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—4 p. m.—American railway shares opened dull and were weaker in most cases throughout the session. The final tone was steady and the demand light. Spanish 4s, 67½. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £18,000. Consols for money and the account, 101⅝. Gold is quoted at Madrid at 21.20; at Rome, 7.10.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Exchange on London, 20 marks 505 pfg. for sixty days. Discount rates, short bills, 4 per cent; three months' bills, 4¼ per cent. The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes: Cash in hand, increase, 16,190,000 marks; treasury notes, increase, 600,000 marks; other securities, decrease, 2,540,000 marks; notes in circulation, decrease, 16,200,000 marks. On the bourse today locals were firm and animated, being stimulated by the favorable coal mine balance sheets. Internationals were dull. Turks were neglected. DeBeers and Kaffirs were strong, chiefly on London buying and notably after the close of regular business on the bourse.

Boston Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—Call loans, 3½@4½ per cent; time loans, 4¾@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.	20⅝	Union Pacific	49⅞
do pfd	67⅝	West End	92½
Amer. Sugar	109½	West. Electric	41
do pfd	116½	Wis. Central	17½
Bell Telephone	322	Atchison 4s	98⅞
Boston & Al.	245	N. E. Gas & C. 5s	71½
Boston Elevated	116	Adventure	4¼
Boston & Me.	280	A. Min. Co.	2
C., B. & Q.	127	Amal. Copper	80½
Dom. Coal	42	Boston & Mont.	265
do pfd	116	Butte & Boston	59
Federal Steel	53¼	Calumet & Hec.	765
do pfd	73¼	Centennial	16½
Fitchburg pfd	132	Franklin	14½
Gen. Electric	126	Osceola	73½
do pfd	136	Parrot	42½
Ed. Elec. Ill.	265	Quincy	135
Mex. Central	11½	Santa Fe Cop.	5¾
Mich. Telephone	109	Tamarack	190
N. E. G. & Coke.	19½	Utah Mining	28¾
Old Colony	207	Winona	3
Old Dominion	19	Wolverines	41
Rubber	32		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Chollar	17	Ontario	82½
Crown Point	5	Ophir	48
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.30	Plymouth	12
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	1.75
Gould & Curry	14	do pfd	50
Hale & Norcross	28	Sierra Nevada	33
Homestake	5.000	Standard	2.80
Iron Silver	65	Union Con.	20
Mexican	18	Yellow Jacket	15

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	101⅝	Pennsylvania	68¾
do account	101⅝	Reading	9¾
Can. Pacific	109⅝	No. Pacific pfd.	76¼
Erie	13	Atchison	21¼
do 1st pfd	33¾	Louisville	83½
Illinois Central	116	Grand Trunk	8⅝
U. P. pfd.	76¼	Anaconda	9
St. Paul, com.	124⅝	Rand Mines	8⅞
N. Y. Central	136		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 27⅞d per oz.

MONEY—3½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3⅝ to 3 11-16 per cent; for three months' bills, 3 11-16 to 3¾ per cent.

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Clearings, $26,431,583; balances, $2,946,247; posted exchange, $4,856@4.88½; New York exchange, 30c discount.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—Clearings, $14,677,069; balances, $2,039,730.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 26.—Clearings, $2,501,306; balances, $521,894.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26.—Clearings, $6,727,886; balances, $615,160; money, easy, 4@6 per cent; New York exchange, 25c discount bid, 10c discount asked.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Clearings, $213,516,562; balances, $7,902,947.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—Clearings, $16,906,491; balances, $1,244,465.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $296,693,324; gold reserve, $227,747,616.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—COTTON—Futures closed steady; February, $8.84; March, $8.84; April, $8.87; May, $8.86; June, $8.86; July, $8.87; August, $8.70; September, $8.17; October, $7.80; November