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Wheat Market, Encouraged by Foreign Demand, Goes Upward for a Time.

REACTS FINALLY AND CLOSES WEAK

Trade in Corn is Local in Character—Oats Market is Steady—Provisions Market, Save in May Pork, is Firm.

CHICAGO, March 21.—The wheat market, encouraged by a good foreign demand, forged upward and onward for a time today, but reacted when this demand was satisfied and closed weak. May ⅝@⅞c under yesterday. May corn closed ⅛c lower and May oats a shade better. Provisions at the close were 5c lower for May pork to 5c higher for May ribs.

May wheat opened a shade down at 66⅛@66⅝c and eased quickly to 66⅛c, influenced by the prediction of heavy Argentine shipments. A cable from that country said fifty boats were being loaded. At the decline matters took a better aspect and a reaction followed, May selling to 66⅞@67⅛c. The seaboard reported a good demand, both from England and the continent, and 60,000 bu. were reported sold here for export. Bids for 150,000 were in the hands of cash people. Liverpool was steady and Paris higher. The bulge met profit-taking, however, and the demand, having apparently been satisfied, the market turned tail, slumping to 66⅛c. The close was weak, May ⅝@⅞c depressed at 66⅛@66¼c. Trade on the whole was rather dull and feeling bearish. New York reported 29 loads taken for export. Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 261,000 bu. Primary receipts were 688,000 bu., against 490,000 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 554 cars, compared with 652 last week and 442 a year ago. Local receipts were 59 cars, 1 of contract grade. The cash wheat bids were all right, but differences arose concerning shipping terms, as bidders clamored for prompt shipment, while brokers asked for delay, pleading lack of cars.

Trade in corn was altogether local in character and at that there was not a great deal of it. Country offerings were small, but the shipping demand was also light; 150,000 bu. were reported sold here for shipment to the seaboard and New York reported 21 loads taken for export. Local receipts were 284 cars. May ranged from 47c to 47⅛c and closed ⅛c down at 47⅛c.

The oats market was steady, helped by some demand from shippers and the small eastern stocks. The range, however, was narrow and the session quiet. Local receipts were 101 cars. May sold from 24 to 24⅛c, closing a shade up at 24@24¼c.

The provisions market, save in May pork, was firm. Pork scored an advance in sympathy with lard and ribs, shorts covering but lost it and closed weak. Pork and ribs there was no great cash demand. The opening was rather easy, in sympathy with lower hogs. May pork opened at $11.35@11.47½ and advanced to $11.50, but receded to $11.32½ and closed 5c under yesterday at $11.35. May lard ranged from $6.62½@6.65@6.60, closing 2½c up at 6.62½, and May ribs from $6.07½@6.15@6.12½, with the close 6c improved at $6.15.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 26 cars; corn, 395 cars; oats, 120 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Mch.	66	66	65¾	65¾	65¾
May	66⅛@⅝	66¾@⅞	66⅛	66⅛@¼	66⅝
July	67⅝@⅞	67⅝@⅞	67	67⅛@⅛	67½
*Corn—					
Mch.	.....	.....	.....	35⅝	35¾
May	37⅛@¼	37¼	37	37⅛	37¼
July	37½	37⅝@¾	37⅛@½	37⅝	37⅝
Sept.	38@⅛	38⅛	37⅞@38	38⅛	38⅛
*Oats—					
May	24	24⅛	24	24@⅛	24
July	22⅞	23	22⅞	23	22⅞@23
Pork—					
May	11 35	11 50	11 32½	11 35	11 40
July	11 15	11 27½	11 12½	11 25	11 15
Lard—					
May	6 05	6 10	6 02½	6 07½	6 05
July	6 12½	6 20	6 12½	6 15	6 12½
Ribs—					
May	6 07½	6 17½	6 07½	6 15	6 10
July	6 10	6 20	6 10	6 17½	6 12½

*No 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; straights, $2.90@3.30, spring specials, $3.60; spring patents, $3.10@3.45; straights, $2.60@3.00; bakers', $2.00@2.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, 68½c.

CORN—No. 2, 36½c; No. 2 yellow, 36½@36¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 24c; No. 2 white, 26½@27c; No. 3 white, 26½@26¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 55@55½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@42c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, No. 1 and northwest, $1.65. Timothy seed, prime, $2.40@2.50. Clover, contract grade, $8.30@8.40.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.75@11.40; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.90@6.05; short ribs, sides (loose), $6.05@6.30; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50; short clear sides (boxed), $6.35@6.45.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis of high wines, per gal., $1.24½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.09; granulated, $5.44.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls.	103,000	48,000
Wheat, bu.	49,000	43,000
Corn, bu.	508,000	110,000
Oats, bu.	482,000	342,000
Rye, bu.	11,000	9,000
Barley, bu.	81,000	18,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creameries, 19@23½c; dairies, 16@22c. Cheese, firm, 12@13c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 12c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,052 bbls.; exports, 11,413 bbls.; moderately active and barely steady; winter patents, $3.65@3.90; winter straights, $3.45@3.60; winter extras, $2.60@2.95; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40; Minnesota patents, $3.75@4.00; Minnesota bakers', $2.80@3.00. Rye flour, quiet; sales, 250 bbls.; fair to good, $3.00@3.25; choice to fancy, $3.20@3.60.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 85c; city, 83c; Brandywine, $2.20@2.30.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 63½c, f. o. b., afloat; state rye, 58@59c, c. i. f., New York car lots.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 43@46c, New York.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 68,800 bu.; exports, 67,827 bu.; spot easier; No. 2 red, 76⅝c, elevator; No. 2 red, 79½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 79⅝c, f. o. b., afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 80⅝c, f. o. b., afloat, prompt. Options opened steady and were inclined to improve in the afternoon on foreign cables, with report of damage in France and crop complaints from our own country as well. The late market, however, was much weaker because of a bear raid, presumably aimed at a New York party who is long on wheat. This was helped by reports that Argentine shipments would be heavier in the near future. Closed weak at ¼c net decline; March closed at 76⅝c; May, 72 13-16@73⅝c, closed at 72⅝c; July, 73@73 7-16c, closed at 73c; September, 72⅞@73 5-16c, closed at 72⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 46,800 bu.; exports, 18,880 bu.; spot easy; No. 2, 43⅝c, f. o. b., afloat, and 43⅝c, elevator. Options opened steady with wheat and were sustained by light country offerings most of the day, until near the close, when they eased off on the break in wheat; closed easy and unchanged; May, 42⅝@42⅞c, closed at 42⅝c; July, 42⅝@42¾c, closed at 42⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 54,000 bu.; exports, 1,145 bu.; spot quiet; No. 2, 28⅝c; No. 3, 28¼c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 28¼c; track mixed western, 29@30½c; track white, 32@35½c. Options quiet and barely steady.

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

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@13c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@13c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $11.00@13.00; mess, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $20.00@22.00; packet, $11.00@11.75; city extra India mess, $18.00@22.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 6¾@7¼c; pickled shoulders, 6@6¼c; pickled hams, 9@10½c. Lard, firm; western steamed, $6.37½; refined, firm; continent, $6.65; South America, $6.85; compound, $6.00@6.12½. Pork, firm; mess, $11.50@12.00. Tallow, quiet; city, 5¼c; country, 5¼@5½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 6,531 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 21@25c; factory, 18@20c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,573 pkgs.; firm; fancy, large, white, 13½c; fancy, large, colored, 13@13¼c; fancy, small, white, 13@13¼c; fancy, small, colored, 13¼@13½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 10,547 pkgs.; firm; western, at mark, 15½@16c; southern, at mark, 14½@15½c.

SUGAR—Raw, strong; refined, strong.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 2⅞@6¼c; Japan, 4⅝@5c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 44@55c.

HIDES—Firm, but quiet; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 19½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c; Texas, 24 to 30 lbs., 15½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 25@25½c; acids, 25@25½c.

WOOL—Dull; domestic fleece, 25@28c; Texas, 15@18c.

COAL—Steady.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand-picked, 4¾@5c; other domestic, 2½@4c.

FREIGHTS—Steady; cotton, by steam, 35c; grain by steam, 3½d.

METALS—Business was slow in the metal market today. Cables were about as expected. Locally, tin reacted a partial 12½ points from yesterday's decline, ruling steady all day. The close was quiet at $21.85 bid and $22.00 asked. Pig iron warrants were quiet (no quotation given). Copper ruled quiet and unchanged, closing at $16.50. Lead was unchanged at $4.67½ bid and $4.72½ asked. Spelter, while quiet, ruled a shade easier, closing easy at $4.60 bid and $4.60 asked. The brokers' price for lead was $4.45 and for copper $16.50.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts increasing; fresh stock, 10c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Choice to fancy turkeys, 9@10c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 8@9c; spring chickens, 8@8½c; hens, 8@8½c; roosters, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7c; spring chickens, 7c; young, staggy and old roosters, 3@5c; ducks, 7@7½c; geese, 7@7½c; turkeys, 7½@8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 16½c; choice, 17@18c; separator, 25c; gathered creamery, 22@23c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1.

VEALS—Choice, 9@10c.

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, 37c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25.

FISH—Herring, per lb., 5c; round perch, 5c; sun, 5c; cod, 6c; haddock, 6c; blue pike, 6c; scaled and dressed perch, 6c; ciscoes, 6c; medium dressed trout, 7½c; croppie, 7½c; pickerel, 7½c; finnan haddies, 7½c; white fish, 9c; yellow pike, dressed, 9c; small trout, dressed, 9c; red snapper, 9c; smelts, 9c; smoked white fish, 9c.

HAY—Per carload lots: Upland, choice, $6; midland, choice, $5.50; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $4.50; No. 3 corn, 31c; No. 3 white oats, 23c; cracked corn, per ton, $13.00; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $12.50; bran, per ton, $13.00; shorts, per ton, $13.50.

VEGETABLES.

ASPARAGUS—California, per lb., 20c.

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., $5.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

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

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 30@40c.

CABBAGES—Holland seed, 2¼@2½c; new California, per lb., 2½c.

CAULIFLOWER — California, per crate, $2.50@2.75.

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

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c.

TOMATOES — Florida, per six-basket crate, $3.50.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

RHUBARB—Per doz., 65@75c.

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

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Few arriving from Texas and Florida, per qt., 45@60c.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $4.50; New York stock, $4.50; fancy, $4.75@5.00.

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., $7.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys per bbl., $10.50; per crate, $3.50.

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; fancy, $3.50; Messinas, choice, per box, $3.50; fancy, $4.

BANANAS—Per bunch, medium, $1.75@2.00; fancy, $2.25@2.50.

HIDES.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.50.

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

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 71⅛c; track, 71@72⅛c; March, 71c; May, 70⅛c; July, 65⅞@66c; No. 2 hard, 65½@66c.

CORN—Weak; No. 2 cash, 35½c; track, 36½c; March, 35½c; May, 35⅝c; July, 36⅝c.

OATS—Weak; No. 2 cash, 25c; track, 25@25½c; March, 25c; May, 24¾c; July, 22½c; No. 2 white, 26⅝@27c.

RYE—Easier; 56c.

FLOUR—Steady but steady.

SEEDS—Timothy, easy; ordinary, $2.00@2.20; prime, worth more. Flax, steady at $1.62.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.95@2.00.

BRAN—Firm; sacked lots, east track, 69@70c.

HAY—Firm; timothy, $9.50@12.75; prairie, $7.50@8.75.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.24½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm; jobbing, old, $10.75; new, $11.50. Lard, firm; prime steam, $5.80; choice, $5.85. Dry salt boxed meats, dull; extra shorts, $6.25; clear ribs, $6.37½; clear sides, $6.50. Bacon, boxed shoulders, dull; extra shorts, $6.75, clear ribs, $6.87½; clear sides, $7.00.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.30.

BAGGING—6⅞@7⅝c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

METALS—Lead, easier; $4.55@4.57½. Spelter, firm; $4.40@4.45.

POULTRY—Quiet; chickens, 66@7c; turkeys, 6@8c; ducks, 8c; geese, 5½@6c.

EGGS—Lower; 10½c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 20@24½c; dairy, 16@20c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 18,000 bu.; corn, 98,000 bu.; oats, 36,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 23,000 bu.; oats, 14,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 21.—WHEAT—May, 62¼c cash, No. 2 hard, 62½c; No. 3, 59@62½c; No. 2 red, 69⅞c; No. 3, 64@68c.

CORN—May, 34c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 34¾@35c; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3, 34⅝c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 25½@26c.

RYE—No. 2, 53c.

HAY—Firm; timothy, $10.00@10.50; choice prairie, $7.50@7.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 20@23c; dairy, 19c.

EGGS—Heavy receipts yesterday and today caused weak feeling and decline of ½c; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 9½c doz., cases returned; new white wood cases included, 10c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 27,000 bu.; corn, 21,400 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 22,800 bu.; corn, 31,800 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 21.—CORN—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 3s 10½d; American mixed, old, 3s 11d; futures steady; May, 3s 10½d; July, 3s 9¼d.

WHEAT—Spot, No. 1 northern spring, firm at 6s 3d; futures steady; March, nominal; May, 6s 2¾d; July, 6s 9¼d.

PROVISIONS—Lard, American refined in pails, dull at 33s 6d; prime western in tierces, dull at 31s 6d. Hams, short cut, steady at 47s 6d. Bacon, clear bellies, easy at 37s.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—BUTTER—Firm; fair demand; fancy western creamery, 23½c; fancy western prints, 27c.

EGGS—Firm and ½c higher; fresh nearby, 14c; fresh western, 14c; fresh southwestern, 14c; fresh southern, 13c.

CHEESE—Quiet but steady.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, March 21.—WHEAT—Dull and lower; No. 2 cash, 71¼c; May, 72⅝c.

CORN—Active and firm; No. 2 mixed, 37c.

OATS—Active; lower; No. 2 mixed, 24¾c.

RYE—Lower and dull; No. 2 cash, 57½c.

CLOVERSEED—Quiet and unchanged.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, March 21.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 66¾c; May, 67¼c; No. 1 northern, cash, 65½c; May, 65¼c; July, 67¼c; No. 2 northern, 63¾c; No. 3 spring, 58¾c.

OATS—23@23½c.

CORN—34⅝c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 21.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 1 northern, 66@67c; No. 2 northern, 65@66c.

RYE—Dull; No. 1, 57c.

BARLEY—Higher; No. 2, 43@44c; sample, 38@42c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, March 21.—CORN—Easier; No. 2, 36½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 3 white, 25½@25¾c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.24½ for finished goods.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 21.—WHEAT—In store, No. 1 northern, March, 65c; May, 64⅞@64¾c; July, 65¾c. On track, No. 1 hard, 66c; No. 1 northern, 65c; No. 2 northern, 63½c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 21.—COFFEE—The market for futures opened steady, with price 5@10 points higher on firm European market news; smaller receipts than estimated; light demand for investment account and demand from local shorts. Trading was not vigorous, however, and reactions later followed the opening rise. The situation was not materially changed statistically and the demand for the spot article continued sluggish. The market closed steady, with prices 5@10 points higher. Total sales, 11,000 bags, including March at $6.80@6.85; September, $6.95; January, $7.20@7.25; February, $7.25; spot Rio irregular; No. 7 invoice, 8¼@8⅜c; Rio jobbing, 8¾@8⅞c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 9½@14c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Today Shows Some Impressive Elements of Strength.

NEW YORK, March 21.—There were impressive elements of strength in the stock market today, due to large and confident buying of some of the railroad stocks. The market was not very broad, the demand being confined to comparatively few stocks, and there was not much evidence of what was called in Wall street public interest in the stock market. The buying was undoubtedly based, however, on the expectation that the public will shortly come into the stock market.

It is contrary to the custom of this outside public to come in and buy stocks when prices are at an invitingly low level. They wait until a rise is in full progress and apparently the present movement has been inaugurated with a view to affording an object lesson in increasing values. The price movement today was actively manipulated and was carefully nursed. It is based primarily upon the generally prosperous condition of business, the high level of railroad earnings which is being maintained and the symptoms of an early relaxation in the money market.

While the movement thus far is confined to the taking on of stocks by wealthy professional operators or by insiders in the various properties it is to be remembered that such a movement is a necessary forerunner of the broader and more comprehensive advance which comes with an active speculation. The reversion of the Third Avenue railroad to the strong hands of the Metropolitan affords not a little relief to all circles in Wall street, as not only removing a disturbing influence from the stock market, but business circles generally.

The speculative movement of today has some basis in the relief afforded by this development in Third Avenue affairs. The shorts in this stock spent another bad day today, the price running up to 112 and fluctuating between that and 109. The other local stocks were active, but showed a notable tendency toward relapse late in the day. The convincing evidence that Third Avenue interests have concluded to diligent efforts on the part of bear operators caught short to effect a private settlement. The possibility of such a result makes the professional traders timid and cautious about operating in the stock after the recent violent advance.

There was a disposition to refrain from active operations elsewhere in the list while Third Avenue was going through its erratic changes. It was after the stock had become rather quiet that the aggressive demand developed for the Pacifics, including Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific, the Baltimore & Ohio stocks, Pennsylvania and Norfolk & Western, Baltimore & Ohio and Union Pacific were easily the leaders of the movement, the former advancing an extreme 4⅝ net and the latter 2¼. There were sharp gains in less active stocks, including the Wheeling & Lake Erie stocks, Great Northern preferred, Chicago Terminal transfer, Minneapolis & St. Louis and a few others. London buying here liberally and sterling exchange eased off as a result. New York exchange at interior points was rather easier, but the local money market showed no hardening tendency.

Dealings in bonds were smaller and price changes were irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,090,000.

United States old 4s and 5s advanced ½ and the new 4s declined ¼ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: Business was reduced on the markets here today and buying was more restricted, with the movement irregular, although the close was firm. Americans were active and strong. London buying freely, particularly Baltimore & Ohio, which New York hoisted ⅜ and further in the street. Atchison preferred was the soft spot on rumors of pool troubles. Paris advanced tintos to 55 9-16, but then relapsed to 54⅞. It is rumored that there will be a smaller dividend than recent expectation. No gold was shipped or received. Calls were only in fair demand. About half the sum due the bank was refund. Bills were more plentiful and active.

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

Atchison	24⅛	Union Pacific	53½
do pfd	69¼	do pfd	76⅝
Baltimore & O.	73½	Wabash	6¾
Canadian Pac.	95	do pfd	20⅝
Canada So.	49½	Wheel. & L. E.	10¾
Ches. & Ohio	28¾	do 2d pfd	35½
Chicago Gt. W.	13½	Wis. Central	17¼
C., B. & Q.	127⅞	Third Avenue	106
Chi., Ind. & L.	23½	Adams Ex.	115
do pfd	55¾	Am. Express	147
Chi. & E. Ill.	96	U. S. Ex.	46
Chicago & N. W.	162	Wells Fargo Ex.	122
C., R. I. & P.	110⅝	Am. Cot. Oil	33½
C. C. C. & St. L.	61¾	do pfd	93½
Colorado So.	7½	Amer. Malting	5
do 1st pfd	46¼	do pfd	24⅝
do 2d pfd	20	Amer. S. & R.	40½
Del. & Hudson	115½	do pfd	91½
Del. L. & W.	178½	Amer. Spirits	2¾
Denver & R. G.	19⅞	do pfd	17
do pfd	72¼	Amer. S. H.	35
Erie	13	do pfd	80½
do 1st pfd	38¾	Amer. S. & W.	65½
do 2d pfd	20	Amer. Sugar	50
Gt. Nor. pfd	161	do pfd	116
Hocking Coal	17	Amer. Tin Plate	23⅝
Hocking Valley	33⅝	do pfd	82
Illinois Central	113¼	Amer. Tobacco	108
Iowa Central	15¼	do pfd	135
do pfd	34	Ana. Min. Co.	46½
*K. C., P. & G.	17½	Brooklyn R. T.	71
Lake Erie & W.	29½	Colo. Fuel & I.	45⅝
do pfd	85	Com. Tobacco	32⅝
Lake Shore	194	do pfd	84½
L. & N.	83¼	Federal Steel	52⅝
Manhattan L.	96¾	do pfd	75
Met. St. Ry.	167⅞	Gen. Electric	127½
Mex. Central	13⅝	Glucose Sugar	52
Minn. & St. L.	65	do pfd	96
do pfd	96	Inter Paper	19
Mo. Pacific	46¾	do pfd	62½
Mobile & Ohio	47½	Laclede Gas	74
Mis. K. & T.	11	National Biscuit	53½
do pfd	33⅝	do pfd	89
N. J. Central	135½	National Lead	8
N. Y. Central	135½	do pfd	103
Norfolk & W.	33¾	National Steel	43
do pfd	76¾	do pfd	95¾
No. Pacific	55½	N. Y. Air Brake	135
do pfd	75	No. American	15¼
Ontario & W.	23⅞	Pacific Coast	50
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	do 1st pfd	80
do pfd	76	do 2d pfd	60
Pennsylvania	136⅞	Pacific Mail	37
Reading	19	People's Gas	100½
do 1st pfd	58¼	Pressed S. Car	53
do 2d pfd	31	do pfd	85
Rio G. W.	21½	Pullman P. Car	184
do pfd	90	S. R. & T.	6¼
St. L. & S. F.	40⅝	Sugar	106⅞
do 1st pfd	69	do pfd	109
do 2d pfd	34	Tenn. Coal & I.	93⅞
St. L. Southw.	11	U. S. Leather	13
do pfd	29¾	do pfd	84
St. Paul	124¾	U. S. Rubber	30
do pfd	174	do pfd	94
St. P. & Omaha	107	Western Union	89¾
So. Pacific	46	Rep. I. & S.	22¼
So. Railway	13½	do pfd	66
do pfd	39½	P. C. C. & St. L.	67
Texas & Pacific	17¼		

*All assessmepts paid.

Boston Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, March 21.—Call loans, 3½@4½ per cent; time loans, 4@6 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.	24⅛	Union Land	2
do pfd	69¼	West End	93
Amer. Sugar	106¾	Westingh. Elec.	42¼
do pfd	110	Atchison 4s	99½
Bell Telephone	315	Adventure	4½
Boston & Alb'y	242	Allouez M. Co.	1
Boston Elevated	116	Amal. Copper	95½
Boston & Me.	194	Atlantic	23
C., B. & Q.	127⅞	Boston & Mont.	298
Dom. Coal	43	Butte & Boston	61½
do pfd	114⅞	Cal. & Hecla	740
Federa' Steel	52⅛	Centennial	18
do pfd	78⅞	Franklin	14¼
Fitchburg pfd	131	Osceola	68
Gen. Electric	127	Parrot	45¼
do pfd	139	Quincy	132
Mex. Central	13¾	Santa Fe Cop.	5¾
N. E. G. & C.	17⅝	Tamarack	185
Old Colony	206¼	Utah Mining	29½
Old Dominion	15¾	Winona	3½
Rubber	30	Wolverines	41
Union Pacific	53½		

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Chollar	23	Ontario	850
Crown Point	14	Ophir	80
Con. Cal. & Va.	165	Plymouth	12
Deadwood	60	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Curry	15	do pfd	1.00
Hale & Norcross	25	Sierra Nevada	55
Homestake	5900	Standard	390
Iron Silver	65	Union Con.	15
Mexican	25	Yellow Jacket	15

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, March 21.—American securities opened firm, with prices for the most part above parity. Afterward they were below the best, but toward the close reacted and closed firm. Trading was light. Spanish 4s closed at 71¼. India council bills were allotted today at 1s 4d. Gold premiums are quoted at Buenos Ayres at 127.40; Madrid, 30.48; Rome, 6.20.

BERLIN, March 21.—Prices on the bourse today were firm but quiet. American securities were maintained. Locals were firm.

PARIS, March 21.—Business on the bourse today opened good, but later became easier on large realizations. Transactions were restricted on the general reaction. Italians were firm and Spanish 4s weak. Rio tintos declined on rumors that the dividend would not equal anticipations. Kaffirs closed undecided. Three per cent rentes, 10f 47½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 21c for checks. Spanish 4s closed at 72.47½.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 21.—MONEY—On call, steady at 3@5 per cent; last loan at 3 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5@6½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¼ for demand and at $4.82 for 60 days; posted rates, $4.83½@4.85, and $4.86½@4.87; commercial bills, $4.81¼@4.82.

SILVER—Certificates, 69¼@69¾c; bar, 69c; Mexican dollars, 47¾c.

BONDS—Governments, irregular; railroad, irregular; state, steady.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg.	101	do 4s	91¾
do ref. 2s (when issued)	104½	N. Y. C. 3s	110
do 3s, reg.	110	N. J. C. gen. 5s	124
do coupon	110	No. Carolina 6s	127
do new 4s, reg.	134	do 4s	106
do coupon	137	No. Pacific 3s	66⅝
do old 4s, reg.	115½	do 4s	105¾
do coupon	116½	N.Y.C. & St.L. 4s	108
do 5s, reg	114½	N. & W. con. 4s	96⅞
do coupon	114½	do gen. 6s	132
D. of C. 3-65s	119	Ore. Nav. 1s	108
Atch. gen. 4s	101⅝	do 4s	103¼
do adj. 4s	83⅞	Ore. S. L. 6s	127¼
*Canada So. 2s	108	do consol 5s	113
Ches. & O. 4½s	97¼	Reading gen. 4s	85¾
do 5s	119⅝	R. G. W. 4s	90
C. & N. W. c. 7s	142	St.L. & I.M. c.5s	122¼
do S. F. d. 5s	132	St.L. & S.F. g.6s	120
Chicago Term 4s	102	St. Paul consols	169½
C., R. I. & P.	110⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1s	119½
C. C. C. & St. L.	61¾	do 5s	118¾
Colorado So.	7½	So. Railway 5s	110½
do 1st pfd	46¼	S. R. & T. 6s	68
do 2d pfd	20	Tenn. n. s. 3s	95
Del. & Hudson	115½	Tex. & Pac. 1s	114½
Del. L. & W.	178½	do 2s	65
Denver & R. G.	19⅞	Union Pacific 4s	106
do pfd	72¼	Wabash 1s	116¾
Erie	13	do 2s	93¾
do 1st pfd	38¾	West Shore 4s	113½
Gt. Nor. pfd	161	Wis. Cen. 1s	90⅞
Iowa Central	17	Va. Centuries	90
do pfd	34	*do deferred	9
Lake Erie & W.	29½	Colo. So. 4s	83¼
do pfd	85	So. Pacific 4s	81⅝

*Offered.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March 21.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Cons., money	102 3-16	Pennsylvania	69½
do account	102⅜	Reading	27¼
Canadian Pac.	98¼	No. Pacific pfd.	77¼
Erie	13⅜	Atchison	24⅜
do 1st pfd	39¾	Louisville	85
Illinois Central	117	Grand Trunk	8⅜
Union Pac. pfd.	77⅜	Anaconda	9⅛
St. P. common	128	Rand Mines	3⅞⅜
N. Y. Central	139		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 27 11-16d.

MONEY—2½@3 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 3⅜@3⅞ per cent; for three months' bills, 3⅝@3 13-16 per cent.

Financial Notes.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Clearings, $19,783,784; balances, $1,587,860; posted exchange, $4.83½@4.87; New York exchange, 10c premium.

BALTIMORE, March 21.—Clearings, $3,265,962; balances, $590,884.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—Clearings, $11,139,332; balances, $2,712,169.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Clearings, $180,755,594; balances, $7,902,943. The subtreasury had a debit balance today of $373,232.

BOSTON, March 21.—Clearings, $19,309,909; balances, $1,431,848.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—Clearings, $5,163,629; balances, $712,218; money, 4@7 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium bid, 40c premium asked.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $159,575,837; gold, $88,386,577.

Wool Market.

LONDON, March 21.—WOOL—At the wool auction sales today 13,055 bales were offered. The attendance was good and there were fairly representative catalogues. A good selection of merinos and cross-bredes were taken by the home trade. The American representatives were the chief purchasers; continental buyers were cautious. There were large withdrawals of scoured locks and pieces, which attracted the attention of the French and German representatives, and sold at slightly improved prices. Cape of Good Hope and Natal wools were fairly competed for at a farthing decline. The following is the sale in detail: New South Wales, 3,100 bales; scoured, 1s 1½d@1s 11½d; greasy, 6¼d 6½d. Queensland, 1,900 bales; scoured, 1s 6½d@1s 9½d; greasy, 6d@1s 1½d. Victoria, 600 bales; scoured, 1s 3d@1s 9½d; greasy, 7d@1s 4½d. South Australia, 200 bales; sco