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Trade in Both Grain and Provisions Unusually Large.

DEMAND THAT KNEW NO FULFILLING

Those in the Pit Say that as a Speculative Market Wheat Broke Its Own Record for a Year.

CHICAGO, April 4.—This was a day of excitement on change. The trade in both grain and provisions was bewildering in its enormity. The corn and provisions pits were the centers of interest, but all over the floor the effect of an increasing demand was felt. The news generally was bullish, but it was overshadowed by the irresistible buying fever. May wheat closed ¾@7⅝c, May corn 1⅞@2c, May oats ⅞@1c and provisions from 22½c to 45c higher than Monday's figures.

May corn opened ⅛@⅝c over Monday at 39⅝@40c, sold to 41½c, the highest price since May, 1895, and closed strong and buoyant, 1⅞@2c improved, at 41⅜c. These figures tell the story of a demand that seemed to know no fulfilling. There was a clamor for July as well as May and, contrary to recent practice, the shipping bids followed the advance. Eight loads were sold here for export—a bit of news scraped from the total of the day's business items. There was liberal profit taking at times and some heavy pocketing of losses by shorts. It was expected that offerings, which were light early, would be more free over 40c, but the market passed that figure with its fractional additions with scarcely a tremor. There seemed to be no leadership—just a big general scramble for corn. In the field of news were the Liverpool advance, which was considered by shorts early, news of serious damage by floods in Argentina and the usual light country offerings. At 40c offerings for profit were more liberal and the price was crushed back to 40⅝c, but they were hungrily swallowed and the market shot up again to 41⅛c, closing shortly after this point was touched. Local receipts were 722 cars. Atlantic port clearances were 1,172,000 bu. Primary receipts were 180,000 bu., compared with 728,000 bu. a year ago.

In the provisions market May pork opened 20@25c over Monday at $13.00@13.20, sold to $13.45, the highest price since 1891, eased on profit taking to $13.30 and closed 15c improved at $13.32½. Fluctuations in lard and ribs were less wide. May lard ranged from $6.67½ to $6.75, closing 22½c up at $6.70, and May ribs, from $6.80 to $6.92½, with the close 27½c better at $6.90@6.92½. As in corn the session was one of great activity and strength. An advance in hogs of 20c since Monday, the bullish showing of stocks and the upward trend of corn were the main influences. There was a heavy demand from commission houses and packers and shorts were compelled to do a deal of covering.

As a speculative market wheat broke its own record for a year, so those in the pit said. The trade was excited and the pit crowded, but the general feeling in the stiffidence of stocks to meet all demands was that the excitement did not approach the wildness apparent in corn and provision. May opened ⅝c higher at 67½@67⅝c, influenced by higher cables of damages to crops in France. Largely under the influence of the corn and provisions strength the market later rallied to 68¼c. The bulge met profit taking and May eased back to 67⅝c, but steadied and closed strong, ⅞@⅞c improved, at 68c. St. Louis and the local talent were both short and had to cover. The northwest also sold. The bears were not without statistics in support of their position, but they were unavailing. Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were 490,000 bu., all but 130,000 bu. of it flour. Primary receipts were 660,000 bu. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 374 cars, against 477 last week and 399 a year ago. Local receipts were 108 cars, 1 of contract grade.

There was the same experience in oats as in the other markets—a general demand big enough to overshadow all else. One hundred thousand bushels were reported sold for export. The strength in the neighboring pits was the chief influence. The commission house buying was mainly of July. Local receipts were 441 cars. May ranged from 24⅝c to 25⅛c and closed ⅞@1c over Monday at 25⅛c.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 50 cars; corn, 600 cars; oats, 270 cars; hogs, 24,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Mo'y.
*Wheat					
April	.....	.....	.....	67¾	67
May	67½@67⅝	68¼	67½	68	67⅞@68
July	68⅜@68⅝	69⅛	68⅛	69⅛@69⅜	68⅞@69
Sept.	69⅛	70	69⅛	69⅞@70	69⅞@70
*Corn—					
April	.....	.....	.....	40⅝	38⅞
May	39⅝@40	41⅛	39⅝	41⅜	39⅝@40½
July	39⅝@40	40⅞	40⅛	40⅞	40⅛@40⅝
Sept.	40⅛@40⅜	42⅜	41	42⅛	40⅝@40⅞
*Oats—					
May	24⅝	25⅛	24⅝	25⅛	24⅛@24⅝
July	24⅛	25⅛	24⅛	25⅛	24⅛@24⅜
Sept.	24	24	23⅝	23⅞	.....
Pork—					
May	13 00	13 45	13 00	13 20	12 75
July	12 50	12 85	12 50	12 82½	12 32½
Lard—					
May	6 72½	6 75	6 67½	6 70	6 47½
July	6 80	6 82½	6 75	6 80	6 57½
Sept.	6 90	6 90	6 82½	6 87½	6 65
Ribs—					
May	6 80	6 92½	6 80	6 92½	6 65
July	6 75	6 85	6 75	6 85	6 57½
Sept.	6 85	6 85	6 80	6 85	6 70

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $3.50@3.55; straights, $2.90@3.35; clears, $2.70@3.05; spring patents, $3.40@3.60; spring straights, $2.60@3.00; bakers, $2.00@2.45.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 64@67½c; No. 2 red, 70@70½c.

CORN—No. 2, 40⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 40⅝@41⅛c.

OATS—No. 2, 25¼@25½c; No. 2 white, 27½@28½c; No. 3 white, 27½@28¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 56c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 46@48c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, No. 1 and northwest, $1.65. Prime timothy, $2.35@2.40. Clover, contract grade, $7.60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.60@13.35. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.60@6.75. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.55@7.10. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50; short clear sides (boxed), $7.15@7.30.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis of high wines, per gal., $1.25.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.00; granulated, $5.44.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	13,000	19,000
Wheat, bu	178,000	317,000
Corn, bu	717,000	678,000
Oats, bu	434,000	617,000
Rye, bu	21,000	18,000
Barley, bu	131,000	72,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was weak; creameries, 16@22c; dairies, 16@20c. Cheese, firm at 12@13c. Eggs, steady at 10@10½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 4.—FLOUR—Receipts, 2,914 bbls.; exports, 5,768 bbls.; market fairly active and firmly held; winter patents, $3.65@3.90; winter straights, $3.45@3.60; Minnesota patents, $3.70@4.00; winter extras, $2.40@2.95; Minnesota bakers, $2.85@3.00; winter low grades, $2.35@2.40. Rye flour, dull; fair to good, $2.90@3.15; choice to fancy, $3.20@3.50.

CORNMEAL—Strong; yellow western, 89c; city, 86c; Brandywine, $2.35@2.35.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 62½c f. o. b. afloat; state rye, 67c c. i. f., New York car lots.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 43½@45½c, New York; malting, 60@65c, New York.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 42,550 bu.; exports, 35,454 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 80⅝c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 75⅝c elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 78⅝c f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 80⅝c f. o. b. afloat prompt. Options were generally strong, with few and unimportant exceptions, reaching the highest point of the season. Foreigners bought freely and local demand was actively stimulated by firm cables, damage reports from India and France and the strength in corn and provisions. Closed firm, ⅝@⅞c net advance; May, 74⅞-16@75⅛c, closed at 74⅞c; July, 74 11-16@75⅛c, closed at 74⅞c; September, 74⅝@75⅛c, closed at 75⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 108,225 bu.; exports, 116,259 bu. Spot, strong; No. 2, 48⅞c f. o. b. afloat and elevator. Options, although opening a little off under realizing, experienced a sharp advance on big speculative demand, the jump in provisions, higher cables and export talk. Closed strong, ½@¾c net advance; May, 45½@46⅜c, closed at 46⅜c; July, 46@47⅛c, closed at 47⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 141,400 bu.; exports, 780 bu. Spot, firmer; No. 2, 28c; No. 3, 28½c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 31½c; track, mixed western, 29@30½c. Options moderately active and firmer with corn, closing firm, ¼@⅜c net advance; May closed at 29c; No. 2 white, May, 30⅝@31⅜c, closed at 31⅜c.

HAY—Firm; spring, 65@70c; good to choice, 80@90c.

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, 20 to 25 lbs., 23½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c; Texas dry, 21 to 25 lbs., 21c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 23@25½c; acid, 26@30½c.

WOOL—Dull; domestic fleece, 28@32c; Texas, 15@18c.

COAL—Steady.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $12.00@13.50; mess, $10.50@11.00. Beef hams, $20.00@22.00; packet, $11.50@12.50; city, extra India mess, $18.50@22.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 7.00@7c; pickled shoulders, $6.50; pickled hams, $10.25@10.50. Lard, strong; western, steamed, $6.67½, refined, steady; continent, $7.0; South America, $7.75; compound, 36.12½@6.40. Pork, strong; family, $14.00@14.50; short clear, $13.00@14.50; mess, $12.25@13.75. Tallow, dull; city ($2 per pkg.), 5¼c; country (packages free), 5¼@5½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,518 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 18@21c; factory, 17@18½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,842 pkgs.; easy; fancy large, white, 12¼@12½c; fancy large, colored, 12@12¼c; small, fancy, white, 12¾@13c; small, fancy, colored, 12½@12¾c.

EGGS—Receipts, 19,317 pkgs.; steady; western, at mark, 11¾@12c; southern, 11@11½c.

SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅝c; molasses sugar, 3 11-16c; refined, irregular.

COFFEE—Steady.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼@6½c; Japan, 4¼@4⅞c.

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

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy handpicked, 4@4¼c; other domestic, 3¼@4c.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, market strong; cotton, by steam, 30d; grain, by steam, 3½d.

METALS—The metal market was irregular and dull; business fair. Copper reacted about 50 points from yesterday's advance, but continued firm in tone. The decline was due generally to unfavorable cables from London. The close was firm at $17. Tin also eased off a partial 25 points on liberal offerings, closing barely steady at $31.75. Spelter, however, continues to gain strength on the good export movement, advancing 5 points to $4.65@4.70, closing firm in tone. Pig iron warrants, quiet. Lead ruled dull all day, closing unchanged at $4.87½ bid and $4.22½ asked. The brokers' price for lead was $4.45 and for copper $17.00@17.25.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Conditions of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts liberal; fresh stock, firm at 9c.

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

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

BUTTER—Common to fair, 15c; choice, 16@17c; separator, 24c; 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 gallon, $1.25; extra selects, per can, 30c; extra selects, per gal., $1.60@1.75; New Yorks 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; crappies, 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, $6.50; midland choice, $5.50; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $5; No 3 corn, 33c; No. 3 white oats, 24½c; cracked corn, per ton, $13; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $12.50; bran, per ton, $13; shorts, per ton, $13.50.

VEGETABLES.

ASPARAGUS—California, per lb., 12@13c.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz. bunches, 50c.

SPINACH—Per box, $1.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 40@60c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 40c; fancy head lettuce, per bbl., $5.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 30@35c.

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

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 25@30c.

CABBAGE—California, per lb., 2½@3c.

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

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; California, per bunch, 60@90c.

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c.

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

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

RHUBARB—Per lb., 8@9c.

ONIONS—Retail, yellow, 75c; red, 85@90c; Ohios, per bbl., $2.25@2.50.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Few arriving from Texas and Florida; per qt., 40@50c.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $4.50; New York stock, $4.50; fancy, $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, $3.00; Mediterranean Sweets, 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, $2.25@2.50; large, $2.75@3.00.

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., $1.25; shellbarks, $1.35.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, April 4.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 72⅝c; track, 74@74½c; May, 71⅝c; July, 68½c; No. 2 hard, 65@66c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 39½c; track, 39¾@40½c; April, 39½c; May, 39⅞@40c; July, 40⅝c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 25⅝c; track, 25¾@26½c; April, 25⅝c; May, 25⅝c; July, 25½c; No. 2 white, 28c.

RYE—Higher, 56c.

FLOUR—Stronger; patents, $3.25@3.65; extra fancy, $3.20@3.35; clear, $2.70@3.00.

SEEDS—Timothy, $2.00@2.20; steady for ordinary. Flax, nominal at $1.62.

CORNMEAL—Higher at $2.05@2.10.

BRAN—Scarce and firm; sacked, east track, 70c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $10.00@12.50; prairie, $6.50@8.00.

WHISKY—Steady, at $1.25.

COTTON TIES—$1.30; bagging, 6⅞@7⅝c; hemp twine, 9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, $13.00 for old; $13.50 for new. Lard, higher; prime steam, $6.50; choice, $6.55. Dry salt meats (boxed), higher; extra shorts, $6.75; clear ribs, $6.87½; clear sides, $7.12½. Bacon (boxed), higher; extra shorts, $7.25; clear ribs, $7.37½; clear sides, $7.62½.

METALS—Lead, quiet; $4.55@4.57½. Spelter, higher; $4.42½.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 6@8c; turkeys, 9@9c; ducks, 8c; geese, 39@6c.

EGGS—Higher; 9½c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 20@23c; dairy, 16@19c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 13,000 bu.; corn, 90,000 bu.; oats, 29,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 37,000 bu.; corn, 116,000 bu.; oats, 19,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, April 4.—WHEAT—May, 64c; cash, No. 2 hard, 64@64c; No. 3, 61@64c; No. 2 red, 70@71c; No. 3, 66@69½c.

CORN—May, 37⅞c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 38@38½c; No. 2 white, 39½@40c; No. 3, 39@39½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 26½c.

RYE—No. 2, 56c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.00@10.50; choice prairie, $8.75@9.25.

BUTTER—Creamery, 17@20c; dairy, 18c.

EGGS—Firm; receipts large, but demand liberal; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 8½c dozen, cases returned; new white wood cases included, 9c.

RECEIPTS (two days)—Wheat, 61,800 bu.; corn, 24,750 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 37,800 bu.; corn, 16,200 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, April 4.—WHEAT—Spot, nominal. Futures, quiet; April, nominal; May, 5s 10½d; July, 5s 9¼d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 4s 1½d; American mixed, old, 4s 2½d. Futures, steady; May, 4s 1½d; July, 4s 1½d; September, 4s 1½d.

PROVISIONS — Bacon, Cumberland cut, firm at 4½; short ribs, firm at 4½; long clear middles, light firm at 4½; long clear middles heavy, firm at 4s 6d; short clear backs, firm at 5s 6d; clear bellies, firm at 4s 6d. Shoulders, firm at 35s 3d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, firm at 7s 6d.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, April 4.—CORN—Higher; No. 2, 39½c.

OATS—Higher; No. 3 white, 26½c, billed through; track, 27½c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.25 for finished goods.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, April 4.—WHEAT—¼c higher; No. 1 northern, 68@68½c; No. 2 northern, 66½@66c.

RYE—¼c higher; No. 1, 58c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 45@46c; sample, 38@45c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, April 4.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 69½c; May, 70½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 67½c; May, 68½c; July, 69⅝c; September, 68½c; No. 2 northern, 66½c; No. 3 spring, 62½c.

OATS—24½@25c.

CORN—39c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, April 4.—WHEAT—Active and higher; No. 2 cash, 73½c; May, 74½c.

CORN—Higher and active; No. 2 mixed, 41c.

OATS—Active and higher; No. 2 mixed, 26½c.

RYE—Dull and unchanged.

CLOVERSEED—Higher, prime cash, old, $4.87½; new, $5.20; April, $5.10; October, $4.95; No. 2 seed, $4.50@4.65.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 4.—FLOUR—Lower; first patents, $3.65; second patents, $3.55; first clears, $2.80; second clears, $2.15.

BRAN—In bulk, $11.50@11.75.

WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, April, 66¾c; May, 66½c; July, 67⅛@67⅜c; September, 66½c. On track: No. 1 hard, 67⅛c; No. 1 northern, 66⅛c; No. 2 northern, 64⅝c.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—BUTTER—Dull and ½@1c lower; fancy western creamery, 21½c; fancy western prints, 23c.

EGGS—Weak; fresh nearby, 12c; western, 12c; southwestern, 12c; southern, 11½c.

CHEESE—Quiet but steady.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Demand Shows a Tendency to Converge on a Few Stocks.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The stock market again reflected strong buying power today, orders for stocks coming from widely separate sources both by cable and telegraph. The demand showed a tendency to converge on a few stocks and strength was shifted from one group to another. Prices turned back from the highest level in the case of all the active stocks, under the influence of profit-taking by the professional room traders on the day's advance.

The sustaining force of special stocks was also availed of to take profits on stocks which have already enjoyed a notable advance. The market was almost entirely relieved from any depressing factor in the shape of positive weakness in individual stocks, though some pressure was brought to bear on Federal Steel and People's Gas. The net result of the day's trading is a higher range of prices and an emphatic digestion of realizing sales without any material harm being done to prices. The movement in Pennsylvania was the most extensive in any individual stock.

No special news reached the public to account for the movement and it was attributed to the increase of funds made available for stock market use and the accumulated evidences of the prosperity of the company. Its recent investment in the stocks of Baltimore & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio and Norfolk & Western, besides the advantages given in the extended control of possible competitors evidently insures a good, direct return for the outlay in the shape of dividends. Reasoning by analogy from the course of the Pennsylvania company, many rumors are current in the stock exchange of movements toward consolidation of railroads in New York Central territory. On the strength of the passing of control of the Erie, Reading & Lehigh Valley to New York Central was denied by Reading officials and the early strength of the stocks affected gave way to sharp reaction. The rise in Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville and Lake Erie & Western was due to the prevalent belief in the general policy of extending control and influence on the part of the great trunk lines.

The marked strength of the Pacific stocks was largely due to demand from abroad, the buying for London account now assuming important proportions. St. Paul on the further week statement of earnings and several other railroads stocks on good earnings were points of strength, and Sugar, the local traction stocks and Tobacco showed good advances. Realizing was heavy in Baltimore & Ohio, People's Gas and on a lighter scale in the Atchison stocks and some others. The final reaction of 1 point in Pennsylvania from the top level checked the activity of the market and the closing was dull.

Business in the bond market was on a large scale. Reading general 4s being taken in round amounts. The buying was generally widely distributed and prices advanced. Total sales, par value, $5,795,000. United States refunding 2s, when issued, 5s, registered, old 4s and 5s declined ¼ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: In the markets here activity began to revive today, particularly in American securities. There was a good general tone, but the Easter holidays are too near for a sustained movement. Americans began bullish. Baltimore & Ohio was below New York's sensational parity, but steadily improved and from $3 to $4 was given for calls on Baltimore & Ohio to end in May. There was a strong house to buy Union Pacific and Northern Pacific. New York confined its buying in the afternoon, causing a buoyant finish near the top. Lowers followed this lead, but not very actively. There was, however, a distinct improvement. Tintos scored a new record at 60; Anacondas sympathized up to 11⅛. No gold went out or came in; money was easy. The large sum due the bank was recalled this morning, but in the afternoon there was no borrowing for the week or ten days to the market's surprise, considering the heavy dividend distributions tomorrow.

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

Atchison	28⅝	Union Pacific	60⅝
do pfd	73⅛	do pfd	72⅝
Baltimore & O	85	Wabash	22⅝
Can. Pacific	97¼	do pfd	42⅞
Can. Southern	53⅛	Wheel. & L. E.	11⅝
Ches. & Ohio	32⅝	do 2d pfd	31⅝
Chicago Gt. W.	14⅝	Wis. Central	19
C., B. & Q.	132½	Third Avenue	118
Chicago, I. & L.	27⅝	Adams Express	116
do pfd	61	American Ex.	145
Chicago & E. I.	101	U. S. Express	48
Chicago & N. W.	140½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	121
C., R. I. & P.	113⅝	Amer. Cot. Oil	35⅝
C. C. C. & St. L.	64⅝	do pfd	95⅞
Colo. Southern	7	Amer. Malting	4⅝
do 1st pfd	45	do pfd	22½
do 2d pfd	19	Amer. S. & R.	46⅝
Del. & Hudson	118	do pfd	89⅝
Del. L. & W.	180½	Amer. Spirits	2⅝
Den. & R. G.	22⅝	do pfd	17
do pfd	74⅛	Amer. S. H.	35
Erie	34	do pfd	81
do 1st pfd	47	Amer. S. & W.	35⅞
Gt. Nor. pfd	165⅞	do pfd	90⅞
Hocking Coal	13⅛	Amer. Tin Plate	23½
Hocking Valley	37	do pfd	83½
Illinois Central	116½	Amer. Tobacco	107
Iowa Central	18½	do pfd	134⅛
do pfd	35½	A. Min. Co.	55⅝
K. C., P. & G.	19⅝	Brk. Rap. Tr.	22⅞
L. E. & W.	28⅝	Colo. F. & I.	48⅞
do pfd	96	Con. Tobacco	32⅝
Lake Shore	200	do pfd	84½
L. & N.	83⅛	Federal Steel	48⅛
Manhattan L.	98⅛	do pfd	79½
Met. St. Ry.	163½	Gen. Electric	111
Mex. Central	13⅝	Glucose Sugar	53
M'nn. & St. L.	68⅝	do pfd	96½
do pfd	96⅝	Int'n'l Paper	21⅛
Mo. Pacific	49⅞	do pfd	84⅛
Mobile & Ohio	47	Laclede Gas	75
M., K. & T.	11⅝	National Biscuit	36½
do pfd	35½	* do pfd	90
N. J. Central	119½	National Lead	24½
N. Y. Central	138⅝	do pfd	104⅛
Nor. & West.	35⅝	National Steel	41⅛
do pfd	76	do pfd	94
No. Pacific	62⅝	N. Y. Air Brake	128
do pfd	77⅝	No. American	15⅝
Ontario & W.	20⅛	Pacific Coast	53⅛
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	do 1st pfd	84
do pfd	76	do 2d pfd	63
Pennsylvania	140⅝	Pacific Mail	36
Reading	20⅝	People's Gas	107⅝
do 1st pfd	64⅝	Pressed S. C.	32½
do 2d pfd	34	do pfd	83⅛
Rio G. W.	33½	Pullman P. C.	183
do pfd	90	S. R. & T.	7
St. L. & S. F.	11⅝	Sugar	136⅛
do 1st pfd	71⅛	do pfd	108
do 2d pfd	37⅝	Tenn. C. & I.	36⅝
St. L. S. W.	12½	U. S. Leather	12⅝
do pfd	32	do pfd	91⅛
St. Paul	126	U. S. Rubber	31⅛
do pfd	172½	do pfd	90½
St. P. & Omaha	110	Western Union	93½
So. Pacific	31½	Republic I. & S.	32
So. Railway	12	do pfd	75⅝
do pfd	69⅝	P. C. C. & St. L.	68
Tex. & Pacific	17⅝		

*Offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 4.—Call loans, 3½@4½ per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.	28⅝	West End	93
do pfd	73⅝	Wis. Central	19
Amer. Sugar	138	Atchison pfd	76
do pfd	108½	N. E. G. & C. 5s	70½
Bell Telephone	310	Adventure	5⅝
Boston & Alby	245	Allouez M. Co.	2⅝
Boston & Me.	194	Amal. Copper	9½
C., B. & Q.	132½	Atlantic	29
Dom. Coal	48	Boston & Mont.	32⅝
do pfd	114½	Butte & Boston	87
Federal Steel	48⅛	Cal. & Hecla	755
do pfd	73½	Centennial	24
Fitchburg pfd	132	Franklin	17
Gen. Electric	130½	Humboldt	25
do pfd	138	Osceola	72½
Ed. Elec. Ill.	267	Parrot	51⅝
Mex. Central	13½	Quincy	117
N. E. G. & C.	18½	Santa Fe Cop.	6⅝
Old Colony	206	Tamarack	185
Old Dominion	24	Tr'ab Mining	35⅝
Rubber	32	Winona	4⅝
Union Pacific	60⅝	Wolverines	42½
Union Land	3⅛		

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, April 4.—American railways opened rather firmer in response to better prices from New York and were well maintained. The closing was firm. Spanish is closed at 72⅛c.

PARIS April 4.—4 p. m.—Three per cent rentes, 101f 10c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 21c for checks. Spanish is closed at 71.40. Business opened favorable on the bourse today. Later rentes were offered and prices became easier. Subsequently, on the rumor that Great Britain had accepted the mediation of the United States in the South African war, there was an all-round recovery and the market closed firm. Portuguese were in demand on the news of the passage of British troops through Beira. Rio tintos advanced sharply on increased speculative buying. Kaffirs were strong.

BERLIN, April 4.—On the bourse today Americans were quiet, but Canadian Pacifics advanced considerably. Internationals were quiet. Bank shares were heavy in the absence of any stimulus. Coal shares were firm owing to Russian railroads having contracted for 2,325,000 tons at 28 above the price of last year, but closed with the firmness not maintained.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 4.—MONEY—On call, steady at 2@4 per cent; last loan, at 4 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84⅛@4.86⅛ for demand and at $4.82⅝@4.82⅞ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.83½@4.84 and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.82¼@4.82⅝.

SILVER—Certificates, 60¼@61½c; bar, 59⅝c. Mexican dollars, 47⅝c.

BONDS—Government, weak; state, strong; railroad, strong.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s reg	100⅛	N. Y. C. 1s	110½
*do 2s, ref	100⅞	N. J. C. gen. 5s	132½
do 3s, reg	109½	No. Carolina 6s	124⅝
do coupon	110¼	do 4s	98
do new 4s, reg	132⅛	No. Pacific 3s	69½
do coupon	133⅛	do 4s	104⅝
do old 4s, reg	114⅛	N Y. C. & St. L. 4s	106
do coupon	114⅛	N. & W. con. 4s	96½
do 5s, reg	114	do gen. 6s	123
do coupon	114	Ore. Nav. 1s	110
D. of C. 3-65s	119	do 4s	104⅝
Atchison gen. 4s	100⅝	Ore. S. L. 6s	127⅝
do adj. 4s	84⅝	do con. 5s	114
Canada So. 2s	106⅝	Reading gen. 4s	89⅝
C. & O. 4½s	109⅛	R. G. W. 1s	90⅝
do 5s	120½	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	111
C. & N. W. c. 7s	142	St. L. & S. F. g. 6s	120
do S. F. deb. 5s	122½	St. Paul consols	171
Chicago Ter. 4s	107	St. P., C., & P. 1s	119⅝
*Con. Elec. 5s	129	do 5s	120½
G. H. & S. A. 6s	110	So. Ry. 5s	113
do 2s	108	S. R. & T. 6s	72
H. & T. C. 5s	109	Tenn. n. s. 3s	95¼
do con. 6s	108	Tex. & Pacific 1s	112½
Ia. Central 1s	91⅝	do 2s	30
K. C. P. & G. 1s	74⅝	Union Pacific 4s	103⅛
La. n. c. 4s	108	Wabash 1s	117½
L. & N. uni. 4s	109	do 2s	102½
M., K. & T. 2s	61	West Shore 4s	114½
do 4s	93⅝	Wis. Cent. 1s	91

*When issued. **Offered.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Chollar	15	Ontario	$25
Crown Point	18	Ophir	83
Con. Cal. & Va.	150	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	60	Quicksilver	175
Gould & Curry	15	do pfd	800
Hale & Norcross	23	Sierra Nevada	50
Homestake	5000	Standard	315
Iron Silver	65	Union Con.	16
Mexican	22	Yellow Jacket	15

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, April 4.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Cons., money	101 7-16	Pennsylvania	71½
do account	101⅝	Reading	19⅝
Can. Pacific	106½	No. Pacific pfd.	75⅝
Erie	14⅝	Atchison	29⅝
do 1st pfd	44½	Louisville	89⅝
Illinois Central	119½	Grand Trunk	9⅝
U. P. pfd.	79½	Anaconda	11⅝
St. Paul, com.	130½	Rands	30⅝
N. Y. Central	142⅝		

BAR SILVER—27½d per ounce.

MONEY—2¼@3 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 9-16 per cent and for three-months' bills 3 9-16@3⅝ per cent.

Financial Notes.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—Clearings, $22,875,625; balances, $2,954,629.

BALTIMORE, April 4.—Clearings, $5,029,046; balances, $1,277,765.

CHICAGO, April 4.—Clearings, $36,491,465; balances, $2,114,435; posted exchange, $4.83½@4.87.

BOSTON, April 4.—Clearings, $26,169,191; balances, $1,687,000.