COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Day on the Chicago Exchange is a Strong One.

WHEAT MARKET PRESERVES BEAR ATTITUDE

Provisions Market is Active—Large Speculative Trade in Oats with Outside Interests Leading in the Buying.

CHICAGO, April 5.—In a milder form the session today was a repetition of yesterday's excited exhibition of strength on 'change. A reactionary tendency, however, was evident, especially in wheat. Cables were irresponsive and the crop prospects generally were excellent, two pieces of news which formed the main considerations in a theoretical way. May corn sold higher than yesterday, but closed ⅝@⅞c under that session's final figures. May wheat closed 1c and oats ¼@⅜c lower. The close in provisions was partly weak and partly firm—pork 22½c down, lard unchanged and ribs 5@7½c up.

In the face of some discouraging considerations, among them a rather weak early response from Liverpool to the local gains yesterday, corn held the big advance made the previous session, with a commendable show of strength. It was a big public market, which at times no amount of liquidation seemed able to check. Export bids were in the pit plentifully, though perhaps not as strongly as yesterday, when, it was reported today from New York, 118 boatloads were taken for foreign shipment. The opening was easier because of the feeble attitude of Liverpool and because there were many who looked for a reaction. They repented later, for Liverpool took a brace because of the spot firmness there. Shorts covered and, boomed along by the big outside business, May shot from first figures—40⅝@40⅞c—up to the top, 42c. The cash demand here slackened visibly and an abundance of profit-seeking corn came onto the market, which straightway receded to 40⅝@41c, at which price it closed, ⅝@⅞c under yesterday. Atlantic port clearances were 594,000 bu. Western receipts were 748,000 bu., against 255,000 bu. last year. Receipts here were 458 cars.

Signs in the wheat market early were all bearish—disappointing cables, fine weather and a continued bear attitude on the part of the local professionals. The corn strength and the poor showing of Indiana and Ohio for the crop caused a rally following the opening, but in the end the bearish news, reinforced by reports of rapid seeding in the northwest, overshadowed other considerations and the rally was lost. It was a big market, however, and the pit was well filled. The cash demand was slack, the day's export business being put by New York at 5 loads. Primary receipts were 547,000 bu., compared with 350,000 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 467 cars, against 198 last week and 399 a year ago. Local receipts were 93 cars, 1 of contract grade. Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 190,000 bu. May opened ¼@⅜c down at 67⅝@67⅞c, declined to 67½c, rallied to 68c, reacted to 66⅞@67c and closed ⅛ under yesterday at 67c.

Provisions were active. There was an excellent demand and a strong hog market, but on the other hand there were important realizing sales made by longs. Lard and ribs closed firm, but pork rather weak. Large export sales of lard overnight were reported early in the session and the foreign demand today was very fair. The opening was irregular. May pork ranged from $13.30 to $12.95 and closed 22½c depressed at $12.97½. May lard ranged from $7.02½ to $6.67½, closing unchanged at $6.70, and May ribs, from $7.17½ to $6.67½, with the close 5@7½c up at $6.95.

There was a large speculative trade in oats, with outside interests leading in the buying. Other grain markets were the chief influences. There was active trade in July around 26c. May ranged from 25⅝c to 24⅞c and closed ¼@⅜c down at 25¼@25½c. July sold from 25⅝@24⅞c, closing ⅛c depressed at 25⅛c. Local receipts were 303 cars.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 48 cars; corn, 330 cars; oats, 170 cars; hogs, 24,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
April	.....	.....	.....	66⅝	67⅝
May	67⅝@67¾	68	66⅞@67	67	68
July	69⅛@69⅜	69¼	68¼	68⅜@68⅝	69⅜
Sept.	69½@69⅝	69⅞	68⅞	69⅛@69⅜	70
*Corn—					
April	.....	.....	.....	40⅝	40⅝
May	40⅝@41	42	40⅝	40⅞@41	41⅝
July	41⅝@42	42⅝	41⅝	41⅝@42	42⅛
Sept.	41⅞@42	42⅛@42¼	41⅞	42⅛@42¼	42½
*Oats—					
May	25¼@25½	25⅝	24⅞	25⅛@25⅛	25⅛
July	25¼@25½	25⅝	24⅞	25⅛	25⅛
Sept.	23½	24⅛	23½	24	23⅞
Pork—					
May	13.15	13.30	12.95	12.97½	13.20
July	12.82½	12.97½	12.82½	12.82½	12.82½
Lard—					
May	6.70	6.77½	6.67½	6.70	6.70
July	6.75	6.80	6.75	6.80	6.80
Sept.	6.85	6.97½	6.85	6.90	6.87½
Ribs—					
May	6.92½	7.17½	6.87½	6.97½	6.92½
July	6.95	7.10	6.82½	6.95	6.85
Sept.	6.87½	6.97½	6.82½	6.82½	6.85

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $3.50@3.65; straights, $2.90@3.35; clears, $2.70@2.85; spring specials, $3.80; patents, $3.10@3.40; straights, $2.60@3.00; bakers, $2.00@2.45.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 66@66½c; No. 2 red, 69½@70c.

CORN—No. 2, 40⅝@40⅞c; No. 2 yellow, 40½c.

OATS—No. 2, 25⅛@25c; No. 2 white, 28½c; No. 3 white, 26@28½c.

RYE—No. 2, 56c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 41@42c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, No. 1 and northwest, $1.67@1.70. Prime timothy, $2.35@2.40. Clover, contract grade, $7.50@7.60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.95@13.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.60@6.75. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.00@6.50. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $7.20@7.25.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis of high wines, per gal., $1.25½.

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

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls.	37,000	29,000
Wheat, bu.	61,000	18,000
Corn, bu.	375,000	188,000
Oats, bu.	241,000	127,000
Rye, bu.	1,000	3,000
Barley, bu.	32,000	15,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creameries, 18@22c; dairies, 15@18c. Cheese, firm at 12@13c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 16c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 5.—FLOUR—Receipts, 2,679 bbls.; exports, 5,810 bbls.; steadily held but quieter owing to the drop in wheat, 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, $2.25@2.40. Rye flour, dull; fair to good, $3.20@3.15; choice to fancy, $3.20@3.50.

CORNMEAL—Strong, yellow western, 89c; city, 86c. Brandywine, $2.25@2.35.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 62½c f. o. b. afloat; state rye, 60c c. i. f., New York car lots.

BARLEY—Firm; feeding, 41½@43½c. New York malting, 55@55c. New York.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 54,750 bu.; exports, 51,505 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 80½c f. o. b., afloat. No. 2 red, 77½c, elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 77½c f. o. b., afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 79½c f. o. b., afloat, prompt. Options sold off all day, but were not positively weak until the last hour, when a sudden dumping out of long wheat produced a collapse in prices. Disappointing cables, liberal northwest receipts, absence of export trade, rumors of big Argentine shipments and small clearances also contributed to the final decline. The close was weak at ⅝c net loss. May, 74⅛@75c, closed at 74½c; July, 74⅝@75 1-16c, closed at 74½c; September, 74½@75¼c, closed at 74½c.

CORN—Receipts, 30,225 bu.; exports, 41,189 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 40⅝c f. o. b. afloat, and 48½c, elevator. Options opened weak because of unloading and rallied later with Chicago, but experienced a slight break under renewed selling of an influential nature at the west and the drop in wheat, closing easy at ⅜c net decline. May, 46⅝@46⅞c, closed at 46⅝c; July, 46⅝@47⅛c, closed at 46⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 106,600 bu.; exports, 275 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 28c; No. 3, 28½c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 31½c; track mixed western, 29@30½c; track white, 31½@35½c. Options, dull and easy with the other markets closing easy at ⅛c decline. May closed at 29c; No. 2 white oats, May, 31½@31¾c, closed at 31½c.

HAY—Firm; spring, 45@70c; good to choice, 80@90c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 8@9c; 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., 19½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 15c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 25@28½c; acids, 20@22c.

WOOL—Dull; domestic fleece, 28@38c; Texas, 18@19c.

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@8.00; pickled shoulders, $6.50; pickled hams, $10.25@10.50. Lard, strong; western steamed, $7.10; refined, steady; continent, $7.40; South America, $7.75; compound, $6.12½@6.40. Pork, strong; family, $14.00@14.50; short clear, $13.00@14.50; mess, $13.25@13.75. Tallow, dull; city ($2 per pkg.), 5½c; country (packages free), 5¼@5⅝c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,242 pkgs., steady; western creamery, 18@23c; factory, 17@18½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,323 packages; slow and weak; fancy large white, 12¼@12½c; fancy large, colored, 12@12¼c; fancy small, white, 12@12¼c; fancy, small, colored, 12¼@12½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 10,833 packages; steady; western, at mark, 11½@12c; southern, 11½c.

SUGAR—Raw, steady; refined, quiet.

COFFEE—Steady.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼@6¾c; Japan, 4¼@4⅝c.

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

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy handpicked, 4@4½c; other domestic, 3¼@4c.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, market strong; cotton, by steam, 30d; grain, by steam, 3¾d.

METALS—In the metals today business was fairly active and as a whole generally steady in tone. London advices were somewhat irregular. Tin again declined in the local market on account of easier cables, closing weak at $31.12½ bid and $31.37½ asked, against $31.75, last night's close. Spelter continues its upward course, influenced by a good all-around demand, closing firmer in tone at $4.70 bid and $4.80 asked. Lake copper held firm at unchanged prices, closing at $17. Pig iron warrants, $3.20. Lead, quiet and unchanged at $4.67½ bid and $4.70 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, moderate; fresh stock, 9@9½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Choice to fancy turkeys, 9@10c; ducks, 8c; geese, 8c; 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, 21c, gathered creamery, 22@22½c.

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 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, $6.50; midland choice, $5.50; lowland, choice, $5; fine timothy, choice, $5; No. 1 corn, 55c; 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@50c.

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; Onios, per bbl., $2.25@2.50.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Few arriving from Texas and Florida; per qt., 45@50c.

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

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., $1.00@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 5.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 72c; track, 73@74c; April, 72½c; May, 71c; July, 67⅝c; No. 2 hard, 66@67c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 39¾c; track, 40@40c; April 39⅝c; May, 39⅝@39¾c; July, 40⅝c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, track and April, 25½c; May, 25⅝c; July, 24⅝c; No. 2 white, 28½@28¾c.

RYE—Firm at 56c.

FLOUR—Values strengthening and trade improving; prices unchanged.

SEEDS—Timothy, steady, at $2.00@2.20, ordinary. Flaxseed, nominally higher at $1.65.

CORNMEAL—Steady, at $2.05@2.10.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 72c.

HAY—Timothy, stronger, at $9.00@12.00; prairie, steady, at $7.50@8.00.

WHISKY—Higher, at $1.25½.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.30; bagging, 6½@7½c; hemp twine, 9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm; jobbing, for old, $13; new, $13. Lard, quiet; prime steam, $6.50; choice, $6.55. Dry salt meats (boxed), extra shorts, $6.75; clear rib, $6.87½; clear sides, $7.12½. Bacon (boxed), higher; extra shorts, $7.25; clear ribs, $7.37½; clear sides, $7.62½.

METALS—Lead, quiet at $4.55@4.57½. Spelter, firm at $4.45.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 6@8c; turkeys, 12@9c; ducks, 8c; geese, 5@6c.

EGGS—Steady at 9½c.

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

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 153,000 bu.; oats, 38,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 10,000 bbls.; wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 21,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, April 5.—WHEAT—May, 67½c cash, No. 2 hard, 64c; No. 3, 60@63c; No. 2 red, 70c; No. 3, 66@69c.

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

OATS—No. 2 white, 27c.

RYE—No. 1, 56c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10@$10.50; choice prairie, $7.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 17@20c; dairy, 13c.

EGGS—Market firm; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 8½c dozen, cases returned; new whitewood cases included, 9½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 31,800 bu.; corn, 18,800 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 20,400 bu.; corn, 15,600 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, April 5.—WHEAT—Spot, nominal; futures, easy. April, nominal; May, 5s 0¼d; July, 5s 9½d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 4s 2d; American mixed, old, 4s 2½d. Futures steady; May, 4s 2d; July, 4s 1¾d; September, 4s 1¾d.

PROVISIONS—Pork, prime mess, western, firm at 45s 3d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, firm at 44s 6d; short ribs, firm at 42s; long clear middles, light, firm at 41s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, firm at 41s; short clear backs, firm at 39s; clear bellies, firm at 42s; shoulders, square, firm at 37s. Lard, American refined, in pails, firm at 38s 9d; prime western, in tierces, firm at 34s 6d. Tallow, Australian, in London, dull at 28s 9d.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 5.—WHEAT—In store, No. 1 northern, April, 65⅝c; May, 64⅝@64⅞c; July, 66⅝@66⅞c; September, 67½c. On track, No. 1 hard, 66⅝c; No. 1 northern, 65⅝c; No. 2 northern, 62½c.

FLOUR—Quiet, unchanged.

BRAN—Higher; in bulk, $11.75@12.00.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 21c; fancy western prints, 23c.

EGGS—Quiet but steady; fresh nearby, 11½@12c; fresh western, 12c; fresh southwestern, 12c; fresh southern, 11c.

CHEESE—Unchanged.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, April 5.—WHEAT—Market steady; No. 1 northern, 63@63c; No. 2 northern, 60@62c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 58c.

BARLEY—Easier; No. 2, 45@46c; sample, 39@43c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, April 5.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 68⅝c; May, 69⅝c; No. 1 northern, cash, 66⅝c; May, 67⅝c; July, 68½c; No. 2 northern, 64⅝c; No. 3 spring, 61⅝c.

OATS—24½@25c.

CORN—38⅝c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, April 5.—CORN—Higher; No. 2, 40c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 26½@27c.

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

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Character of Stock Market Continues Active and Extremely Irregular

NEW YORK, April 5.—The stock market continued its active and extreme irregular character today. There was some hesitation at the outset and profit-taking was on a large scale during the early hours of the day, but the aggressive strength of some individual stocks, notably Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio, served to sustain prices in face of realizing until the latter part of the day. The market then developed unmistakable symptoms of being overbought and the pressure to sell in order to realize profits became urgent. The reaction in Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio left prices without a sustaining prop and they crumbled rapidly. The Pacifics, the grangers and some of the southern railroads were most strongly affected, but the whole list fell easily and efforts to support the market were apparently withdrawn for the time being. The selling movement was allowed to spend itself before support was forthcoming. There was a rally in the last fifteen minutes, but it retrieved only a small part of the losses.

The operations in Pennsylvania were on a similar scale to those of yesterday and carried the price almost 1 point over last year's highest level. The very large selling orders which were detected in the stock aroused uneasiness in spite of the upward movement in the price. Baltimore & Ohio was rushed up also to 87½ and proved unable to hold the advance, which was unaccompanied by any news of further development to account for the strength.

The top-heaviness of Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio decided the reactionary character of the market on the announcement of no dividend on Baltimore & Ohio common stock. Wall street was full of rumors of further combinations already effected, or to come in the trunk line territory. The rumor of a combination of the coalers was persistent and raised the prices of those stocks for a time, but they yielded sharply on denials of the rumors. Various minor roads in New York Central territory were affected in the same way. There was a very general wiping out of gains of this character in the latter section. The Hocking Valley stocks showed notable strength on reports of large earnings, the common crossing 40 and retaining a net gain of 1¾.

The general news and conditions continued favorable to values, money working easier and good assurance being afforded of a favorable bank statement. Reports of earnings, especially of soft coal roads, were notably large. London was a seller of stocks here, with an effect on sentiment out of proportion to the volume of the transactions. The sensitiveness of the market to this influence and the continued firmness of sterling exchange, while London buys stocks, leads to considerable questioning as to whether foreign operations are not conducted under cover and through channels other than those under observation. Dealings in bonds continued on a very large scale and at advancing prices. Total sales, par value, $3,370,000. United States 2s declined ¾ and all other issues ¼ in the bid price.

The financial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets were stagnant and heavy throughout the session, still affected by the approaching holidays. Americans opened dull and sagged all day. A few slight attempts were made to rally them, but sellers always preponderated until the close, when strengthening rally took place. Coppers got a setback on profit-taking by both French sellers Anacondas, 10 1-16. The bank lost £100,000 gold to Argentina. Money was very easy and the large sum due the bank was wholly repaid. Bills were a shade harder. The bank return showed note expansion and bullion reduction, due to the usual quarterly movements. The reduction of public deposits was due to disbursements. The reduction of other securities was due to the market's repayment of borrowings.

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

Atchison	27⅝	Union Pacific	59¾
do pfd	72½	do pfd	77
Baltimore & O.	87	Wabash	7¾
Canadian Pac.	97¼	do pfd	22½
Canada So.	55½	Wheel. & L. E.	10⅞
Ches. & Ohio	21⅝	do 2d pfd	31
Chicago G. W.	14⅛	Wis. Central	18½
C., B. & Q.	131½	Third Avenue	102
Ch. Ind. & L.	26¼	Adams Express	116
do pfd	58	American Ex.	146
Chi. & Alt.	166	U. S. Ex.	47½
Chicago & N. W.	164	Wells-Fargo Ex.	123
C., R. I. & P.	112¾	Amer. Cot. Oil	37
C. C. C. & St. L.	64¼	do pfd	97
Colorado So.	6¾	Amer. Malting	4
do 1st pfd	44½	do pfd	26½
do 2d pfd	19	Amer. S. & R.	29¾
Del. & Hudson	117	do pfd	93¼
Del. L. & W.	180⅝	Amer. Spirits	21
Denver & R. G.	21⅞	do pfd	17
do pfd	74	Amer. S. H.	35½
Erie	13¾	do pfd	81
do 1st pfd	42¼	Amer. S. & W.	36⅝
Gt. Nor. pfd	164	Am. Tin Plate	33½
Hocking Coal	19	do pfd	83½
Hocking Valley	39	Amer. Tobacco	108½
Illinois Central	115	do pfd	155¼
Iowa Central	5½	Anaconda Co.	31¾
Lake Erie & W.	36	Brooklyn R. T.	59¼
do pfd	99	Colo. Fuel & I.	49⅛
Lake Shore	200	Con. Tobacco	31⅝
L. & N.	85¼	do pfd	84
Manhattan L.	98¾	Federal Steel	43⅞
Met. St. Ry.	163	do pfd	73¾
Mex. Central	17¼	Gen. Electric	190½
Minn. & St. L.	68⅝	Glucose Sugar	52¼
do pfd	96¾	do pfd	98¼
Mo. Pacific	56	Inter. Paper	21
Mobile & Ohio	47	do pfd	84½
Mis., K. & T.	11½	Laclede Gas	75
do pfd	35¼	National Biscuit	35¾
N. J. Central	126⅝	do pfd	90
N. Y. Central	138¾	National Lead	24¼
Norfolk & W.	35¼	do pfd	95
do pfd	76½	National Steel	43¾
No. Pacific	61¼	do pfd	94¾
do pfd	77¼	N. Y. Air Brake	132
Ontario & W.	29¼	No. American	15⅝
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	Pacific Coast	51¾
do pfd	90	do 1st pfd	82
Pennsylvania	141⅛	do 2d pfd	60
Reading	29¾	Pacific Mail	35¼
do 1st pfd	64⅝	People's Gas	105¾
do 2d pfd	34¼	Pressed S. Car	53
Rio G. W.	18	Pullman P. C.	183
do pfd	90	S. R. & T.	6½
St. L. & S. F.	13¼	Sugar	124¾
do 1st pfd	70	do pfd	116
do 2d pfd	37¼	Tenn. Coal & I.	96¼
St. L. Southw.	12½	U. S. Leather	12½
do pfd	32¾	do pfd	73
St. Paul	125¼	U. S. Rubber	34
do pfd	172	do pfd	86½
St. P. & Omaha	118	Western Union	93½
So. Pacific	40⅝	Republic I. & S.	22
So. Railway	14¾	do pfd	66
do pfd	40	P. C. C. & St. L.	68
Texas & Pac.	17½		

*When issued.

Financial Notes.

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—Clearings, $16,770,238; balances, $2,953,621.

BALTIMORE, April 5.—Clearings, $4,649,761; balances, $728,905.

ST. LOUIS, April 5.—Clearings, $6,155,559; balances, $578,223; money, 5@7 per cent; New York exchange, par bid, 10c premium asked.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Clearings, $208,955,706; balances, $10,779,765.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Clearings, $23,384,434; balances, $1,871,614; posted exchange, $4.84@4.87½; New York exchange, 15c discount.

BOSTON, April 5.—Clearings, $28,619,357; balances, $2,031,479.

Boston Stock Quotations.

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

A., T. & S. F.	27½	West End	93
do pfd	71⅞	Wis. Central	18⅝
Amer. Sugar	126¾	Atchison 4s	99½
do pfd	116	N. E. G. & C. 5s	70
Bell Telephone	311	Adventure	8
Boston & Alby.	246	Allouez Min. Co.	3¼
Boston Elevated	119	Amal. Copper	90¾
Boston & Me.	193	Atlantic	28
C., B. & Q.	131½	Boston & Mont.	315
Dominion Coal	46	Butte & Boston	80
do pfd	116	Cal. & Hecla	750
Federal Steel	49	Centennial	22½
do pfd	73½	Franklin	16½
Fitchburg pfd	132	Humboldt	15
Gen. Electric	190½	Osceola	70½
do pfd	196	Parrot	48
Gt. So. pfd	226	Quincy	139
N. E. G. & C.	19	Santa Fe Copper	6¾
Old Colony	206	Tamarack	193
Old Dominion	22	Utah Mining	23¾
Rubber	33½	Winona	5
Union Pacific	59¾	Wolverines	42
Union Land	3		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, April 5.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	101⅝	Pennsylvania	72⅛
do account	101 11-16	Reading	16⅝
Canadian Pac.	106⅝	No. Pac. pfd.	79½
Erie	18½	Atchison	28⅝
do 1st pfd.	47⅛	Louisville	88⅝
Illinois Central	119	Grand Trunk	8½
Union Pac. pfd.	79¾	Anaconda	10⅞
St. P. common	129¾	Rand Mines	3¾
N. Y. Central	143⅝		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 27½d per ounce.

MONEY—2½@3 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3½@3⅝ per cent; for three months' bills, 3½@3¾ per cent.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Chollar	11	Ontario	35
Crown Point	16	Ophir	17
Con. Cal. & Va.	145	Plymouth	12
Deadwood	15	Quicksilver	175
Gould & Curry	17	do pfd	850
Hale & Norcross	22	Sierra Nevada	59
Homestake	5000	Standard	315
Iron Silver	66	Union Con.	14
Mexican	19	Yellow Jacket	19

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, April 5.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decrease, £2,388,000; circulation, increase, £280,000; bullion, decrease, £1,408,346; other securities, decrease, £2,356,000; other deposits, decrease, £388,000; public deposits, decrease, £2,315,000; notes reserve, decrease, £2,295,000; government securities, increase, £1,518,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 41.87 per cent; last week it was 41.18 per cent. The rate of discount is unchanged at 5 per cent. American securities, after a firm opening, were quiet, with a declining tendency following a slight realizing. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today was £100,000; Spanish 4s closed at 71¼; gold premium at Madrid 29.62.

BERLIN, April 5.—On the bourse today internationals and Americans were steady and Canadian Pacifics were firm; local shares were weak on realizations; exchange on London, 20 marks 48½ pfgs. for checks. Discount rates: Short bills, 5 per cent; three months' bills, 4⅞ per cent.

PARIS, April 5.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation, increase, 92,275,000 francs; treasury accounts current, decrease, 13,350,000 francs; gold in hand, decrease, 875,000 francs; bills discounted, decrease, 23,750,000 francs; silver in hand, decrease, 5,300,000 francs. Three per cent rentes, 101f 12½c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 20½c for checks; Spanish 4s closed at 72.95, ex-interest. Prices on the bourse opened firm today, but sagged all around on realizations. The closing was steadier and dull; Kaffirs were offered chiefly on London account at declined rates.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Today's statement of the treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $156,216,313; gold, $97,136,474.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The cotton market opened barely steady, 7 points higher to 6 lower. The opening was a poor response to the English cables, which showed an advance of 4@6 points. Locally there was an impression that the English advance was the result of manipulation. The fact that later cables modified the early advices at Liverpool had its effect and our market soon became irregular, and at the lowest point of the session showed a net loss of 6@9 points. It took a great deal of buying to keep prices from breaking still more. But this was furnished by parties who for a long time have been the leading supports of the market.

ST. LOUIS, April 5.—COTTON—Steady, unchanged. Sales, 550 bales; middling, 9¼c; receipts, 768 bales; shipments, 1,359 bales; stock, 62,222 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, April 5.—COTTON—Very firm; sales, 3,400 bales; ordinary, 8¼c; good ordinary, 8⅝c; low middling, 9 1-16c; middling, 9 5-16c; good middling, 9⅞c; middling fair, 9¾c; receipts, 3,221 bales; stock, 488,993 bales. Cotton futures, steady; April, 9.15 bid; May, 9.20@9.21; June, 9.18@9.20; July, 9.17@9.18; August, $8.94@8.95; September, $8.23@8.24; October, $7.86@7.88; November, $7.75@7.76; December, $7.73@7.76; January, $7.73@7.76.

LIVERPOOL, April 5.—COTTON—Spot, fair demand and prices 3-32d higher. American middling fair, 5.2-32d; good middling, 5½d; middling, 5 7-16d; low middling, 5 5-16d; good ordinary, 5¼d; ordinary, 4 15-16d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 9,400 American; receipts, 10,000 bales, including 500 American. Futures opened firm and closed steady at the advance; American middling, l. m. c., April, 5 21-64d, value; April and May, 5 18-64@5 19-64d, sellers; May and June, 5 19-64@5 19-64d, sellers; June and July, 5 13-64d, sellers; July and August, 5 10-64@5 11-64d, buyers; August and September, 5 1-64@5 2-64d, buyers; September and October, 4 43-64@4 44-64d, sellers; October and November, 4 32-64@4 33-64d, buyers; November and December, 4 26-64@4 27-64d, buyers; December and January, 4 24-64@4 25-64d, buyers; January and February, 4 22-64d, buyers.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, April 5.—COFFEE—Spot, Rio, quiet; No. 7, invoice, 7¾c; No. 7, jobbing, 8¼c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 9½@14c. The market for futures opened steady at unchanged prices to 5 points lower and ruled exceptionally dull, with only local trading, following indifferent cables. Selling was checked by abrupt falling off in receipts at Rio and Santos; buying was checked by the subsiding warehouse deliveries here and the slack spot demand. The close was quiet, with prices unchanged to 5 points higher. Total sales, 6,500 bags, including: May, $6.85; June, $6.60; August, $6.80; September, $6.85; November, $6.90; December, $7.10.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Rather more inquiry today after staple cottons, but no