GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Wheat Steps on Banana Peeling and Goes Down.

GATES CAUSES A BREAK BY SELLING MAY

Market Likely to Be Erratic with Wide Fluctuations—Corn May Lose by Milder Weather and Rates.

OMAHA, Feb. 17, 1905.

After gaining 5¾c in less than a week, the May wheat stepped on a banana peel this morning and went down. An attempt at profit taking was one of the reasons, but the principal thing which took the May off 2¾c before noon was the dumping of wheat, presumably by Gates and his party of manipulators. Wing sold 2,000,000 bushels early in the session at Chicago, presumably acting for a Gates house. It is considered as probable that eastern longs would not want a runaway market at this time and it was predicted they would sell wheat today in order to cause a break. This they did. The high point Thursday was $1.21½ and the low point $1.19¼. Today the May opened at $1.21, but early in the session declined to $1.18¾. Most of the morning it was about $1.19¼ and at noon stood $1.19⅝. The July followed the May, opening at $1.02 and having for a low point before noon $1.01⅝. The European market seems to be absolutely independent of American sentiment, for all of them were depressed somewhat. Thursday they showed little advance. Liverpool today closed with a loss of ⅛@⅜c, Antwerp was unchanged, Buda Pest weakened ⅜c and Berlin dropped ¼c.

The wheat market this morning was erratic and fluctuated widely on small trading. It is predicted the May market from now on will be of this nature and subject to gains and losses of 2 or 3 cents in a day. When the crowd is caught without any buying orders and a little long stuff comes out a break will follow quickly. The Wall street bulls did less Thursday to support the market than they have for some time—it was the sort which did not need it. The shorts were so eager to cover they absorbed all offerings. It is estimated within a few days 10,000,000 bushels of short wheat have been covered. Most of the shorts had a loss of 10 cents, and the foreign shorts got out with heavy losses. Gates and his crowd are operating in Chicago through twenty-two houses, so that it is very hard to follow his trail. Chicago market advanced more than 2 cents Thursday.

Minneapolis is said to have 7,000,000 bushels of wheat to deliver on contracts. Duluth has several million bushels also, and the price there is 4 cents under Chicago, which makes good shipping by the lake. A question has been raised as to the quality of the No. 1 northern held in these two markets. It is rumored the grading at Minneapolis and Duluth has been eased down and that the grain will not grade in Chicago. Minneapolis stocks have decreased 300,000 this week and Duluth has increased 50,000. The northwestern cars, including Chicago, are 272 today, 216 last week and 354 last year. The primary receipts are 387,000 bushels, against 409,000 bushels last year and the shipments 216,000 bushels, against 316,000 bushels last year. The Argentina market is strong through good shipping demand. The Argentina visible is 3,680,000 bushels, against 5,008,000 bushels last year. The shipments are very heavy.

Some of the corn bulls have turned bear temporarily. The lower rates on corn and oats which are being put in by the railways from central and eastern Iowa will have a tendency to increase the receipts in Chicago, and altogether with the better running condition of the roads and the milder weather will have a weakening effect on the market and may cause a fraction decrease. The May corn did not advance any today. The Argentina corn shipments are heavier than last week, being 347,000 bushels, against 216,000 bushels, but much smaller than the shipments of a year ago, which were 656,000 bushels. The receipts of corn in arriving in small amounts from the interior, but is of satisfactory quality. The visible there is 294,000 bushels, against 1,260,000 bushels last year. The American primary receipts are 331,000 bushels, against 469,000 bushels last year and the shipments 280,000 bushels, against 396,000 bushels last year.

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, $1.09@1.10; No. 3 hard, $1.04@1.09; No. 4 hard, 95c@$1.04; No. 3 spring, $1.09.

CORN—No. 2, 43½c; No. 3, 43½c; No. 4, 42½c; no grade, 38@41c; No. 2 yellow, 44c; No. 3 yellow, 43½c; No. 2 white, 44c; No. 3 white, 43½c.

OATS—No. 2 mixed, 29c; No. 3 mixed, 28½c; No. 4 mixed, 28c; No. 2 white, 30½c; No. 3 white, 30¼c; No. 4 white, 29@29½c; standard, 30½c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	7	65	46
Kansas City	65	17	12
Minneapolis	259	....	....
Duluth	6	....	....
St. Louis	27	26	12
Omaha	15	42	1

Wheat Quotations at Minneapolis.

The range of prices in Minneapolis, as reported by the Edwards-Wood company, 110-111 Board of Trade, was:

Commodity.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	1 17⅛@			
	1 15½	1 17¼	1 16⅝	1 16⅝
July	1 14⅝	1 14⅝	1 14¼	1 14¼
September	95	95	94½	94½

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 18,813 bbls.; exports, 4,225 bbls. The market was firm, with lighter trade; Minnesota patents, $5.00@5.45; Minnesota bakers, $3.90@4.05; winter patents, $5.00@5.85; winter straights, $5.30@5.45; winter extras, $3.65@4.30; winter low grades, $3.40@4.10. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $4.30@4.70; choice to fancy, $4.75@4.95. Buckwheat flour, steady; per 100 lbs., $2.00@2.10.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.85; coarse, new, $1.05@1.07½; kilndried, $2.90@3.10.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 43½c, c. i. f., New York; malting, 46@52c, c. i. f. Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 10,725 bu.; spot market irregular; No. 2 red, nominal elevator and $1.23½ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.28 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard Manitoba, $1.13 f. o. b. afloat. Heavy selling of wheat today broke the market and created a weak undertone all the session, as the trade here assumed that the bull leaders were unloading May in the west. The option declined most severely and closed 1¼c net lower, against ¾c net loss elsewhere; May, $1.16 15-16@1.17⅜, closed at $1.17⅜; July, 1.06⅛@1.06 11-16, closed at 1.05⅞; September closed at 95⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 55,900 bu.; exports, 1,792 bu.; spot market irregular; No. 2, 56c elevator and 58½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 55½c; No. 2 white, 58½c; Option market was quieter and weak through liquidation, prospective increased receipts and the wheat break. Last prices showed ⅛@⅜c net decline; May, 51⅝@51⅞c, closed at 51⅝c; July, 52⅜@52¼c, closed at 52⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 37,000 bu.; exports, 4,165 bu.; spot market firm; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 37@38c; natural white, 30 to 32 lbs., 38@39c; clipped white, 38 to 40 lbs., 38½@41c.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 65@70c; good to choice, 80@85c.

HOPS—Easy; state, common to choice, 1904, 29@33c; 1903, 28@31c; olds, 12@13c. Pacific coast, 1904, 29@32c; 1903, 27@30c; olds, 12 @14c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas (dry), 24 to 30 lbs., 14½c.

LEATHER—Firm; acid, 24@25c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $11.00@12.50; mess, $9.00@10.50; beef hams, $22.00@23.50; packet, $10.50@11.00; city, extra India mess, $15.00@17.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 7.00@7.50; pickled shoulders, $6.00; pickled hams, $8.75@9.00. Lard, quiet; western steamed, $7.20; refined, quiet; continent $7.25; South America, $7.75; compound, $4.75@5.12½. Pork, quiet; family, $14.50@15.00; short clear, $15.00@15.50; mess, $13.25@13.75.

TALLOW — Steady; city ($2 per pkg.), 4½c; country (pkgs. free), 4⅝@4¾c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 2¼@3¾c; Japan, nominal.

BUTTER—Strong; street price, extra creamery, 34c; official prices, creamery, common to extra, 27@34c; creamery, held, common to extra, 25@32c; state dairy, common to extra, 23@31c; renovated, common to extra, 19@27c; western factory, common to extra, 20@28c; western imitation creamery, common to extra, 23@30c.

CHEESE—Firm; state full cream, small, colored and white, fancy, 13¼c; fine, 12¾c; late made, colored and white, poor to choice, 9¾@12¼c; large colored and white, fancy, 13c; fine, 12¾@12¼c; late made, colored and white, poor to choice, 9¾@12c.

EGGS—Firm; western fresh, 35c; western seconds, 33@34c.

POULTRY—Alive, firm; western chickens, 11½c; fowls, 14c; turkeys, 15c; dressed, irregular; western chickens, 13@14c; fowls, 13½c; turkeys, 15@20c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, Feb. 17.—SEED—Clover, cash, $7.37½; February, $7.37½; March, $7.40; April, $7.35; October, $5.85; prime alsike, $7.50; prime timothy, $1.85; March timothy, $1.37½.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—To arrive: No. 1 northern, $1.14½. On track: No. 1 northern, $1.14½; No. 2 northern, $1.8½@1.11⅝; May, $1.16½; July, $1.14⅝; September, 96½c.

OATS—To arrive and on track, 29½c.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Under heavy realizing sales today, the price of wheat for May delivery broke 2¾@2¾c. A partial recovery was made on buying by shorts, but the market closed weak with May off 1¾c. July wheat is down ⅝@⅞c. Corn is off ⅜c. Oats show a loss of ¼@⅜c. Provisions are down 2½@6c.

The wheat market was slow from the start. With the opening of trading a large line of long wheat was placed on sale. The idea was general that the offerings were made for the account of a dealer of the bull crowd. In consequence initial quotations showed wide fluctuation, May being off ⅝@1⅜c, at $1.20@1.21. July was down ¼@⅜c to ¼@⅝c, at $1.01⅝@1.02. While shorts and commission houses were liberal purchasers, offerings were of such magnitude as to cause a still further recession of prices. Before the end of the first hour May had sold off to $1.18¾@1.19⅞ and July to $1.01⅜. Estimates of the quantity of long wheat disposed of while the selling pressure lasted put the amount in the neighborhood of 5,000,000 bushels. While the general market was influenced mainly by the action of the May delivery, the extreme weakness was due in part to bearish news. Receipts in the northwest today were larger than for the corresponding day last week or a year ago. Total primary receipts were only a trifle less than last year. At St. Louis trade journal made claims that a greater area of fall sown wheat is protected by snow than for many years. The market was extremely nervous the entire session. May rallied materially on covering by shorts, but distant deliveries were inclined to drag. At the close the market was quite weak, with May at $1.19⅝. July closed at $1.01⅝. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 20,100 bushels. Exports for the week as shown by Bradstreet's were equal to 537,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 387,100 bushels, compared with 409,400 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 272 cars against 216 cars last week and 354 cars a year ago.

Influenced by the slump in wheat, the corn market was subjected to heavy selling pressure, several prominent longs being active on that side of the market. Fear of greatly increased receipts resulting from milder weather throughout the week was again a potent factor. The principal demand came came from shorts. The market was weak throughout the entire session, May opening ⅛@⅜c lower, at 46¼@46⅜c to 46⅜c, sold off to 46¼c and closed at 46⅛c. Local receipts, 65 cars, none of contract grade.

Oats were steady at a slight decline from the previous close. Liquidation of long lines, owing to the weakness of other grains, was the cause of an early decline. A fair demand from commission houses steadied the market. May opened a shade to ⅛@¼c lower, at 31½@31¼c, sold off to 30⅞c and closed at 31c. Local receipts, 46 cars.

Provisions were a trifle easier as a result of increased receipts of live hogs. Weakness of corn had some effect. Trading was largely in ribs, with best demand coming from shorts. At the close May pork and ribs were each off 2½@5c, at $6.80 and $6.80@6.82½. Lard was down 2½c, at $6.90@6.92½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 6 cars; corn, 65 cars; oats, 24 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
May	1 20@ 1 21	1 21	1 18⅝@ 1 18⅞	1 19⅝	1 21⅝
July	1 01⅝@ 1 02	1 02	1 01⅜	1 01⅝	1 02⅞
Sept.	93⅛@⅝	93⅝	93	93⅛	93½
*Corn—					
Feb.	....	....	....	43⅝	44
May	46⅛@⅜	46⅝	46⅛	46⅝	46⅝
July	47⅝@⅞	47⅞	47	47⅛	47⅜
Sept.	47½	47½	47¼	47⅜	....
*Oats—					
Feb.	....	....	....	30⅝	31⅝
May	31⅛@¼	31¼	30⅞	31	31¼@⅜
July	31	31	30⅝	30⅞	31⅛
Sept.	29⅛	29⅛	29	29⅛	29⅝@⅞
Pork—					
Feb.	....	....	....	12 60	12 62½
May	12 80	12 87½	12 80	12 87½	12 85
July	....	....	....	12 92½	12 95
Lard—					
Feb.	....	....	....	6 72½	6 72½
May	6 92½	6 92½	6 90	6 92½	6 95
July	....	....	....	7 05	7 07½
Ribs—					
Feb.	....	....	....	6 62½	6 65
May	6 80	6 82½	6 80	6 82½	6 85
July	6 95	6 97½	6 95	6 95	6 97½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy; winter patents, $5.10@5.20; straights, $4.80@5.00; spring patents, $5.00@5.50; straights, $4.50@4.90; bakers, $2.60@3.80.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, $1.15@1.20; No. 3, $1.03@1.18; No. 2 red, $1.19@1.22.

CORN—No. 2, 44½c; No. 2 yellow, 44⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 30⅝c; No. 2 white, 32⅝@33c; No. 3 white, 31⅝@32½c.

RYE—No. 2, 75c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 38c; fair to choice malting, 42@46c.

SEED—No. 1 flax, $1.18; No. 1 northwestern, $1.26; prime timothy, $2.85@2.87½; clover, contract grade $12.50.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.62½@12.65. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.72½@6.75. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.62½@6.75; short clear sides (boxed), $6.75@6.87½.

Following are the receipts and shipments of flour and grain:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	11,900	30,500
Wheat, bu	21,000	21,400
Corn, bu	108,100	183,600
Oats, bu	94,100	103,300
Rye, bu	2,000	4,000
Barley, bu	16,500	28,400

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 32@32c; dairies, 23@29c. Eggs, steady; at mark, cases included, 24@30c; firsts, 30c; prime firsts, 32c. Cheese, steady, 11@12c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, $1.15; track, $1.17½@1.18; May, $1.16; July, 98⅝c; No. 2 hard, $1.14@1.15.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 45½c; track, 46@46⅜c; May, 44⅝c; July, 45⅝c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 32c; track, 32½c; May, 31½c; No. 2 white, 34@34½c.

FLOUR—Moderate business; red winter patents, $5.35@5.55; special brands, $5.65@5.85; extra fancy and straight, $4.85@5.35; clear $4.40@4.60.

SEED—Timothy, steady; $2.40.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.40.

BRAN—Quiet, but firm; sacked, east track, 82@84c.

HAY—Stronger for best; timothy, $6.00@12.50; prairie, $5.00@9.50.

IRON COTTONTIES—93c.

BAGGING—7¼c.

HEMP TWINE—6½c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, $12.05. Lard, unchanged; prime steam, $6.40. Bacon, unchanged; boxed, extra shorts, $7.50 clear ribs, $7.50; short clear, $7.75.

POULTRY—Quiet; chickens, 11c; springs, 11c; turkeys, 15½c; ducks, 13c; geese, 7@8c.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 25@33c; dairy, 19@28c.

EGGS—Lower at 23½c, case count.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	5,000	16,000
Wheat, bu	27,000	65,000
Corn, bu	39,000	27,000
Oats, bu	12,000	34,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—May, $1.06⅝; July, 89½c; September, 85@85½c; cash, No. 2 hard, $1.09@1.11½; No. 3, $1.06@1.08; No. 4, $1.01@1.05; rejected, 94c@$1.00; No. 2 red, $1.14@1.14; No. 3, $1.07½@1.08½. Receipts, 75 cars.

CORN—May, 44⅝@44⅝c; July, 44⅛@44⅜c; September, 44⅝@44⅝c; cash, No. 2 white, 47c; No. 2 mixed, 46c; No. 3, 46c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 33c; No. 2 mixed, 32@32½c.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $9.50@10.00; choice prairie, $7.50@8.00.

RYE—Steady; 73½@73½c.

EGGS—Steady; Missouri and Kansas, new No. 2, whitewood cases included, 23½c; case count, 27½c; cases returned, ½c less.

BUTTER—Creamery, 26@30c; packing, 23c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	39,200	13,600
Corn, bu	15,200	4,800
Oats, bu	3,000	10,000

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—1c lower; No. 1 northern, $1.16@1.17; No. 2 northern, $1.12@1.14; May, $1.19⅝ bid.

RYE—Stronger; No. 1, 83½c.

BARLEY—Quiet; No. 2, 53c; sample, 37@50c.

CORN—Firm; No. 3, 44@44½c; May, 46⅝c bid.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—May, $1.16⅝@1.16⅞; July, $1.14¼@1.14⅝; September, 94½@94⅝c; No. 1 hard, $1.18⅝; No. 1 northern, $1.16⅝; No. 2 northern, $1.12⅝.

FLOUR—First patents, $5.45@5.60; second patents, $5.25@5.40; first clears, $4.15@4.35; second clears, $3.00@3.70.

BRAN—In bulk, $14.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—Spot, nominal; futures, steady; March, 7s 8d; May, 6s 11⅝d; July, 6s 11½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, firm, 4s 2d; American mixed, old, quiet, 4s 11d; futures, quiet; March, 4s 1⅝d; May, 4s 2⅝d.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—BUTTER—Firm; western creamery, 34c.

EGGS—Firm; western fresh, 35c, at mark

CHEESE—Firm, 12@13c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Market is Sluggish Both in Volume and Amount of Fluctuations.

NEW HIGH RECORD FOR UNION PACIFIC

Northern Securities Also Makes a Sharp Jump of Several Points—Grain Rate War Affects Railroads.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The dimensions of the market diminished today to some extent both in the volume of transactions and in the size of the fluctuations. A number of the less prominent stocks moved widely, but the mass of securities which usually make up the market were sluggish. Union racific reasserted its leadership in the market and the strength which it developed served to hold prices elsewhere, after rather distinct sagging tendency had become manifest.

The early movement upward was fairly general, although it lacked the lately prevalent demand for London account, operations for that center shifting to the selling side today. The movement was generally attributed to a covering up of short contracts put out late yesterday, largely under the apprehension that the dispute in the Equitable Life Assurance society would prove incapable of being healed. The policy of reconciliation which prevailed at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the directors was hailed with decided relief in Wall street, where a considerable, but vague, dread was felt of the ulterior consequences of the quarrel. This influence in stocks was short lived, but it was followed by the lively upward movement in a number of industrial stocks, which are rarely conspicuous in the market. News to account for these movements was not forthcoming, but they were quite generally attributed to conditions in the particular trade with which the properties were connected and to a growth in earnings, giving rise to suppositions of dividend benefits to be either begun or increased. Movements in this class of stocks are not of strong sympathetic effect on the general list and they spent their force rather quickly to be succeeded by reactions.

The 2-point rise in Union Pacific to a new high level was of more effect and arrested the downward tendency in prices. The large size of the individual blocks of this stock which were dealt in were testimony to the large resources enjoyed by the operators in it. The movement had its customary accompaniment in Northern Securities on the curb. The latter stock, on a volume of trading unusual in the curb market, rose buoyantly several points above its previous record price to the neighborhood of 160. Great Northern preferred, on the Stock exchange, jumped 10 points on very light dealings. Further deep cuts in the rates on grain for export had a disturbing effect on sentiment and witnessed to the growing seriousness of the war for that traffic. A talk of a strike of the New Haven firemen was also of some effect.

The forecast of the week's currency movement gave promise of a weak bank statement and the rate for call money ruled slightly higher in consequence. The regular movement with the interior is still slightly in favor of New York and the indicated loss of over $5,000,000 in cash is altogether up to the gold outgo. But the gain on balance from the interior has fallen to almost nominal proportions, indicating the approach of the turn of the tide. With the late reaction in Union Pacific prices elsewhere fell back again and the closing was heavy.

Bonds were firm; total sales, par value, $4,415,000. United States 2s advanced ¼ per cent on call.

Following were the sales and range of prices on the Stock exchange today:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	11,100	87⅝	87⅛	87¼
do preferred	2,500	102⅝	101⅞	101⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	100	122	122	121¼
Baltimore & Ohio	11,800	104¼	103⅛	103⅝
do preferred	300	97½	97	97
Canadian Pacific	9,900	137⅝	137	137
Cen. of New Jersey	100	195½	195	195
Chesapeake & Ohio	4,300	50⅝	50⅛	50⅛
Chicago & Alton	200	42	42	41½
do preferred	100	82	82	80
Chi. Great Western	23,100	23⅝	22½	23⅛
Chi. Northwestern	800	238½	238	238½
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	9,900	176⅝	175⅝	175⅞
Chi. Term. & Trans.	200	19½	19	18⅝
do preferred	5,600	35½	34½	34⅝
C., C., C. & St. Louis	700	96	96	96
Colo. & Southern	1,900	26½	25⅝	25⅝
do first preferred	....	....	....	68⅝
do second preferred	400	38	37	37
Delaware & Hudson	500	192½	191½	191½
Del., Lack. & West.	....	....	....	355
Den. & Rio Grande	....	....	....	32½
do preferred	....	....	....	87⅝
Erie	53,500	44⅝	44	44
do first preferred	4,400	80½	79⅞	79⅞
do second preferred	1,200	65⅝	64⅝	64⅝
Hocking Valley	200	92½	91½	91½
do preferred	100	91⅝	91⅝	91⅝
Illinois Central	3,000	158	157¼	157½
Lake Shore	100	36	36	36
Kan. City Southern	3,500	32⅝	32	32⅝
do preferred	3,800	68½	67⅝	67½
Louis. & Nash.	4,200	138⅞	137⅝	137⅝
Manhattan L.	1,300	173⅝	172⅝	172⅝
Met. Securities	3,600	82⅝	81½	81
Metropolitan St. Ry.	7,600	123½	121½	121⅝
Mexican Central	2,500	23½	22½	22⅝
Minn. & St. Louis	....	....	....	58
M., St. P. & S. Ste. M.	800	106½	105½	105
*do preferred	....	....	....	169
Missouri Pacific	4,800	107⅝	106⅝	106⅞
Mo., Kansas & Texas	1,500	31⅝	31⅛	31⅛
do preferred	1,700	65⅝	65	64⅝
N.R.R. of Mex., pfd.	200	42	42	41½
New York Central	4,300	148¼	147⅝	147⅞
N. Y., Ont. & West.	27,700	51⅝	50⅝	51
Norfolk & Western	4,300	83½	83	83
do preferred	....	....	....	93½
Pennsylvania	38,200	140¼	139½	139½
P., C., C. & St. Louis	100	82½	82½	81½
Reading	58,300	95½	93½	94¼
do first preferred	300	94	94	93½
do second preferred	100	90	90	89⅞
Rock Island Co.	10,900	35½	34⅝	34⅝
do preferred	700	81⅞	81½	81½
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd.	200	71	71	70¼
St. L. Southwestern	400	26	26	25⅝
do preferred	1,600	63⅞	63	62⅞
Southern Pacific	24,300	67⅝	66⅞	67
do preferred	2,400	120½	119⅝	119⅝
Southern Railway	6,900	34⅝	34¼	34⅛
do preferred	100	97⅞	97⅞	97½
Texas & Pacific	3,000	36½	36	36½
Tol., St. L. & West.	1,000	36⅞	36½	36½
do preferred	100	56	56	55½
Union Pacific	172,400	126¼	124	125⅝
do preferred	....	....	....	99
Wabash	800	23⅝	22⅝	22⅝
do preferred	2,300	47	46½	46⅝
Wheel. & Lake Erie	600	19½	19	19
Wisconsin Central	3,900	24⅝	24⅛	24½
do preferred	5,900	54½	53½	53½
Adams Ex.	....	....	....	245
American Ex.	....	....	....	228
United States Ex.	....	....	....	129
Wells-Fargo Ex.	....	....	....	245
Amalgamated Cop.	79,900	74⅞	73⅝	74
Am. Car & Foundry	2,900	34⅞	34¼	34⅝
do preferred	500	94	93⅞	93⅞
Am. Cotton Oil	300	34⅞	34⅝	34½
do preferred	....	....	....	95
American Ice	600	6	6	6
do preferred	400	40	39⅞	39⅞
Am. Linseed Oil	300	16	15½	15½
do preferred	200	37½	37	38
Am. Locomotive	9,600	41½	40⅝	40
do preferred	....	....	....	110⅝
Am. Smelt. & Refng.	2,900	87⅞	85⅝	87⅝
do preferred	800	118½	117⅝	117⅝
Am. Sugar Refng.	4,000	144½	143½	143⅞
Am. Tobacco, pfd.	2,000	98⅝	98⅛	98⅛
Anaconda Mining Co.	1,000	106⅛	106	106⅛
Brook. Rapid Transit	3,700	62⅝	62⅛	62⅝
Colo. Fuel & Iron	13,000	51⅝	50½	50½
Consolidated Gas	4,900	206⅞	204½	204½
Corn Products	2,600	20⅞	20⅛	20½
do preferred	200	78⅝	77½	77½
Dis. Securities	2,400	38⅞	38⅛	38⅛
General Electric	900	187½	187	186½
International Paper	200	22½	22	21⅞
do preferred	500	77⅝	77⅛	77⅛
International Pump	....	....	....	38
do preferred	300	87	86⅝	85½
National Lead	1,600	34½	33⅞	34
North American	500	103⅝	102⅝	103
Pacific Mail	800	46⅝	46	46½
People's Gas	1,300	107½	107⅛	107
Pressed Steel Car	1,700	37⅞	37¼	37¼
do preferred	100	89	89	88½
Pullman Palace Car	....	....	....	237
Republic Steel	2,600	18¼	18	18
do preferred	1,700	77⅛	76	76
Rubber Goods	5,700	27⅝	25⅛	26¼
do preferred	....	....	....	96½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	7,100	82⅝	81	81½
U. S. Leather	2,900	12⅞	12⅝	12⅝
do preferred	2,900	106¼	105¼	105⅝
U. S. Realty	500	96	95½	95½
U. S. Rubber	15,200	44	40¼	42½
do preferred	11,100	114½	110	110¼
U. S. Steel	56,100	33½	32	32
do preferred	15,700	95	94½	94½
Va.-Carolina Chem.	1,900	39	38⅝	38½
do preferred	700	109¼	108⅝	108⅞
Westhouse Electric	....	....	....	160
Western Union	500	96½	93¼	93¼

*Offered.

Total sales for the day, 833,700 shares.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Money was in strong demand today, as the market had to meet a call of upwards of $5,000,000 on the Irish land loan. Discounts were steady. The steamer Himalaya has landed at Plymouth $5,905,040 in bullion, including $5,000,000 from India. Trading on the Stock exchange opened quiet with a firm undertone. Afterward some profit-taking caused a setback. Consols were easier. Americans were weak following the relapse in New York, notably Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. President Roosevelt's order for an investigation of the Standard Oil company was a depressing factor. Movements were irregular. Erie, Philadelphia & Reading and United States Steel recovered, but closed dull. Grand Trunk relapsed on the increase of traffic being $35,000 below expectations. Foreigners generally were firm, particularly Japanese, on peace anticipations. They closed easier. Imperial Japanese government 6s of 1904 were quoted at 108⅝.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The tone on the Bourse today was firm and prices were tending upward, except in the case of Russians, which were heavy. Russian imperial 4s were quoted at 92.40 and Russian bonds of 1904 at 509.

BUSINESS OF ASSOCIATED BANKS

Clearings of the Great Commercial Centers of Country.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended February 16, with the percentage of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
*New York	$1,475,965,372	50.2	.....
*Chicago	167,995,067	10.9	.....
*Boston	130,216,069	12.3	.....
*Philadelphia	110,227,179	27.4	.....
*St. Louis	54,260,519	1.6	.....
Pittsburg	44,803,499	47.1	.....
*San Francisco	31,645,885	8.9	.....
Cincinnati	19,220,950	.....	12.6
*Baltimore	20,885,147	20.8	.....
*Kansas City	18,067,862	.....	19.1
*New Orleans	17,575,486	.....	30.1
*Minneapolis	12,780,646	0.3	.....
*Cleveland	12,855,046	5.5	.....
*Louisville	13,150,113	8.5	.....
Detroit	9,436,626	8.8	.....
*Milwaukee	8,559,110	.....	3.5
OMAHA	6,678,474	.....	4.3
*Providence	8,748,600	4.2	.....
*Los Angeles	7,891,794	29.3	.....
*Buffalo	5,675,928	1.3	.....
Indianapolis	5,518,189	.....	14.8
*St. Paul	5,075,521	.....	2.8
Memphis	3,953,865	.....	32.5
*St. Joseph	3,428,000	.....	21.8
Richmond	4,469,402	.....	3.3
Denver	5,311,840	35.2	.....
Columbus	4,721,400	11.3	.....
Seattle	4,532,601	44.5	.....
Washington	4,104,079	.....	11.7
*Savannah	3,099,991	3.1	.....
Albany	3,406,927	18.3	.....
*Portland, Ore	3,722,318	18.0	.....
Fort Worth	4,950,016	4.3	.....
*Toledo	3,409,301	33.5	.....
Orlando	3,132,627	.....	0.7
Salt Lake City	3,307,021	15.5	.....
Rochester	2,821,073	19.5	.....
Peoria	3,004,229	2.9	.....
Hartford	2,980,996	39.9	.....
Nashville	2,630,593	1.0	.....
*Spokane	2,532,380	7.7	.....
Des Moines	1,784,815	.....	16.9
Tacoma	2,457,854	34.1	.....
New Haven	1,899,234	6.3	.....
Grand Rapids	1,720,295	12.6	.....
Norfolk	1,570,080	5.2	.....
Dayton	1,373,966	12.2	.....
Portland, Me.	1,462,671	9.1	.....
Springfield, Mass	1,516,603	28.7	.....
Augusta, Ga.	1,037,696	.....	15.8
Evansville	1,195,628	14.2	.....
Sioux City	1,312,162	14.6	.....
*Birmingham	1,236,148	.....	1.5
Syracuse	1,235,114	7.1	.....
Worcester	1,364,235	21.0	.....
Knoxville	1,159,255