COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Close of the Month Finds a Remarkable Slump in Wheat.

MAY DECLINES FIFTY CENTS A BUSHEL

Other Wheat Options Are Lower but Corn and Oats and All Lines of Provisions Are Higher.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Today's session saw the close of perhaps the greatest wheat deal in the annals of the grain business. The May option, which left off Saturday at $1.75, ranged today between $1.40 and $1.25, closing at the lower figure, a loss of 50c a bu. The slump in May, coupled with bearish statistics, enormous world's shipments and bright crop prospects, caused a severe decline of the deferred futures in wheat. At the close July showed a loss of 6@6¼c and September 2@2½c. Corn was 5-8c and oats ¼c higher. Pork is up 2½c, lard 10c and ribs 7½c.

The demand in the wheat pit today was from shorts, who took advantage of the break to buy in and secure profits. July had a sensational decline, during which some longs sold out. It started at from $1.01 to $1.02 and was offered down from $1.01½, a cent at each trade, until it dropped to 94½c. It recovered a portion of the decline later with a little help from Letter. May, which closed Saturday at $1.75, opened at $1.40 and quickly dropped to $1.25 in the first few minutes. The evident intention was to make a price for the heavy receipts that were offered in the sample market. The trade was not confined to Letter brokers, who were both buyers and sellers and made what price they choose. A well known statistician estimated the wheat crops of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas at 100,000,000 bu., as against 85,000,000 bu. last year. The crop news at home and abroad could hardly have been more bearish. The world's shipments last week were enormous, showing that wheat was being pressed for sale the world over. The India movement was a surprise, that country having shipped about 3,600,000 bu., and Russia put afloat more than America. The visible supply increased nearly 600,000 bu., where a small decrease was expected. Chicago received 653 cars, of which 404 cars were contract, while Minneapolis and Duluth got 995 cars. Exports from Atlantic ports in wheat and flour were equal to 990,000 bu. July opened 2¼c lower at $1.01@1.02, fell to 94½c and rallied to 97@97 5-8c at the close. September started 2½c off at $1 5-8@2c, advanced to 82½c, declined to 80 5-8c and firmed up to $1 1-8@81¼c, the last quotation.

There was a quick dip in corn at the start on large receipts and wheat break. It rallied soon on good buying and wet weather reports. July started ½@¾c lower at 32¾@32½c, sold up steadily to 33 5-8c asked, the final quotation.

Only a moderately large business was transacted in oats. Prices followed corn. July opened 3-8c lower at 23¾@23 7-8c, sold up to 24¼c, declined to 23¾c, then rose to 24 3-8c at the close.

The firmness in provisions was largely ascribed to the signing of the reciprocity treaty with France. The treaty cuts the French meat tariff in two and reduces the tax on lard a third. July pork opened 2½@7½c lower at $11.45@11.55, sold up to $11.62½, declined to $11.42½, then rose to $11.50 at the close. July lard started 7½c higher at $6.20, up to $6.27, down to $6.17½ and closed at $6.22½. July ribs ranged from $5.90 to $5.97½ and closed at $5.92½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 215 cars; corn, 900 cars; oats, 385 cars; hogs, 28,000 head.

Leading futures range as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'y
*Wheat—					
May...	1 40	1 40	1 25	1 25	1 75
July...	1 01-02	1 02	94⅞	97⅞	1 04⅛
Sept...	81⅝-82	82¼	80⅝	81⅛@⅛	83¼
Dec...	78⅝-79	80¼	78⅝	79⅛@⅝	79
*Corn—					
May...	32¾@⅞	33¼	32¼	33¼	32⅞
July...	32¼@⅝	33⅜	32¼	33⅜	33
Sept...	33¼@⅝	34⅜	33¼	34⅜	33⅞
*Oats—					
May...	26¼	31	26	31	26¼
July...	23¾@¾	24⅛	23¾	24⅛	24⅛@¼
Sept...	21⅝	22¼	21⅝	22¼@¼	21⅝
Pork—					
July...	11 45	11 62½	11 42½	11 50	11 47½
Sept...	11 70	11 77½	11 57½	11 65	11 60
Lard—					
July...	6 20	6 27	6 17½	6 22½	6 17½
Sept	6 27½	6 37½	6 27½	6 30	6 20
Sh'Ribs—					
July...	5 90	5 97½	5 90	5 92½	5 85
Sept	6 00	6 07	5 95	6 02½	5 95

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $6.00@6.25; straights, $5.00@6.20; hard spring patents, $7.20@7.40; bakers, $4.90@5.15.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 95c@$1.15; No. 2 red, $1.25.

CORN—No. 2, 33¼@33½c.

OATS—No. 2, 26½c; No. 2 white, 29c; No. 3 white, 28¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 50c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@50c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.29.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.80@2.85.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl, $11.45@11.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.20@6.25. Bacon, short ribs sides (loose), $6.15@6.20. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.00@5.25; short clear sides (boxed), $6.35@6.45.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.20.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.88; granulated, $5.25.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	12,000	15,100
Wheat, bu	134,300	387,200
Corn, bu	458,000	412,000
Oats, bu	13,300	3,000
Rye, bu	22,300	4,100
Barley, bu		500

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 13@16c; dairies, 11@13c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 9½c. Cheese, quiet at 7½@7¾c. Live poultry, market fairly active; spring chickens, 8@10½c; ducks, 6@6½c; turkeys, 6@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 31.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,900 bbls.; exports, 15,290 bbls.; weak and lower with wheat; winter patents, $6.40@6.65; winter straights, $6.10@6.25; Minnesota patents, $6.60@7.10; winter extras, $4.80@5.35; Minnesota bakers, $5.10@5.35; winter low grades, $2.80@3.00. Rye flour, dull at $3.65@4.00.

CORNMEAL—Easy; yellow, 76c.

RYE—Weak; No. 2 western, 63c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 42c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 63@75c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 22,452 bu.; exports, 509,212 bu.; spot weak; No. 2 red, nominal; export grade, No. 2 red, 89⅝c. f. o. b. afloat; September, $1.00 to $1.15. Options opened firmer on foreign buying, but soon turned weak for near months, which under a collapse of the May deal, broke very sharply. Bearish weekly statistics and crop news also had an effect. Late months, supported by covering and firm late Paris cables, closed 1⅝@⅞c higher, against 2 1-8c decline in May; May, $1.15@1.18; July, $1.04⅝@1.11½; closed, $1.07.

CORN—Receipts, 78,000 bu.; exports, 444,800 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 39½c. Options had a firm day on covering, light country acceptances, closing 7-8c net higher; July, 37 5-8@38¼c; closed, 38¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 282,000 bu.; exports, 151,000 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 32¼@32½c; No. 2 white, 34½c. Options moderately active and steady, closing unchanged; May, 32½c.

FEED—Quiet; bran, 70@80c; middling, 90@95c; rye, 80c.

HAY—Quiet; spring, 35@40c; good to choice, 45@75c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 12@14c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 12@14c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 16c; Texas dry, 13c; California, 18c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19@20½c.

WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 16@22c; Texas, 12@18c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $12.50@13.00; extra mess, $10.50@11.00; beef hams, $13.50@14.00; packet, $11.50@12.00. Cut meats, dull; pickled bellies, 6½@7¼c; pickled shoulders, 4¾c; pickled hams, 7¾@8c. Lard, steady; western steam closed, $6.35@6.40; refined, steady. Pork, quiet; mess, $11.50@11.75; short clear, $12.50@14.50; family, $12.50@13.50. Tallow, firm; city, 4 1-8c bid; country, 3 7-8@4 1-8c, as to quality.

OILS—Petroleum, dull. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.42½@1.45. Turpentine, easier at 28¾@29c. Cottonseed oil, steady and moderately active; prime crude, 21@22c; prime crude, f. o. b., mills, 17@18c; prime summer yellow, 26c; off summer yellow, 25@25½c; butter oil, 29@30c; prime winter yellow, 30@32c.

RICE—Firm; fair to extra, 5 1-8@7¼c; Japan, 5 7-8@6c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@35c.

FREIGHTS TO LIVERPOOL—Dull; cotton by steam, 23c; grain by steam, 3d.

METALS—The metal market starts the week with several departments inactive and prices in some instances lower. At the close today the metal exchange called pig iron warrants steady, with $8.75 bid and $8.85 asked; lake copper dull, with $11.90 bid and $16.10 asked; tin quiet, with $14.80 bid and $14.90 asked; spelter firm, with $4.30 bid and $4.40 asked; lead firm, with $3.90 bid and $3.95 asked. The firm fixing the settling price for leading miners and smelters quotes lead at $3.90.

BUTTER—Receipts, 9,331 pkgs.; steady; creamery, 13½@16½c; Elgins, 16½c; factory, 10½@12½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 4,736 pkgs.; market quiet; light skims, 5@6c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 130 pkgs.; western, 10@11c.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—FLOUR—Dull, unsettled and lower; patents, $5.70@5.90; straights, $5.35@5.50; clear, $4.75@5.00; medium, $4.00@5.00.

WHEAT—Lower, closing with May, 14c, July 3 5-8c, September 3c and December 1¾c lower than Saturday; spot lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, $1.01; track, $1.00@1.05; May, $1.01; July, 88 3-8c; September, 78 3-8@78½c; December, 78c; No. 2 hard cash, $1.00.

CORN—Futures closed with buyers at the top and large fractions above Saturday. Spot fractionally lower; No. 2 cash, 31½c; May, 31¼c bid; July, 31½@31 5-8c; September, 32½c.

OATS—Firm and fractionally higher, compared with Saturday for futures, with spot 1c up; No. 2 cash, 29c; track, 29c; May, 29c; July, 23 5-8c; September, 21¾c; No. 2 white, 31@31½c.

RYE—Nominal at 60c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, nominally lower at $1.20; prime timothy seed, $2.80@2.85.

CORNMEAL—Weaker at $1.85@1.90.

BRAN—Dull and lower; sacked, east track, 54@55c; sacked, this side, $5.80.

HAY—Quiet and steady; prairie, $7.50@10.00; timothy, $8.00@12.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 14@16½c; dairy, 10@14c.

EGGS—Steady at 9c.

WHISKY—$1.23.

COTTON TIES—70c.

BAGGING—5 7-8@6 3-8c.

METALS—Lead, strong at $3.90. Spelter, steady at $4.15.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; standard mess, jobbing, $11.50@11.60. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.95; choice, $6.05 bid. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.87½; extra short clear, $6.75; ribs, $6.87½; shorts, $7.00. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $5.37½; extra short clear, $6.25; ribs, $6.37½; shorts, $6.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 10,000 bbls.; wheat, 56,000 bu.; corn, 424,000 bu.; oats, 142,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 24,000 bu.; corn, 53,000 bu.; oats, 27,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, May 31.—FLOUR—Easier; western superfine, $3.75@4.00; western extra, $4.00@4.45; western family, $5.00@6.00; winter wheat patents, $6.10@6.50; spring wheat patents, $6.60@6.90; spring straights, $6.40@6.65; receipts, 3,324 bbls.; exports, 97 bbls.; sales, none.

WHEAT—Unsettled and lower; No. 2 red, spot, $1.19¼@1.19½; the month, $1.19¼@1.19½; July, $1.01 asked; steamer No. 2 red, $1.09 7-8@1.10; receipts, 103,775 bu.; exports, none; southern, by sample, $1.10@1.20; southern, on grade, $1.10@1.19¾.

CORN—Steadier; mixed spot, month and June, 37@37¼c; July, 37½@38c; steamer mixed, 36@36¼c; receipts, 218,823 bu.; exports, 213,264 bu.; southern white corn, 36¾@37c; southern yellow corn, 37@37½c.

OATS—Dull and lower; No. 2 white, 26@28c; No. 2 mixed, 23c asked; receipts, 27,095 bu.; exports, 120,000 bu.

RYE—Dull and lower; No. 2 nearby, 54½c; No. 2 western, 56½c, nominal; receipts, 20,694 bu.; exports, none.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $12.50@13.00.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Dull; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 4d, June; Cork for orders, per quarter, 3d, June.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 17c; fancy imitation, 13c; good ladle, 11c; store packed, 12@13c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 11@11½c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, 60c; large, 9¼@9½c; medium, 9@10c; small, 10¼@10½c.

Financial Notes.

OMAHA, May 31.—The clearings for the day were $1,106,448.22; balances, $125,368.19. The clearings for 1897 were $886,402.66, and the balances, $96,689.28. Increase in clearings, $220,045.56.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Clearings, $22,696,800; balances, $2,957,500. Stocks were steady; Biscuit, 28; Biscuit preferred, 88½; Diamond Match, 138; North Chicago, 200; Strawboard, 27; West Chicago, 34¼.

CINCINNATI, May 31.—Money, 3@6 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium; clearings, $3,252,950.

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—Clearings, $5,591,006; balances, $512,960; money, 5@8 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium bid, 35c premium asked.

PHILADELPHIA, May 31.—Clearings, $8,456,377; balances, $1,240,571.

BALTIMORE, May 31.—Clearings, $2,774,773; balances, $543,354.

NEW ORLEANS, May 31.—Clearings, $1,013,513; New York exchange, bank, $1 per $1,000 premium; commercial, 25c per $1,000 premium.

MEMPHIS, May 31.—Clearings, $138,593; balances, $134,487; New York exchange, $1.50.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Clearings, $83,889,250; balances, $4,623,085.

BOSTON, May 31.—Clearings, $12,426,862; balances, $1,506,677.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, May 31.—HOG PRODUCTS—Quiet and steady; pork, standard mess, 12@12¼c. Lard, refined tierce, 4 3-8@4½c; pure lard, 6 5-8@6¾c. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, 6 5-8@6¾c; sides, 6 5-8@6¾c. Bacon, clear rib sides, 7 3-8@7½c. Hams, choice sugar cured, 9@10¼c.

COFFEE—Easier; Rio, ordinary to fair, 7¼@9c.

RICE—Ordinary to good, 4 5-8@5 3-8c.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $5.80@5.90; patents, $6.20@6.30.

CORNMEAL—$1.80@1.95.

BRAN—75c.

HAY—Prime, $14.00@14.50; choice, $16.00@16.50.

CORN—No. 2 sacked, mixed, 43@44c; white and yellow, 44@45c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 36@36½c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, May 31.—WHEAT—Market about 10c lower than Saturday; offerings large; demand limited; No. 1 hard, $1.00@1.02; No. 2, 98c@$1.05; No. 3, 96@97c; No. 1 red, $1.01; No. 2, $1.00@1.02; No. 3, 94c@$1.01; No. 2 spring, 97@98c; No. 3, 94@96c.

CORN—Market lower; demand light; No. 2 mixed, 28¾@30c; No. 2 white, 30@31c; No. 3, 29@30c.

OATS—Market active and steady; No. 2 white, 26@26½c.

RYE—Market weak; No. 2, 55c.

HAY—Market dull and rather weak; choice timothy, $10.25; choice prairie, $9.50.

BUTTER—Market steady; country scarce; creamery, 12½@14½c; dairy, 10@12c.

EGGS—Market firm and higher; fresh, 9c.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, May 31.—FLOUR—Dull; fancy, $5.10@5.50; family, $4.80@5.10.

WHEAT—Dull, nominal; No. 2 red, $1.08@1.10.

CORN—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 35@36c.

OATS—Dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

RYE—Easier; No. 2, 52c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firm at $6.00. Bulk meats, firm at $6.25. Bacon, steady at $8.05.

WHISKY—Firm at $1.23.

BUTTER—Firm and higher; Elgin creamery, 18c; Ohio, 12@15c; dairy, 10c.

SUGAR—Steady; hard refined, $4.47@6.10.

EGGS—Steady at 9c.

CHEESE—Easy; good to prime Ohio flat, 7@7½c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 31. — Receipts: Wheat, 574 cars.

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—Receipts: Wheat, 77 cars.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Receipts, three days: Wheat, 653 cars; corn, 2,918 cars; oats, 1,063 cars.

DULUTH, May 31.—Receipts: Wheat, 521 cars.

KANSAS CITY, May 31.—Receipts, 249 cars.

Sugar Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, May 31.—SUGAR—Steady; open kettle, 3@4c; centrifugals, white, 4½@4 5-8c; yellow, 4¼@4½c; seconds, 2½@3 7-8c. Molasses, steady; centrifugal, 5@12c.

NEW YORK, May 31.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3¾c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 5-16c; refined, firm; mould A, 5 5-8c; standard A, 5¼c; confectioners' A, 5¼c; cut loaf, 5 7-8c; crushed, 5 7-8c; powdered, 5 7-8c; granulated, 5 3-8c; cubes, 5 5-8c.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, May 31.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Apples, firm and other fruits steady; evaporated apples, common, 5@6c; prime, wire tray, 9@9½c; wood dried, prime, 9½c; choice, 9¼@10c; fancy, 10c. Prunes, 4@8½c. Apricots, Royal, 8@10c; Moor Park, 10@12c. Peaches, unpeeled, 5@9c; peeled, 12@16c.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, May 31.—The market for American securities advanced at the opening and remained steady all day with trading professional. Trading was firm and the demand generally light. Amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today, £91,000.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, May 31.—CORN—Irregular; No. 2, 32@32¼c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 white, 27c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 58c.

WHISKY—Firm; high proof spirits, $1.22½.

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, May 31.—The statement of the visible supply of grain, in store and afloat, on Saturday, May 28, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 28,672,000 bu.; increase, 587,000 bu. Corn, 20,115,000 bu.; increase, 611,000 bu. Oats, 7,179,000 bu.; decrease, 917,00 bu. Rye, 1,420,000 bu.; decrease, 59,000 bu. Barley, 568,000 bu.; increase, 24,000 bu.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Western Railroads Show Considerable Strength on the Market.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Today's stock market was active and strong, but the activity and strength were not by any means uniformly distributed. The grangers exercised a powerful sustaining influence and Rock Island was the feature of the group. St. Paul closed the day with a net gain of over 2 points, the advance being encouraged by published reassurances as to the permanent character of the improvement charged to large operating expenses for April. The newly published statement of the Burlington's April earnings, with a similarly large proportion absorbed in operating expenses, was a drag on that stock early in the day, but its tone improved later and there was a net rise of 1½ per cent. People's Gas was the most conspicuous stock in the list and rose at one time 3¾ points, but lost nearly a point on realizing. Brooklyn Transit was also up nearly 2 points at one time. The recent rise in the iron stocks continued today, Minnesota Iron and Illinois Steel rising respectively 3¼ points. Chicago & Eastern Illinois rose 6½ points and Northern Pacific preferred, Union Pacific preferred and Sugar also developed strength. A rise of 3 5-8 per cent in Delaware & Hudson should also be mentioned. London bought stocks in this market and a beneficial effect generally was felt from the definite locating of Admiral Cervera's fleet in Santiago harbor. But the benefit from this factor was due principally to its giving freer play to conditions specially affecting different stocks. Manhattan and Metropolitan Street railway gave some positive evidences of depression and it was with difficulty that they rose at any time above last Saturday's level. A fair amount of commission house orders to buy had accumulated over the double holiday and helped on the rise. Dealings in bonds were in fair volume and were well distributed, gains being general throughout the list. Total sales, $2,950,000. United States old 4s, coupon, advanced ¾ per cent in the bid price. There was a sale at 111 1-8, a decline of 1-8 per cent from the last sale. Otherwise there were no changes.

The total sales of stocks today were 505,500 shares, including: Atchison, 3,638; Atchison preferred, 24,766; Baltimore & Ohio, 5,150; Chesapeake & Ohio, 3,420; Burlington, 20,143; Louisville & Nashville, 15,220; Manhattan, 10,600; Metropolitan, 8,950; Reading preferred, 4,430; Missouri Pacific, 10,155; New York Central, 7,020; Northern Pacific, 7,054; Northern Pacific preferred, 18,801; Rock Island, 44,482; St. Louis & San Francisco second preferred, 3,715; St. Paul, 57,236; Southern preferred, 4,130; Union Pacific preferred, 36,044; Tobacco, 9,870; Chicago Great Western, 4,415; People's Gas, 81,275; Sugar, 32,691; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 3,185; Leather preferred, 4,125; Western Union, 1,247.

The following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

Atchison	12⅞	Hawaii'n C. C.	19½
do pfd	32⅞	St. P. & Om	70¼
Baltimore & Ohio	18	do pfd	149
Canada Pacific	84	St. P. M. & M.	143½
Canada Southern	52¾	So. Pacific	17⅞
Central Pacific	14	So. Railway	8⅞
Ches. & Ohio	21¾	So. Railway pfd	31¼
Chicago & Alton	150	Texas & Pacific	12
*C. B. & Q.	103¼	Union Pacific	60⅛
C. & E. I.	75	U. P. D. & G.	7⅞
C. C. C. & St. L.	34¾	Wabash	7⅞
do pfd	75	Wabash pfd	19⅞
Del. & Hudson	111⅝	Wheel. & L. E.	2⅞
Del. L. & W.	155	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	13⅞
Den. & Rio G.	12	Adams Ex.	160
do pfd	48¾	American Ex.	128
Erie (new)	13¾	United States Ex.	140
Erie 1st pfd	36	Wells Fargo Ex.	110
Ft. Wayne	168	Am. Cot. Oil	21⅝
Great Northern pfd	178	A. Cot. Oil pfd	74½
Hocking Valley	5½	Am. Spirits	12⅝
Illinois Central	105¾	Am. Spirits pfd	34¾
Lake Erie & W.	14⅝	Am. Tobacco	109
do pfd	86	do pfd	117
Lake Shore	191	People's Gas	103¼
Louisville & Nash.	56¾	Cons. Gas	191
Manhattan L.	105	Com. Cable Co.	150
Met. St. Ry.	193¾	Col. F. & Iron	23¾
Michigan Central	105	do pfd	90
Minn. & St. L.	28¼	Gen. Electric	36¾
do 1st pfd	85¼	Illinois Steel	58¼
Mo. Pacific	32¾	La Clede Gas	49
Mobile & Ohio	28⅞	Lead	33⅞
Mo. K. & T.	11	do pfd	105
Mo. K. & T pfd	35	Nat. Lin. Oil	21
Chi. Ind. & L.	9¾	Oregon Imp. Co.	29¼
do pfd	30¼	Pacific Mail	41⅞
N. J. Central	95¾	Pullman Pal.	183¾
N. Y. Central	117⅛	Silver Certificates	58¾
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	13	Stand. Rope & T.	6¼
do 1st pfd	60	Sugar	139¾
do 2d pfd	32	do pfd	115
Norfolk & Western	14	T. C. & Iron	25⅞
No. Amer. Co.	5¾	U. S. Leather	8
No. Pacific	27	do pfd	87¾
do pfd	67⅞	U. S. Rubber	20¾
Ontario & W.	15⅞	do pfd	79
Oregon Nav.	51¾	Western Union	92¼
Ore. Short Line	30½	Northwestern	129¾
Pittsburg	168	do pfd	171
Reading	18⅞	St. L. & S. W.	4¾
Rock Island	107¾	do pfd	10⅞
S. L. & S. F.	7¾	R. G. & W.	25
do 1st pfd	62¼	R. G. & W. pfd	57¼
St. Paul	100⅞	Chi. Gt. West	14⅞
do pfd	148⅞	Reading 1st pfd	45½

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 31.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally, 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3¾@4¼ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE — Dull and steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86½ for demand and $4.84¾@4.84½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85@4.87½; commercial bills, $4.83@4.83½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—57¼@58¼c.

BAR SILVER—58¼c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—45¼c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; new 4s, registered, and coupon, 121¾; ex-interest, 107½; coupon, 110; 2s, 110¾; Pacific 6s of '99, ex-interest, 103½.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg	121¾	N. C. 6s	123
U. S. new 4s coup	121¾	N. C. 4s	95
U. S. 4s, reg	107¼	No. Pacific 1sts	116
U. S. 4s, coup	111¼	No. Pacific 3s	61¼
U. S. 2s, reg	95	No. Pacific 4s	96
U. S. 5s, reg	110¾	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	104¼
U. S. 5s, coup	110¾	N. & W. 6s	120
District 3.65s	114	N. W. Consols	137
Ala., class A	110	N. W. Deb. 5s	115
Ala., class B	108¼	Ore. Nav. 1sts	113
Ala., class C	95	Ore. Nav. 4s	99¼
Ala. Currency	90	O. S. L. 6s, t. r.	124
Atchison 4s	91¾	O. S. L. 5s, t. r.	103⅞
Atchison adj. 4s	64	O. Imp. 1sts, t. r.	110
Canada So. 2nds	105	O. Imp. 5s, t. r.	60
Chicago Term'l 4s	85	Pacific 6s of '95	100⅛
C. & O. 5s	113	Reading 4s	84¾
C. H. & D. 4½s	104⅝	R. G. West 1sts	86
D. & R. G. 1sts	106½	St. L. & M. M. Con. 5	94¾
D. & R. G. 4s	90¼	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	118¼
East Tenn. 1sts	107	St. P. Consols	144
Erie Gen. 4s	73¾	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	114¾
F. W. & D. 1s, t. r.	73¾	St. P. C. & P. 5s	118
Gen. Elec. 5s	103⅞	Southern Ry. 5s	93¾
G. H. & S. A. 6s	105⅞	S. R. & T. 8s	70
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	105⅞	Tenn. new set 3s	87
H. & T. Cent. 5s	110⅛	Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	105⅛
H. & T. C. con. 6s	104	Tex. Pac. Rg. 2ds	36¼
Iowa C. 1sts	101	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	58⅛
La. New Con. 4s	100	Wab. 1st 5s	108
L. & N. Uni. 4s	89¼	Wab. 2ds	83¼
Missouri 6s	100	West Shore 4s	107⅞
M. K. & T. 2ds	62	Va. Centuries	67⅞
M. K. & T. 4s	90	Va. deferred	3
N. Y. C. 1sts	113	Union Pacific pfd	60½
N. J. C. 5s	112¼	Union Pacific 4s	94⅛

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, May 31.—Call loans, 2@3½ per cent; time loans, 3@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	12⅞	Atchison pfd	32½
American Sugar	135⅛	Boston L.	62
Am. Sugar pfd	114⅛	E. E.	160
Bay State Gas	1⅝	Gen. Elec. pfd	88
Bell Telephone	270	Atchison 2ds	90¾
Boston & Albany	252	New England 6s	112
Boston & Maine	162	Franklin 6s	101⅛
C., B. & Q.	103¾	Wis. Cent 6s	123
Fitchburg	99⅝	Allouez Min. Co.	3¼
General Electric	36¼	Atlantic	26¾
Illinois Steel	58⅛	Bonanza	20¾
Mexican Central	4⅛	Butte & Boston	24
N. Y. & N. E.	94⅛	Calumet & Hecla	55
Old Colony	188	Centennial	16⅝
Ore. Short Line	30⅛	Franklin	10
Rutland	20⅛	Osceola	49
Union Pacific	23⅞	Quincy	116½
West End	83⅛	Tamarack	167
W. Elec.	21¼	Wolverines	22
W. Elec. pfd	53	Old Dominion	27¼
Wis. Cen.	2⅛		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—Official closing quotations on mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	10	Hale & Norcross	100
Alpha Con	2	Mexican	19
Andes	8	Occidental Con	65
Belcher	10	Ophir	86
Best & Belcher	26	Overman	7
Bullion	5	Potosi	19
Caledonia	25	Savage	10
Challenge Con	26	Sierra Nevada	53
Chollar	15	Union Con	9
Confidence	45	Utah Con	4
Con. Cal. & Va.	47	Yellow Jacket	25
Crown Point	12	Standard	155
Gould & Curry	20		

Silver bars, 58c; Mexican dollars, 46¼@46¾c; drafts, sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 31.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar	15	Ontario	250
Crown Point	10	Ophir	90
Con. Cal. & Va.	42	*Plymouth	60
Deadwood	10	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	15	Quicksilver pfd	200
Hale & Norcross	90	Sierra Nevada	45
Homestake	4000	Standard	155
Iron Silver	50	Union Con	10
Mexican	15	Yellow Jacket	20

*asked.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, May 31.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, m'y 111 13-16		St. Paul common	102⅞
Consols, acct	112	N. Y. Central	120¼
Can. Pacific	87⅛	Pennsylvania	59⅝
Erie	13⅝	Reading	9⅝
Erie 1st pfd	37¼	Mex. Cen. new 4s	69¾
Ill. Central	109	Atchison	13¼
Mexican ordinary	19⅝	L. & N	87⅝

BAR SILVER—Steady at 26 7-8d per oz.

MONEY—1½@2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2@2 1-8 per cent; for three months' bills, 2@2 1-8 per cent.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

General Conditions of Business Show a Decided Improvement.

CATTLE RULE ACTIVE AND STRONG

Packers and Shippers Both After the Limited Offerings—Hogs Take a Five-Cent Jump and Sheep Hold Steady.

SOUTH OMAHA, May 31.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts today	3,966	9,429	2,208
Official yesterday	1,566	2,178	6,791
One week ago	4,096	11,518	1,988
Two weeks ago	3,754	9,102	939
A year ago	2,684	9,502	907

Receipts for the month of May with comparisons:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
May, 1898	68,131	181,812	115,214
May, 1897	65,804	169,977	76,214
May, 1896	37,590	121,376	60,450
May, 1895	26,782	115,678	8,416
May, 1894	63,517	187,870	17,546
May, 1893	61,457	126,858	12,954
May, 1892	62,102	149,574	12,013
May, 1891	31,576	120,991	8,466
May, 1890	63,054	127,698	10,956

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H'r's.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.		2	..	..
O. & St. L. Ry.	1	4	..	..
Missouri Pacific Ry.	11	10	..	..
Union Pacific System	34	34	3	1
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	63	50	..	..
S. C. & P. Ry.	2	..	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	8	2	..	..
B. & M. R. R.	60	26	4	..
K. C. & St. J.	1	2	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., E.	1	1	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., W.	1	3	1	..