# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

**Reported Damage to French Drop Makes Wheat Streng and Active.**

## LIVERPOOL'S ATTITUDE HAS BAD EFFECT

**Corn Market Strong and Trade Fairly Active—Oats Market Was Firm—Provisions Active and Proportionately Strong.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The wheat market was strong and active today, mainly under the incentive of reported damage to the French crop; profit-taking also played a part and most of the advance was lost. May closed a shade over yesterday; corn closed ⅛@¼c improved and oats unchanged; provisions at the close were 2½@10c up.

Breadth, strength and animation were shown by the wheat market and foreign buying, caused by further reports that the French crop had suffered severely, was the feature. Paris was up equal to 2c a bushel here and was reported taking all offers made over night. The irresponsive attitude of Liverpool to the advance here yesterday had a discouraging effect early. May opening ⅛c lower at 68¼@68⅜c. A reaction followed by reason of the prediction of a severe cold wave, the better tone of later Liverpool cables and the French advices. May was bid up to 69⅛@69¼c. There had been talk of considerable export business, but New York reported only eleven loads taken, which caused some selling and which, combined with vigorous profit-taking by traders, resulted in a reaction which sent May to 68½c, at which that option closed firm, but only a shade over yesterday. Primary receipts were 343,000 bushels, compared with 454,000 bushels last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 200 cars, against 314 last week and 310 a year ago. Receipts here were nineteen cars, none of contract grade. Clearances at the seaboard in wheat and flour were equal to 141,000 bu.

The corn market was strong and trade fairly active. A reiteration that the Argentine crop had suffered severely and a cable announcing the ruin of the Uruguay fields by heat were the factors. Liverpool was up a trifle. The strength of wheat was also an influence. The market was a broad one; clearances were 334,000 bushels and local receipts 718 cars; May sold at from 33⅜@33⅝c to 33⅞c and closed ¼@¼c improved at 33¾c.

In the oats market, which was firm, but not active, light country offerings, small receipts and the strength of corn were the influences; local receipts were 175 cars; May ranged at from 23⅝c to 23¾c, closing unchanged at 23⅝c.

Provisions were very active and proportionately strong, pork at the best being up 12½@17½c; lard 5c and ribs 10c. A reversal from the top was caused by profit-taking. The factor, aside from some natural sympathy with grain, was the excellent outside demand, which met with very light offerings from those who are supposed to be the largest holders. Hog receipts under the estimate and better prices at the yards were also influences which were felt mostly at the opening, initial figures showing a shade gain over night. May pork sold at from $11.15 to $11.30 and closed 7½c higher at $11.20; May lard at from $6.15 to $6.20, closing 2½c up at $6.15@6.17½, and May ribs at from $6.02½ to $6.12½, with the close 7½@10c better at $6.10.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 35 cars; corn, 725 cars; oats, 185 cars; hogs, 29,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yes'y. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Wheat | | | | | |
| Feb. | 66⅝ | 66⅝ | 66⅜ | 66¼ | 66⅛ |
| May | 68¼@68⅜ | 69⅛@69¼ | 68¼ | 68½ | 68⅝@68½ |
| July | 69 @69⅛ | 69⅞ | 69 | 69⅛ | 69 |
| *Corn— | | | | | |
| Feb. | 31½ | 31½ | 31½ | 31½ | 31½ |
| May | 33½@33⅝ | 33⅞ | 33½@33⅝ | 33¾ | 33½@33⅝ |
| July | 34⅛ | 34⅛ | 34¼ | 34⅛ | 34⅛@34¼ |
| *Oats— | | | | | |
| May | 23⅝ | 23¾ | 23⅝ | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| July | 22⅝ | 22⅝ | 22⅝ | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Pork— | | | | | |
| May | 11 15 | 11 30 | 11 15 | 11 20 | 11 12½ |
| July | 11 25 | 11 27½ | 11 25 | 11 25 | 11 17½ |
| Lard— | | | | | |
| May | 6 15 | 6 20 | 6 15 | 6 17½ | 6 15 |
| July | 6 25 | 6 30 | 6 25 | 6 25 | 6 25 |
| Ribs— | | | | | |
| May | 6 02½ | 6 12½ | 6 02½ | 6 10 | 6 02½ |
| July | 6 05 | 6 15 | 6 05 | 6 10 | 6 02½ |

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firmer; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; straights, $3.00@3.35; clears, $2.80@3.10; spring specials, $3.90@4.00; patents, $3.20@3.55; straights, $2.60@3.00; bakers, $2.10@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, 70@71c.

CORN—No. 2, 32⅝@32½c; No. 2 yellow, 32½@32¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 23⅝@23¾c; No. 2 white, 25¾@27c; No. 3 white, 25½@26c.

RYE—No. 2, 54@55½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@43c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed and northwest, $1.69. Prime timothy, $2.40. Clover, contract grade, $8.40.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.00@11.10. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.90@6.07½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.90@6.15. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.75@6.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $6.15@6.25.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis high wines, per gal., $1.23½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.05; granulated, $5.49. The following are the receipts and shipments for today:

| Articles. | Receipts. | Shipm'ts. |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls. | 61,000 | 47,000 |
| Wheat, bu. | 31,000 | 70,000 |
| Corn, bu. | 566,000 | 167,000 |
| Oats, bu. | 258,000 | 172,000 |
| Rye, bu. | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| Barley, bu. | 66,000 | 6,000 |

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 19@24½c; dairies, 18@22c. Cheese, firm, at 12@13c. Eggs, weak; fresh, 12½c.

## NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

**Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—FLOUR—Receipts, 15,493 bbls.; exports, 5,718 bbls.; advanced about 5c on the early rise in wheat, but closed unsettled at old asking prices, with buyers checked; Minnesota patent, $3.85@4.15; Minnesota bakers, $2.35@3.00; winter low grade, $2.25@2.40; winter patents, $3.55@3.80; winter straights, $3.40@3.50; winter extras, $2.50@2.85. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $3.10@3.20; choice to fair, $3.25@3.60. Buckwheat flour, weak at $1.50@1.55.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 80c; city, 78c; Brandywine, $2.20@2.25.

RYE—Strong; No. 2 western, 64⅝c f. o. b. afloat.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 42½@45c c. i. f. New York.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 75,250 bu.; exports, 31,971 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 76⅝c elevator; No. 2 red, 78⅛c f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 80⅝c f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 71⅝c f. o. b. afloat, prompt. Options opened steady but quiet, soon afterward developing positive strength on much higher Paris markets, coupled with less favorable crop conditions in France and our own winter wheat belt. Demand was brisk for local and foreign account until after noon, when realizing set in and prices eased off. Closed easy at unchanged prices to ⅛c net advance. March, 76@77c, closed at 76½c; May, 74⅞@75⅝c, closed at 74⅞c; July, 74⅝@75 7-16c, closed at 74⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 47,775 bu.; exports, 69,487 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 41⅝c f. o. b. afloat and 40¾c elevator. Options opened firm and advanced later because of light country offerings, steadiness abroad, big seaboard clearances, good speculative demand and the strength in wheat. Closed firm at ¼c advance; May, 39⅝@40c, closed at 39¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 98,800 bu.; exports, 120 bu. Spot, quiet; No. 2, 28½@29c; No. 3, 28c; No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3 white, 31@35c. Options inactive but firmer with corn.

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

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

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 19½c; Texas dry, 24 to 39 lbs., 15c; California, 24 to 25 lbs., 21½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 25@25½c; acid, 25@25½c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4@6¼c; Japan, 4⅝@6c.

MOLASSES—Quiet but firm; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 44@45c.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand-picked, 4@4¼c; other domestic, 3½@4c.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, firmer; cotton by steam, 33c; grain by steam, 3½d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; family, $11.00@13.00; mess, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $20.50@21.00; packet, $10.50@12.00; city, extra India mess, $20.00@22.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $6.25@7.50; pickled shoulders, $6; pickled hams, $9.50@10.25. Lard, firm; western steam closed $6.42½; February, $6.42½, refined, firm; continent, $6.55; South America, $6.75; compound, $6.00@6.12½. Pork, steady; mess, $10.50@11.25; short clear, $11.75@13.00; family, $13.00@16.50. Tallow, strong; city, 5¼@5¼c; country, 5¼@5½c.

METALS—Business in the local market was slow all day and prices about unchanged in all departments, with the exception of tin. The latter was firm, following an additional uplift in the London market. At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants very dull; lake copper, easy at $16.25; tin dull at $30; lead unchanged, with $4.70 bid and $4.75 asked; spelter, quiet, with $4.70 bid and $4.80 asked. The broker's price for lead is $4.45 and for copper $16.25.

## OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

**Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.**

EGGS—Receipts increasing; fresh stock, weak at 12c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Choice to fancy turkeys, 9@9½c; ducks, 8c; geese, 8c; spring chickens, 7½c; hens, 7½c; roosters, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY — Hens, 6@6½c; spring chickens, 6@6½c; old and staggy roosters, 3@4c; ducks, 6@6½c; turkeys, 7c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 15c; choice, 17@18c; separator, 25c; gathered creamery, 22@23c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

VEALS—Choice, 9c.

GAME—Ducks, mallards, $3.00@3.25; blue wing teal, $1.75; green wing teal, $1.25@1.50; mixed ducks, $1.50@2.00.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 18c; standard, per can, 22c; bulk standard, per gal., $1.25; extra selects, per can, 30c; extra selects, per gal., $1.60@1.75; New York counts, per can, 37c; New York counts, per 100, $1.35.

HAY—Per carload lots: Upland, choice, $8; midland, choice, $5.50; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $4.50; No. 3 corn, 26½c; No. 3 white oats, 22½c; cracked corn, per ton, $11; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $11.50; bran, per ton, $12; shorts, per ton, $13.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Per dozen bunches, 60c.

SPINACH—Per box, $1.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 40@50c.

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

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

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 30@40c.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, 2c.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.50.

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

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

FRUITS.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $3.00@3.50; New York stock, $4; fancy, $4.50@4.75.

GRAPES—Malaga grapes, per bbl., $7.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, per bbl. $8.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $3; California navals, per box, $3.25@3.50; California seedlings, per box, $2.50@2.75.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.25.

NUTS—Hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1.25; shellbarks, $1.35.

FIGS—California, layers, per 10-lb. box, $1; California cartons, per 10-lb. box, $1.10; imported figs, per lb., 13c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

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

**St. Louis Grain and Provisions.**

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—WHEAT—Weak; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 70½c; track, 71½@72½c; February, 70½c; May, 70⅞c; July, 68⅝c; No. 2 hard, 67@68c.

FLOUR—Firm and higher; patents, $3.45@3.60; extra fancy, $3.15@3.25; clear, $2.75@2.90.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 31c; track, 32¼@32½c; February, 31¼c; May, 32½c; July, 33⅝c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 24½c; track, 24½c; February and May, 24½c; No. 2 white, 26@26½c.

RYE—Higher; 54c.

SEEDS—Timothy, $2.00@2.30, with prime worth more; flax, easier at $1.56.

COTTONSEED MEAL—Steady at $1.75@1.80.

BRAN—Quiet; sacked, east track, 64@65c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $8.50@12.00; prairie, $7.00@8.25.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.23½.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.20.

BAGGING—5⅞@6⅝c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

METALS—Lead, steady; $4.60@4.65; Spelter, steady; $4.75.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 7@7½c; turkeys, 6@6½c; ducks, 8c; geese, 5½c.

PROVISIONS—Dry salt boxed meats, extra shorts, $6.12½; clear ribs, $6.25; clear sides, $6.37½. Bacon, boxed, extra shorts, $6.62½; clear ribs, $6.75; clear sides, $6.87½. Pork, firm; jobbing, old, $10.75; new, $11.50. Lard, steady; prime steam, $5.75; choice, $5.80.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 55,000 bu.; oats, 36,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 27,000 bu.; corn, 52,000 bu.; oats, 21,000 bu.

**Butter, Egg and Cheese Market.**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—BUTTER—Firm; fancy western creamery, 26c; fancy western prints, 27c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh nearby, 14½c; fresh western, 14½c; fresh southern, 13½c; fresh southwestern, 14c.

CHEESE—Quiet and easier; New York fancy, full creams, 12¾@13c; New York fancy, fair to choice, 12@12½c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—BUTTER—Receipts, 3,555 pkgs.; steady; June creamery, 19@23½c; western creamery, 21@26c; factory, 16@17c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 329 pkgs.; steady; fall made, fancy, large and small, 12¾@13c; large, late made, 11¾@12c; small, late made, 12@12¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 8,932 pkgs.; firm; western, 15½c, loss off, western, ungraded, at mark, 13@15c.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 20@24½c; dairy, 16@20c.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 8.—BUTTER—Creamery, 20@23c; dairy, 18c.

EGGS—Firmer and up ½c; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, firsts, selling 11c dozen, cases returned.

**Liverpool Grain and Provisions.**

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 8.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red western, winter, stocks exhausted; No. 1 northern, spring, firm at 6s 1d. Futures quiet; March, 5s 10¼d; May, 5s 10½d; July, 5s 10½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, firm at 3s 7¾d; American mixed, old, firm at 3s 8½d. Futures quiet; February, 3s 7¾d; March, 3s 7¾d; May, 3s 7½d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, Cumberland cut, firm at 35s 6d; short ribs, firm at 35s; long clear middles, light, firm at 36s; long clear middles, heavy, firm at 35s 6d; short clear backs, firm at 35s; shoulders, square, firm at 33s 6d. Tallow, prime city, strong at 28s 6d.

**Kansas City Grain and Provisions.**

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 8.—WHEAT—May, 67⅞c; cash, No. 2 hard, 65c; No. 3, 60@62c; No. 2 red, 69c; No. 3, 63@68c; receipts, 30 cars.

CORN—May, 30⅝c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 29½c; No. 2 white, 30@30½c; No. 3, 29c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24½c.

RYE—No. 2, 52c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.00@9.50; choice prairie, $6.50@6.75.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 18,000 bu.; corn, 19,500 bu.; oats, 10,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 23,400 bu.; corn, 29,900 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

**Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.**

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 8.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, February, 65½c; May, 65⅝@67⅛c; July, 67@67⅛c. On track: No. 1 hard, 67⅛c; No. 1 northern, 65⅝c; No. 2 northern, 63⅝c.

FLOUR—Quiet; first patents, $3.50@3.60; second patents, $3.30@3.40; first clears, $2.60@2.70; second clears, $2.10.

BRAN—Lower at $11.00@11.25 in bulk.

**Toledo Market.**

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 8.—WHEAT—Active but weak; No. 2 cash, 71½c; May, 73½c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 34½c.

OATS—Dull but steady; No. 2 mixed, 24c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 cash, 58c.

SEEDS—Clover, dull and lower; prime cash, old, $4.83; February, new, $5.65; March, $5.70; No. 2, $4.52½@4.80.

**Duluth Grain Market.**

DULUTH, Feb. 8.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 67½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 66½c; May, 68½c; July, 69½c; No. 2 northern, 64⅝c; No. 3 spring, 60½c.

OATS—24@24½c.

CORN—30c.

**Milwaukee Grain Market.**

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 8.—WHEAT—Market higher; No. 1 northern, 68@68c; No. 2 northern, 65½@66½c.

RYE—Higher; No. 1, 57@58c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 48c; sample, 38@46c.

**Peoria Market.**

PEORIA, Feb. 8.—CORN—Higher; No. 2, 31½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 23½@24c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.23½ for finished goods.

## MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

**Marked Falling Off of Speculative Interest of Outsiders.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—There was a decided falling off today in the speculative interest of outsiders in the stock market. There was a considerable degree of activity and some irregularity, but it was largely due to the closing up of speculative accounts on either side of the market by professional operators. While the market seemed to be largely in the hands of the professional operators it was singularly free from professional manipulation, so far as could be detected. That is to say, the professional bulls manifested no disposition to bid up prices, and there was evidence of an outstanding short interest, but were content to devote their attention to the liquidation of their profits. On the other hand the bears showed no aggressiveness in offering down prices where realizing was in evidence, but centered their attention on covering up their own short contracts. While this covering demand from the shorts was in evidence in a number of conspicuous stocks, the predominant disposition was to take profits by selling out long prices.

The center of the demand from shorts was Sugar and some of the other industrials, including one or two of the metal group, showed sympathy. Others of the metal group, the local tractions and the railroads generally showed the effects of realizing all day. The profit-taking was conducted in an orderly manner and without any such violent movements of prices or furious activity of trading as was the case yesterday. The high opening in sympathy with London helped the profit-taking, but opening prices were generally the best. There was continued absorption of Union Pacific after the reaction which followed the dividend announcement and the railroad list generally was well in hand, prices being rallied occasionally to facilitate the realizing. The report that the Union Pacific had determined to close the Ogden gateway caused some heaviness in the railroads, which have relied on that outlet for traffic to the northwest, notably Burlington, Rock Island and Missouri Pacific. The local traction stocks, which have shown extraordinary responsiveness to developments in the rapid transit tunnel project, were weak on the announced decision to accept the contractor's bond.

The stormy weather prevailing in the west perhaps had some effect on the railway list. The announcement of a bond issue by the Western Union company of twice the amount first reported yesterday caused weakness in that stock. The expectation is growing that Saturday's bank statement will not show the money position strengthened, as the receipts from the interior have shown a falling off, owing in part to a renewed demand from the south to accommodate a cotton movement stimulated by the higher price. It is obvious that the gain made by the banks early in the week on subtreasury operations will be about wiped out before the end of the week.

There is an increased partiality for the railroad stocks as collateral as a result of those developments. There are a few gains on the day's trading, but net losses are the rule.

The bond market was moderately active and showed recessions at some points. Total sales, par value, $1,605,000. United States old 4s declined ¼ per cent in the bid price.

Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: Operators on the market here are very sanguine that General Buller will succeed in reaching Ladysmith, and while there was no late news today all stocks were up except American. Business was also brisker than for the last few days. Consols advanced 5/16@9-16. London was inclined to advance Americans, but New York, after buying for a few minutes, sold heavily Union Pacific and Atchison preferred. The close was weak. The continent did nothing. The bank bought $11,000 gold in bars. Money rates were unchanged, but the tendency was easier. Bills, however, hardened a little after the bank return came out.

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atchison | 21 | Tex. & Pacific | 16¾ |
| do pfd | 63¾ | Union Pacific | 50¾ |
| B. & O. | 62½ | do pfd | 76¾ |
| Can. Pacific | 79 | Wabash | 7¼ |
| Can. Southern | 48¾ | do pfd | 21¾ |
| Ches. & Ohio | 29⅞ | W. & L. E. | 11 |
| Chicago G. W. | 14 | do 2d pfd | 23¼ |
| C., B. & Q. | 125 | Wis. Central | 19½ |
| C., I. & L. | 16 | Adams Ex | 115 |
| do pfd | 75 | Am. Express | 147½ |
| C. & E. I. | 92 | U. S. Express | 43 |
| Chicago & N. W. | 161½ | Pacific Express | 123 |
| C., R. I. & P. | 108⅞ | Am. Cotton Oil | 34½ |
| C., C., C. & St. L. | 62¼ | do pfd | 93 |
| Colo. Southern | 5¼ | Am. Malting | 6 |
| do 1st pfd | 43½ | do pfd | 27 |
| do 2d pfd | 17 | Am. S. & R. | 41¾ |
| Del. & Hudson | 114 | do pfd | 91 |
| Del. L. & W. | 178 | Am. Spirits | 3 |
| Den. & R. G. | 23⅝ | do pfd | 17 |
| do pfd | 72¼ | Am. Steel Hoop | 47 |
| Erie | 12¾ | do pfd | 84⅞ |
| do 1st pfd | 36⅝ | Am. Steel & W. | 57¼ |
| Gt. North., pfd | 160 | do pfd | 93¼ |
| Hocking Coal | 17½ | Am. Tinplate | 34½ |
| Hocking Valley | 34 | do pfd | 85 |
| Illinois Central | 113 | Am. Tobacco | 106½ |
| Iowa Central | 12 | do pfd | 135 |
| do pfd | 51½ | Anaconda M. Co. | 46 |
| K., C., P. & G. | 8¾ | Brooklyn R. T. | 72⅞ |
| L. E. & W. | 26⅝ | Colo. F. & I. | 46 |
| do pfd | 82¼ | Con. Tobacco | 31¼ |
| Lake Shore | 194 | do pfd | 85 |
| Louis. & Nash. | 81½ | Federal Steel | 56¼ |
| Manhattan L. | 97½ | do pfd | 76 |
| Met. St. Ry. | 178¼ | Gen. Electric | 126½ |
| Mex. Central | 12 | Glucose Sugar | 57¼ |
| M. & St. L. | 6¾ | do pfd | 109 |
| do pfd | 93 | Inter. Paper | 23 |
| Mo. Pacific | 46½ | do pfd | 88 |
| Mobile & Ohio | 46 | Laclede Gas | 75 |
| M., K. & T. | 10¾ | Nat. Biscuit | 39 |
| do pfd | 33¾ | do pfd | 94 |
| N. J. Central | 117½ | Nat. Lead | 27 |
| N. Y. Central | 134¾ | do pfd | 105½ |
| Norfolk & W. | 20¼ | Nat. Steel | 36 |
| do pfd | 74⅞ | do pfd | 92 |
| N. Pacific | 53⅝ | N. Y. Air Brake | 130 |
| do pfd | 74½ | N. American | 14¼ |
| Ontario & W. | 24 | Pacific Coast | 57¾ |
| Ore. R. & N. | 42 | do 1st pfd | 83 |
| do pfd | 76 | do 2d pfd | 64 |
| Pennsylvania | 132¾ | Pacific Mail | 41¾ |
| Reading | 18½ | People's Gas | 108 |
| do 1st pfd | 56½ | Pressed S. C. | 56 |
| do 2d pfd | 28¾ | do pfd | 87 |
| Rio Grande W. | 42 | Pullman P. C. | 188 |
| do pfd | 84 | S. R. & T. | 8¾ |
| St. L. & S. F. | 16¾ | Sugar | 112⅞ |
| do 1st pfd | 68¼ | do pfd | 117 |
| do 2d pfd | 35⅞ | Tenn. C. & I. | 37¼ |
| St. Louis S. W. | 11½ | U. S. Leather | 17 |
| do pfd | 28¼ | do pfd | 76⅛ |
| St. Paul | 124 | U. S. Rubber | 37⅞ |
| do pfd | 171½ | do pfd | 101¼ |
| St. P. & O. | 116 | Western Union | 84¾ |
| S. Pacific | 34¼ | Republic I. & S. | 37⅞ |
| So. Railway | 12⅝ | do pfd | 88¼ |
| do pfd | 57 | P. C. C. & St. L. | 68 |

**New York Money Market.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—MONEY—On call, steady at 2@2½ per cent; last loan at 2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87¼@4.87½ for demand and at $4.84@4.84¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85 and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.83@4.83¼.

SILVER—Certificates, 59½@60½c; bar, 59⅝c; Mexican dollars, 47½c.

BONDS—Government, weak; state, firmer; railroad, easier.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| U. S. 2s, reg. | 102¼ | N. Y. Central 1st | 109⅝ |
| do 3s, reg. | 109⅝ | N. J. C. gen. 5s | 124 |
| do coupon | 109⅝ | No. Carolina 6s | 127 |
| do new 4s, reg. | 134 | No. Carolina 4s | 96 |
| do coupon | 136 | N. Pacific 3s | 66⅞ |
| do old 4s, reg. | 114⅞ | do 4s | 104¼ |
| do coupon | 114⅞ | N.Y.C.& St.L. 4s | 107½ |
| do 5s, reg. | 112¾ | N. & W. con. 4s | 94½ |
| do coupon | 112¾ | do gen. 6s | 130 |
| D. of C. 3s 65s | 118 | Ore. Nav. 1s | 110 |
| Atch. gen. 4s | 101 | do 4s | 101 |
| do adj. 4s | 83 | Ore. S. L. 6s | 127 |
| Can. Southern 2s | 109¼ | do con 5s | 113 |
| Ches. & O. 4½s | 98¾ | Reading gen. 4s | 85⅝ |
| do 5s | 118¼ | R. G. W. 1s | 90⅞ |
| C. & N. W. c. 7s | 140¼ | St.L. & I. M. c.5s | 111¾ |
| do S. F. deb. 5s | 119 | St.L. & S.F.g.6s | 123 |
| Chi. Terminal 4s | 93 | St. Paul con. | 157¼ |
| D. & R. G. 1s | 102¾ | St. P., C. & P. 1s | 119¼ |
| do 4s | 99 | do 5s | 120¼ |
| E. T. V. & G. 1s | 106 | So. Railway 5s | 108⅝ |
| Erie gen. 4s | 76¼ | S. R. & T. 6s | 80 |
| F. W. & D. C. 1s | 74 | Tenn. n. s. 3s | 95 |
| Gen. Electric 5s | 117 | Tex. & Pacific 1s | 112½ |
| G. H. & S. A. 6s | 106 | do 2s | 54 |
| do 2s | 105 | Union Pacific 4s | 104⅝ |
| H. & T. C. 5s | 116¼ | Wabash 1sts | 116 |
| do con. 6s | 110 | do 2s | 96½ |
| Iowa Central 1s | 111 | West Shore 4s | 113 |
| K. C., P. & G. 1s | 72¼ | Wis. Cent. 1s | 91¾ |
| La. new con. 4s | 100¼ | Va. Centuries | 85¾ |
| L. & N. uni. 4s | 99½ | do deferred | 5⅞ |
| M., K. & T. 2s | 66¾ | Colo. So. 4s | 84¾ |
| do 4s | 91 | S. Pacific 4s | 83½ |

**Boston Stock Quotations.**

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Call loans, 3½@5 per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A. T. & St. F. | 20⅝ | West. Electric | 44 |
| do pfd | 63⅝ | do pfd | 61 |
| Am. Sugar | 113 | Wis. Central | 19¼ |
| do pfd | 113 | Dom. Coal | 42½ |
| Bell Tel. | 331 | do pfd | 115¾ |
| Bos. & Albany | 244 | Atchison 4s | 99 |
| Bos. & Maine | 198 | Adventure | 5 |
| C. B. & Q. | 125 | A. M'n. Co. | 3 |
| Ed. Elec. Ill. | 232 | Atlantic | 24 |
| Fitchburg pfd | 134 | Boston & Mont. | 280 |
| Gen. Electric | 126½ | Butte & Boston | 62½ |
| do pfd | 137 | Cal. & Hecla | 750 |
| Federal Steel | 56¼ | Centennial | 18¾ |
| do pfd | 75½ | Franklin | 15¼ |
| Mex. Central | 12¼ | Osceola | 75½ |
| Mich. Telephone | 100 | Parrot | 45½ |
| Old Colony | 204 | Quincy | 145 |
| Old Dom'n con. | 50⅝ | Santa Fe Cop. | 6¾ |
| Rubber | 37½ | Tamarack | 181¼ |
| Union Pacific | 50⅝ | Winona | 3¼ |
| Union Land | 2½ | Wolverines | 41½ |
| West End | 92½ | Utah M | 31 |
| do pfd | 113 | | |

**New York Mining Quotations.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

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|---|---|---|---|
| Chollar | 15 | Ontario | 787 |
| Crown Point | 9 | Ophir | 69 |
| Con. C. & Va. | 140 | Plymouth | 13 |
| Deadwood | 45 | Quicksilver | 175 |
| Gould & Curry | 17 | do pfd | 350 |
| Hale & Norcross | 25 | Sierra Nevada | 25 |
| Homestake | 4500 | Standard | 240 |
| Iron Silver | 57 | Union Con. | 25 |
| Mexican | 28 | Yellow Jacket | 20 |

**Condition of the Treasury.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $264,229,253; gold reserve, $217,895,625.

**London Stock Quotations.**

LONDON, Feb. 8.—4 p. m.—Closing:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Consols, money | 101⅞ | N. Y. Central | 132¼ |
| do account | 101 9-16 | Pennsylvania | 68⅝ |
| Can. Pacific | 79¼ | Reading | 9⅞ |
| Erie | 11 | N. Pacific pfd | 73¼ |
| do 1st pfd | 39¼ | Atchison | 21⅝ |
| Ill. Central | 118½ | Louisville | 84 |
| U. P. pfd | 79 | Grand Trunk | 8⅛ |
| St. Paul common | 128¼ | Anaconda | 5⅛ |

FAR SILVER—Steady at 27 5-16d per ounce.

MONEY—2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2@2¼ per cent; for three months' bills, 2¼ per cent.

**Foreign Financial.**

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decrease, £165,000; circulation, increase, £119,000; bullion, increase, £14,214; other securities, decrease, £493,000; other deposits, decrease, £1,794,000; public deposits, increase, £1,129,000; notes reserve, decrease, £212,000; government securities, increase, £4,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 46.9 per cent; last week it was 46.22 per cent. Rate of discount unchanged at 4 per cent. Gold premiums are quoted as follows: Buenos Ayres, 128.30; Madrid, 28.57; Lisbon, 42; Rome, 7.27½. American securities opened steady; later prices advanced but toward the close the market fell away and closed easy with light demand. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £11,000.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Exchange on London, 20 marks 51 pfgs. for checks. Discount rates: Short bills, 3½ per cent; three months' bills, 3¾ per cent. On the bourse today prices were strong, being helped by London advices; transactions, however, were limited and the market closed somewhat easier.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Prices were firm on the bourse today and a calm feeling prevailed. International securities were generally maintained; Brazilians eased slightly; Rio tintos started strong, but subsequently agitated in sympathy with the fluctuations of copper; Kaffirs were strong on London buying; in locals speculators were inclined to be cautious. Consols advanced 5/16 for the account; exchange on London, 25f 15½c for checks; Spanish is closed at 68.47½. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation, decrease, 29,075,000 francs; treasury accounts current, decrease, 30,775,000 francs; gold in hand, increase, 4,300,000 francs; bills discounted, decrease, 150,575,000 francs; silver in hand, increase, 1,525,000 francs.

**Bank Clearings.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Clearings, $21,248,684; balances, $2,033,138; posted exchange, $4.86@4.88½; New York exchange, 30c discount.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—Clearings, $16,831,592; balances, $1,970,827.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8.—Clearings, $3,412,313; balances, $579,084.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Clearings, $21,319,051; balances, $1,795,552.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Clearings, $200,332,815; balances, $7,329,422.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—Clearings, $4,994,524; balances, $656,048; money, 5@7 per cent; New York exchange, 25c discount bid, 10c discount asked.

**Cotton Market.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—COTTON—Futures closed steady: February, $8.34; March, $8.32; April, $8.36; June, $8.36; July, $8.37; August, $8.33; September, $7.84; October, $7.64; November, $7.51; December, $7.50; January, $7.50. Spot closed steady, 1-16c higher; middling uplands, 8⅝c; middling gulf, 8⅞c; sales, 181 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—COTTON—Firm, 1-16c higher; middling, 8 3-16c; sales, 405 bales; receipts, 2,276 bales; shipments, 2,443 bales; stock, 93,384 bales.

GALVESTON, Feb. 8.—COTTON—Steady at 8½c.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 12,500 bales; ordinary, 7½c; good ordinary, 7⅞c; low middling, 8 1-16c; middling, 8 5-16c; good middling, 8½c; middling fair, 8 13-16c; receipts, 8,791 bales; stock, 499,995 bales. Cotton futures, firm; February, $8.35 nominal; March, $8.31@7.33; April, $8.33@8.34; May, $8.33; June, $8.32@8.33; July, $8.32@8.33; August, $8.18@8.19; September, $7.65@7.66; October, $7.42@7.44; November, $7.30@7.32; December, $7.30@7.32.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 8.—COTTON—Spot, good business done; prices 3-32d higher; American middling, fair, 5 9-32d;