

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

FINANCIAL.

PARIS, January 22.—The financial situation is grave. The panic was originally caused by the report that M. Bortoux had telegraphed on Wednesday to New York enormous offers of Union Generale paper.

On top of this came the bad news from Lyons. The collapse was the immediate consequence. The future of the Paris market depends largely on the fate of the Union Generale.

NEW YORK, January 22.—Wall Street brokers do not attach much importance to the reports of financial entanglements on the Paris bourse.

Money closed at 4 1/2 per cent. Exchange closed strong at 84 1/2 @ 85 1/2.

Government bonds closed firm. United States 4 1/2 per cent. 128 bid.

RAILROAD BONDS. Pacific bonds closed as follows: Union Pacific 115 1/2 @ 115 1/4.

STOCKS. The stock market today was irregular throughout and only moderately active.

The following are the closing bids: A. T. H. 117 1/2, Man B. 34 1/2, B. A. 117 1/2, N. W. 117 1/2.

Events of the week in financial circles were more important than for some time past. The money market has been easy throughout the week and ruling rates for call loans ranged from 3 to 5 per cent.

There was a sharp upward turn in foreign exchange and rates were advanced several times, until they reached 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4.

Governments were generally firm on a moderate volume of business. Railroad and miscellaneous speculation was active throughout the week and the market was very erratic in its course.

The trunk line shares and usually active stocks alternately advanced and declined in sympathy with favorable and unfavorable reports which were circulated from time to time in regard to the situation of trunk line affairs.

The widest fluctuations of the week, however, were in stocks affected by other causes than the railroad war, such shares for instance as Reading, Denver & Rio Grande, New Jersey Central, Pullman Palace Car and Southern specialties.

With few exceptions the changes in these stocks were in an upward direction. The following were the sales of the more active stocks today: Total sales, 325,000 shares.

CHICAGO MONEY MARKET. CHICAGO, January 21. Today the local money market was steady at 6 1/2 per cent. and offerings of paper were fair.

Western exchange between city banks was quoted at 50c discount per \$1,000. The clearings of the associated banks were \$6,700,000.

COMMERCIAL.

Omaha Wholesale Market. OFFICE OF THE OMAHA BEE, Saturday Evening, January 21.

Trade in all departments was considered good for the middle of January. There was few market changes.

The demand for staple and fancy dry goods was quite up to all reasonable expectations. It was better than usual at the season, when the rule of the interior dealers is to reduce stocks.

Continued improvement was noticed in the demand for groceries and in most other respects; also, the situation of the market is much more satisfactory than during the corresponding week last year.

Canned goods—Oysters, 2 lb (field), per case, \$4.00; do 1 lb (field), per case, \$2.00.

Hardware and iron goods moving rather slowly but at hardening prices. Prices of provisions were fairly maintained.

Local Grain Dealings. WHEAT—Cash No. 2, 1 1/3; cash No. 3, 1 1/4; rejected, 75c.

Local Grain Dealings. CORN—Cash No. 2, 47c; No. 3, 46c; rejected, 35c.

Local Grain Dealings. RYE—Cash No. 2, 50c; No. 3, 48c; rejected, 35c.

Local Grain Dealings. FLOUR—Spring wheat, straight grade, \$2.25 @ \$2.30; winter wheat, straight grade, \$2.10 @ \$2.15.

Local Grain Dealings. MALLAGA GRAPES—Per bbl., \$8.50; per half bbl., \$4.50.

Local Grain Dealings. BEANS—Yellow, 20c @ 22c; white, 18c @ 20c.

Local Grain Dealings. OYSTERS—Selects, 45c @ 50c; dressed, 35c @ 40c.

Local Grain Dealings. EGGS—Per doz., 10c @ 11c; fresh, 12c @ 13c.

Local Grain Dealings. BUTTER—Cream, 14c @ 15c; salted, 12c @ 13c.

Local Grain Dealings. LARD—No. 1, 10c @ 11c; No. 2, 9c @ 10c.

Local Grain Dealings. SOAPS—Kirk's Saxon Imperial, 3 3/4; Kirk's standard, 3 1/2.

Local Grain Dealings. PAINTS IN OIL—White lead, 1 1/2; red lead, 1 1/4.

Local Grain Dealings. PAINTS IN WATER—White lead, 1 1/2; red lead, 1 1/4.

(100 cases), 3 1/2; Kirk's magnolia, 4 3/4 @ 4 1/2.

POTASH—Babbitt's Ball, 2 doz. in case, 1 3/4; Anchor Ball, 2 doz. in case, 1 3/4.

FIELD SEED—Red clover, choice new, \$1.00 per bushel; mammoth clover new, \$1.00 per bushel.

HEGEGEES—Orange, 1 to 5 bushels, \$5.00; orange, 10 bushels or over, \$4.00; honey locust, per bu., \$5.00.

FISH—Family white fish, 90 lb bbls, \$3.75; do, 100 lb bbls, \$4.00.

MACKEREL—Half bbls mess mackerel, 100 lbs, \$12.50; do, 1 ex shore, do, 100 lbs, \$12.50.

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20c; French zincs, in oil, 15c; raw and burnt amber, 1 1/2 c; raw and burnt Sienna, 13c.

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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Council Bluffs Market.

Flour—Manufactured by Crystal and City Mills, 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4; Kansas and Missouri flour, 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4.

Wheat—No. 2, 81 1/2; No. 3, 80c; rejected, 70c.

Corn—No. 2, 50c; rejected, 45c.

Hay—No. 1, 6 00 @ 6 50; No. 2, 5 00 @ 5 50.

Butter—No. 1, 18 00 @ 19 00; No. 2, 17 00 @ 18 00.

Eggs—No. 1, 12 00 @ 13 00; No. 2, 11 00 @ 12 00.

St. Louis Live Stock. Receipts, 246 head; shipments, 1,128 head.

Market active and firm; values unchanged. A number of Oregon steers were in market.

Chicago Produce. The great strength and activity noticed in the March option of spring wheat is confirmed by the best informed operators.

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YOUNG IN YEARS.

But Old in All the Elements of a Progressive City.

Blair's Past, Present and Future. C. Blair, Washington Co., Neb., Jan. 19.—The city was laid out by John I. Blair, for whom the town is named, and the first lots were sold in 1869.

At that time the Chicago and Northwestern road had just reached this point and the town at once sprang into life, and has steadily grown until now there are over 2,000 inhabitants.

A great many new and substantial brick buildings have been built, among which are the Washington county bank and the handsome block occupied by Monroe & Hayes for the sale of drugs and jewelry of all kinds.

They are live business men and doing a fine trade. It is hardly necessary for your correspondent to attempt an extended list of the business firms for they are known for their solid business principles and their strict fidelity to their debt.

Herman Wembram three weeks ago started a tempting dining hall and lodging house, naming it appropriately "Farmer's Home," and we think that farmers will find a comfortable home with mine genial host.

There is in all five physicians, and all doing well. Not only one dentist, Dr. E. A. Palmer, who has his hands full attending to his extensive practice. Here is a good chance for some young dentist to just coin the fifty lucre at this point.

They have formed a rifle club to meet every other Wednesday. Dr. E. A. Palmer is the president, and makes a worthy one, as he bears several medals, proving him to be a crack shot.

The new county officers of this county assumed their offices on January 5th, they are: J. W. Fucker, county judge; W. D. Gooss, sheriff; F. B. Lepoint, clerk; Frank Harrison, treasurer; W. B. Miller, Superintendent of public instruction.

This is the county seat and all of the above named officers reside here. I must thank his honor, Judge Tucker, for his consideration in assisting your correspondent to considerable valuable information.

The new court house is quite an imposing structure and does credit to the county. Kenney & Stewart are contemplating the erection of a fine two story brick and iron building which will be 48x70 feet; Jacob Hunyate, ex-treasurer and banker and John Maley, a large brick building with roof top.

The second story is to be fitted up as an opera house with all the modern conveniences and a seating capacity of six hundred. A stock company has also been formed with J. F. Dans, one of the leading attorneys of the place, at its head, for the erection of a fine brick \$10,000 hotel, \$7,000 having now been subscribed. It is to be commenced in the spring and pushed rapidly through to completion.

There is now under roof a new ward school which will soon be finished. The work is under the management of the well known contractor, Geo. Sullivan. There are also several other residences and business houses to be built in the spring. Building lots in this city have advanced in value just 100 per cent in the past year. We understand that an opera house in this town is to be built on the corner of the street and the Missouri river at Blair, making a straight line to Sioux City and with the Northwestern running through to Omaha make a bright outlook for this lively city. The farming facilities of this county are superb; not being surpassed anywhere and Blair being at about the geographical center of it, takes most of the trade. Last mention in conclusion two of the leading men of this fair city. Our friend Clark of the City Hotel, who knows how to please his guests by good accommodations and a fine table, and last but not least of all, the Hon. A. Perkins, the Mayor of Blair, who says he cannot do without THE BEE.

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KENNEDY'S EAST-INDIA BITTERS.

A FAMILY TONIC AND A LIVER PURIFIER. BILLOW'S RHEUMATISM CURE.

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