

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK, April 17.—Money—Market easy at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Prins Mercantile Paper—10 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Sterling Exchange—Bankers' bills weaker at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent; demand, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$. Governments—Lower for 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

STOCKS—The result of to-day's trading showed a very weak stock market up to 12 o'clock, though it was somewhat firmer in the afternoon, as a result of a belief that it was time for a general improvement during the remainder of the week. Out of forty-five stocks traded in to-day, thirty-one closed lower than yesterday, the most conspicuous declines being Oregon Improvement, 4 per cent; Denver, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; Wabash preferred, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; common, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. The other declines were fractional. Ten stocks showed a fraction higher than last night.

COTTONS

3 $\frac{1}{2}$... 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
44 $\frac{1}{2}$ Coupons 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
U. S. New, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pacific 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ of 95 $\frac{1}{2}$ 12 $\frac{1}{2}$

STOCKS AND BONDS

American Express 96
Burl., Cedar Rapids & N.W. 62
Central Pacific 57
Chicago & Alton 1364
do do pfd. 145
Chi., Burl. & Quincy 132
Erie 284
do pfd. 52
Fox, Wayne & Chicago 131
Hammond & St. Joseph 384
do do do pfd. 88 $\frac{1}{2}$
Illinoian Central 1284
Ind., Bloom & Western 161
Kans., & Texas 173
Lake Superior & Michigan 92 $\frac{1}{2}$
Michigan Central 88
Minneapolis & St. Louis 142
do do do pfd. 28
Missouri Pacific 80 $\frac{1}{2}$
Northern Pacific 22 $\frac{1}{2}$
do do pfd. 48 $\frac{1}{2}$
Northwestern 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
do pfd. 142
New York Central 114
Ohio & Mississippi 204
do do pfd. 90 $\frac{1}{2}$
Peoria, Decatur & Evansville 144
Rock Island 29 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul 85 $\frac{1}{2}$
St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba 93
St. Paul & Omaha 30 $\frac{1}{2}$
do do pfd. 94 $\frac{1}{2}$
Texas Pacific 17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Union Pacific 67 $\frac{1}{2}$
Walsh, St. L. & Pacific 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
do do do pfd. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$
Western Union Telegraph 67 $\frac{1}{2}$
*Asked.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Flour—Quiet and nominally unchanged; Southern Illinois and Missouri winters, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; Michigan winters, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; low grade winters, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; good, fair and extra, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$; choice, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; rye, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Wheat—Begun rather active and brisk; foreign advice quoted at a firm feeling; no price had advanced 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ when became unsettled and receded 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, fluctuated and closed 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lower yesterday; cash and April, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$; August, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Corn—Active and stronger, accompanied by a marked advance in prices; opened a shade easier; rallied steadily 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12, receded 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and closed 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ over yesterday; cash and April, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; May, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; June, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; July, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$; year, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Rye—Firmer at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Barley—Firmer at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Timothy—Quiet, but good, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; prime, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; high grade, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Mess. Pork—Active but irregular; closed higher, cash, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$; April, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$; May, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$; June, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$; July, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Lamb—Openly weak, but grew firmer and closed about 4c over yesterday; cash, 31 $\frac{1}{2}$; April, 31 $\frac{1}{2}$; May, 32 $\frac{1}{2}$; June, 32 $\frac{1}{2}$; July, 32 $\frac{1}{2}$; year, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Sheep—Unchanged at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Whisky—1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Chips—Soft, but steady; bacon skins, dull, choice full cream fall made, scarce; former choices full cream cheddar, fall made, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$; new full cream cheddar, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$; chafes, fat, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$; good part skin cheddar and fats, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Hides—Moderate trade at former prices; green salted, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; good, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; green salted, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; green salted, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; dry salted, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Eggs—In fair demand and steady; shoulders, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$; short clear, 8 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Butter—Steady and unchanged; choice creamy, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 30 $\frac{1}{2}$; fancy dairy, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 26 $\frac{1}{2}$; rolls, 10 to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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