THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Rumors Concerning the Anti-Option Bill Largely Influenced Prices.

BULLS AND BEARS WERE ON A STRAIN

Prices Were Very Ragged at the Outset, and, in the Excitement of Delivery, Varying Prices Were Made Throughout the Pit.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 10.—The anti-option bill which is pending in congress had more to do with the prices on the board than all other influences combined. With the fluctuation of opinion and the circulation of rumors tending to show that it would or would not become a law prices went up or down. The markets, especially wheat, were nervous and "shaky," subject to periods of great activity or dullness, followed by decided dullness; without warning prices would shoot up or down, and then for considerable lengths of time would remain very steady.

Bulls and bears alike were on a strain, and ready to run at the first sign of danger. On the curb yesterday afternoon. May wheat which had closed at 89⅝c. sold off to 87⅞c, and this, together with a reduction of from ½d to ¾d in values at Liverpool, made the market weak at the start this morning. Prices, however, were very ragged at the outset, and in the excitement of delivery varying prices were made in different parts of the pit. Those who had not recovered from the scare of the day before made low offerings while many of the cool heads who did not much fear a passage of the bill, and who wanted to forestall anything like a panic at the start, bid well up. The result was that the quotation from the different parts of the pit ranged from 88c to 89¼c. The buyers, however, were in a majority, and in a short time there was an advance to 89¾c, many scalpers falling in in the buying movement at the price mentioned. They undertook to realize their profits by unloading, but the demand having in the meantime been about satisfied there was no one to sell to, and prices plunged down in two minutes from 88⅞c to 88c. Then followed a period of inactivity, followed by an advance to 89⅛c, then a break to 88¾c. During the last hour the market continued nervous, but with light trading, passing and fluctuations ranging at from 88½c to 89⅛c. Near the close it was reported that Lamson Bros. had received a dispatch from some one in authority in Washington that it was extremely doubtful whether the committee would ever report on the anti-option bill, and that there was no danger of its passing. On this there was a rush to buy, and the price went up to 90⅞c. Near the close it eased off some and closed at 89⅝c, an advance of ¼c compared with yesterday's figures. Pardridge bought considerable wheat early around 89c, but on the subsequent advance he put in contracts. As a rule, however, there was a big trading during the day. Bradstreet's reported an increase of 63,000 bu. in the available supply of wheat east of the Rockies, but a decrease of 892,000 bu. on the Pacific coast; the receipts in the northwest were liberal and the clearances from the seaboard light. Corn opened quiet and weak at from 41⅛c to 41⅛c for May, against 41⅜c at the close yesterday, advanced quickly to 42⅜c, but broke again to 41⅜c. There was but little business and nothing in the way of influential news, the market being dominated wholly by an uneasy and uncertain feeling which has grown out of the proposed legislation in Washington. Near the close there was a rally which sent wheat to 42⅛c and the close was 42⅛c.

Oats were dull and comparatively steady and closed with a gain of from ⅛c to ¼c.

Hog products fluctuated several times within a narrow range, largely in sympathy with grains, though increased receipts and lower prices for hogs had a weakening effect. The prices were higher.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 115 cars; corn, 140 cars; oats, 112 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT—No. 2				
February.....	$ 85½	$ 86¾	$ 85	$ 86¼
May.....	88 @88⅝	90⅞	88	89⅝
CORN—No. 2				
February...	40⅝	41	40⅝	41
March.....	40¾@41⅛	41¾	40¾	41¾
May.....	41⅝@41⅞	42⅛	41⅝	42⅛
OATS No. 2—				
February...	28¾	29¼	28¾	29¼
May.....	31⅛	31¾	31⅛	31⅝
MESS PORK—				
February....	11 70	11 80	11 62½	11 72½
May.....	12 02½	12 05	11 90	12 02½
LARD—				
February....	6 45	6 50	6 45	6 47½
May.....	6 67½	6 72½	6 67½	6 70
SHORT RIBS—				
February....	5 77½	5 85	5 77½	5 85
May.....	6 05	6 12½	6 05	6 10

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; 10@.5c lower; spring patents, $4.30@4.60; winter patents, $4.30@4.55; bakers, $4.30@4.60; straight, $4.30@4.50.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring wheat, 86½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 79@79½c; No. 2 red, 89¼c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2, 42⅜c; No. 3 yellow, 39½c.

OATS—No. 2, 29@29¼c; No. 2 white, 30½@32½c; No. 3 white, 29@31½c.

RYE—No. 2, 79c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 56@58c; No. 3, 45@48c; No. 4, 36@46½c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 0.@95¾c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.25@1.30.

PORK—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.65; lard, per cwt., $6.50@6.52½; short ribs sides (loose), $5.87½@5.00; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.00@5.25; short clear sides (boxed), $6.20@6.25.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.14.

Receipts and shipments today were as follows:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, barrels.....	29,000	25,000
Wheat, bushels.....	79,000	46,000
Corn, bushels.....	100,000	235,000
Oats, bushels.....	165,000	208,000
Rye, bushels.....	9,000	11,000
Barley, bushels.....	73,000	80,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was unchanged; fancy creamery, 28@29c; fine western, 26@28c; ordinary, 21@24c; selected dairy, 24@28c; ordinary, 2.@23c. Eggs, 24@25c.

CHEESE—Firm; full cream cheddars, 11@11½c; flats, 11@11½c; Young Americas, 12@13c.

EGGS—Lower; fresh, 24@25c.

HIDES—Unchanged.

TALLOW—Unchanged.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—FLOUR—Receipts, 220,003 packages; exports, 6,105 bbls. 7,396 sacks; market unsettled, closing steady, moderate trade; sales, 2,700 bbls.

CORN MEAL—Fair demand, steady.

WHEAT—Receipts, 70,800 bu.; exports, 212,484 bu.; sales, 8,325,000 bu. futures, 208,000 bu. spot. Spot market unsettled, opening lower, closing firm; No. 2 red, $1.0.@1.02⅜ in store and elevator; $1.02⅜@1.04⅛ afloat; $1.01⅜@1.05 f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 99½@99½c; ungraded red, 96c@$1.06; No. 1 northern, $1.02½@1.04; No. 1 hard, $1.06@1.06½. Options declined ⅛@⅝c on liquidating, advanced ⅛@¾c on Bradstreet's decrease in supplies on Pacific coast, and local covering, declined from ¾c@1¼c on weak late cables, advanced 1⅛@1⅜c on an expectation that the anti-option bill will be defeated, closed firm at ⅛@⅝c over yesterday. No. 2 red, February, $1.02⅜@1.02½; March, $1.01⅝@1.02⅞; closing $1.02⅜; April, $1.01@$1.02⅛, closing $1.02⅜; May, 99⅞c@$1.01⅛, closing $1.01; June, 98½@99¾c, closing 99⅝c; July, 96⅞@97¾c, closing 97⅜c.

RYE—Firmer; quiet; western, 92@96½c.

BARLEY—Quiet; steady.

BARLEY MALT—Dull.

CORN—Receipts, 143,375 bu.; exports, 56,173 bu.; sales, 1,075,000 bu. of futures; 167,000 bu. of spot; spot market opened weak, but closed firm; No. 2, 48⅝@49⅛c in elevator; 50@50⅛c afloat; ungraded mixed, 47@51c; No. 2 white, 53c; No. 3, 48¾c; steamer mixed, 48¾c. Options varied with wheat, declining ⅜@½c, advanced ¼@½c, closing unchanged to ⅛c up; moderately active; February, 48⅝@49¼c, closing 49¼c; March, 49⅛@49⅞c, closing 49⅝c; April, 49⅞@50¼c, closing 50⅛c; May, 49⅞@49⅞c, closing 49⅞c; June, 49⅞c; July, 49c.

OATS—Receipts, 134,275 bu.; exports, 866,030 bu.; sales, 350,000 bu. of futures; 7,000 bu. of spot; spot market weak and dull. Options fairly active and firm; partly ⅛c up; February, 36c; March, 36⅛c; May, 37⅛@37 9-16c, closing at 37⅛c; No. 2 white, February, 37½c; March, 37½c; No. 2 mixed western, 35@37c; white western, 37@42c; No. 2 Chicago, 36⅞@37c.

HAY—Steady.

HOPS—Easy and quiet.

SUGAR—Raw, quiet and steady; refined, quiet and steady.

MOLASSES—Foreign, dull; New Orleans steady and quiet.

RICE—Steady; fair demand.

PETROLEUM—Steady and quiet; United closed at 59⅝c for March.

TALLOW—Steady.

ROSIN—Quiet.

TURPENTINE—Quiet and steady at 33½@34c.

EGGS—Quiet, unsettled; western, 29½c; receipts, 1,290 pkgs.

PORK—More active and firm; mess, $9.75@10.50; extra prime, $10.00.

CUT MEATS—Dull and firm; middles, firm; short clear, $6.77½.

LARD—About steady and quiet; western steam, $6.85 bid; sales, 1,500 tierces at $6.85@6.87½; option sales, 3,850 tierces; February, $6.84; March, $6.88, closing at $6.88 bid; May, $7.06@7.02, closing at $7.00.

BUTTER—Dull and weak; western dairy, 16@23c; western creamery, 21@31c; western factory, 16@23c; Elgin, 30½@32c.

CHEESE—Fairly active and firm; part skims, 6@10½c.

PIG IRON—Quiet and steady; American, $15.75@17.75.

COPPER—Quiet and weak; lake, $10.60.

LEAD—Dull and easy; domestic, $4.12½.

TIN—Dull and steady; straits, $19.90.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 10.—Wheat declined 1½c before noon today on the continued disturbed condition resulting from the uncertain feeling about the Washburn anti-option bill. The price was plunging headlong and went be ow 88c, a decline from the highest price yesterday of 3c, when a Washington dispatch to the effect that sentiment was growing against the bill gave the shorts courage and they proceeded to cover, which caused quite an adv nce. May wheat opened at 84⅝c. The price rallied to 85c twice after going to 84⅛c, and then dropped to from 83⅞c to 84. The close was at 85¼c. Cash wheat was fairly active and No. 1 northern sold from 84½c to 85c. A good deal of low grade stuff was sold. Receipts were 163 cars here and at Duluth, and Superior 126 cars. Closing—No. 1 northern, February, closing 82¾c; May opened at 84⅛c, highest 85¼c, lowest 83⅛c, closing today at 85¼c. On track, No. 1 hard, 88c; No. 1 northern, 84c; No. 2 northern, 78@80c.

Omaha Produce Markets.

BUTTER—Weak; bulk of best country roll going at 19c; fair to good, 15@18c.

EGGS—A good many sales reported at 19c; receipts larger; market unsettled.

POULTRY—Chickens, 9@10c; geese, ducks and turkeys, 11@12c.

FRUITS—California riverside oranges, $2.25@2.35; Washington navels, $3.50@3.75; California tangerines, $3.00 per box; Florida oranges, brights, $4.00; russets, $2.60@2.75; Florida tangerines, $3.50@4.00, half boxes; western apples, choice, $2.50@2.50 per bbl., fancy stand might bring more; New York apples, $2.75@3.00; fancy lemons, $3.00@3.25; choice stories, $4.50@4.75; grapes, per bbl., $8.00@9.00; bananas, crated, $2.00@2.50; cranberries, $13.50@7.00.

VEGETABLES—California cabbage, 2½@2¾c per lb. in crates; home grown lettuce, 4c per doz.; potatoes, dull; California cauliflower, $2.25@2.50; onions, 80@$1.00 per bu.; Nebraska hand picked beans, $1.90@2.00; medium, $1.50@1.75; celery, 35@40c; sweet potatoes, $2.25@2.50.

FLOUR—Omaha Milling company's Reliance Patent, $3.50; Invincible Patent, $2.40; Lone Star Superlative, $2.25; Snowflake, $1.90; Fancy Family, $1.80; S. F. Gilman's Gold Medal, $2.55; Snow White, $2.30; Snowflake, $2.00; low grade, $1.60; Queen of the Pantry, $2.00.

HIDES—No. 1 green salted hides, 4½@4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½@3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½@4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½@3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7@8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5@6c. Tallow, No. 1, 3½@4c; tallow, No. 2, 3¼c; grease, white A, 4@4½c; grease, white B, 3½@3¾c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 16c; rough tallow, 1½@2c.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 10.—WHEAT—Very dull; No 2 hard, 75@76c; No. 2 red, 83c.

CORN—Was steady; mixed, 39½@39c; white, 35@35½c.

OATS—Were steady; No. 2 mixed, 29c; No. 2 white, 30@30½c.

RYE—Lower; No. 2, 75c.

FLAX SEED—85c, on the basis of pure.

BRAN—Weak; sacked, 65c.

HAY—Weak but unchanged; timothy, $8.50 per ton; fancy prarie, $6.00; good to choice, $5.50.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 3,000 bu.; corn, 12,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 34,000 bu.; corn, 3,000 bu.; oats, 1,000 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 10.—COTTON—Spot steady, with fair demand; middling, 3¾d; sales, 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and included 10,600 American; futures closed quiet but steady; American middling low middling grade, February, 3 4-64 value; February and March, 2 4-64; March and April, 3 49-64; sellers, April and May, 3 52-64 value; May and June, 3 56-64 buyers; June and July, 3 58-64@3 59-64.

WHEAT—Quiet; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 6s 9½d@7s 10½d per cental; No. red western, 7s@7s 7½d.

CORN—Dull and lower; mixed western, 4s 4d per cental.

PORK—Prime mess western, 75s per bbl.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 10.—The market opened weaker today, largely owing to the probable passage of the Washburn bill. Later reports, however, caused a firmer feeling toward the end of the session and prices advanced. Closing prices were: No. 1 hard, cash, 84⅝c; February, 84¾c; May, 89½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 81c; February, 83¼c; May, 88c; No. 2 northern, cash, 77c; No. 3 northern, 72c; rejected, 60c; on track, No. 1 hard, 85½c; No. 1 northern, 84¼c.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 10.—WHEAT—Excited; May, 87⅝c; No. 2 spring, 85c; No. 1 northern, 90c.

CORN—Flam; No. 3, 38½@39c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 32½@32½c; No. 3 white, 31@31½c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 3, 74½c; sample, 38@60c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 1, 79@79½c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Options opened firm at from 5 to 15 points up, closing steady at from 5 to 15 points up; sales, 11,0 0 bags, including: February, $13.50@13.60; March, $13.15@13.20; April, $13.05; May, $12.8.@12.90; June, $12.65; July, $12.55; September, $12.45@12.50; spot Rio, quiet and firmer; No. 7, $14.75.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 10.—WHEAT—Irregular; May, 90c.

CORN—Irregular; cash, 36⅝c; May, 38⅛c.

OATS—Cash, 30c; May, 31⅛c.

PORK—Dull; new, $11.75

LARD—Quiet at $5.45.

WHISKY—$1.14.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Business in dry goods was apparently on the mend, although it is still uneven as to makes and qualities of goods. Bids were in for round lots of plain cottons, but all transactions learned of were at unchanged prices.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 10.—WHEAT—Easier; No. 2 red, 93½@94c.

CORN—Weaker; No. 2 mixed, 41½c.

OATS—Easier; mixed, 32½@32½c.

WHISKY—Firm; $1.14.

Foreign Oil Market.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—REFINED PETROLEUM—5¾@7¾d per gallon.

TURPENTINE SPIRITS—25s per cwt.

ANTWERP, Feb. 10.—PETROLEUM—16¼f paid, and sellers.

Havana Sugar Market.

HAVANA, Feb. 10.—Market quiet; 780 bags centrifugal, 96½ degrees polarization, were sold at $3.19¼@3.2.¼ gold per quintal.

Traders' Talk.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 10.—Counselman & Day to Cockrell Bros.: Wheat opened unsettled with trades made at 1⅛c variance in different parts of the crowd, the bulk, however, at 89c to 89⅛c for May. The feverish tone prevailed until within the last hour when reports from Washington prophesying the defeat of the adverse legislation against the trade in farm products restored confidence in a measure and produced a firmer closing. Cables bringing buying orders from the continent of Europe caused 2c rally, and the market closed ¾c higher than yesterday with the panicky feeling allayed, but not full confidence restored, owing to the uncertainty about the anti-option bill. Corn and oats were somewhat unsettled by the racket in wheat, but averaged steady to firm and closed from ⅛c to ¼c higher for leading futures. Sample lots in good demand and an increased attendance of buyers of shipping grades. Provisions opened easier, but quickly firmed up on buying by packers. One soft spot occurred during the raid in wheat, but packers again supported the market and the final closing was 5c higher for pork, with lard and ribs firm and steady.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 10.—F. G. Logan & Co. to J. Sands Commission Company: The feeling pro and con regarding the passage of the anti-option bill was the predominating influence in the wheat and corn market. In the former all the features excepting the distrust engendered by yesterday's decline and its cause, were strong; unusually so, we would say, considering the reports of heavy purchases of flour for export at Minneapolis, wheat at Duluth and Minneapolis, and wheat, both spot and futures, at the seaboard. While we hardly expect to see any large operator or set of operators take the long side with the action of congress hanging over the market, yet we feel that the hand which the foreigners showed today is quite important. Corn was bought heavily early by local traders. The prospect is for lighter receipts. The same remark applies to oats. Provisions opened weak on increased receipts of hogs. Later on the strength in grain and covering by shorts improved the market, which closed at about the outside prices of the day. Trade was light.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Transactions in Reading Securities Consumed the Attention of Operators.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—In view of the facts in the "coal deal" which were given out today, the stock market sales were little more than half in Reading, both in the stock and bond list. Certainly the transactions in the Reading stocks and bonds were more than half the entire business in both the departments. Of the other coal stocks only Jersey Central made any response to the stimulation and the general list was comparatively quiet and remained feverish and irregular throughout the entire day. The general tendency was upwards, however, under the influence of the immense rise in the Reading securities, and, while the professionals and traders are still bearish on the general list their efforts to get prices down were entirely neutralized, and most stocks show slight gains as the result of the day's operations. By far the largest proportion of the business was done in the last hour, after the announcement of the true nature of the deal which has mystified the street for so long, and Erie at this time became more prominent in the trading while rising fractionally.

The opening of the market was made on a moderate volume of business, comparatively speaking, with prices generally lower than those of last evening, and a rumor that St. Paul contemplated an issue of $10,000,000 new stock opened that stock off ¾ per cent. The rest of the list were irregular within narrow limits, but marked strength was soon developed in Reading, Lackawanna and Jersey Central. The industrials followed at a distance, but the changes in quotations were insignificant as a rule except in the few stocks mentioned. Prices rose or fell according to the prevailing temper of the coalers and the general tendency was upward. In the last hour, however, Reading went up with a rush, but without bringing the general list along to any marked extent, and Lackawanna was especially sluggish. In fact, the industrials and those stocks which have any connection with the coal trade, direct or indirect, were the only ones displaying any real strength throughout the day. The close was active and firm, with most of the list at close to first prices. The net gain in Reading was 6 per cent, though it sold 1 per cent higher than its last price, and Jersey Central rose 2 per cent. Distillers 1¾ per cent, New England 1¾ per cent, and Delaware & Hudson and Chicago Gas each 1 per cent, while St. Paul lost 1½ per cent and Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis each 1 per cent.

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

Atchison.....	39⅛	do preferred....	144
Adams Express....	145	N. Y. Central.....	114⅜
Alton, T. H.....	31¾	N. Y. Chi. & St. L....	19⅝
*do preferred....	98	do preferred....	74
American Express...	117	Ohio Mississippi....	21
B. C. R. & N.....	45	do preferred.....	85
Canada Pacific.....	88¼	Ontario & Western..	20⅝
Canada Southern	60⅝	Oregon Improvem't	28
Central Pacific.....	31⅛	Oregon Nav.....	86
Ches. & Ohio.....	24⅛	Oregon Trans.....	16¾
do 1st preferred....	60¼	Pacific Mail.....	37
do 2nd preferred....	42	P. D. & E.....	20
†Chicago & Alton....	148	*Pittsburg.....	148
C., B. & Q.....	107⅝	Pullman Palace.....	188
C., C., C. & St. L.....	71⅛	Reading.....	55⅝
Del. Hudson.....	130⅜	Rock Island.....	101⅞
Del. L. & W.....	150⅜	*St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	78
D. & R. G. pfd.....	41⅝	St. Paul.....	78⅝
East Tennessee.....	71	do preferred.....	125⅝
do 1st preferred....	45	St. P., Min. & Man....	112½
do 2nd preferred....	17	St. Paul & Omaha....	48⅝
Erie.....	32⅛	do preferred.....	115
do preferred.....	72⅜	Tenn. Coal & Iron....	42⅝
Fort Wayne.....	152½	Texas Pacific.....	9⅛
Chi. & East Ill.....	67½	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd....	84
Hocking Valley.....	31⅝	Union Pacific.....	45⅝
Houston & Texas.....	39⅛	U. S. Express.....	48
Illinois Central.....	105¼	Wabash, St. L. & P....	13
St. Paul & Duluth....	45	do preferred.....	29⅛
Kansas & Texas.....	17⅛	Wells Fargo Ex.....	140
Lake Erie & West....	21⅝	Western Union.....	86¼
do preferred.....	72⅛	Am. Cotton Oil.....	35
Lake Shore.....	122⅜	Colorado Coal.....	36
Louisville & Nash....	74⅜	*Homestake.....	12
Louisville & N. A....	27	†Iron Silver.....	125
Memphis & Char....	26	Ontario.....	42
Michigan Central....	107	Quicksilver.....	5⅛
*Mil. L. S. & W.....	93	do preferred.....	19
*do preferred.....	129⅛	Sutro.....	5
Minn. & St. L.....	8⅝	Bulwer.....	40
do preferred.....	19	Rich. & W. P. Ter....	15¼
Missouri Pacific.....	62⅛	Wisconsin Central....	18⅛
Mobile & Ohio.....	36¼	Great Northern pfd..	122½
Nashville Chat.....	89⅝	Chicago Gas.....	78⅛
N. J. Central.....	129	Lead Trust.....	20¼
Norfolk & West pfd..	49⅝	Sugar Trust.....	88
Northern Pacific.....	23⅝	Southern Pacific.....	39⅛
do preferred.....	68⅛	R. G. W.....	28⅝
U. P. Denver & G....	19	R. G. W. dis.....	37
Northwestern.....	117¼		

* bid. † ex div. ‡ asked.

The total sales of stocks today were 772,740 shares, including: Atchison, 24,000; Chicago Gas, 53,100; Chicago & Eastern Illinois preferred, 3,500; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 2,654; Erie, 49,255; Louisville & Nashville, 14,000; Missouri Pacific, 16,5 0; New Jersey Central, 8,000; New York Central, 3,400; Northern Pacific preferred, 16,500; Reading, 143,339; Richmond & West Point, 3,600; St. Paul, 22,655; Texas & Pacific, 3,068; Union Pacific, 10,12.; Western Union, 4,450.

Financial Review.

NEW YORK, Feb 10.—The Post says: To-day's further advances in exchange brings sterling rates within le of the gold export level. As has been the case in every previous advance of sterling, a superficial explanation is easily found, while the fundamental causes puzzle everywhere. Europe has been a busy seller of certain lines of our securities this week, particularly Reading stocks, and this has, doubtless, hastened the traditional "spring movement" on exchange in an upward direction. But, if our securities have lately been sold for European account in such quantities as to reverse the customary seasonal movement of exchange, the selling has not at any rate been done in the open London market. As to what securities and how many, carried in this country for foreign account, may have been realized on by the foreigners is a necessarily a matter of shrewd conjecture. Courageous theorists may be ready to connect a hypothetical movement of this kind with heavings and wearings of the stock market after every successful advance. On the other hand the professional operators who have experimented largely on the bear side have not confined their operations furthered by liquidation from outside sources on such a scale as this. The obvious trouble with the stock market has been the lack of any orders from outsiders rather than the presence of outside orders to sell.

Financial Notes.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—Three per cent rentes, 95f 75c for the account.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Clearings, $159,598,735; balances, $6,741,783.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 10.—Today's clearings were $1,676,950.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 10.—Clearings, $2,584,739; balances, $426,393; rate, 6 per cent.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 10.—Clearings yesterday, $2,591,272. Clearings today, $1,610,365.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 10.—Clearings, $17,429,152; balances, $2,157,933; money, 3½ per cent.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 10.—New York exchange selling at par. Clearings, $493,941; balances, $248,136.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 10.—Money, 3@6 per cent; New York exchange, 25@35c premium; clearings, $2,387,550.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 10.—Bank clearings, $4,322,299; balances, $745,867; exchange on New York, 50@60c premium.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 10.—Clearings today, $15,644,333; balances, $1,525,808; money, 2@2½ per cent; exchange on New York 12@15c discount.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 10.—Money easy at 5@6 per cent. Clearings, $13,643,841. New York exchange, 10c discount. Sterling exchange steady at $1.85½ for sixty day bills and $4.87½ for sight drafts.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—MONEY ON CALL.—Easy at 1@2 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed offered at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet but strong at $4.85¼ for sixty-day bills and $4.87½ for demand.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.....	110⅛	*Mutual Union 6s.....	108
U. S. 4s coup.....	110⅛	N. J. C. Int. Cert.....	111⅜
*U. S. 4½s reg.....	109	North. Pacific 1sts.....	116½
*Pacific 6s of '95.....	109	North Pacific 2nds.....	114
La. stamped 4s.....	84	Northwestern Con.....	137
*Tenn. new set 6s.....	105	North. Debent. 5s.....	105
†Tenn. new set 5s.....	100⅛	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s..	85⅝
Tenn. new set 3s.....	70	*St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	107
Canada So. 2nds.....	103	*St Paul Consols.....	128
*Cen. Pacific 1sts.....	106⅝	St. P., C. & Pac. 1sts..	116⅛
Den. & R. G. 1sts.....	117	Tex. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	78
Den. & R. G. 4s.....	80	Tex. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	28⅛
Erie 2nds.....	106⅝	*Union Pacific 1sts..	107⅛
K. & T. Gen. 5s.....	81⅛	West Shore.....	103⅛
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s...	81⅛	Den. & R.G West 1sts.	77⅞

* bid. † asked.

London Stock Market.

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LONDON, Feb. 10.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—The settlement engaged the attention of the Stock exchange today. So far it has made satisfactory progress. Rates of continuation have been generally easier than on previous occasions. Foreign railways were buoyant. Consols were steady. Foreign government securities are dull. A feature is the fall of 2 to 3 per cent in Greek bonds. Home railways were somewhat heavy, notwithstanding the scarcity of the stock. Brighton deferred has fallen ¾ per cent, and several others ½ to ¼ per cent. American, after being dull and heavy, has shown more strength during the last hour. Philadelphia & Reading has been largely bought. There was an advance of 1⅛ per cent in Atchison, and others are only partially recovered from the fall noticed during the day, so that as compared with last night prices are mostly lower. Denver preferences are exceptionally flat, with a decline of 1½ per cent. Canadian lines have been little dealt in. Canadian Pacific is ⅛ per cent better. Grand Trunk issues are somewhat lower. Owing to the Stock exchange settlement money has been more wanted. Short loans have been charged for at 1¼ per cent. The discount market was slightly firmer. Two and three months' bills were quoted at 2 per cent.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The following were the London stock quotations closing at 4 p. m.:

Consols, money.....	95 9-16	St. Paul common.....	81⅝
Consols, account.....	95 11-16	New York Central..	117⅛
N. Y. P. & O 1sts.....	37⅛	Pennsylvania.....	57⅜
Can. Pacific.....	81⅝	Reading.....	25⅛
Erie.....	32⅛	Mex. Cen. new 4s....	72⅝
Mex. ordinary.....	29⅛		

BAR SILVER—41¼d.

MONEY—1@1½ per cent.

Denver Mining Stocks.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 10.—The following list is the closing quotations on the Mining exchange today. Sales 18,303.

Alleghany.....	10	Gettysburg.....	32
Amity.....	2¼	Golden Treasure....	85
Argonaut.....	15	Gold Rock.....	56
Ballarat.....	20	Ironclad.....	11
Bobtail Cora B.....	5¾	Justice.....	16¼
Bates-Hunter.....	60	Lexington.....	43
Big Indian.....	15	Little Rule.....	90
Big Six.....	5¼	May Mazeppa.....	105
Brownlow.....	3	Matchless.....	285
Calliope.....	15¼	Oro.....	100
Claudia J.....	2¾	Park Consolidated..	3
Century.....	1	Pay Rock.....	1⅛
Clay County.....	45	Potosi.....	1
Cash.....	14	Paul Gold.....	12
Diamond B.....	3¾	Reed National.....	100
Denver Gas and Oil	5⅝	Rialto.....	111
Emmons.....	45	Running Lode.....	27

Boston Stock Market.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 10.—The following were the closing prices on stocks on the Boston stock market today:

Atchison & Topeka..	39⅝	Boston & Montana..	32⅝
Boston & Albany....	201	Calumet & Hecla....	360
Boston & Maine....	164	Franklin.....	12
C. B. & Q.....	109¾	Kearsarge.....	16⅛
Eastern R. R. 1s....	122	Osceola.....	23⅞
Fitchburg R. R.....	84	Santa Fe Copper....	25
Flint & Pere M pfd..	39	Tamarack.....	148
K. C., S. J. & C. B. 1s	122¼	Anniston Land Co....	29¾
Mass. Central.....	16	Boston Land Co.....	6¼
Mex. Cent. common.	21	West End Land Co....	17⅛
N. Y. & N. England.	48⅝	Bell Telephone.....	209
do preferred....	121	Lamson Store S.....	155⅛
Old Colony.....	166⅝	C. M.....	84⅝
Wis. Cen. common.	18¼	Houston Thomson..	50
Allouez Min. Co. new	1	B. & B. C.....	14
Atlantic.....	9		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 10.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	110	Navajo.....	5
Belcher.....	45	Ophir.....	315
Best & Belcher.....	300	Potosi.....	195
Bodie Consolidated.	55	Savage.....	150
Challar.....	23	Sierra Nevada.....	170
Consol. Cal. & Va..	587⅝	Union Con.....	180
Crown Point.....	145	Utah.....	50
Eureka Con.....	200	Yellow Jacket.....	105
Gould & Curry.....	190	Yuma.....	40
Hale & Norcross.....	275	N. Q.....	35
Mexican.....	195	B. I.....	30
Mono.....	100		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The following are the closing mining stock quotations:

Alice.....	115	Horn Silver.....	350
Aspen.....	300	Iron Silver.....	125
Best & Belcher.....	285	Mexican.....	180
Chollar.....	200	Ontario.....	4,300
Crown Point.....	135	Ophir.....	300
Con. Cal. & Va.....	585⅝	Plymouth.....	185
Deadwood T.....	300	Savage.....	125
Eureka Con.....	150	Sierra Nevada.....	150
Gould & Curry.....	160	Standard.....	100
Hale & Norcross.....	100	Union Con.....	170
Homestake.....	1300	Yellow Jacket.....	100

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle Coming to Omaha in Liberal Supply—Yesterday's Prices and Sales.

OMAHA, Feb. 10.—Receipts for the past three days are 7,712 cattle, 16,793 hogs and 2,624 sheep against 5,276 cattle 18,103 hogs and 1,356 sheep, the first half of last week.

An increase in three days of over 2,500 cattle but extremely unfavorable reports from Chicago caused a very weak feeling here. Dressed beef buyers appeared to want the cattle and there was a fair shipping demand, but all buyers were bidding lower. On nice handy fat steers just suited to the killer's taste there was some competition and prices consequently were fairly well maintained. On good cattle weighing 1,350 lbs. and upwards such as shippers wanted, prices were not a great deal lower, but on fair to good 1,100 to 1,300-lb steers prices were 10c lower than Tuesday. Good 1,200 to 1,450-lb. steers sold from $4.70 to $4.85, fair to good 1,050 to 1,20 -lb. steers sold from $4.25 to $4.60 and common light thin steers sold at good feeder prices from $3.00 to $3.25. Trading was naturally slow and the close found quite a few bunches still unsold.

Butcher stuff was in liberal supply and there were pl