THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Wheat Was Somewhat Nervous Yesterday, but Generally Strong.

TRADING OPENED AT AN ADVANCE

Outside Markets Were Also Encouraging and Operators Were Busy—Later the Crowd Was Demoralized by Free Selling.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 15.—The wheat market was somewhat nervous today but generally strong on the bullish character of the news received and closed with 1½c gain compared with Saturday's last prices. Trading opened at an advance of ⅛c on colder weather in the west and strong cables with more bad crop reports from France. Outside markets were also generally strong. After opening ¼c higher at 91⅛c May sold early as high as from 91⅝c to 91⅞c, with Schwartz-Dupee, Costar-Martin, Mitchell & Gifford good buyers, presumably on New York orders, but on the advance Pardridge gave his brokers selling orders; the crowd was soon demoralized by the freedom with which the wheat was offered and began to draw out while others lost confidence and began to unload. This assisted to weaken the market and there was no reaction until the price touched 90⅜c. Pardridge then called a halt and there was some recovery. Another batch of firm cables with still another installment of French crop damage reports and a rumor that Antwerp was excited and foreigners good buyers at the seaboard, soon carried the price back to from 91⅛c to 91⅝c, where it held for a time quite steady.

The visible supply figures began to exert a strong influence. Some decrease had been expected but New York caused some alarm by showing over 800,000 bu. decrease, while other points also reported more decline than looked for and it was quickly rumored that the decrease would probably reach 1,000,000 bu. Primary markets were reporting only small arrivals and the cold wave scare got another start and this, with the report about the same time that the visible supply showed a decrease of nearly 1,000,000 bu more than expected, caused quite a flurry. Shorts made a rush to cover; speculation grew sharp and there was a quick rally to 92c, but the market soon quieted down and the price fell to 91⅝c. The market had another strong spurt after the noon hour on the higher closing cables and the liberal export engagements at New York. May sold up sharply to 92⅛c, sold off to 91⅞c, reacted to 91⅞c, then just before the close, apparently as the result of the combined effect of the day's bullish news, a sharp buying movement set in and the price was quickly advanced to 92⅜c and the market closed steady at 92⅜c. McDougall had some buying orders after the market went below 91c on the first break, but sold freely on the subsequent upturn to the vicinity of 92c. A Minneapolis dispatch said that 2,000,000 bushels of cash wheat had been taken during the last ten days for export. Indian wheat shipments showed a falling off.

Corn was weak and lower early. Liverpool was ¼d lower. The local receipts were in excess of the estimates and showed a decided improvement in quality. The weather was favorable to a betterment of the grading. For a time after the opening corn was weak and the exports were light. May opened ⅜c lower at 41⅜c, weakened to 41⅛c, reacted to 41⅝c on the advance in wheat, again weakened to 41⅛c and in sympathy with the final bulge in wheat advanced to 42⅛c, closing steady at 42c.

Oats were quiet within narrow fluctuations, being affected very little by other grains, and closed ⅛c lower.

Hog products were comparatively steady. Live hogs at the yards were higher and it was rumored that Armour was on the bull side and there was not much disposition to sell, and after fluctuating within a range of from 7½c higher to 2½c lower, May pork closed at the bottom; May lard is 2½c lower and May ribs unchanged.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 202 cars; corn, 560 cars; oats, 352 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT-No. 2—				
February	$ 88	$ 89¼	$ 87⅝	$ 89¼
May	91⅛	92⅜	90⅞	92⅜
CORN No. 2—				
February	40⅛	40⅝	40⅛	40⅝
March	40⅛	41⅛	40⅛	41⅛
May	41⅜	42⅛	41⅛	42
OATS No. 2—				
February	29	29	28¾	29
May	31¼	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛
MESS PORK—				
February	11 80	11 80	11 70	11 70
May	12 10	12 10	12 00	12 00
LARD—				
February	6 50	6 52½	6 50	6 50
May	6 70	6 72½	6 70	6 70
SHORT RIBS—				
February	5 95	5 97½	5 87½	5 90
May	6 12½	6 15	6 05	6 07½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Nominally unchanged; spring patents, $4.30@4.60; winter patents, $4.30@4.55; bakers, $3.30@3.60; spring straights, $4.30@4.50.

CORN—Lower: No. 2, 40½c; No. 3 yellow, 37½@38½c.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring wheat, 87½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 81½@82c; No. 2 red, 92c.

OATS—No. 2, 29@29¼c; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 3 white, 29¼@30¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 85c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 56@58c; No. 3, f. o. b., 38@55c; No. 4, 34@46c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 96½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.25@1.20.

PORK—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.65; lard, per cwt., $6.55; short ribs sides (loose), $5.9; 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	11,000	14,000
Wheat, bushels	19,000	44,000
Corn, bushels	110,000	144,000
Oats, bushels	114,000	192,000
Rye, bushels	4,000	4,000
Barley, bushels	29,000	41,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market unchanged; fancy creamery, 28@29c; fine western, 25@27c; ordinary, 22@25c; selected dairy, 22@25c. Eggs, 21@22c.

CHEESE—Firm; full cream cheddars, 11¼@11¾c; flats, 11½@11¾c; Young Americas, 12@13c.

HIDES—Unchanged.

TALLOW—Unchanged.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 27,353 pkgs; exports, 940 bbls; 20,555 sack; active and stronger; sales, 34,700 bbls.

CORN MEAL—Quiet.

WHEAT—Receipts, 218,250 bu.; exports, 219,391 bu.; sales, 32,800 bu. of futures; 304,000 bu. of spot. Spot market decidedly higher, scarcity checking business; firm. No. 2 red, $1.07@1.07¼ in store and elevator; $1.06¼@1.08⅛ afloat; $1.05⅞@1.09¼ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, $1.04@1.05¼; ungraded red, 79½c@$1.08⅛; No. 1 northern, $1.05⅝@1.08⅛; No. 1 hard, $1.07¼@1.09⅛; options active, higher and firm; opening at from ⅜c to ⅞c up on higher cables, reported large export purchases at the outports and an advance of 2c in the California markets; declined ¼@1⅛c on heavy selling for western account, free selling by foreigners and local realizing; advanced 1¼@2¼c on decrease in the visible supply, late cables higher, short coverings and foreigners buying, closing 1⅛@2⅛c over Saturday. No. 2 red, February, closing $1.07⅞; March, $1.04¼@1.06¼, closing $1.01⅞; April, $1.00@1.06, closing $1.06; May, $1.02⅛@1.04, closing $1.03⅞; June, $1.00⅝@1.01⅞, closing $1.01⅞; July, 98⅞@$1.00¼, closing $1.00¼; August, 99⅞@99¾c, closing 99¾c.

RYE—Stronger, quiet; western, 95@97c.

Stocks of grain in store and afloat February 13: wheat, 4,582,165 bu.; corn, 1,984,453 bu.; oats, 1,445,048 bu.; rye, 746,048 bu.; barley, 239,648 bu.; peas, 6,503 bu.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet.

CORN—Receipts, 183,225 bu.; exports, 11,993 bu.; sales, 945,000 bu. of futures; 137,000 bu. of spot; market weaker and quiet; No. 2, 49c in elevator; 50c afloat; ungraded mixed, 47⅞@51c; No. 3, 48@49½c; steamer mixed, 48½@49½c. Options opened ¼@⅝c lower on weak cables, large receipts in the west, better weather and an increase in the visible supply; advanced ¼@⅝c with wheat and closed steady and unchanged to ⅜c down; February, 49⅝@49⅞c, closing, 49c; March, 49¼@49½c, closing, 49⅛c; April, 49⅞@50c, closing, 50c; May, 49⅝@49⅞c, closing, 49⅝c; June, 48½c, closing, 48½c; July, 48¼@48c, closing, 48c.

OATS—Receipts, 88,150 bu.; exports, 1,600 bu.; sales, 70,000 bu. of futures; 110,000 bu. of spot; spot market irregular and quiet, closing steadier; options dull and easy; February, closing, 36¼c; March, 38⅛c, closing, 38½c; May, 38⅛@38½c, closing, 37½c; No. 2, white, February, 37¾c; No. 2 white, 37¾@38c; mixed western, 36½@37½c; white western, 37½@41½c; No. 2 Chicago, 37½c.

HAY—Quiet.

HOPS—Easy and quiet.

SUGAR—Raw, more active; sales 186 hhds. and sixty-eight bags muscovado 89 test at 3c, 46,000 bags centrifugals 96 test at 3 7-16c c. i. f. and fifty-nine bags molasses sugar 89 test at 2 11-16c; refined quiet and steady.

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

RICE—Steady, quiet.

PETROLEUM—Quiet and steady.

TALLOW—Easy.

ROSIN—Steady, dull.

TURPENTINE—Firmer, quiet, 35½c.

EGGS—Dull, weaker; western, 27c; receipts, 3,060 packages.

PORK—Firm and quiet; mess, $9.75@10.50; extra prime, $10.00; middles, quiet; short clear, $6.75.

CUT MEATS—Dull and firm.

LARD—Firm; fair demand; western steam, closed at $6.90; sales, 3,850 tierces; option sales, 503 tierces; February $6.85, closing at $6.85; March closed at $6.87, bid; May $7.00@7.05.

BUTTER—Quiet and steady; western dairy, 16@24c; western creamery, 21@31c; western factory, 16@25c; Elgin, 32@33½c.

CHEESE—Firm; fair demand; part skims, 6@10½c.

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

COPPER—Dull; Lake, $15.50@16.65.

LEAD—Quiet and firm; domestic, $4.15.

TIN—Dull and steady; straits, $19.65.

Omaha Produce Markets.

POULTRY—Good chickens, 9@10c; geese, ducks and turkeys, 10@11c.

BUTTER—Good country roll, 10c; fair, 16@18c.

FRUITS—California riverside oranges, $2.75@2.75; Washington navels, $3.50@3.75; California tangerines, $3.00 per box; Florida oranges, brights, $3.00; russets, $2.60@2.75; Florida tangerines, $3.00@4.00, half boxes; western apples, choice, $2.00@2.50 per bbl., fancy stand night bring more; New York apples, $2.75@3.00; fancy lemons, $5.00@5.25; choice stories, $4.50@4.75; grapes, per bbl., $8.00@9.00; bananas, crated, $2.00@2.50; cranberries, $7.50@7.00.

VEGETABLES—California cabbage, 2½@2½c per lb, in crates; home grown lettuce, 4c per doz.; potatoes, dull; California cauliflower, $2.50@2.50; onions, 80c@$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, $2.50; Invincible Patent, $2.40; Lone Star Superlative, $2.25; Snowflake, $1.90; Fancy Family, $1.80; S. F. Gillaspy's Gold Medal, $2.35; 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, 3½c; 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.

EGGS—Market, 17@18c. The latter price was obtainable only for small lots to the retail trade.

HAY—The market is oversupplied and good hay went at $5.00.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 15.—FLOUR—A shade better in sympathy with wheat and demand better.

WHEAT—Opened ¼c higher, then declined ⅜c but rallied later and closed 1⅞c above Saturday; No. 2 red cash, 91@91¼c; March closed 92½c; May 91¾@93⅞c, and closed 93⅛c; July closed 89⅞c.

CORN—Big receipts and lower cables caused a decline and after considerable fluctuation the market closed ⅜c below Saturday; No. 2 cash, 36½c; March 37c; May 37⅛@37¼c.

OATS—Cash better; No. 2 mixed, 30¾@31c; May lower, 31⅝c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 cash 80c asked.

BARLEY—Quiet; sample lots, Nebraska, 39c; Iowa, 55c; Minnesota, 50@57c.

HAY—Easier; prairie, $7.50@9.00; timothy, $10.00@13.50.

BRAN—Firm; sacked lots, 72@75c.

LEAD—Dull at $3.85.

FLAXSEED—Steady at 91c.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 24@28c; dairy, 15@23c; roll, 12@18c.

EGGS—Lower at 18@18½c.

WHISKY—$1.14.

PROVISIONS—Firmer but unchanged.

PORK—$11.75 for new, $9.50 for old.

LARD—$6.30@6.35.

DRY SALT MEATS—Loose lots, shoulders, $4.62½; long ribs and ribs, $6.00; shorts, $6.20; boxed lots, 15c more.

BACON—Shoulders, $5.37½@5.50; longs, $6.50@6.55; ribs, $6.60; short, $6.70@6.75.

HAMS—$9.00@$10.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 9,000 lbs.; wheat, 45,000 bu.; corn, 53,000 bu.; oats, 49,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 lbs.; wheat, 19,000 bu.; corn, 116,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 15.—It has been a long time since wheat showed as much real strength as today. May opened at 86⅝c, ⅛c above Saturday's close, and the advance was gradual. The sellers were pretty firm in their offers and shorts were inclined to raise their bids with each refusal. The feeling at the close was strong and a few predicted dearer wheat in Chicago inside of three days. The cash market was active, the demand for No. 1 northern being strong. Over ninety cars sold at 86⅝c and as much more sold a little above or a little below this price. Receipts of wheat here were 474 cars and at Duluth and Superior 219. Close: No. 1 northern, February, 86c; Saturday, 84; May opened 86c; highest, 87⅜@87⅝c; lowest, 86⅛c; closing, 87⅜c; Saturday, 86⅝c. On track No. 1 hard, 88½c; No. 1 northern, 87½c; No. 2 northern, 82@84c.

Omaha Grain Market.

Prices based on delivery at Mississippi river points, Nebraska inspection, and ten days' shipment, unless otherwise stated. Cash grain calls for shipment within five days.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 82c bid; No. 3 spring, 77c bid.

RYE—No. 2, 83c bid; No 3, 75½c bid.

OATS—No. 2 white, 31½c bid; No. 3 white, 30c bid; No. 3 mixed, 29c bid; No. 3 colored, 30c bid, 31c asked.

CORN—No. 3 or better, 36¼c; No. 3 white, 39½c.

Among the sales were: 32,500 No. 3 or better corn, 30 days' shipment, 36¼c; 40,000 same, 36½c; 2,500 No. 3 white, 30 days, St. Louis terms, 39½c.

BOARD OF TRADE NOTES.

J. F. Harris of Chicago was among the grain men on the board.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Options opened barely steady, 10 to 20 points down; closing barely steady 15 to 20 points down; sales, 16,250 bags, including: March, $13.10@13.25; April, $12.90; May, $12.60@12.85; June, $12.55@12.70; July, $12.45@12.55; September, $12.40@12.45; spot Rio, dull and steady; No. 7, $14.75.

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 15.—Regular first, nominal; good seconds, 10,000 reis per 10 kilos; receipts during the week, 67,000 bags; purchases for the United States, 75,000; shipments to the United States, 74,000; stock, 109,000 bags.

SANTOS, Feb. 15.—Good average, 11,800 reis per 10 kilos; receipts during the week, 41,000 bags; purchases for the United States, 20,000; shipments to the United States, 18,000; stock, 422,000 bags.

British Grain Trade Review.

LONDON, Feb 15.—The Mark Lane Express in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: English wheats have recovered 6d. Trade at the rise is very slow; foreign wheats are less depressed; the continent is buying freely of Californian. Argentine and Indian at 6d advance; Californian sold at 39s 6d, and American red winter at 37s 9d. Flour is quiet; the supplies are abundant. America is in fair demand and prices are 6d per sack better. Corn is weak. New American sold at 20s 9d. Barley and oats are firm, but today's market the tone was generally better. English and foreign wheats rose 3d, and corn, oats and grinding barley 3d. Flour was weak at 26s 6d. Beans and peas were quiet.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 15.—Prices opened stronger here today at an advance of ⅜c on May. Receipts here and at Superior: Wheat, 85,052 bu.; flax, 2,047 bu. Shipments: Wheat, 43,636 bu. Weekly report of stock of grain in store here for week ended Saturday last shows: Wheat in store, 8,306,685 bu.; afloat, 4,003,903 bu.; total wheat, 8,401,3-8 bu., increase of 416,457 bu. for the week; barley in store, 26,179 bu.; flax, 236,680 bu. Following were the closing prices on hard: Cash, 86½c; February, 86⅝c; May, 82c; No. 1 northern, cash, 85c; May, 84½c; No. 2 northern, cash, 79c; No. 3 northern, 73½c; rejected, 61½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 87½c; No. 1 northern, 86½c.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Good outside demand at better prices: No 2 hard, 78c; No 2 red, 84½@85c.

CORN—Irregular; local mixed, 34@34½; local white, 36@36½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2, mixed, 29@29½c; No. 2 white, 30@30½c.

RYE—Strong; No. 2, 76c.

FLAX SEED—84@85c on the basis of pure.

BRAN—Weak; sacked, 64@65c.

HAY—Weak; timothy, $8.50 per ton; prairie, $5.00@6.00.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 24,000 bu.; corn, 8,000 bu.; oats, 1,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 64,000 bu.; corn, 2,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The dry goods market opened with more encouraging indications. The tone of cotton goods, especially appreciated. Coudis a. c. t. and Thorndyke ticks advanced ¼c and Columbia cheviots were also advanced ¼c per yard. Agents of popular goods whether staple or fancy were more anxious to get goods from the mills to meet the demand for deliveries than the extended business. There was considerable inquiry for heavy sheetings and drills.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Firm; demand poor; holders offer sparingly; No. 1 California, 7s 11d@8s per cental; red western spring 7s 10½d@7s 11d; No. 2 red winter, 7s 8½d@7s 9d.

CORN—Quiet; demand poor; mixed western, 4s 5½d per cental.

LARD—Prime western, 31s 3d per cwt.

TURPENTINE—28s 6d per cwt.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Stronger; No. 2 red, 94@95c.

CORN—Weaker; No. 2 mixed, 40c.

OATS—Lower; mixed, 32@32½c.

WHISKY—$1.14.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 cash and February 93c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2, cash, 41½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2, cash, 32c.

Havana Sugar Market.

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—Sugar quiet; on Saturday at Cabarien 1,000 bags centrifugals 96½ degrees polarization were sold at $3.2½ gold per quintal.

Traders' Talk.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 15.—Counselman & Day to Cockrell Bros.: Wheat ruled firm and gradually sold up after a dull opening to a strong closing, 1⅜c advance. Cables were higher with continental markets leading in acceptances to free purchasers for May shipment. Local traders evidently expected that Saturday's advance would check exports and were inclined to sell at the opening on what they considered merely a weather bulge. The visible supply figures first induced a good demand to cover early sales and disclosed the fact that houses with foreign connections had absorbed most of the offerings. Private advices quote rather higher prices for wheat than public cables, but foreign bids are generally below a working basis. Corn opened weak and declined ⅜c on lower cables, better grading and an increase in the visible supply, but rallied with wheat when New York reported a good export demand at the decline. Oats were dull and featureless, declining ⅛c and recovered ⅛c, both in sympathy with corn. Rye was scarce and wanted small trading early at ⅛c advance and later bids raised 2c without affecting purchases. Provisions were tame after a firm opening in sympathy with a higher hog market. Packers are very firm in their views but buyers are holding off. We incline to purchases on small breaks, believing in a good rally before the end of the week.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Operators Were Active Yesterday But the Volume of Business Was Small.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The stock market today, while not showing the immense volume of business which marked the trading last week, was still unusually active and presented a strong front almost throughout the entire session, placing most of the stocks traded in on a materially higher plane than last week. The interest in the market has been more general today and some of the largest banking houses in the street were buyers of stocks to a large extent, their purchases being for the most part in shares which have for some time lain quiet. The fact is that the feeling of uneasiness over the coal deal has subsided owing to the way in which the coal stocks have held their advances and because the facts are now better understood by the public.

The report this morning that the Pennsylvania state officers have refused to interfere with the new leases caused a great rush to buy Reading in the early dealings this morning and for quite a time quite an excitement was seen in the stock. Later in the day, however, this sensation subsided and buyers turned their attention to other parts of the list. Reading for the first time in over a week showed only a moderate volume of business. The opening this morning was stimulated by some buying for foreign account and, while the coalers still led, the general list was materially higher. During the early dealings Reading and Jersey Central rose over 2 per cent, but afterwards reacted on what appeared manipulation to buy. The strength of the general list was in no way impaired, though progress during the forenoon was slow, but when the excitement in Reading died away Union Pacific, St. Paul, Atchison and Richmond & West Point came to the front and all made substantial gains, the Atchison leading. The earnings reported on the last named road for the last week in February did much to stimulate the movement in the stock, but the others named were not far in the rear. Among the low priced shares the Susquehanna & Western stocks were again specially strong and the preferred made a large advance. There was only one weak point in the market—Distillers. It yielded steadily in the way of the advancing market, though it was kept company for a time by Iowa Central preferred, which dropped some of its late handsome advance. Chicago Gas and Cordage were both active and strong, but the other industrials were quite neglected, remaining without feature throughout the day. In the late trading there was renewed buying and the shorts came to the rescue in adding to the upward movement, the latter closing very active and strong at about the top figures of the day. The advances include: Jersey Central, 2⅞ per cent; Union Pacific, 2½ per cent; St. Paul, 2⅜ per cent; Atchison and Reading, each 2¼ per cent; Canada Southern, 1¾ per cent; Cordage, 1⅝ per cent; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 1⅜ per cent and other smaller amounts, while Distillers is down 2⅞ per cent.

Government bonds have been dull and steady.

State bonds have been dull and steady.

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

Atchison	41⅝	do preferred	144¾
Adams Express	144	N. Y. Central	115¾
Alton, T. H.	31½	N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	19½
do preferred	95	do preferred	75
American Express	116	Ohio Mississippi	22
B. C. R. & N.	50⅝	do preferred	85
Canada Pacific	86⅞	Ontario & Western	21⅝
Canada Southern	62¼	Oregon Improvement	27
Central Pacific	34½	Oregon Nav.	99
Ches. & Ohio	25¼	Oregon Trans.	16⅛
do 1st preferred	61¾	Pacific Mail	35¾
do 2nd preferred	42¾	P. D. & E.	20⅝
Chicago & Alton	141	Pittsburg	150
C., B. & Q.	108⅝	Pullman Palace	189
C., C., C. & St. L.	72⅞	Reading	60⅝
Del. Hudson	135	Rock Island	91⅝
Del., Lack. & W.	138½	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	81
D. & R. G. pfd	49¾	St. Paul	89¾
East Tennessee	7¾	do preferred	127¾
do 1st preferred	47	St. P., Min. & Man.	112¾
do 2nd preferred	18	St. Paul & Omaha	49
Erie	25⅝	do preferred	120
do preferred	55½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	43⅛
Fort Wayne	153⅝	Texas Pacific	11⅝
Chi. & East Ill.	68⅝	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd	85
Hocking Valley	38	Union Pacific	49¾
Houston & Texas	39	U. S. Express	47⅝
Illinois Central	106⅝	Wabash, St. L. & P.	13½
St. Paul & Duluth	44	do preferred	30
Kansas & Texas	17⅝	Wells Fargo Ex.	140
Lake Erie & West	22¼	Western Union	73⅝
do preferred	79¾	Am. Cotton Oil	35⅛
Lake Shore	124¾	Colorado Coal	37¾
Louisville & Nash	76⅝	*Homestake	12
Louisville & N. A.	47⅝	do preferred	125
Memphis & Char.	26	Ontario	42
Michigan Central	107⅛	Quicksilver	3⅝
*Mil. L. S. & W.	92	do preferred	20
*do preferred	78⅝	Sutro	2⅝
Minn. & St. L.	8¾	Bulwer	45
do preferred	20	Rich. & W. P. Ter.	17
Missouri Pacific	63¼	Wisconsin Central	18⅝
Mobile & Ohio	27⅝	Great Northern pfd	124¾
Nashville Chatt.	86¼	Chicago Gas	80⅝
N. J. Central	138½	Lead Trust	29
Norfolk & West pfd.	50⅝	Sugar Trust	82¾
Northern Pacific	25	Southern Pacific	39⅝
do preferred	60⅝	U. S. Leather & C.	33¾
U. P., Denver & G.	21⅝	do preferred	80
Northwestern	117⅝	R. G. W.	37
		R. G. W. dis.	69

*bid †asked.

The total sales of stocks today were 661,600 shares, including: Atchison, 40,570; Canada Southern, 9,100; Chicago Gas, 21,800; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 11,000; Erie, 25,300; Louisville & Nashville, 12,260; Missouri Pacific, 54,0; Northwestern, 5,550; New Jersey Central, 4,812; New York Central, 3,330; Northern Pacific preferred, 23,100; New England, 15,500; Reading, 212,570; Richmond & West Point, 20,100; St. Paul, 36,100; St. Paul & Omaha, 5,200; Union Pacific, 40,400; Western Union, 13,895.

Financial Review.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Post says: The problem on which the market's immediate future largely depends is that of the short interest. It has been very generally believed that an unusually large short interest was outstanding throughout the market, both here and in London. So far as London is concerned, the uneventful fortnightly settlement last week indicated pretty clearly the absence of any extensive short list. In New York the situation is more puzzling, because it is perfectly easy here to borrow large lines of stock through private arrangements, to which actual board-room loaning rates will afford no clew. It is clear that the old short interest in the coal shares was pretty much eliminated in the exciting advance of last week's earlier days, and it is not probable, considering the amount of recent sales clearly traceable to cold deal "insiders" and to London, that a new short interest of any kind of equal magnitude has replaced it. Elsewhere in the market there is greater doubt over the question. Today's operations, however, showed that the wholesale hammering of St. Paul a week ago, and of Union Pacific before that, was a reckless piece of bear bravado. In these stocks there was short interest enough outstanding to lead the bears a furious dance in the hour before the close.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy, at 1½@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 steady at $4.85¾ for sixty-day bills and $4.88¼ for demand.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg	116½	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	91¼
U. S. 4s coup	116½	*Mutual Union 6s	108
U. S. 4½s reg	109	N. J. C. Int. Cert	102¼
*Pacific 6s of '95	109	North. Pacific 1sts	116½
La. stamped 4s	84	*North Pacific 2nds	114¼
*Tenn. new set 6s	104½	Northwestern Con.	137½
Tenn. new set 5s	95	*North. Debenture 5s	107½
Tenn. new set 3s	74¼	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	85¾
*Canada So. 2nds	102½	*St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	107½
*Cen. Pacific 1sts	106½	*St. Paul Consols	128½
Den. & R. G. 1sts	117	St. P., C. & P. 1sts	116½
*Den. & R. G. 4s	79	Tex. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	8¾
Den. & R.G. West 1sts	77½	Tex. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	30¼
Erie 2nds	107	*Union Pacific 1sts	107½
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	90½	West Shore	109¾

*bid

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—Clearings, $1,404,009.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 15.—Money on call, 4½@5 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Clearings, $19,385,802. New York exchange, par to 10c premium. Sterling exchange, dull at $4.85½ for sixty-day bills and $4.87¾ for sight drafts.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 15.—Bank clearings, $1,558,26; balances, $401,953. Money, 6@7 per cent; exchange on New York, 75c premium.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Bank clearings today, $76,019,646; balances, $1,814,011.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 15.—Bank clearings today, $14,631,963; balances, $1,652,974. Money, 1½@2 per cent. Exchange on New York, 12½@15c discount.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 15.—Bank clearings today, $17,203,689; balances, $1,3-7,723. Money, 3½ per cent.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 15.—Bank clearings today, $2,569,25?; balances, $432,446. Rate, 6 per cent.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—Three per cent rentes, 95f 95c for the account.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 15.—Clearings, $1,905,705; New York exchange commercial paper, 5c per 1,000 premium; bank, $1 per 1,000 premium.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 15.—Money, 3@6 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium; clearings, $3,117,750.

HAVANNA, Feb. 15.—Spanish gold, $2.49½@24¾. Exchange quiet on the United States short sight gold at 8@9 premium; on London, 19¾ premium.

London Stock Market.

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LONDON, Feb. 15.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—The stock markets were not active today, partly owing to the inclement weather. Generally speaking, the tendency has been good. Prices as a rule show an improvement. American descriptions were decidedly firm, Reading issues, Union Pacific, Wabash, Atchison and Northern Pacific preferred advancing 1 to 2 per cent. In the foreign market, Brazilian bonds recovered on the assurances given that a revolution was not impending. Portuguese and Argentine issues were also stronger. Another favorable feature was the firmness of the African market. Home railways were dull. Silver improved ⅛d. Consols were influenced by the firmer tendency. The money market closed from one-eighth of 1 per cent to three-sixteenths of 1 per cent lower. A further withdrawal of £350,000 from the bank for Russia had the effect of strengthening the discount rates. Three months bank bills are now quoted at from 2⅛ to 2¼ per cent. Call money is also in very fair demand at from 1½ to 2 per cent. Under the circumstances the discount houses resolved this afternoon to raise their deposit rates by one-fourth of 1 per cent.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The following were the London stock quotations closing at 4 p. m:

Consols, money	99 11-16	Mex. ordinary	20⅝
do, account	99⅞	Mex. Pref common	80½
N. Y., P. & O. 1sts	37¾	New York Central	117⅝
Can. Pacific	92⅛	Pennsylvania	57⅝
Erie	31⅝	Reading	30⅝
Erie seconds	110	Mex. Central, new is.	73
Illinois Central	108¾		

BAR SILVER—41¼d.

MONEY—1½@1¾ per cent.

Amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today, £160,000.

Denver Mining Stocks.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 15.—The following list is the closing quotations on the Mining exchange today. Sales 37,100.

Alleghany	10	Gold Rock	49½
Amity	2¾	Ironclad	11¼
Argonaut	15	Jonh J.	1
Ballarat	21	Justice	10¾
Bangkok Cora B.	5¾	Lexington	43
Bates Hunter	63	Little Rich	75
Big Indian	10	May Mazeppa	50
Big Six	5	Morning Glim.	49
Brownlow	4½	Oro	400
Calliope	4½	Para Consolidated	4
Claudia	3½	Pay Rock	2¾
Century	6¾	Potosi	1¼
Clay County	40	Paul Gold	10
Diamond B.	4	Reed National	63
Denver Gas and Oil	5⅛	Rialto	111
Emmons	49	Running Lode	30
Gettysburg	31	Whale	5
Golden Treasure	63	Sutton	6½

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The following are the closing mining stock quotations:

Aspen	30	Mexican	160
Best & Belcher	250	Ontario	4750
Chollar	200	Ophir	250
Crown Point	140	Plymouth	175
Con. Cal. & Va.	475	Savage	130
Deadwood T.	30	Sierra Nevada	145
Eureka Con.	15	Standard	160
Gould & Curry	135	Small Hopes	100
Hale & Norcross	175	Union Con.	150
Horn Silver	335	Yellow Jacket	155

St. Louis Mining Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 15.—Stocks were moderately active today. Sales 500 shares.

Adams	100	Little Albert	6½
American Nettie	15	Pat Murphy	3½
Central Silver	15	Silverage	1
Elizabeth	41¼	Silver Bell	51½
Granite Mountain	1350	Small Hopes	90
Small Hopes	200	Yum	5

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Omaha's Week Opens With a Heavy Run of Cattle—Prices Strong.

OMAHA Feb. 15.—The week opens with liberal receipts of cattle and a moderate run of hogs and sheep.

The supply of cattle was the heavi