THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Wheat Was Dull, But Advanced Over Saturday's Closing Figure.

CEREALS WEAKENED LATE IN THE DAY

On the Down Turn Local Holders Became Discouraged and Sold Freely—May Went Off With Some Excitement at the Close.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 29.—Wheat was dull, but advanced ½c over the closing figure of Saturday. The market was inclined to weakness for a time. The higher opening was attributed chiefly to cold weather in the northwest. Light snow was reported in the northern part of the winter wheat belt, with snow threatened elsewhere. The receipts in the northwest were unusually heavy. The early cables were not encouraging as London and Liverppol were quoted dull and unchanged, and as the seaboard markets were also slow and a large nerease in the visible supply generally looked for, there was free selling for a time with a sagging market, which carried prices down to Saturday's last figures, but the decline left a good profit for some of the shorts here.

Prices gradually went up le from the lowest point. Good buying orders for New York account assisted in the advance, but perhaps the strongest factor was the unexpected result in the visible supply statement, which, instead of an increase, scored a decrease. The late private cables were also more encouraging. Milmine-Bodman, Baldwin and Pardridge were the leading sellers most of the day, although it was reported that W. Dunn and some of the other foreign houses ordered freely at the advance.

After the noon hour the market became very weak on free sales by New York and on the down turn, local holders also got discouraged and sold freely. May went off with some excitement and sold down with some reactions, to 1⅞c from the highest point. May opened at 90¾c, against 90¾c at the close on Saturday, touched 90¾c, sold off to 90¼c, rallied to 91¼c, broke to 89¾c, and closed weak at 89¾c. Late cables and domestic market reports were nearly all weak.

Corn was inclined to be strong on the poor grading of the receipts and the wet weather, which tends to continue the state of affairs. There was a good demand from shorts to cover, but the offerings were only moderate. The firmer tone in wheat in the middle of the session also helped corn, but later, when wheat broke, corn was sympathetically affected. May opened ⅛c up at 42¼c, touched 40c, advanced to 42¾c, weakened and closed at 42¾c.

Oats quiet but rather firm; there was less selling pressure and a good demand to cover shorts, but the market weakened with other grains near the close and closed ⅛c under Saturday's last figure.

Hog products were stronger, with a fair local demand. Receipts of hogs were about as expected, but prices at the yards were with shippers. Prices of provisions were affected some sympathetically by fluctuations in grain, but the close showed advances, particularly in cash, which is up 15c.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 191 cars; corn, 340 cars; oats, 225 cars; hogs, 22,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT-No. 2				
February	$ 88¾	$ 89¾	$ 87⅝	$ 87¾
May	90¾	91¼	89¾	89¾
CORN No. 2—				
February	41	41⅝	41	41⅜
March	41¾	41⅞	41¾	41⅜
May	42¾	42⅝	42	42⅝
OATS No. 2—				
February	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾
May	30⅜	30⅞	30¼	30⅝
MESS PORK—				
February	11 10	11 25	11 10	11 17½
May	11 35	11 50	11 35	11 42½
LARD—				
February	6 37½	6 42½	6 37½	6 42½
May	6 50	6 55	6 50	6 52
SHORT RIBS—				
February	5 77½	5 80	5 77½	5 77½
May	5 90	5 92½	5 90	5 90

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady, unchanged; patents, $4.30@4.55; spring patents, $4.30@4.55; bakers, $3.40@3.60.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring wheat, 87¾c; No. 3 spring wheat, 83@85½c; No. 2 red, 92¾.

CORN—Higher; No. 2, 41c; No. 2 yellow, 38¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 28¾c; No. 2 white, 30½c; No. 3 white, 29@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 84½c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 98c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.20@1.28.

PORK—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.17½; lard, per cwt., $6.42½; short ribs sides (loose), $5.77½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75; short clear sides (boxed), $6.25.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, unchanged at 5@5¾c.

Receipts and shipments today were as follows:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, barrels	17,000	11,000
Wheat, bushels	71,000	74,000
Corn, bushels	272,000	163,000
Oats, bushels	218,000	109,000
Rye, bushels	18,000	11,000
Barley, bushels	28,000	35,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady and unchanged; fancy creamery, 27@28½c; fine western, 25@27c; selected dairys, 23@25c; ordinary, 18@21c. Eggs, 14¾@15c.

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

HIDES—Unchanged.

TALLOW—Unchanged

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—FLOUR—Receipts, 15,591 pkgs; exports, 9,224 bbls., 40,332 sacks; market dull and heavy; sales, 20,250 bbls.

CORN MEAL—Steady and quiet; yellow western, $2.75@3.10.

WHEAT—Receipts, 178,500 bu.; exports, 147,377 bu.; sales, 5,770,000 bu. of futures; 197,000 bu. of spot. Spot market weak and lower; active for export; closing weak; No. 2 red, $1.03¾@1.05 in store and elevator; $1.06@1.07¼ afloat; $1.05¼@1.08¼ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 99c; ungraded red, 91¼c@$1.00¾; No. 1 northern, $1.04@1.05½; No. 1 hard, $1.06@1.08; No. 2 northern, 99c@$1.00; options declined ¾@2¾c on easier public cables, advanced ¼@1c on decreased stocks and visible, with export demand, declined 1@1¼c on longs selling through heavy receipts; reacted ⅛@1c and closed weak at 1½@1⅝c under Saturday. March, $1.02⅝@1.04 5-16, closing at $1.03¾; April, $1.03¼@1.03⅝, closing at $1.03¼; May, $1.01@1.02⅞, closing at $1.01¼; June, 99¼c@$1.00⅜, closing at 99¼c; July, 97¼@98¾c, closing at 97¾c; August, 95¼@96¼c, closing at 95⅝c.

RYE—Firm, quiet; western, 92c@$1.00. Stocks of grain in store and afloat: Wheat, 4,187,867 bu.; corn, 1,724,960 bu.; oats, 1,393,308 bu.; rye, 684,982 bu.; barley, 197,139 bu.; malt, 55,597 bu.; peas, 4,393 bu.

BARLEY—Dull and weak; Milwaukee, 68@70c.

HARLEY MALT—Dull; Canada country made, 8c.

CORN—Receipts, 151,903 bu.; exports, 96,221 bu.; sales, 1,225,000 bu. futures; 307,000 bu. spot. Spot opened firmer, closed weaker; fairly active; No. 2, 49@49½c in elevator; 50@50½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 48¼@51c; No. 3, 48½@49¾c; steamer mixed, 48¾@50¼c. Options unchanged to ⅛c lower except July, which is ⅛c up, with easier cables, closing quiet; March, 49@49¼c, closing at 49c; April, 49¾@50c, closing at 49⅝; May, 49¾c, closing at 49¾c; June, 48¾c, closing at 48¾c; July, 40¼c. OATS—Receipts, 74,225 bu.; exports, 25,597 bu.; sales, 50,000 bu. futures; spot, dull, lower; options, dull, weak; March, closing 36¼c; April, 36¾c; May, 36¾@37c, closing at 36¾c; No. 2 white, March, 38¾c; spot, No. 2 white, 38¼@38½c; mixed western, 36@37½c; white western, 38@42c; No. 2 Chicago, afloat, nominal.

HOPS—Easy, quiet.

SUGAR—Raw, quiet and steady; sales of a cargo of muscovado, 87 test, at $2.29 1-32 and a cargo of centrifugals, 96 test, at 3¾c; refined, quiet and steady; off "A," 3¼@3¾c.

MOLASSES—Foreign, dull; 50 test, 12½c. New Orleans, steady and quiet; common to fancy, 28@30c.

RICE—Steady, fair demand; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@6¼c; Japan new, 5¼@5⅝c.

PETROLEUM—Opened steady, advanced ¼c, then declined ¾c on liquidation and maturing March contracts and closed weak. Pennsylvania oil spot sales, none. March option, opening, 58½c; lowest, 57¾c; closing, 57¾c. Total sales, 158,000 bbls. No sales of Lima oil.

COTTON SEED OIL—Quiet; crude, 25½c; yellow, 29@29½c.

TALLOW—Steady and quiet; city ($2.00 for packages), 4 11-16c.

ROSIN—Quiet; strained common to good, $1.30@1.32½.

TURPENTINE—Dull and easy at 42@42½c.

EGGS—Opened weak, closed steady; western, 16¾c; receipts, 8,830 packages.

PORK—Dull.

CUT MEATS—Inactive; pickled bellies, 6 5-16@6¾c; pickled shoulders, 5@5¼c; pickled hams, 9@9¼c; middles dull; short clear, $6.60.

LARD—Steady, quiet; western steam $6.77½; sales, 3,500 tierces for export, $4.77½; option sales, 250 tierces; March, $6.74; May, $6.84 bid; July, $6.96; closing, $6.97 bid.

BUTTER—Dull; western dairy, 18@23c; western creamery, 21@30½c; western factory, 19@23c; Elgin, 30@30½c.

CHEESE—Quiet, firm; part skims, 6@10½c.

PIG IRON—Dull, weak; American, $15.75@17.75.

COPPER—Dull, steady; lake, $10.60@10.65.

LEAD—Quiet, firm; domestic, $4.20@4.25.

TIN—Slow, easy; straits, $19.55@19.65.

British Grain Trade Review.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—The Mark Lane Express in its weekly review of British grain trade, says: English wheats are flat. The average decline in prices for the week is 8d. Foreign wheats average 6d lower. The inquiry from the continent is slackening. English flour is heavy. There are large supplies of American at 28s per sack. American flour has been underselling the English product since the beginning of September. The imports have been 2,250,000 quarters in excess of the average requirements. Malting barley is neglected. Corn is 2d dearer in London. The Liverpool prices are unchanged. Beans and peas are steady. At today's market English wheats were offered at 6d decline. Foreign wheats were rather firmer. Foreign flours were down 6d. Oats were 3d better. The prices of corn were in sellers' favor.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 29.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; family, $3.00@3.25; choice, $3.30@3.40; fancy, $3.80@3.85; patents, $4.40@4.65.

WHEAT—Options advanced ⅝c early, dropped ⅝c, advanced again ⅝c and then went down and closed ⅛c below Saturday; cash was steady at 92c; May closed at 92c; July, 85¾c.

CORN—Firm at the opening, advanced ⅝c, then eased off and closed 1 1-16@1⅛c above Saturday; No. 2 cash, 36½c; March, 36¼c; May, 37⅛@37¼c.

OATS—Opened ⅛c higher, advanced ¼c, then dropped and closed ⅛c below Saturday; No. 2 cash, 30c bid; May, 31@31¼c.

RYE—Dull; 83c bid.

BARLEY—Steady; sample lots Minnesota sold at 58@57c.

HAY—Firmer; prairie, $7.00@8.50; timothy, $9.00@13.00.

LEAD—Weak; only $3.90 bid.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 24@28c; dairy, 15@22c.

EGGS—Firm at 13c.

CORN MEAL—Steady at $2.10.

WHISKY—Quiet at $1.14.

BAGGING—Steady at 6¼@7¼c.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.20@1.25.

PROVISIONS—Quiet.

PORK—New, $11.50; old mess, $9.25.

LARD—$6.30@6.35.

DRY SALT MEATS—Loose lots, shoulders, $4.60; longs and ribs, $5.90; shorts, $6.10.

BACON—Shoulders, $5.50; longs and ribs, $6.45@6.50; shorts, $6.55@6.60.

HAMS—$9.00@10.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 10,000 lbs.; wheat, 45,000 bu.; corn, 206,000 bu.; oats, 69,000 bu.; rye, 3,000 bu.; barley, 14,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 10,000 lbs.; wheat, 33,000 bu.; corn, 65,000 bu.; oats, 23,000 bu.; rye, none; barley, none.

Omaha Produce Market.

FRUITS—California riverside oranges, $2.25@2.35; Washington navels, $3.50@3.75; California tangerines, $3.00 per box; Florida oranges, brights, $3.00; russets, $2.60@2.75; Florida tangerines, $3.50@4.00, half boxes; western apples, choice, $2.00@2.50 per bbl., fancy stand might bring more; New York apples, $2.75@3.00; fancy lemons, $5 00@5.25; choice lemons, $4.50@4.75; grapes, per bbl., $8.00@9.00; bananas, crated, $2.00@2.50; cranberries, $6.50@7.00.

VEGETABLES—California cabbage, 2½c per lb. in crates; home grown lettuce, 40c per doz.; potatoes, dull; California cauliflower, $2.00; 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, $2.20; Snowflake, $1.85; Fancy Family, $1.75; S. F. Gillman's Gold Medal, $2.50; Snow White, $2.25; Snowflake, $2.00; low grade, $1.60; Queen of the Pantry, $2.60.

HIDES—No 1 green salted hides, 4¼@4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½@3¾c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4¼@4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½@3¾c; 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, 3@3½c; grease, white A, 4c; grease, white B, 3½@3¾c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 16c; rough tallow, 1½@2c.

POULTRY—Chickens scarce, good stock, 10c; geese, ducks and turkeys, 11@12c.

BUTTER—Choice country roll, 19@21c; lower grades, 17@18c.

EGGS—General market about 13c.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 29.—FLOUR—In good demand, firm and unchanged; patents, $2.50; extra fancy, $2.20@2.25; fancy, $2.05@2.15; clear, $1.80@2.00.

WHEAT—Nothing doing.

CORN—No. 2, cash and February, 32½c bid.

OATS—No. 2, cash, 28½c; February, no bids.

RYE—Weak; No. 2, 80c bid.

FLAX SEED—87c.

BRAN—Steady at 65c.

HAY—Steady and unchanged; timothy, $8.50 per ton; fancy prairie, $6.00; good to choice, $5.00@5.50.

EGGS—Steady at 12½@13c.

BUTTER—Scarce and advancing; creamery, 22@28c; roll, 14@20c.

CHEESE—Young Americas, 10c; Kansas, 7 @9c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 21,000 bu.; corn, 5,030 bu; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 18,503 bu.; corn, none; oats, 600 bu.

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, 83c bid; No. 3 spring, 78c bid.

OATS—No. 2 white, 31½c bid, 31c asked; No. 3 white, 30c bid; 30½c asked; No. 3 colored, 29¼c bid.

CORN—No. 2 St. Louis terms, shipped after March 15, 37¼c bid; No. 3 or better, March, 37c bid, 37½c asked; No. 2 white, 39c bid; No. 3 white, 38c bid.

BOARD OF TRADE NOTES.

J. H. Winans of the firm of Congdon & Co., Chicago grain men, was a visitor at the Board of Trade building today.

Mr. Hancock of Hancock & Tibbal was over from Defiance, Ia.

Bennington was represented by P. Mangold.

F. Faulkner of Schuyler, Neb., was looking over the market.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Options opened steady and unchanged to 5 points down; closed steady to 5 points down; sales, 11,750 bags, including March, $13.00@13.05; April, $13.04@13.10; May, $12.80@12.90; June, $12.60; July, $12.50; September, $12.30@12.35; December, $12.00. Spot Rio dull but steady; No. 7, $15.00.

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 29.—Irregular; first nominal; good second, 10,750 reif per 10 kilos. Receipts during the week, 74,000 bags. Purchases for the United States, 62,000. Shipments to the United States, 10,500. Stock, 10,000 bags.

SANTOS, Feb. 28.—Good average, 10,500 reis per 10 kilos. Receipts during the week, 66,000 bags; purchases for the United States, 10,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 32,000 bags; stock, 375,000 bags.

Northwestern Grain Supply.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 29.—Figures compiled by the Northwestern Miller show that the stock of wheat in private elevators of Minneapolis to be 1,461,010 bu., 14,000 bu. less that last month. The total stock at Minneapolis and Duluth is 4,074,331 bu., a decrease of 207,500 bu. The Market Record reports the stock of wheat in country elevators of Minnesota and the two Dakotas at 12,031,800 bu., increase of 77,300 bu. over last week. This makes total stock in the northwest 43,025,631 bu., a gain for the week of 584,815 bu. A year ago the stock was 21,888,000 bu.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 29.—FLOUR—Weak.

WHEAT—Irregular; No. 2 spring, 86c; No. 2 northern, 93c; May, 87¼c.

CORN—Neglected; No. 3, 37c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 30½@30¾c; No. 3, 30½c.

BARLEY—Weak; No. 3, 52¼c; sample, 48@52c.

PROVISIONS—Weak; pork, $11.35; lard, $6.52½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 16,800 lbs.; wheat, 43,000 bu.; barley, 15,400 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 17,300 lbs.; wheat, 8,300 bu.; barley, 9,200 bu.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 29.—Cotton quiet; middling, 6½c; low middling, 5¾c; good ordinary, 5¾c; net receipts, 25,505 bales; gross, 26,440 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,097 bales; to France, 2,507 bales; to the continent, 2,204 bales; sales, 2,400 bales; stocks, 444,413 bales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Cotton futures closed very steady; sales, 70,800 bales; March, $6.75; April, $6.84@6.85; May, $6.95; June, $7.06; July, $7.16; August, $7.26; September, $7.36; October, $7.46; November, $7.57; December, $7.67.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 29.—WHEAT—Quiet; holders offer moderately.

CORN—Quiet and lower; mixed western, 4s 7½d per central.

BACON—Long and short clear, 55 lbs, 33s per cwt.; long clear, 45 lbs 31s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest, 102s 6d per cwt; good, 85s.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 29.—WHEAT—Easy; No. 2, 95@99c.

CORN—Easier; No. 2 mixed 41@41½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 32@32½c.

WHISKY—$1.14.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 29.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2, cash, 84½c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 cash, 41c.

OATS—Quiet, cash, 32c.

Foreign Oil Market.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—CALCUTTA LINSEED—40s per quarter.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 29.—TURPENTINE SPIRITS—27s 3d per cwt.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—There was no new feature or development in the dry goods market, but the week is expected to show up a good trade.

Havana Sugar Market.

HAVANA, Feb. 29.—Sugar quiet; on Saturday 91,503 bags centrifugal, 96 degrees polarization, were sold at $3.00½ gold per quintal.

Traders' Talk.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 29.—Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter: Wheat was firmer early on fairly steady cables and a decrease in the visible supply instead of the expected increase. This was attributed to so much wheat going into private elevators last week, closing cables were steady and some firmer, while new export business showed an improvement. It was believed that the market would advance on this but a great deal of long stuff came out on the rallies mostly. It was believed to be for New York account and the market was too narrow to absorb it without breaking. Outside markets have been quite as weak as Chicago. Corn and oats were strong early, but the clique in corn sold freely at the advance and both cereals went off later in sympathy with wheat. Provisions were firmer on smaller supplies of hogs, and higher prices at the yard. Shorts were fair buyers and there was also some demand for long accounts.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 29.—Counselman & Day to Cockrell Bros.: Wheat opened ¼c to ⅝c higher on reports of Liverpool and German markets, advanced ¼c further through short covering on a decrease of 363,000 bu. in the visible supply, declined 1½c under heavy reselling on lower closing cables from Mark Lane, London, Berlin and Paris, and on a particular report that the outlook for the Kansas winter wheat crop was more favorable than last year, but rallied faintly and closed ¼@⅝c lower with shorts about the only buyers. The selling pressure was undoubtedly started by shorts reselling after the visibly supply was announced, but holders acted tired and liquidated freely on receiving calls for additional margins. Corn ruled firm and closed higher, with shippers buying freely on all soft spots and a good business was reported at the seaboard. Oats were higher early on speculative buying of futures, but broke with wheat and closed easy at ¼c lower. Provisions opened higher on active buying from shorts, induced by a good shipping demand for hogs at 5c advance. The market ruled slow but firm and closed 12½c higher for pork and 2½c up for lard and ribs. Speculation in product is light and the shipping demand from the south is interrupted by the unsteady condition of the cotton market, while the money market seems to be setting the pace for hog stuff.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

New Week Opened With a Renewal of the Excitement in Coalers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The stock market opened the new week with a renewal of the excitement over the coal stocks, and great activity in those shares was again accompanied by phenomenal movements in their process, which were all in the upward direction. The rest of the market sympathized to a limited extent, but New England and New York Central were the only ones to score any material improvement from the rise. Delaware & Hudson was the center of interest at this time. At the best price it was up over 7 per cent and Lackawanna nearly as much, while Jersey Central rose over 4 per cent and Reading was put to above 60. There was only one weak point in the list and that was distillers, which continued to decline slowly but steadily, while the other industrials were firm though quiet. The excitement in the market gradually died away though there was comparatively large trading in the late dealings in the evening up of contracts put out during the day and the liquidation of long accounts by the taking of profits on the advance. The opening was strong and active and unusually heavy buying by London houses created a bullish feeling which was quickly reflected in purchases for the long account and material advances.

The interests in the coal stocks, however, soon overshadowed the rest of the market and the heavy advances in these shares completely dwarfed the heavy movement in other shares. The improvement in values, however, was checked temporarily by the announcement of the taking of gold for export, but the check was of short duration and the advance was soon resumed. Realizations also held the list down in the last hour, but the market closed firm and hopeful at or near the best prices of the day. The final gains included, Delaware & Hudson 5¾ per cent; Lackawanna, 5¼ per cent; Jersey Central, 3¾ per cent; New York Central, 2 per cent; Sugar, 1½ per cent; Cordage, 1¼ per cent; New England, 1¼ per cent, and Union Pacific and Canada Southern 1 per cent each. The interest in the bond list was not so marked today, although the activity in the Reading run the total up to 2,010,000, but with the exception of a rise of 1 per cent in Kansas City and Omaha firsts there was no marked movement in the entire list. A firm temper prevailed, however, and advances are more numerous than losses tonight.

Government bonds are dull but firm. State bonds have been neglected.

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

Atchison	39¾	do preferred	143½
Adams Express	145	N. Y. Central	95
Alton, T. H.	31	N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	18¾
do preferred	126	do preferred	74
American Express	116	Ohio Mississippi	23¾
C. C. & I. C.	70	do preferred	85
Canada Pacific	90¼	Ontario & Western	21
Canada Southern	61½	Oregon Improvem't	26
Central Pacific	31½	Oregon Nav	80
Ches. & Ohio	23	Pacific Mail	32½
do 1st preferred	62	P. D. & E.	19¾
do 2nd preferred	43	Pittsburg	150
Chicago & Alton	146	Pullman Palace	187½
C., B. & Q.	105¼	Reading	59⅝
C., C. & St. L.	71⅝	Rock Island	89¾
Del. Hudson	143¾	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	76
Del. L. & W.	165⅞	St. Paul	79⅜
D. & R. G. pfd.	52	do preferred	127
East Tennessee	7⅜	St. P. Min. & Man.	113
do 1st preferred	46	St. Paul & Omaha	47¼
do 2nd preferred	19⅝	do preferred	115
Erie	25⅜	Tenn. Coal & Iron	45⅜
do preferred	73¾	Texas Pacific	19⅝
Fort Wayne	153	Union Pacific, new	84
Chi. & East Ill.	65	Union Pacific	47¼
Hocking Valley	31¼	U. S. Express	48
Houston & Texas	3¾	Wabash, St. L. & P.	19⅜
Illinois Central	105	do preferred	30¾
St. P. & Duluth	43	Wells Fargo Ex	143
Kansas & Texas	17¾	Western Union	88⅛
Lake Erie & West	20¾	Am. Cotton Oil	36¾
do preferred	69	Colorado Coal	39¾
Lake Shore	125¾	Homestake	13
Louisville & Nash.	74⅜	Iron Silver	129
Louisville & N. A.	26⅝	Ontario	42
Memphis & Char.	44	Quicksilver	3¾
Michigan Central	101¾	do preferred	21¾
Mil. L. S. & W.	92	Sutro	5
do preferred	128	Bulwer	30
Minn. & St. L.	8¾	Rich. & W. P. Ter.	16⅛
do preferred	63	Wisconsin Central	18⅛
Missouri Pacific	62	Great Northern pfd.	128¾
Mobile & Ohio	39	Chicago Gas	78⅜
Nashville Chatt.	86	Lead Trust	108⅜
N. J. Central	143	Sugar Trust	84¾
Norfolk & West pfd.	50¾	Southern Pacific	39
Northern Pacific pfd.	23⅞	O. S. L. & U. N.	29
do preferred	68	do preferred	37
U. P., Denver & G.	39	Dist	68⅜
Northwestern	117½		

The total sales of stocks today were 615,708 shares, including: Atchison, 40,880; Chicago Gas, 6,805; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 65,380; Delaware & Hudson, 39,934; Erie, 31,640; Lake Shore, 5,845; Louisville & Nashville, 6,500; Northwestern, 3,930; New Jersey Central, 6,950; New York Central, 14,850; Northern Pacific preferred, 13,800; Common New England, 43,080; Reading, 106,438; Richmond & West Point, 6,950; St. Paul, 33,061; Union Pacific, 10,654; Western Union, 4,410.

Financial Review.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The Post says: Although the buying was very heavy, activity was spasmodic, and there were intervals of some length when business was thoroughly dull. This was particularly the case in the afternoon when the exuberant board room stories of the forenoon began to receive positive and official denials. There was more or less selling provoked by these disappointments and doubtless encouraged by the further gold orders. But the operators for high prices stood by their gun with commendable courage and in the Central stocks the market was quick to bid up prices again on all downward reactions.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed offered at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet at $4.85 for sixty-day bills and $4.87½ for demand.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg	115½	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	99⅝
U. S. 4s coup	116½	Mutual Union 6s	108
U. S. 4½s reg	100	N. J. C. Int. Cert	111¾
Pacific 6s of '95	100	North. Pacific 1st	117
La. stamped 4s	94⅝	North Pacific 2nds	118
Tenn. new set 6s	105	Northwestern Con.	137
Tenn. new set 5s	99	North. Debent. 5s	107
Tenn. new set 3s	70⅝	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	85¼
Canada So. 2nds	106⅜	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	107
Cen. Pacific 1sts	106	St. Paul Consols	128
Den. & R. G. 1sts	111½	St. P. C. & Pac. 1sts	117
Den. & R. G. 4s	81	Tex. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	80⅞
D. & R. G. West. 1sts	73	Tex. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	33
Erie 2nds	107	Va. on Pacific 1sts	106½
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	80¼	West Shore	103⅝

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—The following were the London stock quotations closing at 4 p. m:

Consols, money	96 1-16	Mexican Ordinary	29
Consols, account	93 1-16	St. Paul com	80¾
N. Y., P. & O 1sts	36⅞	New York Central	117¾
Can. Pacific	93⅝	Pennsylvania	56¾
Erie 2nds	16⅞	Reading	30¼
Illinois Central	105¾	Mexican Central 4s	72⅛

BAR SILVER—41 7-16d.

MONEY—2½ per cent.

Rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills, 2⅛@2⅜ per cent. Amount of bullion gone into the bank of England today, £25,000.

Financial Notes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Bank clearings today, $176,552,200; balances, $4,120,752.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 29.—Clearings today, $15,198,871; balances, $1,802,111; money, 2 per cent. Exchange on New York, 1½@2 per cent discount. For the month, clearings, $357,358,221; balances, $43,867,044; for the corresponding month last year, clearings, $347,364,630; balances, $37,381,920.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 29.—Bank clearings today, $9,771,804; balances, $1,894,717. Money, 5½ per cent.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 29.—Clearings, $1,890,469.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 29.—Money, 3 per cent; New York exchange, quiet; clearings, $2,662,300; for the past month, $60,906,650; for February, $50,903,900.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 29.—Bank clearings today, $2,872,899; balances, $93,418; money, 6 per cent.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 29.—Bank clearings, $3,798,663; balances, $430,746. This month—Clearings, $67,370,011; balances, $12,094,119. February last year, $62,918,043; balances, $8,876,118. Increase, $15,251,968, or 18.7 per cent.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 29.—New York exchange selling at par. Clearings, $685,902; balances, $321,696.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 29.—Money unchanged at 4@6 per cent. Bank clearings, $15,320,132. New York exchange, 50@60c discount. Sterling exchange, $4.83½ for sixty-day bills and $4.88 for sight drafts.

HAVANA, Feb. 29.—Spanish gold, $2.40¼; exchange, quiet.

PARIS, Feb. 29.—Three per cent rentes 93f 40c for account.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 29.—The bank clearings today were $4,631,100. The clearings for the month ending today were $36,430,350, against $32,658,295 a year ago, showing an increase of 11.5 per cent.

Boston Stock Market.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 29.—The following were the closing prices on stocks on the Boston stock market today:

Atchison & Topeka	39¾	Allouez Min. Co. new	1¾
Boston & Albany	205	Atlantic	19
Boston & Maine	165	Boston & Montana	35
C. B. & Q.	105¾	Calumet & Hecla	260
Eastern R. R. 6s	123	Catalpa	22¾
Fitchburg R. R.	87	Franklin	12
Flint & Pere M.	24	Kearsarge	11¾
Flint & Pere M. pfd.	80	Osceola	27¾
K. C., S. J. & C. B.	12	Santa Fe Copper	22¾
Little Rock & Ft. S.	9¾	Tamarack	155
Mass. Central	16¼	West End Land Co.	19
Mex. Cen. com	19¾	Bell Telephone	200
N. Y. & N. England	51¾	Lamson Store S.	15¾
N. Y. & N. Eng. 5s	113¾	Water Power	33¾
Old Colony	170¾	Cont. M.	9¾
Rutland Com. pfd.	65	B. & M.	176
Wis. Cen. com	18¾	B. & B.	3½
Wis. Cen. com. pfd.	43¾	T. H.	59¾

Denver Mining Stocks.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 29.—The following list is the closing quotations on the Mining exchange today. Sales 8,800.

Alleghany	9	Ironclad	12½
Amity	2	John J	8
Argonaut	15	Justice	17¾
Ballarat	10	Leavenworth	6
Bangkok-Cora B.	6	Lexington	40
Bates-Hunter	65	Little Rule	10
Big Indian	10	May Mazeppa	80
Big Six	4	Morning Glim	50
Brownlow	3	Oro	30
Calliope	14	Park Consolidated	6
Claudia J	23¾	Pay Rock	5
Century	5¾	Potosi	9
Clay County	20	Puzzler	2
Diamond B	4	Rialto	110
Denver Gas and Oil	7	Running Lode	20
Emmons	49	Whale	3
Gettysburg	25	Sutton	20
Golden Treasure	85	Paul Gold	9
Gold Rock	45¾		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 29.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	95	Ophir	265
Bulwer	40	Potosi	120
Best & Belcher	220	Savage	165
Bodie Consolidated	55	Sierra Nevada	130
Con. Pac	125	Union Con	145
Consolidated C & V.	420	Utah	25
Crown Point	105	Yellow Jacket	75
Gould & Curry	195		
Hale & Norcross	175		
Mexican	180		
Mono	80		
Navajo	5		

St. Louis Mining Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 29.—The mining stock market today was rather quiet with a firm tendency. Sales aggregated 2,200 shares. Following are closing bids:

Adams	90	Little Albert	6
Am. Nettie	93¾	Montrose	60 13-32
Bi-Metallic	1800	Pat Murphy	4
Central Silver	17½	Silverage	1
Elkhead	14	Silver Bell	25
Granite