THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Bears in the Wheat Pit Were Handled Roughly Yesterday.

ALL ON ACCOUNT OF THE WEATHER

Good Buying Orders from the Northwest and New Yorkers Falling Into Line Started the Shorts on a Wild Rush to Cover.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 5.—The bears in wheat and corn were more severely tossed on the horns of the Board of Trade bulls today than at any time for some weeks past. And it was all on account of the weather; not that it was so very much worse than it has been, but because of its continued and widespread effect. In fact, with the great delay in seeding which has already taken place and with renewed downpour, alternating with unseasonable low temperature, further delaying farm work and threatening to rot the seed already in the ground, dealers on the board are beginning to regard the outlook for the cereal crops of 1892 as really alarming. All private advices received today were of the most discouraging nature.

The already water-soaked fields from North Dakota to Texas received a fresh load of precipitation last night and the streams are swollen beyond all reason, flooding the large areas, drowning out and washing out the seeds and plants in the lowlands, while the low temperature and excessive moisture are preventing germination on the high lands. It continues to snow or freeze over large areas in Minnesota and Manitoba, with a large proportion of the seeding unfinished. Of course this condition has existed for some days, but the longer it continues the more serious it becomes.

Shorts have been getting nervous for some time and speculation has been growing more friendly to the bull side. But the dullness and narrowness of the trade has been against any material advance, and it has not been easy to start the boom. But this morning the friends of wheat showed more courage, shorts displayed more alarm and while trade was far from active, a stronger feeling ruled. Good buying orders came in from the northwest and New Yorkers finally came into line, while local shorts made a wild rush to cover. To add to the alarm of the shorts in wheat there were unfavorable weather reports from abroad and cables were strong and higher.

Corn is doubly affected by the weather conditions. The muddy roads prevent the farmers from delivering their undeniably large surplus and the soaking which it is getting in unprotected cribs must inevitably lower still further the already too low grading, reducing by so much the amount of the price of the article. The second ground cannot be plowed and the planting of the new crop is still further delayed. All of this gave the corn pit today a sort of St. Vitus dance appearance. This cereal was the first to feel the effects of the conditions at the opening excited higher prices. The wheat crowd, while somewhat interested in the higher opening of their grain, took things rather easy until the corn flurry had about exhausted itself in the early dealings and stopped for a rest. Then the wheat market began to warm up and when it got fairly to going it led the shorts a merry chase. It did not stop until it had added 3c to yesterday's closing price.

Partridge first arrayed his chief forces in the corn pit, where he disposed them for the protection of a line of short July corn, variously estimated at from 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 bu. Later he netted them in the wheat pit, where his interest is believed to be much heavier. These dispatches were received as to conditions abroad: Berholm cabled weather in England cold. Thalman of Paris wired Swartz-Dupee: Weather unfavorable, crop prospects less favorable, and Rumpf, him had a dispatch from Strasburg, Germany, which quoted the weather there cold and wet. The receipts in the northwest were light and the Atlantic clearances heavy. The Cincinnati Price Current said weather conditions were somewhat favorable last week, but the trade here thought otherwise.

Traders of late become so accustomed to receive bullish news and find it succeeded by a drop in the price that they were very slow to believe that anything different from their recent experience would happen today. It was after this news kept dropping in during the first hour, and no matter from which direction it came, its tenor was bullish. Finally Partridge sold wheat, Cottrell sold wheat and the crowd which runs in the wake of the successful men thought they were safe in getting in behind the big bears. July opened ½c higher at 81¾c and for an hour or more it appeared more likely to go lower than ever. It did, in fact, sell off to 81½c. When resistance to the effect of the numerous bullish dispatches by the local crowd was finally met by a flood of buying orders from the seaboard and the northwest, the price, which had been quietly edging up to and above the opening figure, suddenly touched 82c, and then like rejoicing shouts of the traders who were long seemed to intimidate the short sellers, and until the the price had excitedly climbed to 84¼c the latter contingent was not again heard or heard of except as the most eager buyers in the crowd.

At 83¼c some of the triumphant longs proceeded to take their profits, and their heavy sales caused a reaction to 83c, but the market would not stay down; it climbed to the high notch as above noted shortly before the close, and closed firm at 83¾c, with the prospect of still higher figures should the weather conditions tomorrow give any excuse for them. Partridge sold considerable wheat, but was not as vicious as usual.

The foreign markets were all high at the close, except Liverpool and Antwerp, which were unchanged.

The corn market was wildly irregular and much higher at the opening. It was very difficult to trade for a few minutes so various and wide apart were the prices bid and asked. May was particularly rugged and unsatisfactory for commission houses to fill orders, owing to the fact that the main interest was in July. Even in July the range was from 45¾c to 44¾c in the first five or ten seconds, and in May buyers were bidding 43¾c and sellers for the most part were demanding from 44¼c to 45c. Some few sales were made at 43¾c, 44c and 44¼c and one or two at 44¾c in the confusion of the opening, and for about ten minutes thereafter the trading was principally at 43¾c. July sold for the most part at from 44½c to 41¾c during the first fifteen minutes with possibly a shade higher paid in the first few seconds.

It was made apparent that there was a very considerable and extremely anxious short interest and it was by no means easy to purchase. The receipt of a cablegram definitely confirming the report that Russia had removed the prohibition upon the export of oats in so far as the Baltic provinces were concerned and on maize for the whole empire, did not affect the market appreciably, owing to the already high tension. At the end of the first hour's trading with May at 44c and July selling around 41¾c, the market grew somewhat steady, but the strength continued throughout the session. May touching 45c as the highest notch, July reaching 42¾c, with the closing prices at 44½c for the former and 42¾c for the latter, a gain of 1½c for May and 1¾c for July over yesterday's last figures.

Oats were strong in sympathy with wheat and corn and on account of the weather, which had a similar effect on the minor cereal to that exercised on the others. The market closed at an advance of 1¼c.

The only restful spot on the floor of the exchange was the provision pit and it was only quiet in comparison with the turmoil in the grain markets. The receipts of hogs were 27,000 head and the price was 5c lower. The strength of the grain markets was the force in view of these conditions, which prevented a decline and permitted an advance in hog products. Near the close pork and ribs weakened somewhat. Final figures show betterments of 12½c and 15c in pork, 7½c to 10c in lard and 12c in ribs.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 55 cars; corn, 220 cars; oats, 160 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT No. 2				
May	$ 81¾	$ 84¼	$ 81¾	$ 83¾
June	81¾	84¼	81¾	84
July	81¾	84¼	81¾	84
CORN No. 2				
May	43¾	45	43¾	44¾
June	41¾	44	42¾	42¾
July	41¾	42¾	41¼	42¾
OATS No. 2				
May	29¼	30¾	29¼	30
June	29¼	30¼	29	29¾
July	29¼	30¼	29	29¾
MESS PORK				
May	9 72½	9 85	9 70	9 80
July	9 62½	9 95	9 60	9 90
LARD				
May	6 15	6 22½	6 15	6 22½
July	6 27½	6 35	6 27½	6 35
SHORT RIBS				
May	5 77½	5 85	5 77½	5 82½
July	5 82½	5 90	5 82½	5 87½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Unchanged; winter patents, $4.20@4.40; winter straights, $3.95@4.20; spring patents, $4.15@4.40; spring straights, $3.50@3.70.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 83¼@84¼c; No. 3 spring, 79c; No. 2 red, 86¼.

CORN—Higher; No. 2, 42¾@44¼c; No. 3 yellow, 42¾@43½c.

OATS—No. 2, 30@30¼c; No. 2 white, 31¼@32c; No. 3 white, 31c.

RYE—No. 2, 75½@76c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 62c; No. 3, f. o. b., 52@56c; No. 4, f. o. b., 46@49c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 98¼c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.27@1.33.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $9.80@9.82½; lard, per 100 lbs., $6.20@6.22½; short ribs, sides, (loose), $5.82½@5.85; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.50@5.00; short clear sides, (boxed), $6.17½@6.30.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.13.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, 5@5¼c; granulated, 4¾c; standard "A," 4¼c.

Receipts and shipments today were as follows:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, barrels	12,000	11,000
Wheat, bushels	22,000	90,000
Corn, bushels	220,000	280,000
Oats, bushels	175,000	287,000
Rye, bushels	4,000	20,000
Barley, bushels	22,000	9,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was unchanged; fancy creamery, 19½@20c; fine western, 18@19c; ordinary, 16@17c; selected dairy, 17@18c; ordinary, 14@15c. Eggs, 13½@14c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, May 5.—FLOUR—Receipts, 19,609 pkgs.; exports, 8,158 bbls. and 4,355 sacks; market very active, closing firmer, good local demand; sales, 62,700 bbls.

CORN MEAL—Firm.

WHEAT—Receipts, 263,253 bu.; exports, 284,142 bu.; sales, 8,515,000 bu. of futures, 367,000 bu. spot. Spot market higher, fairly active, firm; No. 2 red, 91¼@93c, afloat; 90¾@90½c f. o. b.; ungraded red, 83¾@90½c; No. 1 northern, 91½@93¾c; No. 2 Chicago, 91¼@91½c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 89¾@91½c; No. 3 spring, 88½@89c. Options advanced 2¼@2¾c on increased activity through foreign buying; shorts covering liberally, and unfavorable crop weather west, reacted ½@1c in realizing, closed firm at 2½@2¾c over yesterday; No. 2 red, May, 90¾@92½c, closing at 92¼c; June, 90¾@91¾c, closing at 91¾c; July, 90¼@91c, closing at 91½c; August, 90½@92½c, closing at 92¼c; September, 90¾@90¾c, closing at 91¾c; October, 91¾@93½c, closing at 93½c; December, 93¼@95¼c, closing at 95¼c; May, 1893, 99¼c, closing at 99½c.

RYE—Quiet, lower; western, 79@82c; sales, 16,000 bu. at 82c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; nominal.

CORN—Receipts, 3,100 bu.; exports, 22,742 bu.; sales, 1,080,000 bu. of futures; 135,000 bu. of spot. Spot quiet, light offerings; No. 2, 53¼@53¾c in elevator; 54¼@55c afloat; ungraded mixed, 49@54c; No. 3, 49½c; steamer mixed, 50@51c. Options more active, firm at 1½@1¾c advance through light receipts and frightened shorts; May, 50¾@52¾c, closing 52c; June, 47½@48¾c, closing 48¼c; July, 47½@48¼c, closing 48¼c; August, 48@49c, closing 49c.

OATS—Receipts, 12,000 bu; exports, 234,180; sales, 320,000 bu. Spot higher, quiet; options firmer, quiet; May, 34½@35c, closing at 35c; June, 34½@35c, closing at 35c; July, 34½@35c. Closing prices: August, 34¼c; spot No. 2 white, 37@38¼c; mixed western, 34½@37c; white western, 39@41c.

HAY—Quiet and firm.

HOPS—Steady and quiet.

SUGAR—Raw, quiet but steady; refined steady; fair demand.

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

RICE—Firm, good demand.

PETROLEUM—Steady; United closed at 87½ for June.

COTTONSEED OIL—Quiet but firm.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 4 11-16@4¾c.

ROSIN—Steady; quiet.

TURPENTINE—Quiet.

EGGS—Quiet but steady; western, 15½@16c; receipts, 8,922 pkgs.

HIDES—Dull but steady.

PORK—Moderate demand, steady.

CUT MEATS—Firm and wanted; pickled bellies, 6½@6¾c; middles easy; short clear, $6.40@6.60.

LARD—Higher, quiet; western steam closed at $6.52½, asked; sales, 600 tierces at $6.53; option sales, 1,600 tierces; May, $6.52 bid; July, $6.56@6.61, closing at $6.61 asked; August, $6.67.

BUTTER—Moderate demand, easy; western dairy, 14@16c; western factory, 11@13c; Elgin, 21@22½c.

CHEESE—Moderate demand, firm; part skims, 5½@4¾c.

PIG IRON—Steady; American, $14.75@16.75.

COPPER—Firm; lake, $ 1.05 bid, $12.10 asked.

LEAD—Firm; domestic, $4.35@4.30.

TIN—Steady; straits, $21.50@20.55.

Omaha Produce Market.

POULTRY—Live fowls, $4.00@4.50 per doz., 75@80c per lb.

HIDES, ETC.—No. 1 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½@4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3@3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½@4¾c; No. 2 green hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3@3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 5 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 5 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5@6c; part cured ½c per pound less than fully cured. Sheep pelts—Green salted, each 45c@$1.25; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15@25c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 10@11½c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 9@10c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 10@12½c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 8@10c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 7@9c. Tallow and grease—Tallow, No. 1, 3½@4c; tallow, No. 2, 2@3¼c; grease, white A, 4@4½c; grease, white B, 3½@3¾c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 3c; old butter, 2½c; beeswax, prime, 16@24c; rough tallow, 1½@2c.

FRUIT—California navel riverside oranges, $3.00; 5 box lots, $2.85; Washington navals, $4.50; choice apples, $3.00@3.50; choice lemons, $3.75@4.00; fancy lemons, $4.50; bananas, crated, $2.00@2.50; cranberries, shipping stock, bbl., $7.50; Florida tomatoes, $4.50 per crate of six baskets; pineapples, 16@24c; rough tallow, 1½@2c.

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VEGETABLES—Sweet potatoes, $2.25; California cabbage, 2½c per lb. in crates; home grown lettuce, 40c per doz.; onions, 90c@$1.15 per bu.; Nebraska hand picked beans, $1.85@2.00; medium, $1.75@1.85; Colorado and western Nebraska potatoes, 35@45c; native potatoes, 25@30c; Lima beans, 4c per lb.; water cress, 20c qt. cases, 12½c per qt.; spinach, $4.00@4.25 per bbl.; radishes, 40c; rutabagas, $1.25@1.50 per bbl.; parsnips, 3c per lb.; parsley, 35@40c; new California potatoes, 3c per lb.; cucumbers, $1.50 per doz.

STRAWBERRIES—Choice shipping stock, $4.50@5.00 per case.

EGGS—General market, 13@13½c.

BUTTER—The packers are talking only 8c; medium grades, 10@12½c in a small way; a small proport on of the best country roll, 13@16c.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 5.—FLOUR—Firm but unchanged.

WHEAT—Advanced ⅝@⅞c, steady; dropped ¼c, hung around that point a while, then popped up on a North Dakota snow bank, and closed 1½c above yesterday. No. 2 red, cash, 86@86½c; May, closed at 86¾c; July, 82¾c; August, 80½c.

CORN—Advanced from the start and finished 1⅛@1⅜c above yesterday; No. 2 cash, 41¾c; May, closed at 46¾c; July, 39c; September, 39¾c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 31¼c; May, 31¼c; July, 29¾c; September, 29¾c.

RYE—Nothing done.

BARLEY—Quiet; sales: Minnesota, 55c.

BRAN—Firm at 65@66c.

HAY—Steady and unchanged; prairie, $7.50@9.50; timothy $11.0@14.0.

LEAD—Dull at 4.07½.

FLAX SEED—Firm at 97c.

BUTTER—Unchanged; creamery, 16@20c; dairy, 20@20c.

EGGS—Unchanged; 12c.

CORN MEAL—Firm at $2.00.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.14.

BAGGING—Unchanged at 6½@8c.

IRON TRADE—Unchanged; $1.15@1.20.

PROVISIONS—Firm and higher.

PORK—$10.37½@10.50.

LARD—$6.05.

DRY SALT MEATS—Loose shoulders, $4.65; long and ribs, $5.75; shorts, $5.00. Boxed lots 15c more.

BACON—Shoulders, 5¼c; longs and cribs, $5.40@5.45; shorts, $6.00; sugar cured hams, $9.00@10.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 23,000 bu.; corn, 64,000 bu.; oats, 21,000 bu.; rye, none; barley, none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 85,000 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.; rye, none; barley, none.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 5.—WHEAT—Active, strong and 2c higher; No. 2 hard, 73@74c; No. 2 red, nic.

CORN—Very strong; No. 2 mixed, 36½@37c; No. 2 white, 38@38½c.

OATS—Steady but dull and prices nominal; No. 2 mixed, 28½c; No. 2 white, 30c.

RYE—Higher; No. 2, 67c.

FLAXSEED—85c on the basis of pure.

HAY—Firm; timothy, $8.50@9.00; prairie, $6.50@7.50.

EGGS—Firm and higher at 12c.

BUTTER—Dull and weak; creamery, 17@22c; dairy, 12@18c.

CHEESE—Steady; full cream, 12½c; young Americas, 11@12½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 11,000 bu.; corn, 9,000 bu.; oats, 1,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, 1,200 bu.; oats, 1,000 bu.

Foreign Oil Market.

LONDON, May 5.—LINSEED OIL—17s 9d@17s 10½d per cwt.

ANTWERP, May 5.—PETROLEUM—13¾f paid and sellers.

LIVERPOOL, May 5.—TURPENTINE SPIRITS—25s 3d per cwt.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, May 5.—Options opened barely steady, 10@20 points down and closed steady 15 points down; sales, 58,500 bags, including: May, $11.75@11.85; June, $11.45; July, $11.45@11.50; August, $11.40@11.45; September, $11.45@11.50; October, $11.40@11.50; December, $11.45@11.50. Spot Rio, dull, nominal; No. 7, $12.50.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, May 5.—WHEAT—Quiet; holders offer moderately; red western spring, 7s 2½d@7s 3d per cental; No. 2 red western, 7s 2¾d@7s 3d.

CORN—Steady; demand fair; mixed western, 4s 5½d per cental.

Havana Sugar Market.

HAVANA, May 5.—Quiet; 4,000 bags of centrifugals, 96° degrees polarization, sold at Matanzas at $3.00; 500 bags of centrifugal 96 degrees polarization, sold at Cardenas at $3.00½.

Cotton Market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 5.—Market 1 1-16c higher; sales, 1,400 bales; receipts, 900 bales; shipments, 1,300 bales; stock, 99,240 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 5.—Market firm; middling, 6 9-16c; good ordinary, 6 1-16c; net receipts, 2,364 bales; gross, 2,615 bales; exports to the continent, 6,161 bales; sales, 1,050 bales; stock, 184,908 bales.

NEW YORK, May 5.—COTTON—Easy; middling uplands, 7 5-16c; middling Orleans, 7 11-16c; sales, none. Sales last evening, 1,507 bales for export; futures closed steady; sales, 85,100 bales, May, $7.16; June, $7.24; July, $7.34; August, $7.42; September, $7.51; October, $7.60; November, $7.70; December, $7.80; January, $7.90; February, $8.00.

New York Exchange Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 5.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Exchange was quoted as follows: Chicago, 30c premium; Boston, 12@10c discount; St. Louis, 60@75c premium.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, May 5.—Business in dry goods was unchanged.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Marked Animation Was Exhibited in a Few Stocks Yesterday.

NEW YORK, May 5.—The stock market today exhibited more animation than on any previous day this week and it developed marked strength in a few stocks, principally the grangers, while the coalers were sluggish, not to say heavy, and the industrials weak. The general market, however, displayed an advancing tendency. The most important movement was in sugar, and the declining tendency which has marked the course of the stock for the last few days was intensified in the comparative weakness and substantial loss resulted. The strength in the grangers was hailed as a most encouraging signal, though the heavy drop in sugar was too much for the force applied today and the best prices were not maintained when the rest of the market gave way. This was a material decline in both Reading and Lackawanna, which with Missouri Pacific and Tennessee Coal were the weak spots in the railroad list. The forward movement of the forenoon lasted only during the first hour, after which there was a slow but steady depreciation in values, and the early gains were nearly wiped out, and the list of stocks were carried below the level of last night's close, and remained so throughout the session. The only marked exception was Omaha preferred, which failed to yield at all and is the only stock showing an important advance.

The close was quiet but generally weak at about the lowest prices of the day. The final changes are generally slight losses, but while Omaha preferred is up 1¾ per cent, sugar is down 4½ per cent, Union Pacific 1¾ per cent, Lackawanna and Reading each 1¾ per cent, and cotton oil 1 per cent.

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

Atchison	34⅜	N. Y. Central	114
Adams Express	145	N. Y., C. & St. L.	17¼
Alton, T. H.	39	do preferred	74⅜
Alton, T. H. pfd	145	Ohio Mississippi	20
American Express	118	Ohio preferred	95
B. C. R. & N.	90	Ontario & Western	19⅝
Canada Pacific	87⅞	Oregon Improvem't	22
Canada Southern	60¾	Oregon Nav.	80
Central Pacific	40¾	Oregon Trans.	14⅝
Ches & Ohio	23⅞	Pacific Mail	35
do 1st preferred	63¼	Peoria Dec. & E.	19
do 2nd preferred	45⅝	Pittsburg	154
Chicago & Alton	151	Pullman Palace	183¾
C., B. & Q.	107	Reading	58⅝
C., C. & St. L.	69¼	Rock Island	84⅜
Del. Hudson	145	St. L. & S. F. 1st pref	70
Del. L. & W.	158½	St. Paul	77¾
D. & R. G. pfd	47	do preferred	123¼
East Tennessee	4⅛	St. P., Min. & Man.	132
do 1st preferred	38	St. Paul & Omaha	48½
do 2d preferred	12	do preferred	117⅝
Erie	23⅜	Texas Cent. & Iron.	44⅞
do preferred	71½	Texas Pacific	10¾
Fort Wayne	154⅞	Tol. & O. C. pfd	82
Chicago & E. Ill.	62	Union Pacific	43¾
Hocking Valley	38⅜	U. S. Express	45
Houston & Texas	5	Wabash, St. L. & P.	12
Illinois Central	103	do preferred	27
St. Paul & Duluth	44⅜	Wells Fargo Ex.	145
Kansas & Texas	15¾	Western Union	92¾
Lake Erie & West	25	Wheeling & Lake Erie	4
do preferred	77⅞	Colorado Coal	31½
Lake Shore	134⅜	Homestake	14
Louisville & Nash.	74⅜	Iron Silver	50
Louisville & N. A.	55⅜	Ontario	38
Memphis & Char.	50	Quicksilver	3⅜
Michigan Central	102⅜	do preferred	17
Mil. L. S. & W.	90	Sutro	4
do preferred	110	Bulwer	40
Minn. & St. L.	12	Mariposa Land & P. Tr.	18¾
do preferred	27¾	Wisconsin Central	16⅞
Missouri Pacific	59⅜	Great Northern pfd.	124
Mobile & Ohio	35⅝	Ohlengo Gas	78
Nashville Chatt.	88	Lead Trust	20
N. J. Central	138	Sugar Refineries	89⅝
Norfolk & W. pfd.	46⅞	Southern Pacific	37⅛
Northern Pacific	50	O. S. L. & U. N.	35⅝
North Pacific pfd	89	List	47⅝
U. P. Den. & Gulf	18	Rio G. W.	20¼
Northwestern	120⅝	Rio G. W. pfd.	71⅝
do preferred	145½		

The total sales of stocks today were 267,067 shares, including: Atchison, 14,250; Chicago Gas, 6,330; Delaware & Western, 3,900; Erie, 5,270; Hocking Valley, 4,153; Louisville & Nashville, 4,420; Northwestern, 5,672; New England, 6,260; Reading, 55,270; St. Paul, 16,600; St. Paul & Omaha, 4,314.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 5.—MONEY ON CALL—Easier at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed offered at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet and steady at $4.86¾ for sixty day bills and $4.88¼ for demand.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg	115¾	Mutual Union 6s	106
U. S. 4s coup	116¾	N. J. C. Cent.	113¾
U. S. 4½s reg	109	North Pacific 1sts	118
Pacific 6s of '95	109	North. Pacific 2nds	114
Louisiana stp'd 4s	88½	Northwestern Cons.	140½
Tenn. new set 3s	75¾	Northwestern deb 5s	105
Tenn. new set 5s	106	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	84¼
Tenn. new set 6s	104½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	109
Canada So. 2nds	102	St. Paul Consols	137
Central Pacific 1sts	103¼	St. P., C. & Pac 1sts	119
D. & R. G. 4s	82¼	Tex. P. L. G. Te. 1sts	85¾
Erie 2nds	103⅜	Tex. P. R. G. Te. R.	31¾
Iowa C. 1sts	103⅝	Union Pacific 1sts	108
K. & T. Gen. 6s	82¾	West Shore	104
M., K. & T. Gen. 5s	50	R. G. W. 1sts	81¾

Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 5.—Clearings, $1,554,506.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 5.—Clearings, $1,701,740.

HAVANA, May 5.—Spanish gold, 2.49@2.49½; exchange firm.

NEW YORK, May 5.—Clearings, $123,794,077; balances, $5,858,370.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 5.—Clearings, $2,510,445; balances, $400,968. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 5.—Clearings, $12,130,954; balances, $1,658,001. Money, 3 per cent.

CINCINNATI, O., May 5.—Money, 3@6 per cent; New York exchange, 60c premium; clearings, $2,657,700.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 5.—New York exchange selling at $1.50; clearings, $347,550; balances, $235,884.

BERLIN, May 5.—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows a decrease in specie of 2,500,000 marks.

BOSTON, Mass., May 5.—Clearing house balances, $1,724,993; rate 1½ per cent; call loans, 2½@3½ per cent; time loans, 4@6 per cent.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 5.—Clearings, $4,150,085; balances, $670,357. Money, quiet, 5@6 per cent. Exchange on New York, 50@75c premium.

BOSTON, Mass., May 5.—Clearings, $16,781,119; balances, $1,644,999. Money, 4 per cent. Exchange on New York, 10@12½c discount.

PARIS, May 5.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase of 19,250,000f gold and 4,925,000f silver. Three per cent rentes, 97f 15c for the account.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 5.—Money easy at 4½ per cent, with an occasional loan as low as 3½ per cent. Clearings, $16,363,672. New York exchange firm at 30c premium. Sterling exchange, dull and unchanged; sixty-day bills, $4.86¾; sight drafts, $4.88¼.

LONDON, May 5.—The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £30,000 during the past week. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liabilities, which last week was 42.78 per cent, is now 41.68 per cent. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day £13,000.

London Stock Market.

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LONDON, May 5.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—There was no change today in the bank rate which remains at 2 per cent. In the Stock exchange today there has been a good deal of grumbling at the continued absence of speculative business, at the same time dealings have been a little more brisk than they were yesterday. The markets with few exceptions have presented a decidedly cheerful appearance, which if continued may encourage the public to take more active interest in the market. Funds improved ⅛ per cent, while Indian rupee paper is ⅛ per cent lower owing to easier tendency in silver. Home railways leave off distinctly firm, and a general advance is established including ¾ per cent in Great Western, ½ per cent in Metropolitan district, and ¼ to ⅝ per cent in others. American railways have been more or less firm all day in spite of outside support given to the market, but if it is seen that the improvement is not to go on, the public here and in New York will soon come forward. In a few instances the final prices are little under the best, still a general advance is established, ranging from ⅛ to ⅝ per cent, the lead being taken by Atchison. Canadian lines have been neglected. Grand Trunk preference, mark an improvement in sympathy with Americans. Money has been almost unlendable today, short time has been easily obtained at ½ per cent discount. The market has been very quiet. Two and three months' bills are not quoted better than from 1 to 1⅛ per cent.

London Financial Review.

NEW YORK, May 5.—The Post's London financial dispatch says: The tone of the market today was improved. Investment buying is spreading. The banks refused to allow interest on fresh deposits and second rate investments are coming into favor. Consols were higher. Colonial, home, corporation and railway stocks were all better. The run on Americans has been speculative so far.

Boston Stock Market.

BOSTON, Mass., May 5.—The following were the closing prices on stocks on the Boston stock market today:

Atchison & Topeka	34⅝	Boston & Montana	42
Boston & Albany	230	Calumet & Hecla	275
Boston & Maine	175	Franklin	15
C. B. & Q.	107	Kearsarge	13¾
Eastern R. R. 6s	130½	Osceola	57
Fitchburg R. R.	90	Santa Fe Copper	27⅛
Flint & Pere M pfd.	33½	Tamarack	164
Mass. Central	7⅞	Anniston Land Co.	30
Mex. Cen. common	9¼	Boston	3¾
N. Y. & N. England	38¾	West End	79
N. Y. & N. Eng. 7s	115½	Bell Telephone	204½
Old Colony	180	Lamson Store S.	17
Rutland pfd	68	Water Power	3¾
Wis. Cen. com	16⅝	Cent	11⅛
do pfd	47	M	52¾
Allouez M. Co. (new)	75	B. & B.	11⅛
Atlantic	11	Thomson-Houston	62⅛

Denver Mining Stocks.

DENVER, Colo., May 5.—The following table shows the range of prices and transactions for yesterday. Sales, 20,300.

Alleghany	8¾	Gold Rock	13⅝
Amity	1⅜	Ironclad	13
Argonaut	21	Justice	14⅜
Ballarat	6¾	Leavenworth	4
Bangkok Cora R.	4	Lexington	8⅞
Bates-Hunter	30	Little Rob	25
Big Indian	19	May-Mazeppa	7⅛
Big Six	4½	Matchless	290
Brownlow	4	Morning Glim	45
Calliope	7	Park Consolidated	6
Claudia J	3	Pay Rock	3
Century	5½	Puzzler	9¾
Clay County	5	Reed-National	2
Cash	30	Rialto	100
Diamond B	2	Sunshine Lode	109
Denver Gas and Oil	15¾	Whale	26
Emmons	15¾	Sutton	4¾
Gettysburg	40	Paul Gold	21
Golden Treasure	25		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 5.—The following are the closing mining stock quotations:

Best & B.	230	Mexican	130
Con. Cal. & Va.	385	Ophir	210
Deadwood T.	205	Savage	120
Eureka Con.	135	Sierra Nevada	110
Hale & Norcross	115	Standard	130
Homestake	1400	Union Con.	100
Horn Silver	300		

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle and Hogs in Good Demand at Steady Prices.

OMAHA, May 5.—Receipts for the past four days were 10,865 cattle, 19,884 hogs and 3,345 sheep, against 10,146 cattle, 16,512 hogs and 2,403 sheep the corresponding four days last week.

Although prices could not be quoted definitely higher on cattle, the general market was firm and decidedly healthy and active throughout. Shippers and exporters were inclined to be cautious on account of the easier fee ing at all eastern markets, but as Wednesday's decline gave them a little room for a margin they paid prices that were generally substantially stronger than Wednesday on anything that suited them. Cattle are low enough to induce free buying for immediate slaughter and the dressed beef buyers were strictly in it, paying good, firm prices for what suited them, and not trying to steal what they didn't want. Business was brisk and at the close there was nothing of any consequence in first hands. Good to choice 1,250 to 1,500lb beeves comprised a very fair proportion of the offerings and moved freely at from $3.90 to $4.25. Fair to good 1,000 to 1,200lb steers did not have to go begging for purchasers at from $3.50 to $4.00, while inferior light grades that were wanted for feeders more than for dressed beef sold all the way from $3.00 to $3.50. Several loads of mixed steers and heifers, mostst steers, were on the market and sold straight at from $3.40 to $4.10.

There was a decidedly firmer tone to the market for butchers' and canners' stock on account of the light offerings. The quality was rather indifferent but everything went and sales of inferior to choice cows and heifers were at from $1.50 to $3.35, the bulk at from $2.50 to $3.00. Veal calves and bulls were in better demand and firmer at from $1.75 to $3.25. The supply of calves was indifferent both in quantity and quality, but prices showed no particular change.

Stockers and feeders continue to sell at strong prices but the volume of trading is usually light, more from a lack of supplies than from any other particular reason. Good stuff finds a ready sale around $4.25 to $4.50, fair to good grades from $2.75 to $3.25. Representative sales:

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1030	$4 00	1	920	$3 60	8	1146	$3 80
1	1020	3 25	19	1020	3 60	17	1290	3 80
22	1120	3 25	15	1031	3 60	32	1163	3 85
26	866	3 25	17	1361	3 60	21	1180	3 85
2	975	3 25	50	985	3 60	20	1035	3 85
1	1260