COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Business Was Meager and Fluctuations Slight on 'Change Yesterday.

WAITED FOR THE GOVERNMENT REPORT

Amount of Wheat in Farmers' Hands Attracted Much Attention—Corn Operators Were Equally Inclined to Hold Off Late.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 8.—It was a slow day on 'change today. Business was meager and fluctuations slight. Compared with yesterday's closing the prices are as follows: Wheat ⅛c higher for May, corn ⅛c higher, pork from 2½c to 5c lower, lard 2½c lower for May and from 7½c to 10c lower for later deliveries, ribs 5c lower for May.

There was a general disposition to wait and see what the government report would show as to the amount of wheat in farmers' hands. The price of May wheat in New York was quoted as low as 79c or only 2½c over Chicago, while the legitimate difference is about 10c, and May in Minneapolis sold as low as 66⅝c, the lowest price yet touched this season. All this seemed to impress traders with the conviction that we were materially out of line with other markets and looked for a speedy adjustment. Hence there was not much disposition to trade. Price changes were confined to a range of ⅛c.

There was rather more disposition to sell July wheat today, which sold at from ⅛c to ⅞c discount, as compared with the prices current for May. The reason assigned for the weakness in July was that the weather was considered favorable in the winter wheat districts.

Corn operators were discussing the government crop report and some of the shorts were afraid it would be bullish. This caused further covering and at the same time prevented any liberal selling. The wet weather was also favorable to the long side as it was against the grading and with bad roads in the country, continued light receipts are probable.

Oats firmed up with corn, closing ⅛c higher.

Provisions started lower, mainly in response to a decline of from 10c to 15c for live hogs at the yards and the quality of the receipts showed some improvement. With free buying by the local operators the market advanced to within a point of yesterday's closing prices. Some realizing later carried the market down below the opening figures. The subsequent trading was marked by an upward tendency, the market closing steady.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 190 cars; corn, 100 cars; oats, 90 cars; hogs, 22,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.	YES'Y.
Wheat No 2.					
March.....	73⅝	73⅞	73⅝	73¾	73⅝
May.....	76⅞	76⅞@77	76⅞	76⅞@77	76⅞
July.....	75	75½	74¾	75	75¼
Corn No. 2—					
March.....	41⅛	41¼	41⅛@⅜	41¼	41⅛
May.....	41¾	41⅞	41⅝@41⅞	41⅞	43⅞
July.....	44⅝	45⅛	44⅝	45⅛	44⅝@⅝
Oats No 2.—					
March.....	30⅝	31	30⅝	31	31⅜
May.....	33⅝@33⅞	33⅝@⅞	33	33⅝	32⅞
June.....	33¼	33⅜	33¼	33⅜	33⅜
Mess Pork.—					
May.....	18 15	18 35	18 07½	18 25	18 27½
Lard—					
May.....	12 80	12 82½	12 72½	12 82½	12 85
July.....	11 70	11 75	11 65	11 72½	11 80
Sept.....	11 42½	11 50	11 37½	11 45	11 55
Short Ribs.—					
May.....	10 25	10 35	10 25	10 30	10 30

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; unchanged; winter patents, $3.70@4.20; winter straights, $3.30@3.35; spring patents, $3.85@4.10; spring straight, $2.60@3.10; bakers', $2.10@2.35.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 73½@73¾c; No. 3 spring, 68c; No. 2 red, 73½@73¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 41½c; No. 3, cash, 37¾c; No. 2 yellow, 41½c; No. 3 yellow, 38c.

OATS—No. 2, 31@31½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 35½@36c; No. 3 white, 32@32¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 50c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 62c; No. 3, f. o. b., 40@61c; No. 4, f. o. b., 33@46c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.20¼.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.42@4.44.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $18.05@18.07½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $12.72½; short rib sides (loose), $10.27½@10.30; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $9.75@9.87½; short clear sides (boxed), $10.70@10.75.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.17.

SUGAR—Unchanged. Cut loaf, 5¾@5¾c; granulated, 5⅛c; standard "A," 5c.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	19,000	32,000
Wheat, bu.....	153,000	36,000
Corn, bu.....	161,000	104,000
Oats, bu.....	171,000	161,000
Rye, bu.....	6,000	3,000
Barley, bu.....	80,000	48,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was unchanged; creamery, 19@26c; dairy, 19@25c. Eggs, fair demand; strictly fresh, 16½@17c.

Omaha Grain.

The following prices are for delivery at Mississippi river points:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 69c bid; No. 2 hard, 63c bid.

OATS—No. 3 white, 33½c bid. St. Louis terms:

CORN—No. 2 cash, 38½c bid; March, 38½c bid; No. 2 April delivery, 38⅜c bid, St. Louis terms; No. 3 white, 40c asked.

Among the sales were the following: Fifteen cars No. 3 or better corn, 15 days shipment, upper Mississippi river points, 37c.

Omaha Produce Market.

The weather was not of a character calculated to stimulate trade, being wet and very sloppy under foot. There was no especially new feature to the trade, prices being generally about steady on most lines.

APPLES—Stocks are held at $3.50@4.00 for fair to choice stock.

BEANS—Choice navy, $2.45.

BUTTER—Common packing stock, which constitutes the great bulk of the receipts now arriving, goes at 16@18c. Fair to good country roll, 18@20c. A few sales of small lots of extra choice country roll sell to the retail trade at 20@22c.

BANANAS—Per bunch, including crates and packing, $2.00@2.75.

CALIFORNIA CABBAGE—Per lb., 3c.

CELERY—Per doz., 40c.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and bugle, $10.50; Jersey Cape Cod, $9.50.

EGGS—13@14c.

GAME—The receipts are extremely light. Mallard ducks, $3.50; teal and mixed, $2; small geese and brants, $3.50@4.00; Canada geese, $6.00@7.00; small rabbits, $1.25; jacks, $3.50.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $3.75.

HAY—Steady at $5.50@6.00.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 4c; No. 2 green, 3c; No. 1 green, salted, 4½c; No. 2 green, salted, 3½c; No. 1 green, salted, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 2 green, salted, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint, 7½c; No. 2 dry flint, 5½c; No. 1 dry salted, 6c.

HONEY—Choice to fancy white clover, 18@20c; fair to good, 16@18c.

LEMONS—Choice, $3.50; fancy, $4.

MALAGA GRAPES—Good shipping stock, $8.50.

NEW VEGETABLES—Lettuce, radishes and parsley, 45c per doz.; green onions, 40c.

NUTS—Large hickory, $1.50; black walnuts, $1.00@1.25.

ONIONS—Home grown, $1 per bbl.; Spanish, per crate, $2.

ORANGES—Florida fancy, per box, $3.25; russetts, $3; Mexican oranges, single boxes, $3.25; five to ten-box lots, $3. California mountain oranges, $2.50; Washington navels, $4; Newcastle California seedlings, $2.75; Med. sweets, $3.

OYSTERS—Per can, 16@38c.

POULTRY—Choice small chickens, 9@10c; live choice young hens and roosters, 7½@8½c; old roosters, live, 5@6c; dressed turkeys, 11@13c; geese and ducks, 11@12c.

POTATOES—Western Nebraska stock is quoted at 85@90c; Utah and Colorado, $1; choice native, 75@80c.

SWEET POTATOES—There are a few in the market which are selling at 4.50.

STRAWBERRIES—The supply on the market is quite large and prices are not quite so firm. Per case of 24 pints, $3.00@4.00.

TANGERINES—In half boxes, $3.

VEAL—Choice and small fat veals, 7@9c. large and thin, 3@6c.

PRODUCE POINTERS

The oyster business is rather dull, and this month will probably see about the ending of it for this season.

The Omaha branch of the National League of Commission Merchants is sending out 10,000 circulars that explain the aims and objects of the organization.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 8.—FLOUR—Receipts, 89,970 pkgs.; exports, 17,896 bbls., 14,458 sacks; sales, 15,250 pkgs; market easy and quiet; winter wheat, low grades, $2.10@2.55; winter wheat, fair to fancy, $2.65@2.80; winter wheat, patents, $3.85@4.25; Minnesota clear, $2.50@3.50; Minnesota straights, $3.60@4.00; Minnesota patents, $4.25@5.00.

CORN MEAL—Quiet, steady.

BARLEY—Dull, quiet; western, 60@80c.

BARLEY MALT—Steady, quiet; western, 65@85c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 10,850 bu.; exports, 47,111 bu.; sales, 1,096,000 bu. futures, 21,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull, steady; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 78½c; afloat, 78¾c; f. o. b., 79c; No. 1 northern, 83½c; No. 1 hard, 88¼c; No. 2 northern, 82½c. Options were very dull and entirely devoid of features. The opening was at ⅛c advance as following Chicago, declining ¼@⅜c on easier cables, fine weather and full receipts west, advanced ⅛@⅜c decrease east of the Rockies, declined ⅛c on realizing, closed firm at ⅛c below yesterday: No. 2 red, May, 78⅞@79⅛c, closing at 79c; June, 79⅜@79⅝c, closing at 79⅝c; July, 80⅜@81c, closing at 80⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 20,000 bu., exports, 40,896 bu.; sales, 820,000 bu, futures, 140,000 bu. spot. Spots stronger, the advance checking business; fairly active; No. 2, 53⅝@53¾c in elevator; 54½@54⅝c afloat; ungraded mixed, 51⅝@54c; steamer mixed, 52⅝@53c; No. 3, 51⅝@52c. Options were ⅛@⅜c higher with the west and on covering, closing strong with speculation moderately active; March, 53⅛@53⅜c, closing at 53⅜c; April 52⅛@52⅜c, closing at 52⅜c; May, 51½@51¾c, closing at 51¾c; July, 51¼c, closing at 51⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 17,850 bu.; exports, 223 bu.; sales, 250,000 bu. of futures, 134,000 bu. spot. Spots firmer and moderately active. Options were strong ⅛@⅜c higher and more active; May, 38⅛@38½c, closing at 38⅜c; spot No. 2 white, 43c; No. 2 Chicago, 40⅝@41⅝c; No. 3, 38⅝c; No. 3 white, 42⅝@42½c; mixed western, 39@41c; white western, 42½@48½c.

HAY—Moderate demand.

HOPS—Quiet, easy; state common to choice, 19@22½c; Pacific coast, 19@22½c.

PROVISIONS—Cut meats, fairly active; pickled bellies, $10.75@11.00; pickled shoulders, $9.75@10.00; pickled hams, $13.75@14.00; middles, quiet, weak. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $12.85; sales, 250 tierces at $12.85; option sales, 250 tierces: March, $12.90; May, $12.95; July, $12 bid; September, $11.75. Pork, quiet, steady; old mess, $19.50; new mess, $20.

BUTTER—Good demand; western creamery, 21@28c.

CHEESE—Quiet, less steady; part skims, 3⅝@10½c.

EGGS—Fair demand, steady; receipts, 9,371 pkgs.

TALLOW—Wanted; choice strong city ($2 per pkg), 6⅛c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Quiet, firm.

PETROLEUM—Market opened firm, but later weakened under small sales. At the close the tone was steady. Pennsylvania oil, spot sales, none. Lima oil, sales none, 27½c bid. Total sales, 45,000 bbls.

ROSIN—Quiet, firm; strained common to good, $1.45@1.47½.

TURPENTINE—Quiet, firmer, at 35½@35c.

RICE—Firm, fairly active.

MOLASSES—New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, firm; fair demand, at 30@38c.

SUGAR—Raw, quiet, steady; sales, a cargo centrifugal and to Canada 96 test at 3⅜c; f. and f. refined quiet.

PIG IRON—Quiet; American $12.75@15.50.

COPPER—Steady, quiet; Lake $11.80.

LEAD—Steady; domestic, $3.00.

TIN—Strong; Straits, $21.10; plates, moderate demand, steady.

Business Changes.

The following are reported at Dun's:

Elgin, Neb., W. E. Hammond, grain, coal, etc., sold grain business.

Neligh, Neb., J. C. Biddle, saloon, out of business.

Seward, Neb., Pettit & Sanford, bakery, filed certificate of copartnership and gave chattel mortgage for $450.

Seward, Neb., Redford & Slonecher, groceries, William Redford sold his interest.

Salem, Neb., D. A. Tisdale & Co., general store, sold out.

Delphos, Kan., R. C. Farrar & Son, groceries and confections, sold out.

Horton, Kan., Fehlman & McNeal, hardware, dissolved.

Davenport, Ia., Dan Keleher, groceries, will sell out.

Jewell, Ia., Blair & Belleson, general store, reported as succeeded by Belleson, Johnson & Co.

Manchester, Ia., Robinson & Young, implements, Robinson sells out his interest for $2,000.

Oxford Junction, Ia., Emerson & Kimball, general store, gave chattel mortgage for $2,000.

Oswalt, Ia., Diagonal Coal company, coal, attachment for $0,500.

Oswalt, Ia., Oswalt Supply company, gave chattel mortgages for $3,715 and attached for $1,559.

The following are reported at Bradstreet's:

Fremont, Neb., D. C. Pettit, confectionery, sold out.

Geneva, Neb., L. M. Sargent, groceries, sold out.

Ong, Neb., H. C. Moore, drugs, sold out.

Wausa, Neb., Crellin Bros., implements, now Soden & Crellin.

Broken Bow, Neb., Mrs. E. Liggett, millinery and notions, sold out.

Holdrege, Neb., C. O. Nelson, filed articles of copartnership.

Lexington, Neb., James P. Carr, groceries, sold out.

Seward, Neb., Seward Lumber company, filed articles of incorporation.

Glenwood, Ia., Hanson & Jamison, general store, now Hanson, Mowatt & Co.

Neola, Ia., G. E. Furgerson, printer, sold out.

Seymour, Ia., Bert Edwards, drugs, admitted a partner.

Cheyenne, Wyo., M. Bohnstedt (Mrs F.), saloon discontinued.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 8.—FLOUR—Sluggish, unchanged.

WHEAT—Options inactive; No. 2 red cash, firm at 67c; March, 67½; May, 70¼@70⅜c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 38c; March, 38½c; May, 40¼c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 cash, 33c; May, 33⅜c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, east track, 53c.

BARLEY—Better demand; Minnesota, 60@63c.

FLAX SEED—Higher at $1.19½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Unchanged at $4.00@$4.50.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

EGGS—14½c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 37,000 bu.; corn, 138,000 bu.; oats, 25,000 bu.; rye, and barley none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 23,000 bu.; corn, 334,000 bu.; oats, 23,000 bu.; rye, 6,000 bu.; barley 1,000.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 8.—WHEAT—Slow and steady; No. 2 red, 70½c.

CORN—Firmer but unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 34; No. 2 white, 35c.

OATS—Fair demand, unchanged; No. 2, 28½@29c.

BUTTER—Creamery, dull, 24@27½c; dairy, 16@19c.

EGGS—Active, 14c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 47,000 bu.; corn, 12,000 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 34,000 bu.; corn, 5,000 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 8.—Steady; good middling, 9⅜c; middling, 9c; low middling, 8⅜c; good ordinary, 8⅛c; net receipts, 2,855 bales; gross receipts, 3,479 bales; exports to France, 4,350 bales; coastwise, 2,415 bales; sales, 1,100 bales; stock, 312,872 bales.

Futures steady; sales, 35,000 bales; March, $8.87 bid; April, $8.90@8.91; May, $8.89@8.90; June, $9.06@9.07; January, $9.12@9.13; August, $9.12@9.13; September, $8.95 bid; October, $8.84 bid; November, $8.82@8.84.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 8.—WHEAT—Firm; May, 67¼c; No. 2 spring, 67c.

CORN—Firmer; No. 3, 39½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 34½c; No. 3, white, 33½c.

BARLEY—62c.

PROVISIONS—Steady. Pork, May, $18.25.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 8.—The market was quiet but dull. Cash market weak. No. 1 northern sold on wider range. Buying not centered at any place. Receipts, 381 cars. Close: March 63¼c; May, 66⅝c; July, 69c. On track: No. 1 hard, 65½c; No. 1 northern, 64c; No. 2 northern, 60@61c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 8.—WHEAT—Quiet; holders offer moderately; red western spring, 6s 3½d@6s 4½d per cental.

CORN—Firm; demand fair.

BACON—Long, 550 lbs., 22s.

LARD—Prime western, 63s per cwt.

TURPENTINE SPIRITS—25s 6d per cwt.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Options steady and unchanged to 10 points decline; sales, 26,000 bags, including: March, $17.35@17.45; April, $17.00@17.05; May, $16.80@16.85; June, $16.70; July, $16.60@16.65; September, $16.35@16.50; October, $16.40; December, $16.20. Spot Rio, dull, steady; No. 7, $18.

Philadelphia Grain Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 8.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red, March, 75½@75¾c.

CORN—Futures firm but quiet; No. 2 mixed, March, 49½@49⅝c.

OATS—Car lots shade easier; options wholly nominal in absence of demand.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., March 7.—WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2 red, 76c.

CORN—Weak; No. 2 mixed, 43c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 33½@34½c.

WHISKY—Firm; in moderate demand; $1.17

Baltimore Grain Market.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 8.—WHEAT—Firmer; No. 2 red spot and March, 74½@74¾c.

CORN—Firmer; mixed spot and March, 48@48⅛c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 white western, 41c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The demand for dry goods continues moderate at first hands, with the advance in the jobbing trade and the warm, spring-like weather. Sales were made at about top prices.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., March 8.—WHEAT—Dull, firm; No. 2 cash and March, 70½c.

CORN—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 42½c

OATS—Quiet; cash, 35c

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Movements in the Security Market Were Erratic Throughout the Day.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The movements in the stock market were erratic throughout the day. A decidedly easier tendency to the money market caused a better feeling and led to the repurchase of stocks sold yesterday, but its effect was afterwards partly offset by an advance in the posted rates of sterling exchange from $4.85 to $4.86 for long and $4.87 to $4.88 for demand bills. There was some talk of additional gold shipments by next week's European steamer, Reading and New England were especially weak among the railways, the former declining 1⅞ per cent to 22⅞ and the latter 2⅝ per cent to 25.

There was a good deal of selling of New England, presumably on the knowledge of the character of the annual report which was given out in pamphlet form after the close of the exchange. The Parsons management brings serious charges against its predecessors in office and shows that there was a woeful waste in various branches of the company's service. Reading was sold for the Philadelphia account and the bears here devoted a good deal of attention to the stock with a view of influencing the general market. As a rule prices ruled ¼ to 1 per cent lower in the early trading, but a recovery set in when American Sugar rose from 120⅛ to 123⅝ and Manhattan from 158⅛ to 163. The advance brought a number of stocks above last night's closing, the greatest gain having been 1⅞ per cent in National Cordage, bringing that quotation to 61¼; Western Union sold up from 94 to 95⅛ on the favorable showing of the current quarter submitted to the directors at their meeting this afternoon.

In the late transactions Sugar ran off over 2 points from the highest and everything else yielded ¼ to 1¼ per cent in sympathy. Many operators had looked for definite information from Washington on the question of a bond issue and were disappointed that such news was not forthcoming. The market closed firm in tone, but without excitement. The sales footed up only 274,712 shares, against 412,000 yesterday.

The Post says: A noticeable but by no means expected feature in the day's movement of money was the sudden falling off in the western demand for currency. Today's shipments were only a small fraction of yesterday's. The movement should in fact be practically completed by this time, and a few days more ought to bring a return movement. It is worthy of special notice that the strain of the recent demand has come almost wholly from Chicago. It is Chicago banks which for the last day or two have been not only withdrawing their New York balances but borrowing at New York rates. This lends some special interest to the currency movement and suggests the peculiar urgent demand incident to the business proportions for the World's fair. It is not impossible that this factor has been of equal force with the natural conservation of banks elsewhere pending the announcement of the plans of the secretary of the treasury.

The following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York stock exchange today:

Atchison.....	32⅝	Northern Pacific pfd	55¼
Adams Express.....	157	do preferred.....	75¾
Alton, T. H.....	31¼	U. P., Den. & Gulf...	14
do preferred	150	Northwestern.....	111¼
American Express..	117	do preferred.....	140
Baltimore & Ohio...	91⅛	N. Y. Central.....	108
Canada Pacific.....	85	N. Y. & N. E.....	25⅛
Canada Southern...	54	Ontario & Western.	17⅛
Central Pacific.....	27⅛	Oregon Imp.....	19
Ches. & Ohio.....	23⅛	Oregon Nav.....	76
Chicago Alton.....	140	O. S. L. & U. N.....	29
C. B. & Q.....	94¼	Pacific Mail.....	23¼
Chicago Gas.....	72⅞	Peoria, Dec. & E....	16⅝
Consolidated Gas...	124⅛	Pittsburg.....	156
C. C. C. & St. L.....	49	Pullman Palace....	191
Cotton Oil Cert.....	48¼	Reading.....	23¼
Del. Hudson.....	127	Richmond Terminal	9½
D. L. & W.....	144⅝	do preferred.....	87
D. & G. G. pfd.....	52¼	Rio Grande W.....	23
D. & R. G. pfd.....	61	do preferred.....	61
East Tenn.....	4¼	Rock Island.....	82¼
Erie.....	21⅞	St. Paul.....	76⅛
do preferred	48¾	do preferred.....	122
Fort Wayne.....	155	St. Paul & Omaha ..	52⅜
Gl. Northern pf d...	140	do preferred.....	117
C. & R. I. pfd.....	100	Southern Pacific....	31⅛
Hocking Valley.....	28⅛	Sugar Refinery.....	121⅝
Illinois Central.....	98¼	Tenn. Coal & iron..	26½
St. Paul & Duluth..	34	Texas Pacific.....	9
Kan. & Tex pf d ...	24	Tol. & O. Cen. pf d.	75
Lake Erie & West...	22	Union Pacific.....	37¾
do preferred	76¾	U. S. Express.....	65
Lake Shore.....	127	W. St. L. & P pfd....	11½
Lead Trust.....	38¼	do preferred.....	23⅞
Louis. & Nash.....	74⅛	Wells Fargo Exp....	146
Louis. & New Al'y.	22¾	Western Union.....	95
Manhattan Con	162	Wheeling & L. E ..	15⅛
Memphis & Ch's'n	43	do preferred.....	69⅝
Michigan Central..	104	Minn & St. L.....	14
Missouri Pacific ...	54⅛	D. & R. G.....	16
Mobile & Ohio.....	33½	General Electric....	104¾
Nashville Chatt.....	85	National Linseed....	36
National Cordage...	60¼	C. Fuel & Iron	67¾
do preferred.....	109	do preferred	109⅝
N. J. Central.....	117	Hous. & Tex. Cen...	6½
Norfolk & W. pf d.	52¼	Tol. A. A. & N. M..	3⅞
North American Co	9⅛		

The total sales of stocks today were 274,700 shares, including: Atchison, 3,100; Chicago Burlington & Quincy, 3,700; Chicago Gas, 4,300; Cotton Oil, 5,000; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 4,600; Distilling, 8,000; Erie, 6,400; Manhattan, 7,300; National Cordage, 8,100; New England, 34,100; Northern Pacific preferred, 5,700; Reading, 77,100; Richmond Terminal, 3,300; St. Paul, 9,100; Western Union, 11,000.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 8.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy, ranging from 5 to 20 per cent; last loan, 3 per cent; closed offered at 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6 per cent.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds neglected.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84¾@4.85¼ for sixty days and $4.86½@4.87 for demand.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.....	111⅝	N. Pac. 1sts.....	113
U. S. 4s coup.....	112⅜	N. W. Consols.....	134
U. S. 4½s reg.....	109⅝	N. W. Deben. 5s.....	109
U. S. 4½s coup.....	105	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	88
Pacific 6s of '95.....	94⅝	St. L. & S. F. G'n. M	107
Louisiana st'pd 4s.	102	St. Paul Con.....	192
Missouri 6s.....	101⅝	St. P.C. & P. 1sts....	117
Tenn. new set 6s..	101	T. P. L. G. Tr Rcts	76⅝
Tenn. new set 5s...	75¼	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts.	26
Tenn. new set 3s...	99¾	Union Pacific 1sts..	109¼
Canada So. 2nds....	106	West Shore 1sts.....	109⅛
Cen. Pacific 1sts....	118	R. G. W. 1sts.....	76
⅛ & R. G. 1sts.....	87⅛	Atch. 4s.....	82¼
D & R. G. W. 1sts..	99¼	Atch. 2¼s, class A..	54
Erie 2nds.....	81⅝	G. H. & S. A 7s.....	106
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s.	45	G. H. & S. A 2d5s...	97
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s..	112	H. & T. C. 5s.....	104
Mutual Union 6s....	109¼	H. & T. C. Con. 5s...	106¼
N. J. C. Int. Cert's.	116		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Crown Point.....	40	Plymouth.....	10
Con. Cal. & Va.....	235	Sierra Nevada.....	100
Deadwood.....	130	Standard.....	140
Gould & Curry	75	Union Con.....	80
Hale & Norcross....	110	Yellow Jacket.....	45
Homestake.....	1200	Iron Silver.....	45
Mexican.....	155	Quick Silver.....	300
Ontario	1350	do preferred.....	1400
Ophir.....	170	Bulwer.....	15

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 8.—Clearings, $1,698,254.

PARIS, March 8.—Three per cent rentes, 98f 7½c for the account.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Clearings, $142,108,108; balances, $5,788,240.

OMAHA, March 8.—Clearings, $1,150,417; same day last week, $1,159,607.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 8.—Clearings, $2,110,283; balances, $247,732. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 8.—Clearings, $11,060,699; balances, $1,664,311. Money 4 per cent.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 8.—New York exchange selling at $1.50. Clearings, $370,157; balances, $70,033.

CINCINNATI, O., March 8.—Clearings $2,083,300. Money, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, 40@70c discount.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 8.—Clearings, $1,663,331. New York commercial, 75c per $1,000 premium; bank, $1.50 per $1,000 premium.

BOSTON, Mass., March 8.—Clearings, $17,894,445; balances, $1,881,349. Money 7@10 per cent. Exchange on New York, 40c discount to par.

ST. LOUIS Mo., March 8.—Clearings, $4,150,378; balances, $439,942. Money quiet at 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York 25c discount.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 8.—Clearings, $16,201,607. New York exchange, 85c discount. Sterling exchange, weak; $4.85¼ for 60-day bills, $4.86½ for sight drafts. Money stiff at 6 per cent.

NEW YORK, March 8.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Exchange was quoted as follows today: Chicago, 25@30c discount; Boston, 40c discount; St. Louis, 25c discount.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle Trade Demoralized in Every Line—Hogs Drop Twenty-five Cents.

WEDNESDAY, March 8.

Receipts continue fairly liberal, the supply for the first half of the week being 10,296 cattle, 10,158 hogs and 6,287 sheep, as against 9,947 cattle, 6,935 hogs and 3,568 sheep, the best three days of last week.

The cattle market was in rather bad shape. Offerings were more than enough for local requirements and as the bearish tone to eastern advices precluded any possibility of speculative activity, practically the only buying was by buyers for local dressed beef houses. Trading was naturally rather slow, with prices ruling 10c to 15c lower than yesterday, a decline since Monday of 15c to 25c on about all grades. Good to choice 1,250 to 1,500-lb. beeves sold at from $4.60 to $5.20, with fair to good 1,000 to 1,200-lb. steers at from $4.10 to $4.40. Common to inferior grades and odds and ends sold anywhere from $3.50 to $4. It was a dull, mean trade throughout and the close found quite a few cattle still unsold.

The proportion of butchers' and canners' stock was as usual of late somewhat limited, but in sympathy with fat cattle prices as a rule were decidedly off. Good to choice fat cows and heifers were weak to a dime lower than Tuesday at from $3.25 to $4.05, fair to good stuff generally 10c to 15c lower at from $2.50 to $3.10, while common and canning grades were extremely slow sale and pretty close to half a dollar lower than a week or ten days ago at from $1.50 to $2.25. Rough stock was not in very brisk demand and prices shaded lower, poor light to choice heavy bulls, oxen and stags selling at from $1.50 to $4. Good to choice veal calves sold at right around steady prices from $4 to $6.

What little trading there was in the stocker and feeder line was on the basis of a dime decline. Good to choice well bred and fleshy feeders are in very fair demand and perhaps not quotably lower, but the fair to good grades are rather slow sale at the decline above noted while the poor to fair light stuff is hard to sell at any price. Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
11.....	760	$3 50	44.....	1216	$4 15
1.....	760	3 50	20.....	1051	4 15
		ASS			
2.....	850	3 70	19.....	1034	4 15
12.....	1122	3 75	21.....	1032	4 15
3.....	933	3 75	23.....	981	4 20
27.....	851	3 75	43.....	1065	4 20
1.....	1030	3 75	13.....	1041	4 20
18.....	864	3 75	12.....	1125	4 20
11.....	901	3 80	27.....	1035	4 22½
15.....	921	3 90	20.....	1156	4 25
59.....	1097	3 90	20.....	1050	4 25
21.....	1010	3 90	16.....	1128	4 25
12.....	1035	3 90	19.....	1096	4 30
16.....	1093	3 90	22.....	1109	4 30
21.....	951	3 90	16.....	1133	4 30
3.....	933	3 90	20.....	1295	4 35
46.....	860	4 00	16.....	1201	4 40
44.....	1069	4 00	7.....	1250	4 40
9.....	1013	4 00	18.....	1214	4 40
1.....	1170	4 00	19.....	1139	4 45
13.....	1234	4 00	21.....	1250	4 50
18.....	990	4 00	16.....	1253	4 50
1.....	900	4 00	20.....	1290	4 50
18.....	986	4 10	46.....	1251	4 60
15.....	989	4 10	19.....	1344	4 65
23.....	1113	4 10	13.....	1237	4 65
25.....	1092	4 10	5.....	1360	4 80
20.....	982	4 15			

SHIPPING AND EXPORT.

17.....	1035	4 20	40.....	1334	4 65
41.....	1238	4 45	35.....	1476	5 20
17.....	1194	4 50			

MIXED.

21.....	1082	3 65	16.....	1046	3 80
25.....	775	3 75	15.....	981	3 90

COWS.

2.....	880	1 50	18.....	988	2 60
1.....	930	1 60	5.....	978	2 60
1.....	500	1 60	1.....	690	2 60
7.....	733	1 60	22.....	852	2 65
31.....	796	1 75	16.....	951	2 70
1.....	1070	1 75	1.....	1000	2 75
14.....	790	1 75	3.....	833	2 75
4.....	875	1 85	1.....	1080	2 75
11.....	890	1 85	9.....	985	2 75
10.....	848	2 00	4.....	960	2 75
2.....	1065	2 00	14.....	977	2 75
2.....	790	2 00	5.....	420	2 75
1.....	500	2 00	5.....	1210	2 75
1.....	741	2 00	5.....	966	2 80
3.....	960	2 00	20.....	978	2 80
1.....	910	2 00	25.....	968	2 80
2.....	855	2 00	2.....	950	2 80
2.....	935	2 00	27.....	907	2 85
13.....	740	2 00	6.....	907	2 85
1.....	680	2 00	12.....	924	2 85
2.....	770	2 00	14.....	892