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More Wheat for Sale than the Market Could Absorb.

BUT SHORTS WERE EASILY SCARED

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CHICAGO, Ill., March 21.—There was more wheat for sale today than the market, left to itself, could readily absorb. After a period of weakness, however, came a spasmodic bulge, caused by the appearance of Parker and Barrett in the pit as buyers of May. They are known as clique brokers. There was instant alarm among the shorts and a scramble to cover. The price was advanced ⅜c in a very few minutes, but the improvement did not hold, and at the close, compared with last night, the decline amounted to ⅛c in May wheat; ¼c in July; ¼c in May and ⅛c in July corn and ¼c in May oats.

Provisions averaged firm with the exception of lard, which was weak. Pork and lard closed 10c and ribs 7½c lower for May.

Wheat at the opening was about ⅛c lower than yesterday's closing and prices for May delivery declined ⅛c, while July receded ⅛c, then rallied ⅛c for the former and ⅛c for the latter delivery, fluctuated slightly and closed easy. Operators were puzzled by the operations of brokers who early sold May and bought July and afterwards bought May quite freely at the decline. It is still a question whether the parties interested on the bull side of wheat are endeavoring to get rid of their holdings or are increasing their lines.

Outside trade was light; in fact business was light all around. The receipts in the northwest were quite free and cables did not offer any encouragement to holders. The fine springlike weather is a bear factor, and was somewhat counteracted by talk of a prospective cold wave. The increased contract stocks were against the price, while on the other hand there were a good many crop damage reports from Kansas, where the weather is reported dry and the fall sown wheat suffering from moisture.

Corn receipts exceeding the estimate of fifty-four cars, the weather suggested a further free movement from first hands and there was weakness in wheat. One or two operators sold liberally and prices went off from ⅛c to ⅝c followed by a slight local short selling.

In oats the pressure to sell was more urgent and the demand slow. Receipts were larger than expected.

The high price of pork has reduced the amount exported to such an extent that the government microscopist experts here are working only half time. These instructions came from Washington and are said to apply to the same class of employes elsewhere under the bureau of animal industry. The feature in the provision pit today was the bidding up of pork quotations by a prominent packing institution until the offerings became liberal, when a reaction followed.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 140 cars; corn, 115 cars; oats, 100 cars; hogs, 17,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.	YES'Y.
Wheat No 2.					
March.....	73½	73¾	73	73⅛	73⅜
May.....	75⅝	76¼	75	75⅛@⅛	75⅝
July.....	73⅝@¾	73¾	72¾	72⅞	73⅛@¼
Corn No. 2—					
March.....	41⅝	41⅝	40⅞	41	41⅛
May.....	43⅝	43⅝	43⅛	43¼	43½
July.....	44	44@44⅛	43¾	43⅞	44@44⅛
Oats No 2.					
March.....	30¼	30¼	30¼	30⅜	30⅜
May.....	32⅝	32⅝	31⅞@⅝	32⅛@⅝	32⅛@⅝
July.....	32⅛@⅜	32⅛	32⅛@⅜	32⅛@⅜	32⅛@⅜
Mess Pork.					
May.....	18 02½	18 20	17 80	18 00	18 02
July.....	17 87½	18 00	17 60	17 95	.....
Lard.					
May.....	12 15	12 20	12 10	12 15	12 25
July.....	11 45	11 45	11 40	11 30	11 45
Sept.....	11 47½	11 47½	11 35	11 35	11 50
Short Ribs.					
May.....	10 25	10 27½	10 12½	10 17½	10 25
July.....	9 82½	9 90	9 75	9 80	.....

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull and 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, 72½@73c; No. 3 spring, northern, 71½c on track; No. 2 red, 72½@73c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2, 41c; No. 3 cash, 39c; No. 3 yellow, 41c.

OATS—No. 2, 31c; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 3 white, f. o. b. 30@30½c.

RYE—No. 2, 56c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 52c; No. 3, f. o. b. 40@58c; No. 4, f. o. b., 36@45c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.19½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.36.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $17.80@17.82½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $12; short ribs sides (loose), $10.17½@10.20; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $9.62½@9.75; short clear sides (boxed), $10.55@10.60.

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

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, 5¾@5¾c; granulated, 5⅛c; standard "A," 5c.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	15,000	27,000
Wheat, bu.....	123,000	36,000
Corn, bu.....	58,000	88,000
Oats, bu.....	190,000	163,000
Rye, bu.....	10,000	2,000
Barley, bu.....	36,000	33,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 20@28c; dairy, 20@26c. Eggs, lower; strictly fresh, 14½@15c.

Omaha Grain

The Chicago grain market was extremely dull, which had a rather depressing effect upon the market here.

The following prices are based upon delivery at Mississippi river points:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 70c bid; No. 3 spring, 60c bid; No. 2 hard, 91c bid.

RYE—No. 2, 51c bid.

OATS—No. 2 white, 33c bid; No. 3 white, 32½c bid.

CORN—No. 2, cash and April, 37½c bid; No. 3 or better, cash and April, 37c bid.

Among the sales were the following: Two cars white oats delivered, prompt shipment, Omaha terms, 34c; five cars No. 3 or better corn, upper Mississippi river points, March shipment, Cincinnati terms, 37c.

Omaha Produce Market.

The day's trading in fruits and country produce was not productive of any especially new or interesting features. The general market was about steady and the demand was not overly active. Fruits have been selling quite well in the Black Hills and the shipments on Monday's refrigerator were quite large.

APPLES—Choice stock, $4.

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

BEANS—Choice navy, $2.45.

BUTTER—The market is very poorly supplied with good country roll and even the lower grades are not as plenty as they might be. The common packing stock sells at 16@18c; fair to good country roll, 18@20c; choice to fancy roll in small lots, 20@22c.

CALIFORNIA CARRAGE—Per lb., 3c.

CELERY—Per doz., 40c.

CRANBERRIES—Per box, $3.25.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $2.

EGGS—The market was steady at 14c. There were a few culls and seconds selling as low as 13c.

GAME—The receipts of ducks continue large and prices are low. Mixed ducks, $1.00@1.25; teal, $1.00@1.50; redheads, $2.00@2.50; small geese, $3.50@4.00; Canada geese, $5.00@6.00.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $3.50.

HAY—$6.00@6.50.

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@19c; fair to good, 16@18c.

LEMONS—Choice, $3.50; fancy, $4.

NEW VEGETABLES—Lettuce, 40c; radishes and parsley, 45c per doz.; green onions, 35c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per bbl., $4; Spanish, per crate, $2.

ORANGES—Florida fancy, per box, $3.50; russetts, $3.25; Mexican oranges, single boxes, $3.25; 5 to 10-box lots, $3; California mountain oranges, $2.50; Washington navels, $4; Newcastle California seedlings, $2.75; Med. sweets, $2.75; Riverside seedlings, $2.75.

OYSTERS—Per can, 100@80c.

POTATOES—Colorado, $1.20@1.25; choice native stock, 80c@$1.

POULTRY—The demand is good and as the receipts are light all arrivals meet with a ready sale at firm prices. Choice dressed chickens, 11@12c; live hens, 9@10c; dressed turkeys, 14c; geese and ducks dressed, 11@12c.

STRAWBERRIES—Per quart, 25@30c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $5.

TANGERINES—In half boxes, $2.75@3.00.

VEAL—Choice and small fat veals, 7@8c; large and thin, 3@6c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 47,388 pkgs.; exports, 8,200 bbls., 19,346 pkgs.; sales, 12,900 pkgs.; market barely steady; winter wheat, low grades, $2.10@2.55; winter wheat, fair to fancy, $2.55@3.65; winter wheat, patents, $3.85@4.25; Minnesota clear, $2.50@3.50; Minnesota straights, $3.65@4.00; Minnesota patents, $4.25@4.90.

CORN MEAL—Quiet, steady; yellow, $2.65@2.75.

BARLEY—Quiet, firm; western, 60@80c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet, steady; western, 65@80c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 20,925 bu.; exports, 178,000 bu.; sales, 1,575,000 bu. futures, 208,000 bu. spot. Spot market fairly active for exports; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 74½c; afloat 75¼c; f. o. b., 76¼c; No. 1 northern, 81½@81¾c; No. 1 hard, 85½c; No. 2 northern, 80½@80¾c. Options were moderately active and irregular and fluctuations were frequent. The opening was steady, declining ¼c on an increase on passage and lower cables, advanced ½@⅝c on foreign buying, better clearances and local covering, reacting ½@¾c on increased receipts, later cables, weaker and realizing, and closed dull at ¼c advance and ⅛c decline; May, 76⅛@76 7-16c, closing at 76⅜c; June, 77@77⅛c, closing at 77c; July, 77 1-16@78c, closing at 77⅞c; August, 78⅛@78⅝c, closing at 78¼c; September, 78⅞@79c, closing at 78⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 127,000 bu; exports, 42,000 bu.; sales, 530,000 bu. futures, 55,000 bu. spot. Spot firm; quiet; No. 2 red, 52½c in elevator, 53⅛c afloat; ungraded mixed, 53½@54½c; steamer mixed, 52c; No. 3, 51c. Options were moderately active, ⅛c lower on easier cables, increased receipts, freer offerings and with the weakness west and in wheat, closing steady; May and July active; March, 52⅝@52½c; closing at 52½c; May, 50⅛c, closing at 50⅛c; June, 50⅛@50⅜c, closing at 50⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 54,000 bu.; exports, 11,000 bu.; sales, 110,000 bu. futures, 71,000 bu. spot. Spots dull, easier. Options dull, lower; May, 37⅛@37⅜c, closing at 37⅜c; No. 2 white, 44@45c; No. 2 choice, 40@40½c; No. 3, 38½c; No. 3 white, 43c; mixed western, 39@41c; white western, 42@48c.

HAY—Steady, fairly active; shipping, 70@75c; good to choice, 80@95c.

HOPS—Quiet, steady; state, common to choice, 18@21½c; Pacific coast, 18@21½c.

WOOL—Inactive, firm; pulled 26@27c; Texas 17@21c.

PROVISIONS—Cut meats, dull, weak; mixed inactive, steady. Lard quiet, steady; western steam closed at $12.30; sales, none. Option sales, 500; March, $12.00; April, $12.30; May, $12.30; July, $11.50 asked; September, $11.35, closing $11.47 asked. Pork quiet, firm; old mess, $19.00@19.25; new mess, $19.50@19.75.

BUTTER—Moderate demand; fancy firmer; western dairy, 18@23c; western creamery, 22@29c; Elgins, 28½@29c.

CHEESE—Steady; fair demand.

EGGS—Good demand, firmer. Receipts 15,043 pkgs, western, fresh 17½c.

TALLOW—Dull; nominal; city @2 for pkgs; 5½c bid to 6c asked.

COTTON SEED OIL—Quiet, easy; crude, 45c asked; yellow, 55c.

PETROLEUM—The market was dull at 65c, which was the lowest and closing price. Pennsylvania oil, sales none; April option, sales, 15,000 bbls. at 65c; Lima oil, sales none, 29½c bid; total sales, 15,000 bbls.

ROSIN—Quiet, steady; strained, common to good, $1.37½@1.42½.

TURPENTINE—Quiet, easy at 35¼@35½c.

RICE—Firm; fair demand at 4@6c.

MOLASSES—Fairly active and firm; New Orleans, prime to choice, steady; and good to choice, fair demand, 30@38c.

SUGAR—Raw, firmer; moderate demand; fair refining, 2 15-16c bid; centrifugals, 96 test, 3 7-16c; sales, 15,000 bags centrifugals, 96 test at 3 7-16c; refined, fairly active, firmer; off A, 4⅛@4 9-16c; mould A, 4⅝@5 1-16c; standard A, 4⅝@4 13-16c; confectioners A, 4 3-16c; cut loaf, 4 1-16@4⅝c; crushed, 5 3-16@5⅜c; powdered, 4⅛@5 1-16c; granulated, 4⅝@4 15-16c; cubes, 4⅝@5 1-16c.

PIG IRON—Steady, moderate demand; American, $12.75@15.50.

COPPER—Weak; lake, $11.70.

LEAD—Steady; domestic, $4.00.

TIN—Firm, closing quiet; straights, $21.00@$21.15.

Business Changes.

The following are reported at Dun's Mercantile agency.

Broken Bow, Neb., H. G. Rogers, general store, succeeded by H. G. Rogers & Co.

Burlington, Neb., Hawk, Lane & Co., hardware, etc., files articles of copartnership.

Falls City, Neb., Burchard & Co., implements, reported burglarized, $2,500.

Gordon, Neb., Stannard & Coates, blacksmiths and implement dealers, gave bill of sale on stock for $300.

Gottenburg, Neb., A. Holzmark, general store, succeeded by Holzmark & Carlson.

Hastings, Neb., James K. Ellis, saloon, restaurant and wholesale beer dealer, gave chattel mortgage on stock for $5,000 to G. R. Tyler.

Hastings, Neb., Simon Kelley, hotel, etc., will discontinue.

Kearney, Neb., E. G. Sweeley (Mrs. S. M.), clothing, etc., reported will discontinue.

Leigh, Neb., S. H. Myers, drugs, succeeded by H. W. Lewis.

Murray, Neb., Edmunds & Davis, general store, succeeded by T. V. Davis.

Pawnee City, Neb., J. T. Tenery, drugs, reported sold out.

Seward, Neb., Boyes, Dean & Co., millers, burned out; loss, $15,000; insurance, $5,000.

Tamora, Neb., Campbell & Field, drugs, groceries, etc., will dissolve.

Wilber, Neb., Vaclav Shafranke, meat market, succeeded by R. Hayek & Co.

Council Bluffs, Ia., C. E. Myers, succeeded by Myers-Durfee Furniture company.

Griswold, Ia., R. J. Hunter & Co., hardware and implements, gave bill of sale for $3,500.

Kingsley, Ia., Banks & Co., drugs, succeeded by W. C. Titus & Co.

Moorehead, Ia., M. H. Davis, hardware, sold out.

Muscatine, Ia., L. M. Townsend, photograph gallery, sold out.

Oakland, Ia., Veith & Martindale, hardware, etc., succeeded by Veith & Williams.

Swaleuale, Ia., G. H. Thomas, drugs, gave chattel mortgage for $1,500.

Tipton Junction, Ia., J. H. Ossman, poultry, deceased.

Westphalia, Ia., J. Kohles, general store, reported sold out.

Beaumont, Kan., J. D. Winfield, hardware and implements, succeeded by B. F. McMahan.

Peabody, Kan., J. Joerge, groceries, gave chattel mortgage for $3,000.

Lake Preston, S. D., L. J. Enebo, general store, sold groceries.

Westport, S. D., Gernen & Anderson, general store, succeeded by R. E. Gernon.

Watertown, S. D., J. W. Neville, boots and shoes, assigned.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 21.—FLOUR—Quiet unchanged.

WHEAT—Was sold down from the start, having but one or two slight rallies, closing ⅝@⅞c below yesterday: No. 2 red, cash, 68⅞c; April, 64⅛c, nominal; May, 65⅛@65¼c, closing at 60c asked; July, 67½c.

CORN—Was weak with wheat, rallying but little at the close, which was ⅛c off; No. 2 mixed, cash, 36⅞c; April, 37½c; May, 38⅞c.

OATS—No trading; May, 32½c.

PROVISIONS—Quiet and easier, only moderate demand. Pork, standard mess, lobbing, $18.25; cash, $18.25. Lard, nominal at $11.87½. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $9.25; longs and ribs, $10.25; shorts, $10.50; boxed, 15c more. Bacon, packed shoulders, $10.50; longs and ribs, $11.12½@11.25. Hams, sugar cured, 13½@14½c.

BUTTER—Fancy stock higher; choice creamery, 25@26c; choice dairy, 22@23c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 27,000 bu.; corn, 159,000 bu.; oats, 40,000 bu.; rye, 1,000 bu.; barley, 16,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat 12,000 bu.; corn, 143,000 bu.; oats, 31,000 bu.; rye, 7,000 bu.; barley, 2,000 bu.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 21.—With light mails and inclement weather there was but very moderate business in dry goods at first hands. The market, however, was quiet as regards current wants and nothing was doing for the fall season outside of woolen fabrics, attention to which was of importance for this early period. There was some improvement in the demand for prints and declines of many goods on orders continue to be urged as before. Jobbers have not taken hold of cotton flannel yet and agents regard it early for such orders. It is the same with dress goods. Decided interest, however, in these directions are anticipated for the near future. The jobbing trade was good and department articles were active. The outlook, in spite of quiet at first hands, has improved and weakness of tone is nowhere indicated.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Mass., March 21.—The demand for wool has been good for small lots and prices are steady and unchanged. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces scarce and firm at 29c for XX; 30@31c for XX and above; Michigan X at 27½@28c per lb.; No. 1 combing at 35@37c; Ohio fine delaine at 35c; Michigan fine delaine at 30c, and unwashed combing at 25@28c for one-quarter and three-eighths blood; territory wool active on a basis of 55@60c for fine, 52@55c for fine medium, and 48@50c for medium; Texas, California and Oregon wools in small stock; pulled wool sells mostly at 33@36c per lb.; Australian wools are firm, and for carpet wools steady.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 21.—WHEAT—Slow, light demand; unchanged; No. 2 hard, 62½@62½c.

CORN—Weak, ⅛@¼c lower; No. 2 mixed, 35¼@34c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 28½@29c.

EGGS—Fairly active, steady at 13c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 42,000 bu.; corn, 9,000 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 56,000 bu.; corn, 44,000 bu.; oats, 22,000 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 21.—WHEAT—Dull; holders offer freely. No. 2 red, winter, 5s 6d@5s 7d per cental. Receipts, wheat, past three days, 273,000 centals, including 186,000 American.

CORN—Quiet, demand fair; mixed western, 4s 2¼d per cental for new. Receipts, American corn, past three days, 118,000 centals.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 21.—WHEAT—easy; May, 68c; No. 2 spring, 65c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 3, 40½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 3, 34@34½c.

BARLEY—64c.

RYE—55½c.

PROVISIONS—Firmer; pork, May, $18.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 21.—There was good business in futures today. Good demand for cash wheat. No. 1 northern, 65½c; No. 2 northern went at 62@63c. Receipts, 168 cars. Close: March, 63c; May, 64½c; July, 67¼. On track: No. 1 hard, 66½c; No. 1 northern, 65c; No. 2 northern, 61@62c.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 21.—Steady; good middling, 9¼c; middling, 9⅛c; low middling, 8 7-16c; good ordinary, 8⅛c; net receipts, 4,571 bales; gross receipts, 5,415 bales; sales, 3,000 bales; stock, 293,413 bales.

Futures, quiet and steady: sales, 20,100 bales; March, $8.57 bid; April, $8.58@8.60; May, $8.68@8.69; June, $8.76@8.77; July, $8.83@8.85; August, $8.84@8.85; September, $8.63@8.65; October and November, $8.57@8.59; December, $8.59@8.61.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Options opened steady, unchanged, 15 points advance; closed barely steady, unchanged to 10 points down; sales, 13,250 bags, including: March, $17.10@17.25; April, $16.80@16.90; May, $16.60@16.75; June, $16.40; July, $16.35@16.45; September, $16.35@16.50. Spot Rio, dull, steady; No. 7, $17.25.

Philadelphia Grain Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 21.—WHEAT—Dull, but steady; No. 2 red, March, 73@73¼c.

CORN—Options, weak, lower; No. 2 mixed, March, 49@49¼c.

OATS—Car lots dull and lower; futures inactive.

Baltimore Grain Market.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 21.—WHEAT—Steady; March, 72⅛@72⅜c.

CORN—Dull; mixed spot and March, 47⅝@48c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white western, 41@42c.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., March 21.—WHEAT—Weak, lower; No. 2 red, 68@69c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 43@43½c.

OATS—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 35@35¼c.

WHISKY—In light demand; $1.17.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., March 21.—WHEAT—Dull and steady; No. 2 cash, 69½c.

CORN—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 42½c.

OATS—Quiet; cash, 34c bid.

Philadelphia Wool Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 21.—Quiet; prices steady and unchanged; Montana, 16@22c; territorial, 13@21c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Fluctuations in Most of the Securities Were Exceedingly Trifling.

NEW YORK, March 21.—This has been one of the dullest stock markets witnessed for some time and the fluctuations in a majority of instances were trifling. The dealings constituted nothing but a traders' market and there are no signs of a return of the general public to Wall street. The professionals are about evenly divided in their opinions as to the future course of prices, and hence when the market moves up or down more than a point or so the manipulators are almost sure to encounter opposition. The widest changes today were in the industrials and Manhattan, nearly all of which were higher. Manhattan sold up from 162 to 164¼ and closed at the top price.

American Tobacco jumped 4½ per cent to 100¼ and Rubber 2¼ per cent to 48¼. The latter was favorably impressed by rumors that the United States Rubber company had absorbed a powerful competitor. Negotiations looking to that end are in progress, but according to the officials of the company, nothing definite has yet been accomplished. American Sugar declined ¾ per cent to 101¾, rose to 103¼ and closed at 103¼.

The announcement of an advance in the price of refined sugar by the trust had comparatively little effect on the stock. National Lead opened ½ per cent lower and later advanced 1@1¼ per cent on an official denial that dissensions existed in the management. General Electric sold up to 103¼, but closed at 101½, a net loss for the day of 1¼ per cent. In the railroad list prices tended downward at the opening, but soon rallied.

During the afternoon the market received another setback, only to be succeeded by another rather sharp recovery. Canadians and New Englands were noticeably strong, the former selling up 1½ per cent to 23⅞. The demand followed the announcement that application had been made for an issue of $5,500,000 receivers certificates. The other fluctuations were only from ⅛ to ⅞ per cent either way outside of two or three instances. Canada Southern fell off 1 per cent to 52¼ and rallied to 53. Baltimore & Ohio dropped 2⅝ per cent on reports that an old pool in the stock had been dissolved and that some of the stockholders, displeased with the terms of the proposed consolidation with the Ohio & Mississippi and Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, were selling their stock. Much mood Terminals were a little stronger on statements that the plan of reorganization is completed and will be made public shortly. Northern Pacific preferred was feverish, owing to conflicting stories afloat concerning the collateral trust note scheme. The strength of sterling exchange was partly offset by the massive feeling in money and the fact that indications point to a better supply of bills against grain shipments, which are on the increase. The market left off firm in tone but dull.

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

Atchison.....	32¼	*Pittsburg Locos.....	[illegible]
Adams Express.....	160	do preferred.....	40⅞
Alton, T. H.....	35	U. P., Den. & Gulf.....	12¼
*do preferred.....	150	Northwestern.....	110⅛
American Express.....	120	do preferred.....	141
Baltimore & Ohio.....	86	N. Y. Central.....	104¾
Canada Pacific.....	84⅝	N. Y. & N. E.....	27¼
Canada Southern.....	53	Ontario & Western.....	17
Central Pacific.....	27⅝	Oregon Imp.....	22
Ches. & Ohio.....	23¼	Oregon Nav.....	17
Chicago Alton.....	143	O. S. L. & U. N.....	39
C. B. & Q.....	93¼	Pac. Mail.....	28
Chicago Gas.....	67⅞	Peoria, Dec. & Evans.....	16
Consolidated Gas.....	124⅛	*Pittsburg.....	156
C., C., C. & St. L.....	48	*Pullman Palace.....	198
Cotton Oil Cert.....	48	Reading.....	29⅝
Del., Lack. & West.....	124½	Richmond Terminal.....	10
D., L. & W.....	139⅛	do preferred.....	40
D. & R. G. pf'd.....	38⅞	Rock Island.....	82¼
E. T., Va. & Ga.....	7⅞	St. Paul.....	76¼
E. T. V. & G. 1st pf'd.....	73	do preferred.....	128⅛
E. T. V. & G. 2d pf'd.....	50	St. Paul & Omaha.....	52¼
Flooding Valley.....	27¼	do preferred.....	119
Illinois Central.....	96⅝	Southern Pacific.....	32
St. Paul & Duluth.....	45	Sugar Refinery.....	103⅝
Kan. & Tex. pf'd.....	22¼	Tenn. Coal & Iron.....	27
Lake Erie & West.....	18⅞	Texas Pacific.....	9⅛
do preferred.....	75⅞	Tol. & O. Cen. pf'd.....	8
Lake Shore.....	126⅞	Union Pacific.....	46¼
Lead Trust.....	35¼	U. S. Express.....	68
Louis. & Nash.....	75	W. St. L. & P.....	10¼
*Louis. & New Albany	8	do preferred.....	21⅝
Manhattan Con.....	163	Wells Fargo Exp.....	140
*Memphis & Ch'n.....	40	Western Union.....	93¼
Michigan Central.....	93¼	Wheeling & L. E.....	17¼
Missouri Pacific.....	38¼	do preferred.....	68
Mobile & Ohio.....	33⅛	Minn. & St. L.....	1¾
Nashville Chatt.....	90	D. & R. G.....	15¼
National Cordage.....	59¾	General Electric.....	101⅞
do preferred.....	103¼	National Linseed.....	35⅛
N. J. Central.....	118⅞	C. Fuel & Iron.....	64
Norfolk & W. pf'd.....	51⅛	do preferred.....	104
North American Co.....	9⅞	Homestake.....	34

*bid. †asked. ‡ex-div.

The total sales of stocks today were 185,700 shares, including: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 3,800; Chicago Gas, 3,700; Distilling, 6,300; Erie, 5,700; General Electric, 6,000; Manhattan, 4,000; Missouri Pacific, 59,000; National Lead, 4,400; New England, 5,500; Northern Pacific preferred, 3,700; Reading, 46,000; Richmond Terminal, 5,400; Sugar, 22,100.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 21.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 3@5 per cent; last loan, 3 per cent; closed offered at 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85@4.85⅛ for sixty-day bills and $4.87½@4.87¾ for demand.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds neglected.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.....	113⅞	*C., C., C. & I. C. G. 5s.....	110
U. S. 4s coup.....	113⅞	*C. L. & I. F. G. 6s.....	118⅞
U. S. 4½s reg.....	109⅞	St. Paul Consol. 5s.....	128⅞
U. S. 4½s coup.....	109⅞	St. P. C. & P. 1st s.....	117
Pacifics of '95.....	105	C. P. L. G. Tr Rcts.....	77¼
Louisiana new s.....	97	C. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts.....	24⅞
*Missouri 6s.....	101	Union Pacific 1sts.....	117⅞
Tenn new set 3s.....	76¼	West Shore.....	109⅞
Tenn. new set 5s.....	105	R. G. W. 1sts.....	74⅞
*Canada So. 2ds.....	101⅞	Atch. 4s.....	82⅞
Cen. Pacific 1sts.....	107	Atch. 2⅝s, class A.....	55⅞
D. & R. G. 1sts.....	126⅞	O., R. & N. Co. 5s.....	101⅞
D. & R. G. 4s.....	87¼	*do 2d 5s.....	102
Erie 2nds.....	98⅞	H. & T. C. 5s.....	105¼
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s.....	84⅞	H. & T. C. Con. 6s.....	105⅞
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s.....	71¼	N. Carolina 6s.....	124
Mutual Union 8s.....	105⅞	N. Carolina 4s.....	98
N. J. C. Int. Cert.....	111	S. C. Brown con.....	97
N. Pac. 1sts.....	116⅞	Tenn. old 6s.....	62
N. Pac. 2ds.....	113⅞	Virginia 6s.....	50
N. W. Consols.....	137	*do 3s, old coup.....	37
N. W. Deben. 5s.....	101⅞	Va. Consols.....	37

†bid. *asked.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Mass., March 21.—Call loans, 5½@6 per cent; time loans, 6@6½ per cent. The following are the closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	32⅛	Westingh. Elec.....	34
American Sugar.....	103	Westing. Elec. pf'd.....	47
Am. Sugar pf'd.....	98	Wis. Cent'l.....	13⅛
Bay State Gas.....	14⅛	Atchison 2ds.....	53
Bell Telephone.....	187	Atchison 4s.....	81¼
Boston & Albany.....	138	New England 6s.....	111
Boston & Maine.....	156	General Elec. 5s.....	86
Boston & Maine p'd.....	145	Wis. Central 5s.....	81¼
C. B. & Q.....	93	Illinois M. C.....	65
Fitchburg pf'd.....	90	Atlantic.....	9⅛
Geo. Nelson.....	140	Boston & Mont.....	31⅛
Hi-Mex.....	40	Butte & Boston.....	19⅞
Mex Central.....	7¼	Calumet & Hecla.....	317
N. Y. & N. Eng.....	27¼	Centennial.....	8
Old Colony.....	154	Franklin.....	13⅛
Ore. Short Line.....	34¼	Keweenaw.....	2⅝
Rubber.....	48	Mass.....	1
San Diego.....	15	Quincy.....	137¼
Union Pacific.....	46	Santa Fe copper.....	5
West End.....	77⅞	Tamarack.....	161
West End p'd.....	88¼		

London Financial Review.

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LONDON, March 21.—(New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.)—This has not been a satisfactory day on the Stock exchange from a business point of view, a majority of the members having been perfectly idle. While some markets presented rather an unsettled appearance, that for Trunk railways was much more disappointing for holders of these securities. Consols have given way ⅛ per cent, Indian rupee paper is ¼ per cent lower, the price of silver having again fallen. Foreign government securities close irregular. Greek bonds improved ¼ to 1⅛ per cent, Spanish ⅛ per cent and Turkish issues ⅛ to ¼ per cent. On the other hand Argentine issues have fallen ¼ per cent. With few exceptions home railways close tolerably strong on prospect of favorable traffic statements tomorrow, but dealings were greatly restricted. Metropolitan District has risen ¾ per cent, Great Eastern ⅛ per cent and several others ¼ to ½ per cent. Americans were flat all day, but in the last hour have shown a slightly better tendency, few buying orders coming from New York, but after allowing for the slight recovery in prices a general decline was established, including 1⅛ per cent in Erie second mortgage, 1⅛ per cent in Philadelphia & Reading first income bonds, 1¼ per cent in Wabash debentures, and from ⅛ to ⅞ per cent in all others. Canadians have shown considerable depression; in sympathy with Grand Trunk issues, Canadian Pacific closed at a decline of from ⅛ to ⅞ per cent. Argentine bonds were well maintained. Mexicans were weak. First preference have fallen 1 per cent and other issues ¼ per cent. There was a strong demand for money and in some instances 2⅝ per cent has been paid for short loans, but at the close they were obtained at 1¾ to 2 per cent. The discount market was quiet, two and three months bills being quoted at 1⅞ per cent.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 21.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	15	Hale & Norcross.....	95
Belle Isle.....	5	Mexican.....	130
Belcher.....	85	Navajo.....	5
Best & Belcher.....	130	Ophir.....	160
Bodie Consolidated.....	25	Potosi.....	155
Bulwer.....	20	Savage.....	55
Commonwealth.....	5	Sierra Nevada.....	85
Choltar.....	65	Union Con.....	90
Con. Cala & Va.....	230	Utah.....	10
Crown Point.....	25	Yellow Jacket.....	30
Gould & Curry.....	60		

St. Louis Mining Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 21.—The closing quotations were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Adams.....	$ .83	$1.00	Granite M..	$5.70	$5.80
Am. Nettie.....	.03¼	.07½	Hope.....	3.25	4.00
Bimetallic.....	.70	1.75	Silver Hill	85	95
Elizabeth.....	.50	.52½			

Financial Notes.

OMAHA, March 21.—Clearings, $955,525.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 21.—Clearings, $1,205,315.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 21.—Clearings, $1,704,602.

PARIS, March 21.—Three per cent rentes, 96f 75c for the account.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Clearings, $135,302,336; balances, $5,254,037.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 21.—Clearings, $2,483,095; balances, $425,429.

CINCINNATI, O., March 21.—Money, 6@7 per cent. New York exch