COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

May Wheat Deliveries Were Nearly as Large as Expected.

HOW THAT CEREAL WAS STRENGTHENED

In Corn the Sentiment Was Firmer and Higher Prices Ruled, a Fair Proportion of the Advance Being Maintained.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 2.—The center of interest on 'change today was May deliveries. In wheat particularly it was nearly as large as expected, consequently there was not the pressure to sell May that the trade here anticipated. Only about 2,000,000 bu. of wheat went around.

All seem to have been provided for and there was no pressure to dispose of it. The most of the May delivered finally rested with Eggleston, who represented the Cudahy clique. Armour is said to have sent out nearly 1,000,000 bu., which went to Eggleston. The fact that there was no pressure to sell May and the constant talk of the drouth in Europe, the absence of any rain of importance in Kansas, and continued backwardness in the northwest were all strong factors.

The clique, besides getting nearly all the cars delivered, bought pretty freely of July and September. The market turned weaker during the last hour, influenced by the increase of 158,000 bu. in the visible supply, where a large decrease had been expected. A reaction ensued, however, just at the close and the market closed firm. The opening was about the same as Saturday's closing, and with slight fluctuations prices were advanced from ⅛c to 1⅛c, then reacted and most of the advance was lost, but ruled steadier at the decline, and the close then was about ⅜c higher for July and ⅛c higher for September.

In corn the sentiment was firmer and higher prices ruled, a fair proportion of the advance being maintained. A good deal of changing was going on, selling the May and buying the July at 2c to 2⅛c difference. Deliveries were estimated at about 400,000 bu. to 510,000 bu., a good deal of which was taken in by shippers, and this, together with an apparent better demand for the cash article from the east had a tendency to stiffen up values all around.

Stocks are said to be low in New York and offerings at western points quite moderate. Foreign advices favored the bull side, and the fact that certain prominent concerns, who, until recently, entertained bearish views, have changed their tactics, appeared to lend a good deal of strength to the situation. The market opened a shade higher than the final figures of Saturday, was easier for a while, then bulged from ⅜c to ½c, reacted and closed with from ⅜c to ¾c gain.

There was a good business in oats in the way of changing from May to June and July by elevator people. A firmer feeling prevailed in sympathy with wheat and corn, and prices advanced from ⅛c to ⅜c above Saturday's close, and after a slight recession, closed strong at about the top figures.

The provision market opened with a whoop at a big advance in prices since Saturday. The receipts of hogs were only 12,000, and the market for them reported at a little higher prices. That of itself would not account for the revival of the bullish tone, which on Saturday last seemed to be on the wane. The continued cold rains, which killed many of the young pigs a year ago, are apparently having their counterpart this season with a similar result. That, together with the small stocks, make the speculative position still exceedingly strong one and would easily account for the readiness of short sellers to take alarm upon any display of aggressive tactics by the bulls.

The highest prices for the day were realized near the opening, but closing quotations show a good portion of the early advance still sticking to the market. The gains since Saturday are from 22½c to 32½c in pork; from 12½c to 20c in lard; 12½c in July and September ribs. May ribs are 2½c lower.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 400 cars; corn, 290 cars; oats, 410 cars; hogs, 23,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.	SAT'Y.
Wheat No 2.					
May.....	71	72	71	71⅝	71⅛
July.....	74¼	75¼	74⅛@¼	74⅝@¾	74⅛@⅜
Sept.....	76	77⅛	76	76⅝	76
Corn No. 2—					
May.....	41⅛	42	41⅛	41⅛@42	41⅛
June.....	42⅜	43⅛	42⅜	43⅛	41⅞@⅝
July.....	43⅝	44	43⅝	43⅞	43⅞
Sept.....	44⅝	44⅞	44⅝	43⅞	.....
Oats No. 2—					
May.....	29⅛	29⅛	28⅞	29⅛	28⅞
June.....	29⅛	29⅜	29⅛	29⅜	29⅛
July.....	29⅛	29⅜	29	29⅜	29
Sept.....	27¼	27⅝	27⅛@¼	27⅝	27⅛
Mess Pork.					
May.....	18 67½	18 95	18 62½	18 87½	18 60
July.....	19 25	19 50	19 20	19 35	19 17½
Sept.....	19 37½	19 75	19 37½	19 62½	19 37½
Lard—					
May.....	9 95	10 15	9 95	10 15	10 02½
July.....	10 45	10 50	10 40	10 47½	10 30
Sept.....	10 50	10 75	10 47½	10 67½	10 47½
Short Ribs.					
May.....	9 72½	9 77½	9 55	9 62½	9 65
July.....	9 92½	9 97½	9 82½	9 90	9 77½
Sept.....	10 00	10 10	9 95	10 00	9 87½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull, unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 71½c; No. 3 spring, 67@68c; No. 2 red, 71½c.

CORN—No. 2, 41⅝@42c; No. 3 cash, 41½c; No. 2 yellow, 42½c; No. 3 yellow, 40½c.

OATS—No. 2, 29½c; No. 2 white, 33½@35½c; No. 3 white, 31⅝@34c.

RYE—No. 2, 51c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 62c; No. 3, f. o. b., 44@47c; No. 4, f. o. b., 35@45c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.12.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.90.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $18.85@18.00; lard, per 100 lbs., $10.12½@10.17½; short rib sides (loose), $9.60@9.65; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $9.75@10.00; short clear sides (boxed), $10.25@10.50.

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

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, 6c; granulated, 5.45c; standard "A," 5.32c.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	12,000	19,000
Wheat, bu.....	99,000	402,000
Corn, bu.....	118,000	473,000
Oats, bu.....	199,000	573,000
Rye, bu.....	1,000	7,000
Barley, bu.....	18,000	11,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was lower; creamery, 20@26½c; dairy, 21@25c. Eggs, steady; strictly fresh, 14½@14½c.

Quite a Flurry in Chicago Corn.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The corn market was firm at the opening and strong toward the middle of the session. The light receipts, advance at New York, news of injury to barley, oats and pasturage in Europe and good demand for cash corn, gave the speculative market its bullishness. The small quantity—only about 250,000 bu.—tendered on May contracts, was also a factor in creating the strength which prevailed. Receipts were 127 cars, of which 61 were contract. Tomorrow's receipts are estimated at 290 cars. The visible supply now amounts to 11,539 bu. and shows a decrease of 790,000 bu. for the week. May corn opened at 41⅜c or ⅛c higher than it closed on Saturday last, advancing during the forenoon to 42c. July from 43⅜c at the opening was selling at 44c about noon. Much of the day's business was, as for some days past, in the way of changing deals from one month to another. The market was firm to the close, winding up with sellers of May at 42c and of July at 44c and buyers at 1⅛c less.

Omaha Grain.

The following prices are for delivery at Mississippi river points:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 67c bid; No. 3 spring, 58c bid; No. 2 hard, 61c bid; No. 3 hard, 58c bid.

RYE—No. 2, 53c bid.

OATS—No. 2 white, 31c bid; No. 3 white, 30½c bid.

CORN—No. 2 cash or May, 37½c bid; No. 2 white, 39c bid; No. 3 or better, cash or May, 37c bid; No. 3 white, 38c bid.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, May 2.—FLOUR—Receipts, 45,163 pkgs.; exports, 7,130 bbls.; 27,809 sacks; sales, 5,000 pkgs.; market steady, dull.

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

RYE—Nominal; western, 58@72c.

BARLEY—Out of season.

BARLEY MALT—Dull, steady; western, 65@90c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 145,000 bu.; exports, 263,000 bu.; sales, 3,075,000 bu. futures, 25,000 bu. spot. Spot market moderately active, steady; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 76½@76¾c; afloat, 76½c; f. o. b., 76⅝@77⅝c; No. 1 northern, 81c. Options were moderately active, and firmer, with the close showing an advance of ¼@⅝c on foreign buying, firmer west and local covering: No. 2 red, May, 74-¾@74 9-16c closing 75⅝c; June, 76⅛@77⅛c, closing, 76¾c; July, 78⅛@78 15-16c; closing, 78½c; August, 79½@80c, closing, 79¾c; September, 80⅛@81⅛c, closing 81c; December 83⅝@84⅛c, closing, 84⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 264,250 bu.; exports, 120,796 bu.; sales, 440,000 bu. futures, 110,000 bu. spot. Spots fairly active for exports, stronger; No. 2, 50½c in elevator, 51½@51¾c afloat; ungraded mixed, 50@51½c; steamer, mixed, 50c; No. 3, 49½c. Options were moderately active, ⅛@¼c higher and firm, advance due to better west, light receipts, fair export demand and decreased visible, May and July only traded in: May, 49½@50c, closing, 49⅞c; July, 50½@51½c, closing, 50⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 284,150 bu.; exports, 40,147 bu.; sales, 170,000 bu. futures, 193,000 bu. spot. Spots fairly active, irregular. Options dull, firmer; May, 35½c, closing at 35½c; June, 35¼@36⅛c, closing at 35⅝c; July, 34⅝@35¼c, closing at 35c; No. 2 white, 42@43c; No. 2 Chicago, 39c; No. 3, 37½c; No. 3 white, 41@42c; mixed western, 38@39½c; white western, 40@48c.

BRAN—72½@77½c; middlings, 85@90c.

RYE—Feed, 75@80c.

HAY—Fair demand, steady; shipping, 70@75c; good to choice, 85@95c.

HOPS—Quiet but firm.

HIDES—Dull and easy.

WOOL—Firm; domestic fleece, 27@32c; pulled, 26@37c; Texas, 17@21.

COAL—Moderately active and steady.

PROVISIONS—Cut meats, active and firm; pickled bellies, 12 lbs., 12c; pickled shoulders, 9½c; pickled hams, 13½@14c. Lard, stronger but quiet; western steam closed at $10.45; sales, 450 tierces at $10.32½@10.40. Options, sales, none; May closed, $10.40; July closed, $10.75; September closed, $10.95; refined, quiet but firmer; continental, $10.75; Pork, quiet; old mess, $19.75; new mess, $20.25.

BUTTER—Quiet and weak; western dairy, 20@25c; western creamery, 25@30c; western factory, 20@26c; Elgins, 30c.

CHEESE—Fair demand; steady; part skims, 6@9½c; part skims, new, 2½@7½c.

EGGS—Large receipts; lower; receipts, 17,296 pkgs.; western, fresh, 15½@15¾c; duck, 17@21c; goose, 25@28.

TALLOW—Firm but quiet; city ($2 per pkg.), 5c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Higher, with fair demand; crude, 42@44c; yellow, 47c.

PETROLEUM—Quiet, lower; crude in bbls. Washington, 5½c bid; crude in bulk, $2.60; United closed at 62½c; refined, New York, $5.80; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $5.45; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, $2.95@3.00.

ROSIN—Fairly active, steady; strained, common to good, $1.27½@1.32½.

TURPENTINE—Quiet, firmer at 31½@31¾c.

RICE—Easy, quiet.

MOLASSES—New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, dull, steady.

SUGAR—Raw, firm, fairly active; sales, 700 tons Muscovado, 89 test, 3½c; 600 bags of centrifugal, 96 test, at 4c, and 100 bags molasses sugar, 89 test, 3½c; refined, firm, fairly active.

PIG IRON—Dull, steady; American, $12.75@15.50.

COPPER—Quiet, unchanged; lake, $11.

LEAD—Easy; domestic, $4.02½.

TIN—Steady, quiet; Straits, $20.60 bid, $20.65 asked; plates, steady, quiet.

Omaha Produce Market.

For the first time in about two weeks the weather was warm and pleasant and the conditions were such as to cause a natural improvement in the fruit business at least. It was, however, rather dull around the fruit houses, owing to the cutting off of supplies from Arkansas by the floods in that state and Missouri. There were no fresh arrivals of new vegetables to speak of. The market was also bare of strawberries, excepting ten cases which came from Chicago and which met with ready sale. At this season Arkansas is the chief supply point for this market, and when the floods subside we can look for a large increase in the receipts in the next ten days, with a consequent decrease in the price.

There does not appear to be any great number of eggs coming in and the condition of the market remains practically unchanged.

The market is a little weak owing to the moderate demand. Occasional sales of choice old hens are reported at 11c, but in the present state of the market it is hardly safe to quote that high. The dressers are only offering 9c, and the great majority appear to be determined to pay not over 10c.

Potatoes are moving quite freely at about early prices.

There are quite a good many poor and thin veals coming that depress the market even on the best grades. Strictly choice and fat veals, however, are bringing quite satisfactory prices.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Choice shipping stock, $3.75@4.00 per bbl.

STRAWBERRIES—Arkansas, $4 per 24-qt. case.

ORANGES—Los Angeles seedlings, as to size, $1.75@2.25; Santa Ana seedlings, as to size, $1.80@2.35; Riverside seedlings, as to size, $1.90@2.65; Riverside navels, $3.50@3.75; Medina sweets, $3; mountain seedlings, as to size, $1.80@2.35; Redland seedlings, as to size, $2.00@3.00.

LEMONS—Choice, $3.50@3.75; extra choice, $4.00@4.25; fancy, $4.50@5.00.

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

PINEAPPLES—Per bbl $9.00@10.00; per doz., $2.50@3.00.

VEGETABLES.

PEAS—Per two-third bu.-box, $1.75.

BEANS—Choice navy, $2.30@2.45; common stock, $1.90@2.00.

CALIFORNIA CABBAGE—Per lb., 2½@3c.

ALABAMA CABBAGE—Per crate, $3.75@4.00.

FLORIDA CABBAGE—Per crate, $3.00@3.50.

CUCUMBERS—Choice, per doz. $1.50@2.00.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $5; seed sweet potatoes, $4.50.

WAX BEANS—Per ½-bu. box, $3.50.

STRING BEANS—Per ½-bu. box, $2.50.

SPINACH—Per bbl. $2.50.

ASPARAGUS—Home grown, per doz., $1.00@1.25.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 35@40c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 35@40c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 35@40c.

TOP ONIONS—Per doz., 20@25c.

POTATOES—Colorado stock, $1.00@1.10; Wisconsin burbanks, 85@95c; western Nebraska, 90@95c; eastern Nebraska stock, 75@85c; early Ohio seed, $1.25.

PIE PLANT—Per 50-lb. boxes, $1.50.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 75c.

NEW CARROTS—Per doz. bunches, 75c.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz. bunches, 75c.

TOMATOES—Florida, 6-basket crates, $3.

SQUASH—Per bu. box, $2.25.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per bu. box, $2.50.

NEW POTATOES—Southern, per bbl., $5; per bu. box, $2.

BUTTER, EGGS, GAME, POULTRY.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 15@17c; fair to good country roll, 19@22c; choice to fancy country, 23@25c.

EGGS—General market, 13½c.

GAME—Mixed ducks, $1; teal, $1.25@1.50; jack snipes, $1.25.

POULTRY—Choice hens, 10c; mixed coops, 9@10c; old roosters, 7@8c; geese and ducks, 10@11c; turkeys, 10@12c; pigeons, $1.50 per doz. live.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HAY—The market on good upland hay, $6.00@6.50 in car lots.

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

Business Changes.

The following are reported at Dun's Mercantile agency:

Omaha, Colpetzer & Gulou, lumber, sold out.

Omaha, M. J. Swartz, hats, etc., closed on chattel mortgage.

Beatrice, Neb., Wordsworth & Kubat, drugs, dissolved.

Chappell, Neb., Hamilton & Babcock, implements, succeeded by Babcock & Johnson.

Deshler, Neb., Pete Johnson, billiards, will discontinue.

Fremont, Neb., Nebraska Harness company, filed certificate of co-partnership.

Falls City, Neb., Fletcher & Faidley, restaurant, succeeded by Paxton & Fletcher.

Mason City, Neb., E. O. Gates (Mrs. A.), clothing, etc., advertising closing-out sale.

Sutherland, Neb., Coates & Hostetter, hardware, dissolved.

West Point, Neb., Gus Will, saloon, succeeded by H. A. Thomason.

Columbia, S. D., Gilfoy & Smith, implements, succeeded by W. M. Gilfoy.

Hecla, S. D., Gilfoy & Smith, implements, succeeded by Smith.

St. Lawrence, S. D., Brightman & Huxford, hardware, reported succeeded by J. H. Brightman.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 2.—FLOUR—Steady and unchanged.

WHEAT—Eased off ⅛c early, but closed ⅝@¾c above yesterday; cash, 65⅝c; May, 66⅝c; July, 70½@70¾c; August, 71⅝c; September, 73c.

CORN—Opened ¼c lower, but reacted and closed ⅛c above yesterday; cash, 37½c; May, 37½c; July, 40⅜c; September, 41⅛c.

OATS—Firm; cash and May, 30c; July, 27⅜c.

PROVISIONS—Steady and firm; pork, $19.50; lard, $10; dry salt meats—loose shoulders, $9.50; ribs and longs, $10; shorts, $10.25; boxed lots, 15c higher; bacon—shoulders, $10.25; longs and ribs, $11; shorts, $11.25; sugar cured hams, $13@14.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bu.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 54,000 bu.; oats, 21,000 bu.; rye, none; barley, none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 121,000 bu.; oats, 15,000 bu.; rye, 1,000 bu.; barley, 1,000 bu.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 2.—WHEAT—Dull but strong; No. 2 hard, 61@61½c; No. 2 red, 64@64½c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 35c; No. 2 white, 36½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 28½c; No. 2 white, 31½@31¾c.

BUTTER—Unchanged; creamery, 25@30c; dairy, 18@24c.

EGGS—Unchanged at 12½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 7,000 bu.; corn, 5,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 13,000 bu.; corn, 1,000 bu.; oats none.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 2.—WHEAT—Steady; July, 69½c.

CORN—Firm; No. 3, 42c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 3, 33@34c.

BARLEY—65c.

RYE—56c.

PROVISIONS—Steady; pork, May, $19.60.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 2.—Opened firm, closed easy; good middling, 7⅞c; middling, 7½c; low middling, 7 7-16c; good middling, 6 7-16c; net receipts, 774 bales; gross, 1,039 bales; exports to Great Britain, 541 bales; coastwise, 547 bales; sales, 600 bales; stock, 199,162 bales.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, May 1.—The dry goods market continues quiet, though there was a little improvement to the demand. There was considerable picking up in the demand to fill in immediate requirements of jobbers but few transactions of importance were reported. Appearances, however, conveyed the impression that new developments were liable to be disclosed at any moment, the financial situation alone tending to hold them back.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, May 2.—WHEAT—Steady and demand moderate; holders offer moderately. Receipts for the past three days were 119,000 centals, including 94,000 American.

CORN—Steady; demand fair; mixed western, 4s 1½d per central. Receipts—American corn past three days were 55,000 centals.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, long and short clear 55 lbs. 52s 6d per cwt. Bacon, long clear, 45 lbs. 54s 6d. Lard, prime western, 51s per cwt.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 2.—There was only a fair demand, but feeling ran in favor of the bull side today, because there was sufficient buying to keep prices up. There was a brisk demand for cash wheat; No. 1 northern, 65c; No. 2 northern, 62@62½c. Receipts, 229 cars. Close: May, 63½c; July, 67½c; September, 69c. On track: No. 1 hard, 66½c; No. 1 northern, 64½c; No. 2 northern, 62½c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Options opened firm at 10 to 15 points advance, closed steady, unchanged to 10 points up; sales, 37,250 bags, including: May, $14.55@14.65; June, $14.50@14.55; July, $14.50@14.55; July, $14.35@14.40; August, $14.40@14.55; September, $14.35@14.55; October, $14.45@14.55; December, $14.35; January, $14.50@14.55. Spot, Rio, quiet; No. 7, $15.62½.

Philadelphia Grain Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 2.—WHEAT—Easier; No. 2, May, 74½@74¾c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 mixed, May, 40c.

OATS—Car lots steady; futures dull and unchanged; No. 2 white, April, 40@40½c.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., May 2.—WHEAT—No. 2 cash and May, 71c.

CORN—Dull, steady; No. 2, cash and May, 42½c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., May 2.—WHEAT—Firmer; No. 2 red, 68c.

CORN—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 43@44c.

OATS—Stronger; No. 2 mixed, 31½@32c.

WHISKY—Quiet at $1.13.

Baltimore Grain Market.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 2.—WHEAT—Firmer; May, 75c.

CORN—Firm at 48½c.

OATS—Quiet but steady; No. 2 white western, 41c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bears Were Again in Control on 'Change Yesterday.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The bears were again in control at the Stock exchange and succeeded in bringing about a further material decline in prices for some stocks. Opening quotations were ¼ to 1 per cent above the closing figures of last night, chiefly in consequence of the receipt of buying orders from London, but a reaction soon set in, and for a time great depression prevailed in the industrial group. In some instances quotations were the lowest touched for many months. American Tobacco broke 7¾ per cent, to 66¼; Iowa Central preferred 6½ per cent, to 24; General Electric, 5¾ per cent, to 90¼; Manhattan, 3 per cent, to 139¼; Cordage, 3¼ per cent, to 49¾; Pittsburg and Western preferred, 5½ per cent, to 30; Consolidated Gas, 3 per cent to 118½; Omaha, 3½ per cent to 46¼; American Sugar, 2¾ per cent to 96¼; Hocking Coal, Iron & National Lead, 2½ per cent to 37¾; American Cotton Oil, 2 per cent to 42; Baltimore & Ohio, 2 per cent to 81; Toledo, Ann Arbor & North Michigan, 2 per cent to 12¾; Cordage preferred, 1½ per cent to 98; Evansville & Terre Haute, 1¼ per cent to 140; Missouri Pacific, 1¼ per cent to 42; Jersey Central, 1¼ per cent to 112½; Linseed Oil, 1½ per cent to 28⅛, and Rubber, ½ per cent to 55½.

The business of sterling exchange, the fear of further gold shipments and tight money materially assisted the downward movement. The drop in prices brought out long stock held by timid and financially weak operators, but the selling for the short account was also heavy, and the outstanding short interest is now larger than for a long time. During the afternoon a steadier tone prevailed, and although the fluctuations were frequent, the tendency in the main was upward. The advance from the lowest was equal to from ½ to 1 per cent.

The Evening Post says: We are now on the threshold of summer and the rates demanded for merchants' accommodation are if anything higher than they were in the early weeks of March. Nor are even these 7 and 8 per cent quotations a full reflection of the existing conditions. The opportunities for the placing of merchants' paper through brokers have almost wholly ceased. The clearing house banks hold nearly $103,000,000 less in deposits than a year ago, a loss reflecting very largely the withdrawal of western balances and their retention in the west. In addition, the enormous drain of exported specie has depleted very seriously this city's bank reserve, a contraction of $67,000,000 in the total loan account, compared with a year ago.

Unpleasant as this situation is, its features have been greatly exaggerated in current discussion. The notion that local merchants cannot anywhere place their paper is absurd. The very refusal of the banks to act through brokers arises partly from their determination to care at all hazzards for the paper of their regular depositors and customers. Moreover, the situation may be expected to come upon this city without ample warning. The return flow of currency to New York is now proceeding rapidly, fortunately for speculation on an extended scale. This is the reassuring factor in the outlook.

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

Atchison.....	30⅛	Southern Pacific.....	[illegible]
Adams Express.....	150	do preferred.....	38⅞
Alton, T. H.....	35	St. P., De. & Gulf...	13
* do preferred.....	150	Northwestern.....	115
American Express.	116	do preferred.....	139¾
Baltimore & Ohio..	81¼	N. Y. Central.....	106
Canada Southern..	55⅝	N. Y. & N. E.....	32
Canada Southern..	58⅞	Ontario & Western	16⅝
Central Pacific....	26⅝	Oregon Imp.....	17
Ches & Ohio.....	21⅛	Oregon Nav.....	70
Chicago Alton.....	140	O. S. L. & U. N....	15¾
C. B. & Q.....	99⅞	Pacific Mail.....	43⅛
Chicago Gas.....	81	Peoria, D. & E....	12
Consolidated Gas..	118⅝	*Pittsburg.....	153
C. C. C. & St. L....	47¼	Pullman Palace....	176
Cotton Oil Cert....	42	Reading.....	25⅝
Del. Hudson.....	126⅛	Richmond F'min'l	5¾
D. L. & W.....	141⅛	do preferred.....	27
D. & R. G. pf'd.....	32⅞	Rio Grande W....	21
D. & C. F. Co.....	24⅝	do preferred.....	60
East Tenn.....	20⅝	Rock Island.....	79⅝
Erie.....	26⅝	St. Paul.....	76⅝
Erie preferred.....	41⅞	do preferred.....	118½
*Fort Wayne.....	155	St. Paul & Omaha..	46⅝
Gt. Northern pf'd..	136	do preferred.....	116
I. & C. pf'd.....	29	Southern Pacific..	20¼
Hocking Valley....	23⅝	Sugar Refinery....	97
Illinois Central....	109¼	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	19¼
St. Paul & Duluth..	35	Texas Pacific.....	7⅛
Kan. & Tex. Com....	23	Tol. A. & Can. pf'd.	75⅝
Lake Erie & West..	20	Union Pacific.....	43⅛
do preferred.....	74⅛	U. S. Express.....	58
Lake Shore.....	126⅝	W. St. L. & P.....	9¼
Lead Trust.....	33⅞	do preferred.....	19⅝
Louis & Nash.....	72⅞	Wells Fargo Exp....	140
Louis. & New Al'ny	19¾	Western Union....	86⅛
Manhattan Con....	140	Wheeling & L. E....	15⅛
*Memp's & Char's n	40	do preferred.....	51
Michigan Central..	102⅛	Minn. & St. L.....	13⅝
Missouri Pacific....	43⅛	C. & R. G.....	15⅝
Mobile & Ohio.....	23⅝	General Electric...	90¼
Nashville Chatt....	89	Nat. Lin.....	29
Norfolk & W. pf'd..	50⅝	U. Fuel & Iron.....	37
do preferred.....	98¾	do preferred.....	106
N. J. Central.....	112⅝	Hous. & Tex. Cen..	3
Norfolk & W. pf'd..	50⅝	Tol. A. A. & N. M..	12¾
North American Co	8⅛		

*bid. †asked.

The total sales of stocks today were 374,900 shares, including: Atchison, 12,000; Burlington & Quincy, 13,600; Chicago Gas, 23,200; Chesapeake & Ohio, 3,900; Cotton Oil, 7,200; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 4,500; Distilling, 15,700; Erie, 3,900; General Electric, 13,900; Louisville & Nashville, 4,700; Manhattan, 3,300; Missouri Pacific, 12,300, National Lead, 13,700; National Cordage 13,900.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Mass., May 2.—Call loans, 6@7 per cent; time loans, 6@7 per cent. Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

Atch., T. & S. F....	30⅛	Westingh. electric.	[illegible]
American Sugar....	97	do preferred.....	47
do preferred.....	95½	Wisconsin Central..	10⅝
Bay State Gas.....	12	Atchison 5s.....	51
Bell Telephone.....	190	do 4s.....	80⅝
Boston & Albany....	212	New England 6s.....	109
Boston & Maine....	161	General Electric 5s.	99⅝
do preferred.....	145	Wisconsin Cent'l 5s.	88
C. B. & Q.....	99¾	Allouez Mining c.	⅝
Pittsburg pfd.....	8[illegible]	Atlantic.....	9
General Electric....	91⅛	Boston & Montana.	23
Illinois Steel.....	60	Butte & Boston.....	8⅝
Mexican Central....	9⅛	Calumet & Hecla..	295
N. Y. & N. E.....	30¼	Centennial.....	8⅝
Old Colony.....	140	Franklin.....	17
Oregon Short Line..	15	Kearsarge.....	7⅛
Rubber.....	55	Osceola.....	30
San Diego.....	11	Quincy.....	118
Union Pacific.....	45½	Santa Fe Copper...	2
West End.....	45⅝	Tamarack.....	150
do preferred.....	82⅝		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Crown Point.....	05	Terra Nevada.....	05
Con. Cal. & Va.....	225	Standard.....	1.0
Gould & Curry.....	75	Union Con.....	15
Hale & Norcross....	110	Yellow Jacket.....	110
Homestake.....	12 0	Iron Silver.....	55
Mexican.....	230	Quick Silver.....	275
Ontario.....	140	do preferred.....	12.0
Ophir.....	330	Silver.....	15
Plymouth.....	50		

*bid. †asked.

St. Louis Mining Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 2.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

†Adams.....	80	Granite.....	$5.00 @ 5.25
Am. Nettie.....	.38½ @ .40	Hope.....	$3.50 @ 4.00
Bimetallic.....	$5.50	Leo.....	.5½ @ .7½
Elizabeth.....	.45 @ .45½		

†asked.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 2.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy, at 4 to 7 per cent; last loan, 4 per cent; closed offered at 4 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6@8 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¾@4.86 for sixty days and $4.88½@4.88¾ for demand.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds, dull.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.....	112⅝	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s.	83⅛
U. S. 4s coup.....	112⅝	St. L. & S. F. G'n. M.	110
*U. S. 4½s reg.....	99	St. Paul Con.....	128
*Pacific 6s of '95..	105	St. C. & P. 1st s....	118⅝
Louisiana s'pd 4s..	94⅝	T. P. L. & G. Tr. Rcts.	76
*Missouri 6s.....	101⅝	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts..	20
Tenn. new set 6s...	104⅝	Union Pacific 1sts...	107
Tenn. new set 5s...	104	West Shore.....	101
*Tenn. new set 3s...	78⅝	R. G. W. 1st s.....	75⅝
Canada Southern 2s	102	Atch. 4s.....	81⅛
*Central Pacific 1sts	106	Atch. 2⁻⁵s, class A..	51⅝
D. & R. G. 1sts.....	114⅝	G. H. & S. A. 5s.....	106¼
D. & R. G. 4s.....	86	G. H. & S. A. 2d 5s..	103⅛
Erie 2ds.....	99	Ill. T. & C. 5s.....	105¼
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s..	81⅝	do Con. 6s.....	101¼
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s..	41⅝	N. Carolina 6s.....	120
*Mutual Union 6s...	113⅝	N. Carolina 4s.....	95
N. J. C. Int. Cert...	112⅝	S. C. Browns con....	97
N. Pac. 1sts.....	117⅝	Tenn. 6s.....	62
N. Pac. 3ds.....	112⅝	Va. 6s.....	50
*N. W. Consols.....	143	Va. ex-Mat. coup....	35
*N. W. Debenta'r's 5s	106		

*bid. †asked

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 2.—Clearings, $2,212,260.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 2.—Clearings, $1,172,540.

PARIS, May 2.—Three per cent rentes, 97f 27c for the account.

OMAHA, May 2.—Clearings, $1,251,503; same day last week, $1,454,214.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Clearings, $92,840,340; balances, $9,358,069.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 2.—Clearings, $3,240,126; balances, $404,207. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 2.—Clearings, $17,201,187; balances, $2,553,400. Money, 4@4½ per cent.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 2.—New York exchange selling at $1.50. Clearings, $487,027 balances, $117,729.

CINCINNATI, O., May 2.—Money, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, 60@70c premium. Clearings, $2,293,850.

BERLIN, April 25.—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows a decrease in specie of 8,060,000 marks.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 2.—Clearings, $6,521,303; balances, $707,439. Money quiet, 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 90c discount.

BOSTON, Mass., May 2.—Clearings, $21,608,842; balances, $1,742,317. Money, 6 per cent. Exchange on New York, 25c discount.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 2.—Clearings, $32,987,554. New York exchange, 50c premium. Sterling exchange, firm; sixty-day bills, $4.85¾; demand, $4.88¾. Money firm, 6 per cent on call, at the trust companies, 7 per cent for discounts at the national banks.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Sharp Advance in Prices on All Sorts Owing to Light Receipts.

TUESDAY, May 2.

Receipts today were some improvement on Monday's supply but considerably short of what they usually are on the second day of the week. The two days supply, compared with the offerings for the first two days last week, shows a falling off of 2,000 cattle, 1,200 hogs and 1,000 sheep.

D