COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Was Dominated by the Dry Weather Throughout the Day.

CLOSING CABLES WERE MOSTLY FIRM

Corn Market Advanced Apparently Under Protest, Due to the Strength in Wheat —Thirty-Three Cars of Contract Grade Received.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Wheat was firm early and strong to the close. It left off with a gain of ¾c per bu. It was entirely a weather market, reports of probable damage being numerous. Corn was firm in sympathy with wheat, and gained ¾c. Provisions were strong, closing also at marked advances. Oats gained ½c.

Wheat was still under the influence of the dry weather at the opening, and continued to be dominated by that throughout the entire session. At Liverpool the market was reported ½d higher at the opening, but that was taken to represent the influence there of 1c per bu. rise here on Saturday. The closing cables came firm for the most part, with Berlin strong and from 1¼ marks to 1½ marks higher. May opened at from 55½c to 55⅝c, as against 55¼c at the close Saturday. It gradually worked off to 55¼c, but rose again before the visible supply statement was finished, touching 55¾c to 55⅞c at one time. The tendency for an hour after that was toward a somewhat lower range. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 455 cars, against 280 cars on the corresponding day last year. Primary market receipts amounted to 434,000 bu., against 413,000 bu. a year ago. The export clearances of wheat and flour from the Atlantic ports amounted to 280,000 bu. The visible supply decreased 1,100,000 bu. A year ago the decrease for the week was 1,006,000 bu. The dry weather spectre would not down. The weather bureau reports cloudless skies from the Mississippi valley to the Rocky mountains, and in the last half hour of the session the price rose from around 55⅝c to 56⅛c, and at the close it was still bringing 56c.

The corn market advanced, apparently under protest, due to the strength in wheat. The receipts were 222 carloads, of which 33 were of the contract grades. May opened at from 46⅛c to 46⅜c, sold at 46⅜c, from that off to 46⅛c, then up to 47c, with 46⅞c the price at the close. A decrease in the visible supply for the week of only 403,000 bu., as compared with a decrease of 575,000 bu. a year ago, was one of the influences which tended to discourage holders, but failed to prevent the shorts from feeling timid, and the latter class of buying put the price up.

Oats were quite active, and firmer reports of dry weather caused free buying among shorts, and the difference between the, May and July prices was narrowed from 1¼c on Saturday to ⅝c at the finish today. This proved to be the principal feature of the market. May started at 29⅜c, sold up to 29¾c, and closed at 29⅝c to 29¾c. July ranged from 29⅜c to 29½c, and rested at an advance of from ⅞c to 1c, at 29½c. The visible supply showed an increase of 2,000 bu. in oats, but had no effect whatever.

The provision market was again nervously active and strong. There was an immediate advance at the opening of 15c in pork, 7½c in lard and 5c in ribs, and at the close the gains were increased to 42½c in pork, 27½c in lard and 20c in ribs. There was liberal general buying and free covering by shorts.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 70 cars; corn, 220 cars; oats, 200 cars; hogs, 21,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closs.
Wheat, No. 2				
March.....	54¾	54⅞	54	54¾
May.....	55⅛@⅜	56⅛	55¼	56
July.....	56¾@⅞	57⅞	56⅝@¾	57⅛@¼
Corn No. 2..				
March..	45	45¾	45	45⅝
May.....	46⅛@⅜	47	46⅛	46⅞
July.....	46⅝	47	46¼	46⅞
Oats No. 2...				
May.....	29⅜	29¾	29⅜	29¾
June.....	29¼	29¾	29¼	29¾
July.....	28⅝@⅛	29⅛	28⅝@⅜	29@29⅛
Pork per bbl				
May.....	12 35	12 65	12 30	12 62½
July.....	12 57½	12 75	12 50	12 75
Lard, 100 lbs				
May.....	7 05	7 25	7 05	7 25
July.....	7 27½	7 40	7 27½	7 40
Short Ribs—				
May.....	6 20	6 35	6 20	6 35
July	6 35	6 47½	6 35	6 47½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Winter patents, $2.50@2.80; spring patents, $3.10@3.15; winter straights, $2.25@2.30; spring straits, $2.10@2.85; bakers, $1.75@2.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 58@62c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 54⅝@55c.

CORN—No. 2, 45⅞@46c; No. 3 yellow, 44½@44¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 29c; No. 2 white, 32@32½c; No. 3 white, 31½@32c.

RYE—No. 2, 53½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 54c; No. 3, 51@53c; No. 4, 51½c.

FLAX SEED—$1.42.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.50.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.50@12.62½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7.15@7.17½. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.25@6.30; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 5¼@5½c; short clear sides (boxed), $6.30@6.35.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	11,000	6,000
Wheat, bu.....	11,000	31,000
Corn, bu.....	99,000	35,000
Oats, bu.....	207,000	184,000
Rye bu.....	7,000	2,000
Barley, bu.....	54,000	12,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm: creamery, 10@19½c; dairy, 8@17c. Eggs, firm; 10½@11c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, March 25.—FLOUR—Receipts, 28,100 bbls.; exports, 14,100 bbls.; sales, 23,500 pkgs.; market steadier, with winters in better demand; spring patents, on spot, neglected. City mill patents, $3.90@4.15; city mill clears, $3.25@3.30; winter patents, $2.80@3.15; winter straights, $2.35@2.65; winter extras, $1.90@2.45; winter low grades, $1.70@2.15; Minnesota bakers, $2.00@3.60; spring low grades, $1.75@1.90; spring extras, $1.85@2.35; common to fair extra, $1.80@2.40; good to choice, $2.40@2.90. Rye flour, firm; sales, 350 bbls.; superfine, $2.05@3.10; fancy, $3.10@3.20. Buckwheat flour, market dull.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull, 49@53c.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, $1.00@1.12; Brandywine, $2.75.

RYE—Nominal; car lots, 55c; boat loads, 55@56c.

BARLEY—Quiet; western, 65c; two-rowed, state, 60@61c.

BARLEY MALT—Firmly held; western, 70@72c; No. 2 western, 68@70c; six-rowed, 73@75c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 53,300 bu.; exports, 177,800 bu.; sales, 6,105,000 bu. futures. Spot nominal; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 60⅝c; afloat, 62¼c; f. o. b., 62¾c; No. 1 northern, 70c delivered; No. 1 hard, 70⅞c delivered. Options were very irregular all day within ⅛c range and with a final spurt closed strong at ⅜@⅝c advance. The early influences were very dry weather and firm cables followed at noon with big clearances. In the afternoon the market was governed by a fair-sized visible decrease, a small increase on passage, large Indian shipments, a liberal English visible increase, and more dry weather talk; No. 2 red, closed at 60⅝c; May, 60¼@61⅛c, closed 61⅛c; June, 60⅝@61⅛c, closed 61¼c; July, 61¼@61⅝c, closed 61c; August, 61⅜@61¾c, closed 61¾c; September, 61 7-16@62⅛c, closed 62⅛c; December, 63⅝@64⅝c, closed 64⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 29,300 bu.; exports, 3,900 bu.; sales, 325,000 bu. futures. Spot dull; No. 2, 56c in elevator; 57c afloat. Options opened steady and advanced sharply on good local covering, a slight afternoon rally finally giving place to renewed strength and a very firm close at ⅝@⅞c net advance; May, 51⅝@⅞c, closed 51⅝c; July, 50⅝@51⅛c, closed 51⅛c; September closed 51⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 45,200 bu.; exports, 1,900 bu.; sales, 125,000 bu. futures, 57,000 bu. spot. Spot quiet; No. 2, 33¼@33½c; No. 2, old, 33@33½c; No. 3, 32¾c; No. 2 white, 37½c; No. 3 white, 36½c; track, white western, 37@41c. Options had no particular feature and closed firm with other markets, ¼@½c advance; March closed at 33⅜c; April closed at 33¾c; May, 33¼@33⅜c, closed 33⅜c.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 60@75c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, old, 1894; Pacific coast, old, 2½@6c; 1894, 6@11c; London market firm.

HIDES—Firm; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 5@6c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 13@13½c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 16@17½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 16@18c.

WOOL—Steady; domestic fleece, 18@28c; pulled, 15@24c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $10.50@12.00; extra mess, $7.00@8.00; beef hams, $19; city, extra India mess, $16.00@18.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, 5½@7c; pickled shoulders, 5½c; pickled hams, 8½@9c. Lard, higher; western steam closed at $7.42½ bid; sales, 550 tierces at $7.20@7.42½ for Saturday; city, 6¾@7c; sales, 175 tierces; March closed $7.40 nominal; May, $7.50 nominal; refined, higher. Pork, new mess, $12.50 @13.75; family, $13; short clear, $13.20@13.50.

BUTTER—Firm; western dairy, 8@13c; western creamery, 12@21c; western factory, 11@17c; Elgins, 21c; imitation creamery, 9@11c; state dairy, 10@16c; state creamery, old, 10@15c.

CHEESE—Steady; state, large, 8@11½c; small, 8@12c; part skims, 2½@8c; full skims, 1½@2c.

EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 12c; western, fresh, 11½c; southern, 11@11½c; receipts, 19,157 pkgs.

TALLOW—Dull but steady; city, 4½@4⅝c; country, 4⅜@4½c.

PETROLEUM—Nominal; closed $1.12 bid; Washington, 1bbls., $7 nominal; Washington, in bulk, $4.60; refined, New York, $7.10; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7.00; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $4.55.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.60@1.62½.

TURPENTINE—Steady, 36@36½c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4¾@6¾c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@38c.

ORANGES—Steady; California, $2.75@3.50; West Indies, $2.50@3.50.

METALS—Pig iron, weak; Scotch, $15.00@20.00; American, $8.50@12.50. Copper, steady; brokers' price, $9.37½; exchange price, $9.50. Lead, firm; brokers' price, $3.65; exchange price, $3.12½. Tin, steady; straits, $13.90@14.00; plates, quiet. Spelter, dull; domestic, $3.15.

COTTONSEED OIL—Generally steady, but buyers and sellers alike indifferent; prime crude, 22½@23c; off crude, 20@21c; summer yellow, 26@26½c; off summer yellow, 25@25½c nominal.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Per doz., 10c.

BUTTER—Culled stock, 6@8c; common to fair, 10c; fair to good country, 11@12c; choice to fancy, 13@15c; gathered creamery, 17c; separator creamery, 18@19c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6@7c; mixed, 5c; ducks, 7@7½c; turkeys, 8c; heavy toms, 7c; geese, 7c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 6@6½c; choice large, 6½@7c; choice small, 8@8½c; turkeys, fair to good, 8½@10c; choice heavy, 10@11c; choice small, 10½@11c; ducks, fair to good, 7@8c; fancy, full dressed, 10@11c; geese, fair to good, 7@8c; fancy, full dressed, 10@11c.

GAME—Blue wing teal, per doz., $1.50; green wing teal, per doz., $1.25@1.50; ducks, mixed, per doz., $1.00@1.25; canvasbacks, $4.00@5.00; mallards and red heads, $2.50@3.00; small rabbits, 50c; jack rabbits, 75c; squirrels, 60c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 5½@6c; large and coarse, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young Americans, 12c; twins, 12½c; Nebraska and Iowa, full cream, 11c; Nebraska and Iowa, part skims, 7@8c; Limburger, No. 1, 11c; brick, No. 1, 11c; Swiss, No. 1, 15c.

HAY—Upland hay, $9; midland, $8.50; lowland, $8; rye straw, $5.50; color makes the price on hay. Light shades sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

PIGEONS—Per doz., $1.00@1.20.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Western stock, car lots, 75c; small lots, 80c.

OLD BEANS—Hand picked, navy, $2; Lima beans, per lb., 5½c.

ONIONS—In orders, $1.30@1.50; per bbl., $3.

CABBAGE—In orders, 2½c.

CELERY—California, 80c@$1.00.

SWEET POTATOES—Good stock, $2.50; Kansas, $2.00@2.25; seed, $2.25@2.50.

BEETS—Per bbl., $1.50.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $1.50.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate of a doz. and half or two doz., $2.25.

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 5c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

RUTABAGAS—Per lb., 1½c.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.50.

SPINACH—Per bbl., $1.50.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Winter Nellis, none.

APPLES—Choice stock, $5.00@5.50; box apples, $2.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, fancy, $11.50@12.00 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Floridas, per box, $3; California Redlands, $3.75@4.00; fancy navals, $3.50@3.75; 96 to 126 size, $3.25.

BANANAS—Choice stock, $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

LEMONS—Messinas, sizes 300 to 360, choice, $3.50; fancy, $3.75@4.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 16c; horseshoes, 20c; extra standards, 21c; extra selects, 25c; company selects, 26c; New York counts, 30c; bulks, standard, per gal., $1.20.

FIGS—Fancy, 14@15c; choice, 12@13c; California, bags, 7c.

HONEY—New York, 16c; dark, 14c; California, 15@16c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon jugs, per doz., $12; Bixby, 5 gal. cans, $3.

NUTS—Almonds, 15c; English walnuts, soft-shelled, 12c; standards, 10c; filberts, 8@9c; Brazil nuts, 8c.

SAUER KRAUT—Choice white, per bbl., $5.50; per half bbl., $3.00@3.25.

MINCE MEAT—Fancy, in half bbls., per lb., 5½c; 10-gal. kegs, 6c; condensed, per case of 3 doz. pkgs., $2.50.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $5; half bbl., $3.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½@4c; No. 2 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 49 lbs., 5½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 49 lbs., 4½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 50@15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 50@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Colorado and Kansas butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 4c; tallow, No. 2, 3½c; grease, white A, 3¾@4½c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½@3c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 17@20c; rough yellow, 2c.

FURS.

FURS—Bear, black, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; bear, brown, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1 medium, $16; No. 1 small, $12; bear, brown, yearlings, $8; bear, cinnamon, No. 1 large, $10.00@12.00; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, brown, cubs, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $3; badger, No. 1 medium, $15; No. 1 small, $8.00@10.00; bear, black, yearlings, No. 1 large, $12.00@15.00; No. 1 medium, $10; No. 1 small, $7; bear, black, cubs, No. 1 large, $6.00@8.00; No. 1 medium, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 small, $4; bear, black, Montana and Rocky mountain, No. 1 large, $18.00@20.00; No. 1 medium, $16; No. 1 small, $10; bear, black, Montana yearlings, No. 1 large, $12; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small $5; bear, black, Montana cubs, No. 1 large, $6.50; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; bear, silver tip, No. 1 large, $30; No. 1 medium, $12; No. 1 small, $8; bear, silver tip, yearlings, No. 1 large, $11; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, silver tip, cubs, No. 1 large, $1.00@1.50; No. 1 medium, 60c; No. 1 small, 50c; fisher, No. 1 large, $8; No. 1 medium, $6; No. 1 small, $4; fox, silver, as to color, according to beauty, No. 1 large, $100; No. 1 medium, $60; No. 1 small, $50; fox, silver, pale, according to beauty, No. 1 large, $50; No. 1 medium, $30; No. 1 small, $20; fox, cross, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $2; fox, red, No. 1 large, $1.50; No. 1 medium, $1.25; No. 1 small, $1; fox, gray, No. 1 large, 75c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1 small, 40c; fox kits, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small 20c; lynx, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $2; No. 1 small, $1.50; marten, No. 1 large, $2; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, $1; mink, No. 1 large, 60@65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 35c; mink, dark, No. 1 large, 65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 30c; mountain lion, perfect head and feet, No. 1 large, $1.00@2.00; imperfect skins, $6.00@7.00; No. 1 small, $5; otter, pale, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $4; raccoon, No. 1 large, 60@70c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1 large, 50c@$2.00; skunk, black, cased, narrow striped, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 25c; skunk, broad striped, No. 1 large, 30@25c; wolverine, No. 1 large, $4; No. 1 medium, $3; No. 1 small, $2; wolf, mountain, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $2; No. 1 small, $1.50; wolf, prairie, No. 1 large, 65@90c; No. 1 medium, 60c; No. 1 small, 40c; beaver, per skin, No. 1 large, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $2; beaver kits, No. 1 large, $2; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, 75c; muskrats, winter, No. 1 large, 8@10c; No. 1 medium, 9c; No. 1 small, 7c; muskrats, fall, No. 1 large, 4@6c; No. 1 medium, 7c; No. 1 small, 6c; muskrat kits, 2@3c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 25.—WHEAT—Steady, demand moderate; No. 2 red winter, 4s 8d; No. 3 red spring and No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 2½d; No. 1 California, 5s 4d. Futures opened steady with near and distant positions ½d higher; closed steady with near positions ¼@¾d higher and distant positions ½@¾d higher; business about equally distributed; March and April, 4s 8½d; May and June, 4s 9d; July, 4s 9¼d; August, 4s 9½d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed new, 4s 2¾d. Futures opened steady with near and distant positions ¼d higher; closed firm with near and distant positions ½@¾d higher; business heaviest on nearest and most distant positions; March, April, May, June, July, 4s 2½d; August, 4s 3d.

FLOUR—Steady; demand fair; St. Louis fancy winter, 4s 3d.

BACON—Firm; demand fair; Cumberland cut, 28@30 lbs., 35s 6d; short ribs, 28 lbs., 33s 6d; long clear light, 35@45 lbs., 35s; long clear heavy, 55 lbs., 32s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 33s 6d; short clear middle heavy, 55 lbs., 32s; clear bellies, 14@16 lbs., 35s 6d; shoulders, square, 12@18 lbs., 30s 6d; hams, short cut, 14@16 lbs., 41s; beef, extra India mess, 70s; prime mess, 69s; pork, prime mess fine western, 57s 6d; prime medium western, 35s; refined, in pails, 36s.

CHEESE—Steady; demand moderate; finest American white, 49s 6d; finest American colored, 51s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 75s; good, 59s.

COTTON SEED OIL—Liverpool refined, 16s 3d.

LINSEED OIL—28s 3d.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 6¾d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 5¾d; hindquarters, 6¼d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £2 10s.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, March 25.—FLOUR—Steady.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 56⅝c; No. 1 nothern, 64⅝c; May, 57⅝c.

CORN—Firm; No. 3, 45c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 white, 32@32½c; No. 3 white, 31⅝c.

BARLEY—Nominal; No. 2, 52½c; sample, 52⅝@52½c.

RYE—Lower; No. 1, 55c.

PROVISIONS—Higher; pork, $12.30; lard, $7.05.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,300 bbls.; wheat, 37,900 bu.; barley, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 10,500 bu.; barley, 4,000 bu.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 25.—WHEAT—Firm; March, 59½c; May, 58⅝c; July, 60⅛c; September, 58¼c. On track: No. 1 hard, 61c; No. 1 northern, 60c; No. 2 northern, 58c.

FLOUR—Steady; first patents, $3.20@3.40; seconds, $3.00@3.15; first clears, $2.15@2.20; low grades, $1.65@1.70.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, March 25.—COTTON—Futures, steady; sales, 82,400 bales; March, $5.92 bid; April, $5.75@5.76; May, $5.82@5.83; July, $5.87@5.88; July, $5.92@5.93; August, $5.97@5.98; September, $6.02@6.03; October, $6.03@6.05; November, $6.03@6.08; December, $6.09@6.10.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, March 25.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; sales, 400 tons Muscovado, 89 test, at 2 11-16c; 3,000 bags molasses sugar, 89 test, 1 13-16c; fair refining, 2 11-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3c; refined, fairly active; No. 6, 3 9-16@3⅝c; No. 7, 3 7-16@3⅜c; No. 8, 3 5-16@3¼c; No. 9, 3¼@3 7-16c; No. 10, 3¼@3 7-16c; No. 11, 3¼@3 7-16c; No. 12, 3 11-16@4¼c; No. 13, 3c; off A, 3⅝@3⅞c; mould A, 4 3-16@4⅜c; standard A, 3 13-16@4c; confectioners' A, 3 13-16@4c; cut loaf, 4 9-16@4¾c; crushed, 4 9-16@4¾c; powdered, 4 3-16@4⅜c; granulated, 3 15-16@4⅛c; cubes, 4 3-16@4⅜c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Week Opened in Securities with an Active Speculation.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The week opened on the Stock exchange with an active speculation and a strong tone to the dealings. Not since the upward movement began was there such a heavy volume of business, and the foreign houses were large buyers of the international stocks, the advance in American securities on the London Stock exchange stimulating purchases in this market. During the first quarter of an hour nearly every stock traded in recorded an advance ranging from ¼ to 5 per cent, the latter in Great Northern preferred. A raid made on General Electric, induced by the denial of a reported agreement between the Westinghouse and General Electric companies, broke that stock 2¼ per cent and depressed it. Chicago Gas lost 2 per cent, the selling in this stock being largely due to the decision of the court holding that the Ogden charter could not be attacked except in suit by the attorney general of Illinois or the state's attorney. The other declines ranged from ¼ to 1⅝ per cent, the latter in New Jersey Central, which had previously advanced 2⅛ per cent. The depression was of brief duration, and before 11 o'clock the market was again on the upward turn, with New Jersey Central, General Electric and Reading in the lead.

Speculation, however, soon became irregular, but on brisk buying of Sugar that stock rose 1⅞ per cent above Saturday's closing, and the market generally recorded an improvement. After midday a few stocks yielded a fraction, which was quickly recovered, and speculation again became stronger. About 1:30 o'clock another slight reaction took place, which was succeeded by a rally. Starch second preferred jumped 5 to 20, Starch common 1½ to 6½. Lackawanna 1½, per cent, and the general market a fraction. During the last hour speculation was somewhat irregular, but the market closed in fairly good tone, with a great majority of the stocks dealt in above the closing figures of Saturday. Among the more important gains are Sugar, 1⅞ per cent; Union Pacific and Louisville & Nashville, 1¼ per cent; Cordage preferred, 1⅜ per cent; Cordage guaranteed, 3½ per cent; Hocking Valley, 1½ per cent; Hocking Valley preferred, 4 per cent; Sugar, Cotton Oil preferred and Baltimore & Ohio, 1⅜ per cent; Cedar Falls & Minneapolis, 2 per cent, and Great Northern preferred and Starch second preferred 2 per cent. The only shares which declined more than a fraction are Consolidated Gas, Pittsburg & Western preferred and Distilling trust receipts, 1 per cent. The total sales of the day were heavier than on any day for many months past. The bond market during the morning was generally considerable irregular, but in the late session there was a general upward movement, the closing being at about the best of the day. The sales aggregated $2,290,000, of which $412,000 were Atchison fours and $186,000 Kansas & Texas seconds.

The Post's cablegram says: The markets were quite good today. The further recovery in Americans was the feature. The support in New York was responded to by professional purchases here. The bears are covering also in view of the settlement beginning tomorrow. Stocks were scarce and hence the rise. The closing was steady at the best. The advance in Reading was a feature.

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

Atchison.....	5⅛	Northwestern.....	92
Adams Express...	143	*N. W. pfd.....	138
Alton, T. H	38	N. Y. Central.....	99⅝
Am. Express.....	110	N. Y. & N. E.....	35
Baltimore & Ohio.	5⅝	Norfolk & West...	14⅛
*Canada Pacific...	38¾	Oregon Imp.....	14⅛
Canada Southern..	49¾	Oregon Nav.....	19
Central Pacific....	17	O. S. L. & U. N...	54
Ches. & Ohio.....	17⅝	Pacific Mail.....	29¾
Chicago Alton....	140	P. D. & E.....	4⅛
C., B. & Q.....	74	*Pittsburg.....	155
Chicago Gas.....	71⅛	Pullman Palace..	156
Consolidated Gas.	13⅛	Reading.....	14⅛
C., C., C. & St. L.	73¾	R. G. W.....	16⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron..	5⅛	R. G. W. pfd.....	37
Cotton Oil Cert...	26⅛	Rock Island.....	64⅛
Delaware & Hud..	128¾	St. Paul	57⅝
Del., Lack. & W...	163¾	do pfd.....	115⅝
D. & R. G. pfd....	36¼	St. P. & Omaha...	32⅛
D. & C. F. Co.....	14	do pfd.....	105
Erie.....	9⅜	Southern Pacific..	17⅝
do pfd.....	17⅛	Sugar Refinery....	100⅞
*Fort Wayne.....	154⅛	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	15⅝
G. Northern pfd...	103	Texas Pacific.....	9⅝
C. & E. I. pfd.....	92	T. & O Cent. pfd..	78
Hocking Valley...	26⅝	Union Pacific....	10⅝
Illinois Central...	87½	U. S. Express.....	40
St. P. & Duluth	25	W. St. L. & P.....	6⅛
K. & T. pfd.....	25⅛	do pfd.....	14⅛
Lake Erie & West	17	Wells Fargo Ex...	106
do pfd.....	73	Western Union...	86¾
Lake Shore.....	136⅛	Wheeling & L. E..	12⅛
Lead Trust.....	33	do pfd.....	43¾
Louisville & N....	52⅝	M. & St. L.....	20⅛
L. & N. A.....	7⅛	D. & R. G.....	11⅛
Manhattan Con....	110⅝	G. E.	36⅛
*Memphis & C....	10	N. L.....	19⅝
Michigan Cent....	92⅛	C. F. & I.....	25½
Missouri Pacific..	24⅝	do pfd.....	50
Mobile & Ohio....	10	H. & T. C.....	21⅝
*Nashville Chat..	70	T. A. A. & N. M....	3
National Cordage.	5¾	T. St. L. & K. C....	1
do pfd.....	9½	*do pfd.....	10
N. J. Central.....	96⅛	S. R. R.	12⅛
N. & W. pfd.....	13¾	do pfd.....	34⅝
North Am. Co.....	4⅞	Am. Tob. Co.....	94⅝
Northern Pacific..	3¾	do pfd.....	108
No. Pac. pfd.....	10⅝	St. P., M. & M	56
U. P., D. & G.....	4		

* bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 335,518 shares, including: American Sugar, 54,600; American Tobacco, 4,000; Burlington, 15,000; Chicago Gas, 18,700; Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo, 5,500; Distilling and Cattlefeeding, 8,700; Distilling and Cattlefeeding certificates, 4,700; General Electric, 25,600; Louisville & Nashville, 16,100; Missouri Pacific, 7,800; New Jersey Central, 18,100; New York Central, 3,000; New York & New England, 20 assessment paid, 6,200; Northwestern, 10,100; Pacific Mail, 7,400; Reading, 3,000; Rock Island, 7,000; St. Paul, 16,800; Southern Railroad, 11,700; Southern Railroad prefered, 4,100; Union Pacific, 5,600; Wabash preferred, 3,000; Western Union, 10,100; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 4,700.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 25.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy, at 2@2½ per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.83¾@4.89½ for demand and 4.70@4.75 for sixty days; posted rates, 4.88½@4.90, commercial bills, 4.87@4.87¼.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—65⅝@65⅞c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong; state bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, strong.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg., new.	120	D. & R. G. 7s.....	114½
U. S. 4s coupon, new.	120¾	D. & R. G. 4s.....	82¾
U. S. 5s, reg.....	115	Erie 2ds.....	61
U. S. 5s, coup.....	116	*G. H. & S. A. 6s...	95
U. S. 4s, reg.....	111¾	G. H. & S. A. 7s...	95
U. S. 4s, coup.....	112¾	H. & T. C. 5s.....	106
*U. S. 2s, reg.....	95	do 6s.....	101
*Pacific 6s of '95..	100	M. K. & T. 1st 4s..	82¼
*Ala. Class A.....	105	do 2d 4s.....	51⅝
*Ala. Class B.....	106	*Mutual Union 6s.	109
*Ala. Class C.....	95	*N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	111½
*Ala. Currency ...	95	No. Pac. 1sts.....	114¾
La. New Con. 4s..	95	do 2ds.....	87⅛
*Missouri 6s.....	100	N. W. Consols.....	138⅝
*N. C. 6s.....	127	*do S. F. Deb. 5s	107
*N. C. 4s.....	100	R. G. West. 1sts..	67⅛
S. C. nonfund.....	99	St. P. Consols 7s..	124⅛
Tenn. new set 3s.	68	do C. & P. W 5s..	111
Tenn. new set 5s.	100	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5.	79
*Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	104⅛
Va. Centuries.....	59	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	87⅛
do deferred.....	5	do 2ds.....	22¼
Atchison 4s.....	67⅝	U. P. 1sts of '96..	103⅛
do 2d A.....	19⅝	West Shore 4s.....	105¼
Canada So. 2ds....	102	So. R. R.	88¾
C. P. 1sts of '95...	100⅛		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 25.—Call loans, 4@5 per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	5¼	Wis. Central.....	3⅛
Am. Sugar.....	100⅝	Gen. Elec. pfd.....	68
Am. Sugar pfd....	94⅝	Atchison 2ds.....	19⅛
Bay State Gas.....	1⅛	Atchison 4s.....	67⅝
Bell Telephone...	196	New England 6s...	108¼
Boston & Albany..	206½	Gen. Electric 5s...	90
Boston & Maine...	165⅝	Wis. Cent. 1sts ...	8⅛
C. B. & Q.....	73¾	Allouez Mining Co	25
Fitchburg.....	83¾	Bonanza.....	0⅝
Gen. Electric.....	36⅝	Boston & Montana	37¼
Mexican Central..	7⅛	Butte & Boston...	9¼
N. Y. & N. E.....	14⅛	Calumet & Hecla..	282
Old Colony.....	170⅛	Centennial.....	20
Ore. Short Line...	5⅛	Franklin.....	11
Rubber.....	41	Kearsarge.....	7⅝
Union Pacific.....	10⅝	Osceola.....	20¼
West End.....	61¼	Quincy.....	102
West End pfd.....	87	Tamarack.....	133
Westingh. Elec....	36	Wolverine.....	4¼
W. Elec. pfd.....	51		

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

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