COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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Sharp Advance Followed by Liberal Covering and Strong Cables Gave the Market Great Strength.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Wheat furnished a painful surprise to the short element today. It went up 1½c in the first hour's trading and notwithstanding the selling out of many millions of long wheat, closed ¾c higher than yesterday's closing prices. Corn and oats shows scarcely any change, and provisions closed generally a little higher.

In wheat there was good buying at the start by a prominent local trader, who the crowd had tried to follow of late, the selling evidently being led by New York. Room traders were generally short overnight and rushed to cover early, resulting in the sharp advance. The market had its first impetus from the surprising strength of cables, Liverpool coming steady in the face of the 2c break on this side yesterday, and was a surprise to the trade. There was also more Argentine news and renewed talk of damage to the crop there by rain was also something of a factor. Yesterday's cash business was no doubt something of a factor, too, the total footing to about 200,000 bu, and a good demand was also reported today. Exports were very fair at 348,000 bu., of which 158,000 bu. was in flour, and this added to the strength. San Francisco reported stocks at that point reduced 1,125,000 bu. during January, and was taken as a bull factor. Among the bear influences were the continued liberal arrivals in the northwest and the moderate weather conditions. Later in the day, the market was given further strength by the reports from Washington on the bond subscription. This news gave the bulls renewed confidence, but on the rally there was considerable realizing, which caused a fair reaction to set in, but was only of short duration, as Bradstreet's came in showing a reduction in the world's available supply of 3,900,000 bu. last week. For the same week last year supplies were reduced 942,000 bu. Closing cables came ¼d higher, and were also productive of some strength. May opened ½c higher at from 67c to 67¼c, rallied quickly to 68⅛c and reacted to 67¾c, and advanced again to 68⅛c. During the last hour there was a big break, caused apparently by free local realizing, and there was a rush by the leaders to slug it, and after touching 68⅛c it broke quickly to 66⅞c and recovered to 67¼c. Heavy buying by a prominent broker started a good reaction right at the close and as the bell sounded 67⅝c was bid.

Corn was firmer, largely in sympathy with wheat and the small local receipts. There was not much speculation, but some shorts covered. May corn opened unchanged at 30¼c, advanced steadily to 30⅝c, and at noon was 30½c. The market followed the break in wheat during the last hour, and May sold off to from 30¼c to 30⅛c, split, closing at that price.

Oats were very uninteresting from start to finish. Fluctuations were narrow and influenced entirely by the action of wheat. May opened practically unchanged at from 21¼c to 21⅜c, sold at 21½c, declined to 21¼c, and closed at that price bid.

Provisions started rather weak, but on the decline packers bought liberally of May ribs, and that steadied the market. With the assistance of wheat the products ruled firm during the latter half of the session, and at the close pork showed an advance of 7½c for the day, lard a decline of 2½c and ribs a gain of 5c.

Estimates for tomorrow: Wheat, 60 cars; corn, 140 cars; oats, 110 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Feb.....	65	66¼	64¾	65⅛
May.....	67	68⅛	66¾	67⅝
July.....	66⅝	68	66⅝	67¾
Corn, No. 2.				
Feb.....	.....	.....	.....	27⅞
May.....	30¼	30⅝	30¼	30⅝
July.....	31⅛	31⅜	31⅛	31⅛
Aug.....	32⅛	32⅜	32⅛	32⅛
Oats, No. 2.				
Feb.....	19⅝	19½	19¼	19⅜
March.....	.....	.....	.....	20
May.....	21⅜	21⅜	21¼	21¼
July.....	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛
Pork, per bbl				
Feb.....	10 12½	10 30	10 12½	10 25
May.....	10 35	10 52½	10 35	10 47½
July.....	10 55	10 62½	10 55	10 62½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Feb.....	5 60	5 65	5 55	5 57½
May.....	5 80	5 85	5 75	5 77½
July.....	5 92½	5 95	5 90	5 90
Short Ribs—				
Feb.....	5 10	5 20	5 10	5 15
May.....	5 30	5 40	5 30	5 35
July.....	5 40	5 50	5 40	5 45

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $3.40@3.75; straights, $2.90@3.40; spring patents, $3.40@3.65; spring patents $2.60@2.90; bakers, $2.10@2.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 65⅝@66c; No. 3 spring, 64¼c; No. 2 red, 69⅜@69⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, 27¾@28c; No. 2 yellow, 27¾@28c.

OATS—No. 2, 19½c; No. 2 white, 21½@22c, f. o. b.; No. 3 white, 20¼@21¼c, f. o. b.

RYE—No. 2, 39½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 26@35c; No. 4, f. o. b., 25@27c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 91½c.

PRIME TIMOTHY SEED—$3.80.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.25@10.30. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.57½@5.60. Short ribs, sides, loose, $5.20@5.25; dry salted shoulders, boxed, 4½@4¾c; short clear sides, boxed, 5¼@5½c.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, $5.81; granulated, $5.10; standard "A," $5.06.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	13,000	10,000
Wheat, bu.....	69,000	42,000
Corn, bu.....	281,000	75,000
Oats, bu.....	423,000	164,000
Rye, bu.....	6,000	2,000
Barley, bu.....	92,000	7,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creamery, 14@18c; dairy, 9@17c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 12@13c. Cheese, quiet; 8¾@9¼c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—FLOUR—Receipts, 14,400 bbls.; exports, 19,000 bbls.; quiet but steady; trade being disturbed by the irregular course of the wheat market. Winter straights, $3.60@3.75; winter patents, $3.80@4.00; winter extras, $2.85; winter low grades, $2.30@2.70; spring low grades, $1.80@2.50. Rye flour, quiet; superfine, $2.25@2.75. Buckwheat flour, dull; $1.20@1.25 for spot and to arrive.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet; 38@40c.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, choice, 70c; Brandywine, $2.35; yellow western, coarse, 71@72c.

BARLEY MALT—Steady; western, 46@54c.

RYE—Nominal; state, 42@45c.

BARLEY—Firm; malting, 41@45c; feeding, 33@35c.

WHEAT—Exports, 188,500 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2 red, 81¼c; No. 1 hard, 77⅞c, f. o. b. afloat. Options opened stronger, with a rush of orders to cover shorts, stimulated by better cables than expected and unfavorable weather in the Argentine. Later there was a second sharp advance on the bond issue, large cash business in Chicago and firm, late cables finally lost part of the rise under realizing, closed ⅝c to ¾c net higher; No. 2 red, February, closed at 64½c.

CORN—Receipts, 42,900 bu.; exports, 12,800 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 37c. Options advanced in the forenoon on light receipts and sympathy with wheat, afterward sold off on Bradstreet's visible and closed partially ⅛c lower; May, 36⅝@36¾c, closed at 36½c.

OATS—Receipts, 64,800 bu.; exports, 1,400 bu. Spot, steady and more active; No. 2, 25½c. Options quiet, advancing early with wheat, but later giving way to realizing, closed unchanged, February, 24⅝@25¼c, closed at 24¾c; May, 25½@25⅝c, closed at 25¼c.

HOPS—Quiet and steady; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 2½@4½c; 1895 crop, 4@9c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 2½@4½c; 1895 crop, 4@9c.

HIDES—Dull; wet salted, 20 to 25 lbs., 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 lbs., 16c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 9c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 14c.

LEATHER—Steady; demand good; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 20c; acid, 21@23c.

WOOL—Steady; domestic fleece, 16@22c; pulled, 19@26c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, 10@12c; extra mess, 8c; beef hams, 15c; packet, $9.00@9.50. Cut meats, quiet; pickled hams, 9@9¼c; pickled bellies, 9@9¼c. Lard, quiet; western steam, closed at $5.87½; May closed at $6.10, nominal. Pork, steady; mess, $11.00@11.25; short clears, $11.50@12.50; family, $11.

BUTTER—Receipts, 7,088 pkgs.; steady; creamery, 17@18c; Elgins, 18c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 5,668 pkgs.; quiet; state large, 6@10¼c; small, 6@10¼c; part skims, 3¼@6c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 8,068 pkgs.; quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 15c; western, 14¼@15c; southern, 13½@14½c.

TURPENTINE—Quiet at 29½@30c.

TALLOW—Steady.

PETROLEUM—Weak; United closed at $1.43 bid; refined, $7.65; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7.60; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, $5.10.

ROSIN—Quiet; strained, common to good, $1.60@$1.65.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3¼c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@32c.

METALS—Pig iron, firm. Copper, strong; brokers, $10.12½; exchange, $10.25. Lead, strong; brokers, $2.90; exchange, $3.10@3.12½. Tin, easy; straits, $13.35@13.40; plates, steady. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $4.00@4.05.

COTTON SEED OIL—Continue slack, with downward tendency; prime crude, 23½@24c.

Accumulation of Grain Stocks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Special cablegrams and dispatches to Bradstreet's, covering principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in available stocks last Saturday, as compared with the preceding Saturday: Available supplies, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 844,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 2,356,000 bu; corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 2,497,000 bu.; oats, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 568,000 bu. Pacific coast wheat stocks, including those at and near San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, decreased 1,227,000 bu. during January. Decreases of available stocks of wheat last week at points not covered in the official visible supply statement include 145,000 bu. in Chicago private elevators, 142,000 bu. at various Manitoba storage points, 112,000 bu. at Winnipeg, 99,000 bu. at Fort William, and 54,000 bu. at Port Huron. Corresponding increases include 350,000 bu. at northwestern interior elevators, 86,000 bu. at Newport News, 70,000 bu. at New Orleans, and 30,000 bu. at Ogdensburg.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh stock, 10@11c.

BUTTER—Fair to good stock, 8@10c; choice to fancy country, 13@14c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6@7c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11½c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; Club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, ½-lb., jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 11½c; Twins, fancy, 11c.

POULTRY—Dressed—Chickens, 6½@7½c; coarse and roosters, 5@6c; ducks, choice, 9@10c; turkeys, choice, 11@12c; geese, 7@8c.

POULTRY—Live—C. Jacobson of the Montana Poultry Packing and Supply company, quotes live poultry firm and wanted at: Hens and young roosters, 5½c; old cocks, 2½c; turkey hens, 8½c; young turkey gobblers, 7½c; old Toms, 6c; ducks, full feathered, 7c; geese, 6c.

HAY—Upland, $5.00; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4.00; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2¼c; choice green, running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

GAME—Jack snipe, 75c@$1.00; golden plover, $1.25; jack rabbits, per doz., $1.00@1.40; small rabbits, 90c@$1.00; mallard ducks, $3.50@3.75; redheads, $2.75@4.00; canvasback ducks, $5.00@5.00; teal, blue wing, $2.00@2.25; teal, green wing, $1.75@2.00; mixed ducks, $1.75@2.25; Canada geese, $6.00@7.50; small geese, $4.50@5.00; brants, $3.50; squirrels, per doz., 60@75c.

PIGEONS—Live, $1.00@1.10; dead pigeons not wanted.

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Florida, per six basket crate, $5.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50@3.00, or $1.50 @2.00 per doz.

CABBAGE—California stock, per lb., 2c.

POTATOES—Fancy native stock, 30c; from store in small lots, 30@35c; Colorado stock, 60c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 25@40c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.75 per bbl.

CELERY—California, per doz., No. 1, 90c; No. 2, 75c; Kalamazoo, 35c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 5c.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.50@1.75.

PIE PLANT—Hot house stock, per doz. bunches, 30c.

FRUITS.

MEXICAN STRAWBERRIES—None.

APPLES—Fancy New York, $3.25@3.50; choice western, $2.50@2.75; fancy western, $3.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $8.75.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per 60-lb bbl., $5.50@6.00; per 65 to 70-lb. gross., $6.50@7.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California budded seedlings, regular sizes, $2.50@2.65; 250 to 288 sizes, $1.75@2.00; navels, $3.50; large sizes, $3.00@3.25.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.50@4.25.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00 @2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The peanut market is advancing and dealers are looking for still higher prices.

OYSTERS—Mediums, 75c; standards, 20c; extra selects, 25c; Branch & Co.'s selects, 27c; New York counts, 30c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 15c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½ gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.75.

CIDER—Pure juice, per half bbl., $3; per bbl., $4.75.

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.75; half bbl. $2.25.

FIGS—New crop, California, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; imported fancy, 20-lb. boxes, 15c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 11½@12c.

DATES—New Persian, 60-lb boxes, per lb., 5½c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 9c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9@10c.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each, $1.40.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 10c; large, 12c; peanuts, raw, 5½c; roasted, 7@7½c; hickory nuts, small, per bu., $1.75; hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1.50; black walnuts, per bbl., $2.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good western steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 5½@6c; good cows and heifers, 4¾@5c; medium cows and heifers, 4½c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 3½c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6½c; cow rounds, 5c; cow chucks, 3c; beef tenderloins, fresh, 20c; frozen, 17c; beef rolls, boneless, 9@9½c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9½c; loin backs, 9½c; cow ribs, No. 3, 7@7½c; cow loins, No. 3, 8@9½c.

MUTTON—Dressed mutton, 6½c; racks, 10c; legs, 8c; saddles, 8c; stews, 3c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5¼c; pork loins, 6c; spare ribs, 5½c; pork shoulders, 4¾c; pork shoulders, skinned, 5c; pork trimmings, 5c; tenderloins, 14c; pigs' feet, cleaned, per doz, 35c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 4c; No. 2 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7@8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 6c; 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 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 4@5c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3½c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 2½c; grease, dark, 2c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c. Rough tallow, 1½c.

BONES—In car lots weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

FURS.

	No. 1 Lge.	No. 1 Md'm	No. 1 Sm'll	2	3
BEAR—					
Black.....	$20@25	$ 15 00	$ 8@10	$10@12	$ 5 00
Black Yearlings..	12@15	10 00	7 00	7 00	3 00
Black Cubs.....	6@ 8	5@ 6	4 00	5 00	2 00
Black Montana & Mountain	18@22	14 00	10 00	10 00	4 00
Black Montana Yearlings	12 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Black Montana Cubs	6 50	4 50	3 00	4 00	2 00
Silver Tips.....	20 00	12 00	8 00	9 00	4 00
Silver Tip Yrlgs..	11 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	4 50
Silver Tip Cubs..	6 00	4 50	3 00	3 00	1 50
Brown	20@25	16 00	12 00	12 00	5 00
Yearlings	10@12	8 00	6 00	8 00	4 00
Cubs	7 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	2 00
Badger	1@1 50	60	50	50	50
Fisher	8 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00
FOX—					
Silver (according to beauty).....	100 00	60 00	40 00	30 00	10 00
Silver Pale (according to beauty)	50 00	30 00	20 00	15 00	6 00
Cross	7 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Red	1 50	1 25	1 00	75	25
Gray	75	50	40	35	15
Kit	50	40	30	20	10
Lynx	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 25	50
Marten	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	50
Mink	80@85	60	45	25	10
Mink Dark.....	85	65	45	20	10
Mountain Lion, (perfect head and feet).....	1@ 2				
Belcher	8 00	6@ 7	5 00	4 00	2 00
Otter Pale.....	7 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	1 50
Raccoon	60@70	50	35	20	10
Raccoon, Black (as to beauty)..	50@ 2				
SKUNK—					
Black, cased.....	1 25	75	50	50	25
Short striped.....	1 00	70	45	40	20
Narrow striped.....	50	40	25	20	10
Broad striped.....	20@25				
Wolverine	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Wolf Mountain..	3 00	2 00	1 50	75	40
Wolf Prairie.....	65@90	60	40	20	10
Beaver, per skin.	5@ 6	4 50	2 00	4 00	2 00
Beaver Kits.....	2 00	1 50	75	50	25
MUSKRATS—					
Spring					
Winter	8@10	9	7		
Fall		7	6		
Kits	2		3		

Wool Market.

BOSTON, Feb. 5.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say tomorrow of the wool trade: The sales during the period in the three principal markets have amounted to 4,564,200 lbs., of which 2,071,600 lbs. were domestic wool. The market has been quiet, as was the case through January. This was the true affairs in every department of trade, the condition being by no means accentuated in the wool market, which, all things considered, manifested remarkable firmness and strength. The period under immediate review may be fitly characterized as one of waiting, with more or less hope on the part of the trade, and doubtless of manufacturers, that the monotony would be broken today or that some certain indications of some happening would occur for the money stringency has been a large impediment to freer buying.

The sales since January 1 amounted to 22,671,730 lbs., against 29,269,765 lbs. in the corresponding period of 1895.

In Boston the aggregate weekly sale of stock is 2,952,700 lbs., including 1,227,750 lbs. of domestic wool. The total amount disposed of since January 1, 1896, is 16,535,300 lbs.

ANTWERP, Feb. 5.—At the River Platte wool auction sales 2,100 bales were offered, of which 1,300 were withdrawn. The prices realized were fully 10 centimes per kilo dearer. The attendance and demand was good, especially for lamb pieces and medium grades. Following are the sales in detail: Buenos Ayres, 615 bales, sold at 50 to 155 francs per 100 kilos; Montevideo, 150 bales at 150 to 175 francs per 100 kilos.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Better Feeling Manifested in All Lines of Securities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The general opinion in Wall street today was that European financiers cannot fail to be profoundly impressed by the result of the popular loan experiment. The large percentage of foreign bids is very significant, in view of the previous apprehension felt as to the probably unfavorable effects of the free silver manifestations of the United States senate upon European sentiment. During the forenoon the market displayed hesitancy, which was reflected in an irregular movement of prices and moderate volume of business. The official announcements regarding the aggregate bids and average of prices imparted actual buoyancy to the market, prices advancing all along the line on the execution of heavy orders. More genuine commission buying occurred than has been netted for some time, and wholesale covering of shorts took place. About two-thirds of the transactions were recorded in the afternoon session. St. Paul again led the entire market in point of activity, with Sugar a few thousand shares behind. The last mentioned stock was strengthened by the news of the vote of the German Bundesrath in favor of the increased bounty on sugar from that country. Leather preferred was advanced 2½ per cent on a revival of bull manipulative scents regarding the dividend and trade outlook. Toward the finish call money rates weakened and closed at 36c. The gains in the general list from the low points were: Sugar, 2½ per cent; grangers, 1¼@1¾ per cent; Tennessee Coal, 2¼ per cent; Rubber preferred, 2½ per cent; Rubber common, 1¾ per cent; Southern preferred, 1¾ per cent; General Electric, 1¾ per cent; Louisville & Nashville, St. Paul & Omaha and Missouri Pacific, 1½ per cent. The closing was animated and strong at about the best prices. The favorable influences bearing upon stocks were also reflected in the bond market. The speculative issues were the most conspicuous. The dealings amounted to $1,970,000. The government bond market responded to the favorable news regarding the latest government loan by strength and unusual activity. The new 4 per cent coupons rose 3 per cent. A number of transactions were executed seller ten and twenty days. The aggregate dealings were $139,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets were quieter today, but firm on the whole, with slightly increased activity in Kaffirs. Americans were quiet. Nothing definite is known at this hour as to the result of the new loan, but it is generally believed here that it will be a sure, and, perhaps, a great success. It is also believed in good quarters that the issue price will be higher than at first supposed, probably over 110. In this connection rumors are current that there is a decisively good quarter that the Venezuelan question has assumed a more favorable aspect. If the report is true, and if the American loan is a success, Americans should from this point of view, rise sharply, because nearly all the other markets are at the record point of high prices. At Paris the bourse was firm today and decidedly more active. At Berlin the markets are firm.

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

Atchison.....	16⅛	N. Y. & N. E.....	49½
Adams Ex.....	140	Ontario & W.....	15⅞
Alton, T. H.....	57½	Oregon Imp.....	3
Am. Express.....	111½	Oregon Nav.....	14
Baltimore & Ohio..	41½	O. S. L. & U. N....	6
Canada Pacific....	58	Pacific Mail.....	29¼
Canada Southern..	49¾	P. D. & E.....	3¼
Central Pacific....	152	Pittsburg.....	160
Ches. & Ohio.....	16⅞	Pullman Palace...	153
Chicago & Alton..	158	Reading.....	14⅝
C., B. & Q.....	78½	R. G. W.....	14
Chicago Gas.....	66	R. G. W. pfd.....	41⅛
Consolidated Gas..	156½	Rock Island.....	72
C., C., C. & St. L..	37	St. Paul.....	75¼
Colo. Coal & Iron..	3	do pfd.....	127¾
Cotton Oil Cert...	18	St. P. & Omaha...	39
Delaware & Hud..	129¼	do pfd.....	122
Del., Lack. & W...	161	Southern Pacific..	21½
D. & R. G. pfd.....	47½	Sugar Refinery	109⅛
D. & C. F. Co.....	16⅞	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	32
Erie.....	17	Texas Pacific.....	8¼
Erie pfd.....	26	T. & O. Cent. pfd...	65
Fort Wayne.....	160	Union Pacific.....	7⅞
G. Northern pfd..	110	U. S. Express.....	30
C. & E. I. pfd.....	96	W. St. L. P.....	7⅛
Hocking Valley...	17⅝	W. St. L. & P. pfd..	17¾
Illinois Central...	97	Wells Fargo Ex...	95
St. P. & Duluth....	23	W. stern Union...	85
K. & T. pfd.....	27½	Wheeling & L. E..	12⅝
Lake Erie & West.	22⅝	do pfd.....	37½
do pfd.....	74⅛	M. & St. L.....	19½
Lake Shore.....	140½	D. & R. G.....	12⅝
Lead Trust.....	26½	C. F. & I.....	29½
Louisville & N....	48	N. L.....	18¼
L. & N. A.....	93	C. F. & I.....	28½
Manhattan Con....	107⅝	do pfd.....	100
Memphis & C.....	13	H. & T. C.....	1½
Michigan Cent....	97¼	T. A. A. & N. M....	4
Missouri Pacific...	23⅝	T. St. L. & K. C..	6
Mobile & Ohio....	23¼	T. St. L. & K.C. pfd	10
Nashville Chat....	65	S. R. R.....	10⅛
National Cordage..	53¾	S. R. R. pfd.....	31⅛
Nat. Cordage pfd..	113¾	Am. Tob. Co.....	79¼
N. J. Central.....	108½	do pfd.....	106½
N. & W. pfd.....	9⅝	Am. Tel. & C. Co...	95
North Am. Co.....	5¼	Com'l Cable Co....	159
Northern Pacific...	4⅝	Am. Sugar pfd.....	109¾
N. Pacific pfd.....	16	U. S. Cordage gtd..	22¼
U. P. D. & G.....	4	U. S. Leather pfd..	66⅞
Northwestern.....	102¼	U. S. Rubber.....	26¼
do pfd.....	141¾	do pfd.....	85
N. Y. Central.....	98		

The total sales of stocks today were 289,136 shares, including: American Sugar, 45,000; American Tobacco, 9,000; Atchison, 11,200; Burlington, 9,900; Chicago Gas, 3,000; General Electric, 12,000; Louisville & Nashville, 12,000; Manhattan, 38,000; Missouri Pacific, 11,000; Northwest, 3,700; Pacific Mail, 3,600; Reading, 12,200; Rock Island, 14,400; St. Paul, 50,000; Southern, 6,900; Tennessee Coal, 6,900; Union Pacific, 7,200; United States Leather preferred, 7,700; Wabash preferred, 3,400; Western Union, 5,000; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 4,800.

New York Money Market.

MONEY ON CALL—Firm at 2@3 per cent; last loan, 3 per cent; closed, 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6@8 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87¼@4.88 for demand, and $4.85¾@4.87 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.87@4.88½ for demand, and $4.88½@4.89½ for sixty days. Commercial bills, $4.86.

BAR SILVER—67⅝c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—67¾c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Buoyant, with the new 4s coupon up 3 per cent; state bonds, dull; railroad bonds, firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg., new.	115¼	C. P. 1sts of '95....	100
U. S. 4s coup, new.	119¾	D. & R. G. 7s	113
U. S. 2s, reg.....	112	D. & R. G. 4s.....	88⅝
U. S. 5s, coup.....	112¾	Erie 2nds.....	71
U. S. 4s, reg.....	108⅛	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	102
U. S. 4s, coup.....	104¾	G. H. & S. A. 7s...	100
U. S. 2s, reg.....	95	H. & T. C. 5s.....	110
Pacific 6s of '95....	102	do 6s.....	102½
Ala., class A.....	108	M., K. & T. 1st 4s..	84¾
Ala., class B.....	108	do 2d 4s.....	59
Ala., class C.....	95	Mutual Union 6s...	115
Ala., Currency....	102	N. J. C. Gen. 5s....	110¼
La. New Con. 4s..	98¼	No. Pacific 1sts...	115
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	105¼
N. C. 6s.....	120	N. W. Consols	139⅝
N. C. 4s.....	102	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	110½
Tenn. new settlement.	½	R. G. West. 1sts..	75⅝
Tenn. new set 5s..	111	St. P. Consols 7s..	127¼
Tenn. new set 3s..	84	do C. & P. 5s.....	111⅛
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	99
Va. Centuries.....	99¾	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	104
do deferred.....	6¼	Texas Pac. 1sts...	86
Atchison 4s.....	70⅛	do 2ds.....	22
Atchison 2d A....	26¾	U. P. 1sts of '76...	102¼
Canada So. 2ds....	104¼	West Shore 4s.....	105
L. & N. unified 4s.	77¼	N. Pac. 3ds.....	73¼
O. R. & N. 1sts....	107¾	Southern 5s	92

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 5.—Call loans, 6@8 per cent; time loans, 5@7½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	16⅝	West End pfd.....	89
Am. Sugar.....	109⅝	W. Elec. pfd.....	52
Am. Sugar pfd....	98⅛	Wis. Central.....	3⅝
Bay State Gas.....	9¾	Edison Elec. Ills..	135
Bell Telephone....	200	Edison Elec. pfd....	57
Boston & Albany.	214½	Atchison 2ds.....	25¾
Boston & Maine..	164	Atchison 4s.....	76
Boston & M pfd...	156	New England 6s..	111⅛
C. B. & Q.....	78½	Wis. Cent. 1sts	42
Fitchburg.....	94	Atlantic.....	17⅛
Gen. Electric.....	29	Boston & Montana	76¼
Mexican Central..	10¼	Butte & Boston....	8¼
N. Y. & N. E.....	81	Calumet & Hecla..	300
Old Colony.....	177	Franklin.....	14
Ore. Short Line....	8	Kearsarge.....	12¾
Rubber.....	27	Osceola.....	26
San Diego.....	50	Quincy.....	121
Union Pacific.....	48	Tamarack.....	112
West End.....	69¼	Wolverine	6⅛

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	7	Hale & Norcross..	120
Alpha Con	16	Justice.....	2
Andes.....	17	Kentucky Con....	5
Belcher.....	27	Mexican	58
Best & Belcher...	80	Mono.	15
Bodie Con.....	38	Mount Diablo.....	14
Bullion.....	16	Occidental Con....	105
Bulwer Con.....	19	Ophir.....	130
Caledonia.....	7