COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Loses Over a Cent on Absence of Speculation.

CORN, however, MAKES SMALL ADVANCE

Business in This Cereal Was Remarkably Active with Scalpers Covering—Oats and Provisions Show No Change.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Wheat suffered today from the subsidence of the European war scare, in addition to the lack of speculative trading. The result was a 1½c decline. Corn showed considerable firmness and advanced ⅝c. Oats and provisions closed at substantially unchanged figures.

May wheat, which closed on Saturday with sellers at 76⅝c, opened weak today at ⅝c decline, the first transactions in that option being made at from 75⅝c to 76c. Various causes contributed to the opening weakness, the most important one, however, being the gradual elimination of the European war scare as a factor, which was evidenced both by the advance in British consols and the lower quotations from nearly all the English and continental grain markets. Liverpool cabled that the consumptive demand for wheat was disappointing, explaining thereby a decline of ½d per cental at the opening. Northwestern receipts were rather bearish at first sight. Minneapolis and Duluth reported a total of 608 cars, compared with 281 last week and 508 on the corresponding day of the year before, but the large figures were explained by the fact that they represented the receipts for two days. On Y for a short time was the opening weakness apparent, for figures bearing on the world's supplies soon caused a better feeling. The official world's shipments to Europe amounted to only 3,265,000 bu., over 1,000,000 bu. less than had been expected, and the world's visible, as finally reported, gave the week's decrease at 1,413,000 bu., nearly 500,000 bu. more than was expected. The total now in sight is 45,215,000 bu., compared with 45,628,000 bu. at the corresponding time of the year before. The present quantity is less than was in the visible on July 1 any year but one in the last five. Business was small and chiefly confined to local operators. They were inclined to buy at the opening decline and managed to get the price up to 75⅞c, after an hour's struggle. Then the demand eased and when those who wished to unload found no buyers a decline was unavoidable. May worked gradually down until about an hour from the close when it touched 75c. A reaction then occurred, the prices finally resting at 75⅝c. Closing cables were disappointingly weak.

Business in corn was good, more activity being observable in the pit than for a long time. The market opened quite strong enough at a shade decline through sympathy with wheat, but it was soon evident that the scalping contingent was short and determined to cover. Their efforts resulted in a substantial advance, most of which was lost later, after wheat developed decided weakness. The visible supply decreased 2,019,000 bu. Export clearances amounted to 596,000 bu. May opened ⅜c lower at 24⅝c, touched 24¾c, advanced to 25⅛c, then reacted to 24⅝c, whence it rallied.

Oats inclined to firmness, although opening decidedly weak in common with wheat and corn. Shorts were active buyers and it did not take long for prices to recover, the market being well supported. May opened ⅛c lower at 17⅛c, declined to 17⅛c, then advanced to 17⅜c, closing steady at from 17⅜c to 17½c.

Provisions seemed disinclined to feel disturbed over the fluctuations of the grain markets. At the opening a rather easy feeling existed in sympathy with lower prices at the yards. Under good buying by packers the slight decline was recovered. Fluctuations in no case were over 5c. At the close May pork was a shade lower at $7.95, May lard about 5c lower at $4.62½ and May ribs unchanged at $4.67½.

Estimated receipts for Wednesday: Wheat, 20 cars; corn, 290 cars; oats, 340 cars; hogs, 29,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'dy.
*Wheat—					
Feb.....	74⅝@⅝	75¼	73⅝	74	75⅛
May.....	75⅝-⅞	76⅝	75	75⅝	76⅛@⅜
July.....	72⅝	73¼	71¾	72⅛	73⅛
Sept.....	70⅝	71⅛	69⅞	70¼	71⅛
*Corn—					
Feb.....	22¾	23¼	22⅜	23	23¼
May.....	24¼	24⅞	24⅛	24⅝	24⅝
July.....	25⅜	25⅞	25¼@⅜	25⅝@⅞	25⅝
Sept.....	26⅜	27¼	26⅜	26⅞-27	26⅞-27
*Oats—					
Feb.....	.....	.....	.....	17⅜	15⅝
May.....	17¼	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜	17⅛
July.....	18	18⅛	18	18⅛	18¼
Pork—					
May.....	7 95	8 00	7 92½	7 95	7 97½
July.....	8 12½	8 12½	8 07½	8 07½	8 10
Lard—					
May.....	4 60	4 62½	3 97½	4 00	4 62½
July.....	4 10	4 10	4 07½	4 07½	4 12½
Sh't Ribs					
May.....	4 05	4 10	4 05	4 07½	4 07½
July.....	4 17½	4 17½	4 12½	4 15	4 17½

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $4.30@4.50; straights, $4.00@4.20; spring patents, $4.00@4.30; straights, $3.60@3.70; bakers, $3.00@3.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 74@74⅝c; No. 3 spring, 73½@73⅝c; No. 2 red, 85⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 23c; No. 2 yellow, 23c.

OATS—No. 2, 16⅝@16⅞c; No. 2 white, 19@19½c; No. 3 white, 16@16c.

RYE—No. 2, 33½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 22@26c; No. 4, f. o. b., 22½@27c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 74½@76½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.65@2.70.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.85@7.90. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.87½@4.90. Short ribs, sides (loose), $3.90@4.15. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.00@4.75. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.25@4.37½.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.26; granulated, $4.64. The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	17,000	19,000
Wheat, bu.....	20,000	89,000
Corn, bu.....	336,000	279,000
Oats, bu.....	665,000	544,000
Rye, bu.....	7,000	1,000
Barley, bu.....	121,000	42,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was weak; creamery, 13@18½c; dairy, 9@17c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 16c. Cheese, steady; 9½@10¼c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,400 bbls.; exports, 26,175 bbls.; dull and generally easier, particularly for spring patents; winter extra, $2.15@2.60, Rye flour, quiet, fancy, $2.80@2.90. Buckwheat flour, firm; $1.25@1.30.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady at 34@34½c.

CORN MEAL—More active; yellow western, 58c.

RYE—Market easy; No. 2 western, 38@38½c.

BARLEY—Dull, 26½@27c; malting, 28c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 50@58c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 96,200 bu.; exports, 62,069 bu. Spot, weaker; No. 1 hard, 86c. Options opened weaker in consequence of lower cables, brands foreign statistics, rallied sharply on a big reduction in the visible and a cold wave scare, but finally sold off under realizing and closed weak at 1⅛@⅛c decline; No. 2 red, February, 82½c; May, 76⅝@76 1-16c; closed at 76c.

CORN—Receipts, 216,875 bu.; exports, 137,497 bu. Spot, quiet; No. 2, 29½c. Options opened easier with wheat and lower cables, rallied on covering, but later broke on the heavy visible supply increase and closed ⅛@¼c net lower; February, 29½c; May, 30@30⅛c; closed at 30c.

OATS—Receipts, 248,400 bu.; exports, 23,745 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2, 21⅝c. Options quiet, but steady; closed unchanged; February closed at 21⅝c; May, 21⅝@21¾c; closed, 21⅝c.

HAY—Easy; shipping, 30@55c; good to choice, 67½@72½c.

HOPS—Dull, state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 5@7c; 1896 crop, 8@13c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 8@9c; 1896 crop, 9@13c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 12c; Buenos Ayres, dry, nominal; Texas, dry, 10@10½c; California, 15@20c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, 19½@20½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $8.50; beef hams, $18. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, 4.37½@4.87½; pickled shoulders, 4.00@4.12½; pickled hams, $8.50@9.00. Lard, firmer; western, steam, $4.10@4.20; refined, firm. Pork, firm; short clear, $8.50@10.00; family, $8.50. Tallow, easy; city, 3½c; country, 3⅜c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,281 pkgs.; weak; western creameries, 12@18c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 7@13c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 307 pkgs.; quiet; state large, 9@12¼c; state small, 9@12¼c; part skims, 5@9½c; full skims, 2@3½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,469 pkgs.; quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 19½c; western, 13@18½c; southern, 17½c.

COFFEE—Quiet; No. 7, 19.75.

OILS—Cottonseed, steady; prime crude, 26c; prime yellow, 29@29½c. Petroleum, quiet; United closed at 91c bid; Pennsylvania crude, steady; March, 91½c. Rosin, steady. Turpentine, steady.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 3¾@4¼c; Japan, 4⅛@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 22@31c.

METALS—Pig iron, dull; southern, $10.25@12.00; northern, $10.50@12.50. Copper, easier; lake brokers, 11½; exchange, 11½. Tin, dull; straits, $13.45@13.50; plates, quiet. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $4.00@4.10. Lead, strong; brokers, $3.65; exchange, $3.77½@3.80.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—FLOUR—Steady and unchanged.

WHEAT—The opening was dull and lower and there was very little life in the speculative market, but on account of the light world's shipment and the heavy decrease which was expected in and visible, the feeling became a little firmer, and there was an advance. There were some crop damage reports, but the war news from the east was about offset by the new complications in the Cuban situation. After frequent fluctuations the market closed ⅛c and a fraction below Saturday. Spot dull, but steady; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 86½c; track, 89@90c; May, 81⅛@81½c; July, 71½c bid.

CORN—Futures firm at the start, but dull, and closed a shade higher than Saturday. Spot steady; No. 2 cash, 24⅝@24¾c; September, 24½c.

OATS—Dull and easier for futures. Spot lower; No. 2 cash, 18⅛c; May, 18⅛c bid.

RYE—31c asked.

BARLEY—Nominally; malting, 32@36c.

CORN MEAL—$1.35.

BRAN—Continues firm, but little to be had; sacked, east track, worth nominally, 65@65c.

FLAXSEED—Nominal at 72½c.

TIMOTHY—Prime, $2.60@2.65.

HAY—Dull, but steady; prairie, $4.00@7.50; timothy, $6.00@11.00.

BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 13@19½c; dairy, 9@16c.

EGGS—Quiet at 13@14c.

WHISKY—$1.18.

METALS—Lead, better at $3.62½@3.70. Spelter, $4.00.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged; 90c.

BAGGING—Unchanged; 5¾c.

PROVISIONS—P. r. s. unchanged; standard meats, jobbing, $8.25. Lard, easier; prime steam, $3.90; choice, $3.87½. Bacon, boxed shoulders and extra short clear, $4.37½; ribs, $4.60; shorts, $4.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 10,000 bbls.; wheat, 31,000 bu.; corn, 20,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 17,000 bu.; corn, 30,000 bu.; oats, 72,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, 13@15c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@10c; choice to fancy roll, 12@14c; separator creamery, 18c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

GAME—Blue winged teal ducks, $1.75; green wing, $1.50; redheads and mallards, $2.75; small rabbits, 40@50c; jacks, $1.00@1.25; squirrels, 60@70c; Canada geese, large, $6.00@7.00; small, $4.00@5.00.

VEAL—Choice fat, 40 to 250 lbs., are quoted at 7@7½c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 5@6c; turkeys, 10@11c; geese, 70@80c; ducks, 8@9c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5@5½c; cocks, 3@4c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@90c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $4; lowland, $3.50; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; flat bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

STRAW—$4.

CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2@2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

PIE PLANT—Per doz., 60c.

SWEET POTATOES—Fancy Illinois, per bbl., $1.75.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bbl., $3.50.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.15@1.20.

CABBAGE—Fancy stock, per 100 lbs., $1.75@2.00.

CELERY—Per doz., 25c; fancy, large, 45c.

POTATOES—Good native stock, per bu., 30c.

FRUITS.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.

CRANBERRIES—Best Jersey, per bbl., $5.

APPLES—Extra fancy, large, $2.25@2.50.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per box, $1.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navals, 150s to 200s, $3.75; large sizes, $3.25@3.50; seedling, $2.25@2.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.00@3.50; choice California, $2.75; fancy, $3.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium-sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Choice, 12@14c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.50; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.50 gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 9c. English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 9c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, 4½c each.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 16c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 12c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 5½c; No. 2 green hides, 4½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 9@9½c; 2 dry flint hides, 8@8½c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 8@9c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted, shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 10c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 5@7c; dry **flint, Kansas** and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 16@6c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 9@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 16@6c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 9@6c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@25c; rough tallow, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 66@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and shaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@8c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—medium, 15@16c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 5c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

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

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½c; good forequarters steers, 5c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 6c; fancy heifers, 6c; good heifers, 5¾c; good forequarters heifers, 4¾c; good hindquarters heifers, 7½c; good cows, 5½c; fair cows, 5½c; common cows, 4½c; cow forequarters, 3¼c; cow hindquarters, 5½c; tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 8c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulders clods, 5½c; rump butts, 5c; steer carcass, 4¾c; cow carcass, 3½c; boneless cuttles, 4½c; roast pibbles, 2½c; steer plates, 3c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 12½c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; No. 1 short loins, 15c; No. 2 short loins, 12c; No. 3 short loins, 11c; sirloin ends, 7½c; ribs, No. 1, 10½c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, 5½c; cow rounds, shank off, 6½c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 7c; trimmings, 2½c; beef shanks, 2c; brains, per doz., 30c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; sweetbreads calves, per lb., 20c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 2c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 7½c; yearlings, 7c; sheep, 6@6½c; market racks (long), 8½c; hotel racks (short), 11c; legs and saddles, 8c; lamb legs, 9c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 5c; plucks, each, 2c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5c; dressed hogs, 4¾c; tenderloins, 13c; loins, 5½c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 3c; shoulders and ears, 2½c; backbones, 2½c; cheek meats, 3c; neckbones, 2½c; pigs' tails, 2c; pluck, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 2c; stomachs, each, 2c; tongues, each, 8c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 20c; livers, each, 3c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Industrials Lead the Market, but Dealings Are Very Limited.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The professional traders spent today on the Stock exchange watching for rumors of events, however trivial they might be, that could in any degree affect the prices of securities. Barely 160,000 shares were dealt in, and of these nearly half were of the industrials, Tobacco, Sugar and Leather. Each one of these was fluctuated by a special cause, and each had marked effect on the general market by reason of the small volume of trading. Leather occupied a position of special prominence, owing to the interest felt in the meeting of the directors and their probable action on a dividend. Rumors were circulated that the forthcoming annual report would show a most discouraging condition of affairs to have existed in the trade during the last year, and the alarm cloud caused a decline in the preferred stock of 2 per cent. Tobacco also took part in the decline which followed the brief upward movement at the opening in sympathy with the prices of American securities in the London market. The decline in Tobacco was accelerated by the fact that the president of the company was to be on the stand during the day to undergo examination at the hands of the trust investigating committee. Sugar also declined in sympathy and also on rumors of unfavorable legislation in New Jersey against industrial corporations. The movement of this group of stocks became the decisive influence in the market, and the downward movement received further impetus from the persistent rumors that Consul General Lee at Havana had resigned. The authoritative denial by General Lee to the Associated press war a factor in the rally later in the day. But for the time the decline in the industrials proved an irresistible factor in depressing the whole market. The selling movement was not soon continued, and received its check from the announcement of the declaration of the quarterly dividend of 1 per cent on Leather preferred. The apparent tendency of prices thus inaugurated become very pronounced as the day advanced, and was not interrupted until just at the close, when profit-taking caused a decline, which was only fractional, except in Leather preferred, which had recovered the early decline, but now sold off 1¼ per cent. Tobacco led the rise with a gain of 2½ per cent. Sugar likewise advancing 1½ per cent. The anthracite coal stocks, after an early decline in Delaware & Hudson and Reading, came in for a share of the improvement. The final prices in the coalers about equaled those of Saturday's closing. Of the soft coal roads, Hocking Valley rose 1½ per cent on a belief that more funds had been found to relieve the property of financial difficulties. Wheeling & Lake Erie preferred also advanced a fraction. The railway list, notably the grangers, was benefited by the reported increase in the tonnage of eastbound shipments. The encouraging prospects of the iron and steel trades were indicated by an increase in the value of Illinois Steel of 1¾ per cent, and Minnesota Iron and other stocks of the same character showing a fractional advance. New Haven gained 1½ per cent and Manhattan 1¼ per cent, retaining all but a small fraction.

The volume of bond trading showed a decided diminution compared with recent averages, but the strength continues unabated, with decided gains in many issues. The market displays a broadening tendency and investment buying is evident in the high-priced securities, while round blocks of lower grade mortgages are being taken for speculative account. The sales were $1,235,000. The more noteworthy gains were Rocking Valleys 6s, 3 per cent; New Haven 6s, 1½ per cent; Oregon Short Line 6s, 1 per cent; Oregon Short Line trust receipts, 1¾ per cent, and Missouri, Kansas & Texas firsts, and Northwestern sinking fund 6s, 1 per cent. The government bond market was irregular, with a generally easy tone on large dealings, aggregating $197,000. The 5s coupon were exceptionally active, the last transaction of 100,000 at 113¾.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The reported armistice in the east caused a further sharp recovery today in the leading stocks. Consols closed 112⅞. Home rails, foreigners and other securities were sympathetically better, except Spanish securities, which have fallen 1 per cent. Argentines were strong on the decline in the gold premium. Americans were steady and closed firm. Quite the feature, however, is the flatness in Kaffirs, the causes being stale bull liquidations, leading to one failure today, and also the course of proceedings of the South African investigation committee, together with vague reports of bad news from the cape. What is quite evident is that many mines are wanting fresh capital, which it does not seem likely the public will supply. The Paris bourse was firm early in the day, but closed weaker on the break in Spanish securities. The Berlin market was firm."

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

Atchison.....	14⅛	Ontario & W....	14⅝
Adams Ex.....	148	Oregon Nav....	14
Alton T.H.....	50	O. S. L. & U. N....	15⅛
Am. Express.....	111	Pacific Mail.....	24⅛
Baltimore & Ohio.	15¾	Peoria, Dec. & E.	
Canada Pacific...	54⅛	Pittsburg.....	165⅛
Canada Southern.	44⅝	Pullman Palace...	155⅝
Central Pacific...	11	Reading.....	24⅝
Ches. & Ohio.....	17⅛	R. G. W.....	12
Chicago & Alton.	164	do pfd.....	36⅝
C. B. & Q.....	74⅛	Rocq Island.....	66⅝
Chicago Gas.....	77½	St. Paul.....	76⅛
Consolidated Gas.	140	do pfd.....	133⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	20⅝	St. Paul & Omaha.	40⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron.	⅛	St. P. & O. pfd...	130
Cotton Oil Cert...	11⅛	Southern Pacific..	14⅝
Delaware & Hud..	107⅝	Sugar Refinery....	114⅝
D., L. & W.....	154	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	27⅝
D. & R. G. pfd.....	40⅝	Texas Pacific....	9
East Tenn.....	14⅝	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd.	50
Erie.....	33⅝	Union Pacific....	6⅝
Erie pfd.....	18⅛	U. S. Express....	35
Fort Wayne.....	163	W. St. L. & Pac..	6⅝
G. Northern pfd...	120	W. St. L. & P. pfd.	15⅛
C. & E. I. pfd.....	95	Wells Fargo Ex...	99
Hocking Valley...	6	Western Union...	85⅝
Illinois Central...	92	Wheeling & L. E..	1⅛
St. P. & Duluth...	18	do pfd.....	5
K. & T. pfd.....	20⅝	Minn. & St. Louis.	1⅝
Lake Erie & West.	18⅛	Den. & R. G.....	5
do pfd.....	68	Gen. Electric....	34⅝
Lake Shore.....	156⅝	Nat'l Linseed....	13
Lead Trust.....	22⅝	Col. Fuel & I.....	21
Louisville & N....	49⅝	do pfd.....	90
L. & N. A.....	⅝	Tol. St. L. & K. C.	5⅛
Manhattan Con....	88⅛	do pfd.....	18⅛
Memphis & C.....	15	Southern.....	9
Michigan Central.	80⅛	Southern pfd.....	28⅝
Mo. Pacific.....	20⅛	Tob'o Bonds.....	74
Mobile & Ohio.....	20⅛	Tobacco pfd.....	114
Nashville Chat....	66	Am. T. & C. Co...	85
N. J. Central.....	96⅛	C. C. Co.....	150
N. & W. pfd.....	16⅛	Am Sugar pfd....	102⅝
North Am. Co....	4⅛	Leather pfd.....	56⅝
Northern Pacific.	14⅛	Rubber.....	20⅝
N. Pacific pfd....	38	Rubber pfd.....	72
U. P. D. & G.....	1⅝	Distillers & C. C.	23
Northwestern.....	104	P. C. C. & St. L pfd	47
do pfd.....	154	Am. Spirits.....	15⅝
N. Y. Central.....	92⅝	Am. Spirits pfd...	32⅝
N. Y. & N. E.....	37		

Total sales of stocks today, 161,669 shares, including: American Tobacco, 8,800 shares; Sugar, 19,800 shares; Burlington, 12,000 shares; Chicago Gas, 3,300 shares; Reading, 3,500 shares; St. Paul, 6,700 shares.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy, at 1½@1¾ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed offered at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83@4.87½ for demand and $4.85¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85@4.86 and $4.88½@4.89; commercial bills, $4.84.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—64¾@65c.

BAR SILVER—65⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Easier; new 4s, reg. and coupon, 112½; new 5s, reg., 113⅝; 4s reg., 111⅝; coupon, 113; 2s reg., 95¾. Pacific 6s of '98, 103⅝.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg....	122⅝	Erie 2ds.....	66
U. S. new coup....	122⅝	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	104
U. S. 5s, reg.....	113⅝	do 7s.....	96
U. S. 5s, coup.....	113⅝	H. & T. C. 5s.....	100½
U. S. 4s, reg.....	111⅝	do 7-3s.....	102
U. S. 4s, coup.....	113	M., K. & T 1st 4s.	84⅝
U. S. 2s, reg.....	95⅛	do 2d 4s.....	59⅝
Pacific 6s of '95...	103⅝	Mutual Union 6s..	110
Ala. class A.....	109⅝	N. Y. C. Gen. 5s...	117
Ala. class B.....	105¼	No. Pacific 1st...	115
Ala., class C.....	97	do 2ds.....	55⅝
Ala. Curency.....	97	N. W. Consols....	141
La. New Con. 4s..	96	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	111⅛
Missouri 6s.....	100	R. G. West. 1st...	71
N. C. 6s.....	122	St. P. Cons 3s 78..	131¼
N. C. 4s.....	102½	do C. & P. W. 5s.	113⅝
S. C. non-fund....	1	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	75⅝
Tenn. new set 5s..	105	U. P. L. G. Gen. 4s	111⅝
Tenn. new set 3s..	77	Texas Pac. 1sts...	90
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	Texas Pac. 2ds...	20⅝
Va. Centuries.....	62	U. P. 1sts of '96...	104¼
do deferred.....	5½	West Shore 4s....	106⅝
Atchison 4s.....	82	L. & N. unified 4s.	80
Atchison 2d A....	46⅝	Southern 5s.....	89⅝
Canada So. 2d....	107	O. R. & N. 1sts...	113⅝
C. P. 1sts of '92...	102	O. R. & N. 4s.....	83⅝
D. & R. G. 7s.....	111⅝	N. P. 3d.....	88
D. & R. G. 4s.....	88¼		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—Call loans, 1½@3⅜ per cent; time loans, 2½@4 per cent. Closing prices on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	14⅛	West. Elec.....	74⅛
American Bell....	114⅛	Calumet & Hecla..	150
Am. Sugar pfd...	102⅝	Wis. Central.....	2
Bay State Gas....	5⅛	Ed. Elec. Ill.....	150
Bell Telephone...	224	Gen. Elec. pfd....	73⅝
Boston & Albany.	247	Atchison pfd.....	23
Boston & Maine...	161	Atchison 4s.....	80
C. B. & Q.....	74⅛	Wis. Cent. 1st...	38⅝
Fitchburg.....	92	Allouez Mining Co	1
General Electric..	34⅝	Atlantic.....	21⅛
Illinois Steel.....	33	Boston & Montana	112⅝
Mexican Central..	8⅛	Butte & Boston....	14⅝
N. Y. & N. E.....	60	Calumet & Hecla..	360
Old Colony.....	177⅛	Centennial.....	6⅛
Ore. Short Line...	18	Franklin.....	11
Rubber.....	21	Kearsarge.....	18⅛
San Diego.....	14	Osceola.....	32⅝
Union Pacific....	6⅝	Quincy.....	115
West End.....	66⅛	Tamarack.....	175
West End pfd....	91	Wolverine.....	9⅝

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—The official closing quotations on mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	4	Hale & Norcross..	10
Alpha Con.....	4	Homestake.....	40
Andes.....	12	Kentucky Con....	1
Belcher.....	21	Mexican.....	34
Best & Belcher...	61	Occidental Con...	8
Bullion.....	13	Ophir.....	83
Caledonia.....	11	Overman.....	8
Challenge Con....	39	Potosi.....	44
Chollar.....	20	Savage.....	37
Confidence.....	65	Scorpion.....	2
Con. Cal. & Va....	700	Silver Hill.....	34
Con. Imperial....	1	Silver Hill.....	1
Crown Point.....	20	Union Con.....	34
Exchequer.....	6	Utah Con.....	6
Gould & Curry....	49	Yellow Jacket....	26

Silver bars, 64¾c. Mexican dollars, 51¼@51½c; drafts, sight, 25c; drafts, telegraph, 27½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	50	Ontario.....	850
Chollar.....	85	Ophir.....	80
Crown Point.....	25	Plymouth.....	20
Con. Cal. & Va....	1 00	Quicksilver.....	50
Deadwood.....	100	Quicksilver pfd...	1000
Gould & Curry....	40	Sierra Nevada....	35
Hale & Norcross..	100	Standard.....	165
Homestake.....	2500	Union Con.....	33
Iron Silver.....	32	Yellow Jacket....	20
Mexican.....	32		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y.....	112⅛	St. Paul common..	77¾
Consols, acc't.....	112⅛	N. Y. Central.....	95⅛
Can. Pacific.....	56⅛	Pennsylvania.....	53⅝
Erie 1st pfd.....	14⅛	Reading.....	5⅝
Erie 2d pfd.....	34⅛	Mex. Cen. new 4s.	69
Ill. Central.....	94¼	Atchison.....	14¼
Mexican ordinary.	21		

BAR SILVER—29 11-16d per ounce.

MONEY—1¾@2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 2 1-16@2⅛ per cent; for three months' bills, 2 1-16@2⅛ per cent.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20m 42½pf.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres at 250.00; at Lisbon, 42½; at Rome, 106.05.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 47½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 24½c for checks.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—Clearings, $12,610,574; balances, $1,736,634.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.—Clearings, $1,941,136; balances, $369,153.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Clearings, $70,569,196; balances, $4,058,910.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Clearings, $8,050,260; balances, $1,552,256.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—Clearings, $6,371,374; balances, $1,257,562. Money, 5@7 per cent; New York exchange, 50c discount bid.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Clearings, $13,983,454. New York exchange, 50c discount; foreign exchange, firm; demand, $4.87; for sixty days, $4.85.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, February 20, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, was as follows: Wheat, 45,215,000 bu.; decrease, 1,413,000 bu. Corn, 26,413,000 bu.; increase, 2,019,000 bu. Oats, 19,565,000 bu.; increase, 21,000 bu. Rye, 3,377,000 bu.; decrease, 24,000 bu. Barley, 3,397,000 bu.;