COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Declines at Chicago from a Marked Lack of Support.

CROP DAMAGE REPORTS HAVE NO EFFECT

Corn and Oats Have Little Life and Show Only Minor Changes—Provisions Close Very Strong at a Slight Advance.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Speculative business in grain seemed to go on crutches today, it was so halting and slow. Wheat declined ½@⅝c, chiefly from lack of support. Corn closed unchanged and oats a shade lower. Provisions were the only market to show any strength, a general advance of 2½c being recorded.

Wheat was weak at the opening and for an hour afterwards the bears had almost complete control of the market. The early Liverpool cables came ½d higher, but half of this was subsequently lost. The trade was somewhat disappointed in this, as it was only a feeble response to the bullish sentiment which ruled here yesterday and discouraged those who were expecting foreign help in putting prices up. The weather, too, was regarded as favorable. Their abiding strength, however, came from the seaboard reports reiterating the stale cry of no demand for exports. That was emphasized by small clearances of wheat and flour from the Atlantic seaports in the last twenty-four hours, the total amount being the equivalent of 200,000 bu. and of that total 109,000 bu. was wheat. May opened at from 73¼c to 73⅛@73¼c, against yesterday's closing price of 73½c, and worked gradually lower until in about an hour it sold at 72½c. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 333 carloads, compared with 231 a week ago and 522 the corresponding day of the year before. Chicago received 19 cars. The crop news was of about the same character as of late—if possible, worse; but seemed to be without effect, as the trade seemed to be getting used to that sort of thing and the selling by St. Louis, while sending in crop damage news, paced the latter under suspicion. Speculative business was distressingly light, and the market rose and fell alternately over about ½c range on the execution of buying or selling orders so small that ordinarily they would not cause a fluctuation of more than 1-16c. The report of some little export business having been done at New York, twenty boat loads, and of about 50,000 bu. sold here to millers was given as the reason for a recovery in May to 73¼c after the decline already referred to. The price eased off again in the last half hour, and May closed at 72⅞@73c.

Corn was dull, but there were buyers of the moderate offerings all day at very slight concessions from yesterday's closing prices. Receipts here were very light at 94 cars and Atlantic ports again exported enormously, the day's clearances being 1,117,731 bu. Heavy rains are needed in market, notwithstanding the weakness of wheat. May opened unchanged at 24⅝c, sold to 24½c and rallied to 24⅝c, where it closed.

Oats attracted no special attention and there was little to be said of the market. Business for a while after the opening was moderately good, but during the greater part of the session trade was more or less dull. The range of prices was narrow, with a tendency toward easiness. Seaboard clearances were 36,000 bu. May opened unchanged at 17½c, touched 17⅛c, and closed at 17⅛@17¼c.

Provisions were dull for a time and weak. About thirty minutes from the close the market suddenly developed strength from no apparent reason. Early sellers became buyers and trade broadened out considerably, the result being that all the early decline was recovered. At the close May pork was 2½c higher at $8.77½; May lard, 2½c higher at $4.25 and May ribs, 2½c higher at $4.67½.

Estimated receipts Thursday: Wheat, 9 cars; corn, 95 cars; oats, 92 cars; hogs, 19,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
March.	72¼	71½	72	72	72⅝
May ...	73⅛@¼	73¼	72⅞	72⅞@¾	73⅝
July ...	71⅝@¾	71⅝@¾	71⅛	71⅛	72⅛
Sept. &	69⅝	69⅝	69⅛	69⅛@¼	69⅝
*Corn—					
March.	23⅝	23⅝	23⅛	23⅝	23⅝
May ...	24⅝	24⅝	24⅛	24⅝	24⅝
July ...	25⅝	25⅝@¾	25⅛@⅝	25⅝	25¾
Sept ...	26¼@⅝	26⅝	26⅛	26⅝	26⅞
*Oats—					
March.	16⅞	16⅞	16¾	16¾	16⅞
May ...	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛@¼	17¼
July ...	18⅝⅛	18⅝	18	18⅝	18⅝@¾
Pork—					
May ...	8 70	8 70	8 65	8 77½	8 75
July ...	8 82½	8 90	8 75	8 87½	8 80
Lard—					
May ...	4 20	4 25	4 20	4 25	4 22½
July ...	4 32½	4 35	4 30	4 35	4 22½
Sh't Ribs					
May ...	4 65	4 67½	4 60	4 67½	4 65
July ...	4 70	4 72½	4 62½	4 72½	4 70

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $4.20@4.50; straights, $4.00@4.20; spring specials, $4.50; spring patents, $4.00@4.40; straights, $3.40@3.70; bakers, $3.00@3.30.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 72@73c; No. 3 spring, 72c; No. 2 red, 85@86c.

CORN—No. 2, 23½@24c; No. 2 yellow, 23½@24c.

OATS—No. 2, 16½@16⅝c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 20½@21½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 17½@21c.

RYE—No. 2, 35c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 25@33c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 77@78c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.65@2.70.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.70@8.75; lard, per 100 lbs., $4.15; short ribs, sides (loose), $4.55@4.85; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00; short clear sides (boxed), $4.75@4.87½.

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

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	10,000	5,000
Wheat, bu	9,000	55,000
Corn, bu	154,000	31,000
Oats, bu	255,000	244,000
Rye, bu	2,000	1,000
Barley, bu	34,000	16,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 10@18½c; dairy, 9@17c. Eggs steady; fresh, 9@9½c. Cheese, firm, 10½@11c. Dressed poultry, steady; turkeys, 12½@13c; chickens, 7@8c; ducks, 11@12c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 6,578 bbls.; exports, 7,822 bbls.; market steady and a shade more active for popular brands; city mill patents, $4.80@5.05; city mills, clear, $4.70@4.80; Minnesota patents, $4.20@4.40; Minnesota bakers, $3.75@3.90; winter patents, $4.55; winter extras, $2.15; winter low grades, $2.40. Southern flour, steady at $4.25. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.60@2.65. Buckwheat flour, $2@2½c. c. l. f., track.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 54@55c.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 58c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 37@37½c.

BARLEY—Quiet at 26@34c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 45@53c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 4,625 bu.; exports, 8,623 bu.; spot steady; No. 2 hard winter, 80c. Options opened easier, following better crop news and unsatisfactory cables, was dull all day, with steadiness at the close on a demand from exporters; closed ⅛@⅜c net lower; No. 2 red, March, 80⅝@80⅞c, closed at 80½c; May, 78⅝@79¼c, closed at 79c.

CORN—Receipts, 28,275 bu.; exports, 34,966 bu.; spot inactive; No. 2, new, 29½c in elevator; 30½c afloat; steamer mixed, 29c. Options opened lower with wheat, rallied later on covering and closed fairly steady at unchanged prices to ⅛@¼c decline. March closed at 29⅝c; May, 30 1-16@30⅛c, closed at 30⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 158,400 bu.; exports, 10,447 bu.; spot steady; No. 2, 22½c. Options dull and ⅛c net lower than last night; May, 21⅝@21⅞c, closed at 21⅝c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 67½@75c.

HOPS—Steady; 1895 crop, 2½@5½c; 1896 crop, 6@11c; coast, 1895 crop, 3@5½c; 1896 crop, 8@12½c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 13c; Buenos Ayres, 18½@19c; Texas, 16½c; California, 16c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock, 26@27c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $9.00@11.00; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, 17c; packet, $7.50@8.00; city, extra India mess, $13.50@15.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 5¼@5½c; pickled shoulders, 4½c; pickled hams, 9@9¼c. Lard, steady; western steam, $4.45; refined, firm. Pork, firm; mess, $8.00@8.50; short clear, $9.25@9.75. Tallow, firm; city, 3½@3⅝c; country, 3⅝@3¾c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 6,885 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 13@18c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 7@12c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,019 pkgs.; state large, 9@12½c; state small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@3c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Steady; receipts, 15,227 pkgs.; state and Pennsylvania, 10½c; western, 10@10½c; southern, 9½@9¾c.

OILS—Petroleum, steady; refined, 6.45. United closed at 92c bid; Pennsylvania crude, strong; April, 93½c. Cottonseed, quiet; prime crude, 20c; prime yellow, 23½c asked. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.65@1.67½. Turpentine, steady at 29½@29¾c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 3¾@4¼c; Japan, 4¼@4½c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, 23@30c.

METALS—Pig iron, easy; southern, $10.00@11.50; northern, $10.50@12.50. Copper, quiet; brokers, $11.80; exchange, $11.80@12.00. Tin, easy; straits, $13.25@13.30; plates, easy. Spelter, steady; domestic, $4.15@4.20. Lead has had the advantage of firm St. Louis advices and closed steady, with the exchange quoting $3.42½@3.47½, and brokers quoting $3.30.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, 7½@8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 7½@8c; choice to fancy roll, 10@12c; separator creamery, 18c; gathered creamery, 14c.

GAME—Blue winged teal ducks, $1.50; green wing, $1.25; red heads and mallards, $2.50@2.75; Canada geese, large, $6; small, $3.50@4.00.

VEAL—Choice fat, 60 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7½@8c; large and coarse, 4@6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 7½@8c; turkeys, hens, 11@12c; geese, 8@9c; ducks, 9@10c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, per doz., 300@40c; roosters, 20@25c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@80c; dead pigeons, not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $4.00; lowland, $3; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

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

VEGETABLES.

GREEN PEAS—Per 20-lb. box, $2.25.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.00.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.00@4.00.

ASPARAGUS—Per lb., 20c.

SPINACH—Per 2-5 bu. basket, 75c@$1.00.

TOMATOES—Per 5-basket crate, $3.00@3.50.

PIE PLANT—Home grown, per lb., 8@10c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.50.

OLD VEGETABLES—Beets, carrots, parsnips, per bbl., $1.50.

RADISHES—Per doz., 20c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 20c.

ONIONS—Per doz., 25c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 25c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $4.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Fancy Illinois, per bbl., $1.50@1.75.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., $1.25.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., 95c@$1.00.

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

CELERY—Per doz., large, California, 75c.

POTATOES—Good native stock, per bu., 25@30c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Florida, per quart, 25c; Texas, per 24-quart cases, $4.50@5.00.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.

CRANBERRIES—Best Jersey, per bbl., $4.00; per crate, $1.50.

APPLES—Extra fancy, large, $2.25; choice, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUIT.

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

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.25@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.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 20@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, $4@c each.

PRUNES—Imported fancy, 40-50s, 20-lb. boxes, 12c; 5 crown 50-lb. boxes, 13@14c.

HONEY—Choice, 13@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.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 9@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@9c; 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 shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 6@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 8@7c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 2@3c; feel cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND CRACKLINGS—Tallow, No. 1, 3¼c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1¾c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 68@c; fine light, 89@c; quarter-blood, 10@12c; scody, burry and cheaty, 8@5c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@6c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—medium, 15@16c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 5c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 7@2c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

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, dump and mixed, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED 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, 5½c; good forequarters, heifers, 4½c; good hindquarters, heifers, 7½c; fancy cows, 5½c; fair cows, 3½c; common cows, 4½c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 3½c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 4½c; cow chucks, 3½c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 2½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 13c; loins, No. 2, 11c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; No. 1 short loins, 15c; No. 2 short loins, 13c; No. 3 short loins, 11c; sirloin ends, 7½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, 5½c; cow rounds, shank off, 6½c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 7½c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per dozen, 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; sweetbreads, veal, per lb., 15c; tongues, per dozen, 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 5c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 7½c; yearlings, 7c; sheep, 6½c; market racks (long), 8½c; hotel racks (short), 11½c; legs and saddles, 8c; lamb legs, 9c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 5c; plucks, each, 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 14c; loins, 6½c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5½c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 3½c; snouts and ears, 3½c; backbones, 3c; cheek meats, 2½c, necks-bones, 3c; pigs' tails, 3½c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per dozen, 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 5c; kidneys, per dozen, 10c; brains, per dozen, 15c; pigs' feet, per doz. 30c; livers, each, 3c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Break Up of Railroad Pools the Leading Factor on Wall Street.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The decision of the supreme court affirming the illegality of the Transmissouri Freight association under the Sherman anti-trust law occupied almost exclusively the attention of the dealers in stocks and bonds today. That there was good ground for the apprehension expressed of the effect upon the values of railroad properties of the decision was obvious from the character of some of the selling, but there was also an aggregation of fears of traders in view of depressing prices for the benefit of those short of stocks, it continued to report to be quite large at this time. The extent of the activity of this element and the interest in it was shown by the lively movement to cover at the lower point, which worked a rally at the close of the day, resulting in a few cases in a full recovery of the heavy declines. The same thing occurred very soon after the opening, at which the bears started in to raid the market with great energy and determination. Judging from the reports that were kept in circulation by the short interest, one would have supposed that a wholesale disruption of all agreements to maintain rates had occurred without the parties even waiting to see the text of the supreme court's decision and that all railroads were entering upon with on a disastrous war of rate cutting. The Joint Traffic association, on the contrary, has determined to maintain its existence pending the decision of the case in the supreme court. There is little confidence expressed that this decision will be sustained by the supreme court on appeal. The opinion seems to be general that neither the Joint Traffic association nor any other railroad agreement to maintain rates and divide the traffic, can stand the test of a lawsuit under this decision. The action of the Atchison and the Burlington in giving notice of withdrawal from the associations of which they are members foreshadowed the dissolution of those associations and made the grangers and southwesterns especially weak. The desire to sell all railroad stocks being very manifest. There is no doubt that a large amount of long stock was thrown on the market in the day's trading and that owners of securities take the most serious view of the inhibition against the rate and traffic agreements contained in the supreme court's decision. The grangers and southwesterns, as being immediately affected, showed the heaviest declines, as follows: Burlington, 2⅝ per cent; Northwestern, 1⅝ per cent; St. Paul, 2 per cent; Rock Island, 2⅝ per cent; Louisville & Nashville 2⅝ per cent; Kansas & Texas preferred, 1½ per cent; Atchison, 1⅝ per cent; Atchison preferred, 1½ per cent; Southern preferred, 1⅝ per cent, and Omaha, 2⅝ per cent. Other losses were: Canada Southern, 1 per cent; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 1⅝ per cent; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 1½ per cent; Illinois Central, 1 per cent; Sugar, 1⅝ per cent; Sugar preferred, 1½ per cent; Chicago Gas, 1½ per cent; General Electric, 1¼ per cent; Lead, 1 per cent; Pacific Mail, 1⅛ per cent; Spirits preferred, 1⅛ per cent, and Western Union, 1 per cent.

The anthracite coal group displayed a quite surprising resistance, only New Jersey Central and Reading first preferred yielding over a fraction, the former 1 per cent and the latter 1½ per cent. New Jersey Central rallied 2½ per cent at the close on the strength of the increase of earnings shown in the February statement. The activity became very marked in the closing dealings and there was quite a scramble to cover. Burlington recovered 1 per cent, Northwestern 1⅛ per cent, St. Paul 1⅛ per cent, Rock Island 1⅝ per cent, Louisville & Nashville and Omaha 1½ per cent, Atchison 1 per cent, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis 1⅛ per cent, St. Sugar 1½ per cent. Notable declines occurred in Lake Shore of 2 per cent, with a recovery in Laclede Gas, the preferred selling at 76½, as compared with the previous transaction at 78, and the common losing 1⅝ per cent, and Minnesota Iron losing 4 per cent and regaining 1⅝ per cent. The exceptional shares which showed a gain on the day, though it was only fractional, were: Tobacco, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, Consolidated Gas, Lackawanna, Delaware & Hudson, Standard Rope, Missouri Pacific, Reading, Leather preferred and Wheeling & Lake Erie preferred. The dealings were heavier than on any day since last fall, the total shares sold numbering 536,000.

Railway bonds were quiet and active and showed general concessions in sympathy with the unsettled character of the stock speculation. The fractional losses were quite uniform in the speculative issues and in some of the middle grade issues, in which some strength has been apparent of late, noteworthy declines occurred, particularly in St. Paul general 4s, which lost 1¼ per cent. The sales were 1,307,000. Governments were lower on the first call, but later stiffened a fraction for the new 4s on purchases of $30,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "Except for Americans, there was a general rally in all stocks here today, the reasons being shortness in stocks and the ease of money at the settlement. There were vague rumors of a compromise of the Cretan difficulties, and a sharp spurt in English rails on good traffic. Possibly the improvement may be only transient and the favorable political reports may prove to be overdone, but for the moment the tone is decidedly cheerful. Canada were 112⅝. The settlement certainly shows that, in spite of politics, bear holders are tenaciously clinging to all good stocks. Americans were flat and closed at the lowest. Contangoes on Americans are about 3 per cent lower. The trust decision in the United States, the action of the senate toward the arbitration treaty and the liquidation of small state bull accounts are the causes for the depression. The market expects a reduction in the bank rate tomorrow or the following week, although the weakness of the continental exchanges must be remembered. The Paris and Berlin markets were firm."

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

Atchison	10⅝	N. Y. & N. E.	37
Adams Ex	148	Ontario & W.	14
Alton T. H.	50	Oregon Nav.	11
Am. Express	111	O. S. L. & U. N.	16
Baltimore & Ohio	15	Pacific Mail	26⅝
Canada Pacific	48	Peoria, Dec. & E.	1
Canada Southern	48⅝	Pittsburg	164
Central Pacific	8½	Pullman Palace	158
Ches. & Ohio	17	Rich. & W. P. Ter.	22⅝
Chicago & Alton	163	R. G. W.	12⅝
C. B. & Q.	78	do pfd.	38⅝
Chicago Gas	70⅝	Rock Island	75⅝
Consolidated Gas	157⅝	St. Paul	72⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	29⅝	St. Paul & Omaha	59
Colo. Coal & Iron	12	St. P. & O. pfd.	140
Cotton Oil Cert.	11	Southern Pacific	14
Delaware & Hud.	107⅝	Sugar Refinery	112⅝
Del., Lack. & W.	154	Tenn. Coal & Iron	26⅝
D. & R. G. pfd.	37⅝	Texas Pacific	9
East Tenn.	13	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd.	50
Erie	31	Union Pacific	5⅝
Erie pfd.	17	U. S. Express	38
Fort Wayne	162	W. St. L. & Pac.	5⅝
G. Northern pfd.	128	W. St. L. & P. pfd.	13⅝
C. & E. I. pfd.	95	Wells Fargo Ex.	109
Hocking Valley	9	Western Union	83⅝
Illinois Central	91	Wheeling & L. E.	1
St. P. & Daluth	18	W. & L. E. pfd.	3⅝
K. & T. pfd.	29⅝	Minn. & St. Louis	18
Lake Erie & West.	16	Den. & R. G.	9
do pfd.	65⅝	Gen. Electric	33⅝
Lake Shore	168	Nat'l Linseed	12
Lead Trust	22⅝	Col. Fuel & I.	19⅝
Louisville & N.	46⅝	do pfd.	90
L. & N. A.	78	Tol., St. L. & K. C.	5⅝
Manhattan Con.	84⅝	do pfd.	18⅝
*Memphis & C.	15	Southern	8⅝
Michigan Central	94	Southern pfd.	27⅝
Mo. Pacific	17⅝	Tobacco	105⅝
Mobile & Ohio	19	Tobacco pfd.	105⅝
Nashville Chat.	66	Am. T. & C. Co.	87
N. J. Central	87	C. C. Co.	150
N. & W. pfd.	26⅝	Am. Sugar pfd.	109⅝
North Am. Co.	4⅝	Leather pfd.	57⅝
Northern Pacific	12⅝	Rubber	14⅝
N. Pacific pfd.	34⅝	Rubber pfd.	61½
U. P. D. & G.	6⅝	Cotton Oil pfd.	56
Northwestern	108⅝	P. C. C. & St. L. pfd	46
do pfd.	155	Am. Spirits	12⅝
N. Y. Central	100	Am. Spirits pfd.	30⅝

* offered.

The total sales of stocks today were 337,200 shares, including: American Tobacco, 100; Atchison, 4,900; American Sugar, 42,400; Burlington, 37,200; Chicago Gas, 17,300; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 3,800; General Electric, 4,600; Louisville & Nashville, 10,000; Manhattan, 3,700; Missouri Pacific, 4,100; Northwestern, 9,500; Omaha, 16,400; Reading, 11,500; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 5,800; New Jersey Central, 14,500.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 24.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@0⅞, last sale 1 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed offered at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87¼@4.87½ for demand and $4.85⅞@4.86 for sixty-day bills; posted rates, $4.86@4.86½ and $4.88@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.83⅞.

BAR SILVER—62⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firmer.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Weak.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg.	123	D. & R. G. 4s	88
U. S. new coup.	123⅝	Erie 2d	35⅝
U. S. 5s reg.	113⅝	G. H. & S. A. 6s	101
U. S. 5s coup.	113⅝	do 5s	100
U. S. 4s reg.	113⅝	H. & T. C. 5s	109⅝
U. S. 4s, coup.	113	do 6s	101
U. S. 2s reg.	95	M., K. & T. 1st 4s	84
Pacific 6s of '95	104⅝	do 2d 4s	58
Ala. class A	106⅝	Mutual Union 6s	110
Ala., class B	105	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	111⅝
Ala., class C	90⅝	No. Pacific 1st 4s	115⅝
Ala. currency	95	do 2d 3s	53⅝
La. New Con. 4s	88⅝	N. P. Consols, per cent	112⅝
Missouri 6s	100	do S. F. Deb. 5s	112
N. C. 6s	124	R. G. West. 1st 4s	72⅝
N. C. 4s	103	St. P. Consols 7s	134
S. C. 6s	106	St. P. C. & P. W. 5s	115
Tenn. new set 3s	73	St. L. & I. M. G. 1st 5	75
Tenn. new set 5s	105	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	111
Tenn. old 6s	60	Texas Pac. 1st 5s	44⅝
Va. Centuries	63	Texas Pac. 2d 5s	21
do Deferred	5	Tol., St. L. & K. C. 6s	101⅝
Atchison 4s	82⅝	West Shore 4s	106⅝
Atchison 2d A	45⅝	L. & N. unified 4s	79⅝
Canada So. 2d	105	Southern 5s	89⅝
C. P. 1st of '95	103⅝	N. Y. Cent. 6s	114⅝
D. & R. G. 7s	112	O. R. & N. 1st 6s	113⅝

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 24.—Call loans, 2@3½ per cent; time loans, 2½@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	10⅝	Wis. Central	2
American Sugar	112⅝	Bell Telephone	150
Am. Sugar pfd.	102⅝	Gen. Elec. pfd.	74
Bay State Gas	1⅝	Atchison pfd.	21⅝
Bell Telephone	224	Atchison 4s	80
Boston & Albany	215	New England 6s	113½
Boston & Maine	159⅝	Gen. Elec. 5s	94
C., B. & Q.	79⅝	Wis. Cent. 1s	39⅝
Fitchburg pfd.	92	Allouez Mining Co	9
General Electric	33⅝	Atlantic	21
Illinois Steel	33⅝	Boston & Montana	127½
Mexican Central	8⅝	Butte & Bost'n	18½
N. Y. & N. E.	60	Calumet & Hecla	370
Old Colony	178	Centennial	7½
Ore. Short Line	16	Franklin	16⅝
Rubber	15	Keweenaw	16
San Diego	5	Osceola	14
Union Pacific	6⅝	Quincy	104
West End	70⅝	Tamarack	108⅝
West End pfd.	92	Wolverine	8½
W. Elec. pfd.	50½		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	1	Gould & Curry	28
Alpha Con.	4	Hale & Norcross	83
Andes	16	Julia	4
Belcher	15	Kentucky Con.	4
Best & Belcher	66	Mexican	24
Bullion	9	Occidental Con.	15
Caledonia	9	Ophir	88
Challenge Con.	32	Overman	7
Chollar	115	Potosi	38
Confidence	72	Savage	29
Con. Cal. & Va.	115	Sierra Nevada	24
Con. Imperial	1	Silver Hill	1
Con. New York	1	Union Con.	27
Crown Point	13	Utah Con.	5
Exchequer	2	Yellow Jacket	4

Silver bars, 62⅝c; Mexican dollars, 50⅛@51c; drafts, sight, 17½c; drafts, telegraph, 20c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer	17	Ontario	600
Chollar	110	Ophir	90
Crown Point	15	Plymouth	20
Con. Cal. & Va.	120	Quicksilver	100
Deadwood	125	Quicksilver pfd.	1000
Gould & Curry	125	Sierra Nevada	40
Hale & Norcross	30	Standard	160
Homestake	80	Union Con.	25
Iron Silver	2900	Yellow Jacket	25
Mexican	20		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March 24.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	112⅝	St. Paul common	77⅛
Consols, acc't	112⅝	N. Y. Central	102⅝
Can. Pacific	50⅝	Pennsylvania	54⅝
Erie	14	Reading	11⅝
Erie 2ds pfd.	31⅛	Mex. Cen. new 4s	69⅝
Ill. Central	97	L. & N.	48⅝
Mexican ordinary	20⅝	Atchison	13⅝

BAR SILVER—28⅝d per oz.

MONEY—1½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1 9-16@1⅝ per cent; for three months' bills, 1 9-16@1⅝ per cent.

Financial Notes.

BALTIMORE, March 24.—Clearings, $2,276,962; balances, $359,828.

BOSTON, March 24.—Clearings, $14,592,196; balances, $1,451,454.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Clearings, $82,309,476; balances, $4,170,599.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—Clearings, $9,666,902; balances, $1,358,244.

ST. LOUIS, March 24.—Clearings, $3,811,663; balances, $580,526. Money, 5@7 per cent. New York exchange, 25c premium bid; 50c premium asked.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Clearings, $11,068,397. New York exchange, 20c bid; 25c asked discount. Foreign exchange, firm; demand, $4.87½; sixty days, $4.85⅝.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, March 24.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 37 pfg.

PARIS, March 24.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 50c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 15½c for checks.

LONDON, March 24.—Bar gold is quoted at 77s 10d. Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 210.50; Lisbon, 44; Rome, 105.62½.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, March 24.—WHEAT—Fairly active, but quotably unchanged; No. 2 hard, 75@77c; No. 3, 70@74c; No. 2 red, 84@85c; No. 3, 81@82c; No. 4, 75@85c; No. 2 spring, 74@75c; No. 3, 70@73c.

CORN—Rather scarce; steady and active; No. 2 mixed, 24⅝@¾c.

OATS—Dull and about steady; No. 2 white, 18@21c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 31c.

HAY—Prairie, somewhat higher; choice selling at $5.50@6.00; No. 1 to 3, $3.50@5.50; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 16@17c; dairy, 10@13c.

EGGS—Weak; receipts heavy; demand unimproved; quotably 7½c.

London Colonial Wool Sales.

LONDON, March 24.—The catalogues offered at the wool auction sales today were large and consisted of 16,117 bales, of which 1,000 were withdrawn. The attendance was good and the bidding was spirited for all good wool, while faulty stock ruled irregular