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Exceptional Dullness in Grain Gives Bears Their Chance.

WHEAT WEAK AND DECLINES ONE-FOURTH

Corn and Oats Also Close a Shade Lower and Provisions, Though Strong Most of the Day, Do the Same.

CHICAGO, March 25.—This came near being the dullest day on record on 'Change. Bears made what capital they could out of the lack of foreign demand and that and the extreme dullness of trade resulted in a ¼c decline in wheat. Corn and oats closed a shade lower. Provisions closed unchanged to 2½c lower.

Liverpool and Berlin sent lower quotations for wheat at the opening and the weather here was favorable for the growing crop. Northwestern receipts were fairly liberal and there was no flutter in the political wild beast show in Europe. Under such a combination an easier tone in wheat at the opening was to be expected. May, which closed at 72¾@73c on the day before, opened with plenty of sellers at 72⅝c and some at 72⅝c. It soon became rumored that 250,000 bu. of wheat had been sold yesterday in Duluth for export at the opening of navigation, and that helped to arrest the downward tendency. The prevalence of crop damage reports was, however, a large element in the bullish factors, which turned sentiment a little in favor of confidence in present prices. The Price Current came out with more boldness in its review of the crop situation, calling the reports from Illinois more gloomy, and reported also considerable complaint from Indiana and Missouri. Somewhat more active demand for wheat to go to interior millers helped to confirm the better impression regarding the stability of present prices, and the price gradually recovered to a shade over 73c after about an hour's trading. After that rally, however, prices gradually sagged again. Trade was very dull, duller in fact than any of the dull days of late, and though, as can be seen, the news had a bullish tendency, not sufficient demand existed to even hold prices level. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 313 cars, against 205 a week ago and 476 the corresponding day of last year. Chicago receipts were 8 cars, against 15 the similar day of the year before. Clearances from the principal Atlantic ports of wheat and flour were again very light, the total equaling 135,000 bu. Closing cables reported the Liverpool decline for the day ⅝d per cental and Berlin 1½ marks lower. With no substantial improvement in export demand or appearance of probable change in that respect in the near future, wheat sagged to 72½@72⅝c, and was selling at 72⅝@72¾c at the close.

Corn was almost at a standstill throughout the whole session, the limit of the fluctuations being a bare ⅛c. The dullness of trade and the weakness of wheat neutralized the effect of light receipts and large export clearances, which today amounted to 84,000 bu. and kept prices a shade under yesterday's figures. May opened a shade lower at 21½@21⅝c, sold at 21½, and closed steady at the opening price.

Oats experienced another dull session, interest in the market being fully as scant as yesterday. Local things showed some disposition to sell early in the day, but it did not influence prices to any degree. Seaboard clearances were 169,000 bu. May opened unchanged at 17⅝@17⅞c, sold at 17⅝@17⅝c, and closed at 17⅝c.

Provisions held firm at some advance during the greater part of the session, influenced by another small run of hogs. In the last fifteen minutes, however, the packers made a drive at the market and fairly knocked it off its pins, all the early advance being lost. At the close May pork was 2½c lower at $8.75; May lard, unchanged at $4.25 and May ribs, unchanged at $4.67½.

Estimated receipts Friday: Wheat, 16 cars; corn, 75 cars; oats, 175 cars; hogs, 16,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
March.	71⅝@73	72	71⅝	71⅞	72
May..	72⅝@73	73⅛	72⅝⅝	72⅝@73	72⅞-73
July...	71¼@71	71⅛@⅝	71⅛	72⅛	71⅞
Sept...	69⅝@69¼	69⅝	68⅞-69	69⅛	69⅝@69¾
*Corn—					
March.	23¾@23⅝	23¾@⅝	23¾	23¾@⅝	23⅝
May....	24⅝@⅝	24⅝@⅝	24⅝	24⅝@⅝	24⅝
July....	25⅛@⅝	25⅝	25⅛	25⅛@⅝	25⅝
Sept...	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝@⅝	26⅝@⅝	26⅝
*Oats—					
March.	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝
May....	17⅝	17¼	17⅛⅝	17⅛	17⅛@⅝
July....	18	18⅛	18	18	18⅛
Pork—					
May....	8 77½	8 90	8 75	8 75	8 77½
July...	8 90	9 02½	8 87½	8 87½	8 87½
Lard—					
May....	4 25	4 30	4 25	4 25	4 23
July....	4 35	4 42½	4 35	4 35	4 35
Sh't Ribs					
May....	4 67½	4 75	4 67½	4 67½	4 67½
July....	4 72½	4 77½	4 70	4 72½	4 72½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $4.30@4.50; straights, $4.00@4.20; spring specials, $4.50; spring patents, $4.00@4.10; straights, $3.40@3.50; bakers, $3.00@3.20.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 71¾@72¾c; No. 2 red, 84¾@88¾.

CORN—No. 2, 24@24¼c; No. 2 yellow, 24@24¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 16¾@16½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 21@22½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 18@20½c.

RYE—No. 2, 33@33½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 28@33c; No. 4, f. o. b., 24@26c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 77@80½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $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), $4.55@4.87½.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.39; granulated, $4.76.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	5,000	7,000
Wheat, bu.....	99,000	49,000
Corn, bu.....	76,000	99,000
Oats, bu.....	126,000	184,000
Rye, bu.....	1,000	...
Barley, bu.....	24,000	6,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 10@18½c; dairy, 9@17c. Eggs, easy; fresh, 9c. Cheese, firm, 10¾@11c. Dressed poultry, firm; turkeys, 12@13c; chickens, 7½c; ducks, 11@12c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 25.—FLOUR—Receipts, 11,987 bbls.; exports, 5,590 bbls.; quiet and barely steady; city mill patents, $4.80@5.05; city mills, clear, $4.70@4.80; Minnesota patents, $4.20@4.40; Minnesota bakers, $3.75@2.90; winter patents, $4.55; winter extras, $2.45; winter low grades, $2.40. Southern flour, steady at $4.25. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.60@2.65. Buckwheat flour, $2.30@$2.35.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 24@25c.

CORNMEAL—Steady; western, 58c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 37@37½c.

BARLEY—Weaker at 26½c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 45@53c.

WHEAT—Exports, 22,298 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2 hard, winter, 79⅝c. Options were easier, but rallied and was generally steady but dull all day, supported by crop news and milling demand at the west, closing ¼c net lower; No. 2 red, March, 80⅝@80⅞c, closed 80¼c; May, 78⅝@79 1-16c, closed 78¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 15,600 bu.; exports, 60,727 bu.; spot, firm and active for exports; No. 2, 29½c; steamer mixed, 28½c; No. 2 white, 29½c. Options opened a trifle easier and quiet within a narrow range during the day, helped by big clearances, and closed unchanged; March closed at 27⅝c; May, 26@26⅛c, closed 26⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 36,400 bu.; exports, 110,617 bu.; spot, easier; No. 2, 22c; No. 3, 21c; No. 2 white, 25½c; No. 3 white, 82½c; track, mixed western, 21@23c; track, white, 22@28c. Options were neglected all day and closed unchanged; May closed at 21⅝c.

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

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

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15c; Buenos Ayres, 18½@19c; Texas, 16½c; California, 16c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock, 20@22c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $8.50@10.00; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, 17c; packet, $9.00@9.00; city, extra India mess, $14.50@15.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 5½@6c; pickled shoulders, 5¼c; pickled hams, 8@8½c. Lard, steady; Western steam, $4.40@4.45 nominal; refined, steady. Pork, steady; mess, $9.25@9.75; short clear, $9.25@10.75. Tallow, quiet; city, 3⅝c; country, 3½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 1,316 pkgs.; western creamery, 13@19½c; Elgins, 19½c; factory, 7½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,472 pkgs.; state, large, 9@12½c; state, small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@8c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 14,129 pkgs.; market steady; state and Pennsylvania, 10½c; western, 10@10½c; southern, 9½@9½c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; refined, $6.45; United closed at 82c bid; Pennsylvania crude, strong April, 84½c bid. Cottonseed, considerable business done in prime yellow at 23c, prompt shipment; market otherwise quiet; prime summer yellow, 23@23½c; off summer yellow, 23c; butter grades, 26@26½c. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.65@1.67½. Turpentine, steady at 29½@29¾c.

RICE—Firm; fair to extra, 3¾@6¼c; Japan, 4¼@4½c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, 23@26c.

METALS—Pig iron, dull; southern, $10.00@11.00; northern, $10.50@12.50. Copper, quiet; brokers, $11.80; exchange, $11.75@12.00. Lead, closed easy in the face of firm St. Louis advices; two cars sold on change, spot, at $3.40; the metal exchange quotes at $3.40@3.42½, and brokers quote $3.35. Tin, firm; straits, $13.30@13.40; plates, easy. Spelter, easier at $4.10@4.20; sales on 'change, 25 tons Malay tin, $13.30.

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, 90; small, $3.50@4.00.

VEAL—Choice fat, 60 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7½@8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 7½@8c; turkeys, hens, 10@12c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 9@10c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7c; cocks, 5@4c.

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

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $3.50; 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., 2½@2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

GREEN PEAS—Per 20-lb. box, $2.25.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $2.00.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $3.00@4.00.

ASPARAGUS—Per lb., 20c.

SPINACH—Per 2-3 bu. basket, 75c@$1.00.

TOMATOES—Per 7-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, $2.25@2.50; 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, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, 4½c each.

FIGS—Imported fancy 4 crown, 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., 4c; 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, 4@6c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2¾c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; 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, 8@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and cheaty, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 9@8c. Fleece washed—medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@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, damp and meaty, 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, 5¾c; good forequarters, heifers, 4¾c; good hindquarters, heifers, 7¾c; good cows, 5¾c; fair cows, 5½c; common cows, 4¾c; cow forequarters, 4¼c; cow hindquarters, 7¼c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 5½c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 4¼c; cow chucks, 3¾c; boneless chucks, 4¼c; cow plates, 2¼c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 16c; loins, No. 2, 11c; 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, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 9c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; stew rounds, 6¼c; cow rounds, 5¼c; cow rounds, shank off, 6¼c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 7¼c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per dozen, 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per dozen, 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 7½c; yearlings, 7c; sheep, 6½c; market racks (dong), 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, 5¼c; trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 3½c; ears, 3½c; ears, 3½c; backbones, 3c; cheek meats, 3½c; neckbones, 3c; pigs' tails, 3½c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per dozen, 5c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per dozen, 10c; brains, per dozen, 15c; pigs' feet, per doz, 30c; livers, each, 3c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Grangers, Sugar and Anthracites Absorb Most of the Dealings.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Dealings on the Stock exchange today were in much less volume than yesterday and the great bulk of the sales were made in a few stocks. Of a total of 166,600 shares, the grangers absorbed about 77,000, Sugar 33,000 and the anthracite coalers nearly 25,000 more. The grangers were obliged to suffer the largest part of the selling movement, which has resulted from the decision of the supreme court in the Transmissouri case, because the associations of which they are members have been practically disrupted by the expressed intention of the Burlington and others to withdraw. The decision itself continues to be the topic of most absorbing interest in Wall street, but the holders of securities other than the grangers and southwesterns seemed disposed to await a competent legal opinion on the official weight of the decision as to its effect on other associations before throwing over more stocks. The belief was entertained also that even though the existing rate and traffic associations should all prove to be illegal under the decision, means might be found to maintain rates and still remain within the law if failure to maintain rates was to result in such disastrous consequences to values as was urged in the arguments which induced holders of stocks to part with their holdings. Had it been necessary to bind them with a contract which could be legally enforced as a means of preventing them from destroying themselves? This question suggested to stockholders that the roads might possibly refrain from cutting each other's throats, even if they were not under legal contract to do so. It was such arguments as these that induced some cessation of the selling movement after the first onslaught of the bears and led to an upward movement in the railway list and which resulted in some cases in the best prices of the day. The industrials played a conspicuous part in this upward movement, each being somewhat affected by a peculiar cause. Sugar on heavy purchases and Chicago Gas also on large dealings, and preferred and Rubber preferred showed gains of 1 to 2 per cent. The opening raid on the grangers had resulted in losses of 1¾ per cent in Burlington, 1¼ per cent in Northwestern, 1¼ per cent in Rock Island, 1 per cent in Omaha, ¾ per cent in St. Paul. The general list yielded fractionally, the loss reaching a point in the case of Lake Shore. New Jersey Central continued to be a focus of great speculative activity, varying over a point either way several times during the day and with a dull rally which left its net decline only ⅝ per cent. The bears' attack on this stock resulted also in a decline in Reading of 1 per cent and in Reading first preferred of 2 per cent, but without subsequent recovery. The final hour of trading witnessed a renewal of liquidation in many stocks and carried prices down to near the lowest point of the day in most cases. Sugar lost 1¼ per cent, Leather preferred 1¼ per cent and Northern Pacific preferred 1¼ per cent. The closing was weak, with severe net losses in numerous shares.

The bond market displayed a general firmness, with important advances in the railroad issues, which were in better request than for some time. The St. Paul liens figured prominently in the operations and recorded substantial gains. Brooklyn Elevated firsts were bid up rather sharply, despite the appointment of a receiver for the road, which was understood to be a friendly action in line with the proposed reorganization of the road. The sales were $1,986,000. The governments developed marked firmness, which had been decidedly lacking in this department for some time. New 4s coupon were in special request, a block of $100,000 changing hands at 121½.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "Except for home rails, which were firm and active, the stock markets were quiet and rather dull today. Consols closed ¼d lower as it 112¼. Kaffirs were dull. Lord Salisbury's sudden departure for the continent is variously construed, some regarding it as a sign that there is nothing critical in the political situation, while others say that the premier's condition demands immediate rest. Americans were flat on fears that the decision of the supreme court in regard to railway pooling will upset existing traffic arrangements and induce rate cutting. It is noticeable, however, that while New York sells freely some good American houses were inclined to buy. The Paris and Berlin markets were steady."

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

Atchison.....	10⅝	Ontario & W...	14
Adams Ex.....	155	Oregon Nav.....	14
Alton, T H.....	50	O. S. L. & U. N....	16
Am. Express	111	Pacific Mail.....	26⅝
Baltimore & Ohio.	15	Peoria, Dec. & E .	¾
Canada Pacific....	47⅛	Pittsburg.....	164
Canada Southern..	47½	Pullman Palace...	157
Central Pacific....	8⅝	Reading.....	21⅝
Ches. & Ohio.....	16⅝	R. G. W.....	12⅝
Chicago & Alton..	163	do pfd.....	38⅝
C. B. & Q.....	78	Rock Island.....	64⅝
Chicago Gas.....	78⅝	St. Paul.....	73¾
Consolidated Gas.	157⅛	do pfd.....	137
C., C., C. & St. L..	29	St. Paul & Omaha.	58⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron..	⅛	St. P. & O. pfd.....	140
Cotton Oil Cert...	11⅛	Southern Pacific..	14
Delaware & Hud..	107¾	Sugar Refinery....	117¾
Del., Lack. & W...	154	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	19⅝
D. & R. G. pfd....	37⅛	Texas Pacific.....	8⅝
East Tenn.....	13⅛	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd.	50
Erie.....	11⅛	Union Pacific.....	6
Erie pfd.....	17⅝	U. S. Express.....	38
Fort Wayne.....	162	W. St. L. & Pac....	9¾
G. Northern pfd..	120	W. St. L. & P. pfd..	13⅝
C. & E. I. pfd.....	95	Wells Fargo Ex...	100
Hocking Valley...	4	Western Union....	83⅛
Illinois Central...	93⅛	Wheeling & L. E..	1
St. P. & Duluth...	18	W. & L. E. pfd....	3⅝
K. & T. pfd.....	28⅝	Minn. & St. Louis.	18
Lake Erie & West.	14	Den. & R. G.....	9⅝
do pfd.....	64	Gen. Electric....	33⅝
Lake Shore.....	165	Nat'l Linseed.....	12
Lead Trust.....	23	Col. Fuel & I.....	20
Louisville & N....	46⅛	do pfd.....	90
Le. & N. A. Con...	9	Mil. St. L. & K. C.	5⅝
Manhattan Con....	84⅝	do pfd.....	18⅝
*Memphis & C....	15	Southern.....	8⅝
Michigan Central.	93	Southern pfd.....	20⅝
Mo. Pacific.....	37	Tobacco.....	76⅛
Mobile & Ohio....	19	Tobacco pfd.....	105⅝
Nashville Chat....	66	Am. T. & C. Co....	87
N. J. Central.....	86⅝	C. C. Co.....	150
N. Y. & W. pfd....	22⅛	Sugar pfd.....	102⅝
North Am. Co.....	4	Leather pfd.....	57
Northern Pacific..	12⅛	Rubber.....	14⅛
N. Pacific pfd.....	34⅛	Rubber pfd.....	62⅝
U. P. D. & G.....	¾	Cotton Oil pfd....	80⅝
Northwestern.....	106¼	P. C. C. & St. L pfd	46
do pfd.....	155	Am. Spirits.....	12⅛
N. Y. Central.....	99⅛	Am. Spirits pfd...	31⅛
N. Y. & N. E.....	37	O. R & N. 4s.....	38½

*offered.

The total sales today of stocks were 223,397 shares, including: American Sugar, 56,200; Burlington & Quincy, 29,900; Chicago Gas trust receipts, 11,300; Louisville & Nashville, 7,800; New York Central, 4,500; Northwestern, 3,500; Omaha, 9,500; Northern Pacific preferred, 8,400; Reading, 11,700; Rock Island, 16,500; St. Paul, 29,600; New Jersey Central, 11,900; Silver certificates, 1,000.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 25.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@1¼% per cent last loan, 1½ per cent; closed offered at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87¼@4.87½ for demand and at $4.85¾@4.86 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86½ and $4.88@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.84¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—62⅞@63¼c.

BAR SILVER—62⅞c per oz.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong.

STATE BONDS—Quiet.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg..	123⅛	G. H. & S. A. 6s....	104
U. S. new coup....	123⅛	do 7s.....	101
U. S. 5s, reg.....	114	H. & T. C. 5s.....	109¼
U. S. 5s, coup.....	113⅝	do 6s.....	101
U. S. 4s, reg.....	110⅛	M. K. & T 1st 4s.	58
U. S. 4s, coup.....	113⅛	do 2d 4s.....	84
U. S. 2s, reg.....	97	Missouri Uniform 6s.	110
Pacific 6s of '95...	103¼	N. J. C. Gen. 5s....	111
Ala., class A.....	106⅝	No. Pacific 1sts...	116
Ala., class B.....	104⅛	do 2ds.....	53¼
Ala., class C.....	104⅛	N. W. Consols.....	142
La. New Con. 4s..	93⅛	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	112¼
Missouri6s.....	100	R. G. West. 1sts...	73
N. C. 6s.....	124	St. P. Consols 7s..	134⅛
N. C. 4s.....	96	St. L. & S. F. W. 6s	115
S. C. nonfund.....	⅛	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	74⅛
Tenn. new set 3s..	80	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	111
Tenn. new set 5s...	105	Texas Pac. 1sts...	88⅝
Tenn. old 6s.....	75	Texas Pac. 2ds...	20⅝
Va. Centuries.....	63	U. P. 1sts of '96...	101⅝
do deferred.....	5	West Shore 4s.....	107
Canada So. 2ds....	105	L. & N. unified 4s.	78
C. P. 1sts of '93...	102⅝	Southern 5s.....	89¼
D. & R. G. 7s.....	112	N. P. 4s.....	87⅝
D. & R. G. 4s.....	88⅛	O. R. & N. 1sts...	113¼
Erie 2ds.....	64⅝	O. R. & N. 4s.....	83

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 25.—Call loans, 2@3¼ per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	10⅝	W. Elec. pfd.....	50⅛
American Sugar...	112⅛	Wis. Central.....	1¼
Am. Sugar pfd....	102⅛	Ed. Elec. Ill.....	148
Bay State Gas.....	4⅛	Gen. Elec. pfd....	73
Bell Telephone...	224	Atchison pfd.....	20⅝
Boston & Albany.	215	Atchison 4s.....	80
Boston & Maine...	160	Gen. Elec. 5s.....	94⅛
Boston & M. pfd..	153	Wis. Cent. 1s.....	35
C., B. & Q.....	78⅝	Wis. Cent 5s.....	119
Fitchburg.....	133	Quincy Mining Co	90
General Electric..	33⅛	Atlantic.....	20⅛
Illinois Steel.....	33	Boston & Montana	125¾
Mexican Central..	8⅝	Butte & Boston....	17¾
N. Y. & N. E.....	69	Calumet & Hecla..	377¾
Old Colony.....	177⅝	Centennial.....	7¾
Ore. Short Line...	16	Franklin.....	10⅝
Rubber.....	14¼	Kearsarge.....	16
Rutland pfd.....	5	Osceola.....	31
Union Pacific.....	6	Quincy.....	104
West End.....	71	Tamarack.....	120
West End pfd.....	92¼	Wolverine.....	9

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	1	Hale & Norcross..	85
Alpha Con.....	4	Julia.....	4
Andes.....	17	Kentucky Con....	4
Belcher.....	27	Mexican.....	27
Best & Belcher....	67	Occidental Con....	140
Bullion.....	10	Ophir.....	90
Caledonia.....	33	Overman.....	70
Challenge Con....	22	Potosi.....	38
Chollar.....	26	Savage.....	28
Confidence.....	120	Sierra Nevada....	25
Con. Cal. & Va....	1	Silver Hill.....	1
Con. Imperial....	1	Union Con.....	27
Con. New York....	13	Utah Con.....	6
Crown Point.....	2	Yellow Jacket....	24
Gould & Curry....	29		

Silver bars, 66⅝c; Mexican dollars, 50¼@51c; drafts, sight, 17½c; drafts, telegraph, 20c.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March 25.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y.....	112¼	St. Paul common..	77⅝
Consols, acc't..	112 5-16	N. Y. Central.....	102⅛
Can. Pacific.....	48⅝	Pennsylvania.....	54
Erie.....	13¼	Reading.....	11⅛
Erie 2ds pfd.....	34	Mex. Cen. new 4s.	69¼
Ill. Central.....	97	Atchison.....	13⅛
Mexican ordinary..	21¼		

BAR SILVER—28 13-16d per oz.

MONEY—2 per cent.

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

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	15	Ontario.....	800
Chollar.....	105	Ophir.....	85
Crown Point.....	10	Plymouth.....	15
Con. Cal. & Va....	1 30	Quicksilver.....	100
Deadwood	125	Quicksilver pfd...	1000
Gould & Curry....	25	Sierra Nevada....	20
Hale & Norcross..	80	Standard.....	180
Homestake.....	2200	Union Con.....	29
Iron Silver.....	35	Yellow Jacket	25
Mexican.....	20		

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, March 25.—Clearings, $13,370,019; balances, $1,534,455.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Clearings, $87,052,757; balances, $4,898,548.

BALTIMORE, March 25.—Clearings, $2,007,953; balances, $327,862.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—Clearings, $8,546,622; balances, $1,217,066.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Clearings, 15,416,410. New York exchange, 25c discount. Foreign exchange, firm; demand, $4.87¼; sixty days, $4.85¾.

ST. LOUIS, March 25.—Clearings, $3,779,279; balances, $642,145. Money, 5@7 per cent. New York exchange, 25c premium bid; 50c premium asked.

Foreign Financial.

PARIS, March 25.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 55c for the account.

BERLIN, March 25.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 37½ pfg.

LONDON, March 25.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 44.10; at Lisbon, 44¾; at Rome, 105.45.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 25.—WHEAT—Spot quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red, spring, 6s 2d; No. 1 California, 6s 2½d. Futures opened quiet, with near and distant positions ½d lower, closed dull, with near and distant positions ¼d lower; weakness about equally distributed; March, 6s 1¼d; May, 6s 1¾d; June, 6s 1½d.

CORN—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 2s 6¾d. Futures opened quiet, with near and distant positions ¼d lower; closed quiet, with near positions quiet and ½d lower and distant positions ¼d lower; business about equally distributed; March, 2s 6¼d; May, 2s 6¾d; June, 2s 8¼d. July, 2s 9¼d.

FLOUR—Steady; demand moderate; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 6d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; demand poor; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 28s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 28s 6d; long clear, light, 35 to 38 lbs., 26s 6d; long clear, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 27s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 25s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 25s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 29s 6d. Shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 24s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 45s. Tallow, fine North American, 18s 3d. Beef, extra India mess, 56s 3d; prime mess, 47s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 50s; medium western, 45s. Lard, quiet; prime western,