# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

## Wheat Yields to Liquidation and a Smal Decline Sets In.

## MAY DECLINES 2 CENTS FROM TOP NOTCH

### Corn and Oats Hold Aloof from Demoralizing Influence, While Pork and Lard Are a Shade Higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—After temporary firmness today wheat yielded to further liquidation of long property. Heavy export takings at the seaboard checked the decline 2c from the top price of the session and May closed with a net loss of ¾c. Corn and oats held aloof from demoralizing association with wheat and left off at an advance of ⅝c in corn and ¼@⅜c in oats. Pork and lard are a shade higher and ribs unchanged.

The circulation of many crop damage reports and failures in the orders from New York started wheat firm, but without much animation. May opened ¾c higher at 74⅝@74¾c, and during the first few minutes' trading advanced to 75¼c. The Price Current in its remarks concerning the condition of the winter wheat plant said most of the wheat area had snow protection, and the average condition of the plant was only moderately lowered, while its general promise was good. That was a sort of frost that nipped the budding expectation of a crop scare and May declined to 74⅝@74¾c again. Chicago received 85 cars, of which four were graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 465 carloads, as compared with 403 for the corresponding day a year ago.

New York reported heavy buying of futures there by foreigners, while advices from Liverpool were to the effect that offerings from Argentina were diminishing. That encouraged considerable buying and May rose to 75⅛@75¼c. At that point the bears put the kettle on and gradually boiled the price down. St. Louis and New York sold heavily and this brought about considerable liquidation by local speculators, May declining to 73¼c. Aggregate receipts at western primary markets were 609,000 bu., compared with 437,000 bu. a year ago. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 962,000 bu. This helped to check the decline, and when New York reported sixty boatloads disposed of for export early short sellers covered sufficiently quantities to start the price upward and at the close May was bringing 73⅝@73¾c buyers.

Corn showed independent strength, which was attributed chiefly to a good export demand and light acceptances on bids sent through the country last night. The trade in the pit was fairly large, with commission houses doing business on both sides. The old-time bulls, however, increased their lines, and the close was within a fraction of the top price of the day. Receipts were moderate—610 cars. May opened a shade higher at 37⅛@38c, advanced to 38⅜c, met some profit-taking and declined to 37¾c, then rallied to 38¼c, the closing price.

Light receipts and a good shipping demand strengthened oats. Offerings were scarce. Receipts, 149 cars. May began a shade higher at 28⅛@28¼c, rose to 28⅜c and closed at 28⅜@28½c.

A smaller increase in stocks than expected, together with higher prices for hogs, strengthened provisions. The price advanced sharply during the fore part of the session on account of extensive buying of ribs. Later, however, the advance was lost in sympathy with the decline in wheat, and selling of pork by packers. May pork opened a shade higher at $10.42½@10.45, rose to $10.55 and declined to $10.35, then firmed up to $10.42½, the closing figure. May lard started 2½c up at $5.85, rose to $5.90, then weakened to $5.82½ and closed at $5.85. May ribs began a shade lower at $5.17½@5.20, advanced to $5.22½@5.25, declined to $5.15 and closed at $5.17½.

Estimated receipts for Friday: Wheat, 80 cars; corn, 700 cars; oats, 165 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Y'st'd'y |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Wheat. | | | | | |
| May... | 74⅝@¾ | 75¼@⅜ | 73¼ | 75⅛@¼ | 74⅝@¾ |
| July... | 72¾ | 73 | 71¼ | 71¾@⅝ | 72¾ |
| *Corn. | | | | | |
| May... | 37¾-38 | 38⅜ | 37⅜ | 38¼ | 37⅞ |
| July... | 38⅝@⅜ | 38⅝@⅜ | 38 | 38¼ | 38¼@⅜ |
| Sept... | 39 | 39¼ | 38⅝ | 39⅛ | 38⅞ |
| *Oats. | | | | | |
| May... | 28¼ | 28¼ | 28¼ | 28⅜@½ | 28¼ |
| July... | 26⅝ | 26⅝@¾ | 26⅝ | 26⅜ | 26⅝ |
| Pork. | | | | | |
| May... | 10 42½ | 10 55 | 10 35 | 10 42½ | 10 42½ |
| Lard. | | | | | |
| May... | 5 85 | 5 90 | 5 82½ | 5 85 | 5 82½ |
| July... | 5 00 | 6 02½ | 5 95 | 5 97½ | 5 95 |
| Ribs. | | | | | |
| May... | 5 17½ | 5 25 | 5 15 | 5 17½ | 5 17½ |
| July... | 5 32½ | 5 35 | 5 27½ | 5 30 | 5 27½ |

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Moderate demand and easy; winter straights, $3.50@3.70; patents, $3.90@4.00; hard patents, $3.70@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 70@73c; No. 3 spring, 65½@71c; No. 2 red, 72½@74c.

CORN—No. 2, 36¾c; No. 2 yellow, 37c.

OATS—No. 2, 27⅝@28c; No. 2 white, 30½@31c; No. 3 white, 30@30½c.

RYE—No. 2, f. o. b., 56¼c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 44½@52¼c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.14½; prime timothy seed, $2.35@2.40; northwest, $1.18½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.20@10.25. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.65@5.67½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.85@5.05. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.32½; short clear sides (boxed), $5.20@5.25.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.25.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.70; granulated, $5.20. The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

| Articles. | Receipts. | Ship'ts |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls | 13,000 | 15,000 |
| Wheat, bu | 122,000 | 40,000 |
| Corn, bu | 387,000 | 225,000 |
| Oats, bu | 171,000 | 221,000 |
| Rye, bu | 14,000 | 2,000 |
| Barley, bu | 53,000 | 3,000 |

On the Produce exchange today, the butter market; creameries, 13@18½c; dairies, 10½@16c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 17½c. Cheese, steady; creams, 9¾@11c. Dressed poultry, market firm; turkeys, 9½@10¼c; ducks, 7@8c; chickens, 8¼@9c.

### NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

**Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,402 bbls.; exports, 10,294 bbls.; neglected, with buyers about 15c apart; Minnesota patents, $4.10@4.25.

CORNMEAL—Steady at 84@85c.

RYE—Weak; No. 2 western, 66@67c, f. o. b., afloat.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@68c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 64,000 bu.; exports, 110,520 bu.; spot steady; No. 2 northern, Duluth, f. o. b. afloat, 82c; spot, 80¾c f. o. b. afloat to arrive. Options opened stronger on foreign buying, but sold off. Although liquidation seemed less prominent than yesterday, bulls were timid and when in the afternoon St. Louis sold heavily local holders quickly unloaded for noon purchases and prompted a weak close at ⅛@¼c net decline. The export trade was large and clearances heavy. March, 80⅝@81⅝c; closed at 80⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 8,775 bu.; exports, 113,710 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 44⅝@46c f. o. b. afloat to arrive. Options opened firm and, except for a reaction at midday with wheat, was well held all day on further large export purchases, firm at ¼c net advance; May, 42⅝@43 1-16c; closing, 42¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 18,000 bu.; exports, 665 bu. Spot, quiet; No. 2, 34½c; No. 2 white, 36c; options dull.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 7@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 18@19c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 7@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 18@20c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 11½c; Texas, dry, 12c.

WOOL—Steady; fleece, 17@22c; Texas, 11@14c.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4⅛@4¼c; country, 4@4¼c.

RICE—Firm; extra, 4⅛@6c; Japan, 5¼c.

MOLASSES—Weak; New Orleans, 16@18c.

TALLOW—Steady.

COTTONSEED OIL—Steady; prime crude, 19½c; prime yellow, 24@25c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,610 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 14@19c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 12@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 118 pkgs.; firm; large, white, 10¼c; small, white, 11@11¼c; large, colored, 10¼c; small, colored, 11@11¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 5,539 pkgs.; firm; western, 19½c; southern, 18@19½c.

METALS—Pig iron warrants, firm at $8.50, nominal. Lake copper, strong and higher, with $17.60 bid and $17.75 asked. Tin, strong, with $25.60 bid and $25.25 asked. Lead, strong, with $4.60 bid and $4.75 asked. Spelter, strong, with $5.75 bid and $5.85 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.30 and for copper $17.50@18.00.

### Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 2.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 1 northern, 73@74c; No. 2 northern, 71½@72c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 57c.

BARLEY—Easy; No. 2, 52½@53c; sample, 44@52¼c.

### Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 2.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 6,243 bbls.; exports, 34,078 bbls.

WHEAT—Dull; spot and month, 75¾@76c; March, 77¾@77c; steamer No. 2 red, 73¾@73c; receipts, 25,275 bu.; exports, 128,000 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 70@76½c; southern wheat, on grade, 73@76c.

CORN—Firmer; spot and month, 40¼@40¾c; March, 40⅝@40⅞c; steamer mixed, 38@38¼c; receipts, 203,064 bu.; exports, 60,000 bu.; southern white and yellow corn, 38@38¼c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 white, 25¼@26c; No. 2 mixed, 23¾@24c; receipts, 3,580 bu.

### OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

**Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Products.**

EGGS—Receipts, liberal; market firm; fresh stock, 15c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@11c; choice, 13@14c; separator, 18c; gathered creamery, 14@15c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 6@6½c; dressed, 7@8c; old roosters, live, 3c; dressed, 4c; spring chickens, live, 6c; dressed, 7@8c; ducks, live, 6c; dressed, 8c; geese, live, 6c; dressed, 8c; turkeys, live, 7@8c; dressed, 10@11c.

GAME—Teal, blue wing, $1.75; green wing, $1.50; mixed, $1.75@2.25; jackrabbits, $1.50@1.75; cottontails, $1.00@1.25.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.

VEAL—Choice, 8@8½c.

OYSTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., $1.10; mediums, per can, 15c; Standard, per can, 20c; Extra Select, per can, 25c; New York Counts, per can 30c.

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.50.

SPINACH—Per basket, 75@80c.

LETTUCE—Home grown, per doz. bunches, 40c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per doz. bunches, 30c.

CELERY—California, good stock, 25c; choice, 35c; fancy, 50c; extra large, 75c; Michigan, choice stock, 25@30c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 50@60c.

BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., $1.35@1.40.

POTATOES—Choice, sacked, 45@50c; poorer stock, 40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Fancy, per bbl., $2.50.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $4.00; Gentons, $3.50; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., $4.00@4.25; western boxed apples, $1.65@1.75.

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., $8.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $6.50; per crate, $2.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.75; choice, $3.50; Messina, fancy, $4.25@4.50.

ORANGES—Mexican, $2.75; Navels, fancy, $3.25; choice, $3; seedlings, $2.25.

BANANAS—Choice, crated, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@3.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

FIGS—Imported, none; California, 10-lb. boxes, $1.40@1.50.

DATES—Hallowees, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 5½c; Fard, 6-lb. boxes, 10c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 11@12c; standards, 10c; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 7@8c; cocoanuts, per 100, $4; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; roasted, 6½c; chestnuts, 8@9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $3.

HONEY—Choice white, 12@12½c.

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

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, in boxes, 9@10c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 salted hides, 7½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 13 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1¾@2¼c.

FURS—Mink, 10@75c; bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15@50c; muskrat, 3@7c; raccoon, 15@60c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie), coyotte, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; 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.

### St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—WHEAT—Options weak and lower; spot dull and firm; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 74c; track, 74@75c; February, 74¼c; May, 75¾c; July, 70c; No. 2 hard, 68@68½c.

CORN—Options irregular, with fractional changes; spot strong; No. 2 cash, 35½c; track, 35¾c; February, 35½c; May, 36½c bid; July, 36½c.

OATS—Options firm; spot dull; No. 2 cash, 28½c bid; track, 29c; February, 28¾c; May, 29¼c bid; July, 26c; No. 2 white, 30¾@31c.

RYE—Lower at 56c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, higher at $1.11½; prime timothy seed, nominal.

CORNMEAL—$1.75@1.80.

BRAN—Weaker; sacked, east track, 57c.

HAY—Dull and steady; timothy, $8.00@9.50; prairie, $5.00@7.50.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 12@16c.

EGGS—Lower at 15c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.25.

POULTRY—market steady; chickens, 7c; turkeys, 8½c; geese, 4½@5c; ducks, 6½@7c.

METALS—Lead, strong and higher at $4.40@4.45; spelter, higher at $5.45@5.50.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, old, $9.37½; new, $10.25. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.45; choice, $5.52½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.06; extra shorts, $4.75; ribs, $5.00; shorts, $5.12½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.62½; extra shorts, $5.35; ribs, $5.25; shorts, $5.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 27,000 bu.; corn, 72,000 bu.; oats, 42,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 17,000 bu.; corn, 10,000 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

### Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 2.—WHEAT—Market weak; No. 2 hard, 65@66c; No. 3, 62@64c; No. 2 red, 73c; No. 3, 68@71c; No. 2 spring, 64@65c; No. 3, 59@62c.

CORN—Market weak; No. 2 mixed, 33c; No. 2 white, 33¾c; No. 3, 32c.

OATS—Market steady; No. 2 white, 29@29½c.

RYE—Market lower; No. 2, 54½c.

HAY—Market steady; choice timothy, $7.00@7.25; choice prairie, $6.75@7.25.

BUTTER—Market firm; separator, 16@18c; dairy, 15c.

EGGS—Market steady; fresh, 15½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 55,800 bu.; corn, 42,900 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 38,400 bu.; corn, 14,300 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

### Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 2.—WHEAT—Market steady, ¼@⅜d lower; March, 5s 9¾d; May, 5s 8¾d.

CORN—Market quiet, ¼@¼d lower; March, 3s 7¾d; May, 3s 7¾d.

TALLOW—Prime city, 23s.

PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, firm at 35s. Bacon, dull at 27s 6d.

CHEESE—American finest white and colored, steady at 49s.

### Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 2.—WHEAT—Lower and easy; No. 2, cash, 72¾c; May, 75⅞c.

CORN—Dull and easy; No. 2 mixed, 37c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, cash and May, 29c.

RYE—Dull and steady; No. 2, cash, 56c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Active and unchanged; prime, cash, old, $3.70; new, cash and February, $4.

### Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 2.—WHEAT—Easy; No. 2 red, 74@74½c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 37½c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 30½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 65c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, strong at $5.45. Bulk meats, quiet at $4.80. Bacon, dull at $5.75.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.26.

SUGAR—Steady and unchanged at 15c.

### Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—WHEAT—Steady; February, 71c; March, 71¾c; July, 72c. On track: No. 1 hard, 71¾c; No. 1 northern, 70¾c; No. 2 northern, 68¾c.

FLOUR—Quiet; first patents, $3.80@3.90; second patents, $3.60@3.70; first clear, $2.70@2.90.

### Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—Receipts: Wheat, 40 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 2.—Receipts: Wheat, 93 cars.

Receipts at Primary Markets—Wheat, 609,230 bushels; corn, 807,798 bushels.

### Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Feb. 2.—CORN—Market quiet; No. 2, 35c.

OATS—Market firm; No. 2 white, 29¼@29½c.

WHISKY—Market firm at $1.26.

### Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 19c; fancy western prints, 20c.

EGGS—Firm; western, 21c; southwestern, 20c; southern, 19c.

### Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at unchanged prices to 5 points higher and further improved on encouraging cables from Europsean and Brazilian markets, light receipts, large warehouse deliveries, decrease in American visible, less bearish statistical situation generally and support from bull faction; trading moderate and chiefly professional; closed steady and unchanged to 5 points higher. Sales, 14,500 bags, including February, $5.55; March, $5.65; May, $5.80; August, $6.05; September, $6.05; October, $6.15; November, $6.15; December, $6.25. Spot, Rio, quiet but steady; No. 7 invoice, 6¾c; No. 7 jobbing, 7¼c. Mild, steady; Cordova, 7½@14c.

### Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 2.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 73½c; May, 74¾c; July, 75c; No. 1 northern, cash, 70c; May, 72¾c; July, 73c; No. 2 northern, 69¾c.

### OPERATIONS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

**Prices Make Fractional Net Declines After Strong Opening.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Prices made fractional net declines on the stock exchange today, with dealings in about 800,000 shares. Influenced by better London quotations and the reaction in the Bank of England's rate of discount, stocks opened strong with advances of about ½ a point in the active list. There was a disposition both here and abroad toward increased interests in low-priced shares.

Purchases for London account on balance reached about 25,000 shares, but it was estimated that about 150,000 shares of stock shipped from London would reach New York this week. Advices indicating that the ratification of the peace treaty was likely had some influence on speculative sentiment and prices continued to rise most of the forenoon, Chesapeake & Ohio, International Silver, Louisville & Nashville and Denver & Rio Grande moving somewhat smartly. There was a sympathetic advance among the high-priced stocks, but it was of only moderate proportions. Central Pacific, Southern Pacific, Atchison preferred, Tennessee Coal & Iron, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and Northolk & Western preferred were strong. Periods of strength were displayed by Manhattan, Brooklyn Transit and Sugar.

In the afternoon the buying demand slackened and the apparent inclinations of commission house customers to take the profits induced traders to offer stocks downward, which in turn brought about some liquidation of weak holdings. There were sharp recessions in a number of specialties, including People's Gas, Sugar, Tobacco, Twin City Rapid Transit, Metropolitan Traction and Consolidated Gas. The weakness in the latter stock was in a measure attributable to measures introduced in the New York legislature for the reduction in the price of gas.

The grangers and a number of other stocks receded a point and over from the best. The selling for a time was on moderate dealings, but before the movement was over the volume increased considerably and prices got well below yesterday's closing. In the late dealings there were slight rallies led by Sugar and the market closed steady and unchanged to 5 points higher. Sales, 14,600 bags, including February, $5.55; March, $5.65; May, $5.80; August, $6.05; September, $6.05; October, $6.15; November, $6.15; December, $6.25. Spot, Rio, quiet but steady; No. 7 invoice, 6¾c; No. 7 jobbing, 7¼c. Mild, steady; Cordova, 7½@14c.

### Boston Stock and Bonds.

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 2½@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks and bonds and mining shares:

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| A. T. & S. F. | 22½ | Boston L. | 88 |
| Amer. Sugar | 133⅝ | Edi. Illec. Tel. | 289½ |
| do pfd | 113½ | Gen. Elec. pfd | 156 |
| Bay State Gas | 3⅝ | Atchison pfd | 61⅝ |
| Bell Telephone | 317 | Atchison 4s | 100⅝ |
| Boston & Albany | 251 | Wis. Cent. 1s | 67⅛ |
| Boston & Maine | 171½ | Allouez Mining Co. | 16 |
| C. B. & Q. | 135 | Atlantic | 42 |
| Fitchburg | 115 | Boston & Mont. | 249 |
| Gen. Electric | 111 | Butte & Boston | 91 |
| Mexican Central | 7 | Calumet & Hecla | 370 |
| Old Colony | 209 | Centennial | 39½ |
| Ore. Short Line | 42½ | Franklin | 28 |
| Rubber | 61½ | Old Dominion | 24¾ |
| Union Pacific | 47 | Osceola | 46½ |
| West End | 92 | Quincy | 130 |
| do pfd | 111 | Adventure | 10¾ |
| Westinsh. Electric. | 44 | Tamarack | 245 |
| do pfd | 83½ | Wolverine | 46½ |
| Wis. Central | 24 | Parrott | 39 |

### San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

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| Alta | 5 | Hale & Norcross | 16 |
| Alpha Con | 3 | Justice | 11 |
| Andes | 14 | Kentucky Con | 8 |
| Belcher | 14 | Mexican | 44 |
| Bullion Con | 3 | Ophir | 70 |
| Best & Belcher | 51 | Overman | 16 |
| Bullion | 4 | Potosi | 20 |
| Caledonia | 22 | Savage | 14 |
| Challenge Con | 17 | Sag Belcher | 3 |
| Chollar | 30 | Sierra Nevada | 68 |
| Confidence | 65 | Standard | 220 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 175 | Union Con | 44 |
| Crown Point | 15 | Utah Con | 19 |
| Gould & Curry | 20 | Yellow Jacket | 14 |
| Gray Eagle | 2 | | |

Silver bars, 59¼c; Mexican dollars, 47¼@48c. Drafts, sight, 17½c; telegraph, 20c.

### Foreign Bank Statement.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation, increase, 56,550 francs; currency accounts current, decrease, 48,175,000 francs; gold in hand, decrease, 1,375,000 francs; bills discounted, increase, 39,366,000 francs; silver in hand, decrease, 1,675,000 francs.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decrease, £53,000; circulation, increase, £345,000; bullion, increase, £292,123; other securities, increase, £867,000; other deposits, increase, £42,000; public deposits, increase, £348,000; notes reserve, decrease, £165,000; government securities unchanged. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 45.49 per cent; last week it was 45.90 per cent. The Bank of England's rate of discount has been received—from 3½ to 3 per cent.

### New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—MONEY ON CALL—2½@3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@3¾ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firmer, at $4.85¾@4.85⅞ for demand, and at $4.83¾@4.83½ for sixty days; posted rates $4.84 and $4.86; commercial bills, $4.82@4.82⅛.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—Nominally, 59½@60¼c.

BAR SILVER—59¼c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47¼c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady; 3s, 106⅞; new 4s, reg., 128⅝; coupon, 129⅛; 4s, 112; coupon, 112¾; 2s, 99; 5s, reg., 111½; coupon, 111⅝.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

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| U. S. new 3s | 107¼ | N. Y. C. 1sts | 117¾ |
| U. S. new 4s, reg. | 128⅛ | N. J. C. 6s | 130 |
| U. S. 4s coup. | 129 | N. C. 4s | 104 |
| U. S. 4s, reg. | 112¾ | No. Pacific 1sts | 116 |
| U. S. 4s coup. | 113¾ | No Pacific 3s | 68¾ |
| U. S. 2s, reg. | 99 | No. Pacific 4s | 103⅜ |
| U. S. 5s, reg. | 111⅝ | N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s | 107⅝ |
| U. S. 5s, coup. | 112⅝ | N. & W. 6s | 129 |
| District 3.65s | 117⅛ | N. & W. Consols | 140 |
| Ala., class A | 107 | Ore. Nav. 6s | 120 |
| Ala., class B | 107 | Ore. N. 1sts | 113⅜ |
| Ala., class C | 100 | Ore. Ry. & Nav. | 100¾ |
| Ala., Currency | 100 | O. S. L. 6s | 107¼ |
| Atchison 4s | 101⅞ | O. S. L. & U. 1sts | 111⅜ |
| Can. So. 2ds | 111⅜ | Reading 4s | 88¾ |
| Canada So. 2ds | 111⅜ | R. G. W. 1sts | 93¾ |
| C. & O. 4½s | 96⅜ | Rio Grande 1sts | 111⅜ |
| Chi. Terms. 4s | 93⅜ | St. L. & I. M. con. 5s | 111⅜ |
| C. & O. 6s | 118¾ | St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s | 123⅜ |
| C. H. & D. 4½s | 104⅜ | St. P. Consols | 162¾ |
| D. & R. G. 1sts | 108¾ | St. P. C. & P. 1sts | 119 |
| D. & R. G. 4s | 101 | St. P. C. & P. 5s | 121⅜ |
| East Tenn. 1sts | 104¾ | So. Ry. 5s | 106 |
| Erie Gen. 4s | 74⅜ | S. R. & T. 6s | 80 |
| F. W. & D. 1sts, t. r. | 87½ | Tenn. new set 3s | 97 |
| Gen. Elec. 5s | 112¾ | T. P. L. G. 1sts | 112¾ |
| G. H. & S. A. 6s | 109 | T. P. Ry. 2ds | 80 |
| G. H. & S. A. 2ds | 107 | U. P. D. & G. 1sts | 89½ |
| H. & T. Cent. 6s | 110 | Wab. 1st 5s | 114¾ |
| H. & T. C. con. 6s | 110 | Wab. 2ds | 97¾ |
| Iowa C. 1sts | 108⅜ | Wis. Cent. 1sts | 66¾ |
| La. New Con. 4s | 108 | Va. Centuries | 86½ |
| L. & N. Uni. 4s | 96¼ | Va. deferred | 8¾ |
| Mo. Pac. con. 6s | 114¾ | Va. new 6s | 70 |
| M. K. & T. 2ds | 67¾ | Colorado South'n 4s | 87¼ |
| M. K. & T. 4s | 93⅛ | | |

### New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The following are the closing quotations on mining stocks:

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| Choice | 25 | Ontario | 550 |
| Crown Point | 19 | Ophir | 60 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 150 | Plymouth | 10 |
| Deadwood | 45 | Quicksilver | 150 |
| Gould & Curry | 22 | do pfd | 500 |
| Hale & Norcross | 16 | Sierra Nevada | 65 |
| Homestake | 500 | Standard | 220 |
| Iron Silver | 78 | Union Con | 33 |
| Mexican | 38 | Yellow Jacket | 15 |

*Assessments paid.

### London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—4 p. m.—Closing:

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|---|---|---|---|
| Consols, money | 111 1-16 | N. Y. Central | 137 |
| Consols, acct | 111 3-16 | Pennsylvania | 63½ |
| Can. Pacific | 89½ | Reading | 17⅞ |
| Erie | 15⅝ | Erie 1st pfd | 38⅜ |
| Erie 1st pfd | 41½ | Atch'son | 23⅞ |
| Ill. Central | 120½ | Louis. & Nash. | 68⅜ |
| No. Pac. pfd | 82½ | Grand Trunk | 7⅝ |
| St. Paul | 132¼ | | |

BAR SILVER—Quiet at 27 7-16d per ounce.

MONEY—1 per cent.

Discount in open market for short bills, 2@2½ per cent; for three months' bills, 2@2¼ per cent

### Financial Notes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Today's statement of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $274,906,612; gold reserve, $227,712,777.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Clearings, $263,574,592; balances, $11,297,911.

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—Clearings, $31,637,924; balances, $3,054,030.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—Clearings, $13,962,732; balances, $2,335,461.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 2.—Clearings, $4,416,734; balances, $460,911.

CHICAGO Feb. 2.—Clearings, $20,597,040; balances, $2,747,000; New York exchange, par; Sterling exchange, posted, $4.84@4.85; actual, $4.83¾@4.85⅝; sixty days, $4.82¼@4.84¼; balances, $2,335,461. Biscuit common, 54½; Biscuit preferred, 106¾; West Chicago, 95¼; North Chicago, 219; Strawboard, 31; Diamond Match, 140¾.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—Clearings, $1,-526,773; New York exchange, bank, $1 premium; commercial, 50@75c discount.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 2.—Money, 2½@6 per cent; New York exchange, 15c discount and par; clearings, $2,419,200.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—Clearings, $5,041,678; balances, $868,026; money, 4@6 per cent; New York exchange, 10c premium bid, 25c premium asked.

### Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The market for American securities opened firm in response to the advance in New York yesterday. The market then pursued a waiting policy until the New York opening figures were received. On the receipt of those quotations a more buoyant feeling set in and prices moved upward. The closing was firm, with the demand improving. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today was £14,000. Gold at Buenos Ayres, 115.80; Spanish 4s closed at 63½.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—Prices were strong on the bourse today, though realizations caused hesitation after the opening, but they were easily absorbed and the upward movement progressed. Turks were in strong demand. Rio Tintos rose above 1,000 and finished easier on profit-taking. South Africans started heavy and closed remarkably firm. Three per cent rentes, 102f 70c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 17c for checks; Spanish 4s closed at 53.55.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—German 4s were firm on the bourse today. Spanish 4s were easier and Turkish securities hardened. Americans were quiet and local shares were strong. Iron shares were the feature of the market.

### C. B. & Q. Dividend.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The directors of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent on the stock.

### Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—COTTON—Futures, quiet; February, $5.67 bid; March, $5.67@5.69; April, $5.71@5.73; May, $5.76@5.76; June, $5.79@5.78; July, $5.78@5.79; August, $5.75@5.77; September, $5.62@5.63; October, $5.63@5.64; November, $5.64@5.66; December, $5.65@5.67. Spot cotton, easy; sales, 2,300 bales; ordinary, 4¾c; good ordinary, 4 15-16c; low middling, 5 5-16c; middling, 5¾c; good middling, 6⅜c; middling fair, 6⅝c; receipts, 3,332 bales; stock, 444,854 bales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 6¾c; net receipts, 222 bales; gross, 3,577 bales; sales, 141 bales; stock, 79,529 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,092 bales; to the continent, 964 bales.

### New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—DRY GOODS—The cotton goods division of the market is daily furnishing evidence of all-around strength. Advances are again quoted in brown cottons and wide sheetings and in print calicoes, with a popular line of dress gingham. Trade is gradually expanding on home trade account, and there are good orders in the market for export. Regular print cloths cannot be bought at first hands for 2½c per yard in any position. Woolen goods for men's wear are steadier in tone, with an improving demand and dress goods are promising better prices.

### Sugar Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—SUGAR—Steady; open kettle, 2⅝@3 7-16c; open kettle, centrifugal, 3 9-16@4 3-16c; granulated, none in first hands; whites, 4½@4¾c; yellows, 4¼c; seconds, 2½@3⅝c. Molasses, open kettle, steady at 15¢30c; centrifugal, quiet at 6¢16c. Syrup, none in first hands.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—SUGAR—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3 13-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 5-16c; molasses sugar, 3 9-16c; sales, 71 bags Maracaibo, 89 test, at 3 13-16c spot, ex-wharf; refined firm.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—BEET SUGAR—February, 9s 9¾d.

### Oil Market.

OIL CITY, Feb. 2.—Credit balances, $1.15; certificates, no bid; no sales; shipments, 87,-847 bbls.; runs, 27,267 bbls.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 2.—OILS—Spirits of turpentine, firm at 43½c.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 2.—OILS—Spirits of turpentine, firm at 43½@44c. Crude turpentine, quiet at $1.35@2.40. Rosin, firm at 90@95c. Tar, firm at $1.10.

### California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Steady; evaporated apples, common, 7@8c; prime wire tray, 8@9c; choice, 9¼@9½c; fancy, 9¾@10c. Prunes, 3½@10c. Apricots, Royal, 11@14c; Moor Park, 13@17c.

### Fire Destroys Express Car.