COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Freezing Weather Causes Some Anxiety for Winter Wheat.

MAY OPTION FIRMS UP ON THIS ACCOUNT

It Closes at an Advance, Corn and Oats Both Higher, While All Provision Lines Show a Decrease.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Enormous clearances and big exports today, in addition to the circulation of numerous crop damage reports, strengthened wheat and May left off at an advance of ⅜@½c. Corn rose ¼c and oats closed a shade higher. Pork lost 17½@20c, lard and ribs 2½@5c.

Freezing temperatures today throughout the winter wheat belt where there was heavy rain yesterday and Saturday caused a good deal of anxiety regarding the winter plant and the market opened firm. May started ⅛c higher at 73⅝@73⅞c, but met considerable selling by scalpers, brought about by indifferent cables and the price sagged to 73c. The weakness did not last long, however, as Russian shipments last week were found to have been only 664,000 bu., and the receipts at domestic markets indicated some reduction of farmers' deliveries. Chicago received seventy-eight cars, of which only twelve were graded contract, Minneapolis and Duluth got 540 carloads, compared with 660 a week ago and 362 for the same day last year. World's shipments to Europe for the week aggregated 6,324,000 bu., the greater portion coming from this country. The visible supply showed 302,000 bu. increase, which about satisfied the expectations concerning it. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour for the day exceeded 1,000,000 bu. and New York reported fresh export sales of forty-three loadings. The downward tendency of foreign markets, however, somewhat dampened the spirits of the bulls and prevented the full fruition that might otherwise have arisen from those two announcements. May did not get above 73½c and closed at 73⅝c.

A smaller increase in the visible than expected, large clearances and moderate receipts strengthened corn. Commission houses and elevator concerns bought freely, but at the improvement realizing set in and part of the gain was lost. Receipts were 408 cars. May opened ¼@¼c higher at 36½@36⅝c, rose to 36⅞c, sold off to 36¼c and closed at 36⅝c sellers.

There was a good demand for oats from concerns who were taking off hedges on cash lots for shipment and the market ruled firm throughout. Cash demand continued good and 100,000 bu. were taken here for shipment. Receipts were large, amounting to 2,400 cars. May began ⅛c up at 28¼c, advanced to 28⅛@28¼c, sold off to 27⅞@28c and closed at 28@28⅛c.

The expectation of finding considerable addition to stocks of cut meats and lard when the result of stock taking becomes known March 1 depressed provisions. This caused the liquidation of more long property than could be absorbed without submitting to some reduction in price, and the latter alternative was accepted. May pork opened a shade lower at $9.55@9.57½, declined steadily to $9.37½ and closed at $9.37½@9.40.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 127 cars; corn, 640 cars; oats, 315 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

Cash futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'dy
*Wheat.					
May	73⅜@⅛	73⅝	73	73⅝	72¼-73
July	71⅛@⅝	71⅝	71¼	71⅝	71¼
*Corn.					
May	36⅛@⅝	36⅞	36¼	36⅝	36¼
July	36¼-37	37⅛	36¾	37	36¾
Sept	37⅝	37¾	37¼@⅜	37⅝	37¼
*Oats.					
May	28⅛	28⅛@¼	27⅞-28	28⅛	28
July	26⅛	26⅛@¼	26	26⅛	26
Pork.					
May	9 55	9 57½	9 37½	9 40	9 57½
July	9 70	9 70	9 55	9 57½	9 75
Lard.					
May	5 42½	5 45	5 37½	5 40	5 45
July	5 55	5 55	5 50	5 50	5 57½
Sept	5 67½	5 67½	5 62½	5 65	5 67½
Ribs.					
May	4 82½	4 82½	4 77½	4 80	4 85
July	4 95	4 95	4 90	4 92½	4 97½
Sept	5 02½	5 05	5 02½	5 05	5 10

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Moderate demand and steady.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 68¾c; No. 3 spring, 65@71c; No. 2 red, 73@73½c.

CORN—No. 2, 35½@35¾c; No. 2 yellow, 35⅝@36c.

OATS—No. 2, 27¾c; No. 2 white, 30@31c; No. 3 white, 29½@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 56¼@56½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 42@52c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.13½; n. w., $1.17½. Prime timothy seed, $2.47½@2.50. Cloverseed, contract grade, $6.10.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.25@9.30. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.25@5.27. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.55@4.75. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.37½. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.95@5.00.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.70; granulated, $5.20.

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was dull and easy; creameries, 14@21c; dairies, 11½@17c. Eggs, weak and lower; fresh, 25@28c. Cheese, firm; creameries, 9¾@10½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—FLOUR—Receipts, 18,227 bbls.; exports, 17,391 bbls. Market firmer but quiet; Minnesota patents, $3.95@4.25; Minnesota bakers, $3.10@3.25; winter patents, $3.75@4.00; winter straights, $3.60@3.70; winter extras, $2.50@2.85; winter low grades, $2.40@2.65.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 84@85c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 65@70c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 50,400 bu.; exports, 61,688 bu. Spot firm; No. 2 red, 85⅝@86⅝c. f. o. b., afloat, to arrive, and spot. Options opened steadier and generally firm all day, but very quiet. Bulls were favored by weather conditions, big clearance cables and export demand. Scalpers covered short wheat put out for early delivery, while foreign houses traded both sides. The close was steady at ⅛@¼c net decline. March, 83⅝@84⅛c, closed at 84⅛c; May, 77 9-16@78 1-16c, closed at 77⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 60,400 bu.; exports, 173,768 bu. Spot firmer; No. 2, 48⅝c. f. o. b., afloat; late March. Options opened steadier, with wheat, and after a decline under liquidation, rallied again on good clearances and a small visible supply. Closed steady at a partial ⅛c net advance. May, 41⅛@41½c, closed at 41⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 109,200 bu.; exports, 31,869 bu. Spot steady; No. 2, 35c; No. 2 white, 37½c. Options inactive.

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

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 16½@17c; Texas dry, 12½c; California, 18½c.

WOOL—Firm; fleece, 17@22c; Texas, 12@25c.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 4¼c; country, 4½@4¾c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Dull and moderately steady. Choice crude, 20@21c; prime crude, f. o. b., mills, 20½c; prime summer yellow, 25c bid; off summer yellow, 23½@24c; butter grades, 29@32c; prime winter yellow, 31@32c; prime white, 30@31c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@7c; Japan, 5¾@5¼c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@37c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 7,893 pkgs.; market firm; western creamery, 16@22; Elgins, 22c; factory, 12@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,213 pkgs.; firm; large white and colored, 10½c; small white and colored, 11¼@11½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 1,766 pkgs.; steady; western, 24c; southern, 24c.

METALS—At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants unchanged at $9.25, nominal; lake copper, quiet and unchanged, with $17.75 bid and $18.00 asked; tin, quiet, with $24.50 bid; lead, steady, with $4.35 bid and $4.40 asked; spelter, quiet, with $6.37½ bid and $6.50 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.20, and copper, $18.00.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 27.—FLOUR—Dull; western superfine, $2.25@2.60; western extra, $2.60@3.00; western family, $3.30@3.60; winter wheat patents, $3.70@3.90; spring patents, $3.85@4.10; spring wheat straights, $3.60@3.80; receipts, 19,600 bbls.

WHEAT—Dull; spot, month and March, 76½@76¾c; steamer, No. 2 red, 74½@74¾c; receipts, 9,400 bu.; exports, 40,000 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 70@77½c; southern, on grade, 74@77c.

CORN—Steady; spot, month and March, 38⅛@38¾c; steamer mixed, 37@37½c; receipts, 151,600 bu.; exports, 38,300 bu.; southern white and yellow, 37@39½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 37@37½c; No. 2 mixed, 34@34½c; receipts, 14,700 bu.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 22@23c; fancy ladle, 15@16c; good ladle, 13@14c; store packed, 11@12c; rolls, 12@13c.

EGGS—Firm at 30c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 11@11½c; fancy New York, medium, 11¼@11½c; fancy New York, small, 11¼@11⅝c.

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat Saturday, February 25, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows:

WHEAT—29,920,000 bu.; increase, 302,000 bu.
CORN—21,221,000 bu.; increase, 1,000 bu.
OATS—9,269,000 bu.; increase, 693,000 bu.
RYE—1,140,000 bu.; decrease, 37,000 bu.
BARLEY—2,671,000 bu.; decrease, 98,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Products.

EGGS—Receipts increasing; market uncertain and demand light; fresh stock, 18@20c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 11@12c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 17@18c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 6½@7c; dressed, 8@8½c; old roosters, live, 4c; dressed, 5c; spring chickens, live, 6½@7c; dressed, 8@8½c; ducks, live, 7½c; dressed, 9c; geese, live, 7½c; dressed, 8c; turkeys, live, 7@8c; dressed, 10@11c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

VEAL—Choice, 8@8½c.

OYSTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., $1.50; mediums, per can, 20c; Standard, per can, 25c; Extra Select, per can, 30c; New York Counts, per can, 35c.

FRESH WATER FISH—White fish, 8c; lake trout, 9c; small trout, green, 10c; yellow pike, 7c; pickerel, winter caught, 8c; silver herring, 4c; perch, scaled and dressed, 6c; perch, skinned and dressed, 7c; northern crappie, 10c; bullhead, dressed, 10c; black bass, very scarce, 15c.

SEA FISH—Flounders, 8c; haddock, 8c; Columbia river salmon, 10c; halibut, 11c; No. 1 smelts, 10c; blue fish, 10c; Spanish mackerel, 15c; red snapper, 10c; extra large mackerel, 30c each.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $4.00; Genitons, $3.50; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., $4.50@4.65; western boxed apples, $1.50@1.75.

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., $8.50@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $8.00@6.25; large, $7.00; per crate, $2.25.

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Per crate, $4.50.

SPINACH—None in market.

LETTUCE — Home grown, per doz. bunches, 45c.

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

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

CABBAGE—Crated, per lb., 2¼@2½c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 75c.

BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., $1.85@1.40.

POTATOES — Choice, sacked, 55@60c; poorer stock, 40@45c; Minnesota Burbanks, 65@70c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.00@2.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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

ORANGES—Navels, fancy, $3.25; choice, $3.00; seedlings, $2.35@2.50.

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

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

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 5½c; Fard, 9-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, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; roasted, 6½c; chestnuts, 8@9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $2.00.

HONEY—Choice white, 12@12½c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.50; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, in boxes, 9@10c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7¼c; No. 2 green hides, 6¼c; No. 1 salted hides, 8¼c; No. 2 salted hides, 7¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1¾@2½c.

FURS—Mink, 10@75c; bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15@75c; muskrat, 3@10c; raccoon, 15@55c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@75c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie), coyote, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@10c; 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@6c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—FLOUR—Dull, unchanged; patents, $3.50@3.65; straights, $3.15@3.25; clears, $2.75@3.10.

WHEAT—Futures fractionally higher; spot steady; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 74c; track, 75c; February, 74c; May, 76⅝@76½c bid; July, 70½c bid; No. 2 hard, 68@69c.

CORN—Strong and fractions better. No. 2 cash, 33½c; track, 34@34½c; February, 33⅝c; May, 34⅝@34½c bid; July, 35½c.

OATS—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 28¾c; track, 29¼@29½c; February, 28¾c; May, 28⅝@29c bid; July, 24¾c; No. 2 white, 30¾@31c.

RYE—Firm; 55c bid.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, nominal, $1.08. Prime timothy seed, $2.30.

CORNMEAL—$1.70@1.75.

BRAN—Scarce and higher; sacked, east track, 61@62c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $7.50@8.50; prairie, $6.50@8.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 19@20c; dairy, 14@15½c.

EGGS—Lower; 23c.

WHISKY—Steady; $1.26.

METALS—Lead, lower, $4.15. Spelter, firm, $6.25 bid.

PROVISIONS—Pork, better; standard mess, jobbing, new, $9.62½. Lard, lower; prime steam, $5.05; choice, $5.15. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.00; extra shorts, $4.75; ribs, $4.8½; shorts, $5.00. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.50; extra short clear, $4.25; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 19,000 bu.; corn, 68,000 bu.; oats, 50,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 8,000 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 25.—WHEAT—Market steady; No. 1 hard, 65½@66¼c; No. 2, 63@65½c; No. 2 red, nominally, 74c; No. 3, 72@73c; No. 2, spring, 66@65½c; No. 3, 61¼@64c; receipts, 59 cars.

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

OATS—Market weak; No. 2 white, 27@27½c.

RYE—Market firm; No. 2, 56c.

HAY—Market steady and unchanged.

BUTTER—Market firm; separator, 16@20c; dairy, 17c.

EGGS—Market lower; fresh, 23c.

Receipts of wheat, 99 cars.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 58,400 bu.; corn, 27,300 bu.; oats, 13,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 25,800 bu.; corn, 5,200 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 100,800 bu.; corn, 31,800 bu.; oats, 23,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 43,200 bu.; corn, 5,800 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27.—HOG PRODUCTS—Steady; pork, standard mess, $9.50@9.75. Lard, refined tierce, $4.62½; pure, $5.87½. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $4.50; sides, $5.37½. Bacon, clear rib sides, $6.12½. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.50@9.50.

COFFEE—Steady; Rio, ordinary to fair, 6⅞@7⅞c.

RICE—Quiet; ordinary to good, 4¾c.

FLOUR—Fancy, $3.55@3.70; patents, $4.05@4.30.

CORNMEAL—$1.95.

BRAN—70@72½c.

HAY—Prime, $11.00@12.00; choice, $13.00@13.50.

CORN—No. 2 white, sacked, 42@42½c; No. 2 mixed, 43½c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 34c.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.—FLOUR—Steady; winter fancy, $3.20@3.40; family, $2.55@2.75.

WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, 75c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 34c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 29@29½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 63c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, easier, $5.07½. Bulk meats, firm, $4.75. Bacon, quiet, $5.62½.

WHISKY—Steady; $1.26.

BUTTER—Easy.

SUGAR—Steady; hard refined, $4.35@5.10.

EGGS—Demoralized; 22c.

CHEESE—Strong; good to prime Ohio flats, 11@11½c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., Feb., 27.—WHEAT—Higher, dull; No. 2 cash, 76¼c bid; July, 73¼c.

CORN—Dull, lower; No. 2 mixed, cash, 34c.

OATS—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, cash, 28½c.

RYE—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 57c.

CLOVERSEED—Active, easy; prime cash, old, $3.75 asked; new, 3.82½c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—Receipts: Wheat, 28 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27.—Receipts: Wheat, 168 cars.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Estimated cars for tomorrow: Wheat, 127; corn, 640; oats, 315.

Receipts from Primary Markets—Wheat, 599,300 bushels; corn, 732,300 bushels.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 27.—WHEAT—Steady; February, 71c; May, 71⅛c; July, 71½@71⅝c. On track: No. 1 hard, 71⅛c; No. 1 northern, 70⅞c; No. 2 northern, 67⅞c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.70@3.90; second patents, $3.50@3.60; first clears, $2.60@2.80.

BRAN—In bulk, $10.75@11.00.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 27.—WHEAT—Spot firm; March, 5s 7½d; May, 5s 7¼d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, old, firm at 3s 7¾d; March, quiet at 3s 5¾d; May, quiet at 3s 5¾d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, short ribs, firm at 27s 6d. Short clear backs, firm at 28s. Shoulders, square, steady at 24s.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Feb. 27.—CORN—Market firm and higher; No. 3, 33c.

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

WHISKY—Market firm on the basis of $1.26 for finished goods.

Milwaukee Wheat Market.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 27.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 1 northern, 73@73½c; No. 2 northern, 71½c; sample, 65½@70c.

RYE—Easier; No. 1, 57¼@57½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 50@50½c; sample, 41@50c.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—BUTTER—Dull and ½c to 1c lower; fancy western creamery, 22½c.

EGGS—2c lower at 23c.

CHEESE—Steady.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 27.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 71⅞c; February, 71⅞c; May, 74⅜c; No. 1 northern, cash, 69⅞c; No. 2 northern, 66⅝c.

OPERATIONS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Continues Irregular and Leaves Off Heavy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Stock market continued irregular today and left off rather heavy, but with fractional advances in the prominent shares. The railway shares assumed more prominence in the dealings than of late, important fluctuations occurring from time to time in those properties during which the specialties were temporarily relegated to the background. Prices were receding when toward noon it was reported that Aguinaldo was inclined to accept pacific overtures and a rally ensued. London was a moderate purchaser. Coverings movement in Sugar advanced the prices smartly, but free selling appeared, which attracted particular attention, as it was by brokers who were believed to represent houses prominent on the bull side in other stocks, and the stock lost its early gain and closed but fractionally up for the day. Third Avenue dropped 22 points after an initial rise of 4, the weakness seemingly on realizing when it was reported that the property would be absorbed by Metropolitan. American Steel and Wire advanced on large dealings, but subsequently lost part of the rise. Federal Steel to a lesser extent sympathized with both movements in American Steel and Wire. Atchison was weak during the early recession of the market, but stiffened on the report that a further dividend on the preferred would be considered at the directors' meeting in March. Subsequently the stock was sold down in common with the drive at the rest of the market. American District Telegraph made a gain of 7 points on the report that control of the company had been secured with a view of using its sub-way privileges for a new telephone company. The grangers were in request in the afternoon, St. Paul showing $250,000 net increase in January. The grangers, however, together with the specialties, sagged during the late selling movement. The Philadelphia company rose over 3 points on the heavy over-subscription for its bonds offered this morning. Ontario & Western was strength and contributed to the reports that the Vanderbilt interests had taken much of the stock. It was said that the pool which had advanced the stock sold some 25,000 shares in the early dealings. Some hardening in call money rates accompanied the late selling movement.

The bond market displayed a heartening tone throughout, some issues going upward, while others felt the effects of the realizations. Texas & Pacific seconds moved up to 54 on rumors that an early dividend payment was possible. Total sales, $4,590,000. United States new 4s, registered, advanced ¼ per cent and 3s and 5s, ⅝ per cent in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: "The markets here were very quiet and dullish today. Americans began week. London bought meagerly for account Boston and New York sold later. The close was near the worst, except Ontario & Western, which was in demand all day. Coppers were heavy. Tintos, 39½; Anacondas, 9 1-16; Utahs, 8⅝; Bostons, 2 9-16. Money was in good demand for repayments to the bank. The bank is buying gold at 77s 9½d. Germany is also nibbling."

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison	23⅝	do pfd	72
Am. Sugar	128⅞	do 2d pfd	39⅝
do pfd	112	St. L. & S. W.	9⅝
Bay State Gas	2⅝	do pfd	25
Bell Telephone	345	St. Paul	130⅝
Boston & Albany	247	do pfd	169½
Boston & Maine	172	St. P. & O.	32½
Boston L.	87	do pfd	92½
C. B. & Q.	146	So. Pacific	37¼
Pitchburg	113	So. Railway	12⅝
Gen. Electric	112⅝	do pfd	49⅝
Federal Steel	41½	Texas & Pacific	21⅝
do pfd	88½	Union Pacific	44
Mexican Central	6⅝	do pfd	80⅝
Old Colony	202	**U. P. D. & G.	12¼
Ore. Short Line	34	Wabash	8½
Rubber	52½	do pfd	22½
Union Pacific	48½	*Wheel. & L. E.	11½
West End	94½	do pfd	33
do pfd	112	Adams Ex	155
		American Ex	140
		U. S. Ex.	52½
		Wells-Fargo Ex	125
		A. Cot. Oil	30
		do pfd	92⅝
		Am. Spirits	12⅝
		do pfd	34⅝
		Am. Tobacco	184½
		do pfd	142
		Cons. Gas	215¾
		Cen. Cable Co.	155
		Colo. F. & Iron	33⅝
		do pfd	95
		Gen. Electric	113
		Haw. Com. Co.	73
		Brooklyn R. T.	94⅝
		Inter. Paper	27½
		do pfd	88
		Chicago Gas	93
		Lead	36⅝
		do pfd	122½
		Nat. Lin. Oil	5½
		Pacific Mail	51
		People's Gas	114⅝
		Pullman Palace	158½
		Silver Cert.	59½
		S. R. & T.	10⅝
		Sugar	129⅝
		do pfd	114½
		T. C. & Iron	24⅝
		U. S. Leather	6⅝
		do pfd	70⅝
		U. S. Rubber	52⅝
		do pfd	115½
		Western Union	94½
		Federal Steel	52⅝
		do pfd	88⅝
		Manhattan pfd	79
		Pac. Coast	48
		Colo. Southern	7½
		do 1st pfd	53½
		do 2d pfd	21½

*All assessments paid. **Second assessment paid. xOffered. xxEx-dividend.

Total sales of stocks today, 345,100 shares, including: Atchison, 1,900; Atchison preferred, 54,200; Central Pacific, 5,000; Louisville & Nashville, 6,400; Burlington, 56,300; Manhattan, 17,800; Metropolitan, 5,700; Reading preferred, 10,580; Missouri Pacific, 5,600; Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 5,675; North American, 19,000; Northern Pacific, 8,300; Ontario & Western, 89,100; Rock Island, 11,400; Union Pacific, 14,400; St. Paul, 26,700; Southern Pacific, 4,750; Southern preferred, 3,100; Texas & Pacific, 22,285; Union Pacific preferred, 6,840; Tobacco, 12,800; Steel, 54,785; Steel preferred, 14,370; People's Gas, 5,000; Consolidated Gas, 6,900; Brooklyn Transit, 17,581; Pacific Mail, 4,250; Sugar, 67,200; Tennessee Coal & Iron, 11,378; Leather preferred, 5,200; Rubber, 3,975; St. Louis & Southwestern preferred, 3,600.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	25¼	Westingh. Electric.	50
Am. Sugar	128⅞	do pfd	97
do pfd	112	Gen. Elec. pfd	117
Bay State Gas	2⅝	Atchison pfd	44½
Bell Telephone	345	Allouez Mining Co.	11½
Boston & Albany	247	Boston & Montana	45
Boston & Maine	172	do & Boston	62½
Boston L.	87	Calumet & Hecla	700
C. B. & Q.	146	Centennial	18½
Pitchburg	113	Franklin	23½
Gen. Electric	112⅝	Old Dominion	25½
Federal Steel	41½	Osceola	96
do pfd	88½	Quincy	170
Mexican Central	6⅝	Tamarack	225
Old Colony	202	Wolverine	43
Ore. Short Line	34	Parrot	15
Rubber	52½	Adventure	16
Union Pacific	48½	Humboldt	25⅝
West End	94½	Union Land	3
do pfd	112	Winona	18

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	111 5-16	N. Y. Central	140¼
Consols, acct	111 3-16	Pennsylvania	68¾
Can. Pacific	93	Reading	11½
Erie	15⅝	U. P. pfd	44
Erie 1st pfd	40⅝	Illinois	124
Erie 2d pfd	30⅝	Louisville & Nash	67¼
No. Pac. pfd	81½	Grand Trunk	8¼
St. Paul common	132⅝		

BAR SILVER—Dull at 27⅝d.

MONEY—2¼@2½ per cent.

The rate of discount in open market for short bills and three months' bills is 2 5-16@2¼ per cent.

Bank of Germany Statement.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes: Cash in hand, increase, 2,116,000 marks; treasury notes, increase, 740,000 marks; other securities, increase, 26,140,000 marks; notes in circulation, decrease, 32,040,000 marks.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—MONEY ON CALL—Market steady at 2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@3½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Market steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¼@4.86⅝ for demand and at $4.84¼@4.84½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.85 and $4.86½@4.87; commercial bills, $4.83⅞@4.84.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—Nominally, 59½@60½c.

BAR SILVER—59½c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47½c.

BONDS—Government bonds steady; state bonds inactive; railroad bonds irregular; U. S. 3s, 107; new 4s, reg., 127⅜; coupon, 127⅝; 4s, 112⅝; 2s, 99; 5s, reg. and coupon, 111⅝.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

U. S. new 3s	106⅝	*N. Y. C. 1sts	117⅝
U. S. new 4s, reg	128	N. J. C. 5s	117
U. S. do coup	128	N. C. 6s	130
U. S. 4s, reg	112⅝	N. C. 4s	104
U. S. do coup	112⅝	No. Pacific 1sts	118
U. S. 2s, reg	99	No. Pacific 3s	68⅝
U. S. 5s, reg	111⅞	No. Pacific 4s	103
U. S. 5s, coup	111⅞	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	107⅝
District 3.65s	118	N. & W. 5s	136⅝
Ala., class A	110	N. W. Consols	143
Ala., class B	107	N. W. Deb. 5s	122
Ala., class C	100	Ore. N. 1sts	111
Ala., Currency	100	Ore. N. 4s	102¼
Atchison 4s	101⅞	O. S. L. 6s t. r.	123⅝
Do adj. 4s	83¾	O. S. L. 5s t. r.	110⅝
Canada So. 2ds	111⅝	Reading 4s	89
C. & O. 5s	108	R. G. W. 1sts	94⅞
Chi. Terms. 4s	95⅝	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	111⅝
C. & O. 5s	118⅝	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	123⅝
*C. B. & D. 4½s	104⅝	St. P. Consols	164⅝
D. & R. G. 1sts	108⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118
D. & R. G. 4s	90	St. P. C. & P. 5s	121⅝
East Tenn. 1sts	104⅝	So. Ry. 5s	103⅝
Erie Gen. 4s	73	S. R. & T. 0s	88
F. W. & D. 1sts, t. r.	85⅝	Tenn. new set 3s	97⅞
Gen. Elec. 5s	115	T. P. L. G. 1sts	113⅝
G. H. & S. A. 6s	109	T. P. Ry. 2ds	58⅝
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	110	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	88
H. & T. Cent. 5s	100	*Wab. 1st 5s	115
H. & T. C. con. 6s	110	Wab. 2ds	96
Iowa C. 1sts	109	W. Shore 4s	112⅝
La. New Con. 4s	109⅝	*Va. Centuries	66
L. & N. Uni. 4s	93⅝	Va. deferred	7
Mo. Pac. con. 6s	114⅝	Wis. Cent. 1sts	68⅝
M. R. & T. 2ds	63⅝	U. P. 4s	103⅝
M. K. & T. 4s	94⅝	Colorado South'n 4s	87⅝

*Offered.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	11	Justice	32
Andes	19	Kentucky Con	11
Belcher	26	Mexican	74
Benton Con	5	Occidental Con	28
Best & Belcher	57	Ophir	115
Bullion	6	Overman	12
Caledonia	59	Potosi	28
Challenge Con	34	Savage	32
Dollar	28	Sag Belcher	6
Confidence	75	Sierra Nevada	150
Con. Cala. & Va.	190	Standard	500
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con	64
Crown Point	12	Utah Con	26
Gould & Curry	43	Yellow Jacket	33
Hale & Norcross	41		

Silver bars, 59½c; Mexican dollars, 47½@45c. Drafts, sight, 17½c; telegraph, 20c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The following are the closing prices for mining shares:

Chollar	35	Ontario	575
Crown Point	30	Ophir	100
Con. Cal. & Va.	190	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	70	Quicksilver	2.75
Gould & Curry	40	do pfd	500
Hale & Norcross	40	Sierra Nevada	115
Homestake	5000