COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Talk of Exaggerated Crop Damage Reports Induces Heavy Selling of Wheat.

THURSDAY'S ADVANCE IS FULLY LOST

Pork and Lard Go Up Two and a Half Cents and Ribs Are from Two to Five Cents Better.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Talk today of exaggerated crop damage reports induced heavy selling in the wheat pit and May, after an early gain of ¾c, closed with a net decline of 1⅝@1¾c. Corn lost ⅝c and oats 1⅛@⅜c. Pork and lard advanced 2½c each and ribs 2½@5c.

General strength abroad and continued bad crop news gave wheat a strong start, May opened ⅝@¾c higher at from 75c down to 74⅞c and rose to 75¾c. At this point the market was flooded with long wheat, which showed tempting profits. For about twenty minutes, however, there were shorts enough desirous of stopping further loss on previous sales to absorb offerings, and the market held steady. The bears took fresh courage when it became evident that liquidation was to continue and several shorts who had covered early commenced to sell again. When both longs and shorts had wheat for sale at the same time it was impossible to find buyers enough, and that state of affairs resulted in a punctured boom. The price of May inside of an hour dropped to 73⅝c.

Short selling was encouraged by the heavy shipments of wheat from Argentina this week, which amounted to nearly 3,000,000 bu. Predictions of possible showers tomorrow in Illinois and rainy conditions in Missouri and Kansas also accelerated the decline. The market became very irregular over a somewhat narrow range during the remainder of the forenoon, succeeding the time of the early decline. Chicago received 85 cars, 12 of which were graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 174 cars, compared with 208 a year ago. Clearances were small, as also were western primary market receipts.

The Modern Miller declared that the winter wheat plant showed a notable improvement and that the advices had become distinctly better during the week. On that one authority, as against all the others of a different kind, the price was again attacked and forced a few notches lower than it went in the forenoon. From that time on the market continued heavy. May declining to 73c and closing at 73⅜@73¼c. July, which sold for 75¾c at the beginning, declined to 73⅝c, with buyers, at the close.

Trade in corn was quite active and at the start slightly better prices were made. Liquidation set in, however, and the market manifested considerable weakness. Receipts 329 cars. Shipping inquiry fair. May started ⅛c higher at from 35½c down to 35¾c, sold sparingly at 35¼c, then declined to 35⅜@35¼c, which was bid at the close.

Oats ruled quiet within narrow limits. Favorable weather widened the spread between May and July to 1⅜@1⅝c. There was a good cash demand. Receipts, 148 cars. May began ⅛c higher at 27½c, rose to 28c, then fell off to 28⅛c at the close.

Better prices at the yards and scattered outside buying strengthened provisions. May pork opened 5c higher at $9.07½, advanced to $9.10, sold off to $9.02½ and closed at $9.05. The range in lard and ribs was of the narrowest kind. No estimates were made for tomorrow.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat.					
May...	74⅝-75	75½	73	73⅝@¾	74⅜
July...	70⅝@¾	75¾	73⅛	73⅝@¾	74⅝@¾
*Corn.					
May...	35⅝@⅝	35¾	34⅝@⅜	34⅝@⅜	35¼@⅜
July...	36⅛	36⅛	35⅝	35⅝	35⅞-36
Sept...	36⅝@⅝	36⅜	35⅝-36	35⅝-36	36⅜
*Oats.					
May...	27	27¼	26⅝	26⅝	26¾-27
July...	25⅜	25⅝	24⅝@⅞	24⅝@⅞	25¼
Pork.					
May...	9 05	9 10	9 02½	9 05	9 02½
July ..	9 25	9 30	9 15	9 20	9 15
Lard.					
May...	5 17½	5 20	5 17½	5 20	5 17½
July...	5 35	5 35	5 30	5 32½	5 30
Sept...	5 45	5 47½	5 42½	5 45	5 42½
Ribs.					
May...	4 70	4 72½	4 67½	4 70	4 67½
July...	4 82½	4 85	4 80	4 85	4 80
Sept...	4 92½	4 97½	4 92½	4 95	4 92½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Stronger; winter patents, $3.50@3.60; straights, $3.20@3.30; clears, $3.00@3.10; spring specials, $4.10@4.25; patents, $3.20@3.60; straights, $2.90@3.10; bakers, $2.20@2.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 73@74c; No. 3 spring, 69@72c; No. 2 red, 76@78c.

CORN—No. 2, 35¼c; No. 2 yellow, 35¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 27¼@28c; No. 2 white, 30@31c; No. 3 white, 29½@30¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 56½@56¾c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 39@47c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.21; northwest, $1.25; prime timothy seed, $2.30; clover seed, contract grade, $6.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.00@9.05. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.17½@5.20. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.46@4.85. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.37½@4.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.90@5.00.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.83; granulated, $5.33.

The following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Ship'ts.
Flour, bbls	10,000	15,000
Wheat, bu	54,000	14,000
Corn, bu	108,000	128,000
Oats, bu	140,000	159,000
Rye, bu	7,000	1,000
Barley, bu	35,000	14,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and easy; creameries, 14@19½c; dairies, 13@17½c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 12½c. Cheese, steady; creams, 11½@12c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 14.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,669 bbls.; exports, 19,554 bbls.; quieter again and lower to sell, without quotable change.

RYE FLOUR—Quiet; choice to fancy, $3.20@3.40.

WHEAT—Receipts, 3,700 bu.; exports, 32,000 bu.; spot weak; No. 2 red, 82¾c; No. 2 northern, Duluth, 81¾c; No. 1 northern, New York, 84¾c. Options firm on bullish crop news and higher cables, but soon turned weak. Bulls quite generally took profits and when in the afternoon the talk improved short selling developed, which broke prices sharply. The close was weak at ¼@1⅛c net lower, the latter on May, which suffered a bear raid. May opened at 78@78⅛c; closed 78¾c; July, 78 1-16@78⅝c, closed 78¼c; September, 76¾@76¾c, closed 76¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 6,825 bu. Spot easy; No. 2, 42¾@42¾c. Options opened steadier with wheat, but became weaker through liquidation, small clearances and cables. Closed weak at ¼@⅜c net decline. May, 40 3-16@40⅝c, closed 40¼c; July, 40⅛@40⅝c, closed 40⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 72,800 bu.; exports, 200,476 bu. Spot quiet; No. 3, 32c; No. 3 white, 35c. Options dull.

HAY—Firm.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 16@17c. Pacific coast: 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@12c; 1898 crop, 15@18c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 16½@17c; Texas dry, 12½@13c; California, 18c.

TALLOW—Dull, 4¼c; country, 4½@4¾c.

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

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

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

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; packed, $9.50@10.00. Cut meats, firm. Lard, steady; western steam, $5.37½; April, $5.45; refined, firm; continent, $5.70.

BUTTER—Easy; Elgins, 20c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 659 pkgs.; firm; large white, 12¼@12½c; small white, 12¼@12½c; large colored, 12@12¼c; small colored, 12¼@12¾c.

EGGS—Steady; western fresh, 13¼@14c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Steady; prime crude, 22½c.

METALS—Pig iron quotations quiet with $10.40 bid and $10.50 asked; tin, quiet with $24.87½ asked; lead, steady, with $4.22½ bid and $4.03 asked; spelter, strong and higher, with $5.60 bid and $5.70 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.10 and for copper $18.62½.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, April 14.—FLOUR—Firm; receipts, 10,174 bbls.; exports, 20 bbls.

WHEAT—Unsettled and easier; No. 2 red, spot and month, 75¼@75¾c; the month, 77¼@77¾c; May, 77½@77¾c; July, 75c; steamer, No. 2 red, 72¾@73¾c; receipts, 27,504 bu.; exports, 8,000 bu.; southern, 70@78c.

CORN—Easy; mixed spot, 41¾@42c; the month, 40c asked; May, 39@39¼c; receipts, 69,728 bu.; exports, 124,537 bu.; southern white corn, 43c; southern yellow corn, 42¾c.

OATS—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 13,000 bu.; exports, none.

BUTTER—Weak; fancy creamery, 22c; fancy imitation, 18@19c; fancy ladle, 15@16c; good ladle, 13@14c; store packed, 11@12c; rolls, 12@14c.

EGGS—Firm at 12¼c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, April 14.—WHEAT—May opened ¾c higher, at 67c; closed at 65¾c; July closed at 66c; cash, No. 2 hard, 68@69c; No. 3, 65@67c; No. 2 red, 77c; No. 3, 73@75c; No. 2 spring, 69@7c; No. 3, 63@65c.

CORN—Steady; May closed at 31¾c; July, 32¾c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 33¼@33½c; No. 2 white, 33½c; No. 3, 33c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 white, 30@30½c.

HAY—Timothy, higher, choice, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $7.50@8.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 14@20c; dairy, 13c.

EGGS—½c higher; fresh, 11½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 17,400 bu.; corn, 13,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 16,200 bu.; corn, 12,-300 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts light; demand good; market 11c.

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

POULTRY—Hens, live, 83@5½c; dressed, 10c; old and staggy roosters, live, 4@7c; dressed, 6@7c; ducks and geese, live, 7½@8c; dressed, 10c; turkeys, live, 9@10c; dressed, lightweight, 12½@13c; heavyweight, 11@12c.

PIGEONS—Live, per dozen, 75@90c.

VEALS—Choice, 8c.

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.

FRESH WATER FISH—Catfish, per lb., 12c; buffalo, per lb., dressed, 7c; white fish, 11c; lake trout, 11c; yellow pike, 11c; silver herring, 5c; perch, 7c; bullheads, dressed, 10c; black bass, 15c.

SEA FISH—Flounders, 8c; haddock, 9c; Columbia river salmon, 15c; halibut, 11c; blue fish, 10c; Spanish mackerel, 10c; red snapper, 10c; extra large mackerel, each, 50c; roe shad, each, 50c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per crate, $5.50@6.00; pints, $3.00.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $5.00; Gentons, $4.75; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., $5.50; western boxed, $2.00.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, $9.00.

VEGETABLES.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $1.75.

RADISHES—Per bu. box, $1.35@1.50.

TOMATOES—None in market.

SPANISH—Per crate, $1.

LETTUCE—Home grown, per dozen bunches, 40@45c.

ASPARAGUS—California, per lb., 12@15c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per doz. bunches, according to size, 30@35c.

POTATOES—Choice Iowa, sacked, 70c; poorer stock, 60c; Minnesota Burbanks, 85@90c; Colorado, $1.00; early Ohio seed potatoes, $1.00@1.10.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., seed, $2.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.50; Messina, fancy, $4.00.

ORANGES—Navels, fancy, $3.75; choice, $3.50; seedlings, $2.65@2.75; Med. sweets, $3.

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, 6c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 10c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12½@13c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 8@10c; cocoanuts, per 100, $4; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; roasted, 6½@7c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $2.00@2.25.

HONEY—Choice white, 12½@13c.

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

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, in boxes, 9c.

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, 3 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, 1½@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, 2@10c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf, (prairie), coyote, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40; 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, 6c; 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, April 14.—FLOUR—Firm; patents, $3.70@3.80; straights, $3.40@3.46; clear, $3.00@3.15.

WHEAT—Options weak and lower; spot firm, in demand; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 78c; track, 78@c; April, 78c; May, 75c asked; July, 72¾c asked; No. 2 hard, 70@70¾c.

CORN—Options easy, fractions lower; spot easier; No. 2, cash, 34½c; track, 35¾c; April, 33¾c; May, 33¾c; July, 34c.

OATS—Irregular for options; spot dull; No. 2, cash, 28½c; track, 29c; April, 28½c; May, 29c asked; July, 25¾c; No. 2 white, 30¾@31c.

RYE—Higher at 56c bid.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, nominal at $1.16. Prime timothy seed, $2.15.

CORNMEAL—$1.85@1.90.

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

HAY—Timothy, steady at $10.00@11.50; prairie, firm at $6.00@8.50.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 18@22c; dairy, 14@19c.

EGGS—Firm at 11½c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.26.

METALS—Lead, quiet at $4.12½@4.15. Spelter, firm at $6.25 bid.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; standard mess, jobbing, $9.12½. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5; choice, $5.05. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.37½; extra shorts, $4.87½; ribs, $5; shorts, $5.12½. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $5; extra shorts, $5.25; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 11,-000 bu.; corn, 43,000 bu.; oats, 61,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 23,000 bu.; corn, 17,000 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, April 14.—PROVISIONS—Easier. Pork, standard mess, $9.25. Lard, refined tierce, $5.62½; pure, $5.75. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $4.40; sides, $5.12½. Bacon, clear ribs sides, $5.75. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.50@9.50.

COFFEE—Quiet and steady.

RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 4@4¾c.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $3.60@3.65; patents, $3.95@4.00.

CORNMEAL—$1.95@1.97½.

BRAN—72c.

HAY—Prime timothy, $12.00@13.00; choice, $11.00@12.00; prairie, $8.00@9.00.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, April 14.—WHEAT—Market opened stronger and closed weak; No. 2 red, 74c.

CORN—Active and firm; No. 2 mixed, 37c.

OATS—Stronger; No. 2 mixed, 30½c.

RYE—Quiet and steady; No. 2, 62c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firm at $5.02½. Bulk meats, steady at $4.77½. Bacon, quiet at $5.75.

WHISKY—Easy at $1.26.

CHEESE—Steady.

EGGS—Steady at 11c.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 14.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, 71¾c; May, 70⅝@71c; July, 73¼c; Sept mber, 71c. On track: No. 1 hard, 72¾c; No. 1 northern, 71¾c; No. 2 northern, 70¾c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.80@3.90; second patents, $3.60@3.70; first clears, $2.80@2.90.

BRAN—In bulk, $10.25@10.50.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, April 14.—WHEAT—Active and lower; No. 2 cash, 74½c; May, 75¾c.

CORN—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 36c.

OATS—Dull and easy; No. 2 mixed, 28½c.

RYE—Firm and higher; No. 2, 58c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Higher and easy; prime cash, old, $5.45; new cash and April, $5.40.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, April 14.—WHEAT—Unsettled; No. 1 northern, 73½@75c; No. 2 northern, 72@73½c.

RYE—Higher; No. 1, 58@58½c.

BARLEY—Quiet; No. 2, 45c; sample, 40@46c.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—BUTTER—Dull and 1c lower; fancy western creamery, 21c; fancy western prints, 22c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby, 13c; fresh western, 12½c; fresh southern, 12½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, April 14.—CORN—Firm; new No. 3, 34½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 29@29½c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.26 for finished goods.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, April 14.—WHEAT—Steady, 3d higher; May, 5s 7¾d; July, 5s 7¾d.

CORN—Steady, unchanged to ¾d lower; May, 3s 5½d; July, 3s 5¼d.

PROVISIONS—Lard, American refined, in 56-lb. pails, steady at 27s 9d. Shoulders, square, 12 to 14 lbs., dull at 22s. Lard, prime western, 27s. Cottonseed oil, dull; refined May and August, 15s 9d. Bacon, clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., dull at 30s.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, April 14.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 74¾c; April, 73¼c; May, 75¾c; July, 75¾c; No. 1 northern, cash, 71¾c; No. 2 northern, 67¾c.

STORY OF DAY IN WALL STREET.

Operations in Stocks Are Somewhat Sluggish and Slow.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Trading was rather sluggish most of the day, transactions only slightly exceeding 500,000 shares. Local transportation shares continued prominent in the dealings, while the railways moved within narrow limits.

The idea that Brooklyn Transit might benefit by some of the mooted electrical combinations made the stock in keen request. The stock sold, except the subscription rights, from 129 to 134¾, closing at 134, against last night's 130. Manhattan, too, ran up some 3 points, while Metropolitan, after an early display of strength, broke 2 points, closing with a net loss of 3. Among other strong specialties were Sugar, People's Gas, Continental Tobacco, Federal Steel, Rubber and Tennessee Coal, the two last named rising 3 and 5 points, respectively. The railway list, although neglected most of the day, was strong in the late dealings.

Influences at work on sentiment were easy money, hopes of a favorable bank statement tomorrow and rather better reports on wheat. Mobile & Ohio advanced on small dealings on the belief that a deal was pending which would secure the road an entrance to Chicago over the St. Louis Short Line. A number of brokers have secured large time loans, so as not to be forced to pay high rates for call loans in any possible squeeze in money. Transactions for foreign account were very small. In the final dealings the pressure against traction stocks caused some recessions from the best prices, but the undertone was good.

Today's bond market showed good breadth and there was some good gains in issues which have of late obtained prominence in the market. Total sales, $1,690,000. United States 3s coupon advanced ½, while the old 4s coupon, and the new 4s declined ¼ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London finacial cablegram says: The markets here were mainly occupied today in discussing the effect of the new stamp duties. It is thought they bear unduly on Americans generally, owing to the practice of freely renewing scrip certificates and particularly on low-priced shares, the price being on nominal values. Arbitrage business also suffers, that with Amsterdam particularly. But this effect is temporary. The chancellor's definitions are vague, however, and final options await further elucidation. Americans were dull at parity until New York bought. Their close was at the best, but there were losses on the day. Money was easier. The bank reports for three days' gains. Eighty-one thousand pounds sterling in gold bars was bought by the bank.

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

Atchison	9⅞	St. L. & S. F.	11¾
do pfd	60¾	do 1st pfd	73½
Balt. & Ohio	73	do 2d pfd	39¾
Canada Pacific	87¾	St. L. & S. W.	11¾
Canada Southern	57½	do pfd	34
Central Pacific	5½	St. Paul	127¾
Ches. & Ohio	27⅝	do pfd	170
Chicago & Alton	165	St. P. & O.	36½
C., R. & Q.	111½	do pfd	165
C., C. & St. L.	72¾	S. Pacific	23½
do pfd	122	S. Railway	12½
Chicago Gt. W.	15½	do pfd	33¾
C., I. & L.	9	Texas & Pacific	23¾
do pfd	41	Union Pacific	47¾
C., R. & W.	162	do pfd	80
do pfd	193	U. P. D. & G.	12½
C., C., C. & St. L.	61½	Wabash	7
do pfd	93	do pfd	24¾
Del. & Hudson	118	W. & L. E.	11¾
D., L. & W.	176¾	do pfd	31
D. & Rio G.	22	Adams Express	110
do pfd	73	American Ex	140
Erie (new)	12¾	United States Ex	53
do 1st pfd	31¾	Wells-Fargo Ex	123
Fort Wayne	182	Am. Cotton Oil	36½
Gt. Nor. pfd	193	do pfd	81½
Hocking Valley	8⅝	Am. Spirits	14¾
Ill. Central	116	do pfd	38¾
Lake Erie & W.	18½	*Am. Tobacco	224
do pfd	67¾	do pfd	142
Lake Shore	200	Consolidated Gas	195
Louis. & Nash.	65	Com. Cable Co.	180
Manhattan L	103⅝	Colo. F. & I.	37½
Met. St. Ry.	200½	do pfd	90
Michigan Central	113	Gen. Electric	116
M. & St. L.	5½	Haw. Com. Co.	89
do 1st pfd	98	**Brooklyn R. T.	53¾
Mo. Pacific	47	Inter. Paper	54
Mobile & Ohio	47¼	do pfd	92½
M., K. & T.	13¾	Laclede Gas	84
do pfd	40¾	Lead	34½
*N. J. Central	117½	do pfd	113
N. Y. Central	134⅞	Nat. Linseed Oil	4⅞
N. Y. & N. E.	42½	People's Gas	127¾
do 1st pfd	66	Pullman Palace	160½
do 2d pfd	32	Silver Certificates	60
Nor. & West	18¾	Standard R. & T.	104½
do pfd	68	Sugar	127¾
No. American Co.	7	do pfd	117½
No. Pacific	42¾	T. C. & Iron	64⅞
do pfd	78⅝	U. S. Leather	6¾
Ontario & W.	26⅞	do pfd	73½
Ore. R. & N. pfd	75	U. S. Rubber	23¾
Oregon S. L.	41¾	do pfd	88
Pacific Coast	40	Western Union	94
P. C. 1st pfd	85	Am. S. & W.	6½
do 2d pfd	60	do pfd	98½
Pittsburg	225½	Federal Steel	45
Reading	25⅞	do pfd	87
do 1st pfd	65¾	Colorado Southern	6¼
R. G. W.	34	do 1st pfd	42¾
do pfd	75	do 2d pfd	21½
Rock Island	116⅞		

*Ex-div. **Ex-rights.

The total sales of stocks today amounted to 580,500 shares, including: American Steel and Wire, 3,000; American Tin Plate, 6,300; Atchison preferred, 18,700; B. & O. W. 1, 3,300; Brooklyn Rapid Transit cash, 7,700; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, t. r., 73,900; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, t. r. rights, 40,800; Burlington, 22,500; Chicago Great Western, 3,200; Continental Tobacco, 42,300; Federal Steel, 23,800; Federal Steel preferred, 4,300; Manhattan Consolidated, 8,300; Metropolitan, 8,500; Missouri Pacific, 17,700; National Biscuit, 3,300; National Steel, 10,500; New York Central, 6,100; Northern Pacific, 10,700; People's Gas, 18,700; Reading first preferred, 4,100; Reading second preferred, 4,100; Rock Island, 4,800; St. Paul, 15,400; Southern Railway preferred, 3,500; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 32,300; Texas & Pacific, 4,100; Union Pacific, 8,100; United States Rubber, 5,800.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 14.—MONEY ON CALL—Steady at 5 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86½@4.88⅝ for demand and at $4.84½@4.84⅝ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.85⅛ and $4.87@4.87½; commercial bills, $4.83@4.84.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60@60½c.

BAR SILVER—59⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47⅜c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firmer; 2s, reg., 99½; 3s, reg., 107½; 3s, coupon, 108½; new 4s, reg., 129¾; new 4s, coupon, 129¾; old 4s, reg., 112¾; coupon, 113⅝; 5s, reg., 113; 5s, common, 113.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

U. S. 2s, reg	99¾	M. K. & T. 4s	93¾
U. S. 3s, reg	107¾	N. Y. C. 1sts	114⅛
U. S. 3s, coup	108¾	N. J. C. 6s	119
U. S. new 4s, reg	129¾	N. C. 6s	127
U. S. 4s coup	129¾	No. Pacific 3s	67¾
U. S. old 4s, reg	113¼	No. Pacific 1sts	119
U. S. 5s coup	113¾	No. Pacific 3s	67¾
U. S. 5s, reg	113	No. Pacific 4s	103¾
U. S. 5s, coup	113	N. Y. & N. E. 1s	118½
District 3.65s	117	N. & W. con 4s	93¾
Ala., class A	110	N. & W. gen. 6s	130
Ala., class B	110	Ore. N. 1sts	111
Ala., class B	100	Ore. N. 4s	102¼
Ala., Currency	100	O. S. L. 6s	125
Atchison 4s	101¼	O. S. L. 5s	111¾
Do. adj. 4s	83⅜	Reading 4s	89¼
Canada So. 2ds	110	R. G. W. 1sts	97¾
C. & O. 4½s	94½	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	100¾
C. & O. 5s	113⅝	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	124
C. & N. W. con 7s	114¾	St. P. Consols	136
do S. F. deb. 5s	112	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	122¼
Chi. Terms. 4s	98¾	St. P. M. & M. 6s	172
D. & R. G. 1sts	108⅝	So. Ry. 5s	108¾
D. & R. G. 4s	101¾	S. R. & T. 6s	80
East Tenn. 1sts	105	Tenn. new set 3s	97
Erie Gen. 4s	93¾	T. P. 1sts	113
E. W. & D. 1sts, t. r.	104	T. P. 2ds	53½
Gen. Elec. 5s	116½	U. P. 4s	103
G. H. & S. A. 6s	111	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	90
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	111¾	Wab. 1sts	115⅝
H. & T. C. 1sts	108½	Wab. 2ds	97
H. & T. C. con. 6s	110	W. Shore 4s	114
Iowa C. 1sts	108½	Wis. Cent. 1sts	69
K. C. P. & G. 1sts	65	Va. Centuries	84
La. New Con. 4s	100¾	Va. deferred	5
L. & N. Uni. 4s	96¾	Colorado South'n 4s	86⅞
M. K. & T. 2ds	68¼		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	8	Justice	17
Alpha Con	6	Kentucky Con	4
Andes	13	Mexican	59
Belcher	32	Occidental Con	32
Best & Belcher	52	Ophir	116
Bullion	2	Overman	12
Caledonia	31	Potosi	25
Challenge Con	30	Savage	9
Chollar	29	Scorpion	4
Con. Cal. & Va	175	Sierra Nevada	71
Con. Imperial	11	Standard	200
Con. New York	2	Union Con	49
Crown Point	18	Utah Con	13
Gould & Currie	10	E. Sierra Nev	2
Hale & Norcross	38		

Silver bars, 59¼c; Mexican dollars, 48@48½c. Drafts: Sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

In the Foreign Financial World.

LONDON, April 14.—American railway shares were dull at the opening but later in the day partially recovered and closed quiet but steady. Business was very restricted. Spanish 4s closed at 58⅛. Amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today, £81,000. Gold at Buenos Ayres, 127.50. Bar gold, 77s 9½d.

FRANKFORT, April 14.—Business was quiet and irregular on the bourse today, the political situation preventing operations.

BERLIN, April 14.—Business was irregular on the bourse today. Spanish 4s and Turkish securities were harder, the latter on rumors of the custom loan conversion. Americans were easier and local securities were firm. Exchange on London 20m 45pfg for checks.

PARIS, April 14.—Business was hesitating and quiet on the bourse today until near the close, when prices grew firmer. Later offers predominated and at the end of the day prices were weak. Turks were in good demand. South African securities started in dull, being influenced by the decline in shares of the British Chartered South African company on the report from Berlin that all negotiations between the German government and Cecil Rhodes on the subject of the Cape to Cairo railroad were broken off. But after the close of the bourse the report was contradicted and there was an all-around recovery in Kaffirs. Three per cent rentes, 101f 87½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 20½c for checks. Spanish 4s closed at 58.70.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 14.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.	29⅞	Boston L.	97¾
Atchison pfd	73	Bos. & Elec.	27½
do 4s	100½	Wis. Central	17⅛
Am. Sugar	127½	Mich. Telephone	89
do pfd	117⅛	General Elec. 5s	114⅝
Bell Telephone	258	Allouez Mining Co.	10⅝
Boston & Albany	252	Atlantic	25
Boston & Maine	211	Bonanza & Mont.	3½
C., B. & Q.	141½	Butte & Boston	92
Fitchburg	135½	Calumet & Hecla	330
Gen. Electric	116	Centennial	43
Federal Steel	66	Franklin	20
do pfd	87	Humboldt	30
Mexican Central	12¾	Isle Royale	46½
Old Colony	207	Osceola	92
Rubber	57½	Quincy	156
Rutland pfd	153	Tamarack	238
Union Pacific	47½	Wolverine	65½
West End	94	Parrott	55
do pfd	114	Santa Fe	13
Westingh. Elec	48¼	Humboldt	2½
do pfd	64		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The following are the closing prices for mining shares:

Chollar	27	Ontario	625
Crown Point	18	Ophir	80
Con. Cal. & Va.	175	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	10	Quicksilver	525
Gould & Currie	35	do pfd	900
Hale & Norcross	26	Sierra Nevada	90
Homestake	5500	Standard	240
Iron Silver	58	Union Con	45
Mexican	55	Yellow Jacket	34

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, April 14—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	110¼	N. Y. Central	135
Consols, acct	110 7-16	Pennsylvania	68½
Canadian Pacific	89½	Reading	12¾
Erie	14¼	1st pfd	32¾
do 1st pfd	39	2d pfd	23¾
Illinois Central	118	Atchison	21⅝
Southern Pac. pfd	81	Louisville	67
St. Paul common	129⅝	Grand Trunk	8½

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