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Speculators Begin to Realise on Holdings and Weak Market Weakens.

OATS, PORK, LARD AND RIBS ARE HIGHER

Modern Miller Issues Report Claiming that There Will Be an Average Crop. All Contrary Reports Notwithstanding.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Realizing today on recorded improvement in the crop situation weakened wheat. May and July both closed ⅝c lower. Corn was heavy and lost ⅝c. Oats, pork, lard and ribs each closed a shade higher.

Unexpected steadiness at Liverpool and rather light shipments of Argentine for the week gave wheat some strength at the opening. May started ⅛c higher at 71⅝@71⅞c and advanced to 74⅛c. Talk of scattered showers in the winter wheat country and selling by foreigners at the seaboard caused buyers to hesitate and the price receded to 73½c. The selling was checked for a time on reports by a prominent statistician that the total yield this year would be 250,000,000 bu. less than last year.

On this upturn May touched 74½c again, but a report by the Modern Miller, which emphatically predicted an average crop in spite of all claims in the way of crop damage, started liquidation and May was forced off to 73½c, closing at 73⅝c. July sold as low as 74½c and closed at 74⅛@74⅛c. There was a noticeable falling off in crop damage claims during today's session. Chicago received 69 cars, 3 of which were graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 231 cars, compared with 217 for the same day last year. Receipts at the chief western primary markets were 329,000 bu., against 410,000 bu. a year ago. Atlantic exports of wheat and flour were equal to 40,000 bu.

Corn declined under free liquidation. All indications pointed to a large acreage for the coming season. Country offerings were more liberal, while the shipping demand was only moderate. Receipts 202 cars. May opened ⅛@⅛c lower at 34⅝@34⅞c and declined to 34⅛c at the close.

Heavy buying by shippers and elevator concerns on a renewal of the lower export rates, which were withdrawn suddenly yesterday, strengthened oats temporarily. Receipts 363 cars. May started ⅛c higher at 28⅞c, advanced to 28⅞c, reacted to 28⅝c and closed at 28⅝@28¼c.

A good cash meat demand, together with the high price for hogs, strengthened provisions early. Near the end, however, the weakness in grains, all lost on account of the weakness in grains. May pork opened 5c higher at $9.20, rose to $9.22½, declined to $9.15 and closed at $9.17½. The range in lard and ribs was small.

The following is the leadest receipts for Saturday: Wheat, 64 cars; corn, 183 cars; oats, 183 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat.					
May	74⅛@⅜	74⅛	73⅝	73⅝	74⅜@⅞
July	75⅝@⅞	75⅝@⅞	74⅝	74⅝@⅞	75⅛
*Sept.	75	75⅛	73⅝	73⅝@74	74⅜
*Corn.					
May	34⅝@⅞	34⅞	34⅛	34⅛	35
July	35⅝@⅞	35⅞	35	35	35⅛@⅜
Sept	36⅛@⅜	36⅛@⅜	35⅝@⅞	35⅝@⅞	36⅛
*Oats.					
May	28⅝	27	26⅝	26⅝@⅞	26⅝
July	24⅝	24⅝	24⅛	24⅛	24⅝
Sept	23	23	22⅝	22⅝	23
Pork.					
May	9 20	9 22½	9 15	9 17½	9 15
July	9 32½	9 40	9 30½	9 35	9 32½
Sept	9 55	9 57½	9 50	9 50	9 50
Lard.					
May	5 27½	5 27½	5 25	5 27½	5 25
July	5 40	5 42½	5 37½	5 37½	5 37½
Sept	5 50	5 52½	5 47½	5 52½	5 50
Ribs.					
May	4 77½	4 80	4 77½	4 77½	4 77½
July	4 92½	4 95	4 90	4 92½	4 90
Sept	5 05	5 07½	5 02½	5 05	5 02½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady and moderate demand; winter patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $3.30@3.40; clears, $3.10@3.20; spring specials, $4.20@4.35; patents, $3.30@3.80; straights, $2.80@3.15; bakers, $2.30@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 71c; No. 3 spring, 70@73c; No. 2 red, 73⅝@75c.

CORN—No. 2, 35c; No. 2 yellow, 35½c.

OATS—No. 2, 27⅞@28c; No. 2 white, 30½@31c; No. 3 white, 29½@30½c.

RYE—No. 2, 57c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 42@47c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.20; northwest, $1.24; prime timothy, $2.30@2.35.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.15@9.20. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.25@5.27½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.50@4.90. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.62½@4.50; short clear sides (boxed), $5.00@5.10.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.96; granulated, $5.45. Following are the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Ship'ts.
Flour, bbls	8,000	8,000
Wheat, bu	46,000	10,000
Corn, bu	131,000	163,000
Oats, bu	139,000	155,000
Rye, bu	7,000	64,000
Barley, bu	27,000	4,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and easy; creameries, 13@17c; dairies, 11@13c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 12½@12½c. Cheese, weak; creams, 11½@12½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 12,967 bbls.; exports, 19,446 bbls.; firm for low grade winter, but easier on spring patents; winter patents, $3.55@4.20; winter straights, $3.00@3.15; choice to fancy, $3.20@3.40.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 66½c, f. o. b. afloat.

BARLEY MALT—Dull and nominal.

WHEAT—Receipts, 157,825 bu.; exports, 67,945 bu. Spot market weak; No. 2 red, 87c, elevator; 87½c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 86½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 northern, New York, 84⅝c, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened firm, but were weak for the balance of the day. Crop news showed considerable improvement from Southern and semi-public sources, and long wheat was thrown over freely all the afternoon, offsetting the effect of big export transactions. The close was weak at ⅛@1⅛c net decline. May closed 78 5-16@78⅜c, closed 78⅝c; July, 78⅛@78⅝c, closed 78⅝c; September, 77 9-16@78⅛c, closed 77⅞c; December, 78½@78⅝c, closed 79⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 8,775 bu.; exports, 38,483 bu.; steady; No. 2, 42⅝@42⅞c, f. o. b., afloat, new and old. Options opened steady, but suffered from general liquidation and declined all day, closing weak at a partial ½c net decline. May opened at 40 1-16@40⅛c, closed 40⅛c; July, 39⅝@39⅞c, closed 39⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 16,800 bu.; exports, 500 bu. Spot prices dull and easy.

HAY—Firm; shipping, $1.50@5.00; good to choice, $4.55@4.75.

HOPS—Common to choice, 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 16@17c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 17@18c.

HIDES—Firmer; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 16½@17c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 12½@13c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 16@18½c.

LEATHER—Steady; Buenos Ayres, light, 20@22c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 17@22c; Texas, 10@14c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@6c; Japan, 5@5½c.

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

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $9.50@11.00; extra mess, $9; beef hams, $19.00@19.50; packet, $9.50@10.00; city, extra India mess, $14.00@15.50. Pork, meats, steady; pickled hams, 7⅛@7½c. Lard, steady; western steamed, $5.55; refined, steady.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,673 pkgs.; market steady; western creamery, 15@18c; fancy, 23@24c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,437 pkgs.; market steady; large white, 12@12½c; small white, 12@12½c; large colored, 12@12½c; small colored, 12½@12c.

EGGS—Receipts, 8,779 pkgs.; market quiet; western, 12½@14c; southern, 12½@13½c.

TALLOW—Weak; city, 4½@4¾c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Dull; prime crude, 23@23½c.

TURPENTINE—Steady at 42½@43c.

METALS—Pig iron warrants quoted at $10.50 bid and $10.75 asked; copper, firm with buyers at 18.75c in, easier with $24.87½ bid and $25.00 asked; lead, easier with $4.30 bid and $4.32½ asked; spelter, strong at $4.35 bid and $4.37½ asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.10 and for copper $19.12½.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, April 21.—WHEAT—Quiet; No. red, 76@77c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 37c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 30@30½c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 60@62c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firm at $5.10. Bulk meats, steady at $4.90. Bacon, steady at $5.75.

WHISKY—Active at $1.26.

EGGS—Steady and higher at 11½c.

CHEESE—Firm.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 21.—WHEAT—Dull and lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 75c; track, 76c; April, 75½c; May, 75¼c asked; July, 76½@76¾c; No. 2 hard, 70@71c.

CORN—Lower for options; spot nominal; No. 2 cash, 35c; track, 36c; April, 35c; May, 35@35⅛c asked; July, 35⅝c asked; September, 36⅛c asked.

OATS—Easier for options; spot nominal; No. 2 cash, 28½c bid; track, 29c; April, 28½c; May, 28½c bid; July, 24½c asked; September, 24c asked; No. 2 white, 30½@31c.

RYE—Steady at 56c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, nominally at $1.15; prime timothy seed, $2.25.

CORNMEAL—$3.50@3.90.

BRAN—Quiet and easier; sacked, east track, 62c.

HAY—Timothy, strong at $8.50@9.50; prairie, dull at $6.00@8.50.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 13@17c.

EGGS—Higher at 11½c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.26.

METALS—Lead, irregular at $4.17½@4.20; spelter, nominally at $4.30.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; standard mess, jobbing, $9.25. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.07½; choice, $5.15. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, 4½; extra shorts, $4.87½; ribs, $5.00; shorts, $5.12½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.00; extra shorts, $5.37½; ribs, $5.50; shorts, $5.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 9,000 bu.; corn, 70,000 bu.; oats, 25,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 21,000 bu.; corn, 32,000 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts light; demand good; market firm at 12½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 11@12c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 18@19c; gathered creamery, 16@17c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 8½@9c; dressed, 10c; old and staggy roosters, live, 4@7c; dressed, 5@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, 9c.

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, 4c; bullheads, dressed, 10c; black bass, 18c.

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, 30c; 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 other fancy, choice, per bbl., $5.50; western boxed, $2.90.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.50.

VEGETABLES.

STRING BEANS—One-third bu., $1.00@1.25.

PIEPLANT—Per 30 to 35-lb. box, $1.35@1.50; per 50-lb. box, $1.75.

BEETS—Per bbl., $1.50.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $1.75.

RADISHES—Per bu. box, $1.25@1.50.

TOMATOES—None in market.

SPINACH—Per basket, $1.

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

ASPARAGUS—Per lb., 16@18c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per doz. bunches, according to size, 15@25c.

WATERCRESS—In qt. cases, $1.00.

CABBAGE—Crated, per lb., 3½c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 90c@$1.00.

BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., $1.50@1.60.

POTATOES—Choice Iowa, sacked, 70c; poorer stock, 60c; Minnesota Burbanks, 55@60c; Colorado, $1.00; early Ohio seed potatoes, $1.00@1.10.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., seed, $2.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.50@3.75; choice, $3.25@3.50; Messina, fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.25@3.50; Navals, fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.75; seedlings, $2.75; Med. sweets, $3.00.

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., 11c; 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, 8 lbs. 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, 50@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@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25@$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, 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.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, April 21.—FLOUR—Quiet; receipts, 10,245 bbls.; exports, 4,922 bbls.

WHEAT—Firm; spot and month, 78⅜@78½c; May, 78⅝@78¾c; July, 79½c; steamer, No. 2 red, 73⅝@73¾c; receipts, 10,794 bu.; southern wheat by sample, 72@79½c; southern on grade, 74@79c.

CORN—Easy; spot, 41½@41¾c; month, 40⅞@40⅞c; May, 38⅝@38¾c; steamer mixed, 37@37½c; receipts, 124,240 bu.; exports, 72,456 bu.; southern white corn, 43½c; southern yellow, 43c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 2 mixed, 32½@33c; receipts, 1,798 bu.; exports, 143,47 bu.

BUTTER—Quiet; fancy creamery, 20@21c; fancy imitation, 17@18c; fancy ladle, 14@15c; good ladle, 12@13c; rolls, 14@15c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, April 21.—WHEAT—Market higher; July opened ⅛c higher at 68¼c; closed 67½c; cash No. 2 hard, 69c; No. 3, 66@68c; No. 2 red, 83@85c; No. 3, 78@81c; No. 2 spring, 67@68c; No. 3, 65@67c.

CORN—July, 32⅜c; cash No. 2 mixed, 32½@32⅝c; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3, 34½c.

OATS—Market firm; No. 2 white, 31½@31¾c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 53½c.

HAY—Market steady, unchanged.

BUTTER—Market steady; creamery, 14@19c; dairy, 15c.

EGGS—Market steady; fresh, 12c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 17,400 bu.; corn, 11,700 bu.; oats, 12,600 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 17,400 bu.; corn, 26,000 bu.; oats, none.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, April 21.—WHEAT—Quiet, unchanged; May, 5s 8½d; July, 5s 8⅝d.

CORN—Quiet and 1½d lower; April, 3s 5¾d; May, 3s 5¼d; July, 3s 5⅝d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, long clear middles, light, strong, 28s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, strong, 28s 6d; short clear backs, strong, 28s 6d; shoulders, square, 23s.

COTTONSEED OIL—Dull; refined, May-August, easy, 15s 6d.

TURPENTINE SPIRITS—Firm, 33s 6d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, firm, 7s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 84s.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., April 21.—WHEAT—Lower and easy; No. 2 cash, 75c; May, 76½c.

CORN—Dull and easy; No. 2 mixed, 35½c.

OATS—Dull but steady; No. 2 mixed, 28c.

RYE—Unchanged; No. 2 cash, 58c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Active and easy; prime cash, old, $3.80 asked; new, cash and April, $3.72½.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, April 21.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 18@19c; fancy western prints, 21c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh nearby, 13½c; fresh western, 13½@14c; fresh southwestern, 13½@14c; fresh southern, 13c.

CHEESE—Firm.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, April 21.—Receipts: Wheat, 9,335 bushels.

KANSAS CITY, April 21.—Receipts: Wheat, 29 cars.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Estimated cars for tomorrow: Wheat, 54; corn, 184; oats, 183.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, April 21.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 1 northern, 74@75c; No. 2 northern, 72@73c.

RYE—Higher; No. 1, 58½@58½c.

BARLEY—Lower; No. 2, 46½@47c; sample, 47c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, April 21.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 35½c.

OATS—Inactive; No. 3 white, 28½c.

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

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 21.—WHEAT—In store, No. 1 northern, April, 72½c; May, 71½@72½c; July, 72½c; September, 70½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 73½c; No. 1 northern, 72½c; No. 2 northern, 70½c.

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

BRAN—Unchanged.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, April 21.—PROVISIONS—Steady; pork, standard mess, 9¼c. Lard, refined fierce, 5¾c; pure lard, 5¾c. Boxed meats, dry shoulders, $5.50. Bacon, clear sides, 5¾c. Hams, choice short clear, 8½@9½c.

COFFEE—Quiet; Rio, ordinary to fair, 6¾@7¾c.

RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 3¾@4¼c.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $3.65@3.70; patents, $4.00@4.20.

CORNMEAL—$1.95@1.97½.

BRAN—75@77c.

HAY—Prime, $12.00@13.00; choice, $11.00@15.00.

CORN—No. 2 sacked, white, 43@43½c; mixed, 42½c; yellow, 43½c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 34c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, April 21.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard cash, 74½c; April, 74¾c; May, 75½c; July, 75⅞c; No. 1 northern, cash, 71½c; No. 2 northern, cash, 66½c.

STORY OF DAY IN WALL STREET.

Market Without Feature with Few of the Railroads Strong and Active.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Prices drifted aimlessly, mostly lower, until the final hour, when the strength of Louisville & Nashville and some covering of shorts left the market irregularly changed for the day.

For the greater part the market was dull and heavy, but prices fluctuated without much interest. Little attention was given to the Samoan situation, but unfavorable crop reports were reflected in a moderate recession among the grangers, which, however, left off unchanged. There was evidence of realizing and London sold Anaconda, Louisville and Southern preferred, but the two last named were well taken and advanced on benefits expected from their joint operation of Birmingham Southern. Among the specialties showing weakness during the selling movement were Tennessee Coal & Iron, Brooklyn Transit, Continental Tobacco, Anaconda Mining, International Silver and American Smelting. Strength appeared in New Jersey Central, Wheeling & Lake Erie and Mexican Central. Colorado Fuel and Iron advanced 4 points on rumors that it was to be absorbed by Federal Steel, but officials of the latter company had often denied this. Colorado Coal and Iron was also very strong. Third Avenue, Metropolitan and New York Central were weak. Interests usually prominent in the market held aloof and commission business was at a low ebb, the total dealings for the day being less than half a million shares.

The disposition was shown in some quarters to await positive advices as to the condition of winter wheat. Moreover, there was a desire to see what the money market developments will be. Dealings were largely confined to the board room traders. The market closed strong.

Notwithstanding the unsatisfactory character of the stock speculation, railway bonds continued to forge upward with the well known issues in good demand. Total sales, $3,650,000. United States new 4s, registered, and the old 4s, coupon, advanced ⅝ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets here were extremely dull and dull today, except in Westralians and copper shares. The feature was Anaconda, which opened at 10⅝ and promptly jumped to 11⅝, then weakened to 10⅝ and closed at 11⅛. The double option to end with the year was sold at 2⅛@⅜. Tintos were 45½; they have been sold by dealers who want to buy Anacondas. Americans were heavy and uninteresting all day. The movement is sectional and the close was at about the opening level. Twelve thousand pounds sterling in bars was bought by the bank. One African parcel was taken at 77s 9d by refiners for the bank.

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

Atchison	20⅝	St. L. & S. F.	11¼
do pfd	61	do 1st pfd	70
Balt. & Ohio	72	do 2d pfd	39¼
Can. Pacific	58⅝	St. L. & S. W.	12¼
Can. Southern	57½	do pfd	34½
Cent. Pacific	31⅝	St. Paul	127⅝
Ches. & Ohio	27¼	do pfd	169
Chi. & Alton	158	St. L. & O.	36
C. B. & Q.	94⅝	do pfd	155
C. R. & I.	103	So. Pacific	32⅝
Chicago	122	So. Railway	13
Chi. G. W.	15⅝	Texas & Pacific	23¼
Chi. M. & L.	89½	Union Pacific	46⅝
do pfd	46½	do pfd	75⅝
Chi. & N. W.	100⅝	U. P. D. & G.	12⅝
do pfd	138	Wabash	8
C., C., C. & St. L.	93⅝	do pfd	23
do pfd	97	W. & L. E.	14⅝
Del. L. & W.	174	do pfd	36
Del. & Hudson	124⅛	Adams Ex	142
Den. & Rio G.	22⅝	Adams Express	143
do pfd	76	United States Ex	83
Erie (new)	13½	Wells-Fargo Ex	127
do 1st pfd	37⅝	A. Cot. Oil	38⅝
Fort Wayne	164	do pfd	90
Gt. Nor. pfd	153⅝	Am. Spirits	14½
Hocking Valley	16⅝	do pfd	38⅝
Ill. Central	112⅝	Am. Tobacco	224
Lake Erie & W.	17⅝	do pfd	143
do pfd	75	Cons. Gas	206
Lake Shore	200	Com. Cable Co.	180
Louis. & Nash.	68⅝	Colo. F. & Iron	53
Manhattan L.	134	do pfd	112
Met. St. Ry.	243⅝	Gen. Electric	157⅝
Michigan Central	92	Haw. Com. Co.	100
Minn. & St. L.	82	Brooklyn R. T.	121½
do 1st pfd	99	Inter Paper	32
Mo. Pacific	56⅝	do pfd	83
Mobile & Ohio	33¼	Laclede Gas	84½
Mo. K. & T.	13	Lead	34¼
do pfd	40⅝	do pfd	113¼
N. J. Central	121¼	Nat. Lin. Oil	4
N. Y. Central	139⅝	Pacific Mail	27⅝
N. Y., C. & St. L.	14	People's Gas	128½
do 1st pfd	66	Pullman Palace	169½
do 2d pfd	32	Silver Cert.	69
Nor. & West.	19⅝	Sugar	116
Nor. & W. pfd	54⅝	do pfd	118
No. Amer. Co.	11⅝	T. C. & Iron	65
No. Pacific	62⅝	U. S. Leather	6⅝
do pfd	78⅝	do pfd	74
Ontario & W.	27⅝	U. S. Rubber	52
O. R. & N. pfd	75	do pfd	116
Ore. Short Line	41⅝	Western Union	92⅝
Pacific Coast	40	Am. S. & W.	56⅝
Pac. C. 1st pfd	80	do pfd	98
do 2d pfd	68	Federal Steel	68⅝
Pittsburg	184	do pfd	86½
Reading	24	Colo. Southern	20⅝
do 1st pfd	64½	do 1st pfd	51
R. G. W.	19⅝	do 2d pfd	29
do pfd	76		
Rock Island	116⅝		

Total sales of stocks today, 490,231 shares, including: American Smelting and Refining, 5,600; American Smelting and Refining preferred, 4,500; American Steel and Wire, 6,300; Anaconda, 17,600; Atchison preferred, 12,300; Brooklyn Transit, 29,900; Brooklyn Transit Rights, 10,200; Burlington, 18,500; Chicago Great Western, 6,800; Colorado Coal and Iron, 1,900; Colorado Fuel and Iron, 11,500; Colorado, Hocking Valley & Toledo, 4,200; Consolidated Gas, 5,900; Continental Tobacco, 53,500; Federal Steel, 5,500; Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf, 3,100; Louisville & Nashville, 26,500; Manhattan Consolidated, 6,900; Mexican Central, 25,600; Mexican National certificates, 7,600; Missouri Pacific, 6,600; National Steel, 4,000; New Jersey Central, 6,300; New York Central, 4,100; Norfolk & Western, 3,000; North American, 3,300; People's Gas and Coke, 3,000; Reading first preferred, 8,500; Rock Island, 9,300; St. Paul, 16,500; Southern Railway preferred, 18,500; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 18,700; Union Pacific, 3,200; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 5,400; Silver bullion, 5,000.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 21.—MONEY ON CALL—Steady at 4 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¾@4.87 for demand and at $4.83¼@4.83½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85@4.88 and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.80¼@4.81½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—59⅝@60.

BAR SILVER—59⅝.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47⅝.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firmer; 2s, reg., 100; 3s, reg., 108; 3s, coupon, 108⅞; new 4s, reg., 128⅞; new 4s, coupon, 130; old 4s, reg., 112½; old 4s, coupon, 113⅝; 5s, reg., 111⅝; 5s, coupon, 113.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

U. S. 2s, reg	100	M. K. & T. 4s	94
U. S. 2s, cp	100	N. C. 6s	113
U. S. 3s, coup	109	N. J. C. 5s	116⅝
U. S. new 4s, reg	129	N. C. ds	127
U. S. do coup	130⅝	N. C. 4s	104
U. S. old 4s, reg	112⅝	No. Pacific 1sts	118
U. S. do coup	113⅝	No. Pacific 3s	68⅝
U. S. 5s, reg	111⅝	No. Pacific 4s	104⅝
U. S. 5s, coup	113⅝	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	101
District 3.65s	117	N. & W. con. 4s	93⅝
Ala., class A	110	N. & W. gen. 6s	130
Ala., class B	110	Ore. N. 1sts	115⅝
Ala., class C	110	Ore. S. 4s	103
Ala., Currency	100	O. S. L. 6s t. r.	130⅝
Atchison 4s	101⅝	O. S. L. 5s t. r.	112
Do. adj. 4s	83	Reading 4s	89
Canada So. 2ds	111	R. G. W. 1sts	97⅝
C. & O. 4½s	94⅝	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	110⅝
C. & O. 5s	120⅝	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	123
C. & N. W. con 7s	144⅝	St. P. Consols	183⅝
do S. F. deb. 5s	122	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	121
Chi. Terms. 4s	100	St. P. C. & P. 5s	121⅝
D. & R. G. 1sts	108⅝	So. Ry. 5s	108⅝
D. & R. G. 4s	101⅝	S. R. & T. G. 5s	89⅝
East Tenn. 1sts	108⅝	Tenn. new set 5s	97
Erie Gen. 4s	72	T. P. 1sts	114
F. W. & D. 1sts. t. r.	85⅝	T. P. 2ds	34⅝
Gen. Elec. 5s	116	U. P. 4s	97⅝
G. H. & S. A. 6s	111	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	90
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	111⅝	Wab. 1sts	117
H. & T. Cent. 5s	112	Wab. 2ds	98⅝
H. & T. C. con. 6s	113	W. Shore 4s	114⅝
Iowa C. 1sts	109⅝	Wis. Cent. 1sts	86⅝
K. C. P. & G. 1sts	68⅝	Va. Centuries	84
La. New Con 4s	102⅝	*Va. deferred	18
L. & N. Uni. 4s	97	Colorado South'n 4s	86⅝
M. K. & T. 2ds	68⅝		

*Offered.

Financial Notes.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Stocks active and strong. Alley L, 10⅝; Diamond Match, 148; North Chicago, 22½; West Chicago, 102½; Strawboard, 29; Biscuit common, 49¼; Biscuit preferred, 101.

ST. LOUIS, April 21.—Clearings, $4,975,432; balances, $793,769. Money, 4@7 per cent.

New York exchange, par bid, 10c premium asked.

CINCINNATI, April 21.—Money at 2½@6 per cent; New York exchange at 25c and 50c discount. Clearings, $2,492,100.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows available cash balances, $281,359,878; gold reserve, $241,196,076.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Clearings, $20,093,219; balances, $2,425,000. New York exchange, 15c premium. Sterling exchange—Posted, $4.85@4.88; actual, $4.86@4.87; sixty days, $4.82@4.83.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Clearings, $224,197,706; balances, $12,180,692.

BOSTON, April 21.—Clearings, $27,861,762; balances, $1,607,295.

BALTIMORE, April 21.—Clearings, $1,400,437; balances, $336,413.

PHILADELPHIA, April 21.—Clearings, $14,006,507; balances, $1,802,266.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 21.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	50⅝	Mich. Telephone	86
Atchison pfd	61⅝	Boston L.	204⅝
Atlantic R.	36⅝	Bal. Elec. Ill.	250
Am. Sugar	134⅝	Wis. Central 1s	69
do pfd	117⅝	Allouez Mining Co.	11
Bell Telephone	362	Atlantic	29
Boston & Albany	258	Boston & Mont.	378
Boston & Maine	178	Butte & Boston	34
C. B. & Q.	102⅝	Calumet & Hecla	430
Fitchburg	119	Centennial	11
Gen. Electric	157⅝	Franklin	22⅝
Federal Steel	68	Old Dominion	46
do pfd	86⅝	Osceola	92
Mex. Central	14⅝	Quincy	165
Old Colony	209	Tamarack	275
Rubber	52	Wolverine	37½
Union Pacific	46⅝	Parrott	58
West End	95	Adventure	13⅝
do pfd	124	Hancock	25
West. Electric	157	Allouez Land	85
do pfd	84	Winona	16⅝
Wis. Central	19		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows: