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Wheat Declines Under Heavy Liquidation and Short Selling.

CORN WEAK, WHILE OATS IS STEADY

Plentiful Receipts of Hogs Cause Provisions to Decline Momentarily, but Later They Firm Up on Covering.

CHICAGO, April 25.—Heavy liquidation and short selling today under the influence of seasonable weather and better crop reports caused a sharp decline in wheat, May closing with a loss of 1¼@1⅝c and July 1⅝@1¾c; corn declined ⅝c and oats closed unchanged; pork and ribs each advanced 2½c and lard 2½@5c.

Fine seeding weather and claims of crop improvement caused a heavy feeling in wheat at the start. There was a good demand for May at the opening, but July gradually gave way under the influence of heavy liquidation and short selling. May finally yielded, but the discount was narrowed to about ½c. The market got under puts and there was little demand on the break except against those privileges. May opened a shade lower at 75c, firmed up to 75¼c, declined to 71⅝c and closed at 71⅞c. July started ⅛c lower at 73⅜@73⅝c, sold off to 72⅝c and closed with buyers at 72¾c. Chicago received ninety-two cars, four of which graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 198 cars, against 383 last year.

Primary western market receipts were 509,000 bu., compared with 394,000 bu. a year ago. Atlantic port clearances equaled 340,000 bush. of wheat and flour. The visible decreased 2,772,000 bu., compared with 4,890,000 bu. decrease last year. Rumors of heavy export sales at the seaboard were not credited.

Suggestions of increased acreage this year and heavy receipts weakened corn. Liquidation was heavy; shipping demand only fair; receipts 359 cars. May started unchanged at 31⅝@32c, touched 31⅜c and declined to 31⅝@31¾c at the close.

A good demand and buying by elevator interests held oats steady. Receipts, 338 cars. May started a shade lower at 26⅞c, sold sparingly at 26⅝@26¾c, declined to 26⅝c and rallied to 26¾@26⅞c at the close.

Provisions opened weak on liberal hog receipts, but subsequently the market became firm on covering. May pork opened 25@27½c lower at 8.52½@8.55, advanced to 8.95 and closed at 8.92½. The range in lard and ribs was extremely narrow.

Estimated receipts for Wednesday: Wheat, 45 cars; corn, 325 cars; oats, 135 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesd'y.
*Wheat.					
May...	73⅞	73⅞	71⅝	71⅞	73@74
July...	73⅜@¾	73⅝	72⅜	72¾	73¼-¾
Sept...	72⅝-73	73 @⅜	71⅜	71¾	73¼@¾
*Corn.					
May...	34⅜@⅝	34⅝	34¼@⅜	34¼@⅜	34⅝@⅝
July...	34¼@⅜	35¼@⅜	34¼@⅜	34¼@⅜	35⅜
Sept...	35⅝	35⅞	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝
*Oats.					
May...	26⅝	26⅝@⅝	26⅜	26⅝@⅝	26⅝@⅝
July...	24⅜@⅝	24⅝@⅝	24⅜@⅝	24⅜@⅝	24⅝@⅝
Sept...	22⅝	22⅝	22⅜	22⅜	22⅝
*Pork.					
May...	8 92½	9 05	8 92½	9 02½	9 00
July...	9 12½	9 22½	9 12½	9 20	9 17½
Sept...	9 32½	9 37½	9 32½	9 35	9 32½
*Lard.					
May...	5 17½	5 20	5 17½	5 20	5 17½
July...	5 30	5 32½	5 30	5 32½	5 30
Sept...	5 40	5 45	5 40	5 45	5 42½
*Ribs.					
May...	4 70	4 72½	4 70	4 72½	4 70
July...	4 82½	4 85	4 82½	4 85	4 82½
Sept...	4 95	5 00	4 95	4 97½	4 97½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy; winter patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $3.30@3.40; clears, $3.10@3.20; spring specials, $4.25; patents, $3.30@3.75; straights, $2.80@3.10; bakers, $2.20@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 71@72½c; No. 3 spring, 67@71c; No. 2 red, 75½@77c.

CORN—No. 2, 34½c; No. 2 yellow, 34¾@35c.

OATS—No. 2, 27¼@27¾c; No. 2 white, 30@30½c; No. 3 white, 29½@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 38c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 36@46c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.17; northwest, $1.20@1.22. Prime timothy seed, $2.35. Clover, contract grade, $6.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.00@9.05. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.17½@5.20. Short rib sides (loose), $4.85@4.95. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.50@4.75. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.95@5.05.

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

SUGARS—Unchanged.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Ship'ts.
Flour, bbls.	18,000	11,000
Wheat, bu.	107,000	52,000
Corn, bu.	187,000	199,000
Oats, bu.	267,000	170,000
Rye, bu.	6,000	7,000
Barley, bu.	28,000	1,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and easy; creameries, 12@16c; dairies, 11@14c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 12½c. Cheese, weak; creams, 11½@12½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 25.—FLOUR—Receipts, 14,641 bbls.; exports, 17,496 bbls.; weak and 5@10c lower; winter patents, $3.75@4.10; winter straights, $3.55@3.70; Minnesota patents, $3.30@3.20; Minnesota bakers, $3.00@3.20; rye flour, steady; good to fair, $3.00@3.15; choice to fancy, $3.20@3.40.

CORNMEAL—Steady; western, 85@86c; city, 86@87c.

RYE—Firmer; No. 2 western, 67½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 western, 68@68c c. i. f., New York car lots.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 43@44c; malting, 49@52c, both c. i. f., Buffalo.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 36,950 bu.; exports, 19,-950 bu.; spot weak; No. 2 red, 83½c, to arrive f. o. b. afloat, 75¾c elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 87¾c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, New York, 83@83½c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened steady on Liverpool cables, but turned weak and remained so all day, except for a little rally in the afternoon on export rumors. Influences promoting liquidation were bearish weather and crop news, disappointing late cables and small clearances. The close was weak, 1½@1⅝c net decline. May, 77¼@78⅝c; closed, 77⅛c; July, 76½@76⅝c; closed, 76½c; September, 75¾@77⅛c; closed, 75¾c; December, 76@78⅝c; closed, 76⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 65,325 bu.; exports, 177,-396 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 41⅝@43⅝c f. o. b. afloat, spot and to arrive for new. Options opened steady with wheat and after a decline under small clearances, lower cables and fine crop news, rallied on export talk, only to weaken under final liquidation and closed at ¼@⅜c net lower; May, 39¾@40c; closed, 39⅝c; July, 39⅝@39 15-16c; closed, 39⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 64,400 bu.; exports, 121,946 bu.; spot dull; No. 2 white, 35½c, Options dull all day.

HAY—Steady.

HOPS—Dull; 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—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 16½@17c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 12½@13c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 18@18½c.

LEATHER—Steady.

PROVISIONS—Beef firm; family, $9.50@11.00; extra mess, $9.00; beef hams, $19.00@19.50; packet, $9.50@10.00; city, extra India mess, $14.00@15.00. Cut meats steady at 7¼@7¾c; pickled bellies, 8@8½c; pickled shoulders, 6½c; pickled hams, 7¼@7¾c. Lard, weak; western, steamed, 5.50; April, $5.47½; refined, quiet; continent, $5.75; South American, $6.25; compound, 4¾c. Pork quiet; mess, $8.75@9.50; clear, $10.25@10.75; family, $10.50@11.00.

BUTTER—Steady; western creamery, 15@18c; western factory, 13@14½c; imitation creamery, 13@16½c; state dairy, 14@15c; state creamery, 15@18½c.

CHEESE—Weak; old, quiet; large white, 12@12¼c; small white, 12¾@13c; large colored, 12@12¼c; small colored, 12¾@13c; new, slow; large, 10c; small, 10@10½c.

EGGS—Weak, western, 13¾@14c; southern, 13@13½c.

TALLOW—Easy; city, 4 3-16c; country, 4@4¼c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Dull; crude, 22@22½c; prime yellow, 25½@27c.

OILS—Petroleum dull; refined New York, $6.95; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $6.60; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, $4.40; rosin steady; strained, common to good, $1.07½@1.40.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 6@6¾c; Japan, 5¼@5¾c.

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

METALS—Unimportant changes occurred in prices on the local exchange today, and while generally firm the market ruled very quiet. There was nothing new from primary points or abroad to materially alter the views of consumers or producers. At the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants dull at $10.50 bid and $11.00 asked; Lake copper, firm at $19.25, nominal; tin, firm and quiet at $25.12½ bid and $25.25 asked; lead quiet at $4.37½ bid and $4.42½ asked; spelter, firm at $4.75 bid and $4.80 asked. The brokers' prices for lead is $4.40 and copper $19.25.

Changes in Available Supply.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's indicate the following changes in the available supplies of grain last Saturday as compared with the preceding Saturday: Wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 1,972,000 bu.; (Liverpool Corn Trade News) afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 1,800,000 bu.; total supply, decrease, 3,772,000 bu. Corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 2,763,000 bu.; oats, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 791,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts light; demand good at 11½@12c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@11c; choice, 12@14c; separator, 18@19c; gathered creamery, 16@17c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 8½@9c; old and shaggy roosters, live, 4@5c; ducks and geese, live, 7½@8c; turkeys, live, 9@10c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 90c@$1.10.

WILD GAME—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, 4c; 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, 20c; roe shad, each, 50c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per crate, $5.50@6.00; pints, $1.00.

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—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.50.

VEGETABLES.

WAX BEANS—One-third bu., $1.25.

STRING BEANS—One-third bu., $1.00.

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—16-qt. cases, $1.00.

CABBAGE—Crated, per lb., 3½c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 80c@$1.00.

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

POTATOES—Choice Iowa, sacked, 70c; poorer stock, 60c; Minnesota Burbanks, 85@90c; Early Ohios, $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.

ORANGES—Navels, fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.25; 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., 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, 8¼c; No. salted hides, 7¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; 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, 1¼@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@50c; red fox, 25@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf, (prairie), coyote, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@60; 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, April 25.—FLOUR—Steady; patents, $3.75@3.85; straights, $3.40@3.50; clears, $3.00@3.20.

WHEAT—Options weak and lower; spot dull and easier; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 76c; track, 76½c; May, 76½c asked; July, 70⅝c bid; No. 2 hard, 69¼@70c.

CORN—Options easier and lower; spot dull; No. 2 cash, 34½c; track, 35½c; May, 33¾c; July, 33¾c; September, 34¼c bid.

OATS—Options lower for spot and options; No. 2 cash, 28½c; track, 29c asked; May, 27½c; July, 24¼@24⅝c asked; September, 23c asked; No. 2 white, 31@31½c.

RYE—Higher at 57½c.

SEEDS—Timothy, higher at $1.13; prime timothy seed, $2.25.

CORNMEAL—$1.85@1.90.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, 62c.

HAY—Firm; timothy, $8.50@11.00; prairie, $6.50@8.50.

BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 14@19c; dairy, 12@16c.

EGGS—Higher at 11¼c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.26.

TOBACCO—Firm; 5.90@9.60c.

BAGGING—6@6¾c.

METALS—Lead, firm at $4.17½@4.20; spelter, strong at $4.50.

PROVISIONS—Pork, easy; standard mess, jobbing, $9.00@9.12½. Lard, steady; prime steam, $5.00; choice, $5.07½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, 35.12½; extra shorts, $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, 12,-000 bu.; corn, 38,000 bu.; oats, 28,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 40,000 bu.; corn, 53,000 bu.; oats, 31,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain Market.

KANSAS CITY, April 25.—WHEAT—1@1½c lower; May, 65¾c; closed, 65½c; July opened at 66¾c; closed, 65½c; cash demand somewhat improved; No. 2 hard, 65½@67½c; No. 3, 62@64c; No. 2 red, 68@68½c. No. 2 spring, 67¾c.

CORN—Futures about steady; May opened at 32c and closed at 31⅝c; July opened at 32½c, went to 32¾c and closed at 32½c; cash, mixed, ¼@½c lower; No. 2, 32¾@33c; white scarce and fractionally higher; No. 2, 34½c.

OATS—Cash, good, active and firm; common rather slow; No. 2 mixed, 29@29½c; No. 2 white, 31c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 53½c.

HAY—Choice and No. 1 prairie, active and higher; choice quotation, $7.75@8.00; No. 1, $7.00@7.25; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 14@19c; dairy, 13c.

EGGS—The market showed a weak undertone; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, in new cases, cases included, 12c; cases returned, 11½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 19,800 bu.; corn, 13,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 10,800 bu.; corn, 50,-100 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, April 25.—FLOUR—Receipts, 11,332 bbls.; exports, 18,331 bbls.

WHEAT—Dull and easy; spot and month, 76¾@76¾c; May, 76¾@76¾c; steamer, No. 2 red, 71¾@71¼c; receipts, 14,800 bu.; exports, 52,542 bu.; southern wheat by sample, 70@77c; southern on grade, 72@77c.

CORN—Easy; spot, 39¼@39⅝c; month, 39@39¼c; May, 38½@38¾c; June, 38¼c; steamer mixed, 37¼@37⅝c; receipts, 280,600 bu.; exports, 27,142 bu.; southern white corn, 41@41½c; southern yellow, 40@40¼c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 25@25½c; No. 2 mixed, 22¼@23c.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 20@21c; good creamery, 17@18c; fancy ladle, 14@15c; good ladle, 12@13c; store packed, 11@12c; rolls, 14@15c.

EGGS—Firm at 12c.

CHEESE—Firm; large, 60 lbs., 11¼@12¼c; medium, 37 lbs., 12½@12¾c; small, 23 lbs., 12¾@13c.

WHISKY—Unchanged.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, April 25.—FLOUR—Steady; fancy, $3.15@3.30; family, $2.45@2.65.

WHEAT—Dull; No. 2 red, 77c.

CORN—Easy; No. 2 mixed, 36¼@37c.

OATS—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 29@29½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 62c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firmer at $5.05. Bulk meats quiet at $4.90. Bacon, steady at $5.75.

WHISKY—Active at $1.26.

BUTTER—Dull and lower; fancy Elgin creamery, 18@19c; Ohio, 15@18c; dairy, 10c.

SUGAR—Firm; hard refined, $4.35@5.47.

EGGS—Quiet and steady at 11½c.

CHEESE—Firm at 12c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, April 25.—WHEAT—Active and lower; No. 2 cash, 74½c asked; May, 74⅝c asked.

CORN—Active and higher; No. 2 mixed, 35½c.

OATS—Dull, but steady; No. 2 mixed, 31c.

RYE—Dull, but steady; No. 2 cash, 58c asked.

CLOVERSEED—Active and steady; prime cash, old, $3.85; new, cash and April, $3.85.

OIL—Unchanged.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 25.—WHEAT—In store, No. 1 northern, April, 70½c; May, 69¾@69⅝c; July, 71¼@71¾c; on track, No. 1 hard, 71¾c; No. 1 northern, 70¾c; No. 2 northern, 69¾c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.70@3.85; patents, $3.60@3.75; first clear, $2.70@2.80.

BRAN—Unchanged.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, April 25.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 1 northern, 73c; No. 2 northern, 71½c.

RYE—Nominal; No. 1, 58¾c.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2, 46½c; sample, 41 @45½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Ill., April 25.—CORN—Easy; No. 2, 34½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 26c.

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

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, April 25.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 73¾c; April, 73¾c; May, 74¾c; July, 74¾c; No. 1 northern, cash, 70¾c; No. 2 northern, 73¼c.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, April 25.—WHEAT—Quiet, unchanged; May, 5s 7¾d; July, 5s 7¾d.

CORN—Steady, ¼d higher; May, 3s 5¾d; July, 3s 5⅝d.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Dealings Were Dull, Though Some Stocks Show Decided Strength.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Dealing in stocks today was rather dull. The market was generally heavy in the forenoon, while in the afternoon strength appeared especially among those stocks which had been the most depressed early. The grangers initiated the improvement coincident with the weakness in wheat, London was a seller of the internationals, particularly of Louisville & Nashville. Although the professional element was bearish, speculation throughout displayed an undertone of resistance which caused many of the trading element to reverse their tactics. Among the generally inactive shares very material advances appeared in Minneapolis & St. Louis, Detroit Gas, Canadian Pacific and Illinois Central. Anaconda Mining advanced sharply on continued gossip connecting it with the proposed consolidation. Sugar, Glucose and Metropolitan were well supported, and Tennessee Coal more than recovered from its early weakness.

Gossip was revived of some alliance among the Sugar and Glucose interests, but nothing definite was made known in this connection, parties who should know being noncommittal. In the money and sterling exchange markets steadiness prevailed at practically unchanged quotations. Strength prevailed in the dealings until near the close when heavy realizing, especially in Manhattan and other transportation shares, cut off part of the advance, leaving the market weak, although a number of shares retained good advances on the day. Business in bonds was well distributed today and prices were, in the main, higher. Total sales, $2,085,000. United States 5s, coupon, declined ⅛ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The markets here were irregular today, the features being Canadian Pacific and Coppers. Tintos were 48; Anacondas reached 13⅝; Tintos were 11⅝ bid, 10⅝ asked. It is said here that Standard Oil interests have now secured a majority of the shares of the Anaconda mine.

It is reported that Mr. Rockefeller and the Lewisjohns have an agent here with £2,500,000 credits to acquire control of the Rio Tinto market like the copper. A squeeze is certainly proceeding. Americans opened firm, went half a point above parity and then dwindled till the close. In the street they recovered. The general contango was 2½@2¾c. Canadian Pacific opened at 91¾ and closed at 95. It is said that the company has got money to buy the Manitoba bonds. Silver was hard. Ninety-five thousand dollars in gold in bars was bought by the bank.

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

Atchison	20⅜	St. L. & S. F.	11¾
do pfd	60⅞	do 2d pfd	39
Balt. & Ohio	72	St. L. & S. W.	14
Can. Pacific	93½	do pfd	33¾
Can. Southern	57¾	St. Paul	128¾
Cent. Pacific	34⅜	do pfd	169½
Ches. & Ohio	21¾	St. P. & O.	94
Chi. & Alton	168	do pfd	170
C. B. & Q.	113¾	So. Pacific	33½
Chi. & E. Ill.	75	So. Railway	12⅞
do pfd	122	do pfd	34⅜
Chi. G. W.	15	Texas & Pacific	20
Chi. Ind. & L.	11½	Union Pacific	46¾
do pfd	46½	do pfd	79¼
Chi. & N. W.	161¼	U. P. D. & G.	12
do pfd	193	do pfd	23½
C. C. C. & St. L.	97	Wabash	8¾
do pfd	97	Wheel. & L. E.	13⅝
Del. & Hudson	123½	do pfd	34
Del. L. & W.	172	Adams Express	132
Den. & Rio G.	21½	American Ex	140
do pfd	76⅞	United States Ex.	54
Erie (new)	13¾	Wells-Fargo Ex	126
do 1st pfd	37½	Col. Cot. Oil	23½
Ft. Wayne	181	do pfd	93½
Gt. Nor. pfd	191	Am Spirits	14⅜
Hocking Valley	11¾	do pfd	38
Ill. Central	117¾	Am. Tobacco	95¼
Lake Erie & W.	21½	do pfd	143
do pfd	68	Cons. Gas	200
Lake Shore	200	Com. Cable Co.	186
Louis. & Nash.	68	Mich. F. & Iron	23⅝
Manhattan L.	122	do pfd	106⅜
Met. St. Ry.	250	Gen. Electric	120¼
Mich. Central	113	Haw. Con. Co.	166
Minn. & St. L.	87¼	Laclede Gas	117½
do 1st pfd	120	Inter. Paper	54½
Mo. Pacific	59⅝	do pfd	82½
Mobile & Ohio	47	Laclede Gas	84½
Mo. K. & T.	13	do pfd	74½
do pfd	31	Leather	12¾
N. J. Central	120	do pfd	113¼
N. Y. Central	135⅝	Nat. Lin. Oil	4¾
N. Y. C. & St. L.	14½	Pacific Mail	52
do 1st pfd	53	People's Gas	103⅜
do 2d pfd	33	Pullman Palace	169½
Nor. & West.	21¼	Silver Cert.	61
Nor. & W. pfd.	64¾	S. R. & T.	10½
No. Amer. Co.	11¾	Sugar	118
No. Pacific	32⅜	do pfd	118
do pfd	78¼	T. C. & Iron	63½
Ontario & W.	27¼	U. S. Leather	6⅝
O. R. & N. pfd.	69	do pfd	73½
Or. Short Line	41⅜	U. S. Rubber	22½
Pacific Coast	40	do pfd	116
Pac. C. 1st pfd	85	Western Union	92
do 2d pfd	67	Am. E. & W.	17
Peoria	184	do pfd	68½
Reading	23¼	Federal Steel	67⅝
do 1st pfd	65½	do pfd	88
R. G. W.	32	Colo. Southern	24
do 1st pfd	70	do 1st pfd	50
Rock Island	117	do 2d pfd	20

The total sales of stocks today amounted to 631,849 shares, including: American Cotton Oil, 3,200; American Smelting and Refining, 4,200; American Steel and Wire, 8,000; American Sugar, 66,200; American Tin Plate, 3,100; Brooklyn Traction, 37,600; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 21,800; Burlington, 12,900; Chesapeake & Ohio, 5,700; Chicago Consolidated Traction, 4,900; Chicago Great Western, 3,300; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 6,800; Colorado Fuel and Iron, 4,800; Continental Tobacco, 17,400; Federal Steel, 6,600; Federal Steel preferred, 4,-600; Glucose Sugar, 13,900; Louisville & Nashville, 10,600; Manhattan Consolidated, 22,500; Metropolitan Street Railway, 5,400; Manhattan Beach, 10,600; Mexican Central, 5,200; National Steel, 11,300; New York Central, 3,800; Norfolk & Western, 4,400; North American, 5,900; Northern Pacific, 8,000; Ontario & Western, 3,000; Pennsylvania Railway, 3,600; Rock Island, 7,200; St. Louis Southwestern, 5,200; St. Louis Southwestern preferred, 5,600; St. Paul, 26,200; Southern preferred, 9,000; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 12,100; Union Pacific, 3,500; Illinois Central, 14,200; International Paper, 6,300; Silver bullion, 11,000 ounces; Atchison preferred, 17,800.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 25.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	20⅜	Wis. Central	11¼
Atchison pfd	61	Allouez Mining Co.	1½
Atchison 4s	100½	Atlantic	39
Am. Sugar	117¼	Boston & Mont.	392
do pfd	118	Butte & Boston	59¼
Bell Telephone	366	Calumet & Hecla	455
Boston & Albany	255	Centennial	46½
Boston & Maine	180	Franklin	27
C. B. & Q.	113¾	Old Dominion	24⅜
Chi. & E. Ill.	75	Osceola	97½
Gen. Electric	120	Quincy	171
Federal Steel	67½	Tamarack	243
do pfd	88	Wolverine	46
Old Colony	210	Parrott	7¼
Rubber	22¼	Adventure	13½
Union Pacific	46½	Humbodt	1½
West End	93	Dilon Land	10½
Westingh. Elec.	48	Winona	16½

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

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

Alta	8	Justice	18
Alpha Con	5	Kentucky Con	5
Andes	7	Mexican	58
Belcher	26	Occidental Con	33
Best & Belcher	57	Ophir	120
Bullion	2	Potosi	25
Caledonia	50	Savage	12
Challenge Con	33	Savage	25
Chollar	32	Scorpion	1
Confidence	78	Sierra Nevada	109
Con. Cal. & Va.	180	Silver Hill	29
Crown Point	20	Standard	250
Gould & Curtis	38	Union Con	52
Hale & Norcross	28	Utah Con	31
Julia	2	Yellow Jacket	42

Silver bars, 59⅞c; Mexican dollars, 48@48¼c; drafts, sight, 10c; telegraph, 12½c.

In the Foreign Financial World.

LONDON, April 25.—American securities after a weak opening were steadier. Operators were inactive. Spanish 4s, 58⅝. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £35,000. Gold was 120.40 at Buenos Ayres.

PARIS, April 25.—Business on the bourse today was irregular as a rule throughout the day, but prices closed firm. Brazilians improved on the rise in the rate of exchange. Rentes were dull. Spanish 4 opened with an advance, declined and rallied at the close. Rio Tintos were active and reached 1,560 francs. Kaffirs opened with an improvement, which was subsequently partly lost, and they rallied at the close on London purchasing. Three per cent rentes, 102f 31c for the account. Spanish is closed at 59.85.

BERLIN, April 25.—Business on the bourse today was irregular. Internationals were maintained. Mexicans were firm. Americans were easier and Canadian Pacifics were strong on traffic returns. Mine shares advanced on speculative purchases. Exchange on London, 20m 41pfg for checks.

FRANKFORT, April 25.—On the bourse today prices were firm. Mine shares were in good demand. Spanish is were easier and American securities were irregular.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 25.—MONEY—On call, steady, at 3½@4 per cent; last loan, 3½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4¼ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.870 @4.87½ for demand, and $4.85@4.85¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85¼@4.86 and $4.87½ @4.88; commercial bills, $4.84@4.84½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—61@61¾c.

BAR SILVER—60¾c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47¾c.

BONDS—Government bonds easier; state bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, firmer.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

U. S. 2s, reg	100	M. K. & T. 4s	94
U. S. 3s, reg	108	N. Y. C. 1st	115
U. S. 3s, coup	108¾	N. J. C. 5s	110½
U. S. new 5s reg	125	N. P. 3s	64
U. S. 5s coup	126	N. P. 4s	104
U. S. old 4s, reg	112½	No. Pacific 1st	120
U. S. 4s coup	113⅜	No. Pacific 3s	68½
U. S. 5s, reg	113⅜	No. Pacific 4s	103⅜
U. S. 5s, coup	113⅜	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	98⅜
District 3.65s	117	N. & W. con. 4s	94⅜
Ala., class A	110	N. & W. gen. 6s	130
Ala., class B	110	Ore. Nav. 1st	116
Ala., class C	100	Ore. N. 4s	103¾
Ala., Currency	100	O. S. L. 6s L. F.	131
Atchison 4s	101¾	O. S. L. 5s 1. r.	111¾
Pac. 6s, 4s	85¾	Reading 4s	87¾
Canada So. 2ds	111¾	R. G. W. 1st	87¾
C. & O. 4½s	94¾	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	110⅝
C. & O. 5s	121	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	124¾
C. & O. con. 6s	144¾	St. P. Consols	128⅝
do S. F. deb. 5s	128	St. P. C. & P. 1st	122⅝
Chi. Terms. 4s	100⅜	St. P. C. & P. 5s	122½
D. & R. G. 1st	108⅜	So. Ry. 5s	104¾
D. & R. G. 4s	89	S. R. & T. 5s	80
East Tenn. 1st	105¾	Tenn. new set 3s	97
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