COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Weak Cables and Heavy Northwestern Receipts Factors in Decline of Wheat.

MAY CLOSES 3-8C TO 1-2C UNDER MONDAY

Corn Market Firm and Active, Aided by Report of Excessively Hot Weather in Argentina—Provisions Improved.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—The increased movement in the northwest and the absence of shipping demand were the ruling factors in a weak wheat market today. May closing ⅝@⅞c under yesterday. Corn closed a shade down and oats unchanged. Provisions at the close were 5@12½c improved from yesterday's final figures.

Weak cables and heavy northwest receipts were influences in a decline in wheat at the opening, initial figures for May being ⅛c under yesterday's close at 67⅝@67⅝c. The strength of corn, the report that the India wheat area was 25 per cent less than last year's and a larger decrease in the world's visible than had been expected gradually worked the price of May from 67⅛c, to which it had sold off early, up to 67⅝c. There was no demand, short interest having covered, and the market broke. May declining sharply to 67⅛c, closing soon after ⅝@⅞c under yesterday at 67⅛c. New York reported 12 loads taken for export. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 52,000 bu. Primary receipts were 331,000 bu. compared with 525,000 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 402 cars, against 291 last week and 461 a year ago. Receipts here were 29 cars, none of which graded contract.

The corn market was firm the greater part of the day and at times active, helped by reports of excessively hot weather in Argentine and higher cables, together with small country offerings. In sympathy with wheat, with the heavy receipts—1,125 cars here—also a consideration, the market eased off later and closed at the bottom. May ranged from 33¾@33⅞c to 33⅛c and closed a shade depressed from yesterday at 33⅛c. The sample market was lower and the shipping demand fair.

The oats market was steady but dull and trade not large. The demand was slow. Receipts here were 314 cars. May sold from 23⅛c to 23⅜c and closed unchanged at 23⅜c.

The provisions market was strong and trade fairly active. At the opening receipts of hogs under the estimate and higher prices at the yards were reported; later the influence of the cotton strength was felt in a demand from the south. There was some profit taking, but this caused but little reaction from the top. May pork sold from 10.95 to $11.07½@11.10 and closed 2½c higher at $11.07½@11.10; May lard, from $6.70 to $6.75, closing 5c up at $6.75, and May ribs, from $5.52½ to $5.97½, with the close 5c improved at $5.97½.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 15 cars; corn, 600 cars; oats, 155 cars; hogs, 33,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Feb	65¼	65¼	65¼	65¼	65½
May	67⅛@⅜	67⅝	67⅛	67¼@⅜	67⅝@¾
July	68⅛	68⅛@¼	67¾	67¾@⅞	68¼@⅜
*Corn—					
Feb				31	31
May	33⅛@¼	33⅜@⅛	33⅛	33⅛@¼	33⅜
July	33¾@⅞	34	33⅝	33¾@⅞	33¾@⅞
*Oats—					
May	23⅜@½	23½	23⅜	23⅜	23⅜
July	22⅞	22⅞	22¼	22¼	22⅜@½
Pork—					
May	10 95	11 10	10 95	11 10	10 97½
July	11 02½	11 12½	11 02½	11 12½	11 02½
Lard—					
May	6 10	6 15	6 10	6 15	6 10
July	6 17½	6 22½	6 17½	6 22½	6 17½
Ribs—					
May	5 92½	6 00	5 92½	5 97½	5 92½
July	5 97½	6 00	5 97½	6 00	5 95

*No 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; straights, $3.00@3.35; clears, $2.90@3.10; spring specials, $3.90@4.00; patents, $3.20@3.55; straights, $2.60@3.00; bakers, $2.10@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 63½@65½c; No. 2 red, 65½@69½c.

CORN—No. 2, 31½@32c; No. 2 yellow, 32@32½c.

OATS—No. 2, 23⅛@23⅜c; No. 2 white, 26@26½c; No. 3 white, 25@25¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½@53½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@42c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed and northwest, $1.59@1.60; prime timothy, $2.40.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.50@11.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.87½@6.05. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.85@6.10. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.75@6.00; short clear sides (boxed), $5.95@6.05.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis high wines, per gal., $1.23½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.05; granulated, $5.49.

The following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls.	61,000	28,000
Wheat, bu.	23,000	17,000
Corn, bu.	510,000	252,000
Oats, bu.	278,000	384,000
Rye, bu.	12,000	2,000
Barley, bu.	61,000	28,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 19@24c; dairies, 19@22c. Cheese, firm at 12@13c. Eggs, weak; fresh, 14c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,816 bbls.; exports, 1,071 bbls.; sales, 7,200 bbls.; quiet and barely steady, without change. Minnesota patents, $3.85@4.10; Minnesota bakers', $2.80@3.00; winter patents, $3.35@3.80; winter straights, $3.10@3.50; winter extras, $2.50@2.85; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40. Rye flour, quiet; sales, 400 bbls.; fair to good, $3.10@3.20; choice to fair, $3.25@3.40. Buckwheat flour, weak, at $1.60@1.85.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 80c; city, 78c; Brandywine, $2.20@2.25.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 61½c f. o. b. afloat; state rye, 56c c. i. f. New York, car lots.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 47¼@47½c c. i. f. New York; malting, 49@51½c c. i. f. New York.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 7,200 bu.; exports, 40,462 bu.; sales, 1,210,000 bu.; futures, 240,000 bu. export. Spot, easier; No. 2 red, 75¼c elevator; No. 2 red, 76½c f. o. b. afloat prompt; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 78¾c f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 80¾c f. o. b. afloat, prompt. Options opened easy from the effects of lower cables and rumors of more snow west. Foreigners bought a little, but offerings later increased to such an extent that weakness expanded until checked in the afternoon by a fair reduction in world's stocks. Closed steady at ⅛@⅜c net decline. March, 75½@75⅝c; closed at 75½c; May, 73⅝@74⅛c; closed at 73⅞c; July, 73½@74c; closed at 73⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 96,525 bu.; exports, none; sales, 60,000 bu. futures, 120,000 bu. export. Spot, steady; No. 2, 41c afloat and 40¼c elevator. Options market opened steady and advanced a little on reports of damage to the Argentine crop, stronger Liverpool cables and a good speculative demand. It finally eased off a little under realizing and closed easier at ¼c net advance: May, 38 15-16@39 5-16c; closed at 39c.

OATS—Receipts, 92,500 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 29c; No. 3, 28c; No. 2 white, 31¼c; No. 3 white, 33½c; track western, 30c; track white western, 30@35c; track white state, 30½@35c. Options very quiet, but ruled steady with corn.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 65@70c; good to choice, 80@85c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@13c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@13c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 19½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 15c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 25@25½c; acid, 25@25½c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4¾@6¼c; Japan, 4¾@5c.

MOLASSES—Quiet but firm; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 44@55c.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand-picked, 4¾@4¾c; other domestic, 3½@4c.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, firmer; cotton by steam, 33c; grain by steam, 3½d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; family, $11.00@13.00; mess, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $20.50@21.00; packet, $10.50@12.00; city, extra India mess, $20.00@22.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $6.00@7.25; pickled shoulders, $6; pickled hams, $9.50@10.25. Lard, firm; western steam closed $6.40; February, $6.35; refined, firm; continent, $6.55; South America, $6.75; compound, $5.87½@6.00. Pork, steady; mess, $10.50@11.25; short clear, $11.75@13.00; family, $13.00@16.50. Tallow, strong; city, 5¼c; country, 5¼@5⅝c.

METALS—There was no marked change in the local market today, nor were there important variations in the west or abroad. Following the advance and activity in tin yesterday, that metal was very quiet throughout the session today and no more than steady in tone. At the close the Metal exchange reported pig iron warrants dull; lake copper, unchanged at $16.25; tin, quiet at $29.00; lead, unchanged, with $4.70 bid and $4.75 asked; spelter, quiet, with $4.70 bid and $4.80 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.85 and for copper $16.25.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 6.—WHEAT—In store, No. 1 northern, February, 64c; May, 64½@64¾c; July, 65¾@65⅞c. On track, No. 1 hard, 67½c; No. 1 northern, 64½c; No. 2 northern, 62½c.

FLOUR—Quiet and lower; first patents, $3.50@3.60; second patents, $3.30@3.40; first clears, $2.60@2.70; second clears, $2.10.

BRAN—Unchanged; in bulk, $11.25@11.50.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts, increasing, fresh stock, weak at 12@12½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Choice to fancy turkeys, 9c; ducks, 8c; geese, 8c; spring chickens, 7@7½c; hens, 7@7½c; roosters, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6c; spring chickens, 5½@6c; old and staggy roosters, 3c; ducks, 6c; geese, 6c; turkeys, 6@6½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 15c; choice, 17@18c; separator, 25c; gathered creamery, 22@25c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

CEDAR—Choice, 5c.

GAME—Ducks, mallards, $3.00@3.25; blue wing teal, $1.75; green wing teal, $1.25@1.50; mixed ducks, $1.50@2.00.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 18c; standard, per can, 22c; bulk standard, per gal., $1.25; extra selects, per can, 25c; extra selects, per gal., $1.00@1.75; New York counts, per can, 37c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25.

HAY—Per carload lots: Upland, choice, $6; midland, choice, $5.50; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $4.50; No. 3 corn, 26½c; No. 3 white oats, 22½c, cracked corn, per ton, $11; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $11.50; bran, per ton, $12; shorts, per ton, $13.

VEGETABLES.

ONIONS—Per dozen bunches, 60c.

SPINACH—Per box, $1.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 40@50c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 40c; fancy head lettuce, per bbl., $.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., Illinois, $2; Jerseys, 75; large bbls., Kansas, $2.75.

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 30@40c.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, 2c.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Retail, yellow, 75c; red, 85@90c; Objos per bbl., $2.25.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c, California, per bunch, 40@75c.

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c; Canadian, 1¼c per bbl., $2.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.

RHUBARB—Per doz., 60c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $3.00@3.50; New York stock, $4; fancy, $4.50@4.75.

GRAPES—Malaga grapes, per bbl., $7.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, per bbl. $8.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $3; California navals, per box, $3.25@3.50; California seedlings, per box, $2.50@2.75.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.25.

NUTS—Hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1.25; shellbarks, $1.35.

FIGS—California, layers, per 10-lb. box, $1; California carton, per 10-lb. box, $1.10; imported figs, per lb., 13c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 8c; No. 2 green hides, 7c; No. 1 salted hides, 9c; No. 2 salted hides, 8c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

CHANGES IN AVAILABLE SUPPLIES.

Stocks Afloat and Ashore Quoted by Cable and Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Special telegraphic and cable dispatches to Bradstreet's show the following changes since last account:

WHEAT—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decreased 1,027,000 bu. Liverpool Corn Trade News: Afloat and in Europe, increase 500,000 bu.; total supply, decrease 527,000 bu.

CORN—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 278,000 bu.

OATS—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 475,000 bu.

Among the more important increases reported not given in the official visible supply statement are those of 400,000 bu. at northwestern interior elevators, 85,000 bu. at Cleveland and 53,000 bu. at Portland, Me. The principal decreases are those of 421,000 bu. at Chicago private elevators and 165,000 bu. at Manitoba storage points. The aggregate stock of wheat held at Portland, Ore., and Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., increased 5,000 bu. last week.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 69¾c; track, 70⅛@71c; February, 69⅝; May, 69¾c; July, 67¼@67⅜c; No. 2 hard, 66½@67½c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 31c; track, 32c; February, 31¼c; May, 31⅞c; July, 32⅝c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 24c; track, 24½c; February, 24¼c; May, 24⅛@24¼c; No. 2 white, 26@26¼c.

RYE—Firm at 62½c.

FLOUR—Firm, but dull; patents, $3.40@3.50; extra fancy, $3.10@3.15; clear, $2.75@2.90.

SEEDS—Timothy, prime, $2.45. Flaxseed, steady at $1.55.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.75@1.80.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, 64@65c.

HAY—Timothy, easy at $8.50@11.50; prairie, steady at $7.00@8.50.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.23½.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.20.

BAGGING—5¾@6⅝c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

METALS—Lead steady at $4.60@4.65. Spelter, firm at $4.75.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 6@7c; turkeys, 6@8c; ducks, 8c; geese, 6½c.

PROVISIONS—Dry salted boxed meats, extra shorts, $5.87½; clear ribs, $6.00; clear sides, $6.12½. Bacon, boxed, extra shorts, $6.37½; clear ribs, $6.50; clear sides, $6.62½. Pork, higher; jobbing, old, $10.50; new, $11.50. Lard, steady; prime steam, $5.70; choice, $5.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 74,000 bu.; oats, 42,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 43,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

Butter, Egg and Cheese Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6. — BUTTER — Firm; prints, 1c higher; fancy western creamery, 26c.

EGGS—Dull and 1c lower; fresh nearby, western and southwestern, 15c; fresh southern, 14c.

CHEESE—Unchanged.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—BUTTER—Receipts, 7,548 packages; firm; June creamery, 19@23½c; western creamery, 21@26c; factory, 16@19c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 526 packages; steady; fall made fancy large, and fall made fancy small, 12¾@13c; large late made, 11¾@12c; small, 12@12¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,882 packages; steady.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6. — BUTTER — Steady; creamery, 22@24½c; dairy, 16@20c.

EGGS—Steady at 12c.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 6. — BUTTER — Creamery, 20@23c; dairy, 18c.

EGGS—Weak and lower, in spite of slightly colder weather; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, firsts, 11c, cases returned.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 6.—WHEAT—Spot, No 2 red western, winter, steady at 5s 11d; No. 1 California, steady at 6s 1½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, steady at 3s 7½d; American mixed, old, steady at 3s 8½d. Futures, steady; February, 3s 7¾d; March, 3s 7½d; May, 3s 6¾d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull at 7s 3d.

Receipts of wheat during the last three days, 135,000 centals, including 71,000 American. Receipts of American corn during the last three days, 119,200 centals. Weather cold and clear.

PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, firm at 48s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 35s; short ribs, firm at 38s; long clear middles, light, firm at 35s 6d; short clear backs, firm at 34s. Shoulders, square, firm at 33s. Lard, prime western, in tierces, firm at 31s; American refined, in pails, firm at 33s.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 6.—WHEAT—May, 62⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 62½@63c; No. 3, 59@62½c; No. 2 red, 68@69c; No. 3, 62@65c.

CORN—May, 29⅝c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 29½c; No. 2 white, 30½@29¾c; No. 3, 29c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24½@24¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 52c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.00@9.50; choice prairie, $6.50@6.75.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 14,400 bu.; corn, 21,400 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 17,400 bu.; corn, 59,800 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 6.—WHEAT—Lower and weak; No. 2 cash, 70½c; May, 72¼c bid.

CORN—Dull and easy; No. 2 mixed, 33½c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 24c.

RYE—Nominal; No. 2 cash, 57½c.

CLOVERSEED—Dull and steady; prime cash old, $4.80 asked; February, new, $5.70; March, $5.75 asked; No. 2 mixed, old, $4.37½.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 6.—WHEAT—Half cent lower; No. 1 northern, 67½c; No. 2 northern, 65@65½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 55½c.

BARLEY—Quiet; No. 2, 46c; sample, 35½@46½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 6.—CORN—Firm; new No. 2, 30½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 3 white, 23½@23¾c.

WHISKY—Firm on the basis of $1.23½ for unfinished goods.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 6.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 66½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 64¾c; May, 66¾c; July, 67¾c; No. 2 northern, 62½c; No. 3 spring, 59½c.

CORN—30½c.

OATS—23½@24c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Retains Strength and Breadth —Interest is Manifest.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The stock market retained its general characteristics today of strength and breadth. A large outside interest was manifest and the professional operators who bought at the lower level were busy in bidding up the prices of their holdings and in feeding the new demand to take their profits. But while selling stocks from the one hand to realize on the rise they were taking on new holdings of different stocks with the other. Apparently the confidence that stocks which have not yet shared in the advance could be induced to move upward was unimpaired and the holdings of the large financial interests which have taken hold of the market were broadened and extended. The duration of this kind of upward movement does not always depend strictly on the continuance of the public demand for stocks.

There is a constant process of unloading by compact and well organized financial interests into the hands of scattered and unskilled speculators, who have not the same experience and adroitness in protecting their holdings, nor the same resources for maintaining them. The progress of a bull movement almost enevitably results in the transfer of holdings from strong to weak hands and leaves the market vulnerable to attack by bear operators who are able to force selling by offering down prices and uncovering margins. Even today attempts by bear operators were in evidence to force declines, but the general demand for stocks continued so good and the large holdings are still in such strong hands that the market resisted bear assaults and presented a hard and unyielding surface, even at points where realizing was going on.

Yesterday's strength in National Steel gave way to realizing today and the metal group of stocks was without any conspicuous leadership. Norfolk & Western was also sold to take profits all day, after an opening rise of a point, but refused to yield below last night's level. Tennessee Coal was forced down at one time 3¼ per cent. The bears centered their attack on Sugar and had their stock down at one time to 104¾.

Rumors that the refineries were to shut down and overproduction to be worked off at a loss figured in the manipulation. But in the meantime aggressive buying movement developed in the trunk lines, led by Pennsylvania, the shares of which, by Reading first preferred on the decision to pay a dividend, and in the grangers and westerns, led by St. Paul and Atchison, both common and preferred. The Baltimore & Ohio also, after a pause of a day to digest profit taking, renewed the advance. The progress toward extension of holdings by the trunk railroad systems of lesser and competing systems had much to do with the strength of Pennsylvania and other lines supposed to be in process of absorption. The coming advance in the tidewater freight rates on bituminous coal was also an element. In the outside market there was an advance of over 3 points, to 345, in the price of Standard Oil on the declaration of a dividend of 20 per cent for the quarterly period. Last year's dividends were 6, 12, 5 and 10 per cent, respectively, for the four quarters. There were also activity and strength in Amalgamated Copper. The closing of the market was active and strong at about the top.

The bond market showed increased activity and general strength. Total sales, par value, $3,625,000. United States 3s advanced ⅛ and the new 4s ¼ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: African mines opened blazing here today, the markets being full of a rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved and that 7,000 Boers had been captured at Colesburg. The other departments participated in the rise, though business was small. There was no confirmation of any of the rumors and prices fell away after 2 o'clock. Consols, which were 101¼, closed at 101. Americans maintained their strength. The continent and arbitrage houses bought freely, though there was hardly any London account and New York support made the close at top prices. The chief feature was Norfolk & Western, on the theory that that road would be amalgamated with the Baltimore & Ohio or the Pennsylvania. Paris is still buying tintos and Anacondas and higher prices for the latter were confidently predicted. The bank bought £212,000 gold in German coin and received £16,000 coin from Germany. For South Africa £21,000 was taken. The influx was not expected. It is thought that the bank will reduce the buying prices on German account. Money and bills were idle at unchanged rates. The Bank of the Netherlands reduced its minimum discount rate from 4 to 3½ per cent. Paris cheque was 21.18½; Berlin, 20.49.

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

Atchison	21¼	Tex. & Pacific	16¼
do pfd	64½	Union Pacific	49
Balt. & Ohio	63¾	do pfd	77
Can. Pacific	96¾	Wabash	7¼
Can. Southern	49⅞	do pfd	21⅝
Ches. & Ohio	20	W. & L. E.	10¾
Chicago G. W.	14¼	do pfd	28⅝
C. B. & Q.	126¼	Wis. Central	19¾
C. L. & L.	45	Adams Ex	115
do pfd	48⅝	Amer. Ex	147
C. & E. I.	93½	U. S. Ex	48
C. & N. W.	163¼	Wells Fargo Ex.	123
C. R. I. & P.	110⅝	Am. Cot. Oil	34¾
C. C. C. & St. L.	62⅞	do pfd	93
Colo. Southern	5¾	Am. Malting	6
do 1st pfd	43½	do pfd	25
do 2d pfd	15	Am. S. & R.	43¾
Del. & Hudson	114	do pfd	91½
Del. L. & W.	178	Am. Spirits	3⅛
D. & R. G.	19⅝	do pfd	17
do pfd	72¼	Am. Steel Hoop	49¼
Erie	12⅝	do pfd	85½
do 1st pfd	35⅛	Am. S. & W.	58½
Gt. Nor. pfd	160	do pfd	94⅝
Hocking Coal	17½	Am. Tin Plate	36⅝
Hocking Valley	31½	do pfd	83½
Ill. Central	111	Am. Tobacco	107
Iowa Central	12	do pfd	135
do pfd	54	Ana. M. Co.	44¾
K. C. P. & G.	9⅞	Brooklyn R. T.	76¼
L. E. & W.	26⅝	Colo. F. & I.	47⅞
do pfd	84	Con. Tobacco	35
Lake Shore	194	do pfd	85¾
L. & N.	81⅞	Federal Steel	57⅝
Manhattan L.	98⅝	do pfd	77¼
Met. St. Ry.	173	Gen. Electric	128
Mex. Central	11⅞	Glucose Sugar	57¾
Minn. & St. L.	6½	do pfd	100¼
do pfd	94	Inter. Paper	24¼
Mo. Pacific	47¾	do pfd	70
Mobile & Ohio	42½	Lacleede Gas	79
M. K. & T.	16	Nat. Biscuit	39½
do pfd	34½	do pfd	93⅞
N. J. Central	118⅝	Nat. Lead	29¾
N. Y. Central	136¾	do pfd	104¾
Nor. & West.	29¼	Nat. Steel	51¾
do pfd	73¼	do pfd	96
No. Pacific	54	N. Y. Air Brake	125
do pfd	76¼	No. American	14½
Ontario & West.	24⅝	Pacific Coast	52
Ore. R. & N.	42	do 1st pfd	83
do pfd	75	do 2d pfd	65½
Pennsylvania	137⅞	Pacific Mail	42⅝
Reading	19	People's Gas	109⅛
do 1st pfd	57¾	Pressed S. C.	57½
do 2d pfd	29½	do pfd	87½
R. G. W.	42	Pullman P. C.	187¾
do pfd	82	S. R. & T.	9
St. L. & S. F.	10⅞	Sugar	110
do 1st pfd	68½	do pfd	112
do 2d pfd	39⅝	T. C. & I.	96¾
St. L. S. W.	11¾	U. S. Leather	16⅞
do pfd	28⅞	do pfd	76¾
St. Paul	124½	U. S. Rubber	38½
do pfd	171½	do pfd	102
St. P. & O.	118	West. Union	88⅝
So. Pacific	40¼	Rep. I. & S.	26¾
So. Railway	12⅝	do pfd	79
do pfd	37¼	P. C. C. & St. L.	68

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—MONEY—On call, easy at 2@2½ per cent; last loan, at 2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87½ for demand and at $4.84¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85 and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.83¾@4.84.

SILVER—Certificates, 58½@59½c; bar, 59¾c; Mexican dollars, 47½c.

BONDS—Government, strong; state, weak; railroad, strong.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg.	102⅛	N. Y. C. 1s	109⅝
do 5s, reg.	109⅝	N. J. C. gen. 5s	123½
do coupon	109⅝	No. Carolina 6s	127
do new 4s, reg.	134	No. Carolina 4s	106
do coupon	134	No. Pacific 3s	69⅞
do old 4s, reg.	114⅞	do 4s	104¼
do coupon	114⅞	N Y C & S L 4s	107½
do 5s, reg.	112⅝	N. & W. con. 4s	91⅞
do coupon	112⅝	do gen. 6s	129
D. of C. 3s 65s	118	Ore. Nav. 1s	110
Atch. gen. 4s	101⅞	do 4s	102
do adj. 4s	82¾	O. S. L. 6s	127¼
Can. So. 2s	109½	do con. 5s	113
C. & O. 4½s	96	Reading gen. 4s	85¾
do 5s	118	R. G. W. 1s	90⅞
C. & N. W. c. 7s	141	S. L. & I. M. c. 5s	111¾
do S. F. deb. 5s	121¼	St. L. & S. F. g. 6s	120
Chi. Terr. 4s	93	St. Paul consols	167¼
D. & R. G. 4s	102⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1s	119⅞
do 4s	99¼	do 5s	120½
E. T. V. & G. 1s	106	So. Railway 5s	108¾
Erie gen. 4s	79⅞	S. R. & T. 6s	80
F. W. & D. C. 1s	71½	Tenn. n. s. 3s	95
Gen. Elec. 5s	137	Tex. & Pac. 1s	113¾
G. H. & S. A. 6s	109	do 2s	34
do 2s	[illegible]	Union Pac. 4s	103
H. & T. C. 5s	116½	Wabash 1sts	116
do con. 6s	113½	do 2s	99
Iowa Cent. 1s	113	West Shore 4s	113⅝
K. C. P. & G. 1s	74	Wis. Cent. 1s	91¾
La. new con. 4s	106⅛	Va. centuries	85¾
L. & N. uni. 4s	98⅝	do deferred	5
M., K. & T. 2s	65	Colo. So. 4s	84¾
do 4s	96¾	So. Pac. 4s	87⅞

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The market for American securities opened at about parity level and remained firm all day, with the dealing generally light. Spanish 4s closed at 67 62½. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £206,000. Gold premiums are quoted as follows: Buenos Ayres, 128.40; Madrid, 28.32; Lisbon, 42.50; Rome, 7.27½. Bar gold, 77s 9d.

PARIS, Feb. 6.—Prices were firm at the opening of the bourse today on the easy settlement in London. Later a reaction set in, owing to the political situation, especially in regard to Egyptian affairs, and there were large realizations in Suez canal shares. Toward the close there was a slight recovery, but the tendency was heavy. Rentes were agitated owing to contradictory reports. The closing was firm. Three per cent rentes, 100f 87½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 20c for checks.

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—Realizations predominated on the bourse today, causing reactions, and the transactions were restricted. Exchange on London, 20 marks 51½ pfgs. for checks.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—Call loans, 3½@5 per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	21¼	do pfd	61
do pfd	69½	Wis. Central	19
Am. Sugar	133	Dom. Coal	41½
do pfd	112	do pfd	116
Bell Telephone	344	Atchison 4s	99
Bos. & Albany	244	Adventure	5
Bos. & Maine	198	Allouez M. Co.	278
C. B. & Q.	126¼	Atlantic	29
Fitchburg pfd	135	Calumet & Montana	575
Gen. Elec. pfd	136	Butte & Bos.	58
Federal Steel	57¾	Cal. & Hecla	745
do pfd	77	Centennial	17½
Mex. Central	12	Franklin	14
Mich. Telephone	100	Osceola	75½
Old Colony	202½	Parrot	45½
Old Dominion	45	Quincy	141
Union Pacific	49	Santa Fe Copper	6¼
Union Land	2½	Tamarack	189½
West End	92¼	Winona	3¼
do pfd	140	Wolverines	41
West. Electric	43½	Utah	31½

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Cholar	20	Ontario	500
Crown Point	10	Ophir	60
Con. Cal. & Va.	125	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	175
Gould & Curry	20	do pfd	750
Hale & Norcross	25	Sierra Nevada	30
Homestake	500	Standard	345
Iron Silver	67	Union Con.	25
Mexican	25	Yellow Jacket	15

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Con. money	101 1-16	N. Y. Central	139
Consols, acct	101¼	Pennsylvania	67
Can. Pacific	90½	Reading	9⅝
Erie	12⅞	N. P. pfd	77¾
do 1st pfd	35	Atchison	21⅝
Ill. Central	115¾	Louisville	83½
U. P. pfd	79¼	Grand Trunk	7⅝
St. Paul com	126⅛	Anaconda	9⅛

BAR SILVER—Quiet at 27½d per ounce.

MONEY—2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 7-16@3½ per cent and for three-months' bills 3½ per cent.

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Clearings, $22,956,358; balances, $2,655,180. Posted exchange, $4.85@4.88½. New York exchange, 20c premium.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—Clearings, $8,732,345; balances, $2,292,495.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 6.—Clearings, $4,161,290; balances, $968,825.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6.—Clearings, $6,544,109; balances, $343,145. Money, 5½@7 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium bid, 35c premium asked.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Clearings, $226,763,663; balances, $8,268,499.

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—Clearings, $22,281,151; balances, $1,374,743.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $292,422,742; gold reserve, $216,441,803.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—COTTON—There was great excitement in the cotton market today and fluctuations took a range of 24 points. There was a heavy interchange of business between the longs and the shorts which kept the scope of the market busy all day. The character of the business showed a broadening interest, including many buying orders from England and the continent, renewed buying by the south, a