# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

**Unfavorable Weather a Factor in Grain Pits During Session.**

**WHEAT QUIET GREATER PART OF DAY**

**Corn Market is Firm, but Quiet—Feature in Oats is Demand for May—Provisions Are quiet, but Steady.**

CHICAGO, May 18.—Unfavorable weather was the factor in the grain pits today, wheat closing ¾@⅞c higher, corn ¼@⅜c up and oats ⅛c improved. Provisions closed unchanged to 2½c lower.

The greater part of the session trade in wheat was quiet. The opening was easy, July ¼@⅜c under yesterday at 66¾@66c, because Liverpool was lower and the board's figures showed an increase in Argentine shipments over the previous week. But the price got no lower, for the bears had been in control only a brief period when the weather began to have its effect. There was no relief from drouth in the northwest, however, and realizing and shorts began to cover. There were more rains in the southwest and Illinois and Kansas reported damages from fly. Accordingly more shorts covered and those who had the article held to it. In consequence the close was very close to the top. July advanced to 67¼@67⅝c and closed strong, ¾@⅞c over yesterday, at 67¾@67¼c. Cash people reported 100,000 bu. of wheat worked for shipment. Primary receipts were 314,000 bu., compared with 319,000 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 250 cars, against 203 last week and 275 a year ago. Receipts here were 20 cars, none of contract. Clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 365,000 bu. New York reported 24 loads taken for export.

The corn market was firm, but quiet. Too much rain in the growing belt and sympathy with wheat sending shorts into the pit to cover previous sales were influences. Rains were reported from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa, in some instances preventing planting. The opening was easy on cables and in sympathy with wheat and the declining tendency soon gave way to one of another sort. The market opened ¼@⅜c lower, sold between 37¾c and 38¼c, closing ½@¾c over yesterday at 38⅛@38⅜c. Receipts here were 91 cars.

The feature in oats was the demand for May, which sent that option to a premium over July. Trade was quiet and fluctuations followed the trail made by corn and wheat. July ranged from 22⅝c to 22¾@22½c and closed firm ⅛c over yesterday at 22⅝c. Receipts here were 197 cars.

Provisions were bull at times. Trade was practically featureless. July pork sold between $11.72½ and $11.80, closing unchanged from yesterday at $11.80; lard between $7.00@7.02½ and $7.07½, closing a shade down at $7.05@7.07½. July ribs between $6.85 and $6.72½, closing 2½c lower at $6.70.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 17 cars; corn, 160 cars; oats, 150 cars; hogs, 23,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yes'y |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Wheat— | | | | | |
| May | 64⅞ | 66 | 64¾@67⅝ | 65⅞ | 64⅞ |
| July | 66@66⅛ | 67¼@67⅝ | 66 | 67¼@67¾ | 66¾ |
| *Corn— | | | | | |
| May | 37⅝ | 37⅝ | 37⅜ | 37⅝ | 37¼ |
| July | 37¾@37⅞ | 38⅛ | 37¾ | 38¼@37⅞ | 38 |
| Sept. | 38½ | 39@39¼ | 38½ | 39 | 38⅝ |
| *Oats— | | | | | |
| May | 22½ | 23 | 22½ | 23 | 22¾ |
| July | 22⅛@22¼ | 22⅝@22¾ | 22⅛ | 22⅝ | 22⅛@22⅜ |
| Sept. | 21¼ | 21¾ | 21¼ | 21½ | 21⅛ |
| Pork— | | | | | |
| July | 11 75 | 11 80 | 11 72½ | 11 80 | 11 80 |
| Lard— | | | | | |
| July | 7 00 | 7 02½ | 7 00 | 7 02½ | 7 07½ |
| Sept. | 7 05 | 7 07½ | 7 05 | 7 07½ | 7 07½ |
| Ribs— | | | | | |
| July | 6 65 | 6 72½ | 6 65 | 6 70 | 6 72½ |
| Sept. | 6 67½ | 6 70 | 6 67½ | 6 70 | 6 72½ |

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Slow and easy; winter patents, $3.00@3.50; straights, $2.90@3.40; clears, $2.70@3.20; spring specials, $3.20@3.90; patents, $3.00@4.00; straights, $2.60@2.90; bakers, $1.70@2.40.

WHEAT—No. 3, 62@66c; No. 2 red, 72@73c.

CORN—No. 2, 38@38¼c; No. 2 yellow, 38¼@38½c.

OATS—No. 2, 23¼@23¾c; No. 2 white, 25¾@26¼c; No. 3 white, 25½@26¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 54½c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 37½@38c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.80; No. 1 northwestern, $1.80; prime timothy, $2.45; clover, contract grade, $5.00.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.45@11.55. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.85@7.05. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.75@6.80. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.50@6.75. Short clear sides (boxed), $7.00@7.20.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis of high wines, $1.25.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.93; granulated, $5.37; confectioners' A, $5.33; off A, $5.18.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

| Articles. | Receipts. | Shipments. |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls. | 5,000 | 6,000 |
| Wheat, bu. | 28,000 | 227,000 |
| Corn, bu. | 183,600 | 538,000 |
| Oats, bu. | 182,000 | 214,000 |
| Rye, bu. | 5,000 | 1,000 |
| Barley, bu. | 16,000 | 19,000 |

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 14½@19c; dairies, 13@16c. Cheese: dull at 8¾@9¾c. Eggs, easy; fresh, 10¾c.

## NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

**Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.**

NEW YORK, May 18.—FLOUR—Receipts, 29,109 bbls.; export shipments, 20,197 bbls.; spring patents were more active; there was also a good demand for choice bakers, but slow trade otherwise; winter patents, $3.80@3.85; winter straights, $3.40@3.65; Minnesota patents, $3.65@3.85; winter extras, $2.55@2.90; Minnesota bakers, $2.65@2.90; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $2.90@3.15; choice to fancy, $3.20@3.50.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 73c; city, 92c; Brandywine, $2.35@2.40.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 61¼c, f. o. b. afloat; state, 57@58c, c. i. f., New York car-lots.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 42½@46c, c. i. f. New York; malting, 50@65c, c. i. f. New York.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 95,275 bu.; exports, 59,200 bu.; spot firm; No. 2 red, 80¾c, elevator, and 72¾c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 75¼c, f. o. b. float, to arrive; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 77⅝c, f. o. b. afloat. Options were stronger and fairly active today, following a bullish array of crop news from the southwest and spring wheat sections, with attendant covering by local operators. Heavy wheat and flour shipments for the week also helped the bulls. Closed firm at ⅝@¾c net advance. May closed at 71¼c; July, 71⅞@72⅝c, closed at 72⅝c; September, 72⅞@73⅝c, closed at 73⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 30,225 bu.; exports, 237,193 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 47¾c, f. o. b. afloat, and 42¾c, elevator. Option market opened easy under realizing, but subsequently, in response to unfavorable weather news, scarcity of shorts and light country offerings, fully recovered. Closed firm and ¼@⅜c net higher. May closed at 42½c; July, 42@43⅜c closed at 43⅛c; September, 43½@44c, closed at 43¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 65,800 bu.; exports, 10,039 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 27c; No. 3, 26½c; No. 2 white, 29½c; No. 3 white, 28½c; track mixed western, 26½@29c; track white, 28½@35c. Options, dull and featureless.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 70@75c; good to choice, 80@95c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1898 crop, 30@36c; 1899 crop, 19@25c; Pacific coast, 1898 crop, 32@35c; 1899 crop, 16@21c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 23 to 25 lbs., 19½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 15c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy, 25@25½c; acid, 20@23c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 25@28c; Texas, 15@18c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $12.00@12.50; mess, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $20.50@21.50; packet, $11.00@12.00; city, extra India mess, $19. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $7.25@8.25; pickled shoulders, $6.50@6.75; pickled hams, $10.25@10.75. Lard, steady; western steamed, $7.40; refined, steady; continent, $7.60; South America, $8.25; compound, $6.50@6.62½. Pork, dull; family, $16.00@14.50; short clear, $13.75@15.00; mess, $12.00@12.15. Tallow, dull; city ($2 per packages), 4¼c; country (packages free), 4⅛@4⅝c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 44@45c.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand-picked, 5¾@6c; other domestic, 3¾@4c.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, quiet; cotton 21-32d; grain, 3d.

BUTTER—Steady; western creamery, 16½@21c; western factory, 13@15½c.

CHEESE—Weak; fancy, large white and colored, 10¼c; fancy small white and colored, 9¾@9¾c.

EGGS—Firm; southern, at mark, 10@11½c; storage western, 12½@12¾c; regular packing, 12@12½c, loss off.

METALS—Trading was rather slow in the market for metals today. Tin ruled rather quiet but a little steadier, influenced by some local demand and a light falling off in receipts. Cables, however, were 7s 6d lower, but had no effect here. The close was steady at $27. Lake copper was dull and unchanged at $18.87½. Lead ruled very dull at $3.97½@4.02½. Spelter was a little easier under freer offerings, closing easier at 5½ points off on the basis of $4.85@4.90. Pig iron warrants were weak and unsettled. The brokers' price for lead was $3.90 and for copper $18.75.

## OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

**Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.**

EGGS—Receipts moderate; seconds, 10@10½c; good stock, 11c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7½@8c; roosters, according to age and size, 5@7c; ducks, 6@7c; geese, 5@6½c; turkeys, 8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 13@14c; choice, 15@17c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 17@18c.

FISH—Trout, 8c; blue fish, 10c; pickerel, 8c; catfish, 12c; dressed buffalo, 6c; roe shad, each, 15c; whitefish, 11c; herring, 5c; black bass, 15c; salmon, 11c; white bass, 9c; croppie, 10c; pike, 10c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1.

VEALS—Choice, 9@10c.

HAY—Per carload lots: Upland, choice, $7; midland, choice, $6; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $5; No. 3 corn, 35½c; No. 3 white oats, 25c; cracked corn, per ton, $11.50; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $13; bran, per ton, $13.50; shorts, per ton, $13.50.

VEGETABLES.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.00@1.25.

ASPARAGUS—Home grown, per doz., 25@35c.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz. bunches, 40c.

SPINACH—Per box, 60@60c.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 35@40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 30@35c.

RADISHES—Home grown, per doz., 20@25c.

PEAS—Per half-bushel basket, $1; per one-third-bushel basket, 75c.

WAX BEANS—Per half bu., $1.

SEED SWEET POTATOES — Per bbl., $2.00@2.25; Kansas, eating, $1.

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 25@30c.

NEW POTATOES—Per 70-lb. sack, $2.25.

CABBAGE—California, per lb., 3c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz., $1.25@1.50.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c.

TOMATOES — Florida, per six-basket crate, $4.50.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

RHUBARB—Per lb., 2½@3c.

ONIONS—Red, per lb., 2c; new Bermuda, per 50-lb. crate, $2.50; new southern, per 70-lb. sack, $2.25.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES — Arkansas and Missouri shipping stock, per 24-qt. case, $2.

CHERRIES — California, per 100-lb. box, $1.50.

CRANBERRIES—None on the market.

APPLES—About out of market.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

PINEAPPLES—Per doz., $2.00@2.50.

ORANGES—California, fancy navels, per box, $3.75@4.00; choice navels, $3.50; Mediterranean sweets, per box, $3.25@3.50; budded seedlings, $2.75@3.00.

LEMONS—California, choice, per box, seedlings, $2.25@3.00.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.00@3.00.

HIDES.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.50@3.75.

## St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 71¼c; track, 71@71½c; May, 70¼c; July, 67½c; August, 67⅜c; September, 68c. No. 2 hard, 64¾@65c.

CORN—Steady; fresh and slow.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 23¼c; track, 23¾c; May, 23½c; July, 23⅛@23½c.

RYE—Steady and slow.

FLOUR—Steady and slow.

CORNMEAL—Quiet at 2.90.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, 68c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $9.50@12.50; prairie, $7.50@9.00.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.25.

IRON COTTIES—$1.30.

BAGGING—7½@8c.

HEMP TWINE—8c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; jobbing, $12.00. Lard, slow; prime steam, $6.90; choice, $6.95. Dry salt boxed meats, firm; extra shorts, $7; clear ribs, $7.02½; clear sides, $7.25. Bacon, firm; extra shorts, $7.50; clear ribs, $7.62½; clear sides, $7.75.

METALS—Lead, unsettled at $3.87½@3.95. Spelter, dull at $4.40@4.45.

POULTRY—Quiet; chickens, 7c; turkeys, 5c; ducks, 8c; geese, 5c.

EGGS—Steady at 10c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 17@20½c; dairy, 14@17c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 32,000 bu.; oats, 15,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 1,000 bbls.; wheat, 8,000 bu.; corn, 56,000 bu.; oats, 19,000 bu.

## Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, May 18.—WHEAT—July, 61¾c; September, 62½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 62½@63¼c; No. 2 red, 63½@66½c; No. 3, 62@65c.

CORN—July, 35½c; September, 35¾c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 36½@37c; No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 3, 37½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 26¼@26½c.

RYE—No. 2, 53c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.50@10.75; choice prairie, $7.25@7.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 16@18c; dairy, fancy, 15c.

EGGS—Higher; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 10¾c, loss off, cases returned; southern eggs, 9½c; new white wood cases included, ½c loss.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 16,800 bu.; corn, 2,000 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 4,000 bu.; corn, 15,000 bu.; oats, none.

## Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, May 18.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; No. 1 California, 6s 2½@6s 2¾d; No. 1 northern, spring, 5s 9½d. Futures, steady; July, 5s 5d; September, 5s 7½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, firm at 4s 5½d. Futures steady; May, 4s 5½d; July, 3s 10½d.

PROVISIONS—Lard, American refined, in pails, steady at 28s; prime western, dull at 27s 6d. Bacon, clear bellies, firm at 40s 6d; shoulders square, firm at 28s 6d. Tallow, dull at 26s 6d.

CHEESE—American white, steady at 54s; American finest colored, steady at 51s.

PEAS—Canadian, 5s 8d.

Receipts of wheat for the last three days, 180,000 centals, including 38,000 American; corn during the last three days, 130,200 centals.

## Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, May 18.—WHEAT—Active and higher; No. 2 cash, 75¼c; May, 73¼c.

CORN—Active and higher; No. 2 cash, 40½c.

OATS—Dull and higher; No. 2 cash, 24c.

RYE—Dull and unchanged; No. 2 cash, 55c.

CLOVERSEED—Dull and higher; prime cash, old, $4.70; prime cash, new, $5; October, $5.10; No. 2, $4.35.

## Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, May 18.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 69¾c; May, 69¾c; July, 69½c; September, 68c; No. 1 northern, cash, 67¾c; May, 67¾c; July, 67¼c; September, 66¾c; No. 2 northern, 65¾c; No. 3 spring, 62¾c.

OATS—25@25½c.

CORN—27½c.

## Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 20½c; fancy western prints, 22c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh nearby, 12½c; fresh western, 12c; fresh southwestern, 12c; fresh southern, 11c.

CHEESE—Quiet at former sales.

## Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, May 18.—WHEAT—Market higher; No. 1 northern, 67¾@68c; No. 2 northern, 66@66½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 57c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 41½@42c; sample, 37½@41½c.

## Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 18.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, 69¾c; July, 65¾@65¼c; September, 65¾@66⅝c. On track: No. 1 hard, 67½c; No. 1 northern, 66c; No. 2 northern, 64¾c.

## Peoria Market.

PEORIA, May 18.—CORN—Higher; No. 2, 39½c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 white, 24c.

WHISKY—Firm, $1.25.

## MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

**Stocks Show Increasing Strength as the Day Advances.**

NEW YORK, May 18.—The stock market contended successfully against the marked depression of the early dealings and showed increasing strength as the day advanced. Early losses were all retrieved and the close was fairly buoyant with a burst of buying orders in volume and urgency exceeding that for a long time past. Very notable net gains are shown by the specialties and industrials, while the railroads generally are from a fraction to over 2 points higher.

The early depression had its inception in London, where stocks were sold down sharply. Sugar and Tobacco were both sold down sharply, but they met support of a character which has been lacking for several days past. An unwieldy short interest has been formed, especially in Tobacco, in the course of its recent severe decline, and when the stock began to move up the demand from the bears became precipitate. The strength developed in some New York stocks added to the confusion of the bears. Brooklyn Union has moved upwards 5½ points and Consolidated Gas 8¾, to a level far above that touched by this stock for many months past. Even the steel industrials were bought and moved upwards generally a point. The large buying of Burlington was the feature of the railroad list, but there was a well distributed demand for railroad stocks during the latter part of the day and the sudden jump in prices of some of them indicated the uneasy demand from a short interest. The usual weekly forecast of the cash changes of the banks was a potent factor in the day's strength of stocks.

It is expected that the gain by the clearing house institutions will amount to about $1,500,000. After allowing for a loss to the subtreasury of about $200,000, including the payments for gold bars for export, the movement of currency from the interior is counted upon to yield the estimated gain to banks. Owing to the failure of last week's money market to reflect the paying of a large loan to the Pennsylvania Railroad company, said to amount to $16,000,000, it was expected that this item would be reflected in this week's loan account of the banks, but the continued ease of money does not indicate a large expansion. No gold was exported, $1,000,000 for tomorrow's English steamers and sterling exchange fell lower. The strong return made today by the Imperial Bank of Germany kept pace with the improved condition of the English and French institutions and affords relief from apprehension of any further gold export at present.

The bond market responded to late activity and strength in stocks. Total sales, par value, $1,725,000. United States refunding 2s, when issued, advanced ½, and all other issues except the 2s coupon ¼ in the bid price.

Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram: There was no public business in the markets here today and prices sagged. No gold exports reported today. Funds were weak on the news that Russia had seized Masampho, in Corea. New York sold tintos and Paris at first absorbed offerings, but subsequently there was a relapse. The news from Corea being taken more seriously in London and in England. The double option to end in July was offered at 40s. New York also sold Anacondas, which is over bought. In Americans there is no London demand for them and the tendency is downward in action. New York support being trifling. The bank lost £62,000 in gold for the Cape. Money was very easy, mainly, however, because of the idleness of business, rather than a superabundance of cash. Silver was sold at 27⅝ on Russian and Indian orders.

Following are the closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange today:

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| Atchison | 58¾ | Union Pacific | 55 |
| do pfd | 71⅝ | do pfd | 75¾ |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 76⅝ | Wabash | 8¼ |
| Canadian Pacific | 94½ | do pfd | 21⅜ |
| Canada Southern | 56 | W. & L. E. | 20¾ |
| Ches. & Ohio | 34⅜ | do pfd | 56¾ |
| Chicago G. W. | 12½ | Wis. Central | 15¾ |
| C., B. & Q. | 128½ | Third Avenue | 108 |
| Chicago, Ind. & L. | 22½ | Adams Express | 113 |
| do pfd | 51 | American Express | 149 |
| Chicago & N. W. | 201 | Am. Express | 111 |
| Chicago & N. W. | 162 | Wells-Fargo Ex. | 115 |
| C., R. I. & P. | 107¾ | Am. Cot. Oil | 34½ |
| C. C. C. & St. L. | 59½ | do pfd | 89 |
| Colorado So. | 6 | Amer. Malting | 2¾ |
| do 1st pfd | 40½ | do pfd | 23¾ |
| do 2d pfd | 20½ | Amer. S. & R. | 27¾ |
| Del. & Hudson | 114 | do pfd | 84¾ |
| Del. L. & W. | 176 | Amer. Spirits | 27¾ |
| Denver & R. G. | 18¾ | do pfd | 77 |
| do pfd | 69 | Amer. S. H. | 22½ |
| Erie | 12¾ | do pfd | 71 |
| do 1st pfd | 40½ | Amer. S. & W. | 26¾ |
| Gt. Nor. pfd | 182¾ | do pfd | 74¾ |
| Hocking Coal | 14 | Amer. Tin Plate | 27 |
| Hocking Valley | 37¾ | do pfd | 74 |
| Illinois Central | 113¾ | Amer. Tobacco | 86 |
| Iowa Central | 16¾ | do pfd | 138 |
| do pfd | 48 | Anaconda M. Co. | 43¾ |
| K. C., F. S. & M. | 17½ | Brk. Rap. Tr. | 29¾ |
| L. E. & W. | 38¾ | Colo. Fu. & I. | 37 |
| do pfd | 91 | Con. Tobacco | 24¼ |
| Lake Shore | 208 | do pfd | 77¼ |
| Louis. & Nash. | 80¾ | Pullman P. Car | 182 |
| Manhattan L. | 104¾ | S. R. & T. | 5¾ |
| Met. St. Ry. | 153 | Sugar | 109 |
| Mex. Central | 13¾ | do pfd | 109 |
| N. Y. Central | 152½ | Tenn. C. & I. | 73¾ |
| Nor. & West. | 36¾ | U. S. Leather | 11 |
| do pfd | 77½ | do pfd | 68 |
| Nor. Pacific | 53¾ | U. S. Rubber | 24¾ |
| do pfd | 71 | do pfd | 93 |
| Ontario & W. | 19 | Western Union | 89¼ |
| Oregon Ry. & Nav. | 42 | Republic I. & S. | 14¾ |
| do pfd | 76 | do pfd | 55¾ |
| Pennsylvania | 129¾ | P. C. C. & St. L. | 96 |
| Reading | 37¾ | | |
| do 1st pfd | 66¼ | | |
| do 2d pfd | 28¾ | | |
| Rio G. W. | 18 | | |
| do pfd | 48 | | |
| St. L. & S. F. | 10¾ | | |
| do 1st pfd | 68 | | |
| do 2d pfd | 33¾ | | |
| St. L. Southw. | 11 | | |
| do pfd | 28 | | |
| St. Paul | 117¾ | | |
| do pfd | 172½ | | |
| St. P. & Omaha | 113 | | |
| So. Pacific | 34¾ | | |
| So. Railway | 10¾ | | |
| Texas & Pacific | 18¾ | | |

*Offered.

## New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 18.—MONEY—On call, easy at 1¾@2 per cent; last loan at 2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3¾@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87⅞@4.87¾ for demand and at $4.84¾@4.85 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½@4.89; commercial bills, $4.84@4.84½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60¼@60¾c; bar, 60¾c; Mexican dollars, 47½c.

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

The closing prices on bonds today were as follows:

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| *U. S. 2s, reg. | 100¾ | N. Y. C. 1s | 111 |
| do 2s, reg. | 99½ | N. J. C. gen. 5s | 121 |
| do 4s, reg. | 109½ | No. Carolina 6s | 124½ |
| do coupon | 109½ | do 4s | 106 |
| do new 5s, reg. | 134 | No. Pacific 3s | 67 |
| do coupon | 134 | do 4s | 103¾ |
| do old 4s, reg. | 114¾ | N. Y. C. & S. L. 4s | 106½ |
| do coupon | 114¾ | Nor. & West. c. 4s | 96¾ |
| do 5s, reg. | 112¾ | do 6s | 130 |
| do coupon | 112¾ | Oregon Nav. 1s | 110 |
| D. of C. 3s, 65 | 121 | *do 4s | 103¾ |
| Atch. gen. 4s | 100¾ | O. S. L. 6s | 128¼ |
| do adj. 4s | 81 | do con. 5s | 114¾ |
| Canada So. 2s | 106½ | Reading gen. 4s | 88 |
| C., A. & St. P. 4½s | 103¾ | St. L. & I. M. c. 5s | 94¼ |
| do 5s | 116 | St. L. & S. F. gen. 6s | 124 |
| C. & N. W. c. 7s | 140 | St. L. & S. F. g. 6s | 121 |
| do S. F. deb. 5s | 116½ | St. Paul con. 7s | 168 |
| Chicago Ter. 4s | 95 | St. P. C. & P. 1s | 122 |
| D. & R. G. 4s | 101½ | do 5s | 121½ |
| do 4s | 90 | So. Railway 5s | 113½ |
| E. T. V. & G. 1s | 102¾ | S. R. & T. 5s | 95 |
| Erie general 4s | 72 | Tenn. n. s. 3s | 75 |
| P. W. & D. C. 1s | 70½ | Tex. & Pacific 1s | 114½ |
| Gen. Electric 5s | 120 | do 2s | 64 |
| G. H. & S. A. 6s | 110 | Union Pacific 4s | 103¾ |
| K. & T., J. G. | 17½ | Wabash 1s | 111½ |
| L. E. & W. 5s | 111½ | do 2s | 102½ |
| do consol 6s | 110 | West Shore 4s | 111 |
| *do. Central 1s | 115 | Wis. Central 1s | 90¾ |
| K. C. F. & G. 1s | 71¾ | Va. Centuries | 97 |
| La. n. c. 4s | 106½ | do deferred | 8 |
| M. K. & T. gen. 4s | 69¾ | Colo. So. 4s | 85¾ |
| M. K. & T. 2s | 63¾ | So. Pacific 4s | 82¾ |
| do 4s | 92½ | | |

*When issued. **Offered.

## Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, May 18.—Call loans, 2@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4½ per cent. Official closing:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A., T. & S. F. | 26¾ | West End | 91½ |
| do pfd. | 72 | Wis. Central | 15¾ |
| Amer. Sugar | 135½ | Atchison | 99¾ |
| do pfd. | 119 | N. E. G. & C. 5s | 63½ |
| Bell Telephone | 310 | Adventure | 4 |
| Boston & Albany | 242½ | Allouez M. Co. | 1¾ |
| Boston Elevated | 140 | Amal. Copper | 87¼ |
| Boston & Maine | 193 | Atlantic | 27 |
| C., B. & Q. | 128½ | Boston & Mont. | 260½ |
| Dominion Coal | 40½ | Butte & Boston | 68 |
| do pfd. | 118 | Cal. & Hecla | 750 |
| Federal Steel | 36¾ | Centennial | 17 |
| do pfd. | 66¼ | Franklin | 13 |
| Fitchburg pfd. | 130 | Humboldt | 30 |
| Gen. Electric | 134½ | Osceola | 61¾ |
| do pfd. | 157 | Parrot | 15¾ |
| Mex. Central | 13⅝ | Quincy | 134 |
| N. E. G. & C. | 16⅝ | Santa Fe Copper | 4½ |
| Old Colony | 208 | Tamarack | 170 |
| Old Dominion | 18½ | Utah Mining | 27½ |
| Rubber | 24½ | Winona | 7 |
| Union Pacific | 54⅞ | Wolverines | 54½ |

## London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, May 18.—4 p. m.—Closing:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cons. money | 101 9-16 | Erie | 32½ |
| do ac count | 101 11-16 | do 1st pfd | 57½ |
| Atchison | 58¾ | Pennsylvania | 66¾ |
| Canadian Pacific | 96½ | Reading | 37 |
| St. Paul | 119 | No. Pacific pfd. | 75¾ |
| Illinois Central | 115 | Grand Trunk | 7½ |
| Louisville | 62½ | Anaconda | 6¾ |
| Union Pac. pfd | 75¾ | Rand Mines | 2¾ |
| N. Y. Central | 134 | | |

BAR SILVER—Steady, at 27 9-16d.

MONEY—2¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short time bills is 3¼@3¾ per cent and for three months' bills 3¼@3⅜ per cent.

## New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The following are closing quotations for mining shares today:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Challar | 14 | Ontario | 32 |
| Crown Point | 8 | Ophir | 50 |
| Con. Cal & Va. | 135 | Plymouth | 14 |
| Deadwood | 10 | Quicksilver | 10 |
| Gould & Curtis | 12 | do pfd. | 70 |
| Hale & Norcross | 22 | Sierra Nevada | 25 |
| Homestake | 5.00 | Standard | 2.50 |
| Iron Silver | 63 | Union Con. | 17 |
| Mexican | 24 | Yellow Jacket | 15 |

## Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, May 18.—On the bourse today international securities were good. Spanish 4s fluctuated closing weaker. Americans and Canadian Pacifics were steady. Mine shares were animated and harder, being encouraged by the reports received from Rhenish Westphalia and Upper Silesia. The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes: Gold in hand, increase, 27,000,000 marks; treasury notes, increase, 1,340,000 marks; other securities, decrease, 20,320,000 marks; notes in circulation, decrease, 34,620,000 marks. Exchange on London, 20 marks 39 pfgs. for checks.

LONDON, May 18.—4 p. m.—American securities were depressed and prices went well below parity. There seemed to be a disposition to wait and see what Wall street would do. Operators were very inactive throughout the session. Spanish 4s closed at 72.25. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today was £200,000. Gold premiums are quoted: Buenos Ayres, 128.80; Madrid, 27.05; Lisbon, 42; Rome, 6.25. Bar silver closed firm at 27⅝d per ounce.

PARIS, May 18.—4 p. m.—Three per cent rentes, 101f 75c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 17½c for checks. Spanish 4s closed at 73.35. Business on the bourse was slow, owing to realizations. Mines and Italians were weaker on account of the dissolution of the Chamber. Rio Tintos reacted on unsatisfactory New York reports. DeBeers were easier on rumors of Cecil Rhodes retiring from politics and Kaffirs were in suspense on account of the absence of Mafeking news. At the close there was a better tone.

## Financial Notes.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—Clearings, $15,156,362; balances, $2,477,921.

BALTIMORE, May 18.—Clearings, $3,270,865; balances, $520,558.

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—Clearings, $3,442,387; balances, $506,290; money, 5@7 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium bid, 50c premium asked.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Exchanges, $167,281,529; balances, $9,449,467.

BOSTON, May 18.—Exchanges, $17,884,314; balances, $1,584,111; money, 2½@3 per cent.

## Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury is exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve, shows: Available cash balance, $141,624,554; gold, $72,043,050.

## Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, May 18.—COTTON—Spot, in moderate demand and 1-32d higher; American middling, fair, 3⅝d; middling, good low middling, 3¼d; good ordinary, 3d; ordinary, 4 13-16d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 7,800 American; receipts, 4,800 bales, including 200 American. Futures opened and closed steady at the advance; American middling, fair, May, 5 5-64d, sellers; May and June, 5 5-64d, buyers; June and July, 5 4-64d, buyers; July and August, 5 2-64d, buyers; August and September, 4 63-64d, buyers; September and October, 3 62-64@4 60-64d, sellers; October and November, 4 57-64@4 58-64d, sellers; November and December, 4 52-64@4 54-64d, buyers; December and January, 4 50-64@4 51-64d, buyers; January and February, 4 49-64d, buyers; February and March, 4 49-64d, sellers.

NEW YORK, May 18.—COTTON—The cotton market opened steady, 2 points higher to 1 point lower, and for a time showed firmer, with fairly good cables and Wall street buying; the market became easier and ruled quiet; selling without being general, carried the prices down 2@5 points at the best of the morning, with the trade stimulated by general brilliant crop reports, favorable weather forecasts and unfavorable late cables; the market was somewhat crippled under liquidation of long interest; in having been thorough of late, and the menace of speculative holdings was no longer a positive pressure. Some careful traders covered short accounts on the weak intervals, but as a rule the market felt bearish to the crop condition, with unsatisfactory accounts from spinners and from the holders of dry goods. Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 9¾c; middling gulf, 10c; sales, 600 bales. Futures closed steady; May, 9.47; June, 9.34; July, 9.34; August, 8.93; September, 8.27; October, 8.06; November, 7.86; December, 7.85; January, 7.87; February, 7.89; March, 7.92.

NEW ORLEANS, May 18.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 2,100 bales; ordinary, 7¾c; good ordinary, 8¾c; low middling, 8 3-16c; middling, 9 3-16c; good middling, 9¾c; middling fair, 9⅝c; receipts, 3,232 bales; stock, 143,063 bales. Futures quiet; May, 9.19 asked; June, 9.09@9.10; July, 8.99@9.00; August, 8.72; September, 8.04@8.05; October, 7.75@7.76; November, 7.61@7.62; January, 7.62@7.64; February, 7.59@7.60; March, 7.76 bid.

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 9¾c; receipts, 40 bales; shipments, 905 bales; stock, 44,969 bales.

## Wool Market.

LONDON, May 18.—Wool sales were continued today with a good attendance. Dryers were steady at the opening and there was some withdrawals, but later the demand became more active, with good greasiers most sought for and largely sold. The continent and America purchased a good share and sometimes paid slight advances over the ruling price for goods suitable for their wants, especially medium merinos and medium merino crossbreds. Punta Arenas was dull and slightly easier, 5 per cent below the March sale. The offerings today number 14,121 bales. The following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 2,800 bales; scoured, 10½@1s 8½d; greasy, 5½d@1s 1d. Queensland, 1,900 bales; scoured, 1s 4½d@1s 9d; greasy, 8½@11d. Victoria, 1,300 bales; scoured, 6¼d@1s; greasy, 9d@1s. South Australia, 650 bales; greasy, 8½d. Tasmania, 1,000 bales; greasy, 6d@1s 1½d. New Zealand, 