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Crop Situation Remains Unchanged and Grain Market Rules Steady.

WHEAT TRADERS ANXIOUS ABOUT WEATHER

Corn Advances Slightly, but Reacts on Profit-Taking—May Oats Open Strong—Pork is Neglected and Quiet.

CHICAGO, April 17.—The crop situation being practically unchanged the grain market ruled steady today, May closing steady, ⅛c higher. May corn unchanged and May oats ⅛c up. Provisions closed irregular.

Wheat traders kept their eyes on the weather map and their ears open to tidings of the operations of the Hessian fly. As to climatic conditions there seemed to be little change, although the reports from time to time seemed to indicate otherwise. Before trading began it was claimed that the frost predicted for Kansas had appeared during the night, and this, combined with the fact that receipts were light and cables at least no easier than could be accounted for by the course of the market on this side yesterday, somewhat alarmed shorts and the May option having opened ¼c higher at 70⅝c and touching 70⅝c almost at the same instant, rallied to 70⅞c during the first hour. The frosts, which had been so much dreaded, however, were scarcely mentioned in telegrams from Kansas and while the weather was unseasonably cold in the spring wheat states, it was thought wheat was not sufficiently advanced to be damaged. Liberal primary receipts and moderate seaboard clearances were also against the advance, and in consequence May later eased off to 70⅝c on moderate selling. Reports of damages inflicted by Hessian fly having rapidly increased the strength of the market and shorts becoming alarmed bid May sharply up to 70⅞@71c. Scalpers took profits on the bulge, but the close was steady, May ¼c over yesterday at 70⅝c. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 343,000 bushels, while primary receipts were 481,000 bushels, compared with 368,000 bushels last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 163 cars, against 175 last week and 187 a year ago. Local receipts were 40 cars, 1 of contract grade.

Corn was firmly held, but no attempt was made to push prices unduly upward, although there was opportunity in the smallness of receipts and unseasonable seaport demand. Prices did advance fractionally during the early part of the session, but reacted later on profit-taking by scalpers. May sold between 44⅝c and 44¾c and closed unchanged at 44¾c. Changing to July was done at a discount of ⅛c early and at ⅜c later. Receipts were 132 cars, 40 of contract grade.

May oats opened strong under the stimulus of a good cash demand and liberal export acceptances over night. Shippers bought liberally early and while they did not maintain their starting pace prices were well sustained. Considerable changing, with May at ⅛c premium over July, was noticeable. Receipts were 125 cars. May sold between 25⅝c and 25½@25⅝c and closed ¼c higher at 25⅝c.

In the provisions pit pork was neglected and the rest of the list quiet. The market opened easier on liberal hog receipts and in sympathy with lower prices at the stock yards, but held steady on a moderate cash demand. The range was narrow. July pork closed 2½c higher at $14.32½c, July lard 2½@5c lower at $8, and July ribs 2½c down at $7.90.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 25 cars; corn, 100 cars; oats, 150 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
May	70⅝@⅞	71	70⅝	70⅞	70½
July	70⅝@71	71½	70⅝	71⅞	70⅝@⅞
*Corn—					
April	.....	.....	.....	43⅝	43⅝
May	44½@⅝	44¾	44½	44¾	44¼
July	44⅝@¾	44⅞	42⅝	43⅞	43⅝
*Oats—					
May	25⅝@⅞	25⅝	25½@⅝	25⅝	25½
July	25¼	25¼	25¼	25¼	25@¼
Pork—					
May	14 10	14 20	14 10	14 20	14 12½
July	14 25	14 35	14 25	14 32½	14 30
Lard—					
May	8 10	8 10	8 07½	8 07½	8 15
July	8 00	8 02½	8 00	8 00	8 05
Sept.	7 95	8 00	7 95	7 97½	8 02½
Ribs—					
May	8 20	8 22½	8 15	8 15	8 25
July	7 90	7 95	7 90	7 90	7 92½
Sept.	7 82½	7 87½	7 82½	7 85	7 87½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.85@3.95; straights, $3.20@3.70; clears, $2.60@3.40; spring specials, $4.10; patents, $3.50@3.80; bakers, $2.20@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 68½@69¼c; No. 2 red, 70⅝@73c.

CORN—No. 2, 44c; No. 2 yellow, 44c.

OATS—No. 2, 27@27¼c; No. 2 white, 29¾@30½c; No. 3 white, 29@29¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 53c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 46c; fair to choice malting, 51@66c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.60; No. 1 northwestern, $1.60; prime timothy, $3.70; clover, contract grade, $11.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $14.20@14.25. Lard, per 100 lbs., $8.17½@8.20. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.05@8.25. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.87½@7.12½. Short clear sides (boxed), $8.30@8.35.

WHISKY—Basis of high wines, $1.27.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, 6.14c; granulated, 5.57c; confectioners' A, 5.44c; off A, 5.29c.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

	Receipts.	Shipments
Flour, bbls.	43,000	35,000
Wheat, bu.	230,000	65,000
Corn, bu.	100,000	74,000
Oats, bu.	202,000	327,000
Rye, bu.	5,000	5,000
Barley, bu.	22,000	4,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was weak; creameries, 15@20c; dairies, 11@18c. Cheese, quiet, 9½@11¼c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 12c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 11,484 bbls.; exports, 6,045 bbls; firm and in good demand from jobbers; winter patents, $3.60@4.00; winter straights, $3.40@3.50; Minnesota patents, $3.90@4.25; winter extras, $2.45@2.80; Minnesota bakers, $2.90@3.30; winter low grades, $2.20@2.35. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $2.80@3.15; choice to fancy, $3.25@4.15.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, 92c; city, 91c; Brandywine, $2.45@2.50.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 60c, afloat.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 46@48½c, c. i. f.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 65@72c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 111,150 bu.; exports, 100,646 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 79½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 red, 76⅝c, elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 86¼c, afloat. Options were dull all day, except for a mid-day excitement under selling by longs. The stimulating influences were cold weather in winter wheat states, a strong St. Louis market, fair seaboard clearances, local covering and another good export trade. The close was firm at ⅝@¾c net advance. May, 76⅝@77⅝c, closed at 77⅛c; July, 76⅛@76⅞c, closed at 76⅞c; September, 75⅝@76c, closed at 76c.

CORN—Receipts, 22,000 bu.; exports, 77,875 bu.; sales, 85,000 bu. futures and 120,000 bu. spot. Spot market firm, at 50⅝c, f. o. b., afloat. Option market was active and stronger early in the day on covering impelled by higher cables, wet weather and export demand, but finally yielded to realizing and closed easy at unchanged prices. April closed at 50⅛c; May, 50@50¼c, closed at 50c; July, 50¼c; July, 49⅞@49½c, closed at 49c; September, 48⅝c, closed at 48½c.

OATS—Receipts, 152,500 bu.; No. 2, 30¾c; No. 3, 30½c; No. 2 white, 32½@33c; No. 3 white, 32c; track mixed western, 30½@31½c. Option market was quiet but fairly steady all day.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 97½c; good to choice, 80c.

HOPS—Quiet, state, common to choice, 1900 crop, 15@20c; 1899, 11@15c; old olds, 20@6c; Pacific coast, 1900 crop, 16@19c; 1899, 11@15c; old olds, 2@6c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14@14½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 24@25c; acid, 22½@24½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $10.50@11.50; mess, $9.00@9.50; beef hams, $11.50@12.00; packet, $10.00@10.50; city, extra India mess, $14.00@16.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $8.75@10.50; pickled shoulders, $7.25@7.50; pickled hams, $9.75@10.25. Lard, dull; western steamed, $8.65; refined, steady; continent, $8.80; South America, $8.90; compound, $6.62½@6.75. Pork, easy; family, $16.00@18.50; short clear, $15.50@16.00; family, $16.00@18.50.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@6¼c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

TALLOW—Weak; city, 5⅜@5½c; country 5⅜@5½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,567 pkgs.; firm; creamery, fresh, 16@21c; factory, 11¼@13½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,167 pkgs.; steady; fancy, large, colored, 11@11¼c; fancy, large, white, 10¾@11c; fancy, small, colored, 12@12¼c; fancy, small, white, 11¾@12c.

EGGS—Receipts, 17,559 pkgs.; steady; western, regular packing, 14@14½c; storage western, 14½c; southern, at mark, 13@13½c.

POULTRY—Alive, firm; chickens, 9c; turkeys, 8c. Dressed, dull; turkeys, 10@10½c; chickens, 9½@10c; capons, 13@15c.

METALS—The metal market on the whole was somewhat better today. Advanced quotations were reported for tin and spelter, with news from abroad indicating general firmness. Tin in local circles rose about 25 points in sympathy with the advance for that metal in London, said to be the result of American speculative dealings, despite the fact that the statistical outlook remains bearish. The close here was firmer at $26.25@26.70, while at London closing prices were £117 12s 6d on spot and £115 18s for futures. A fair business was done in both markets. Copper in London declined 18s and experienced a weak undertone, with spot closing at £70 3s 9d and futures £70 15s, there the market was more or less nominal at unchanged prices. Exchanges of copper are extremely small, amounting for the first half of April to only 2,500 tons, against 12,475 tons for April a year ago. This feature was attributed to European demand, in which consumption has fallen off materially. A little steadier feeling prevailed in spelter, owing to a light local inquiry, and prices at the close were 2½ points higher than yesterday, with the tone firm. A rise of 5s 6d abroad to £18 15s helped the steadiness. Lead remains inactive and unchanged at $4.87½. Domestic iron markets ruled quiet, but about steady at unchanged prices.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts liberal; good stock, firm at 11½@12c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 8c; young and old roosters, 3@7c; turkeys, 9@8c; ducks and geese, 7@7½c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, per doz., $2.75@3.00; teal, $1.25@1.50; mixed, $1.25@1.50.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 12@13c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 22c.

FRESH OYSTERS—First grade, solid packed, New York counts, per can, 38c; extra selects, 32c, standards, 25c; medium, 20c. Second grade, slack filled, New York counts, per can, 30c; extra selects, 26c; standards, 20c; bulk standards, per gal., $1.25.

FRESH FISH—Black bass, 10c; white bass, 10c; bluefish, 11c; bullheads, 8c; blue fills, 7c; buffalos, 6c; catfish, 12c; cod, 8c; croppie, 8c; cisco, 5c; halibut, 11c; herring, 4c; haddock, 9c; mackerel, 12c; perch, 3c; pickerel, 6c; pike, 8c, red snapper, 10c; salmon, 11c; sunfish, 5c; smelts, 8c; trout, 9c; whitefish, 8c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1.

VEALS—Choice, 9@10c.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' association: Choice upland, $11.00; No. 1 upland, $10.50; medium, $10.00; coarse, $9.50. Rye straw, $5.50. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair. Receipts, 8 cars.

OATS—No. 2 white, 28c.

CORN—No. 2, 43c.

BRAN—$15.

VEGETABLES.

SPINACH—Per bu. box, 75c.

ASPARAGUS—California, per lb., 15c.

RHUBARB—California, per lb., 8c.

NEW BEETS—Per doz., 50c.

NEW CARROTS—Per doz., 50c.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz., 50c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $1.25@1.75, as to size.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 40c.

TURNIPS—Per bu. basket, 50c

BEETS—Per bu., 40c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 40c.

LETTUCE—Per bu., 35@40c

RADISHES—Per doz., 20@30c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 35c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 40@65c; Colorado, 75c.

SEED POTATOES—Early Ohios, 55@60c; Red River Valley, 90c; Triumph, $1.10.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $1.50.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, per lb., 2c; new California, 2½c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $3.50; Mexicans, per 4-basket crate, $2.

ONIONS—Ohio, per bu., $1.75@2.00; Kalamazoo 25@30c.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.50@3.00.

BEANS—Wax, per bu., $5; string, per bu., $4.50.

EGG PLANT—Per bu. box, $2.

PEPPERS—Per bu. box, $2.25.

STRAWBERRIES—Florida, per qt., 40c; Texas, 25@30c; Louisiana, 24-qt. cases, $3.00.

GRAPES—Malaga, per keg, $7.50@8.00.

APPLES—Per bbl., $4.25; Washington, per bu. box, $1.75; Bellflowers, $1.90.

HONEY—California, per 24-section case, $3.75.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 5½c; No. 2 green, 4½c; No. 1 salted, 6½c; No. 2 salted, 5½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 8@13c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California seedlings, $3.00@3.25, as to size, $2.75@3.00.

LEMONS—California, extra fancy, $3.25@3.50; choice, $3.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $1.75@2.25.

FIGS—California, new cortons, 75c; layers, 65c; imported, per lb., 10@12c.

DATES—Persian, in 60-lb. boxes, 5airs, 5c per lb.; Halloween, 5½c per lb.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—California, per 24-section case, $3.75.

CIDER—Per bbl., $4.50; per half bbl., $2.75.

NUTS—English walnuts, per lb., 15c; filberts, per lb., 13c; almonds, per lb., 15@20c; raw peanuts, per lb., 5@5½c; roasted, 6¼@7½c, Brazils, 13c; pecans, 10@12c; cocoanuts, each, 4½c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—WHEAT—Higher; o. 2 red, cash, elevator, 70c; track, 74c; May, 70⅞c; July, 68⅞c; No. 2 hard, 71½@72c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2, cash, 44c; track, 44c; May, 43¾c; July, 42¾c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2, cash, 27½c; track, 28@28¼c; May, 26⅞@27c; July, 25¾c; No. 2 white, 30c.

RYE—Firm, 54½c.

FLOUR—Dull; patents, $3.45@3.60; extra fancy and straight, $3.05@3.25; clear, $2.70@2.90.

SEEDS—Timothy, steady; average receipts, $3.25@4.00; prime worth more. Flax, $1.52.

CORNMEAL—Steady, at $2.20.

BRAN—Unsettled; sacked, east track, 70c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $9.00@13.75; prairie, $6.00@11.00.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.27.

IRON CUTTONTIES—$1.

BAGGING—6⅛@7c.

HEMP TWINE—3c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady, jobbing, $15.75. Lard, lower, at $8.07½. Dry salt meats, dull; boxed lots, extra shorts, $8.37½; clear ribs, $8.50; clear sides, $8.62½. Bacon, dull boxed lots, extra shorts, $9.12½; clear ribs, $9.25; clear sides, $9.37½.

METALS—Lead, steady, $4.22½. Spelter, quiet, $3.80.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 8c; turkeys, 9c; ducks, 9c; geese, 36@6c.

BUTTER — Steady; creamery, 16@21c; dairy, 14@17c.

EGGS—Steady, 12¾c, repacked and cases included.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 17,000 bu.; corn, 23,000 bu.; oats, 19,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 11,000 bbls.; wheat, 42,000 bu.; corn, 27,000 bu.; oats, 10,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, April 17.—WHEAT—Spot dull; No. 2 red western winter, 5s 10½d; No. 1 northern spring, 6s ½d; No. 1 California, 6s 1½d. Futures steady; May, 5s 9½d; July, 5s 9¾d.

CORN—Spot firm; American mixed, new, 4s 1d; American mixed, old, 4s 2d. Futures, quiet; May, 4s 1d; July, 3s 11½d; September, 3s 11½d.

PEAS—Canadian, quiet, 5s 6¾d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady, 8s 3d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), steady, £4@4 15s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, easy; extra India mess, 61s 3d. Pork, steady; prime mess western, 63s 3d. Lard, American refined, in pails, quiet, 43s 3d; prime western, in tierces, quiet, 42s 9d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., quiet, 45s 9d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., firm, 44s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., firm, 41s 9d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., strong, 42s 3d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 39s 9d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 44s 3d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 44s 9d. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., firm, 36s 3d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, dull, 90s; good United States, quiet, 67s 6d.

CHEESE—American finest white, dull, 48s. American finest colored, quiet, 47s 6d.

TALLOW—Prime city, steady, 25s; Australian in London, quiet, 26s 6d.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 17.—WHEAT—May, 65½c; July, 65@65¼c; cash, No. 2 hard, 68¾@68c; No. 3, 68c; No. 2 red, 71½@72c; No. 3, 68@70c.

CORN—May, 41⅝@41¾c; July, 41¼@41⅜c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 42½c; No. 2 white, 43@43½c; No. 3, 42½@42¾c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 30c.

RYE—No. 2, 51@52c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.50@11.00; choice prairie, $9.00@9.50

BUTTER — Creamery, 16½@19½c; dairy, fancy, 12@16c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 11c per doz., loss off, cases returned; new whitewood cases included, ½c more.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 18,400 bu.; corn, 20,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 95,200 bu.; corn, 20,800 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

Philadelphia Butter and Eggs.

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—BUTTER—Half cent lower; fancy western creamery, 21½c; fancy western prints, 22c; fancy nearby, 23c.

EGGS—Firm; good demand; fresh nearby, western and southwestern, 14c; fresh southern, 13c.

CHEESE—Quiet; New York full creams, fancy small, 12@14c; New York full creams, fair to choice, 10@11¾c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, April 17.—WHEAT—Market lower; No. 1 northern, 73@74c; No. 2 northern, 71@72c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 54c.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2, 57@68c; sample, 40@55c.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 17.—WHEAT—Cash, 72⅞c; May, 70⅝@70¾c; July, 72⅝c. On track: No. 1 hard, 74⅝c; No. 1 northern, 72⅝c; No. 2 northern, 69⅝@70⅝c.

FLOUR—Firm; first patents, $3.85@3.95; second patents, $3.65@3.75; first clears, $2.95@3.05; second clears, $2.00@3.10.

BRAN—In bulk, $12.00@12.50.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, O., April 17.—WHEAT—Active; firm; cash, 73½c; May, 73⅞c; July, 75¾c.

CORN—Dull; strong; cash, 44¾c; May, 45c; July, 44¾c.

OATS—Quiet, firm; cash, 27½c; May, 28½c; July, 26¾c.

RYE—55c.

CLOVERSEED—Cash, prime, $6.50; October, $5.15.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Ill., April 17.—CORN—Higher; No. 2, 44c.

OATS—Inactive; No. 2 white, 29c, track.

WHISKY—On the basis of $1.27 for finished goods.

MOVEMENTS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

Stock Market Shows Nervous Struggle Between Longs and Shorts.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The day's market was excessively irregular, showing the decidedly nervous state of mind which speculators have come to be in who are long of stock, as well as the watchful mood for weak points to develop of those who are short. The battle between the two elements waged all day with varying success and the market closed with the issue apparently undecided, although a review of the net changes for the day will show that the bears had the best of the contest taking the day through. The bulls contested the onslaught of their opponents with vigor and determination and had fairly secured the upper hand of them after the opening drive against the market. Even after the last dip in prices, which carried quotations to the lowest of the day, the bulls were still in full array, vigorously supporting prices here and there, and boldly manipulating advances in a number of stocks. The only point of positive strength in the list was in the Southwestern railroad division. An effort was made to revive speculative excitement by bringing up the rumors of a Southwestern merger. During the period of the first retreat of the bears the movement in this department proved an effective leadership, led by Kansas & Texas preferred.

New York Central and some of the other trunk lines also showed signs of strength and Sugar, People's Gas and the Smelting stocks made effective auxiliaries in the demonstration by the bulls. Very little was left, however, of these advances after the final reaction, but the Atchisons were moved vigorously upward, the common rising 2⅝ over last night, on the final efforts of the bulls to turn the market. Prices rallied while the room shorts were uncovered, but went off again on renewed selling, making the closing unsettled and irregular, with some stocks at the lowest. There was a disposition to take speculative profits regardless of news developments.

It was especially manifest in the stocks which had been influenced most by the Burlington deal rumors and in Amalgamated Copper. There was almost a complete recovery from these opening losses, apparently on the supposition that the Burlington directors after their meeting would announce the completion of the deal. Their failure to do so was the principal element in the sharp break. The bill leaders were manifestly perplexed over what is to take the place of the Burlington deal as an effective influence in fomenting speculation while the matter is finally disposed of. Today's developments did not seem to cause doubt of the practical consummation of the plan, and in fact heavy profit-taking was to be looked for even had the matter been announced.

It is too much to say that the Burlington episode has lost its influence to attract speculative buying so long as official announcement of the matter is withheld, giving room for rumors and surmise over the plan. The threatened strike of iron and steel workers was a continued influence toward depression and United States Steel stocks were heavy all day, ruling a fraction under yesterday throughout. The Weather bureau's weekly crop report showing retarded developments by reason of cool weather may have had some influence. But the movement of the market was principally due to technical causes. The more favorable money conditions were ignored. The gain by the banks from the subtreasury, which has already reached $4,000,000 this week, and the arrested outflow of cash to the interior, gives pretty good assurance of a favorable bank statement on Saturday. The sterling exchange market was rather soft, notwithstanding the increased supply of loanable funds, so that the outflow of gold is pretty certainly deferred beyond this week. The range of prices during the day was extremely wide, reaching from 2 to 4 points in nearly all of the most active stocks.

The bond market continued active, but the price movements were irregular. Total sales, par value, $5,305,000. United States old 4s, registered, declined ¼ and United States old 4s, coupon, ⅛ per cent on the last call.

The following are the closing prices on the New York Stock exchange:

Atchison	67	do pfd	39¾
do pfd	97⅝	Wheel. & L. E.	19⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	92⅝	do 2d pfd	34¼
Canadian Pac.	101½	Wis. Central	29⅝
Canada So.	64¼	Richd. Avenue	123
Ches. & Ohio	46¼	B. & O. pfd	96
Chicago G. W.	23⅛	a National Tube	66⅝
C., B. & Q.	193⅝	a do pfd	118
Chi. Ind. & L.	27	Adams Ex.	165
do pfd	71½	American Ex.	197
Chicago & E. Ill.	115	U. S. Ex.	96½
C. & N. W.	203½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	140
C., R. I. & P.	151⅝	Amer. Cot. Oil	26
C. C. C. & St. L.	87¼	do pfd	85
Colorado So.	17⅝	Amer. Malting	5½
do 1st pfd	44½	do pfd	25
do 2d pfd	27⅝	Amer. S. & R.	14⅝
Del. & Hudson	179¾	do pfd	97¼
Del. L. & W.	222	***Amer. Spirits	2½
Denver & R. G.	42	***do pfd	17
do pfd	93½	a Amer. S. Hoop	46½
Erie	30	a do pfd	95
do 1st pfd	70	a Amer. S. & W.	47⅛
Gt. Nor. pfd	180½	a do pfd	110⅝
Hocking Coal	18½	a Amer. Tin Plate	76
Hocking Valley	55	a do pfd	117
Illinois Central	139¼	Amer. Tobacco	129½
Iowa Central	35¼	do pfd	146
do pfd	61½	Anac. Min. Co.	51⅛
Lake Erie & W.	61	Brooklyn R. T.	83½
do pfd	125	Colo. Fuel & I.	87⅞
Lake Shore	230	Con. Tobacco	47½
L. & N.	104	do pfd	105
Manhattan L.	127	*Federal Steel	52¼
Met. St. Ry.	171	*do pfd	102
Mex. Central	24⅝	Gen. Electric	224
Minn. & St. L.	84½	Glucose Sugar	51½
do pfd	112	do pfd	97
Mo. Pacific	104	Inter. Paper	25⅝
*Mobile & Ohio	82½	do pfd	78
M., K. & T.	29⅝	Laclede Gas	85
do pfd	65⅝	National Biscuit	89
**N. J. Central	153⅝	do pfd	96
N. Y. Central	151½	National Lead	20¼
Norfolk & W.	52¼	do pfd	84
do pfd	86¼	a National Steel	57
No. Pacific	102¼	a do pfd	116
do pfd	91½	N. Y. Air Brake	161
Ontario & W.	24¼	No. American	56
***Ore. Ry. & N.	42	Pacific Coast	63
***do pfd	76	do 1st pfd	90
Pennsylvania	58¼	do 2d pfd	63
Reading	36¼	Pacific Mail	36¼
do 1st pfd	72½	People's Gas	112⅝
do 2d pfd	62½	Pressed S. Car	41⅞
Rio G. W.	19	do pfd	81⅝
do pfd	100	Pullman P. Car	231½
St. L. & S. F.	43⅞	S. R. & T.	4⅞
do 1st pfd	82½	Sugar	119⅝
do 2d pfd	75⅝	do pfd	122
St. L. Southw.	37⅞	Tenn. Coal & I.	46¼
do pfd	64⅝	U. S. Leather	13¼
St. Paul	134	do pfd	77¾
do pfd	191	U. S. Rubber	30½
St. P. & Omaha	149	do pfd	61½
So. Pacific	47½	Western Union	91¼
So. Railway	28	Amal. Copper	124⅞
do pfd	80¾	Republic I. & S.	20
Texas & Pacific	42⅝	do pfd	76¼
Union Pacific	91⅝	U. S. Steel	42⅝
do pfd	85¼	do pfd	95⅝
Wabash	20	P. C. C. & St. L.	60

*Bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 17.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4½ per cent. Official closing:

A., T. & S. F.	66⅞	Westingh. Elec.	64½
do pfd	98	Atchison 4s	101½
Amer. Sugar	140½	N. P. G. & C. 5s	63¼
do pfd	125	Adventure	16⅝
Boston & Albany	263	Bing. Mining Co.	20⅝
Boston Elevated	17½	Amal. Copper	124½
Boston & Maine	195	Atlantic	24
C., B. & Q.	193⅝	Boston & Mont.	420
Dominion Coal	34¼	Butte & Boston	115
do pfd	113¼	Calumet & Hecla	538
Fitchburg pfd	147	Centennial	21½
Gen. Electric	224	Franklin	18
Ed. Elec. Ill.	240	Humboldt	25
Mexican Central	24¼	Osceola	90
N. E. G. & C.	94½	Parrot	56¾
Old Colony	219	Quincy	181
Old Dominion	36	Santa Fe Copper	9¼
Rubber	21	Tamarack	344
Union Pacific	94½	Utah Mining	36
Union Land	4	Winona	4½
West End	98	Wolverines	53¼

*Ex-dividend.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, April 17.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	95 5-16	do 1st pfd	73¼
do account	95 7-16	Pennsylvania	84½
Atchison	66⅝	Reading	18½
Canadian Pac.	97¼	No. Pacific pfd	100
St. Paul	137¾	Grand Trunk	8¾
Illinois Central	140½	Anaconda	11
Louisville	107	Rand Mines	4⅞
Union Pac. pfd	87¼	U. S. Steel	47¾
N. Y. Central	154½	do pfd	98¾
Erie	41¼		

BAR SILVER—Steady, at 27 3-16d per ounce.

MONEY—2¼@3 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3½ per cent; for three months' bills, 3½ per cent.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $152,247,289; gold, $98,133,107.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, April 17.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say of the wool trade tomorrow: There has been a fair, steady trade since our last review. The largest consumers have done very little and few sales of any magnitude are reported. The aggregate of the taking of the smaller purchasers foots up a fair sized total, exceeding 4,000,000 pounds. There is, if anything, a little more of a disposition to buy than was noted a week ago, but it is a between seasons period with the mills, initial orders for heavyweights being practically completed and it being too early for the duplicate orders to set in. Finer wools are relatively stronger than medium and low wools and the inquiry seems to be running more to the finer sorts than formerly. The tone of the market is quite firm, although it is as yet impossible to secure better prices for wools. There have been some Nevada wools purchased for eastern account. The sales for the week in Boston amounted to 3,483,000 pounds domestic and 625,000 pounds foreign, making a total of 4,108,000 against a total of 2,452,000 for the corresponding week last year. The sales since January 1 amount to 72,842,900 pounds, against 49,859,900 for the corresponding time last year.

TAXES ALL THEIR CARS

Tennessee Legislature Imposes Ad Valorem Duty on Various Companies' Leased Rolling Stock.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 17.—The legislature today passed the following bills: Ceding a strip of territory twenty miles long along the North Carolina line, excepting mineral lands, to the United States government, as part of an Apalachian forest reserve, imposing an ad valorem tax on all cars owned by corporations other than railroads, affecting the Pullman, Standard Oil, Fruit Dispatch, Refrigerator and all corporations owning or leasing their cars, inflicting a penalty of 25 per cent on all insurance companies that fail to promptly pay losses within sixty days after they occur, provided the assured is forced to litigate his claim and is allowed to substantiate it in the courts.

Fear No Drouth This Season.

GUERNSEY, Wyo., April 17.—(Special.)—Ranchmen from the western part of Nebraska report that the Scotts Bluff country has received a thorough soaking during the last two weeks, and there is now no fear of a shor age of water for irrigation. Heretofore headgates have been opened and irrigation begun April 20, but this year there is so much moisture in the ground that irrigation will not be necessary for several weeks.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Wednesday, April 17:

Warranty Deeds.

W. G. Whitmore et al to Eric Peterson, n½ sw¼ 19-16-10	$ 3,500
Julia Gates and husband to W. W. Baker, lot 4, block 1, Clarendon add.	400
Kate Shubt and husband to Joseph Sedlmeyer, jr., lot 4, block 65, Benson	200
Fannie Rubenstein and husband to M. J. Pinkerton, middle 22 feet lot 6, block 6, Kountze 4th add.	1,000
C. H. Frederick and wife to C. E. Barbank, lot 11, block 1, Denises add	775
William Fielding and wife to Peter Iverson, lot 8, block 222, Florence	125
W. H. Ferguson and wife to Robert Major, lot 4, block 6, Boggs & H.'s add	1
H. M. and S. B. Christie et al to Daniel Ryan, s½ lot 6, block 336, South Omaha	450
Byron Reed company to S. J. Lookabaugh, e 21 feet of s 85 feet lot 7, block 3, Shinn's add	1,100
Omaha Realty company to W. A. Hempel, n½ lot 19, block 2, Armstrong's 1st add	1,400
C. L. Kriebs and husband to Rosa Hirschberg, n½ lot 9, block 16, E. V. Smith's add	1,900
James Greenawood and wife to N. G. Green, n 33 feet of s½ lot 1, block 25, Omaha	1
Nicholas Kriebs and wife to J. A. Mattice, part lots 9 and 10, block 17, E. V. Smith's add (refile)	1,100
W. B. VanSant and wife to J. E. Lush, e½ lots 1 and 2, and part lot 3, block 35, South Omaha	1
M. F. Ure and husband to J. T. Donahoe, n½ lot 9, Elizabeth Place	1,350

Quit Claim Deeds.

A. O. Nichols et al to S. R. Nichols et al, e 35 feet of w 70 feet lots 1 and 2, block 6, Hanscom Place	5,000
I. B. Mapes and wife to L. D. Street, lot 2, block 9, West End add	1

Deed.

Special master to H. C. Wheeden, lot 8, block 196, Omaha	750
Total amount of transfers	$19,954

*Trust receipts. **Ex-div. ***Nominal.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: Business on the stock exchange continued today to be on a restricted scale, though the tone was firm. In the American department trading began heavily, with many signs of nervousness. The bulge in Erie and Northern Pacific had