COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Corn Takes Flight to Fifty-Five Cents; Closes Strong.

MANIPULATION IS MOSTLY IN MAY

Trade in Wheat on Liberal Scale—May Oats Advance from Fear of Corner—July Pork Closes Higher.

CHICAGO, May 2.—May corn soared to 55c today and closed 4c over yesterday at 55¼c. July closed 1¼c higher. Wheat was moderately active and firm on cables, the weather and in sympathy with the coarse grain, July closing ½@⅝c higher. July oats closed with an advance of 1¼c and May with a gain of 1⅜c. July pork closed 22½c up. Lard and ribs practically unchanged.

In corn the tight grip of the leading bull on the May delivery was more than ever apparent. Prices fluctuated violently with a range of 4c, but actual transactions in the pits were very small. Phillips, who has the market cornered, refused to sell. Aside from the manipulation small receipts of contract grade corn and a report that Argentina's exportable surplus had been reduced 50 per cent were strengthening factors. The manipulation was, of course, most apparent in May, although the July delivery profited somewhat by it and enjoyed a more general trade. May opened ⅛@¼c higher at 50@55c, and was bid up in ¼c and ½c jumps to 55c. This brought only very small offerings from scattered scalping longs. It was reported that some large short lines had been settled at the market price, with Phillips in a private conference, but no authority for the assertions could be found. From 55c May dropped back to 53c, not from any increase in offerings, but because the bidding stopped. Later 54c was bid and at the close shorts were offering 53¾c, 1c more than yesterday's close. July sold between 46c and 47¼c and closed 1¼c higher at 47@47¼c. Receipts were 218 cars, 26 of contract grade. The weather was said to be highly favorable for the crop.

While trade in wheat was on a liberal scale business appeared to be mostly for the professional element, who were looking for scalps in the way of quick turns. The market's undertone was strong, however, under the influence of steady cables, hot, dry weather, under which insects thrive, and in sympathy with the neighboring strength in corn and oats. From Minneapolis came the doleful word that Kansas complaints of the work of insects in the fields were more gloomy than ever. From this source was also recorded a fear that wheat will not sprout unless some cool, wet weather is forthcoming. There was, however, no lacking of reports of the usual optimistic character in regard to crop prospects. July opened ½c higher at 73¾@73⅝c and advanced early to 74⅛c. This was followed by a reaction on profit-taking to 73⅝@73¾c, but bulls bought at the decline and the market again reacted to 74@74⅛c and closed firm at 73⅞c. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 731,000 bushels, while primary receipts aggregated only 342,000, against 576,000 last year. Minneapolis and Duluth report 247 cars, against 215 last week and 439 a year ago. Local receipts were 54 cars, 1 of contract grade.

The oats market was active and strong. May advanced sharply because it was thought the bull crowd in corn had also cornered the supply of oats. July was more amenable to legitimate market influences and advanced on the weather as well as in sympathy with May in the face of liberal commission house selling at times. The demand for May came mostly from pit shorts, who got but little. May sold between 28⅞c and 29½c, and closed 1¼c higher at 29¾c; July ranged between 26⅝c and 27c, and closed with a gain of ¾c at 27c. Receipts were 176 cars.

The only redeeming feature of the provisions market was the advance in July pork, on buying thought to be by packers. Lard and ribs were neglected and fluctuated within a narrow range. July pork sold from $15 to $15.32½, and closed at the top, 32½c over yesterday. July lard closed 2½c lower at $8.06 and July ribs a shade down at $8.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 35 cars; corn, 375 cars; oats, 215 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
May	73@¾	74	73	73¾@⅞	73⅞
July	73¼@¾	74⅛	73½	73⅝	73¼@⅜
*Corn—					
May	50@51	55	50	53¼	49¼
July	46@¼	47⅛	46	47@47¼	45⅝@⅞
Sept.	45⅜	46⅝	45⅜	46⅝	45¼@⅜
*Oats—					
May	28⅜	29½	28⅜	29¾	27⅝@⅞
July	26⅝@¼	27	26⅜	27	26¼@¼
Sept.	25⅜	25⅝	25⅜	25½	
*Pork—					
May	15 00	15 15	15 00	15 15	14 85
July	15 00	15 32½	15 00	15 22½	15 00
*Lard—					
May	8 17½	8 17½	8 12½	8 12½	8 15
July	8 07½	8 10	8 05	8 05	8 07½
Sept.	8 07½	8 02½	8 02½	8 05	8 05
*Ribs—					
May				8 22½	8 20
July	8 00	8 05	7 97½	8 00	8 02½
Sept.	7 97½	8 00	7 92½	7 95	7 97½

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Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Demand moderate; winter patents, $3.80@3.90; straights, $2.60@3.70; clears, $2.60@3.40; spring specials, $4.00@4.10; patents, $3.45@3.75; straights, $3.00@3.20; bakers, $2.20@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 73c; No. 2 red, 75@75½c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, 52@54c.

OATS—No. 2, 29¼@29½c; No. 2 white, 29¼c; No. 3 white, 28@29c.

RYE—No. 2, 53@54c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 51@55c; fair to choice malting, 56@59c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.68; No. 1 northwestern, $1.68; prime timothy, $3.00@3.15.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $15.15@15.20. Lard, per 100 lbs., $8.17½@8.20. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.10@8.30. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.37½@7.12½. Short clear sides (boxed), $8.37½@8.50.

WHISKY—Basis of high wines, $1.27.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, 6.14c; granulated, 6.57c; confectioners' A, 5.44c; off A, 5.29c.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

	Receipts.	Shipments
Flour, bbls.	40,000	32,000
Wheat, bu.	41,000	244,000
Corn, bu.	24,000	285,000
Oats, bu.	201,000	424,000
Rye, bu.	1,000	66,000
Barley, bu.	7,000	4,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was dull; creameries, 14@19c; dairies, 11@16c. Cheese, 9½@14c. Eggs, 11½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 2.—FLOUR—Receipts, 16,729 bbls.; exports, 17,506 bbls.; fairly active and firm; winter patents, $3.50@4.00; winter straights, $3.50@3.55; winter extras, $2.40@2.85; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.25; Minnesota bakers, $2.90@3.25; winter low grades, $2.30@2.40. Rye flour, firm; fair to good, $2.85@3.20; choice to fancy, $3.25@3.45.

CORNMEAL—Stronger; yellow western, $1; city, 96c; Brandywine, $2.45@2.55.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 52c, afloat; state, 55@56c, c. i. f., New York carlots.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 46@48½c, c. i. f. New York; malting, 62@70c, c. i. f. New York.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 65@72c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 91,200 bu.; exports, 135,427 bu.; spot strong; No. 2 red, 74½c f. o. b. afloat and 82c elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 80¾c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 85¾c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened firm and carried the strength pretty much all day on an active trade, partly for outside account. Bullish crop news had much to do with the advance and was supplemented by steadiness abroad, a big rise in corn and free covering; closed strong at ½@¾c net advance; May, 80¾@81⅞c, closed at 81¾c; July, 79¾@80c, closed at 79¾c; September, 77⅝@78c, closed at 78c.

CORN—Receipts, 22,000 bu.; exports, 83,644 bu.; spot strong; No. 2, 56c elevator and 57½c f. o. b. afloat. Option market was strong and active all day. May shorts were badly squeezed again and outsiders bought a good deal of July corn. Highest prices in several years were attained. Closed strong and 1¼c net advance; May closed at 54¾c, July 51¼@52¼c, closed at 52¼c; September, 49⅝@50¾c, closed at 50¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 54,000 bu.; exports, 21,864 bu.; spot firm; No. 1, 31c; No. 2, 31½c; No. 3 white, 31c; No. 3 white, 33c; track, mixed western, 32¾@33c; track, white, 32½@37c. Options firm and active with other grain.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 77½@80c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1900 crop, 17@20c; 1899 crop, 11@15c; old olds, 24@26c; Pacific coast, 1900 crop, 16@19c; 1899 crop, 11@13c; old olds, 24@26c.

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, 23½@24½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $10.50@11.50; mess, $9.50@10.50; beef hams, $19.50@21.00; packet, $10.00@10.50; city extra India mess, $14.00@16.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 8½@10½c; pickled shoulders, 7¾c; pickled hams, 10@10½c. Lard, steady; western steamed, $8.80; refined, steady; continent, $8.75; South America, $9.35; compound, $6.75. Pork, firm; family, $16.50@17.00; short clears, $15.50@16.00; mess, $15.50@16.50.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4¾c; country, 5@5¼c.

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

CHEESE—Receipts, 4,481 pkgs.; irregular; fancy, large colored, 10½c; fancy, large white, 10¾@10¾c; fancy, small colored, 11¼c; fancy, small white, 11¼c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,257 pkgs.; steady; creamery, 15@19½c; factory, 11@13¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 11,770 pkgs.; firmer; western, regular packed, 12½@13c; storage western, 13¼@14c; southern, 11@13c.

POULTRY—Alive, easy; springers, per pair, 18@20c; turkeys, 8@9c; dressed turkeys, 10½c; fowls, 8½@10½c.

METALS—Quietness was prevalent throughout the day in the local market for metals. Speculation was almost dormant and trading was confined chiefly to meeting immediate requirements of consumers. Advices from London also indicated a featureless market. Tin at that point was unchanged, with spot quoted at £118 and futures at £114 7s 6d. Locally the market for tin ruled quiet but steady at $26.87½@26.00 and trade was slow. Copper in London advanced 12s 6d under an absence of sellers and closed steady at £70 2s 6d for spot and £70 12s 6d for futures, with the local situation, while holdings as to tone showed little signs of activity and prices remained nominally on the basis of $17.00 for Lake Superior and $16.62½ for casting and electrolytic. Foundry iron ruled dull but about steady at unchanged prices on the basis of $9.50@10.50 for pig iron warrants; northern foundry, $15.25@16.50; southern foundry, $14.00@15.50 and soft southern, $13.00@15.50. Spelter was again easy and somewhat lower here in sympathy with a similar decline in London, prices there falling off 2s 6d to £16 17s 6d. The local market closed easy at $5.05@4.00.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations of Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts liberal; good stock, firm at 10@11c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 8½c; young and old roosters, 5@7c; turkeys, 9@8c; ducks and geese, 7@7½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 11@11½c; choice 12@13c; separator, 20c.

FRESH FISH—Black bass, 18c; white bass, 10c; bluefish, 11c; bullheads, 8c; blue nills, 7c; buffalos, 6c; catfish, 12c; cod, 9c; croppies, 10c; ciscoes, 7c; halibut, 11c; herring, 6c; haddock, 9c; mackerel, 15c; perch, 6c; pickerel, 9c; pike, 11c; red snapper, 10c; salmon, 14c; sunfish, 8c; smelts, 8c; trout, 10c; whitefish, 12c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1.

VEALS—Choice, 9@10c.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' Association: Choice upland, $12.00; No. 1 upland, $11.50; medium, $11.00; coarse, $10.50. Rye straw, $6.00. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair. Receipts, 5 cars.

OATS—No. 2 white, 28c.

CORN—No. 3, 43c.

BRAN—$15.

VEGETABLES.

SPINACH—Per bu. box, 60c.

ASPARAGUS—Native, per doz., 50@75c.

RHUBARB—California, per lb., 3c.

NEW BEETS—Per doz., 90c.

NEW RADISHES—Per doz., 40c.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz., 75c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $1.00@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., 55@60c; Colorado, 90c@$1.00.

SEED POTATOES—Early Ohios, 55@60c; Red River Valley, 50c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $1.50.

CABBAGE—New California, 2½c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $2.75@3.00; Mexicans, per 4-basket crate, $1.75.

ONIONS—Ohio, per lb., 4c; per bbl., $4.50.

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

BEANS—Wax, per bu., $4.50; string, per bu., $4.00.

EGG PLANT—Per bu. box, $3.

PEPPERS—Per bu. box, $2.25.

PEAS—Per bu., $4.50; per one-third bu., $1.

CELERY—California, per bunch, 50@75c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Texas, per 24-qt. case, $4.50; Louisiana, 24-qt. cases, $2.25@2.50.

APPLES—Per bbl., $4.00; Washington, per bu. box, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California seedlings, $2.25@2.50; navels, $2.50@3.25.

LEMONS—California, extra fancy, $3.25, choice, $3.00.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $1.50@2.50.

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

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

PINEAPPLES—Per doz., $2.00@2.50.

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., 18@20c; raw peanuts, per lb., 5@6½c; roasted, 6½@7½c; Brazils, 12c; pecans, [illegible], cocoanuts, each, 4½c.

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.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, May 2.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 2 red western, winter, 6s; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 1½d; No. 1 California, 6s 2d. Futures, quiet; July, 5s 11¼d; September, 5s 11d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed and old, quiet at 4s 5½d. Futures, firm; May, nominal; July, 4s 1½d; September, 4s 3d.

PEAS—Canadian, steady, at 5s 7½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull, 8s.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, steady, at £3@£4 15s.

PROVISIONS—Beef easy; extra India mess, 61s 3d. Pork, steady; prime mess, western, 63s 3d. Lard, steady; American refined, in pails, 42s 9d; prime western, in tierces, steady at 42s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 25 to 30 lbs., steady, 46s 6d; short ribs, 18 ribs, 16 to 26 lbs., steady at 44s 9d. Long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., steady, at 42s 3d. Long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., steady, at 40s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., steady at 40s 3d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., steady, at 45s 6d. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., steady, at 36s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., steady, at 46s.

BUTTER—Dull; finest United States, 88s; good United States, 86s.

CHEESE—Quiet; American finest white, 47s 6d; American finest colored, 46s.

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

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, May 2.—WHEAT—May, 70¾@70¾c; July, 68¾@68¼c; cash, No. 2 hard, 71½@72¾c; No. 3, 69@70¼c; No. 2 red, 72½c; No. 2 spring, 68c.

CORN—May, 42¾@42⅝c; July, 42⅞@43c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 42½@43c; No. 2 white, 44½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 30c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.00@10.50; choice prairie, $10.00@10.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 15@17c; fancy dairy, 13@14c.

EGGS—Weak; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 10c doz., loss off, cases returned; new whitewood cases included, ¼c more.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 46,800 bu.; corn, 36,800 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 47,200 bu.; corn, 54,000 bu.; oats, 14,000 bu.

MOVEMENTS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

Interest in Union Pacifics Taken Away by Atchisons.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The Atchison stocks took the leadership away from Union Pacific, both in point of strength and activity. During the most of the day the volume of transactions in the two common stocks ran a close race, but the dealings in Atchison common and preferred easily outstripped those in the two Union Pacific stocks. A heavy preponderance of the total transactions in the whole market centered in these stocks. There have been confident predictions that the first dividend on Atchison for a half year would be 2 per cent and it is likely that large short interest was accumulated in the stock by those who had better information in the expectation that yesterday's 1½ per cent dividend would bring out heavy offerings. As a matter of fact the offerings were very moderate.

The character of today's buying could by no means be safely attributed either to a demand from shorts or to purely speculative manipulation. The movement was supposed to be due to a new phase of the struggle among the granger trunk lines to secure for themselves compensatory advantages to offset the Burlington deal. Officials of the St. Paul railroad were quoted anonymously this morning as breathing forth threatenings of building a new line to the Pacific unless they were accorded a share in the advantages of the supposed Union Pacific absorption. This corroborates the current supposition that the great granger trunk lines feel themselves at a practical disadvantage if they have not an assured Pacific coast outlet as well as an eastern trunk line connection and that all of them will sooner or later take measures to secure these advantages. The movement of prices today was cited as giving evidence that the buying of Atchison was for the benefit of St. Paul and probably also of Rock Island.

There was a disposition to attribute the late strength of Baltimore & Ohio to plans for making that road the eastern outlet and the late spurt in Norfolk & Western and Chesapeake & Ohio were supposed to indicate alternative possibilities. The declaration of the first dividend on Norfolk & Western of 1 per cent was, however, the more plausible explanation of the strength of the last named. The feverish and erratic fluctuations in Union Pacific were amply explained by the new uncertainty surrounding its control. There were various rumors both to the effect that the Vanderbilt interests had perfected their control and that the Harriman interest had secured the maintenance of their control. Every movement in the stock, and every rumor regarding the control were looken upon with suspicion by the uneasy speculators as a device to further the contest, and underlying all was their dread that when once the contest is decided the high price will not be maintained. The extreme range of the stock was 6 points and the net loss 1⅜. Atchison advanced an extreme 11⅜ and closed within a fraction of the best. St. Paul is 2¾ higher on the day, Chesapeake & Ohio 3⅞ and Norfolk & Western 1⅞. The stocks included in the Burlington deal, the Erie stocks not excluded, were all notably heavy. The heavy profit taking and weakness of the United States Steel stocks had a large sentimental influence on the whole market. New York Central was quite severely handled and loses 2⅞ on the day.

Except for the few special points of strength the market was, on the whole, reactionary. The money rate was distinctly firmer. The closing of the market was easy and almost weak, except for the final spurt in Atchison.

Union Pacific convertible bonds continued active and the bond market otherwise was irregular. Total shares par value, $7,165,000. United States registered coupons declined ⅝ on the last call.

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

Atchison	47	St. L. Southw.	38⅝
do pfd	93¼	do 1st	71
Baltimore & Ohio	109⅞	St. Paul	171¾
do pfd	92¾	do pfd	192
Canadian Pacific	109	So. Pacific	56⅜
Canada So.	54⅝	So. Railway	32⅛
Ches. & Ohio	39⅜	do pfd	90⅜
C. B. & Q.	138¼	Texas & Pacific	49¼
Chi. Ind. & L.	37½	Union Pacific	128⅜
do pfd	71	do pfd	90¾
Chicago & E. Ill.	159½	Wabash	21⅝
C. & N. W.	220	do pfd	42¾
C. R. & P.	163	Wheel. & L. E.	21⅞
C. C. C. & St. L.	84½	do 2d pfd	57⅞
Colorado So.	15⅞	Wis. Central	22⅝
do 1st pfd	58¾	do pfd	17
do 2d pfd	27½	Adams Ex.	161
Del. & Hudson	172¾	American Ex.	191
Del. L. & W.	218	U. S. Ex.	87½
Denver & R. G.	47⅜	Wells-Fargo Ex.	148
do pfd	87½	Amal. Copper	121⅝
Erie	40⅞	Amer. Car & F.	23⅝
do 1st pfd	73⅜	do pfd	78⅜
do 2d pfd	52½	Amer. Linseed Oil	15⅞
Gt. Nor. pfd	188½	do pfd	38
Chi. Ter. & Tr.	2¾	Amer. S. & R.	39⅛
do pfd	46½	do pfd	90¾
Chicago & Alton	47	Amer. Tobacco	127⅛
do pfd	87½	Amer. Min. Co.	34⅝
Chicago G. W.	24	Brooklyn R. T.	76¾
do 1st pfd	87½	Colo. Fuel & Iron	105½
do 2d pfd	50	Con. Tobacco	46⅝
Mexican National	11⅝	do pfd	104½
Tel. Mex. L. & W.	15½	Gen. Electric	227½
do pfd	36⅝	Glucose Sugar	63
P. C. C. & St. L.	69	Inter. Paper	24
Hocking Valley	55⅝	do pfd	75½
do pfd	79½	Laclede Gas	84
Illinois Central	143¼	Con. Gas	224
Iowa Central	21	Mocking Coal	35⅝
do pfd	69	Inter. Power	38
Lake Erie & W.	42⅝	Republic Steel	20½
do pfd	124	do pfd	74½
L. & N.	109	National Biscuit	43⅝
Manhattan L.	157½	National Lead	17
Met. St. Ry.	172⅜	National Salt	45
Mexican Central	18⅜	do pfd	77
Minn. & St. L.	85¾	No. American	56⅞
Mo. Pacific	109½	Pacific Coast	80
M. K. & T.	28¾	do 1st pfd	90
do pfd	64⅜	People's Gas	117⅛
N. J. Central	158	Pressed S. Car	42½
N. Y. Central	163¾	do pfd	85
Norfolk & W.	66⅞	Pullman P. Car	209
do pfd	94	Sugar	134⅝
No. Pacific	114⅝	Tenn. Coal & I.	63¾
do pfd	98	Union Bag & P.	13⅝
Ontario & W.	33⅝	do pfd	69½
Pennsylvania	155½	U. S. Leather	15
Reading	42⅞	do pfd	78½
do 1st pfd	61¼	U. S. Rubber	22
do 2d pfd	56½	do pfd	64
St. L. & S. F.	89	U. S. Steel	33
do 1st pfd	86	do pfd	100⅝
do 2d pfd	70¾	Western Union	96⅞

*Offered.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 2.—MONEY—On call, firm at 4@6 per cent; last loan, 5 per cent; ruling rate, 4½@5 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5@6½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm; undertone, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88 for demand and $4.84¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85@4.86 and $4.89; commercial bills, $4.84¼@4.84½.

SILVER—Certificates, 60c; bar, 59½c; Mexican dollars, 48½c.

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

The closing prices on bonds today are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	106⅛	N. Y. Central 1s	107⅝
do coupon	106⅛	N. J. C. gen. 5s	133⅝
do 3s, reg.	110	No. Pacific 3s	72⅜
do coupon	110	do 4s	106
do new 4s, reg.	135⅝	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	107⅝
do coupon	135⅝	N. & W. con. 4s	101¼
do old 4s, reg.	113⅝	Ore. Nav. 1s	110
do coupon	113⅝	do 4s	104¼
do 5s, reg.	110	O. S. L. 4s	125
do coupon	110	Reading gen. 4s	96¼
D. of C. 3 65s	125	Rio G. W. 1s	101
Atch. gen. 4s	102¾	St L. & I M c. 5s	115
do adj. 4s	96	St L. & S F g. 6s	134⅜
Canada So. 2s	108¼	St. Paul consols	132
Ches. & O. 4½s	107	do C. & P. 5s	125⅛
do 6s	115½	do 2s	120
do S. F. deb. 5s	124	So. Pacific 4s	94
Chicago Ter. 4s	95	So. Railway 5s	117¾
Colorado So. 4s	88⅞	*S. R. & T. 6s	60
D. & R. G. 4s	93⅝	Texas & Pacific 1s	120
Erie general 4s	87⅞	do 2s	100
F. W. & D. C. 1s	169½	Union Pacific 4s	103⅝
Gen. Electric 5s	185⅝	Wabash 1s	100½
Iowa Central 1s	117¾	do 2s	110
L. & N. uni. 4s	93¾	West Shore 4s	114½
M. K. & T. 2s	83	Wis. Central 4s	91
do 4s	93⅛	*Va. Centuries	97⅝

*Offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

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

A., T. & S. F.	82½	Westing. Electric	64
do pfd	104¾	*Atchison	46
Amer. Sugar	134⅝	*E. G. & C. 5s	102
Amer. Telephone	106¾	Adventure	7½
Boston & Alb'y	260	Bing. Min. Co.	25¾
*Boston Elevated	177	Amal. Copper	121⅞
Boston & Me.	198	Atlantic	37
C. B. & Q.	138	Boston & Mont.	445
Dominion Coal	36½	Butte & Boston	17⅝
do pfd	114	Calumet & Hecla	840
Fitchburg pfd.	147	Centennial	33½
Ed. Elec Ill.	240	Franklin	15¾
Mex. Central	19	**Humboldt	25
Michigan Tel.	62	Osceola	85½
N. E. G. & C.	54⅜	Parrot	55½
Old Colony	216	Quincy	77⅜
Old Dominion	25	Santa Fe Copper	8
Rubber	22½	Tamarack	338
Union Pacific	128⅛	Utah Mining	22⅜
Union Land	2½	Winona	4⅜
West End	98	Wolverines	57½

*Bid. **Asked.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, May 2.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	94⅛	do 1st pfd	72⅜
do account	94⅛	Pennsylvania	79⅜
Atchison	80	Reading	22⅜
Canadian Pacific	102	Nor. Pacific pfd	104
St. Paul	177⅜	Grand Trunk	12
Illinois Central	151½	Anaconda	1½
Louisville	122½	Rand Mines	4⅝
Union Pac. pfd	100	U. S. Steel	35⅜
N. Y. Central	172½	do pfd	104
Erie	42⅝		

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The following are quotations on mining stocks:

Adams Con	23	Little Chief	12
Alice	47	Ontario	350
Breece	115	Ophir	190
Brunswick Con.	18	Phoenix	8
Comstock Tun	5	Potosi	6
Con. Cal. & Va.	225	Savage	12
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	25
Horn Silver	115	Small Hopes	55
Iron Silver	40	Standard	370
Leadville Con.	5		

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, May 2.—Bank clearings today, $1,076,288; corresponding day last year, $1,068,981; increase, $7,817.

CHICAGO, May 2.—Clearings, $34,664,088; balances, $1,965,645. Foreign exchange, $4.85½@4.89. New York exchange, par.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—Clearings, $8,881,811; balances, $1,650,052. Money, 5@6 per cent. New York exchange, 10c discount bid, par asked.

BOSTON, May 2.—Clearings, $20,497,648; balances, $2,253,875.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—Clearings, $29,350,890; balances, $3,519,190.

BALTIMORE, May 2.—Clearings, $3,025,067; balances, $873,731.

CINCINNATI, May 2.—Clearings, $2,683,850. New York exchange, 10c premium. Money, 3@6 per cent.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Clearings, $525,215,108; balances, $13,622,701.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—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, $156,030,783; gold, $96,976,614.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—WOOL—Generally active and easy; mixed grades, 12@17½c; light fine, 11@14½c; heavy fine, 9@11c; tub washed, 17@27c.

LONDON, May 2.—WOOL—At the wool auctions today superior selections, consisting of 14,967 bales, were offered. A good demand prevailed and competition was spirited.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, May 2.—COFFEE—Spot, Rio, dull; No. 7, invoice, 6¾c. Mild, dull; Cordova, 8¼@12¾c. The future market opened steady at an advance of 5 points and further improved after the call some 5 to 10 points on covering, German buying and dearth of sellers. Better foreign market news than looked for, a falling off in port and interior town receipts in Brazil and better trade in spot coffee were the prime factors of support. Speculation was exceptionally light, despite the better feeling. The market closed steady, with prices net to 15 points higher. Total sales were 5,500 bags, including July, at 5.55c; September, 5.80@5.70c; December, 5.85c; March, 6.15c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, May 2.—COTTON—It was an exceptionally dull day on the Cotton exchange. The variations did not allow even the scalping element to make the usual turns and offered no inducement to investors or the semi-professional trader. The market was finally dull but steady, with prices net 5 points lower to 2 points higher. May closed quiet; middling uplands, 8.5-16c; middling gulf, 8.9-16c; sales, 900 bales. Futures closed dull but steady; June, 7.90c; July, 7.91c; August, 7.61c; September, 7.31c; October, 8.24c; November, 7.17c; December, 7.17c; January, 7.18c.

LIVERPOOL, May 2.—COTTON—Spot moderate demand; prices 1-32d lower. American middling fair, 5d; good middling, 4 11-16d; middling, 4½d; low middling, 4¼d; ordinary, 3 13-16d; sales, 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 5,800 American; receipts, 15,000 bales, including 17,000 American. Futures opened quiet and closed steady; American middling l. m. c.: May, May and June, 4 24-64@4 25-64d, sellers; June and July, 4 25-64@4 26-64d, sellers; July and August, 4 26-64@4 27-64d, sellers; August and September, 4 29-64d, sellers; October, g. o. c., 4 06-64d, buyers; October and November, 4 01-64@4 02-64d, buyers; November and December, 4d, buyers.

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—COTTON—Quiet and steady; sales, 2,500 bales; ordinary, 5⅝c; good ordinary, 6.5-16c; low middling, 7¼c; middling, 7 1-16c; good middling, 8¾c; middling fair, 8⅝c; receipts, 3,584 bales; stock, 266,504 bales. Futures quiet and steady; May, 7.84@7.85c; June, 7.76@7.77c; July, 7.71@7.72c; August, 7.59@7.61c; September, 7.16c bid; October, 7.03@7.04c; November, 6.98@6.99c; December, 6.97@6.98c. Today the New Orleans Board of Trade and Sugar exchanges are closed and the Cotton exchange suspended calls in honor of President McKinley.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—COTTON—Quiet; mixed, 8 1-16c; sales, none; receipts, 1,148 bales; shipments, 2,166 bales; stock, 74,241 bales.

GALVESTON, May 2.—COTTON—Quiet, 8¼c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 74¾c; track, 75@76½c; May, 74¾@74⅞c; July, 72½c; September, 71¾c; No. 2 hard, 73@73½c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, elevator, 45¾c; track, 45½c; May, 45⅝c; July, 45⅝@45½c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, elevator, 30¼c; track, 29¼@30c; May, 30¼c; July, 26¾c; No. 2 white, 31@31½c.

RYE—Firm at 55½c.

FLOUR—Dull; patents, $3.60@3.75; extra fancy and straight, $3.20@3.30; clear, $2.80@3.00.

SEEDS—Timothy, nominal; average receipts, $2.75@3.50; prime worth more.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $2.25.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 70@71c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $9.50@13.00; prairie, $11.50.

WHISKY—Steady; $1.28.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.

BAGGING—6¼@7c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

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

METALS—Lead, firm at $4.22½. Spelter, firm at $3.87½.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 8c; turkeys, 9@7c; ducks, 8c; geese, 39@5c.

EGGS—Lower at