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Market Fluctuates Frequently, Keeping Speculators Guessing.

LEADING THREE GRAINS CLOSE LOWER

Provisions Again Act Contrary to Grains and Continue Ascension—Cash Export Business and Rains Cause Wavering.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Grains were nervous and erratic again today and kept speculators guessing. The rains in the southwest were decidedly bearish in their influence over wheat, while a continued heavy port business in cash wheat tended to induce higher prices. Fluctuations were frequent and other grains acted sympathetically. At the close May wheat had lost ¾c, May corn ⅝@¾c and May oats ¼c. Provisions still acted contrary to grains and closed 5@10c higher.

Wheat opened weak and lower on good rains in many of the wheat states and declined still further on rather heavy selling. These rains were much needed and were supposed to be beneficial to the growing crop. Argentine reports indicated an increased movement and still better prospects. Cables were slightly higher, but had little effect. Added to this bearish influence was the advice from New York that much of the stuff reported sold for export yesterday was still for sale. May wheat, which opened a shade to ⅛@¼c lower at 74⅛@73¾c, sold off to 73⅝c. Then came a revival of yesterday's export business.

A local house sold 18 loads of cash wheat and other points had good sales. This sent shorts to cover in a hurry. Buying for this account sent prices up and held the market firm for a time at 74⅛@74¼c for May. The southwestern reports, however, had the most influence in the market. St. Louis was weak and was selling liberally. Kansas City May prices, which a month ago were 4c above Chicago, were quoted at discount.

Liquidation started in on a free scale late in the day, bears sold short and prices tumbled. Trade in general increased and the outside speculator was not in the market enough to work against the bearish influences. May went off and closed weak, ¾c lower at 73⅝@73½c. Local receipts were 21 cars, 1 of contract grade; Minneapolis and Duluth reported 232 cars, or a total for the three points of 254 cars, against 295 last week and 492 a year ago. Primary receipts were 474,000 bushels, compared to 771,000 bushels last year. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour equalled 128,000 bushels. Argentine shipments were 1,388,000 bushels, against 423,000 bushels last week and 1,913,000 bushels a year ago. The seaboard reported 52 loads taken for export.

Corn followed wheat most of the day. The opening was weak, but some good cash business and light receipts helped to a speedy reaction. The southwestern rains also were bullish in that they were expected to curtail the interior movement. There was no outside trade to speak of, possibly a little selling from the southwest and much of the time the crowd put in watching the wheat pit. The situation in Argentine was reported much improved—harvesting had already begun and that the corn was of good quality. May corn sold as low as 60⅝@60⅝c the first hour, but later reacted to 61c, with the wheat firmer. Near, when wheat broke late in the day corn tumbled with it, short selling was liberal and several long lines were said to have been liquidated. A sharp decline took May down to 60¼c. The close was weak, ⅝@¾c lower for May at 60¼c. Receipts were 69 cars.

Oats were only moderately active, with prices yielding somewhat with wheat and corn. The market was largely a scalping affair and no important trades were made. Some improvement was noted in the cash business, which tended to support the pit against any marked decline. Country offerings were about the same as they have been of late. There was still some nervousness in May options, but the fluctuations were narrow. May closed easy, ¼c down at 43¼c. Receipts were 110 cars.

Provisions showed strong again today against the depression in grains. There was an opinion prevalent that were it not for the slump in cereals hog products would have had a marked advance. The local run of hogs was small and prices were higher at the yards. Good buying advanced all products after a higher opening. Lard offerings were free, but were well taken. May opened 10c up at $15.62½, May lard a shade higher at $9.42½@9.47½ and May ribs 5@7½c higher at $8.55@8.57½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 26 cars; corn, 140 cars; oats, 165 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
May	73⅞@74⅛	74⅛	73⅝@73⅞	73⅞@74⅛	74⅛@74¼
July	74⅝@74⅞	75¼@75½	74¼	74¼@74⅜	75
Sept.	74⅝	75	74¼	74¼	74⅝
*Corn—					
May	60⅝@60⅞	61	60¼	60¼	60⅞@61
July	60⅝@60⅞	61	60¼	60¼@60⅜	60⅞@61
Sept.	58⅝@58⅞	59	58⅛	58⅛	58⅞
*Oats—					
May	43¼	43⅜	43¼	43⅜	43¼
July	35¼	35½	35⅛	35⅛@35⅜	35⅛@35¼
Sept.	29¼	29½	29⅛	29¼	29⅛
Pork—					
May	15 55	15 70	15 55	15 62½	15 52½
July	15 70	15 82½	15 70	15 77½	15 67½
Lard—					
May	9 45	9 50	9 45	9 45@7½	9 45
July	9 67½	9 60	9 55	9 57½	9 55
Sept.	9 70	9 72½	9 67½	9 70	9 65
Ribs—					
May	8 55½	8 57½	8 53½	8 55@7½	8 50
July	8 65	8 70	8 65	8 67½	8 62½
Sept.	8 75	8 80	8 75	8 77½	8 75

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Market easy; winter patents, $3.80@4.00; winter straights, $3.20@3.70; clears, $3.00@3.40; spring specials, $4; spring patents, $3.30@3.70; straights, $3.20@3.10.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 72@73½c; No. 2 red, 80@82c.

OATS—No. 2, 43¼@43½c; No. 2 white, 46c; No. 3 white, 44@45¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 57@57½c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 63@67c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.68; No. 1 northwestern, $1.72; clover, contract grade, $8.75.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $15.50@15.55. Lard, per 100 lbs., $9.37½@9.40. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.40@8.60. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7.12½@7.25. Short clear sides (boxed), $9.00@9.10.

WHISKY—On basis of high wines, $1.30.

The following were the receipts and shipments for the day:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	23,000	16,000
Wheat, bu.	49,000	84,000
Corn, bu.	65,000	73,000
Oats, bu.	88,000	119,000
Rye, bu.	1,000	.....
Barley, bu.	17,000	19,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easier; creameries, 20@22½c; dairies, 19@22c. Cheese, steady, 11¼@12½c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 14½@15½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,478 bbls.; exports, 14,791 bbls.; dull, barely steady; winter patents, $3.90@4.25; winter straights, $3.75@3.85; winter extras, $3.10@3.30; winter low grades, $2.90@3.10; Minnesota patents, $3.75@3.90; Minnesota bakers, $2.90@3.25. Rye flour, dull; fair to good, $3.25@3.40; choice to fancy, $3.60@3.75.

CORNMEAL—Easy; yellow western, $1.30; city, $1.28; Brandywine, $3.55@3.60.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 65c f. o. b. afloat; state, 60@62c c. i. f. New York car lots.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 63@65c c. i. f. New York; malting, 68@72c c. i. f. New York.

WHEAT—Receipts, 31,350 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, 85½c, elevator; No. 2 red, 87½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 85½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 88½c f. o. b. afloat. At a shade under last night's prices wheat ruled fairly steady all day, with a nervous local trade and selling checked by further export rumors and higher cables. Weather news furnished the chief bear influence, as more rain was reported in the southwest. Near the close unloading by room traders caused a sharp break and last prices were ½c lower. March closed at 78⅝c; May, 78⅛@78⅛c; closed at 78⅛c; July, 78⅛@78⅝c; closed at 78⅝c; September, 79⅛@79⅝c; closed at 79⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 72,000 bu.; exports, 2,320 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2, 67½c, elevator, and 67c f. o. b. afloat. Corn had an early decline under prospects for larger receipts and realizing. Then it rallied on cables and with wheat, after which it yielded to unloading and closed weak at ¼@½c net decline; May, 66⅝@66⅞c; closed at 66⅝c; July, 65⅝@66⅛c; closed at 66⅛c; September, 64⅝@64⅞c; closed at 64⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 103,500 bu.; exports, 6,405 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2, 46c; No. 3, 47½c; No. 2 white, 48c; No. 3 white, 51c; track, mixed western, 46@50c; track, white, 51@55c. Options dull and irregular, ruling generally weak.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 85@90c.

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1901 crop, 14@16½c; old, 4@6c; Pacific coast, 1901 crop, 14½@15c; 1900 crop, 10½@12½c; old, 4@6c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 24½@26c.

PROVISIONS—Beef firm; family, $12.00@13.00; mess, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $19.00@21.00; packet, $11.00@12.00; city, extra India mess, $17.50@18.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 8½@8¾c; pickled shoulders, 7@7½c; pickled hams, 10.50@10.00. Lard, steady; western steamed, $9.75@9.85; March closed at $9.67½, nominal; refined, firm; continent, $10; South America, $10.50; compound, $7.12½@8.00. Pork, steady; family, $16.50@17.00; short clear, $17.00@20.00; mess, $15.50@16.50.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 22@28c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4⅝@6¼c; Japan, 4⅝@5¼c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,401 pkgs.; market steady; state dairy, 22@23c; state creamery, 23@30c; June creamery, held, 21@26c; factory, 18@22c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 4,206 pkgs.; market firm; fancy large full cream, fall make, colored, 12@12½c; fancy small state full cream, early make, colored, 13@13¼c; fancy large full cream, fall make, white, 12@12¼c; fancy small state full cream, early make, white, 13@13¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,915 pkgs.; market barely steady; state and Pennsylvania, 19½c; western, at mark, 16@17c.

SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 2 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 7-16c; molasses sugar, 2 11-16c; refined, firm; crushed, 5.25c; powdered, 4.85c; granulated, 4.75c.

COFFEE—Quiet; No. 7 Rio, 5⅝@5¾c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, 34@41c.

POULTRY—Alive, firm; chickens, 11c; turkeys, 13c; fowls, 12½c. Dressed, firm; chickens, 11@18c; fowls, 12c; turkeys, 11½@17c.

TALLOW—Steady; city ($2 per pkg.), 6¼c; country (pkgs. free), 6¼@6⅜c.

METALS—The course of the metal markets today did not bring out a single feature of general interest at home and the foreign markets were without distinctive features. Local prices were unchanged in all cases. Tin closed steady at about $26.75@27.00 for spot; London was unchanged, with spot at £116 15s and futures at £114 5s. Copper ruled steady but inactive here at $12.00@12.37½ for lake and at $12.00@12.25 for electrolytic and casting; London copper closed 2s 6d lower for spot at £52 6d and futures at £52. Lead was steady at home and abroad, with New York closing at $4.12½ and London at £11 10s. Spelter held about steady and unchanged at all points with the local price at $4.35 and London at £17 12s 6d. Iron was inactive here and unchanged. Pig iron warrants closed nominal; No. 1 northern foundry, $18.00@19.50; No. 2 northern foundry, $18.00@19.00; No. 1 southern foundry, $17.50@18.50; No. 1 soft southern foundry, $17.00@18.00. English markets were 1½@2d higher. Glasgow closed at 53s 7d and Middlesborough at 46s 9d.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Including new No. 2 cases, 13½c; cases returned, 13c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 8½@9c; old roosters, 3@4c; turkeys, 10@12c; ducks and geese, 8@9½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, 12@15c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 10@11c; chickens, 9@10c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 19½c; choice dairy, in tubs, 18@21c; separator, 27@28c.

FROZEN FISH—Black bass, 18c; white bass, 10c; bluefish, 12c; bullheads, 10c; buffaloes, 7c; catfish, 12c; cod, 10c; crappies, 10½c; halibut, 11c; herring, 3c; haddock, 9c; pike, 8c; red snapper, 10c; salmon, 12c; sunfish, 6c; trout, 9c; whitefish, 9c; pickerel, 5c; fresh mackerel, each, 20@35c; smelts, 50c.

OYSTERS—Mediums, per can, 22c; standards, per can, 25c; extra selects, per can, 33c; New York counts, per can, 40c; bulk standards, per gal, $1.30; bulk, extra selects, $1.60@1.65; New York counts, per gal, $1.75.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.

VEAL—Choice, 6@8c.

CORN—69c.

OATS—43c.

BRAN—Per ton, $13.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' association: Choice upland, $8; No. 2 upland, $7; medium, $6.50; coarse, $6. Rye straw, $5. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair. Receipts, heavy.

VEGETABLES.

SEED POTATOES—Per bu., Ohios, $1.50; Rose, $1.35; Triumphs, $1.

POTATOES—Northern, $1.05; Colorado, $1.10@1.20.

CARROTS—Per bu., 75c.

BEETS—Per bu. basket, 50c.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 50c; Rutabagas, per 100 lbs., $1.25.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 60c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $2.

GREEN ONIONS—Per doz., according to size of bunches, 30@60c.

LETTUCE—Head, per hamper, $2.50; hothouse, per doz., 40@45c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 30@35c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 25c.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, crated, 1½@2c.

ONIONS—Spanish, per crate, $2.25; Michigan red or yellow, per lb., 3¼@3½c.

CELERY—California, 40@75c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.50.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $4.50; Winesaps, $5; Jonathans, $5.50; Belleflowers, per box, $1.75.

PEARS—Vikers, $2.35; Lawrence, $2.35@2.50.

GRAPES—Malagas, per keg, $7.50.

CRANBERRIES—Per bbl., $7.50; per crate, $2.75.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $1.90@2.00.

FIGS—California, new cartons, $1; imported, per lb., 12@14c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navels, fancy, $2.80@3.75; choice, $2.25@2.50; budded, $2.75.

LEMONS—Fancy, $3.50; choice, $3.25.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.25@2.75.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—New crop walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 12c; hard shell, per lb., 11½c; No. 2 soft shell, 10c; No. 2 hard shell, 9c; Brazils, per lb., 14c; filberts, per lb., 13c; almonds, soft shell, 17c; hard shell, 16c; pecans, large, per lb., 15c; small, 10c; cocoanuts, per sack, $3.50.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.

CIDER—Nehawka, per bbl., $3.25; New York, $3.50.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 5¾c; No. 2 green, 4¾c; No. 1 salted, 7c; No. 2 salted, 5¾c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12½ lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 8@13c; sheep pelts, 75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.25.

POPCORN—Per lb., 5c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 77½c; track, 78@78½c; May, 77⅞c; July, 72½c; No. 2 hard, 73½@76½c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 59½c; track, 61½@62c; May, 60⅝c; July, 60⅝c; September, 57¾c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 45c; track, 45½@46c; May, 42⅝c; July, 34½c; No. 2 white, 47½c.

RYE—Dull at 60c.

FLOUR—Dull, weak; red winter patents, $2.65@3.15; extra fancy and straight, $3.35@3.50; clear, $3.00@3.20.

SEED—Timothy, dull, $5.00@6.00; prime worth more.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $3.10.

BRAN—Dull, heavy; sacked, east track, 85@95c.

HAY—Timothy, steady, $10.00@14.50; prairie, strong, $10.50@11.50.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.30.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.

BAGGING—5½@6½c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, new, $16.25; old, $15.50. Lard, higher at 10.2½. Dry salted meats (boxed), extra shorts, $8.75; clear ribs, $8.62½; clear sides, $8.87½. Bacon (boxed), strong; extra shorts, $9.62½; clear ribs, $9.50; clear sides, $9.75.

METALS—Lead, quiet, $4.10@4.12½. Spelter, strong at $4.12½.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 9c; turkeys, 12c; ducks, 9c; geese, 4@6c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 21@25c; dairy, 18@22c.

EGGS—Higher at 14c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 43,000 bu.; corn, 39,000 bu.; oats, 43,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 26,000 bu.; corn, 82,000 bu.; oats, 39,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 21.—WHEAT—Spot, quiet; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 1d; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 1d; No. 1 California, 6s 4d; futures quiet; March, 6s 1¼d; May, 6s ¼d; July, 5s 11½d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, 4s 2½d; American mixed, old, 4s 3½d; futures steady; May, 5s 2½d; July, 5s 1½d.

PEAS—Canadian, steady at 6s 6d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, firm at 8s.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), firm, £3 15s@£4 10s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 50s. Pork, steady; prime mess, western, 51s. Ham, steady; short cut, 35 to 38 lbs., 32s 6d. Bacon, steady, 32s; Cumberland cut, firm; 26 to 30 lbs., 44s; short ribs, steady; 16 to 24 lbs., 42s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., 44s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 44s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 45s 6d; clear bellies 14 to 25 lbs., 47s. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., 46s. Lard, steady; prime western, in tierces, firm, 29s 6d; American refined, in pails, 48s 9d.

BUTTER—Firm; finest United States, 86s; good United States, 80s.

CHEESE—Firm; American finest white, 52s; American finest colored, 53s.

TALLOW—Prime city, firm, 32s 6d.

Receipts of wheat during the last three days, 105,000 centals, including 64,000 American. No receipts of American corn.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 21.—WHEAT—May, 69½c; July, 66½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 70@71c; No. 3, 70c; No. 2 red, 78½c; No. 3 spring, 72c.

CORN—May, 60½c; September, 57½c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 61½@61¾c; No. 2 white, 64½@65c; No. 3, 62@62½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 46½@47c.

RYE—No. 2, 60c.

EGGS—Steady; at mark, No. 2 whitewood cases included, quoted on 'change, 12c per doz.; cases returned, 12½c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $13.50; choice prairie, $12.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 26c; dairy, fancy, 20c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 27,200 bu.; corn, 25,600 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 44,000 bu.; corn, 24,800 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, O., March 21.—WHEAT—Active and weak; cash, 79¼c; May, 79¼c; July, 76½c.

CORN—Dull, weak and lower; cash, 60c; May, 60½c; July, 60½c.

OATS—Dull and weak; cash, 43½c; May, 43½c; July, 36c.

CLOVERSEED—Fairly active and easier; March, $5.37½; April, $5.10; October, $5.10.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—BUTTER—Firm; extra western creamery, 26c; extra nearby prints, 28c.

EGGS—¼c lower; fresh nearby, 16c; fresh western, 16c; fresh southwestern, 16c; fresh southern, 15@15½c.

CHEESE—Firm; New York full creams, fancy, small, 12¾c; New York full creams, fair to choice, 10½@11¼c.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 21.—WHEAT—May, 71¼c; July, 72⅝@72¾c; on track, No. 1 hard, 74c; No. 1 northern, 72@72½c; No. 2 northern, 70½c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.75@3.80; second patents, $3.65@3.70; first clears, $2.40@2.50; second clears, $2.25.

BRAN—In bulk, $13.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 21.—WHEAT—Easy; No. 1 northern, 74½@75c; No. 2 northern, 72½@74c; May, 73½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 59½c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 65½c; sample, 58@65½c.

CORN—May, 61½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, March 21.—CORN—Steady; No. 3, 59½c.

OATS—Easier; No. 2 white, 44@44½c, billed through.

WHISKY—On the basis of $1.30 for finished goods.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, March 21.—WHEAT—Cash, No. 1 hard, 74½c; No. 2 northern, 69c; No. 1 northern, 71½c; May, 72½c; July, 73½@73¾c.

OATS—40½c.

CORN—60c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Trading Highly Professional, with Minor Shares Active.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Today's stock market was still highly professional and there was abnormal activity in stocks which are usually not a figure in the trading. Considerably more attention, however, was given to the representative stocks in the list, which are generally higher as a result of the day's trading. In most instances the gains are merely fractional. Sugar was inclined to be heavy during the early trading, but became strong toward the close, rising more than 3 points over last night and closing with a net gain of 2⅝. Amalgamated Copper was heavy all day on a rather smaller volume of dealings than lately, but a recovery left it only a fraction lower on the day.

The bond market was somewhat irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,620,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The stock market was dull. American shares were idle; they became dull on talk of money stringency and strikes; later New York bid up Union Pacific, Atchison and Louisville Nashville. Copper sold at 65¾ the ton and Rio tintos at £43⅝. Rates are unchanged and the market is still borrowing. The sum of £30,000 in gold has been received from Holland.

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

Atchison	77⅞	do pfd	101⅞
do pfd	97½	So. Pacific	66⅝
Baltimore & O.	106⅞	So. Railway	32⅝
do pfd	94¼	do pfd	87⅝
Canadian Pac.	115½	Tex. & Pacific	40
Canada So.	87⅛	Tol., St. L. & W.	21½
Ches. & Ohio	46	do pfd	39⅝
Chicago & A.	35⅝	Union Pacific	100⅝
do pfd	75½	do pfd	87⅝
Chi. Ind. & L.	40½	Wabash	20⅝
do pfd	78	do pfd	43
Chicago G. W.	24½	Wheel. & L. E.	19¼
do 1st pfd	87½	do 2d pfd	31½
do 2d pfd	45½	Wis. Central	22⅝
C. & N. W.	36⅝	do pfd	43⅝
C., R. I. & P.	119½	Adams Ex.	155
Chi. Ter. & Tr.	18	American Ex.	230
do pfd	34⅝	U. S. Ex.	100
C. C. C. & St. L.	101½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	190
Colorado So.	28	Am. Tel. Copper	63½
do 1st pfd	71⅝	Amer. Car & F.	31⅝
do 2d pfd	42⅝	do pfd	90⅝
Del. & Hudson	171	Amer. Lin. Oil	24
Del. L. & W.	281	do pfd	53
Denver & R. G.	43½	Amer. S. & R.	46⅝
do pfd	91½	do pfd	93
Erie	38⅝	Anac. Min. Co.	39½
do 1st pfd	48⅝	Brooklyn R. T.	66⅝
do 2d pfd	34⅝	Colo. Fuel & I.	36½
Gt. Nor. pfd	185	Con. Gas	225⅝
Hock. Valley	70	Con. Tob. pfd	100⅝
do pfd	96	Gen. Electric	219
Illinois Central	142	Hocking Coal	19⅝
Iowa Central	49	Inter. Paper	32⅝
do pfd	82	do pfd	75½
Lake Erie & W.	48	Inter. Power	30
do pfd	105⅝	Laclede Gas	90
L. & N.	105⅝	Na. Biscuit	51
Manhattan L.	133⅝	National Lead	19½
Met. St. Ry.	168⅝	No. American	116½
Mex. Central	23⅝	Pacific Coast	73
Mex. National	13⅝	Pacific Mail	44⅝
Minn. & St. L.	110⅝	People's Gas	106⅝
Mo. Pacific	101⅝	Pressed S. Car.	40½
M., K. & T.	34⅝	do pfd	83½
do pfd	54	Pullman P. Car.	225
N. J. Central	159	Republic Steel	18⅝
N. Y. Central	151½	do pfd	91⅝
Norfolk & W.	56⅝	Sugar	127⅝
do pfd	90	Tenn. Coal & I.	71⅝
Ontario & W.	22⅝	Union Bag & P.	16⅝
Pennsylvania	151	do pfd	79½
Reading	46⅝	U. S. Leather	12⅝
do 1st pfd	81½	do pfd	89⅝
do 2d pfd	67⅝	U. S. Rubber	17⅝
St. L. & S. F.	66⅝	do pfd	60
do 1st pfd	82⅝	U. S. Steel	42½
do 2d pfd	74	do pfd	94⅝
St. L. Southw.	28	Western Union	94⅝
do pfd	58⅝	Amer. Locomo.	31⅝
St. Paul	167½	do pfd	93⅝

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The following are the closing prices on mining stocks:

Adams Con.	40	Little Chief	12
Alice	70	Ontario	350
Bicsoe	60	Ophir	90
Brunswick Con.	8	Phoenix	6
Com. Tunnel	5	Potosi	12
Con. Cal. & Va.	125	Savage	4
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	20
Horn Silver	140	Small Hopes	40
Iron Silver	70	Standard	340
Leadville Con.	5		

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, March 21.—Bank clearings today, $1,444,401.31; corresponding day last year, $1,016,187.66; increase, $428,213.71.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Clearings, $126,759,827; balances, $1,663,963; posted exchange, $4.86 for sixty days, $4.88 on demand; New York exchange on par.

CINCINNATI, March 21.—Clearings, $2,039,000; money, 3½@5½ per cent; New York exchange, 25@30c discount.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—Clearings, $9,103,822; balances, $1,515,240; money, 4½@7 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium.

BALTIMORE, March 21.—Clearings, $3,461,790; balances, $668,048; money, 4½@6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—Clearings, $19,916,076; balances, $2,594,267; money, 4@4½ per cent.

BOSTON, March 21.—Clearings, $23,843,976; balances, $2,591,918.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Clearings, $226,020,684; balances, $8,721,016.

Will Close on Good Friday.

BOSTON, March 21.—The Boston Stock exchange today voted to close Good Friday and the following Saturday.

Oil and Rosin.

OIL CITY, March 21.—Credit balances, $1.15; certificates, no bid; shipments, 152,967 bbls.; average, 80,617 bbls.; runs, 88,182 bbls.; average, 76,625 bbls.

TOLEDO, O., March 21.—OIL—North Lima, 86c; South Lima and Indiana, 80c.

NEW YORK, March 21.—OIL—Cottonseed, firm. Petroleum, quiet. Rosin, firm. Turpentine, firm, 49½@50c.

LIVERPOOL, March 21.—OIL—Turpentine, firm.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 21.—OIL—Turpentine, firm, 46c. Rosin, firm; A, B, C, D, $1.25; E, $1.30; F, $1.40; G, $1.45; H, $1.50; I, $1.75; K, $2.45; M, $2.85; N, $3.25; WG, $3.60; WW, $3.85.

Sugar Market.

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—SUGAR—Quiet; open kettle, 3⅛@3 3-16c; open kettle centrifugal, 93⅝c; yellows, 3¼@3 13-16c; seconds, 2½@2 13-16c.

MOLASSES—Steady; centrifugal, 70@18c.

NEW YORK, March 21.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3¼c; molasses sugar, 2¾c; refined firm; No. 6, 4.30c, nominal; No. 7, 4.05c; No. 8, 4c; No. 10, 3.85c; No. 11, 3.80c; No. 12, 3.65c; No. 13, 3.80c; No. 14, 3.40c; standard A, 4.60c; confectioners' A, 4.60c; mould A, 4.75c; cut loaf, 5.30c; crushed, 5.80c; powdered, 4.50c; granulated, 4.40c; cubes, 5.05c.

Visible Supply of Cotton.

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows the total visible as 4,215,151, of which 2,197,151 is American.

Montreal	$ 18,614,940	7.8	.....
Toronto	14,864,227	23.4	.....
Winnipeg	2,377,465	33.8	.....
Halifax	1,695,154	38.3	.....
Vancouver, B. C.	377,255	10.8	.....
Hamilton	801,109	.....	10.5
St. John, N. B.	873,965	.....	3.6
Victoria, B. C.	461,940	.....	26.7
**Quebec	1,210,100	.....	.....
Ottawa	1,707,356	.....	.....
Totals, Canada	$ 40,273,565	17.0	.....

*Not included in totals because containing other items than clearings.

**Not included in totals because of no comparison for last year.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 21.—Call loans, 3½@4½ per cent; time loans, 4½@5 per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

Atchison 4s	108	Adventure	21
Gas 1s	.....	Allouez	4
Mex. Cent. 4s	81	Amalgamated	63½
N. E. G. & C.	60	Baltic	46⅝
Atchison	77⅝	Bingham	24½
do pfd	97½	Cal. & Hecla	900
Boston & A.	367	Centennial	24⅝
Boston & Me.	194½	Copper Range	66
Boston Elevated	165½	Dom. Coal	118
N. Y. N. H. & H.	214½	Franklin	12⅝
Fitchburg pfd	147½	Isle Royale	17½
Union Pacific	100⅝	Mohawk	84
Mex. Central	23½	Old Dominion	18⅝
Amer. Sugar	133⅝	Osceola	60
do pfd	118½	Parrot	28
Amer. T. & T.	160½	Quincy	132
Dom. I. & S.	44⅝	Santa Fe Cop.	3
do pfd	91⅝	Tamarack	1132
Mass. Electric	38⅝	Trimountain	100
do pfd	96½	Trinity	14⅝
N. E. G. & C.	7	United States	18½
United Fruit	96⅝	Utah	22½
U. S. Steel	42⅝	Victoria	54
do pfd	94⅝	Winona	1½
Westingh. Com.	86	Wolverine	52

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London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March 21.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	93⅝	Norfolk & Western	18
do account	93 7-16	do pfd	87½
Anaconda	6⅝	Ontario & Western	23½
Atchison	78⅝	Pennsylvania	77⅝
do pfd	100	Reading	38⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	110	do 1st pfd	81½
Canadian Pacific	114½	do 2d pfd	34⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	47	Southern Railway	32⅝
Chicago G. W.	26	do pfd	99
C., M. & St. Paul	149⅝	Southern Pacific	66⅝
Denver & R. G.	44⅝	Union Pacific	102
do pfd	94⅝	do pfd	88⅝
Erie	37⅝	United States Steel	43⅝
do 1st pfd	70⅝	do pfd	94⅝
do 2d pfd	56⅝	Wabash	24⅝
Illinois Central	143⅝	do pfd	44⅝
Louisville & Nash.	106⅝	Spanish 4s	77⅝
M., K. & Texas	34⅝	Rand Mines	11⅝
do pfd	95⅝	DeBeers	27⅝
N. Y. Central	157		

BAR SILVER — Firm at 26 15-16d per ounce.

MONEY—2@3 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three-months bills is 2 11-16@3⅝ per cent.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 21. — Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division