COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Strength in Corn Boosts All Grains on Board of Trade.

PRICES RISE FROM SHADE TO HALF CENT

Provisions Also Go Up on Short Supplies and Eager Demand by Shorts Anxious to Cover Hog Holdings Especially.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—The strength in corn aided the other grains today and higher prices prevailed, May wheat closing a shade higher, May corn ⅝@⅝c higher and oats up ⅝@¾c. Provisions were strong and the May products closed unchanged to 12½c higher.

Wheat ruled dull throughout the day, but the market showed considerable strength, pricipally on the advance of corn. The northwest and other markets were firm and arrivals in the northwest much smaller than a year ago. The opening was steady on cables and May was a shade lower to a shade higher at 77⅛@77¼c. The good demand for corn early in the session started shorts to cover and the market became strong, May selling up to 77⅝c. The foreign news was still bearish and after the most nervous shorts had covered, and with no material support from the outside, prices weakened and the close was about steady, with May a shade higher at 77¾c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 176,000 bu. Primary receipts were 400,000 bu, against 656,000 bu. a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 302 cars, which, with local receipts of 15 cars—none of contract grade—made total receipts for the three points 317 cars, against 177 cars last week and 570 cars a year ago.

Higher cables caused strength in the corn pit at the opening and good buying over the light receipts, and on predictions of unsettled weather, added to the early advance, the market ruling strong throughout the day. A large volume of business was transacted, but the greater portion of it was for local account, provision interests being heavy buyers of the May option while selling July. There was a fair cash and export demand, which helped prices. The close was strong, with May ⅝@⅞c higher at 46⅛c, after selling between 46¼c and 46⅜c. The continued scarcity of contract grade stuff was a strengthening influence. Of the 256 cars received none were up to grade.

Oats were helped by the strength in corn and small receipts, but the volume of trading was light and confined mainly to locals. The sentiment was bullish the entire day, and the close was strong and at a fair advance, May being ½@¾c higher at 35⅝@35¾c, after ranging between 35¼c and 35⅝@35¾c. Local receipts were 96 cars.

Provisions were active and strong, the smaller receipts of hogs and an early advance of from 10c to 15c in the prices at the yards being responsible for the opening strength. There was a good demand from packers and shorts also covered freely, which, with moderate offerings, aided the advance. The close was strong, with May pork 12½c higher at $17.35; May lard was unchanged at $9.65 and ribs were up 7½@10c at $9.82½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 6 cars; corn, 280 cars; oats, 110 cars; hogs, 26,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Feb	.....	.....	.....	90c	74½
May	77⅛@¼	77⅝	77⅛	77¾	77⅛
July	73⅝@½	73¾	73⅛	73⅜@⅛	73⅝
*Corn—					
Feb.	44⅝	45	44⅝	44⅝	44¼
May	46⅛@¼	46⅝	46⅛	46½	46⅛
July	44⅝@⅝	44⅝@¾	44½	44⅝@¾	44⅝
*Oats—					
Feb.	34¼	.....	.....	34¼	.....
May	35½@¾	.....	.....	.....	35½
July	33	33⅛	32⅞	33⅛	32⅞
Pork—					
May	17 75	17 87½	17 75	17 85	17 72½
July	17 20	17 40	17 27½	17 35	17 20
Sept.	16 90	16 95	16 87½	16 87½	16 75
Lard—					
Feb.	9 65	9 65	9 62½	9 62½	9 65
May	9 67½	9 70	9 65	9 65	9 65
July	9 57½	9 62½	9 57½	9 57½	9 55
Sept.	9 55	9 60	9 55	9 60	9 55
Ribs—					
May	9 75	9 90	9 75	9 82½	9 75
July	9 60	9 67½	9 60	9 65½	9 60
Sept.	9 52½	9 57½	9 50	9 50	9 50

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Market steady; winter patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $3.30@3.40; spring patents, $3.50@3.80; straights, $3.10@3.40; bakers, $2.45@2.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 78@79c; No. 3, 71@78c; No. 2 red, 74½@75c.

CORN—No. 2, 44½c; No. 2 yellow, 44½c.

OATS—No. 2, 34¼c; No. 3 white, 34¼@34½c.

RYE—No. 2, 49½c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 43@46c; fair to choice malting, 48@53c.

SEED—No. 1 flax, $1.12; No. 1 northwestern, $1.16; prime timothy, $3.90@3.95.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $17.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $17.87½. Short ribs sides (loose), $9.60@9.85. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 8@8½c. Short clear sides (boxed), $8.25@8.50.

Following were the receipts and shipments of flour and grain:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	23,800	18,500
Wheat, bu.	8,500	22,300
Corn, bu.	224,700	190,100
Oats, bu.	183,700	190,600
Rye, bu.	9,600	1,800
Barley, bu.	168,000	7,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 16@27½c; dairies, 18@24c. Eggs, easy, at mark, cases included, 14½c. Cheese, steady, 12½@13½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,950 bbls.; exports, 18,662 bbls.; market steady, but again dull in absence of buyers; winter patents, $3.65@4; winter straights, $3.50@3.65; Minnesota patents, $4.10@4.25; winter extras, $2.80@3.10; Minnesota bakers, $3.20@3.40; winter low grades, $2.60@2.90. Rye flour, dull; fair to good, $3.00@3.25; choice to fancy, $3.40@3.55. Buckwheat flour, nominal, $1.90@2.10, spot to arrive.

CORNMEAL—Easy; yellow western, $1.15; city, $1.14. Brandywine, $2.60@2.65.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 62½c, f. o. b. afloat; state, 57@62c, c. i. f., New York.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 47c, c. i. f., Buffalo; malting, 52½@59c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 8,550 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 81⅝c, elevator; No. 2 red, 82½c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 86½c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 90½c, f. o. b. afloat. Options had a firm undertone early on better English cables, less favorable weather news, the corn strength and covering. Subsequently, however, it yielded to light clearances, poor export inquiry and liquidations and closed easy at a partial ⅛c advance. March closed at 79⅝c; May, 80 15-16@81 5-16c; closed at 81⅛c; July, 78⅛@78 7-16c; closed at 78⅛c; September closed at 76½c.

CORN — Receipts, 111,000 bu.; exports, 9,279 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 60c, elevator, and 57c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow 58c; No. 2 white, 58c. The option market developed forenoon strength and activity on cables, poor grading, prospects for lighter receipts and rain or snow west, together with a good speculative demand. On later news and poor export demand prices reacted, but the close was quite steady at ⅛@¼c net advance. February closed at 60⅛c; March, 57⅝@57⅞c; closed at 57⅞c; May, 52⅝@53c; closed at 52 15-16c; July, 50⅝@50¾c; closed at 50⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 84,000 bu.; exports, 22,881 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2, 43c; No. 3, 44½c; standard white, 44½c; No. 2 white, 44½c; No. 3 white, 43½c; track, white, 43½@48c. Options quiet but steadier with corn. May closed at 41⅝c.

HAY—Easy; shipping, 55@70c; good to choice, 95c@$1.00.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1902 crop, 29@36c; 1901 crop, 24@27c; old, 12½c; Pacific coast, 1902 crop, 26@31c; 1901 crop, 23@30c; old, 8@15½c.

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

LEATHER—Firm; acid, 24½@26c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $15.00@16.00; mess, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $20.50@21.00; packers, $12.00@13.00; city extra India mess, $25.00@28.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, 9.50@10.75; pickled shoulders, $8.50; pickled hams, $11.00@11.75. Lard steady; western steamed, $10.10; refined, steady; continent, $10.30; South America, $10.85; compound, $7.50@7.75. Pork, firm; family, $18.50@19.00; short clear, $18.75@20.50; mess, $17.75@18.25.

TALLOW—Easy; city (32 per pkg.), 5⅝c; country (pkgs. free), 5⅝@6⅛c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 6¼@6¾c; Japan, nominal.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,887 pkgs.; firm; state dairy, 15@25c; creamery, extra, 28c; creamery, common to choice, 18@27c.

EGGS—Receipts, 11,747 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, average best, 16½c; western, fancy, 16c.

POULTRY—Alive, weaker; turkeys, 15c; fowls, 15c; dressed, firm; western chickens, 14@14½c; western fowls, 14@14½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,767 pkgs.; firm; state, full cream, fancy, small, colored, fall made, 14½c; late made, 13½c; fancy, small, white, fall made, 14½c; late made, 13½c; large, colored, fall made, 14½c; late made, 13½c; large, white, fall made, 14½c; late made, 13½c.

METALS—There was an advance of 17s 6d in the London tin market today, spot closing there at £101 12s 6d and futures at £100 12s 6d, and the New York market also was higher, closing at $29.85@30.12½. Like tin, copper was higher in London, closing with spot quoted at £59 2s 6d and futures at £59 5s. Locally copper was also higher, but remained quiet, buyers not being disposed to follow the advance. Standard is quoted at $12.75, lake at $13.25@13.40, electrolytic at $13.25@13.40 and casting at $13.00@13.25. Lead remained quiet here at $4.12½ and was unchanged in London also, closing there at £12 2s 9d. Spelter was unchanged in London at £21 10s and locally at $5.05@5.10. Iron was higher abroad, Glasgow closing at 57s 3d and Middlesborough at 51s 3d. The local iron market was quiet and unchanged. Warrants were nominal. No. 1 northern foundry is quoted at $24.00@24.50; No. 2 northern foundry, $23.00@22.50; No. 1 southern foundry and No. 1 soft southern foundry at $23.90@24.50.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Market weak; fresh stock, 13c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 10@10½c; old roosters, 6@6c; turkeys, 13@15c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 7@8c; chickens, per lb., 10@10½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 11@12c; hens, 11@12c; turkeys, 15@18c; ducks, 11@12c; geese, 11@12c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12½c; choice dairy, in tubs, 15@16c; separator, 25@26c.

POULTRY—Standards, per can, 25c; extra Selects, per can, 35c; New York Counts, per can, 42c; bulk, extra Selects, per gal., $1.75; bulk, Standard, per gal., $1.35.

FROZEN FRESH FISH—Trout, 9@10c; herring, 5c; pickerel, 8c; pike, 9c; perch, 8c; buffalo, dressed, 7c; sunfish, 3c; bluefins, 20c; whitefish, 9c; salmon, 16c; haddock, 11c; codfish, 12c; rednapper, 10c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 33c; lobsters, green, per lb., 31c; bullheads, 10c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20c; halibut, 11c.

BRAN—Per ton, $15.50.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Dealers' association: Choice No. 1 upland, $1; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 coarse, $5.50. Rye straw, $6. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair; receipts light.

CORN—43c.

OATS—39c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

VEGETABLES.

NEW CELERY—Kalamazoo, per doz., 25c; California, per doz., 45@60c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 40@45c.

SWEET POTATOES—Iowa and Kansas, $2.25.

NEW PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 40c.

NEW CARROTS—Per doz. bunches, 40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 45c.

BEETS—New, southern, per doz. bunches, 50c; old, per bu., 40c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $1.75.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 40c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 40c.

GREEN ONIONS—Southern, per doz. bunches, 40c.

RADISHES—Southern, per doz. bunches, 40c.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 40c; Canada rutabagas, per lb., 1½c; new southern, per doz. bunches, 50c.

ONIONS—Red Wisconsin, per lb., 1⅝c; white, per lb., 2½c; Spanish, per crate, $1.75.

SPINACH—Southern, per doz. bunches, 50c.

WAX BEANS—Per bu box, $3; string beans, per bu. box, $1.50.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, per lb., 1¼c.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu, $2.55.

TOMATOES—New Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.50@5.00.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.00.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Fall varieties, per box, $3.50.

APPLES—Western, per bbl., $2.75; Jonathans, $4; New York stock, $2.5o; California Bellflowers, per bu. box, $1.50.

GRAPES—Malagas, per keg, $6.00@7.00.

CRANBERRIES — Wisconsin, per bbl., $10.50; Bell and Bugles, $11; per box, $3.50.

STRAWBERRIES—Florida, per qt., 50c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.50; choice, $3.25.

ORANGES—California navels, fancy, $3.00@3.15; choice, $2.75; Mediterranean sweets, $2.25; sweet Jaffa, $2.50.

DATES—Persian, in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 60c; per case of 30-lb. pkgs., $2.25.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb. cartons, 90c; Turkish, per 35-lb. box, 14@18c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Utah, per 24-frame case, $3.25; Colorado, $3.50.

CIDER—New York, $4; per ½-bbl., $2.50.

SAUERKRAUT—Wisconsin, per ½-bbl., $2; per bbl., $3.75.

OLD METALS, ETC.—A. B. Alpern quotes the following prices: Iron, country mixed, per tons, $11; iron, stove plate, per ton, $8; copper, per lb., 9½c; brass, heavy, per lb., 5½c; brass, light, per lb., 5½c; lead, per lb., 3c; zinc, per lb., 2½c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Ohio, per lb., 10c.

POPCORN—Per lb., 2c; shelled, 4c.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 5½c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 7c; No. 2 salted, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 8@12c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 15c; hard shell, per lb., 14c; No. 2 soft shell, per lb., 13c; No. 2 hard shell, per lb., 12c; filberts, per lb., 12c; filberts, per lb., 16c; hard shell, per lb., 15c; pecans, large, per lb., 12½c; small, per lb., 11c; cocoanuts, per doz., 60c; chestnuts, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 5½c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; black walnuts, per bu., $1; hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

110-111 Board of Trade, Omaha, Neb—Telephone 1516.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—The best help the wheat market has had today has been the strength in corn and prices at one time were ¼@½c over Wednesday. Trade has been small and mostly local. There has been a fair demand for No. 1 northern from millers and a sale of 45,000 bu. at 2c under May. English cables were up a fraction, but Paris was 2½c lower on spot wheat. Clearances for the day only 176,000 bu. and for the week so far are very small. Both primary and northwest receipts smaller than last year; in the northwest, 302 cars, against 523 a year ago; local receipts, 15 cars, with none contract. Estimates for Friday, 6 cars. New York reports five loads taken for export. The Price Current was bearish, saying the condition maintained and the plant deepened. The Northwestern Miller reported stocks of flour east low and the demand from mills good.

CORN—The market has been strong and the May has been at the highest price so far since last July—46⅝c. There has been some further buying by Patten and by the provisions interests. There has been buying of May and selling of July for houses supposed to be acting for Armour. Cash market has been weak for low grades, No. 4 corn 1@2c lower. The eastern demand has been slow and the car situation appears rather worse than better. Receipts, 256 cars, with none contract; estimates for tomorrow, 280 cars. Clearances, 684,000 bu. New York reports 8 loads taken for export. Primary receipts, 628,000 bu; primary shipments, 357,000 bu. Cables were higher. Price Current said supply of corn in first hands and elevators large, but quality poor.

OATS—The market has been firm in sympathy with corn, without any important trade. Cash sales were unchanged and the shipping demand fair. Receipts only 95 cars, with 8 standard; estimates for Friday, 110 cars. Clearances, 44,000 bu.

PROVISIONS—The market opened strong on light receipts of hogs and higher prices. Cudahy Packing company bought ribs and lard. Shorts were conspicuous on the buying side. Trade was quite general both ways by commission houses. There were 30,000 hogs; prices at yards 10@15c higher; estimates for Friday, 26,000; hogs in the west today, 69,500, against 68,800 last week and 84,100 last year. Private estimates of stocks in store: New York, 28,000 bbls.; old pork, 2,250 bbls.; lard, 13,500 tierces; ribs, 9,500,000 lbs. Packing last week, 625,000, against 705,000 last year.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—Spot, quiet; No. 2 red, western, winter, 6s 1½d; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 3¾d; No. 1 California, 6s 1½d; futures, quiet; March, 6s 3¼d; May, 6s 2¼d; July, 6s 1½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, steady, 4s 6½d; American mixed, old, no stock; futures, steady; March, 4s 6¾d; May, 4s 4¾d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, easy; extra India mess, 92s 6d. Pork, easy; prime mess western, 75s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 52s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., strong, 49s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., firm, 52s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., steady, 49s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., strong, 50s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., strong, 50s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., strong, 50s 6d. Shoulders, square, strong, 41s 6d. Lard, firm; prime western, in tierces, 49s; American refined, in pails, 49s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, nominal; good United States, steady, 8s.

CHEESE—Steady; American finest white and colored, 62s 6d.

TALLOW—Prime city, steady, 28s; Australian, in London, easy, 33s 6d.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 1 northern, 80½@80¾c; No. 2 northern, 79½@79¾c; May, 77¼c asked.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 51@52c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 64c; sample, 47@56c.

CORN—May, 46½c asked.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—May, 76¼@76½c. On track: No. 1 hard, 78½c; No. 1 northern, 77½c; No. 2 northern, 76c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.90@4.00; second patents, $3.80@3.90; first clears, $2.85; second clears, $2.10@2.20.

BRAN—In bulk, $15.00@15.50.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 71⅝c; track, 74@76c; May, 72⅝c; July, 70⅞c; No. 2 hard, 70@72c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 42½c; track, 42@44½c; May, 42⅛@42⅜c; July, 41½c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 35½c; track, 36@36⅝c; May, 35⅝c; July, 31⅝c; No. 2 white, 38c.

RYE—Steady, 49½@50c.

FLOUR—Easy but unchanged; red winter patents, $3.40@3.55; extra fancy and straight, $3.10@3.35; clear, $2.90@3.00.

SEED—Timothy, steady, $3.00@3.40.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.30.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, 83@85c.

HAY—Firm; timothy, $10.50@15.00; prairie, $7.00@11.00.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.05.

BAGGING—5⅝@6¼c.

HEMP TWINE—8c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, standard mess, $17.85. Lard, higher at $9.47½. Dry salt meats (boxed), stronger; extra shorts, $9.62½; clear ribs, $9.62½; short clear, $9.75. Bacon (boxed), stronger; extra shorts, $10.50; clear ribs, $10.50; short clear, $10.62½.

METAL—Lead, steady, $3.97½. Spelter, dull, $4.82½@4.85.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 10½@11c; turkeys, 14c; ducks, 14c; geese, 7c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 28c; dairies, 18@21c.

EGGS—Higher; 13½c for fresh.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	11,000	6,000
Wheat, bu.	32,000	19,000
Corn, bu.	98,000	64,000
Oats, bu.	92,000	55,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—May, 67⅝@67½c; July, 65½@65⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 69@70c; No. 3, 65½@68c; No. 4 hard, 60@63c; rejected, 56@57c; No. 2 red, 68@71½c; No. 3, 67@68c.

CORN—April, 38½@38¼c; May, 38½c; July, 38⅝c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 37¾@38½c; No. 2 white, 39½@40c; No. 3, 39@40c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 35@36c; No. 2 mixed, 34@35½c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

HAY—Timothy, $12.00; prairie, $9.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 21@25c; dairy, 19c.

EGGS—Fresh, 13½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	20,800	19,200
Corn, bu.	24,000	52,800
Oats, bu.	14,000	20,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—BUTTER—Firm and good demand; extra western creamery, 24c; extra nearby prints, 31c.

EGGS—Firm and good demand; fresh nearby, 15c, at the mark; fresh western and southwestern, 15c, at the mark; fresh southern, 14c.

CHEESE—Steady and moderate demand; New York full creams, prime, small, 14@14½c; New York full creams, fair to good, prime, small, 13½@13¾c; New York full creams, prime large, 14c; New York full creams, fair to good, prime large, 13½@13¾c.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—Fairly active, lower; cash, 76½c; May, 79¼c; July, 78½c.

CORN—Dull, steady; February, 46c; May, 45⅝c; July, 45c.

OATS—Dull, firm; February, 37⅝c; May, 36⅞c.

RYE—No. 2, 54½c.

SEED—Clover, fairly active, lower; February and March, $7.07½; prime timothy, $1.85; prime alsike, $8.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 26.—WHEAT—Cash, No. 1 hard, 77c; No. 2 northern, 74c; No. 1 northern and May, 77¼c; July, 77c.

OATS—May, 34c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Feb. 26.—CORN—Dull; No. 3, 40c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 white, 33½c.

WHISKY—$1.30.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—MONEY—On call rather firm at 2¾@3 per cent, closing at 2½ per cent. Time, firm; sixty and ninety days, 4½@4¾ per cent; six months, 4¾@5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4¾@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8740@4.8750 for demand and at $4.8420@4.8425 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85@4.85½ and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.83½@4.83¾.

SILVER—Bar, 48½c; Mexican dollars, 38c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, irregular.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	107½	L. & N. un. 4s	100⅝
do coupon	107½	Mex. Central 4s	78
do 3s, reg.	107	do 1s inc.	27
do coupon	107½	Minn. & St. L. 4s	102⅝
do new 4s, reg.	134½	M., K. & T. 4s	100⅛
do coupon	135½	do 2s	82½
do old 4s, reg.	109⅛	N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	99⅝
do coupon	109⅛	N. J. C. gen. 5s	132
do 5s, reg.	107⅝	No. Pacific 4s	102½
do coupon	107⅝	do 3s	73½
Atchison gen. 4s	102¼	N. & W. con. 4s	101½
do adj. 4s	91⅝	Reading gen. 4s	97⅝
Bal. & Ohio 4s	103½	St. L. & I. M. con. 5s	114⅝
do 3½s	93	St. L. & S. F. 4s	96
do conv. 5s	105	St. L. S. W. 1s	97½
Canada So. 2s	105	do 2s	83½
Central of Ga. 5s	108⅝	S. A. & A. P. 4s	86
do 1s inc.	45	So. Pacific 4s	92
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	106⅝	So. Railway 5s	117
Chicago & A. 3½s	71½	Texas & Pacific 1s	117
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	94⅝	T., St. L. & W. 4s	78½
C. M. & St. P. 5s	134⅝	Union Pacific 4s	104½
C. & N. W. c. 7s	132⅝	do conv. 4s	105½
C., R. I. & P. 4s	106	Wabash 1s	117⅝
C C C & St L g. 4s	100⅝	do 2s	107½
Chicago Term. 4s	101	Wheel. & L. E. 4s	93
Colorado So. 4s	90½	West Shore 4s	111½
Denver & R. G. 4s	95⅝	Wheel. & L. E. 4s	93⅝
Erie prior lien 4s	95½	Wis. Central 4s	92⅝
do general 4s	86⅝	Con. Tobacco 4s	65⅝
F. W. & D. C. 1s	111⅝	Colo. Fuel 5s	85
Hocking Val. 4½s	108		

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—Call loans, 4½@5 per cent; time loans, 4¼@5½ per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

Atchison 4s	100	Allouez	5⅝
Mex. Central 4s	76½	Amalgamated	72⅝
Atchison adj. 4s	95⅝	Bingham	32⅝
do pfd.	100	Calumet & Hecla	530
Boston & Albany	260	Centennial	30½
Boston & Me.	190⅝	Copper Range	71½
Boston Elevated	150	Franklin	11⅝
N. Y., N. H. & H.	215	Isle Royale	14
Fitchburg pfd.	143	Old Dominion	21⅝
Union Pacific	94	Osceola	73
Mex. Central	24½	Parrot	32
American Sugar	131½	Quincy	15
do pfd.	121½	Santa Fe Copper	2⅝
American T. & T.	167⅝	Tamarack	175
Dominion I. & S.	53½	Trimountain	100
Gen. Electric	138	Trinity	11⅝
Mass. Electric	36	United States	24
United Fruit	109½	Utah	23½
U. S. Steel	33½	Victoria	7½
do pfd.	95½	Winona	8
Westingh. Common	106	Wolverine	79
Adventure	14		

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Closing quotations:

Consols for money	92⅝	New York Central	161⅝
do account	92⅝	Norfolk & Western	85⅝
Anaconda	6¼	do pfd.	92½
Atchison	88½	Ontario & Western	31⅝
do pfd.	102⅝	Pennsylvania	71⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	99⅝	Rand Mines	31
Canadian Pacific	138⅝	Reading	31½
Chesapeake & Ohio	51⅝	do 1st pfd	44
Chicago G. W.	27½	do 2d pfd	35½
C., M. & St. P.	151½	Southern Railway	32⅝
DeBeers	21⅝	do pfd.	97
Denver & R. G.	41⅝	Southern Pacific	64⅝
do pfd.	91	Union Pacific	101⅝
Erie	29⅝	do pfd.	94½
do 1st pfd.	71⅝	United States Steel	29⅝
do 2d pfd.	60⅝	do pfd.	90½
Illinois Central	147⅝	Wabash	22
Louisville & Nash.	128	do pfd.	34
Missouri, K. & T.	28⅝		

BAR SILVER—Quiet at 22 3-16d per ounce.

MONEY—3½@4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three-months' bills is 3½@3⅝ per cent.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The following are the quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

Adams Con.	25	Little Chief	9
Alice	70	Ontario	625
Breece	50	Ophir	225
Brunswick Con.	5½	Phoenix	8
Comstock Tunnel	14½	Potosi	50
Con. Cal. & Va.	325	Savage	40
Horn Silver	130	Sierra Nevada	105
Iron Silver	49	Small Hopes	25
Leadville Con.	3	Standard	200

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The demand for money increased today in connection with the Stock exchange pay day. Discounts were easier on the continent, bidding more freely for bills and the influx of gold which induced speculation, regarding an early reduction of the Bank of England's rate of discount. Business on the Stock exchange opened with prices fairly firm and trading quiet. Consols par declined at first, but reacted when it was announced that the bank rate was unchanged. Home rails relaxed on profit-taking; Americans were dull and irregular on the fall in New York. Wabash being especially weak owing to fears of labor troubles; they closed quiet. Rio tintos reacted slightly; Grand Trunks were undecided at the opening and then hardened; Kaffirs were cheerful, being helped a little by inspired buying. Bullion to the amount of £320,000 was taken into the Bank of England on balance today; bullion to the amount of £170,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England for shipment to South America. Gold premium at Madrid, 33.57.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—Stocks had a good tendency on the bourse today owing to the generally encouraging news of the approach of the settlement inducing some selling. Rentes were heavy; Spanish is reached record quotation, 92.40; Brazilians hardened on the statement that the formation of a Brazilian coffee trust was imminent; Turks were buoyant on satisfactory Macedonian advices; Australians were in good demand; Rio tintos were firm in spite of profit-taking; Kaffirs were active and firm. The private rate of discount was 2⅝ per cent. Three per cent rentes, 99f 77½c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 18c for checks; private rate of discount, 2⅝ per cent.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Home funds and second Internationals on the bourse today; locals started well, but relapsed later on realizations and the absence of support. Canadian Pacific was easier.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Closes Lower, with Active Selling Movement in Force.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—After a day of indifference and neglect, today's stock market closed with an active selling movement in force and with the majority of active stocks from 1 to 2 points below last night. The only manifest new developments to cause this sudden weakness was the adjournment of the St. Paul directors without taking action on the issue of new stocks. As such action had not been expected and as there had been no extensive speculation based on the stock issue, the late weakness is more plausibly explained as due to a speculative weariness with the persistent bagging back of prices. The sense of disappointment was in evidence at the opening, when it was seen that the authorized reports of the practical consolidation of Rock Island and St. Louis & San Francisco were without stimulating effect on speculation. St. Louis & San Francisco, in fact, relapsed sharply to 2½ below last night on comparatively light offerings and Rock Island after an advance became heavy and ruled below last night for the rest of the day. This reception accorded to the most far-reaching project of railroad consolidation since the Louisville deal seemed to be accepted as a conclusive demonstration that nothing was to be hoped for in the way of active speculation for the present. The relief from the pressure of selling in Metropolitan Street Railway alleviated for a time the depressing effect of this connection. There was a demonstration also in Wabash preferred, which carried that stock up a point in face of rumors of the issue of an order for a strike and of the unfavorable showing of January net earnings. Some of the iron and copper stocks made some show of resistance to the prevailing depression, owing to favorable trade reports, but the whole market gave way at the last and sold down rapidly until the weak closing. The uneasiness over the rapid depletion of New York banking reserves was slightly relieved by today's news of the receipt of $8,000,000 in gold from San Francisco. But the market had to face as an offset the news of the shipment of $75,000 in gold to Buenos Ayres. In the international exchange markets there was a relaxation of pressure all around, the private discount rate both at London and Paris going quickly lower and giving ground for the supposition that the reduction in the Bank of England's rate is deferred for only a week. But it is feared that further shipments will be made to Argentine from here and that Chicago will make further demand for currency. Operators in the market also were inclined to be discouraged about the prospect of action at this session on the Aldrich financial bill. The stock market, which is the true index of the money market, hardened further today and practically no business was done at less than for periods longer than three months. Opinion was inclined to settle down into conviction that extremely conservative banking must be the rule for the rest of the year, and until some new factor develops to relieve the situation. One of the features of the market was the wide concessions necessary to find a market for small offerings of some of the expensive high grade goods. Chicago & Northwestern was a notable example, the price declining 8 points on quite feverish fluctuations. The subscription rights to the new stock sold at 13⅛, compared with 17½ on the first day they were dealt in last week. Wabash debenture B bonds were made a sharp recovery and gave an irregular tone to the bond market, which was otherwise rather easy. Total sales, par value, $1,875,000. United States bonds were unchanged on the last call.

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

Atchison	45⅝	So. Railway pfd	95
do pfd	100	Texas & Pacific	49½
Bal. & Ohio	97	Toledo, St. L. & W.	28
do pfd	92⅝	do pfd	44½
Canadian Pacific	137	Union Pacific	98
Canada Southern	75	do pfd	92⅝
Ches. & Ohio	50	Wabash	30⅝
Chicago & Alton	38⅝	do pfd	53⅝
do pfd	71⅝	Wheeling & L. E.	25½
Chicago & E. Ill.	216	do 2d pfd	76
Chicago & G. W.	30⅝	Wis. Central	27⅝
do 1st pfd	81	do pfd