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Heavy Sales Cause Slump in Board of Trade Grain Pits.

MAY WHEAT LOSES MORE THAN A CENT

Corn and Oats Also Tumble, While Provisions Hold Strong, May Lard Touching New Record for High Prices.

CHICAGO, March 5.—Heavy realizing in wheat caused a break of over 1½c in that market today and the close was weak, with May 1¼@1⅝c lower. May corn was off ½@⅝c and oats were down ⅝@⅞c. Provisions closed with the May products from 2½c higher to 10c lower.

Started by fears of a bearish government crop report for next Tuesday an avalanche of long wheat was thrown on the market and with practically no support prices slumped severely and before the bottom was reached a loss of 1⅝c from the top price of the day was sustained. May opened a shade lower at 77¼c on lower cables and the early trading was extremely dull, but prices firmed a trifle on the strength in corn. May selling at 77⅛c. General selling on prospects of a bearish crop report started prices on the downward trend and the break in corn accelerated the pace, May selling off to 75⅝c before any recovery was made. The market ruled weak the remainder of the session and May closed at a loss of 1¼@1⅝c at 75¾@75⅞c. Small primary receipts, 386,000 bushels, against 400,200 last year, and unfavorable weather for the movement were bull factors. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 375,000 bushels. Minneapolis and Duluth had receipts of 257 cars, which with local receipts of 16 cars, none of contract grade, made total receipts for the three points of 313 cars, against 317 cars last week and 285 cars a year ago.

There was a fair trade in corn and the early market was firm on unfavorable weather, with prospects of st'll more rains in the next few days, but when the decision of the warehouse commissioners was announced stating that no change would be made in the rules in regard to kiln dried corn the selling became quite pronounced. A sharp break resulted in consequence and May sold down to 46¾c after opening unchanged to ⅛c higher at 47¼c to 47¼c. The close was near the bottom at 46½@46⅝c, a loss of 1¼@⅝c. Local receipts were 234 cars, none of contract grade.

Oats were affected by the weakness in other grains and considerable long stuff came out on the decline, the selling of July being especially noticeable. The close was weak and 5⅝@⅝c lower for May at 34½c, after ranging between 34¾c and 35⅜c. Local receipts were 123 cars.

Provisions held remarkably well in the face of heavy liquidation and the weakness in grains and the early market was strong, with a new high record mark being established, May lard selling up to $10.07½ and May pork up to $18.45. Smaller receipts of hogs and higher prices at the yards were the early bull factors. Outside and stock yards people sold freely, but covering by shorts prevented any break. The close was easy, with May pork 10c lower at $18.20, May lard 2½c higher at $10 and ribs off 10c at $9.97½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 20 cars; corn, 390 cars; oats, 155 cars; hogs, 22,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
May	77 @¼	77⅛	75⅝	75⅝@¾	77⅛@¼
July	73⅝@¾	73⅝@¾	72	72 @¾	73⅝
Sept.	71⅜	71⅜	70¼	70½	71⅜
*Corn—					
Mch.				42½	45⅛
May	47¼@¼	47⅛	46⅝	46½@⅝	47⅛
July	46¼@¼	45¾	44½	44⅝	45½
*Oats—					
Mch.	33¼	33¼	33⅛	33¼	34
May	35⅛@¼	35⅜	34⅜	34½	35⅛@¼
July	32⅝	32⅝	31½	31⅝	32½
Sept.	29¼	29¼	28⅞	28⅞	29¼@¾
Pork—					
May	18 40	18 45	18 10	18 20	18 30
July	17 85	17 90	17 60	17 70	17 77½
Sept.	18 40	17 45	17 30	17 30	17 27½
Lard—					
May	10 00	10 07½	9 97½	10 00	9 97½
July	9 90	10 00	9 87½	9 87½	9 82½
Sept.	9 90	9 90	9 75	9 75	9 75
Ribs—					
May	9 92½	9 95	9 75	9 77½	9 87½
July	9 72½	9 72½	9 55	9 57½	9 65
Sept.	9 57½	9 57½	9 42½	9 45	9 52½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet and easy; winter patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $3.30@3.70; spring patents, $3.50@3.80; straights, $3.10@3.40; bakers, $2.40@2.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 76½@77c; No. 3, 74c; No. 2 red, 73½@74½c.

CORN—No. 2, 46½c; No. 2 yellow, 44½c.

OATS—No. 2, 33¼c; No. 3 white, 34¾@36½c.

RYE—No. 2, 49½c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 43@46c; fair to choice malting, 48@54c.

SEED—No. 1 flax, $1.14; No. 1 northwestern, $1.16. Clover, contract grade, $11.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $18.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $9.93½@9.95. Short ribs sides (loose), $9.55@9.75. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.37½@8.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $10.00@10.25.

Following are the receipts and shipments of flour and grain:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	20,300	25,700
Wheat, bu	29,600	41,000
Corn, bu	273,100	157,200
Oats, bu	195,800	178,000
Rye, bu	4,800	8,300
Barley, bu	58,800	22,800

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 18@27½c; dairies, 14@24c. Eggs, steady; at mark, cases included, 20c. Cheese, steady, 12¾@13½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 5.—FLOUR—Receipts 22,867 bbls.; exports, 3,608 bbls.; market quiet and about steady, with prices nominal; winter patents, $3.70@4.00; winter straights, $3.50@3.65; winter extras, $2.80@3.10; winter low grades, $2.60@2.90; Minnesota patents, $4.10@4.25; Minnesota bakers, $3.20@3.40. Rye flour, dull; fair to good, $3.00@3.30; choice to fancy, $3.35@3.55. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $1.90@2.15, spot and to arrive.

CORNMEAL—Easy; yellow western, $1.13; city, $1.13; Brandywine, $3.40@3.55.

RYE—Steady, No. 2 western 62¼c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 59@62c, c. i. f., New York.

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

WHEAT—Receipts, 21,850 bu.; spot easier; No. 2 red, 81c elevator and 81½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 85¼c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 85¼c f. o. b. afloat. After a snow of steadiness at the start wheat turned a sharp corner, developing extreme heaviness on a cent break under general liquidation, lower western markets and talk of a bearish government report next week. The close was weak at ¼@1¼c net decline; March closed at 85¼c; May, 80¼@81⅝c, closed at 80⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 117,000 bu.; exports, 520 bu.; sales, 560,000 bu.; spot easy; No. 2, 58c elevator and 55c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 55½c; No. 2 white, 56¼c. Option market opened steady, but corn shared with wheat weakness and most of the day ruled heavy at a sharp decline under liquidation, closing 12c net lower; March, 57c; May, 53⅝@53¾c, closed at 53¾c; July, 50 9-16@51¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 63,000 bu.; exports, 2,610 bu.; spot dull; No. 2, 43¼c; standard white, 44¾c; No. 3, 42¾c; No. 2 white, 44¾c; No. 3 white, 44½c; track, mixed western, nominal; track, white, 44@48c. Option market, like others, was weak and lower, with liquidation feature; May closed at 40¼c.

HAY—Dull, shipping, 55@70c; good to choice, 85c@$1.00.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1902 crop, 25@27c; 1901 crop, 25@26c; old, 8@12c; Pacific coast, 1902 crop, 26@27c; 1901 crop, 25@26c; old, 8@12½c.

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, nominal; family, $14@16.50; mess, $9.00@9.50; beef hams, $20.50@21.50; packers, $12.00@13.00; city extra India mess, $24.00@25.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $9.75@11.00; pickled shoulders, $8.75@9.00; pickled hams, $11.25@11.75. Lard, quiet; western steamed, $10.20; refined, steady; continent, $10.40. South America, $10.75; compound, $7.50@7.75. Pork, quiet; family, $19; short clear, $18.00@21.00; mess, $18.00@18.50.

TALLOW—Easy; city (32 per pkg.), 5¼c; country (pkgs. free), 6@6¼c.

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

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,686 pkgs.; steady to firm; state dairy, 15@24c; creamery, extra, 27c; creamery, common to choice, 18@26c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 676 pkgs.; firm; fancy large, state full cream, fall made, colored, 13¼@14c; white, 13¼c; fancy small, colored, 14½c; white, 14½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,697 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, average best, 18c; western, fancy, 17½c.

POULTRY—Alive: Steady; chickens, 12c; turkeys, 13c; fowls, 13c. Dressed: Easier; western chickens, 14@14½c; western fowls, 13½c; turkeys, 17@18c.

METALS—Tin declined £2 7s 6d in London closing there at £136 for spot and £136 10s for futures; locally tin was weak, also losing about 62½ points on inside price, with spot quoted at $30.00@35.00. The London copper market declined 5s to £60 for spot and £60 5s for futures; local'y, however, copper was steady and unchanged; standard is quoted at $13, lake and electrolytic at $13.50@13.75, and casting at $13.30@14.00. Lead advanced 3s 9d in London, closing there at £14 16s 3d, but was unchanged in the local market and few at $4.12½. Spelter was unchanged at £21 15s in London and at $5.10@5.15 locally. Iron closed at 56s 3d in Glasgow and at 58s 10½d in Middlesborough; locally iron was quiet; No. 1 foundry, northern, is quoted at $24.00@24.50; No. 2 foundry, northern, $22.00@22.50; No. 1 foundry, southern, and No. 1 foundry, southern, soft, at $23.50@24.50. Warrants are nominal.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Market weak; fresh stock, 14c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 10@10½c; old roosters, 4@5c; 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.

OYSTERS—Standards, per can, 25c; extra Selects, per can, 35c; New York Counts, per can, 45c; 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, 6c; buffalo, dressed, 7c; sunfish, 3c; bluefins, 3c; whitefish, 9c; salmon, 18c; haddock, 11c; codfish, 12c; redsnapper, 10c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 25c; lobsters, green, per lb., 21c; bullheads, 10c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20c; halibut, 11c.

BRAN—Per ton, $15.56.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Dealers' association: Choice No. 1 upland, $7.50; No. 1, $7; medium, $6.50; coarse, $6. No. 1 medium, $6; 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—36c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

VEGETABLES.

NEW CELERY—Kalamazoo, per doz., 25c; California, per doz., 45@75c.

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.

CARPOTS—Per bu., 40c.

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

RADISHES—Southern, per doz. bunches, 30c.

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

ONIONS—Red Wisconsin, per lb., 1¾c; 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, $5; New York stock, $3.25; California Gelliflowers, per bbl. box, $1.50.

GRAPES—Malagas, per keg, $6.00@7.00.

CRANBERRIES—Wisconsin, per bbl., $11.00; Bell and Bugles, $12.00; per box, $3.50.

STRAWBERRIES—Florida, per qt., 50c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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

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

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., 6c; per case of 30-lb. pkgs., $2.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OLD METALS, ETC.—A. B. Alpirn quotes the following prices: Iron, country mixed, per tons, $11; iron, stove plate, per ton, $8; copper, per lb., 8½c; brass, heavy, per lb., 5½c; brass, light, per lb., 5½c; lead, per lb., 3c; zinc, per lb., 2½c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Ohio, per lb., 10c.

HONEY—Utah, per 24-frame case, $3.25; Colorado, $2.50.

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

SAUERKRAUT—Wisconsin, per ½-bbl., $3; per bbl., $3.75.

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, 7c to 12 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 7c 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; Brazils, per lb., 12c; filberts, per lb., 12c; almonds, soft shell, 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., 6½c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; black walnuts, per bu., $1; hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, March 5.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 69¾c; track, 73@75c; May, 70⅝@70¾c; July, 69c; No. 2 hard, 70@73c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 41c, nominal; track, 41½@44½c; May, 40¾@41c; July, 40¾c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 35c, nominal; track, 36c; May, 34½c; July, 30½c; No. 2 white, 38c.

RYE—Firm at 5⅞c.

FLOUR—Lower; red winter patents, $3.30@3.45; extra fancy and straight, $3.00@3.25; clears, $2.75@3.00.

SEED—Timothy, steady, $3.00@3.60.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.30.

HAY—Quiet; timothy, $11.00@15.50; prairie, $7.50@11.50.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.05.

BAGGING—5¾@6¼c.

HEMP TWINE—8c.

PROVISIONS—Pork: Lower; jobbing, standard mess, $18.30. Lard: Higher at $9.67½. Dry salt meats, firm; boxed extra shorts, $10; clear ribs, $10; short clears, $10. Bacon, firm; boxed extra shorts, $10.87½; clear ribs, $10.87½; short clear, $10.87½.

METALS—Lead: Firm at $4.00. Spelter: Firm at $4.90.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 10½@11c; turkeys, 15c; ducks, 15c; geese, 8c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 21@28½c; dairy, 18½@21c.

EGGS—Higher; 16½c for fresh.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	6,000	8,000
Wheat, bu	42,000	33,000
Corn, bu	104,000	122,000
Oats, bu	72,000	36,000

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 5.—WHEAT—Spot: Quiet; No. 2 red western, winter, 6s 1½d; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 8½d; No. 1 California, 6s 10½d. Futures: Quiet; March, 6s 3¾d; May, 6s 2¼d; July, 6s 1¾d.

CORN—Spot: American mixed, new, steady, 4s 6¼d; old, no stock. Futures: Quiet; March, 4s 6¼d; May, 4s 6d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, easy; extra India mess, 89s. Pork, steady; prime mess western, 81s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., firm, 51s 6d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., strong, 52s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., firm, 53s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., firm, 51s; long clear, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., strong, 51s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., strong, 51s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., strong, 51s. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., strong, 42s. Lard, firm; prime western, in tierces, 50s; American refined, in pails, 50s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, nominal; good United States, 80s.

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

TALLOW—Steady; prime city, 28s; Australian, in London, 32s 9d.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 5.—WHEAT—May, 66¾c; July, 63½@63⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 69@71c; No. 3, 66@68c; No. 4, 59½c; rejected, 54@59c; No. 2 red, 71@72c; No. 3, 66@70c.

CORN—April, 37½@37¾c; May, 38¼c; July, 38c; cash, No. 3 mixed, 29@40½c; No. 2 white, 40c; No. 3, 38¾@39c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 36@37c; No. 2 mixed, 34½@35½c.

RYE—No. 2, 45@46c.

HAY—Timothy, $12.00; prairie, $8.75@9.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 21@25c; dairy, 19c.

EGGS—Firm, 13¾c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	12,800	30,400
Corn, bu	32,000	49,600
Oats, bu	5,000	20,000

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, O., March 5.—WHEAT—Active and weak; cash, 75½c; May, 76c; July, 74¼c.

CORN—Fairly active and weak; March, 45c; May, 45½c; July, 44⅝c.

OATS—Dull and weak; March, 36½c; May, 35½c; July, 32c asked.

RYE—No. 2, 55c.

SEEDS—Clover, dull and easier; March, $7.25; April, $7.10; October, $5.35. Prime timothy, $1.75. Prime white, $8.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.—EGGS—Firm and 1c higher; fresh nearby, 18c, at the mark; fresh western, 18c, at the mark; fresh western, 17½c, at the mark; fresh southern, 17c, at the mark.

CHEESE—Firm, good demand; New York full creams, prime small, 14@14¼c; fair to good small, 13½@13¾c; prime large, 14c; fair to good large, 13½@13⅝c.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 5.—WHEAT—May, 74⅞@75c. On track: No. 1 hard, 77¾c; No. 1 northern, 76¾c; No. 2 northern, 75¼c.

FLOUR—Lower; first patents, $3.80@3.90; second patents, $3.70@3.80; first clears, $2.75; second clears, $2.05@2.15.

BRAN—In bulk, $15.00@15.25.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

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

CHICAGO, March 5.—WHEAT—There has been a weak wheat market, mainly caused by liquidation. The news also has been bearish. The March Ohio crop made the winter wheat condition 94, compared with 62 last year, and the crop was well covered with snow. The Price Current was bearish, showing the good condition maintained. There was some fear the approaching crop report would show a large farm reserve. The weather is favorable, plenty of moisture and no cold weather in sight. The early feature was selling by the northwest, said to be on the expectation of larger receipts. Northwest cars were 297, against 236 last year. Primary receipts, 386,000 bu., against 400,000 last year; primary shipments, 166,000 bu., against 88,000; clearances, 375,000 bu., mostly flour. The seaboard reported ten loads taken for export. There was a sale here of 5,000 bu. No. 2 northern at 1⅝c under May. Local receipts, 16 cars, with none contract. Estimates for Friday, 20 cars.

CORN—Market acted firm at the opening on the rains through the corn belt. The trade had in mind the approaching decision by the warehouse commissioners in regard to kiln-dried corn, and there was some covering on the fear that it might be excluded from delivery. The break of the day was when it was announced there would be no change in the rules. The trade was not large. The provision crowd continued taking the July. The cash market was weak and the seaboard demand slow. Price Current said bad roads were keeping down the movement.

OATS—Market sympathized with the break in the other grains and also felt the heavy selling of July by Patten houses. There was not much demand for May at 35c and the price easily declined to 34⅝c, the lowest price for this future since early in January. Receipts, 125 cars, with 10 standard; estimates for tomorrow, 155 cars; clearances, 7,000 bu; local cash sales, 40,000.

PROVISIONS—The whole provision list advanced to a new high level today on the advance there was evidence of trying to break the market to buy product cheaper, as well as covering by shorts. The situation is very strong in face of the decline in grain. There were 24,000 hogs. Prices at the yards, 5@10c higher. Estimates for tomorrow, 22,000; hogs in the west today, 55,600, against 69,500 last week and 74,900 last year.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 5.—WHEAT—Market lower; No. 1 northern, 80½c; No. 2 northern, 79½c; May, 75¾c asked.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 51½@52c.

BARLEY—Lower; No. 2, 63½@64c; sample, 45½@55c.

CORN—May, 46½c bid.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, March 5.—WHEAT—Cash: No. 1 hard, 75¾c; No. 2 northern, 72¾c; No. 1 northern, 76¾c; May, 75¾c; July, 75¾c.

OATS—May, 33½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, March 5.—CORN—Lower; No. 3, 40¾c.

OATS—Dull; No. 3 white, 33@33½c.

WHISKY—$1.30.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Ill-Defined Rumors Embarrass Market, Which is Consequently Weak.

NEW YORK, March 5.—There was an air of mystery about the weakness of the stock market today. Rumors of financial embarrassment in the dry goods world were circulated, but nothing definite was announced. The direction of the rumors shifted several times during the day, however, which had the effect of diffusing the feeling of distrust and apprehension. This vague feeling was the most effectual factor in the day's weakness of stocks. But the money needs developed by the situation had their positive influence by the withdrawal of credits from the stock market in the shape of calling of loans. The prevailing tightness of money leaves little resource for replacing of loans that are called. The consequence was a dribble of forced liquidation. This was steady and practically uninterrupted throughout the day. The downward course of prices was constant, but did not make wide jumps in the active stocks, the movement, on the contrary, being by successive small fractions. But the net results upon prices for the day were serious, reaching from 2 to 4 points for most of the active issues and over that for some dormant stocks. A more notable example of the weakness was Wells-Fargo, which sold 28½ points lower than last month's sale. The professional bears covered their short contracts at different intervals during the day, with the effect of checking the downward course, but the rallies were slight and the market seemed to have no stamina for which the covering movement of the day was no more effective than the previous ones and the closing was active, with some of the leading stocks at the lowest of the day. Even the announcement of the extra dividend on the Manhattan Railway Co. (2½ in the year) rate from 6 to 7 per cent was only momentarily effective either on that stock or on the market at large, the selling coming from all quarters, including London, which sold 40,000 or 50,000 shares in this market during the day. The special weakness of the transcontinental group led to a new position that fears were aroused by the announcement of the incorporation of a company alleged to be under the Gould auspices for the construction or a new line to the Pacific coast. The heavy decrease announced yesterday in January earnings of Union Pacific was also assigned as an influence. The Wabash labor dispute and strike troubles on the Canadian Pacific gave vitality to the fears of coming labor troubles, which were influences on the market. The report of the organization of the structural steel manufacturers to contest the demands for a rise in wages increased the apprehension on this score. The further break in cotton had a disturbing sentimental effect on stocks and the calls for additional margins in that market had the effect of increasing the pressure for money. The rate for call loans on the exchange ran up to 6 per cent in the late dealings. Time loans were practically unchanged, but there was increasing disinclination to put out funds at present rates. The subtreasury again took over $500,000 from the New York market, bringing the loss to that institution since Friday over $5,000,000, but the treasury report from Washington showed a revenue deficit on the day's total operations of $2,225,530, due to very heavy disbursements. There was continued resort to foreign lenders for money, as indicated by continued offerings of loan bills in the foreign exchange market. A feature of the day was the further break in United States Steel 5 per cent bonds when issued on the curb to below 89.

Bonds were weak in sympathy with stocks. Total sales, par value, $2,605,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

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

Atchison	52	Texas & Pacific	34½
do pfd	93	Toledo, St. L. & W.	25⅝
Bal. & Ohio	93	do pfd	42
do pfd	92	Union Pacific	93⅝
Canadian Pacific	124⅝	do pfd	90½
Canada So.	74	Wabash	19
Ches. & Ohio	46¼	do pfd	40½
Chicago & Alton	33⅝	Wheeling & L. E.	23
do pfd	70	do 2d pfd	23⅝
Chicago G. W.	20¾	Wis. Central	22
do 1st pfd	80¾	do pfd	50¾
do 2d pfd	41	Adams Ex.	210
Chicago & N. W.	185	American Ex.	220
Chicago Ter. & Tr.	11	United States Ex.	135
do pfd	30⅝	Wells-Fargo Ex.	275
C. C. C. & St. L.	91¼	Amal. Copper	70⅞
Colorado So.	28½	Amer. Car & F.	35⅝
do 1st pfd	76¾	do pfd	91
do 2d pfd	46	Amer. Lin. Oil	18
Del. & Hudson	172⅝	do pfd	46½
Del. L. & W.	250	American S. & R.	43½
Denver & R. G.	37⅞	do pfd	95
do pfd	93¾	Anaconda Mng. Co.	51
Erie	35	Brooklyn R. T.	65½
do 1st pfd	66⅝	Colo. Fuel & Iron	68½
do 2d pfd	52½	Cons. Gas	208⅝
Great Nor. pfd	183¾	Consol. Tobacco pfd	131
Hocking Valley	103¼	Gen. Electric	192
do pfd	98½	Hocking Coal	20
Illinois Central	139⅜	Inter. Paper	17⅜
Iowa Central	23	do pfd	70¼
do pfd	68	Inter. Power	53⅛
Lake Erie & W.	42	Laclede Gas	89
do pfd	112	National Biscuit	44
L. & N.	142	National Lead	18⅛
Manhattan L.	143	No. American	108½
Met. St. Ry.	155	Pacific Coast	65
Mex. Central	24⅜	Pacific Mail	36
Mex. National	17⅛	People's Gas	101¾
Minn. & St. L.	100	Pressed S. Car	37½
Mo. Pacific	107⅞	do pfd	93
M. K. & T.	25½	Pullman P. Car	222
do pfd	54⅜	Republic Steel	29¼
N. J. Central	177	do pfd	78
N. Y. Central	143	Sugar	129⅜
Norfolk & W.	71⅜	Tenn. Coal & I.	42½
do pfd	80	Union Bag & P.	12⅞
Ontario & W.	40¾	do pfd	77
Pennsylvania	145	U. S. Leather	12⅝
Reading	58	do pfd	91⅛
do 1st pfd	84	U. S. Rubber	16⅛
do 2d pfd	77½	do pfd	43½
St. L. & S. F.	31½	U. S. Steel	27⅛
do 1st pfd	81	do pfd	88½
do 2d pfd	71½	Western Union	89⅜
St. L. & S. W.	20¾	Amer. Locomotive	28
do pfd	58½	do pfd	92¼
So. Pacific	58⅝	Rock Island	24⅝
So. Railway	32½	do pfd	58⅛
do pfd	80½		

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 5.—MONEY—On call, firm at 3½@6 per cent; closing rate, 5@5½ per cent; time money firm; sixty days, 4½@4¾ per cent; ninety days, 5@5¼ per cent; six months, 5¼ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5@6½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87 for demand and $4.83@4.83⅝ for sixty day bills; posted rates, $4.84½@4.84⅝ and $4.88; commercial bills, $4.83@4.83½.

SILVER—Bar, 48¼c; Mexican dollars, 38c.

LONDS—Government, steady; railroad, weak.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	106	L. & N. uni. 4s	126¾
do coupon	107½	Mex. Central 4s	78
do 3s, reg.	107	do 1s inc.	28
do coupon	107¼	Minn. & St. L. 4s	101
do new 4s, reg.	134½	M., K. & T. 4s	89¼
do coupon	135¼	do 2d	82
do old 4s, reg.	108¾	*N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	104⅞
do coupon	109¼	N. J. C. gen. 5s	131
do 5s, reg.	102⅞	No. Pacific 4s	103
do coupon	103⅝	do 3s	74
Atchison gen. 4s	102	N. & W. con. 4s	101
do adj. 4s	90⅞	Reading gen. 4s	96⅜
Bal. & Ohio 4s	102¼	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	114
do 3½s	93	*St. L. & S. F. 4s	98
do conv. 4s	103	St. L. & S. W. 1s	81
Canada So. 2s	105½	do 2s	83
Central of Ga. 5s	106⅞	S. A. & A. P. 4s	83
do 1st inc.	78	So. Pacific 4s	90¾
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	101	So. Railway 4s	110⅛
Chicago & A. 3½s	76¼	*Texas & Pacific 1s	116
C., B. & Q. 4s	93⅝	T., St. L. & W. 4s	78
C., M. & St. P. 4s	110⅜	Union Pacific 4s	103¼
C. & N. W. 7s	143½	do conv. 4s	103¾
C., R. I. & P.	106	*Wabash 1s	116⅛
C. C. C. & St. L. 4s	100⅝	do 2s	107½
Chicago Ter. 4s	81	do deb. B	78
Colorado So. 4s	83½	West Shore 4s	116½
Denver & R. G. 4s	98	Wheel. & L. E. 4s	90
Erie prior lien 4s	97	Wis. Central 4s	92
do general 4s	88	Con. Tobacco 4s	63½
F. W. & D. C. 1s	111	Colo. Fuel conv. 5s	89
Hocking Val. 4½s	107¼		

*Offered.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, March 5.—Closing quotations:

Consols, money	91⅝	New York Central	147
do account	91 13-16	Norfolk & Western	72⅜
Anaconda	4⅜	do pfd	95
Atchison	85	Ontario & Western	21⅞
do pfd	101	Pennsylvania	74⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	89⅜	Rand Mines	10⅛
Canadian Pacific	134	Reading	30
Chesapeake & Ohio	49	do 1st pfd	47
Chicago G. W.	25½	do 2d pfd	37
C., M. & St. P.	176	Southern Railway	35⅞
DeBeers	23⅝	do pfd	96½
Denver & R. G.	38⅝	Southern Pacific	69⅛
do pfd	90	Union Pacific	96⅞
Erie	36⅝	do pfd	93½
do 1st pfd	69¼	United States Steel	28⅝
do 2d pfd	49¾	do pfd	89
Illinois Central	144	Wabash	21
Louisville & Nash	124	do pfd	52
Missouri, K. & T.	26⅝		

BAR SILVER—Barely steady at 22¼d per ounce.

MONEY—3½@3¾ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3½@3⅝ per cent and for three-months' bills is 3 7-16@3½ per cent.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, March 5.—Call loans, 5@6½ per cent; time loans, 5@5½ per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

Atchison 4s	100	Allouez	5
Mex. Central 4s	70	Amalgamated	70⅝
Atchison	84⅞	Bingham	33
do pfd	101¾	Calumet & Hecla	525
Boston & Albany	260	Centennial	27¼
Boston & Me.	387	Copper Range	67
Boston Elevated	150	Dominion Coal	126
N. Y., N. H. & H.	215	Franklin	10¾
Fitchburg pfd	134⅞	Isle Royale	29
Union Pacific	92½	Mohawk	52
Mex. Central	26½	Old Dominion	19⅛
American Sugar	129½	Parrot	29
do pfd	131½	Quincy	113
American T. & T.	165½	Santa Fe Copper	2½
Dominion I. & S.	55	Tamarack	175
Gen. Electric	192	Trimountain	97
Mass. Electric	33½	Trinity	11⅜