COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Grain Pits Ruled Dull and Weaker on Board of Trade.

OATS, HOWEVER, ROSE QUARTER CENT

Provisions Are Also Easy, Closing Unchanged to Fifteen Cents Lower After Firm Opening Spotted by Market Raids.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Dullness prevailed in the grain pits today and after holding fairly steady the greater part of the session, wheat closed weak with May 9@10c lower. May corn was 1c lower, but oats were 1@1c higher. Provisions were easier, the May products closing unchanged to 15c lower.

Wheat opened firm on higher cables and colder weather in the northwest, May being unchanged to 1c higher at 74@74¼c. The strong close at Paris caused a fair amount of buying and the price advanced to 75¾c, but with the light trade and with no especial demand from foreigners the market eased off just before the close there was a brief selling of May and the price broke to 74c and final figures were at 74@74¼c, a loss of 9@10c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 280,000 bu. Primary receipts were large at 864,000 bu., compared with 848,000 the corresponding time last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 366 cars which, with local receipts of 20 cars, none of contract grade, made total receipts for the three points of 386 cars against 313 last week and 214 a year ago.

Trading in corn was dull and prices ruled steady throughout the day, the late break in wheat having no influence in this pit. May closed 1@1¼c higher at 44¾c, after selling between 44¼c and 44¾c. Local receipts were small at 196 cars.

Following a firm opening in provisions on the strong hog market, the whole list slumped quite sharply, local traders being disposed to relieve themselves of what they put out a number of stop-loss orders. Good buying of lard and ribs by packers caused a rally, but the advance was only temporary and the close was easy with May pork off 15c at $18.17½, May lard down 7½c at $10.15 and ribs unchanged at $9.97½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 15 cars, corn, 225 cars; oats, 190 cars; hogs, 15,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
May	75⅝@¾	75⅝	74⅞	74⅞@75	75⅝
July	72⅞	72½	71⅝	71⅝@⅞	72½
Sept.	70⅝	70⅝	70¼	70⅝	70½
*Corn—					
Mch.				45½	45⅝
May	47⅝@⅞	47⅝	47⅝	47⅝@⅞	47⅝@⅞
July	44⅞	44⅞	44⅝@⅞	44⅝@⅞	44⅞
Sept.	45⅞	45⅞	45⅝	45⅝	45⅞
*Oats—					
Mch.	33½			33½	33½@⅞
May	34⅝@¾	34⅞	34⅝	34⅝	34½@⅞
July	31½@⅝	31⅝@⅞	31½@⅝	31⅝	31⅝
Sept.	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝
Pork—					
May	18 35	18 35	18 10	18 17½	18 32½
July	17 95	17 97½	17 62½	17 67½	17 82½
Sept.	17 65	17 65	17 40	17 47½	17 65
Lard—					
May	10 25	10 25	10 12½	10 15	10 22½
July	10 15	10 15	10 00	10 02½	10 12½
Sept.	10 10	10 10	9 97½	10 00	10 07½
Ribs—					
May	9 97½	10 02½	9 95	9 97½	9 97½
July	9 80	9 80	9 70	9 75	9 77½
Sept.	9 65	9 67½	9 57½	9 65	9 67½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet and steady; winter patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $3.20@3.40; spring patents, $3.60@3.80; straights, $3.10@3.40; clears, $2.75@2.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 77½c; No. 3 spring, 70@76c; No. 2 red, 72@75c.

CORN—No. 2, 45½c; No. 2 yellow, 45½c.

OATS—No. 2, 35¾c; No. 3 white, 34½@36½c.

RYE—No. 2, 69c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 42@43c; fair to choice malting, 47@53c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.69; No. 1 northwestern, $1.11. Prime timothy, $3.55. Clover, contract grade, $11.50@11.75.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $18.00@18.12½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10.07½@10.12½. Short ribs sides (loose), $9.80@10.00. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.87½@9.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $10.37½@10.50.

Following are the receipts and shipments of flour and grain:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	30,200	29,500
Wheat, bu	21,600	20,100
Corn, bu	292,500	264,100
Oats, bu	274,100	188,200
Rye, bu	111,400	.....
Barley, bu	55,600	9,500

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady to firm; creameries, 19@23c; dairies, 14@24c. Eggs, easier, at mark, cases included, 17½c. Cheese steady, 12½@12¾c to 13@13½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 12.—FLOUR—Receipts, 31,423 bbls.; exports, 9,651 bbls.; sales, 11,300 bbls. The market dull and lower; winter patents, $4.00@4.25; winter straights, $3.50@3.65; winter extras, $2.80@3.10; winter low grades, $2.60@2.80; Minnesota patents, $4.10@4.25; Minnesota bakers, $3.20@3.40. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $3.90@4.30; choice to fancy, $4.35@4.55. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $2.60 for 100 lbs. spot and to arrive.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 61c, f. o. b. afloat; state, 56@60c, c. i. f., New York.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 46c, c. i. f., Buffalo; malting, 52½@55c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, $1.10, city $1.05.

WHEAT—Receipts, 19,700 bu.; exports, 6,400 bu. Market easier. No. 2 red, 80¾, elevator; No. 2, 81¾, afloat. No. 1 northern Duluth, 88c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 88c, f. o. b., afloat. Following an early decline in response to local pressure the market rallied on strength in the northwest, small interior receipts, and covering. Dullness at midday, however, soon developed into positive weakness and the afternoon market was heavy under liquidation and light export inquiries, closing ¼ lower. March closed 80¾c; May, 78⅝@78¾c, closed 78⅝c; July, 74@74⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 182,000 bu.; exports, 131,465. Spot, steady; No. 2, 52¾, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 53½c; No. 2 white, 56½c. Options market was generally well supported all day in face of general decline, lending strength in a smaller movement of scarcity of sellers here and elsewhere. Close was fairly steady at a partial ⅛c decline. March, 53⅝@53⅞c, closed, 53½c; May, 52⅝@52 15-16c, closed, 52½c; July, 50⅝@50⅞c, closed, 50½c.

OATS—Receipts, 67,500 bu.; exports, 12,224 bu. Spot steady; No. 2, 36c; standard white, 36c; No. 3, 35c; No. 3 white, 36½c; track mixed western, nominal; track white, 36@42c. Options quiet, but steady. May closed 35⅝c.

HAY—Quiet; spring, 55@70c; good to choice, $90@1.00.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1902, 26@28c; 1901, 20@26c; olds, 10@12½c. Pacific coast, 1902, 26@28c; 1901, 23@26c; olds, 8@12½c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 19c; California, 19c; Texas dry, 16c.

LEATHER—Firm; acid, 26@28c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, easy; family, $18.00@20.00; mess, $16.00@18.00; beef hams, $29.00@31.00; packet, $17.00@19.00; city extra india mess, $24.00@25.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $19.00@21.25; pickled shoulders, $9@9.25; picked hams, $11.50@12. Lard, steady; western steamed, $10.80; refined, quiet; continent, $10.40; South America, $11.25; compound, $8.50@8.75. Pork, steady; family, $19.00@19.50; short clear, $19.00@21.00; mess, $16.50@18.00.

TALLOW—Dull; city, 5½c; country, 5@5½c.

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

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,780 pkgs.; firm; state dairy, 20@22c; creamery, extra, 23c; creamery, common to choice, 19@23½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 153 pkgs.; firm; fancy, large state, full cream, colored, fall made, 12@12½c; white, 12@12½c; colored, 12½c; fancy, small, white, 12½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,254 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania average best, 19½c; western, fancy, 19c.

METALS—Copper had a sensational day in London, prices there being rapidly advanced, and the market closed here 50c higher at £68 10s for both spot and futures. The local copper market was higher today, but continued unsettled and nominal. Standard is quoted at 17.50; lake and electrolytic at 17.62½@17.75, and casting at 17½@17.50. Lead unchanged in New York at 4.25, while in London it advanced 1s 3d, to £15 12s. Spelter also advanced 1s 3d in London, closing there at £22 2s 6d, but here it remained unchanged at 4.50. Iron closed at 55 6d in Glasgow and at 49c net in Middlesbrough. In New York iron was quiet and unchanged. No. 1 foundry northern is quoted at $24@24.50, No. 1 foundry southern and No. 1 coarse foundry, $23.50@24.50; No. 2 foundry northern, $23@23.50. Warrants continue nominal.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Market weak; fresh stock, 12½@13c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 10@10½c; old roosters, 8@9c; turkeys, 10@12c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 9@10c; chickens, per lb., 10@10½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 11@12c; hens, 10@11c; turkeys, 10@12c; ducks, 11@12c; geese, 10@11c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12½@13c; choice dairy, in tubs, 15@16c; separator, 20@27c.

OYSTERS—Standards, per can, 28c; extra Selects, per can, 30c; New York Counts, per can, 40c; bulk, extra Selects, per gal., $1.75; bulk, Standard, per gal., $1.35.

FROZEN FRESH FISH—Trout, 9@10c; perch, 6c; 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., 40c; lobsters, green, per lb., 20c; 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, $9.00; No. 2, $7.50; medium, $7.00; coarse, $6.50. Rye straw, $6. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair; receipts light.

CORN—45c.

OATS—36c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

VEGETABLES.

NEW CELERY—Kalamazoo, per doz., 25c; California, per doz., 40@75c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 40@45c.

SWEET POTATOES—Iowa and Kansas, $3.

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, 45c.

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.

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.25; choice, $2.60.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.55.

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

CABBAGE—Holland seed, per lb., 1¼c.

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

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.60.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Western, per bbl., $2.75; Jonathans, $5; New York stock, $3.25; California Bellflowers, per bu. box, $1.50.

GRAPES—Malagas, per keg, $6.00@7.00.

CRANBERRIES—Per box, $4.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb. cartons, 90c; Turkish, per 25-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., 60c; per case of 50-lb. pkgs., $2.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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 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; 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., 5½c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; black walnuts, per bu., $1; hickory nuts, per bu., $1.60; cocoanuts, per bu., $4.

OLD METALS, ETC.—A. B. Alpirn quotes the following prices: Iron, country mixed, per ton, $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, $3.50.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, March 12.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 68¾c, nominal; track, 72½@75c; May, 69¾@69¾c; July, 68c; No. 2 hard cash, 70@72½c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 39½c; track, 39½@43½c; May, 40⅝c; July, 40¾c.

OATS—Higher; cash, 35c, nominal; track, 35½@36c; May, 34⅝@34⅝c; July, nominal; No. 2 white, 38c.

RYE—Steady at 61c.

FLOUR—Quiet; red winter patents, $3.30@3.40; extra fancy and straight, $3.00@3.25; clear, $2.50@2.80.

SEED—Timothy, steady at $2.75@3.25, with prime worth more.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.20.

BRAN—Dull; sacked, east track, 83c.

HAY—Strong; timothy, $11.50@15.50; prairie, $7.00@11.00.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.65.

BAGGING—5⅝@6½c.

IRON TWIRE—Nom.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; jobbing, standard mess, $18.17½. Lard, firmer at $9.80. Dry salt meats (boxed), steady; extra shorts, clear ribs and short clears, $10. Bacon (boxed), steady; extra shorts, clear ribs and short clears, $10.87½.

METALS—Lead, firm at $4.27½. Spelter, strong at $5.00.

POULTRY — Firm; chickens, 10½@11c; turkeys, 16@17c; ducks, 15c; geese, 8c.

BUTTER — Quiet; creamery, 20@28½c; dairy, 18@21c.

EGGS—Higher at 14½c for fresh.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	3,000	3,000
Wheat, bu	8,000	9,000
Corn, bu	31,000	29,000
Oats, bu	117,000	83,000
Oats, bu	82,000	69,000

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 11.—WHEAT—Spot; Quiet; No. 2 red western, winter, 6s 1½d; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 3½d; No. 1 California, 6s 10½d. Futures: Steady; March, 6s 1d; May, 6s 1¾d; July, 6s 3d.

CORN—Spot: American mixed, new, 4s 4d. Futures: Steady; March, 4s 7d; May, 4s 4d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, easy; extra India mess, 59s. Pork, steady; prime mess western, 48s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., steady, 50s 6d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., firm, 46s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., firm, 50s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., strong, 54s; short clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., strong, 46s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., firm, 43s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 54s. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., strong, 45s. Lard, strong; prime western, in tierces, 51s 6d; American refined, in pails, 51s 6d.

BUTTER—Good United States, steady, 90s. Finest United States, nominal.

CHEESE—American finest white, strong, 66s; American finest colored, steady, 65s 6d.

TALLOW—Prime city, steady, 6s 9d; Australian, dull.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 12.—WHEAT—May, 64⅝@64⅞c; July, 62⅝@62¾c; cash, No. 2 hard, 66@67c; No. 3, 64@65c; No. 4, 57@63c; rejected, 40@55c; No. 2 red, 70@71c; No. 3, nominal.

CORN—April, 37½@37⅝c; May, 37½@37⅝c; July 37⅝@37¾c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 39@40¾c; No. 2 white, 39½@40c; No. 3, 39½@40½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 36½@36¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 65c.

HAY—Timothy, $12.50; prairie, $8.50@9.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 21@25c; dairy, 19c.

EGGS—Fresh, 12½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	36,000	35,200
Corn, bu	62,400	67,200
Oats, bu	5,000	13,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—BUTTER—Firm and in higher; extra western creamery, 26c; nearby prints, 32c.

EGGS—Firm and good demand; fresh nearby, 18½c at the mark; western, 18½c; southwestern, 18c; southern, 17½c.

CHEESE—Steady but quiet; New York full creams, prime, small, 14@14¼c; fair to good, prime, small, 13½@13½c; prime, large, 13c; fair to good, prime large, 12½@12¾c.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, O., March 12.—WHEAT—Fairly active and steady; cash, 75c; May, 77c; July, 75¾c.

CORN—Dull and easier; March, 45c; May, 44½c; July, 45½c.

OATS—Dull and unchanged; March and May, 35½c; July, 33c.

RYE—No. 2, 65½c.

SEED—Clover, fairly active and lower; cash, $6.95; March, $6.85; April, $6.65; October, $5.40; prime timothy, $3.60; prime alsike, $7.50.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 12.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 1 northern, 79½c; No. 2 northern, 76@78c; May, 74½@75c bid.

RYE—Firmer; No. 1, 63c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 62@63c; sample, 60@62c.

CORN—May, 47½c asked.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 12.—WHEAT—May, 74½c; July, 74⅛@74⅝c; on track, No. 1 hard, 76½c; No. 1 northern, 75½c; No. 2 northern, 73½c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.70@3.85; second patents, $3.60@3.75; first clears, $2.75; clears, $2.00@2.10.

BRAN—In bulk, $14.25@14.50.

WEARE GRAIN AND ELEVATOR CO.

Omaha Branch 110-111 Board of Trade Building.

CHICAGO, March 12.—WHEAT—The market was strong early, helped by the higher cables, and the report from Minneapolis of sales of 200,000 bbls. of flour yesterday by their mills and also the continued mild temperatures through the winter wheat belt. There was very little outside interest, however, and the market eased off, closing ⅝c under yesterday. There was liquidation toward the close by the early buyers. Price Current said: "Wheat prospects were promising. Primary receipts were 434,000 bu., against 448,000 last year. Primary shipments were 153,000 bu., against 110,000 last year. Clearances, 280,000 bu. New York reports 11 loads taken for export. Northwest receipts were 308 cars, against 362 a year ago. Local receipts were 20 cars, with none contract. Estimates for tomorrow, 15 cars. The weather in the extreme northwest was below zero and this caused some anxiety.

CORN—The market has been very dull and quiet, inclining the price to weakness. The range has been very narrow, at its best ⅛c over yesterday's close, and its weakest ¼@¾c under. Local receipts were light, 237 cars, with none contract. Estimates for tomorrow, 225 cars. Cash prices were unchanged. The eastern demand continues very poor, but western offerings are small and expected to continue so on account of the roads.

OATS—There has been a fair trade in oats and prices have kept steady. There has been no special feature and the trade has been a general one. At the opening cash houses were the best buyers. Receipts were 136 cars, with 14 contract. Estimated receipts Friday, 190 cars. Clearances were 21,000 bu. Cash prices are unchanged. The shipping demand is fair, where cars can be obtained, and western offerings small.

PROVISIONS—The market opened easy. There was a sharp break by local scalpers and some long holders selling. Commission houses were general buyers. Cudahy was credited with selling pork. Armour took the ribs. The market has been rather weak during the entire session. Private estimates of stocks in store: Pork, new, 25,000 bbls.; old, 800 bbls.; lard, 11,750 tierces; ribs, 10,000,000 lbs. There were 18,000 hogs and prices 5c higher, but the close was weak. Estimated for tomorrow, 15,000 head. Hogs the west today, 43,400 head, against 55,600 last week and 59,200 last year.

WEARE GRAIN AND ELEVATOR CO.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, March 12.—WHEAT—Cash, No. 1 hard, 74½c; No. 2 northern, 71½c; No. 1 northern, 74¼c; May and July, 74¾c.

OATS—May, 33½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, March 12.—CORN—Firm; No. 3, 40c.

OATS—Dull; No. 3 white, 33@33½c.

WHISKY—$1.30.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 12.—MONEY ON CALL—Firm at 5@6 per cent; highest, 6c, closing 5½@6c. Time money steady; sixty days and ninety days, 6 per cent; six months, 5½@6c. Prime mercantile paper, 3 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady at the advance with actual business in banker's bills at $4.8655 for demand and at $4.83.25@4.8320 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates, $4.84 and $4.87½. Commercial bills, $4.82¾@4.83.

SILVER—Bar, 49½; Mexican dollars, 38½c.

BONDS—Government, steady. State inactive. Railroad, steady.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref 2s, reg	107¼	L. & N. uni. 4s	100
do coupon	107¾	**Mex. Central 4s	77
do 3s, reg	107¼	do 1st inc	26½
do coupon	108	*Minn. & St. L. 4s	101¾
do new 4s, reg	135	M., K. & T. 4s	100
do coupon	136	do 2s	80½
do old 4s, reg	108½	*N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	103⅞
do coupon	109½	*N. J. C. gen. 5s	131½
do 5s, reg	103	No. Pacific 4s	103¼
do coupon	103	**do 2s	72½
Atchison gen. 4s	101⅞	N. & W. con. 4s	100
do adj. 4s	91½	Reading gen. 4s	96½
B. & O. 4s	102½	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	114
do 3½s	92⅞	St. L. & S. F. 4s	96½
*do conv. 4s	106	**St. L. S. W. 1s	96
**Canada So. 2s	106	*do 2s	65
Central of Ga. 5s	107	**S. A. & A. P. 4s	83
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	104	So. Pacific 4s	90½
Chicago & A. 3½s	75½	So. Railway 5s	117
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	102½	Texas & P. 1s	115
**C., M. & St. P. 4s	116½	U. P. 1st & L. G. 4s	103
C. & N. W. c 7s	131½	Union Pacific 4s	102
**C., R. I. & P. 4s	105	do conv. 4s	102¾
C. C. C. & St. L. g. 4s	100¼	Wabash 1s	116
Chicago Term. 4s	103	*do 2s	107
**Colo. & So. 4s	89	do deb. B	75
Denver & R. G. 4s	98⅝	**West. Shore 4s	119½
Erie prior lien 4s	98	**Wheel. & L. E. 4s	90½
do general 4s	85⅝	Wis. Central 4s	91
F. W. & D. C. 1s	110¼	Con. Tobacco 4s	62⅝
Hocking Val. 4½s	107¼	**Colo. Fuel 5s	86⅝

*Offered. **Bid.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, March 12.—Closing quotations:

Consols, money	91⅞	N. Y. Central	142½
do account	91⅞	Norfolk & Western	72⅝
Anaconda	6⅝	do pfd	92
Atchison	83⅝	Ontario & Western	31
do pfd	100	Pennsylvania	71⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	94½	Rand Mines	11⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	47½	Reading	30
Chicago G. W.	29	do 1st pfd	43
C., M. & St. P.	154¼	do 2d pfd	36⅝
*C., B. & Q.	211½	Southern Ry	32⅝
Denver & R. G.	38⅝	do pfd	96
do pfd	89⅝	Southern Pacific	64
Erie	35⅞	Union Pacific	94¼
do 1st pfd	68⅝	do pfd	94
do 2d pfd	54	*U. S. Steel	36⅞
Illinois Central	143	do pfd	88¼
Louisville & Nash	121	Wabash	28⅝
M., K. & T.	28⅝	do pfd	59½

* Ex-div.

BAR SILVER—Weak at 22⅝d per ounce.

MONEY—3½@4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3⅝@3⅞ per cent and for three-months' bills is 3⅝@3 15-16 per cent.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, March 12.—Call loans, 5@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

Atchison	100½	Allouez	6
Mex. Central 4s	76	Amalgamated	74⅝
Atchison	81¼	Bingham	35¼
do pfd	97⅝	Calumet & Hecla	535
Boston & Albany	257	Centennial	29½
Boston & Maine	212	Copper Range	54½
Boston Elevated	144⅛	Dominion Coal	122
N. Y., N. H. & H.	213	Franklin	12½
Fitchburg pfd	141	Mohawk	56
Union Pacific	94¼	Old Dominion	52
Mex. Central	28¼	Osceola	215½
American Sugar	122½	Parrot	32
do pfd	120	Quincy	129
American T. & T.	166	Santa Fe Copper	2⅝
Dominion I. & S.	45½	Tamarack	180
Gen. Electric	191	Trinity	11⅝
Mass. Electric	35½	United States	26
United Fruit	136	Utah	20½
U. S. Steel	37	Victoria	7¼
do pfd	85⅞	Winona	10½
Westing. common	100	Wolverine	76
Adventure	12½		

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The following are the quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

Adams Con	50	Little Chief	8
Alice	35	Ontario	60.00
Breece	30	Ophir	200
Brunswick Con	2	Phoenix	8
Comstock Tunnel	11	Potosi	40
Con. Cal. & Va.	200	Savage	28
Horn Silver	125	Sierra Nevada	92
Iron Silver	125	Small Hopes	40
Leadville Con.	3	Standard	290

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, March 12.—The pressure in the money market today was increased owing to the fact that it was pay day on the stock exchange. Discounts were quiet.

On the stock exchange the attendance was small and business was inactive, but generally cheerful, and there was a recovery in many directions. An improvement in the volume of dealings is anticipated for the new account. The settlement was concluded without any difficulty, although there were heavy differences in the American section. Consols hardened and were quiet and home rails were irregular. Americans were firm and operators were cautious in view of the uncertainty regarding the situation in New York. Later Americans became irregular and idle. They improved during the last hour and closed firm. Southern Pacific was quoted at 64⅝c and Union Pacific at 94⅞c. Rio tintos were buoyant. Copper was excited. The metal sold up to 66⅝c, but eased off slightly on realizing and closed at 66⅛c. Kaffirs hardened.

LONDON, March 12.—Gold premiums: Buenos Ayres, 127.30; Madrid, 33.92; Lisbon, 28.

Bullion to the amount of £50,000 was taken into the Bank of England today and £10,000 was withdrawn for shipment to South Africa.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserve, increased £515,000; circulation, decreased, £235,000; bullion, increased, £180,000; other securities, decreased £4,474,000; other deposits decreased £2,788,000; public deposits increased £1,257,000; notes reserve increased £488,000; government securities increased £4,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liabilities this week is 47.8 per cent, as compared with 45.24 per cent last week. The rate of discount is unchanged at 4 per cent.

PARIS, March 12.—Prices opened irregular on the bourse today. The official list was active, especially Rio tintos, which advanced on the rise in the price of copper. Brazilians and Argentines rose substantially. At the close stocks were firm. Rentes improved and industrials were irregular. Kaffirs were very firm, being stimulated by the approaching issue of the Transvaal loan. The private rate of discount was 2 15-16 per cent.

Three per cent rentes, 100f, 12½c for the account.

The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation decreased 71,400,000 francs; treasury accounts, current, increased 84,125,000 francs; gold in hand decreased 5,975,000 francs; bills discounted increased 24,250,000 francs; silver in hand increased 475,000 francs.

BERLIN, March 12.—Business quiet on the bourse today. Home funds were fairly steady. Chinese securities handened. Iron shares attracted attention. Bank shares were maintained.

Exchange on London, 3m, 52pfgs for checks. Discount rates: Short bills, 1¾ per cent; three months bills, 2½ per cent.

BOMBAY, March 12.—The rate of discount of the Bank of Bombay was today reduced from 8 to 7 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Oscillations Halt and Semi-Stagnation Follows.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The stock market today started out with its recent tendency to reverse its position of the day before. This vacillating course is usual towards the termination of a wide price movement, but the oscillation fell to such small proportions today that the room traders became discouraged in their efforts to scalp a profit and in the end abandoned the market to semi-stagnation. Speculative attention reverted to special causes affecting individual stocks and today's large street dealings and wildest movements were in this class. There was no evidence of further urgent pressure of liquidation and call loans were made on the stock exchange at 5½ per cent and in exceptional cases at 5 per cent. This was partly due to the release of funds by the liquidation of stocks and partly to the decreased demand in view of the speculative dullness. It is clear that such funds as have come to New York have been attracted by higher interest rates and the sources from which they have been drawn show the effect in a tightening of their own money rates, as in the case of Chicago. The volume of credit has been more diffused than reduced. Wall street was obliged to accept the intimation received today in that the secretary of the treasury had decided that the present money situation in New York did not require action for relief by his department. The outlook beginning to be better understood that any release of treasury holdings now will increase the necessity of drawing upon government deposits with the banks to make the Panama canal payment. Insofar as the payment shall be made by drawing on funds actually in the treasury it will go to increase the available cash. As to wether this cash goes abroad in the shape of gold exports or remains here, must depend upon the international exchange situation at the time. It is clear that these payments will not increase our foreign exchange, but they will nevertheless increase the supply of loanable funds and may be an actual relief to the New York money market by borrowing. Today's report of the exports of domestic products for February gave a good indication of the growth of the trade balance during the month, showing as it does an increase compared with February of last year of over $30,000,000. Corn exports play a considerable part in this showing, but the increase in value of cotton exports compared with February of last year amounts to the substantial figure of $12,654,565. The culmination of the speculative rise in cotton and the heavy selling at the reaction give promise of continued replenishment of our foreign credits by the outgo of cotton. As for the immediate money situation, the subtreasury yesterday took another half a million dollars from the market. There was a deposit of $200,000 today for transfers to New Orleans and a small sub-treasury debit balance at the clearing house foreshadowed another heavy requirement by tomorrow's statement. There is some anxiety lest the payment on Monday of $20,000,000 of Standard Oil dividend may disarrange the money market, as is has been shown that the funds collected for this purpose have been out in loans and will have to be recalled. The stock market closed dull and weak. The day's special movements the rise in Amalgamated copper was due to the excited jump in the copper market. St. Paul was lifted apparently on the declaration of the regular dividend. Sugar weakened on the fear that the Cuban treaty would be defeated. Union Pacific declined on the call by the Southern Pacific minority.

Bonds were about steady. Total sales, par value, $1,705,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

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

Atchison	83⅝	Texas & Pacific	37⅝
do pfd	97⅝	Toledo, St. L. & W.	25⅝
Bal. & Ohio	92¼	do pfd	41⅝
do pfd	92	Union Pacific	94⅝
Canadian Pacific	128⅝	do pfd	86¼
Canada So.	73	Wabash	28⅝
Ches. & Ohio	46¼	do pfd	48⅝
Chicago & Alton	34⅝	Wheeling & L. E.	23½
do pfd	69	do 2d pfd	33½
Chicago & G. W.	24	Wis. Central	26
do 1st pfd	80	do pfd	50
do 2d pfd	39⅝	Adams Ex	215
Chicago & N. W.	186½	American Ex	215
Chicago Ter. & Tr.	16½	United States Ex	160
do pfd	29⅝	Wells-Fargo Ex	220
C. C. C. & St. L.	91½	Amal. Copper	74⅝
Colorado So.	25½	Amer. Car & F.	39⅝
do 1st pfd	65½	do pfd	91
do 2d pfd	39½	Amer. Lin. Oil	14½
Del. & Hudson	169½	do pfd	39½
Del. L. & W.	356	American S. & R.	48½
Denver & R. G.	37⅝	do pfd	95⅝
do pfd	86½	Brooklyn R. T.	123½
Erie	35	Colo. Fuel & Iron	63½
do 1st pfd	68⅝	Cons. Gas	208
do 2d pfd	52⅝	Cont. Tobacco pfd	114⅝
Great Nor. pfd	192