COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Grain Pits Show Considerable Strength on Board of Trade.

PROVISIONS ARE WEAK AND CLOSE LOWER

Probable Damage to Crops Aids Wheat, Corn Hangs Fire at First, While Oats Suffer From Good Weather Reports.

CHICAGO, May 1.—There was considerable strength in the wheat market today, due to reports of probable damage to crops and stronger outside markets, and July closed firm with a gain of ¾c. Corn showed heaviness at the start, but rallied later, closing steady with July up ¼c. Oats were steady, July closing a shade lower, while provisions were down from 10@15@18½c.

Shorts were responsible for the strength in wheat, they having commenced early to cover, and in the absence of any selling pressure the market advanced materially. July showed some weakness early after opening unchanged to a shade higher at 72¼c, and sold off to 72c on liberal selling, induced by improved weather conditions. The loss was soon recovered, however, and on strength in the cash situation advanced to 73c, closing with a gain of ¾c at 72⅞c. Trading was moderate, commission houses selling ¼c advance. Exports of wheat and flour for the week, according to Bradstreet's, were equal to 3,418,000 bushels and clearances 320,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 335,844 bushels, against 385,797 a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 153 cars, which with local receipts of 32 cars—none of contract grade—made a total of three points of 185 cars, against 167 last week and 292 a year ago.

Apprehension in "long" circles on good weather conditions caused a break in July corn after a steady opening, but a good demand soon developed and there was a recovery, the market remaining steady the remainder of the day. Trade was rather light and featureless. Some buying by shorts, commission houses, and by brokers thought to be acting for Armour, was offset by free selling by local traders. July opened unchanged to ¼c lower at 46@45¾c, and after touching 44⅝c, reacted to the high point for the day, where it closed at 45¼@45⅜c, a gain of ⅛c. The cash demand was fairly good. Deliveries were 500,000 bushels.

Oats were a trifle easier, with the weather and increased receipts. There was some buying by the leading longs, but as a rule the volume of trade was small. There was some improvement in the cash demand. Crop advices were moderately bullish, but improvement in the weather offset this influence. July closed a shade lower at 31¾@31⅞c, after ranging between 31⅝c and 31⅞@32c. Local receipts were 171 cars.

Provisions were fairly active due largely to the selling of lard by brokers and to liquidation on the part of some recent buyers. Packers bought moderately on the decline and the close was weak, July pork being 15c lower at $17.000, lard down 15@17½c at $9.22@9.25, and ribs off 10c at 39.40.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Corn, 130 cars; oats, 145 cars; wheat, 40 cars; hogs, 11,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
May	77¼@¾	77¼	77¼	77½	77¼
July	72⅛@¼	73⅛	72	72⅞@73	72⅝@¾
Sept.	70⅛@¼	70⅝	70⅛	70⅝@⅝	70⅝@⅝
*Corn—					
May	45⅝@44	44½	44½	44⅝	44@¼
July	46⅛	45¼	44⅝	45⅛@⅜	45⅜
Sept.	44⅝@½	44⅝	44⅛	44⅝@⅝	44½
*Oats—					
May	33¼	33⅞	33	33⅝	33⅛
July	31⅝@⅞	31⅞@32	31⅝	31⅞@⅞	31⅝
Sept.	29⅝	29¾	29	29⅛@¼	29⅛
Pork—					
May	17 95	17 97½	17 90	17 95	17 80
July	17 12½	17 15	16 95	17 00	17 15
Sept.	16 75	16 83	16 60	16 65	16 77½
Lard—					
May	9 25	9 20	9 10	9 15	9 21½
July	9 37½	9 37½	9 22½	9 25	9 40
Sept.	9 40	9 42½	9 22½	9 27½	9 45
Ribs—					
May	9 50	9 52½	9 35	9 40	9 52½
July	9 47½	9 50	9 35	9 40	9 50
Sept.	9 40	9 45	9 30	9 42½	9 45

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull and steady; winter patents, $3.50@3.60; straights, $3.20@3.40; spring patents, $3.35@3.90; straights, $3.10@3.40; bakers, $2.90@3.85.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 79@79½c; No. 3, 70c; No. 2 red, 77¼@78¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 44½@44¾c; No. 2 yellow, 45¼@45½c.

OATS—No. 2, 33¾c; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3 white, 31¾@34½c.

RYE—No. 2, 48½@49¾c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 48@55c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.04; No. 1 northwestern, $1.11; prime timothy, $3.60; clover, contract grade, $1.50.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $17.37½@17.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., 19.15@9.25. Short ribs sides (loose), $9.30@9.40., Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.50@8.62½. Short clear sides (boxed), $9.75@9.87½.

Following are the receipts and shipments of flour and grain yesterday:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	17,000	7,000
Wheat, bu	38,300	30,800
Corn, bu	129,200	489,600
Oats, bu	244,800	163,800
Rye, bu	12,400	40,900
Barley, bu	18,000	.....

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 17@21c; dairies, 14@20c. Eggs, steady, at mark, cases included, 12¾@14½c. Cheese, firm, 1¼@1¾c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 1.—FLOUR—Receipts, 17,188 bbls.; exports, 30,100 bbls.; market firmer and a trifle more active; winter patents, $3.70@4.00; winter straights, $3.50@3.60; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.30; Minnesota bakers, $3.25@3.40; winter extras, $2.80@3.10; winter low grades, $2.60@2.80. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $3.40@3.20; choice to fancy, $3.25@3.45.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, $3.06; city, $1.04; Brandywine, $3.40@3.45.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 50¾c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 56@60c, c. i. f., New York.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 51c, c. i. f., Buffalo; malting, 52@58c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 164,775 bu.; exports, 7,597 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2 red, 82c, elevator; No. 2 red, 83½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 88c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 87¾, f. o. b., afloat. Options on small deliveries, cold weather and strength abroad, wheat shorts covered freely today, advancing the whole list. There was also fair buying of September by foreign houses, on numerous crop damage reports and a good export demand. The close was ⅛@1c net higher. May, 81@82c, closed 82c; July, 76 15-16@77½c, closed 77½c; September, 75@75⅝c, closed 75⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 77,600 bu.; exports, 32,022 bu.; Spot, steady; No. 2, 53c, elevator, and 54½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 54c; No. 2 white, 54c. Option market opened irregular. May sold off under deliveries and July advanced on cold weather. Later everything advanced with wheat and closed ⅛@¼c net higher. May, 54⅛@54½c, closed 54⅝c; July 51@51⅛c, closed 51⅛c; September, closed 50⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 64,000 bu.; exports, 6,430 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2, 38c; standard white, 40c; No. 3, 37c; No. 2 white 40½c; No. 3 white, 38½c; track mixed western, nominal; track white, 39@45c. Options helped by low temperatures. May, 39-42@40c, closed 39⅞c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 70@75c; good to choice, $1.00@1.05.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1902, 17@24c; 1901, 15@18c; old, 6@10c; Pacific coast, 1902, 18@22c; 1901, 15@17c; old 8@10c.

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

LEATHER—Steady. Acid, 24@26c.

RICE—Firm. Domestic, fair to extra, 4¾@7c; Japan, nominal.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 5½c; country, 5½@5¾c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, easy; family, $11.50@12.50; mess, $9.00@10.00; beef hams, $20.00@21.00; packers, $10.50@11.00; city extra India, $18.00@20.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 9@10¼c; pickled shoulders, 9c; pickled hams, 11¾@12c. Lard, easy; western steamed, 19.60; April closed 9.85, nominal; refined, steady; continent, 10.00. South America, $10.75; compound, 7.50@8.00. Pork, steady; family, $19.00; short clear, $19.00@20.00; mess, $18.25@18.75.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,858 pkgs.; steady; St. Louis dairy, 17@22c; extra creamery, 24½c; common to choice creamery, 16@22c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,837 pkgs.; old steady and new slow and weak; state full cream, fancy, old, small colored, 15c; new, 12¾@13½c; old, small, white, 13¾c; new, 12¾@13½c; old, large, colored, 14½@14¾c; new, 12¾@12½c; old, large, white, 13¾@14½c; new, 12½c.

EGGS — Receipts, 15,878 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 16c; western storage packed, 16@16½c; western firsts, 15½c.

POULTRY—Alive, quiet; spring chickens, 22c per lb.; fowls, 13c; turkeys, 10@11c. Dressed, lower; fowls, 13½c; turkeys, 15c.

METALS—There was an advance of 7s 6d in spot tin prices at London with that position closing at £137 4s, while futures advanced 15s to £137 5s. Locally tin was firm and higher, spot closing at $29.65@29.75. The London copper market, closing at £60 7s 6d for both spot and futures, was 7s 6d lower, while New York prices remained nominal at $14.50@14.75 for lake, electrolytic and casting. Lead advanced 1s 3d to £11 18s 9d in London, and remained unchanged at $4.37½ in New York. Spelter closed unchanged at £21 15s in London and at $5.75 in the local market. Iron closed at 51s 9d in Glasgow and at 46s ½d in Middlesborough. Locally iron was dull. No. 1 foundry northern is quoted at $22.00@22.50; No. 2 foundry northern, at $20.50@21.00; No. 1 foundry southern and No. 1 foundry southern, soft, at $21.50@22.00.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh stock, 13c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 11c; roosters, according to age, 5@9c; turkeys, 12@16c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 9@10c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12½c; choice dairy, in tubs, 15@16c; separator, 22@23c.

FRESH FISH—Fresh caught trout, 9@10c; pickerel, 9½c; pike, 11c; perch, 6c; buffalo, 7c; bluefish, 11c; whitefish, 13c; salmon, 16c; haddock, 11c; codfish, 12c; red-snapper, 15c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 27c; lobsters, green, per lb., 25c; bluefish, 10c; catfish, 15c; black bass, 17c; halibut, 11c; shad roe, 35c each; roe shad, 15c each.

BRAN—Per ton, $15.00.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Dealers' association: Choice No. 1 upland, $8.00; No. 2, $7.50; medium, $7.00; coarse, $6.50. Rye straw, $6.00. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair and receipts lights.

CORN—40c.

OATS—35c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Per bu., 55@60c.

NEW CARROTS—Per dozen bunches, 40c.

LETTUCE—Per dozen bunches, 45c.

BEETS—New southern, per dozen bunches, 45c; old, per bu., 40c.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 30c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $1.50.

GREEN ONIONS—Southern, per dozen bunches, 45c; home grown, 12½@15c.

RADISHES—Southern, per dozen bunches, 75c; home grown, 5@40c.

TURNIPS—Canada rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c; new southern, per dozen bunches, 50c.

ONIONS—Red Wisconsins, per lb., 1c; white, per lb., 1¼c.

SPINACH—Home grown, per bu. basket, 75@90c.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.50.

BEANS—Wax, per bu. box, $4.00; string, per bu. box, $2.00@3.50.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, per lb., 2½@3c; new California, per lb., 2¾@3c.

TOMATOES—New Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.00@5.00.

RHUBARB—Per lb., 1c.

ASPARAGUS—Per doz. bunches, 75c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—New York stock, $3.00.

STRAWBERRIES—Texas and Arkansas, per 24-qt. case, $3.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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

ORANGES—California navels, fancy, for 176 and smaller sizes, $3.50@3.75; for 100 and larger sizes, $3.25; choice, $3.00@3.50; Mediterranean sweets, $3; sweet Javas, $3.

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.25.

DATES—Persian, in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 6c, per case of 50-lb. pags., $2.25.

PINEAPPLES—Cuban, $2.25@3.75.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MAPLE SUGAR—Ohio, per lb., 10c.

POPCORN—Per lb., 2c; shelled, 4c.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6¼c; No. 2 green, 5¼c; No. 1 salted, 7¼c; No. 2 salted, 6¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs, 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 16 lbs., 6½c; dry salted hides, 8@12c; sheep pelts, 50@75c; horsehides, $1.50@2.00.

NUTS—Walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 16c; 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., 14c; pecans, large, per lb., 12c; small, per lb., 11c; cocoanuts, per doz., 60c; chestnuts, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 5@6c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; black walnuts, per bu., $1.60; hickory nuts, per bu., $1.60; cocoanuts, per bu., $5.00.

COAL AND COKE, etc.—A. B. Alpirn quotes the following prices: Iron, foundry m. ed, per ton, $1.000; iron, stove plate, per ton, $8.00; copper, per lb., 15½c; brass, heavy, per lb., 11½c; brass, light, per lb., 9½c; lead, per lb., 3c; zinc, per lb., 2½c.

WEARE GRAIN COMPANY.

Omaha Branch 110-111 Board of Trade Building.

CHICAGO, May 1.—WHEAT—The market has been strong, with a more general trade than there has been of late. The holders had a good many helps; the deliveries on May contract were only about 500,000 and were mostly taken in and paid for; cables were higher; Modern Miller was bullish, saying that wheat was going back; Liverpool wheat stock showed a decrease for April of 750,000 bushels, leaving only 1,065,000 bushels. The northwest country elevator stocks decreased 961,000 bushels, leaving only 868,000 bushels, which is the smallest supply in eight years. The stocks at Duluth and in country houses are now 6,152,000 bushels less than a year ago. Minneapolis reported the cash demand in three weeks—Duluth sold 18 loads and 150,000 bushels c. i. f. There were sales of 150,000 bushels of rye from here. New York reports 25 loads taken for export. Clearances, 320,000 bushels. Primary receipts, 352,000 bushels, against 336,000 last year. Primary shipments, 202,000 bushels, against 225,000 last year. Northwest receipts, 153 cars, against 248 a year ago. Local receipts, 32 cars, with none contract. Estimates for tomorrow, 30 cars.

CORN—There was some May liquidation in corn and the price broke ½c, but the shipping demand was improved; there were cash sales of 350,000 bushels, mostly No. 2, here, and the loss was recovered on this. The market, however, was dull and toward the close it became easy. Cables were firm. Clearances were 225,000 bushels and for the week, 2,211,000 bushels. Argentine shipments, 724,000 bushels. New York reports 10 loads taken for export. Primary receipts, 412,000 bushels, against 321,000 bushels last year. Primary shipments, 679,000 bushels, against 257,000 bushels last year. Local receipts, 201 cars, with 8 contract. Estimates for tomorrow, 130 cars. There were charters here for 200,000 bushels. Corn deliveries were about 500,000 bushels. Country offerings were larger. Snow said little progress had been made in planting.

OATS—There was some liquidation of oats early, and a slight yielding in price, but later there developed a demand for May which advanced the price ¾c; July and September advanced ⅛@¼c. The cash market was firm. There were 171 cars, with 14 contract. Estimates for tomorrow, 147 cars. Clearances, 137,000 bushels. Snow said the week had been unfavorable and that oats still remained unsown in sections.

PROVISIONS—The market opened steady. English sold lard. Market for lard heavy. Cudahy bought September pork, supporting the market some. Strength in grain also had its effect. There was considerable pork wanted by commission houses for outside account. There was a weak undertone. There were 17,000 hogs. Market opened at yesterday's close. Receipts for April, 556,094 head; shipments, 87,341 head. Receipts same week last year, 586,399 head; shipments, 123,177 head. Average weight for April, 229 lbs., against 214 same month last year. Estimates for Saturday, 11,000 head. Hogs in the week, 50,300 head, against 46,500 head last week and 43,100 last year.

WEARE GRAIN CO.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 79½c, nominal; track, 72@73c; May, 70½c; July, 67⅞@68c; No. 2 hard, 72@74c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 46½c, nominal; track, 47@48c; May, 37½c; July, 40½c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 33c, nominal; May, 33½c; July, 30¼c; No. 2 white, 37½c.

RYE—Quiet at 48½c.

FLOUR—Dull; red winter patents, $3.40@3.55; extra fancy and straight, $3.10@3.45.

SEED—Timothy, steady, $2.00@2.45.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.30.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 65@66c.

HAY—Quiet; timothy, $9.00@15.00; prairie, $7.00@11.00.

IRON CITY TIES—$1.05.

BAGGING—5¾@6½c.

HEMP TWINE—5c.

PROVISIONS — Pork, lower; jobbing, standard mess, $17.50. Lard, easy at $9.50. Dry salt meats, easier; boxed extra shorts, $9.50; clear ribs, $9.75; short clears, $9.87½. Bacon, easier; boxed extra shorts, $13.50; clear ribs, $10.37½; short clear, $11.

METALS—Lead, dull at $4.20. Spelter, firm at $5.50.

POULTRY — Steady; chickens, 10½c; springs, $2.50@4.00 per dozen; turkeys, 12c; ducks, 11c; geese, 40@50c.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 18@24c; dairy, 15@18c.

EGGS—Lower at 13c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	8,000	8,000
Wheat, bu	52,000	67,000
Corn, bu	128,000	65,000
Oats, bu	54,000	33,000

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, May 1.—WHEAT—To arrive, No. 1 hard, 79½c; No. 1 northern, 77½c; No. 2 northern, 76½c; May, No. 1 hard, 79½c; July, 76½c.

OATS—May, 33½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, May 1.—CORN—Firmer; No. 3, 40½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 3 white, 32½c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, May 1.—WHEAT—May, 66¼c; July, 63½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 68@69c; No. 3, 66@67c; No. 4, 62@64½c; rejected, 59@62c; No. 2 red, 69@69½c; No. 3, 66c; receipts, 77 cars.

CORN—May, 36¾@36⅞c; July, 36¾@36⅞c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 37½@38c; No. 2 white, 38c; No. 3, 37½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 33½@34c; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

RYE—No. 2, 46c.

HAY—Timothy, $12.50; prairie, $9.00@9.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 18@21c; dairy, 19c.

EGGS—Fresh, 12½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	61,600	48,800
Corn, bu	48,800	57,600
Oats, bu	7,000	10,000

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, May 1.—WHEAT—Spot: Firm; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 5½d; No. 1 California, 6s 8½d. Futures: Steady; May, 6s 4½d; July, 6s 2½d.

Spot, No. 2 red western, winter, firm, 6s 4½d.

CORN—Spot: American mixed, new, firm, 4s 5d; American mixed, old, steady, 5s 3½d. Futures: Quiet; May, 4s 5¼d; June, 4s 4½d; July, 4s 4½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis, fancy, winter, quiet, 8s 3d.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, steady, £5 15s.

PEAS—Canadian, 6s 1d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, easy; extra India mess, 8s 3d. Pork, firm; prime mess, western, 57s 6d; hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., steady, 54s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., quiet, 56s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., 54s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., quiet, 52s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., quiet, 52s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., quiet, 52s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., quiet, 53s. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., steady, 42s. Lard, prime mess, western, in tierces, quiet, 48s 6d; American refined, in pails, quiet, 48s.

BUTTER—Good United States, steady, 78s.

CHEESE—Steady; American finest white and colored, 68s.

TALLOW—Prime city, steady, 27s.

Receipts of wheat during the last three days, 155,000 centals, including 84,000 American. Receipts of American corn during the last three days, 80,200 centals.

Following are the stocks of wheat and corn in store and on quays (railway and canal depots not included): Wheat, 1,156 centals; corn, 320,000 centals.

Following are the stocks of breadstuffs and provisions in Liverpool: Wheat, 683,000 centals; corn, 483,000 centals; flour, 540,000 sacks; oats, 19,800 bocxes; hams, 5,900 boxes; shoulders, 3,600 boxes; butter, 3,900 cwts.; cheese, 19,600 boxes; lard, 1,200 tierces of prime western and 1,500 tierces of other kinds.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, May 1.—WHEAT—Active and strong; cash and May, 75c; July, 72¾c.

CORN—Dull; May, 44½c; July, 45½c.

OATS—Dull; steady; May, 33½c; July, 31¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 53c.

SEED—Clover, dull; firm; cash, $7.70; October, $5.40. Timothy, prime, $1.50.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 1.—WHEAT—Cash, 76½c; May, 74⅞c; July, 75⅝c; on track, No. 1 hard, 77⅝c; No. 1 northern, 76⅝c.

FLOUR—Strong; first patents, $4.05@4.15; second patents, $3.95@4.05; first clears, $2.95@3.00; second clears, $2.45.

BRAN—In bulk, $11.00.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Another Low Record is Made When Less Than 250,000 Shares Sell.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Less than 250,000 shares were dealt in on the Stock exchange today, making the low level thus far for the year. The market was intensely dull, and throughout a large portion of the total dealings were in a few stocks, notably Pennsylvania, Missouri Pacific and the stocks of corporations in the city of New York having franchise privileges. The rise in the last-named group was general. The declaration by the Pennsylvania directors of the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent was the occasion of buying and Pennsylvania up to a level ¼ above last night for traders, who had sold the stock on an irresponsible rumor that the dividend was to be reduced. Delaware & Hudson was marked up rapidly 5⅝ in the late dealings, without any special news to account for it. The concentrated buying and bidding up of Missouri Pacific was attributed to the pool which has long been interested in the stock. Some of the other Gould stocks sympathized in the movement. The traders took their profits on a small scale during the last hour, and thus reduced the price level slightly, but the closing was steady. There was no change of importance in general conditions to account for the veering around of sentiment from that of yesterday. The quiet tone of the wheat market detracted somewhat from the anxiety lest the western frosts should have damaged the crops.

The severity of the weather made more impression in the cotton market. Louisville & Nashville reported an increase in net earnings for March of $229,792 out of an increase in gross of $478,498. The showing made by Pittsburg railroads which have reported for the month of March is for an increase of nearly 28 per cent on the net earnings, compared with March of last year. The week's movement of currency has again been largely in favor of New York, with the loss of the $500,000 gold allotted to Argentine and something near $1,000,000 to Canada.

The receipts from the interior have overbalanced these losses, apparently, to the extent of over $3,000,000. The notable strength of sterling exchange was of account more closely resembling movement. It was agreed among the bankers that the lack of immediate shipping facilities was all that precluded exports of gold today. There was a slight hardening in the call loan market to 3 per cent, due to the arrangements for the regular May 1 payments of dividends and interest and to the payment of subscription on the $10,000,000 of new Erie convertible bonds which called for between $8,000,000 and $5,000,000.

The closing of the London Stock exchange was a factor in the dullness of the trading. Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,880,000.

United States bonds were all unchanged on the call.

The following are the quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

Atchison	82	So. Railway pfd	92¾
do pfd	95½	Texas & Pacific	36
Bal. & Ohio	92¾	Toledo, St. L. & W.	28¼
do pfd	93	do pfd	49
Canadian Pacific	121¾	Union Pacific	90¾
Canada So.	71	do pfd	91¼
C. & A.	206	Wabash	20¼
Chicago & Alton	31	do pfd	47¼
do pfd	70	Wheeling & L. E.	22
Chicago & G. W.	22¾	do 2d pfd	43
do 1st pfd	67¾	Wis. Central	24¼
do 2d pfd	37	do pfd	47
Chicago & N. W.	180	Adams Ex.	225
Chicago Ter. & Tr.	16	American Ex.	202
do pfd	28	United States Ex.	123
C. C. C. & St. L.	89	Wells-Fargo Ex.	262
Colorado So.	23½	Amal. Copper	63⅞
do 1st pfd	45	Amer. Car & F.	39¾
do 2d pfd	36½	do pfd	91¼
Del. & Hudson	171	Amer. Lin.	15
Del., L. & W.	355	do pfd	65
Denver & R. G.	35½	American S. & R.	50
do pfd	84½	do pfd	94½
Erie	35¾	Anac. Mining Co.	104
do 1st pfd	67¼	Brooklyn R. T.	69¾
do 2d pfd	55	Colo. Fuel & Iron	64½
Great Nor. pfd	185	Cons. Gas	211
Hocking Valley	95	Cont. Tobacco pfd	114½
do pfd	93	Gen. Electric	189
Illinois Central	136	Hocking Coal	19¾
Iowa Central	34½	Inter. Paper	15½
do pfd	59	do pfd	70¼
Lake Erie & W.	40	Inter. Power	44
do pfd	108	Laclede Gas	97
L. & N.	117¾	National Biscuit	43¾
Manhattan L.	141¾	National Lead	24¼
Met. St. Ry.	122¾	No. American	57
Mex. Central	27¼	Pacific Coast	60
Mex. National	21¾	People's Gas	104¾
Minn. & St. L.	90	Pressed S. Car	60
Mo. Pacific	104¼	do pfd	91¾
M., K. & T.	25¼	Pullman P. Car	218
do pfd	55¼	Republic Steel	18¾
N. J. Central	172¼	do pfd	77½
N. Y. Central	140¾	Sugar	128
Norfolk & W.	76¾	Tenn. Coal & Iron	84¼
do pfd	88¼	Union Bag & P.	10¼
Ontario & W.	29¾	do pfd	72
Pennsylvania	137	U. S. Leather	13¾
Reading	54	do pfd	84
do 1st pfd	83¼	U. S. Rubber	14¾
do 2d pfd	66	do pfd	48½
St. L. & S. F.	74	U. S. Steel	35¾
do 1st pfd	78	do pfd	94½
do 2d pfd	71¼	Western Union	85
St. L. S. W.	23	Amer. Locomotive	36
do pfd	54	do pfd	89
St. Paul	161	K. C. Southern	23
do pfd	183¾	do pfd	52
So. Pacific	55⅞	Rock Island	42¾
So. Railway	31	do pfd	76½

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref 2s, reg.	106	F. W. & D. C. 1s	109½
do coupon	106	Hocking Val. 4½s	107½
do 3s, reg	107¼	L. & N. uni. 4s	108¼
*do coupon	107¼	Mex. Central 4s	79½
do new 4s, reg	136	do 1st inc.	36¾
*do coupon	136	M. & St. L. 4s	100½
do old 4s, reg	110¾	**M., K. & T. 4s	99
do coupon	111¾	do 2s	82
do 5s, reg	107¾	N. Y. C. g. 3½s	101¼
do coupon	107¾	N. J. C. gen. 5s	130¾
Atchison gen. 4s	100¾	No. Pacific 4s	102
do adj. 4s	90½	do 3s	71½
Bal. & Ohio 4s	101	Reading gen. 4s	97¾
do 3½s	94¼	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	111½
do conv. 4s	102	St. L. & S. F. 4s	96½
Canada So. 2s	105¾	St. L. & S. W. 1st	92¼
Central of Ga. 5s	105½	do 2d	83
**do 1st inc.	77	S. A. & A. P. 4s	90¾
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	104	So. Pacific 4s	91
Chicago & A. 3½s	96½	So. Railway 5s	116½
C., B. & Q. 4s	102	**Texas & Pacific 1s	117
**C. M. & S. P. 5s	108¾	T., St. L. & W. 4s	74¾
**C. & N. W. c. 7s	139¾	Union Pacific 4s	103¼
**C., R. I. & P.	105½	**do conv. 4s	100½
**CCC & St. L. 4s	99¼	Wabash 1s	110¼
**Chicago Ter. 4s	82½	do 2s	101¾
Colorado So. 4s	90	do deb. B	76
Denver & R. G. 4s	99½	**West. Shore 4s	116
Erie prior lien 4s	98½	Wis. Central 4s	91¾
do general 4s	86½		

*Ex-interest. **Bid.

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO, May 1.—Clearings, $29,507,190; balances, $2,891,469; New York exchange, 35c premium; foreign exchange unchanged; sterling posted at $4.8512 for sixty days and at $4.8812 for demand.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Clearings, $228,374,701; balances, $12,899,124.

CINCINNATI, May 1.—Clearings, $3,690,250; money, 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, par.

BALTIMORE, May 1.—Clearings, $3,897,353; balances, $552,152; money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—Clearings, $19,226,959; balances, $2,114,283; money, 5@6½ per cent.

BOSTON, May 1.—Clearings, $25,802,459; balances, $1,935,497.

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—Clearings, $10,365,167; balances, $678,747; money, steady, 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, 50c premium.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS.

Summary of Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, May 1.—The following table, compiled by Dradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended April 30, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
*New York	$1,318,265,121	.....	34.6
*Chicago	164,922,019	.....	.....
*Boston	132,944,428	.....	8.8
*Philadelphia	110,571,359	.....	6.0
*St. Louis	40,141,087	.....	37.6
Pittsburg	51,511,522	29.7	.....
*San Francisco	20,343,455	19.0	.....
*Baltimore	21,259,735	.....	6.9
Cincinnati	21,617,400	18.3	.....
*Kansas City	19,979,437	18.2	.....
Cleveland	13,974,506	.....	.....
*Minneapolis	9,919,774	.....	16.6
*New Orleans	11,589,003	.....	4.1
Detroit	8,853,721	4.4	.....
*Louisville	9,481,038	.....	6.8
OMAHA	8,212,179	30.2	.....
*Milwaukee	5,695,028	.....	.....
*Providence	6,150,900	.....	0.9
*Buffalo	5,795,341	.....	0.9
*St. Paul	6,652,604	.....	9.8
Indianapolis	5,54,655	9.2	.....
Los Angeles	5,1[illegible]	.....	.....
*St. Joseph	4,700,000	12.4	.....
Denver	4,06,507	20.9	.....
*Richmond	3,488,696	.....	14.9
Columbus	4,401,100	12.6	.....
Seattle	3,479,419	7.3	.....
*Washington	3,491,806	.....	1.8
*Savannah	2,177,869	.....	22.8
Memphis	3,156,[illegible]	.....	44.9
Albany	3,35,700	6.3	.....
Salt Lake City	2,62,222	.....	.....
*Portland, Ore.	2,925,243	.....	.....
*Toledo	2,718,582	16.2	.....
Fort Worth	3,158,820	24.3	.....
Peoria	2,438,461	4.6	.....
Hartford	2,414,577	3.9	.....
Rochester	2,09,951	.....	28.6
Atlanta	1,893,320	8.2	.....
Des Moines	1,899,485	.....	4.8
New Haven	1,116,113	1.9	.....
Nashville	1,991,129	24.9	.....
Spokane, Wash.	1,898,600	29.4	.....
Grand Rapids	1,841,722	11.5	.....
Springfield, Mass.	1,114,601	5.6	.....
Norfolk	1,391,087	.....	7.1
Dayton	1,646,651	6.6	.....
Tacoma	1,763,729	50.4	.....
Worcester	1,193,111	2.6	.....
Augusta, Ga.	1,014,900	18.5	.....
Portland, Me.	1,069,267	9.1	.....
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