GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Wheat Prices Strong Through Early Session,

WEAK AT CLOSE ON PROFIT TAKING

Argentina Exportable Surplus of Corn is Large—Good Tone to Market, but Yields to Weakness in Wheat.

OMAHA, March 16, 1906.

Higher foreign cables and light Argentina shipments started the wheat market strong, helped by good cash sales yesterday and talk of better flour demand. After holding firm all day, prices weakened at the close on selling by bidders who wanted to take profits. The Modern Miller was bearish. The weather throughout the southwest was favorable, with prospects of warmer weather. Trade was not large, and the deferred futures were inclined to drag.

Argentina, which will begin shipping new corn in two or three weeks, estimated its exportable surplus at 130,000,000 bu, and this was considered a bearish feature. Cash demand was fair at an advance of ¼@⅜c. Receipts continue small. On higher cables and in sympathy with wheat, the market started strong and the tone was good all day, but the weakness in wheat caused prices to ease off toward the close.

Clearances were 12,000 bu. wheat, 3,429 bbls. flour, 476,000 bu. corn and 113,000 bu. oats. Primary receipts were 322,000 bu. and shipments of 178,000 bu., against receipts last year of 375,000 bu. and shipments of 251,000 bu. Corn receipts were 290,000 bu. and shipments of 265,000 bu., against receipts last year of 754,000 bu. and shipments of 371,000 bu.

From the Modern Miller: "During the late spell of wintry weather conditions the winter wheat crop has been well covered with snow in the larger portion of the principal producing states. Over a considerable territory in the southeast and southwest snow protection has been scanty during the severe cold weather. No reports of damage by the low temperatures have as yet been received from the unprotected sections."

Liverpool closed ⅝@⅞d higher on wheat, and ½d higher on corn.

Bradstreets' weekly clearances were 2,000,000 bu. wheat and 2,000,000 bu. corn.

Argentina shipments were 3,160,000 bu. wheat and 192,000 bu. corn.

The local range of options:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	72 A			72 A
Corn—				
May	38⅛B	38⅜B	38⅛	38⅛B
July	38⅝B	38⅞B	38⅝	38⅝B
Oats—				
May				28⅝B

A asked, B bid.

Omaha Cash Sales.

CORN—No. 3 white, 1 car, 39c.

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 71½@74c; No. 3 hard, 68@71c; No. 4 hard, 62@67c; No. 2 spring, 70@73½c; No. 3 spring, 65@70½c.

CORN—No. 3, 37@37½c; No. 4, 35½@36c; No. 3 yellow, 37½@37½c; No. 3 white, 38½@39c.

OATS—No. 3 mixed, 27⅝@28½c; No. 3 white, 28⅝@29½c; No. 4 white, 28½@28⅝c.

RYE—No. 2, 53c; No. 3, 52c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	5	142	101
Kansas City	20	11	14
Minneapolis	200	...	...
Omaha	...	36	50
Duluth	24	...	...
St. Louis	30	32	81

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Decreased shipments of wheat from Argentina and increased exports of flour from American ports imparted strength today to the local wheat market. At the close wheat for May delivery was up ½@⅝c. Corn was up ⅛@¼c. Oats were down ⅛@¼c. Provisions were 2½@10c higher.

The greatest strength in the wheat market was shown during the first hour, when prices advanced 1c above yesterday's closing quotation. Official statistics, which placed the total movement for the week from Argentina at 3,160,000 bushels, compared with 4,390,000 bushels last week, caused a sharp bulge at Liverpool which was reflected in the local market. News of the day contained additional reasons for the active buying which followed the reports of higher prices at Liverpool. The market, however, lost much of its firmness near the middle of the day because of profit-taking by local holders. During the latter part of the session the market was steady and the close was fairly firm. The May option opened ⅝@⅞c to ⅞@1c higher at 78⅛@78½c, advanced to 78⅞@79c and then declined to 78½c. The close was at 78⅝c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 156,000 bushels. Exports for the week, as shown by Bradstreet's, were equal to 2,000,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 322,000 bushels, against 375,000 a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 249 cars, against 426 last week and 269 a year ago.

The corn market was firm for the greater part of the day. Shorts, who were influenced by the upturn in wheat and continued unfavorable weather for the movement of the crop, covered actively. Firm cables and small local receipts also strengthened prices. Late in the day the market lost much of its firmness because of selling by prominent commission houses. The close was steady. May opened ¼@¼c to ⅛c higher at 37⅝@37¾c, sold between 43⅝@43⅞c and 43⅞c and closed at 43⅝c. Local receipts were 142 cars, with 11 of contract grade.

Oats were firm early in the day in sympathy with the strength of wheat and corn. Later the market weakened because of liberal profit-taking by local longs. The close was easy. May opened unchanged to ⅛c higher at 29⅛@29⅜c, sold between 29⅝@29⅞c and 29⅛c and closed at 29⅛@29⅜c. Local receipts were 101 cars.

Shorts and local packers were active bidders for provisions and this, together with an advance of 10@15c in the price of live hogs, helped the market firm throughout the day. At the close May pork was up 10c at $15.92½. Lard was 2½@5c higher at $7.90. Ribs were up 2½@5c at $8.42½@8.45.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 6 cars; corn, 150 cars; oats, 90 cars; hogs, 12,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
May	78⅛@⅞	78⅝@⅞	78⅛	78⅝	77⅞@⅞
July	78⅝@⅞	79⅛	77⅞	78@78⅛	77⅞@⅞
Sept.	78⅝@⅞	79⅛	77⅞	77⅞@⅞	77⅞
*Corn—					
May	43⅝@⅞	43⅞	43⅝@½	43⅝	43⅝@½
July	43⅞@½	44⅛	43⅝@⅝	43⅝@⅞	43⅝@½
Sept.	44⅝	44½	44	44⅛@⅜	44⅛
*Oats—					
May	29⅞@30	29⅛	29⅛@⅜	29⅛@⅜	29⅛
July	29@29⅛	29⅛	28⅞	28⅞@29	28⅞
Sept.	28⅛	28⅝	28⅛	28⅛	28⅝
Pork—					
May	15 95	15 95	15 85	15 92½	15 82½
July	16 80	16 85	15 75	15 82½	15 77½
Lard—					
May	7 90	7 92½	7 90	7 90	7 87½
July	8 00	8 02½	8 00	8 00	7 97½
Sept.	8 12½	8 15	8 10	8 10	8 10
Ribs—					
May	8 45	8 47½	8 42½	8 45	8 40
July	8 50	8 50	8 45	8 47½	8 43½
Sept.	8 55	8 57½	8 55	8 57½	.....

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $2.50@2.90; winter straights, $2.30@2.70; spring patents, $2.60@2.85; spring straights, $2.40@2.60; bakers, $2.20@2.00.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 77½@80½c; No. 3, 73@76c; No. 2 red, 81½@82½c.

CORN—No. 2, 42½c; No. 3 yellow, 43c.

OATS—No. 2, 29⅛@29½c; No. 2 white, 32½c; No. 3 white, 29½@31½c.

RYE—No. 2, 60@60½c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 37@37½c; fair to choice malting, 40@50c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.08; No. 1 northwestern, $1.14; clover, contract grade, $13.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $15.90@15.85. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7.85. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.30@8.40; short clear sides (boxed) $8.60@8.70.

Receipts and shipments of grain and flour were as follows:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	25,900	23,600
Wheat, bu	9,000	58,000
Corn, bu	153,200	233,500
Oats, bu	139,700	263,700
Rye, bu	3,000	.....
Barley, bu	46,500	7,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 19@25½c; dairies, 15@22c. Eggs, firm at mark; cases included, 13½c; firsts, 13½c; prime firsts, 14½c; extras, 16c. Cheese, steady, 11½@12c.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, March 16.—CORN—Higher; No. 3 yellow, 42c; No. 3, 40c; No. 4, 41c; no grade, 37@42c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 30c; No. 4 white 29@29½c.

WHISKEY—$1.28.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, March 16.—WHEAT—To arrive, No. 1 northern, 76½c; No. 2 northern, 74½c; on track, No. 1 northern, 76½c; No. 2 northern, 74½@77½c; July, 79½c; September, 79½c.

OATS—To arrive and on track, 28½c; May, 28½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 16.—FLOUR—Receipts, 12,440 bbls.; exports, 28,027 bbls. Market firm trade fair; Minnesota patents, $4.35@4.50; Minnesota bakers, $3.40@3.75; winter patents, $3.90@4.25; winter straights, $3.70@3.80; winter extras, $2.75@3.25; winter low grades, $2.65@2.80. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $3.50@3.90; choice to fancy, $3.95@4.20.

CORNMEAL—Firm; fine white and yellow, $3.15; coarse, $1.03@1.06; kiln dried, $2.65@2.75.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 40c, c. i. f. Buffalo; malting, 49@56c, c. i. f. Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 53,000 bu. Spot market firm; No. 2 red, 85¼c in elevator; No. 2 red, 87c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 87¾c, f. o. b., afloat. A strong advance occurred in wheat today, based on bullish cables, lighter Argentina shipments, disturbing foreign political news and heavy covering. Part of the advance disappeared in the last hour through realizing sales, a bearish Modern Miller report and favorable western crop news. Last prices were ⅝@¾c higher; May, 85 1-16@85 9-16c, closing at 85¼c; July, 84⅛@84⅞c, closing at 84⅝c; September, 83⅝@84c, closing at 83¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 53,750 bu.; exports, 56,393 bu. Spot market firm; No. 2, 51c in elevator and 49¼c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 49½c; No. 2 white, 49¾c. Option market was generally firm and higher on better cables, light receipts, the wheat advance and covering, but eased off again in the late afternoon, closing net unchanged; May, 49⅝@50c, closing at 49⅝c; July, 49⅝@50c, closing at 49⅝c; September, 50⅛@50¼c, closing at 50¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 81,000 bu.; exports, 6,915 bu. Spot market steady; mixed oats, 26 to 32 lbs., 34½@34¾c; natural white, 30 to 33 lbs., 35@36c; clipped white, 38@40 lbs., 36½@38½c.

HAY — Firm; spring, 45@60c; good to choice, 80@85c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1905, 11@16c; 1904, 7@9c; olds, 5@7c; Pacific coast, 1905, 9@14c; 1904, 9@11c; olds, 4@5c.

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

LEATHER—Steady; acid, 26½@27½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef steady; family, $11.50@12.00; mess, $9.00@10.00; beef hams, $20.00@21.00; packet, $10.50@11.00; city extra India mess, $18.50@19.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 9.00@10.00; pickled shoulders, $7.00@7.50; pickled hams, $10.25@10.50. Lard firm; western prime, $7.85@7.95; refined, firm; continent, $8.35; South America, $8.75; compound, $6.00@6.37½. Pork, firm; family, $17.00@17.50; short clear, $15.75@17.75; mess, $16.25@17.00.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 5c; country, 5@5¼c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 5¼@6c; Japan nominal.

POULTRY—Live, firm; western chickens, 11½c; fowls, 13½c; turkeys, 18@20c. Dressed, firm; western chickens, 10@12c; turkeys, 14@20c; fowls, 11@14c.

BUTTER AND CHEESE—Steady; unchanged.

EGGS—Steady; firmer. State, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy selected white, 21@22c; state, choice, 19@20c; state, mixed extra, 17½c; western firsts, 16c; western seconds, 15½c; southerns, 13½@15½c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 82@89c; track, 90@92½c; May, 75⅞c; July, 75¼c; No. 2 hard, 78@82½c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 42c; track, 43½c; May, 41⅝c; July, 42¼c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 30c; track, 31½c; May, 30@30½c; July, 28⅝c; No. 2 white, 32½c.

FLOUR—Lower; red winter patents, $4.15@4.25; extra fancy and straight, $3.70@4.00; clear, $2.70@2.80.

SEED—Timothy, quiet at $2.50@2.70.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.20.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 85c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $6.00@14.50; prairie, $6.00@10.50.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.02.

BAGGING—9½c.

HEMP TWINE—8½c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; jobbing, $15.50. Lard, steady; prime steam, $7.50. Dry salt meats, higher; boxed extra shorts, $8.62½; clear ribs, $8.75; short clears, $8.87½. Bacon, higher; boxed extra shorts, $9.37½; clear ribs, $9.50; short clear, $9.62½.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 10c; springs, 12½c; turkeys, 16c; ducks, 13c; geese, 7½c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 20@28c; dairy, 18@21c.

EGGS—Firm at 13c, case count.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	5,000	9,000
Wheat, bu	29,000	32,000
Corn, bu	32,000	26,000
Oats, bu	81,000	65,000

Minneapolis Grain Market.

(Superior Board of Trade quotations for Minneapolis and Chicago delivery). The range of prices, as furnished by F. D. Day & Co., 110-111 Board of Trade building, was:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
May	76⅝@⅞	77⅛	76⅝	76⅞	76⅛
July	77⅛	78⅛	77⅛	78⅛	76⅞
Sept.	76⅞@78⅛	78⅛	77⅞	77⅞	77⅞
Flax—					
May	1 17⅛	1 18⅜	1 17⅛	1 18⅜	1 16⅝
July	1 19⅜	1 20⅛	1 19⅜	1 19⅜	1 18⅛

Minneapolis Cash Close—Wheat: No. 1 hard, 77⅛c; No. 1 northern, 76⅞c; No. 2 northern, 76⅝c; No. 1 northern, to arrive, 76⅞c; No. 3 northern, 73@74c; No. 1 durum, 70c; No. 2 durum, 68c. Corn: No. 3 yellow, 37½c; No. 3, 36½c. Oats: No. 3 white, 28c; No. 3, 26⅝@27¼c. Barley, 37@46c. Flax: Cash, $1.16; May, 1.17⅜. Rye, 53⅝@54⅝c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 16.—WHEAT—Unchanged; May, 73c; July, 70⅝c; September, 70⅝c. Cash: No. 2 hard, 76½@78c; No. 3, 72½@77½c; No. 2 red, 89@91c; No. 3, 85@90c.

CORN—Higher; May, 39c; July, 39⅝c. Cash: No. 2 mixed, 40@40½c; No. 2 white, 41½c; No. 3, 41c.

OATS—Strong; No. 2 white, 32c.

RYE—Steady at 55@57c.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $11.25@11.50; choice prairie, $8.25@8.50.

EGGS—Steady; Missouri and Kansas, new No. 2 whitewood cases included, 13c; case count, 12½; cases returned, ⅛c less.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 26c; packing, 12c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	23,000	21,000
Corn, bu	16,000	21,000
Oats, bu	11,000	10,000

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 16.—WHEAT—Spot, nominal; futures firm; March, nominal; May, 6s 6¼d; July, 6s 6¼d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed new, firm, 4s 1d; American mixed old, quiet, 4s 7d; futures, firm; March nominal; May, 4s 2½d.

HOPS—In London (Pacific coast) quiet, £2@3 10s.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 16.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 1 northern, 79@81c; No. 2 northern, 75@78c; May, 78⅛@78⅝c asked.

RYE—Dull; No. 1, 62½c.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2, 54@55c; sample, 40@50c.

CORN—Higher; No. 3 cash, 41½@43c; May, 43½@43⅝c asked.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—BUTTER—Steady; extra western creamery, 28c; extra nearby prints, 32c.

EGGS—Easier; nearby fresh, 15½c at mark; western fresh, 15½c at mark.

CHEESE—Steady; New York full cream, 12¾@14c.

Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, March 16.—EVAPORATED APPLES—Market continues quiet, with very little demand for export. Prices, however, are firmly held where fruits show a desirable quality; common to fair are quoted at 70@5½c; fair to good 1905, 8¼@8½c; nearly to strictly prime, 9@9½c; choice, 10c; fancy, 11@11½c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Prunes are unchanged, with quotations ranging from 4½@8c according to grade. Apricots are in fair demand, with choice quoted at 10½c; extra choice, 11c; fancy, 11½@12½c.

Sugar and Molasses.

NEW YORK, March 16.—SUGAR—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3⅝@3 1-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 17-32@3 9-16c; molasses sugar, 3⅜c; refined firm; crushed, 5.30c; powdered, 4.70c; granulated, 4.60c.

NEW ORLEANS, March 16.—SUGAR—Firm; open kettle centrifugal, 3⅝@3c; centrifugal whites, 3⅝@4c; yellows, 3⅝@3 13-16c; seconds, 2@3½c.

MOLASSES—Nominal; open kettle, 17@30c; centrifugal, 7@30c.

SYRUP—Nominal at 25@30c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 16.—COFFEE—Market for futures opened steady at an advance of 10 points on the response to higher European markets and continued light receipts. The closing was inactive, net unchanged to 10 points higher. Sales were reported of 36,000 bags, including May at 6.85c; July, 7.07.85c; September, 7.15@7.20c; December, 7.40c; February, 7.50c; spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice, 8¼c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Market Shows No Marks of Extension Beyond Professional Limits.

SLIGHT RALLY IN THE GENERAL LIST

Higher Rate for Call Money Tends to Discourage Speculation—Big Increase in Export Trade.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The stock market showed no marks of extension beyond the professional limits which have bounded it all this week. The volume of trading was about the same as yesterday, but was very largely congested in the first hour during the continued effect of the weakness of special stocks which developed yesterday. Some sympathetic effect upon the general list was shown while this further weakness was manifest this morning, but prices were disposed to recover and did so when the weak stocks rallied. Missouri Pacific added 2 points to its sudden drop of 4½ points yesterday before any effective support developed. Consolidated Gas also suffered a further disorderly decline. The Chicago Union Traction stocks, however, seemed to have reached the limit of the violent decline of the week. When these weak features began to recover, a slow hardening tendency in the general market asserted itself more effectively.

The continued firmness of the call money and an appreciative advance in the interest rates for time loans were disappointing to the supposition that Wednesday's dividend disbursements were alone responsible for the firmness of the money market and the effect of the free distribution of dividend money should be felt in the money market by this time. The estimates of the week's currency movement indicated a gain upon balance from the interior by express about sufficient to offset the loss on sub-treasury operations. This is in contrast with an estimated loss of over $1,000,000 to the interior by the express movement of last week. New York exchange at Chicago, however, fell back to a small discount today after having ruled at a premium earlier in the week. Foreign exchange also reacted slightly from yesteday's strength, although foreign money markets were reported to be still tight. Some part of the strong recovery in foreign exchange this week is attributed to the demand for remittance on account of maturities of large borrowings from foreigners. It is a question what effect this repayment of obligations to foreign markets may have on the loan account of the local banks. The foreign trade statement for February showed the gratifying excess of value of merchandise exports over imports of $37,517,766 compared with only $3,786,389 in February of last year. This increase in value of total exports comparing the same periods is more than $11,000,000 greater than the increase in agricultural exports alone, thus indicating the expansion in manufactured articles of export. Stocks closed at small general gains, but with the tone barely steady.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value, $1,695,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

Quotations on the New York Stock exchange today were as follows:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Adams Express	.....	.....	.....	247
Amalgamated Copper	28,200	107⅝	106⅞	107
American C. & F.	500	41⅞	41⅞	41⅞
American C. & F. pfd	200	101	101	100⅞
American Cotton Oil	100	34¼	34¼	34¼
American Cotton Oil pfd	.....	.....	.....	90
American Express	.....	.....	.....	222
American H. & L. pfd	800	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
American Ice securities	1,400	47	46⅝	46⅞
American Linseed Oil	.....	.....	.....	21⅝
American Linseed Oil pfd	.....	.....	.....	46
American Locomotive	800	48	48⅛	48⅝
American Locomotive pfd	.....	.....	.....	112
American S. & R.	10,900	159⅞	159	159¼
Am. S. & R. pfd, ex-div	.....	.....	.....	122
American Sugar Refining	3,600	138⅝	137⅞	138⅝
Am. Tobacco pfd. cifs	100	104⅝	104⅝	103⅝
Anaconda Mining Co.	25,700	271⅛	268	269⅛
Atchison	7,500	93⅝	92⅝	93
Atchison pfd	.....	.....	.....	103
Atlantic Coast Line	1,400	162	160	161⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	700	110¼	109⅞	110
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	.....	.....	.....	96⅛
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	19,600	82	81⅛	81⅛
Canadian Pacific	1,600	171	170⅛	170⅝
Central of New Jersey	.....	.....	.....	218
Chesapeake & Ohio	8,700	57⅞	57	57⅛
Chicago & Alton	.....	.....	.....	38
Chicago & Alton pfd	.....	.....	.....	78
Chicago Great Western	200	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
Chicago & Northwestern	400	223½	223½	223½
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	1,900	176	175¼	175¾
Chicago T. & T.	.....	.....	.....	12
Chicago T. & T. pfd	200	28	28⅝	28½
C., C., C. & St. Louis	300	99⅝	99⅝	99⅝
Colorado Fuel & Iron	12,700	42½	42	42
Colorado & Southern	400	32	32⅛	32⅛
Colorado & So. 1st pfd	.....	.....	.....	69⅝
Colorado & So. 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	47⅛
Consolidated Gas	37,200	144⅛	142⅛	142⅛
Corn Products trust receipts	1,200	17⅛	17	17
Corn P. pfd, trust receipts	100	56	56	55
Delaware & Hudson	.....	.....	.....	206
Delaware, L. & W.	400	441⅝	440⅛	441⅛
Denver & Rio Grande	900	44⅝	44	44
Denver & R. G. pfd	500	87	86⅝	86
Distillers' Securities	1,200	57⅛	57⅛	57⅛
Erie	2,500	42⅝	42⅛	42⅝
Erie 1st pfd	200	77⅛	77⅛	77
Erie 2d pfd	200	67	67	66
General Electric, ex-div	100	166½	166½	167
Hocking Valley	.....	.....	.....	114
Illinois Central	400	171⅛	170⅛	171⅛
International Paper	400	21	20⅝	21⅛
International Paper pfd	200	82⅛	82⅛	82
International Pump	.....	.....	.....	32½
International Pump pfd	.....	.....	.....	93½
Iowa Central	.....	.....	.....	36
Iowa Central pfd	.....	.....	.....	67
Kansas City Southern	200	29	29	28⅝
Kansas City So. pfd	.....	.....	.....	68⅝
Louisville & Nashville	14,400	152⅛	150	151⅛
Manhattan	100	157	157	157⅛
Metropolitan Securities	100	71	71	71⅛
Metropolitan Street Ry.	6,800	113⅝	112⅛	113
Mexican Central	3,200	24⅛	24⅛	24⅝
Minneapolis & St. Louis	100	75	75	75
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	1,400	150⅛	150	150⅝
M., St. P. & S. S. M. pfd	.....	.....	.....	174
Missouri Pacific	128,100	94⅝	93	96
Missouri, K. & T.	2,600	36	34⅝	35⅛
Missouri, K. & T. pfd	8,400	72⅝	71	72
National Lead	3,700	80⅛	79⅛	80⅛
National R. R. of M. pfd	400	40⅛	39⅛	38⅛
New York Central	1,200	146⅞	145⅛	146
New York, O. & W.	1,900	50⅛	49⅛	49⅝
Norfolk & W.	.....	.....	.....	87⅛
Norfolk & W. pfd	.....	.....	.....	81
North American	800	100	99⅝	99⅝
Pacific Mail	.....	.....	.....	42⅛
Pennsylvania	8,700	138	137⅛	137⅞
People's Gas	1,700	95	94⅛	94⅝
P., C., C. & St. Louis	.....	.....	.....	75
Pressed Steel Car	200	52⅝	52⅛	52⅛
Pressed Steel Car pfd	100	98	98	97⅝
Pullman Palace Car	.....	.....	.....	237
Reading	50,100	128⅝	127⅛	128⅛
Reading 1st pfd	200	91	91	89⅛
Reading 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	86
Republic Steel	.....	.....	.....	28⅛
Republic Steel pfd	600	100⅛	100⅛	100⅛
Rock Island Co.	1,200	28⅛	28	28⅛
Rock Island Co. pfd	100	66	66	66
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	800	45⅝	45⅛	45⅛
St. Louis S. W.	400	24⅛	23⅝	24
St. Louis S. W. pfd	100	56	55⅝	56
Southern Pacific	6,600	66⅛	65⅝	66⅛
Southern Pacific pfd	.....	.....	.....	117⅛
Southern Railway	34,100	41⅛	40⅛	40⅝
Southern Railway pfd	700	101⅛	101	101
Tennessee Coal & Iron	100	150⅛	150⅛	150
Texas & Pacific	2,100	31	30⅝	30⅝
Toledo, St. Louis & W.	200	34	34	34
T., St. L. & W. pfd	100	54⅝	54⅝	54⅝
Union Pacific	89,100	123⅝	122⅛	122⅝
Union Pacific pfd	200	96	96	95⅝
United States Express	100	116	116	116
United States Realty	100	84⅛	84⅛	84
United States Rubber	2,100	33⅝	33⅛	33⅝
United States Rubber pfd	100	113	113	113
United States Steel	21,200	40⅞	40⅛	40⅛
United States Steel pfd	4,400	106	105⅛	106⅛
Va.-Carolina Chemical	1,400	52	51⅛	51⅞
Va.-Carolina Chem. pfd	.....	.....	.....	118
Wabash	400	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝
Wabash pfd	2,700	49⅝	49⅛	49⅝
Wells-Fargo Express	.....	.....	.....	223
Westinghouse Electric	100	161	161	161
Western Union	1,300	93	92⅛	93⅛
Wheeling & Lake Erie	.....	.....	.....	18⅛
Wisconsin Central	.....	.....	.....	24⅛
Wisconsin Central pfd	.....	.....	.....	78⅛
Northern Pacific	3,800	218⅛	217	217⅝
Central Leather	800	44⅝	44	44
Central Leather pfd	.....	.....	.....	104⅛
Sloss-Sheffield Steel	4,800	44⅛	43	43⅝

Total sales for the day, 874,500 shares.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, March 16.—Call loans, 5¼@6 per cent; time loans, 4⅝@5½ per cent. Official quotations on stocks and bonds were:

Atchison adj. 4s	.....	.....	.....	93⅝
do 4s	101⅝	Amalgamated	.....	107⅛
Mex. Central 4s	80	American Zinc	.....	16
Atchison	93⅝	Atlantic	.....	31⅛
do pfd	102⅛	Bingham	.....	28
Boston & Albany	321	Cal. & Hecla	.....	640
Boston & Maine	179	Centennial	.....	18
Boston Elevated	155	Copper Range	.....	79
Fitchburg pfd	141	Daly West	.....	18
Mexican Central	24⅛	Franklin	.....	13⅛
N. Y., N. H. & H.	200	Granby	.....	124⅛
Union Pacific	152⅛	Isle Royale	.....	32⅛
Amer. Agric. Chem.	37	Mass. Mining	.....	8⅛
do pfd	97	Michigan	.....	12⅛
Amer. Pneu. Tube	26⅛	Mohawk	.....	57⅛
Amer. Sugar	138	Mont. C. & C.	.....	1⅝
do pfd	137⅛	Old Dominion	.....	42⅛
Amer. T. & T.	136⅝	Osceola	.....	100
Amer. Woolen	43⅝	Parrot	.....	17⅛
do pfd	107⅝	Quincy	.....	91⅛
Dominion I. & S.	31	Shannon	.....	7⅛
Edison Elec. Illu.	244	Tamarack	.....	107⅝
Mass. Electric	20	Trinity	.....	16⅝
do pfd	63	United Copper	.....	66⅛
Mass. Gas	48⅛	U. S. Mining	.....	24⅛
United Fruit	107⅛	U. S. Oil	.....	12
United Shoe Mach.	32⅛	Utah	.....	41
do pfd	31⅛	Victoria	.....	4⅛
U. S. Steel	40⅝	Wincna	.....	8⅛
do pfd	102⅛	Wolverine	.....	175
Westing. common	99	North Butte	.....	50⅛
Adventure	8			

*Asked.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, March 16.—Bank clearings for today were $1,095,892.34 and for the corresponding date last year, $1,466,061.86.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve, shows: Available cash balance, $153,625,872; gold coin and bullion, $77,903,445; gold certificates, $46,646,750.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 16.—MONEY—On call, firm, 2½@6 per cent; ruling rate, 3½@6 per cent; closing bid, 2½ per cent; offered, 4 per cent. Time loans slightly firmer; sixty and ninety days, 5¼ per cent; six months, 5@5¼ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER, 5@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8560@4.8565 for demand and at $4.8260@4.8265 for sixty day bills; posted rates, $4.83½ and $4.86½@4.87; commercial bills, $4.82⅛@4.82¼.

SILVER—Bar, 64⅝c; Mexican dollars, 49½c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, heavy.

Closing quotations on bonds today were as follows:

U. S. reg. 2s, reg	103⅝	Japan 4s, 2d series	100⅛
do coupon	104⅝	do 4s cffs	86⅛
U. S. 3s, reg	108⅛	do 4½s cffs	91⅛
do coupon	109⅛	do 3d series	87⅛
U. S. old 4s, reg	109⅞	L. & N. uni. 4s	105⅛
do coupon	109⅞	Man. c. g. 4s	102⅛
U. S. new 4s, reg	131⅛	Mex. Central 4s	81⅛
do coupon	131⅛	do 1st inc.	35⅛
Am. Tobacco 4s	79⅛	*Minn. & St. L. 4s	94
do 6s	116⅛	M., K. & T. 4s	100
Atchison gen. 4s	104	do 2s	69
do adj. 4s	94	N. Y. C. g. 3½s	98⅛
Atlantic C. L. 4s	99⅛	N. J. C. g. 5s	130
Bal. & Ohio