PROFITS PILING HIGH

The Past Week One of the Best in Wall Street for Months.

New York Bank Reserve Again Assuming Big Proportions—Indianapolis Grain Holds Steady.

At New York, yesterday, money on call was easy at 1 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88¾@4.89 for demand and $4.87¼@4.87½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88@4.89½; commercial bills, $4.86@4.86¼.

Silver certificates, 58⅞@59½c. No sales. Bar silver closed at 59⅝c per ounce; at London, 27 5-16d.

The New York weekly bank statement shows the following changes:

Reserve, decrease	$145,525
Loans, increase	646,100
Specie, decrease	162,500
Legal tenders, increase	357,600
Deposits, increase	1,362,500
Circulation, decrease	106,300

The banks now hold $75,623,325 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

Total shares of stocks Saturday amounted to 111,200 shares. The share speculation was generally firm on a moderate volume of business, but the buying was mainly to cover short contracts, and not for the long account. The traders who did the bulk of the business seemed anxious to close out their lines, so as not to carry them over Sunday, and there was a disposition to take profits, especially in Sugar, which had been materially assisted in its rise yesterday and this morning by the report that the regular dividends would be declared at the next meeting of the directors. There was a good demand for Sugar, common, in the open dealings, and in the first fifteen minutes an advance of 3¼ per cent. had been recorded. Thereafter the sellers were in greater numbers than the buyers, and the figures sagged down until a loss of 2½ per cent. had been made, of which ⅝ was recorded in the last sales, leaving a gain of 1⅛ on the day. Sugar preferred advanced 1 per cent., but subsequently lost the entire improvement. Distilling rose ⅝ per cent. on the early dealings, but a disposition was manifested to take profits, which resulted in a decline of ¾, of which ⅛ was recovered, making a loss on the day of 1¼. Louisville & New Albany preferred shared a decline of 1¼. In the rest of the list transactions were light and the changes in prices are almost all in the direction of higher figures, but are merely fractional. Western Union advanced 1¼, but reacted ⅝. The speculation was weakest in the late dealings and the market closed heavy. On the transactions of the week the market shows a material appreciation in values, the more important being Sugar, 6⅝; Sugar preferred, 3; National Starch, first preferred, Laclede Gas preferred and Oregon Railway and Navigation, each 5; Lead preferred, 4¾; Lead common, 3¼; St. Paul preferred, 3⅝; St. Paul common, 2½; Consolidated Gas, 3¼; Chicago Gas, 3⅛; Baltimore & Ohio, 3; American Cotton Oil and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, each 2⅝; General Electric and Chicago & Eastern Illinois preferred, each 2¼; Lake Erie & Western preferred, 2⅛, and Evansville & Terre Haute, 2 per cent.

Declines, Commercial Cable, 3½; Alton & Terre Haute, 5; Michigan Peninsular Car Company, 4⅝; Edison Electric Illuminating Company, 3, and Louisville & New Albany preferred, 2 per cent.

The railway and miscellaneous bond market was strong throughout. On the week the leading changes are: Advances—Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern firsts, trust receipts, 9½; Atchison fours, registered, 6¼; Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City firsts trust receipts and Louisville & Nashville, Nashville & Decatur division sevens, each, 3½; Atchison fours, 3⅜; Louisville & New Albany consols and Atchison, Colorado & Pacific firsts, each, 3 per cent.

Government bonds were firm. State bonds were dull.

The following table, prepared by James E. Berry, Room 16, Board of Trade, shows the range of quotations:

Name.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Adams Express	....	....	....	150
Alton & Terre Haute	....	....	....	21½
Alton & T. H., pref.	....	....	....	150
American Express	....	....	....	113
Atchison	13⅞	14⅛	13⅞	14⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	....	....	....	74
Canada Pacific	....	....	....	67
Canada Southern	....	....	....	50½
Central Pacific	....	....	....	14½
Chesapeake & Ohio	18	18	17⅞	17⅞
Chicago & Alton	....	....	....	136
C., B. & Q.	80½	81⅜	80½	80⅞
C. & E. I., pref.	....	....	....	96
Chicago Gas	65½	66⅝	65½	66
C., C., C. & St. L.	39	39	38¾	39
Cotton Oil	....	....	....	28½
Delaware & Hudson	....	....	....	137
D., L. & W.	....	....	....	166
Dis. & C. F. Co.	27	27⅛	26⅞	26½
Edison Gen. Elec.	43¾	44⅜	43⅝	43⅞
Erie	....	....	....	17⅛
Erie, pref.	....	....	....	37
Fort Wayne	....	....	....	150
Great North., pref.	....	....	....	102
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	20¼
Illinois Central	....	....	....	91½
Lake Erie & W.	....	....	....	15¼
L. E. & W., pref.	....	....	....	66½
Lake Shore	127⅞	128	127½	127½
Lead Trust	31	31¼	31	31
Lead Trust, pref.	78	78	77	77
Louis. & Nashville	47¼	47⅜	47¼	47⅜
Louis. & New Albany	8⅝	8⅞	8⅝	8⅝
Manhattan	125	125	125	125
Michigan Central	....	....	....	98¼
Missouri Pacific	....	....	....	24⅛
National Cordage	....	....	....	16
National Cord., pref.	....	....	....	31
New Jersey Central	....	....	....	116⅞
New York Central	....	....	....	100
N. Y. & N. E.	12	12	11¾	11¾
Northern Pacific	....	....	....	4⅝
Northern Pac., pref.	....	....	....	18¼
Northwestern	105⅞	105½	105⅞	105½
Northwestern, pref.	....	....	....	139
Pacific Mail	16½	16½	16½	16½
Peoria, D. & E.	....	....	....	4¼
Pullman Palace	....	....	....	170
Reading	22¾	23	22½	22⅞
Rock Island	69½	70	69½	69⅝
St. Paul	61⅝	62¾	61⅝	62½
St. Paul, pref.	....	....	....	122½
Sugar Refinery	90	93	90	91
U. S. Express	....	....	....	53
W., St. L. & P.	....	....	....	6¾
W., St. L. & P., pref.	14⅜	14⅜	14⅛	14⅛
Wells-Fargo Express	....	....	....	120
Western Union	86⅛	87¼	86⅛	86⅝
U. S. Fours, reg.	....	....	....	112½
U. S. Fours, coup.	....	....	....	114

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW.

Henry Clews, in reviewing the operations in Wall street last week, says:

"We are now in the beginning of the third month of the year, for which I have ventured to predict an improvement in business, a distinct relief from the effects of last year's panic, and a return of confidence on the Stock Exchange. To close watchers that process has been in various ways observable since the opening of the year; but not until now has the change reached a point of development at which all recognize it. In trade at large the improvement has now become a commonly admitted fact. In many branches the demand for goods is plainly ahead of the supply. The reduction of stocks, caused by the interruption of manufacturing and the extraordinary falling off in imports, begins to show its effects upon prices; and that proves an important stimulus to buying and to confidence. Under these conditions, and in view of the near approach to the final determination of the new tariff duties, business has gained a much more stable basis of confidence, and the country may be regarded as being fairly on the way towards a steady return to a normal condition.

"The fact that the first two months of the year show a marked revival in the foreign commerce of England, as well as in her internal trade, affords a reasonable indication that the recuperative tendency is becoming international; which is an important backing to the improving drift of affairs in this country. Taking the whole group of commercial symptoms, as they now present themselves, it may be considered safe to expect from this time forward a continuous return towards healthier conditions. In the commercial exchanges the exceptionally low prices are beginning to suggest the probability of a speculative movement, especially in our leading articles of export. This is encouraged, too, by the more pacific aspect of European politics. The conclusion of a treaty of commerce between Germany and Russia is regarded as going far towards a reconciliation between those two nations, which means a large step towards relieving the continent of the violent military strain that has afflicted 200,000,000 of population for some years past, and is at the same time calculated to revive the now suppressed spirit of foreign commercial enterprise.

"Wall street can hardly be said to have yet distinctly formulated these various encouraging symptoms, but it receives a general impression that the sky is brightening all around and promising better sailing prospects. The main local symptoms of the week have been the sudden development of increased activity in the industrial stocks, especially in Sugar. The feature that has most impressed operators is the increasing disposition to take large ventures, and the quick response shown in the general list to the revival of interest in the industrial group. This is regarded as implying that the men and the means stand ready for a revival of operations in the event of any well-organized movement being undertaken. There are those who have accumulated very large amounts of stocks pending and following the panic, and they may be assumed to be waiting for an opportunity to realize profits on their holdings. It is only a question as to when they may regard the opportunity as sufficiently ripe for action. They would like to see some improvement in the earnings of the railroads, and that may be expected as an early effect of the resumption of industrial operations and the export of produce at its current extreme depression of prices. They look also to the conclusion of tariff legislation as removing the great source of obstruction to home enterprise, and may be expected to regard that as the best time for testing the disposition of the markets. The completion of the reconstruction of some of the great railroad properties now in the hands of receivers will also be a matter of much bull significance. The consummation of these various matters will be the more influential because they will be almost simultaneous, and then will come the occasion for a great campaign on the Stock Exchange. This is in clear view as a coming event, and the prospect begins to excite interest and to strengthen an already generally strong market. It is calculated to encourage buying, and it is a question whether anticipatory purchases may not hasten the culmination of a movement which large holders might prefer to see at a stage when conditions are riper.

"The reception given by the Senate to the Bland seigniorage bill has had a depressing effect in Wall street generally, and has distinctly checked the buoyancy arising from the above-mentioned causes. But for the general feeling of assurance that the President will veto the bill the Senate's action would have had a far more serious effect; but still it is felt to be a thing seriously bearing upon the general credit of the country that both houses of Congress should be found capable of recommitting the country to a revival of the pro-silver policy that has been supposed to have been finally abandoned in the passage of the repeal act. It is a matter of no small importance that we have no other protection against Blandism than the accident of having a President who favors sound money. The export of gold continues on a light scale; it is a movement always incident to this season; the only thing exceptional about it being that the outflow is much less than is usual in the early months."

Saturday's Bank Clearings.

At New York—Clearings, $84,672,780; balances, $5,178,884; for the week, $485,701,173; balances, $32,998,926.

At Boston, Clearings $13,690,827; balances, $1,879,851; for the week, $79,604,205; balances, $10,298,682.

At Philadelphia—Clearings, $8,902,730; balances, $1,711,836; for the week, $49,945,397; balances $8,809,998.

At Baltimore—Clearings, $1,956,824; balances, $288,269; for the week, $13,247,076; balances, $1,657,317.

At Cincinnati—Money, 2½@5 per cent; New York exchange, 30@50c premium. Clearings to-day, $1,832,350; for week, $11,667,950; for week last year, $14,110,500.

At Chicago—Clearings, $11,858,000; total for week, $79,161,000; corresponding week last year, $101,669,000. New York exchange, 50c premium; sterling exchange dull; actual sales at $4.87½ and $4.89. Business at the banks is gradually improving, although the country balances are probably larger than at any time for weeks past. Discount rates anywhere from 4@6 per cent.

At New Orleans—Clearings, $1,313,928.

At St. Louis—Clearings, $3,032,067; for the week, $21,805,806; last week, $21,297,623; same week last year, $20,042,743; balances, $386,499; for the week, $3,108,203; last week, $3,425,125; same week last year, $2,612,399. Money dull at 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 90c premium.

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

A Good Week's Trade with but Few Fluctuations in Values Reported.

On the wholesale streets the general business comment yesterday was to the effect that trade in the week closing March 10 had been quite satisfactory in its volume and in some lines considerably in excess of any former week of the present year. On Commission row, with the dry-goods houses and millinery establishments the improvement was the more noticeable. The commission merchants state that last week they shipped more goods to the towns and cities which draw supplies from this point than in any three weeks previous since the holidays of 1893. There has been an increased demand for vegetables, especially potatoes, and the stock of oranges has been so reduced that good oranges are selling 50 cents per box higher than a week ago. Eggs advanced Monday to 14 cents, but on Thursday dropped back to 13 cents, and yesterday to 12 cents, losing the gain of the early part of the week. Receipts are increasing largely and the market closed weak on Saturday. Demand for poultry in local and Eastern markets is less active and prices easier. All lines of dry goods have taken on a steadier tone in the way of prices, and with this country merchants are buying larger bills. Not in years past have the millinery houses enjoyed a better trade than in the last ten days. Druggists, hardware merchants and seed dealers all report trade as looking brighter. Provisions are meeting with larger distribution, prices ruling easier.

The local grain market was more active than for some weeks past, corn and oats being in good request, and both cereals a cent or more a bushel higher than on Monday. Track bids yesterday ruled as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 55½c; No. 3 red, 52c; rejected, 40@50c; wagon, 55c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 36c; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 3 white, 36c for one color, 35¾c for grade; No. 2 white mixed, 35½c; No. 3 white mixed, 35¼c; No. 4 white mixed, 31c; No. 2 yellow, 35½c; No. 3 yellow, 35¼c; No. 4 yellow, 30¾c; No. 2 mixed, 35½c; No. 3 mixed, 35¼c; No. 4 mixed, 31c; ear corn, 37½c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 32½c; No. 3 white, 32c; No. 2 mixed, 31c; No. 3 mixed, 29½c; rejected, 23@25c.

Hay—Choice timothy, $11.50; No. 1, $11.25; No. 2, $9; No. 1 prairie, $6.50; mixed, $8; clover, $7@7.50 per ton.

Rye—No. 2, 45c for car lots; 40c for wagon rye.

Bran, $13.

Poultry and Other Produce.

(Prices Paid by Shippers.)

Poultry—Hens, 6c per lb; young chickens, 6c per lb; turkeys, old toms, 4c per lb; hens, 7c per lb; fancy fat young toms, turkeys, 5c; poor, 4c; ducks, 6½c per lb; geese, $4.20@4.80 per doz for choice.

Eggs—Shippers are paying 12 cents.

Butter—Extra, 10@12c; mixed, 8@10c.

Honey—16@18c.

Feathers—Prime geese, 40c per lb; mixed duck, 20c per lb.

Beeswax—20c for yellow; 15c for dark.

Wool—Unwashed medium wool, 15c; unwashed coarse or braid, 13@15c; unwashed fine merino, 10@13c; tub-washed, 18@20c; burry and cotted wool, 5c to 10c less than above prices.

RAW FURS.

Following is the price list for central and northern Indiana and Ohio for prime skins: Extra coon, $1@2; large coon, 80c; medium coon, 60c; small coon, 40c; large mink, $1.10; medium mink, 80c; small mink, 60c; black skunk, $1.30; half stripe skunk, 80c; narrow stripe skunk, 40c; broad stripe skunk, 20c; opossum, 5@25c; rat, 3@13c; red fox, 50@$1.25; gray fox, 40@55c; otter, $3@8; Kentucky skins, 10@20 per cent. lower than prices quoted above.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 G. S. hides, 3½c; No. 2 G. S. hides, 2½c; No. 1 calf hides, 5c; No. 2 calf hides, 3½c.

Tallow—No. 1 tallow, 4¾c; No. 2 yellow, 4c.

Grease—White, 4½c; yellow, 3½c; brown, 3c.

Bones—Dry, $12@13 per ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

(The quotations given below are the selling prices of wholesale dealers.)

Canned Goods.

Peaches — Standard 3-pound, $1.85@2; 3-pound seconds, $1.30@1.40; 2-pound pie, 90@95c; California standard, $2.25@2.50; California seconds, $1.85@2. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-pound, 99@95c; raspberries, 2-pound, $1.20@1.25; pineapple standard, 2-pound, $1.25@1.35; choice, $2@2.25; cove oysters, 1-pound full weight, 95c@$1; light, 65@70c; 2-pound full, $1.80@1.90; light, $1.10@1.20; string beans, 85@95c; Lima beans, $1.10@1.30; peas, marrowfat, $1.10@1.20; early June, $1.25@1.50; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, $1.20@1.25; strawberries, $1.20@1.30; salmon (lbs), $1.45@2.20; 3-pound tomatoes, $1.15@1.20.

Candies and Nuts.

Candies—Stick, 6½c per lb; common mixed, 6½c; G. A. R. mixed, 7½c; Banner mixed, 10c; cream mixed, 10c; old-time mixed, 7½c.

Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 18c; English walnuts, 15c; Brazil nuts, 12c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 7@8c; mixed nuts, 14c.

Coal and Coke.

Anthracite coal, all sizes, $7.50 per ton; Pittsburg and Raymond City, $4.25 per ton; Jackson, $4.25; block, $3.25; Island City, $3; Blossburg and English cannel, $5. All nut coals 50c below above quotations.

Coke — Connellsville, $3.75 per load; crushed, $3.25 per load; lump, $3 per load.

Dried Fruits.

Figs—Layer, 14@15c per lb.

Peaches—Common sun-dried, 6½@7c per lb; common evaporated, 10@11c; California, choice, 11½@12c; California, fancy, 12½@13c.

Apricots—Evaporated, 16@18c.

Prunes—California, 7@12c per lb.

Currants—3½@4c per lb.

Raisins—Loose Muscatel, $1.25@1.35 per box; London layer, $1.35@1.45 per box; Valencia, 8@8½c per lb; layer, 9@10c.

Drugs.

Alcohol, $2.20@2.40; asafetida, 40c; alum, 4@5c; camphor, 60@65c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 60@65c; copperas, brls, 85c@$1; cream tartar, pure, 26@28c; indigo, 80@90c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@45c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@35c; morphine, P. & W., per oz, $2.45; madder, 16@18c; oil, castor, per gal, $1.25@1.30; oil, bergamot, per lb, $3.25; opium, $3.40; quinine, P. & W., per oz, 35@40c; balsam copaiba, 60@65c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda, bicarb., 4½@6c; salts, Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur, flour, 5@6c; saltpeter, 8@20c; turpentine, 36@40c; glycerine, 16@20c; iodide potassium, $3@3.10; bromide potassium, 40@45c; chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonidia, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 22@26c.

Oils—Linseed, 51@54c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 7@14c; bank, 40c; best straits, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 20@30c; miners', 45c. Lard oils—Winter strained in barrels, 75c per gal; in half barrels, 3c per gal extra.

Dry Goods.

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 6c; Berkeley, No. 60, 8½c; Cabot, 6½c; Capital, 5½c; Cumberland, 7¼c; Dwight Anchor, 7¾c; Fruit of Loom, 7½c; Farwell, 7c; Fitchville, 6c; Full Width, 5½c; Gilt Edge, 5½c; Gilded Age, 7c; Hill, 7c; Hope, 6½c; Linwood, 7½c; Lonsdale, 7¾c; Lonsdale Cambric, 10c; Masonville, 7½c; Peabody, 5¾c; Pride of the West, 11½c; Quinebaugh, 6½c; Star of the Nation, 6c; Ten Strike, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 18c; Pepperell, 10-4, 20c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 20½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 22½c.

Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6½c; Argyle, 6c; Boott C, 4¾c; Buck's Head, 6½c; Clifton CCC, 5½c; Constitution, 40-inch, 7½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7c; Dwight Star, 7½c; Great Falls E, 6c; Great Falls J, 5c; Hill Fine, 7c; Indian Head, 6½c; Lawrence LL, 4¾c; Lockwood B, 5½c; Pepperell R, 5¾c; Pepperell E, 6¼c; Pepperell, 9-4, 16c; Pepperell, 10-4, 18c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 20½c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 4¾c; Allen's staples, 4¾c; Allen TR, 5c; Allen robes, 5½c; American indigo, 4½c; Arnold LLC, 7½c; Arnold LCB, 8½c; Arnold Gold Seal, 9½c; Cocheco fancy, 5c; Chocheco madders, 4¾c; Hamilton fancy, 5½c; Manchester fancy, 5½c; Merrimac fancy, 5½c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 6c; Pacific fancy, 5½c; Pacific robes, 6c; Pacific mourning, 5½c; Simpson Eddystone, 5½c; Simpson Berlin solids, 5½c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; Simpson's grays, 5½c; Simpson's mournings, 5½c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5c; Amoskeag Persian Dress, 6½c; Bates Warwick Dress, 6½c; Johnson BF Fancies, 8½c; Lancaster, 5c; Lancaster Normandies, 6½c; Carrolton, 4¾c; Renfrew Dress, 7½c; Whittenton Heather, 6½c; Calcutta Dress styles, 5½c.

Kidfinished Cambrics—Edwards, 4c; Warren, 3¾c; Slater, 3¾c; Genesee, 3¾c.

Tickings—Amoskeag, ACA, 12c; Conestoga, BF, 13½c; Cordis, 140, 13½c; Cordis, FT, 12½c; Cordis, ACE, 12½c; Hamilton, awning, 10c; Kimono Fancy, 17c; Lenox Fancy, 18c; Metheun, AA, 12c; Oakland, AF, 6½c; Portsmouth, 11½c; Susquehanna, 13½c; Shetucket SW, 7½c; Shetucket F, 8c; Swift River, 5½c.

Grain Bags—Amoskeag, $13.50; American, $13.50; Franklinville, $16.50; Harmony, $13.50; Stark, $17.50.

Groceries.

Sugars—Hard sugars, 4⅝@5½c; confectioners' A, 4½@4⅝c; off A, 4⅜@4¾c; A, 4¼@4⅜c; extra C, 4@4¼c; yellow C, 3½@3¾c; dark yellow, 3¼@3½c.

Coffee—Good, 20½@21c; prime, 22@23c; strictly prime, 24@26c; fancy green and yellow, 26@27c; ordinary Java, 29@30c; old government Java, 32@33c; roasted, 1-pound packages, 23¾c.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 30@40c; choice, 40@45c; syrups, 20@25c.

Spices—Pepper, 16@18c; allspice, 12@15c; cloves, 20@25c; cassia, 10@12c; nutmegs, 70@80c per lb.

Rice — Louisiana, 4@5¼c; Carolina, 4¾@6¾c.

Honey—New York stock, 1-pound sections, 16@18c per lb.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, $2@2.10 per bu; medium hand-picked, $1.90@2; limas, California, 4c per lb.

Salt—In car lots, 80@85c; small lots, 90@95c.

Twine—Hemp, 12@18c per lb; wool, 8@10c; flax, 20@30c; paper, 15c; jute, 12@15c; cotton, 16@25c.

Shot—$1.15@1.20 per bag for drop.

Lead—6½@7c for pressed bars.

Wooden Dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, $2.20; No. 2, $2.50; No. 3, $2.80; No. 5, $3.50.

Flour Sacks (paper)—Plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $3.50; 1-16 brl, $5;; ¼ brl, $8; ½ brl, $16; No. 2 drab, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $4.25; 1-16, $6.50; ⅛, $10; ¼, $20; No. 1 cream, plain, 1-32, per 1,000, $7; 1-16, $8.75; ⅛, $14.50; ¼, $28.50. Extra charge for printing.

Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, $6.50@7; No. 2 tubs, $5.50@6; No. 3 tubs, $4.50@5; 3-hoop pails, $1.60@1.65; 2-hoop pails, $1.35@1.40; double washboards, $2.25@2.75; common washboards, $1.50@1.85; clothes pins, 50@85c per box.

Leather.

Leather—Oak sole, 28@38c; hemlock sole, 22@28c; harness, 25@38c; skirting, 31@32c; single strap, 41c; black bridle, per doz, $60@95; fair bridle, $60@78 per doz; city kip, 55@75c; French kip, 85c@$1.10; city calfskins, 85c@$1; French calfskins, $1@1.80.

Flour.

Straight grades, $2.50@2.75; fancy grades, $2.75@3; patent flour, $3.25@3.75; low grades, $1.50@2.

Iron and Steel.

Bar iron, $1.50@1.60; horseshoe bar, 2¾@3c; nail rod, 6c; plow slabs, 3c; American cast steel, 8c; tire steel, 2⅝@3c; spring steel, 4½@5c.

Nails and Horseshoes.

Steel cut nails, $1.25; wire nails, $1.25 rates; horseshoes, per keg, $3.75; mule shoes, per keg, $4.75; horse nails, $4@5.

Oil Cake.

Oil cake, $25.25 per ton; oil meal, $25.25.

Produce, Fruits and Vegetables.

Brocoli or Kale—75c@$1 per brl.

Cranberries—Jersey, $6.50@7 per brl.

Apples—Northern Spies, $7; Baldwins and Greenings, No. 1, $6@6.50; No. 2, $4.25@4.50 per brl.

Cabbage—$1.50@2 per brl, according to quality. Florida cabbages, $2.50 per crate.

Sweet Potatoes—Eastern Jerseys, $3.75@4; Cobden, $3.50.

Onions—85@90c per bu, or $2@2.25 per brl; new Bermudas, $2.75@3 per bu box.

Grapes—Malaga, $5@6 per keg, according to quality.

Potatoes—$2@2.25 per brl; from car, 60@65c per bu; from store, 65@70c per bu; seed potatoes, Early Rose, 85c per bu; Ohio, $1.10 per bu.

Florida Pineapples—Medium, $1@1.50 per doz; extra size, $3.

Bananas—$1.25@1.75 per bunch, according to size and quality.

Lemons—Choice, $3 per box; fancy, $3.50.

Cheese—New York full cream, 12@14c; skims, 5@7c per lb.

Florida Oranges—$2.75@3 per box, according to size and quality; California navel, $2.75@3 per box.

Cider—Duffy brand, 32-gal brl, $5; 16-gal brl, $3.

Sauer Kraut—$5@5.50 per brl; $3 per half brl.

Onion Sets—White, $3.75@4.25; red and yellow, $2.75@3 per bu.

New tomatoes, $7.50@7.75 per case.

Cucumbers, $1.50@1.75 per doz.

Strawberries, 33@35c per quart.

Maple Molasses—90c@$1 per gallon.

Provisions.

Bacon—Clear sides, 40 to 50 lbs average, 8¼c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 8¾c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 9¼c; clear bellies, 18 to 22 lbs average, 8¼c; 16 to 17 lbs average, 8½c; 14 lbs average, 8¾c; 12 lbs average, 9¾c; middle cut backs, 10 to 15 lbs average, 8½c; French backs, 7½c. Dry-salt meats average 1c less.

Shoulders—English-cured, 12 lbs average, 8½c; 16 lbs average, 8¼c.

Hams—Sugar-cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 9¼@10½c; 15 lbs average, 10@11c; 12½ lbs average, 10¾@11½c; 10 lbs average, 11¼@12c; block hams, 9¾@10½c.

California Hams—Sugar-cured, 10 to 12 lbs average, 8½c.

Boneless Ham—Sugar-cured, 9c.

Pickled Pork—Bean pork, clear, per brl 200 lbs, $16; family pork, $15; rump pork, $13.

Breakfast Bacon—Clear, firsts, 11½@12½c; seconds, 10¾@11c.

Lard—Kettle-rendered, in tierces, 9c; pure lard, 8@8½c.

Seeds.

Clover—Choice recleaned, 60-lb bu, $4.75@5; prime, $4.50@4.75; English choice, $4.75@5; prime, $4.50@5; Alsike, choice, $7.50@8; Alfalfa, choice, $5.10@5.35. Timothy, 45-lb bu, choice, $2@2.15; strictly prime, $1.85@2. Bluegrass—Fancy, 14-lb bu, $1.15@1.20; extra clean, 85@90c. Orchard grass—Extra, $1.65@1.75. Red top—Choice, 50@60c; extra clean, 38@40c. English bluegrass, 24-lb bu, $2.40@2.50.

Tinners' Supplies.

Best brand charcoal tin IC, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $7@7.50; IX, 10x14, 14x20 and 12x12, $8@9.50; IC, 14x20, roofing tin, $6@6.50; IC, 20x28, $12@12.50; block tin, in pigs, 25c; in bars, 27c. Iron—27 B iron, 3c; C iron, 4c; galvanized, 70 per cent. discount. Sheet zinc, 5¾@6c. Copper, bottoms, 20c. Planished copper, 24c. Solder, 15@16c.

Doing Things Well.

Germantown Telegraph.

The newspaper that keeps profit in view aside from what are mere speculative abstractions, often has to own the charge of being unscientific, and it is well, therefore, to note how those do who travel in the other road.

Among other matters we have persistently argued that in many operations of the farm and the garden money was often wasted under the impression that it was necessary to "do things well." New we say also, do things well, but the trouble is that what many people regard as doing things well, in our opinion is doing things very badly. Doing things well has often no other meaning than spending a great deal of money and time on useless labors. In planting fruit trees, for instance, we often read in papers that dread to be considered merely practical that the land should be stirred up two feet deep, and we know not how many loads of manure per acre mixed with it, and the estimate of this "doing well" is generally figured up as about $200 per acre. We venture to say that no man who spends $200 an acre in preparing a piece of land for an apple orchard, or for any ordinary fruit plantation, will ever see his money back again. The land may be made well, and the planting may be well, but the profits will be in a well also—a well so deep they will never see the surface.

WHEAT CLOSED DULL

Uncertainty About the Government Report Retarded Trade.

While the Leading Cereal Went Lower Both Corn and Oats Were Higher —Pork Declines.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Wheat closed dull and lower than yesterday. The uncertainty concerning the expected government report prevented much trading, and rumors that it would be bearish caused an easier feeling. Fluctuations were confined to a range of ⅝c. Corn averaged firm. The seaboard reported a good demand for export, with cash corn in New York bringing 1c per bushel over the May prices. It closed here with a gain for the day of ½c. Oats are also ½c higher. Provisions were irregular at a shade lower prices.

Wheat was weak for the first half hour, but the feeling of uncertainty concerning the government figures to be issued in the afternoon regarding the amount in farmers' hands kept the fluctuations within narrow bounds. After a decline of ¼c and a subsequent recovery, the market remained steady and with an evident reluctance to do any more business during the greater part of the remainder of the session. The matters which usually affect opinion were disregarded. Even the highly favorable weather was confined in its influence to an expression from the traders of physical satisfaction therewith. The week's reports from both coasts, as reported by Bradstreet, were 821,000 bushels, including flour. On the preceding week they amounted to 2,972,000 bushels, and to 2,894,000 on the corresponding week of last year. Exports since Jan. 1, this year, the same authority gives as 26,000,000 bushels, compared with 33,000,000 bushels for the similar period of last year, and 40,000,000 bushels on the year before that. The clearances from the Atlantic seaboard were equal to about 351,000 bushels in wheat and flour. Chicago received 41 cars of wheat, against 25 a year ago. Minneapolis reported 241 cars and Duluth 67, against 390 and 31, respectively, a year ago. Liverpool and continental markets were quoted dull and rather easier. The closing price for May was 59⅝@59¾c.

Corn followed the downward course of wheat early in the day, but on an attempt of a commission firm to fill a buying order for about 250,000 bushels the offerings were so light that ½c was added to the price during the few minutes occupied in filling it. The impending government report was in corn as it was in wheat, a reason for extreme fear, and the market manifested its apprehension as the snail does, by curling itself up inside of its shell. The purchase by Irwin-Green of 250,000 bushels already referred to was the only notable feature of the day's trade. May opened at 37⅛c, sold down to 37c, recovered to 37⅛c and then jumped up to 37⅝c quickly. During a few minutes of the close the price ruled between 37½c and 37⅝c. Receipts for to-day were only 182 cars, and for Monday 200 cars are estimated. Under a little spurt of active buying near the close May advanced for a second to 37¾c. The latest trading was at 37⅝c.

There was a good general business transacted in oats and also some large trading. Schwartz, Dupee & Co. were buying freely, which was the principal cause of the strength. There was also some sympathy existing between corn and oats. The market started steady at 30⅝c for May, touched 30½c and advanced gradually to 31¼c. It closed with sellers at that price, which shows a net gain of ½c over yesterday's last quotations. The prevision market redeemed the session from utter inanity. There was a fairly good scalping market at generally lower prices. The hog receipts were 11,000 head for the day. For the week they amounted to 114,577, compared with 96,699 for the corresponding week of last year. The market started weak on selling by Baldwin-Farnum and Hatley, but the light receipts and buying by Chapin, Edwards & Rumsey and Lightner sent prices up with a reaction later on a little selling. Compared with last night, May pork is unchanged, May lard .07½c lower and May ribs .05c lower.

Estimated receipts for Monday are: Wheat, 85 cars; corn, 300 cars; oats, 182 cars; hogs, 27,000 head. Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—March	57⅝	57⅝	57¼	57½
May	59⅝	59⅞	59½	59¾
July	61⅝	61½	61⅛	61⅜
Corn—March	35	35⅝	34⅞	35½
May	37⅛	37¾	37	37⅝
July	38	38⅝	37⅞	37⅝
Oats—March	29⅞	30⅝	29¾	30⅛
May	30⅝	31⅛	30½	31⅛
July	28½	29	28½	29
Pork—May	$11.25	$11.42½	$11.25	$11.40
July	11.40	11.45	11.37½	11.37½
Lard—March	.....	.....	.....	6.80
May	6.77½	6.77½	6.72½	6.75
July	6.70	6.70	6.65	6.70
Ribs—May	5.85	5.92½	5.85	5.87½
July	5.85	5.92½	5.85	5.87½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 57¾@57½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 57c; No. 2 red, 57¾@57½c; No. 2 corn, 35⅝c; No. 3 corn, 35⅛c; No. 2 oats, 30¾c; No. 2 white, 33½@33¾c; No. 3 white, 32¼@33¼c; No. 2 rye, 45½c; No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3, no sales; No. 4, 46@52c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.30½; prime timothy seed, $4.15; mess pork, per brl, $11.30@11.35; lard, per lb, 6.80@6.82½c; short-rib sides (loose), 5.85@5.90c; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 6@6.25c; short-clear sides (boxed), 6.37½@6.50c; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.15; sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange, to-day, the butter market was quiet; creameries, 16@20c; dairies, 14@19c. Eggs quiet; strictly fresh, 14½@15c.

Receipts—Flour, 11,000 brls; wheat, 29,000 bu; corn, 200,000 bu; oats, 253,000 bu; rye, 59,000 bu; barley, 26,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 14,000 brls; wheat, 8,000 bu; corn, 219,000 bu; oats 194,000 bu; rye, 7,000 bu; barley, 18,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices in Produce at the Seaboard's Commercial Metropolis.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Flour—Receipts, 19,800 brls; exports, 21,800 brls; sales, 3,200 packages. The market was very dull, but about steady. Few buyers in the market to-day; city mill patents, $4.15@4.35; winter patents, $3.35@3.50; city mill clears, $3.55@3.60; winter straights, $2.70@3.05; Minnesota patents, $3.50@3