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AN INCREASE IN LOANS

MORE ENCOURAGING STATEMENT FROM THE NEW YORK BANKS.

Stock Trading Has Been Dull, but the Foreign Demand for Bonds Is Stronger—Local Business Flat.

At New York, Saturday, money on call was nominally 1½@2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3@4 per cent.

Sterling exchange was steady with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¼@4.86½ for demand and $4.84½@4.84¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½ and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.83½.

Bar silver, 64⅝c; Mexican dollars, 50⅜c; silver certificates, 64⅞@65⅛c. At London bar silver closed at 29¾d per ounce.

The imports of dry goods and general merchandise at the port of New York last week were valued at $6,248,085. The imports of specie were $58,169, of which $23,716 was gold. The exports of specie were valued at $906,766, of which $54,591 was gold.

The New York weekly bank statement shows the following changes:

Reserve, decrease	$4,608,200
Loans, increase	8,847,900
Specie, decrease	125,000
Legal tender, decrease	3,075,600
Deposits, increase	5,630,000
Circulation, decrease	1,324,000

The banks now hold $54,540,050 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

The New York Financier says: "The statement of the clearing house banks of New York for the week ending Feb. 6 was of an unusually favorable character, showing, as it did, an unexpected increase in loans, after several weeks' steady decrease in this item. On Jan. 20 the loans of the New York banks were $491,375,300, which represented a gain of about $49,000,000 from the lowest point recorded, Nov. 7. The loan total, according to the current statement, is $497,713,600. The gain for the week, therefore, seems all the more surprising. The only reason for the gain seems to be the employment of a large volume of money being used in the reorganization and transfer of several of the Northwestern and Pacific roads. These operations call for great sums of money, and New York offered the most advantageous market in this connection. The other items in the statement reveal the effect of the heavy loan expansion. The banks increase their deposits and decrease their cash holdings, making the total change in these two items of $8,830,000, which corresponds closely with the loan expansion. It is noticeable that the circulation of the banks shrunk sharply, bringing the total circulation down to $16,787,000, a decrease of nearly $1,600,000 since October. As this circulation has been retired largely within the past four weeks the decrease in cash holdings may be due in part to the deposit of legals with the treasury to retire the bank notes. The receipts of currency for the past week have been slack and the decrease in the available cash held by the New York banks makes the question of rates of money an interesting one. It does not seem probable that current decrease will have anything like a permanent influence on current rates, the outcome depending largely on the disposition of the funds withdrawn. The cash reserve of the banks is still $196,780,500, and the excess reserve does not indicate either a pressing demand for money or an incentive to higher rates."

DEALINGS ON SMALL SCALE.

The total sales of stocks Saturday were 51,600 shares, including: American Sugar, 14,100; Louisville & Nashville, 3,300; Northern Pacific, 3,700.

There was little of importance in the transactions on New York Stock Exchange Saturday, the dealings being on a small scale and the fluctuations of prices being within narrow limits, closing weak. The market has proved dull throughout the week, in spite of the hopes entertained at the beginning of a revival in trade. Saturday's opening proved irregular but generally heavy under much the same influences as Friday. A feeling of uneasiness centered about the industrial shares, undoubtedly due to the proceedings of the legislative trust investigation in New York city. In the railway list also the publication of some disappointing traffic statements of the Southwestern lines exerted a depressing influence with St. Louis Southwestern, Louisville & Nashville and Southern preferred leading the decline. The industrials found a fairly good support, but figured less prominently in the dealings than Friday. It was only in the final hour that the stock exhibited any decided tone and then the professional traders started to cover extensively in the industrials. In consequence Sugar, Leather preferred and American Spirits, both common and preferred, improved on an average of about a point. A few of the railway stocks also came into prominence, doubtless influenced by the excellent showing of the weekly bank statement, presenting a loss in surplus reserve of $4,608,200, an increase in loans of $8,747,000, and in deposits of $7,640,000. The market showed more activity in the rally, and left off generally firm. The week thus closed presented only one feature of any special interest or importance. This was the development of the new holdings in the Northern Pacific and the common influence secured in the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company by the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and Union Pacific Railroads. The transactions in Northern Pacific common and preferred stock and in the securities of this company were heavy both in this market and in foreign markets, and a gratifying effect as indicating a revival of interest of a reorganized company and a combination of interests so promising of advantage to all concerned could not be viewed complacently by everyone interested in financial affairs with the money thus invested in American property by continental capitalists representing a good round amount. It was expected that this transaction would have an effect on exchange rates, but no appreciable effect has been noted. The lowering of the rate of discount by the Bank of England to 3 per cent. was also expected to prove a factor in the exchange market. It is thought possible that payments for Northern Pacific securities may come out later and may yet affect exchange, but such part of it as has already appeared seems to have been absorbed without difficulty. There is no doubt, also, that the fact that London sold American shares during the week has had its effect in offsetting the obligations of continental buyers of American securities.

LOWER LONDON DISCOUNT.

The lower discount rate in London, showing the abundant supply of money there, is accepted as a favorable feature in the outlook as providing means for investment in American properties. These conditions in the international exchange situation are considered to provide a measurable security against the export of gold in the immediate future. The foreign demand for railroad bonds during the week has been coincident with the selling of stocks, and there has also been a large European demand for Northern Pacific bonds in connection with the transfer of the stock underwriting syndicate to German interests. This demand extended to bonds of various low-priced reorganized properties. Northern Pacific general threes and prior-lien fours were largely dealt in, and heavy blocks of gilt-edged bonds were bought in London and were also bought in New York for foreign account. The rates of money also continue low and an abundant supply is to be had, but there is little appearance of it seeking its way into the channels of speculation or even investment. One of the features of the week also was a decline in the previous very high rate for government bonds, which is attributed to profit-takings. The advance in the treasury's gold reserve to over $145,000,000 is a factor in the solidity of the currency situation. The large amount of money seeking outlet was shown in the large commission-house buying of bonds and investment securities. The money market was extremely dull and rates were shaded in some instances even for the low quoted figures, which were 1½ to 2 per cent. on call. Transactions occurred at 2 to 3½ per cent. for thirty days to eight months. Mercantile paper was readily absorbed with the banks and out of town people well represented. The dearth of prime names has caused more general demand for the lesser grades, with quotations ranging up to 4½ per cent. for good names, according to maturity. In the early part of the week the market showed a tendency to broaden out under the influence of the transactions involving the Northern Pacific and their sequences. But the industrials came in for a drive that drove values down along the whole line, and again restricted the scope of speculation. A large proportion of the total dealings was in Sugar, and the tendency was downward through the week. Other industrials shared with Sugar the adverse influence of the trust investigation by a legislative committee proceeding in New York and several stocks in this group also suffered from special causes. The depression in them served to drag the whole market with them to an extent. Operations were subsequently restricted by the professional element. A notable slump occurred in New York, New Haven & Hartford of 17 points to 160, with a subsequent recovery to 168 bid. The transaction on which this variation occurred was a very small one.

The week's transactions in stocks were small and on the whole irregular, but the general tendency was downward with an occasional rally and resistance by some of the railroad stocks, notably Burlington, on its favorable traffic statement for December, and the anthracite coal group. The improvement in the bond operations served as a backlog to the stock market, and although some concessions occurred in the speculative issues on profit taking, the undertone was decidedly strong with the more substantial advances registered in the usually dormant issues. The market left off generally firm for the week on covering by shorts, the net losses on the leading railways being 1 to 2 per cent. The changes in the industrials were more notable, particularly in Sugar and Leather preferred, the former being down 3⅜ and the latter 2⅛. The sales were 796,249 shares.

The bond market during the week was unusually animated, the transactions footing up $65,000,000. The feature of the dealings was the constant absorption of large blocks of the leading bonds for continental account. The prominent investment houses reported a keen inquiry for all grades of mortgages, with the low-priced issues in marked favor. The operations in the gilt-edged liens was limited only to the extent of offerings, as holders appear to be reluctant to part with this collateral except at more remunerative prices. The speculative bonds moved in sympathy with the stock market at times, but the speculation as a whole was exceedingly strong in tone. The changes record improvements generally ranging up to 5 per cent. in Norfolk & Western gold fives. Some declines were registered, but without significance outside of Kentucky Central fours, which lost 6 per cent. Missouri Pacific collaterals, 5, and New York, New Haven & Hartford fours 4⅝ per cent.

Views of Henry Clews.

Henry Clews, the New York banker, says: "Wall street will continue in a confident mood, but with a moderate volume of transactions. The men of finance have confidence in the future, and that is the mainstay of values, rather than anything that for the time being is materially improving the earnings of corporate investments. It begins to dawn upon those who have indulged in expectations of a general boom how near we are to the time when confidence was shaken to its very foundations and how much prostration the country has to recover from. The year 1896 was far the most trying of the four years of depression through which the country has passed. It was not only the culmination of the monetary derangements of the three previous years; it had also serious special causes of disturbance outside of those incident to finance proper. Twice we appeared to be on the verge of foreign war, and the rampant military spirit which our relations with England and Spain evoked alarmed sober-minded people at the apparent ease with which the country might at any time be precipitated into warlike situations or actual conflict. Still more alarming to reflecting people was the fierce spirit of sectional and class animosities developed in the course of the election canvass, to say nothing of the danger of the country being committed to a prosilver policy. These revelations produced distrusts of a character new to American citizens and which have disturbed confidence among large owners of capital much more deeply than appears on the surface. From this point of view we may judge how deep was the disturbance of confidence with which recuperative tendencies have had to deal and what were the obstacles to investment movements which depended upon the co-operation of men of large capital. Those men are the class who have been most directly threatened by recent conditions, and they are therefore likely to be the latest to participate freely in Wall-street undertakings. These considerations deserve the attention of those who are still complaining about the nonappearance of the hoped-for great boom, and they explain why the return of activity may be expected to come gradually rather than immediately and with a rush.

"Properly viewed, there is nothing to discourage even the most sanguine in the tenacity with which men of finance still maintain a conservative attitude. They are at least willing to move with events; and events have been and are now taking a notable turn for the better. So far as may be inferred from current political incidents and from the utterances of the late extremist press, there is a marked reaction from the ante-election silver craze. Bryan and Bryanism are becoming discredited so far as respects their currency theories, and are now showing more disposition to accept a settlement of the money question upon sounder conditions. There is also a reaction from the violent spirit in politics, which helps to lessen the apprehension on that score. The masses begin to discover that they have taken too large a dose of Bryanism and are now applying to other doctors for relief from its nauseating effects. To a very important class of people perhaps nothing could be more assuring than this manifest reaction from violent radicalism.

"Further, we are no longer apprehensive of international entanglements. On the contrary, the government has set before the world the most striking exhibition of a spirit of international peace that any nation has ever afforded. The arbitration treaty is more than an expression of a policy; it will constitute a great moral force binding our people to the maintenance of a friendly attitude under disputes with other countries than Great Britain merely, and which will diminish to a minimum our risks of foreign war. The critical attitude of the Senate towards the treaty, though perhaps needlessly depriving the great achievement of its eclat, is not likely to defeat its final ratification. The modifications deprive the compact of none of its essential features, but substantially leave it unimpaired for all its larger purposes. It is not to be expected therefore that this new stimulus to public confidence will be appreciably deprived of its beneficent tendency by any action of the Senate.

"The President-elects's selections for the two leading positions in his Cabinet have had an assuring effect. The feeling is general that the peace and good order of the country will be safe in the hands of Mr. Sherman. Mr. Gage's acceptance of the treasury portfolio affords an accession of strength to the sound-money sentiment of the country. The new President and his secretary of the treasury will, without much doubt, give a distinct direction to the financial policy of the Republican party and of its representatives in Congress. This is an invaluable contribution towards confidence among the class who control our financial interests; for even if the Senate should prove obstructive to currency reform, the change in its personnel which will occur two years hence will only be the more surely in favor of sound money from the fact that their predecessors have in this matter done violence to public opinion. With the President and a forcible minister of finance united in this policy, currency reform cannot suffer more than a temporary defeat; its ultimate adoption within the four years' tenure of the Republicans is assured.

"The improvement in the conditions here noted and the more hopeful political aspects generally have a silent but very powerful influence in favor of confidence. They are factors which appeal especially to men of sagacity and of large means and upon whom the value of investments largely depends. The buttressing of confidence at this point I regard as of the utmost importance in restoring a healthy tone in Wall-street affairs."

The following table, prepared by L. W. Louis, Room 11 Board of Trade, shows the range of quotations:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Adams Express	....	....	....	149
Alton & Terre Haute	....	....	....	56
American Express	....	....	....	110
American Spirits	13¼	13⅜	13	13¼
American Spirits pref	....	....	....	32¾
American Sugar	113½	114⅝	113½	114⅛
American Sugar pref	....	....	....	101⅛
American Tobacco	72½	73	72½	73
American Tobacco pref	....	....	....	102
Atchison	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	....	....	....	15
Canada Pacific	....	....	....	56
Canada Southern	....	....	....	44½
Central Pacific	....	....	....	11½
Chesapeake & Ohio	....	....	....	17⅛
Chicago & Alton	....	....	....	164
C., B. & Q.	74¼	74⅝	74¼	74¼
C. & E. I. pref	....	....	....	95
Chicago Gas	77	77⅜	77	77⅛
C., C., C. & St. L.	....	....	....	27
Commercial Cable Co	....	....	....	155
Consolidated Gas	....	....	....	147½
Cotton Oil	....	....	....	11¼
Cotton Oil pref	....	....	....	53
Delaware & Hudson	....	....	....	108⅛
D., L. & W.	....	....	....	152
Denver & Rio Grande pref	....	....	....	42
Erie	....	....	....	14¾
Erie first pref	....	....	....	35
Erie second pref	....	....	....	22
Fort Wayne	....	....	....	166
General Electric	35⅝	35⅝	35½	35⅝
Great Northern pref	....	....	....	122
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	5¾
Illinois Central	....	....	....	94½
Kansas & Texas pref	....	....	....	30⅝
Lake Erie & Western	....	....	....	16½
Lake Erie & Western pref	....	....	....	66½
Lake Shore	....	....	....	152¼
Lead Trust	23	23	23	23
Louisville & Nashville	50⅜	50⅜	50¼	50¼
Louisville & New Albany	....	....	....	¼
Manhattan	89⅝	89⅝	89⅝	89½
Michigan Central	....	....	....	90
Missouri Pacific	....	....	....	22
New Jersey Central	....	....	....	99
New York Central	93½	93½	93½	93½
N. Y. & N. E.	....	....	....	37⅞
Northern Pacific	....	....	....	15
Northern Pacific pref	38⅜	38⅜	38¼	38¼
Northwestern	104	104	104	104
Northwestern pref	....	....	....	153
Pacific Mail	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
Peoria, D. & E.	....	....	....	2
P., C. & St. L. pref	....	....	....	51
Pullman Palace	....	....	....	155½
Reading	26¼	26¼	26¼	26¼
Rock Island	67½	67½	67½	67½
St. Paul	76	76	75⅞	76
St. Paul pref	....	....	....	132¾
St. Paul & Omaha	....	....	....	48½
St. Paul & Omaha pref	....	....	....	129
Southern Pacific	....	....	....	15⅛
Tennessee Coal and Iron	29½	29½	29½	29½
Texas Pacific	....	....	....	9¼
T., St. L. & K. C.	....	....	....	5½
T., St. L. & K. C. pref	....	....	....	18
Union Pacific	7¼	7¼	7¼	7¼
U. S. Express	....	....	....	35
U. S. Leather pref	59	59¾	59	59¾
U. S. Rubber	....	....	....	22
U. S. Rubber pref	....	....	....	74¾
Wabash, St. L. & P.	....	....	....	6¼
Wabash, St. L. & P. pref	....	....	....	15¾
Wells-Fargo Express	....	....	....	98
Western Union	82¾	83	82¾	83
Wheeling & Lake Erie	....	....	....	2¼
Wheeling & Lake Erie pref	....	....	....	9⅝
U. S. Fours, reg	....	....	....	111¼
U. S. Fours, coup	....	....	....	112
U. S. Fours, new, reg	....	....	....	122¼
U. S. Fours, new, coup	....	....	....	122¼

Saturday's Bank Clearings.

At Chicago—Clearings, $9,553,457. Money steady at 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, 40c discount; foreign exchange barely steady.

At New York—Clearings, $87,401,308; balances, $3,894,154.

At Boston—Clearings, $15,018,027; balances, $1,450,550.

At Memphis—Clearings, $275,808; balances, $69,573.

At New Orleans—Clearings, $1,553,889.

At St. Louis—Clearings, $3,159,495; balances, $838,517.

At Cincinnati—Clearings, $1,737,570.

At Baltimore—Clearings, $2,501,140; balances, $345,471.

At Philadelphia—Clearings, $8,912,115; balances, $1,070,643.

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Another Week of Disappointing Trade, with Steady Prices.

While trade in the week ending Feb. 6 showed some improvement over that of the preceding week, it was not what was expected. Wholesale grocers, druggists and produce men were the only merchants who speak of trade as being fairly satisfactory. Produce men are handling a good deal of poultry, eggs and butter, the supply being large for midwinter and the demand such as to keep the market clear of accumulations. Leather dealers had a better trade than for some time past, as did the iron merchants, but the volume is not up to expectations. On Commission row there is a good deal of grumbling. Prices in fruits and vegetables are still low, cabbage excepted. Irish potatoes went off 5c last week with the milder weather. Much of the poor stock has been sold, so that the present offerings are an improvement over those of a few weeks ago. Choice apples are not abundant and an advance in prices need not be a surprise. With the merchants generally a belief prevails that this month will show a light business and that with March trade will begin to improve, and a good spring and summer trade will follow:

The local grain market is active as compared with a month ago. All cereals such as this market requires are in good request, as the cerealine mills, hominy mills and starch works are all busy. The flouring mills are doing but little, so light are the receipts of the better grade of wheat. The week closed with track bids ruling as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 87c; No. 3 red, 84@86c; No. 4 red, 74@79c; wagon wheat, 87c.

Corn—No. 2 white, 21¼c; No. 3 white, 21¼c; No. 4 white, 21¼c; No. 2 white mixed, 20¼c; No. 3 white mixed, 20¼c; No. 4 white mixed, 20c; No. 2 yellow, 20¾c; No. 3 yellow, 20¾c; No. 4 yellow, 15c; No. 2 mixed, 20¾c; No. 3 mixed, 20¾c; No. 4 mixed, 15c; ear corn, 17c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 21c; No. 3 white, 19c; No. 2 mixed, 18c; No. 3 mixed, 16c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $8.50@9; No. 2 timothy, $7@8; prairie, $6@6.50.

Poultry and Other Produce.

(Prices paid by shippers.)

Poultry—Hens, 6c; springs, 6c; cocks, 2½c; young turkeys, 10c; toms, 9c; old hen turkeys, 8c; old toms, 6c; ducks, 7c; geese, 40c for full feathered; 30c for plucked.

Butter—Country, choice, 10c; mixed, 6c.

Eggs—11@12c.

Feathers—Prime geese, 30c per lb; prime duck, 16@17c per lb.

Wool—Medium unwashed, 12c; fine merino, unwashed, 10c; tub-washed, 20@23c; burry and unmerchantable, 5c less.

Beeswax—30c for yellow; 25c for dark.

Honey—11@15c per lb.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Green-salted Hides—No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 1 calf, 8½c; No. 2 calf, 7½c.

Grease—White, 3⅜c; yellow, 2¾c; brown, 2⅜c.

Tallow—No. 1, 3c; No. 2, 2½c.

Bones—Dry, $12@13 per ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

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

Canned Goods.

Corn, 60c@$1.25. Peaches—Standard 3-lb, $1.50@1.75; seconds, $1@1.10; 3-lb pie, 75@80c; California standard, $1.75@2; California seconds, $1.40@1.50. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-lb, 65@70c; raspberries, 2-lb, 90@95c; pineapples, standard, 2-lb, $1.10@1.25; choice, $2@2.50; cove oysters, 1-lb, full weight, 85@95c; light, 60@65c; string beans, 70@90c; Lima beans, $1.10@1.20; peas, marrowfats, 85c@$1.10; early June, 90c@$1.10; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, 90c@$1; strawberries, 90@95c; salmon, 1-lb, $1.10@2; 3-lb tomatoes, 80@85c.

Candies and Nuts.

Candies—Stick, 5½c per lb; common mixed, 5½c per lb; G. A. R. mixed, 6½c; Banner stick, 10c; cream mixed, 9c; old-time mixed, 7c.

Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 11@13c; English walnuts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 10c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 8c; mixed nuts, 10c.

Coal and Coke.

The following are the prices on coal and coke, as retailed in this market:

Anthracite coal, $7 per ton; Pittsburg lump, $3.75; Brazil block, $2.75; Winifrede lump, $3.75; Jackson lump, $3.50; Greene county lump, $2.75; Paragon lump, $2.50; Greene county nut, $2.50; Blossburg coal, $4.50; crushed coke, $3 per 24 bu; lump coke, $2.75; foundry coke, $6 per ton.

Drugs.

Alcohol, $2.32@2.50; asafetida, 25@30c; alum, 2½@4c; camphor, 50@55c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 65@70c; copperas, brls, 35@40c; cream tartar, pure, 30@32c; indigo, 65@80c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@40c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@35c; morphine, P. & W., per oz, $1.75@2; madder, 14@16c; oil, castor, per gal, $1.05@1.10; oil, bergamot, per lb, $2.75; opium, $2.40@2.50; quinine, P. & W., per oz, 27@32c; balsam copaiba, 60@70c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda, bicarb., 4½@6c; salts, Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur, flour, 5@6c; saltpeter, 8@14c; turpentine, 30@35c; glycerin, 19@22c; iodide potassium, $3@3.10; bromide potassium, 50@52c; chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonida, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 25@27c.

Oils—Linseed, 31@33c 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 brls, 60c per gal; in half brls, 3c per gal extra.

Dry Goods.

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 6¼c; Berkley, No. 60, 7½c; Cabot, 5⅜c; Capitol, 5c; Cumberland, 6c; Dwight Anchor, 7c; Fruit of the Loom, 6½c; Farwell, 6c; Fitchville, 5⅝c; Full Width, 6½c; Gilt Edge, 5c; Gilded Age, 4½c; Hill, 6c; Hope, 6c; Linwood, 6¼c; Lonsdale, 6½c; Peabody, 5c; Pride of the West, 10½c; Ten Strike, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 15½c; Pepperell, 10-4, 17½c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 16c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 18c.

Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6c; Argyle, 5c; Boott C, 5c; Buck's Head, 6c; Clifton CCC, 5½c; Constitution, 40-inch, 6½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7½c; Dwight's Star, 7c; Great Falls E, 6c; Great Falls J, 4¾c; Hill Fine, 6c; Indian Head, 6c; Pepperell R, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 14c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 15½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 17c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 4½c; Allen's staples, 4½c; Allen TR, 4½c; Allen's robes, 5c; American indigo, 4½c; Arnold LLC, 6¾c; Cocheco fancy, 5c; Cocheco madders, 4½c; Hamilton fancy, 5c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 5½c; Pacific fancy, 5c; Simpson's fancy, 5c; Simpson Berlin solids, 5c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; American shirting, 4c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5c; Amoskeag Persian dress, 6c; Bates Warwick dress, 5½c; Lancaster, 5c; Lancaster Normandies, 6c; Whittenton Heather, 6c; Calcutta dress styles, 4½c.

Kid-finished Cambrics—Edwards, 3½c; Warren, 3½c; Slater, 3⅜c; Genesee, 3⅜c.

Grain Bags—Amoskeag, $11.50; American, $11.50; Franklinville, $13.50; Harmony, $11; Stark, $14.50.

Tickings—Amoskeag ACA, 10½c; Conestoga BF, 12½c; Cordis, 140, 9½c; Cordis FT, 10c; Cordis ACE, 11½c; Hamilton awnings, 9c; Kimono fancy, 17c; Lenox fancy, 18c; Methuen AA, 10c; Oakland AF, 6c; Portsmouth, 10½c; Susquehanna, 12½c; Shetucket SW, 6½c; Shetucket F, 7c; Swift River, 5½c.

Flour.

Straight grades, $5@5.25; fancy grades, $5.50@5.75; patent flour, $5.50@5.75; low grades, $3.75@4.

Game.

Ducks—Mallard, $2.50 per doz; squirrels, $1 per doz; rabbits, 65@75c per doz.

Groceries.

Sugars—City Prices—Dominoes, 5c; cut loaf, 5.13c; crushed, 5.13c; powdered, 4.75c; granulated, 4.50c; fine granulated, 4.50c; extra fine granulated, 4.62c; coarse granulated, 4.63c; cubes, 4.75c; XXXX powdered, 4.88c; mold A, 4.75c; diamond A, 4.50c; confectioners' A, 4.38c; 1 Columbia A—Keystone A, 4.25c; 2 Windsor A—American A, 4.25c; 3 Ridgewood A—Centennial A, 4.25c; 4 Phoenix A—California A, 4.19c; 5 Empire A—Franklin B, 4.12c; 6 Ideal Golden Ex. C—Keystone B, 4.06c; 7 Windsor Ex. C—American B, 4c; 8 Ridgewood Ex. C—Centennial B, 3.94c; 9 yellow Ex. C—California B, 3.94c; 10 yellow C—Franklin Ex. C, 3.88c; 11 yellow—Keystone Ex. C, 3.81c; 12 yellow—American Ex. C, 3.75c; 13 yellow—Centennial Ex. C, 3.69c; 14 yellow—California Ex. C, 3.63c; 15 yellow, 3.56c.

Coffee—Good, 17@18c; prime, 18@20c; strictly prime, 20@22c; fancy green and yellow, 22@24c; Java, 28@32c. Roasted—Old Government Java, 32½@33c; Golden Rio, 24c; Bourbon Santos, 24c; Gilded Santos, 24c; prime Santos, 23c; package coffee, Luxury, 15.90c; Ariosa, 15.40c; Jersey, 14.90c; Lion, 14.90c; Capital, 14.90c.

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

Salt—In carlots, 75c; small lots, 80@85c.

Spices—Pepper, 10@18c; allspice, 10@15c; cloves, 15@20c; cassia, 13@15c; nutmegs, 65@75c per lb.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 20@30c; choice, 35@40c; syrups, 15@25c.

Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, $6@6.25; No. 2 tubs, $5.25@5.50; No. 3 tubs, $4.25@4.50; 3-hoop pails, $1.40@1.50; 2-hoop pails, $1.15@1.20; double washboards, $2.25@2.75; common washboards, $1.25@1.50; clothes pins, 40@50c per box.

Wood Dishes—No. 1 per 1,000, $2.50; No. 2, $3; No. 3, $3.50; No. 5, $4.50.

Rice—Louisiana, 4½@5½c; Carolina, 5@7¼c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, $1@1.10 per bu; medium hand-picked, 90@95c; Limas, California, 4½@5c per lb.

Shot—$1.25@1.30 per bag for drop.

Lead—6½@7c for pressed bars.

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

Iron and Steel.

Bar Iron—1.50@1.60c; horseshoe bar, 2½@2¾c; nail rod, 7c; plow slabs, 2½c; American cast steel, 9@11c; tire steel, 2½@3c; spring steel, 4½@5c.

Leather.

Leather—Oak sole, 24@29c; hemlock sole, 23@28c; harness, 26@33c; skirting, 34@41c; single strap, 32@36c; city kip, 60@70c; French kip, 90c@$1.20; city calfskin, 90c@$1.10; French calfskin, $1.20@2.

Nails and Horseshoes.

Steel cut nails, $1.75; wire nails, from store, $1.90@2 rates; from mill, $1.75 rates. Horseshoes, per keg, $3.50; mule shoes, per keg, $4.50; horse nails, $4@5 per box. Barb wire, galvanized, $2; painted, $1.75.

Produce, Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples—Price ranging with quality; $1 per brl; choice, $1.50; fancy, $2.

Bananas—Per bunch, No. 1, $1.50; No. 2, $1.

Celery—25@35c; California, 60@90c.

Cabbage—$1 per brl; New York, $1.50 per brl; Holland cabbage, $1.50 per 100 lbs.

Cheese—New York full cream, 10@12c; skims, 6@8c per lb.

Grapes—Malaga grapes, $6.50@7; light weight, $5.50.

Lemons—Messina, choice, $2.50 per box; fancy lemons, $3.

Oranges—California oranges, $2.50 per box; navels, $3.25@3.50; Valencia, 420 in box, $3.75, and 714 in box, $4.

Onions—$2.75@3.25 per brl, $1.15 per bu; Spanish, $1.50 per crate.

Potatoes—30@35c per bu.

Sweet Potatoes—Baltimore, $1.50@1.75 per brl; Jersey sweets, $2 per brl; Illinois sweets, $1.75 per brl.

Cranberries—$5@6 per brl, according to quality; bushel crates, $1.75.

New Cider—$3.25 per brl; $1.75@2 per half brl.

Pineapples—$2@2.50 per doz.

Provisions.

Hams—sugar-cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 10c; 15 lbs average, 10¾c; 12½ lbs average, 11¼c; 10 lbs average, 11¾c; block hams, 11@10½c; all first brands; seconds, ½c less.

Breakfast Bacon—Clear firsts, 11c; seconds, 10c.

Lard—Kettle rendered, in tierces, 5½c; pure lard, 4¾c.

Shoulders—English-cured, 16 lbs average, 6⅛c; 10 to 12 lbs average, 6½c.

Pickled Pork—Bean pork, clear, per brl, 200 lbs, $11; rump pork, $9.

Bacon—Clear sides, 40 to 50 lbs average, 5½c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 5¾c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 6c; bellies, 25 lbs average, 5¼c; 14 to 15 lbs average, 5½c; 10 to 12 lbs average, 6c. Clear backs, 20 to 30 lbs average, 5¾c; 10 to 14 lbs average, 5¾c; 7 to 9 lbs average, 6c. In dry-salt, ⅝c less.

Seeds.

Clover—Choice recleaned, 60 lbs, $4@4.50; prime, $4.50@5; English, choice, $4@4.50; prime, $4.50@5; alsike, choice, $4.75@5; alfalfa, choice, $4.50@6; crimson or scarlet clover, $2.75@3; timothy, 45 lbs, choice, $1.35@1.50; strictly prime, $1.50@1.60; fancy Kentucky, 14 lbs, $1.50@1.60; extra clean, 70@90c; orchard grass, extra, $3.25; red top, choice, $1@1.25; English bluegrass, 24 lbs, $1.50@1.60.

Tinners' Supplies.

Best brands charcoal tin, IC, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $5.50@6; IX, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $7@7.50; IC, 14x20, roofing tin, $4.50@5; IC, 20x28, $9@10; block tin, in pigs, 19c; in bars, 20c. Iron—27 B iron, 3c per lb; charcoal iron, 30 per cent advance; galvanized, 75 per cent. discount. Sheet zinc, 6@6½c. Copper bottoms, 21c. Planished copper, 20c. Solder, 11@12c.

Window Glass.

Price per box of 50 square feet. Discount, 9 and 10.

8x8 to 10x15—Single: AA, $7; A, $6.50; B, $6.25; C, $6. Doublee: AA, $9.50; A, $8.50; B, $8.25.

11x14 and 12x18 to 16x24—Single: AA, $8; A, $7.25; B, $7. Double: AA, $10.75; A, $9.25; B, $9.50.

18x20 and 20x20 to 20x30—Single: AA, $10.50; A, $9.50; B, $9. Double: AA, $14; A, $12.75; B, $12.

15x36 to 24x30—Single: AA, $11.50; A, $10; B, $9.25. Double: AA, $15.25; A, $13.75; B, $12.25.

26x28 to 24x36—Single: AA, $12; A, $10.50; B, $9.50. Double: AA, $16; A, $14.50; B, $13.25.

26x34, 28x32 and 30x30 to 26x44—Single: AA, $12.75; A, $11.75; B, $10.25. Double: AA, $17.25; A, $15.50; B, $14.

26x46 to 30x50—Single: AA, $15; A, $13.50; B, $12. Double: AA, $19.75; A, $18; B, $16.

30x52 to 30x54—Single; AA, $16.50; A, $14.75; B, $12.25. Double: AA, $21.50; A, $19.75; B, $16.50.

34x58 to 34x60—Single: AA, $17.25; A, $15.75; B, $14.50. Double: AA, $22.75; A, $21.25; B, $20.

REAL-ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Fourteen Transfers, with a Total Consideration of $35,775.

Instruments filed for record in the recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana, for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m. Feb. 6, 1897, as furnished by Theo. Stein, abstracter of titles, corner of Market and Pennsylvania streets, Indianapolis, Suite 229, first office floor, The Lemcke. Telephone 1760:

Bellevue Land and Improvement Company to Nathan R. Schooley and wife, Lots 435, 447 and 448 Light's Bellevue subdivision	$900
Emily S. Montray to Theodore C. Whitcomb, Lot 43 Wiley's subdivision of Outlot 161	725
Mary L. McWharter to Levi C. McWharter, Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 in first addition to Keystone Park	2,500
Edward L. Mick, commissioner, to Mathias Garver, south half of Lot 9, Square 32	1,500
Alexander F. Jenison, guardian, to Mathias Garver, south half of Lot 9, Square 32	600
George M. Jenison to same, north half of Lot 8, Square 32	1,500
Estella J. Jenison to same, south half of Lot 9, Square 32	1,500
Henry Seyfried to Indianapolis Storage and Transfer Company, Lot 89 McCarty's subdivision of Outlot 110	12,000
Rosalie Seyfried to Henry Seyfried, Lots 4, 20, 37, 63 and 76 in Kenwood Park	3,500
Edward E. Boring to Ephraim Boring, Lot 8 Drake & Mayhew's second addition	1,950
Henry Charles et al. to James and June Craig, Lots 36 and 37 Braden's subdivision of Brett, Braden & Co.'s addition	5,400
Henry Williams to Sol Meyer and Sol S. Kiser, Lots 207 and 208 Bradley et al.'s East Washington-street addition	100
St. Clair Parry to Charles P. Greene, Lot 3 Foster & Harmon's subdivision of Schurman's addition	7,500
Hermann C. Tuttle, guardian, to Samantha A. Lewis, Lot 28 McKernan, Pierce & Yandes's subdivision of Outlot 100	1,000

Transfers, 14; consideration ... $35,775

THE COURT RECORD.

Superior Court.

Room 1—John L. McMaster, Judge.

Emma Hawly vs. Lawrence Hawly; divorce. Granted. Maiden name, Emma Woods, restored.

Ida Snideman vs. Adam Snideman; divorce. Finding of decree for plaintiff at defendant's cost.

Fanny Wiseman vs. Herbert Wiseman; divorce. Finding of decree for plaintiff at defendant's cost.

Laura Thompson vs. Charles Thompson; divorce. Granted. Plaintiff has custody of minor child.

Room 2—Lawson M. Harvey, Judge.

Theresa Wilhelm and Elizabeth Steep vs. Horace Henn; damages and injunction. Finding for defendant.

Arthur N. Wilson vs. John W. Stewart; account. Dismissed and costs paid.

William Wooden vs. Lulu Wooden; divorce. Decree granted plaintiff.

Agnes Devine vs. James Duffy; damages. Dismissed and costs paid.

Etta E. Williams vs. Charles W. Williams; divorce. Decree granted plaintiff.

James H. McQuown vs. Mary E. McQuown; divorce. Submitted to court and taken under advisement.

Fred Garrison vs. Nona Garrison; divorce. On trial by court.

Room 3—Vinson Carter, Judge.

Sarah A. Robbins vs. Fletcher C. Medaris. Judgment on verdict for $39.25 and costs.

John Arnold vs. Louis Murr; mechanic's lien. Finding for defendant and judgment against plaintiff for costs.

East & Bowers vs. William H. Webster. Judgment on verdict for plaintiff for possession and $1 and costs.

Kate Morris vs. James Morris; divorce. Decree granted plaintiff with custody of Lovetta, Ruth, William, George and Herman Morris. Judgment against defendant for costs.

Frederick Schmore vs. May Schmore; divorce. Decree granted and judgment against plaintiff for costs.

George W. McCray vs. C. B. Canfield; lien. Dismissed and costs paid.

The Fulmer-Seibert Company vs. Henry Davis; lien. Dismissed and costs paid.

Agnes Devine vs. James Duffy; damages. Dismissed and costs paid.

Criminal Court.

Frank McCray, Judge.

The State of Indiana vs. Nelson Wills; selling liquor without license. Tried by the court. Finding of not guilty. Defendant discharged.

Circuit Court.

Henry Clay Allen, Judge.

State ex rel. Sarah E. White vs. Arthur Herring. Defendant committed to Reform School for Boys.

New Suits Filed.

Philip Strack vs. Indianapolis Journal Newspaper Company; damages. Circuit Court.

W. W. Hubbard vs. Catta R. Oliver; foreclosure. Circuit Court.

John M. Pearce vs. Old Wayne Mutual Life Association; on policy of insurance. Room 3.

Ida V. Laxem vs. Isaac N. Amerman; on note. Room 1.

George W. Rubush vs. Ruey Rubush; divorce. Room 2.

Hannah Hancock vs. George W. Hancock; divorce. Room 3.

Harriet H. Clevenger vs. John and Philip Owen; damages. Room 2.

State ex rel. Charles S. Wiltsie vs. Samuel L. Douglas; recovery for wife of money lost gambling. Circuit Court.

State ex rel. William E. Smith et al., commissioners, vs. Charles H. Brouse et al.; foreclosure of drainage lien. Circuit Court.

SHORTS RUN TO COVER

ACTIVE TRADE IN WHEAT PIT, MAY OPTIONS ADVANCING 1 1-4C.

Early Tendency to Weakness Was of Brief Duration—All Lines of Provisions Higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—It was a day of active and wholesale covering of shorts in the wheat pit, due to which the May option advanced a full 1¼c. The practical confirmation of the Argentine crop served as the spurt to put shorts on the run. All the other markets were more or less influenced, corn and oats advancing ⅛c and provisions 2½@12½c.

Wheat opened with a tendency to weakness, due to the decline of ¼d at Liverpool. The effect of this was most apparent on the curb, and by the time the regular market opened speculators were already looking toward other statistical news of a decidedly different tenor. The range of prices at the opening was from 75½c to 75⅝c for May, compared with yesterday's closing of 75⅝@75¾c, and inside of half an hour the price had risen to 76¾c. At the last-named figure the offerings were heavier than the buying orders, and a downward reaction succeeded. The advance was due to the clearances from Argentine ports for the week, which were only 16,000 bu, against 40,000 bu the week before and 624,000 bu the corresponding week of last year. The unavoidable inference from such comparisons is that the worst that has been told about the crop destruction of that country is being confirmed, and that country should be considered practically out of the list of exporters. The Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 279 cars, compared with 189 the previous Saturday and 546 the corresponding day of last year. Chicago received but eighteen cars, against 126 a year ago. The shorts in the market were numerous, and the course of the market proved that some of them were indisposed to remain in that position any longer. They bought with persistency all day, and kept the price on the rise. After reacting from 74¾c to 76⅜c for May on a little realizing it advanced again, reaching 77⅛c, and closed worth 77c.

Corn was firm, but held within a narrow range. The receipts were smaller than expected, and the market got some help from the strong tone in wheat. The speculative business was light, no trades of consequence being recorded. May opened unchanged at 24⅛@24¼c, advanced to 24⅝c and closed steady at 24¼@24⅜c.

Oats were steady and almost featureless, with the exception of a small amount taken by St. Louis operators. Prices were held slightly by the firm tone of wheat. May opened a shade higher at 17⅝@17¾c, sold to 17¾@17⅞c, closing at 17⅝c asked.

Provisions were firm all day. Prices were held by the moderate receipts of hogs and also by the strength of wheat. A good general demand existed, and, as the selling pressure was much less urgent than of late, the market advanced, the best prices of the day prevailing at the close. May pork closed 12½c higher at $7.62½@7.65, May lard 7½c higher at $3.80, and May ribs 5c higher at $3.90.

Estimated receipts for Monday—Wheat, 23 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 300 cars; hogs, 36,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Wheat—Feb.	73¾	75⅜	73¾	75¼
May	75⅝	77⅛	75½	77
July	71⅝	73⅛	71½	72⅞
Corn—Feb.	22⅛	22¼	22⅛	22¼
May	24¼	24⅝	24¼	24⅝
July	25⅜	25⅝	25¼	25⅝
Sept	26⅜	26⅝	26⅜	26⅝
Oats—Feb.	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝
May	17⅝	17¾	17⅝	17⅝
July	18⅛	18⅜	18⅛	18⅜
Pork—May	$7.52½	$7.65	$7.52½	$7.65
July	7.77½	7.77½	7.77½	7.77½
Lard—May	3.75	3.80	3.75	3.80
July	3.82½	3.87½	3.82½	3.87½
Ribs—May	3.85	3.90	3.85	3.90
July	3.92½	4.00	3.92½	4.00

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull; winter patents, $4.35@4.60; straights, $4.10@4.30; spring specials, $4.50; spring patents, $4@4.30; straights, $3.40@3.70; bakers, $3@3.40. No. 2 spring wheat, 75¼@76c; No. 3 spring wheat, 72⅝@75¼c; No. 2 red, 86@87c. No. 2 corn, 22½c; No. 2 yellow, 22½c. No. 2 oats, 16¼c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 19@21¼c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 17@19c. No. 2 rye, 35¾c. No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 25@36c; No. 4, f. o. b., 24½@26c. No. 1 flaxseed, 75@76½c. Prime timothy seed, $2.65@2.70. Mess pork, per brl, $7.57½@7.60. Lard, per 100 lbs, $3.67½@3.70. Short-rib sides, loose, $3.75@4. Dry-salted shoulders, boxed, $4.25@4.50; short-clear sides, boxed, $4.12½@4.25. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.17.

Receipts—Flour, 6,000 brls; wheat, 14,000 bu; corn, 361,000 bu; oats, 124,000 bu; rye, 3,000 bu; barley, 86,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 8,000 brls; wheat, 17,000 bu; corn, 72,000 bu; oats, 163,000 bu; barley, 28,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

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

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Flour—Receipts, 3,200 brls; exports, 4,200 brls. Market firmer; winter patents, $4.60@4.75; Minnesota patents, $4.35@4.65; winter extras, $3.15@3.55; Minnesota bakers, $3.65@3.95. Rye flour steady; superfine, $2.55@2.75; fancy, $2.50@3. Buckwheat flour dull at $1.20. Buckwheat dull at 34c. Corn meal quiet; yellow Western, 50@60c. Rye quiet; No. 2 Western, 39¼@39½c. Barley quiet; feeding, 28½@29c. Barley malt dull; Western, 50@58c.

Wheat—Receipts, 12,950 bu; exports, 39,892 bu. Spot inactive; No. 1 hard, 91¼c. Options opened easier under lower cables, but at once rallied and ruled firm all the morning on the weekly large exports, covering by shorts and bad Argentine news; closed ½@⅝c higher; No. 2 red, February, closed at 84½c; May, 81¾@82⅝c, closed at 82¾c.

Corn—Receipts, 49,725 bu; exports, 50,782 bu. Spot quiet; No. 2, 29⅛c. Options opened firm and were sustained all the morning by covering, induced by unfavorable weather news; closed ⅛@¼c net higher; February closed at 29⅛c; May, 30@30⅛c.

Oats—Receipts, 91,000 bu; exports, 20,511 bu. Spot inactive; No. 2, 21¾c. Options dull and nominally firm with the other markets, closing ⅛@¼c net higher; February closed at 22½c; May closed at 22¼c.

Hay quiet; shipping, 52½@55c; good to choice, 67½@72½c. Hops easy; 1895 crop, 3@7c; 1896 crop, 9@13c.

Hides firm; Galveston, 12@13c; Buenos Ayres nominal; Texas dry, 3½c; California, 15½c. Leather firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres light to heavy weights, 19½@20½c; acid, 20@23c.

Beef quiet; family, $8.50@10; beef hams, $18. Cut meats steady; pickled bellies, $4.25@4.75; pickled shoulders, $4.62½@4.75; pickled hams, $8.50@9. Lard easy; Western steam, $3.27½; May, $4.07½; refined steady. Pork dull and weak; mess $8.15@8.75; short-clear, $8.50@10; family, $9.25@9.75.

Tallow quiet; city, 3¼@3⅜c; country, 3⅜@3½c. Rice steady; fair to extra, 3⅜@7⅛c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c. Molasses steady; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 22@32c.

Cotton-seed oil steady; prime, 21c; butter grades, 27@27½c; prime white, 26½c.

Coffee—Options opened quiet and unchanged, ruled dull all through the session. Cables from Havre were slightly better, but failed to influence the market. Liberal warehouse deliveries were offset by free Brazilian receipts; closed dull at 5 points higher to 5 points decline. Sales, 250 bags March at 9.30c. Spot coffee—Rio dull; No. 7, 9⅜c. Mild quiet; Cordova, 15½@16¾c. Rio—Receipts, 9,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 15,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 5,000 bags; stock, 307,000 bags. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 13,715 bags, including 12,563 from New York; New York stock to-day, 253,599 bags; United States stock, 293,275 bags; afloat for the United States, 305,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 698,275 bags, against 494,755 last year.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 2¾c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 5-32c. Refined quiet; standard A, 4⅛c; confectioners' A, 4⅛c; cut loaf, 4⅞c; crushed, 4⅞c; powdered, 4½c; granulated, 4¼c.

TRADE IN GENERAL.

Quotations at St. Louis, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Other Places.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat—Futures opened lower, but soon became strong and advanced, selling up to the highest point for the week. At the close May and July were 1@1½c higher than yesterday. Spot higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 85c bid; track, 88½@90c; No. 2 hard, cash, 78c asked; May, 85⅝c; July, 72c bid. Corn opened strong in spite of bearish news and closed fractionally higher than yesterday for futures. Spot steady; No. 2, cash, 20⅛c bid; May, 22c bid; July, 22⅝c bid. Oats dull but higher for May, with spot steady; No. 2, cash, 16¾c bid; May, 18¼c asked. Rye nominally 33½c, track. Barley dull at 38@39c. Corn meal, $1.35. Bran firm at 41@42c, sacked, east track. Flaxseed, 73½c. Prime timothy seed, $2.50. Hay quiet and steady; prairie, $4@7.50; timothy, $6@10.50. Butter quiet and unchanged. Eggs firm at 11½c. Whisky, $1.18. Pork higher; standard mess jobbing at $8.50@8.10. Lard higher; prime steam, $3.57½; choice, $3.65. Bacon—Boxed shoulders, $4.50; extra short-clear, $4.62½; ribs, $4.87½; shorts, $5. Dry-salt meats—Boxed shoulders and extra short-clear, $4.25; ribs, $4.37½; shorts, $4.50. Receipts—Flour, 4,000 brls; wheat, 8,000 bu; corn, 165,000 bu; oats, 36,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 4,000 brls; wheat, 26,000 bu; corn, 65,000 bu; oats, 11,000 bu.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 6.—Wheat—Demand poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 5d; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 6s 7½d. Corn quiet; American mixed, new, 2s 7¾d. Flour dull; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 9d. Bacon—Demand poor; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs, 26s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs, 25s; long-clear, light, 35 to 38 lbs, 25s 6d; long-clear, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, 24s 6d; short-clear backs, 18 lbs, 24s 6d; short-clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs, 22s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 27s. Shoulders firm, 12 to 18 lbs, 25s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 39s. Tallow—Fine North American, 18s. Beef—Extra India mess, 61s 3d; prime mess, 50s. Pork—Prime mess, fine Western, 46s 3d; medium Western, 40s. Lard dull; prime Western, 20s; refined, in pails, 21s 9d. Cheese firm; demand moderate; finest American white and colored (September), 59s. Butter—Finest United States, 90s; good, 55s. Refrigerator beef, fore quarters, 3⅞d; hind quarters, 5⅜d.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 6.—Flour dull and unchanged; receipts, 8,370 brls; exports none. Wheat strong; spot, 88⅝c bid; May, 84@84¼c; exports none; stock, 316,367 bu; Western wheat by sample, 88@90c. Corn steady; spot and month, 25¾@26c; May, 28@28¼c; receipts, 173,874 bu; exports, 26,414 bu; Southern white corn, 27½@28c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white, 24@24½c; mixed, 21@22c; receipts, 23,314 bu; exports, 120 bu. Rye firm; No. 2 Western, 42½@42¾c; receipts, 20,213 bu; exports none. Hay firm; choice timothy, $13.50@14. Grain freights quiet and unchanged. Sugar steady and unchanged. Butter firm and unchanged. Eggs weak and unchanged. Cheese firm and unchanged.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 6.—Flour steady. Wheat firm; No. 2 red, 90c; receipts, 3,000 bu; shipments, 1,000 bu. Corn firm; No. 2 mixed, 23½c. Oats steady; No. 2 mixed, 19c. Rye dull; No. 2, 36c. Lard steady at $3.57½. Bulk meats firm at $4.25. Bacon dull at $5. Whisky active; sales, 903 brls on basis of $1.17 for spirits. Butter steady. Sugar strong. Eggs quiet at 11c. Cheese firm.

TOLEDO, Feb. 6.—Wheat higher and steady; No. 2, cash, 89¾c bid; May, 90c. Corn active and higher; No. 2 mixed, 22½c. Oats dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 17c. Rye quiet; No. 2, cash, 37c. Clover seed lower; prime, cash, $5.15; March, $5.17½.

DETROIT, Feb. 6.—Wheat higher; No. 1 white and No. 2 red, 88½c; May, 88⅝c; July, 76⅝c. Corn—No. 2, 22½c. Oats—Good white, 25c. Rye—No. 2, 37c. Receipts—Wheat, 2,500 bu; corn, 1,200 bu.

Wool.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—An excellent selection was offered at the wool auction sales to-day and consisted largely of superior wool. The attendance was large and competition was active for long merino stock. The offerings to-day aggregated 9,701 bales, and of this number 705 were withdrawn. Good varieties of merinos and cross-breds maintain their values, while others again rule irregular. Lambs are firm, with the continent buying medium greasy and Russia scoured wools. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales—1,310 bales; scoured, 8d@1s 3½d; greasy, 3@2¼d. Queensland—251 bales; scoured, 1s@1s 1½d. Victoria—5,609 bales; scoured, 6¾d@2s 8½d; greasy, 4½@11d. West Australia—46 bales; scoured, 11d; greasy, 5½@7½d. New Zealand—1,176 bales; scoured, 6¼@11d; greasy, 7½@10½d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal—1,309 bales; scoured, 8d@1s 1d; greasy, 3¼@9d. The sales will close next Wednesday and the offerings for the three days aggregate 31,950 bales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Wool steady; domestic fleece, 15@20c; pulled, 17@18c.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Butter—Receipts, 4,299 packages. Market firm; Western creamery, 13@21½c; Elgins, 21c; factory, 7@14c. Cheese—Receipts, 3,588 packages; State, large, 9@12¾c; small, 9@12c; part skims, 4@9c; full skims, 3@3½c. Eggs—Receipts, 5,581 packages. Market weak; State and Pennsylvania, 16c; Western, 13@15½c.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 6.—Butter firm; creamery, 17½@19c; dairy, 10@13c. Eggs—The market was steady, with a tendency to higher prices in sympathy with a slight advance in Eastern markets. Shippers to New York have handled eggs to quite an extent this week; strictly fresh Kansas and Missouri eggs, 11½c; cold storage, 10c.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—Butter firm and prints 1c higher; fancy creamery, 21c. Eggs dull and easier; fresh near-by, 14½@15c; Western, 14½@15c. Cheese unchanged.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was firm; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 9@17c. Cheese steady at 9@9½c. Eggs firm; fresh, 14c.

Dry Goods.

FALL RIVER, Feb. 6.—The curtailment of print cloth production during the week amounts to 4,000 pieces. Nevertheless the deliveries have not been large and there is a further accumulation of goods amounting to 48,000 pieces. Although the quotation has advanced 1-16c during the week, the advance has not occurred because of any heavy demand for goods. The sales of the week have been small and largely of odd weaves for future delivery. There is, however, a hopeful feeling manifested that a demand will make itself felt soon, but it is thought that the trade is not well supplied with goods.

Oils.

WILMINGTON, Feb. 6.—Rosin firm; strained, $1.45; good, $1.50. Spirits of turpentine very firm at 25¾@26½c. Tar firm at 10c. Turpentine firm; hard, $1.30; soft, $1.80.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Petroleum steady; United closed at 92c bid. Rosin steady; strained, common to good, $1.70. Turpentine quiet at 28½@29c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 6.—Rosin firm at $1.40@1.45. Spirits of turpentine firm at 25c.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 6.—Spirits of turpentine firm at 26¼c; sales, 54 brls. Rosin firm.

OIL CITY, Feb. 6.—Credit balances, 90c; certificates, 92c.

Cotton.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 6.—Cotton—Middling, 6 15-16c; low middling, 6 7-16c; good ordinary, 6 3-16c; net receipts, 3,294 bales; exports to the continent, 14,952 bales; exports coastwise, 2,177 bales; sales, 1,600 bales; stock, 371,417 bales.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 6.—Cotton steady; middling, 6 15-16c; receipts, 743 bales; shipments, 2,053 bales; stock, 188,912 bales; sales, 1,600 bales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Cotton closed steady; middling uplands, 7 5-16c; middling gulf, 7 9-16c; sales, 416 bales.

Metals.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Pig iron steady; Southern, $11@12; Northern, $11@13. Copper quiet; lake, brokers, 12c. Lead strong; domestic, brokers, 2.90c. Tin plates quiet.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6.—Lead firm at 2.95@3c. Spelter firm at 3.85c.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle Scarce and Steady—Hogs Active and Higher—Sheep Steady.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 6.—Cattle—Receipts light; shipments light. There was little doing for want of stock. The market was unchanged from yesterday.

Export grades	$4.50@ 5.00
Shippers, common to good	3.80@ 4.20
Shippers, common to fair	3.25@ 3.60
Feeders, fair to good	3.50@ 3.85
Stockers, good to common	2.75@ 3.40
Heifers, good to choice	3.40@ 3.75
Cows, good to choice	2.85@ 3.55
Cows, fair to medium	2.40@ 2.65
Cows, common and old	1.25@ 2.25
Veals, good to choice	2.75@ 3.25
Bulls, good to choice	2.75@ 3.25
Bulls, common to medium	1.25@ 2.50
Milkers, good to choice	30.00@40.00

Hogs—Receipts, 2,000; shipments, 600. The market opened active and 2½@5c higher, packers and shippers buying. All sold readily and the closing was steady.

Lights	$3.40@3.55
Mixed	3.40@3.52½
Heavy packing and shipping	3.40@3.52½
Pigs	2.50@3.40
Roughs	2.50@3.20

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts light; shipments none. Nothing here of any consequence. The market was steady.

Sheep, good to choice	$3.00@3.40
Sheep, common to medium	1.75@2.75
Lambs, good to choice	4.50@5.00
Lambs, common to medium	3.50@4.25
Bucks, per head	2.50@4.50

Elsewhere.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Receipts of cattle were less than 500 head and prices were largely nominal. The market closed strong, the few arrivals being readily disposed of at prices substantially unchanged from yesterday.

Hogs sold freely at firmer prices, the poorest bringing $3.10@3.50. Sales were largely at $3.25@3.45. During the last half of the week the receipts have undergone a marked falling off, as country shippers had been losing heavily.

In sheep the small supply was sold at about yesterday's prices, sales being on a basis of $2.25@2.50 for inferior up to $3.45@4.10 for choice sheep, with Westerns in demand at $3.40@4. Lambs were wanted at $4@5 for common to choice and yearlings brought $4@4.35.

Receipts—Cattle, 400; hogs, 14,000; sheep, 4,000.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; shipments, 1,000. Market about steady; native shipping steers, $3.30@4.15; dressed beef and butchers' steers, $3.50@4.65; stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.90; light steers, $2.65@4.25; cows and mixed, $2@3.70. Texas and Indian cattle steady; steers, $3@4.20; cows, $1.75@3.

Hogs—Receipts, 9,000; shipments, 4,000. Market about steady and a shade easier on common grades; light, $3.30@3.40; mixed, $3.10@3.40; heavy, $3@3.40.

Sheep—Receipts, 300; shipments none. Market steady; muttons, $3@4.40; common, $2.50@3; lambs, $3.75@5.40.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; shipments, 2,300. Market unchanged; only retail trade.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,000; shipments none. Market steady to strong; bulk of sales, $3.25@3.30; heavy, $3.25@3.35; packers, $3.10@3.25; mixed, $3.25@3.35; lights, $3.10@3.30; Yorkers, $3.30@3.35; pigs, $3@3.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,600; shipments, 500. Market steady; lambs, $3.40@4.60; muttons, $3@3.85.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 6.—No cattle; prospects for steady market; shipping steers, $3.75@4.35; butchers, $2.75@4.10; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,300. Market slow; heavies, $3.40; medium, $3.40; lights, $3@3.35; roughs, $2.50@2.85.

No sheep or lambs; prospects for steady market; choice sheep, $3@3.25; fair, $2@2.50; extra lambs, $4@4.25; fair, $2.50@3.50.

EAST LIBERTY, Feb. 6.—Cattle steady; prime, $4.75@4.90; feeders, $3.60@4; bulls, stags and cows, $3@3.60; veal calves, $6@6.50.

Hogs steady at unchanged prices.

Sheep active; Ohio fed Westerns, $3.80@4.10; prime natives, $4.10@4.25; fair, $3.30@3.75; common, $2.50@3.20; choice lambs, $5@5.20; common to good, $4@4.85.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 6.—Cattle steady at $2.50@4.50; receipts, 100; shipments none.

Hogs active and steady at $2.75@3.50; receipts, 1,000; shipments, 800.

Sheep firm at $2.50@4.25; receipts none; shipments, 200. Lambs firm at $3.75@5.15.

COPY OF STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE
Western Assurance Comp'y
On the 31st day of December, 1896.
It is located at corner Scott and Wellington streets, Toronto, Canada.
HON. GEO. A. COX, President. J. J. KENNY, Vice President.

The amount of the capital is	$2,000,000
The amount of its capital paid up is	1,000,000

THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY IN THE U. S. ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cash on hand and in the hand of agents or other persons	$178,369.77
Bonds and stocks owned by the company, bearing interest at the rate of — per cent., as per schedule filed, market value	1,113,804.73
Loans on bonds and mortgages of real estate, worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged, and free from any prior incumbrance	20,000.00
Debts otherwise secured, bills receivable	30,281.14
Debts for premiums	294,233.71
Total assets	$1,636,689.35

LIABILITIES.

Losses adjusted and due, losses adjusted and not due, losses unadjusted, losses in suspense, waiting for further proof	$157,585.91
All other claims against the company	38,378.25
Amount necessary to reinsure outstanding risks	892,994.11
Total liabilities	$1,088,958.27

State of Indiana, Office of Auditor of State:
I, the undersigned, Auditor of State of the State of Indiana, hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the statement of the condition of the above mentioned company, on the 31st day of December, 1896, as shown by the original statement, and that the said original statement is now on file in this office.
In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my official seal, this 29th day of January, 1897.
[SEAL] A. C. DALY, Auditor of State.

COPY OF STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
Pacific Fire Insurance Co
On the 31st day of December, 1896.
It is located at 32 Pine street, New York city.
FRANK T. STINSON, President. GEORGE JEREMIAH, Secretary.

The amount of its capital is	$200,000
The amount of its capital paid up is	200,000

THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cash on hand and in the hands of agents or other persons	$18,064.70
Bonds and stocks owned by the company, bearing interest at the rate of — per cent., as per schedule filed, market value	422,620.00
Loans on bonds and mortgages of real estate, worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged, and free from any prior incumbrance	268,000.00
Debts otherwise secured	3,943.06
Debts for premiums	61,098.82
All other securities	67.81
Total assets	$773,794.39

LIABILITIES.

Losses adjusted and not due	$9,345.62
Losses unadjusted	18,862.87
Losses in suspense, waiting for further proof	5,334.00
All other claims against the company	40,537.15
Amount necessary to reinsure outstanding risks	270,870.84
Total liabilities	$344,950.48

The greatest amount in any one risk, $20,000.

State of Indiana, Office of Auditor of State:
I, the undersigned, Auditor of State of the State of Indiana, hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the statement of the condition of the above mentioned company, on the 31st day of December, 1896, as shown by the original statement, and that the said original statement is now on file in this office.
In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my official seal, this 1st day of February, 1897.
[SEAL] A. C. DALY, Auditor of State.

COPY OF STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
Teutonia Insurance Comp'y
On the 31st day of December, 1896.
It is located at No. 217 Camp street, New Orleans, La.
ALBERT P. NOLL, President. GEORGE MEYER, Secretary.

The amount of its capital is	$250,000
The amount of its capital paid up is	250,000

THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cash on hand and in the hands of agents or other persons	$32,286.68
Real estate unincumbered	40,000.00
Bonds and stocks owned by the company, bearing interest at the rate of — per cent., as per schedule filed, market value	455,975.00
Loans on bonds and mortgages of real estate, worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged, and free from any prior incumbrance	15,750.00
Debts for premiums	65,869.30
Total assets	$619,980.98

LIABILITIES.

Paid-up capital	$250,000.00
Losses adjusted and due, surplus beyond capital and all other liabilities	156,660.28
Losses unadjusted	14,173.50
All other claims against the company	17,010.06
Amount necessary to reinsure outstanding risks	182,137.14
Total liabilities	$619,980.98

State of Indiana, Office of Auditor of State:
I, the undersigned, Auditor of State of the State of Indiana, hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the statement of the condition of the above mentioned company, on the 31st day of December, 1896, as shown by the original statement, and that the said original statement is now on file in this office.
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