THE WORLD'S FAIR OPENING.

AN EFFORT TO CHANGE THE DAY.

GENERAL HORACE PORTER TELLS WHY APRIL 30 WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO MAY 1.

General Horace Porter, president-general of the Sons of the American Revolution, has recently suggested to various managers of the World's Fair at Chicago the propriety of opening the great Exposition formally on the 30th of April. At their request he has prepared the statement of reasons, printed below, which will appear in "The Chicago Inter-Ocean" on Tuesday simultaneously with its publication here. It may be stated that a proposition has been under consideration for some time, among the Sons of the American Revolution, to hold a grand triennial gathering of the whole society in Chicago on the 30th of April, if the opening of the Fair should be fixed for that date. General Porter says:

It is a matter of great gratification to all patriotic citizens of the Republic to find that every day which passes awakens a deeper interest in the World's Columbian Exposition. Every detail in regard to the impressive event of its formal opening is now eagerly read and intelligently discussed.

As the chief executive officer of a national patriotic society composed of the sons of ancestors who participated in the War of the American Revolution, I cannot help feeling a deep regret—and many others share in this sentiment—that it is proposed to inaugurate the Fair upon May 1, a day which has no historical significance, when the preceding day, April 30, is, I think, the most memorable day in our history next to the day on which was signed the Declaration of Independence.

On April 30, 1789, George Washington, the first President of our present Government under its existing Constitution, was inaugurated, and this was the true birthday of the Nation.

All efforts previous to that time looking to the formation of a permanent National Government, had resulted in failure. Speaking of the Confederation of the States, which had existed for some years, Washington said: "The Confederation appears to me little more than a shadow without a substance, and Congress a migratory body." He further remarked: "We are either a united people under one head for Federal purposes, or we are thirteen independent sovereignties eternally counteracting each other." In fact, none of the distinguished statesmen of that day manifested any confidence in our being able to establish a strong and permanent Government worthy the name of a Republic, until the union of the States had been accomplished by the present Constitution adopted, and the Government had entered upon its functions under the Constitutional provisions. On the 30th of April, 1789, the oath of office was administered to George Washington in New-York City, by Robert R. Livingston, Chancellor of the State of New-York, upon the balcony of the hall in which Congress held its sittings and in the presence of the two Houses of Congress. This hall occupied the site of the present Sub-Treasury, and the spot is marked by a colossal statue of our first President.

In his inaugural address, Washington said: "It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations and whose providential aids can supply every human defect—that His benediction may consecrate to the principles and happiness of the people of the United States, a Government instituted by themselves. . . . Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent Nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency. These reflections arising out of the present crisis have forced themselves too strongly on my mind to be suppressed. You will join with me, I trust, that there are none under the influence of which the proceedings of a new and free Government more auspiciously commence."

It is much to be regretted that the same day was not permanently named as Inauguration Day. The selection of the 4th of March was a matter more of accident than design. An amendment to the Constitution, making a change to April 30, has twice been formally proposed, and has passed the United States Senate, but failed in the House of Representatives.

I think that all persons who have reflected upon the subject will agree that the 30th of April is the anniversary upon which our National Government actually began its existence. It is a day which will be for all time memorable in American history.

As the managers of the Exposition intend, as I understand, to encourage the recognition of important historical events by special celebrations in connection with the Fair, it would seem to be singularly appropriate to have the President of the United States inaugurate this greatest of all expositions upon the anniversary of the day on which our first President was inaugurated and our present form of government had its birth. Yours truly, HORACE PORTER,
President General National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

AN INVITATION FOR THE PRESIDENT.

HE WILL ANNOUNCE HIS DECISION SOON AS TO ATTENDING THE OPENING EXERCISES.

Washington, March 6.—President Cleveland's first official invitation was extended to him this afternoon. It came from the World's Fair commissioners and directors, and was presented, according to previous engagement, in the Cabinet room at 1 o'clock. There were present: From the Committee on Public Ceremonies, P. A. B. Widener, chairman; B. B. Smalley, V. D. Groner, James Hodges, A. T. Ewing, T. W. Palmer and John T. Dickinson; from the Committee on Ceremonies of the local World's Fair directory, E. F. Lawrence, T. B. Bryan, A. H. Revell, Frederick W. Peck, Benjamin Butterworth; from the National World's Fair Commission, Vice-President J. A. McKenzie, T. L. Williams, J. T. Harris and R. E. Goodell. General Nelson A. Miles accompanied the committee by invitation, and the Chicago Congressional delegation were expected to be present, but did not appear.

President Cleveland received the party in the Cabinet room. Introductions were made by ex-Senator T. W. Palmer, chairman of the Columbian Exposition Commissioners. After all the gentlemen had been greeted (many of them being old acquaintances of the President) Mr. Widener addressed the President, who stood at the head of the table with his hands on his hips, in an attitude of earnest attention. Mr. Widener said:

"Mr. President: It gives me great pleasure, as chairman of the Committee on Public Ceremonies, to extend to you an invitation to be present at and participate in the opening exercises of the Columbian World's Fair and Exposition, on the first day of May next. The occasion commemorates the greatest event in the history of the Western Continent, and tells of the glories of the greatest country on that continent and of the world. It is entirely proper that the opening of the Exposition should be formally proclaimed by the President of the United States.

"The committee desire me to express the hope that Mrs. Cleveland, who will also receive an invitation, may accompany you on that occasion."

President Cleveland's response was entirely informal and consisted mainly of questions as to the length of the programme and the time it would be necessary for him to remain in Chicago to perform what was expected of him.

"If I go," he said, "it will be because I deem it a public duty which I ought to discharge. At that time, as you gentlemen are doubtless aware, there will be many matters of public importance to demand my presence here."

President Palmer supplemented Mr. Widener's invitation on behalf of the Columbian Exposition and of over 65,000,000 people, "every man, woman and child of whom expects the President to be there." Mr. Palmer assured the President that his wishes in the matter should be respected, and that if it were necessary for him to leave half an hour after the exercises closed, it should be done.

President Cleveland said he would consider the matter and announce his decision in a day or two. The committee and gentlemen then shook hands with him and retired.

The invitation to the President is on vellum. The first sheet contains the invitation, done in pen and ink, surmounted by a handsome design, based upon the figure of the flag, which reads as follows:

"To the President of the United States, Grover Cleveland, Washington, D. C.:

"The pleasure of your presence is requested at the opening exercises of the Columbian World's Exposition in the city of Chicago on the first day of May, 1893, at 10 o'clock a. m."

On the second sheet are inscribed the names of the members of the Committee on Public Ceremonies. The two sheets are inclosed in a handsome black morocco case, twelve by sixteen inches, lined with white silk.

The committee will remain in the city until the members of the new Cabinet are inducted into office, when invitations to accompany their chief to Chicago will be formally extended to them. Altogether 1,500 invitations to the opening will be issued.

THE PETROLEUM MARKET.

Last week's activity in the oil market was not sustained yesterday, the sales of options at the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange amounting only to 7,000 barrels at the uniform price of

The Fountain Head of Strength.

When we recollect that the stomach is the grand laboratory in which food is transformed into the secretions which furnish vigor to the system after entering and enriching the blood; that it is, in short, the fountain head of strength, it is essential to keep this important supplying machine in order, and to restore it to activity when it becomes inactive. This Hostetter's Stomach Bitters does most effectually, seasonably, regulating and reinforcing digestion, promoting due action of the liver and bowels. Strength and quietude of the nerves depend in great measure upon thorough digestion. There is no nervine tonic more highly esteemed by the medical fraternity than the Bitters. Physicians also strongly commend it for chills and fever, rheumatism, kidney and bladder trouble, sick headache, and want of appetite and sleep. Take a wineglassful three times a day.

64 1-4c. At the Stock Exchange 10,000 barrels in National Transit certificates were sold at the same figure. Refined quotations were 5.30 cents in barrels, 2.80 cents in bulk and 6.15 cents in cases. Crude oil sold at 5.55 cents in barrels and 2.60 cents in bulk. Foreign quotations were as follows: Antwerp, 12 5-8@12 3-4 francs; Bremen, 5.25 marks; London, 4 7-16 pence.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

Baltimore, March 6.—Flour dull; Western super, $1 85@$2 25; do extra, $2 40@$3 10; do family, $3 30@$3 75; winter wheat patent, $3 90@$4 25; spring do, $4 25@$4 40; do straight, $3 80@$4 25. Receipts, 6,513 bbls; sales, 3,055 bbls. Wheat easy; No. 2 red spot, 75 1-8@75 1-4c; March, 75@75 1-4c; May, 77 5-8@77 7-8c; steamer No. 2 red, 70 1-2c bid. Receipts, 3,017 bush; stock, 1,162,142 bush; sales, 31,000 bush. Milling wheat by sample, 75@77c. Corn firmer; mixed spot and March, 48@48 1-4c; April, 48 1-4@48 1-2c; May, 48 3-4@49c; steamer mixed, 45 1-2@45 3-4c. Receipts, 2,334 bush; shipments, 8,571 bush; stock, 923,305 bush; sales, 43,000 bush; white and yellow corn by sample, 48@48 1-2c. Oats firm and steady; No. 2 white Western, 40 1-2@41 1-2c; No. 2 mixed Western, 37@37 1-2c. Receipts, 5,000 bush; stock, 177,671 bush. Rye dull; No. 2, 62c asked. Receipts, 695 bush; stock, 80,220 bush. Hay firm; good to choice timothy, $15 50@$16 50. Grain freights dull; steam to Liverpool per bushel, 2 3-4d; Cork for orders per quarter, 2s 6d; cotton 17c per 100 pounds; flour 9c per 100 pounds. Cotton nominal; middling, 9 1-2c. Provisions quiet; mess pork, $20; bulkmeats loose shoulders, 10 1-2c; long clear, clear rib sides and sugar pickled shoulders, 11 1-4c; hams, 16 1-4@16 1-2c. Lard—Refined, 14c. Butter quiet; creamery fancy, 28@29c; do fair to choice, 24@26c; do imitation, 25c; ladle fancy, 24c; do good to choice, 20@22c; rolls fine, 22c; do fair to good, 19@21c; store packed, 19c. Eggs firm, 18@18 1-2c. Coffee steady; Rio cargoes fair, 19 1-2c; No. 7, 18 1-2c. Sugar steady; granulated, 4.80c. Copper steady; refined, 11 1-4c. Whiskey firm, $1 24@$1 25.

Boston, March 6.—Flour quiet; corn steady; oats steady; shorts steady. Receipts—Flour, 3,450 bbls and 7,747 sacks; corn, 50,087 bush; oats, 20,150 bush; shorts, 108 tons.

Buffalo, March 6.—Spring wheat in fair demand, limits firm, sales, 1 car No. 1 hard, $2 1-4c; 5,000 bush No. 1 Northern, 76 3-4c; 2,000 do, 77 1-8c; 6,000 bush No. 2 do, 76c. Closing: No. 1 hard old, 85 5-8c; do, new, 82 1-8c; No. 1 Northern old, 82 5-8c; do, Chicago, 81 5-8c; do, new Duluth, 77 5-8c; do, Washburn, 77 5-8c. No. 2 Northern 75 5-8c. Winter dull, offerings fair. No. 2 red, 76 1-2c; No. 3 extra red, 72@73c; No. 1 white, 77c. Corn easier; receipts liberal, demand light. Sales 9 cars No. 2 yellow, 47c; 5 do, 46 3-4c; 5 cars No. 3 yellow, 46 1-2c; 2 cars No. 4 do, 45 3-4@46c; 4 cars No. 2, 46@46 1-4c; 4 cars No. 3, 45 3-4@46c. Oats quiet; steady; sales 3 cars No. 2 white, 39 1-4c; 1 car No. 2 mixed, 36c. Barley quiet; offerings light. No. 3 extra Western, 72@73c; No. 3, 60@63c; No. 4, 53@58c; Michigan, 65@70c; State, 66@76c; Canada, No. 1, 83c; No. 2, 77c; No. 3 extra, 75c. Rye dull, No. 2, 61c; choice do, 63c; No. 3, 57c. Flour steady, best patent selling, $4 50@$4 55; do, winter, $4@$4 10. Rye flour, $3 40@$3 50. Mill feed, steady; demand firm. Receipts—Wheat, 600 bush; corn, 23,000 bush; oats, 7,000 bush. Shipments—Wheat, 14,000 bush; corn, 13,000 bush; oats, 2,000 bush.

Chicago, March 6.—The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat, No. 2.				
March	74¼	74⅝	73½	73½
May	77½@77⅝	77⅞	76⅞	76⅞@76¾
July	76⅛	76⅛	65⅝	75⅝@75⅞
Corn, No. 2.				
March	40⅞	41¾	40¾	41⅛
May	43½	44⅜	43⅝@43½	43¾
July	44¼	44⅞	44@44⅛	44⅜
Oats, No. 2.				
March	30⅝	30⅝	30¼	30⅜
May	32¾	33⅛	32⅝@32¾	32¾@32⅞
Mess pork, per bbl.				
May	$18 75	$18 77½	$18 50	$18 52½
Lard, per 100 lb.				
May	12 95	13 00	12 95	13 00
July	11 95	12 02½	11 90	11 97½
September	11 85	11 85	11 65	11 70
Short ribs, per 100 lb.				
May	10 45	10 50	10 40	10 40

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull, unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 73 1-4@73 1-2c; No. 3 spring wheat, 63@70c; No. 2 red, 73 3-4@73 1-2c; No. 2 corn, 41c; No. 3, 37 1-2c; No. 2 oats, 30 1-2c; No. 2 white f. o. b., 36 1-2c; No. 3 white, 31@33 1-2c; No. 2 rye, 51 1-2c; No. 2 barley, 62c; No. 3 f. o. b., 40@56c; No. 4 f. o. b., 35@49c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 20; prime timothy seed, $4 42@$4 44; mess pork, per bbl, $18 27 1-2@$18 32 1-2; lard, per 100 lbs, $12 97 1-2@$13 00; short rib sides (loose), $10 37 1-2@$10 40; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $9 75@$9 87 1-2; short clear sides (boxed), $10 80@$10 85; whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1 17; sugars, unchanged.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	13,000	16,000
Wheat, bush	140,000	28,000
Corn, bush	110,000	90,000
Oats, bush	99,000	158,000
Rye, bush	3,000	2,000
Barley, bush	51,000	37,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was tame; creamery, 20@26. Eggs steady.

Cincinnati, March 6.—Flour barley steady; fancy, $3 10@$3 35; family, $2 35@$2 60. Wheat steady; No. 2 red, 70c. Receipts, 5,000 bush; shipments, 3,000 bush. Corn weaker; No. 2 mixed, 44c. Oats good demand, easier; No. 2 mixed, 34 1-2c. Pork dull; $19. Lard easier; $12 50. Bulk meats quiet, $10 62 1-2. Bacon dull; $11 75. Whiskey good demand, steady; sales, 93s bbls, $1 17. Butter steady fancy Elgin, 29c; prime dairy, 19@20c. Sugar strong. Eggs weak; 15c. Cheese steady.

Milwaukee, March 6.—Flour quiet. Wheat easy; May, 67 3-4c; No. 2 spring, 66c; Northern, 73c. Corn steady; No. 3, 38@38 1-2c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, 34@34 1-2c; No. 3 white, 32 1-2@33 1-4. Barley quiet; No. 2, 62c; sample, 40@60c. Rye quiet; No. 1, 55 1-2c. Provisions easier. Pork, May, $18 52 1-2. Lard, May, $12 85. Receipts—Flour, 1,100 bbls; wheat, 34,500 bush; barley, 16,000 bush. Shipments—Flour, 1,700 bbls; wheat, 2,000 bush; barley, 22,000 bush.

Minneapolis, March 6.—May opened 14c down from Saturday's close at 67 7-8c, and closed at 67 1-2c. July opened at 69 7-8c and closed at 69 3-4c. There was a light trade. The cash market was about steady at the prices last week. No. 1 Northern sold at 66 1-2c, and No. 2 Northern at 63c. Receipts of wheat here were 437 cars, and at Duluth and Superior 85 cars. Close—May opened at 67 7-8c; highest, 68c; lowest, 67 3-8@67 1-2c; close, 67 1-2c. July opened 69 7-8c; highest, 70 1-4@70 3-8c; lowest, 69 3-4c; closed, 69 3-4c. On track—No. 1 hard, 66 1-2c; No. 1 Northern, 65c; No. 2 Northern, 62@63c.

Philadelphia, March 6.—Flour—Prices were largely nominal, winter super, $2@$2 20; do extra, $2 20@$2 75; No. 2 winter family, $2 75@$3 15; Pennsylvania roller straight, $3 50@$3 75; Western winter clear, $3 25@$3 50; do straight, $3 60@$3 85; winter patent, $4@$4 25; Minnesota clear, $3@$3 50; do straight, $3 75@$4 20; do patent, $4 25@$4 50; do favorite brands higher. Rye flour inactive, but steady at $3 25 for choice Pennsylvania. Buckwheat flour quiet, but firm, under small supplies at $2@$2 20 per 100 lbs for new. Wheat—Market for cash and March wheat ruled steady, but futures were weak and declined 1-4@1-2c; No. 2 red March, 76 1-4@76 1-2c; April, 77 1-4@77 1-2c; May 78 1-4@78 3-8c; June, 79@79 1-4c. Rye quiet and steady at 60c per bushel for No. 2 Pennsylvania. Corn—The option market ruled firm and advanced 1-4c; No. 2 mixed March, 49 3-4@50c; April, 49 3-4@50c; May, 50@50 1-4c; June, 50@50 1-2c. Oats—Market advanced 1-4@1-2c; No. 2 white March, 41@42c; April, 40 3-4@41 1-2c; May, 41@41 1-2c; June, 41@41 1-2c. Butter quiet and steady; Pennsylvania creamery extra, 27c; Pennsylvania prints extra, wholesale, 29c; Pennsylvania prints extra, jobbing, 30@33c. Eggs quiet and easier; Pennsylvania firsts, 19 1-2@20c. Cheese steady, but quiet; New-York factory, 11 1-2@12 1-2c; part skims, 7@9c. Sugar—Refined quiet and easier; cubes, 5.06c; lozenge, 5.44c; standard powdered, 5 1-16c; fine granulated, 4 3-4c; standard granulated, 4 3-4c; crown A, 5 1-16c; crystal A, 4 3-4c; double refined Diamond A, 4 3-4c; confectioners' A, 4 5-8c; red star A, 4.56c; Keystone A, 4.56c; Franklin B, 4.44c; Franklin extra C, 4 1-8c; red star C, 4 1-8c. Feed quiet and steady; winter bran, $19@$20 per ton. Petroleum steady; refined in barrels, $5 25. Receipts—Flour, 6,000 bbls; 8,000 sacks; wheat, 4,700 bush; corn, 21,700 bush; oats, 3,700 bush. Shipments—Wheat, 11,700 bush; corn, 6,400 bush; oats, 6,500 bush.

St. Louis, March 6.—Flour was depressed by weakness in wheat, but not quotably changed. Wheat opened weak, sagged down 1-2c, reacted 1-4@3-8c, declined 3-8@1-2c, and closed 5-8c below Saturday's closing price. No. 2 red, cash, 67 3-4c; March, 67 3-8c; April, 69c; May, 70 5-8@71 1-8c, closing 70 7-8c; July, 72@72 3-4, closing 72c. Corn opened 1-8@1-4c down, rallied on buying, and closed 1-4c higher than on Saturday. No. 2, cash, 37 7-8c; March, 37 1-8c; April, 38 1-2@38 5-8c; May, 39 5-8c; July, 41 1-8c. Oats irregular. No. 2, cash, 32c; May, 33 1-4c. Rye and barley neglected. Hay steady. Flaxseed lower; $1 19. Cloverseed steady. Timothy unchanged. Butter heavy; decline expected. Eggs easier; 15c. Lead firm; 3.62 1-2@3.65c. Spelter, 3.97 1-2c. Cornmeal quiet. Bagging and cotton ties unchanged. Whiskey, $1 17 for finished goods. Provisions in improved demand and prices unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 7,000 bbls; wheat, 31,000 bush; corn, 290,000 bush; oats, 33,000 bush; rye, 3,000 bush; barley, 8,000 bush. Shipments—Flour, 8,000 bbls; wheat, 18,000 bush; corn, 291,000 bush; oats, 22,000 bush; rye, 5,000 bush; barley, 10,000 bush.

Toledo, March 6.—Wheat—Dull, easier; No. 2 cash, 71 1-2c; May, 74 1-4c; July, 75c; July, 75 7-8c. Corn—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 42 1-2c; May, 43c; No. 3 yellow, 42 1-2c. Oats—Quiet; cash, 35c. Rye—Dull; cash, 57c. Cloverseed—Active, lower; prime cash and March, $8 50. Receipts—Flour, 300 bbls; wheat, 7,421 bush; corn, 15,175 bush; oats, 500 bush; rye, 400 bush; cloverseed, 387 bush. Shipments—Flour, 550 bbls; wheat, 1,400 bush; corn, 15,100 bush; oats, 400 bush; cloverseed, 707 bush.

COTTON MARKETS—BY TELEGRAPH.

Liverpool, March 6, 4 p. m.—Cotton—Futures closed steady; American middling, low middling clause, March delivery, 4 61-64d sellers; March and April delivery, 4 61-64d sellers; April and May delivery, 4 62-64d sellers; May and June delivery, 4 63-64@5d; June and July delivery, 5 1-64d buyers; July and August delivery, 5 2-64@5 3-64d; August and September delivery, 5 2-64d sellers; September and October delivery, 4 63-64d value; October and November delivery, 4 61-64d value.

Galveston, March 6.—Cotton dull; middling, 9c; low middling, 8 5-8c; good ordinary, 8 1-8c; net and gross receipts, 2,697 bales; exports coastwise, 2,745 bales; sales, 80 bales; stock, 77,396 bales.

Norfolk, March 6.—Cotton firm; middling, 9c; low middling, 8 9-16c; good ordinary, 7 7-8c; net and gross receipts, 2,023 bales; exports coastwise, 285 bales; sales, 92 bales; stock, 46,381 bales.

Savannah, March 6.—Cotton firm; middling, 8 15-16c; low middling, 8 11-16c; good ordinary, 8 3-16c; net and gross receipts, 418 bales; exports to the Continent, 3,100 bales; coastwise, 1,786 bales; sales, 123 bales; stock, 67,748 bales.

New-Orleans, March 6.—Cotton steady; good middling, 9 3-8c; middling, 9c; low middling, 8 3-4c; good ordinary, 8 3-8c; net receipts, 4,173 bales; gross, 4,881 bales; exports to France, 6,921 bales; sales, 4,750 bales; stock, 311,285 bales.

THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Beans, bbls	37	Leather, sides	3,220
Beeswax, pkgs	15	Spirits turp., bbls	34
Buckwheat, bush	775	Rosin, bbls	1,017
Cotton, bales	2 0 3	Oil cake, pkgs	627
Cotton seed oil, bbls	150	Oil, laid, bbls	60
Dried fruit, pkgs	4,501	Oil, lubr., bbls	90
Eggs, bbls	2	Peanuts, bags	1,553
Eggs, cases	5,578	Pork, pkgs	240
Flour, pkgs	37,291	Beef, pkgs	101
Cornmeal, bbls	925	Cutmeats, pkgs	197
Cornmeal, bags	1,270	Lard, pkgs	152
Wheat, bush	17,050	Lard, kegs	1,609
Corn, bush	56,400	Butter, pkgs	3,403
Oats, bush	36,750	Cheese, pkgs	1 811
Malt, bush	14,700	Dressed hogs, No.	593
Barley, bush	6,230	Rice, pkgs	73
Peas, bush	3,000	Tallow, pkgs	181
Oatmeal, bbls	385	Tobacco, hhds	205
Flaxseed, bags	800	Tobacco, pkgs	830
Grease, pkgs	170	Whiskey, bbls	1,089
Hops, bales	173	Wine (Cal.), pkgs	2,323
Lead, pkgs	1,200	Brandy (Cal.), pkgs	172

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

COFFEE—For spot Brazil growths there was little demand, but the market ruled steady in tone on the basis of 17½c for No 7. No business was reported. For mild grades the market also was dull, and steady option trading showed a fair movement, the sales aggregating 30,750 bags, while closing quotations indicated an advance of 5 points on some months and no change on others. Cable accounts were irregular. Havre was 3-4d fr lower; London closed 0d lower, and Hamburg ¼ pfg lower. The official Rio cable follows: First ordinary (10 kilos), 14 8-500; good second (10 kilos), 13 8-200; exchange, 12 11-16; receipts in Rio, 10,000 bags; Rio stock, 202,000 bags; Rio market firm; Rio shipments to Europe during week, 16,000 bags; Rio purchases for the United States during week, 51,000 bags; Rio purchases for Europe during week, 17,000 bags; fre gat per steamer for United States, 40c and 5 per cent primage; steamers loading at Rio for United States, four; good average Santos, 12 8-900; receipts at Santos (two days), 11,000 bags; Santos stock, 288,000 bags; Santos market, firm; Santos shipments for United States (two days), 13,000 bags; Santos shipments for Europe, 48,000 bags; Santos purchases for United States, 45,000 bags; Santos purchases for Europe, 60,000 bags; Santos freight per steamer to Havre, 25 fr and 10 per cent primage; steamers loading at Santos for United States, three; steamers loading at Santos for Europe, two. Receipts at Rio July 1, 1892, to March 4, 1893, 2,250,000 bags; same time 1892, 2,838,000 bags; same time 1891, 1,823,000 bags; receipts at Santos July 1, 1892, to March 4, 1893, 2,568,000 bags; same time 1892, 2,742,000 bags; same time 1891, 2,491,000 bags. Warehouse deliveries since March 1, 1893: New-York, 38,000 bags; Baltimore, 2,418 bags; New-Orleans, 4,158 bags; total, 45,185 bags.

Months.	Closing.	Highest.	Lowest.	Sales.
March	17.35@17.35	17.40	17.30	10,250
April	16.95@17.00	17.00	16.95	4,750
May	16.80@16.81	16.85	16.80	4,250
June	16.65@16.70			
July	16.65@16.65	16.70	16.60	6,500
August	16.55@16.60			
September	16.50@16.55	16.55	16.50	3,750
October	16.35@16.40			
November	16.25@16.30			
December	16.20@16.30	16.30	16.20	1,250

COTTON—The spot market ruled easy in tone, but prices were not changed. Sales, 80 bales to spinners and 1,843 bales to shippers, and 100 bales were delivered on contract. Quotations are based on the American standard of classification.

	Uplands.	Gulf.
Ordinary	6 13-16	7 1-16
Strict Ordinary	7 3-16	7 7-16
Good Ordinary	8 1-16	8 5-16
Strict Good Ordinary	8⅝	8⅞
Low Middling	8¾	9
Strict Low Middling	9	9⅛
Middling	9 3-16	9 7-16
Good Middling	9½	9¾
Strict Good Middling	9 11-16	9 15-16
Middling Fair	10 1-16	10 5-16
Fair	10 7-16	10 11-16

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Good Ordinary	6 5-16	Low Middling	7 13-16
Strict Good Ordinary	6 15-16	Middling	8⅝

Liverpool telegrams, 1 15 p. m.—Receipts, 2,000 bales, of which American, 2,000 bales; sales, 7,000 bales, of which for speculation and export, 500 bales; American, 6,000 bales; spot market hardening; middling uplands, 5d.

The port receipts were 11,224 bales, comparing with 18,023 bales for the corresponding day last year. Since September 1 the receipts have been 4,305,776 bales, against 6,146,589 bales during the corresponding period a year ago. The figures appended show the week's crop movement:

	1893.	1892.
Visible supply	4,206,244	4,080,540
Receipts, 1 day	7,138	15,854
Exports to Great Britain, 1 day		7,409
Exports to France, 1 day	7,442	1,291
Exports to Continent, 1 day	405	5,640
Stock in New-York in licensed warehouses, counted daily	283,890	384,641
In other places (estimated)	2,322	13,755
Total stock in New-York, by running count	286,212	398,396
Stock in all United States ports	912,703	1,174,454

Speculative trading was very moderate in volume, the sales amounting to only 181,100 bales. The market opened at an advance of 8 points on cear, and of 5 points on late months. Subsequently, there was a sharp decline, due to the news of stringent money in Wall Street, and at the close quotations indicated a net decline of 1@2 points on the current crop and no net change for the day on the new crop.

Months.	Closing.	Highest.	Lowest.	Sales.
March	9.01@9.03	9.10	9.05	1,500
April	9.06@9.07	9.16	9.06	31,200
May	9.16@9.17	9.26	9.16	40,900
June	9.24@9.25	9.33	9.24	44,000
July	9.30@9.31	9.40	9.30	1,100
August	9.32@9.33	9.41	9.32	8,500
September	9.18@9.19	9.24	9.19	4,700
October	9.09@9.10	9.15	9.09	5,300
November	9.01@9.06	9.10	9.07	3,900

FLOUR AND MEAL—FLOUR—The market ruled quiet and weak throughout, and the sales aggregated 12,000 bbls, including 2,000 bbls spring patents at $3 35@$3 40; 1,500 bbls winter patents at $3 90@$4; 2,000 bbls winter straights, $3 50@$3 70, the higher price for fancy; 2,000 sacks winter straights for export, $3 25; 1,000 bbls winter extras, $2 25@$2 35; 500 bbls No. 2 winter, $2 50@$2 75; 500 bbls No. 2 winter, $2 40; 500 sacks winter fine, at $2 10; 5,000 sacks spring bakers' $2 25@$2 35; 500 bbls spring straights, $4 10; 500 sacks no grade spring for export, $1 75. Quotations: City mill, patent, $4 40@$4 60; clear $4@$4 10; fine, sacks and bbls, $1 85@$2 90; superfine, bbls, $2 20@$3 80; spring bbls, No. 2, $2@$2 15; No. 1, $2 50@$3 00; $2 75@$4 25; straights, $3 60@$4; patents, $4 20@$4 50; winter bbls, fine, $2@$2 15; superfine, $2 20@$2 30; No. 2, $2 35@$2 40; No. 1, $2 40@$3; clear, $3 15@$3 40; straights, $3 40@$3 70; patents, $3 90@$4 20. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Quiet; quoted at $2@$2 10, and factory held at $1 75. WHEAT GRAIN—Quiet; State and Canada quoted at 58@60c in full loads delivered. RYE FLOUR—Sales, 225 bags of superfine; State, $3 20@$3 40. CORN-MEAL—Quiet but steady; Brandywine, $2 90; Western and Southern, $2 80@$2 90.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The option market opened at an advance of ⅛c, but immediately declined ⅛c on the publication of a Western crop report of an unfavorable character, in conjunction with news of a weak cables and a moderate amount of foreign selling. A recovery of ¼@⅜c followed the posting of the weekly statement of New-York stocks, which induced covering by local shorts. A break of ¼@⅜c then took place when the visible supply statement was issued. It indicated a smaller decrease than had been generally expected. The market closed weak at a net loss of ¼@⅜c for the day. The receipts at interior points were 471,732 bush spring and 62,868 bush winter wheat, comparing with 622,745 and 81,727 bush spring and winter, respectively, for the corresponding day last year. At the seaboard the arrivals were 24,719 bush, against 260,455 bush, and making the total receipts, interior and seaboard, 555,319 bush, against 941,930 bush. The clearances from the Atlantic seaboard were 125,932 bush on Saturday, against 612,009 bush for March 4, 1892. Sales, 1,230,000 bush futures, No 2 red March, closing at 77⅞c; 675,000 bush May, at 79⅝@79⅞c, closing at 79⅝c; 20,000 bush July, at 80½c; 525,000 bush July, 81¼@81⅝c, closing at 81¼c, and 10,000 bush August, 81⅝@81⅝c, closing at 81⅝c. Spot wheat declined ¼@⅜c, in sympathy with the decline on the option list. The tone at the close was firm as far as holders were concerned, though the demand from exporters was light and their limits, as a rule were full 1c under the asking prices. Sales, 48,000 bush spot, all for export, of which 16,000 bush No 3 Chicago spring at 4½c under May; 16,000 bush Canada red and 16,000 bush Manitoba, both on private terms. No. 2 red winter quoted at 78@78½c in elevator, 78⅛@79½c afloat, 78@79⅝c f. o. b.; No 1 Northern, 81¼@81½c; No 2 do, 83¼@83½c; No 1 hard, 88¼@89c. OATS—Early prices for futures inclined to advance of ⅛c as result of covering by shorts and higher Western markets. A decline of ¼@⅜c took place when the increase indicated by the weekly visible supply was published and after a few slight variations the market closed firm at a net advance of ⅛@¼c for the day. Sales, 355,000 bush future, including 20,000 bush No. 2 March at 33⅝@33⅞c, closing at 33⅝c; 5,000 bush April, 32⅝c, closing at 32⅝c; 210,000 bush May, 31 9-16@31 5-16c, closing at 31⅛c; June closing at 31⅛c, and 120,000 bush July, 30⅞@31⅛c, closing at 31⅛c. The spot movement was fair early in the day, though an advance of 1c subsequently checked business. Sales, 91,000 bush (15,000 bush for export), No. 3 mixed at 32c, delivered, including 6,000 bush No. 2 mixed at 33½c elevator; 6,000 bush do, 34½c delivered; 20,000 bush steamer, mixed, 32¼@32½c elevator; 10,000 bush do, 33½c delivered; 18,000 bush No. 3 mixed at 30½c in elevator; 8,000 bush white, 32¼@33¼c elevator; 6,000 bush ungraded yellow, 33½@34½c delivered, and 2,000 bush No. 2 white at 34c elevator. OATS—The speculative interest in futures continued light, but prices were advanced ¼@⅜c. Sales, 60,000 bush future, No. 2 March, closing at 33½c; 60,000 bush May, 33⅜@33¾c, closing at 33⅝c; June, closing at 33⅝c, and July, closing at 33¼c; No. 2 white March, closing at 40¼c, and May, closing at 40½c. The spot market showed a fair amount of activity, and closed at an advance of ¼@½c. Sales, 132,000 bush, including No. 2 white at 42@42½c for 5,000 bush; No. 3 white, 41¼@41½c for 3,000 bush; No 2 white clipped, 43c; No 3 do, 42@42½c for 11,000 bush; No. 2 mixed, 38¼@39c for 11,000 bush; No. 3 do, 38c; rejected mixed, 37c; do white, 40@42c; No. 2 Chicago, 39½c for 15,000 bush; ungraded mixed Western, 39@40½c for 8,000 bush, and ungraded white do, 41@47½c for 42,000 bush. BARLEY—Western, 60@80c; California brewing, 65@67½c; Chevalier, 72½c; six-rowed State, 75@80c; two-rowed do, 64@66c; No. 2 Toronto, 84@85c, to arrive; No 1 do, 82@83c; ungraded do, 80@95c. MALT—Western, 65@85c; two-rowed State, 75@80c; six-rowed do, 80@85c; Canada, country and city made, $1@$1 05. RYE—Dull and nominal. Western, 60@65c. FEED—Quotations: 85@90c for 40, 60 and 80 lb, and 90@95c for 100 lb and sharps, and 95c@$1 for rye. Oil meal, $1 37½; job lots, 2½c more. Cottonseed meal, $1 47½@$1 50.

STOCKS OF GRAIN, NEW-YORK.

	Mch. 4, '93.	Feb. 25, '93.	Mch. 5, '92.
Wheat	10,586,927	11,277,414	3,418,701
Corn	612,411	634,028	1,608,282
Oats	960,087	1,134,859	1,209,393
Rye	76,780	75,305	616,853
Barley	173,620	227,050	65,208
Malt	36,975	16,194	61,329
Peas	17,720	21,220	2,571
Total