TOPICS OF THE STREET

FOREIGN TRADING.—Foreign houses were not active in the local market, selling on balance. In London consols were steady and unchanged, and foreign bonds were inactive. The copper shares were weak, with considerable pressure in Rio Tinto. The general market was quiet, with a heavier tendency in American issues. Money was easy at the British capital. Foreign discounts were unchanged. South African gold to the amount of £500,000 will be available in the open London market to-morrow, and it is likely that Austria will endeavor to secure a part of it.

COTTON MOVEMENT.—"The Financial Chronicle" gives the total port receipts of cotton, for the week ended April 2, as 95,082 bales, against 94,029 bales in the preceding week, making the total receipts since September 1, 1908, 8,601,764 bales, against 7,828,528 bales for the same period of 1907-'08, showing an increase since September 1, 1908, of 1,273,236 bales. The weather has been generally favorable throughout the South, with light rain in most sections. Farm work is making good progress, and planting is under way in many sections. The Alabama and Mississippi floods are rapidly receding.

COPPER EXPORTS.—March exports of copper were 21,720 tons, or 896 tons below the exports for March, 1908. This is the first time in six months that the amount of metal shipped abroad has approximated the shipments for a corresponding month a year ago. Heavy buying for London speculative accounts around the first of the month is responsible for the increased shipments, which were 6,938 tons in excess of those in February. During the first week in March it was reported that 50,000,000 pounds of the metal had been disposed of in Europe, and the shipments of 46,645,760 pounds in the next month corroborate the report. Considerable foreign buying has been going on during this month, and the April shipments should compare favorably with those of April a year ago, when 31,855 tons were exported.

BANK CLEARINGS.—The total bank clearings of the United States for the week ended April 3, 1909 (one day estimated), according to "The Financial Chronicle," were $3,227,592,805, against $2,576,915,360 in the preceding week and $2,477,376,418 for the corresponding week of 1908. Compared with last year, the total week's clearings have increased 30.3 per cent. New York City shows an increase of 45 per cent, Boston 20.1 per cent, while Balimore shows a decrease of 3.2 per cent and New Orleans of 5 per cent.

APPLICATION TO LISTS.—Application has been made to the Stock Exchange to list $1,400,000 additional first mortgage 5 per cent bonds, due 1924, of the Michigan State Telephone Company; $6,150,000 additional capital stock of the Consolidated Coal Company; $7,500,000 Superior & Duluth division and terminal first mortgage 4 per cent bonds, due 1936, of the Wisconsin Central Railway Company, and $5,967,000 refunding and extension mortgage 4½ per cent bonds, due 1931, of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company.

STRICKEN FROM THE LIST.—The Stock Exchange has stricken from the list National Railroad Company, of Mexico Mercantile Trust Company certificates of deposit for second preferred stock.

ADMITTED TO QUOTATION.—The Stock Exchange has admitted to quotation in the unlisted department Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE EXCHANGE BANK EXTRA DIVIDEND.—The New York Produce Exchange Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent and an extra dividend of 1 per cent, payable April 15.

ADMITTED AS SPECIAL PARTNER.—H. Walter Webb has been admitted as a special partner in the Stock Exchange firm of Slade & Boyer.

GOLD FOR BRAZIL.—Crossman & Sielcken will ship $500,000 gold coin to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, tomorrow.

FOREIGN COMMERCE.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT NEW YORK.

	1909.	1908.	1907.
Week ended April 3—			
Drygoods	$3,665,976	$2,052,326	$3,712,580
General merchandise	13,355,075	8,866,237	14,161,340
Totals	$17,021,051	$10,918,563	$17,873,920
From January 1—			
Drygoods	$48,478,993	$40,014,493	$57,652,425
General merchandise	171,512,396	118,327,543	193,578,599
Totals	$219,991,389	$158,342,036	$251,231,024

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE FROM NEW YORK.

Jan. 1 to March 29	$149,645,536	$158,738,029	$151,225,891

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

For the week—			
Gold	$544,000	$48,205	$34,410
Silver	806,000	885,883	663,515
Totals	$1,350,000	$934,088	$697,925
From January 1—			
Gold	$37,866,230	$858,900	$1,741,336
Silver	11,971,902	10,692,579	11,115,623
Totals	$49,838,132	$11,551,479	$12,856,959

IMPORTS OF SPECIE.

For the week—			
Gold	$78,592	$485,200	$1,357,969
Silver	110,456	22,205	40,610
Totals	$189,048	$507,405	$1,398,579
From January 1—			
Gold	$3,987,254	$8,720,394	$4,547,956
Silver	1,252,074	943,922	620,638
Totals	$5,239,331	$9,664,316	$5,168,594

BIG GAIN IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

An indication of the progress which is being made in the direction of better times is afforded by the experience of the savings banks, which report that a great many of their customers, who during the severe business depression were obliged to draw out almost their entire deposits, are now steadily building up their accounts again, the deposits in some instances being notably large. Hundreds of new depositors, too, have within the last few months opened savings bank accounts, and are making regular deposits.

This movement is believed by savings bank officials to be due to the object lesson of the panic period, when the advantage of having a savings fund, on which to draw when employment failed, was widely demonstrated—a lesson taken to heart by a great number of people, who, in the past, had not formed the habit of systematically saving any part of their earnings.

MONEY IN CIRCULATION.

The Treasury Department reports the total money in circulation on April 1 as follows:

	April 1, '09.	March 1, '09.	April 1, '08.
Gold coin	$46,292,459	$609,988,339	$629,732,705
Gold ctfs	796,956,209	812,642,179	808,340,820
Stand. sil. dol.	71,682,515	72,158,859	83,396,986
Silver ctfs	476,757,963	471,411,392	458,181,217
Subsid. silver	127,887,984	130,767,140	126,034,150
Treas. notes of 1890	4,366,807	4,452,664	5,225,744
U. S. notes	339,128,847	338,019,029	333,513,306
Nat. bk. notes	661,591,582	638,916,371	655,825,794
Totals	$3,086,684,516	$3,084,778,006	$3,080,450,734

1, 1902, $28.59; April 1, 1901, $28.25.

Circulation per capita, $34.85; April 1, 1908, $35.35; April 1, 1907, $33.91; April 1, 1906, $31.75; April 1, 1905, $30.66; April 1, 1904, $30.87; April 1, 1903, $29.24; April

$2,000,000 TROLLEY MAKING COMPANY.

Albany, April 3.—The Duplex Non-Arcing Trolley Company of New York, organized to manufacture electric trolleys and mechanical devices, was incorporated to-day, with a capital of $2,000,000. The directors are Arthur O'Leary and Frederick J. Ryan, of Providence, and Walter R. Lee, of New York.

BANK STATEMENT IN DETAIL.

Banks.	Capital.	Net profits.	L'ns,disc'ts, average.	Specie, average.	Legals, average.	Deposits, average.	Circulat'n, average.
Bank of New York, N. B. A.	$2,000,000	$3,395,600	$19,884,000	$5,391,000	$1,294,000	$18,001,000	$1,489,000
Bank of the Manhattan Company	2,050,000	3,489,300	36,500,000	10,278,000	1,702,000	44,400,000	
Merchants' National	2,000,000	1,588,200	21,684,000	4,205,000	2,066,000	23,909,000	1,396,000
Mechanics' National	3,000,000	3,715,800	32,498,000	7,916,000	1,414,000	35,896,000	1,465,100
Bank of America	1,500,000	5,114,500	30,551,700	6,182,500	3,073,900	34,386,800	
Phenix National	1,000,000	633,100	8,993,000	2,253,000	1,024,000	10,254,000	738,500
National City	25,000,000	26,218,200	185,257,200	38,430,600	7,705,000	181,653,000	3,148,500
Chemical National	3,000,000	5,887,000	28,754,500	4,782,700	2,312,800	27,755,800	47,000
Merchants' Exchange National	600,000	323,100	7,555,300	1,319,400	723,600	8,107,400	430,300
Gallatin National	1,000,000	2,429,300	9,828,400	1,341,000	739,200	8,008,000	908,000
National Butchers and Drovers'	300,000	146,100	2,362,800	377,400	147,700	2,129,600	47,700
Greenwich	500,000	750,000	7,861,100	260,600	78,700	8,749,100	
American Exchange National	5,000,000	5,163,100	29,480,300	4,035,900	1,739,300	22,423,300	4,899,000
National Bank of Commerce	25,000,000	15,394,400	166,526,100	27,753,500	11,716,800	152,408,500	12,945,400
Mercantile National	3,000,000	2,483,300	13,150,100	1,558,900	992,100	9,511,400	1,257,400
Pacific	500,000	854,400	3,841,400	392,300	613,600	3,555,800	
Chatham National	450,000	1,002,200	7,444,200	1,104,800	1,620,900	8,686,900	147,700
People's	200,000	454,400	2,029,300	500,000	86,900	2,179,100	
Hanover National	3,000,000	10,384,000	70,297,600	15,905,400	6,401,300	84,484,600	50,000
Citizens' Central National	2,550,000	1,416,600	22,234,000	5,596,100	320,200	22,597,700	1,916,900
Nassau	500,000	423,700	5,561,900	533,400	969,800	6,054,700	
Market and Fulton National	1,000,000	1,007,300	7,993,600	1,297,500	1,613,600	8,872,800	60,900
Metropolitan	2,000,000	1,312,700	10,705,100	2,723,800	146,900	10,733,700	
Corn Exchange	3,000,000	5,275,500	43,964,000	6,972,000	5,121,000	50,868,000	
Importers and Traders'	1,500,000	7,345,800	26,614,000	4,551,000	1,696,000	24,613,000	47,000
National Park	3,000,000	9,568,900	50,154,600	24,610,800	1,422,000	103,116,700	2,939,700
East River National	250,000	100,100	1,328,100	227,900	151,900	1,491,500	49,300
Fourth National	3,000,000	3,319,900	26,259,000	4,912,000	2,261,000	27,625,000	690,000
Second National	1,000,000	1,747,000	11,225,500	2,686,000	1,226,000	11,802,000	470,000
First National	10,000,000	19,268,600	115,808,500	30,268,900	1,845,100	115,128,200	6,557,000
Irving National Exchange	2,000,000	1,409,500	19,861,600	4,073,600	1,464,400	21,147,300	786,900
Bowery	250,000	787,100	3,168,100	767,000	69,000	3,391,000	
New York County National	800,000	1,285,600	7,975,900	1,332,700	666,300	8,425,900	196,700
German-American	750,000	648,900	4,157,500	816,900	212,100	4,114,700	
Chase National	5,000,000	5,931,000	82,852,500	18,872,700	4,554,700	92,910,200	2,510,000
Fifth Avenue	100,000	2,165,600	13,254,200	2,808,500	1,038,700	14,695,400	
German Exchange	200,000	872,300	3,500,700	395,900	480,300	3,780,300	
Germania	200,000	1,001,300	4,753,800	822,300	596,900	5,517,100	
Lincoln National	1,000,000	1,309,500	15,446,300	3,604,500	1,133,700	16,632,900	725,900
Garfield National	1,000,000	1,135,100	7,747,300	1,739,200	420,200	7,925,100	373,500
Fifth National	250,000	462,000	3,246,200	788,700	380,000	3,335,800	241,300
Bank of the Metropolis	1,000,000	2,023,200	11,003,500	767,800	2,157,200	11,016,400	
West Side	200,000	1,051,600	4,542,600	1,058,000	226,000	5,050,000	
Seaboard National	1,000,000	1,682,200	20,520,000	4,421,000	2,145,000	24,682,000	237,000
Liberty National	1,000,000	2,505,200	17,215,200	3,872,000	512,500	17,019,000	982,900
New York Produce Exchange	1,000,000	696,600	7,191,800	2,024,800	238,500	8,558,800	
State	1,000,000	786,500	11,646,000	3,535,000	252,000	14,502,000	
Fourteenth Street	1,000,000	315,800	5,120,800	1,004,800	478,500	5,755,400	
National Copper	2,000,000	2,596,300	20,001,000	4,102,600	804,000	19,421,100	981,200
Totals, average	126,350,000	168,697,400	1,309,522,200	274,405,100	78,572,900	*1,355,968,700	48,713,600

*United States deposits included, $2,334,900; percentage of reserve to average deposits other than United States, 26.07.

Actual figures Saturday morning			1,311,955,000	272,138,900	76,715,900	*1,353,409,000	49,025,300

*United States deposits included, $2,368,100; percentage of reserve to deposits other than United States, as actual figures, 25.82.

THE MARKETS

TOTAL DOMESTIC RECEIPTS.

Wheat, bush	48,000	Beef, cases	174
Corn, bush	9,475	Tallow, bbls	50
Oats, bush	70,150	Lubricating oil, bbls	525
Barley, bush	1,275	Lard oil, bbls	10
Malt, bush	6,000	Cottonseed oil, bbls	508
Buckwheat, bush	9,600	Oleo stock, tierces	282
Beans, bbls	2,349	Rosin, bbls	2,400
Flaxseed, bush	16,000	Spirits turpentine, bbls	325
Hops, bales	336	Tar, bbls	50
Oilmeal, bags	500	Hides, bales	300
Hay, tons	960	Tobacco, hhds	65
Straw, tons	50	Tobacco, pkgs	1,255
Flour, bbls	4,024	Wine (Cal), bbls	65
Flour, sacks	12,198	Butter, pkgs	5,479
Cornmeal, bbls	165	Cheese, pkgs	844
Cornmeal, sacks	1,793	Eggs, cases	14,665
Millfeed, tons	107	Poultry, dressed, pkgs	1,574
C S meal, bags	400	Poultry, alive, pkgs	177
Oatmeal, bbls	300	Cotton, bales	125
Whiskey, bbls	233	Apples, bbls	2,300
Pork, bbls	50	Apples, boxes	640
Hams, boxes	22	Onions, bbls	100
Bacon, tierces	15	Potatoes, bbls	9,150
Bacon, pkgs	1,216	Oranges (Cal), boxes	375
Lard, tierces	849	Oranges (Fla), boxes	1,650
Lard, kegs	2,370	Peanuts, sacks	575
Lard, cases	170	Rice, pkts	150
Beef, bbls	75		

EXPORTS.

Wheat, bush	80,669	Tar, bbls	8
Corn, bush	18,895	Crude pet. gals	1,029,110
Oats, bush	10,300	Refined pet. gals	2,241,639
Barley, bush	37,811	Benzine, gals	120,000
Beans, bush	2,139	Gasolene, gals	60,200
Flour, bbls	989	Cottonseed oil, gals	580,830
Flour, sacks	3,808	Pork, bbls	758
Cornmeal, bbls	1,665	Beef, tcs	325
Grass seed, bags	1,143	Bacon, lb	1,853,775
Hay, bales	467	Hams, lb	21,400
Whiskey, gals	500	Lard, lb	1,273,400
Oilmeal, lb	187,375	Tallow, lb	322,000
Oilcake, lb	3,122,700	Grease, lb	262,000
Spirits turp, gals	3,450	Butter, lb	29,100
Rosin, bbls	1,110	Cheese, lb	52,340
Pitch, bbls	21		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, Nor. No 1 fdy	$16 25	Cotton, middling	10
Iron, So. No 1	15 75	Coffee, No 7 Rio	8¾
Steel rails	28 00	Sugar, granulated	4.95
Lake copper, ingots	12 95	Molasses, O K, prime	40
Tin	29 40	Beef, family	$15 25
Exchange lead	4 07½	Beef hams	25 00
Spelter	4 80	Tallow, prime	5⅝
Wheat, No 2 red	1 29⅝	Pork, mess	18 75
Corn, No 2 mixed	74⅝	Hogs, dressed, 160 lb.	9½
Oats, 26 to 32 lb.	57½	Lard, prime	10 40
Flour, Mpls. patents	6 05		

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New York, April 3, 1909.

COFFEE—The coffee market showed continued irregularity to-day, but trading was not active, and there was comparatively little further liquidation. The close was inactive, net 5 points higher to 5 points lower, with May quoted at 6.90c bid, or about 30 points below the high record of the week. Sales for the day were reported of only 4,250 bags. The market opened steady, and at unchanged prices to an advance of 5 points in response to steady foreign markets, but only June showed any improvement, and the market later proved susceptible to very small orders in the absence of general business. The reaction which has occurred from the high point of the week is attributed to realizing following the advance, and about 2¼c per pound, with selling prompted by a lessened probability of an import duty and the fact that there has been no confirmation of the reports circulated last week concerning serious damage to the coming crop as a result of hailstorms in Sao Paulo. Selling for short account is evidently receiving the support of the spot situation, expectations of a further material decrease in the world's visible supply before the end of the season and the fact that the tariff question is still an uncertainty, which may develop into a bullish factor so far as holdings of spot coffee are concerned. The market for spot coffee was quiet but steady, with quotations on the basis of 8⅝c for Rio No 7.

The range of contract prices in the local market to-day was as follows:

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
April				6.90@7.00	6.95
May	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.90@7.00	6.95
June				6.60@6.65	6.55
July	6.55	6.55	6.50	6.50@6.55	6.55
August				6.25@6.30	6.30
September	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.10@6.20	6.15
October				5.95@6.00	5.95
November				5.95@6.00	5.95
December	5.95	5.95	5.95	5.95@6.00	5.95
January				5.95@6.00	5.95
February				5.95@6.00	5.95
March				6.00@6.05	6.00

Coffee cables: Rio—Coffee market steady; No 7 Rio, 48@2c; exchange, 15 7-32d; receipts, 5,000 bags; stock, 146,000 bags. Santos—Coffee market firm; No 4 Santos, 9@150; No 7, 8@550; receipts, 1,000 bags; stock, 807,000 bags. Hamburg—Coffee market opened unchanged to ¼ pfg higher; at 2 p m was net ¼ pfg lower to ¼ pfg higher; sales, 15,000 bags. Havre—Coffee market opened unchanged to ¼ franc higher; at 12 m unchanged; sales, 6,000 bags.

The statistical position of Brazilian coffee was as follows:

	To-day.	Last week.	Last month.
New York deliveries	17,646	19,369	34,627
Baltimore deliveries			72
New Orleans deliveries			11,452
Total deliveries	17,646	19,369	46,151
New York stock	3,451,541	3,398,824	3,303,846
Baltimore stock	1,124	1,124	1,222
New Orleans stock	136,104	118,126	130,495
Stock at all ports	3,588,769	3,518,074	3,435,563
Afloat	363,640	540,199	689,230
Visible supply	3,952,409	4,058,264	4,124,793
Same time 1908	3,779,459	3,800,079	3,894,533

COTTON—The bull movement in the cotton market continued to-day, with trading the most active and the most general so far experienced on the advance, while prices sold into new high ground and to within 5@4 points of the high records of the season, which were made late last January. Better cables than expected, favorable week end figures, more optimistic views of the situation and continued dry weather in the Southwest seemed to be promoting a broader investment demand, and the realizing sales of old longs were promptly absorbed by buying of this character and covering of shorts. The market reacted only slightly in the late trading and closed very steady in tone at the net advance of 5@8 points. The market opened firm at an advance of 6@7 points and soon sold 9@10 points net higher, with May touching 9.70c and October 9.45c, or 40 to 50 points above the low record of the previous week. There was very heavy selling for long account on the advance, but talk of firmer spot markets and the evidences of a broadening public demand restricted short sales, and in the absence of aggressive pressure prices held within a few points of the best. Local spot people report that the upward movement has brought in some of the less well supplied spinners, and that the interior is fairly following, if not leading, the advance in spots. So long as this condition obtains there would seem little incentive for aggressive operations on the short side of the market, but an advance of nearly ½c without any reaction of consequence would seem to entitle prices to easier intervals, while the bulls are hardly apt to become aggressive following a considerable reduction in the short interest.

The range of contract prices in the local market to-day was as follows:

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
April				9.66@9.68	9.59
May	9.64	9.70	9.64	9.66@9.68	9.60
June				9.59@9.61	9.52
July	9.59	9.63	9.59	9.60@9.61	9.53
August	9.51	9.52	9.49	9.50@9.51	9.45
September	9.42	9.42	9.42	9.43@9.44	9.36
October	9.41	9.45	9.41	9.44@9.45	9.36
November				9.41@9.42	9.33
December	9.40	9.42	9.40	9.41@9.42	9.33
January	9.36	9.38	9.35	9.37@9.38	9.29
March				9.36@9.37	9.28

The Liverpool weekly report, with comparisons, follows:

	This week.	Last week.	Last year.	1907.
Sales all kinds	54,000	56,000	45,000	37,000
Sales American	49,000	53,000	43,000	33,000
Sales speculation	4,000	3,000	4,000	1,000
Sales export	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000
Forwarded	76,000	83,000	67,000	83,000
Imports all kinds	48,000	97,000	24,000	112,000
Imports American	29,000	74,000	12,000	71,000
Actual exports	5,000	11,000	7,000	18,000
Stock all kinds	1,382,000	1,411,000	1,027,000	1,258,000
Stock American	1,257,000	1,289,000	903,000	1,130,000
Afloat all kinds	118,000	105,000	97,000	280,000
Afloat American	96,000	75,000	61,000	234,000

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables: Spot cotton—Quiet but steady; sales, 6,000 bales; speculation and export, 500; American, 5,000; receipts, 1,000 bales; American, middling, upland, 5.17d. Futures opened steady at ½ point decline, closed quiet, net ½@1 point higher on near and 1½ point higher on late months. April and April-May, 5.06½d; May-June, 5.07½d; June-July, 5.10d; July-August, 5.12½d; August-September, 5.06½d; September-October, 5.04d; October-November, 5.02d; November-December, 5.01d; December-January, 5.00½d; January-February, 5d; February-March, 5.01d; March-April, 5.02d.

FLOUR AND MEAL—Demand for flour was poor to-day, with prices held higher in some quarters. Rye flour was firmly maintained, with a small local trade. The following are prices quoted on the New York Produce Exchange: Spring patents, $5.55@$5.75; winter straights, $5.40@$5.60; winter patents, $5.50@$6; spring clears, $4.40@$4.75; extra No 1 winter, $4.30@$4.65; extra No 2 winter, $4@$4.25; Kansas straights, $5.30@$5.50. RYE FLOUR—Firm. Quoted: Fair to good, $4.25@$4.50; choice to fancy, $4.55@$4.75. CORNMEAL—Steady. Quoted: Kiln dried, $3.45@$3.75, BAG MEAL—Firm. Quoted: Fine white and yellow, $1.55@$1.60; coarse, $1.50@$1.55. FEED—Western steady, city steady. Quoted: Western spring, $26@35; standard middling, $26.35; flour do, $28.85; red dog, $30.75; city bran, $25 bulk, $26 sacks; middling, $25@$29; red dog, $30.50, all March shipment; hominy chop, $26 bulk, $27.20 sacks. OIL MEAL, $33.

GRAIN—WHEAT—Record for May and July wheat in the local market were pushed up a few notches more to-day, the former selling at $1.24⅝ and the latter at $1.16. At 12 o'clock May was quoted $1.24⅝ and July $1.15⅞. Part of the advance was due to heavy covering in connection with the reported suspension of a Chicago grain house, who, it was said, was short anywhere from 400,000 to 600,000 bushels of May. Besides this, however, there was a very general commission house demand, and it came from those buying by room traders, who went short on Friday's bulge, expecting a lower market on the last day of the week. Bull support was also in evidence more or less at Chicago. The September and December contracts were more or less neglected at Chicago, but they did not share the full strength of near positions. Liverpool made a good response, however, closing ¾@⅞d net higher, and Berlin was up ⅜c. A cable from Broomhall reduced his estimate on world's shipments from that put out Friday, but the figures posted by another authority on Change were 8,500,000 bushels, or 1,700,000 bushels more than the previous week. The strong cash situation at Western points was again a factor of great importance in the market and advices from Minneapolis reported a large flour business on Friday, part of it representing sales to winter wheat distributing centres. Receipts were moderate, while all points had a total of 422,000 bushels, compared with 395,000 bushels last year. Unfavorable crop reports were received from various parts of the belt, notably Ohio, where some of the damage was said to be beyond repair. An export business of about 17 loads was reported. Cash wheat in New York closed as follows: No 2 red, $1.28⅛@$1.29⅛ in elevator, and $1.29⅝ f o b afloat; No 1 Northern Duluth and No 1 hard winter, $1.28⅝ f o b afloat. CORN—Commission houses were good buyers of corn, partly, it was said, for the account of the suspended firm at Chicago, understood to have been short of May. The wheat strength and light country offerings, together with the steadiness of cables, all had a good effect on the market, and the advance was held pretty well up to the close. At 1 o'clock May here was quoted 75½c; July, 74½c, and September, 74c. Interior receipts amounted to 335,000 bushels, compared with 447,000 bushels a year ago. No 2 corn here closed 75½c elevator, and 74⅝c f o b afloat; No 2 white nominal and No 2 yellow, 74⅝c f o b afloat. OATS—The market for oats was firm and higher, with other grains. Cash houses bought, but some of the commission people at Chicago were sellers of May at the advance. Cash oats in New York closed as follows: Mixed, 26 to 32 lb, 57@58c; natural white, 26 to 32 lb, 58@60c, and clipped white, 34 to 42 lb, 58@61c. RYE—Market firm; No 2 Western, 89c f o b New York. BARLEY—Market steady; malting, 76@79c, and feeding, 74@75c c i f New York.

NEW YORK PRICES.

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
Wheat:					
May	$1 24⅝	$1 24⅝	$1 24¼	$1 24½	$1 23⅝
July	1 15 11-16	1 15⅞	1 15⅝	1 15⅞	1 15¼
Corn:					
May	—	—	—	75⅝	75⅝
July	—	—	—	74¼	74¼
September	—	—	—	73⅝	73⅝

CHICAGO PRICES.

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
Wheat:					
May	$1 21½	$1 22¾	$1 20½	$1 21⅝	$1 20⅝
July	1 08¼	1 08⅝	1 08¼	1 08⅝	1 08
September	1 00⅞	1 00⅞	1 00⅝	1 00½	1 00⅜
Corn:					
May	67⅜	68¼	67⅜	68	67⅜
July	66⅝	67	66⅝	66⅞	66½
September	66¼	66½	66¼	66⅜	66¼
Oats:					
May	55⅞	55⅞	55½	55⅝	55½
July	48⅝	48⅝	48½	48½	48⅝
September	40¼	40⅝	40½	40½	40⅝
Lard:					
May	10 15	10 15	10 12	10 15	10 10
July	10 25	10 25	10 22	10 22	10 20
Ribs:					
May	9 35	9 35	9 32	9 32	9 30
July	9 45	9 47	9 45	9 45	9 42
Pork:					
May	17 87	17 92	17 87	17 90	17 87
July	17 87	17 92	17 87	17 90	17 87

METALS—IRON—The market for pig iron certificates on the New York Produce Exchange was dull and unchanged, with regulars quoted as follows: Cash, $15@April, $14.75; May, $15, and June, $15.25, all asked.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—The market for molasses and syrups ruled steady to firm, but business was moderate all around. Quotations follow: MOLASSES—New Orleans, centrifugal, common, 16@19c; fair, 19@22c; good, 22@26c; prime, 23@30c. New Orleans, open kettle, 28@42c. SYRUPS—Common, 15@17c; fair, 18@20c; good, 19@22c; prime, 21@26c; fancy, 27@30c.

OILS—Cottonseed oil was strong and excited at the start on active demand from shorts, evidence that most of the week long interest has been eliminated, lighter crude offerings and professional bull support. Profit taking caused a setback later in the session. Consumptive demand still lacking. Sales: 900 May, 5.48@5.53c; 2,800 July, 5.82@5.75c, and 2,500 September, 6.02@5.95c. While there seems to be very little fresh buying of linseed oil, the market continues firm in tone and cash prices are maintained. Refined petroleum is unchanged. We quote: PETROLEUM—Standard white, bbls, 8.50c; bulk, 5c; Philadelphia, 8.45c; bulk, 4.95c; refined cases, New York, 10.90c; Philadelphia, 10.85c; water white, New York, bbls, 10c; bulk, 6.50c; Philadelphia, 9.95c; bulk, 6.45c; water white, cases, New York, 12.40c; Philadelphia, 12.35c. COTTONSEED OIL—Prime crude, 4.27c; prime summer yellow spot, 5.88@5.45c; April, 5.37@5.44c; May, 5.52@5.53c; July, 5.75@5.76c; September, 5.94@5.96c; October, 5.78@5.90c; November, 5.35@5.45c; off summer yellow, April, 5.30@5.40c; good off summer yellow, 5.35@5.40c; prime white, 5.45@5.90c; prime winter yellow, 5.45@5.90c. LINSEED OIL—American seed, city raw, 46@47c; out-of-town raw, 45@46c; Calcutta raw, 80c. LARD OIL, 80c.

PROVISIONS—The provision market was quiet all day, but had a steady undertone owing to the strength of live hogs and support from packers. Receipts at Chicago were 9,000 hogs; estimated for Monday, 35,000, and next week 145,000. Kansas City had 6,000 hogs, Omaha 4,000 and the West 36,000. PORK—Steady. Quoted: Mess, $18.50@$19; family, $18.50@$19.50; short clear, $19@$21. BEEF—Quiet. Quoted: Mess, $10.50@$11; family, $15@$15.50; packet, $14@$14.50; extra India mess, $22.50@$23. BEEF HAMS—Quiet. Quoted: $24@$26. DRESSED HOGS—Steady. Quoted: Bacons, 9¾c; 180 lb, 9¾c; 160 lb, 9½c; 140 lb, 9½c; pigs, 9¾c. CUT MEATS—Pickled bellies steady. Quoted: Smoking, 10c; 10 lb, 10c; 12 lb, 10c; 14 lb, 10c. Pickled hams firm. Quoted: 10½c. TALLOW—Steady. City, 5¾c; country, 5½@6c. LARD—Steady. Quoted: Middle Western, 10.35@10.45c. City lard steady. Quoted: 10c. Refined lard firm. Quoted: South America, 11.50c; Continent, 10.85c; Brazil kegs, 12.50c. Compound steady. Quoted: 8@8¼c. STEARINE—Quiet. Quoted: Oleo, 13c; city lard stearine, 11½c.

RICE—The rice market at the close of the week was steady to firm, but quiet and unchanged. Offerings, however, were light. Quotations follow: Screenings, 2¾@3¼c; ordinary, 3¾@4¼c; fair, 4¾@5c; good ordinary, 5¼@5¾c; prime, 5¾@5¾c; choice, 6@6½c; head, Japan, 3¼@4¼c; Patna and Siams, 5@6½c; Java, 5½c; Rangoon, 4¾@5c.

SUGAR—The market for refined sugar was dull. Prices unchanged. The lowest price for granulated is 4.85c net, less 1 per cent cash, as named by Arbuckle, Howell and American. Federal and Warner quote 4.95c, net less 1 per cent. The following are less 5 and 6 per 100 lb from invoice and 1 per cent for cash; no further discounts whatever: Crystal domino, 7.30c. Eagle tablets, 6.25c; cut loaf, 5.75c; crushed, 5.65c; mould A, 5.30c; cubes, Eagle 5-lb bags powdered and Eagle confectioners' granulated, 5.20c; XXXX powdered, 5.10c; powdered and coarse powdered, 5.00c; fruit powdered and Eagle coarse and extra fine granulated, 4.95c; Eagle 2-lb cartons of fine granulated, 5.15c; 2-lb bags do, 5.25c; 3½-lb bags do, 5.20c; 5-lb bags do, 5.15c; 10-lb bags do, 5.10c; Eagle fine or standard granulated and diamond A, 4.95c; 25 and 50 lb bags of fine granulated, 5c; confectioners' A, 4.75c; No 1, 4.70c; No 2, 4.65c; Nos 3 and 4, 4.55c; No 5, 4.50c; No 6, 4.45c; No 7, 4.40c; No 8, 4.35c; No 9, 4.30c; No 10, 4.25c; No 11, 4.20c; No 12, 4.15c; Nos 13 and 14 4.10c; Nos 15 and 16 4.10c withdrawn. The London market for beet sugar was ⅜d lower for the spot month, but unchanged for other positions. This put April down to 10s 4½d, while May was still named at 10s 5¼d, and August quoted at 10s 6¾d. The local market for raw sugar was dull and unchanged, with centrifugal, 96 test, quoted at 3.98½c; muscovado, 89 test, 3.48½c, and molasses sugar, 89 test,