TOPICS OF STREET

FOREIGN TRADING.—Foreign houses were not active in the local stock market on arbitrage account, dealing in upward of 30,000 shares, evenly divided betwen purchases and sales.

REPUBLIC IRON AND STEEL.—John A. Topping, chairman of the executive committee of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, in his report to the stockholders for the six months ended December 31, says in part: "The general improvement in business anticipated in the last annual report has been fully up to expectations, and the net earnings for the period of this report show substantial improvement as compared with the six months' period for the year ended December 31, 1908, but as compared with a similar six months' period of 1907 less profits were made. The reduction in profits as compared with the 1907 period is due entirely to lower prices on sales of manufactured products. As a result of appropriations and expenditures for improvements and labor saving devices, the cost of production has been largely reduced, notwithstanding the fact that labor rates and cost of general supplies are substantially on the basis of 1907. The reduction in cost, however, has been more than offset by the greater reduction in selling prices, so that the profits a ton during the period of this report are necessarily less than for the six months' period ended December 31, 1907."

DIVIDENDS DECLARED.—Dividends have been declared as follows: American Telegraph and Cable Company, regular quarterly 1¼ per cent; Electric Properties Company, regular quarterly 1½ per cent on the preferred, payable February 10; Third United Cities' Realty Corporation, regular semi-annual 2½ per cent on the preferred, payable March 1, and Norfolk & Western, regular quarterly 1¼ per cent, payable March 18.

ATCHISON'S EARNINGS.—The earnings of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe for the month of December show a gain in gross of $221,697 and a decrease in net of $420,415, comparison being made with the same time in the preceding year.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT.—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line Company of Connecticut yesterday the proposition to increase the capital by $5,040,000 was approved.

NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY.—At the annual meeting of the North American Company J. P. Mortimer was elected a director, to succeed S. W. Burt, resigned. Other directors were re-elected.

COTTON EXCHANGE HOLIDAY.—Members of the Cotton Exchange will vote to-morrow on the question of closing the exchange on Monday, February 21, the day before Washington's Birthday.

IRON TRADE CONDITIONS.

"The Iron Age" says:

The iron market has shown signs of hesitation in the last week, which, in connection with the unsettling of security values, have put optimistic sentiment to the test. Interest in pig iron transactions for the second half of the year has been checked, and a number of consumers of pig iron who were expected to buy soon for such deliveries appear to have retired from the field.

However, there has been some large buying, including considerable tonnages of malleable Bessemer in the Central West, and basic iron from Eastern, Southern and Central Western furnaces. One transaction at Pittsburg involved 24,000 tons of basic iron, deliveries at the rate of 8,000 tons a month in April, May and June, and 5,000 tons a month in July, August and September. The price on the second quarter deliveries was $16 25 at valley furnace and for third quarter deliveries $16 75 at valley furnace.

The pig iron market is easier, and in some cases the prices heretofore named for the first half of the year are now made on third quarter deliveries. The sales of malleable Bessemer include one of 20,000 tons by a northern Ohio interest and another of 12,000 tons for delivery at Erie, Penn. The inquiry from important malleable interests in the East has not yet resulted in business. Lake Superior ore firms report sales of nearly 15,000,000 tons of merchant ores, Bessemer grades being practically all taken, while non-Bessemers have been heavily bought.

"The Iron Trade Review" says:

Business in the iron world has been contending not only with the angry elements of nature but also with the fears of men, and while diminution of buying is noticeable in some lines there is so much business on the books that mill activities would continue uninterrupted for quite a long time even if orders were to decrease much more than they have. Weather conditions have hampered operations, especially in the delivery of material in the Northwestern section of the country, but the severe cold is moderating and deliveries are being made with much less difficulty. The prospect of national interference has had a depressing effect, but the recent reassuring statement from the White House and the conservative manner in which business has been carried on in making contracts for iron and steel products give reason for the confidence that there will be no permanent check upon prosperous conditions.

The unloading of large quantities of foreign ore recently received at Eastern ports has been attended by many difficulties, due largely to the severe weather. The fact that depending upon foreign ores for the source of supply is attended by considerable uncertainty is being brought home to Eastern furnaces, but representatives of Lake Erie interests who recently canvassed the Eastern section were able to take very few orders.

BANK STOCKS.

(Reported by Clinton Gilbert, No. 2 Wall street.)

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
American	600	625	Jefferson	—	190
An Exch	254	258	Liberty	575	—
Audubon N	—	135	Lincoln	—	430
Bthn Nat	—	182	Manhat Co	345	355
Bronx Bor	300	—	Mkt & Ful	200	205
Bronx Nat	215	220	Metropolis	390	410
Battery Pk	125	130	Mech & M N	250	275
Bowery	375	—	Mercantile	180	190
Broad & D	140	150	Metropolitan	187½	—
Bryant Pk	15⅞	16½	Merchants'	185	190
Coal & I N	145	155	Merchants' E	160	—
Century	170	175	Mount Morris	250	275
Chase	430	465	Mutual	280	290
Chatham	340	350	Nassau	225	—
Chemical	445	460	Nat Reserve	115	—
Cit Cent N	160	182	Newl NehTel	200	220
City	419	420	N Y N B A	315	330
Chelsea Ex	200	—	N Y County	750	—
Commerce	195	200	19th Ward	—	420
Colonial	350	—	Night & Day	225	275
Columbia	—	380	Nor Nat	100	110
Corn Exch	325	330	Pacific	230	240
East River	125	135	Park	460	475
Fidelity	165	175	People's	280	295
First Nat	900	925	Phenix	17½	18½
Fifth Nat	300	350	Plaza	625	—
Fifth Ave	4300	4500	Produce Ex	170	175
Fourth Nat	200	205	Sherman	135	—
14th Street	170	—	Seaboard	350	375
Gallatin	330	345	Second	400	—
Gerfield	295	300	State	295	300
German-Am	140	—	12th Ward	—	155
German Ex	450	465	23d Ward	140	—
Germania	550	575	Union Exch	190	200
Greenwich	260	265	Wash Hts	125	—
Hanover	660	670	West Side	500	—
Imp & Tr	565	575	Yorkville	500	—
Irving N E	205	210			

COBALT STOCKS.

(Furnished by Warren, Gzowski & Co., No. 35 Broad street.)

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Amalgamat	6½	7¼	Kerr Lake	900	912
Bailey	9¾	10	La Rose	445	447
Beaver Cons	22	22½	Little Nipiss	27	27½
Big Six	5	8	McKinley	80	81
Buffalo	125	250	Nancy Helen	13	14
Chamb-Ferl	36	37	Nipissing	1.012	1.020
Cob of Cobalt	47	48	Nova Scotia	39½	40
Cobalt Cent	15	16½	Ophir	60	80
Cobalt Lake	16½	17¼	Otisse	12¾	12¾
Conagas	545	560	Peterson L	23	28½
Crown Res	376½	383	Rochester	17¾	17¾
Foster	26	30	Silver Leaf	10¼	10½
Gifford	15	16	Silver Bar	10	13½
Gt Northern	8½	9¼	Silver Queen	15	20
Green Meech	9¾	10½	Temiskaming	52½	54
Hargraves	37	39	Trethewey	139½	141
Hudson Bay	120	145	Watts	14	15½
J Black	11	12			

N. Y. AND OTHER GAS SECURITIES.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Am Lt & Tr	280	285	Mutual	145	155
do pref	106	107	*N A G 1st 5s	99½	100
*Bkn G 5s	95	98	*NY & ER 5s	102	104
Bkn Union	5	7	*do con 5s	97	100
C G N 5s	100	101	Pat & P G	90	100
C G N 5s	90	93	*P C G 5s	102	105
Dekalb Gas	150	160	Standard	40	60
do 5s	93	95½	do pref	65	80
do p j 6s	100	—	*St J Gas 5s	93	95
*Eq 1st c 5s	103	106	*P G c m 6s	105	—
Eq Gas	29	30	S L & T 5s	88	93
*Eq G 5s	88	95	St P Gas 5s	96	100
*Eq G 5s	96	98	Syra G 1st 5s	101½	103
*M(W) 1st 6s	103	—	S Lt & P 5s	65	70

*And interest.

NEW YORK CITY BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.
4s May, '59, interch	99	99½
4½s, May, '57, interch	107¼	108
4½s, Nov., '57, interch	107¼	108
4s, May, '57, interch	103	103¼
4s, Nov., '58, interch	99	99½
4s, Nov., '58, interch	99	99½
4s, Nov., '57, interch	99	99½
4s, Nov., '56, regist	99	99¾
4s, Nov., '55, regist	98¼	98½
4s, May, '54, coup	87½	88½
4s, May, '54, regist	87½	88½
4s, Nov., '10, reg	102¼	102¾
Rcfd 4s, May, '39	99	99½

*Coupon or registered.

PHILADELPHIA STOCKS.

(Furnished by Charles D. Barney & Co., No. 35 Broad street, New York, and No. 122 South 4th street, Philadelphia.)

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Am Cement	57	27¼	Lehigh Nav	114	115
Am Ry Co	46¾	47¼	Leh Val R R	101¾	102¼
Cambr Steel	50	50¼	Phila Co	50¾	51
C P of N J	77	77¼	do pref	45	45½
Cons Tan	57	57¾	Penn R R Co	66¾	66½
Del Riv P pf	12	12¾	Penn Steel pf	114	115
Eq Co of A	12	12½	Phila El Co	14	14¼
Fidelity Title	8	10	Phila Rap Tr	26¼	26½
Finance	31	31½	Smokeless P	15	16
Gen Asphalt	9¾	10½	Union Trac	51¼	51½
do pref	80½	81	Un Gas Imp	92¾	93
Lake Erie	23	23¼	Welsbach Co	29	30
do pref	25	25¼			
Lehigh C & N	11	—			

BONDS.

A R conv 5s	95	95½	Phila El 4s	75¾	76
El & Peo 4s	91	91½	do 5s	102	102¼
N J con 5s	104¾	105	Phila Co 5s	98	99

FOREIGN FINANCIAL.

London, Jan. 26.—Consols closed ⅛ lower at 82½ for both money and account. Anaconda was ⅛ higher at £10¼. Canadian Pacific ¼ higher at 184¾. Grand Trunk unchanged at 20⅞.

Money was dearer, owing to month-end requirements, and discount rates hardened in sympathy.

The Stock Exchange was irregular. Home rails were supported on favorable dividends, and American shares recovered sharply, but consols declined on dearer money and prospects of further government borrowings. Foreigners and Kaffirs were quietly steady.

American securities opened firm and from ½ to 1¼ above parity. Covering orders and fresh buying carried values to a higher level, with United States Steel, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific leading the advance. Realizing followed, and prices declined a fraction. In the afternoon New York alternately bought and sold, and, after a series of erratic fluctuations, the market closed uncertain, with values ranging from 1 to 2½ points above yesterday's New York closing.

Call money in London, 2@2½ per cent; open market discount rates for short bills, 2¾@2 13-16 per cent; long bills, 2¾@2 13-16 per cent. Berlin discount rate, 3½ per cent; Paris discount rate, 2½ per cent; Paris exchange on London, 25 francs 19½ centimes; Berlin exchange on London, 20 marks 47 pfennigs. Bar gold, 77s 9d. American eagles, 76s 4d.

Paris, Jan. 26.—Three per cent rentes closed unchanged at 98 francs 65 centimes. French industrial and railroad shares were weaker, but foreign securities were firm.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—The Boerse was rather steadier. Yesterday's declining market in New York had little affect on prices here.

NORTH AMERICAN'S YEAR.

The North American Company's report for the year ended December 31 last follows:

	1909.	1908.	Increase.
Total receipts	$2,028,418	$1,723,186	$300,232
Rent & tax	316,542	274,024	42,518
Undiv. prof	$1,706,876	$1,449,162	$257,714
Dividends	1,489,665		1,489,665
Surplus	$217,211	$1,449,162	*$1,231,951

*Decrease.

The undivided profits are equal to 5.73 per cent on the outstanding capital stock, as compared with 4.86 per cent in the last fiscal year.

REPUBLIC IRON AND STEEL.

The Republic Iron and Steel Company has issued the following statement of income account for the six months ended December 31 last:

	1909.	1908.	Increase.
Net earnings	$1,901,400	$1,231,648	$669,752
Other income	72,211	27,307	44,904
Total income	$1,973,611	$1,258,955	$714,656
Dep'n plant and material	439,862	267,987	171,875
Net profits	$1,533,749	$990,968	$542,781
Interest	199,357	208,638	*9,281
Bal. for divs	$1,334,392	$782,330	$552,062
Dividends	794,796		794,796
Surplus	$539,596	$782,330	*$242,734
Prev. surplus	5,920,535	4,699,527	1,221,008
Total surplus	$6,460,131	$5,481,857	$978,274
Back divs. paid	1,378,141		1,378,141
Final surplus	$5,081,990	$5,481,857	*$399,867

*Decrease.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

CANADIAN NORTHERN.

	1910.	1909.	1908.
3d week in Jan.	$185,100	$115,900	$125,700
July 1-Jan. 21	7,335,100	6,013,500	5,722,700

MISSOURI PACIFIC.

3d week in Jan.	$951,000	$850,000	$708,000
July 1-Jan. 21	29,683,000	26,390,534	27,117,466

SOUTHERN.

Number of miles	7,050	7,013	
3d week in Jan.	$1,050,820	$957,654	$900,328
July 1-Jan. 21	32,222,642	29,316,984	31,353,272

ATCHISON.

Month of Dec.—	1909.	1908.	1907.
Gross earnings	$8,389,776	$8,168,079	$8,140,482
Exp. and taxes	6,363,249	4,721,187	5,825,665
Net earnings	$2,026,527	$3,446,942	$2,314,817
July 1 to Dec. 31—			
Gross earnings	$52,897,541	$47,283,004	$48,789,628
Exp. and taxes	35,416,345	30,290,325	35,550,881
Net earnings	$17,481,196	$16,992,479	$13,189,247

BUFFALO, ROCHESTER & PITTSBURG.

Month of December—			
Gross earnings	$701,838	$566,123	$515,623
Exp. and taxes	452,886	395,157	444,642
Net earnings	$248,947	$170,966	$70,981
Other income	35,704	33,375	62,031
Total income	$284,651	$204,341	$133,012
July 1 to Dec. 31—			
Gross earnings	$4,704,828	$3,732,399	$4,453,191
Exp. and taxes	2,926,286	2,635,452	3,086,198
Net earnings	$1,778,542	$1,036,947	$1,366,993
Other income	166,070	178,159	278,664
Total income	$1,944,663	$1,215,107	$1,645,658

TRI-CITY RAILWAY & LIGHT.

Month of Dec.—	1909.	1908.	Increase.
Gross earnings	$204,859	$178,259	$26,600
Expenses	110,659	96,652	14,005
Net earnings	$94,200	$81,606	$12,594
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31—			
Gross earnings	$2,038,728	$1,819,077	$219,651
Expenses	1,148,141	1,069,317	78,824
Net earnings	$890,587	$749,760	$140,827

MISCELLANEOUS SECURITIES.

(Furnished by Frederic H. Hatch & Co., No. 30 Broad street, New York.)

Stocks.	Dividend.		Bid.	Asked
Am Brake S & F	Q-Mar	5	80	85
Am Brake S & F pf	Q-M	7	123	127
American Brass	Q-Jan	4	117	122
American Chicle	Mo&Ex	12	225	232
American Chicle pf	Q-J	6	105	109
Am Dist Tel of N J	Q-J	4	55	58
Am Coal Products	Q-J	6	92	95
American Press	Q-J&Ex	6	95	103
American Thread pf	J&J	5	4½	5
Am Type Founders	J&J	4	46	50
Am Type Founders pf	Q-J	7	97	101
Babcock & Wilcox	Q-J	7	103	107
Barney & Smith	—	—	30	50
Barney & Smith pf	—	—	105	115
Borden's Cond Milk	SF&AEx	—	118	120½
Borden's Cond Milk pf	Q-M	6	104	108
Bush Terminal	—	—	59	65
Central Fireworks	—	—	5	10
Central Fireworks pf	—	—	55	65
Conn Ry & Light	Q-F	4	76	78
Celluloid	Q-J&Ex	6	128	132
E I du P de Nemours	Q-J	5	133	137
E I du P de Nem pf	Q-J	5	86	90
Eastern Publishing	—	—	115	—
Empire Steel & Iron	—	—	7	10
Empire Steel & Iron pf	—	—	80	90
Fifth Ave Estates	J&J	5	150	—
Hall Signal Company	—	—	45	55
Herring-Hall-Marvin	—	—	30	45
International Nickel	—	—	150	155
International Nickel pf	Q-F	6	90	94
International Silver	—	—	15	25
International Silver pf	Q-J	4	98	103
Kirby Lumber	—	—	10	15
Kirby Lumber pf	—	—	49	55
Kings Co El L & P	Q-M	8	129	133
Lackawanna Steel	—	—	47	52
London & Edinburgh Co	J&J	6	130	150
Nat Cash Register pf	J&J	7	110	120
Niles-Bement-Pond	Q-M	6	98	103
Niles-Bement-P pf	Q-F	6	98	102
Otis Elevator	A&O	2	53	58
Otis Elevator pref	Q-J	6	99	101
Old Dominion S S	J&J	6	105	115
Pacific Gas & El	—	—	49	52
Pacific Gas & El pf	Q-J	6	85	90
Phelps, D & Co	—	—	240	260
Pope Manufacturing	—	—	75	80
Pope Mfg pf	—	—	80	85
Producers' Oil	Q-M	6	145	160
Pratt & Whitney pref	Q-F	6	100	105
Royal Bak Powder	Q-M&Ex	8	165	175
Safety C H & L	Q-M&Ex	8	125	135
Sen-Sen Chiclet	—	—	120	125
Standard Coupler	—	—	25	35
Standard Milling Co	—	—	16	19
Standard Roll Co pf	A&O	3	49	52
Sydenham Corp	—	—	100	110
Texas Company	Q-M	12	203	215
Texas & Pacific Coal	Scrip	5	95	105
Trenton Potteries	—	—	4	7
Trenton Potteries pref	—	—	60	70
Trenton Pot fndg ctfs	J&J	4	69	70
Trow Directory	—	—	102	106
Union Carbide	—	—	30	35
Union Ferry	Q-J	2	55	60
Union Typewriter	—	—	109	112
Union Typewriter 1st pf	A&O	7	109	112
Union Typewriter 2d pf	A&O	8	109	112
United Bankn'te	Q-J	4	48	52
United Bankn'te pf	Q-J	6	52	54
U S Finishing	S-J	4	140	150
U S Finishing pf	Q-J	7	110	115
Virginia Railway	—	—	23	26
West Pacific	—	—	26	29
West Power	—	—	37	39
West Power pref	—	—	58	61

BONDS.

Am Malt 1st	J&D	6	103½	104½
Am Pipe & Fdry 1st	J&J	6	103	106
Am B S & F 1st	M&S	5	96	100
Am Tobac & S 1st	A&O	5	85	95
Am Typefnd dbt	M&N	6	100	104
Am Typefnd new	M&N	6	100	109
East Publishing	M&S	$	95	100
Fifth Ave Estate	M&N	5	—	102
Hecker-Jo-Mead	M&S	6	105	109
Inter Nickel 1st	A&O	5	92	93½
Inter Silver 1st	J&J	6	109	111½
Inter Silver dbt	J&J	6	100	102
Leggett (F B) 1st	Q-J	6	99	105
London & Edinb Co	F&A	5	109	—
New Jersey Stmboat 1st	M&N	5	85	90
N Y Biscuit 1st	M&S	6	100	—
Northw Coal R 1st	M&N	5	75	—
Old Dom S S 1st	M&S	5	95	105
Ontario Power 1st	F&A	5	90	93
Penn C & C 1925	M&S	5	35	40
Stock Quotation Tel	F&A	5	95	—
Sunday C & C 1925	J&J	5	65	70
Union Carbide 1st	J&J	6	98	102
Un Fdry 1st 5s 1920	M&N	—	95	100
United Lead dbt	J&J	5	62	65
U S Finish cons	J&J	5	95	100
U S Finishing 1st	J&J	5	100	105
Virginia-Car Chem	A&O	5	67	95½

THE MARKETS

TOTAL DOMESTIC RECEIPTS.

New York, January 26, 1910.

Beans, bags	3,250	Grease, pkgs	209
Flour, bbls	5,255	Butter, pkgs	5,656
Flour, sacks	24,801	Cheese, pkgs	474
Cornmeal, bbls	426	Eggs, cases	7,319
Cornmeal, bags	3,107	Dr poultry, pkgs	4,702
Oatmeal, bbls	650	Live poultry, crts	810
Wheat, bush	26,400	Oranges (Fla), cs	8,565
Corn, bush	7,875	Oranges (Cal), cs	4,650
Oats, bush	16,775	Lemons (Cal), cs	650
Peas, bush	2,100	Apples, bbls	6,875
Malt, bush	4,500	Apples, boxes	630
Rice, pkts	100	Potatoes, bbls	10,275
Hay, tons	1,180	Onions, bbls	1,633
Straw, tons	10	Dried fruit pkgs	1,650
Millfeed, tons	280	Rosin, bbls	625
Grass seed, bags	292	Spts turp, bbls	50
Hops, bales	451	Tar, bbls	175
Flaxseed, bush	3,900	Oilcake, pkgs	4,656
Beef (canned), cs	660	Oil, lub, bbls	252
Pork, bbls	280	Oleo stock, pkgs	140
Hams, pkgs	184	Peanuts, bags	1,275
Bacon, pkgs	205	Tobacco, hhds	235
Cut meats, pkgs	1,322	Tobacco, tcs	15
Lard, tierces	620	Tobacco, pkgs	425
Lard, kegs	1,416	Whiskey, bbls	672
Lard, cases	53	Cotton, bales	3,308
Tallow, pkgs	23	Cottons'd oil, bbls	1,330

EXPORTS.

Wheat, bush	77,316	Refined pet, gals	528,980
Oats, bush	1,000	Gasolene, gals	3,000
Buckwheat, bush	1,190	Residuum, gals	12,500
Flour, bbls	7,708	Cot'seed oil, gals	2,710
Flour, sacks	8,120	Lub oil, gals	159,780
Cornmeal, bbls	979	Pork, bbls	539
Feed, lb	13,740	Beef, bbls	101
Bran, lb	13,200	Beef, tierces	48
Hay, bales	1,317	Bacon, lb	702,975
Alcohol, gals	13,500	Hams, lb	8,800
Whiskey, gals	700	Lard, lb	467,850
Oilmeal, lb	218,500	Lard oil, gals	120
Oilcake, lb	1,068,600	Tallow, lb	2,800
Spirits turp, gals	1,320	Grease, lb	208,800
Rosin, bbls	280	Butter, lb	8,500
Tar, bbls	17	Cheese, lb	5,940

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, Nor, No 1 foundry	$18 75	Cotton, middling	14.50
Iron, So, No 1	18 87½	Coffee, No 7 Rio	8⅝
Steel rails	28 00	Sugar, granulated	5.15
Stand cop, spot	13 12½	Molasses, OK pme	40
Tin	32 60	Beef, family	$16 25
Exchange lead	4 65	Beef hams	25 00
Spelter	6 15	Tallow, p lme	6⅞
*Corn, No 2 mxd	72½	Pork, mess	23 00
Flour, Mpls pnts	5 75	Hogs, drsd, 160 lb	11¾
		Lard, Mdle West	12.25

*Nominal.

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New York, January 26, 1910.

GRAIN—WHEAT—Moderately active and more or less irregular under active speculation both ways. Prices moved within a comparatively wide range, but at the close were firm at a net advance of ⅝c to ¾c. For three days this week receipts at interior points are more than a million bushels over the corresponding time last year, while exports are about 140,000 bushels under last year. There were some good export orders, but comparatively small offerings and sales of only 5 loads. No 2 red here closed at 81c, bid, elevator domestic and nominal f o b afloat; No 1 Northern, Duluth, $1 26¾; No 2 hard winter, $1 26¾ f o b afloat, nominal. CORN—After declining 1 cent a bushel from the opening under heavy commission house selling, values showed a rather poor rally and closed at a net decline of ⅜c to ½c. No 2 corn here closed at 74c elevator domestic, 74½c delivered and 72½c f o b afloat, nominal. OATS—Moderately active, and prices, after opening firm, sagged off with corn and closed at a net decline of ⅛c to ¼c. Cash oats steady, with mixed, 26 to 32 lb, quoted nominal; natural white, 26 to 32 lb, 52½@55c, and clipped white, 34 to 42 lb, 53½@56½c. RYE—Quiet; No 2 Western, 89¼c nominal f o b, New York. BARLEY—Nominal.

NEW YORK PRICES.

Wheat:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
May	$1 16⅛	$1 19⅛	$1 17⅞	$1 18⅞	$1 18⅜
July	1 09⅛	1 09½	1 08⅝	1 09½	1 08⅞
Corn:					
May	—	—	—	76	76
July	—	—	—	75¾	75¾
September	—	—	—	75½	75½
Oats:					
May	—	—	—	52⅞	53⅛

INTERIOR RECEIPTS.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
To-day	781,000	807,000	651,000
Last week	729,000	512,000	450,000
Last year	322,000	582,000	488,000

SEABOARD CLEARANCES.

	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.
To-day	20,000	144,000	78,000
Last week	22,000	36,000	8,000
Last year	75,000	149,000	269,000

COTTON—After an unsettled morning the market developed a firmer tone; prices had a sharp recovery, and closed firm on the near positions, which showed a net gain of 4@20 points, with late months barely steady and 1@7 points net lower. Local contract prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
January	14.30	14.30	14.14	14.41@14.43	14.21
February	—	—	—	14.35@14.40	14.16
March	14.25	14.41	14.08	14.38@14.39	14.18
April	—	—	—	14.31@14.34	14.21
May	14.33	14.45	14.20	14.41@14.43	14.29
June	14.37	14.37	14.30	14.38@14.38	14.29
July	14.32	14.38	14.18	14.36@14.37	14.29
August	14.00	14.00	13.87	14.00@14.01	13.96
September	13.03	13.03	12.92	12.98@12.99	12.99
October	12.59	12.61	12.49	12.56@12.58	12.58
November	—	—	—	12.39@12.40	12.38
December	12.34	12.37	12.30	12.33@12.35	12.40

Spot quiet and 15 points higher at 14.50c for middling upland and 14.75c for middling Gulf; no sales. Liverpool cables—Spot, fair business doing; sales, 12,000 bales, including 2,000 late yesterday; speculation and export, 500; American, 11,000; imports, 3,000; more American; middling upland, 7.69d; futures opened steady, 5@7 points higher; closed easy, ½ point higher to 2 points lower; January and January-February, 7.44½d; February-March, 7.45½d; March-April, 7.47d; April-May, 7.48½d; May-June and June-July, 7.50½d; July-August, 7.49d; August-September, 7.22d; September-October, 6.78d; October-November, 6.59½d; November-December, 6.50½d; December-January, 6.49d.

COFFEE—Quiet; sales, 15,250 bags. At the opening the market was steady and unchanged to 5 points advance, and during the session prices hardened a little, closing at a net gain of 5 points for all positions. The undertone was generally firm. Havre closed at a net advance of ¼@½ franc, and Hamburg was ¼ pfg higher. Rio was firm in tone, but offers were steady. Spot steady, with Rio No 7 quoted at 8¾@8¾c. Local contract prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
January	—	—	—	6.70@6.75	6.65
February	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70@6.75	6.65
March	6.80	6.80	6.80	6.80@6.85	6.75
April	—	—	—	6.85@6.90	6.80
May	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.90@6.95	6.85
June	—	—	—	6.90@6.95	6.85
July	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.95@7.00	6.90
August	—	—	—	6.95@7.00	6.90
September	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.95@7.00	6.90
October	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.95@7.00	6.90
November	—	—	—	6.95@7.00	6.90
December	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.95@7.00	6.90

FLOUR AND MEAL—FLOUR—Quiet and featureless. RYE FLOUR—Steady; fair to good, $4 25@$4 40; choice to fancy, $4 45@$4 60. CORNMEAL—Steady; kiln dried, $3 50. BAGMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1 55@$1 60; coarse, $1 45@$1 50. FEED—Weaker and city steady; Western spring, $27 10@$27 35; standard middling, $26 85@$27 10; choice, tod dog, $31 25@$31 60; city bran, $26 75 bulk, $28 25@$28 50 sacks; middling, $26 90@$31; red dog, $32; hominy chop, $27 50 bulk, $28 70 sacks; oilmeal, $37 nominal.

PROVISIONS—Steadier, with less pressure to sell and prices advanced on covering by shorts and rebuying by recent sellers. PORK—Barely steady; mess, $25; family, $25 50@$26; short clear, $24 50@$27. BEEF—Steady; mess, $11 50@$12 50; family, $16@$16 50; packet, $12@$12 50; extra India mess, $24 50@$25. BEEF HAMS—Quiet; $24@$26. DRESSED HOGS—Easy; bacons, 11½c; 180 lb, 11½c; 160 lb, 11¾c; 140 lb, 11¾c; pigs, 12c. CUT-MEATS—Pickled bellies quiet; smoking, 13c; 10 lb, 12½@12¾c; 12 lb, 12½@12¾c; 14 lb, 12½@12¾c. Pickled hams steady, 13½@14c. TALLOW—Dull; city, 6⅞c; country, 6½@7⅛c. LARD—Firm; Middle West, 12.20@12.30c; city prime, 12@12½c; refined steady; South America, 13.50c. Contract packed Brazil kegs, 14.50c; compound dull at 9¾@10c. STEARINE — Quiet; oleo, 16c; city lard, 13c.

SUGAR—Refined quiet and unchanged, with orders taken on the basis of 4.95c net, less 2 per cent cash for fine granulated. Last firm at the close on sales of about 150,000 bags Cuba centrifugal, February shipment, at 2⅝c, basis 96 test, cost and freight, equal to 4.11c duty paid. Sales included some Porto Rico at 4.11c, cost and freight, and at that for prompt shipment, but not taken. Spot prices closed: Centrifugal, 96 test, 4.08@4.11c; muscovado, 89 test, 3.58@3.61c; molasses, 89 test, 3.33@3.36c. The London market for beet sugar was firm and 1½d higher, with January and February quoted at 12s 10½d and May at 13s