FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales Feb. 17.

UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS (IN $1,000).

10 U. S. 4s, r		122¾			

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4½s, r	109¼	109	U. S. 6s, 1895	116	—
U. S. 4½s, c	109½	105	U. S. 6s, 1896	118	—
U. S. 4s, r	122¾	123	U. S. 6s, 1897	120	—
U. S. 4s, c	122¾	123	U. S. 6s, 1898	123	—
			U. S. 6s, 1899	125	—

RAILROAD AND OTHER BONDS (IN $1,000).

5 Atl. & Danv. 1st	98		2 Or. R. & N. 1st	110	
2 Am. W. W. 1st	109¼		5	109½	
5 Boston Gas Bonds	99¾		3 Ohio Ind. & W. 1st.		
10 Brooklyn El. 1st	112¾		6 pfd	83	
1	113		4 Oregon S. L. 6s	111¾	
1 Ch. & Ind. Coal 1st	87¾		15	111¾	
1	98½		5 Oregon & T. C. 1st	103¾	
4 Chi. & O. cn. 5s	110		1 Oregon Imp. 1st	103¾	
5	109¾		20 Pac. of Mo. 1st	105¾	
2 Ch. & Atl. 1st	104¾		6	105¾	
11 C., B. & Q. deb. 5s	104½		5	105¾	
6 C., B. & Q. 4s Nebras.	99¾		1 Phila. & W. 1st	96¾	
13 C., B. & Q.	78¾		2	96¾	
2 C., B. & Q. S. F. 5s	107¾		2 Rh. & W. P. T. 6s	99¾	
1 C., C., C. & I. gnl.	111¾		10 Rh. & W. P. T. 5s	96½	
1 Can. So. 1st, ex. 5s	106¾		9 Rock Isl. ex. 5s	102¾	
2	106¾		1	102¾	
1 C. R. I. & B. Co. of Ga., g. 5s	100¾		10 Rh. & A'y 1st	94¾	
5 Ch., St. L. & N. O. 1st cn. 7s	117¾		20 Rh. & A'y 2d	38	
7 Ch. Gas L. & C. Co. 1st	94¾		20 Read. sen. 4s	94¾	
4 Del. & H. 3d	111¾		20 Read. 1st pf. in	19	
15 Den. & R. G. cn.	78¾		5	19¾	
10	78		5	19¾	
20	78¾		84 Reading 2d pf. inc.	40	
10 Del. R. R. & Ark. 5s	98		1	39¾	
20 E. Tenn. 5s	102¾		5	40	
1 Ft. Worth 1st	103½		8 R. G. & W. 1st	70	
3 Ft. Wayne 1st	144¾		10	71½	
4 G. C. & S. F. 6s	108¾		1 Shenandoah Val. 5s	53¾	
12 Housatonic 5s	109¾		8 Ill. Cent. 4s	94¾	
1 Iron Mt. 1st	104¾		1 St. P. 1st, L. C. d.	111¾	
2	104¾		2 St. P. D. & O. 1st	104¾	
10 Ill. Cent. 4s, 1952	101½		4 St. Paul gnl. 4s	95¾	
11 Ill. Cent. 5½s	116¾		2 St. P. C. 1st, Ad. ex.	119	
20 Kan. & T. cn.	71¾		8 St. L., A. & T. 1st	87¾	
4	71¾		2	87¾	
2	71¾		2 San A. & A. P. 1st	87¾	
3	114		5 San A. & A. P. 1st, s. fd.	98	
50 K. & T. gnl. ws.	26¾		5 St. L. & Cairo 4s	79¾	
16 K. & T. gnl. 6s, T. R.	75¾		10 St. Jo. & G. I. 1st	105	
45	75		5	105¾	
8 Knox. & O. 1st	110		11 Tex. Pac. 1st 5s	92	
4 Kent. Cent. 1st	84¾		1	92¾	
6	84¾		28	92¾	
10 Long Dock 6s	121		50 Tex. Pac.	26	
17 Lake Sh. 1st, c.	125¾		1 Tol. A. A. & N. M. 1st	106¾	
4 Lake Sh. 2d, r.	125		5 Tenn. C., I. & R. cn. Tenn. div.	102¾	
15 L. & N. Trust	111¾		5 Tol. St. L. & K. 1st	98¾	
6 L., N. A. & Ch. cn.	104		5 M. Nil. 2d inc.	57¾	
10 L., St. L. & Tex. 1st	98¾		6 Mor. & Ess. 1st gt.	141¾	
5 M. Nil. 2d inc.	57¾		1	141	
6 Mor. & Ess. 2d	134¾		4 Mor. & Es. 2d	134¾	
1 Met. El. 1st	113¾		1 Met. El. 1st	113¾	
2	113¾		2	113¾	
4 Met. El. 2d	106¾		8	107¾	
1 Met. & Ill. 1st	90		1	90	
25 M. & L. S. M. div.	116¾		1	108	
4 M. & L. S. ex. 5s	110¾		5 Wabash 1st	103¾	
20	109¾		1	103¾	
1 Mersan's L. & T. cn.	116		5 Wab. & P. Ch. d.	82	
8 Nor. Pac. 1st c.	115¾		4	81¾	
8 Nor. Pac. 2d c.	114¾		2	81¾	
4 Nor. Pac. 3d c.	108¾		2	81¾	
2 Nor. P. & Mon. 1st	106¾		2	81¾	
2 N. J. & Sus. 1st r.	98¾		1	82	
2 N. Y. & Lack. 1st	104¾		45 Wab. Deb. ser. B.	26¾	
1 N. J. Cent. gnl. 5s	111		5 West. Pac.	112	
1	111¾		8 West Shore 4s	105¾	
5	111¾		2	105¾	
1 N. Y. C. 1st c.	110¾		5 West Shore 4s, r.	105¾	
4	131		5 Wheel. & L. E. 1st	105	
5 N. Y. Cent. ex 5s	104		4 W. N. Y. & Pa. 1st	51¾	
12 N. Y. & Nor. 2d s.	35¾		10 W. N. Y. & Pa. 2d	31¾	
3 N. Y., L. E. & W. 2d s.	104¾		20	31¾	
4	99¾		6 Wis. Cent. 1st	87¾	
4	99¾		5	87¾	
4 N. W. pod c.	137¾		37 Wis. Cent. inc.	54¾	
1	137		10	55¾	
15 N. Y., O. & W. cn. 5s	67¾		5	56	
30	67				
2 N. Y., O. & W. 1st	112¾				

5 total sales of railway bonds (par value), $1,293,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing. Bid.	Asked.
20	American Cable	8¾	8¾	8¾	8¾	—
85	American Ex.	115	115½	115	115	117
8320	Atch., T. & S. Fe	32¾	32¾	32¼	32¼	32½
100	Can. Cabe c.	103½	103½	103½	103½	103
100	Cameron Coal	25	25	25	25	—
700	Can. Southern	53¾	53¾	53	53½	53¾
100	Canadian Pacific	74¾	74¾	74¾	74¾	75
1100	Central Pacific	33¾	33½	33¼	33¼	34¼
2120	Ches. & Ohio	24¾	24¾	23¾	23¾	24¼
1100	C. & O. 1st pf.	61¾	61	60	60	60
1900	C. & O. 2d pf.	41¾	41¾	41	41	41¼
100	Chi. & E. Ill.	28	28	28	28	—
200	Chi. & E. Ill. pf.	72¾	72¾	72¾	72¾	73¾
12357	Chicago Gas	43¾	43¾	43¾	43¾	43¾
9030	C., C. & St. L.	69	69	67½	67½	69¾
1120	C., C., C. & St. L. pf.	96	96¾	96	96¾	96
5355	C., H. & N.	101	101	101½	101½	101¾
7850	C. & N. W. pf.	141½	141½	141½	141½	141¾
1400	C., R. & Q.	106¾	107	106¾	106¾	106¾
19830	C., M. & St. P.	95¾	95¾	95¼	95¼	95¾
100	C., M. & St. P. pf.	115	115	115	115	115
89249	C., R. I. & Pac.	92	92¾	89¾	89¾	89¾
1700	Colorado Coal	46¾	47¾	47¾	47¾	47¾
420	Consol. Gas Co.	136¾	136¾	136¾	136	136¾
2400	Del. & Hudson	151	151	150	150	151
8800	Del., L. & W.	135¾	136¾	135¾	135¾	136¾
200	Den. & R. G. pf.	48	48	48	48¾	48¾
1710	Den. & R. G. W.	33¾	33¾	32	32	33¾
8	E. T., V. & G. 1st pf.	70¾	70¾	70¾	70¾	73
400	E. T., V. & G. 2d pf.	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾	23
300	Equit. Gen. El. Co.	94¾	95¾	94¾	95¾	96
7	Iowa Cent. pf.	25	25	25	25	26
200	Kingston & Pem.	20¾	20¾	20	18	20
400	Lake E. & West.	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾
800	L. E. & West. pf.	64¾	64¾	64¾	64¾	64
2785	Lake Shore	104¾	104¾	104	104¾	105¾
7	Long Island	88¾	88¾	88¾	87¾	88¾
10337	Louis. & Nash.	87¾	87¾	86¾	86¾	87
5383	Louis. & N. Rights	¾	¾	¾	¾	—
800	Michigan Cent.	93	93	93	92	93
510	Mil., L. S. & W. pf.	112	113	112	112¾	113¾
100	M. & St. L. pf.	14	14	13	13	14
18420	Missouri Pacific	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾
100	Mo., Kan. & Tex.	9½	9½	9½	9½	10
200	Morris & Essex	150¾	150¾	146¾	—	—
200	N. Central	117¾	117	117	117	118
610	N. Y. Central	106¾	106¾	106¼	106	106¾
2400	N. Y. & New Eng.	40¾	40¾	40¾	40¾	40¾
100	N. Y., C. & St. L.	16¾	16¾	16¾	16	16¾
1000	N. Y., L. E. & W. 2d pf.	37¾	37¾	36¾	36¾	38
700	N. Y., L. E. & W.	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾
200	N. Y., L. E. & W. pf.	62¾	62¾	62¾	62	63¾
100	Northern Pacific	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾	31¾
3845	Northern Pac. pf.	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾	74¾
400	Ohio & Miss.	21¾	21¾	21	21¾	21¾
255	Ontario & Mining	40	40	40	38	40¾
310	Ontario & West.	18	18¾	18	18	18¾
550	Oregon S. L.	58¾	58¾	58¾	59	59¾
3825	Oregon & Trans.	35	35	33¾	34¾	34¾
2800	Pacific Mail	38	38	37¾	37¾	37¾
1920	Phila. & Reading	38¾	40¾	38¾	38¾	39¾
500	Phil., Ral. Cin. Cin.	190¾	190	188¾	190	188¾
100	Richmond W. pf.	41	41	41	41¾	41
5761	Rich. & W. P.	21¾	21¾	21	21¾	21¾
480	Rich. & W. P. pf.	38	38	37¾	37¾	37¾
25	R., W. & O.	104	104	104	104	106
180	St. L. & S. F.	1¾	1¾	1¾	1¾	—
160	St. L. & S. F. pf.	15	15	15	15	15¾
250	St. P., M. & M.	112¾	112¾	112¾	112	113
710	Southern Pac.	32	32¾	31¾	31	31¾
25	St. L. & S. F.	8	8	8	8	8¾
900	Tenn. Coal & Iron	83¾	83¾	82	82	82¾
100	Texas Pac. land	22	22	22	22	22¾
1120	Texas Pacific	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾	26¾
410	Tol., A. A. & N. M.	29¾	29¾	29¾	29¾	30
20630	Union Pacific	66¾	66¾	64¾	64¾	66¾
10	U. S. Express	80¾	80¾	80¾	80	80
110	Virginia Mid.	44	44	44	44	46
605	W., St. L. & P.	14	14	13¾	13¾	14
1400	W., St. L. & P. pf.	27¾	27¾	27	27	27¾
2860	Western Un. Tel.	79¾	80¾	78¾	78¾	80¾
250	Wheeling & L. E.	13¾	13¾	13¾	13¾	20¾
410	Wheel. & L. E. pf.	49¾	49¾	49¾	49¾	50¾
3475	Wis. Central	28¾	29¾	28	28¾	29¾

7 total sales of stocks were 218,883 shares.

UNLISTED DEPARTMENT TRANSACTIONS.

Sales.		Openig.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
2055	Amer. Cotton Oil	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾
5100	Sugar Refineries	67¾	67¾	67¾	67¾
1410	National Lead Trust	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾
500	U. S. Cotton Co.	22	22	22	22
500	Gt. North Railway pf.	72¾	72¾	72	72
2200	Phenix Ut. Ag.	1¾	1¾	1¾	1¾
50	Con. Cal. & Va.	405	405	405	405
$10000	Atchison new 4s	89¾	89¾	89¾	89¾
$4000	Atchison new 5s	94¾	94¾	94¾	94¾
$1000	Georgia Pacific 2d cn.	85	85	85	85
110000	Pipe Line cfs.	10¾	10¾	10¾	10¾

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos. & Albany	—	250	Erie Telephone	57	57½
Bos. & Maine	215	—	New Eng. Tel.	51	52
Ch., Bur. & Q.	101	—	Boston W. P.	34	35
Central Mass.	15	15½	Dakota Land	24¾	25¾
Eastern	108	110	Bos. & Mont.	47¾	—
Fitchburg	87¾	—	Butte & Bos.	11¾	12½
N. Y. & N. E. pf.	19½	19¾	Calumet & Hecla	225¾	—
Mex. Cent. 4s	69¾	—	Dominion Coal	120	121
Mex. Cent. st'k	16	—	A., T. & S. F. 4s	85¾	85¾
Old Colony	—	176	A., T. & S. F. 5s	54¾	54¾
Am. Bell Tel.	221	222			

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Ph. & R. gn. m. 4s	85¾	86	W. N. Y. & Pa. s. k.	—	19¾
Phil. & R. 1st pf.	67¾	68	Lehigh Valley	52¾	52¾
Phil. & R. 2d pf.	40¾	—	L. C. & N. Co.	52	52¾
Phil. & R. 3d pf.	30¾	40¾	Pennsylvania	54	54¾

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atlantic & Gt. W. 1st	34¾	Lon. & Nashville	80¾
Atlantic & Gt. W. 2d	2¾	N. Y. Central	109¾
Canadian Pacific	77	Northern Pacific pf.	73
Central Pacific	34¾	Norfolk & West pf.	53
Erie common	27	Pennsylvania	55¾
Erie 2d consols	100	Reading	19¾
Illinois Central	118¾	St. Paul common	76¾
Kansas & Texas	10	Union Pacific	67¾
Lake Shore	108¾	Wabash pf.	32¾

MONDAY, Feb. 17.

The feverish tone of to-day's stock market was a natural sequence of Saturday's bank statement and the unsettled rate situation at the West. Both encourage operations for a fall. Little comfort can be extracted by holders of stocks from the continued expansion of railway traffic if subordinate officers are to be allowed by their Presidents to make and unmake tariffs at their will. Rock Island again proved itself to be a bear favorite, and at a net decline of over 2 ⅌ cent. An unfavorable influence was exerted on the speculation by further weakness in Missouri Pacific, but outside of these two stocks no material depression was accomplished in the shares of the principal Western and Southwestern properties. Exceptional strength was shown by Union Pacific on the favorable news from Washington respecting refunding prospects, and the coal stocks seemed to be reluctant to decline. Sugar Refineries stock deserves special mention as one of the speculative favorites outside of the regular list. The market for it seems to be so wholly in the control of manipulation that it is dangerous to attempt to guess what may be the purpose of the daily operations.

Some of the specialties suffered sharp losses, notably Wisconsin Central issues. A little steadiness at times was due to the apparent hesitancy at the Chicago railroad meeting to order an open slaughter of rates to Missouri River points to gratify speculative desire. The market closed before it had ascertained the result of the afternoon session of railroad men at Chicago. The Western rate situation seems to be that on which the present speculation is disposed to turn, and, fearful of unfavorable advices, the market ended heavy and unsettled.

Final sales compare with those of Saturday as follows:

	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17.		Feb. 15.	Feb. 17.
Atch., T. & S. F.	32¾	32¼	N. Y. & N. Eng.	40	40¾
Can. Southern	53¾	53¾	Omaha com.	32¾	32
Ch., Bur. & Q.	101¾	100¾	Ontario & West.	18¾	18
Chic. & R. I.	29	28	Oregon & T. C.	35¾	34¾
Consol. Gas	136¾	136¾	Pacific Mail	38	37¾
Ches. & Ohio	24¾	23¾	Full. Pal. Car	190	189
C. & O. 1st pf.	61¾	60	Rock Island	92	89¾
C. & O. 2d pf.	41¾	40	Rich. & W. P.	21¾	20¾
Chicago Gas	43¾	44¾	Rich. & W. P. pf.	78¾	77¾
Del., L. & W.	135¾	136¾	Reading	40	38¾
Erie	26¾	26¾	St. Paul com.	76¾	68¾
Kansas & Tex.	9¾	9¾	St. Paul pf.	115	115
Lou. & Nash.	87¾	86¾	St. P. & Man.	112¾	112¾
Lake Shore	105¾	105	Tex. Pac.	20¾	20¾
L. E. & West.	18	17¾	T., C., I. & R.	83¾	82
L. E. & W. pf.	65	64	Union Pacific	66	66¾
Missouri Pac.	73¾	73¾	Wab. & Pac. pf.	27¾	27
Northwest com.	109¾	108¾	West. Un. Tel.	84	80¾
Nor. P. com.	26	26¾	W. & L. E.	20¾	20¾
Nor. Pac. pf.	74	73¾	W. & L. E. pf.	69	69¾
N. Y. Cent.	106¾	106¾			

Government bonds steady at unchanged quotations. Railway bonds dull and weak. The leading ones were Lake Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia good 5s, Ontario and Western consol 5s, M., K. and T., Reading, Wisconsin Central and Wabash issues. The more important net declines were in Chesapeake and Ohio consol 5s, ¼ ⅌ cent, to 100¾; New York City and Northern 2ds, 1, to 55; Ontario and Western consol 5s, ¾, to 97; Reading general 4s, ¾, to 85¾, and 1st preference incomes, 1¼, to 68; Texas Pacific 2ds, ¾, to 39; Wabash 2ds, ¾, to 82, and Wisconsin Central incomes, 1¼ ⅌ cent, to 56. East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia gold 5s advanced ¾ ⅌ cent, to 105¾, and Kansas and Texas consol 7s, ¾ ⅌ cent, to 114.

In bank stocks 15 shares of Ninth sold at 159, and 305 shares of Western National at 96.

Money on call, 3¼@4 ⅌ cent. Time money, 4½@5 ⅌ cent, for four months on good Stock Exchange collateral security. Commercial paper quiet. The best double-name paper is quoted at 5@5½ ⅌ cent., and prime single name at 5½@6 ⅌ cent.

Sterling exchange dull. Posted asking rates $4.83½ for long bills and $4.87½ for demand. Actual rates are $4.82¼@$4.83 for 60-day bills, $4.87@$4.87¼ for sight drafts, and $4.88 for cable transfers.

To-day's offers to sell United States bonds to the Government were $232,000 registered 4s at 124 and $4,000 of 4½s at 104½. All were accepted.

The all-rail eastbound shipments of dead freight from Chicago last week were 99,753 tons, against 539 tons the previous week, and 66,560 tons the corresponding week of last year.

The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad reports gross earnings for January of $408,586, an increase of $15,506 as compared with the same month last year, and net $125,347, an increase of $4,175. For the seven months ending Jan. 31, the gross earnings were $2,149,411, an increase of $221,067 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $883,991, an increase of $80,492. Interest taxes, and improvements for the seven months were $559,020, leaving a surplus of $324,971, as against $258,231 a year ago.

Treasury balances compare with those of Saturday as follows:

	Feb. 15.	Feb. 17.
Gold	$140,951,740	$181,105,275
Legal tenders	8,225,357	8,504,184
Totals	$149,177,097	$189,609,459

Silver balance, $18,510,665, against $18,310,465 Saturday. Deposits in national banks, $31,368,367, against $31,[illegible] Saturday.

Money in London, 5¾@6 ⅌ cent. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months' bills is 4¾ ⅌ cent. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day was £129,000.

The Olcott Committee on the reorganization of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas railways announces that sufficient securities have been deposited with the Central Trust Company to insure the success of its plan, but the time for depositing securities without penalty has been extended to March 5, in order to give holders the fullest opportunity to avail themselves of the benefits of the reorganization.

The sales of mining stocks at the New York Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange to-day were as follows:

Sales.	Name.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
19,000	Astoria	9	10	8	8
100	Bresce	64	64	64	64
200	Bulwer	25	25	25	25
10000	Brunswick	1	1	1	1
2000	Gollion	70	70	70	70
100	Colorado S. Hills	1 75	1 75	1 75	1 75
400	El Cristo	1 55	1 55	1 55	1 55
200	Excelsior	75	75	75	75
100	Freeland	60	60	60	60
300	Justa	35	35	35	35
200	Mutual S. & M. Co.	1 65	1 65	1 65	1 65
300	Florida of Ariz.	52	52	48	48
1100	Silver King	50	50	50	50
1140	Sutter Creek	1 40	1 75	1 35	1 35
200	Utah Con.	75	75	75	75

The total transactions were 44,600 shares.

New York Markets.

MONDAY, Feb. 17.—FLOUR AND MEAL—There was more doing especially for export in the low grades, but at prices which in some cases favored buyers. The close, however, was quite steady.

GRAIN—Futures were a little unsettled. A pretty sharp decline in the first hour was due to the unfavorable advices received from the Continent and England. It appears that Europe, with all the hubbub that has been made about increased consumption, has taken only about 15 million bushels more this month than last year, and her spinners have now much larger stocks than last February. This would indicate that a crop of 7,150,000 bales will go around, and to-day wagers were freely offered that that crop is 7,200,000 bales with no takers. Still, the bears have fared so badly that they lack courage, and the selling was not brisk. Cotton on the spot was steady at 11.5-16c. for middling uplands, and 11 9-16c. for Orleans. The following are the closing prices bid for futures, with sales aggregating 88,100 bales:

February	11.18c.	May	11.29c.
March	11.20c.	June	11.34c.
April	11.24c.	July	11.36c.
August	11.40c.	September	10.72c.
October	10.36c.		

Receipts at ports this day.

	Bales. 1890.	Bales. 1889.
Receipts at ports this day	13,864	17,568
From Sept. 1	5,103,370	4,721,165

PROVISIONS—Lard futures were slightly depressed by increased offerings; sales were 2,750 tcs. at 6.15c. for March, 6.22c. for April, 6.27c. for May, and 6.30c. for July. After Change the close was steady at 6.18c. for March, 6.22c. for April, 6.25c. for May, 6.38c. for July, and 6.52c. for October. Spot lard fairly active; sales were 1,850 tcs. at 6.20c., and 140 tcs. Western at 6.17½c., refined for the Continent quoted at 6.40@6.50c. Pork fairly active at steady prices; new mess, $10.75@$11.25; old mess were firm, but the movement was only on a restricted scale. Dressed hogs were dull and lower at 6¾@6¾c. Tallow dull but steady at 4¾@5c. Butter and cheese in fair demand. Eggs steadier.

GRAIN—Wheat futures opened dull, but made recovery in tone and values on reports of bad weather in the Northwest, with local sto ks considerably decreased; sales 2,237,000 bush. at 94⅞@95c. for March, 95⅛@95⅞c. for May, 95⅝@96⅛c. for June, 95⅝@96c. for July, 96⅛@96⅞c. for August, 96⅝@97c. for September, and 99⅛@99⅞c. for December. Spot wheat was dull; the only business was the sale of a load of No. 2 red winter at 95½c. delivered. Indian corn futures opened a little depressed, but turned steadier owing to the visible supply showing some decrease; sales 2,912,000 bush. at 54⅛@54⅞c. for May, 54⅛@54⅞c. for June, and 53⅞@54⅛c. for July. Spot corn was lower but at the decline the market was active; sales 128,000 bush., and the local trade was brisk; sales were mainly No. 2 mixed at 54½c. in elevator and 55@55½c. delivered; but included stronger mixed at 56¼@56½c. in elevator and delivered, and No. 3 mixed at 54½c. in elevator; also No. 2 white at 57½c. delivered, and inferior mixed at 56¼@56½c. Oats were depressed by a want of confidence among holders; sales 160,000 bush., including options No. 2 mixed at 42¼@42½c. for March, 42¼@42⅝c. for May, and on the spot, mixed, at 42@42½c., and white at 42¾@46c., as in quality; also No. 2 white at 46¼c. and No. 2 Chicago at 42½c. for March, and 42½