FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales March 7.

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

40 Tenn. Set 3s ..... 73¾@74 | 3 N. Car. cn 4s 96
12 Ala. Class A 107⅞@107⅞

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4s, reg.	109¾	110¾	U. S. 6s, 1895	116	—
U. S. 4s, coup.	109¾	110¾	U. S. 6s, 1896	118	—
U. S. 4½s, reg.	109¾	109¾	U. S. 6s, 1897	120	—
U. S. 4½s, coup.	109¾	109¾	U. S. 6s, 1898	123	—
			U. S. 6s, 1899	125	—

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

1 Ala. A Sou. cn. 7s	134	5 Or. R. & N. Con. 5s	103
3 Am. Dk. & Imp. 5s	104¾	5 Ohio So. in	50
6 Atch. A. C. 1st	95	2 Oregon R. L. 4s	113
45 Atchison 4s	84	2 Oregon S. L. Un. cn.	107¾
1 Atchison inc	54¾	10	108¾
18 Ch. & O. cn. 5s	105	25	108¾
.....	100¾	2 Pac. of Mo. 1st	99
.....	100¾	1 Peo. D. & E. 1st	104
53 Ch., Peo. & St. L. 5s	34¾	5 Pitts. & W. 1st g.	105
1 C. B. & Q. 5s, Nebras.	106¾	3 Rock Island 6s	130¾
5 C. B. & Q. 7s	127	8 Rock Isl. ex. 5s	103¾
7 C. B. & Q. 4s, L. Div.	102¾	1 Rh. & Dut. 1st	117
10 C. B. & Q. 4s	98	1 St. L. & A. 1st g.	80¾
7 Can. So. 1st	108¾	178 Read. rent 4s	81¾
8 C. & Pitts. 5s	120	154	81¾
1 C. & Tol. 1st gu. 5s	107	30	81¾
21 Ch. Gas L. & C. Co. 1st	90	45	81¾
6 Den. & S. G. ch.	38¾	53	81¾
1 Evans. & Ind. R. 1st	101¾	5	81¾
1 Elin. & R. R. 1st	99	10 Read. 1st pf. in	63
1	98	20	63¾
1 Erie 1st ex.	104	5	63¾
10 Erie 2d ext.	101	5	63¾
3 E. Tenn. 4s	90	23	65
3	90	17 Reading 2d pf. inc.	42¾
13	90¾	1	42¾
4 G., H. & S. A. 1st, w. d.	94¾	2	44¾
5	94¾	2	44¾
5 Green Bay 1st 10s	45	20	44¾
1 H. & T. Cen. 1st, M. L.	110¾	7 Reading 3d pf. inc.	36
8 Houston & So.	107	3	36¾
3 Hock. Val. 1st	107	12	36¾
1 I. C. N. Con. 1st, M. L.	110¾	3 R. G. & W. 1st	70
10 Ill. Cent. 4s	107	107	70¾
4 Int. & Gt. N. 1st	111	5 Shenandoah V. 1st	110
5 Kan. Pac. 1st 10s	110¾	5	110
5 Kan. & Tex. 1st	108¾	10 Shenandoah V. gu.	54
10 K. A. L. gu. on T. C.	74¾	20	53¾
2 Knox. & Ohio 1st	118	45	53¾
2	118	5 So. P. of Cal. cn.	106¾
7	112	2	103
6 Kent. Cent. 1st	84	5 So. P. of Ariz. 1st	106
5	83¾	5 St. P. & Man. cn. 6s	118¾
5 Lacledes Gas 1st	8	5 St. P. & Man. in extra	85¾
2	83¾	1 St. L. & S. F. 2d Cl. A.	113
3	83¾	3 St. L. & S. F. 2d Cl. B.	111¾
10 Long Isl. 7s	116	5 St. L. 1st, L. Div.	117
1 La. & Southern	19¾	1 St. P. 1st C. & M.	116¾
1	19¾	1 St. P. 1st C. & M. 5s	102¾
1 Morris & Essex 1st	146	1 St. Paul gen. 4s	98
12 Nat. St. 1st	111¾	1 S. P., Ist C. & P. W.	107
5 Mobile & O. gold	40	13 St. P., 1st W. & M.	105
1 Mich. Cent. 7s	127¾	10 St. L., A. & T. 1st, T. R.	98¾
5 No. Pac. cn.	110	10	98¾
2 Mil. & Nor. 1st	110¾	14 St. L. A. & T. 1st	80¾
14 Mil. & L. S. ex. 5s	102	1	80¾
2	101¾	2 San A. & A. P. 1st	87
2	102	7 s. s.	87
1 Nor. Pac. 1st c.	114	43 Tex. Pac. 1st 5s	91¾
2 Nor. P. & Mon. 1st	110	5	91¾
5	104¾	5	91¾
3 N. Y. & N. V. div.	100	43 Tex. Pac. 2d inc.	38¾
15 Nor. & W.	95	5	38¾
5 N. J. Midland	117	30	38¾
1 N. Y. & Lack. 1st	103¾	1 Tol. A. O. C. 1st	103¾
16 N. J. Cent. gu. 5s	111¾	10 Tex. Pac. 1st 9s	118¾
5 N. J. Cent. gu. 5s	111¾	3 Va. Midland gu. s. f.	87
50 N. Y. Cent. 1st	120	3	87¾
8 N. Y. C. 1st c.	131	1 Wabash 1st	103¾
1 North Mo. 1st	115	7	103¾
10	115¾	7 Wabash 2d	93¾
1 N. Y. El. 1st	114	2 West. Union col. 5s	89¾
2 N. Y. & Nor. 2d s.	55	8 West Shore 4s	105¾
6 N. Y., Ch. & St. L. 4s	96¾	5	105¾
1	96¾	2	105¾
1 N. W. gold c.	128¾	1 Wis. Cent 1st	88
4	128¾	4	88¾
4 N. W. gold r.	128¾	1 Wis. Cent. inc.	58
27	128¾	10	58¾
1 N. W. deb. 5s	111	5	58¾
1 N. W. deb. 5s, 25 yr.	110	5	58¾
3 N. Y., O. & W. 1st	110¾		

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $2,116,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Shares.		Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing—Bid.	Closing—Asked.
80	American Cable	84	84	—	83	—
15	American Ex.	116	116	116	115	117
5545	Atch., T. & S. Fe	35¾	38¾	35¾	36¾	36¾
1200	Atch. Southern	54	54	54	54	54½
19	Central Pacific	83¾	83	82½	82	82¾
675	Ches. & Ohio	23¾	24¾	23¾	23¾	24
193	C. & A. 1st pf.	56¾	56¾	56¾	56	61
270	C. & O. 2d pf.	39½	39½	39½	39½	40
50.0	Chicago Gas	45	45	43¾	44	44½
200	C., C., C. & St. L.	69¾	70¾	69¾	70¾	70¾
1	C., C., C. & St. L. pf.	99	99	98¾	99	99
3160	Ch. & N. W.	104¾	106¾	104¾	106¾	106¾
8510	C., B. & Q.	102¾	104¾	102¾	104¾	104¾
16810	C., M. & St. P.	93¾	97¾	93¾	97¾	97¾
18415	C., R. I. & Pac.	91¾	93¾	91¾	93¾	93¾
150	C., St. L. & P.	18	18	18	17¾	18¾
100	C., St. L. & P. pf.	51¾	51¾	51¾	51¾	52
160	Cleve. & Pitts. s.o.	156	156	154½	157	—
2650	Colorado Coal	44¾	45¾	44¾	45	45¾
200	Col. H. V. & Tol.	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾
800	Col. & Hock. Coal	19	19	18	18	19
1500	Consolidated Gas Co.	86¾	86	85¾	85¾	86
683	Del. & Hudson	150	150	149½	149	150
18680	Del., L. & W.	135¾	136¾	135¾	136¾	136¾
10	Den. & R. G.	16	16	16	16	16
157	Des. & R. G. pf.	48¾	48¾	48¾	47¾	48¾
1055	Den., Tex. & F. W.	32	32¾	32	32¾	32½
100	E. T., V. & G. 1st pf.	71	71	71	71	72¾
100	E. T., V. & G. 2d pf.	23	23	23	23	23
507	Evans. & T. H.	108¾	107	105¾	106	107
100	Houston & Texas	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	40
75	Ill. C. leased l.	99¾	99¾	98	97¾	100
24	Iowa Central	8	8	8	—	9¾
100	Iowa Cent. pf.	25	25	25	24	28
200	L. E. & Western	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾
1000	L. E. & West. pf.	63¾	63¾	63¾	63¾	65
1910	Lake Shore	105¾	105	105	105	105¾
18415	Louis. & Nash.	83¾	83¾	82¾	82¾	82¾
100	Louis. N. A. & C.	50	50	50	50	52
210	Manhattan Con.	105¾	105¾	105¾	105	105¾
100	Mil., L. S. & W.	92	92	92	90	91¾
6	Minn. & St. L.	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾	7
1680	Missouri Pacific	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾
200	Morris & Essex	140¾	140¾	—	140	—
50	Nash., C. & St. L.	102	102	102	101	102
1542	N. J. Central	119	120	119	120	121
1	N. Y. Central	106¾	106¾	106¾	106¾	106¾
2200	N. Y. & New Eng.	44¾	44¾	44¾	44¾	45
100	N. Y., C. & St. L. pf.	38	38	38	37¾	38¾
50	N. Y., L. E. & W.	11¾	11¾	11¾	—	—
110	N. Y., L. E. & W. pf.	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾	27¾
10	N. Y., L. E. & W. pf.	60¾	60¾	60¾	60	62
100	Norfolk & West.	19¾	19¾	19¾	19	20
100	Norfolk & W. pf.	60¾	60¾	60¾	60¾	61
2	Northern Pacific	36¾	36¾	36¾	36¾	36¾
5350	Northern Pac. pf.	73¾	73	73	73¾	73¾
10	Ontario & Mining	40	40	40	39	40
470	Ontario & West.	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾
310	Oregon S. L.	46½	46½	46½	46½	47
5685	Oregon & Trans.	35¾	36¾	35¾	36¾	36¾
10	Pacific Mail	37¾	37¾	37¾	37¾	37¾
200	Peoria & E.	18¾	18¾	18	18	18¾
97175	Phila. & Reading	38¾	38¾	36¾	37¾	37¾
50	P., Ft. W. & Chi.	154¾	154¾	153½	155	—
250	Pull. Pal. Car Co.	191¾	191	190½	191½	193
100	Rich. & W. P. Ter.	21	21	20¾	20¾	21
30	Rich. & W. P. pf.	79	79	79	79¾	79
100	R., W. & O.	104¾	104¾	104¾	104	105¾
100	St. J. & Omaha	31½	31½	31½	31½	32
200	St. P. & Om. pf.	92	92	92	92	—
1020	Southern Pac.	30	31¾	30	31¾	32
100	Tol. & O. C. pf.	75	75	75	75	80
255	Tenn. Coal & Iron	58	59	58	58¾	59
82	Tol. & O. C.	50	50	50	50	55
100	Tol. & O. C. pf.	75	75	75	75	80
300	Texas Pac. land	2¾	2¾	2¾	2¾	2¾
1400	Texas Pacific	19¾	20¾	19¾	20¾	20¾
600	Tol., A. A. & N. M.	35¾	35¾	35¾	35¾	36
14120	Union Pacific	63¾	64½	63¾	64½	64½
20	U. S. Express	86¾	86¾	86¾	85	87¾
100	W., St. L. & P.	12	12	12	12	12
2200	W., St. L. & P. pf.	26¾	26¾	26	26¾	26¾
2465	Western Un. Tel.	82¾	82¾	82¾	82¾	82¾
1450	Wheeling & L. E.	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾
1380	Wheel. & L. E. pf.	70¾	70¾	69¾	70¾	70¾
1300	Wis. Central	29¾	30	29¾	29¾	29¾

The total sales of stocks were 269,455 shares.

UNLISTED DEPARTMENT TRANSACTIONS.

Sales.		Open'g.	High't.	Lowest.	Clos'g.
50	Amer. Cotton Oil	27¾	27¾	27	27¾
300	Sugar Refineries	67¾	68¾	67¾	68¾
100	National Lead Trust	18½	18¾	18¾	18¾
100	Brunswick Co.	31	31	31	31
185	H. L. & Coke Co.	30¾	30¾	30¾	30¾
200	Georgia Pacific	14¾	14¾	14¾	14¾
$16,000	Georgia Pacific 2d	82	82	82	82
67000	Pipe Line cfs.	94	94¾	94	94¾

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos. & Albany	216	—	Erie Tel.	32¾	—
Bos. & Maine	216	—	New Eng. Tel.	—	53
Ch., Bur. & Nor.	31¾	—	Boston W. P.	7¾	—
Central Mass.	15	18	West End Land	24¾	24¾
Eastern	140	150	Bos. & Mont.	49¾	49
Hinsburg	84½	85½	Butte & Bos.	—	14½
Nat. Cent. 4s	69¾	—	Calumet & Hec.	204	205
Mex. Cent. 6s	17¾	—	Santa Fe M. Co.	9¾	10
Old Colony	175¾	—	A., T. & S. F. 4s	83	83¾
Atl. Bell Tel.	218	—	A., T. & S. F. in.	54¾	55

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Phila. Gas m. 4s	82	84	W. N. Y. & P. s. k.	8¾	—
Phil. & Erie 1st pf.	36¾	37¾	Lehigh Valley	52	52¾
Phil. & R. 20 pf.	45¾	46¾	L. C. & N. Co.	52	52¾
Phil. & R. 30 pf.	30¾	30¾	Pennsylvania	54¾	54¾

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atlantic & Gt. W. 1st	35¾	35¾	Lon. & Nashville		86¾
Atlantic & Gt. W. 2d	7¾	7¾	N. Y. Central		106¾
Canadian Pacific	56	56¼	Northern Pacific pf.		74¾
Central Pacific	34	34	Norfolk & West. pf.		72¾
Erie common	28¾	28¾	Pennsylvania		57¾
Erie 2d common	16¾	16¾	Reading		18¾
Illinois Central	117¾	117¾	St. Paul common		74¾
Kansas & Texas, T. R.	14¾	14¾	Union Pacific		45¾
Lake Shore	105	105¾	Wabash pf.		20¾

FRIDAY, March 7.

Yesterday's indications of a disposition on the part of the bulls to resent being trodden upon by their opponents developed to-day into positive evidence of a definite programme regarding the stock market. No one has accused the larger and substantial interests on the long side of the market of lacking capital or brains, but it has seemed at times as if they were deficient in courage, because they have permitted the bears to mark prices down regardless of intrinsic values and in the absence of liquidation. Fears regarding the money market have been chiefly responsible for the apathy of operators who are capable of stimulating a better market for railway securities. And in considering the outlook for money they have had to take into account not only their own demands, but also the needs of brokers who would want additional accommodations if their clients were induced to increase their operations for long account. The people who are powerful enough to make a market rarely have any difficulty in securing enough money for their own operations, but their efforts would count for nothing if the supply of loanable funds were not large enough to enable the rank and file of the street to follow them. As there have been grave doubts as to the immediate future of the money market, the bulls have held aloof from the stock market since the campaign that they started soon after the beginning of the year was brought to an untimely end by the reduction in rates west of Chicago and by other untoward events. It now looks as if they were to fare no better in the long run than the enemy seems to be well intrenched he is at the moment short of ammunition, and to-day there were signs of a tendency to retreat.

The volume of trading was fairly large, and though dealings in Reading were again disproportionately large the transactions as a whole were more satisfactorily distributed than for a long time past. The strength was nearly uniform, was aggressive and continuous. The contest between the opposing factions was most pronounced in Reading, with the bulls easily the victors. The deliveries of Reading were very sluggish, and the borrowing demand was such that the stock commanded a premium of 3-32@⅛ for use. The improvement in the market for the stock was supplemented by a good demand for the bonds of the company, especially the general 4s. Reports that a plan for reorganizing the Inter-State Commerce Railway Association has at last been formulated resulted in effective buying of the Granger stocks. The friends of Louisville and Nashville came to the support of that stock, and, indeed, there seemed to be a close approach to unanimity on the part of the various interests that have something at stake in the stock market to protect their respective securities.

It was argued that to-morrow's bank statement would probably show a further loss in surplus reserve, as the Treasury has absorbed a good deal more money than it has paid out during the week. That may prove to be the case, but the banks will undoubtedly be in a stronger position than such a statement as is expected to-morrow indicate, for the reason that the payments for the large purchases of Government bonds yesterday and to-day will not figure for much, if at all, in the statement. The comparatively small number of people who endeavor to fathom and profit by the manipulation of Sugar Refineries stock still entertain the question of a dividend for the current quarter. For several days the market has acted as if a dividend was impending, but the hesitancy that it showed to-day suggests that there might be some doubt about it. The specialties that received the most attention to-day were C., C., C. and St. Louis and Oregon Transcontinental. Both scored substantial net gains. The closing was strong and active at the best prices.

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	March 6.	March 7.		March 6.	March 7.
Atch., T. & S. F.	35¾	36¾	N. Y. & N. Eng.	44¾	44¾
Can. Southern	54	54	N. J. Central	119¾	120
Ch., Bur. & Q.	103¾	104¾	Omaha com.	31	31¾
Ches. & Ohio	23	23¾	Ontario & West.	17¾	17¾
Chicago Gas	43¾	44¾	Oregon & T. C.	35¾	36¾
Del., L. & W.	135¾	136	Pacific Mail	37	37¾
Del. & Hudson	149¾	149¾	Pull. Pal. Car	191¾	191
Den., T. & F. W.	31¾	32¾	Rock Island	90¾	91¾
Erie	25¾	26¾	Rich. & W. P.	20¾	21¾
East T. pf.	53	53	Reading	36¾	37¾
Hocking Val.	20¾	20¾	St. Paul com.	66¾	67¾
Lou. & Nash.	83¾	83¾	Tex. Pac.	19¾	20¾
Lake Shore	105¾	105¾	U. S. L. & C.	88	88¾
L. E. & W. pf.	62¾	63¾	Union Pacific	63¾	64¼
Manhattan con.	105	105¾	Wab. & P. com.	12	12
Missouri Pac.	73¾	73¾	Wab. & Pac. pf.	25¾	25¾
Northwest com.	106¾	106¾	West Un. Tel.	82¾	82¾
Nor. P. com.	36	36¾	W. & L. E.	34	34¾
Nor. Pac. pf.	73¾	73¾	W. & L. E. pf.	69¾	70¾

Government bonds firm at unchanged quotations. Railway bonds strong and active. The features were Lacledes Gas 1sts, Mobile and Ohio gene als, Wisconsin Central incomes, Atchison, Reading, Texas Pacific, and Shenandoah Valley issues. The more important net advances were in Atchison 48, ¾ ₱ cent., to 84; Chicago and Eastern Illinois general 5s, 1, to 97; Reading general 4s, ¾, to 82; 1st preference incomes, ¾, to 65; and 2d preference incomes, 1¼, to 45; Texas Pacific land s. 5s, ¾, and 2ds, ¾, to 38⅛; Wabash 1sts, ¾, to 103⅞, and Wisconsin Central incomes, 1¼ ₱ cent., to 59¼. The noteworthy declines were in Kansas and Texas general 6s, T. R., ¾ ₱ cent., to 74¾; Laclede Gas Co. 1s s, 1, to 88; Mo., Ile and Ohio generals, 1, to 60; Shenandoah Valley 1sts, 1, to 119, and generals, 1 ₱ cent., to 53.

In bank stocks 5 shares of Western National sold at 97.

Money on call, 4 ₱ cent. Time money, 5¼ ₱ cent. for sixty days and 5 ₱ cent. for six months on prime collateral security. Commercial paper quiet. The best double-name paper is quoted at 5¼@6 ₱ cent., and prime single name at 6@7 ₱ cent.

Sterling exchange irregular. Posted asking rates, $4 83⅝@$4 83½ for long bills and $4 86½@$4 87 for demand. Actual rates are $4 82½@$4 82¾ for 60-day bills, $4 8⅝@$4 86 for sight drafts, and $4 86⅛@$4 86⅜ for cable transfers.

To-day's offers to sell United States bonds to the Government agg egated $1,277,400, of which $1,040,900 were registered and $208,000 coupon 4s at 123, and $28,500 registered 4½s at 103⅛. All were accepted.

Gross railway earnings for February compare with those for the same month of last year as follows:

New York Central	$2,793,852	Inc.	$242,123
Mexican National	293,856	Inc.	4,567
Atlantic and Pacific	231,570	Inc.	30,099
Shenandoah Valley	87,000	Inc.	30,000
Chicago and West Michigan	104,198	Inc.	5,419
Detroit, Lans. and Nor.	51,722	Inc.	5,957

The Mexican National Railroad reports gross earnings for January of $332,097, an increase of $44,461 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $88,017, an increase of $39,313.

Treasury balances compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	March 6.	March 7.
Gold	$105,575,205	$105,575,205
Legal tenders	8,838,370	9,020,959
Totals	$109,413,575	$109,037,123

Silver balance, $17,081,623, against $18,161,879 yesterday. Deposits in national banks, $25,905,324, against $26,317,495 yesterday.

Money in London 3@3½ ₱ cent. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills is 3 3-16@3¼ ₱ cent. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day was £7,000. Paris advices quote a ₱ cent at 88 francs 37 centimes, and exchange on London at 25 francs 24½ centimes.

The business failures of the last seven days, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., number, for the United States, 223, and for Canada, 37, a total of 260, as against a total of 301 last week, and 271 the week previous to the last. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 281, representing 241 failures in the United States and 40 in the Dominion of Canada.

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.
5,000	Astoria	6	6	5	5
100	Crown Point	1 70	1 70	1 70	1 70
100	El Cristo	1 25	1 25	1 25	1 25
200	Excelsior	79	78	78	78
5000	Freeland	1 15	1 20	1 10	1 10
100	Gould & Curry	1 45	1 45	1 45	1 45
175	Horn Silver	2 40	2 40	2 40	2 40
1700	Little Chief	30	31	30	31
200	La Crosse	7	7	7	7
100	Mexican S. & M. Co.	1 60	1 60	1 60	1 60
100	Potosi	1 70	1 70	1 70	1 70
1000	Rappahannock	5	5	5	5
525	S. King	46	46	41	41
800	Sutter Creek	1 60	1 60	1 40	1 60
100	Utah Con.	65	65	65	65

The total transactions were 18,300 shares.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

[Advertisement.]

INDIANAPOLIS GAS BONDS.

Parties who may have received our circular dated Feb. 15, 1890, offering for subscription $2,000,000 of the 6 per cent. Gold Bonds of the Indianapolis Gas Company, are hereby notified that the entire amount of $2,000,000 having been subscribed, the offer is now withdrawn under the right reserved in the circular "to close the subscription at any time."

E. C. BENEDICT & CO.

New York Markets.

FRIDAY, March 7.—FLOUR AND MEAL.—The market was very dull and prices were drooping and unsettled.

COTTON.—Futures opened 20@25 points lower, the Liverpool rep rt having disappointed our bears and there was some selling to realize. But the small receipts at interior towns and the reduced stocks there showing small deliveries from plantations gave fresh vigor to the bull movement. The bears covered with reckless impetuosity, and in the last hour there was some excitement, the latest sales being at the best prices, and the highest of the season closing firm. Cotton on the spot was firm, but quiet; middling uplands, 11⅝c., ordinary, 10⅝c. The following are the closing prices bid for futures, with sales aggregating 104,300 bales:

March	11.36c.	June	11.40c.	September	10.80c.
April	11.36c.	July	11.36c.	October	10.80c.
May	11.43c.	August	11.36c.	November	10.80c.

	Sales.	Total.
Receipts at ports this day	11,502	15,993
Previously from Sept. 1	5,293,154	4,948,855
Past week	61,807	61,958

FLOUR.—Lard futures again showed a slight improvement in sympathy with the West, but the speculation was inactive, sales being at 6.25c. for March, 6.32@6.35c. for May, and 6.40c. for July. After change, the close was steady at 6.32c. for March, 6.37c. for April, 6.37c. for May, and 6.40c. for July, and 6.45c. for October. Spot lard was firmer but less active, sales 400 tcs. only at 6.30c. and 400 tcs. Western at 6.30@6.32½c. Pork was in good demand, new mess $11@$11.50, bars $10@$11 at private prices. Cut meats more active, but prices are at the lowest, sales 400 pieces at 5¾@6c. for pickled bellies, 14 lbs. average, at 5c., 2,000 pieces shoulders at 4¾c., and 400 pieces hams at 8½c. Beef dull and nominally unchanged. Tallow quiet at 4¾@4⅞c. Rice steady. Butter more active, light, 22@26c., other creameries 15@26c. State dairy 10@24c. Western factories 7@14c. Cheese in good demand and firm, State factory full cream, 10@11½c. Petroleum firmer, owing to cold weather, near by, 66@67c. Southern and Western, 66c.

GRAIN.—Wheat futures were depressed by the improved crop prospects in the Southwest and by foreign advices, causing a falling off in the export demand, and some selling to realize, sales of cash and futures, 560,000 bus. Closing prices were for May, 80⅞@80⅞c., for June, 80⅞@81c., for July, 81@81⅛c., for August, 81⅞@82c., for September, and 84@84⅛c. for December. Spot wheat was dull and easier, the export business was all but nominal, and the demand from the direct trade was comparatively small. Indian corn futures were more freely offered, owing to the smaller export movement, but prices did not decline materially, sales 1,232,000 bush. at 57⅛@57⅞c. for March, 57⅞@58c. for April, 57⅞@58c. for May, 57⅞@58c. for June, and 59@59⅛c. for July. Spot corn was less active; shippers took only 40,000 bush. and the difficulty of obtaining cars owing to the snow in the West seemed to be the principal trade drag, sales were mainly No. 2 mixed at 58c. in elevator and 58c. delivered, but included No. 2 mixed 58½c. in elevator, No. 2 yellow 58c. in elevator and No. 2 white 59c. delivered. Date were quiet and prices at some of the recent advance the speculative buoyancy having materially abated, sales 75,000 bush. including options, closing at 58½c. for March, 58½@58¾c. for May, and 58c. on the spot, mixed at 57½@58c., and white at 57½@59c., as to quality, and No. 2 white at 59½c. in elevator and 59½@59¾c. for May delivery and for September delivered. Oats were dull and lower at first. After change, Wheat barely steady. No. 2 red winter for March, 66½c.; April, 66½c.; May, 66½c.; June, 66½c.; July, 66½c.; August, 66½c.; December, 66½c. Corn steady; No. 2 mixed for March, 57½c.; April, 56½c.; May, 57½; June, 57½c.; July, 58c. Oats steady; No. 2 mixed for March, 29½c.; April, 29½c.; May, 27c.

GROCERIES.—Coffee on the spot continues in good demand, and prices show a slight improvement. Rio quoted at 19½c. for No. 7; sales 500 bags No. 10 at 18½c., 500 bags No. 9 at 18¾c., 500 bags No. 8 at 17⅞c., 2,000 bags No. 7 at 18⅛@18¼c. afloat, 2,000 bags Capacha on basis 18½c. for No. 7, 4,500 bags low to fine grades at 17¼@18½c. Mild grades fairly active and firm; sales 500 picos Padjos, to be shipped, at 23½c., 900 picals Timor at 23½c., 500 picals Timor and Bonga, 2,500 bags Bangalya, and 925 bags Maracaibo on p. t. Rio options showed a considerable degree of activity, and closed at a net advance of 5 to 10 points for the day. During early afternoon there were a little lower under selling by longs to realize, but on advices from Rio reporting the market firm, on rapidly decreasing stocks and coverings by shorts, the market advanced 5@10 points, and Santos were somewhat smaller—10,000 bags; sales 71,500 bags, closing firm, with sellers at the following prices:

March	17.45c.	June	17.10c.	September	16.60c.
April	17.20c.	July	17.05c.	October	16.60c.
May	17.15c.	August	16.80c.	December	16.70c.

Raw sugars continue fairly active at full prices, 5 3-16c. for fair refining muscavado, and 5 11-16c. for standard centrifugals, sales 500 bags and 600 hhds. English Island muscavado on spot and to arrive 5.50c. for 87 test, 1,804 bags centrifugals, 96° test, at 5 11-16c. and 500 bags molasses sugar at 4⅝c. for 87° test. Refined sugars fairly active, and in some instances further advances have been quite substantial. Molasses firm; sales on cargo at 23½c. for 50° test.

METALS.—Straits tin quiet but steady, closing at 20.60c. for spot and 20.70c. for March. Ingot copper dull and weaker at 16.10c. for March. Lead quiet and unchanged at 3.87½c. for spot, sales 16 tons at 4c. for March. Pig iron warrants dull and weak at 17½c. for March and 18c. for May.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits turpentine firmer but quiet at 42½@43c. for regulars and machines; sales 10 bbls. Rosin more active and steady; sales 1,200 bbls. good strained at $1 90@$1 95, $1 80@$1 85 for strained, $1 70@$1 75 for fine strained, and $1 60@$1 65 for good strained, to arrive on p. t., and 180 bbls. N and W G at $3@$3.20.

PETROLEUM.—Crude certificates opened firmer and then steadily advanced on the shorts, showing considerable more disposition to cover, closing firm; opening at 93⅞c., selling at 93⅞@93c., and closing at 94¼@94½c.; sales 240,000 bbls.

Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Friday, March 7.—Receipts of beeves, 1,840 head. Market slow but firm at former quotations. There were no prime or even fairly good cattle in market. Extremes for steers were $4@$4 65 ₱ 100 lbs., for dry cows $1.50@$3.25. Exports of live stock and fresh meat from this port to day and to morrow will include 1,810 beeves and 7,400 quarters of beef. To-day's Liverpool and London cable advices quote American steers dull and lower at 11@12c. ₱ lb. for dressed weight, sinking the offal, and American refrigerated beef weak and unsettled at 9@9½c. ₱ lb.

Receipts of calves, 190; dull and nearly nominal, but not quotably lower. Good and choice veals would sell at 7¾@8c. ₱ lb. Good Western calves at 3¾@4c.

Receipts of sheep and lambs, 2,900, with as