FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales March 16.

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

22 Tenn. Set. 3s	75¾

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 2s, reg	99¾	—	U. S. 4s, 1907	107¼	—
U. S. 4s, r	111¾	112¼	U. S. 6s, 1897	110	—
U. S. 4s, c	112¾	113¾	U. S. 6s, 1899	112	—
U. S. 6s, 1895	105	—	U. S. 6s, 1900	115	—

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

15 Atchison 4s	82¼	7 N.Y., O. & W. r. 4s	82¼
11 "	82½	5 " " c. 4s	82¼
2 Atchison 2d, A	53½	2 N.Y., C. & W. en. 5s	100½
20 "	53	2 Pitts. & Wn. 1st	102
1 Atch. & C. 1st	94	7 " " 2d	82
2 Am. C. O. 6s	111	1 Rh. & W. F. T. 6s	80
1 Buff. & Ph. gu. 5s	96½	7 " " "	80½
1 Chi. & O. con. 6s	104	25 Rh. & W. F. T. 5s	43½
24 Chi. & G. A. & J. 1st con.	81½	5 " " "	44½
1 C., B. & Q. cov. 5s	103	5 " " "	44½
2 "	102	10 " " "	44½
2 C., R. & Q. 4s, ken.	102½	5 " " "	44
2 " " "	97½	4 Rock Isl. ex. 6s	100
4 Cin., R. & Q. Tr.	110	5 " " "	100½
2 C., D. & I. 1st 5s	97½	5 Rh. & Dav. 5s	73½
7 " " "	97½	8 Reading gen. 4s	73½
5 C., C., C. & I. 1st	113½	4 " " "	74
13 Chi. & N. P. 1st	76	13 " " "	74½
8 Ch. & Et. Ill. gu. 5s	105½	40 Reading 1st pf. in	47
1 Chi. Mil. & St. P.	92	20 " " "	46½
1 Cin., Ind., St. L. & Ch. 4s	98	25 " " "	47½
5 Cleb. & Erie con.	98½	10 " " "	47½
60 " "	98½	10 " " "	47½
5 " "	98½	55 " " "	48½
10 " "	97½	15 " " "	48
20 " "	97	5 Reading 2d pf. in	32½
20 " "	98	5 " " "	32½
5 " "	97½	5 " " "	33
9 Dub. & S. C. 2d	101	10 " " "	33½
5 Del., L. & W. 2d	116	55 " " "	33½
15 Erie con. 2d	99	15 Reading 3d pf. in	23½
5 " "	99½	40 " " "	23½
2 " "	99½	25 " " "	23½
5 " "	99½	10 " " "	24½
10 " "	97½	10 " " "	24½
10 " "	97½	5 " " "	24½
5 Evans & I. N. R. 5s	97	40 " " "	24½
7 F. & P. M. 1st P. H. Ext.	97	10 Reading det. in	8
4 Ft. Worth 1st	104½	5 " " "	8
5 Gen. Elec. deb. 5s	97	5 Rio G. W. 1st	72
2 G., H. & S. A. M. 2d	90½	2 " " "	70½
1 Keok. Val. 5s	60	2 " " "	70½
3 Iron Mt. 1st	101	1 St. P. & Minn'ps con.	122½
2 Iron Mt., Ark. B.	105½	2 " " "	122
5 Iron Mt. 5s	88	1 St. L. & S. F. gen. 6s	118
3 Kan. & Tex. 4s	81½	1 St. L. & S. F. 2d	112½
2 L. C. & Lex. 6s	102½	1 St. L. & S. W. 1st	85
25 Kings Co. El. 1st	103½	3 St. L. & S. W. 2d	55½
1 Knox. & Ohio 1st	100	2 Security C. 6s	98
1 Ken. Cent. 1st	82½	8 " "	97½
6 Kansas C. & O. 1st	107	9 Sav. & W. 1st	98
1 Laclede Gas 1st	83	11 San A. & A. P. 1st 6s	74
1 " "	83½	7 " " "	74½
1 " "	83½	1 Seattle L. & E. 5s	70
1 L. E. & W. 1st	101	10 Tex. Pac. 2d in	25
2 Long Dock 7s	107	6 " " "	25½
1 Lou., N. O. & T. 4s	82½	4 " " "	25½
1 Long Island 5s	118½	2 Tol., A. A. & N. M. 1st	106
1 L., N. A. & Ch. 1st	106	8 Tol., A. A. & G. T. 1st	100
1 L., N. & M. B. 5s	82½	1 Calumet & H. 3d	110
3 Minn. & St. L. 1st	115	1 Ann Arbor 1st	74
2 Met. El. 2d	107	1 N. Y. Lake Erie & W. 2d	107½
2 Met. O. gu.	156	1 " " " "	107½
1 Mo. P. cons. 1st 5s	80½	1 " " " "	108
2 " " "	80½	1 " " " "	108½
2 Mo. Pac. 7s	99	1 " " " "	109
5 " "	99½	1 " " " "	109½
1 " "	99½	1 " " " "	110
1 " "	99½	1 " " " "	110½
5 Nor. Pac. 6s	115½	10 N. Y. & Nor. 2d	70
3 Nor. Pac. ch. 5s	67	1 N. Y. & Har. 7s	194½
2 " "	67½	5 Nat. S. M. 1st	102
2 " "	67½	4 N. W. con	136
2 N. Y. & R. 1st	90	1 " deb. 5s	110½
5 N. Y. & R. 2d	90	35 N. W. 6, 5s, 50 yrs.	109½
1 N. Y. & Lack. 1st	120½		

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $1,453,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing. Bid.	Clos-ing. Asked.
200	Amer. Cable	90	90	88	90	—
810	Amer. Dist. Tel.	54	55	54	54½	56
100	Amer. Tob. pf.	103	103	103	—	—
5,400	Atlantic & Pac.	116	116	116	119	—
4197	Am. Cot. Oil	47	48¾	47¼	47¾	—
800	Am. Cot. Oil pf.	79½	80	79½	80½	—
6,610	Atch., T. & F.	21	21½	20¾	21¼	—
100	Buf., Roch. & P.	83½	83½	83½	84	—
100	Balt. & Ohio	91½	91½	91½	92½	—
2900	Can. Southern	53½	53½	53	53½	—
610	Ches. & Ohio	23	23	22½	23½	—
100	Central Pacific	27	27	27	29½	—
510	Ches. & Ohio	22½	22½	22½	22½	—
100	Chi. & East. Ill.	99	99	99	100	—
25310	Chicago Gas	86½	86½	84½	86	—
1840	C., C., C. & I.	48	48½	47½	48	—
5580	C., R. I. & P.	110	110½	109½	110½	—
27980	C., B. & Q.	93½	93½	91½	93½	—
31450	C., M. & St. P.	75	75½	74½	74½	—
485	C., St. P., M. & O.	73	73	72½	73	—
8030	C., R. I. & Pac.	81½	81½	80½	81½	—
100	Col. Fuel	66½	66½	66½	66½	67
40	Col. & Hock. Val.	12	12	12	12	—
525	Col., H. V. & Tol.	26½	27	26½	27	27½
10	Cit. Gas of B.	105½	105½	105½	106½	—
850	Consol. Gas	127½	128	127½	128	—
1047	Del. & Hudson	125	126	125	126	—
28355	Del., L. & W.	138½	139½	137½	138½	—
100	Den. & R. G.	15½	15½	15½	15½	—
1121	Den. & R. G. pf.	51½	52	51½	52½	—
2845	Dist'g C. & F.	30½	31½	30½	31½	—
800	Edison E. I.	121	122	120½	122	—
100	Equitable Gas	190	190	190	—	—
200	Green Bay & W.	11	11½	11	11½	12
900	G., N. Nor. pf.	135½	135½	135½	135½	—
9785	Gen. Elec.	100½	101½	100½	101½	—
915	Illinois Central	98	98	97½	98½	—
180	Iowa Central	8½	8½	8½	8	10
500	Kingston & F.	170	170	170	170	—
900	L. E. & Western	21	22	21	22	—
1260	L. E. & W. pf.	76	76	75	74½	76
160	Lake Shore	125½	125½	125½	125½	—
500	Long Island	107	107	107	108½	108
400	Laclede Gas	20½	20½	20½	20½	20½
100	Laclede Gas pf.	90½	90½	90½	90½	90½
3050	Lous. & Nash.	73	73½	72½	72½	73½
1140	Lous., N. A. & C.	21½	22	21½	22	22
1100	Manhattan Con.	104½	105½	104½	105½	106
100	Mexican Cent.	9½	9½	9½	9½	9½
100	Mich. Central	104½	104½	104½	105½	104½
600	Minn. & St. L.	15	15	14½	15½	15½
100	Minn. & St. L. pf.	43	43	43	44	44
24658	Missouri Pacific	49½	51	49½	50½	50½
800	Mo., K. & T. pf.	22	23	22½	23½	23½
500	Nat. Starch	21	21	20½	21	—
350	Nat. L. Oil	35½	35½	34½	34½	35½
1500	N. J. Central	115½	116½	115½	116½	116½
4840	N. Y. Central	105½	105½	105½	105½	105½
220	N. Y. & Nor. pf.	25	25	25	24	25
6785	Natl. Cordage	57½	58½	57½	58½	58½
811	Natl. Cord. pf.	100	100	99½	100½	100½
200	North Amer.	8½	8½	8½	8½	9½
16565	N. Y. & N. Eng.	21	24	21	25½	25½
100	N. Y. & N. H.	194	194	194	194	178
13894	N. Y., L. E. & W.	20½	20½	19½	20	20½
520	N. Y., S. & W.	16½	16½	16½	16½	16½
400	N. Y. & Tex.	67½	67½	66½	67	68
200	Northern Pac.	15½	15½	15½	15½	16
17800	Natl. Pac. pf.	38½	40½	38½	39½	39½
1440	Ontario & West	16½	16½	16½	16½	16½
100	Oregon S. Lin.	18½	18½	18½	18½	18½
600	Pacific Mail	28½	28½	27½	28	28½
1000	P., C. & St. L.	14	14	14	14	14½
5642	Pull. Palace Car	173½	174	173	173½	175
200	Pull. Pal. Car	190½	190½	190½	192	—
200	Quicksilver	2	2	2	2	2½
100	Quicksilver pf.	16	22	16	21	24
100	Rio G. W. pf.	61	61	61	60	61
9415	Rich. & W. P.	9½	9½	9½	9½	9½
100	St. L. & S. F.	45½	45½	45½	45½	45½
900	St. P. & Omaha	51	51½	50½	51	51½
10	St. P., M. & M.	113½	113½	113½	114	116
1900	Texas Pacific	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½
1200	Tenn. C. & I.	26½	26½	26	26½	26½
780	Texas Pacific	9½	9½	9½	9½	9½
1800	Union Pacific	57½	58	57½	58	58½
3675	Union Pacific	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½
86	U. S. Express	61	61	61	63	65
835	U. S. Rubber	42½	43½	42½	43½	45½
110	U. S. L. & P.	10½	10½	10½	10½	10½
2677	W., St. L. & P.	21½	21½	20½	21	21½
12440	West. Un. Tel.	91	92½	91	92½	92½
1400	Wheeling & L. E.	16	16	15½	16	16½
100	Wh. & L. E. pf.	58	58	58	58½	59
100	Wis. Central	12	12	12	11½	12½

Total sales of stocks were 514,945 shares.

UNLISTED DEPARTMENT TRANSACTIONS.

Sales.		Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
82,860	Amer. Sugar Ref.	96	97¾	95¾	96¾
1751	Amer. Sugar Ref. pf.	96¾	96¾	95¾	95¾
314	American Tobacco	104½	104½	104½	104½
3165	National Lead	87½	87½	86½	87½
1885	National Lead pf.	79½	80	79	80
1,700	Nat. S. & A. 1st pf.	29	29	28	28
800	Phoenix of Ariz.	18	18	18	18
25000	Tol., B. C. & A. 5s	96	96	96	96

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos. & Albany	215	216	West'rn Bos. R.	83½	84
Bos. & Maine	170½	172	West End Land	17	17½
Central Mass.	17	—	Boston & Mon.	81	83½
E. T. A. N. E. p.	66	70	Butte & Boston	10	10½
Calumet & H.	110	111	Calumet & H.	305	310
Wis. Cent. pf.	—	45	Santa Fe N.	—	—
Amer. Bell Tel.	203	—	A., T. & S. F. 4s	—	82
Erie Tel.	45	46	A., T. & S. F. in.	—	53½
New Eng. Tel.	—	50½			

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Lehigh Val.	47½	47½	Penna. R.R.	53½	53½
L. C. & Nav.	52	—	Nat. Traction	134	—

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atchison	81½	Norfolk & Western pf.	32
Canadian Pacific	85½	Northern Pacific pf.	30½
Erie Common	21	Ontario & Western	17½
Erie 2d consols	101½	Pennsylvania	57
Illinois Central	101½	Reading	7½
Kansas & Texas	14	St. Paul	77½
Lake Shore	126	Union Pacific	36
L., E. & Nashville	75	Wabash pf.	24½
N. Y. Central	106		

THURSDAY, March 16.

The lowest prices for stocks to-day were made in the early dealings, and, except in a few cases, notably Chicago Gas, Lackawanna, C., B. and Quincy, and New York Central, the depression, as compared with the final figures of yesterday, was not pronounced. No special attacks upon values were made, for the reason that the heaviest operators on the short side had apparently decided to secure a part of their profits, and at the same time help to bring about a rally that would reduce their following. The shrewd bear does not want too much company, for a large short interest impairs his chances of success. The indications are that an extensive short interest has been created, for rarely in the history of the Street has the speculative community been so generally bearish as at present. Its pessimism results chiefly from apprehension relative to the currency, though there is no special change in the monetary situation as compared with conditions that prevailed a few weeks ago. The Treasury holds about $103,000,000 gold, available for the purpose of maintaining the parity between the various kinds of money in use, and, for the moment, exports of specie have ceased. No one is making any special effort to acquire gold, in fact, the only demand for it comes from banking houses that are compelled to ship it out of the country. The tendency at the moment is to transfer gold to the Treasury because of the demand for the more convenient denominations and forms of money which it can furnish. In the circumstances it is remarkable that such intense apprehension as is reflected to an extent in the stock market should exist. The Government is definitely pledged by the Sherman law of 1890 to maintain at a parity its various kinds of money, and it has on hand $103,000,000 in gold to carry out that policy. That and the resources of a rich and prosperous country stand between a much-dreaded silver basis, with the chances that the transition, should it ever occur, would be so imperceptible that those who are most alarmed now would then be ashamed of their fears.

A view of the present situation, which has not been sufficiently considered, is that the uneasiness regarding the finances of this country which exists abroad, as well as special requirements there for gold, notably those of Austria, have compelled the United States to carry the surplus of its staple crops until Europe is ready to absorb it. Heretofore a large part of the money involved in an unfavorable foreign trade balance has remained here to the credit of European bankers and has either been loaned on or invested in grain, cotton, and other commodities for which a future demand was certain to develop. That is not the case now, and this is one reason why loanable funds are not in better supply. A large amount of capital is being used in place of foreign money as heretofore to carry commodities, which according to precedent will eventually be taken and consumed by Europe. Chronologically the foreign trade movement has not followed precedent this year. The season of heavy exports has been delayed, while imports have been heavy. But bankers who keep themselves advised of physical as well as the financial conditions in Europe now predict that an important export movement will set in within the next sixty days. Until it does, however, shipments of gold can be counted upon with reasonable certainty whenever the local money market becomes easy. And now that Austria has negotiated a loan in connection with her currency reform efforts to secure gold here will doubtless be resumed. Foreign advices are that bankers acting for the Austrian Government are picking up all the gold they can in Germany and England. That they will reenter this market as soon as foreign exchange approaches the traditional figures at which gold goes out of the country normally, no one need doubt. This being the case the current high rates for money are not to be deplored, for they help to keep the foreign exchange market on a low level. The speculative community appears, however, to be hedged in on both sides. It dreads an active money market and also exports of specie. Yet if money becomes easy gold will be shipped.

Money on call was easier to-day, and there was a suggestion of business in the time loan market. This was due to a falling off in the interior demand. On the other hand sterling exchange was logically firmer. The relaxation of the money market was a factor in the rally that was the feature of the last half of the day. That movement was not due entirely to the covering of short contracts. There was some buying of Northern Pacific preferred on reports of favorable developments regarding the management of the property, and both Missouri Pacific and Sugar Refining enjoyed what appeared to be inside support. The first scored the greatest net gain recorded. Other noteworthy net fluctuations were advances of 1 ⅌ cent. in New York and New England and Northern Pacific preferred. All others were less than that and favored both accounts. The market, as a whole, was moderately active, and its best feature was a better distribution of the transactions than has taken place for a long time. The closing was irregular.

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	March 15.	March 16.		March 15.	March 16.
A., T. & S. F.	81½	81½	Natl. Cord.	58½	58½
Amer. Cot. Oil	47½	47¾	North Am. Co.	8½	8½
Can. Southern	53½	53½	Northw. gen.	110½	110
C., C., C. & St. L.	48½	48	North. P. com.	15½	15¾
C., R. & Q.	93½	93½	North. Pac. pf.	39½	40½
Consol. Gas	128	122	N. Y. Central	105½	104½
Ches. & Ohio	22½	22½	N. Y. & N. E.	22½	23½
Chicago Gas	86½	86½	N. J. Central	115½	116½
Del., L. & West.	138½	138½	Omaha com.	51	51½
Del. & Hud.	125½	126	Ontario & W.	17	16½
Den. & R. G.	15½	15½	Pacific Mail	28	28½
Dist. & C. F. Co.	31	31½	Rock Island	81½	81½
Erie	20½	20½	Rich. & W. P.	9½	9½
Illinois Central	97½	97¾	Reading	7½	7½
Lake Shore	125½	125½	Rio G. W.	16½	16½
Lake Erie & W.	21½	22	St. L. & S. F.	45½	45½
Manhattan Con.	105½	106	St. Paul pf.	123	122½
Mich. Central	104½	104½	Tenn. C., I. & R.	26½	26½
Missouri Pac.	49½	50½	Union Pacific	58	59½
			Wab. & P. com.	10½	10½
			Wab. & P. pf.	22½	22
			W., St. L. & P.	21½	21½
			Wb. & L. E.	17	16
			W. & L. E. pf.	57	58

Government bonds steady at unchanged quotations. Railway bonds dull. The features were Atchison 2ds A, Chicago and Erie incomes, Erie 2d consols, and Reading issues. The more important net advances were in Reading general 4s, 1 ⅌ cent., to 74¾; 1st preference incomes, ¾, to 48; 2d preference incomes, 1⅛, to 33¾; 3d preference incomes, ⅛, to 24¾, and deferred incomes, ⅛ ⅌ cent., to 8. The noteworthy declines were in Atchison 2ds, A, ½ ⅌ cent., to 53; Chicago and Erie incomes, ¾, to 37¾, and Erie 2d consols, 2¼, to 97¾.

Silver bullion certificates for 15,000 ounces sold at 83¾. Bar silver in London, 38 3-16d.

Money on call easier at 12@4 ⅌ cent., closing at the lower figure. Renewals were, as a rule, made at 4 ⅌ cent. Time money 6 ⅌ cent. for all periods, both on mixed collateral and dividend-paying securities. There is practically no market for commercial paper. Endorsed bills receivable and single-name paper are in request at 6 ⅌ cent. and upward, according to character, but there is next to nothing doing.

The supply of bankers' sterling was light today, and slightly higher rates were obtained, but the volume of business was small. Continental exchange was dull and unchanged. Posted asking rates for sterling, $4.85⅝@$4.86⅜ for long bills and $4.87½@$4.88⅛ for demand. Actual rates are: Long bills, $4.84½; sight drafts, $4.86¼, and cable transfers, $4.86½. France are quoted at 5.20@5.19⅛ for long and 5.17½@5.16⅛ for sight; reichsmarks, 94⅝@94⅞ for long and 95⅝@95⅞ for short; guilders, 40⅞ for long and 40⅞@40 5-16 for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston par for cash; checks, even. Charleston—Buying, par; selling, ⅛ premium. Savannah—Buying, par; selling, ⅛ premium. New Orleans—Bank, 150 premium; commercial, 75 premium. San Francisco—Sight, 22½ cents; telegraphic, 27½. St. Louis—In cents premium bid. Chicago—par.

The New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼ ⅌ cent., payable April 15.

The official statement of anthracite coal shipments for February, as compared with the figures of the same month of the previous year, shows a total output of 3,128,897 tons, a decrease of 43,214 tons, making the total output for the year to Feb. 28, 6,198,398 tons, an increase of 174,878 tons as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The stock of coal on hand at tidewater shipping points Feb. 28, 1893, was 601,854 tons, an increase of 69,479 tons as compared with the amount on hand at the beginning of the month. The total amount of anthracite coal sent to market during the week ending March 11 was 863,707 tons, an increase of 88,229 tons as compared with the corresponding week of last year. The total amount of anthracite mined thus far this year is 7,531,571 tons, an increase of 171,481 tons as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad reports gross earnings from its entire system for February of $1,846,112, a decrease of $88,566 as compared with the same month of last year, and net, $471,328, a decrease of $50,705. For the eight months ending Feb. 28 the gross earnings were $17,431,056, a decrease of $138,655 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $4,684,040, a decrease of $556,628.

Treasury balances compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	March 15.	March 16.
Gold coin and bullion	$102,748,815	$102,891,417
Silver coin and bullion	7,229,482	7,104,747
Legal tenders, including Treasury notes	22,070,198	21,763,546
Totals	$132,048,495	$131,759,710

Deposits in national banks, $11,407,263, against $11,324,137 yesterday. In addition to the foregoing the Treasury reports silver bullion purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, $133,036,422, and Treasury notes issued against the same $124,653,260, of which $127,318,108 are outstanding.

Money in London, 1¼@2 ⅌ cent. Rate of discount in the open market, for both short and three months' bills, 1¼ ⅌ cent. The Bank of England's minimum rate of discount unchanged at 2½ ⅌ cent. The proportion of its reserve to its liabilities is 51.21 ⅌ cent., against 51.82 ⅌ cent. last week and 45.52 last year. Bullion in the Bank of England increased last week £142,000, and reserve increased £211,000. Paris advices quote 3 ⅌ cents lost on 90 francs for cash gold, and exchange on London at 25 francs 17 centimes. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase of 25,000 francs gold and an increase of 1,450,000 francs silver.

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

Sales.		Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
1800	Brunswick	6	6	6	6
100	Belmont	28	28	28	28
100	Con. Cal. & Va.	2 55	2 55	2 55	2 55
800	Comstock T. Co.	11	11	11	11
6400	El Cristo	45	60	44	60
200	Hexican	1 70	1 70	1 60	1 65
200	Monte Cristo	3 15	3 15	3 15	3 15
100	Ophir	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
50	Plymouth	75	75	75	75
800	Savage	65	70	65	70
200	Union	90	95	90	95

The total sales were 9,750 shares.

Electric Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 16.—The closing quotations of electric stocks to-day were:

	Bid.	Asked.
Boston Electric Light	112	115
General Electric pf.	112	118
Westinghouse Electric	22½	23
Westinghouse El. pf.	47	48
Fort Wayne Electric	12	12½
Fort Wayne Electric Trust (A)	7½	7¾
Thomson-Houston Trust (C)	7½	8
Thomson-Houston Trust (D)	7½	8

New York Markets.

THURSDAY, March 16.—Flour sold more freely, partly for export, and prices were stronger in response to an advance in wheat. Exports 30,440 bbls. Receipts, 24,834 bbls., &c. The sales were 17,500 bbls. Winter in bbls. was quoted as follows: No grade, $1.90@$1.10; fine, $1.00@$2; superfine, $2.15@$2.30; No. 2 extra, $2.20@$2.40; No. 1 extra, $2.40@$3; clear, $3 @$3.35; straights, $3.40@$3.65; patents, $3.75@$4.15. Michigan straights, $3.40@$3.60; city mills for West Indies, $4@$4.10; "patents," $4.25@$4.60; rye flour, superfine, $3.10@$3.40; corn meal, Western, $2.60@$2.75; Brandywine, $2.80.

GRAIN—Wheat was 1 to 1⅛c. higher here and in Chicago, and was also higher at the spring and winter wheat markets of the West. Cold weather, reports of damage to the crop, higher foreign markets, and the covering of shorts caused the rise. Spot sales 140,000 bushels, including 120,000 bushels for export. No hard winter f. o. b. store on p. t. at 1⅛@1⅛c. under May. No. 3, spring to arrive late and equal at 7¼@8c. under May and unquoted red winter. These were the receipts: Chicago, 117,751 bush.; Milwaukee, 55,950; Minneapolis, 127,890; Duluth, 58,425; St. Louis, 39,000; Toledo, 18,333; Detroit, 14,205; Kansas City, 86,240; New York, 24,700; Baltimore, 11,724; Philadelphia, 2,851; Boston, 12,300. Grand total, 531,454 bush.; total yesterday, 442,583; total last year, 508,927. Future sales 5,440,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.
March		70¾	70¾	70¾
April	70¾	70¾	70¾	70¾
May	77¾	77¾	77¾	77¾
June	77 7-16	77 7-16	78¼	78¼
July	78 1-16	78 1-16	79	79
August	78 9-16	78¾	79½	79½
September	79¾	79¾	80¾	80¾
December	82¾	82¾	83¾	83¾

Corn advanced ½c. under the stimulus of the rise in wheat and small receipts. Liverpool was ½ to ¾d. higher. Spot sales 45,000 bush., including 8,000 for export. No. 2 at 53¾@53c. afloat; March delivery at 53¼@53½c. and May at 44½c. May delivery at 42¾@42½c.; No. 2 mixed at 39¾@39½c. in elevator and 40c. afloat; March at 42¾@42½c. and May at 39@40c. for mixed. Future sales 150,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.
April		53½	53½	53
May	53¾	53¾	54	53¾
July		53½	53½	53½
These were the Chicago prices:				
Wheat.	*Opening.*	*Highest.*	*Lowest.*	*Closing.*
March				72¾
May	76¾	77¼	76¾	76¾
July	73¾	74	73	73¼
Corn.				
March				41¾
May	44	44¾	43¾	44¾
July	43¾	44¾	43¾	44¾
Oats.				
March			30¼	30¼
May	32¾	33¼	32¾	32¾
June			33	32¾
July			32¾	32¾
September	29¾	29¾	29¾	29¾
Lard.				
March			12.10	11.95
May	12.10	12.20	12.10	12.15
July	12.30	12.37½	12.25	12.27½
September	11.17½	11.25	11.15	11.20
Ribs.				
March			10.00	10.06
May	10.20	10.20	10.07½	10.15
July	9.92½	9.92½	9.85	9.90
Pork.				
March			$17.37½	$17.25
May	$17.55	$17.77½	$17.42½	17.67½
July	17.47½	17.62½	17.42½	17.62½
September	17.30	17.45	17.30	17.42½

PROVISIONS—At one time there was some depression, owing to liquidation at the West, but the rise in grain and cleaned butter by prominent interests in Chicago caused an upward movement later on. Cable from Chicago, 12.86c.; Western, 12.20c. Future sales 750 tcs. at 12.05c. for May; 11.25@11.30c. for September. Closing steady, with March and May at 12.15@12.17½c. and September at 11.35c. Dressed hogs steady at 10@10½c., and pigs at 10½@10¾c. City mess, nominally $19@$19.25, and new mess $19.25@$19.50. Tallow steady, with sales of 75 hhds. at 5¾@5 15-16c. Choice new butter, 26@28c. Fancy cheese, 11¾@12c. Eggs, 17@18c.

GROCERIES—Coffee futures declined about 10 points in sympathy with lower European markets and closed barely steady in spite of small receipts at Brazilian ports. Prices at Brazilian markets were unchanged, but Rio Exchange was up 1-16d. lower. Spot Rio and Santos were only fair. The sales were 22,500 bags as follows:

Months.	*Sales.*	*Highest.*	*Lowest.*	*Closing.*
March	1,750	16.90	16.80	16.80@16.85
April	500	16.50	16.50	16.45@16.50
May	5,000	16.40	16.30	16.30@16.35
June	500	16.30	16.30	16.25@16.30
July	3,500	16.20	16.15	16.15@16.20
August	3,250	16.20	16.05	16.10@16.15
September	5,500	16.10	16.05	16.05@16.10
October	500	16.05	16.05	16.00@16.05
December	2,000	15.95	15.40	15.85@15.90

Rio on the spot was quiet but steady at 17¼@17½c. with sales of 500 bags, including 300 bags for May, to arrive at 16½c. for No. 8. Raw sugar was steady with a better business. The sales were 280 hhds. and 24,000 bags including 9,000 bags of Java, 96° test at 2⅞c. and 3,000 bags 96° test at 3 5-16c. Refined was quiet and unchanged.

NAVAL STORES—Were firm but quiet. Spirits, 36@36½c. Common to good strained rosin, $1.40@$1.45.

PETROLEUM—The sales of National Certificates were 30,000 bbls. at 64¼@66c., closing at 65c. bid; Oil City, 64¼@65¾c. Crude, closing at 8¼c. Refined was unchanged.

COTTON—There was a rise in New York, New Orleans, and Liverpool. There were reports that some of the mills in Lancashire were resuming work, the men having acceded to the terms of the masters, and it is said that another mill will resume work early in April. Inasmuch as the