FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales April 26.

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

1 Va. F. debt 2-3s of 1991	60	10 S. Car. 6s, N. P.	2½

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 2s			U. S. 4s, 1895	103	—
U. S. 4s, reg.	113¾	114	U. S. 6s, 1896	100	—
U. S. 4s, c.	114	114¼	U. S. 6s, 1897	108	—
U. S. 5s, reg.	111¾	112	U. S. 6s, 1898	110	—
U. S. 5s, c.	112	112¼	U. S. 6s, 1899	113	—

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

10 Atchison 4s	73¾	13 Nor. Pac. 1st, c.	111
10 " 4s, c.	73¾	1 " 2d, c.	111¼
1 " 5s	102	9 Nor. Pac. 2d, c.	114
55 Atchison 20d, A.	4	6 "	114¼
5 "	84¼	5 "	114¾
5 "	84¾	5 "	114¾
10 "	84¾	22 Nor. Pac. ch. 6s	20
5 Atchison A C. 1st.	45	2 "	20¼
14 "	44¾	5 N. J. C. gen. 5s, r.	114¾
5 All. Av. imp. 5s	94¾	10 N. Y. C. ex. 4s	104¾
8 Brooklyn Ev. 2d ch.		5 N. Y. C. d. 5s, r.	107¼
av. 1st	107	15 Nash. & Chat. 1st	90
1 B., C. R. & N. c. 5s	95¾	25 Nash. & Chat. cn.	106¾
2 "	95¾	5 N. Y. Sus. & We. 5s	99
1 Buff., N. Y. & P. 1st	130	4 N. Y., Ch. & St. L.	
1 Brooklyn El. 1st	100¼	4s	100¼
2 "	100¼	2 "	100¼
1 Brooklyn El. 2d	75¾	12 N. W. s. f. 5s	109¾
1 "	78	5 N. W. d. 5s, 30 yr.	107¾
5 Ch. & Ind. gol.	115	8 N. Y., O. & W. r. 4s	104¾
5 Ch. & O. gtd. 4½s	74	51 "	84¾
1 "	106¾	8 "	84¾
1 Ch. & O. gtd. 4½s	74	2 "	84¾
2 "	74	5 O. & Miss. cn.	111¾
5 Ch. & O. R. & A. 2d cn. 4s	85¾	5 Or. R. & N. 1st	108¾
5 C., R. & Q. ev. 5s	104¾	1 O. R. & N. con. 5s	75¾
1 C., B. & Q. ex. Neb. 1st	92¾	1 Ohio Sou. 1st	94
1 "	92¾	1 "	94¾
1 C., R. & Q. ex. D. div.	95¾	5 Ore. S. L. 6s	88¾
1 "	95¾	1 "	88¾
1 C., R. & Q. ex. D. div.	95¾	5 Ore. Imp. 5s	55¾
2 C. R. Ia. F. & N. 6s	100	2 "	55¾
34 Ch. & N. W. 1st 5s	110	1 Pac. of Mo. 1st	110
10 Can. So. 1st	110	30 Peo., P. & Un. 2d	65
10 Can. So. 2d	104¾	10 Peo. & Eastern 1st	20
19 Ces. & Nor. P. 1st, T. R.	46¾	5 Pitts. & W. 1st	87¾
6 Ch. & St. Pl. gnl. 5s	101¾	6 Rh. & W. P. T. 6s	56
6 "	101¾	5 Rh. & W. P. T. 5s	19¾
1 Col. Mid. 4s	30	10 "	26
1 Erie cn. 2d	78	2 Rock Isl. ex. 5s	103¾
1 "	78¾	4 "	103¾
1 "	78¾	10 "	103¾
1 "	78	45 "	103¾
1 E. Tenn. 5s	101	6 Rock Isl. deb. 6s	105¾
15 Edison E. I. 1st	107	5 Reading gnl. 4s	76¾
5 "	107¾	15 Read. 1st pf. inc.	34¾
3 "	107¾	5 "	34¾
5 "	107¾	5 Reading 2d pf. in.	25
10 G., H'g & S. A. M. P. 5s	92¾	30 Reading 3d pf. in.	16
1 Gen. Elec. deb. 5s	86¾	5 "	18¾
4 "	86¾	1 "	18
8 H. & N. 1st, cn. 6s	110	1 Rio G. W. 1st	92¾
3 Harlem 1st, r.	115¾	10 "	69
1 Iron Mt. 2d	106	4 "	68¾
1 Iron Mt. 5s	86¾	20 St. P. & Minn. 1st	115
1 St. L. & S. F. 2d, Cl. B.	112¾	1 So. P. of N. M. 1st	98¾
1 St. L. & S. F. 2d, Cl. C.	112¾	2 St. L. & S. F. 2d, Cl. B.	112¾
1 St. P. 1st, C. & M.	116	4 Un. P. L. & C. 1st	49
5 Kings Co. El. 1st	105¾	8 Union Rl. 1st	97¾
2 "	106	1 "	97¾
5 Kan. Pac. con.	91	1 Ulster & D. 1st 5s	105¾
1 Keok. & D'm 5s	90	12 U. S. Leather 6s	107
11 Kan. & Tex. 4s	82¾	8 Wabash 1st	107¾
47 Kan. & Tex. 2d	27¾	11 Wabash 2d	71¾
2 Knox. & O. 1st	107	4 W., N. Y. & Pa. 1st	101¾
2 Ken. Cent. 1st	84¾	5 "	101¾
1 Lacledde Gas 1st	89	5 "	101¾
5 L. N. & W. 2ds	102¾	5 "	101¾
7 Lake Shore 2d, r.	123¾	5 "	101¾
10 L. S. & M. S. 1st	126	2 Ill. Central 5s	115
7 Long Island 4s	96¾	4 Un. P. L. & C. 1st	49
1 L., N. A. & Ch. gnl.	67¾	8 Union Rl. 1st	97¾
6 Leh. V. C. N. Y. 1st	101	3 "	97¾
1 Lehigh V. T. R. gtd.	50	1 Ulster & D. 1st 5s	105¾
4 Leb., S. & L. 5s	47¾	12 U. S. Leather 6s	107
2 Mo., Kan. & E. 1st	80¾	8 Wabash 1st	107¾
3 Minn. & St. L. 1st, pf. inc.	19	11 Wabash 2d	71¾
1 "	19	4 W., N. Y. & Pa. 1st	101¾
1 Met. El. 1st	114¾	5 "	101¾
2 N. J. C. gen.	105	5 "	101¾
6 Nil. & L. ex. 5s	109¾	5 "	101¾
5 Nor. Pac. 1st, r.	110		

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $1,206,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
10	Adams Ex.	152¾	152¾	150	150
20405	Am. Sug. Ref.	98¾	100¾	98¾	100
3417	Am. Sug. Ref. p.	95¾	98¾	95¾	98¾
67	Amer. Cotton	46¾	46¾	46¾	46¾
810	Amer. Tob.	85¾	88¾	84¾	86
145	Amer. Ex.	111¾	111¾	110	114
300	Am. Cot. Oil	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾
110	Am. Cot. Oil pf.	82¾	82¾	82¾	82¾
2050	Atch., T. & S. Fe	13¾	14¾	13¾	14
115	Canada So.	51	51	50¾	51¾
100	Cedar F. & M.	5	5	4¾	5
830	Ches. & Ohio	18¾	18¾	18	18¾
10405	Chicago Gas	64¾	65¾	63¾	63¾
28	Chic. & Alton	140	140	138	142
10	Chic. T. & St. L.	38	38	38	38¾
935	Chic. & N. W.	107¾	108	107¾	107¾
40	Chic. & N. W. pf.	142	142	142¾	144
4525	C., C., C. & I.	60¾	60¾	59¾	60
5220	C., B. & Q.	79¾	79¾	78¾	79¾
2350	C., R. I. & Pac.	63¾	63¾	61¾	62¾
100	C., H. V. & Tol.	18	18	17¾	18
100	Consol. Gas	138¾	138¾	138	138
693	Del. & Hudson	139¾	139¾	138	140
125	Den. & R. G.	11¾	11¾	11¾	11¾
2010	Distil'g & C. F.	24¾	25¾	23¾	24¾
2020	Gen. Elec.	38¾	39¾	38¾	40
200	Inter. Cen. Ins.	40¾	40¾	40	—
20	Iowa Central	10¾	10¾	10	10¾
17	Iowa Cent. pf.	34	34	34	36
200	L. E. & Western	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾
110	L. S. & W. pf.	66¾	66¾	66	66
100	Lake Shore	128¾	128¾	128¾	128¾
888	L. I. Traction	19	19¾	18¾	19¾
20	Laclede Gas pf.	68¾	68¾	70	73
3700	Louis. & Nash.	50¾	50¾	49¾	49¾
20	L., N. A. & Chi.	32	32	30¾	31¾
800	Manhattan Cons.	127¾	127¾	126¾	127¾
100	Men. Central	98	98	97¾	98¾
100	M. & St. L.	11¾	11¾	11¾	11¾
1740	Mo. Pacific	30¾	30¾	29¾	29¾
550	Mo., K. & T. pf.	25	25	24¾	25
20	Morris & Essex	156	156	156	—
200	N. J. Central	112	112	110¾	111¾
524	N. Y. Central	96¾	96¾	96¾	96¾
2380	Nat. Lead	38¾	39	38¾	39
657	Nat. Lead pf.	85¾	85¾	84¾	85
2000	N. Cordage	20¾	22¾	20¾	22¾
100	Natl. Cord. pf.	44	44	44	46
105	North Amer.	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
2794	N. P. & N. Imp.	9¾	9¾	9	9¾
100	N. Y. & Nor. pf.	6	6	6	6
80	N. Y., O. & W.	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾
1855	N. Y., L. E. & W.	15¾	16	15¾	15¾
350	N. Y., S. & W.	15¾	15	15¾	15
110	N. Y., S. & W. pf.	40¾	40¾	40¾	41¾
10	Norf. & West.	6¾	6¾	6¾	—
100	North Pac.	4¾	4¾	4¾	5
1605	North. Pac. pf.	19¾	19¾	19	19¾
850	Ontario & West.	16	16	15¾	16
628	Pacific Mail	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾
100	Peo., Dec. & Evn.	20	20	20	20
3400	Phila. & Read.	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾
12	Pull. P. Car Co.	170	170	171	173
30	Rich. & Dan.	180	180	180	185
2385	Rich. & W. P.	9¾	9¾	9¾	9¾
50	R., W. & O.	111	111	111	112
10	St. P. & Dul. pf.	92	92	92	100
850	southern Pac.	21	21	20¾	21
3455	Tenn. C. & I.	16	16¾	16	16¾
300	T., St. L. & K. C.	9¾	9¾	9¾	9¾
400	Union Pacific	20¾	20¾	19¾	20
900	U. S. Leather pf.	67¾	67¾	67	67¾
100	U. S. Rubber pf.	89	89	88	92
210	Wabash	8	8	7¾	7¾
640	Wabash pf.	16¾	17	16¾	17
10	W., Fargo Ex.	127	127	127	128
8095	West. Un. Tel.	84¾	84¾	83¾	84¾
100	Wh. & L. E.	13	13	13	13¾
860	Wh. & L. E. pf.	50	50¾	50	50¾

Total sales of stocks were 145,826 shares.

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Bos. & Albany	210	211	West'house E.	36¾	37¾
Bos. & Maine	147	148	West End Land	11	14¾
Fitchburg	77¾	78	Bos. & Mont.	26¾	27¾
K. T. & N. S.	38	40	Butte & Bos.	10	10¾
Nat. Cent. 4s	65	65¾	Calumet & Ariz.	290	300
Old Colony	176¾	—	A., T. & S. F. 4s	73¾	74
Amer. Bell Tel.	191¾	—	A., T. & S. F. 5s	54	54¾
Erie Tel.	46¾	47			

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U. S.	62¾	62¾	Lehigh Valley	58	58¾
Cen. Trac'n	37	39	L. C. & Nav. Co.	36¾	36¾
Cen. Trac'n 5s	90	—	Penna. R. R.	52¾	53¾
People's Trac.	31¾	31¾	Mal. Traction	117¾	118

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atchison	14¾	Norfolk & Western pf.	22¾
Canadian Pacific	66¾	Northern Pacific pf.	20¾
Erie common	16¾	Ontario & Western	15¾
Erie 2d consols	80	Pennsylvania	61¾
Illinois Central	95¾	Reading	10
Kansas & Texas	15¾	St. Paul	75¾
Lake Shore	131¾	Union Pacific	20¾
Lou. & Nashville	81¾	Wabash pf.	17¾
N. Y. Central	102		

THURSDAY, April 26.

The stock market has become so narrow and purely local that any one stock that shows any signs of life practically monoplizes the trading. The stock which enjoyed that distinction to-day was Sugar Refining. It supplied fully a third of the dealings, and the net advance of nearly 3 ⅜ cent. that it scored was regarded by many as confirmation of reports that a tariff bill affording the protection desired by the sugar industry had been agreed upon by a majority of the Senate. The other Industrial stocks were comparatively neglected. Even in Chicago Gas the trading was normal, and the fluctuations, as well, were in marked contrast to those of yesterday. The stock closed only a shade higher. Distilling and Cattle Feeding was taken in hand by its friends and advanced fractionally, and on unimportant dealings National Cordage also closed a little higher than yesterday.

The market for railway shares was influenced largely by the course of St. Paul, which was heavy on liquidation by room traders. The market as a whole does not deserve serious consideration, for, as repeatedly stated in this column, its course from day to day is shaped almost entirely by the constantly changing sentiment of a comparatively small number of local operators. The prohibition of local arbitrage business is already being felt, not only by houses that were engaged in the business, but also by commission brokers. The attitude of the management of the New York Stock Exchange toward that branch of its business has, as might have been expected, stimulated the Consolidated Exchange to increase its facilities for an interchange of business with other important speculative centres.

The question of gold shipments on Saturday will be determined to-morrow, and present indications are that only a small amount, if, indeed, any, will be exported. According to some accounts, sterling at Paris is down to 25 francs 20 centimes, and at others down to 25 francs 15 centimes. Sight sterling here is quoted at $4.88⅛ to $4.88¼, with most of the business between the two quotations. On this basis there is a slight loss in shipping gold, and the question of exports on Saturday hinges upon the course of exchange here and at Paris to-morrow. The general sentiment of banking houses this afternoon was against shipments, but the changes required to produce an outflow are so slight that there is a bare possibility that some gold may be shipped. Although the average of final prices for stocks was fractionally below that of yesterday, the closing was steady.

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	April 25.	April 26.		April 25.	April 26.
A., T. & S. Fe	14¼	13¾	North Am.	4¾	4¼
Amer. Cot. Oil	20¾	20¾	Northw'n com.	107¾	107¾
Canada South.	51¾	51	Nor. Pac. com.	4¾	4¾
C., C., C. & I.	59¾	59	Nor. Pac. pf.	19¾	19¾
C., B. & Q.	80¾	80	N. Y. Central	96¾	96¾
Con. Gas	138¾	138¾	N. Y. & N. E.	19¾	19
Chic. & Ohio	18¾	18¾	N. J. Central	111	112
Chicago Gas	63¾	63¾	Ontario & W.	10	10¾
Del. & Hud.	139¾	139¾	Rock Island	69¾	69¾
Dist. & C. F. Co.	24¾	25¾	R. & W. P.	9¾	9¾
Erie	16¾	16¾	Reading	19¾	19¾
Gen. Electric	38¾	38¾	St. Paul com.	62	62
Hocking Val.	18	18	Tenn. C. & I.	16¾	16¾
Kan. & Tex. pf.	25	25	Wabash pf.	17	16¾
Lous. & Nash.	50¾	49¾	West. Un. Tel.	84¾	84¾
Missouri Pac.	30	29¾	Wh. & L. E.	13¾	13
Nat. Cord.	22¾	28¾	U. S. L. E. pf.	49	50

Government bonds firm at unchanged quotations. Railway bonds irregular. The features were Erie 2d consols, East Tenn., Va. and Ga. gold 5s, Edison Electric Ill. 1st s, Northern Pacific 2ds, C., Ontario and Western ll. 4s, Third Av. 5s, Atchison and Kansas and Texas issues. The more important net advances were in East Tenn., Va. and Ga. gold 5s, 1 ⅜ cent; to 100¼; Edison Electric Ill. 1sts, 1 ¾, to 107¾; Northern Pacific 2ds, C., ¾, to 84¾; Ontario and Western ll. 4s, ¾, to 84¾, and Third Avenue 5s, ¾ ⅜ cent., to 115¾. The noteworthy declines were in Atchison 4s, 1 ⅜ cent., to 73¾, and 2ds, A, 1, to 34¾; Erie 2ds, consols, ¾, to 78; Kansas and Texas 4s, ¾, to 82¾, and 2ds, ¾ ⅜ cent., to 40.

In bank stocks 25 shares of Market and Fulton sold at 220.

Silver bullion certificates for 30,000 ounces sold at 64. Bar silver in London, 29 5-16d.

Money on call, 1 ⅜ cent. There is practically no demand for time money, the quotations for which are nominal at 2½ ⅜ cent. for five months, 3 ⅜ cent. for eight months, and 3½ ⅜ cent. for nine months. The market for commercial paper continues dull, owing to the small amount of desirable bills. Prime endorsed bills receivable are quoted at 3¾@3½ ⅜ cent., choice single-name paper at 4@4½ ⅜ cent., and good at 5@6 ⅜ cent.

The sterling exchange market was strong, with a slight advance in rates, based on a little more inquiry from remitters and a great scarcity of bills. France were firmer on a decline in sterling at Paris. Posted asking rates for sterling, $4.88 for long bills and $4.89½ for demand. Actual rates are: Long bills, $4.87¼@$4.87½; sight drafts, $4.88½@$4.88¾, and cable transfers, $4.88¾@$4.89. France are quoted at 5.17½@5.16¼, for long and 5.15⅛@5.15⅜ for sight; reichsmarks, 95⅛@95⅛ for long and 95⅛@95⅛ for short; guilders, 40⅛ for long and 40⅛ for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston—5 cents premium for cash. Charleston—Buying, par; selling, ⅛ premium. Savannah—Buying, par; selling, ⅛ premium. New Orleans—Bank, 150 premium; commercial, 100 premium. San Francisco—Sight, 12½; telegraphic, 17½. St. Louis—80 cents premium. Chicago—65 cents premium.

The American District Telegraph Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1 ⅜ cent, payable May 28.

The total amount of anthracite coal sent to market during the week ending April 21 was 687,727 tons, a decrease of 75,160 tons as compared with the corresponding week of last year, making the output for the year to date 6,239,783 tons, a decrease of 3,111,353.

The Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railroad reports gross earnings for March of $1,056,324, a decrease of $147,104 as compared with the same month of last year, and net of $256,442, a decrease of $97,095. For the nine months ending March 31 the gross earnings were $9,988,077, a decrease of $1,178,540 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $2,482,670, a decrease of $360,674. Fixed charges were $2,040,496, leaving a surplus of $442,006, a decrease of $373,882.

The New York, Ontario and Western Railroad reports gross earnings for March of $288,906, a decrease of $26,830 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $80,556, an increase of $24,111. For the nine months ending March 31 the gross earnings were $2,804,886, an increase of $158,881 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $831,041, an increase of $189,479.

The Northern Central Railroad reports gross earnings for March of $466,553, a decrease of $103,520 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $170,154, an increase of $3,107. For the three months ending March 31 the gross earnings were $1,331,194, a decrease of $332,815 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $378,416, a decrease of $47,184.

The condition of the Treasury at the close of business to-day compares with that of yesterday as follows:

	April 25.	April 26.
Total available assets	$789,763,294	$780,756,442
Current liabilities	695,088,273	695,211,529
Total balance	$124,760,121	$124,544,913
Gold balance	100,247,391	100,016,791
Currency balance	$24,512,730	$23,928,122

Included in to-day's assets are $18,620,638 fractional silver and minor coins and $11,711,985 deposits in national banks. The Treasury holds $8,871,480 national bank notes for redemption, against $8,906,528 yesterday.

Money in London, 1¼@1½ ⅜ cent. Rate of discount in the open market, for both short and three months' bills, 1½ ⅜ cent. The bank of England's minimum rate of discount unchanged at 2 ⅜ cent. Amount of bullion gone into Bank of England on balance to-day, £28,000. The proportion of its reserve to its liabilities is 53.28 ⅜ cent., against 48.24 ⅜ cent. last week and 45.88 ⅜ cent. last year. Bullion in the Bank of England increased last week £441,000, and reserve increased £379,000. Paris advices quote 3 ⅜ cents at 99 francs 85 centimes, and exchange on London at 25 francs 22 centimes. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase of 11,550,000 francs gold and an increase of 2,075,000 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.
100	Brunswick	4	4	4	4
70	Best & Belcher	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
100	Con. Cal. & Va.	5 50	5 50	5 50	5 50
100	Horn Silver	65	65	65	65
1000	Leadville	9	9	9	9
300	Little Chief	13	13	13	13
100	Mexican	1 75	1 75	1 75	1 75

The total sales were 2,550 shares.

Electric Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 26.—The closing quotations of electric stocks to-day were:

	Bid.	Asked.
Edison Electric Illuminating	116	—
General Electric	38¾	39¾
Lanson Store service	24	—
Westinghouse Electric	36¾	37¾
Westinghouse Electric of	5	6¾
Fort Wayne Electric	2¾	3
Fort Wayne Electric (series A)	4¾	—
Thomson-Houston Trust (series C)	4¾	5
Thomson-Houston Trust (series D)	5	5¾

Commercial Compend.

TUESDAY, April 26.—COTTON.—Was 1 to 4 points higher early, but that advance declined to 7 points, closing easy; sales 111,200 bales. Liverpool advanced 1 point and lost half of this and closed quiet and steady. Spot sales 7,000 bales and hardening but unchanged in price. Manchester quiet. Bombay receipts for the week 69,000, against 81,000 for the same week last year. New Orleans 4 to 5 points up at one time, but lost the greater part of the advance and closed here was steady and unchanged, sales 500 for spinning. Middling uplands, the southern spot markets were quiet, steady, and unchanged. Net receipts at all ports 2,147, including 101 at New Orleans, 200 at Mobile, 2,000 at Memphis. Receipts at the ports a week, against 6,584 this day last week and 7,193 last year. This for this week 19,480, against 40,670 this for last week. Exports to-day, 4,000. Notice for 9,000 bales of May issued in New Orleans to-day were stopped. Here May notices for 8,000 bales were issued and 5,000 bales were stopped. Memphis receipts to-day, 179, against 50 last year; shipments to-day, 2,002, st. Louis receipts, 61 bales, against 129 last year; shipments to-day, 1,000. Houston receipts, 603, against 501 last year; shipments to-day, 1,436. New Orleans receipts to-morrow were estimated at 1,000 to 1,200, against 2,995 the same day last week and 3,078 last year. Galveston, Tex., advices say the outlook for the crop is favorable. Georgia progressing favorably. Silver lower in London. One New York firm said: "The good weather in this country becomes daily stronger statistically, although there is no spot demand of consequence on the other hand, there is no pressure to sell. Cotton at no particular point being large, except at New York, and here everything has been sold against by contracts, and in time practically. Unless Liverpool is lower to-morrow prices bids are likely to improve. Whether it will be more than temporary will depend of course, upon the conditions which usually help or depress the market from day to day. There has been nothing so far to indicate material damage to the crop, because it is not yet in a position to be injured as yet, in the absence of preparations. It is more a question of acreage than anything else at the moment, so far as the new crop is concerned, whether we shall improve or decline. Receipts so far this week last year 37,200, and since Friday last 24,000, with 7,000 at Brunswick to be added on Friday. Port receipts to-morrow last year 8,362. We estimate to-morrow a loss of 12,000 from these figures."

TODAY'S FUTURES.—A rise in Liverpool, larger spot sales there, and some covering of shorts caused an early advance here, but later on, in spite of the light crop movement, some southern buying, and also some buying for local account, the market gave way quite a large number of May notices were issued, and there was considerable May liquidation. Some were switching from May into later positions, but the market lacked aggressive bull support. In fact, this afternoon houses which have been associated with the bull side were reported to be selling. The Wamsutta mill bands, 1,000 in number, it is claimed, will strike on Monday unless the wage question is settled. The future trading was as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
April	7.24@7.26	7.31	7.08	7.10
May	7.24@7.26	7.34	7.14	7.14
June	7.34@7.36	7.42	7.31	7.31
July	7.39@7.40	7.48	7.27	7.27
August	7.42@7.43	7.50	7.34	7.34
September	7.44@7.46	7.56	7.40	7.40
October	7.50@7.51	7.60	7.45	7.45
November	7.54@7.56	7.66	7.50	7.50
December	7.59@7.61	7.70	7.55	7.55
January	7.66@7.68	7.77	7.71	7.60

FLOUR.—Was dull and without decided change. The time was somewhat depressed. Exports 5,000 bbls. and 1,000 sacks. Receipts 24,821 bbls. and 13,100 sacks. The sales were 3,600 bbls. Winter in sacks were quoted as follows: No extras, $1.70@$1.90; fine, $2 @$2.20; superfine, $2.30@$2.50; extra, $2.60@$2.80; City mills, $3 @$4.50; Minnesota patents, $3.50@$4.50; clears, $3.40@$3.60; straights, $3.80@$4.20; patents, $4.20@$4.60. Rye flour quiet. Corn meal steady. Exports (90 bbls. included) 1,000 bbls. Rye flour, $2.90@$3.20. Corn meal, $2.40@$2.60.

GRAIN.—Wheat at one time was ¼c lower, but this was recovered and net advance followed of ⅛c. to ⅜c. on some months. The close was at about yesterday's prices. The total export sales yesterday were 300,000 bush. Total at New York and the out ports and Chicago for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1,700,000 bush. Spot sales 90,000 bush. for export, No 2 red at 3c@1c. over May f. o. b. in store and 1¾c. over f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard at ¼c. over f. o. b. afloat and choice Kansas in store at 1½@2½c. over May. These were the receipts: Chicago, 10,000 bushels; Milwaukee, 16,200; Minneapolis, 81,840; Duluth, 1,724; St. Louis, 7,000; Toledo, 10,815; Detroit, 8,141; Kansas City, 1,260; New York, 50,000; Baltimore, 12,005; Philadelphia, 11,123; Boston, 700. Total, 220,318 bush. Total yesterday, 268,085. Future sales 2,590,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.	Last Night.
May	61¾	61¾	62	61¾	61¾
July	63¾	63¾	64 3-16	64	64

Corn declined ¼c. to ⅝c. Spot quotations steady. Spot sales 72,000 bush., including 48,000 for export; No. 2 at 44½c. in elevator, steamer mixed at 43¾@44c.; steamer yellow at 45c. Future sales 355,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.	Last Night.
May	44½	44½	44¾	44½	44¾
July	44¾	45¼	45¾	45¼	45¾

Oats ¼c higher on the spot. Futures ⅛c. lower for May and July. Spot sales 35,000 bush. No. 3 white clipped at 41½c. No. 2 white at 42c., No. 2 do. at 41¾c., No. 2 mixed at 41c., ungraded at 41@46½c. for white and 41@43c. for mixed. Future sales 240,000 bush., as follows:

	Opening.	Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.	Last Night.
May	36⅞	37⅛	36¾	37⅛	36¾
July	36⅞	36⅞	37	36⅞	37

Malt was firm, but the demand was not brisk. Sixrowed, nominal. California, Toglike.

RYE.—Was steady. Wheat showed no decided change either way. Rye ended just about where it was last night. The crop reports were generally favorable. There were rains in California. The Cincinnati weekly review in regard to the crop outlook was heavier. Profit liquidation was still feared. The cables were practically unchanged. On the other hand the clearances were fair, the export demand of late has been brisk, and there was a fair demand to cover. It was a colorless market. It was without features of striking interest. It might be called more of a waiting market than anything else. Corn was depressed by favorable weather at the West, but so far as the spot market was concerned it showed steadiness, though trade was less active both here and at the West. Oats were steady on the spot, but weaker, with corn, for future delivery. None of the grain markets presented features of special interest to-day. The speculation was light. Operators were holding aloof, awaiting developments.

GROCERIES.—Coffee futures active, but declined 10 to 30 points, but generally recovered the loss later and ended steady. Havre advanced ¼f. London declined 3d, and Hamburg ⅛ pfg. Receipts at Rio 4,000 bags, and at Santos 1,000. Rio Janeiro firm. Santos quiet. Warehouse deliveries in the United States, 14,497 bags. Sales here, 65,250 bags. These are the details of to-day's transactions:

Sales.		Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
January	250	13.80	13.80		
May	33,750	15.50	15.35	15.40@15.45	
June	3,250	15.50	15.5	15.30@15.35	
July	15,750	15.10	15.10	15.15@15.20	
August	1,250	14.75	14.75	14.80@14.90	
September	6,000	14.60	14.60	14.55@14.60	
October	6,250	14.30	14.30	14.25@14.30	
December	10,750	14.05	13.95	14.00@14.05	

May notices for 7,000 bags were issued, and May liquidation hurt the market. Rio on the spot was dull and easier; No. 7, 19¾c. Raw sugar dull and unchanged. Refined, 5-16c.; 96° test, 2 13-16c., refined dull and lower.

NAVAL STORES.—Were quiet and steady at unchanged prices.

PETROLEUM.—No sales of certificates. Still 85c. bid for National.

PROVISIONS.—Light receipts of hogs at Chicago caused a fresh rise there. Lard ended one form higher. Pork, Western, 8.10c.; April, 8.10c.; May, 8.05c.; July, 7.70c. Dressed hogs, 6¾@7½c., and pigs, 7¼@7½c. Mess pork, $14@$14.25. Tallow, 5 1-16c. Beef nominally steady. Cut meats, 10¼@11¼c. Western dairy, 12@16c. Best new cheese, 10¼@11c.; do. old, 11¾@12¾c. Eggs, 10@12c.

CHICAGO, April 26.—These were the Chicago prices:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Night.
Wheat.					
May	58¾	58¾	58¼	58¾	58¾
July	60¾	60¾	60¼	60¾	60¾
Corn.					
May	36¾	36¾	36¾	36¾	36¾
July	39¾	39¾	39¼	39¾	39¾
Oats.				