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PUBLIC UTILITIES.

The application of the Ashtabula Rapid Transit Company for permission to issue $40,000 twenty year bonds to carry out improvements ordered by the City Council has been approved by the Ohio Public Utilities Commission. A member of the commission voted against the authorization on the ground that the company already had a capitalization of $158,000 a mile, and should not be permitted to increase its capital further. The majority of the commission stated that "the present law makes it mandatory upon the commission to approve a bond issue in such a case as this. Had the commission refused its approval it would have laid itself open to court action and to censure. We cannot penalize a utility and its service for its past indiscretions in piling up capitalization."

The Scranton and Binghamton Railroad Company has made application to the up-State Public Service Commission for permission to acquire the capital stock of the Binghamton Railway Company. The latter company operates forty-eight miles of track and has gross earnings of about $500,000 a year. The company has $976,995 of capital stock on which dividends of 4 per cent. have been paid, and $1,939,000 funded debt. The price to be paid is 60, and it is said that 90 per cent. of the stock has already assented to the sale. The Scranton and Binghamton Railroad Company has a capitalization of $500,000, of which only $256,600 has been issued. All this stock is owned by the Scranton and Binghamton Railway Company, with a capitalization of $6,000,000. It was organized to construct an electric line between Scranton, Pa., and Binghamton, N. Y., a distance of sixty-two miles. The road is now in operation twenty-one miles from Scranton to Nicholson and eighteen additional miles are under construction.

The February output of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company was approximately 474,000,000 cubic feet, an increase of 3.9 per cent. over February, 1913. This followed an increase of 7.5 per cent. in January. In February a year ago the output decreased 0.2 per cent. This year's output showed a decrease in the first ten days of the month, but the severe winter weather later prevailing gave consumption of gas a big stimulus, more gas being used for heating.

SUB-TREASURY STATEMENT.

SATURDAY.

Paid by Sub-Treasury to banks	$3,145,000
Paid by banks to Sub-Treasury	2,867,000
Loss to banks on day's transactions	$702,000

SINCE FRIDAY LAST.

Paid by Sub-Treasury to banks	$4,367,000
Paid by banks to Sub-Treasury	6,114,000
Loss to banks	$1,247,000
Loss to banks same period previous week	$3,564,000

FINANCIAL NEWS AND COMMENT

Dealings in Stocks Contracted by the Storm—Market Rather Heavy.

POOR RAILROAD EARNINGS

New York Central Lines Make a Wretched Report for January.

Stormbound stock markets are not apt to be significant of general financial conditions, and yesterday's stock market was certainly a creature of the blizzardlike conditions under which March was ushered in. Absenteeism was a pronounced feature of the Wall Street district, and the general interruption of telegraphic and telephonic communications outside of the city was a further cause of restricted business. Dealings in stocks fell well below 100,000 shares, and transactions seemed to be chiefly the work of professional traders who could not endure utter inaction.

There was some early selling from abroad reflecting both the heaviness of the foreign markets and some doubt about the Wall Street outlook in consequence of Mexican affairs and adverse politics. This selling was effective because it was disproportionate to the total volume of dealings. There were in various quarters signs of a trickling liquidation, but the market as a whole made no apparent response to developments over the week end and during the day. Most of these were unfavorable and traders inclined to take the selling side of the list, but operations were restrained by the market's narrowness. The price movement was on the whole heavy and the close showed a fair average of decline.

United States Express was spectacularly strong in continuation of the rise which has been going on for several days and was explained yesterday by the circulation of a report that the company was going to liquidate its express business. The report was not only unconfirmed during the session but was officially contradicted. The New Haven shares and 6 per cent. convertible bonds were conspicuously heavy, although there was nothing new to account for that except a statement made in New England by Chairman Elliott that the railroad's gross earnings decreased $670,000 in the first seven weeks of the present year. New York Central proceeded to decline rather abruptly in the afternoon on the publication of the earnings of the system in January.

This was altogether the most wretched showing that any important railroad has made in many a year. Gross earnings for all lines decreased more than $3,000,000, while net earnings decreased $3,654,000. The total net earnings of the system during the month were about $1,500,000, or a little more than 7 per cent. of the gross earnings. The statement was much worse than the exhibit of the Pennsylvania lines, although this was bad enough with its shrinkage of $3,000,000 in gross earnings and decrease of $1,437,000 in net. The Erie lost $478,000 gross, while the decline in net earnings was $865,000, and in the first seven months of the fiscal year the Erie's operating income has fallen $2,620,000. Of course, comparisons are made with record gross earnings of a year ago in respect to all these railroads, but the excessive absorption of earnings by operating expenses is beginning to make a showing which ought to produce a profound impression in political circles where dilatory processes have been resorted to in meeting the railroads' appeal for relief from the pressure to which they are subjected.

Incidentally, it is curious that at such a time Congress should be proposing, as it is, to augment the burdens of the Interstate Commerce Commission by conferring on the commission jurisdiction over steamship business. As the commission already has the railroads to administer and is not keeping up with its work and is charged with innumerable collateral duties and special investigations it would seem to be only a question of time before this particular branch of Government regulation breaks down under its load. There was nothing new in Rock Island affairs, although the collateral trust bonds sold down to about their recent low level. The special inquiry into rebating charges against the United States Steel Corporation, which Congress has devolved on the Interstate Commerce Commission, was opened without attracting much attention or evoking any obvious marketwise reflection.

Foreign advices were somewhat dubious. The fact that the Paris position had been relieved was regarded as gratifying, but it was recognized that assistance still left a state of strain. The London market was more or less affected by the weight of new financing which has been thrown on it, and it was reported that the Canadian Government issue of $25,000,000 of 4 per cent. bonds at 99 was not going very well. This might be the result both of the importunity of Canadian borrowings and of the relatively high prices at which the bonds in question have been put out. Mexican matters were described as influencing the foreign markets adversely.

The contraction of business here made it impossible to say whether or not the Mexican imbroglio was a factor, although the financial community does not like the juncture which has been created. The Supreme Court's decision in the Waltham Watch case was reported in such fragmentary fashion that it was impossible to tell whether or not it had any wide application to selling price contracts in retail trade. There was some idle conjecture about the situation in the iron and steel markets, but there was nothing to contradict the latest indications that business in metal lines has turned downward again, with prices reacting.

No quotable change appeared in the money market, but a firmer tone was ascribed to it, the chief evidence being the hardening of commercial discounts. Foreign exchange rallied a bit, with demand sterling selling up to about 4.8590. An engagement of $2,000,000 gold for export to France was announced, making the total for the year so far $16,000,000. With this shipment, however, it is likely that the outward movement has ended for the present.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES.

Railroad and Other Shares.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1914.

Closing Bid.	Closing Ask.	Div. Rate.	Sales.		Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Last.	Net Change.
48	48½	..	100	Allis-Chalmers pf	48	48	48	48	..
73⅞	74	6	3800	Amal Copper	74¼	74¼	73¾	73⅞	— ⅝
29⅝	30	..	400	Am Can	30	30	29⅞	29⅞	— ⅛
92¾	93¼	7	300	Am Can pf	92½	93	92½	93	+ ⅞
105	108	8	125	Am Express	107¾	107¾	107¾	107¾	+ ¾
30	30¼	..	630	Am Ice	30⅞	30⅞	30⅛	30¼	— ⅝
34½	35	..	300	Am Loco	34½	35	34½	35	+ ¼
49¼	50	4	100	Am Malt pf	49½	49½	49¼	49½	— ⅜
67¾	68	4	400	Am Smelting	67⅞	67⅞	67¾	67¾	— ⅛
119⅞	120⅛	8	900	Am Tel & Tel	120⅛	120⅜	119⅞	120⅜	— ⅜
246½	249	20	100	Am Tobacco	249¼	249¼	249¼	249¼	+ ¼
105¼	106	6	100	Am Tobacco pf n	105½	105½	105½	105½	— ½
75⅞	76	7	400	Am Woolen pf	76	76	76	76	— 1
35¾	36	12	500	Anaconda	35⅞	35⅞	35⅞	35⅞	— ⅛
96	96¾	6	300	Atch, Top & S Fe	97	97	97	97	— ⅛
101	101½	5	100	Atch, Top & S Fe pf	101⅜	101⅜	101⅜	101⅜	+ ¼
47½	48	2	500	Baldwin Loco	47½	47½	47½	48	+ ¼
91⅜	91⅝	6	525	B & O	91⅛	91⅝	91¼	91⅝	— ⅜
38½	38⅞	..	1100	Bethlehem Steel	39	39	38¾	38¾	— ⅜
79	79¾	5	500	Bethlehem Steel pf	79	79	79	79	— ¼
22½	23⅜	..	25	B F Goodrich	23⅜	23⅜	23⅜	23⅜	..
92⅛	92⅞	6	400	Bklyn Rap Tran	92⅜	92⅜	92½	92½	— ⅜
27½	28	..	100	Cal Pet	27	27	27	27	— ½
210⅛	210¼	10	3600	Can Pacific	210⅛	210½	209¼	210⅜	— ½
31⅛	31¼	2	400	Cen Leather	31⅝	31⅝	31⅜	31⅜	— ½
63	63½	4	1600	C & O	63½	63½	62⅞	63¼	— ¼
30½	31½	..	40	Chi Gt West pf	30½	30½	30½	30½	..
102	104	5	400	C, M & St P	102⅛	102⅛	102	102	— ⅞
41¾	42	60	600	Chino Copper	42⅛	42¼	42	42	— ⅛
133	134	6	200	Con Gas	134	134¼	134	134¼	+ ½
11⅛	11½	..	200	Corn Products	11½	11½	11¼	11¼	..
19⅛	19½	..	400	Distillers Sec	19¼	19¼	19⅛	19⅛	— ⅜
29⅛	29⅝	..	2000	Erie	29½	29½	29¼	29¼	— ¾
45¾	46½	..	200	Erie 1st pf	46	46	46	46	— ⅞
108½	110	6	30	Gen Chem Co pf	109½	109½	108½	108½	..
146¾	147¼	8	120	Gen Elec Co	147	147	147	147	— ½
73½	74½	..	900	Gen Motor	74⅞	74⅞	73⅝	74	+ ¼
92½	93¼	7	200	Gen Motor pf	93	93	93	93	+ ⅜
127¼	127½	7	400	Gt Nor pf	127¼	127⅜	127¼	127⅜	— ⅝
53⅛	53¼	12	1700	Guggenheim	53¼	53¼	52⅞	53	— ⅝
105	105⅜	5	300	Harvester N J	105½	105⅝	105½	105⅜	— ⅛
117½	..	7	100	Harvester N J pf	117	117	117	117	..
16⅞	17	..	200	Inspiration Con	17	17	17	17	+ ½
8½	9½	..	100	Int Paper	9½	9½	9½	9½	— ⅜
34	38	2	100	Int Paper pf	36	36	36	36	— 1
23⅜	23⅝	..	100	Kan City Sou	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	— ¼
56	70¼	4	100	K C, Ft Scott pf	69	69	69	69	+ 1½
149¼	150	10	300	Lehigh Valley	149	149¼	149	149¼	— ¾
135	136½	7	200	L & N	137	137	136	136	— 2½
66	66½	..	900	Mex Pet	66¼	66½	65½	66	— 1¼
22⅝	22¾	40	100	Miami Copper	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾	..
133½	135	7	150	Minn, St P & S S M	134	134	134	134	+ ¾
83¼	84½	8	100	Minn L L	84½	84½	84½	84½	— ¼
17⅝	17⅞	..	1200	Mo, K & T	18⅝	18⅝	18	18	— 1⅛
24½	24¾	..	800	Mo Pacific	25	25	24¾	24¾	— ⅝
122	123	7	20	Nat Bis Co pf	123	123	123	123	..
15⅞	16	30	700	Nevada Con	16	16	15⅞	15⅞	+ ⅛
89½	89¾	5	3300	N Y Central	90⅛	90½	89¼	89¾	— 1⅛
66½	66¾	..	2000	N Y, N H & H	67	67	66⅛	66½	— ⅞
25	35½	2	100	Norfolk Sou	30	30	30	30	— 5
101¾	102½	6	300	Norfolk & West	102½	102½	102⅛	102⅛	— ⅜
69	70	5	100	No Amer Co	70	70	70	70	..
112	112¼	7	1300	Nor Pacific	112	112¼	111¾	112⅛	— ⅛
111¾	111⅞	6	600	Penn R R	111¾	111⅞	111¾	111½	..
21⅛	21½	..	400	Pitts Coal	21	21	21	21	..
112½	113½	6	100	Public Service	112½	112½	112½	112½	+ ½
20	20⅛	15	300	Ray Cons Copper	20	20⅛	20	20⅛	+ ⅛
29	30½	2	100	Ry Steel Spg	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝	+ 1⅝
95	100	8	10	Ry Steel Spg pf	96	96	96	96	..
164⅞	165	8	12700	Reading	165⅝	165⅝	164⅝	164⅞	— ¾
90	90⅛	4	100	Reading 2d pf	90	90	90	90	— ½
5	5¼	..	700	Rock Island	5⅛	5⅛	5	5	— ⅛
8	8¼	..	900	Rock Island pf	8	8⅛	8	8	— ½
30¼	31¼	..	100	Rumely pf	30¼	30¼	30¼	30¼	— ¼
20¾	21	..	100	Seaboard A L	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	+ ⅛
54⅜	54½	2	700	Seaboard A L pf	55	55⅜	54½	54½	— ¼
104	105	7	100	S S Kresge pf	104¾	104¾	104¾	104¾	+ 2¾
93½	93⅝	6	3635	Sou Pacific	94	94	93¼	93½	— ¾
23½	25	..	300	Studebaker	25	25	24⅝	24⅝	— 1¼
80	81½	7	150	Studebaker pf	80½	80½	80½	80½	— ½
35	35½	12	600	Tenn Copper	35¼	35⅜	35⅛	35⅜	+ ⅛
148	148½	7	725	Texas Co	147¼	148¼	147¼	148	+ ¾
7⅜	8	..	200	Un Bag & P	7⅝	7⅝	7½	7½	..
159	159⅛	10	8800	Un Pacific ex div	159⅞	159⅞	158⅝	159	— 1
83	85	4	106	Un Pacific pf	83⅞	84½	83½	84½	..
11¾	13	..	200	U S Cast I Pipe	12¾	12¾	12¾	12¾	..
40	48	4	100	U S Cast I Pipe pf	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	+ ⅞
70½	73	..	825	U S Express	65	71	65	71	+ 6
59¼	59¾	6	100	U S Rubber	59⅝	59⅝	59⅝	59⅝	+ ½
101⅜	101½	8	700	U S Rubber 1st pf	101⅜	101½	101⅜	101½	..
..	..	..	300	U S Steel cash	65¾	65¾	65¾	65¾	— ¾
64⅝	64¼	5	25100	U S Steel ex div	64½	64¾	64⅛	64⅜	— ½
110	110¼	7	300	U S Steel pf	110	110¼	110	110¼	+ ¼
54½	54¾	30	1700	Utah Copper	55	55⅛	54⅝	54¾	..
87	89	10	315	Wells Fargo Exp	84¾	86	84¾	86	+ 1
70⅝	71	4	200	Westinghouse Elec	70½	70½	70½	70½	— 1¼
31¼	32¼	..	200	West Maryland	32¼	32¼	32¼	32¼	..
63⅝	63⅞	3	900	West Un Tel	64	64	63⅝	63⅝	— ⅜

Total sales to-day, 98,231 shares.

NOTE.—Where a "c" follows a quotation it indicates a bid or offer for 10 shares.

BID AND ASKED PRICES.

Closing prices of stocks in which there were no transactions yesterday:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Adams Ex	97½	100	ColFuel & I	31	32	LorillardCo	165	170	RepSt pf	80	86¾
AlaskaGM	21⅝	22	ColF&I pf	—	150	Lorillard pf	112½	—	RumleyCo	13⅝	14⅝
Allis Chalm	13	13½	Col & Sou	24	26	LooseWBis	82	83	SL&SF	3½	—
Am Ag Ch	53½	54¾	Col&S 1st pf	54	56	LooseW 1 pf	101	105	SL&SF1st pf	13	16½
AmAgCh pf	95	96	Col&S 2d pf	—	48	LooseW 2 pf	90	99	SL&SF2d pf	7	8¾
Am Br Shoe	95	97	Corn Pr pf	87½	90	MontgW pf	110	115	SL&SFCEL	6	16
Am Br Sh pf	114	114½	CrucSte St	70	82	MackayCos	94½	95	SLSW	24	25
Am Beet Su	22½	23½	Cuban Am	—	20	Mackay'l pf	69¾	70½	SLSW pf	50½	60
Am B Su pf	—	73½	CuAmSu pf	—	84	ManhatEl	130	132½	Sts-Roe	185	197
Am Car & F	49¾	50½	Del&Hud	152	155	MayDptSts	62	65	Sts-Roe pf	123¾	124½
A Car & F pf	117	118	D,L & W	395	400	MayDptStp	100¼	101¼	Sloss-Shefd	33	34
Am Cities	36	36½	Deere pf	95	96¾	MercMar	2⅝	3	Sloss-Shef pf	91	96
Am Cities pf	61¼	62	DM&FtD	8	10	MercMar pf	10½	11⅛	SSKresge	100¼	101⅞
Am Coal	80	110	DM&FtD pf	—	28	MexPet pf	75	80	SSKresge	—	65
Am Cot Oil	83¾	84½	Den&RioGr	13	14	MichCen	—	190	SoPacSug pf	—	106
Am C Pr pf	104¾	105¾	Den&RG pf	23	26	Min&StL	12	16	SouthernRy	25¼	25⅝
Am Cot Oil	44¾	45	Det Edison	114½	116	Min&StL pf	28	40	Softy pf	52½	53½
Am Cot O pf	96	98½	Det&M pf	85	—	MSP&SSM pf	143½	150	SoRy M&O	28	27
Am H & L	4⅝	4¾	Det&M pf	85	—	Miln&T pf	83	85	StandMilg	30½	34
Am H & L pf	23	25	Det United	70	75	Nash Ch&StL	137	141	StandMg pf	63	66
Am Lin Oil	10⅛	10½	DulSS&A	5	7	NatBis	131	135	Tenn C&I	14	16½
Am L Oil pf	28½	29¾	D S S & A pf	9	12	Nat&S	11½	12	TexPacLT	97	—
Am Loco pf	101	102	Erie 2 pf	37	38¼	Nat&S pf	79	80	ThirdAve	43½	44
Am Malt	7¾	8¼	FedMin&S	12	15	NatLead	49⅝	50	ToldSt&W	10	15
Am&Eng pf	102	103	FedMin&S p	35	40	NatLead pf	106	109	To L&W pf	20	22
AS&R pf B	82¾	84	FWoolWh	98½	99½	NRyofM 1 p	27	34	TalmCRT	105½	107¾
Am Snuff	165	175	FWoolWh pf	118	119	NRyofM 2 p	11	11¼	TwinCRT pf	127	—
Am Sm&R	102	104	GWElec	150	160	NYAirBr	65	66	Underwood	83	88
Am St Fdy	35	36½	GWHelme pf	110	115	NYChi&StL	38	43	Underw pf	108	111
*Am Su Ref	104½	106	GenChem	—	178	NYCh&SL 1 pf	82	—	UnB&P pf	29½	33
*Am SRef pf	112	114	GranbyCon	85	90	NYC&SL 2 pf	83	85	UnCMCo	48¾	49½
AmT & Cable	55	60	GtNorthOre	36¼	36½	NYDock	5	20	UnCM pf	100	103
Am Woolen	15	20	Havana	82½	86c	NYDock pf	24¾	42	UnIndiv	20	21½
Am W Pa pf	14	16¼	Havana pf	94	—	NYOntaW	27¾	28¾	UnRyIn pf	44½	47
Assets Real	21¼	25	Hackensack	110	—	NOChi&M pf	—	25	UnBG	87	93
At Coast L	121	122½	HarvCorp	103	104¾	Norf&W pf	86½	88½	UnDG pf	98⅝	101
BaldLoco pf	106¾	106¾	HarvCor pf	115¼	—	NoOhioT&L	62	66	USIAlco	21	23
B & O pf	82½	84	HomestkM	116	—	OntSilverM	2½	3	USIAr pf	83	87
Batoplas	1	1¼	HlCen	109	112½	PabstBr pf	101½	107	VandaliaR	—	35½
BFGood pf	87½	90	Interboro-M	14¾	15	PacCoast	82	90	VaCh pf	104	107
Bklyn Un G	128½	127½	Interb-M pf	59½	60¼	PacCo 1 pf	80	95	VaIr C&C	45	55
Brun Ter	7	8½	IntAgCorp	7	9	PacCo 2 pf	82	90	WAl&P	53	55½
BuffR&P	107⅝	113½	IntAgr pf	25	26	PacMail	24¾	25	VaR&P pf	95	—
BuffR&P pf	116¼	135	IntPump	6	8	PacTel&Tel	27½	29	Vulcan	6	14
Butterick	27¼	28¼	IntP pf	24	30	PacTel&T pf	87	90	Vul pf	20	40
Cal Pet pf	62½	65½	Ingersoll-R	120	—	Pettibone	26	29	Wabash	2	2½
Can Sou	60¼	65	Ingersoll-Rp	72	—	Pettib&M 1 p	91c	99	Wab pf	7⅛	7¾
CRR of NJ	80¾	82½	IowaCen	7	8	Pierce&F	5	10	WestMar pf	55	60
C & S A Tel	108c	109c	IowaCen pf	14	19	PCC&StL	85	90	WestInd pf	115	119½
Cen Lea pf	100	101	JKayser	82	86	PCC&Sl pf	101	108	WeyBrutCo	215	280
Chi & Alton	10	13	JKayser 1 p	104	108½	PhipsDdge	183	—	WeyBrut pf	112	120
Ch&Al pf	15	19	JiCMcCo p	86¾	89	PhilaCo	87	94	Wheel&LE	4	4½
Chi Gt West	12½	13	KanCS pf	60	61	PhilaCo pf ct	80	92	W&LE1st pf	16½	17½
Chi I & Lo pf	50	60	Keo&DesM	4	8	PittsCoal pf	91	91½	W&LE2d pf	6	8
Chi M&StP pf	139½	141	Keo&DesMp	90	93	PittsSteel pf	90½	93	WisCen	42	50
*Chi & N W	134	136	LacledeGas	97	101	PrsdStCar	42¾	43½			
*Ch&NW pf	171	181¼	LackSteel	35	39	PrsdSC pf	103	104			
ChStP&Om	125	129	LErie&W	5	7	PubServCor	154½	155½			
CStP&O pf	135	150	LErie&W pf	16¼	20	Quicksilver	2	2¾			
CCC&StL	—	38	LakeShore	475	500c	Quicksil pf	2¾	4			
CCC&St L pf	80	90	Lig&MTob	220	228	RiverSt	5	7			
CluettP&Co	67	70	Lig&MT pf	115	120	Readg 1 pf	87	89			
Cluett pf	102⅞	104¼	LongIsland	34	38	RepubSt	25	25¾			

*Ex dividend.

Where a "c" follows a quotation it indicates a bid or offer for 10 shares.

THE COPPER MARKET.

The copper market was quiet yesterday, with reports of further price concessions from abroad. The large producers, however, held their asking price at the 14⅞ cents level, though little or no business was effected at that price. Consumers are apparently awaiting the outcome of the Copper Producers Association monthly statement. An increase in stocks is looked for by a few of the large interests, though no attempt has been made to forecast to what extent this appreciation will reach.

DAIRY PRODUCTS MARKET.

BUTTER.—Due to weather conditions it was impossible to get enough fresh stock to take care of the demands and in consequence the market yesterday held its firmness, particularly on high grade fresh goods. Even had the butter come in the streets were in such condition that it could not be moved. Most sales of extras were at 32c., with only a small quantity going higher. There was some fancy Danish selling 31@32c.; held creamery is weak, while factory and packing stock are without change. Prices follow: Creamery extras, 31½@32c.; firsts, 28@31c.; seconds, 24@27c.; held extras, 29@30c.; firsts, 26@28½c.; State dairy, finest, 30@31c.; good to prime, 26@29c.; process extras, 22½@23c.; firsts, 21@22c.; ladles, current firsts, 20½@21c.; packing stock, current make, No. 2, 18½c.; No. 3, 16@18c.

CHEESE.—Market is still firm, particularly on the best State stock. Holders of fine grades are showing more confidence and there is a much better feeling. Due to the weather business yesterday was very slight, and due to this quotations are unchanged. Prices are: State, white, specials, 18@18½c.; colored, specials, 18@18¼c.; average fancy, 17¼@17¾c.; undergrades, 14½@16½c. Daisies, held best, 17¾@18c.; skims, held, specials, 13½@14¼c.; held, choice, 11@13½c.; skims, fresh, good to choice, 10½@11¼c.; poor to fair, 6@10c.

EGGS.—Practically all of the eggs on the market yesterday were a few thousand cases which had been carried over from last Saturday. Because of this shortage in supply there was a much better feeling to the market and prices advanced ½c. dozen on all grades. Under the call of the Mercantile Exchange 150 cases of firsts sold for 31c., which is the general price on the street for average offerings, although some stock showing frost brings less. Duck eggs continue in light receipt and prices advanced 1c. Prices follow: Fresh gathered, extras, 32@32½c.; extra, firsts, 31½c.; firsts, 31c.; seconds, 29½@30½c.; Pennsylvania and nearby henery whites, fine to fancy, 33c.; henery browns, 32½c.; brown and mixed colors, 30½@31½c.; refrigerator, finest, 27½@28c.; fair to good, 25@27½c.; European, fresh, 120 dozen to case, common to prime, 22@27c. Duck eggs, State and nearby white, 40c.; Baltimore, 38@39c.; Western, 36@37c.; Tennessee and other good Southern, 34@36c.

LIVE POULTRY.—While there were 32 cars on track yesterday morning it was almost impossible to unload them and nothing was delivered. Heavier receipts are anticipated for the balance of the week, but it is believed that deliveries will continue slow for the next few days. No prices have been settled upon yet and quotations cannot be given.

DRESSED POULTRY.—Due to the severe snowstorm, which practically tied up business, there were scarcely any fresh receipts of poultry delivered yesterday. Buyers might be willing to take the stock, but do not like to do so until they have some assurance that they will be able to deliver it. Under these conditions the prices which are being quoted both for fresh killed and frozen are largely nominal. Quotations are: Fresh killed turkeys, Western, box and barrels, fancy, 25c.; Tennessee and Kentucky, 22@23½c.; Texas, best, 23c.; broilers, Philadelphia, fancy, 1½ lbs. each, per lb., 35@40c.; 2 lbs. each, 30@35c. Virginia, milk fed, 1½@2 lbs., 24c.; chickens, Philadelphia, fancy, 24@25c.; mixed, 17@18c.; Western, milk fed, 17@19c.; coarse, 14c.; capons, Philadelphia, 9@10 lbs., 28@30c.; slips, 20@21c.; Western, 8 lbs., 24c.; 9@7 lbs., 21@22c. Fowls, Western boxed, 60 lbs. and over to dozen, 19c.; 36@42 lbs., 17c.; under 30 lbs., 15c.; in barrels, 1 lbs., 18c.; Michigan scalded, 16@18c.; Western and Southern, poor, 12@14½c. Frozen—Turkeys, small Western selected hens and toms, 25c.; Tennessee and Kentucky, 22@23½c.; Texas, 23c.; old hens, 23@24c.; old toms, 22@23c.; broilers, 12 to box, milk fed, fancy, 15@24 lbs., 26@27c.; corn fed, 24@25c. Chickens, milk fed, 21@24 lbs. to dozen, 19@20c.; corn fed, 17@18c. Fowls, Western, boxed, 60 lbs. and over to dozen, 19c.; 30@35 lbs., 16@16½c.; old roosters, 14c. Ducks, Long Island, 18@19c.; Western, 17@18c.; No. 2, 13@14c. Geese, Western, fancy, 16@17c.; No. 2, 13@14c.

THE CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 2.—There was no wide range in local stock prices but trading was well distributed. Bonds were steady. The summary:

Sales.		Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
25	Am Shipbldg pfd	86	86	86	86
55	Booth Fisheries pfd	79½	79½	79½	79½
250	Chgo Ry, series 2	32½	32½	32½	32½
127	Com Edison	136⅞	137	136⅞	137
10	Diamond Match	96½	96½	96½	96½
85	Illinois Brick	64	64	63¾	63¾
100	Int Harv N J	106	106	106	106
10	Mont Ward pfd	112¼	112¼	112¼	112¼
12	National Carbon	158	158	158	158
17	Nat Carbon pfd	115¼	115¼	115¼	115¼
139	Peoples Gas	122	122	121⅞	121⅞
150	Rumely	13	13	13	13
40	Public Service pfd	89	89	89	89
40	Quaker Oats pfd	106	106½	106	106½
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