FINANCE AND TRADE.

Bankers have finally yielded to the demand for a reduction of rates of discount for money, which may be had at from 6 to 8 per cent., according to circumstances governing in the transaction. Securities are quiet as quoted.

There was no change apparent in the condition of the cotton market yesterday from that of the day before. The list of sales foots up the same number of bales, but more equally divided between spinners and exporters. The tone of the market was steady, with middling quoted at 10¼c, and sales of 1650 bales, 850 to exporters, 800 to spinners. Receipts were 1355 bales, and shipments 1753 bales, leaving stock on hand 70,286 bales. Of the receipts 0 bales were by steamer and 50 by wagon, and of the shipments 821 bales were by rail. New York spots closed quiet and steady at 10 13-16c. New York futures closed firm, with February quoted at 10.90@10.92, and other months advanced 3 to 7 points. New Orleans spots on Monday, closed steady at 10¼c. New Orleans futures closed steady, with February quoted nominal and other months advanced to 2 points. Liverpool spots closed steady, quoted at 5¼@6d. Liverpool futures closed firm, with March-April quoted at 5 55-64d. Stock on hand February 23d, 967,000 bales, against 898,000 same day last week. Receipts at the ports yesterday, 9725 bales.

The tone of the general market was generally steady, leading articles ruling as follows: Corn, 62@63c; cornmeal, $2 80@2 90; flour, $3 75@7 50; chickens, $1 50@4; eggs, 16c; mess pork, $19 50@19 75; lard, 10c by the tierce; butter, 10@20c for country, and 36@42c for creamery. Receipts and shipments reported as follows:

IMPORTS.

Seventy-five bris apples, 8 tcs bacon and hams, 350 sks bran, 44 pkgs butter, 39 pkgs boots and shoes, 460 bu corn, 2 cars cotton-seed, 3 pkgs cheese, 180 sks coffee, 38 pkgs dry goods, 11 pkgs eggs, 1480 bris flour, 169 bales hay, 235 pkgs lard, 4 cars lumber, 14 pkgs liquors, 49 bris molasses, 250 kgs nails, 1035 sks oats, 5 bris onions, 32 bris potatoes, 15 cars bulk pork, 84 hhds sugar, 942 bris sugar and 538 pkgs tobacco.

EXPORTS.

Nineteen bris apples, 30 rils bagging, 10 tcs bacon and hams, 63 sks bran, 2 bris beans, 2 pkgs butter, 69 pkgs boots and shoes, 1920 bu corn, 20 bris cotton-seed oil, 900 sks cotton-seed oil meal, 36 pkgs cheese, 172 sks coffee, 60 pkgs dry goods, 105 pkgs eggs, 1324 bris flour, 171 hd hogs, 284 bales hay, 157 hd horses and mules, 42 bdls iron-ties, 68 pkgs lard, 3 cars lumber, 62 pkgs liquors, 150 bris meal, 62 bris molasses, 285 kgs nails, 252 sks oats, 21 bris onions, 525 bris potatoes, 6 cars pulp rock, 6 bris packed pork, 144 bris sugar and 133 pkgs tobacco.

According to specials from Chicago yesterday, the market closed with spot corn quoted at 53c, March 53c, April 53½c, and May 58½c. Wheat—spots 92½c, March 92½c, April 93½c, and May 98½c. Oats—32c for March, 32½c for April, and 36½c for May. Pork—$18 for spots, $18 07½ for May. Lard—$9 60 for spot and March and $9 65 for May. Clear rib sides—$9 45 for spots, $9 35 for March, and $9 50 for May. Hogs, $6 25@7 50.

Special dispatches from St. Louis report corn closing at 49c and May 51½c. Wheat closed at $1 02 for spot, and $1 10½ for May. Oats—34c for spot and 36½c for May. Pork—new, $18@18 25. Lard, $9 50. Clear rib sides, $9 50. Hogs, $6 50@7 30.

FINANCE.

Money 6 to 8 per cent. discount, the lower rate for gilt-edge collateral. The Clearinghouse reports yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings	Balances
February 25th	$285,181 80	$46,184 65
Thus far this week	636,331 11	77,513 44
Same time last week	636,048 37	102,351 02
Same week 1883	541,957 40	25,136 80
Same week 1882	575,318 07	50,061 98

Exchange on New York buying at par, selling at ¼ premium. New England, sight, ¼ discount; and exchange on New Orleans ¼ discount buying, and par selling.

Bank Stocks—Bank of Commerce, 150; First National, 118 bid; German National, 200 bid; Manhattan, 160 bid; State National, 133 bid; Union and Planters, 145 bid.

Insurance Stocks—Home, 58@61; Bluff City, 100 bid; Peoples, 80@82; Planters, 110 bid; Phœnix, 90@93; Memphis City, 105@110; Vanderbilt, 23@25.

Railroad Stocks—Memphis and Charleston, 35@37; Mississippi and Tennessee, 40@50; Louisville and Nashville, 47@49; Mobile and Ohio, 9@10.

Railroad Bonds—Memphis City Railroad bonds, 101@103; Memphis and Charleston second mortgage bonds, 78 (1880), 100 @101; do. consols, 105@107; Memphis and Little Rock first mortgage bonds, 88, 102@105; Mississippi and Tennessee consols, 1st, 125@128; do. 2d, 104@107; East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia consols, 5s, 73½@75.

Miscellaneous—Taxing-District compromise bonds, 72@74; Merchants Storage Compress Company, new issue, 120@130; Memphis Gas stock, 90@95; do. bonds, 102; Memphis Water Company, bonds with accrued interest, part do. stock, 100; Memphis City bonds, old, 55; compromise bonds, 70; coupons from old bonds, 35; from compromise bonds, 80; ledger balances, 35; judgments on coupons and bonds, 55; paving indebtedness, 35; Shelby county (Memphis and Ohio railroad), 68, 100@102; warrants, 98@99; Mississippi levee bonds and coupons, District No. 1, 10; do. scrip, 10; Crittenden county (Ark.) warrants, 65@70; Mississippi county, 65.

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK, February 26. — Money market easy at 1@2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange—bankers' bills, steady, 486½; demand, 488¾.

Bonds—Governments steady. Railroads firm; West Shore 5s, however, were weaker at 50½; Kansas and Texas general 4s in good demand up to 82¼. State securities quiet.

Stocks—The stock market opened strong and higher, yet the result of the day's trading was almost a general decline. Compared with the closing price last evening, twenty-two out of thirty of the most active stocks are lower, though only four of them showed declines over 1 per cent, namely, Central Pacific, 1¾; Northwestern, 1¼; Wabash preferred, 1¼, and Omaha preferred 1¼. All other declines were fractional. Only five stocks were higher than last evening, and these fractional. The bears and room traders were responsible for the decline to-day. Two hundred thousand dollars in gold goes out in to-morrow's steamer. Application was made at the Stock Exchange to have non-voting certificates of Erie declared not good delivery in accordance with the agreement that the stock should have voting power after the payment of three consecutive dividends on preferred stock. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad earned in 1883 over all expenses $448,125. Closing quotations were as follows:

GOVERNMENTS.			
U. S 3s, 101		4s, 109½	
4½s, 114⅝		6s, 130½	
RAILROADS.			
C. P. first, 127¼		T. P. land grants, 49¾	
Erie seconds, 94		T. P. Ru'd. div., 72¾	
Lehigh & Wilkes., 72¼		U. P. first, 115	
Louisiana consols, 47¾		U. P. land grants, 80	
Missouri 6s, 105		U. P. sink. fund, 119	
N. Jersey 6s, 114		Wabash, 26¾	
St. P. & S. C. first, 118		Va. con., ex-m., 40	
Tenn. 6s, old, 36¾		Va. consols pfd, 77¾	
Tenn. 6s, new, 36			
STOCKS.			
Adams Express, 129		Mobile & Ohio, 9¾	
Allegheny Central, 12		Morris & Essex, 135	
Alton & Terre H., 27¾		Nash. & Chat., 75	
A. & T. H. pfd, 80		N. J. Central, 88¼	
American Express, 96		N. J. W. pfd., 40	
B., C. R. & N., 92		Northern Pacific, 25¾	
Canada Pacific, 55		North'n Pac. pfd., 50¾	
Canada Southern, 54¾		Northwestern, 109¼	
Central Pacific, 66¾		Northwestern pfd., 141	
Chesapeake & Ohio, 14		New York Central, 116¼	
C. & O. 1st pfd, 25		Ohio Central, 12¾	
C. & O. 2d pfd, 16¾		Ohio & Mississippi, 35	
Chicago & Alton, 135		Ohio & Miss. pfd., 90	
C. & A. pfd, 145		Ontario & Western, 19¾	
D. L. & W., 124		Oregon Nav., 50¾	
C., St. L. & N. O., 84¼		Oregon Trans., 29¾	
C., St. L. & P., 40		Pacific Mail, 80¾	
C., St. L. & P. pfd., 90		Panama, 95	
C., San A. C., 35		P., D. & E., 14	
C. & I. C., 64		Pittsburg, 138¼	
Del. & Hud., 109¾		Pullman Pal. Car, 108	
Del. & Lack., 127¼		Reading, 29¾	
Denver & Rio G., 19¾		Rich. & Danville, 122	
Erie, 36¾		St. L. & S. F., 20	
Erie pfd, 69¾		St. L. & S. F. pfd, 42	
East Tennessee, 7¾		St. L. & I. M., 37¾	
East Tenn. 1st pfd, 125		St. L. & I. M. pfd, 67	
Fort Wayne, 134		St. Paul, 91¾	
Hannibal & St. Jos., 38¼		St. Paul pfd., 105¾	
I. & St. J. pfd, 88¾		St. P., M. & M., 94¾	
Harlem, 188		St. Louis & S. F., 20	
Houston & Texas, 40		St. Paul & O. pfd., 93	
Illinois Central, 124¾		Texas Pacific, 21¾	
I. B. & W., 21		Union Pacific, 52¾	
Kansas & Texas, 21¾		U. S. Express, 58	
Lake Erie & West., 18		Wabash, 26¾	
Lake Shore, 97¾		W. St. L. & P. 16¾	
Louisv. & Nash., 47¾		Wells & Fargo Ex., 116	
L., N. A. & Chi., 97		Western Union, 76¾	
Mar. & Cin. 1st pfd, 10		Homestake, 8¾	
Mar. & Cin. 2d pfd, 24		Quicksilver, 8	
Man. & Charleston, 34		Ontario, 28¾	
Michigan Central, 92¾		Quicksilver pfd., 26	
Mina. & St. L., 16¾		Wells, Fargo & Co., 116	
Minn. & St. L. pfd, 55¾		Northern Pacific, —	
Missouri Pacific, 92¾		Sutro, 1¾	

*Asked. †No sales.

Transactions aggregated 315,000 shares, as follows:

18,800 Central Pacific,	69,000 Lackawanna,
6,000 Erie,	9,000 Lake Shore,
13,000 Northwestern,	26,400 Pacific Mail,
45,000 Reading,	41,000 St. Paul,
9,000 Lerne Pacific,	22,000 Union Pacific,
5,000 Northern Pacific,	15,000 Ore. Transcon.

LONDON, February 26.—St. Paul, 94¼; Canada Pacific, 56½; Illinois Central, 35½; New York Central, 18¾.

PARIS, February 26.—Rentes, 76f. 22½.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

The local market opene1 and closed steady. Sales, 1650 bales—850 bales to exporters, and 800 to spinners.

	Yesterday	Monday
Ordinary	8¾	8¾
Good Ordinary	9¾	9¾
Low Middling	10¼	10¼
Middling	10¾	10¾
Good Middling	11⅛	11⅛
Middling Fair	11	11
Fair	Nom.	Nom.

Stains, 8¼@9½c; tinges, 9¼@9½c; dusty, 6½@8½c.

ACTUAL COUNT OF COTTON ON HAND.

Stock in compresses	12,657
Stock in warehouses	56,712
Stock in transit	710
Total	70,079
Stock, running account	70,286
Difference	207

AMOUNT STOCK UNSOLD.

In warehouses, sold but not delivered	5,679
In compresses	12,957
In transit	710
Total	19,040

Deduct from stock leaves 51,039 bales unsold.

COTTON STATEMENT.

Memphis, February 26, 1884.

Stock September 1, 1883	8,481	
Received to-day	1,355	
Received previously	377,117	386,953
Shipped to-day	1,753	
Shipped previously	314,154	
Home consumption to date	790	316,667
Stock, running account		70,286
Exports.		
Thus far this week	4,513	
Thus far last week	5,962	
Since September 1st	315,967	
Memphis and Charleston Railroad	234	
Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad	341	
Louisville and Nashville & G. S. Railroad	103	
Memphis and Little Rock Railroad	623	
Steamers	6	
Wagons and other sources	50	
Total	1,355	
Exports.		
Thus far this week	5,254	
Thus far last week	8,262	
Since September 1st	315,967	
Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad	6	
Louisville and Nashville & G. S. Railroad	245	
Chesapeake, Ohio and S. W. Railroad	470	
Steamers south	932	
Total	1,753	

The New York spot market opened steady; at 12, dull; at 2, quiet and steady, closing quiet and steady. Sales, 324 bales. Contracts, 300 bales. Closing quotations:

	Yesterday	Monday
Ordinary	8 9-16	8⅝
Good Ordinary	9 3-16	9⅜
Low Middling	10 7-16	10⅜
Middling	10 13-16	10¾
Good Middling	11 3-16	11⅛
Middling Fair	11 11-16	11⅞
Fair	12 7-16	12⅜

New Orleans Exchanges closed on account of Mardi Gras Festival.

DAILY BULLETINS.

	State of Market.	Rec'ts.	Price.	Stock
Galveston	Qt. & St'y	663	10 7-16	24,154
New Orleans	Quiet.	4,666	10⅝	342,866
Mobile	Holiday			32,903
Savannah	Steady.	899	10 5-16	60,598
Charleston	Firm.	1,596	10⅝	56,927
Wilmington	Steady.		10¼	9,958
Norfolk	Quiet.	1,341	10 5-16	27,903
Baltimore	Steady.	143	10⅝	15,603
New York	Qt. & St'y		10 13-16	346,011
Boston	Dull.	402	10½	1,499
Philadelphia	Firm.		10⅞	10,031
St. Louis	Qt. & St'y	553	10 5-16	38,822
Augusta	Quiet.	121	10¼	
Day's receipts, 1884				9,725
Day's receipts, 1883				23,876
Day's receipts, 1882				8,345

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT.

Receipts 4 days	This Week.	Last Week.	Last Year.
	41,387	32,573	72,130
Exports to Gr't Britain	32,273	57,998	24,133
Exports to Continent	12,882	7,599	16,822
Stock at all ports	964,778	931,219	975,549

Receipts since Sept. 1st	4,311,086	4,842,257	3,986,893
Exports to Great Britain	1,986,127	1,984,206	2,057,799
Stock at U. S. ports	964,778	995,549	1,053,793
Decrease in receipts	536,972		275,918

The Liverpool spot market at noon was steady. Sales, 8000 bales, of which 0850 bales were American. Receipts, 38,000 bales, of which 36,000 bales were American.

At 12: Uplands, 5¼d; Orleans, 6d.

The Liverpool future market at noon was quoted quiet; March-April, 5 55-64d; April-May, 5 60-64d; May-June, 6d; June-July, 6 4-64d; August-September, 6 12-64d.

At 1:30: March-April, 5 54-64d; June-July, 6 3-64d; August, 6 7-64d.

At 5: Manchester steady.

At 9: Futures closed firm.

GENERAL TRADE.

BREADSTUFFS.

CORN—White, 62@63c; mixed, 60c from store. From levee or depot: Round lots in bulk, shelled white, 55@56c; mixed, 54@55c; sacked, shelled white, 57@58c; shelled mixed nominal, 56@57c.

HAY—Choice, from store, 90c; prime, 85c; prairie, 65c; round lots from levee or depot, choice, $14 50@15; prime, $13 50 @14; prairie, $10.

FLOUR—From store—extra, $3 75@4; double extra, $4 25@4 75; triple extra, $5 @5 50; family, $5 75; choice, $6 75@6; extra fancy, $6@6 25; patents, $6 50@7 50; round lots from levee or truck 15c cheaper.

CORNMEAL—Standard, $2 80@2 90 from store; 5c cheaper from mill, levee or truck.

BRAN—From store, $1 20@1 25 per cwt; round lots, from levee, $21@22 per ton.

OATMEAL—In half barrels, $3 50@4 50 from store.

OATS—White, 50@52c from store: black, 52@53c; mixed, 46@47c; red, 57@60c from store. Round lots from levee, white, 43c; mixed, bulk, 41@42c; sacked, 44@ 45c; red rust-proof, choice stock, 54@ 55c.

CRACKED WHEAT—In half barrels, $4 50 @5 from store.

HOMINY AND GRITS—From store, $4.

RICE—Louisiana, 5½@6½c; Carolina, 7@ 7½c.

BEANS—Navy, $2 50@2 75; medium, $2 40@2 60; common, $1 75.

LOUISVILLE, February 26.—Wheat firm. Corn firm; No. 2 white, 55c; No. 2 mixed, 54c. Oats firm; mixed Western, 37½c. Barley nominal.

KANSAS CITY, February 26.—Wheat steady; 83½c bid cash, 84¼@84½c March, 93½c May. Corn stronger; 40½@40¾c cash, 41c March, 44½c May. Oats dull and nominal, 29½c.

CINCINNATI, February 26.—Flour quiet; family, $4 70@5; fancy, $5 10@5 50. Wheat in good demand. Corn quiet; No. 3 mixed, 50c. Oats steady. Rye dull and lower; No. 2, 65@66c. Barley active and firm.

NEW YORK, February 26.—Flour quiet; superfine State and Western, $2 80@3 35; common to good extra, $3 35@3 65; good to choice, $3 70@5 50. Wheat—options declined ½@¾c at opening, afterward recovered decline and advanced ¼@¾c, closingstrong; spot lots a trifle better. Corn opened weak, ¼c lower, afterward reacted ½@¾c, closing strong. Oats a shade higher. Rice steady with a fair demand.

CHICAGO, February 26.—Flour firmer, but not quotably higher. Wheat in fair demand and stronger; opened easier, but came firmer, advanced 1@1½c above inside figures, closed about ½c higher than yesterday; sales ranged: February, 91@ 92½c, closed 92½c; March, 91¼@92½c, closed 92½c; April, 92¼@93½c, closed 93½c; May, 97@98c, closed 98½c bid; June, 98¼@1 00¼, closed $1 00¼; July outside 1 00¼c over June; No. 2 Chicago spring, 92@92½c, closed 92½@92¾c; No. 2 red winter, 98½c@1 01¼. Corn in fair demand, unsettled; demand chiefly for speculation; opened ¼c lower, declined ½c additional, gradually advanced ½c, closed about ½c better than yesterday; cash, 52½@53½c, closed 52½c; February, 52½@52¾c, closed 52½c; March, 52¼@53c, closed 52¼@53c; April, 52½@53c, closed 53@53¼c; May, 57½@58c, closed 58½c bid; June, 58@58½c, closed 58½c; July, 59½@60½c, closed 60½c. Oats dull and nominal; weaker at opening, afterward strong; cash, February and March, 32c; April, 32½@32¾c; May, 36½@ 36¾c, closed 36½@36¾c; June, 36½@36¾c, closed 36½c; the year, 30@30½c, closed 30½c. Rye quiet, 58c. Barley quiet, 63c.

ST. LOUIS, February 26.—Wheat—March advanced ¼c, May declined ¼c, June declined ¼c. Corn—sales, 745,000 bu; March and May declined ¼c, June declined ¼c. Oats—sales, 15,000 bu; March and May advanced ¼c.

Receipts—Flour, 17,000 brls; wheat, 20,000 bu; corn, 202,000 bu; oats, 123,000 bu; rye, 3000 bu; barley, 10,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 20,000 brls; wheat, 25,000 bu; corn, 146,000 bu; oats, 98,000 bu; rye, 4800 bu; barley, 13,000 bu.

Visible supply of grain, February 23d: Wheat, 3,421,000 bu; corn, 13,600,000 bu; oats, 551,000 bu; rye, 2,321,000 bu; barley, 279,000 bu.

On the store, February 25th: Wheat, 12,811,000 bu; corn, 5,817,000 bu; oats, 1,604,000 bu; rye, 1,763,000 bu; barley, 247,000 bu. Total, all kinds, 22,243,000 bu; same time last year, 12,242,000 bu. In addition to the above there is afloat in harbor 91,000 bu wheat, 792,000 bu corn and 102,000 bu oats, against 313,000 bu wheat and 173,000 bu corn afloat last year.

ST. LOUIS, February 26.—Flour unchanged. Wheat opened a shade lower, but improved and closed higher; No. 2 red, $1 00¼@1 10 cash, $1 09 February, $1 08¾@1 08¾ March, $1 09¾ bid April, $1 10@1 10¼ May, $1 08¾@1 08¾ June, 97@ 97½c the year; No. 3 red, 99¼@c$1. Corn lower, except for May, which is a fraction better; No. 2 mixed cash, 49½c February, 49½c March, 51¼@51½c May, 52½c June. Oats a shade better; 33¼@33½c cash, 36½c May. Rye slow; 58c bid. Barley dull. Flaxseed firm, $1 50. Hay unchanged. Bran steady, 81c at mill. Cornmeal lower, $2 60.

Receipts—Flour, 3000 brls; wheat, 26,000 bu; corn, 129,000 bu; oats, 27,000 bu; rye, none; barley, none. Shipments—Flour, 8000 brls; wheat, 4000 bu; corn, 20,000 bu; oats, 13,000 bu; rye, 1000 bu; barley, none.

PROVISIONS.

BUTTER—Choice creamery, 36@37c; fancy creamery, 38@40c; dairy, 22@28c; medium, 14@15c; butterine, 17@25c; country, 10@20c.

CHEESE—Prime flats, 9@10c; New York factory, 11@12c; full cream, 14@15c; Young America, 15c; small home cheese, 15-lb average, 9@10c.

MESS PORK—$19 50@19 75 per barrel; sugar-cured hams, packed, 14@14½c; breakfast bacon, 12@12½c; clear rib bacon, 10½@ 10¾c.

BULK PORK—Clear sides, 10¼@10½c; clear rib sides, 9½@10c; shoulders, 8c.

LARD—Tierces, 10c; half-barrels, 10½c; kegs, 10½c; buckets, 10½c; half-buckets, 11½c; 20-lb tins, 10½c; 10-lb tins, 10½c; 5-lb tins, 10½c; 3-lb tins, 10½c; choice kettle, tierces, 11½c.

CINCINNATI, February 26.—Pork quiet; mess, $18@18 25. Lard dull; prime steam, 9.40c. Bulk meats dull; shoulders, 7½c; short rib, 9½c. Bacon quiet. Butter easier; extra Northwestern creamery, 37c; choice dairy, 23c.

LOUISVILLE, February 26.—Provisions quiet but steady; mess pork, $18. Bulk meats—shoulders, 7½c; clear rib, 9.45c; clear sides, 9½c. Bacon—shoulders, 8c; clear rib, 10c; clear, 10½c. Sugar-cured hams, 13½c. Lard—choice kettle-rendered, 11c; prime steam, 9½c.

ST. LOUIS, February 26.—Provisions very dull; only small job trade. Pork, $18@ 18 25. Bulk meats—long clear, 9.40@9.45c; short rib, 9½c; short clear, 9¾@9.80c. Bacon —long clear, 10@10½c; short rib, 10½c; short clear, 10½c. Lard, 9¼@9.55c. Butter —creamery, 30@34c; dairy, 20@27c. Eggs, 18c.

CHICAGO, February 26.—Bacon quiet. Pork, demand active; opened 25@30c lower, rallied 25@30c, and closed steady—cash, $17 75 for old, $18@18 12½ for new; February, $17 75@18 10, closed $18 05@ 18 10; March, $17 90@18 10, closed $18 07½ @18 10; April, $18@18 20, closed $18 17½ @18 20; May, $17 95@18 27½, closed $18 25 @18 27½; June, $18 05@18 35, closed $18 32½@18 35; year, $15 95@16 02½. Lard in fair demand, with the average a shade lower; cash, 94@9.57½c; February, 9.57½c; March, 9½@9.60c, closed 9.57½@ 9.60c; May, 9.70@9.85c, closed 9.82½@ 9.85c; June, 9.77½@9.90c, closed 9.90c. Bulk meats—shoulders, 7.35c; short rib, 9.40c; short clear, 9.80c. Butter quiet.

Call.—Pork—sales, 4300 brls; June advanced 2½c. Lard—sales, 4000 tcs.

Chicago Grain and Provision Markets.
Special to the Appeal.]

CHICAGO, February 26.—All departments of trade were off at the opening of business this morning, but toward noon developed a disposition to gradually recover losses. The effort was fruitless, except in a recovery of spot values of corn, and slight advances on future delivery of corn and spot and future deliveries of wheat. Pork opened 25c less in value, but by the close had recovered all but 5c on spots. May deliveries closed 2½c higher than yesterday. May deliveries of lard were also 2½c advanced. Corn opened at 52½c and closed recovered to 53c. March opened at 52½c and closed ½c dearer. April opened at 52½c and closed advanced ½c. May sold at 57½c at the opening, which held till noon, when ¼c advance was secured, but closed at 58c on call. Wheat sold at the opening at 91½c, advancing steadily to 92½c at the close. March opened selling down to 91¾c, and closed at 92½c. April advanced from 92½c at the opening to 93½c at the close, and May from 97c to 98½c. March oats opened selling at 32c, but not mentioned afterward. Sales of April were made at 32½c at the close. May opened at 36½c, and closed advanced to 36½c. Pork sold down to $17 20 at the opening, but rallied to $18 at the close. First sales of March were reported at at $17 90, and closed at $18 07½. Sales of April were made at $18 in the forenoon. May opened selling down to $18, but recovered steadily to $18 27½. Lard opened at $9 50, and closed 10c higher. Clear rib sides opened off to $9 40, and closed at $9 45. March advanced from $9 22½ to $9 35, April selling at $9 37½ in the forenoon, and May advancing from $9 37½ at the opening to $9 50 at the close. Hogs slow at $6 25@7 50.

St. Louis Grain and Provision Markets.
Special to the Appeal.]

ST. LOUIS, February 26.—Business has been exceedingly quiet to-day—hardly enough doing upon which to base a report of the actual condition. The only noticeable feature was the weakness in spot grain and contrary condition of future deliveries. Provisions were steady at former quotations, in some lines buyers acceding to higher demands made by sellers yesterday evening.

Corn opened on bids of 48½c, and closed selling at 49c. May opened selling at 51½c and closed at 51½c.

Wheat opened on bids of $1 07½, advanced to $1 09½ selling, and closed at $1 09. May opened at $1 10½ and closed at $1 10½.

Oats opened on bids of 33c, advanced to and closed at 34c selling. May opened on bids of 36½c and closed selling at 36½c.

Pork opened and closed at $18@18 25. Lard opened off to $9 37½ and closed rallied to $9 50. Clear rib sides closed quiet at $9 50.

Hogs closed quoted at $6 50@7 30.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR—Pure white, 8@8½c; off white, 7½ @7½c; yellow clarified, 7¼@7½c; crown kettle, 6¼@7c; refined A, 8½c; granulated, 8½c; powdered, 9½c; cut loaf, 9½c.

COFFEE—Common, 12c; ordinary, 12½@ 13c; prime, 13¼@14½c; choice, 15@15½c; fancy, 16@17c; old government, 25@30c; Ceylon Java, 20@25c.

MOLASSES—Louisiana, common to fair, 28 @40c; prime to choice, 50@55c; fancy, 58c; syrup, 35@40c; centrifugal, prime to choice, 30@40c.

CANNED GOODS, ETC.—Prices per dozen: Pineapples, $1 40@1 60; peaches, 2-lb, standard, $1 60; seconds, $1 40; tomatoes, 2-lb, standard, $1 10; 3-lb, $1 35; strawberries, $1 25@1 50; raspberries, $1 15@ 1 50; blackberries, $1 10@1 25; green gages, $1 50; pears, $1 50; plums, $1 50; green corn, $1 10@1 50; green peas, 90c@ $1 20; cove oysters, full weight, 1-lb, $1 15; cove oysters, full weight, 2-lb, $1 90; cove oysters, light weight, 1-lb, 65c; cove oysters, light weight, 2-lb, $1 20; condensed milk—Crown, $6 25@6 50; Eagle, $8 25; Swiss, $6 25@6 50.

CANDIES—Full weight, 14¼@15c.

SOAP—3@6½c per pound.

SALT—Per car-load, $1 30@1 35 per barrel; $1 50 in sacks; pockets, bleached, 2¾ @3c; coarse, $1 25; car-loads from levee or depot, 5@10c cheaper.

BAGGING AND TIES — Bagging, jute, 9¼@11½c; flax, 10@10½c, according to weight. Ties, Arrow, $1 35@1 50.

BALTIMORE, February 26.—Coffee—Rio, cargoes, 11½@12½c. Sugar—A soft, 7½c.

NEW YORK, February 26.—Coffee—spot fair; Rio higher, 12½c; options 10 points higher and in fair demand; sales, 7000 bags. Sugar—raws quiet but steady; fair to good refining quoted at 5⅞@5 15-16c. Molasses steadily held.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES.

VEGETABLES—Onions, yellow, $2 50 per barrel; setts, $2 50@3. Potatoes—Irish, $1 50@2 50 per barrel. Cabbage—choice Northern, $4 50@5 50 per crate. Garlic, $1 per 100. Kraut, $10 per 100½ feet for the barrel. Apples—Northern, $3 75@4 50; fancy, $5 per barrel. Dried apples, 6@7½c per pound from store. Dried peaches, 6@7½c from store. Cranberries, $16 per barrel. Pickles, medium barrel, $7 50; half-barrel, $4; pint jars, $1 25 per dozen; quart jars, $1 75@2 per dozen.

FRUITS—Oranges, $3 50@3 75 per box; fancy stock, $6@6 50 per case. Lemons, $3 @3 50 per box. Bananas, $1 50@2 50 per bunch. Cocoanuts, $3 50@4 per 100. Pineapples, $4 per dozen. Figs, 12@15c. Dates, 5½@8½c; roasted, 2½c higher; shelled, 10c. Almonds, 18@20c. Texas pecans, 10@ 15c; Arkansas, 4@6c. English walnuts, 12c; Naples, 16c. Filberts, 14c. Brazil nuts, 14c. Raisins—London layers, $2 75@3; Imperial, $3 75@4. Brandy cherries, $3@ 3 25 per dozen.

WHISKY—In barrels, $8 50@9; half-barrels, $4 25@4 50; kegs, $2 25.

CIDER—Missouri, $8 per barrel, and $4 50 per half-barrel; Kentucky barrels, $7 25; Kentucky half-barrels, $4 50. Vinegar, 12@16c per gallon.

FISH—Mackerel, 10-lb kit, No. 1, $1; No. 2, 90c; 15-lb, No. 3, 80c; half-barrel, $8@6. White fish, No. 1, per half-barrel, $6; half-barrel, family, $3 50.

EGGS—16c.

POULTRY — Old hens, $3@4; large young, $2 50; medium young, $2; small young, $1 50@1 75. Ducks, $3@3 50. Geese, $3 50@4 50. Turkeys, $7@15.

FRESH MEATS—Beef—Good Kansas City, 8@8½c by the carcass; choice heavy, 8½ @9c.

PELTRIES, HIDES AND LEATHER.

HIDES, ETC.—No. 1 dry flint hides, 16c; No. 2 dry hides, 12½@13c; salt hides, 10@ 12½c; No. 1 green salt hides, 5½@7½c; No. 2 green salt hides, 5c; green hides, 5@6c. Beeswax—prime yellow, 28@30c; tallow, 7@7½c; ginseng, per pound, $1 50. Deerskins—prime, 25@33c.

LEATHER—Oak sole, per pound, 35@40c; hemlock, 27@30c: harness, 35@40c; skirting, 75@80c; French calf, $40@60 per dozen; domestic calf, $30@45 per dozen.

WOOL—Tub-washed, 35@35c per pound; unwashed, 18@23c; burry, 10@16c.

FEATHERS—Prime, 75c; mixed, 40c.

HOUSE-BUILDING MATERIALS.

FRAMING-LUMBER—Yard prices—Rough, $15 per 1000 feet: dressed, $20; yellow pine flooring, $25; shingles, $3@4 50; lathing—poplar, $1 75; cypress, $2 per 1000 laths. Extra prices for extra lengths above 20 feet.

LIME AND CEMENT—Lime, 75c in bulk delivered; 90@95c per barrel in store; Louisville cement, $1 40 a barrel; Rosedale cement, $2 40 a barrel; Portland, $4 25; Roman, $5; plaster of Paris, $2 50.

NAILS—$2 75@3 per keg.

LUMBER MARKET.

The following are the wholesale prices of lumber in this market.

BLACK WALNUT—1st and 2d, 1, 1¼ and 2 in., $75; common, $50; culls, $25@30.

ASH—1st and 2d clear, 1 to 3 in., $22 50; common, $15@16.

CYPRESS—1, 1¼ and 2 in., 1st and 2d clear, $27; common, $15; fencing, 1x6, 16 ft, $16.

POPLAR—1 in., 1st and 2d clear, $21; 1¼ and 2 in., 1st and 2d clear, $24; common board, $13 50@14; siding strips, 1¼x6, face measure, 1st and 2d, $22; ceiling, 1x6 in., 1st and 2d, $21; dressed, 1, 1¼ and 2 in., 1st and 2d, $27 50@30; common dressed, 1 in., $17 50.

LIVE-STOCK MARKET.

CATTLE—Choice to extra corn-fed, 5@5½c good, 4¼@5c. Choice grass-fed, 4@4½c good, 3½@4c; fair to medium, 2¾@3½c common, 1½@2c.

SHEEP—Choice sheep, 5@5½c; medium, 4@4½c; common, $1@1 50.

HOGS—Choice corn-fed, 6@6½c; medium, 5½@6c; common, 4½@5c.

COWS AND CALVES—Choice milch with young calves, $30@40 per head; medium milch, $20@25 per head; yearlings, $7@4 per head.

CHICAGO, February 26.—Hogs—receipts, 11,200 head; fairly active and steady; light, $6 25@7; rough packing, $6 55@7; heavy packing and shipping, $7 05@7 50. Cattle—receipts, 6300 head; steady; exports, $6 40@7; good to choice shipping, $5 80@6 30; common to fair, $5 10@5 70.

ST. LOUIS, February 26.—Hogs lower, weak and slow; light, $6 60@6 80; packing, $6 70@7; butchers to extra, $7@7 30; receipts, 36,000 head; shipments, 500 head. Cattle steady; good to export steers, $5 75 @6 75; common to medium, $4 75@5 50; receipts, 1000 head. Not much doing yet.

WHISKY, ETC.

BRANDIES—Cognac, $2 50@15; peach, $2 50@15; apple, $2@3 50.

WINES—Imported port, $1 50@2; sherry, $1 50@6; champagne—American extra, $7 @8; Piper Heidsick, $25 50@28 50; Moselle extra dry, $28@31; Pomery Sec, $31 50@33 50; Ve. Cliquot, $31@33; claret, $7 50@8 50 per box; Catawba, $4@5 per case.

CHICAGO, February 26.—Whisky, $1 17.

CINCINNATI, February 26.—Whisky, $1 15.

LOUISVILLE, February 26.—Whisky unchanged.

NEW ORLEANS, February 26.—Whisky unchanged.

ST. LOUIS, February 26.—Whisky steady, $1 15.

BALTIMORE, February 26.—Whisky, $1 18@1 18½.

HORSES AND MULES.

HORSES—Good driving, $125@200; heavy draft, $150@200; saddle horses, $125@250; plugs, $40@75.

MULES—Market quiet and value nominal.

PETROLEUM MARKET.

COAL-OIL—Prime white, wholesale lots, 12c per gallon.

CLEVELAND, February 26.—Petroleum quiet; s.w., 110, 8¾c.

BRADFORD, February 26.—Crude oil still weak; United