NINETY-EIGHT CENTS FOR MINNEAPOLIS MAY

Wheat Makes Another Rush at the Dollar Mark—Big Buying Orders.

Chicago Halts Just Short of $1, at 99½ Cents for the May Option.

The Bulls in Control—The Market Getting a Little Dangerous.

Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, Feb. 18.—Wheat played a whipsaw game for half an hour this morning, and then made another new high point. May was up a fraction at the opening at 96½c, and then 96⅝c, nervous and unsettled, and up and down between that point and 96@96½c, and then on new buying 97c was struck. Shorts had a hard time of it. On the early dip they sold for a setback, and on the rise they made haste to cover, and judging from their antics in the pit they got the worst of it whatever they did. Cables were up again, and Broomhall attributed this principally to the Balkan war scare. Liverpool was ½@1d up on July. There was really nothing new to cause strength, but the trade appeared to have awakened to a realization of the possibilities suggested by the increasing war reports, and new buying was seen. It was said on the floor that a considerable new business came in on the bull side from outsiders who had not touched wheat thru all the long advance, but are now coming in. This buying was in July and September. Evidently it is the theory of these newcomers that if May is a good proposition for a bull, July is equally good, and September wheat at 10c under May is the best of the lot. Against this there was selling out by old-time July bulls who have been working for higher prices in July for many weeks, have made good profits, and are now a little less bullish because of the recent snow over the winter wheat. In this connection the Price Current says that variable weather without snow causes some uneasiness for wheat. Practically no definite harm is noted yet. The disposition is to hold all grains, and the movement is becoming lighter.

St. Louis wired that Hamburg and Rotterdam raised wheat bids 1½c over bids of yesterday.

Minneapolis had 225 cars against 135, Duluth 55 against 31, and Chicago 19 against 11. Kansas City had 95,000 bushels against 59,000, and St. Louis 120,000 against 37,000. Kansas City shipments were 154,000 bushels against 14,000, and St. Louis shipments 148,000 against 53,000. Minneapolis elevator stocks have decreased 435,000 bushels so far on the week.

Primary receipts were 514,000 bushels against 389,000, and shipments were 415,000 against 130,000. Wheat and flour clearances, 136,000 bushels.

Ninety-eight cents was struck for May before the market closed, and the bulls had complete control to the end. Chicago halted just under $1 at 99½c.

Minneapolis May wheat closed at 98c, July at 97⅝@97½c, and September at 87⅜c.

At the close it was conceded by old-time observers that the market is dangerous for the small trader. The question is whether Armour will put Chicago May above $1 and hold it there against the liquidations of hundreds of small-lot men who have carried up wheat from far down, or whether he will let it touch $1 and then slam down the little fellows. Changes of 5 cents either way are not unlikely.

RANGE OF WHEAT PRICE IN MINNEAPOLIS

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close. To-day.	Close. Yesterday.	Close. Year Ago.
May.	$ .96½	$ .98@98⅛	$ .96@96⅛	$ .98	$ .96⅜@96½	$ .76⅜
July.	.96⅜	.97½	.95¾@95⅞	.97⅜@97½	.96¼	.76½@76⅝
Sept.	.86⅜	.87½	.85½@85⅝	.87⅜	.86¼	.....
Minneapolis Oats—						
April	.40	.40¼	.40⅛	.40⅛	.39⅞	.....
May.	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40⅛	.....

THE DAY'S RESULTS

	—May Wheat— Close. To-day.	Close. Yesterday.	—July Wheat— Close. To-day.	Close. Yesterday.
Minneapolis	$ .98	$ .96⅜@96½	$ .97⅜@97½	$ .96¼
Chicago	.99⅜@99½	.97⅞	.91	.89¾
Duluth	.97¼	.95⅞	.97	.95⅞
St. Louis	.95⅝	.94¾	.87⅜@87½	.86⅛@86¼
Kansas City	.85⅜	.83¾	.80½	.79⅜
New York	1.00⅞	1.00	.96¼	.95⅛

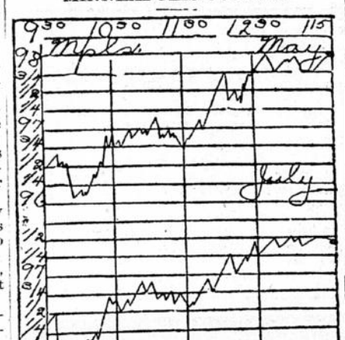
CLOSING CASH PRICES

On Track—No. 1 hard, 99¾c; No. 1 northern, 98¾c; to arrive, 98¾c; No. 2 northern, 95½c; to arrive, 95¾c; No. 3 wheat, 90@91½c. No. 1 flax, $1.14¾. No. 3 yellow corn, 44c. No. 3 white oats, 40¼c. No. 2 rye, 66c. Barley, 38c to 53c.

No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.40
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.39¾
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, barley	.38½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.39
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.38¼
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.39½
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	.40½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.40
No. 4 white oats, 3 cars	.38½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.39
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.38¼
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	.39
No. 3 oats, 1 car	.38
No. 3 oats, 2 cars	.39½
No. 3 oats, 1 car, mixed	.36
No grade oats, 2 cars	.38½
No grade oats, 1 car	.38
No grade oats, - car	.37
No grade oats, 1 car, wheaty	.37
No. 3 rye, 1 car	.61
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.39
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.43
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.39½
No grade barley, 1 car	.37½
No. 1 flax, 3 cars	1.15
Rejected flax, 3 cars	1.13½
Rejected flax, 1 car	1.13¼
Rejected flax, 1 car	1.14
Flax, 51 sacks	.80
No. 1 flax, 4,000 bu, to arrive	1.15
Flax screenings, 1 car, per ton	12.00
Macaroni Wheat.	
Rejected, 1 car	.71
Rejected, 1 car	.72

TO-DAY'S RANGE OF WHEAT

MINNEAPOLIS OPTIONS



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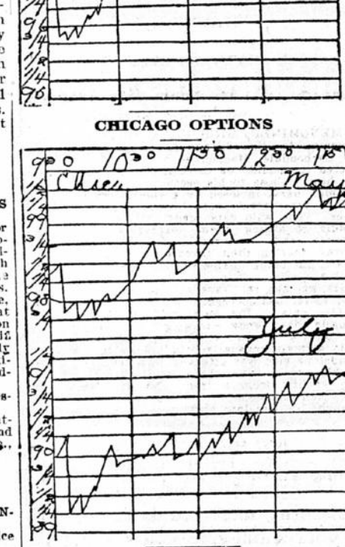

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION, FEB. 17.

Inspected In—Wheat—Cars—Great Northern—No. 1 northern, 15; No. 2 northern, 18; No. 3, 16; rejected, 1; no grade, 3.

Milwaukee—No. 1 northern, 1; No. 2 northern, 7; No. 3, 15; rejected, 20; no grade, 3.

St. Louis—No. 2 northern, 1; No. 3, 9; no grade, 1.

Soo Line—No. 1 northern, 4; No. 2 northern, 3; No. 3, 2; rejected, 4.

Northern Pacific—No. 1 northern, 25; No. 2 northern, 5; rejected, 1; no grade, 1.

Omaha—No. 2 northern, 3; No. 3, 7; rejected, 4.

Total—No. 1 northern, 25; No. 2 northern, 37; No. 3, 49; rejected, 30; no grade, 8.

Other Grains—Rejected macaroni wheat, 3; No. 2 winter wheat, 2; No. 3 winter wheat, 38; rejected winter wheat, 6; No. 4 corn, 11; no grade corn, 2; No. 3 white oats, 6; No. 4 white oats, 24; No. 3 oats, 6; no grade oats, 15; No. 2 rye, 6; No. 3 rye, 1; no grade rye, 1; No. 4 barley, 7; No. 5 barley, 23; no grade barley, 3; No. 1 flax, 10; rejected flax, 7.

Cars Inspected Out—No. 1 northern wheat, 28; No. 2 northern wheat, 22; No. 3 wheat, 21; rejected wheat, 10; no grade wheat, 5; macaroni wheat, 2; No. 2 winter wheat, 1; No. 3 winter wheat, 16; rejected winter wheat, 17; No. 4 corn, 2; No. 3 white oats, 10; No. 4 white oats, 7; no grade oats, 8; No. 3 barley, 7; No. 5 barley, 4; no grade barley, 5; No. 2 rye, 3; No. 3 rye, 3; no grade rye, 2; No. 1 flax, 11.

DAILY WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following are the receipts and shipments at the principal primary wheat markets:

	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
New York	4,895	5,040
Philadelphia	5,400	12,400
Baltimore	38,121	.....
Toledo	6,000	2,700
Detroit	2,000	.....
St. Louis	120,000	148,000
Boston	833	.....
Chicago	37,105	49,117
Milwaukee	16,120	4,400
Duluth	37,245	1,983
Minneapolis	200,250	56,000
Kansas City	94,500	153,900

CHICAGO GRAIN

LIQUIDATION MAKES WHEAT EASIER—CORN AND OATS FOLLOW.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Heavy liquidation by several of the big longs caused an easier tone in wheat to-day. At the opening the market still felt the effects of possible war complications and higher prices at Liverpool. May opened ⅛c to ¼c higher to 99@98⅛c, and July was also up ⅛c to ¼c, at 88⅞ to 89c. Within the first few minutes of trading May scored a new high record mark, selling up to 98½c on active covering by shorts. Offerings became liberal on the advance resulting in a decline to 97⅝c. The price later steadied around 98c. July showed greater weakness and after touching 89¼c sold off to 88½c. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 299 cars, against 241 cars last week and 331 cars a year go.

The market turned strong toward the middle of the session on a renewed demand from shorts and commission houses. Additional strength was given prices late in the day by open buying by the leading long. The active foreign demand and the strength of cash wheat in al lmarkets also ale the upturn. May sold up to 99½c, and July advanced to 90c. The close was practically at the top, May being up 1½@1⅝c at 99⅜@99½c, with July 1¼c higher at 90c.

Close: Wheat—May, 99⅜@99½c; July, 90@91c; September, 85½c; old, 89½c.

Cash Wheat—No. 2 red, 98c@$1.05; No. 3 red, 95c@1.04½; No. 2 hard, 90@94c; No. 3 hard, 80@92c; No. 1 northern, 96c@$1; No. 2 northern, 92@98c; No. 3 spring, 83@97c.

The corn market was governed by conditions similar to those that ruled in the wheat pit. Local longs and outside holders had plenty of corn for sale, and altho there was a good demand from commission houses at the start the market gradually weakened under the general profit-taking. The opening was steady in sympathy with wheat and on strong cables, May being ⅛c lower to ⅛c higher at 55⅝c to 55⅝c. July was ⅛c higher at 53⅜c; later, however, May sold off to 55⅛@55¼c, while July went back to 53c. Local receipts were 222 cars, 6 of contract grade.

The corn market regained the early loss when wheat prices started upward. The close was firm with May ⅛c higher at 55⅝c, and July up a shade at 53¼@53⅜c.

Close: Corn—February, 52⅜c; May, 55⅝c; July, 53¼@53⅜c; September, 52¼c.

Cash Corn—No. 3, 42½@42½c.

Oats shared in the general liquidation, the selling of May being the feature. The opening on that delivery was a shade to ¼@⅜c higher at 43¾@44c, but the price steadily declined to 43⅛@43¼c. Local receipts were 129 cars.

Close: Oats—May, 44c; July, 39⅞c; September, 34⅝c.

Cash Oats—No. 2, 40½c; No. 3, 39½@40c.

The following was the range of prices for old delivery:

Wheat—	May.	July.	Sept.
Opening	98@98⅝	90@90⅛	85⅝@86
Highest	99½	91	86½
Lowest	97½	89⅛@¼	85
Close—			
To-day	99⅜@½	91	86½
Yesterday	97⅞	89¾	85½
Year ago	77⅝@½	73⅞@74	.....
Corn—			
Opening	55⅝@⅝	53¼@⅜	52¼@⅜
Highest	56	53½	52⅝
Lowest	55⅛@¼	53	52
Close—			
To-day	55⅝	53⅜	52¼
Yesterday	55½	53¼	52⅛@¼
Year ago	43⅝@½	44	.....
Oats—			
Opening	43¾@44	39⅞	34¾@½
Highest	44	40	34⅝
Lowest	43⅛	39½	34⅝
Close—			
To-day	44	39⅞	34⅝
Yesterday	43⅝@¾	39⅞	34⅜@½
Year ago	35¾	32¾	.....

The following was the range of prices for new delivery:

Wheat—	May.	July.	Sept.
Opening	.....	89	84½@¾
Highest	.....	90⅛	86½
Lowest	.....	88¼	85
Close—			
To-day	.....	89⅞	86½
Yesterday	.....	88¾	84½

PUTS AND CALLS.

2:30 o'clock report:

Puts—May wheat, 96⅝@96¾c.

Calls—May wheat, 99⅜c.

Curb—May wheat, 97¾c.

CASH SALES REPORTED TO-DAY.

No. 1 northern wheat, 3 cars	$0.97½
No. 1 northern wheat, 1,000 bu, to arrive	.97½
No. 2 northern wheat, 2 cars	.94¾
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	.95
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car, elevator	.94
No. 2 northern wheat, 2 cars	.94½
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	.94¼
No. 2 northern wheat, 5,000 bu, to arrive	.95
No. 2 northern wheat, 700 bu, to arrive	.95
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	.91
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	.89
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	.91½
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	.91½
No. 3 wheat, 7 cars	.91¾
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, smutty	.90
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	.92
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.88
Rejected wheat, 1 car, smutty	.87
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.75
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.83
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.82
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.86
Rejected wheat, 4 cars	.84
Rejected wheat, 1 car, bin burnt	.80
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.83
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.86
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.85
Rejected wheat, 1 car, smutty	.84¼
No grade wheat, 1 car	.75
No grade wheat, 1 car, bin burnt	.60
No grade wheat, 1 car	.80
No grade wheat, 1 car	.87
No. 4 corn, 1 car	.43½
No. 4 corn, 1 car	.43
No grade corn, 1 car	.43
No. 3 white oats, 3 cars	.39½
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	.40½

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LITTLE TRADING ON WALL STREET

OPENING PRICES YIELDED IN BROAD, ACTIVE MARKET.

Active Stocks Neglected, Partial Recovery Followed by Fresh Selling—Market Becomes Lethargic with No Decisive Tendency and Transactions Few and Far Between.

New York, Feb. 18.—Opening prices of stocks to-day yielded fractions extending to ½ in many cases. Norfolk & Western lost 1⅜ and Pennsylvania and Amalgamated Copper ¾. The market was more active and broader than for several days past. Active stocks were neglected. Minneapolis & St. Louis declined 4, and Atlantic Coast Line 4½.

A partial recovery of the opening losses was followed by fresh selling and the market sagged to the first prices or below. Amalgamated bore the brunut of the selling and yielded a point and similar losses occurred in Sugar, Metropolitan Securities, Delaware & Hudson and Iowa Central. Small recoveries were made later. United States Steel preferred and Tennessee Coal were rather firm.

The market became lethargic with no decisive tendency. Later declines were St. Joseph and Grand Island 4½, Iowa Central preferred 3, Detroit United Railway 3¼, and Wabash preferred. Erie second preferred and General Chemical a point or more.

Bonds were heavy at noon.

Transactions were few and far between, but those were made at rising prices, especially United States Steel preferred which touched 57¼. Pennsylvania, St. Paul, Missouri Pacific and Brooklyn Transit recovered nearly all of their losses and New York Central gained a small fraction.

The recovery was checked and the movement of the market almost absolutely ceased. Iowa Central preferred lost 4, Metropolitan Securities 2, St. Louis & Southwestern 1¼, Colorado & Southern second preferred and New Haven a point. In the final dealings prices gravitated back to about the lowest.

The closing was stagnant.

Stock quotations reported for The Journal by Watson & Co., brokers, Chamber of Commerce, Minneapolis:

Closing figures are bid.

Sales.	Stocks—	High-est.	Low-est.	—Close— Bid. Feb.18	Bid. Feb.17
100	Am. Cot. Oil	.....	.....	29½	29½
100	do pr	.....	.....	88	88
200	Am. Car	19½	19⅜	19¾	19¾
100	do pr	.....	.....	68¾	67½
2,900	Am. Locomot.	22⅛	21⅞	22	22½
	do pr	.....	.....	78	78½
300	Am. Ice	.....	.....	8¼	8
500	do pr	31	30½	31	31
	Am. Linseed	.....	.....	9½	9¾
	do pr	.....	.....	27	27
3,700	Am. Sugar	124⅞	124⅛	124½	125
	do pr	.....	.....	125	123
	Am. Smelting	.....	.....	47¾	48
	do pr	.....	.....	91	91
26,400	Amal. Cop	48¼	47½	47¾	48½
100	do pr	.....	.....	87	87½
	Anacon. Cop	.....	.....	64	64
3,400	At.,Top.& S.F.	66⅞	66⅝	66¾	67
100	do pr	.....	.....	89⅛	89¼
26,600	Balt. & Ohio	76¼	75⅞	76	76½
7,500	Brook. R. T.	42¼	41¾	42	42⅜
2,600	Canadian Pac.	116	115⅝	115⅝	116⅜
1,400	Ches. & Ohio	31½	31	31½	31¾
200	Chi. & Alton	.....	.....	36½	36⅛
	do pr	.....	.....	82½	82½
200	Corn Products	.....	.....	18	18½
100	do pr	.....	.....	70	70
	Chi. Gr. West	15⅝	15¼	15¼	15⅜
	C.,C.,C. & St.L	.....	.....	70¼	71½
	do pr	.....	.....	101	101
	Chi. Term	.....	.....	9½	9¾
	do pr	.....	.....	19½	19½
	Col. Fuel & I.	.....	.....	30¾	31
100	Col. Southern	.....	.....	16	16
	do 1st pr	53	52⅝	52¾	53
	do 1st pr	.....	.....	22½	23
	Col., H. C. & I	13½	12¾	13¼	13⅛
2,200	Consol. Gas	193½	192½	192½	193
	Con. Tob. pr	.....	.....	103	.....
600	Del. & Hudson	159⅛	159	159¼	159¾
	Del.Lack. & W.	.....	.....	265	266
100	Den. & Rio Gr.	.....	.....	20	20
100	do pr	.....	.....	67¾	68
	Des M. & FtD	.....	.....	19	.....
10,800	Erie	24⅝	24⅛	24⅝	24⅝
2,100	do 1st pr	63⅜	63	63⅜	63½
2,100	do 2d pr	41⅛	40¼	41	41¼
600	Gen. Electric	165½	165	165	165⅛
	Greene Con C	.....	.....	10½	10¼
	Hocking Val.	.....	.....	73	72½
	do pr	.....	.....	81½	81½
300	Illinois Central	127¾	127¼	127¾	127½
400	Iowa Central	17¾	17	17½	17½
	do pr	36	35	35	36
	Inter. Paper	.....	.....	11½	11½
	do pr	.....	.....	63	63
	K. C. & South	.....	.....	18	18
	do pr	.....	.....	34	34
800	Louis. & Nash	103¾	103½	103½	103¾
600	M., St. P. & S	C2	61¾	61⅞	62¾
1,700	Manhattan	142¾	142	142⅝	142¾
400	Met. St. Ry	117⅝	117¼	117¼	117¾
100	Minn. & St. L	.....	.....	68	.....
	do pr	.....	.....	88	.....
4,300	Missouri Pac	89¼	88⅞	88⅞	89¼
400	M., K. & T.	16⅛	16	16	16¼
800	do pr	36¼	35¾	53¾	36½
400	Mex. Central	.....	.....	10⅛	10¾
	Nat. Biscuit	.....	.....	40	40½
	do pr	.....	.....	101¼	101¼
	Nat. Lead	.....	.....	15	15
	do pr	.....	.....	85	84
600	Norfolk & W.	56⅞	56⅝	56¾	57½
	North Am. Co	.....	.....	84	84
	Nor. Securities	89⅞	88⅞	89⅝	89½
	Northwestern	.....	.....	162	162
2,400	N. Y. Central	114½	113⅞	114½	114¼
	Omaha	.....	.....	135	.....
	do pr	.....	.....	165	.....
400	Ontario & W.	20⅝	20½	20⅝	20¾
200	Pressed Steel	.....	.....	29	29½
100	do pr	.....	.....	69½	70
200	Pacific Mail	27½	27	27½	27
29,500	Penn. R. R.	114⅜	113⅝	114	114⅜
900	People's Gas	98⅝	98¼	98¼	98¾
8,800	Reading	47⅞	41⅞	41⅝	42
100	do 1st pr	.....	.....	79½	79½
	do 2d pr	.....	.....	56½	56½
100	Repub. Steel	.....	.....	7¼	7½
100	do pr	.....	.....	43½	44½
	Rubber Goods	.....	.....	19½	19½
	do pr	.....	.....	76	75
2,100	Rock Island	22	21¾	21¾	22⅛
100	do pr	.....	.....	61	61
400	St.L. & S.W.	.....	.....	14	14
100	do pr	.....	.....	32⅞	32½
11,300	St. Paul	139⅝	139½	139⅝	140
	do pr	.....	.....	170	170
9,100	Southern Pac.	46	45¾	45¾	46¼
2,000	Southern Ry	19¾	19¾	19⅝	20
800	do pr	80⅛	80⅛	80⅛	81
600	Tenn.Coal & I.	37½	36¼	36¼	36½
500	Texas & Pac.	22¾	22½	22½	22¾
	T., St. L. & W.	.....	.....	23½	23½
	do pr	.....	.....	33½	33½
	Twin City R.T	.....	.....	89¼	89¼
13,600	Union Pacific	77¼	76¾	77	77⅜
100	do pr	.....	.....	89½	89¼
100	U. S. Leather	.....	.....	7	7
400	do pr	76½	76	76	76⅝
	U. S. Rubber	.....	.....	11¼	12
	do pr	.....	.....	47½	48
4,100	U. S. Steel	11¼	11	11⅛	11
13,900	do pr	57¼	56½	72½	72½
100	Wabash	.....	.....	18¾	18¼
1,700	do pr	35	34½	34¾	35¼
100	Western Union	.....	.....	87½	87½
	Wheel. & L. E	.....	.....	14	14
100	Wis. Central	.....	.....	18¼	18¼
100	do pr	.....	.....	41	41¾

Total sales, 221,900.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS

DULUTH GRAIN, Feb. 18.—Wheat bulged again to-day, this time to 97¼c for May, an advance for the day of 1⅜c. Business was large, but chiefly for outside account. Macaroni jumped 4c to 82c for No. 1, and 50c for No. 2, but 84c was bid for round lots of No. 2 and 1 car No. 1 sold at 85c. This was an advance of 9c for No. 2. Flax held steady and very dull at $1.17½ for May. Receipts, wheat, 55 cars; flax, 17; barley, 3; oats, 7. Shipments, wheat, 1,98 bu; flax, 21,736; barley, 2,662. Cars on track, 163.

Close: Wheat, cash No. 1 hard, 98¾c; No. 1 northern, 97¼c; No. 2 northern, 94¾c; May, 97¼c; July, 97c; September, 87½c; macaroni, 80c to 82c; flax, cash, $1.15; May, $1.17½; July, $1.18½; oats, 40½c; rye, 65c.

NEW YORK GRAIN AND FLOUR, Feb. 18.—Flour, receipts, 15,040; sales, 4,200; firmly held at last night's prices. Winter straights, $4.75@4.90; Minnesota bakers, $4@4.25; winter patents, $5@5.25; buckwheat flour, dull, $2@2.15. Wheat, receipts, 4,875 bu; sales, 4,200,000 bu; opened steady on stronger cables, war news, and gained further strength on a scare among shorts. After easing off on heavy selling and snow west it had a rally on renewed bull support; May, 99⅞@$1.00⅛; July, 94 13-16@95 9-16; September, 87⅞@88⅜c. Rye, quiet; state and Jersey, 65@68c; No. 2 western, 72½ f. o. b. afloat. Corn, receipts, 35,475 bu; quietly steady on the cables and good bull support. Oats, receipts, 10,500 bu; nominal.

Close: Wheat—May, $1.01; July, 96¼c; September, 89⅜c. Corn—May, 60¼@60⅝c; July, 58½c.

ST. LOUIS GRAIN, Feb. 18.—Close: Wheat—Higher; No. 2 red cash elevator, $1.10½; on track, $1.04@1.06½; May, 95⅝c; July, 87⅜@87½c; No. 2 hard, 90@93c. Corn—Higher; No. 2, cash, 45½c; on track, 46@46½c; May, 50⅝c; July, 50⅝c. Oats—Higher; No. 2, cash, 42c; on track, 42½@43c; May, 42⅞c; No. 2 white, 44½c.

KANSAS CITY GRAIN, Feb. 18.—Close—Wheat, May, 85⅜@85¼c; July, 80⅝c; cash No. 2 hard, 89@91c; No. 3, 85@88c; No. 2 red, $1.03; No. 3, $1.01. Corn, May, 46⅛c; July, 46½c; cash No. 2 mixed, 44c; No. 2 white, 45c; No. 3, 44c. Oats, No. 2 white, 43c; No. 2 mixed, 41@42c.

CHICAGO SEED AND COARSE GRAINS, Feb. 18.—Rye—February, 73c; May, 73c; July, 73c. Flax, cash, northwestern, $1.17; southwestern, $1.11; February, $1.11; May, $1.13. Timothy—February, $3.05; March, $3.10@3.12½. Clover—February, $10.75@11. Barley—Cash, 40@60c.

LIVERPOOL GRAIN, Feb. 18.—Wheat—Spot, nominal; futures, steady; March, 6s 7½d; May, 6s 6½d; July, 6s 6½d. Corn—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 4s 3d; American mixed, old, 4s 6½d; futures, quiet; March 4s 3¼d; May, 4s 4⅝d.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW YORK COTTON, Feb. 18.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 5@7 points on the old crop months, while the new were unchanged to 12 points higher. This advance was a poor response to a very firm set of Liverpool cables and the small receipts estimated for day, but it was felt that most of the smaller shorts had covered on yesterday's late advance and this morning there was considerable realizing by commission houses while the room element seemed disposed to take the short side for a turn. The selling later was accelerated by the comparatively heavy estimate for the day's receipts at Houston and the market by the end of the first fifteen or twenty minutes had not only lost the initial gains but was net 6 to 8 points lower on the more active months. Following this New Orleans showed signs of returning steadiness, there was a better demand from spot houses and the market rallied a few points from the bottom. Trading was moderately active but there was little indication of bull support.

At midday the market was firm and net 10@24 points higher on renewed demand from shorts. Spot cotton quiet: middling uplands, 13.50c; middling gulf, 13.75c.

Cotton—Spot closed quiet, 25 points higher; middling uplands, 13.75c; middling gulf, 14c. Sales, 2,210 bales.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON, Feb. 18.—The ring at the cotton exchange seethed with excitement to-day. The bull leaders were heavy buyers and room traders, outside scalpers and one of the private wire houses were heavy sellers. At the opening there was a heavy pressure on prices by selling orders and one house dumped thousands of bales on the ring. Prices were buoyant, however, and rose after each onslought by the bears. The sensational feature of the day was found in numerous telegrams from San Antonio and points in Texas which said the boll weevil was being found in enormous numbers and that early planting could hardly stay its ravages this spring. Fluctuations carried May from 19 points lower to 30 points higher.

NEW YORK SUGAR AND COFFEE.—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 2 13-16c; centrifugal 96-test, 3 11-32c; molasses sugar, 2 9-16c; refined steady; crushed, 5.15c; powdered, 4.55c; granulated, 4.45c.

Coffee—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 7¼c.

Molasses—Firm; New Orleans, 31@37c.

NEW YORK LEAD AND COPPER, Feb. 18.—Lead, steady, unchanged. Copper, firm, 12⅝@13c.

PEORIA WHISKY, Feb. 18.—Whisky—On the basis of $1.27 for finished goods.

ST. LOUIS LEAD, Feb. 18.—Lead—Firm, $4.37½. Spelter—Strong, $4.80.

Notes in circulation decreased 8,175,000 francs; treasury accounts current decreased 14,175,000 francs; gold in hand increased 2,500,000 francs; bills discounted decreased 4,425,000 francs; silver in hand increased 2,325,000 francs.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was unchanged to-day at 4 per cent.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—Exchange on London, 20 marks 10¼ pfennigs for checks. Discount rates for short bills, 2 per cent; for three months' bills, 3⅛ per cent.

PARIS, eb. 18.—Three per cent rentes, 95 francs 27½ centimes for the account.

LONDON CLOSING STOCKS, Feb. 18.—Consols for money, 86 7-16; consols for account, 86½; Anaconda, 3¼; Atchison, 68⅝; Atchison preferred, 92; Baltimore & Ohio, 78; Canadian Pacific, 119; Chesapeake & Ohio, 32¼; Chicago Great Western, 16; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 143½; De Beers, 19¾; Denver & Rio Grande, 20¼; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 70; Erie, 25; Erie first preferred, 64⅞; Erie second preferred, 42½; Illinois Central, 131; Louisville & Nashville, 106¼; Missouri, Kansas & Texas, 16⅝; New York Central, 117½; Norfolk & Western, 58¼; Norfolk & Western preferred, 89; Ontario & Western, 21¼; Pennsylvania, 58⅜; Rand Mines, 9¼; Reading, 21¼; Reading first preferred, 40; Reading second preferred, 29; Southern Railway, 20⅞; Southern Railway preferred, 83; Southern Pacific, 47¼; Union Pacific, 79; Union Pacific preferred, 91⅞; United States Steel, 11¼; United States Steel preferred, 58⅛; Wabash, 19; Wabash preferred, 36.

Bar silver, steady, 27 7-16d per ounce.

Money 2¾@3 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3¼@3⅜ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 3½@3¾ per cent.

BOSTON MINING STOCKS, Feb. 18.—Closing prices in yesterday's market: Adventure, 2¼ bid; Allouez, 3½@4; Arcadian, 40@45; Arnold, 25@50; Atlanta, 7½@8½; Bingham, 19¾ bid; Calumet and Hecla, 445@450; Centennial, 17½@18; Consolidated Mercer, 50@60; Copper Range Consolidated, 40@41; Daly West, 34½@35; Dominion Coal, 58¼@60; Dominion Steel, 8½@8¾; Elm River, 2@2½; Franklin, 8½@9; Isle Royale, 7¼@9; Mass, 3½@4; Mayflower, 75@87½; Michigan, 5@5½; Mohawk, 35@35¾; Montreal and Boston, 49@60; Granby, 3¼@3½; A. C. P., 48¾@48¾; Old Colony, 1@1¼; Old Dominion, 10½@11; Osceola, 57@57¼; Parrott, 24½@25; Phoenix, 2½@3; Quincy, 85@90; Santa Fe, 1½@2; Shannon Copper Company, 7¾@8; Swift & Co., 100@100⅜; Tamarack, 100@105; Trinity, 4¾@5; United States Mining, 20½@20⅝; Utah, 33⅝@34; Victoria, 3½@4; Winona, 5@5½; Wolverine, 70@72; Wyandot, 1 asked.

GENERAL PRODUCE

Thursday, Feb. 18.—Butter, firm. Eggs, firm. Poultry, firm. Veal, firm.

BUTTER—Creameries, extra, lb, 24½c; creameries, firsts, 23c; creameries, seconds, 18c; dairies, extras, 13c; dairies, firsts, 16c; dairies, seconds, 13c; packing stock, 8@13c; renovated, extras, 18c; renovated, firsts, 12½c; roll and print, fancy, 16c; roll and print, fair to good, 13c.

EGGS—New laid, case count, current receipts, cases included, 25c; candled, loss off, doz, 29c; dirtes, $5 per case for candled; seconds and checks, per case, $5.

CHEESE—Twins or flats, fancy, 11@12c; twins or flats, fair to choice, 9c; twins or flats, fair to good, 7c; Young Americas, fancy, 13c; brick, No. 1, 13c; brick, No. 2, 9c; brick, No. 3, 6@6½c; primost, No. 1, 8c; primost, No. 2, 6c; pultost, fancy Swiss, No. 1, block, 15c; Swiss, No. 2 block, 12c; daisies, No. 1, 12½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Undrawn turkeys, fancy, small, 13c; culls, 6@7c; chickens, springs, fancy, 12½c; springs, fair to good, 11@12c; hens, fancy, 11½@12c; fair to good and small, 9@10c; old roosters and culls, 6@7c; ducks, fancy, heads off, 12c; fair to good, 9@11c; geese, fancy, head off, 11c, fair to good, 8@9c; frozen stock 1@2c less.

LIVE POULTRY—Turkeys, 10@12½c; hens, 10c; young roosters, 10@11c; old roosters