MARKET INCLINES UP

London's Heavy Effect Removed in Early Hours.

RALLY IN PRICES ON COPPER

Metal Brings Better Figures Than for Some Time Past—Federal Smelting Company Passes Dividend—Result Is to Drag Market Slightly—Copper Stocks Lead Market's Activity.

New York, Feb. 24.—Less than 335,000 shares of stocks were bought and sold on the stock exchange to-day, the turnover forming one of the smallest day's business for the year to date; and the dealings were so utterly professional, changes in prices so small and the news events so barren of importance, that the day was one of almost unrelieved tedium in Wall street commission houses.

In the early transactions, the market declined a little for no other reason, as seemed, than a heavier undertone in London, due possible to the approach of the fortnightly settlement there. At any rate, London houses here were prompt sellers of in the neighborhood of 20,000 shares of stocks and the movement exerted a visible impression on our own market.

The greater number of habitual operators, however, were inclined to look for higher rather than lower prices, during the day, in consequence of a general impression that the slow upward movement of last week in the market had not culminated and that it had succeeded in bringing into the field a certain quantity of outside buying of stock.

Inclined to Rally.

The market, therefore, after the London selling was over, was strongly inclined to rally, and by midday, whatever early losses had been made were recovered and gains extending to a point or more established in the principal stocks. But with this rise, the advancing tendency seemed to lose its force. A slow decline began, which ran uninterruptedly until the end of business hours, with the result that trivial advances and recessions, mostly the latter, were finally shown.

At one time during the day the particular heaviness of the steel stocks, or at least of the United States Steel preferred shares, attracted more or less attention, and was connected in current gossip with reports that the effort on the part of the leading steel producing companies to maintain prices had proved ineffective, and that price cutting by some of the smaller companies had begun.

An announcement that the Federal Mining and Smelting Company, a corporation controlled by the larger smelting and refining company, had passed the quarterly dividend on its common stock did not serve to prevent marked strength in the early part of the day in the American Smelting shares, and a rumor of the moment is that new and powerful financial interests have allied themselves with the American Smelting and Refining concern.

Dividends Doubtful.

In the present depressed state of the metal industry, however, the question of the maintenance of dividends at the rate formerly paid by any smelting or mining company is manifestly a matter of doubt.

The copper stocks, both here and in Boston, were, along with the American Smelting and Refining shares, the leaders of the market in the morning's activity. The rise in copper prices was due doubtless to the now admitted fact that one of the most prominent metal agencies made a large sale of copper to foreign buyers when the price of the commodity fell below 13 cents a pound.

But it is the current belief in the copper trade that this copper was bought by speculators rather than consumers, and that, in a broad sense, it still hangs over the market.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Feb. 24.—Money on call at the stock exchange to-day opened at 1¾; highest, 2; lowest, ½; closing, 1¾ per cent. Most of the loans were at 1¾ per cent.

Time money opened the week liberally obtainable and in fair demand. Rates were easier for the shorter periods, at 3½ per cent for sixty days, 3 per cent for ninety days, 4¼ for four months, and 4½ per cent for five and six months.

Mercantile paper was rather quiet. A large assortment of attractive material was offered, with moderate-sized sales. Rates, 5½ to 6 per cent for endorsed bills receivable and choice single names, and 6 to 6½ per cent for others.

Sterling exchange rates this morning eased ten points to 4.8565 for demand bills, but in the afternoon advanced bills closed at 4.8685, five to ten points above last week's close. Rates for actual business closed as follows: Sixty days, 4.8350a4.8455; demand, 4.8685a4.8690; cables, 4.8720a4.8725; commercial bills, 4.82⅝a4.83½. The supply of cotton bills was scarce.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

New York, Feb. 24.—Closing quotations of United States government bonds:

	Bid.	Asked.
2s, registered, 1930	105	105½
2s, coupon, 1930	106	.....
3s, registered, 1908	101	101¾
3s, coupon, 1908	101	101¾
3s, small bonds	100¼	.....
4s, registered, 1925	121	122
4s, coupon, 1925	121	.....
Panama Canal 2s, registered, 1913	103½	.....

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

New York, Feb. 24.—Bond transactions on the stock exchange:

Japanese first series 4½s	86¼
Japanese second series 4½s	84⅝
Japanese St. Louis loan 4s	78
American Tobacco 6s	100½
American Tobacco 4s	62½
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	84½
Baltimore and Ohio 3½s	90
Central of Georgia consolidated 5s	99½
Northern Pacific 3s	71
Oregon Short Line 6s	117
Oregon Short Line 4s	67
Pennsylvania 3½s, 1912	93¼
Pennsylvania 3½s, 1915	89¼
Reading general 4s	94¼
Seaboard Air Line 4s	45½
Southern Railway 5s	87
Tennessee Coal and Iron R. R. 4s	88¾
Tenn. Coal and Iron R. R. 6s, Tenn. Div.	103¼
Union Pacific first 4s	100¼
Union Pacific convertible 4s	85
United States Steel S. F. 5s	87⅝
United States Steel registered	88
Western Maryland 4s	87

Total sales, $2,173,000, against $2,810,000 Friday, $3,469,000 a week ago, and $1,685,000 a year ago.

MINING STOCKS.

Quotations are furnished by Irving K. Farrington & Co., members of the New York Produce Exchange, E. F. Baker, manager, Hibbs Building.

	Closing. Bid.	Asked.
Goldfield Consolidated	4⅝	5
Combination Fraction	70	72
Jumbo Extension	42	44
Goldfield Daisy	1.05	1.07
St. Ives*	40	42
Silver Pick*	27	29
Great Bend*	37	39
Blue Bell*	9	11
Adams*	6	8
Atlanta*	31	33
Red Hills*	32	34
Diamondfield Black Butte*	20	22
Triangle*	8	10
Tramps Consolidated*	22	24
Gold Bar*	37	39
Black Butler*	40	42
Golden Scepter*	6	8
Gibraltar*	12	14
Boatsoke*	7	9
Sawtooth Galena King*	12	14
Montana Tonapah	1.90	1.95
Nipissing	6¼	6¼
McKinley-Darragh	¾	⅞
Florence	4½	4⅝

*Sells cents per share.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Quotations furnished by Post & Flagg, members of the New York Stock Exchange, Benjamin Woodruff, manager, 1331 F street northwest.

Sales to noon.....185,992 shares
Total sales.....307,802 shares
Call money: High, 2; low, 1½; close, 1¾.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Fe.24.	Fe.21.
Amal. Copper	41,300	50¼	48½	49¼	49
Am. C. & F.	600	26⅞	26½	26½	26¾
Am. Cotton Oil	100	25¾	25¾	25¾	25⅞
Am. Grass	200	4	4	4	4
Am. Ice Sec.	200	13	13	13	13
Am. Linseed pfd.	200	18½	18½	18½	18¼
Am. Loco.	300	32¾	32½	32¾	32⅝
Am. Loco. pfd.	100	89¾	89¾	89¾	90
Am. Steel Fdy.	200	5½	5½	5½	5¼
Am. S. F. pfd.	100	28½	28½	28½	28¾
Am. Smelt.	29,100	61⅛	59⅛	59⅝	60
Am. Smelt. pfd.	300	90	90	90	90
Am. Sugar	900	113¾	112⅞	113	112½
Anaconda	4,300	32½	30⅞	31¾	31
Atchison	2,800	68⅞	68¼	68½	68½
Atchison pfd.	100	84⅞	84⅞	84¾	84½
At. Coast Line	300	64	63	63	64
Balto. & Ohio	800	79¾	79	79	79¾
Batopilas Min.	400	3¼	3	3¼	3¼
Brook. R. T.	6,400	41⅛	40	40½	40⅝
Cent. Leather	100	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞	17
Cent. of N. J.	200	170	170	170	170
Ches. & Ohio	100	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝	26½
Chi. Gt. W.	200	3½	3½	3½	3⅜
Chi. G. W. pfd. B.	100	5½	5½	5½	5
C., M. & St. P.	6,100	109¾	109¼	109⅝	108¾
C. & N. W.	100	143½	143½	143½	144
C., C., C. & St. L.	100	49	49	49	48¾
C. F. & I.	700	17	16¼	16¼	17
Colo. So.	400	22⅝	22¼	22¼	22¾
Colo. So. 1st	200	51¾	51½	51¾	52
Con. Gas	300	101	101	101	101½
Corn Prod. pfd.	100	58½	58½	58½	59
D. & H.	900	147¼	146⅞	146⅞	148
D. & R. G.	700	16¾	16	16⅛	16
D. & R. G. pfd.	300	43	43	43	42¾
Dis. Sec.	200	29	29	29	28
Erie	1,000	13¼	13	13¼	13¼
Gt. North. pfd.	2,800	119¼	118	118¼	118
Gt. North. Ore	100	52	52	52	52
Int. Met.	100	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞	7
Int. Paper	200	9¾	9½	9½	9⅝
Int. Paper pfd.	100	59	59	59	59
Int. Pump pfd.	200	65	65	65	65
L. & N.	100	91	91	91	90⅞
Mexican Central	700	17¼	16⅞	17	16¾
M. & St. L.	100	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	21¾
M., K. & T.	800	18½	18¼	18½	18⅝
M., K. & T. pfd.	300	49	49	49	49½
Missouri Pacific	1,700	32¼	31¾	32	32¼
Nat. Biscuit	100	75	75	75	75
Nat. Lead	2,900	41⅞	40¾	41¼	40¾
N. Y. Central	4,900	96⅝	96	95⅞	96¼
N. Y., C. & St. L.	100	28½	28½	28½	28⅝
N. & W.	300	60	59⅝	59⅝	60½
North American	400	42¾	42¼	42¾	42¾
Northern Pacific	10,900	122¼	121	121⅛	121½
Pacific Coast	900	82½	79	82½	82
Pacific Mail	200	28	27¼	28	28½
Pa. R. R.	3,700	112¾	112	112¼	112⅝
Pressed Steel	700	19¾	19	19½	18¾
Pressed Steel pfd.	200	71	70	71	70¼
Reading	72,000	97½	95⅝	96¼	95⅞
Rep. I. & S.	400	16	15¼	16	15¾
Rep. I. & S. pfd.	700	66½	65¾	65⅞	66¼
Rock Island	600	12	11⅝	11⅝	11⅝
Rock Island pfd.	700	23	22½	22¾	23
Southern Pacific	3,300	68¾	67⅞	68	68⅛
So. Pacific pfd.	200	108¾	108¾	108¾	109¼
Southern Ry.	100	10	10	10	10
Texas Pacific	200	15⅝	15¼	15⅝	15½
Third Avenue	400	20½	18½	20½	18½
T., St. L. & W.	100	14¾	14¾	14¾	14¾
T., S. L. & W. pfd.	200	34¾	34½	34¾	35
Union Bag	300	4	4	4	4
Union Pacific	39,400	117¼	115⅞	116¼	116⅝
U. S. Pipe	300	18¾	18¾	18¾	19
U. S. Rub. 1st	400	79½	78	79½	77¾
U. S. Steel	32,900	28⅞	28⅜	28⅝	28¾
U. S. Steel pfd.	10,700	92⅝	91¼	91⅞	92⅝
Western Union	400	47	46	46	47

CURB MARKET.

Quotations furnished by E. F. Hutton & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, G. Bowie Chipman, manager, 1301 F street northwest.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Boston Con. Copper	14½	15	14⅝	14⅝
British Col. Copper	4½	4½	4⅜	4½
Butte Coalition	18⅝	18⅝	18	18
Chicago Subway	16¼	16½	16¼	16½
Cumberland Ely	7½	7¾	7¼	7¾
Dominion Copper	2 3-16	2 5-16	2¼	2¼
Goldfield Consolidated	4 15-16	5	4⅞	4 15-16
Greene Cananea	8⅝	8½	7¾	8⅛
Micmac Gold Min.	4	4	3¾	3¾
Mitchell	⅝	⅝	½	⅝
Nevada Consol.	9¾	9½	9¼	9¼
Nevada-Utah Copper	4	4¼	4	4⅛
Nipissing Mining	6¼	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
North Butte	49½	48	45½	47⅞
Tri-Bullion	1 15-16	1 15-16	1 15-16	1 15-16

TREASURY STATEMENT.

Reserve fund—	
Gold coin and bullion	$150,000,000 00
Trust funds held for redemption of outstanding notes and certificates—	
Gold coin	$828,988,869 00
Silver dollars	457,625,000 00
Silver dollars of 1890	5,344,000 00
Total	$1,291,957,869 00
General fund—	
Gold coin and bullion	$19,997,866 47
Gold certificates	35,775,470 00
Standard silver dollars	17,807,242 00
Silver certificates	8,600,202 00
Silver bullion	4,455,725 48
United States notes	8,632,512 00
Treasury notes of 1890	12,456 00
National bank notes	23,369,919 00
Subsidiary silver coin	14,059,675 60
Fractional currency	114 99
Minor coin	1,919,810 17
In national bank depositaries	236,885,858 07
In treasury of Philippine Islands	3,188,203 97
Bonds and interest paid	109,971 84
Total	$381,066,947 59
Liabilities	117,033,953 23
Available cash balance	$264,031,994 36
Receipts—	
Customs	$1,154,728 62
Internal revenue	1,590,539 61
Miscellaneous	218,125 94
Total (postal receipts not included)	$2,963,394 17
Expenditures (postal expenditures, except postal deficiency, not included)	3,450,000 00
Excess of expenditures	$486,605 83
Excess of receipts last year	1,429,290 75
National bank fund—	
Deposits under act July 14, 1890	$264,187 30
Notes redeemed and retired under act July 14, 1890	182,480 00
Notes received for current redemption	1,167,315 00
Redemption of notes—	
To March 14, 1900	$649,661,902 00
To date	133,331,126 00
February 24	84,505 00

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Quotations furnished by E. F. Hutton & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade, G. Bowie Chipman, manager, 1301 F street northwest.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The wheat market was strong early, owing to the pronounced advance in the cables. Foreign markets showed a gain of over 6 cents from the low point of last week, the gain over the holiday being more than half of the net advance. World's exports were about as expected, and there was a further liberal increase in the amount afloat. American markets showed strong advance early, but there appeared to be some selling on the advance, and prices slowly worked off in the afternoon.

Corn was quiet and firm during the morning, helped by the strength of the cables and the firmness of wheat, as well as by unsettled weather at the West, but later sold off on expectation of somewhat larger receipts, claims of better offerings from the country, and a fair increase in the visible supply.

There was a fairly active trade in hog products, with prices early showing some selling on liberal movement of hogs, but offerings appear to be well absorbed, and prices were steady in the afternoon.

WHEAT—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	94¼	95¼	94¼	94¾
July	89¼	89¾	89¼	89¾
September	86⅝	87⅝	86⅝	86⅝
CORN—				
May	60½	60⅞	60¼	60¼
July	58⅝	58⅝	58¼	58¼
September	58	58¼	57¾	57⅝
OATS—				
May	52½	52⅝	52¼	52¼
July	44¾	44¾	44¼	44¼
September	37⅛	37⅜	36⅞	36⅞
PORK—				
May	11.17	11.37	11.17	11.30
July	11.57	11.75	11.57	.....
LARD—				
May	7.30	7.42	7.30	7.37
July	7.50	7.65	7.50	7.57
September	7.72	7.85	7.72	7.77
RIBS—				
May	6.30	6.42	6.30	6.37
July	6.62	6.70	6.62	6.67
September	6.80	6.92	6.80	.....

New York, Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Higher; limiting trade. No. 1 Northern Duluth, to arrive, 1.14½; No. 2 red, f. o. b., 1.00¼; No. 2 hard, f. o. b., 1.09¾; No. 1 macaroni, f. o. b., 1.02; No. 2 macaroni, 99. Exporters took 3 loads.

CORN—Firmer; moderate trade. No. 2 elevator, 68; new No. 2, f. o. b., 61, for February to March; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 61½; No. 2 yellow, f. o. b., 61½. Exporters took 2 loads.

RYE—Dull; steady; small supply. No. 2, 90, f. o. b.

The prices for futures follow:

				Friday's	
WHEAT—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Close.
May	102⅝	102⅝	101⅞	*102¼	†100⅞
July	97¼	*97¼	97	97¼	*96
CORN—					
May	69⅝	*69⅝	69	169⅝	*69
July	.....	.....	.....	167⅝	*67⅝

*Bid. †Asked.

WASHINGTON STOCK MARKET.

Sales—Regular call, 12 o'clock noon.

Capital Traction 5s, $5,000 at 110, $500 at 110.

Washington Railway and Electric 4s, $1,000 at 75¼.

Washington Railway and Electric common, 25 at 19¼.

Washington Railway and Electric preferred, ½ at 60.

Washington Gas, 25 at 60, 5 at 59.

Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania, 6 at 94¼, 4 at 95.

Mitchell Mining, 100 at ⅝, 100 at ⅝, 100 at ⅝, 100 at ⅝, 100 at ⅝.

After call—Capital Traction 5s, $500 at 110, $500 at 110.

Following are the closing quotations on yesterday's local stock exchange:

	Bid.	Asked.
GAS BONDS.		
Washington Gas Co. 4s	99½	105
Washington Gas Co. cert. 6s	100	103
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Capital Traction 5s	109¾	110
Anacostia and Potomac 5s	97	.....
City and Suburban 5s	98¾	100
Columbia 2d mortgage 5s	102	104½
Columbia 6s, 1914	106½	.....
Metropolitan 5s, 1925	105	107
Washington Railway and Electric 4s	75⅝	76
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Potomac Electric Light 1st 5s	101	.....
Norfolk and Washington Steamboat 5s	107½	.....
Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s	101½	.....
Washington Market 5s, 1917-27	.....	107
Washington Market 5s, 1927-47	.....	107
PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	118	119
Washington Railway and Electric com.	19	25
Washington Railway and Electric pfd.	64	65½
Norfolk and Washington Steamboat	280	.....
Washington Gas	57¾	59
Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania	93	100
TYPE MACHINE STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler Linotype	193	194
Lanston Monotype	10⅛	10½
MINING STOCKS.		
Greene Cananea Copper	8⅛	8½
Mitchell Mining Company	½	⅝
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
American	149	155
Columbia	275	.....
Farmers and Mechanics	300	.....
Lincoln	125	.....
Second	134	150
Traders	130	150
Washington	.....	425
TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.		
American Security and Trust	.....	300
National Savings and Trust	185	188
Union Trust Company	116½	120
Washington Loan and Trust	176½	.....
United States Trust Company	89	90¾
SAVINGS BANK STOCKS.		
Merchants and Mechanics Savings	14	.....
FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Arlington	25	35
Columbia	10	11
Commercial	5	6
Corcoran	74	.....
Firemen's	19	.....
Franklin	50	.....
German-American	250	.....
Metropolitan	80	.....
National Union	6	.....
People's	6	8
Potomac	23	35
Riggs	7½	8½
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Real Estate Title	80	.....
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Graphophone com.	.....	36
Graphophone pfd.	.....	75
Security Storage	175	.....
Washington Market	16½	.....

COTTON MARKET.

Quotations furnished by E. F. Hutton & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange and the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, G. Bowie Chipman, manager, 1301 F street northwest.

New York, Feb. 24.—On easy cables the cotton market opened steady, 5 to 6 points decline, with trading light and market continuing dull throughout the session. There was little news. The statistical position of cotton is strong enough to warrant higher prices, but outside speculation is needed. Owing to so much legislation in Southern States, the latter has been out of the market and leaves prices at the mercy of local traders. There is a shortage in the world's crop of 4,000,000 bales, yet cotton is selling only 10 points higher to-day than at the same date last year. Of course, trade conditions are not so good, yet they are not as bad as it is claimed. Movement continues light, but many believe this will increase soon, due to the South clearing up for the new crop.

New York.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
March	10.33	10.54	10.45	10.45
May	10.47	10.69	10.63	10.63
July	10.32	10.54	10.47	10.47
October	10.00	10.00	9.95	9.95

New Orleans.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
March	10.95	10.93	10.80	10.81
May	10.80	10.81	10.68	10.69
July	10.72	10.72	10.60	10.61

BALTIMORE PRODUCE MARKET.

Baltimore, Feb. 24.—Following are the official prices at the principal commission houses:

BUTTER—Creamery, fancy, per pound, 33a34; imitation, 21a22; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 19a20; store-packed Ohio and West Virginia, 18a20; Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 19a22.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, young, per pound, fat, 15a16; do., old hens, heavy weight, 11½a12; ducks, puddle, young, 14a15; do., young Muscovy and mongrel, 13a14; turkeys, choice, 16; do., choice young gobblers, 14; geese, Maryland and Virginia, 13; pigeons, per pair, choice, old, 15.

EGGS—Maryland and Pennsylvania, fresh, per dozen, 24.

POTATOES—White, nearby, prime, per bushel, 75a80; Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, 80a85; Potomac and Delaware, per barrel, 4.00a4.50.

GREEN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES—Apples, Eastern Shore Maryland and Virginia, per barrel, No. 1, 1.75a2.25; do., small, common, 1.25a1.50; do., per ½-barrel basket, 50a75; do., New York, assorted, per barrel, 2.50a4.00; cabbage, New York, Danish, per ton, 10.00a11.00; cranberries, Cape Cod, per barrel, 7.00a8.00; lettuce, Norfolk, per basket, 25a40; eggplants, Florida, per crate, 1.50a2.00; onions, Pennsylvania, yellow, per bushel, 80a85; do., Western, yellow, 80a85; oranges, Florida, per box, as to size, 1.75a2.50; peas, Florida, per basket, 3.00a3.50; green beans, Florida, per basket, 3.50a4.00; spinach, Norfolk, per barrel, 1.50a2.00; squash, Florida, per basket, 1.50a2.00; strawberries, Florida, per quart, 25a35; tomatoes, Florida, per carrier, fancy, 2.50a3.50; fair, 1.25a2.00; turnips, native, per bushel, 30a35.

FLOUR—Winter, extra, 3.80a4.00; do., clear, 4.05a4.20; do., straight, 4.25a4.40; do., patent, 4.60a4.75; spring clear, 4.30a4.60; do., straight, 4.90a5.20; do., patent, 5.25a5.55; City Mills' best patent, 6.00; do., high-grade patent, 5.20; do., straight, 4.90; do., choice family, 4.60; extra, 4.10a4.20. Rye flour, medium to choice, 4.50a5.00.

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Almost no change in prices was noted on the wholesale market yesterday. Eggs, near-by, fresh, were scarce and a cent higher a dozen. Butter and dairy products remained the same as the quotations of Saturday. Demand after the holiday was quite active yesterday, and the arrivals of all the leading lines of produce being liberal, the market was pretty well cleared at the close of business, goods moving readily at the quotations. The vegetable market was a trifle firmer, and demand for all the better grades was active. Good fruit is also beginning to move brisker.

(Prices quoted are wholesale.)

BUTTER—Creamery, fancy, 33½a34½; do Western firsts, 31a33; do., seconds, 25a26; fancy, 26a27; do., fair to good, 22a23; dairy, choice, 18a20; good, 15a19; store-packed, fresh, 16a18.

CHEESE—Market firm and active on all kinds. New York State factory, large, 15a15½; do., flats, 16½a17; do., small, 16½a17; do., summer, large, 14a15; do., summer, small, 14a14½; do., fair to good, 12a13; Western, factory, new, choice, 14½a15; do., fair to good, 11; Virginia, 10.

EGGS—Near-by fresh Virginia, loss off, 24a25; average, 24; West Virginia and Southwest Virginia, 23; Tennessee, 23; North Carolina, 22.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, fancy, 15a16; average, 15; hens, 12a13; roosters, 7; ducks, large, 13a14; do., small, 11a12; geese, 8a10; turkeys, toms, per lb., 13a14; do., hens, 15a16; do., thin, 10; keats, 10.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, hens, undrawn, per lb., 18a20; do., average, undrawn, 16a17; do., thin, 10a12; old toms, 15a16; chickens, large, 15a16; small, 17a18; hens, choice, 13a14; roosters, 8; ducks, old, 13a15; geese, 10a12; capons, 7-lb. average, 18; small, 15a16.

DRESSED MEATS—Calves, full dressed, 9a10; heads off, 9; hog-dressed calves, 9; hams, country, sugar-cured, 13a15; hogs, small and neat, per cwt., 6.00a6.50; do., medium, 6.00; do., heavy, 5.50a6.00.

GAME—Quail per dozen, 2.50a2.75; do., small, 1.50a2.00; opossums, each, 20a40.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, home-grown, per bushel, 70a75; do., rural, 70a75; sweet potatoes, per bbl., 3.50a4.00; yams, 2.00a2.50; cabbage, per cwt., 80a90; onions, Ohio, per bushel, 70a80; string beans, per basket, 2.00a2.25; lettuce, Florida, per basket, 1.25a1.75.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, York Imperial, per bbl., 2.25a3.25; Ben Davis, 2.00a2.50; Wine Sap, 2.25a4.00; Albemarle Pippin, 4.00a5.00; fancy table fruit, 3.50a4.00; Spy, 2.50a3.25; loose packed, 1.00a1.50. Oranges, Florida, bright, per box, 2.25a2.75; do., russets, 2.25a2.75; California navels, 2.25a2.50. Grape fruit, Florida, per box, 3.50a4.00. Cranberries, per box, 2.00a2.50; do., per bbl., 5.00a8.00.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, sliced, fancy, 6a7; do., sliced, bright, 4a5.

SUNDRIES—Beeswax, 29; tallow, 5; honey, white clover, 1-lb. new, 13; do., 2-lb. new, 10a12; ginseng, per lb., 5.00a8.00; Seneca, per lb., 40; Golden Seal, 40a45; Pink, 12a14; Mandrake, 2a3; Snake Root, 35; walnut kernels, 12a14.

GRAIN—Wheat, Southern on grade, 82a95; rye, 75a80; corn, shelled, white, 65a70; do., yellow, 65a70; do., ear, 2.70a3.00; oats, Western white, No. 2, 58a60; do., mixed, 56a58.

WOOL AND HIDES—Wool, washed, free of burs, per lb., 30; do., unwashed, free of burs, 22a24; do., burry, 20; hides, green, 5; do., dry, 8a9; sheepskins, green, each, 50a75; do., dry, 25a50; calfskins, green, 1.00a1.10; muskrat, 12a23; skunk, 25a75; mink, 1.00a2.50; rabbit skins, 1; opossum, 10a15; raccoon, 25a50; fox, red, 1.25a1.75; do., gray, 35a60.

LOCAL FINANCIAL GOSSIP.

Transactions on the Washington Stock Exchange yesterday amounted to $7,500 in bonds of the two railway companies, Capital Traction 5s selling at 110, and Washington Railway 4s at 75¼, and 665 shares of stock, of which 600 were Mitchell Mining, which sold in 100 share lots, at ⅝.

Washington Gas sold at 59 and 60, and a few shares of the new Bill Telephone Company, of Pennsylvania, sold at 94⅛ and 95.

Stockholders of the Mitchell Mining Company in Washington are a good deal at sea with reference to the affairs of the company. Since the assembling of the shares and the signing of proxies for the voting of the stock for purposes of reorganization, real news of the condition of the company has been hard to get at here. It has been stated that negotiations have progressed far toward handing over the property to a capitalistic syndicate, that this syndicate has sent a representative to Mexico to make an examination of the property, and that this representative found the mines filled with water, which would require considerable outlay to render the mines safe for inspection. At or near this point news seemed to cease, and efforts of prominent shareholders to get at the inside facts have not been very successful.

Meantime, the stock is being held, the financial affairs of the company, which at one time were in a precarious condition, have been tided over, the price of the stock on the Washington Stock Exchange, on the New York curb, and elsewhere is held at 28 cents to 75 cents a share, and affairs seem to be in a waiting stage.

Washington stockholders have good faith in the committee charged with rehabilitating the company, and most of them are holding on in the hope that the property in Mexico will either be developed, or sell for enough to make their investment worth something some day.

Just now, however, Mitchell stockholders are whistling to keep their courage up.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Kenesaw Apartment House Company was held in this city yesterday, and the following board of directors were elected for the ensuing year: Hon John B. Henderson, John B. Henderson, jr., Robert N. Harper, Norton M. Little, T. C. Dulin, F. L. Averill, George W. Stone, W. D. Davidge, James B. Henderson, Dr. R. A. Foster, H. B. Polkinhorn, and C. L. Harding.

COMMENT ON MARKET.

G. Bowie Chipman, of E. F. Hutton & Co.—"It was probably the lack of selling pressure that was responsible for the further rise in stocks to-day, and it is reasonable to believe that the recent short interest was much under estimated, public sentiment has been very bearish on stocks, and while sales may not have been of great importance, yet it is certain that traders have backed their opinions in the market. This is the character of buying we have seen to-day. Some of the room traders changed their position and were willing to take the long side for a turn. Many rumors and much talk of a better feeling in Copper and Smelters, in fact business generally, went the rounds of brokers' offices, but there is no change worthy of discussion. It is possible that the government is getting ready to attack the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Harriman combinations again, hence the uncertainty of the market. As to legislation pending against corporations and the labor question in this country, these factors stand as a distinct menace to any stability in stocks. I believe the market should be sold on any strong spots."

Benjamin Woodruff, of Post & Flagg—"There is little to write about the market to-day as fluctuations were practically nil. The market opened somewhat lower than the close on Friday, rallied up a point, and then gradually worked down again, until at the close quotations were about where they were at the opening. Several decisions of minor importance have been handed down by the Supreme Court, but these have had no effect. There has been some little resumption from time to time, of the bear attacks, but this has been rather light in character, and all things considered, I think that prices have kept remarkably strong. It looks as if, with a very little encouragement, the market would improve."

WESTINGHOUSE FIRM PAYS.

Concern Taken Out of Hands of Receivers by the Courts.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 24.—Judges William M. Lanning and Joseph Cross, in the United States Circuit Court, to-day signed an order authorizing receivers of the Westinghouse Lamp Company to turn over to the company the business concern, which has been in the hands of the receivers since October 25.

It was shown in the application for the orders that the receivers proved the company a paying proposition and that from the time of their appointment to the present they earned $50,000 net profit.

The present liabilities of the company are about $300,000, and the assets are $2,000,000, exclusive of good will and patterns.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

New York, Feb. 24.—SUGAR—The market for refined sugar was firm and 10 points higher, owing to firmer raw market. The net basis is now 4.80, less 1 per cent cash, except by the Federal, which quoted a lower net basis. The raw sugar market was firm, at the following duty-paid prices: Centrifugal, 96 test, 3.70a3.74; Muscovado, 89 test, 3.22a3.23, and molasses sugar, 89 test, 2.95a2.98. The London market for beet sugar was quiet, with February and March at 9s 10½d.

MEAL FEED—Steady; moderate inquiry. Spring bran, 100-pound sacks, to arrive, 25.50; middlings, 26.00; city bran, 24.50, in bulk; Western red dog, 29.75, to arrive; winter wheat bran, in 100-pound sacks, 26.75.

OATS—Strong; small supply. Elevator prices: No. 3 white, 60; No. 4 white, 59½; No. 2 mixed, 57.

FLOUR—Strong; moderate demand. Sp