NO NEW FACTORS FOR SPECULATION

Short Covering and Moderate Outside Buying Favor Higher Prices.

RISE DOES NOT REACH STRIKING PROPORTIONS

Foreign Operators Are Sellers on Improved Market—Trading Is Limited and Closing Firm.

NEW YORK, February 19.—Stocks were held for higher prices at the opening today, and although trading was not in large volume there was a general improvement in quoted values.

Railroad shares made the best showing under the lead of New York Central, which rose a point.

General Motors, a strong feature recently, advanced buoyantly, gaining four points on the first few transactions.

A disposition to take profits on the opening rise was checked by the announcement by a member of the interstate commerce commission that a decision in the freight rate cases probably would be made within three months.

General Motors rose 5¾ and reacted 3¼.

Strong Undertone Indicated.

A strong undertone characterized the morning trading, but the volume of business was small and advances did not assume striking proportions.

Assurances from Washington that the railroad freight rate case would be decided before the summer holidays put the railroad shares on a stronger basis.

Aside from this there were no new factors of importance in the speculative situation. Short covering and a moderate amount of outside buying operated in favor of higher prices.

Movements were limited to fractions in most cases, although some of the specialties made more extended advances.

Bonds Are Steady.

Bonds were steady.

Trading was on a diminishing scale in the afternoon, but spasmodic short covering kept prices firm.

Foreign operators took advantage of the improvement in the market to sell about 5,000 shares.

The market felt the absence of the large banks sustaining demand, and was also affected by the weakness of some industrial stocks.

Prices worked back to about where they closed yesterday, on balance. Beet Sugar declined 2½ and Case preferred four points.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, February 19.—The cotton market was extremely quiet this morning and fluctuated within a range of 3 or 4 points. The opening was steady, 1 higher to 2 lower, about as due on Liverpool cables. Active months sold 2 or 3 net lower during the early trading as a result of scattering liquidation, but steadied on covering. The market showed practically no feature during the early session.

Futures opened steady: March, 12.20; May, 12.32; July, 12.36; August, 12.06; October, 11.85; December, 11.82.

Reports that even stocks of low-grade cotton in the interior were being cleaned up eliminated buying.

At noon prices were 5 to 7 points net higher.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, February 19.—Cotton—Spot, good business done; prices steady; middling fair, 7.66; good middling, 7.38; middling, 7.02; low middling, 6.68; good ordinary, 5.84; ordinary, 5.30. Sales, 12,000 bales, including 11,000 American and 1,000 bales for speculation and export. Receipts, 2,000 bales, including 2,000 American. Futures closed very steady: February, 6.66; February and March, 6.66; March and April, 6.66; April and May, 6.62; May and June, 6.62; June and July, 6.62; July and August, 6.63; August and September, 6.42; September and October, 6.30; October and November, 6.23; November and December, 6.19; December and January, 6.18; January and February, 6.18.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, February 19.—Hogs—Receipts, 27,000 head; slow; bulk of sales, 7.60@7.80; light, 7.55@8.00; mixed, 8.50@8.00; heavy, 8.00@8.25; rough, 8.00@8.20; pigs, 6.75@7.60.

Receipts, 8,000 head; best strong; others weak. Texas grass steers and feeders, 7.00@8.35; cows and heifers, 3.00@8.50; calves, 7.50@10.75.

Receipts, 20,000 head; steady. Wether sheep, 5.60@6.25; lambs, 6.75@9.15.

LONDON MARKET.

LONDON, February 19.—The supply of money is shrinking owing to revenue collections and discount rates were firmer today.

Stock market was good in spots. Prices of specialties were fairly supported. Consols lost 5-16. Oil shares and Mexican rails improved. Some of the market dropped. Diamonds were firm.

Gilts were steady and specialties opened steady and the tone was improved on fair buying. Later selling depressed the market in the afternoon, but prices rallied in the late trading and the market closed steady.

Closing Prices.

Money, 3@3½; for account, 3¾; Pennsylvania, 57½; Reading, 8¾; Union Pacific, 137½; United States Steel, 65¾.

Silver—Steady, 29 9-16d.

Bar gold, 77s 9d.

Short bills and three months, 2¾.

NEW YORK METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, February 19.—Lead—Quiet, 4.00@4.05. London, £19 12s 6d. Spelter—Quiet, 5.90@5.95. London, £21 10s.

Building Permits.

Building permits were issued today to the following:

Edward W. Donn, to repair store at 3329-31-33 7th street northwest; estimated cost, $5,000.

George W. Brahler, to repair store at 401 H street northeast; estimated cost, $200.

Lumber Man Found Dead.

GREEN BAY, Wis., February 19.—James H. Smith, sixty years old, well known lumberman and vessel owner was found dead seated in a chair in his office this forenoon. Heart failure is believed to have been the cause of his death.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Received by private wire direct to The Star Office.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Alaska Gold Min. Co.	22½	22½	22½	22½
Amalgamated Copper	76¼	76½	75¾	75¾
Agricul. Chem. com.	54½	54½	54½	54½
Am. Beet Sugar com.	24¾	24¾	23	24
Am. Beet Sugar pfd.	69	69	69	69
Am. Brake Shoe pfd.	146⅛	146⅛	146⅛	146⅛
Amer. Can com.	31	31	30⅞	31
Amer. Can pfd.	92⅝	92⅝	92½	92½
Am. Car & Fdy. com.	52¼	52¼	51¼	51½
Am. Cotton Oil com.	44½	44½	44½	44½
American Ice	29¾	31¼	29¾	31½
Amer. Locomot'e com	34¾	34¾	34¼	34¼
Amer. Locomot'e pfd.	102	102	102	102
Am. Sm. & Ref. com.	68½	68½	68½	68½
Amer. Tele. & Teleg.	121⅛	121½	121⅛	121½
Amer. Tobacco, com.	249	249¼	248½	248½
Am. Tobacco new pfd.	105¼	105¼	105¼	105¼
Amer. Woolen pfd.	76	77½	76	77½
Anaconda Copper	35⅞	36⅞	36½	36½
A., T. & Sante F. com.	98	98¼	97¼	97¼
Baldwin Loco. pfd.	106¼	106¼	106¼	106¼
Balto. & Ohio com.	92⅝	92⅝	92¼	92¼
Bethlehem Steel com.	37	37½	37	37¼
Bethlehem Steel pfd.	78	78	78	78
Brooklyn Rap. Tran.	92¾	92¾	92⅝	92⅝
California Oil com.	28	28	28	28
California Oil pfd.	64	64	64	64
Canadian Pacific	215⅞	215⅞	214¾	215⅛
Case J. I. Co. pfd.	80¾	80¾	82	82
Central Leather com.	34	34	33	33⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	65⅞	65	63¾	64¼
Chi., Mil. & St. P. com.	105½	105¾	105	105
Chi. & Northw'n com.	136	136	136	136
Chino Copper	42⅝	42⅝	41⅞	42⅛
C., C., C. & St. L. com.	38	38	38	38
Col. Fuel & Iron com.	33	33⅛	32¾	32¾
Delaware & Hudson	156	156⅛	156	156⅛
Distillers' Securities	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞
Erie Railroad com.	30⅛	30⅛	30	30¼
Erie Railroad 1st pfd.	47⅞	47⅞	47¼	47¼
General Electric	148⅞	148⅞	148⅞	148⅞
Gen. Motors com.	71¼	75½	71¼	73⅞
Gen. Motors pfd.	94	95	93¾	93¾
Goodrich B. F. com.	25¼	25¼	24⅞	24⅞
Great Northern pfd.	129⅞	129⅞	129⅞	129⅞
Guggenheim Explor.	52⅞	52⅞	51¾	51¾
Interboro.-Met. com.	15¼	15½	15¼	15½
Interboro-Met. pfd.	61	61	61	61
Int. Har. of N. J. com.	108¼	108¼	108¼	108¼
Inter. Met. Ma. com.	2¾	2¾	2¾	2¾
Internat'l Paper com.	9½	9½	9½	9½
Intst. Stm. Pump pfd.	24	24	24	24
Kan. City So. pfd.	61	61	61	61
Lacka. Steel com.	37	37	37	37
Lehigh Valley	151⅛	151⅛	150	151
Liggett & Myers com.	228⅞	228⅞	228⅞	228⅞
Mackay com.	85¼	86	85¼	86½
Mackay pfd.	70	70	70	70
May Dept. Stor. pfd.	100¼	100¼	100¼	100¼
Mex. Petroleum com.	67⅞	67⅞	67¼	67⅞
Miami Copper	23¾	23¾	23¼	23¼
Minn.St.P.& S.S.M.com.	135	137	135	135
Mo., Kan. & Texas com.	22	22	21½	21½
Mo., Kan. & Tex. pfd.	50	50	50	50
Missouri Pacific	26½	26½	26½	26½
Nat. Lead com.	50	50	50	50
Nevada Con. Copper	16¼	16¼	16	16
New York Central	90¼	90¼	90	90¼
N. Y., N. H. & Hart.	69⅞	69⅞	69⅛	69¼
N. Y., O. & Western	28¾	28¾	28¼	28¾
Norfolk & Western	104½	104½	104½	104½
North America	70	70	70	70
Northern Pacific	116¼	116¼	116⅛	116¼
Penna. Railroad	112¼	112⅜	112	112
Pittsburgh Coal com.	92⅞	92⅞	91¾	91¾
Pressed Steel Car com.	45¼	45⅛	44½	44¾
Quicksilver com.	2	2	2	2
Railway St. Sp. com.	31⅞	31⅞	31½	31⅞
Ray Con. Copper	20⅛	20⅛	19⅞	20
Reading Railway	167¼	167¾	167¼	167½
Rep. Ir. & Steel com.	25½	25⅞	25½	25½
Rock Island com.	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞	6½
Rock Island pfd.	10¼	10¼	9⅞	9⅞
Rumley pfd.	33	33	33	33
Seaboard Air L. com.	20¼	20¼	20¼	20¼
Seaboard Air L. pfd.	54⅛	54⅛	54½	54⅝
Sloss Sheffield com.	34½	34½	34½	34½
Southern Pacific	96½	96¾	96⅞	96⅞
Sou. Pacific rts.	102⅞	102⅞	102	102⅛
Southern Ry. com.	26⅞	27	26¾	26¾
Studebaker Cor. pfd.	84⅞	84⅞	84¾	84¾
Tennessee Copper	36⅛	36⅛	35¾	35¾
Texas Companies	148	148⅞	147¾	148½
Texas & Pacific	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞
Third Avenue	44	44	44	44
Tol., St. L. & W. com.	10¼	10¼	10¼	10¼
Un. Bag & Paper com.	7½	7⅞	7	7⅞
Union Pacific com.	162¾	162⅞	162	162
Union Pacific pfd.	85⅛	85⅛	85⅛	85⅛
United Cigars com.	49¾	49¾	49⅞	49⅞
United Ry. Inv. com.	22½	22½	22½	22½
U. S. Realty	54	54	54	54
U. S. Rubber com.	59¼	60¼	59¼	60
U. S. Rubber pfd.	102	102	101⅞	102
U. S. Steel com.	65¼	66⅛	65⅞	66
U. S. Steel pfd.	110⅛	110¼	110⅛	110¼
Utah Copper	55⅞	55⅞	54¼	55¼
Wabash com.	2⅞	2⅞	2	2⅛
Wabash pfd.	7¼	7¼	7½	7½
West. Maryland com.	30⅞	30⅞	30½	30½
Wells-Fargo Express	82	82	82	82
Western Union	65½	65¾	65½	65¾
Westinghouse Elec.	71	71½	71	71½
Wheeling & L. E. com.	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛

xEx Dividend Today.

Pittsburgh Steel Company, pfd., 1¾.

Call Money	1¾	2	1¾	2

Hourly Sales of Stocks Today.

11 a.m. 68,300	12 m. 121,900
1 p.m. 145,900	2 p.m. 171,900

NEW YORK BONDS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison con. 4s	95⅛	95⅛	95⅛	95⅛
Atchison 4s 1995	18¼	18¼	18¼	18¼
Balto. & Ohio gen. 4s	95½	95½	95½	95½
Brooklyn con. 4s	91⅞	91⅞	91⅞	91⅞
Chi., B. & Q. join. 4s	96⅞	96⅞	96½	96½
Chi., R. I. & Pacific 4s	45½	45½	45	45
Inter. Metro. 4½s	78	78	77⅞	77⅞
Norfolk & Western 4s	95	95	95	95
Northern Pacific 4s	95⅞	95⅞	95½	95½
Pa. con. 3½s 1915	98¼	98⅞	98¼	98⅛
Reading Ry. 4s	95	95	95	95
Southern Ry. 4s	75¼	75⅞	75¼	75¼
Southern Ry. 5s	105	105	105	105
Union Pacific con. 4s	96⅞	96⅞	96⅞	96⅞
U. S. Steel 2d 5s	102⅞	102¾	102½	102⅝

AUTOMOBILE HEARSE ABLAZE.

Chauffeur Also Catches Afire—Body in Coffin Rescued.

NEW YORK, February 19.—The sight of an automobile hearse, containing a body, and ablaze from end to end, attracted a curious throng of pedestrians on lower Broadway today. Harry Davis, the chauffeur, swathed in a big fur coat, also caught fire and was slightly burned before volunteers stripped off the garment.

The body, that of a woman being taken to a cemetery, was removed from the blazing hearse by the police. Firemen then put out the fire. It had caught from the motor.

FIVE HELD FOR CHURCH RIOT.

South Bend Residents Accused of Contempt of Court.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., February 19.—Five men were arrested here today in connection with the rioting last Sunday at St. Casimir's Polish Catholic Church in protest against the installation of Rev. Stanislaw Grusa, appointed by Bishop Herman J. Alerding.

Judge Funk had ordered the priest installed, and the prisoners will be taken before the court late today to answer to the charge of contempt. The names of the five have been withheld.

LOWER LEVEL REACHED BY RAILWAY PREFERRED

Stock Freely Offered at 87 on the Local Stock Exchange.

Bell Telephone Report of Interest Here—Financial Notes.

The sale of Railway and Electric preferred stock on a declining scale was the feature of the meeting of the local stock exchange today. Opening at 87¼, the stock sold down to 87, at which level any part of 500 shares was offered. The sales of the session aggregated sixty shares. The broker offering the stock at 87 also was willing to buy at that price. Before the close he withdrew his offering and substituted 89, the asking price of yesterday.

The common stock sold to the extent of 100 shares at 88. The closing bid was 87⅞. Capital Traction stock sold fourteen shares at 110.

In the bond list Washington Gas 5s sold $1,000 at 107⅞, and $1,500 at 108¼.

The annual report of the Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania and its associated companies for the year ending December 31, 1913, makes a satisfactory showing. The stock of this corporation formerly was held quite extensively in this city. The majority of the holdings have been exchanged for stock of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company. It is said that one of the old stock still is held here, however.

Gross earnings were $18,934,912, a gain of $1,137,537; net was $4,859,730, an increase of $144,049; there was a decrease of $101,292 in interest charges, and dividends amounted to $3,500,040, leaving a surplus of $1,238,416, compared with $993,075 in 1912.

The report states that the number of stations owned December 31, 1913, was 562,930, an increase of 27,005 during the year. The number of connected and miscellaneous stations was 86,356, a decrease of 146. The total stations were 589,286, an increase of 46,559. The combined companies operated 1,361,916 miles of wire, an increase of 138,288 miles. The number of central offices was 536, an increase of 21. The number of employes was 13,304, an increase of 1,842. Under the plan for employes' pensions, disability benefits and insurance, adopted January 1, 1913, there was paid out from the fund during the past year $68,640.67. The interest added amounted to $28,312.29, leaving a balance of $70,328.28, which has been appropriated to restore the fund to its original amount of $750,000.

Announcement is made that active operations will be started early in the spring on the building of an electric line from Williamsport, Md., through Martinsburg, Winchester, Strasburg, Woodstock and southward as far as Harrisonburg, Va. The syndicate, which is known as the Shenandoah Valley Railway Company, is also contemplating running a spur of the road into Washington, making connection with the southern terminal of the Wasnington and Old Dominion electric railway at Bluemont.

At the office of the Real Estate Trust Company today the report that the negotiations for the sale of the company's office building at 14th and H streets had been consummated was neither affirmed nor denied. It was reported the property has been acquired by Mrs. H. M. Halliday for a consideration of about $500,000.

Members of the syndicate which recently purchased the site of the old Arlington Hotel met in this city yesterday afternoon and discussed plans for a 500-room hotel which they contemplate erecting on the property. Announcement was made at the conclusion of the conference that the syndicate has organized into a company with Thomas S. Winston of New York and Richmond, president; Oliver J. Sands of Richmond, secretary and treasurer; Douglas, Ruffin & Obear, counsel; J. O. Winston of Kingston, N. Y.; Thomas S. Winston of Richmond; Oliver J. Sands of Richmond, E. S. Eichelberger of Richmond and Jules Breuchand of New York city, directors.

It is reported that the actual construction of the hotel is to start in three or four months. It will cost about $3,000,000. Work in preparing the abstract of title has been completed and a deed transferring the ownership probably will be placed on record Saturday.

Announcement was made on the Stock Exchange today of the declaration of the regular quarterly dividend on Mergenthaler stock of 2½ per cent and an extra dividend of ½ per cent payable March 31 to stockholders of record March 7.

ARMY—NAVY.

Army Orders.

Capt. Willey Howell, 4th Infantry, will proceed to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for duty at the schools, relieving Capt. William K. Naylor, 9th Infantry, who will join his regiment.

Capt. Ernest D. Scott, 6th Field Artillery, will proceed to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for duty at the schools, relieving Capt. Oliver L. Spaulding, jr., 4th Field Artillery, who will join his regiment.

Pay Clerk Guy R. Doane, Quartermaster Corps, will proceed from San Francisco, Cal., to the presidio of Monterey, Cal., for temporary duty.

By direction of the President, and upon the application of First Sergt. James Harris, Company B, 13th Infantry, that soldier will be placed upon the retired list.

Master Signal Electrician Willard S. Kelly, now in this city, will be sent to Round Hill, Va., for temporary duty in connection with the inspection of insulating plugs, and upon completion of such duty will return to this city.

By direction of the President, and upon the application of Cook George Osterholz, Company C, 23d Infantry, that soldier will be placed upon the retired list.

The leave of absence granted First Lieut. Benjamin E. Grey, 18th Infantry, is extended one month.

Maj. James S. Wilson, Medical Corps, is relieved from duty at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., and will proceed to Fort George Wright, Wash., for duty, relieving Maj. Benjamin J. Edger, jr., Medical Corps, who will proceed to Fort Lawton, Wash., for duty.

Naval Orders.

Lieut. (junior grade) R. O. Baush, from Delaware to Naval Hospital, Norfolk.

Ensign R. E. Thornton, to receiving ship, Mare Island.

Ensign T. W. Conway, from Dixie to Birmingham.

Ensign R. P. Guiler, jr., from Birmingham to Dixie.

Ensign E. P. Uberroth, from Kansas to Montana.

Medical Inspector E. P. Stone, to treatment Naval Hospital, New York, N. Y.

Passed Assistant Surgeon W. L. Mann, jr., from Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Cal., to Astarte station.

Assistant Surgeon W. W. Wickersham, to navy yard, New York.

Paymaster W. B. Izard, from naval station, Honolulu, to San Francisco, Cal., wait orders.

Boatswain M. J. Wilkinson, from command Potomac to receiving ship at New York, N. Y.

Gunner C. H. McLellon, from receiving ship at Norfolk to New Hampshire.

Machinist J. C. Hines, from Potomac to receiving ship at New York.

Naval Movements.

The Terry, Monaghan and Sterett have arrived at Tampa and the Nanshan at San Francisco.

The San Francisco has sailed from Guacanayabo bay for Vera Cruz, the Patuxent from Guantanamo for Port au Prince, the Nereus from Guantanamo for Guacanayabo bay, the Arethusa from Guantanamo for Port Arthur, Tex., and the Buffalo from Marattan for San Diego.

Upon the completion of the Mardi Gras celebration at Mobile the Chester will return to Mexican waters.

The flag of the commander of the third division, Atlantic fleet, has been transferred from the Rhode Island to the Virginia.

LOCAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Sales—Regular call, 12 o'clock noon:

Washington Gas 5s, $1,000 at 107⅞.
Capital Traction 5s, $1,000 at 108¼.
Capital Traction, 4 at 110, 10 at 110.
Washington Railway and Electric com., 50 at 88, 50 at 88.
Washington Railway and Electric pfd., 10 at 87¼, 6 at 87⅛, 10 at 87⅛, 4 at 87⅞, 10 at 87, 20 at 87.
Washington Gas, 20 at 84, 1 at 84¼.
Lanston, 20 at 83⅞.
National Metropolitan Bank, 4 at 190.
East Washington Savings Bank, 20 at 15.
After call—Capital Traction 5s, $500 at 108¼.

	Bid.	Asked.
GOVERNMENT BONDS.		
U. S. registered 2s	98⅞	99½
U. S. coupon 2s	98⅞	99⅝
U. S. registered 3s	101¼	102¼
U. S. coupon 3s	101⅞	....
U. S. registered 4s	111⅝	112⅞
U. S. coupon 4s	111⅝	....
GAS BONDS.		
Washington Gas 5s	107⅞	107½
Columbia Gas and Electric 5s	72	74
Columbia Gas and Elec. Deb. 5s	15	....
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Capital Traction 5s	108¼	108⅞
Anacostia and Potomac 5s	100	....
City and Suburban 5s	101	....
Columbia 5s	100	....
Columbia 6s	100	....
Metropolitan 5s	104½	105
Washington Ry. and Elec. 4s	82	82½
Wash., Alex. and Mt. V. 5s	87	91½
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Potomac Electric Cons. 5s	100⅛	100½
Potomac Electric Light 5s	107¼	107½
Chesapeake and Potomac Tel. 5s	105	106
American Tel. and Telgh. 4s	100	....
American Tel. and Telgh. 4½s	100	....
Norfolk and Wash. Steamboat 5s	104½	....
Riggs Realty 5s (long)	161⅞	162
Riggs Realty 5s (short)	100½	102
PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	109	109⅞
Washington Ry. and Elec. com.	87⅞	90
Washington Ry. and Elec. pfd.	87	89
Washington Virginia Ry. com.	35	....
Norfolk and Wash. Steamboat	185	200
Washington Gas	83	87⅞
Georgetown Gas	100	....
Columbia Gas and Electric	12¾	13
American Tel. and Telgh.	119	....
TYPE MACHINE STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler Linotype	216	217
Lanston Monotype	83¾	85⅛
MINING STOCK.		
Greene-Cananea	27	....
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
American	162½	165
Capital	205	....
Columbia	250	....
Commercial	185	190
District	145½	150
Farmers and Mechanics'	240	....
Federal	135½	138
Lincoln	162	....
Metropolitan	188	190
Riggs	590	600
Second	150	....
National Bank of Washington	240	245
TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.		
American Security and Trust	290	300
National Savings and Trust	26	....
Union Trust	132½	133½
Washington Loan and Trust	225	....
Continental Trust	118	120
SAVINGS BANK STOCKS.		
Home	375	....
Bank of Commerce and Savings	13	....
East Washington	15	16
FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Arlington	125	175
Corcoran	80	....
Firemen's	19	21
German-American	260	....
National Union	7½	8
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Columbia	5½	7
Real Estate	85	....
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Chapin-Sacks	175	200
D. C. Paper Mfg. Co.	124	....
Graphophone com.	20	....
Graphophone pfd.	65	....
Merchants' Transfer and Storage	110	120
Security Storage	188	....
Washington Market	19	22½

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, February 19.—Declining prices at Liverpool had a bearish effect today on the wheat market here, although the weakness abroad was due largely to flattering reports from this side regarding the condition of the winter crop. Kansas dispatches telling of danger from a freeze after the thaw acted, however, as a steadying influence. Smallness of Argentine shipments also put restraint on the bears. Prices started a shade to ¼ lower, and then rallied, but afterward fell again.

In corn, the majority of traders were inclined to press the selling side. Attention centered a good deal on the lightness of shipping demand. The market, which opened a sixteenth to ¼ down, reacted a little, though not in a lasting manner.

Oats eased off with other grain. What support there was came only after a decline.

Heaviness due to a setback of prices at the yards formed the rule in provisions. The market averaged from a shade to 5 lower.

Butter—Unchanged.

Eggs—Irregular; receipts, 8,745 cases; at mark, cases included, 25@25¾; ordinary firsts, 24¼@25; firsts, 25¾.

Cheese—Unchanged.

Potatoes—Unchanged; receipts, 25 cars.

Poultry—Alive, lower; springs, 15½; fowls, 16.

Scattered reports of crop damage west and southwest helped later to bring about an upturn in wheat. Injury was also reported from Russia, Hungary and France. The close, however, was easy at a shade lower to a like amount up, compared with last night.

Prospects of unsettled weather and smaller receipts tended subsequently to make corn prices harden. The close was easy, though, unchanged to ⅛@¼ under last night.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, February 19.—Flour—Quiet.

Opening a trifle lower with the Liverpool cables, wheat later recovered with the strength in northwest markets. May, 1.02¼@1.02½.

Pork—Steady.
Beef—Steady.
Lard—Steady.
Petroleum—Steady.
Molasses—Steady.
Hay—Quiet.
Hides—Steady.
Leather—Firm.

Raw sugar—Steady; muscovado, 2.92; centrifugal, 3.42; molasses, 2.67; refined steady.

Butter—Steady, unchanged, 5,800 tubs.

Cheese—Irregular, unchanged, 400 boxes.

Eggs—Easy, 12,000 cases. Fresh gathered, extra, 29½@30; extra firsts, 28½@29; firsts, 28; seconds, 26@27; refrigerator, finest, 25½; fair to good, 25¼@25; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, henery whites, 28@37; gathered whites, 32@36; henery browns, 30; mixed colors, 27@29; European, fresh, 24@25½.

Live poultry—Strong; western chickens, 18; fowls, 20; turkeys, 20; dressed, steady; fresh killed western chickens, 15@24; fowls, 15@18½; turkeys, 18@25.

BALTIMORE.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BALTIMORE, Md., February 19.—Wheat—Firm; spot No. 2 red, 1.00; spot No. 2 red western, 1.00¼; February No. 2 red, 1.00; March No. 2 red, 1.01; April No. 2 red, 1.02¼; receipts, 21,011 bushels.

Corn—Firmer; spot contract, 67¼; February, 67¼; steamer, mixed, 63¾; receipts, 6,275 bushels.

Oats—Easier; No. 2 white, 45¼@45½; standard white, 44@44¼; No. 3 white, 43½@43¾; receipts, 12,373 bushels.

Rye—Steady; No. 2 western export, 65@66; No. 2 western domestic, 68; receipts, 1,173 bushels.

Hay—Firm; unchanged.

Grain freights—Dull; unchanged.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, February 19.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western, winter, 7s 5¼d; No. 1 Manitoba, 7s 5d; No. 2, 7s 4d; No. 3, 7s 3½d. Futures steady: March, 7s 3⅞d; May, 7s 3½d; July, 7s 3⅝d.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, 6s 8½d. La Plata futures steady; February, 4s 11d; March, 4s 11⅝d.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members New York Stock Exchange.

	Open.	High.	Low.	1:45.
Braden Copper	7¼	7¼	7¼	7¼
British Col. Copper	2½	2½	2⅜	2⅜
British-Am. Tobacco	24	24	24	24
Gold Hill	43	45	43	45
Kerr Lake	4 3-16	4 3-16	4 3-16	4 3-16
La Rose	11 11-16	11 11-16	11 11-16	11 11-16
Manhattan Transit	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
Nevada Hills	.42	.42	.42	.42
Nipissing Mines Co.	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝
Tonopah Mining	7	7	7	7

Fifteen Hurt in Train Crash.

PITTSBURGH, February 19.—Fifteen persons were injured, four of them perhaps fatally, here today when a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train struck a street car in the Hazelwood district.

Eli Seibert, eighty years old, a Confederate veteran and farmer, died Monday night near Martinsburg, W. Va. During the war he served in Company B, 1st Virginia Cavalry.

LOCAL RESERVE BANK EARNINGS

The first column in the following table shows what the national bank named earned net between corresponding calls of the controller of the currency of 1913 and 1914. The period from February 4, 1913, to January 13, 1914 (about a year), is covered this time. The second and third columns give the net funds of the bank on these two dates. The fourth column shows the ratio which the earnings given in the first column bear to the average of the net funds the bank has had at its disposal. The fifth column shows the ratio of these earnings to the capital stock. The table is based on net earnings after losses have been charged off. It was prepared by the United States Investor.

Name	Net earnings 1913	Net funds 1913	Net funds 1914	Percentage earned on average funds employed	Rate earned on capital stock	Capital stock	Surplus	Undivided profits
Riggs	$310,561	$13,001,523	$14,692,120	2.23	9.81	3,195		26
Columbia	37,000	2,189,000	2,412,000	1.51	6.48	18		12
Commercial	75,296	5,883,756	6,979,537	1.17	6.99	10.01		8
Farmers & Mechanics	98,215	7,689,797	8,894,348	1.29	4.15	11.49		8
Lincoln	96,248	7,968,017	8,798,887	1.24	3.79	8.75		6
Capital	19,699	1,388,296	1,467,415	1.38	4.31	3.85		10
Metropolitan	85,250	5,194,195	5,795,949	1.56	5.95	10.67		9
Second		2,234,156	2,258,387					3
American	31,031	3,742,279	3,591,395	1.39	5.94	8.00		8
District		2,379,929	3,429,995					6
Nat. Bank of Wash.	80,160	5,123,000	5,686,000	1.57	4.58	7.61		12

*Decrease in surplus.
†Capital in excess of deposits during year.

LOAN MEN ARE ARRESTED

Leo B. Abernathy and Donald Rose Accused of Violating Law.

Leo B. Abernathy, manager of the Potomac Financial Company, 1329 G street northwest, and Donald Rose, manager of the Washington Loan Company, 327 F street northwest, were arrested this afternoon by Detectives Warren and Evans, charged with violation of the "loan shark" law.

It is charged that Abernathy refused to make a settlement with Percy L. Smith of 128 6th street northwest and that Rose refused to settle with Miss Margaret Hughes, a school teacher, who recently borrowed a sum of money from the company he represents.

In each case complaint was made to the corporation counsel and the latter suggested settlements of the accounts in accordance with the provisions of the loan shark law. In each case it is charged that the suggestions of the corporation counsel were not complied with. The warrants were subsequently issued for the arrests of the managers of the two companies. Bond was furnished for their appearance in court tomorrow.

James T. Jones, a colored helper in the monotype division of the government printing office, this afternoon was arrested by Detectives Evans and Warren and charged with having violated the provisions of the "loan shark" law.

Lula Pollen, colored, a school teacher, swore out a warrant for Jones. She alleges that last summer she borrowed $25 from him, giving a chattel trust on her piano, and she agreed to settle the indebtedness by paying him $30 at the rate of $5 a month.

Her complaint to the police was that she had paid Jones $30 and that he claims she still owes him $25. Jones, who resides at 5 L street northwest, denies the charge. He claims that the school teacher rented the piano from him and that he replevined it because she defaulted in her payments.

Jones arranged for his release on collateral. The case will be called for trial in Police Court tomorrow.

WEATHER.

Probably Rain and Colder Tonight; Friday Fair, Colder.

For the District of Columbia, rain this afternoon and probably tonight, colder. Friday fair and much colder; brisk northwest winds.

The barometric depression central Wednesday morning over the Texas Panhandle has developed into the trough form of disturbance and now stretches as such from southern New England to northwestern Mississippi. As frequently happens in barometric troughs, heavy rains have occurred in the Ohio valley.

The Pacific coast depression has barely passed onto the continent and is probably central this morning off the Oregon coast; it has caused heavy rains