CLOSE IS STEADY ON LIGHT TRADING

Despite Numerous Weak Spots in the List, Final Prices Harden.

WEEK-END COVERING IS SUSTAINING FACTOR

Bulls Buy Only When Fall in Certain Stocks Threatens to Produce a General Slump.

NEW YORK, March 28.—First transactions in stocks today showed an easier tendency. Trading was so light that the market came almost to a standstill five minutes after the opening.

Lehigh Valley dropped nearly a point. The other active stocks receded by slight fractions, with the exception of Reading, which made a small advance.

Injection of further bad features into the speculative situation, including the announcement of the heavy reduction in working forces on the New York Central system, caused the market to sag more rapidly on enlarged dealings.

Losses of half a point or more were made by active stocks.

The market closed steady. Traders sold more freely today, when it became evident that the successively lower levels of prices during the week had brought out a larger supply of stocks.

Reports Unsettle Markets.

Further news of the far reaching economies in force by the railroads, and of sluggish trade conditions made the bulls timid, and they bought only when the fall in certain stocks threatened to unsettle the whole list.

The iron and steel group bore the brunt of selling, the sharp decline in United States Steel resulting in hammering of stocks of independent companies.

Although there were numerous weak points in the list at the day's low figures, prices hardened toward the close, under the influence of the customary week-end covering.

Bonds were easy.

Business Conditions Still Backward.

The stock market was subjected to various depressing influences this week and speculative sentiment became more pessimistic. The decided slump in railroad earnings, emphasized by February statements, drew further attention to the less favorable position of the carriers. Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis cut its dividends and Norfolk Southern stopped payments on the common stock. Extensive economies were ordered by various railroads. Pennsylvania alone reporting that it had laid off 15,000 workmen this year.

General business conditions were still backward. Reports from the steel trade in particular were pessimistic, and extensive contraction of operations was expected, failing a considerable revival in new business in the next few weeks.

In spite of these bearish influences, movements in stocks were small. The trend was downward, but trading was light, and the general level of quotations was altered only slightly by the week's operations. The comparative steadiness of the market was due in large part to the sustaining force of a large short interest.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 4 to 9 points, with near months leading on the relatively firm cables and renewed covering. Realizing checked the upward movement and reaction of 2 or 3 occurred during the early trading, but sellers were not aggressive. Private cables attributed the firmness in Liverpool to spinners calling and a better business in Manchester.

Futures opened steady: March, 13.03; May, 12.22; July, 12.05; October, 11.46; December, 11.51; January, 11.46.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, March 28.—Cotton—Spot firm; good middling, 7.59; middling, 7.17; low middling, 6.77. Sales, 4,000 bales; speculation and export, 300. Receipts, 6,000. Futures very steady: March, 6.91½; March and April, 6.79½; May and June, 6.68½; July and August, 6.57½; August and September, 6.46; October and November, 6.29½; December and January, 6.13½; January and February, 6.13½.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Hogs—Receipts, 7,000 head; market strong; bulk of sales, 8.50a8.65; light, 8.45a8.70; mixed, 8.35a8.70; heavy, 8.20a8.70; rough, 8.20a8.35; pigs, 7.25a8.60.

Cattle—Receipts, 200 head; market steady; beeves, 7.00a9.60; Texas steers, 7.25a8.30; stockers and feeders, 5.60a8.10; cows and heifers, 3.70a8.50; calves, 6.00a9.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,000 head; market steady; native, 5.15a6.60; yearlings, 6.15a7.35; lambs, native, 7.10a8.15.

LONDON MARKET.

LONDON, March 28.—Money and discount rates were easy today.

The attendance on the stock exchange was small owing to the Oxford-Cambridge boat race. Dealings were light and price movements narrow and irregular. Home rails eased off on selling due to fears of labor trouble, but Mexican rails and Brazilian issues were steadily supported, and consols advanced an eighth.

American securities opened dull and unchanged. Light buying advanced the leaders a fraction, and the market closed steady with values ranging from unchanged to ⅝ above parity.

Closing Prices.

Consols for money, 75⅝; for account, 75⅝; Pennsylvania, 56⅝; Reading, 84⅝; Union Pacific, 163; United States Steel, 65⅛. Bar silver, quiet, 26¾d. Money, 2⅝. Short bills, 2a2¼. Three months, 1⅞.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Braden Copper	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
British Col. Copper	1⅝	1⅝	1½	1 9-16
British-Am. Tobacco	22¾	22¾	22½	22¾
Gold Hill	11-16	11-16	11-16	11-16
Kerr Lake	4	4	4	4
La Rose	1⅝	1⅝	1 9-16	1 9-16
Manhattan Transit	1 1-16	1 1-16	1 1-16	1 1-16
Nevada Hills	.34	.34	.31	.34
Nipissing Mines Co.	6	6	6	6
Stewart Mining	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼
Tonopah Mining	7	7	7	7

NEW YORK METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The metal markets were quiet and normal. Lake copper, 15.00; electrolytic, 14.62½; casting, 14.37½. Iron unchanged.

NEW YORK FRUIT MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Evaporated apples—Firm.
Prunes—Steady.
Apricots—Firm.
Peaches—Quiet.
Raisins—Steady.

WEEKLY RANGE OF PRICES.

Washington Stock Exchange.

AMOUNT.	BONDS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
$2,500	Washington Gas 5s	107¼	107½	107¼	107½
7,500	Capital Traction 5s	108½	108½	108½	108½
3,000	Columbia R. R. 5s	100	100	100	100
1,000	Metropolitan R. R. 5s	105½	105½	105½	105½
14,000	Washington Rwy. & Elec. 4s	82¼	82¼	82	82
5,000	Potomac Electric cons. 5s	100¼	100¼	100	100

$33,000—Total amount of bonds.

SHARES.	STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
247	Capital Traction	109	109	106⅞	106⅞
1,725	Washington Rwy. & Elec. com	88½	90	87½	87½
119	Washington Rwy. & Elec. pfd	87	87½	87	87½
221	Washington Gas	83	83	82½	82½
29	Mergenthaler	215	215	214½	215
1	District National Bank	142	142	142	142
20	National Metropolitan Bank	200	200	200	200
13	National Bank of Washington	240	240	240	240
2	American Security & Trust	294	294	294	294
10	Washington Loan & Trust	232	232	232	232

2,387—Total shares of stocks.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, Hibbs building, members New York Stock Exchange, Washington Stock Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade.

RAILROADS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
A., T. & S. F. com	96½	96½	96¼	96¼
Balto. & Ohio com	89¾	89¾	89¾	89¾
Brooklyn R. T.	92	92	91⅞	92
Canadian Pacific	205½	205⅝	204⅝	205¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	53	53¼	52⅞	53
C., M. & St. P. com	99¼	99¼	99	99⅛
Erie com	29⅛	29⅛	29	29
Erie 1st pfd	45	45	45	45
Great North. pfd	126⅛	126⅛	125⅞	126⅛
Illinois Central	110¾	110¾	110¼	110¾
Interboro-Met. com	14¾	14¾	14¾	14¾
Interboro-Met. pfd	59½	59½	59½	59½
Lehigh Valley	143¼	143⅜	142⅞	143¼
Louis. & Nashville	136¼	136¼	136¼	136¼
Mo., K. & T. com	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞
M., S. P. & S.S.M.com	127¼	127¼	127¼	127¼
Missouri Pacific	24⅝	24⅝	24	24⅝
Nat. Rys. of M. 2d	11½	11½	10¾	10⅞
N. Y. Cen. & Hud. R.	90	90	89¾	90
Norfolk & Western	103	103	103	103
North America Co	75½	76	75½	76
Northern Pacific	113	113	112¾	113
Pennsylvania	110⅜	110⅜	110⅛	110⅜
Reading com	165¼	165⅜	164⅝	165
Rock Island com	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
Rock Island pfd	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞
South. Pac. com	93¾	94	93⅝	93¾
South. Rwy. com	25½	25½	25⅜	25⅜
South. Rwy. pfd	80½	80½	80½	80½
Third Avenue	43½	43½	43½	43½
Union Pacific com	158⅛	158⅜	157⅞	158⅛
Wabash com	1¾	1¾	1⅝	1⅝
Wabash pfd	5¾	5¾	5½	5½
INDUSTRIALS.				
Amalgamated Copper	75⅝	75⅝	75¼	75½
Am. Can com	29	29	28⅝	28⅞
A. Car & F. com	49⅞	49⅞	49⅞	49⅞
Am. Cotton Oil com	43	43	43	43
Am. Ice Securities	30	30	30	30
A. Locomotive com	33⅞	33⅞	33⅞	33⅞
Am. Sm. and R. com	68¾	68⅞	68¾	68⅞
Am. Sugar R. com	99½	99½	99	99½
Anaconda Copper	35¾	35¾	35½	35½
Can. Lea. com	35	35¼	35	35¼
Col. F. and I. com	32½	32½	32	32¼
Con. Gas. N. Y.	132½	133	132½	133
Corn Prod. Ref. com	9¼	9¼	9⅛	9¼
Distillers' Securities	18¼	18½	18	18
Great Nor. Ore	35⅞	35⅞	35⅞	35⅞
Int. Harvester com	105	105	105	105
Miami Copper	24	24	24	24
Peo. Gas of Chicago	122½	122⅝	122½	122⅝
Ray Consol. Cop	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾
Rep. I. and S. com	24¾	24¾	23⅞	24
Rep. I. and S. pfd	87	87	87	87
Tenn. Copper	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾
U. S. R. and I.	62⅝	62⅝	62	62
U. S. Rubber com	61¼	61¼	61¼	61¼
U. S. Rubber pfd	103¼	103¼	103¼	103¼
U. S. Steel com	63⅜	63⅜	62⅝	63⅛
U. S. Steel pfd	110	110	110	110
Utah Copper	55⅞	56	55½	55½
Va.-Car. Ch. com	31¼	31¼	31	31⅛
West. Union Tel	62⅞	63	62¾	62⅞
W. E. and M. com	75½	75½	75¼	75½
BONDS.				
C., B. & Q. Joint 4s	96⅞	96⅞	96	96⅞
C., R. I. and P. 4s	38	38½	38	38½
Inter.-Metro. 4½s	76½	76½	76⅛	76⅛
Southern Ry. 5s	105⅞	105⅞	105⅞	105⅞
Union Pac. Con. 4s	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾
U. S. Steel 2d 5s	103	103	103	103

FOREIGN BOURSES.

BERLIN, March 28.—Prices were unchanged today on the bourse. Exchange on London, 20 marks 44½ pfennigs. Money for the settlement, 4¼; private discount, 2⅞.

PARIS, March 28.—Prices were easy on the bourse today. Rentes, 86 francs 37½ centimes. Exchange on London, 25 francs 17½ centimes. Private discount, 2⅞.

BERING RIVER COAL POOR.

Secretary Daniels Says Official Inquiry for Naval Use Show It N. G.

Secretary Daniels has reported to Congress that coal from the Bering river fields in Alaska was unsuitable for use by the navy. Tests by the geological survey, by officials at Annapolis and aboard the naval cruiser Maryland, he said, all were unfavorable except that the Alaskan coal made less smoke. The report stated that the Bering coal was incapable of generating sufficient steam, and could produce only 50 per cent efficiency of power.

Dr. J. A. Holmes, director of the bureau of mines, said in the report that Bering coal could be mined only at great cost, was full of faults and was chiefly valuable if turned into coke and shipped.

FEATURES OF IMPORT TRADE.

Increase in Free Entries and in Goods to Manufacturers.

Striking features of the import trade of the United States during the fiscal year 1913 compared with that of previous years were the increased percentage of goods entering free of duty and the increased percentage entering for use in manufacturing, says the Department of Commerce today.

The percentage of the imports which entered the country free of duty in 1913 was 54.47, which was larger than in any previous year, with the exceptions of 1892 and 1894, the opening and closing years of the brief period during which sugar was admitted free of duty under the act of 1890, when the percentages were 55.35 and 57.98, respectively.

The total value of merchandise entering the United States free of duty in the fiscal year 1913 was 987.5 million dollars, against 367.2 million dollars in 1900. Manufacturers' raw materials imported during the year aggregated 635.2 millions, as against 276.2 million dollars in 1900 and manufacturers for further use in manufacturing for 1913 totaled 349.4 millions against 134.2 million dollars in 1900.

POSTPONED TWO MONTHS.

I. C. C. Order Regarding Shreveport Rate Case Effective June 1.

The effective date of the interstate commerce commission's order in the Shreveport rate case has been postponed again from Apuril 1 until June 1. The case is pending before the United States Supreme Court on appeal from the order of the commission; hence the postponement.

The commission's order directs the railroads to exact no higher rates from Dallas, Houston and intermediate points in Texas to Shreveport than are exacted from Shreveport to the same points in Texas. The case was instituted by the railroad commission of Louisiana, whose contention that the Texas railroad commission had forced the railroads to reduce their rates on east-bound interstate traffic to the advantage of jobbers of Dallas and Houston and to the detriment of those of other states was sustained by the commission.

Made Naval Attache at Rome.

Lieut. Commander C. R. Train, U. S. N., has been detailed as naval attache at the American embassy at Rome relieving Lieut. Commander R. D. White, who will be assigned to sea service.

BID FOR BANK STOCK ADVANCES ON EXCHANGE

Offer of 188 Ex-Dividend Made for Commercial National Shares.

A further advance in the bid for Commercial National Bank stock was recorded today on the local exchange. Yesterday the bid advanced to 187, ex-dividend, and today 188 was bid. Yesterday's advance followed the announcement of an increase in the quarterly dividend from 2 to 2½ per cent.

An advance of five points was recorded in the bid for Washington Loan and Trust stock over that of yesterday. Ten shares sold at 232, which is two points better than the selling price last recorded. The closing bid was 230 and the stock was to be had at 240.

In the bond list today Capital Traction 5s sold $500 at 108⅝ and $1,000 at 108½. Columbia Railroad 5s sold $1,000 at 100 and Railway and Electric 4s $2,000 at 82 and $500 at 83. Potomac Consolidated 5s brought 100 for $1,000.

A five-hundred-dollar United States registered 3 per cent bond sold today at 102. This was the first government bond traded on the local exchange for many months.

Quotations for Railway and Electric stock remained practically unchanged. The bid for the common was an eighth of a point higher. The common sold twenty-five shares at 87½ and the preferred five shares at 87⅛.

A fair amount of business was done in Capital Traction stock at 107 and 106⅞.

An interesting history of the Washington Railway and Electric Company is embodied in the annual report of President King, which was mailed to stockholders today. The statistical portion of the report was made public last January.

The regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent has been declared by the Columbia National Bank, payable April 1.

OATS CULTURE DISCUSSED.

That and Other Topics Elaborated. Surveyors' Camp Destroyed.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

MANASSAS, Va., March 28, 1914.

The March session of the Northern Virginia Farmers' Institute convened yesterday at the Prince William county courthouse here. President Westwood Hutchison presided. C. W. Warburton, who is in charge of oat investigation in the United States Department of Agriculture, made an address on oat culture and urged the sowing of winter oats in preference to spring oats in this section. Mr. Warburton was followed by W. M. Brown, field agent of the department of farm improvement work of the Southern railway, who gave directions for spring plowing.

In discussing the farm land bank bill W. B. Doak of Clifton, Fairfax county, related his visit to Washington, where he appeared before the Senate committee, and pointed out the necessity of establishing such banks. Col. Robert A. Hutchison explained the working of the bill, and a lively discussion followed. W. L. Heuser of Haymarket, W. B. Doak of Clifton, W. I. Steere and Westwood Hutchison of Manassas taking part.

Rev. D. C. Mayers of Casanova, Fauquier county, handled the subject of milk goats.

C. D. S. Clarkson of Haymarket, this county, and his party of surveyors have returned to Fauquier county to resume the work of surveying Leed's manor, an estate of 5,000 acres near Markham. They began the survey Monday morning and were working over the mountain about noon when the running people below suggested a nearby fire. Rushing down the mountainside, they arrived in time to see their camp in ashes. The negro cook was at the woodpile when he saw the old house in flames. He worked manfully to save their belongings, but was unable to gain entrance by the proper door, and failed under the handicap of going through several rooms to reach the trunks and baggage, which had been hastily arranged on arrival. He managed to recover several small articles, and escaped through the blinding smoke. Camping outfits and personal property of every description were completely destroyed.

Mrs. S. B. Sanders of Haymarket died Wednesday, after a long illness. Interment was made at Marshall, Fauquier county. She leaves her husband and three children, Harry H. and Misses Carrie and Eleanor Sanders.

AGAIN ON DUTY.

Return of Senator Stone, Recently Ill, and Senator Crawford.

Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the foreign relations committee, made his appearance on the floor of the Senate today for the first time in more than two months. He has been confined to his residence by illness during his absence.

Another member who has been away from the Senate for some time and who returned to his seat today, was Senator Crawford of South Dakota, who has just been defeated for renomination on the republican ticket by Representative Burke.

Herndon News Notes.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

HERNDON, Va., March 28, 1914.

The young child of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Myers died Monday. Interment took place at Chestnut Grove cemetery Wednesday. Rev. T. J. Armstrong conducted the services.

Seneca Tribe, No. 43, of the Red Men held a meeting in its lodgeroom Tuesday evening.

Death Due to Accident.

Mrs. Fannie Robinson, colored, twenty-two years old, who was found unconscious from illuminating gas in a room at the Hotel West, 11-17 E street northwest, Wednesday afternoon, died at Casualty Hospital yesterday afternoon. Coroner Nevitt gave a certificate of accidental death.

To Strike for Nine-Hour Day.

PATERSON, N. J., March 28.—Silk workers here have adopted a resolution agreeing to strike for a nine-hour day whenever the central committee of the Industrial Workers of the World issued the order. The meeting was attended by about 700 of the 20,000 workers.

The Lutheran congregations of Shepherdstown and Uvilla, W. Va., have extended a unanimous call to Rev. W. H. Riser of North Carolina.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Wheat eased off today on account of general rains southwest. Commission house buying set in, however, as soon as the market had undergone a moderate dip. Decreasing stocks in this country and expected lighter world's shipments had considerable to do with preventing any radical decline. Opening prices were ⅛ to ¼a⅜ lower, and a slight additional setback ensued before the market began to harden.

In corn there was a fair amount of buying orders, chiefly from out of town. Rain interfering with the Argentine harvest tended to help the bulls, but cash demand here and elsewhere was not urgent. Prices started unchanged to ⅛ higher, reacted somewhat, and then again rallied.

Oats held steady. Offerings were moderate.

Lessened receipts of hogs gave strength to provisions. First sales ranged from 2½ to 7½ up, and there was a subsequent further advance.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Flour—Steady. Further rains southwest imparted an easier tone to wheat this morning. May, 1.01⅝; July, 97½.

Pork—Barely steady; mess, 23.00a23.50.
Beef—Steady.
Lard—Steady.
Petroleum—Steady.
Molasses—Steady.
Hay—Quiet.
Hides—Easy; Bogota, 29½a30½; Central America, 30a30½.
Leather—Firm.
Coffee—Rio No. 7, 9. Futures steady, May, 8.76; September, 9.15.
Sugar—Raw steady; molasses, 2.30; centrifugal, 2.95; refined steady.

BALTIMORE.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BALTIMORE, March 28.—Wheat—Quiet and easy; spot contract, 1.00; spot No. 2 red western, 1.00; March No. 2 red, 1.00; April No. 2 red, 1.00⅝; receipts, 1,401 bushels.

Corn—Quiet and steady; spot contract, 69½; March, 69½; steamer mixed, 66; receipts, 348 bushels; exports, 4,896 bushels.

Oats—Quiet; standard white, 45a45¼; No. 2 white, 44¼a44½; receipts, 14,431 bushels.

Rye—Firm; No. 2 western, export, 67a67½; No. 2 western, domestic, 69a70; receipts, 8,165 bushels.

Hay—Steady; No. 1 timothy unchanged.

Grain freights—Quiet; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, unchanged; Cork for orders, per quarter, unchanged.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, March 28.—Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red western winter, 7s 3¾d; No. 1 Manitoba, 7s 4½d; No. 2, 7s 3½d; No. 3, 7s 2¾d; futures steady; March, 7s 2¾d; May, 7s 3½d; July, 7s 3d.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, 6s 8d; La Plata, futures steady; May, 4s 8d.

LOCAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Sales—Regular call, 12 o'clock noon:

U. S. registered 3s, $500 at 102.

Capital Traction 5s, $500 at 108⅝, $1,000 at 108½, $1,000 at 108½, $1,000 at 108½, $1,000 at 108½.

Columbia Railroad 5s, $500 at 100.

Washington Railway 4s, $1,000 at 82, $1,000 at 82, $500 at 83.

Potomac Electric Cons. 5s, $1,000 at 100.

Capital Traction, 109 at 107, 2 at 107, 25 at 107, 25 at 106⅞.

Washington Railway com., 25 at 87⅛.

Washington Railway pfd., 5 at 87⅛.

Washington Gas, 20 at 82½.

Washington Loan and Trust, 10 at 232.

After rail—Washington Gas, 1 at 82½.

Capital Traction, 5 at 106½.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. registered 2s	98½	99½
U. S. coupon 2s	98⅝	99⅝
U. S. registered 3s	101⅞	103⅛
U. S. coupon 3s	101⅞	103
U. S. registered 4s	111⅝	112⅞
U. S. coupon 4s	112⅝	....
GAS BONDS.		
Georgetown Gas Cert. Ind. 5s	105	....
Georgetown Gas 5s	108½	....
Washington Gas 5s	107	108
Columbia Gas and Electric 5s	71	73
Columbia Gas and Elec. Deb. 5s	45	....
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Capital Traction 5s	108¼	108⅝
Anacostia and Potomac 5s	100	....
City and Suburban 5s	101	....
Columbia 5s	100	....
Columbia 6s	100¼	....
Metropolitan 5s	105	106
Washington Rwy. and Elec. 4s	81⅞	82½
Wash., Alex. and Mt. V. 5s	87	90½
Wash., Balto. and Annapolis 5s	81	....
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Potomac Electric Cons. 5s	100	100¼
Potomac Electric Light 5s	105	107½
Chesapeake and Potomac Tel. 5s	105	105½
American Tel. and Telga. 4s	90	....
American Tel. and Telga. 4½s	90	....
Norfolk and Wash. Steamboat 5s	104½	....
Riggs Realty 5s (long)	101½	101⅝
Riggs Realty 5s (short)	100½	102
PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	*105	106⅞
Washington Rwy. and Elec. com	87⅝	90
Washington Rwy. and Elec. pfd	87	88
Washington-Virginia Ry. com	35	50
Washington-Virginia Ry. pfd	64	70
Wash., Bal. and Anna. Rwy. com	10	....
Wash., Bal. and Anna. Rwy. pfd	33	....
Norfolk and Wash. Steamboat	*186	194
Washington Gas	82½	82⅝
Georgetown Gas	100	....
Columbia Gas and Electric	11	12
American Tel. and Telga	120	....
TYPE MACHINE STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler Linotype	*214	215½
Lanston Monotype	*83¾	84⅝
MINING STOCK.		
Greene-Cananea	35	....
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
American	*160	170
Capital	206	....
Columbia	250	....
Commercial	*188	210
District	*142	....
Farmers and Mechanics'	*225	....
Federal	135	136¼
Lincoln	162	....
Metropolitan	290	294
Riggs	550	600
Second	155	....
National Bank of Washington	*240	245
TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.		
American Security and Trust	290	295
National Savings and Trust	265	....
Union Trust	132½	133½
Washington Loan and Trust	230	240
Continental Trust	117	129
SAVINGS BANK STOCKS.		
Home	375	....
Bank of Commerce and Savings	13	....
East Washington	15	16
FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Arlington	12	13
Corcoran	80	....
Firemen's	19	21
German-American	260	....
National Union	6	8
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Columbia	6½	7
Real Estate	82	....
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Chapin-Sacks	190	225
D. C. Paper Mfg. Co.	134	....
Graphophone com.	3¼	....
Graphophone pfd.	68	75
Merchants Transfer and Storage	110	120
Security Storage	197	225

*Ex-dividend.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

Irene Lewis Charged With the Death of Ethel Jefferson.

Irene Lewis, colored, twenty-four years old, was held for the action of the grand jury by a coroner's jury at the District morgue today in connection with the death of Ethel Jefferson, also colored.

At the inquest witnesses testified that the two women, with others, were at 1239 25th street northwest yesterday afternoon, and that beer and whisky were consumed. The two women became engaged in a quarrel and, it was testified, Ethel Jefferson struck Irene Lewis, and the latter thereupon hit her on the head with a bottle, inflicting a wound from which she bled to death.

DELEGATES ARE NAMED.

General Conference of M. E. Church South Takes Action.

After several ballots the five lay delegates and two of the clerical delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South were elected yesterday at the third day's session of the Baltimore Annual Conference, meeting in Baltimore.

The lay delegates elected are L. W. Davis of Baltimore, Charles W. Ray of Washington, F. E. Thomas of Roanoke, E. Chase Bare of Alderson, W. Va., and Judge Edward S. Conrad of Woodstock, Va. The two clerical delegates elected were the Rev. Dr. B. V. Regester, secretary of the conference, and the Rev. H. P. Hamill of Gaithersburg, Md.

Miss Edith Foster, a public school teacher of Luray, Va., eloped to Tennessee with Homer Burner, a farmer, and was married.

NAVY DEPARTMENT TAKES POSSESSION OF ANNEX

To House Bureaus and Divisions Now Quartered in Separate Buildings.

Formal possession has been taken by the Navy Department of the new building on New York avenue between 17th and 18th streets, built expressly for its use by Messrs. Walker and Johnson. The new building, which will be known as the Navy Department annex, has a floor area of 88,764 square feet. It will be used to accommodate the bureaus, divisions and offices of the Navy and Marine Corps heretofore quartered in the Mills building, the Woodward building, the Union Trust building and the Southern building.

These include the Marine Corps headquarters, the general naval board, the office of naval intelligence, the hydrographic office and the buearus of medicine and surgery, yards and docks and supplies and accounts. All these offices, including the officials and employes and furniture and effects, are now being transferred to their new quarters on New York avenue, and it is expected the transfer will be completed before the first of April. The government is to pay $40,000 a year for the new Navy Department annex. The Department of Labor is negotiating for the use of the vacated Mills building.

WEATHER.

Cloudy Tonight and Sunday, Probably Showers; Colder.

For the District of Columbia, cloudy tonight and Sunday, probably showers; somewhat lower temperature; light to moderate variable winds.

The weather is unsettled over much of the United States, and during the last twenty-four hours there were general rains over practically all districts east of the Rocky mountains and on the north Pacific coast.

Temperatures have fallen somewhat in the Ohio valley, the lower lake region and the north Atlantic states, and they are rising again in the northwest. Warm weather continues general in the middle Atlantic, south Atlantic and gulf states and the middle Mississippi valley.

Thunderstorms occurred during the last twenty-four hours in the west gulf states and the middle plains states.

The indications are that the weather will be unsettled, with probably rain, during the next thirty-six hours over much of the country east of the Mississippi river.

Temperature will be lower tonight in the middle Atlantic states.

The winds along the New England coast will be moderate variable, mostly east; on the middle Atlantic coast light to moderate variable; on the south Atlantic coast light variable, mostly east to south; on the east gulf coast moderate east and southeast.

Records for Twenty-Four Hours.

The following were the readings of the thermometer and barometer at the weather bureau for the twenty-four hours beginning at 2 p.m. yesterday:

Thermometer—Yesterday, 4 p.m., 72; 8 p.m., 67; 12 midnight, 64; today, 4 a.m., 56; 8 a.m., 58; 12 noon, 69; 2 p.m., 69. Maximum, 72, at 2 p.m. yesterday; minimum, 56, at 4 p.m. yesterday.

Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 46; minimum, 30.

Barometer—Yesterday, 4 p.m., 30.11; 8 p.m., 30.11; 12 midnight, 30.09; today, 4 a.m., 30.04; 8 a.m., 30.03; 12 noon, 29.98; 2 p.m., 29.97.

Tide Tables.

Today—Low tide, 3:22 a.m. and 3:48 p.m.; high tide, 9:08 a.m. and 9:37 p.m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 3:53 a.m. and 4:20 p.m.; high tide, 9:43 a.m. and 10:10 p.m.

The Sun and Moon.

Today—Sun rose, 5:53 a.m.; sun sets, 6:19 p.m.

Tomorrow—Sun rises, 5:52 a.m.; sun sets, 6:20 p.m.

Moon sets 8:28 p.m.

Weather in Various Cities.

Stations.	Barometer.	Temperature. Highest yesterday.	Lowest last night.	Mean for 24 hours.	Rainfall in 24 hours to 8 a.m.	State of weather.
Abilene, Tex.	29.82	78	62	0.04		Cloudy
Albany	30.20	62	34	0.90		Rain
Atlantic City	30.10	48	42	0.01		Rain
Bismarck	30.12	36	22	0.04		Cloudy
Boston	30.26	74	38	0.72		Rain
Buffalo	30.16	46	34	1.14		Rain
Charleston	30.20	66	56	....		Cloudy
Chicago	30.16	40	34	0.08		Cloudy
Cincinnati	30.16	60	44	0.90		Cloudy
Cleveland	30.12	60	34	1.08		Cloudy
Denver	29.80	62	38	....		Cloudy
Detroit	30.20	40	36	0.74		Cloudy
Galveston	29.94	64	62	0.01		Pt.cloudy
Helena	29.66	38	20	0.01		Clear
Jacksonville	30.18	74	62	....		Clear
Kansas City	29.90	62	52	0.60		Pt.cloudy
Los Angeles	29.88	60	50	0.24		Clear
Louisville	30.14	60	50	0.52		Foggy
New Orleans	30.02	78	62	0.90		Cloudy
New York	30.06	70	60	0.10		Rain
Oklahoma	29.78	68	58	0.14		Pt.cloudy
Philadelphia	30.04	72	56	0.06		Rain
Pittsburgh	29.98	66	54	0.66		Rain
Portland, Me.	30.34	60	36	0.32		Cloudy
Portland, Ore.	29.56	48	42	0.08		Cloudy
Salt Lake C.	29.82	48	34	0.14		Cloudy
San Diego	29.84	64	56	0.10		Rain
S. Francisco	29.88	56	46	0.02		Rain
St. Louis	30.06	68	50	0.02		Rain
St. Paul	30.06	48	34	0.10		Rain
WASH., D.C.	30.02	75	56	0.15		Rain

WHOLESALE MARKET REPORT.

Quotations given below are for large lots. Jobbers' prices are higher.

EGGS—Strictly fresh Virginia, 19; nearby, 18; West Virginia and southwest Virginia, 18.

BUTTER—Elgin, fancy, per lb., 31; western firsts, 29; seconds, 27a28.

CHEESE—New York state factory, new, 19a20.

POULTRY—Hens, per lb., 20; roasters, per lb., 11; turkeys, per lb., 22a25; chickens, per lb., 22a23; ducks, per lb., 15a16; keats, each, 25a50.

DRESSED POULTRY—Hens, choice per lb., 22; turkeys, per lb., 24a28; ducks, per lb., 18 to 20; chickens, per lb., 22a24; roosters, per lb., 12.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, box, 1.75a2.75; bbl., 4.00a7.00; oranges, California, box, 2.00a2.75; Florida, per box, 2.50a3.00; lemons, per box, 2.75a3.25; pineapples, per crate, Cuban, 3.00a3.50; grapefruit, per box, 3.00a4.00; cranberries, per bbl., 12.00a15.00; per box, 2.75a4.00.

HAY AND STRAW—Hay, western, No. 1, 18.00a18.50; No. 2, 17.00a17.50; mixed hay, 13.00a17.00; straw, rye, ton, 15.00a15.50; machine th