WASHINGTON STOCKS ARE STRONGLY HELD

Many Buying Orders, But at Prices Below the Views of Holders. Bonds Firm.

National City Bank of New York Comments on the Business Situation.

BY I. A. FLEMING.

While the volume of transactions on the Washington Stock Exchange today did not show any material improvement, the display of strength, as evidenced by the bid and asked prices of the utilities, was entirely to the satisfaction of investors. There were buying orders, but at price limits that did not meet the views of holders of stocks.

With the exception of a few odd-lot trades in Capital Traction shares at 93 to 91½, there were no sales of public utility stocks. Capital Traction was held at 92, with 89 bid, the small trades indicating that offerings below the asked prices probably would have been readily absorbed. Washington Railway common was nominal at 91 bid and 92 asked, while the preferred shares of the same company were offered at 86¾ and 85¾ bid. The bid figures on Washington Gas were 71, but no stock was offered under 72½.

Bonds were also strong, Gas 5s selling at 105, Traction 5s at the same figures, and Potomac Consolidated 5s at 101. Quiet investment buying of both stocks and bonds is going on over the counter.

A little Mergenthaler changed hands at 192¾. Lanston nominal. J. Maury Dove, president of the Lanston company, is enthusiastic over the prospects of the corporation, despite the fact that its European business is at a standstill because of the war.

General Business.

The National City Bank of New York in its May circular, released today, has this to say of the general business:

"The signs that tell of the actual volume of business moving in the country do not indicate the improvement that was hoped for in the month of April, but popular confidence in the future is undoubtedly stronger. Offerings of commercial paper are light and rates are no higher. The amount of fractional silver coin in circulation, as shown by Treasury reports, is a good sign of the volume of retail trade; normally the country absorbs $4,000,000 or $5,000,000 of new coin per year, but the amount in circulation April 1 last was less than on April 1, 1914.

"Railway earnings in March were slightly better, but not enough so to encourage more liberal expenditures. All of the roads are being operated upon a very economical basis, and this policy is a factor in the depression complained of in many industries. The steel industry is doing much better than in December last, and is being helped by war orders and the elimination of foreign competition, but domestic business is below normal.

"There is a great revival under way in the copper industry and it is wide reaching in its industrial effects, reaching from the mining regions to the brass rolling mills and ammunition factories of Connecticut. Last fall the copper mines were reduced to 50 per cent of normal production; now every effort is being put forth to raise production to the maximum. Existing stocks of copper have been cleaned up, and the price has advance from 12½ cents in August and 13½ January 1 to 19 cents per pound at this date. About three months' time is required to convert ore in the mine into merchantable copper, and all mines, smelters and refineries had all been running light for many months, some time must elapse before their forces are reorganized effectively and they are working to full capacity. At present prices there is every incentive for them to do so.

"The lumber industry would be very much helped by the British demand if ships were available. The regular supply of lumber from the Baltic region is cut off, and a large amount of business is offered to this side, but tonnage is scarce. Mills in Maine, the southern states and the Pacific northwest are being hampered by this situation. Lumber trade in the middle west is reported better, and mills in eastern Washington are generally running, although prices are said to be unsatisfactory.

"The textile industries are running reasonably full, but the margin of profit on cotton goods remains small, manufacturers finding it difficult to advance the price of goods to keep pace with the advance of the raw material. The woolen industry has been much helped by war conditions, both in foreign orders and in the exclusion of foreign competition from this market.

"Crop prospects, which in the middle west were never better, are noticeably affecting sentiment."

Financial Notes.

There are 7,612 national banks now members of the federal reserve system.

It is expected that the directors of the Studebaker Company will declare a dividend of 2 per cent on the common stock of the corporation, payable quarterly.

The increase in wages to western engineers, firemen, etc., according to the Wall Street Journal, will call for about $1,000,000 additional, only a small fraction of the amount demanded by the employes.

Bank clearings in New York city last week increased 7.2 per cent, as compared with the totals of the corresponding week last year. In the same comparison Baltimore clearings decreased 16.6 per cent and Chicago clearings 12.4 per cent, these being about the only important changes in the leading cities.

Exports from the port of New York for April were valued at $39,100,000 less than the exports for the previous month.

The New Haven system, reporting for the nine months of the current fiscal year ended with March 31, showed net earnings, after taxes, of $12,662,084, as compared with $10,947,487 for the same months in the previous fiscal year. Net corporate income in the same comparisons was $856,652 for this fiscal year, against an actual deficit of $870,429 the previous year.

Real Estate Transfers.

WESLEY PARK—Galen L. Tait et ux. to Annie J. Greer, lots 2 and 3, square 1565; $659.50.

VERMONT AVENUE AND Q STREET NORTHWEST (The Leumass)—Charles H. Davidson et ux. to Calvin G. Tribby and J. Leslie Watson, all of square north of 278; $10, stamps, $48.

NO. 519 N STREET NORTHWEST.—Richard M. Parker et ux. to John Brosnan, part original lot 2, square 480; $10; stamps, $3.

WASHINGTON HIGHLANDS.—Charles G. Taylor and Otto R. and Elizabeth E. Forney, lot 17, square 6156; $10; stamp, 50 cents.

Sugar Market Is Easy.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Raw sugar, easy; centrifugal, 4.77; molasses, 4.00; refined, steady; cut loaf, 6.90; crushed, 6.80; mold A, 6.45; cubes, 6.25; XXXX powdered, 6.15; powdered, 6.10; fine granulated, 6.00; diamond A, 6.00; confectioners' A, 5.90; No. 1, 5.75.

Trading in sugar futures quiet; prices at midday were 1 higher to 1 point lower.

An Unhappy Client.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Prisoner, have you anything to say?" "Only this, your honor. I'd be mighty sorry if th' young lawyer you assigned to me was ever called upon to defend an innocent man."

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Received by private wire direct to The Star office.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
Alaska Gold Min	38⅝	38⅝	35⅛	36⅛
Allis-Chalmers com	18½	18½	17	17⅜
Allis-Chalmers pfd	53	53½	51½	52
Amalgamated Copper	75¼	75¼	73¼	73½
Am. Beet Sugar com	48¾	49⅜	48	48
Amer. Can com	42¼	42¾	39⅞	39⅞
Amer. Can pfd	99½	99¾	99	99
Am. Car & Fdy com	56¾	57⅞	55½	55½
Am. Cotton Oil com	51½	52	50¼	50⅜
American Ice	33⅞	34	33¼	33½
Amer. Linseed com	11½	11⅞	11½	11½
Am. Locomo'e com	58	58¾	55⅛	54⅞
Am. Sm. & Ref. com	73⅛	73¾	71⅛	72
Am. Smelt. & Ref. pfd.	107	107½	107	107½
Amer. Sugar com	112½	112½	110¼	110¼
Am. Sugar pfd	114¾	114¾	114¾	114¾
Amer. Teleg. & Tele.	122⅞	122⅞	121½	122
Amer. Woolen com	31¾	32¼	31¾	32¼
Am. Woolen pfd	89⅞	89⅞	89⅞	89⅞
Anaconda Copper	36	36¾	35⅛	35⅛
A., T. & Sante F. com	102⅜	102½	101⅞	101¾
Baldwin Loco. com	58½	58½	54½	55½
Balto. & Ohio com	77	77¼	75¾	76⅛
Balto. & Ohio pfd	71⅞	71⅞	71½	71½
Bethlehem Steel com	129	140⅞	131¾	134
Bethlehem Steel pfd	112	112	111½	111¾
Brooklyn Rap. Tran	90¼	90¼	89¾	90
California Oil com	17¾	17¾	17⅛	17⅛
California Oil pfd	45½	45½	44	44
Canadian Pacific	164	164½	161	161
Central Leather com	42½	42½	38⅞	39¾
Central Leather pfd	102⅞	103	102¼	102¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	46½	46½	45⅜	45⅜
Chi. Gr. West. com	11¾	11¾	11¾	11¾
Chi. Gr. West. pfd	33⅛	33⅛	33⅛	33⅛
Chi., M. & St. P. com	95	95	93½	94
Chi., R. I. & Pacific	24	25¼	23½	24⅜
Chino Copper	46	46½	44½	45
Col. Fuel & Iron com	32½	33	31⅛	31½
Consol. Gas of N. Y.	129¾	120½	129	129½
Corn Products com	14¼	14¾	14¼	14⅜
Corn Products pfd	78	78	78½	78½
Continental Can com	63	63½	63	63
Cuban-Am. Sug. com	61	61	61	61
Den. & Rio Gr. pfd	15¼	15¼	15	15
Dist. Securities	16	16⅛	15	15⅛
Erie Railroad com	28⅜	28⅞	27¾	28⅛
Erie Railroad 1st pf.	44¼	44¼	43½	43⅞
Erie Railroad 2d pfd	37	37	36½	36½
General Electric	157	159½	155⅛	157
Gen. Motors com	143	143	142	142
Goodrich, B. F. com	52⅛	52¼	49½	50¼
Goodrich B. F. pfd	102½	102½	102	102¼
Great Northern pfd	120½	121	120	120½
Great Northern Ore	37¾	37¾	36	36¼
Guggenheim Explor	62¼	62¼	59⅞	60
Hide & Leather com	6½	6½	6½	6½
Hide & Leather pfd	35¼	35¼	34¾	34¾
Illinois Central	110	110	108	108
Inspiration Copper	32¾	33	31	31¾
Interboro.-Met. com	22⅛	22⅝	21⅛	21½
Interboro.-Met. pfd	71¾	72½	71¼	71¾
Int. Har. of N. J. com	100½	100½	98	98
Int. Paper com	11⅞	11½	11⅜	11½
Kansas City Sou. com	26¼	27	26½	26⅞
Kansas City Sou. pfd	59¼	59¾	59¼	59¼
Kresge Stores com	128	128	128	128
Lackawanna Steel	48½	49	45	45
Laclede Gas of St. L.	104	104	104	104
Lehigh Valley	143½	143½	142¼	142½
Maxwell Motor com	52½	54	52	52
Maxwell Motor 1st pf	84¾	85	83½	83½
Maxwell Motor 2d pf	41	42½	40¼	41½
Mex. Petroleum com	86½	86½	78¼	79½
Mex. Petroleum pfd	88	88	88	88
Mimia Copper	26	26¾	25⅝	25¾
Minn., S.P. & S.S. com	118⅞	119	117¾	118½
Mo., Kan. & Tex. com	13¾	14	13⅛	13¼
Missouri Pacific	15	15½	14⅞	14⅞
Montana Power com	52	52½	50⅛	50⅛
Nat. Biscuit pfd	120⅛	120⅛	120⅛	120⅛
Nat. Enam. & S. com	16⅜	16⅜	16⅛	16⅛
Nat. Lead com	69	69	64⅞	65⅜
Nevada Copper	15½	15½	14¾	15
N. Y. Air Brake	94½	94½	90	92
New York Central	88⅝	90	88⅛	88¾
N., Y., N. H. & Hart.	67½	67½	65⅞	66⅞
N. Y., Ont. & West	32⅛	32⅛	31¼	31½
Norfolk & Western	105¼	105¼	105¼	105¼
North America	76	76	76	76
Northern Pacific	109¼	109⅜	108	108⅜
Penna. Railroad	108¾	108¾	108⅜	108½
Phila. Company com	76	76	76	76
Pittsburgh coal com	23⅛	23½	22½	22¾
Pittsburgh Coal pfd	92	92½	91¾	92½
Pressed Stl. Car com	56	56	52	52
Railway Stl. Spr. com	37	37⅜	35⅝	36
Ray Con. Copper	23½	23¼	23	23¼
Reading com	151	151¾	148⅜	148⅞
Rep. Ir. Steel com	30⅞	31⅜	29¾	29¾
Rep. Ir. & Steel pfd	88	88⅜	87½	87½
Rock Island com	¾	¾	¾	¾
Rock Island pfd	¾	¾	⅝	⅝
Seaboard Air L. pfd	39	39	37⅞	38½
Sears, Roebuck com	138	138	137½	137½
Sloss-Sheffield com	38	38	37½	37½
Southern Pacific	92½	93	91⅞	92
Southern Ry. com	18⅜	18⅜	18⅛	18⅜
Stand. Milling com	52	52	52	52
St. L. & San. Fr. 2d	6⅛	6¼	6⅛	6¼
Studebaker com	78	78½	74¼	76⅜
Studebaker pfd	101	101	101	101
Tennessee Copper	34½	34½	33⅜	33¾
Texas Companies	139	139	135½	135½
Texas & Pacific	16¾	16¾	16½	16½
Third Avenue Elev.	54	54½	52⅛	53¼
Un. Bag & Paper com	6½	6½	6½	6½
Union Pacific com	131½	132⅛	129⅞	129¾
Union Pacific pfd	81⅛	81⅛	81⅛	81⅛
United Ry. Inv. com	19⅜	19⅜	18⅞	18⅞
United Ry. Inv. pfd	37¼	37¼	36	36
U.S. Cast Iron P. com	15⅜	15⅜	15	15⅛
U.S. Cast Iron Pipe pf.	45	45	45	45
U. S. Rubber com	69	69	67¾	67¾
U. S. Rubber pfd	107⅞	107⅞	107⅞	107⅞
U. S. Steel com	59½	60⅜	58	58¼
U. S. Steel pfd	108¾	109	108¼	108¼
Utah Copper	67¼	68	65⅞	65½
Va.-Car. Chem. com	33⅛	33¼	31¼	31¼
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd	100	100	99	99
Wabash com	1¾	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞
Wabash pfd	3⅛	3⅛	2⅜	2⅜
West. Maryland com	26	26	25	25
Western Union	68	68⅛	68	68⅛
Westinghouse Elec	103¾	103¾	96¾	98½
Willys-Overland com	116½	116½	116	116
Woolworth Stor. com	104⅜	104⅜	103½	103½

Selling Ex Dividend Today.

To 11 a.m.. 351,200	To 12 m.... 520,700
To 1 p.m.. 597,700	To 2 p.m. 671,300

	High.	Low.
Call money today	2	2

NEW YORK BONDS.

Atchison con. 4	94¼	94¼	94¼	94¼
Balto. & Ohio 4	90⅜	90⅜	90⅜	90⅜
Chi., R. & Q. joint 4s	96¾	96¾	96¾	96¾
Penna. 4½s cert	103⅞	103⅞	103⅞	103⅞
Southern Ry. 5	100¼	100¼	100¼	100¼
Union Pacific con. 4s	96½	96½	96½	96½
U. S. Steel 2d 5s	102⅛	102⅛	102⅛	102⅛

NEW YORK COTTON.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, New York Cotton Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade.

	Open.	High.	Low.	1:45.
July	10.05	10.10	10.02	10.04
October	10.37	10.45	10.33	10.37
December	10.52	10.62	10.51	10.52
January	10.56	10.67	10.55	10.57
March	10.78	10.90	10.78	10.80

William Joseph Willis, military instructor in a Pennsylvania school at Elwyn, Pa., was stricken with pneumonia and a complication of diseases Friday and died yesterday. He was to have been married next month to Miss Elizabeth E. Chalk. He was thirty-one years old and a native of Baltimore.

STEEL LEADS RECOVERY, REPEATING HIGH RECORD

Other Important Stocks Rise to Figures Well Above Last Week's Finals.

Liberal Offerings Are Absorbed With Confidence in Spite of Persistent Selling.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Latest war news in its possible relation to this country formed the basis of a general selling movement at the opening of today's market.

Instead of the wide gains which have been the chief characteristic of each new week, there were losses of from 2 to 5 points, mainly in equipment and industrial shares.

Westinghouse fell 5¼ to 98½, Bethlehem Steel and General Electric 3 and other war specialties, as well as motors, almost as much.

Coppers yielded more moderately.

Canadian Pacific Weakest Rail.

Canadian Pacific was the weakest railway issue, declining 3 points, with 1 point declines in Reading, Union Pacific and Northern Pacific.

Early offerings were absorbed with such confidence that the list soon rebounded sharply. United States Steel led the recovery, repeating its recent high quotation of 60⅝.

Other important stocks rose to figures well above last week's final quotations, even specialties like Westinghouse making up most of their initial declines.

Washington News Depressing.

Selling was resumed before midday, however, on publication of advices from Washington, which intimated that this government intends to make representations to Germany in connection with attacks on American vessels.

Prices again fell 1 to 3 points in prominent stocks.

Bonds were irregular.

Entire List Yields to Selling.

The market registered its third decline of the session in the early afternoon, when the entire list fell lower than before.

War specialties showed losses of 5 to almost 10 points from Saturday's close on heavy selling.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 3.—There was a renewal of Saturday's selling movement at the opening of the cotton market today and first prices were easy at a decline of 10 to 13 points. Liverpool practically met the local break of last week, and there was heavy selling here by Wall street and wire houses, which was supposed to represent continued liquidation. An unfavorable view of international politics probably contributed to the selling movement, and some of the people who study weather conditions were predicting a break in the eastern belt drought, although the official forecast was for clear weather except for probable showers in North Carolina.

Offerings were fairly well taken around the opening figures, however, by covering, and fluctuations during the early trading were more or less irregular, with Liverpool houses among the buyers.

Futures opened easy: May, 9.75; July, 10.05; August, 10.15; October, 10.37; December, 10.52; January, 10.56; March, 10.76.

There was a good demand on the early break below 10.40 for October, and prices rallied later in the morning, with that position selling back to Saturday's closing figures on covering and some fresh buying.

Detailed weather reports showed light scattering showers in some sections of the eastern belt, but there were complaints that further rains were needed both in eastern and central sections.

Notwithstanding the large exports, the market weakened again during the afternoon under renewed Wall Street and wire house liquidation, while some of the local spot house brokers were also credited with selling on the decline, which carried prices back to practically the low point of the morning.

Spot quiet; middling uplands, 10.20, sales, 24,700 bales.

NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, May 3.—The price of cotton fell off 8 to 15 points in the early trading today on selling, partly stimulated by unfavorable cables and partly by private reports of much-needed rains in the central and eastern sections of the belt.

Futures opened steady: May, 9.52; July, 9.80; October, 10.14; December, 10.29; January, 10.38.

The prediction of frost on the extreme northwestern portions of the belt and the large exports for the day, Galveston alone clearing about 40,000 bales, caused a recovery. Toward noon the strongest months were 2 to 3 points over Saturday's close.

DAIRY MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Butter—Steady; receipts, 5,474 packages; creamery extras (92 score), 31; creamery (higher scoring), 31½a32; firsts, 29a30½; seconds, 27½a28½.

Eggs — Irregular; receipts, 27,225 cases; fresh gathered, extras, 22a22½; storage packed, extra firsts, 21½; firsts, 20½a21; regular packed, extra firsts, 20½a21; firsts, 19a20; nearby hennery whites, fine to fancy, 23a23½; hennery browns, 21½a22½.

Cheese—Very strong; receipts, 1,180 boxes; state, whole milk, free specials, 16a16¼, do., average fancy, 15⅞a16⅛.

Live poultry—Nominal; dressed quiet; western frozen roasting chickens, 17a21½; fowls, 14½a17½; turkeys, 15a21.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, May 3. — Butter — Steady; creamery, 22a28.

Eggs—Lower; receipts, 41,937 cases; at mark, cases included, 17a18½; ordinary firsts, 16½a17½; firsts, 17½a18½.

Potatoes—Steady; receipts, 20 cars; Michigan and Wisconsin red, 30a35; do. white, 35a40.

Poultry, alive—Higher; fowls, 15.

BOY ACCUSED OF VAGRANCY.

Disappears From Hospital, Where He Had Undergone Operation.

Harold Ashton, seventeen years old, who reached here from Cincinnati, Ohio, in a box car some days ago and was operated upon at Casualty Hospital, is wanted by the police to answer a charge of vagrancy.

He recovered from the effects of the operation, and the board of charities took an interest in him, and a charge of vagrancy was entered against him in order to hold him until his story could be investigated.

This morning when the police of the ninth precinct went to the hospital to get him they were told he had disappeared, and a message directing that he be arrested was telephoned to the several police stations. Several charitable persons contributed sums of money to aid the boy.

A Russian woman leads an expedition to cross Arabia at its widest part to try to penetrate land never before explored.

Washington Stock Exchange.

SALES.

Washington Gas 5s, $1,000 at 105.
Capital Traction 5s, $1,000 at 105.
Capital Traction, 2 at 93, 2 at 93, 2 at 92, 2 at 91¾, 1 at 91½, 1 at 91¼.
Washington Railway com., 25 at 91½.
Mergenthaler, 10 at 192¾.
After call—Potomac Electric Cons. 5s, $1,000 at 101.

Bid and Asked Prices.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. registered 2s	97½	98⅜
U. S. coupon 2s	97½	.....
U. S. registered 3s	101¼	102¼
U. S. coupon 3s	101¼	.....
U. S. registered 4s	109⅝	110⅝
U. S. coupon 4s	110⅝	.....
D. C. 3.65s	102½	107
GAS BONDS.		
Georgetown Gas Cert. Ind. 5s	105	.....
Georgetown Gas 5s	101	.....
Washington Gas 5s	104⅞	105⅛
Columbia Gas and Electric 5s	71½	.....
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Capital Traction 5s	104¾	105
Anacostia and Potomac gunr. 5s	102	.....
Anacostia and Potomac 5s	100	100½
City and Suburban 5s	102	.....
Metropolitan 5s	102½	.....
Washington Ry. and Elec. 4s	82½	83
Wash., Alex. and Mt. V. 5s	.....	88
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Potomac Electric Cons. 5s	101	101½
Potomac Electric Light 5s	105½	106
Chesapeake and Potomac Tel. 5s	104⅞	105
American Tel. and Teleg. 4s	100	.....
D. C. Paper Mfg. 5s	99	.....
Washington Market 5s, 1927	95	.....
Washington Market 5s, 1947	95	.....
W. M. Cold Storage 5s	95	102
Norfolk and Wash. Steamboat 5s	105	.....
Riggs Realty 5s (long)	101½	103
Riggs Realty 5s (short)	100	102
PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	89	92
Washington Ry. and Elec. com	91	92
Washington Ry. and Elec. pfd	85¾	86½
Washington-Virginia Ry. pfd	68	68
Washington Gas	71	72½
American Tel. and Teleg.	121	.....
TYPE MACHINE STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler	192	192¾
Lanston	62¾	70
MINING STOCK.		
Greene-Cananea	29	.....
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
American	150	175
Capital	200	.....
Columbia	.....	255
Commercial	191	.....
District	135	.....
Farmers and Mechanics'	230	.....
Federal	138	.....
Lincoln	160	.....
Metropolitan	192	200
Riggs	475	.....
Second	.....	118
TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.		
American Security and Trust	270	280
National Savings and Trust	265	280
Union Trust	.....	130
Washington Loan and Trust	220	.....
Continental Trust	116	120
SAVINGS BANK STOCKS.		
Home	375	.....
Bank of Commerce and Savings	12	.....
East Washington	12	.....
FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Corcoran	81	.....
Firemen's	18	.....
German-American	251	.....
National Union	6	8
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Columbia	5	.....
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Chapin-Sacks	175	230
D. C. Paper Mfg. Co.	110	.....
Graphophone com	58	.....
Graphophone com	58	.....
Merchants' Transfer and Storage	105	.....
Security Storage	188	210
Washington Market	17½	.....

*Ex dividend.

MARKET RALLIES QUICKLY, DESPITE WHEAT IS WEAK

Rapidity With Which Offerings Are Absorbed Has Much to Do in Changing Sentiment.

CHICAGO, May 3.—Although wheat prices today showed weakness at the start, the market quickly rallied. The rapidity with which offerings were absorbed had much to do with changing sentiment from the bear to the bull side and so also had higher prices at Liverpool and reports of more urgent demand there from the continent. Rains over a large part of the domestic wheat belt were chiefly responsible for the early sag in values.

The opening, which varied from 1¼ lower to ⅛ advance, was followed by a rise to well above Saturday's level all around.

Selling Pressure on Corn.

Excellent field conditions put selling pressure on corn. On the ensuing break, though, better inquiry for spot delivery tended to bring about something of a reaction. After opening ⅜ to ⅝ down, prices recovered to a moderate extent.

Oats swayed with corn. A feature was rather free selling of September by country dealers, supposedly hedging against purchases of new oats to arrive.

Plentiful receipts of hogs lowered provisions. The volume of trade notwithstanding was relatively small.

Increased country offerings and the prediction of further rain led afterward to a fresh setback for wheat. The close was heavy at ¾ to 2⅛ net decline.

The corn market later showed increased weakness with wheat. The close was heavy at 1 to 1⅞a1¼ net decline.

Wheat—No. 2 red, 1.63a1.63¼; No. 2 hard, 1.63¾a1.64. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 78½a79; No. 4 yellow, 77½a77½; No. 4 white, 77½a77¾. Oats—No. 3 white, 55½a56½; standard, 56¼a57¼. Rye—No. 2, 1.19a1.20½. Barley—76a81. Timothy—5.00a7.00. Clover—8.50a13.00. Pork—17.70. Lard—10.05a10.15. Ribs—9.75a10.37.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
May	162½	163¾	161⅞	162
July	136⅝	137¼	135	135¾
CORN				
May	77½	77⅞	76¾	76⅞
July	80¼	80⅝	79½	79½
OATS—				
May	55⅝	56¼	54½	54⅝
July	54⅝	55¼	54¼	54⅝

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Flour—Firm; spring patents, 7.50a7.90; winter patents, 7.20a7.50; winter straights, 7.00a7.15; Kansas straights, 7.20a7.50.

Pork—Steady; mess, 19.00a19.50; family, 21.00a23.00; short clear, 19.00a22.00.

Beef—Quiet; mess, 18.50a19.00; family, 19.50a20.50.

Lard—Firm; middle west, 9.90a10.00.

Molasses—Steady; New Orleans open kettle, 40a50.

Hay—Firm; No. 1, 1.12½a1.15; No. 2, 1.07½a1.10; No. 3, 1.00a1.05; shipping, 85a90.

Hides—Steady; Bogota, 31; Central America, 29. Leather—Firm; hemlock, firsts, 32; seconds, 30.31.

BALTIMORE.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BALTIMORE, May 3.—Wheat—Firmer; spot No. 2 red, 1.63½; spot No. 2 red western, 1.68½; May No. 2 red, 1.63½; receipts, 54,947 bushels; exports, 121,237 bushels; southern by sample, 1.45a1.52; southern on grade, 1.63½a.

Corn—Easier; spot contract, 83½; May, 83½; steamer mixed, 79½; receipts, 107,017 bushels. Southern white corn, 83¾.

Oats—Steady; standard white, 62½, No. 3 white, 62. Receipts, 82,824 bushels.

Rye—Firmer; No. 2 western, export, 1.27. Receipts, 37,346 bushels.

Hay—Firmer; No. 1 timothy, 21.00a21.50; No. 1 clover mixed, 19.50a20.00.

Grain freights—Steady; steamer to Liverpool, per bushel, 1s May; picked ports, per quarter, 7s 9d a 8s May.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, May 3.—Closing: Spot in moderate demand; prices easy; good middling, 5.95; middling, 5.59; low middling, 5.15; sales, 8,000 bales; for speculation and export, 800 bales; receipts, 21,000 bales; futures closed quiet and steady; May and June, 5.49½; June and July, 5.56½; July and August, 5.62½; October and November, 5.79½; January and February, 5.86½; March, and April, 5.92½; May and June, 5.98.

Closing—Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 hard winter, 13s 8½d; No. 2 red western winter 13s 9d; No. 2 Manitoba, 14s ½d; No. 3 Manitoba, 13s 10d.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 8s 6½d; American mixed, old, 8s ½d; La Plata mixed, 8s 1½d.

Flour—Winter patents, 50s.

Hops, in London (Pacific coast), £3 5s a £4 15s.

Dr. E. F. Kelly, a chemist of Baltimore and this city, is confined to his country place, Bloomsbury farm, near Baltimore, suffering with serious injuries sustained in a runaway. He was thrown to the ground and several ribs broken.

WEATHER.

Unsettled Tonight and Tuesday; Probably Showers.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland, unsettled tonight and Tuesday, probably showers; gentle to moderate shifting winds.

The western disturbance is now central over southwestern Iowa with decreasing intensity, and the general depression now covers the entire section east of the Rocky mountains, with general showers and thunderstorms in the central valleys and the upper lake region, and local showers in the lower lake region and the Atlantic states. There were also rains in the extreme northwest and local rains and snows west of the Rocky mountains.

It is cooler in the plains states, and cold weather continues in the far west, with the lowest recorded May temperatures at Yuma, Ariz., and San Diego, Cal. Over the eastern half of the country temperature changes were not of consequence.

Unsettled, showery weather will prevail tonight and Tuesday over central and northern districts east of the Mississippi river, except that it will be generally fair Tuesday in the upper lake region and the lower Ohio valley. In the south fair weather will prevail.

Temperature changes will not be important.

The winds along the New England and middle Atlantic coasts will be moderate north and northeast; on the south Atlantic coast gentle to moderate south and southwest; on the east gulf coast gentle to moderate southerly.

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., 66; 8 p.m., 61; 12 midnight, 58; today, 4 a.m., 56; 8 a.m., 57; 12 noon, 64; 2 p.m., 69. Maximum, 67, at 5 p.m. yesterday; minimum, 56, at 6 a.m. today.

Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 71; minimum, 41.

Barometer—Yesterday, 4 p.m., 29.95; 8 p.m., 29.96; 12 midnight, 29.94; today, 4 a.m., 29.86; 8 a.m., 29.85; 12 noon, 29.77; 2 p.m., 29.69.

Weather in Various Cities.

Stations.	Barometer.	Temperature. Highest yesterday.	Temperature. Lowest last night.	Rainfall, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	State of weather
Abilene, Tex.	29.88	82	60	....	Cloudy
Albany	29.88	58	42	0.04	Cloudy
Atlantic City	29.86	62	50	....	Cloudy
Bismarck	29.90	42	38	0.86	Cloudy
Boston	29.82	52	42	0.20	Rain
Buffalo	29.90	50	40	0.20	Clear
Charleston	29.86	80	70	....	Clear
Chicago	29.70	59	46	0.32	Pt. cloudy
Cincinnati	29.74	74	56	0.90	Pt. cloudy
Cleveland	29.82	64	54	....	Cloudy
Denver	29.90	54	40	....	Clear
Detroit	29.82	66	44	....	Cloudy
Galveston	29.92	78	72	....	Cloudy
Helena	29.96	44	36	....	Cloudy
Jacksonville	29.98	92	64	....	Clear
Kansas City	29.64	80	56	....	Clear
Los Angeles	29.70	54	48	0.56	Pt. cloudy
Louisville	29.80	80	60	0.44	Clear
New Orleans	29.94	86	72	....	Cloudy
New York	29.82	62	50	....	Clear
Oklahoma	29.84	80	58	....	Clear
Philadelphia	29.88	64	54	....	Cloudy
Pittsburgh	29.80	66	54	....	Cloudy
Portland, Me.	29.82	50	40	....	Cloudy
Portland, Ore.	30.04	66	48	....	Clear
S. Lake City	29.96	50	34	....	Clear
San Diego	29.70	54	44	0.04	Clear
S. Francisco	29.98	54	48	0.02	Cloudy
St. Louis	29.74	80	64	0.40	Clear
St. Paul	29.68	52	46	0.48	Rain
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