PRICES BROKE AT OPENING

Recovered Slowly During the Ensuing Hours.

REGAINED LOST GROUND

Recovery at Close Was Brisk—Chief Influence in Break Was Lower Level of London Quotations—Effect of Bank Statement.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The minds of operators in stocks to-day were manifestly turned upon the money market outlook. The significant upward movement in St. Louis and San Francisco and in Wabash preferred had very little sympathetic effect upon the general tone of the market. The influence of the weekly bank statement on Saturday and of the developments of to-day in money proved more than sufficient to overcome any sympathetic effect from these manifestations of strength. But in the afternoon, when it was announced that the Senate had taken up the consideration of the Aldrich financial bill, a substantial recovery set in, and a large proportion of the earlier losses was recovered. The whole movement was largely professional, but was a fair demonstration of the importance attached in the financial community to everything that promises relief from the threatened financial stringency of the coming fall. The Saturday bank statement, since which there was no session of the Stock Exchange, until to-day, was regarded as rather formidable evidence of the rapid inroads being made upon banking resources by large corporation requirements. The very large decrease in cash gives rise to the supposition that the local trust companies are also beginning to anticipate their needs in the enlargement of cash reserve to conform with clearing-house requirements. Much significance was attached to the development to-day of quite an acute pressure for funds from Chicago. The transfer of $500,000 to that center through the sub-Treasury is known to have been largely supplemented with direct shipments by express. It is believed that large payments coming due on March 1st on real estate operations in western towns are responsible for this unexpected demand. The local money market hardened on account of these developments and caused a reaction in sterling exchange away from the gold export point. The exchange market was not affected by heavy sales here of stocks for London account, the light seaboard grain clearances or by the decline in the export demand for cotton. The movements in St. Louis and San Francisco and in Wabash preferred were shrouded in mystery, but speculators supposed the two movements to be connected. The stock market hypothesis was that a newly-secured control of St. Louis and San Francisco carried a threat of competition to the Gould Southwestern system, and that the Pennsylvania Railroad was availing itself of this to press for substantial property holdings in the Wabash system on account of the latter's thunk line aspirations. The strength of Amalgamated was attributed to the further rise in the metal, and Sugar's rise seemed to be connected with an advance in the price of coffee. The market closed quite active and firm.

There was some breadth to the bond market, but the largest activity was in St. Louis and San Francisco funding 4's and Wabash debenture B's. The general tone was irregular. Total sales, par value, $4,612,000. United States coupon 3's advanced ¼ per cent. on the last call.

The total sales of stocks for the day were 569,800 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE—CLOSE: Money on call steady at 2¾@3 per cent.; closed at 2¾@3 per cent.; time money, firm; sixty days, 4½@5 per cent.; ninety days, 4½@5 per cent.; six months, 4½@5 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 4¾@5¼ per cent. Sterling exchange easier with actual business in bankers' bill at $4.87.65 for demand and at $4.84.50 for sixty day bills; posted rates, $4.85¼ and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.83¾@4.84¼. Bar silver, 48¼; Mexican dollars, 37¾. Government bonds firm; railroad bonds irregular.

THE EDITORS' VIEWS

What the New York Evening Papers Have to Say of Yesterday's Trading.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The Evening Post says: To-day's very odd stock market broke with much violence at the start, recovered slowly and uncertainly during the four ensuing hours, and regained its lost ground rather briskly towards the close. Saturday's bank statement, which appeared when the Stock Exchange was closed, and which was much worse than had been looked for, was perhaps the chief influence against the market. London, which was open for business both Saturday and yesterday, anticipated to some extent this movement, as a result of which fact foreign prices cames in, at the opening to-day, a point or thereabouts under New York parity for Union Pacific, Reading, Pennsylvania, St. Paul, Louisville and Southern Pacific with declines of ½ point general to the list.

Opening prices at New York responded rather uniformly to this foreign initiative, and such immediate declines ensued as ¾ in Amalgamated Copper, 1 each in Atchison, Baltimore and Ohio, New York Central and Texas Pacific, 1⅛ in Missouri Pacific, 1¼ in Pennsylvania and Southern Pacific, 1⅛ in Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Reading and General Electric, ⅞ each in St. Paul and Union Pacific, and ½ or thereabouts in most other stocks. This general decline occurred on a moderate business and with no great stir. After the opening show of weakness there were irregular recoveries; but little activity developed until shortly before the close. Then the recovery was rapid. The extraordinary antics of St. Louis and San Francisco stock, with its 5 point overnight rise, was not taken seriously.

The Mail and Express says: The resumption of business on the Stock Exchange after the prolonged holiday was marked by a very weak tone in the share list, the result of a general selling pressure, induced by several causes, prominent among which was the depression in American securities at London. The Macedonian question reached an acute stage while our exchange was closed, causing a decline in all securities abroad, and Americans did not rally much when the situation cleared up somewhat in regard to affairs in Eastern Europe. London was also affected by an advance in open market discounts at home, as well as the New York bank statement of Saturday and the hardening tendency in time money here. The poor bank statement and the money question also exerted an influence on local sentiment. The feeling of the foreigners was probably best expressed by the selling of fully 50,000 shares on our exchange.

Nothing definite transpired, however, and subsequently the Wabash shares took the lead in the matter of strength, the preferred rising smartly on large transactions. In the last hour speculation generally was favorably affected by the consideration of the Aldrich bill in the Senate and reports from Washington that the measure was likely to pass that body.

The Commercial-Advertiser says: To-day's market took its cue naturally from the two most important developments over the holiday—the first a general decline in the foreign markets, in which Americans bore their part; the second, the revelations which, from the speculative point of view, were decidedly unpleasant in the weekly bank statement.

There was some recovery in London this morning on the news of the Sultan's acceptance of the Austro-Russian reform demands. British consols, which had fallen as low as 92, rallied to 92⅝, and other securities retracted part of their losses of the two previous days. But American shares still averaged three-quarters of a point, at least, below Friday's New York parity, and at the local opening the entire market immediately adjusted itself to this level. The reflection of the unfavorable impression from the Saturday bank figures was visible chiefly on the Stock Exchange. Evidently the money market in last week's rise of time loan rates had discounted the event pretty thoroughly. No further hardening of rates appeared to-day. But the weakened condition of bank reserves met with prompt attention in the exchange market. Sterling eased perceptibly, while in Paris the rate rose another half centime, thus removing all immediate prospect of gold exports.

The selling movement in the stock market continued throughout the early session, and attempts were made to cause a more open break in prices. But these efforts, conducted by the minor professional interests, were discontinued as soon as it appeared that very little actual liquidation was in progress.

The Evening Sun says: Out of to-day's irregular and generally sagging stock market tendencies the movement in a number of stocks stood out conspicuously. Thus, notwithstanding the heaviness in the market at large, there took place at one time or another during the day spirited advances in the St. Louis and San Francisco issues, Hocking Valley and all the Wabash securities. In the instance of the first named, an opening rise of no less than 5½ points took place in the common stock on a single transaction. Substantial gains were scored also in the second preferred and in the company's funded bonds. Such an abrupt rise naturally invited profit-taking sales, under which a material reaction occurred, but the securities continued to rule well above Friday's final figures. Definite and authoritative explanations of the movements in St. Louis and San Francisco could not be obtained. The peculiar situation and ratifications of the system make it a desirable prize or an undesirable menace, according to the point of view, to a number of the older established systems.

It was the common opinion to-day that the recent steady accumulation of these securities reflected the determination on the part of those interests controlling the older established lines to prevent the St. Louis and San Francisco from becoming a disturbing element in the now harmonious situation which has of itself been created at a tremendous outlay of capital and of no little violation of original intentions. It was the common opinion to-day that whatever may be the nature of the extraordinary movement in the Frisco securities definite information thereof will soon be forthcoming.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS.

QUOTATIONS FURNISHED THE TIMES-DISPATCH BY SCOTT & STRINGFELLOW, BANKERS AND BROKERS, 1102 E. MAIN STREET.

	Op'n.	High.	Low.	Cl'e.
Atchison	86¾	87⅝	86⅞	87½
Atchison pfd	100¼	100¼	100¼	100¼
B. and O.	98¼	98¼	97¼	97¾
B. and O. pfd	...	...	...	93½
B. R. T.	68¾	69⅝	68⅝	68⅞
Can. Pac.	137¼	137⅝	136¾	137½
Can. Southern	...	...	...	77
C. and O.	51	51	50¼	50⅝
Ch. G. W.	26⅞	27	26¾	26¾
C. C. and St. L.	94½	94½	91	93¾
Col. and Southern	30⅝	30⅝	29¾	30
C. and S. 1st pfd pr.	...	...	...	70½
C. and S. 2d pfd pr.	41½	41½	41½	41
Erie	38⅞	38⅞	38⅝	38⅝
Erie 1st pfd	69¾	70⅛	69¾	69¾
Erie 2d pfd	59⅞	59⅞	59⅛	59⅜
Illinois Central	144⅝	145	144	144
L. and N.	125	125¼	124⅝	125¼
Manhattan	142	142⅜	141¼	141⅞
Metropolitan	138½	139¼	137¼	137¼
Mex. Central	26⅝	27½	26½	27¼
Mex. National	19½	19½	19	19⅛
Missouri Pac.	112½	113¼	112⅞	113
M. K. T.	28	28⅝	28	28⅝
M. K. T. pfd	61	62	61	62¼
N. Y. Central	147⅛	148	147⅛	147⅞
Nor. and West.	74	74¾	74	74⅛
Ont. West.	33¼	33¼	33	33¼
Pacific Mail	39⅞	39⅞	39⅞	39
Pennsylvania	148¾	149	148	148⅝
Reading	62	62⅝	62	62½
Reading 1st	...	...	...	86
Reading 2d	...	...	...	75½
Rock Island	49	49¼	48⅝	49⅛
Rock Island pfd	80¾	81¼	80¾	81
S. A. L.	...	...	...	...
S. A. L. pfd	...	...	...	...
S. A. L. 4's	...	...	...	...
St. Paul	177	177¾	176¼	177
Southern Pacific	63¼	63⅝	62⅞	63½
Southern Ry.	34⅝	35½	34⅝	35½
Southern Ry. pfd	...	...	...	95
Tex. and Pac.	41	42	40¾	41⅝
Union Pac.	99¾	99½	98¾	99
Union Pac. pfd	92¾	92¾	92¾	92½
Wabash	31¼	32⅛	31¼	31¾
Wabash pfd	52½	55¼	52¼	54⅞
W. and L. E. 1st pfd	60½	61¾	60	60½
INDUSTRIALS.				
Amal. Copper	72½	74½	72½	74⅜
A. C. O.	...	...	...	46
Amer. Loco.	29¾	30⅛	29⅝	30¼
Amer. Loco. pfd	...	...	...	94⅞
Car Foundry	41⅛	41⅛	40¾	40¾
Car Foundry pfd	...	...	...	91½
C. F. and I.	...	...	...	74½
Con. Tob. 4's	64¼	64¾	64¼	64¾
Con. Tob. pfd	...	...	...	115¼
Int. Pump	...	...	...	43
Int. Pump pfd	...	...	...	83½
Int. Paper	...	...	...	17½
Int. Paper pfd	...	...	...	71
National Biscuit	...	...	...	67
People's Gas	104	104⅛	104	104¼
Pr. Steel Car	63	63⅝	63	63⅛
Pr. Steel Car pfd	94½	94½	94¾	94
Sloss-Shef.	72	72	70¾	70¾
Sloss-Shef. pfd	...	...	...	96
Snuff	...	...	...	127
Snuff pfd	...	...	...	96
Sugar	130¼	132¼	130¼	131¾
T. C. and I.	65½	66	65	65⅝
U. S. Leather	13¾	13⅞	13¾	13⅝
U. S. Leather pfd	93⅞	94	93⅞	94
U. S. Steel	38⅝	39¾	38⅝	39⅛
U. S. Steel pfd	88⅝	88¾	88	88½
V. C. Chem.	65	65¼	64⅞	65¼
V. C. Chem. pfd	128¼	128½	128¼	128¼
Western Union	89½	89⅞	89⅛	89½

BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2's, registered	107½
U. S. refunding 2's, coupon	107½
U. S. 3's, registered	107
U. S. 3's, coupon	107¼
U. S. New 4's, registered	134½
U. S. New 4's, coupon	135½
U. S. old 4's, registered	109¼
U. S. old 4's, coupon	109¼
U. S. 5's, registered	102¾
U. S. 5's, coupon	102¾
Atchison, general 4's	102¾
Atchison, adjustment 4's	102¼
Baltimore and Ohio 4's	91⅝
Baltimore and Ohio 3½'s	103
Baltimore and Ohio conv. 4's	93¾
Canada Southern 2d's	105
Central of Georgia 5's	108⅞
Central of Georgia 1st inc.	78
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½'s	75
Chicago and Alton 3½'s	168¾
Chicago, B. and Quincy new 4's	97½
Chicago, M. and St. Paul gen. 4's	94⅝
Chicago and Northwestern con. 7's	132⅝
Chicago, Rock Island and Pac. 4's	103
C., C., C. and St. L. gen. 4's	100¼
Chicago Terminal 4's	84½
Colorado and Southern 4's	91
Denver and Rio Grande 4's	98½
Erie prior lien 4's	99
Erie General 4's	87
Fort Worth and Denver City 1st's	111¼
Hocking Valley 4's	106½
Louisville and Nash. Unified 4's	100⅝
Manhattan Consolidated gold 4's	103⅝
Mexican Central 4's	77¼
Mexican Central 1st inc.	27¼
Minn. and St. Louis 4's (bid)	103¾
Missouri, Kan. and Texas 4's	90¾
Missouri, Kan. and Tex. 2d's	82½
New York Central gen. 3½'s (bid)	103½
New Jersey Central gen. 5's	132½
Northern Pacific 4's	103¼
Northern Pacific 3's	85¾
Norfolk and Western con. 4's	101½
Reading General 4's	97⅝
St. L. and Iron Mountain con. 5's	111
St. Louis San Francisco 4's	96
St. Louis Southwestern 1st's	97½
St. Louis Southwestern 2d's	83
San Antonio and Arkansas Pass 4's	85
Southern Pacific 4's	92
Southern Railway 5's	110½
Texas and Pacific 1st's	117
Toledo, St. L. and Western 4's	78½
Union Pacific 4's	103
Union Pacific Conv. 4's	105⅝
Wabash 1st's	117⅞
Wabash 2d's	84¼
West Shore 4's	114
Wheeling and Lake Erie 4's	93¼
Wisconsin Central 4's	92½
Continental Tobacco 4's	64½
Colorado Fuel con. 5's	91⅝
Pennsylvania con. 3½'s	103¾
Pennsylvania con. 4's	87
Rock Island 4's	87
M. and O., collateral trust 4's	97
Central of Georgia 2d inc.	39
Va.-Carolina Chemical Co. com	65¼
Va.-Carolina Chemical Co. pfd	128¼
Standard Oil	715

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 24.—Seaboard Air Line common, 25¾; do. preferred, 43⅞. Seaboard 4's, 83¾. Atlantic Coast Line common, 134½; do. preferred, unchanged.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24, 1903.

SALES.

Virginia Centuries—$10,000 at 91; $9,100 at 94.

Seaboard Air Line 4's—$1,000 at 84.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical common—12 shares at 65¼; 12 shares at 65¼.

Atlantic Coast Line, 4 p. c. Certificates—$7,500 at 80.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical preferred—50 shares at 127½.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked
North Carolina 4's, C., 1910	102½	...
Va. 3's, new, C. and R., 1932	94	...
Va. Centuries, 2-3, C. and R.	94	94½
RAILROAD BONDS		
A. C. L. of C. Cer. of Ind. 5's	114	...
A. C. L. Cer. of Ind. 4's	...	90
Georgia Pac. 1st 6's, C., 1922	123	...
Ga., So. and Fla., 1945	114	...
Georgia and Ala. Con. 5's	110	...
Nor. and West. Ry. 4's, 1996	102	...
N. and W. Ry. Pocahontas 4's	92	...
Pet. Class A 5's, R./C., 1926	116	...
Pet. Class B 6's, R. C., 1926	129	...
Rich. and Meck. 1st 4's, 1948	90	...
South-Bound 1st 6's, 1941	110	...
S. A. L. Con. 1st 4's, 1950	83¾	84¼
S. A. L. Collateral Trust 5's	103	...
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	165	...
Atlantic Coast Line "A"	100	184	...
Atlantic Coast Line pfd	100	111	...
Atlantic Coast Line com	100	134	...
Seaboard Air Line pfd	100	43	43½
Seaboard Air Line com	100	26	26½
BANK AND TRUST COS.			
American National	100	125	130
City	25	33	...
First National	100	200	...
National Bank of Va.	100	128	...
Planters National	100	330	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	163	...
INSURANCE COMPANIES.			
Va. Fire and Marine	25	37	...
Virginia State	25	30	...
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Amer. Tob. pfd., 3 p. c.	100	...	150
American Locomotive pfd	100	95¼	96
Va.-Carolina Chem. pfd	100	125	127
Va.-Carolina Chem. com	100	64¾	65¼
V.-C. C. Co., Collateral T. 5's	...	99¾	...

WALL STREET GOSSIP

Rumor of a Pennsylvania-Wabash Deal. Southern Railway Branching Out.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The opening was rather weak on the lower London prices and the poor showing in Saturday's bank statement. It was also considered that the hardening tendency of money would do something to restrict trading and cause realizing. There was fairly good support in places, but traders upon the the whole were bearish.

THE ANTHRACITE ISSUES:

The anthracite issues showed a weak tone on the decline in London, which was said to be due to well-informed selling for New York.

UNITED STATES STEEL:

The United States Steel issues showed some strength, and were naturally helped by the expectation of an immediate announcement on the bond issue.

HOCKING VALLEY:

An announcement on the Hocking Valley reorganization was said to be likely this week.

PENNSYLVANIA AND WABASH:

Interests closely associated with Pennsylvania did not attach immediate importance to the Pennsylvania-Wabash story, although it was admitted that the accumulation of the Wabash stocks was of a character which might easily indicate something more than mere market manipulation. The buying of the debenture "B" in particular was very good.

TRACTIONS WEAK:

The tractions showed rather a weak tone throughout compared with the rest of the market, and were said to have been sold for Albany account.

LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE:

Louisville lost ground on the belief that the bond issue would be announced immediately on Mr. Belmont's return.

AMALGAMATED COPPER:

Amalgamated Copper developed its principal strength in the afternoon and advanced on what was considered trade buying and Rockefeller manipulation. The stock was inclined to sell off in the early trading, and it was said that foreign issues were not so bullish on the trade issue as they had been.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY:

Southern Railway is making an important cut off from Murphy to Chattanooga, which will shorten its line from Memphis to the coast about ninety miles.

SAN FRANCISCO AND SEABOARD:

There is excellent reason to believe that there is no truth in the rumors associating Seaboard with the movement in St. Louis and San Francisco. Seaboard is in considerable need of money for its own use at present, and has other things to think about besides the taking over such systems as the 'Frisco.

UNITED STATES LEATHER:

Speculation in Leather common has somewhat subsided, although the preferred continues to show considerable strength. Much evidence of interest in the annual report, which is to be issued shortly, is seen. From best sources it is learned that the results for past year showed about the average as for several years past. The readjustment plan shows no signs of materializing at present, and in the opinion of some of the largest holders of the preferred it will be many a day before there is any change in the status of the Leather Company.

WHEELING ISSUES:

The Wheeling issues sympathized with the advance in Wabash.

MEXICAN ISSUES:

There was a good deal of bull talk on Mexican issues, probably arising out of the activity and strength in St. Louis and San Francisco.

THE CLOSE:

There was a very general rally before the close, led by Wabash preferred and Amalgamated Copper. Traders were covering shorts, as they thought they traced a renewal of manipulation for higher prices in two or three stocks, with which the rest of the market was disposed to sympathize. Transactions were very largely professional.

RAILROAD EARNINGS:

Seaboard Air Line for second week February increased $18,000; from July 1st, increase, $643,000.

San Francisco same period increased $10,500 and $2,250,000, respectively.

RICHMOND PRODUCE MARKET.

(WHOLESALE.)

Prices corrected daily by E. W. Evans & Company, 1313 E. Cary Street.

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1903.

LIVE POULTRY.

With continued light receipts the market closed very active to-day and outlook good for encouraging.

Turkey hens, per lb.	$ 15	$
Turkey gobblers, per lb.	12 @	13
Ducks, per lb.	12 @	13
Hens, per lb.	12 @	12½
Chickens, small, per	17 @	20
Chickens, large, per lb.	14 @	15
Guineas, each	20 @	25
Geese, each	50 @	75
Roosters, each	30 @	35

DRESSED POULTRY.

Receipts light and prices little lower on account of the warm, unfavorable weather.

Turkey hens, per lb.	$ 17	@$ 18
Turkey gobblers, per lb.	14 @	15
Ducks, per lb.	15 @	16
Chickens, small, per lb.	17 @	18
Hens, per lb.	12½@	14
Chickens, large, per lb.	13 @	14
Geese, per lb.	12 @	13

EGGS.

Receipts heavier. Market lower and unsettled; sold to-day in small way at 13@14c., but large lots were sold at prices quoted below.

Eggs, nearby, per doz.	$ 12½	$
Other sections, per doz.	12½	
Barrels and boxes, per doz.	12	

BUTTER.

Prime table butter rather scarce and in good demand at quotations. Medium and ungathly grades very dull at any reasonable price.

Choice sweet rolls, per lb.	$ 18	@$ 20
Medium, per lb.	15 @	17
Common to fair, per lb.	12 @	14

LIVE STOCK.

Veals very scarce and active at quotations. Cattle in fair supply and in good, steady demand. Choice lambs, sheep and hogs also wanted.

Beef cattle, per lb.	$ 3 @	4½
Beef cattle, very poor, per lb	2¼@	2¾
Hogs, per lb.	6½@	7
Veals, per lb.	6½@	7½
Lambs, per lb.	3½@	5
Sheep, per lb.	2¾@	4½

DRESSED HOGS.

There is an active market on all choice. Market continues very active on all choice hogs at prices quoted.

Large, per lb.	7½	
Rough stock, per lb.	5 @	6½

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apples (as to quality), bbl.	$1.50	@$3.00
Oranges (Fla.) box	3.50	@ 4.00
Oranges (Cal.), box	2.25	@ 3.00
Lemons, per box	2.00	@ 2.75
Bananas, per bunch	75	@ 1.25
Cabbages (Danish), per ton	12.00	@ 12.50
Cabbage (Danish), per sugar barrel	1.75	@ 2.00
Potatoes (Western) per bus.	68	@ 70
Onions, choice, per bus.	75	@ 80
Beans (Western), per bus.	2.25	@ 2.50
Beans (Virginia), per bus.	1.90	@ 2.00
Peas, blackeye, per bus.	1.25	@ 1.40
Peas, black, per bus.	1.10	@ 1.15
Peas, yellow, per bus.	1.00	@ 1.05
HAY—		
No. 1 Timothy	$20.00	
No. 2 Timothy	19.00	
No. 3 Timothy	17.00	
No. 1 clover, mixed	18.00	@ 19.00
No. 2 clover, mixed	17.00	
No. 1 clover	15.00	
No. 2 clover	14.00	
Va. Timothy, No. 1	19.00	
Va. Timothy, No. 2	17.00	@ 17.50
Va. Timothy, mixed	14.00	@ 17.00
Va. clover	10.00	@ 14.00
WOOL—		
Tub-washed, free of burs.	24	@ 25
Unwashed	18	@ 19
Merino, unwash	10½	@ 12
Burry, 3 to 5c. per pound less.		
ROOTS—		
Ginseng roots, per lb.	4.00	@ 4.25
May apple	2½	@ 3
Senica	40	@ 45
Virginia snake	12	@ 13
True pink	10	@ 12
Wild ginger, free of fibre.	9	@ 12
Wild ginger, natural	6	@ 7
SEED—		
Clover (wholesale), bus.	6.00	@ 7.00
Timothy	1.50	@ 1.75
Orchard grass	1.60	@ 1.85
Buckwheat, per bus.	85	@ 1.00
German millet	75	@ 90
FURS—		
Otter	$ 3.00	@$ 8.00
Beaver	2.00	@ 5.00
Mink	25	@ 1.75
Raccoon	20	@ 85
Muskrat	12	@ 15
Opossum	10	@ 1.10
Red fox	50	@ 1.25
Gray fox	25	@ 75
Wild cat	20	@ 30
Skimk	15	@ 75
Rabbit skins, per lb.	11	@ 12
Deer skins, per lb.	20	
STRAW—Compressed	11.50	@ 12.00
Loss pressed, large bales.	11.50	@ 12.00
Shipstuff, per ton, in bulk.	20.00	
Brand, per ton, in bulk.	20.00	
SHUCKS—Baled	11.00	@ 11.50
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Beeswax, per lb.	$ 25	@$ 26
Walnut kernels, per lb.	12	@ 12½
Walnuts, per bus.	40	@ 50
Gingseng, per lb.	3.25	@ 3.50
Hides, green, per lb.	6	
Hides, green salt, per lb.	6½	
Hides, dry flint, per lb.	12	
Hides, dry salted, per lb.	10	@ 11
Honey, strained, per lb.	8	@ 10
Tallow, per lb.	5	@ 5½
Peanuts (Va.) per lb.	3	@ 3½

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The cotton market opened easy at a decline of 5@9 points. The controlling influence during the early session was a disappointing set of English cables. There was considerable selling by the room element on this news and a general absence of support on the part of the bull clique, which has been so prominent a factor in the market of late. The only feature of trade was selling of summer months by the South and a little buying of July for European account. In a general way the market was feverish, remaining so throughout the day and suggesting a fear on the pof local traders that an important change of some character was near at hand. Short selling was restricted somewhat by later rallies at Liverpool, but room sentiment was unmistakably mixed. Near months showed relative steadiness, principally on covering by belated March shorts. The difference between May and Jul yranged from 18@20 points most of the forenoon. After the first selling movement had subsided there was a general steadying up of the whole list, which continued until after mid-day, when commission house selling, partly on stop-loss orders, broke May to 9.87. It was also assumed that Wall Street interests were identified with a movement to break the market. Under selling of this character the market again became very nervous and feverish, with the July discount under May widening to 22 points, or the greatest of the season. Large export clearances and the firmness of Southern spot markets had very little effect in checking the sellers, and the close was officially called steady with prices 2 points higher to 9 lower. Total sales were estimated at 300,000 bales.

Cotton futures opened easy; closed steady:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
February	9.84	9.84	9.84	9.84
March	9.84	9.86	9.76	9.84
April	9.73	9.85	9.73	9.83
May	9.81	9.83	9.72	9.82
June	9.62	9.63	9.59	9.61
July	9.59	9.63	9.54	9.61
August	9.33	9.33	9.25	9.30
September	8.70	8.76	8.70	8.74
October	8.43	8.48	8.41	8.47

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands, 10.05; middling gulf, 10.30; sales, 6,752 bales.

Cotton, steady; middling, 10.05; net receipts, 136 bales; gross, 6,930 bales; sales, 6,752 bales.

Total to-day at all seaports—Net receipts, 28,966 bales; export to Great Britain, 10,568 bales; to the Continent, 33,796 bales; stock, 845514 bales.

Consolidated at all seaports—Net receipts, 78,522 bales; export to Great Britain, 40,570 bales; to the Continent, 73,609 bales.

Total since September 1st at all seaports—Net receipts, 6,505,85 5bales; export to Great Britain, 2,057,624 bales; to France, 628,416 bales; to the Continent, 2,237,943 bales.

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24, 1903.

QUOTATIONS

WHEAT—		
Longberry	84	@85
Mixed	84	@85
Shortberry	84	@85
No. 2 red	85	
Virginia (bag lots)	75	@84
CORN—		
White (Va.) bag lots	53	@55
N. 2 white	54½	
No. 3 white	54	
No. 2 mixed	53	
No. 3 mixed	52½	
OATS—		
No. 2 mixed	41½	
No 3 mixed	41	
No. 2 white	43½	
Winter seed	55	@60
RYE	58	@68

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—FLOUR—Steadily held with a moderate demand. Rye Flour—Steady. Buckwheat Flour—Quiet. Cornmeal—Quiet. Rye—Quiet. Barley—Steady.

Wheat—Spot market easy; No. 2 red, 81½c. Options had firmness early in the day on bullish cables, together with weekly foreign and home statistics and covering. But after mid-day heavy selling was impelled by reports of snow in the Southwest, and prices broke severely, closing ⅜@½c. lower. March closed at 83⅞c.; May, 81c.; July, 78⅛c.; September, 76½c.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 60c. Options market after advancing early on stronger cables, light contract arrivals and a decrease in the visible reacted sharply with wheat and closed ½@¾c. net lower. February closed at 59½c.; March, 57½c.; May, 55⅝c.; July, 56⅝c.

Oats—Spot steady; No. 2, 43¼c. Options irregular all day, being firm at first, but eventually weak with other markets. May closed at 41⅜c.

Cut Meats—Firm. Lard—Quiet; western steamed, $10.10; refined, steady. Pork—Quiet. Tallow—Easy. Rosin—Firm; strained, $2.25. Turpentine—Dull. Rice—Molasses—Quiet. Sugar—Firm; refined, quiet.

Coffee—The market for coffee futures opened steady at a partial decline of 5 points. The feature was the heavy switching from March to th later options, but aside from this trade was quiet and practically featureless with final prices, 5@10 points lower, chiefly as a result of liquidation in the nearby options. Sales, 40,500 bags.

Butter—Firm; extra creamery, 28c.; State dairy, 15@25c. Cheese—Firm; State, full cream, fancy small, colored, fall, 14½c.; white, fall, 14¼c. Eggs—Steady; State and Pennsylvania average best, 17c.; Southern, 16c.; Western, fancy, 16½c.; refrigerated, 8@13c. Potatoes—Steady; Jerseys, $1.75@2; State and Western, per 180 pounds, $1.50@2; Long Island, $2@2.25; South Jersey sweets, $2.50@3.75. Peanuts—Steady; fancy handpicked, 4¼@4¾c.; other domestic, 3@4½c. Cabbages—Steady; domestic, per barrel, red, $1@1.25; white, 60@80c. Cotton—By steamer to Liverpool, 12c.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 24.—The corn pit was the center of attraction on the Board of Trade to-day, and that market was decidedly bullish, but the weakness in wheat caused a reaction late in the day, and the close was about steady with May ⅛c. lower. May wheat closed ½@⅝c. lower, with oats down ⅝c. Provisions closed steady, the May products being a shade higher to 12½c. lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
Feb.	..	..	..	74½
May	78⅛	78¼	77⅛	77¼
July	74¼	74¼	73⅜	73½
CORN—No. 2.				
Feb.	44⅝	44⅝	44	44
May	46⅛	46⅝	45¾	45¾
July	45	45	44¼	44⅝
OATS—No. 2.				
Feb.	..	..	..	33½
May	36	36¼	35⅛	35¼
July	33⅜	33⅜	32½	32½
MESS PORK—Per bbl				
May	17.57½	17.65	17.50	17.55
July	17.67½	17.17½	17.00	17.05
Sept.	16.65	16.67½	16.65	16.67½
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
Feb.	9.57½	9.57½	9.57½	9.57½
May	9.55	9.60	9.55	9.60
July	9.45	9.45	9.40	9.45
Sept.	..	..	..	9.45
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
May	9.60	9.67½	9.57½	9.62½
July	9.45	9.52½	9.42½	9.45
Sept.	9.45	9.45	9.37½	9.40

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady. No. 2 spring wheat,