DEALINGS WERE SMALL

Professional Element Disappointed at Failure to Rise.

TENDENCY DOWNWARD

Only a Few Stocks of Any Prominence Got More Than a Point Away from Thursday's Closing Level—The Bond Market Irregular.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 24.—Dealings in stocks fell back again to-day to near the low level, partly as a result of disappointment of professional trading element over the failure of the removal to the new exchange building to stimulate activity. The falling off in dealings was attributed to the banishment of a class of traders who used the lobby of the old exchange and directed their trading over the railing. The dullness of to-day's market was only equalled by its inertia. Only a few stocks of any prominence got a point away from last night's closing price. The tendency of the market was downward early in the day. Some depression of sentiment was caused by the disapproval of the newly inaugurated freight rates from Chicago to New York on the part of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The rise in freight rates has been so general that it is feared that the Commerce Commission's ruling is preliminary to similar action toward some other roads.

Some disappointment was also felt over the failure of the British budget to help British stocks. There was a strong tone in the sterling exchange market and advance to within measureable limits of the gold export points had a stiffening effect of stocks. Reading was run up a point, on account of the testimony of the president of the company before the Interstate Commerce hearing.

The bond market was irregular. Total sales $2,340,000. United States bonds unchanged on last call.

Total sales of stocks, 395,700 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE—CLOSE: Money on call, steady, 2 1-2@3; closed, 3 1-2@3; sixty days, 4 1-4@4 1-2 per cent.; ninety days, 4 1-4@4 1-2; six months, 4 1-2@4 3-4; prime mercantile paper, 5@5 1-2; sterling exchange, strong, with actual business in bankers bills at $4.87.40 @4.87.50, for demand, and at $4.84.20@4.84.30 for sixty days' bills; posted rates, $4.85@ 4.88 1-2; commercial bills, $4.83@4.83 1-2; bar silver, 52; Mexican dollars, 41 1-2; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, steady.

EDITORS' VIEWS

What the New York Afternoon Papers Say About Yesterday's Trading.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, April 24.—The Evening Post says: To-day's stock market was given over to professional trading exclusively. There was practically no outside support. Depressed by the lower range of quotations for American shares in London, the early movement on this side was hesitating, weak and narrow. Foreign interests were again sellers, letting go some 20,000 shares, which made their total sales this week foot up some 70,000 shares. After it became known that the banks had apparently made a heavy cash gain on the week's currency movement the market recovered partially. This rally was for the most part restricted to the active shares, Baltimore and Ohio, Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Pennsylvania and the Atchison issues benefiting sharply by the improved tone. The other news developments were mostly negative in character and without special influence aside from the attention given the Interstate Commerce ruling respecting grain rates. This had a disturbing effect, which was not wholly recovered from. Buying of National Railroad of Mexico and Mexican Central was a feature in the last hour. During the last fifteen minutes the market became firm, but very quiet, with business much restricted. This continued till the last, prices in a number of instances closing near the best figures of the day. The market was firm at the close.

The Mail and Express says: To-day's stock market was a distinct disappointment as to the volume of business, which was rather light, and price movements were far from being satisfactory. A lower market for Americans at London, with sales of 15,000 shares for foreign account, and renewed agitation as to the Interstate Commerce Commission's decision, caused a weaker opening. The rally in the market was due to indications of an excellent bank statement to-morrow, and the likelihood of a combined resistance on the part of trunk line managers to the Interstate Commerce decision against the rise of grain rates between Chicago and New York.

A matter of much importance to various American interests was a further sharp rise in silver, the quotations reached at London and New York being the highest attained for a very long period. The upward movement was materially assisted by continued purchases on the part of the government for the Philippine coinage.

The prospects for to-morrow's bank statement from the standpoint of the cash resources are certainly brilliant, if known conditions are to govern the outcome.

There has been keen competition this week between the banks and trust companies to put out money on time. At the opening of the week one trust company alone accommodated Stock Exchange borrowers with $5,000,000 for long periods.

The Commercial-Advertiser says: To-day's stock market, in the early dealings especially, moved with considerable uncertainty, reflecting the conflict between the professional view that prices ought to have some further reaction, and the admitted fact that there was no outside reason why such a reaction should occur. The first tendency was generally downward. London sent over a lower range of quotations, chiefly, no doubt, that the early orders cabled from New York were mostly on the selling side. At the opening here the whole list sold off rather sharply. The railroad shares were in the lead. It soon appeared, however, that there was no more disposition to sell at the lower level than there had been disposition to buy on yesterday's rising market. Nothing this fact, professional operators who had gone short began to take in their contracts. This process, slow at first, was hastened by the appearance of some fresh buying orders through commission houses, and in the afternoon there were indications that the cliques in the leading railroad stocks had once more resumed operations for an advance. Copper shares weakened in the afternoon on the drop in metal prices, and hesitation was reflected in the traction stocks, owing to reports that an adverse decision on the franchise tax matter might be handed down next week.

The market as a whole paid little attention to special movements. It acted in a manner calculated to increase the confidence of the speculative community. The close was firm.

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PRIVATE WIRES TO PRINCIPAL MARKETS.

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OFFICIAL RANGE AND SALE OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK

By Thomas Branch & Co., Bankers and Brokers.

SALES:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
1000 American Can com	7⅞	7⅞	7½	7¾
3000 American Can pfd	47½	47½	47	47¼
500 American Cotton Oil com	42½	42½	42½	42
350 American Locomotive com	27½	27¾	27½	27¾
100 American Locomotive pfd	94	94	94	93¾
400 Anaconda	106¾	106¾	104	105
400 American Car and Foundry	40¼	40¼	40¼	40¼
1740 American Sugar	125¾	126½	125¾	126
19300 A., T. and Santa Fe com	82⅞	83¼	82⅝	83¼
416 A., T. and Santa Fe pfd	97¾	97⅞	97½	97⅝
28200 Amalgamated Copper	65	65	63⅞	64½
32200 Baltimore and Ohio	92¾	94¼	92⅝	93¾
41900 Brooklyn Rapid Transit	66¼	66¾	65¾	66½
4100 Canadian Pacific	131⅝	132¾	131¾	132¼
850 Chesapeake and Ohio	45½	45½	45	45
100 Canada Southern	71⅞	71⅞	71⅞	70
100 Colorado Southern com	24¾	24¾	24¾	24¾
Colorado Southern 1st pfd	...	...	...	65½
Colorado Southern 2d pfd	...	...	...	87½
13150 Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	162¾	163½	162¾	163⅞
16385 Chi., Rock Island and Pac	44¾	45½	44¾	45½
2500 Colorado Fuel and Iron	63½	63½	63¼	64
600 Chicago Great Western	23	23⅛	22⅞	22¾
C., C., C. and St. Louis	...	...	...	90
1550 Consolidated Gas	211¾	212	211½	211¾
100 Delaware and Hudson	168	168	168	167½
Del., Lack and Western	...	...	...	245
7000 Erie com	34¼	34¾	34	34¼
3010 Erie 1st pfd	66⅞	66¾	66	66¼
1100 Erie 2d pfd	53½	53½	52¾	53¾
800 General Electric	192½	192½	192	192½
1850 Illinois Central	136¾	137¼	136¼	137½
435 Leather	13¾	13⅞	13¾	13¾
1300 Louisville and Nashville	117½	118	117¼	117¾
15240 Manhattan	141¼	142	141¼	141⅝
5500 Metropolitan	133	133¼	131½	132
8050 Mexican Central	27⅝	28⅛	27¼	28

SALES:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
1800 Missouri Pacific	110	110½	109¾	110⅝
700 Mo., Kan. and Texas com	25¾	26¼	25¾	26
200 Mo., Kan. and Texas pfd	55⅝	56½	55⅝	56⅜
1740 New York Central	132	132½	132	132
900 N. Y., Ont. and Western	29⅝	29¾	29⅝	29¾
3740 Norfolk and Western	71	71¾	70¾	71⅝
10680 Pennsylvania	136½	137¼	136¼	137
510 Pressed Steel Car	61½	61½	61¼	61¼
Pressed Steel Car pfd	...	...	...	93½
2600 People's Gas Trust	103½	104⅝	103½	104⅛
20200 Reading com	54⅝	55½	54⅛	55½
Reading 1st pfd	...	...	...	82½
Reading 2d pfd	...	...	...	66
300 Republic Iron and Steel com	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
200 Republic Iron and Steel pfd	78⅞	78⅞	78⅞	78⅞
315 Sloss	61	61	61	61
800 St. L. and San Francisco	73	73¾	73	73½
200 St. L. and San Fran. 2d pfd	69	69	69	69¼
Seaboard Air Line com	...	...	...	25⅝
Seaboard Air Line pfd	...	...	...	42
400 St. L. and Southwestern pfd	56½	56½	56¼	56⅝
8005 Southern Pacific	58	58¼	57⅞	58
2800 Southern Railway com	31¼	31⅝	31¼	31¼
Southern Railway pfd	...	...	...	92½
2400 Tennessee Coal and Iron	65¼	65½	64⅞	65¼
5590 Texas Pacific	36¼	37¼	36	37
26750 Union Pacific com	91⅝	92¼	91½	92
100 Union Pacific pfd	90⅝	90⅝	89½	89½
6157 United States Steel com	36⅛	36½	35⅞	35⅞
2470 United States Steel pfd ‡	85¾	85¾	85¼	85¼
2275 Va.-Carolina Chem. com	62½	63⅛	62½	63⅜
Va.-Carolina Chem. pfd	...	...	...	122
400 Wabash com	26¼	28¼	26	28¼
4245 Wabash pfd	48½	49¼	48½	48⅝
300 Western Union	85½	85⅝	85½	85½
300 Wisconsin Central	26	26	24¾	24½
300 Wisconsin Central pfd	48	48⅝	48	48¼

‡ United States Steel pfd., ex.-div., 1¾ per cent.

CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS.

U. S. refunding 2's, registered	106	Chicago, Rock Island and Pac. 4's	106	St. Louis and San Francisco 4's	96½
U. S. refunding 2's, coupon	106	C., C., C. and St. Louis gen. 4's	100	St. Louis Southwest rn 1st's	95
U. S. 3's, registered	107¼	Chicago Terminal 4's	83½	St. Louis Southwestern 2d's	53
U. S. 3's, coupon	108	Colorado and Southern 4's	89¾	San Antonio and Arkansas Pass 4's	82¼
U. S. 3's, coupon	135¼	Denver and Rio Grande 4's	96¾	Southern Pacific 4's	90¾
U. S. New 4's, registered	136½	Erie prior lien 4's	97¾	Southern Railway 5's	115½
U. S. New 4's, coupon	110¾	Erie General 4's	85¾	Texas and Pacific 1st's	116½
U. S. old 4's, registered	110¾	Fort Worth and Denver City 1st's	109	Toledo, St. L. and Western 4's	75
U. S. old 4's, coupon	102½	Hocking Valley 4½'s	106½	Union Pacific conv. 4's	102¼
U. S. 5's, registered	103¾	Louisville and Nashville Unified 4's	101¼	Union Pacific conv. 4's	102⅝
U. S. 5's, coupon	100¼	Manhattan Consolidated gold 4's	101½	Wabash 1st's	117⅞
Atchison, general 4's	90½	Mexican Central 4's	78½	Wabash 2d's	108
Atchison, adjustment 4's	100	Mexican Central 1st Inc.	27	Wabash Deb. B's	76
Baltimore and Ohio 4's	94	Minn and St. Louis 4's	99	West Shore 4's	109½
Baltimore and Ohio 3½'s	102	Missouri, Kan. and Texas 4's	99½	Wheeling and Lake Erie 4's	92½
Baltimore and Ohio Conv. 4's	105¾	Missouri, Kan. and Texas 4's	81½	Wisconsin Central 4's	91
Canada Southern 2d's	108	New York Central 1st's	71	Continental Tobacco 4's	62⅝
Central of Georgia 5's	75½	New York Central gen. 3½'s	101⅛	Colorado Fuel	88
Central of Georgia 1st Inc.	104¼	New Jersey Central gen. 5's	130	Rock Island	85¾
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½'s	75¾	Northern Pacific 4's	102½	Pennsylvani	98
Chicago and Alton 3½'s	93¾	Northern Pacific 3's	71¼	M. and O., collateral trust	93
Chicago, B. and Quincy new 4's	100⅛	Norfolk and Western con. 4's	95¾	Central of Georgia 2d Inc.	86¼
Chicago, M. and St. Paul gen. 4's	112⅛	Reading General 4's	97½	Va.-Carolina Chemical Co. com	03⅝
Chicago and Northwestern con. 7's		St. L. and Iron Mountain con. 5's	112	Va.-Carolina Chemical Co. pfd	122

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., April 24, 1903.

SALES.

Seaboard Air Line preferred—100 shares at 41¾.

American Locomotive preferred—5 shares at 94¼.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked
North Carolina 4's, C., 1910	102	...
Va. 3's, new, C. and R., 1932	91	92
Va. Centuries, 2-3, C. and R.	91¾	92¼
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Atlanta and Char. 1st 7's, R.	...	113
A. C. L. R. R. Col. T. 4's	94½	...
Char., Col. and Aug. 2d 7's, C.	112	...
Georgia Pacific 1st 6's, C., 1922	120	...
Ga., Southern and Fla., 1945	114	...
Georgia and Ala. Con. 5's	110	...
Nor. and West. Ry. 4's, 1946	97	...
N. and W. Ry. Pocahontas 4's	90	...
Pet. Class A 6's, R. C., 1926	112	...
Pet. Class B 6's, R. C., 1926	126	...
Rich. and Meck. 1st 4's, 1948	88	91
South-Bound 1st 5's, 1941	110	...
S. A. L. Con. 1st 4's, 1950	82	82½
S. A. L. Collateral Trust 5's	102¾	103¼
STREET RY. BONDS.		
Norfolk Street Ry. 1st 5's	110	...
Norfolk Ry. and Light 1st 5's	94	96
STREET RY. STOCKS.	Par.	
Norfolk Ry. and Light Co.	25 12	13
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Chesapeake and Ohio	100 45	...
Ga., So. and Fla., 1st pfd	100 98	...
Ga., So. and Fla., 2d pfd	100 75	...
Ga., So. and Fla. com	100 40	...
Nor. and West. pfd., 4 p. c.	100 90	...
Norfolk and West. com	100 71¼	...
R., F. and P. Div. Oblig	100 216	...
R., F. and P. 6 p. c. guar	100 260	...
R., F. and P. 7 p. c. guar	100 260	...
Seaboard Air Line pfd	100 41	42
Seaboard Air Line com	100 25	25½
Southern Railway pfd	100 93	...
Southern Railway com	100 31	...
BANK AND TRUST COS.		
American National	100 124½	125½
Broad-Street Bank	25 26⅝	26⅞
First Natignal	100 200	...
Metropolitan Bank of Va.	25 25¾	26
Rich. T. and S. Dep. Co.	100 152	155
State Bank of Va.	100 155	165
Southern Trust Co.	100 112½	116½
Union Bank of Richmond	50 163½	166½
INSURANCE COMPANIES.		
Va. Fire and Marine	25 87	...
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Amer. Tob. Co. pfd., 8 p. c.	100 ...	150
American Locomotive pfd	100 93	95
American Locomotive com	100 27½	...
Consolidated Tob. 4's bonds	100 63½	...
Old Dominion S. S. Co.	100 120	...
S. I. and S. Co. 1st bonds, 6's	107	112
S. I. and S. Co. Con. 4½'s	85	...
S.-S. S. and I. Co. com	100 59	...
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd., 8 p. c.	100 123½	...
Va.-Car. Chemical com	100 62	63

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., April 24.—Atlantic Coast Line common, 128½@130; do. preferred, no sales.

Seaboard Air Line common, 35¾@36; do. preferred, 41⅞@42½. Seaboard 4's, unchanged.

WALL STREET GOSSIP

Prospect of a Good Bank Statement Gives Firmness to the Market.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, April 24.—The opening of the stock market was heavy without being particularly weak, although the lower range of prices from London had some effect. Commission houses had very light orders, and there seemed to be some scattering selling of that character around the room. Traders thought the short interest had been eliminated in the recent advance and that its absence would be felt.

THE TRACTIONS:

Some of the selling in Brooklyn Rapid Transit was understood to be for people interested in Chicago Union Traction.

WABASH ISSUES:

There was some profit-taking in the Wabash issues and probably a little selling of stock bought to protect in the last decline.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION:

The attitude of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the question of raising rates, as shown in the report from Washington, was an unfavorable factor.

THE EARLY TRADING:

In the first hour the trading was comparatively light with some disposition to sag under neglect developed in places. There was serious pressure, but the professional element was less bullish than it had been, and it looked as if the Waldorf-Astoria crowd had been getting round to the short side again.

THE FRANCHISE TAX:

Rumors were current that the franchise tax law would be upheld by the courts, and may have induced a little selling of the tractions. There is, of course, no reason to suppose that anybody knows the decision, which is not due until next week.

ACTIVITY IN SPECIALTIES:

After the second hour's trading was over, the market, which had been heavy, hardened a little, especially as the London selling was over. It was thought that the figures of the currency movement might help prices, although activity was mostly in specialties.

MEXICAN ISSUES:

The strength in the Mexican issues was fairly based on the advance in bar silver and the decline in Mexican exchange. This means an increased effective earning capacity and naturally reduces the strain on the resources of the Mexican roads. The large increase in earnings has been discounted in both Mexican Central and Mexican National by the fact that the fixed charges had to be paid in American currency.

THE PACIFICS:

The Pittsburg end of the Standard Oil clique is not particularly bullish at present, and seems to think that there is a good deal of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific waiting for absorption on moderate rallies.

THE HARD COALERS:

The hard coalers acted well as compared with some other railroad stocks, and bulls on them expect good things from the March earnings, which should make a very fine showing.

CURRENCY MOVEMENT:

The principal movement of currency this week indicates that the banks gained $7,681,400.

AFTERNOON TRADING:

The market showed some tendency to rally in the early afternoon under the influence of the large gain of the banks on the week's currency movement. There was no attempt at pressure, although there seemed to be a fair supply of long stock on any development of strength.

BALTIMORE & OHIO:

The pool in Baltimore and Ohio was moderately active and succeded in giving a rather strong tone to the stock. The report that the April earnings would make as good a showing as those of March is probably well founded, but the best information is that no increase in the dividend at this declaration need be expected.

ROCK ISLAND:

The Chicago crowd was fairly active in Rock Island in the early afternoon.

PENNSYLVANIA:

Commission houses report light business, but found some investment demand, notably in Pennsylvania and the good second class bonds.

THE CLOSE:

The market was dull, but hard at the close and rather featureless. Upon the whole the disposition among the professionals was to buy stocks on the chance of a good bank statement. There was very little business of any other kind.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The cotton market opened quelt at unchanged prices to an advance of 2 points. Immediately following the call some months eased off, but the list as a whole showed decided strength under better cables, light receipts and continued complaints of checked development in the cotton belt as the result of moisture and lower temperature in some sections. Renewed manipuation of May by the clique caused the shorts some anxiety. Speculation was very quiet during the larger part of the session, and the prices for a time showed only moderate gains. Then the demand quickened on receipt of the estimates for to-morrow's receipts at leading points and the larger into sight for the week for forthcoming as expected, its effect having been discounted the previous day.

There was an active market towards the last hour and prices showed great firmness, resulting in a level of 8@11 points over yesterday's close with May at 10.40. From this there was slight reaction under room realizing, but the market was finally steady, net 10@13 points higher.

The total sales of futures amounted to 250,000 bales.

Cotton futures opened dull and closed steady:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
April	....	....	....	10.31
May	10.23	10.40	10.22	10.36
June	....	....	....	9.93
July	9.84	9.99	9.82	9.94
August	8.49	8.62	8.48	8.57
September	8.86	8.99	8.84	8.96
October	8.57	8.72	8.57	8.66
November	8.50	8.60	8.50	8.56
December	8.49	8.60	8.48	8.56
January	8.54	8.58	8.53	8.56

Spot cotton closed quiet, 10 points higher; middling uplands, 10.50; middling gulf, 10.75.

Cotton, quiet; middling, 10.50; net receipts, 42 bales; gross, 7,668 bales; stock, 69,907 bales.

Total to-day at all seaports—Net receipts, 7,753 bales; export to France, 473 bales; to the Continent, 5,099 bales.

Consolidated at all seaports—Net receipts, 84,544 bales; export to Great Britain, 15,969 bales; to France, 473 bales; to the Continent, 190,707 bales.

Total since September 1st at all seaports—Net receipts, 7,429,561 bales; export to Great Britain, 2,586,341 bales; to France, 727,137 bales; to the Continent, 2,568,161 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, April 24.—COTTON—Spot cotton quiet, but steady, responding to the improvement in New York prices advanced 1-16c. on all grades.

Futures firm. This was notice day and all notices were freely taken by the bull leaders. May opened at 10.03, advanced steadily to 10.13, closing at 10.13; June opened at 10.07 and sold up 9 points to 10.16; July opened at 10.10, went up 8 points to 10.18. Prices eased off a point or two, showing at the close 17 points higher than August and 12 on September, and 7@9 points on the other positions. May, July, August, October and December were the active months.

Cotton futures steady: April, 10.03; May, 10.12@10.13; June, 10.14@10.16; July, 10.17@ 10.18; August, 9.84@9.85; September, 9.00@ 9.01; October, 8.54@8.56; November, 8.44@ 8.45; December, 8.43@8.44.

The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st: Galveston, 2,001,576 bales; New Orleans, 2,136,199 bales; Mobile, 203,584 bales; Savannah, 1,238,852 bales; Charleston, 208,560 bales; Wilmington, 324,019 bales; Norfolk, 474,600 bales; Baltimore, 37,715 bales; New York, 46,630 bales; Boston, 89,139 bales; Newport News, 14,011 bales; Philadelphia, 23,52 5bales; Brunswick, 113,321 bales; Fernandina, 3,134 bales; Pensacola, 183,183 bales; Port Arthur, 89,013 bales; San Francisco, 34,521 bales; Portland, Ore., 1,541 bales; El Paso, 1,567 bales; Eagle Pass, 11,479 bales; Laredo 13,209 bales. Total, 7,297,561 bales.

RICHMOND PRODUCE MARKET.

WHOLESALE.

Friday, April 24, 1904.

Official quotations of the Richmond Fruit and Produce Exchange:

LIVE POULTRY.		
Hens, per lb.	$ 13	@$ 14
Roosters, each	30	@ 35
Ducks, per lb.	13	@ 14
Turkey hens, per lb.	12	@ 13
Turkey gobblers, per lb.	8	@ 9
Geese, each	40	@ 75
Chickens (spring), small, lb.	25	@ 27
Chickens (medium), lb.	28	@ 30
Chickens (large), per lb.	32	@ 35
EGGS.		
Crates, nearby, fresh, doz.	$ 15	
Other sections, fresh, doz.	15	
Barrels and boxes, fresh, doz.	14	@ 15
Guinea, fresh, doz.	12	
BUTTER.		
Fancy, dairy packed, per lb.	$ 24	@$ 25
Choice, dairy packed, per lb.	22	@ 23
Choice, family packed, per lb.	23	@ 25
Choice, store packed, per lb.	18	@ 20
Medium, store packed, lb.	15	@ 16
Common grades, per lb.	13	@ 14
LIVE STOCK.		
Beef cattle, very best, lb.	$ 5½	@$ 6
Beef cattle, extra, lb.	5	@ 5¼
Beef cattle, good lb.	4	@ 4½
Common to medium, lb.	2½	@ 3½
Sheep, per lb.	4½	@ 5½
Spring lambs, per lb.	7	@ 8
Hogs, live, per lb.	6½	@ 7¼
Bulls, per lb.	2½	@ 3½
Veals, best, per lb.	7½	
Veals, common to prime, lb.	6	@ 7
NEW COUNTRY BACON.		
Hams, small, per lb.	$ 15	@$ 19
Hams, large, per lb.	12	@ 14
Sides, per lb.	11	@ 12
Shoulders, per lb.	10	@ 11
Lard, per lb.	11	@ 12
DRIED FRUITS.		
Apples, bright, sliced, lb.	$ 3	@$ 3½
Bright, quartered, per lb.	2	@ 2½
Dark, per lb.	2	@ 2½
Peaches, peeled, bright, lb.	12	@ 14
Unpeeled, lb.	5	@ 6
Cherries, pitted, lb.	13	@ 14
Blackberries, per lb.	6	@ 7
Whortleberries, lb.	15	@ 16
Raspberries, lb.	16	@ 17
WOOL.		
Tub-washed, free of burrs, lb.	$ 23	@$ 24
Unwashed, free or burs, lb.	18	@ 19
Burry, per lb—2@3c. per lb. less.		
HIDES.		
Dry flint, No. 1, per lb.	$ 12	@$ 13
Dry salt, No. 1, per lb.	10	@ 11
Green salt, No. 1, per lb.	6½	
Green, No. 1, per lb.	5½	
Glue, per lb.	2	@ 4
FRUITS.		
Apples, fancy, hand-packed, per bbl.	$2.50	@$3.00
Choice, hand-packed, bbl.	2.00	@ 2.25
Medium, hand-packed, bbl.	1.50	@ 1.75
Common, bbl.	1.00	@ 1.25
Grape furit, per box	5.00	
Lemons, choice, per box	2.75	@ 3.00
Strawberries, per quart	7	@ 15
VEGETABLES.		
Potatoes, white, new, No. 1, per bbl.	$5.00	@$6.00
No. 1 red, per bbl.	4.00	@ 5.00
Cabbage, per 100	2.50	@ 3.00
Cabbage, Fla., per crate	1.50	@ 1.75
Cabbage, S. C., per crate	1.75	@ 2.00
Cabbage, N. C., per crate	1.25	@ 1.50
Tomatoes, per carrier, fancy	4.00	@ 4.50
Tomatoes, No. 1, per carrier	3.00	@ 3.50
Tomatoes, No. 2	2.00	@ 2.50
Squash, hamper	1.50	@ 2.00
Beets, choice, per box	75	@ 1.00
Beets, choice, per bbl.	2.00	@ 2.25
Beans, Fla., round, hamper	2.25	@ 2.50
Lettuce, per hamper	1.25	@ 2.00
Asparagus, per bunch	8	@ 30
Egg plant, per crate	2.25	@ 2.50
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Beans, navy, white, No. 1, per bus.	$1.75	@$1.80
Common, per bus.	1.25	@ 1.50
Colored, per bus.	1.00	@ 1.25
Peas, blackeye, No. 1, bus.	90	@ 1.00
Blackeye, No. 2, bus.	75	@ 85
Black, per bus.	85	@ 1.00
Clay, per bus.	75	@ 90
Flaxseed, per bus.	1.30	@ 1.40
Beeswax, per lb.	26	
Tallow, per lb.	5	
Feathers, live, goose, per lb.	45	@ 50
Feathers, mixed, per lb.	30	@ 40
Peanuts, No. 1, per lb.	3¼	@ 3½
Peanuts, No. 2, per lb.	2¾	@ 3
Walnuts, per bus.	25	@ 30
Wire chicken coops	85	@ 90
Wire turkey coops	1.00	@ 1.10
Egg crates	45	@ 50

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, April 24.—FLOUR—Dull, but steadily held. Rye Flour—Steady. Cornmeal—Dull. Rye—Steady; No. 2, 61½c. Barley—Firm; feeding, 51c.

Wheat—Easy; No. 2 red, 82⅝c. From a steady opeuing, which soon became weak under British home crop news, unsettled cables, small clearances, liquidation and a poor export trade. Remaining dull and easy all day the market closed at ⅝@⅞c. net lower. May closed at 81⅝c.; July, 77 1-16c.; epteember, 74⅝c.

Corn—Firm; No. 2, 55½c. Option market was generally firm and higher on local covering, better Egyptian crop and grain receipts ⅜c. net higher at the close. May closed at 48c.; July, 51¾c.; September, 50¾c. Oats—Steady; No. 2, 38c. Options opened steady and later advanced on unfavorable weather news.

Beef—Quiet. Cut Meats—Quiet. Lard—Steady; refined, dull. Pork—Steay. Tallow—Dull; city and country, 5⅝@7c. Rosin—Steady. Turpentine—Steady.

Coffee—The market for coffee futures opened steady at a partia advance of 5 points under realizing, sold off later and closed 5 points lower. This level was a new record, with May selling at $3.85. Total sales, 86,000 bags. Spot Rio, quiet; mild, quiet. Sugar—Raw, barely steady; refined, firm. Rice—Firm. Molasses—Firm.

Butter—Steady; extra creamery, 15c.; State dairy, 14@15c. Cheese—Steady; State, full cream, small, colored, 14c. Eggs—Strong; State and Pennsylvania, 13@16½c.; Southern, 15½c. Potatoes—Steady. Peanuts—Quiet; fancy handpicked, 4¼@4½c.; other domestic, 2¾@4½c. Cabbages—Steady. Charleston, $1.50@1.75. Cotton—By steamer to Liverpool, unchanged.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 24.—Options prevailed in wheat to-day and prices were easy. May closed ½c. lower and July down ⅛c. July corn closed ¼@⅜c. higher with oats off ¼c., while July provisions closed ¼@½c. lower to 5c. higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
May	76¼	78¼	77¾	77¾
July	72¼	73⅛	72¾	72½
Sept.	69⅞	70	69⅝	69¼
CORN—No. 2.				
May	44¾	44⅞	44½	44⅞
July	45½	45¾	45⅜	45½
Sept.	45¾	45	44⅝	44⅞
OATS—No. 2.				
May	34⅞	34⅞	33⅝	34¾
July	31⅞	32	31½	31¾
Sept.	28⅞	29	28⅝	28⅞
MESS PORK—Per bbl.				
May	18.07½	18.20	18.05	18.15
July	17.42½	17.55	17.42½	17.47½
Sept.	17.10	17.20	17.10	17.12½
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
May	9.70	9.75	9.70	9.70
July	9.65	9.70	9.65	9.67½
Sept.	9.65	9.70	9.65	9.65
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
May	9.82½	9.82½	9.80	9.80
July	9.67	9.72½	9.67½	9.67½
Sept.	9.00	9.05	9.00	9.00

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm. No. 2 spring wheat, 78½c.; No. 3, 72@78½c.; No. 2 red, 76⅞@77¾c. No. 2 corn, 44¾c.; No. 2 yellow, 44¾c. No. 2 oats, 34¼c.; No. 3 white, 37¾c.; No. 3 white, 33@37c. No. 2 rye, 50¼c. Good feeding barley, 38@40c.; fair to choice malting, 48@54c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.08; No. 1 northwestern, $1.11; prime Timothy seed, $3.60. Mess pork, per barrel, $17.62½; lard, per 100 pounds, $9.67½@9.72½; short ribs sides (loose), $9.70@9.80; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.37½@8.50; short clear sides (boxed), $10.12½@10.25. Whiskey, basis of high wines, $1.30. Clover, contract grade, $11.50@12. Butter steady; creamery, 18@ 23½c.; dairy, 15@22c. Eggs easy at mark, 14½c. Cheese firm it 13¼@13½c. Receipts—Wheat, 20,400 bushels; corn, 51,200 bushels; oats, 156,000 bushels; hogs, 17,000 head.

BALTIMORE, MD., April 24.—FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged. Wheat—Dull; spot and the month, 82@82¼c.; Southern by sample, 76½@82½c. Corn—Dull; spot lower; spot and the month, 51½@51¾c.; Southern white, 46@46½c. Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 41½c. Rye—Firmer; No. 2, 67@67½c. Butter and Sugar—Firm and unchanged. Eggs—Steady and unchanged. Cheese—Drooping; large, 13¾@14c.; small, 14@14¼c.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

Richmond, Va.,