PRICES OVERCOME STRONG PRESSURE

Despite Adverse Influences, the Stock Market Makes Decisive Advances.

IRON GROUP VERY STRONG

Reports of Merger of Southern Companies Grow More Explicit.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The stock market demonstrated again to-day in a striking manner its power of resistance against adverse influences, such as would have worked decisively for a reaction in periods of past speculative activity, although there was hesitation, and then a reaction after the strong opening. But the upward movement was resumed at new points, and the strength of the market established more decidedly than before. The most obvious of the influences against the market was the rather discouraging condition of the country's transportation, discovered by the weekly talks with traffic officials. These were the cause of a halting and sluggish response to the first buoyant rise in Union Pacific. The next demonstration centered in the industrials, and it was not until late in the day that the railroad stocks generally came up. The activity was largely congested in Union and Southern Pacific, Ontario and Western and the United States Steel stocks, the total in which was run up quickly at the rate of 1,000 to 10,000 shares in single blocks. All of the stocks connected with the Northern Securities merger or with the supposed plan of readjustment to follow the dissolution of the merger were strong in sympathy. Northern Securities itself adding several points to its record price in the curb market. The heavy buying of United States Steel after a period of comparative dormancy was attributed to banking interests near to the corporation, and the credit given to this supposition induced other buying of the stock. Reports of negotiations for the merger of Southern iron companies grew more explicit, and that group of stocks was strong in consequence. The stock market took the late realizing pretty well, and the closing was firm, though not at the top level of the day.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $5,665,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

The total sales of stocks for the day were 1,546,500 shares

MONEY AND EXCHANGE—CLOSE: Money on call steady at 2 1-4@2 1-2 per cent.; closing bid, 2 1-4 per cent.; offered at 2 1-2 per cent.; time loans, slightly firmer; sixty days and ninety days, 3 per cent.; six months, 3¼@3 1-2 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 3 3-4@4 1-4 per cent. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87.45@4.87.50 for demand and at $4.85.25@4.85.30 for sixty day bills; posted rates, $4.86 and $4.88 1-2; commercial bills, $4.85@4.85 1-8. Bar silver, 61; Mexican dollars, 47 1-2. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 20, 1905.

SALES.

Broad Street Bank—45 at 28.
Virginia Centuries—100 at 97.
Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. preferred—5 at 110.

STATE SECURITIES	Bid.	Asked
North Carolina 4s, C., 1910	102	...
North Carolina 6s, C., 1919	130	...
Va. 3s, New, C. and R., 1932	96½	97
Va. Centuries, 2-3, C. and R., 1991	97	97¾
CITY SECURITIES.		
Richmond City, 1938	106½	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Atlanta and Char. 1st 7s, 1907	106	...
A. C. L. R. R. Con. Tr. 4p. c.	102	...
A. C. L. Certificates of Ind. 4 p. c.	91	...
Georgia Pacific 1st 6s, C., 1922	123	...
Ga., So. and Fla. 1st 6s, 1945	114	...
Georgia and Ala. Con. 5s, 1945	113	...
N. and W. Ry. 4s, 1996	103	...
N. and W.—Pocahontas 4s	96	...
Rich. and Meck. 1st 4s, 1948	92	...
Florida Southern, 1945	98½	...
Western N. C. 1st 6s C., 1914	115	...
S. A. L. Con. 1st 4s, 1950	90	91
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	168
Atlantic Coast Line A	100	122
Atlantic Coast Line pfd	100	120
Atlantic Coast Line com	100	122
Chesapeake and Ohio	100	54
Norfolk and Western com	100	82½
Seaboard Air Line pfd	100	38
Seaboard Air Line com	100	18
BANK AND TRUST CO. STOCKS.		
Bank of Richmond	100	245
American National	100	124
Broad Street Bank	25	28
City	25	33
First National	100	215
State Bank of Virginia	100	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	167
INSURANCE COMPANIES.		
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	42
MISCELLANEOUS.		
American Locomotive pfd	100	...
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd, 8 p. c.	100	102
Va.-Carolina Chemical com	100	37
Va.-Car. Chem. Co. Col. Tr. 5 p. c.	100	103½

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD. Feb. 20.—Seaboard Air Line common, 17½@18½; do. preferred, 38½ asked.

COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—After a sharp bulge early, carrying the cotton market to the highest point of the upward movement on continued covering by March shorts there was a very severe break under liquidation and increased bear pressure following the larger estimates for to-morrow's receipts and reports that Southern spot holders were selling freely on the advance. The close was steady, but at a net decline of 15@31 points.

The opening was steady with March 9 points lower and other months about unchanged to 2 points lower, which was better than due on a very disappointing set of cables. Private advices from Liverpool reported the market there influenced by freer Southern spot offerings, but there was a disposition here early to disregard the English market, and inside of fifteen minutes after the call March, which had opened at 7.75, sold up to 7.91, while the general list was net 5@7 points higher. At about this time New Orleans reported a sharp break and sent heavy selling orders here, which a moment later were followed by the posting of the Houston estimate, showing much heavier receipts expected to-morrow. The increase movement, in connection with private advices, stating that the recent advances had carried prices up to spot sellers limits, seemed to reassure the nearby shorts in the local market. The demand from this source fell off, and with trailing longs liquidating prices, started downward, and continued during the balance of the session. At the lowest point March sold at 7.52 or 30 points down from the best price of the morning. The close was steadied by covering, and a little demand for long account on the theory that the bulge in the movement reflected nothing more than the natural increase as a result of better weather following the long period of unfavorable conditions, but final prices were within a point or two of the low-

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800 A. C. L., com	122	122½	122	121¾	122¼
600 Amer. Grass Twine	8¾	8¾	8	8	8¾
78500 Amalgamated Copper	74⅛	76	74	75⅞	76
1400 Amer. Car and Foundry	34½	34½	34⅛	34⅜	34½
100 Amer. Car and Foun., pfd	93⅝	93⅝	93⅝	93¾	94
1200 Amer. Cotton Oil	36	36	35½	35	35½
2600 Amer. Tob., pfd	98	98	96⅞	97⅜	97⅞
200 Amer. Can	10½	10½	10½	10½	10⅝
3000 Amer. Can, pfd	63⅞	64	63¾	63⅞	64
4700 Amer. Locomotive, com	41½	41½	40¾	40¾	41
100 Amer. Locomotive, pfd	111	111	111	111	112
7700 Amer. Sugar	144¼	145	143⅞	144½	144¾
11600 A., T. and S. Fe, com	88¼	88⅝	87⅞	88⅜	88½
4500 A., T. and S. Fe, pfd	102	102⅞	102	102⅞	103
23800 Baltimore and Ohio	104⅝	105⅛	104⅛	104⅝	104¾
5800 Brooklyn Rapid Transit	62⅝	63	62⅛	62⅜	62½
700 Canada Southern	69⅞	70	69⅝	69½	70
5400 Canadian Pacific	137½	137⅝	137	137⅝	137½
6700 Chesapeake and Ohio	50⅞	51⅜	50⅝	51⅛	51½
23700 Chicago Great Western	24¼	24½	24⅛	24⅜	24½
70000 Chi., Mil. and S. P.	177¼	179	176¾	177⅞	178
16500 Colo. Fuel and Iron	61	62⅛	60¼	61⅜	61½
2700 Colo. Southern, com	25⅝	26½	26¼	26¼	26½
600 Colo. Southern, 1st pfd	63½	63½	63	63	63½
200 Colo. Southern, 2d pfd	37¾	37¾	37¾	37½	37¾
3800 Clev., Cin., Chi. and S. L.	97½	99½	97½	98¾	99
Cons. Tob., 4 p. c. bonds	82	82	82	82	...
2900 Consolidated Gas	205½	206	205¾	205½	206
1400 Delaware and Hudson	193	193	191¼	191¼	191½
Del., Lack. and West	...	...	...	355	360
114600 Erie, com	44⅝	46½	43¾	45⅞	46½
7000 Erie, 1st pfd	80	80⅝	79½	80¼	80⅜
2200 Erie, 2d pfd	64¾	65½	64	65⅝	65½
1000 General Electric	186½	187½	186½	186	180¾
1800 Illinois Central	167⅞	168⅛	167⅝	167¾	168
6000 Louisville and Nashville	137¾	138½	137¾	138⅛	138⅜
1400 Manhattan	173½	173½	172⅝	172⅞	172¾
8700 Metro. Street Railway	121½	121⅝	120¼	120⅝	120½
2500 Mexican Central	22½	23	22⅜	22⅝	22⅞
700 Mo., Kan. and Tex., com	31	31	30⅝	30¾	31
1200 Mo., Kan. and Tex., pfd	63¾	64¼	63⅝	64	64⅞
7400 Missouri Pacific	106⅝	107	106⅜	106⅞	107¼
Nash., Chat. and S. L.	...	...	...	142	145
1100 New York Central	147½	148½	146⅞	147⅝	147⅞
2500 Norfolk and Western	83	83½	82½	83	83¼
110000 N. Y., Ont. and West	51¾	54⅝	51½	54	54¼
6600 Pacific Mail	48	48½	47¾	47¾	48
51800 Pennsylvania R. R.	139½	139⅞	138⅛	139½	139¾
2400 People's Gas (Chicago)	107¼	107¼	106⅝	106⅞	107
3800 Pressed Steel Car	37	37⅝	37	37⅝	37⅞
1200 Pressed Steel Car, pfd	88	88¾	88	88¾	89
13700 Republic I. and S., com	18½	19⅝	18½	19⅛	19¼
11200 Republic I. and S., pfd	77	77⅝	76¾	77¼	77½
87800 Reading, com	91	95¼	93½	94¾	94⅞
Reading, 1st pfd, ex. div.	...	...	...	91½	92
Reading, 2d pfd	...	...	...	90	90½
15000 Rock Island, com	34⅞	34⅞	34¼	34⅝	34¾
400 Rock Island, pfd	81½	81½	80⅞	80½	80⅝
1600 Sloss	76½	79¼	76½	78½	79
200 Sloss, pfd	109	110	109	110¼	114¼
S. L. and S. F., 2d pfd	...	...	...	70¼	70⅞
1400 S. L. and Southwest., pfd	63⅝	63⅞	62¾	62¾	62⅞
162000 Southern Pacific	68¼	69¼	68	68⅝	68¾
7000 Southern Railway, com	34⅝	34⅝	34	34½	34⅝
400 Southern Railway, pfd	97⅞	97⅞	97¾	97½	97⅞
Seaboard Air Line, com	...	...	...	17½	17⅝
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	...	...	...	38	38½
12900 Tenn. Coal and Iron	81¼	82½	81¼	82⅛	82¼
2000 Texas Pacific	36¼	36¼	35⅞	36	36⅛
300900 Union Pacific	129¼	131¼	129¼	130⅜	130½
400 United States Leather	12¾	12¾	12½	12½	12¾
135800 United States Steel	32⅛	33¼	31⅞	33⅛	33¼
66400 United States Steel, pfd	94⅝	96½	94¼	95⅛	95¼
1700 Va.-Car. Chemical, com	38½	38½	37⅞	38	38⅛
400 Va.-Car. Chemical, pfd	110	110	109⅝	109½	110
400 Wabash, com	23⅛	23⅛	22¾	22¾	23
700 Wabash, pfd	46¾	46¾	45½	46¼	46¼
400 Western Union	93½	93⅝	93¼	93¼	93⅝
500 Wisconsin Central	24½	24½	24¼	...	...
1100 Wisconsin Central, pfd	53⅞	53⅞	52½	...	...

Total sales 1,607,200 shares.

CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS.

U. S. refunding 2s, registered	104½	C., C., C. and St. Louis gen. 4s	103½
U. S. refunding 2s, coupon	104½	Chicago Terminal 4s	97¼
U. S. 3s, registered	103¾	Colorado Midland 4s	77¾
U. S. 3s, coupon	103¾	Colorado and Southern 4s	92⅝
U. S. New 4s, registered	131½	Cuba 5s, certificates	107⅞
U. S. New 4s, coupon	131½	Denver and Rio Grande 4s	101¾
U. S. Old 4s, registered	106½	Distillers' Securities 5s	73¾
U. S. Old 4s, coupon	106½	Erie prior lien 4s	101¾
American Tobacco 4s, certificates	75¼	Erie general 4s	92⅞
American Tobacco 6s, certificates	116⅞	Fort Worth and Den. City 1st (offered)	110½
Atchison general 4s	104¼	Hocking Valley 4½s	11¼
Atchison adjustment 4s	97	Japan 6s, certificates	101¾
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	103⅝	Louisville and Nash. Unified 4s	103
Baltimore and Ohio 4s	105¼	Manhattan con. gold 4s	106
Baltimore and Ohio 3½s	95	Mexican Central 4s	75½
Central of Georgia 5s	115⅝	Mexican Central 1st Inc.	23¼
Central of Georgia 6s	115⅝	Minn. St. Louis 4s	93
Central of Georgia 1st Inc.	92⅝	Missouri, Kansas and Texas 4s	101
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½s	109¾	Missouri, Kansas and Texas 2ds	95¾
Chicago and Alton 3½s	82¼	National R. R. of Mexico con. 4s	83
Chicago, B. and Quincy new 4s	100	New York Central gen. 3½s	100¼
Chicago, R. I. and Pacific 4s	82½	New Jersey Central gen. 5s	135⅝
Chicago, R. I. and Pacific col 4s	97	Northern Pacific 4s	105¾
		Northern Pacific 3s	77
		Norfolk and West. con. 4s (offered)	104¼
		Oregon Short Line refunding 4s	91⅞
		Pennsylvania conv. 3½s	104⅞
		Reading General 4s	102¾
		St. L. and Iron Moun. con. 5s (offered)	118
		St. Louis and San Francisco fg. 4s	91⅝
		St. Louis Southwestern con. 4s	82¾
		Seaboard Air Line 4s	91
		Southern Pacific 4s	95½
		Southern Railway 5s	119¾
		Texas and Pacific 1sts (offered)	123
		Toledo, St. L. and Western 4s	81
		Union Pacific 4s	107⅞
		Union Pacific conv. 4s	133¼
		U. S. Steel 2d 5s	94⅞
		Wabash 1sts	119
		Wabash Deb. Bs	69¾
		Western Md. 4s	93
		Wheeling and Lake Erie 4s	94⅞
		Wisconsin Central 4s	94
		M. and O. Collateral Trust 4s	98
		Central of Georgia 3s Inc.	67

est. Sales of futures were estimated at 350,000 bales.

Receipts of cotton at the ports to-day were 15,628 bales against 8,628 last week and 9,982 last year. For the week (estimated) 95,000 bales against 72,562 last week and 81,871 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans were 5,178 bales against 4,216 last year, and at Houston 2,824 bales against 2,511 last year.

Cotton futures opened steady and closed steady.	Open	High.	Low.	Close.
February	...	...	...	7.53
March	7.75	7.91	7.52	7.54
April	...	...	...	7.49
May	7.67	7.74	7.47	7.48
June	7.69	7.87	7.52	7.49
July	7.67	7.77	7.49	7.51
August	7.80	7.86	7.65	7.54
September	7.74	7.74	7.53	7.56
October	7.75	7.82	7.60	7.61
November	...	...	...	7.59
December	7.75	7.72	7.69	7.55

Spot cotton closed quiet, 25 points lower; middling uplands, 7.90; middling gulf, 8.15; sales, 2,000 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 20.—COTTON—Spot cotton quiet and weak, but not quotably lower. Sales, 2,200 bales, including 500 to arrive and 500 f. o. b. Quotations unchanged.

Futures opened steady at a decline of 5@6 points compared with Saturday's closing, responding to disappointing Liverpool and the decline at New York. On the unfavorable weather map, showing heavy rains in many sections, prices readily recovered until they had made up all the loss at the opening. Week shorts then apparently became frightened and their covering sent prices up still further until they were 5 points higher than Saturday's finals and 10 points above the opening. At this level prominent shorts entered the ring and sold arch, May and others active months, sending prices down 20 points lower than the highest figure of the session. Heavy estimated receipts for to-morrow at New Orleans, Galveston and Houston was a strong bear feature. In the trading May opened at 7.53, sold up to 7.69, declined to 7.49 and finally improved to 7.43. The market closed steady at 3@4 points above the lowest of the day, the list showing net losses of 18@21 points.

Cotton futures quiet. February, 7.47@7.49; March, 7.46@7.48; April, 7.43@7.45; May, 7.43@7.44; June, 7.44@7.46; July, 7.47@7.48; August, 7.48@7.50; September, 7.50@7.52; October, 7.53@7.54; November, 7.54@7.56; December, 7.56@7.58.

RICHMOND PRODUCE MARKET.

(Corrected daily. Unless otherwise stated these quotations are wholesale prices):

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys (hens), choice, undrawn, per pound, 18c.; fair to good, undrawn, per pound, 16@17c.; ducks, choice, undrawn, per pound, 15@16c.; fair to good, undrawn, per pound, 14@15c.; geese, choice, undrawn, per pound, 10@11c.; fair to good, undrawn, per pound, 10c.; chickens, choice, undrawn, per pound, 14@15c.; fair to good, undrawn, per pound, 12@13c.; hens, choice, undrawn, per pound, 12@13c.; roosters, choice, undrawn, per pound, 8@9c. Drawn poultry 1c. per pound higher than undrawn.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, per pound, 13@17c.; hens, per pound, 11@12c.; ducks, per pound, 12@13c.; turkeys, hens, per pound, 15c.; turkeys, gobblers, per pound, 13c.; geese, per head, 50@75c.; guineas, per head, 20c.

BUTTER—Choice dairy packed, per pound, 17@18c.; choice family packed, per pound, 17@18c.; store packed, yellow, extra, per pound, 16@17c.; store packed, fresh, mixed, per pound, 15@16c.; roll, choice, yellow, per pound, 18@20c.; roll, mixed, per pound, 14@15c.; common grades, per pound, 12@13c.

EGGS—In crates, fresh, nearby, dozen, 23c.; in crates, fresh, per dozen, 22c.; in barrels, fresh, per dozen, 21c.

MISCELLANEOUS—Dressed hogs, small, per pound, 6@6¼c.; hogs, large, per pound, 5@6c.; country sausage, per pound, 9@10c.; country chine and ribs, per pound, 7@8c. Dried peaches, N. C., fancy, per pound, 13@14c.; peaches, Virginia, fancy, per pound, 12@13c.; peaches, unpeeled, per pound, 4@5c.; apples, fancy, sliced, per pound, 4@4½c.; apples, evaporated, per pound, 7@8c. Peas—Blackeye, No. 1 per bushel, $1.60@1.60; blackeye, No. 2 per bushel, $1.40@1.45; black, per bushel, $1.40; clay, per bushel, $1.10@1.20. Beans—Handpicked, per bushel, $1.60@1.65; white, mixed, per bushel, $1.50; colored, per bushel, $1.25@1.40.

LIVE STOCK—Veals, choice, per pound, 7c.; veals, thin, per pound, 6@6½c.; runners, per pound, 4@5c.; hogs, choice, per pound, 4¾@5c.; lambs, choice, per pound, 4@5½c.; sheep, choice, per pound, 3@4½c.; beef cattle, common to prime, 2½@4c.; bulls, per pound, 2½@3c.

FLOUR—Winter superior, $4@4.25; winter extra, $4.50@4.75; winter clears, $5.50@5.75; winter straight, $5.75@6.00; winter patent, $6.20@6.40. Buckwheat, per pound, 2½@3c. Cornmeal, city sacked, 70@72½c.; country bolted, sacked, 62½@65c. Millfeed—Shipstuff, per ton, $21.50@22.00; bran, $19.50@21.00.

Other Produce Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—FLOUR—Steady. Rye Flour—Dull. Buckwheat Flour—Steady. Cornmeal—Steady. Rye—Nominal. Barley—Quiet.

Wheat—Easy; No. 2 red, $1.22⅞ f. o. b. afloat. Options ¼@⅜c. net lower; May, $1.16⅝; July, $1.05; September, 95⅝c.

Corn—Steady; No. 2, 56c. elevator. Options ¼@⅜c. net lower. May closed at 51½c.; July, 52½c. Oats—Barely steady; mixed, 37@38c.

Beef—Firm. Cut Meats—Quiet. Lard—Easy; Western steamed, $7.10; refined, easy; Continent, $7.15; compound, 4¾@5c. Pork—Steady. Tallow—Firm; city, 4½c. Rosin—Steady. Turpentine—Easy at 54@54½c.

Coffee—Quiet. Futures steady, 10@15 points lower. Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 4½c.; centrifugal, 96 test, 5c.; molasses sugar, 4¼c.; refined, firm. Rice—Firm. Molasses—Steady.

Butter—Strong; creamery, 27@35c.; State dairy, 24@32c. Cheese—Firm; State, small, colored and white, 10@11½c. Eggs—Steady; nearby, selected, 33c.; Southern, 29@30c.

Potatoes—Quiet; Long Island, $1.50@2.00; State and Western, $1.25@1.40; Jersey sweets, $3@4.50. Peanuts—Firm; fancy handpicked, 5¼@5½c.; other domestic, 5¼@5½c. Cabbages—Quiet, flat Dutch, per 100, $2@3.00. Cotton—By steam to Liverpool, 12-64c.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 20.—Selling of May wheat by commission houses had a depressing effect to-day on the grain market in general. At the close wheat for May delivery was off ½@⅝c. July was down ¼c.; May corn is off ⅛@¼c.; oats and provisions are practically unchanged.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
May	1.19¼	1.19¼	1.18¼	1.18¾
July	1.01¾	1.02¼	1.01¼	1.01¾
Sept.	92⅝	93	92¾	92⅞
CORN—No. 2.				
Feb.	...	...	...	43⅝
May	46⅝	46⅝	46¼	46⅝
July	47¼	47¼	46⅞	47
Sept.	47⅝	47⅝	47¼	47¼
OATS—No. 2.				
Feb.	...	...	...	33½
May	30⅞	30⅞	30¾	30¾
July	30¾	30¾	30⅝	30⅝
Sept.	29⅛	29⅛	29	29
MESS PORK—Per bbl				
Feb.	...	...	...	12.00
May	12.60	12.30	12.75	12.77
July	12.90	12.90	12.87	12.90
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
Feb.	...	...	...	6.72
May	6.90	6.92	6.90	6.90
July	7.00	7.02	7.00	7.02
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
Feb.	...	...	...	6.65
May	6.82	6.82	6.80	6.82
July	...	...	...	6.95

Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Steady. No. 2 spring wheat, $1.15@1.20; No. 3, $1.05@1.15; No. 2 red, $1.13¼@1.20½. No. 2 corn, 44½c.; No. 2 yellow, 44¾c. No. 2 oats, 32c.; No. 2 white, 32¾c.; No. 3 white, 31½c. No. 2 rye, 72@77½c. Good feeding barley, 38c.; fair to choice malting, 42@46c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.18; No. 1 northwestern, $1.28. Mess pork, per barrel, $12.00@12.65; lard, per 100 pounds, $6.75@6.75; short ribs sides (loose), $6.62@6.75; short clear sides (boxed), $6.75@6.87. Whiskey, basis of high wines, $1.23. Clover, contract grade, $12.50. Butter—Firm; creameries, 21@32c.; dairies, 24@30c. Cheese—Firm at 12@13½c. Eggs—Easier at mark, cases included, 22@27c.; firsts, 27c.; prime firsts, 29c.; extras, 31c.

BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 20.—FLOUR—Steady. Winter patent, $5.60@5.85; spring patent, $5.95@6.20. Wheat—Easy; spot, contract, and the month, 1.16¾@1.16; Southern by sample, $1@1.15. Corn—Easier; spot, 50@50¼c.; the month, 50@50¼c.; Southern white, 44¾@45½c. Oats—Easier; No. 2 white, 36½@36½c. Rye—Steady. Butter—Firm and unchanged; fancy imitation, 26@27c.; do. creamery, 33@34c. Eggs—Firm and unchanged at 22c. Cheese—Firm and unchanged. Sugar—Strong and unchanged.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 20, 1905.

QUOTATIONS.

WHEAT—		
Longberry (car lots)	$1.20	@$1.22
Mixed (car lots)	1.20	@ 1.22
Shortberry (car lots)	1.20	@ 1.22
No. 2 red (car lots)	1.22	
Va. bag lots	1.10	@ 1.21
CORN—		
White, Va. bag lots	51	@ 53
No. 2 white (car lots)	52	@ 52½
No. 3 white (car lots)	51½	@ 52
No. 2 mixed (car lots)	51½	@ 52
No. 3 mixed (car lots)	51	@ 51½
OATS—		
No. 2 mixed (car lots)	35½	@ 36
No. 3 mixed (car lots)	35	
No. 2 white car lots)	36½	@ 37
No. 3 white (car lots)	36	@ 36½
Winter seed	40	@ 45
RYE	80	@ 85

CATTLE MARKETS.

RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET.

(Sales at Union Stock Yards.)

Richmond, Va., Feb. 20, 1905.

The cattle market is active and stronger and 10@15c. higher on all grades except very common. Best steers, 5¼c.; medium to good, 4¼@4¾c.; common to fair, butcher steers, 3¼@4c.; good heifers, 4@4¼c.; extra, shade higher; medium to good, 3¾@4c.; common, light heifers, 3@3½c.; fat dry cows, good, 3½@3¾c.; common to fair, 2½@3¼c.; old, rough and inferior cows, 1½@2¼c.; veal calves, 6@7½c.; fresh cows, $20@45.

Light run of hogs. Very best selected hogs sold from 5.40@5½c.; fair kinds, 5@5¼c.; roughs, 4@4½c.

The sheep market was strong and good demand for all grades. Good to best sheep, 5½@6c.; common to medium, 4@5c.; top lambs, 7½c.; fair to good, 6@6½c.; small, thin, tailend lambs, 4½@6c.

Prospects good on all kinds of stock for next market.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 20.—CATTLE—Receipts, 31,000 head. Market 10c. lower. Good to prime steers, $5.75@6.15; poor to medium, $4@5.65; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.40; canners, $1.35@2.75; cows, $1.25@4.50; bulls, $2@4.10; heifers, $2@6.00; calves, $3.50@8.00. Hogs—Receipts, 45,000 head. Market steady. Mixed and butchers, $4.70@4.97½; good to choice, heavy, $4.95@5.02½; rough, heavy, $4.72½@4.87½; light, $4.65@4.85; bulk of sales, $4.85@4.95. Sheep—Receipts, 25,000 head. Market steady. Lambs weaker. Good to choice wethers, $5.65@6.10; fair to choice, mixed, $4.60@5.40; native lambs, $6@8.25.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—BEEVES—Receipts, 4,793 head. Steers lower; bulls and cows firm; four cars held over. Native steers, $4.50@5.80; bulls, $3@4.60; cows, $1.70@4.00. Calves—Receipts, 658 head. Market higher. Veals, $4@10.00; barn yard calves, $3@3.25; no Westerns. Dressed calves firmer; city dressed veals, 8@14c.; country dressed, 6@11c. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 4,390 head. Market very strong. Sheep, $1.25@6.25; culls, $4; yearlings, $7; lambs, $5.50@8.90; culls, $4.75@7.00. Hogs—Receipts, 11,832 head. Market steady. State and Pennsylvania hogs, $5.30@5.75.

UNION STOCK YARDS, PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 20.—CATTLE—Receipts fair; market slow. Choice, $5.40@5.65; prime heavy, $5.25@5.30; medums, $5.30@5.35; heavy yorkers, $5.25@5.30; light yorkers, $5.15@5.20; pigs, $4.90@5.00; roughs, $4@4.50. Sheep—Receipts light; market higher. Prime wethers, $6.00@6.75; common, $3@4.00; lambs, $6@6.85; veal calves, $8@8.75.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 20.—HOGS—Active. Butchers, $5.10; common, $4@4.90. Cattle—Active. Fair to good shippers, $4.10@4.85; common, $2.25@2.75. Sheep—Strong at $3@5.40. Lambs—Steady at $5@7.75.

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MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

PEANUT MARKET.

PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 20.—PEANUTS—Spanish—Market firm at 90c.; receipts increasing. Virginias—Market firm at 3¾@4c. for fancy stock; machine picked, 2¾@3¼c.; shelling stock, 2@2¼c.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—As far as the home dry goods traders are concerned operations are still restricted to absolute necessities with absolutely no speculation evidenced in any direction. The influence of the export trade, however, is more or less potent, especially with regard to sellers' attitude. Jobbers have been affected by weather conditions.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 20.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing; receipts, 4 casks. Rosin—Nothing doing; receipts, 20 barrels. Tar—Firm at $1.60; receipts, 28 barrels. Crude Turpentine—Firm at $2.30@3.70; receipts, 44 barrels.

SAVANNAH, GA., Feb. 20.—TURPENTINE—Nothing doing; quoted at 52c.; receipts, 118 casks; shipments, 159 casks. Rosin—Firm; receipts, 1,524 barrels; sales, 657 barrels; shipments, 2,262 barrels.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 20.—TURPENTINE AND ROSIN—Nothing doing.

COTTONSEED OIL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Cottonseed oil firmer with good trade. Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 19c.; prime summer yellow, 27@27¼c.; off summer yellow, nominal; prime white, 29½@29c.; prime winter yellow, 29@30c.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

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ARRIVED.

Steamer Eastwood, New Orleans.
Steamer Acilea, New Orleans.
Steamer Waccamaw, New York.
Schooner Grace A. Martin, Boston.

SAILED.

Steamer Eastwood, Liverpool.
Steamer Acilea, Svenborg.
Steamer Shend, Liverpool.
Schooner W. H. Clifford, Boston.
Barge New Jersey, Providence.
Barge Clintonia, Providence.
Barge Kentucky, Providence.
Barge Camden, East Boston.

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

Street Is Still Sloppy—Receipts Light and Trade Not Heavy.

Down on Cary Street where the produce commission merchants do business, there is yet dullness, and the sloppy condition of the street is somewhat characteristic of the business.

Very little country produce is coming in, and the demand is rather light for that which did come. Eggs and fowls are very scarce, and the supply is nothing like as great as the demand and the natural result is higher prices. Eggs are wholesaling in big crate lots at 30 cents per dozen, and bring that without any trouble.

Fruits are the exception to the rule. Oranges and apples are plentiful, the former being considerably in excess of the demand, and they are as a consequence much off in price, varying from $1.25 to $3.50 per box.

The rain, which means a general thaw, and which it is believed, will be followed by open weather, will naturally stir up business on Cary Street, and livelier times are looked for down there in the next few days.

Richmonders in New York.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Broadway Central: W. O. Day; Victoria, J. W. Nokely, T. F. Sullivan, Jr.; Breslin, E. C. Michelson; Holland, J. Bryan; York, J. Gillooley, F. G. Andrews, T. D. Stokes