STOCK PRICES IRREGULAR

Market Movements Erratic But Result in Net Gains.

An Early Boom Succeeds the Extreme Weakness of Wednesday—Surmises Regarding the Steel Deal—Securities in This Group Strong—General Electric Shares Buoyant.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—During the first hour of business this morning, several wide and erratic fluctuations were noted in the general stock market, but later a much firmer tone developed, and in a number of instances sharp advances were scored, albeit the trading still retained some appearances of irregularity.

The market opened strong and showed none of the unsettlement that characterized the later dealings in yesterday's market. There was subsequently a severe and general reaction, but, as noted, a much firmer tone later developed. To none of these varying swings in prices was it possible to ascribe aught save technical explanations.

In a general way, though, today's market suggested that the extremely aggressive selling under which prices broke yesterday was largely for short account, although in a market of the proportions of those of the present time, it is more than ordinarily difficult to trace the source or discover the character of such operations.

What has become clearly apparent, however, in the last fortnight, is a very distinct cleavage in opinion as to the future drift of prices, and in a speculation so extensive as that now being conducted, wide fluctuations are to be looked for, and need not be taken as reflecting anything else than the market plunging of one or another of large operators. In the mean time the uncertain and erratic price movements resulting therefrom are having the logical effect of restricting commission house business, owing to the resultant confusion of public opinion.

Among the more pronounced movements in the railroad list today were the advances in the Atchison and the St. Louis and San Francisco issues, the common tendency of these securities being accepted as foreshadowing the re-union of the two systems. Rumors to this effect did, indeed, attend the dealings in these stocks.

Other firm features of the railway list were Wisconsin Central, Union Pacific and the Erie and Reading issues. In the early dealings, both St. Paul and Northern Pacific were under severe pressure, but both stocks took part in the subsequent improvement. Southern Railway common and preferred were more active than for some days, and advanced under buying of a substantial character.

Interest in the market was again widely diversified. The local traction issues all advanced rapidly, presumably on the progress of the tax revision measure at Albany, and the rise in Consolidated Gas was, perhaps, attributable to the same cause. Elsewhere among the specialties, advances were noted in People's Gas and North American, while a fairly sensational rise took place in General Electric.

The course of General Electric was on the expectation of a very favorable statement, coupled with the idea that the latter might be followed by an advance in the rate of dividend. Western Union, while steady, did not occupy the conspicuous position in the market it has enjoyed for some days.

The steel industrial stocks were the features of the dealings in that quarter and made material advances on the assurances as to the satisfactory progress of the negotiations now in progress, which were taken to foreshadow the early announcement of the conclusion of the so-called deal. American Smelting was also notably firm on reports that efforts were making to conciliate dissenting interests in the property. The Tobacco stocks were likewise firm, while the movements in Sugar Refining were rather erratic.

The dealings in this market for foreign account were on a comparatively limited scale, and resulted on balance in the sale of about 20,000 shares of stocks. With the exception of the American department, which was rather heavy, in sympathy with the break in the local market of yesterday, prices were very firm in London, on the hopes regarding an early settlement of the South African war, and because of the monetary situation there.

The Bank of England's discount rate was left unchanged at 4 1-2 per cent, but the bank's weekly statement, showing a ratio of reserves to liabilities of 49.9 per cent would appear to foreshadow an early reduction in the bank's figures.

Gossip respecting the activity in this quarter of the market centred mainly around the position of the Delaware and Hudson Company. There has been steady absorption of the latter stock for some time, and it is believed the object thereof is to carry out the plans which were mooted prior to the advance in the Delaware and Hudson dividend rate, namely, to dispose of the company's coal lands to one or more of the other anthracite companies and to lease the railway lines, presumably to the New York Central Railroad Company. At all events, today's discussion of the movement in these stocks was along these lines.

New York Stock Market.

Corrected daily by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 1419 F Street.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
Am. Steel & Wire	51	53	50¾	53
Am. Steel & Wire pfd.	103¾	103¾	103½	103¾
American Sugar	136¾	138¼	135¾	136¾
American Tobacco	115½	117¾	115½	117
Atchison	55½	57¾	55¼	56¾
Atchison pfd	88¾	88¾	87¾	88¾
Baltimore & Ohio	90¾	92¾	90¾	91½
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	87	87	87	87
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	77	78¾	76¾	77¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	41¼	41¾	41	41
C., C., C. & St. Louis	76	76¾	76	76¾
Chicago, B. & Q.	139	139¾	138½	139
Chic. & Northwestern	172½	172½	172½	172½
C., M. & St. Paul	149½	150¾	149	149¾
Chicago, R. I. & P.	123¾	124¼	123¾	123¾
Chic. & Great Western	19¾	20¾	19	20¾
Colorado Fuel & Iron	45½	46¾	45	46¾
Consolidated Gas	192	193½	192	193
Continental Tobacco	45½	46¾	45¾	46½
Continental Tob. pfd	96	96¾	96	96¾
Delaware & Hudson	154	158	154	158
Federal Steel	51	52¾	50½	52
Federal Steel pfd	80½	81¾	80½	81¼
General Electric	208¾	215	208¾	211½
Illinois Central	128¾	128¾	128¼	128¼
Louisville & Nashville	91¾	92¾	91¼	91¾
Metropolitan Traction	161¾	164½	161¾	163½
Manhattan Elevated	112¾	113½	112	113
Missouri Pacific	38½	38¾	38	38¼
N., R. & T. pfd	55¼	55¾	54¾	55½
New Jersey Central	152½	153	152¼	153
New York Central	143	143¾	143	143¾
N. Y., O. & W.	32¾	33¾	32¾	33¼
Northern Pacific	83¼	84½	82¾	84
Northern Pacific pfd	87¾	87¾	86½	87¾
Pacific Mail	42	42	42	42
Pennsylvania Railroad	148¾	149½	148½	149½
People's Gas	101¾	102¾	101¾	102¾
Reading first pfd	74½	75¾	74¼	75¼
Southern Pacific	46¾	47¼	46½	46¾
Southern Railway	22¼	23	22¼	23
Southern Railway pfd	75	75½	74¾	75½
Texas Pacific	29¾	29¾	29	29¼
Tennessee Coal & Iron	63	63½	62½	63½
Union Pacific	94	95¼	93¾	94½
Union Pacific pfd	88	88¾	87¾	88¼
U. S. Leather	13½	13¾	13½	13¾
U. S. Leather pfd	75	75	74¾	74¾
U. S. Rubber	29¾	29¾	29¾	29¾
Wabash pfd	31¾	32	31¼	31½
Western Union Tel	89½	90¾	89½	89¾
Amalgamated Copper	99	99¾	89½	90¼
Erie	28¾	29¾	28¼	29¾
Erie first pfd	66	66½	64½	65¾

The stock market yesterday was stronger than the professionals had expected. Supporting orders came into the market in large volume at the opening and a handsome advance was made during the first hour. After a decline of a point or two later there was another advance in the afternoon and then another decline at the close. The day showed net gains in nearly the entire list, however, despite its irregularity. The street now looks for a traders' market for a week or two and perhaps until after the adjournment of Congress. The advance has been rapid and stocks must be digested at the higher level. Some of the market leaders are away from Wall Street also, which will tend to prevent an active bull movement. It seems likely that during this period prices may get somewhat lower on the dips, although no bad break is expected by conservative people. Attention is turning to the steel securities and one or two other industrials and to the low-priced railways for the moment at least. These securities are considered a purchase on the breaks. News yesterday there was none and the market fluctuated almost entirely as a result of the professional tactics. The outlook for the bank statement is that it may not be a very good one, but money is easy and the street is entertaining no fears regarding the financial situation.

The steel securities were again a feature of the market, with a recovery of much of their loss of Wednesday. Some people, however, believe that these securities may not be advanced as steadily and rapidly at present as was at first expected. One reason for this change of plan, if there has been one, is that the insiders may not wish to make too fine a showing while Congress is in session. It is also possible that Mr. Morgan and his friends do not intend to consummate the steel deal until after March 4. At any rate, it is very certain, according to careful observers, that there will be much higher prices for the stocks in the near future whether it be before or after the adjournment of Congress. Much will depend on the formal announcement of the deal. If this should come today, for instance, it would be considered a most bullish argument on the steel securities. One of the statements yesterday was that the new company is to be a holding company taking the securities of the present concerns into its treasury and issuing its own stock.

Western Union was again a very strong stock. During the first hour after an opening bulge many securities went off sharply before they began to advance again. Western Union was not one of these. It sold at no time in the decline more than one and one-half points below the top level, 91. There is talk of par for the stock, but the movement is a professional one, for the most part, and should be watched carefully if one is speculating in the stock. The story of the deal between this company and the Postal is heard again.

People's Gas was also a strong issue. The statement of the company issued last week has made many friends for the stock and it has caused the bears many uneasy moments. It is not in the least unlikely that if the market is to be strong this stock may have a big spurt.

Atchison common stock is being bought heavily by London and it was again one of the strongest railway stocks on the list. It went off to 55 1-2 and then began to recover handsomely, at one time selling at 57 3-4, only 1-4 off from the top price. The preferred had little break either yesterday or Wednesday. It is one of the safest securities on the list for conservative traders. Rock Island showed some weakness, notwithstanding the "tips" sent out recently that the dividend is to be increased and that the stock would be pushed upward rapidly. Burlington also was rather weak, but it closed above the close of Wednesday.

There is again the tip to buy the New York traction securities. They were all strong yesterday. The Manhattan statement showed net earnings for the quarter ending December 31 increased $17,000 and surplus increased $22,000. It should be noted with regard to this statement and also that of the Metropolitan, published a few days ago, that they show increases, although only small ones, compared with the period in the previous year, when the Dewey crowds thronged New York. These crowds remained in the city for many days and added immensely to the earnings of the traction companies, making that quarter the most prosperous ever seen by them up to that time.

General Electric was the most buoyant stock on the list as far as the bigness of its advance was concerned. It had one of the most tremendous bulges ever made by a stock in one day in the history of the exchange, starting at 198 3-4, and selling as high as 215. The close was at 211 1-2. The bulge is explained by a semi-official announcement that the company will declare a stock dividend of 33 per cent. The business of the concern during the past year has been tremendous, and it is steadily increasing.

The coalers generally were strong during the afternoon, and they did much to keep the tone of the general market strong, very likely. The cold weather made the friends of the stocks confident. Reading first preferred went as high as 75 7-8, and closed at 75 1-4. Jersey Central advanced to 153 and closed at the top. Delaware and Hudson boomed from 154 to 158 and closed at the top. Other gains in the list were general. This group is one of those that has not advanced its full share compared with the remainder of the market. One or two of the stocks are perhaps high enough, but others, and especially the Readings, look to be worth considerably more than their present prices.

The Erie securities were active, and they made good net gains for the day. The statement was put out unofficially that a dividend of 4 per cent is to be declared on the first preferred stock.

The St. Louis and San Francisco securities have had remarkable advances during the past year and especially during the last three or four months. They are selling 20 to 40 points above their recent low prices. As has been stated in this column on numerous occasions in the past year, the outlook for these stocks is very rosy. The earnings of the company are increasing rapidly, and as the stock issues are small this means much after the fixed charges are paid. It is estimated that the company is at present earning at the rate of at least 5 per cent on the common stock. This stock was selling at 5 and 10 a few months ago. There is much bullish talk still on these securities, especially the second preferred, which will be the next to come in for a dividend disbursement. After such a very large advance, however, it will be well to speculate in them with care.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—West End National Bank, 35@116 3-4, 10@117; Capital Traction, 5@105, 10@104 7-8, 20@104 3-4; National Union Fire Ins. Co., 100@9 1-8; Real Estate Title Ins. Co., 3@85; Washington Gas, 20@57; Mergenthaler Linotype, 10@154, 10@153 3-4, 10@153 5-8, 10@153 1-2, 10@154 1-4, 10@154 1-2, 10@154 5-8, 10@154 3-4; Lanston Monotype, 368@13 1-8, 300@13 1-4, 100@13 1-2—buyer 90; 100@13 1-2—buyer 90; American Graphophone Co. Com., 56@9 1-2; American Graphophone Co. Pref., 75@10 3-4, 50@10 7-8. After call—Mergenthaler Linotype, 10@155 1-2.

GOVERNMENT BONDS	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 2's, R, 1930-30, Q. J.	105¾	105¾
U. S. 2's, C, 1930-30, Q. J.	105¾	105¾
U. S. 5's, D, 1908, Q. F.	110¾	111¼
U. S. 5's, R, 1908, R. C. F.	110¾	111¼
U. S. 4's, 1906, Q. J.	113¾	114¼
U. S. 4's, 1907, Q. J.	113¾	114¼
U. S. 4's, R, 1925	137¾	138¼
U. S. 4's, C, 1925	137¾	138¼
U. S. 5's R, 1904	110¾	111¼
U. S. 5's, C, 1904, Q. F.	110¾	111¼
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BONDS.		
Funding currency, 3.65's	122	..
SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANIES.		
National Safe Deposit	145	....
Wash. Loan and Trust	169¾	171
American Security and Trust	212	220
Washington Safe Deposit	68	....
Union Trust & Storage	107¾	108

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Capital Traction R. R. 4's	107¾	108¼
Wash. Trac. & Elec. Coll. 4½'s	63	63¾
Met. R. R. 5's, 1925	118	....
Met. R. R. Cert. Indebtedness A	107	....
Met. R. R. Cert. Indebtedness B	106¾	107
Columbia R. R. 6's, 1914	102	....
Columbia R. R. 2d mort. 5's	107	109½
City & Suburban R. R.	....	....
Anacostia & Potomac 5's	....	....
Wash. Gas Co., ser. A, 6's, 1902-'27	115	125
Wash. Gas Co., ser. B, 6's, 1901-'29	112	120
U. S. Elec. Light, Deb. Imp., 1907	104	....
U. S. Elec. Light, Cert. Indebt.	102¾	103½
Ches. & Pot. Tel., Con. 5's	105½	106
American Security & Trust 5's, 1908	110	....
Wash. Market Co., 1st 6's, 1892-1911, $7,000 retired annually	110	....
Wash. Mkt. Co., Imp. 6's, 1912-'27	....	....
Wash. Mkt. Co., ext. 6's, 1914-'27	....	....
Masonic Hall Ass'n 5's, C, 1908	105	110
American Graphophone, Deb. 5's	98	....
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
Bank of Washington	405	....
Metropolitan	275	....
Central	210	....
Farmers and Mechanics'	215	....
Second	170	....
Citizens'	165	....
Columbia	170	....
Capital	160	....
West End	117	118
Traders'	133	....
Lincoln	118	122
RAILROAD STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	104¾	104¾
City & Suburban	20	....
INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Firemen	30	....
Franklin	40	....
Metropolitan	78	85
Corcoran	62	....
Potomac	70	75
Arlington	**26	31
German-American	*300	....
National Union	9	9¾
Columbia	10¼	....
Riggs	7¾	7¾
People's	5¾	6½
Commercial	4	5
Colonial	110	....
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Real Estate Title	80	90
Columbia Title	4¾	5½
Washington Title	3½	4½
District Title	4½	....
TELEPHONE STOCKS.		
Chesapeake & Potomac	70	75
GAS STOCKS.		
Washington Gas	56¾	57
Georgetown Gas	56½	....
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler Linotype	155	155¾
Lanston Monotype	13¼	13½
American Graphophone	9¾	9¾
American Graphophone, pfd	*10¾	11¾
Pneumatic Gun Carriage	.10	.14
Washington Market	14¾	17½
Norfolk & Washington	....	....

*Ex-Dividend. **New Stock.

THE CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Advances Early in the Day But Later Falls Off.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Wheat was nervous, ruling higher early, closing lower than last night. There was further coverings by shorts, but the rallies generally found commission houses selling. The 2 1-2c advance at Paris and the 3-8d advance at Liverpool were the strengthening factors early. There were two reasons assigned for the sharp advance at Paris, one, severe frost, and the other the probability of a bill which is before the Chamber of Deputies, favoring farmers, being passed. Primary receipts were slightly less than last year's. The cash demand here was very slow, 50,000. The seaboard reports 30 loads.

Corn opened unchanged and sold off slightly on offerings from local traders. In the last hour the market turned strong, and advanced 3-4c on shorts covering and new buying by commission houses. Above 40c local bull professionals realized. The market closed strong, 1-2c over last night. Country acceptances were reported light, and with the breaking up of the roads they will continue so. The cash demand was slow.

After a very dull day in oats the market closed firm in sympathy with corn. Just before the close there was considerable covering by shorts, who had sold early in the day. Heavy offerings of May around 25 1-2c prevented a further advance. Cash strong and in active demand.

There was an increased trade in provisions, and with it a fair upturn in prices. The buying was scattered, with some of the demand against export sales of meat. The closing was firm, notwithstanding the rather free profit-taking by local traders.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
WHEAT.				
February	74	74	73½	73½
May	76	76¼	75½-⅝	75½-⅝
CORN.				
May	39¾-⅝	40⅞	39⅝	40⅛-¼
OATS.				
February	24½	24½	24½	24½
May	25⅝	25½	25⅝	25½
PORK.				
May	14.12	14.35	14.12	14.35
LARD.				
May	7.55	7.60	7.55	7.60
RIBS.				
May	7.15	7.17	7.15	7.17

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
March	9.10	9.15	9.04	9.12
May	9.08	9.15	9.05	9.14
July	9.05	9.13	9.04	9.12
August	8.67	8.76	8.67	8.75

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TABLE 4. Children's combination suits, extra heavy, fleece lined, well made and form fitting, originally priced at 39 cents. Bargain Friday 19¢

TABLE 5. Thousands of yards of beautiful embroideries, exquisite patterns and six inches wide, actual 15 cents a yard. Bargain Friday..... 10½¢

TABLE 6. A startling item. Women's and misses' untrimmed felt hats, newest shapes, originally priced at $1 and $1.25. Bargain Friday..... 10¢

Headquarters for Inaugural Supplies.

Silver Bleach Table Damask, 60 inches wide, beautiful floral designs, and warranted pure linen, regular price, 50c yard. Bargain Friday..... 39¢

Extra Large Pure Linen Fringed Napkins, 20x20 inches, assorted patterns. Regular price $2 dozen. Bargain Friday..... $1.25

100 dozen Extra Large Bath Towels, 48x24 inches, regular price 18c. Bargain Friday..... 11¢

250 pieces Extra Heavy White Twilled Tea Toweling, the usual 5c quality. Bargain Friday..... 3⅞¢

Pillow Cases, 45x36 inches (heavy muslin), hemmed and ready for use value 12c. Bargain Friday..... 9¢

Sheets, 81x90 inches, extra heavy muslin, hemmed and ready for use, value 55c. Bargain Friday... 47¢

Crochet Bed Spreads, Marseilles patterns, large size, value 75c. Bargain Friday..... 59¢

10-4 White and Gray Wool Blankets, extra heavy, value $1.25. Bargain Friday ..... 75¢

Full double-bed size Comforts, covered with figured satine and filled with white cotton, value $2.25. Bargain Friday $1.48

100 pieces German Linen Glass Toweling, large red plaids, 22 inches wide, real value 15c a yard. Bargain Friday ..... 10¢

10-4 Extra Heavy White Wool Blankets, red and blue borders; $3.50 values. Bargain Friday.. $1.98

11-4 Heavy Gray Wool Blankets, superior quality, worth $2.75. Bargain Friday $1.69

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BALTIMORE PRICE CURRENT.

Wholesale Provision and Grain Market Quotations in Full.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 14.—Following are today's quotations in the local wholesale provision and grain markets:

Wheat—Stock in elevators, 475,187 bus. The market for Southern was quiet, owing to the lack of offerings, which restricted business. In sympathy with Western, however, the situation ruled firm and prices for graded were quoted nominally higher at 78 3-4 for No. 2 red.

Corn—Stock in elevators, 1,390,667 bus. There was an entire absence of receipts or offerings of Southern and the market ruled dull and entirely nominal. Prices ruled firm in sympathy with other cereals and No. 2 red was quoted nominally 44 1-2c and yellow or mixed 44c. Cob firm at $2.35@2.40 per bbl for carload lots prime yellow on spot.

Western wheat today opened firm; February, 77 3-4c. French markets were up 2 1-2c, while United Kingdom were firmer, and though there was not the response on this side expected, yet prices were firm. Demand for cash wheat continues, and sales were made of small quantities at 77 3-4c. May was dull at 78c. Private cables dull and steady. Market closed quiet and easier. Spot, February, 77 1-4c bid; March, 77 3-4c bid; May, 79c bid. Sales, 2,000 spot, 77 3-4c; 1,000 March, 78 1-2c. Settling price, contract, 77 3-4c; No. 3 red, 75 1-4c; steamer No. 2 red, 75 1-4c.

Western corn today was dull and steady. March sold at 42 1-2c, but not much corn came on market and demand was very narrow. Interior holders are not selling freely and trade generally is dull. Private cables quiet and indifferent. Market closed firmer. Spot, February, 43 3-4c bid; March, 43 3-4c bid; May, 44 1-4c bid. Sales, 10,000 March. Settling price, mixed, 43 1-2c; steamer mixed, 42 1-2c.

Flour—Market was quiet. Western Super, $2.30@2.40; Western Extra, $2.45@$2.60; Western Family, $2.30@3.55; Winter Patents, $3.85@4.05; Spring Patents, $3.95@4.20; Spring Straight, $3.85@3.95; Spring Bakers', $3.00@3.25; Baltimore Best Patents, $4.75; Baltimore High-Grade Family, $4.65; Baltimore High-Grade Extra, $4.25; Baltimore Choice Family, $4.00; Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania Super, $2.30@2.40; Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania Extra, $2.45@3.00; Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania Family, $3.30@3.55; City Mills Super, $2.50@3.65; Rio Extra, $3.75@3.90; Rye flour, medium to choice, $3.00@3.25.

Oats—The market was steady. Stock in elevators, 216,964 bus. White, No. 2, 31 1-2c; do, No. 3, 30@30 1-2c; do, No. 4, 29@29 1-2c; do, ungraded, 29@31 1-2c; mixed, No. 2, 28@28 1-2c; do, No. 3, 27@27 1-2c; do, No. 4, 26@26 1-2c; ungraded, 26@28 1-2c.

Rye—The market was quiet. Stock in elevators, 120,535 bus. No. 2 rye, in carlots, 51c; No. 3 rye, 48c; No. 2 Western rye, 54c for spot, and about same price for February rye. Bag lots nearby quotable at from 45@51c per bus, as to quality and condition.

Butter—Market steady. Creamery separator, extra, 24@24 1-2c; extra first, 23@23 1-2c; creamery first, 21@22c; creamery separator, extra, 23@24c; extra first, 22@23c; creamery first, 20@21c; creamery imitation, extra, 18@19c; Iowa and Northwestern ladle, extra, 16@17c; do, extra, first, 14@15c; Western store-packed, 13@14c; Ohio rolls, first, 15@16c; second, 12@14c; West Virginia rolls, first, 14@15c; second, 13@14c; Elgin creamery prints, 1-2 lb, 26@27c; do, 1 lb, 25@26c; do, 2 lbs, 23@24c; Maryland and Pennsylvania creamery prints, 1-2 lb, 25@26c; do, 1 lb, 24@25c; do 2 lbs, 23@24c.

Eggs—The market was quiet to steady. Strictly fresh, 20@21c; Western, 19c; Southern, 19c.

Poultry—The market was steady. Old fowls, 9 1-2@10c per lb; springers, 11c per lb; roosters, 25@30c apiece; ducks, 11@12c per lb; turkeys, 9@12c per lb; dressed chickens, 10@11c per lb; do ducks, 11@12c per lb; do turkeys, 10@12c per lb.

Green coffee—Market steady. No. 7 (Rio grade), 7 1-8c.

Roasted coffee—Market steady. Bulk roasted coffee—Pure Java, 32c; Maracaibo 22c; pure Laguayra, 22c; pure Santos, 18c; African Java, 18 1-2c; Rio blend, 18 1-2c; Peaberry mixture, 18c; pure Mocha, 30c; Java-Mocha blend, 27 1-2c. (These coffees are in fancy bags, paper-lined.) If packed in cans or tubs, 1-2c higher.

Package brands—E. L. C., 100-lb cases, 12c; 60-lb cases, 12 1-10c; 36-lb cases, 12 2-10c. Lion coffee, in 100-lb lots, 11.70c; in 50-lb lots, 11.80c.

Cotton—Market quiet; middling, 9 3-4c; strictly low middling, 9 5-8c; low middling, 9 1-2c. Stock in Baltimore, 13,137 bales.

STOCK EXCHANGE DECISION.

New York Market to Remain Open February 23.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The governing committee of the stock exchange has voted not to close on the Saturday after Washington's birthday.

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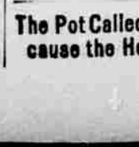

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