COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver lower again. New York Exchange very firm.
Wheat and Barley futures fractionally lower.
Other grains as before quoted.
Hay rather steadier under decreased receipts. Bran still strong.
Beans dull, but very firmly held.
Potatoes steadier under lighter receipts, Onions slightly firmer.
Southern Vegetables in light supply and firm.
Eggs still lower. Butter and Cheese unchanged.
Young Poultry very firm and old weak and hard to move.
Game steady under lighter receipts.
Oranges in lighter supply, owing to heavy rains down south.
Bananas in lighter stock and steadier. No more Cranberries.
Prunes continue to improve slowly in New York.
Provisions rule firm at unchanged prices.
Oil stocks not as active, but steady.
Local stocks and bonds selling fairly.

Dried Fruit in New York.

Mail reports from New York say: "There is some trade, but it is almost exclusively in small lots, and at low prices. The better jobbing demand for prunes, already noted, continues, and some houses report a very fair business. Prices for prunes vary widely, according to quality of fruit and feeling of the holder.

"California raisins are easy. There were rumors of sales of 1000 boxes of 3-crown yesterday around 5¾c, but this could not be confirmed. Sale of 500 boxes of 4-crown was reported also, but the price was not learned. It was believed to be around 6½c. Some little demand is noted for California Sultanas and seeded raisins. Prices for the latter are in buyers' favor.

"Currants are quiet. Local stock was increased by the arrival of 550 barrels from Rotterdam. Dates are in some request and slightly firmer. Prime evaporated apples are dull, with quotations nominal. Fancy and choice are firm and in some demand. Grenoble walnuts are wanted, and some business is reported in Valencias."

Conditions in Wall Street.

The New York circular of Henry Clews says: "The stock market continues an enigma to the average observer and shows an utter disregard of all precedents. Activity has been greatly diminished and could efforts were made to force declines, but with very limited success. At the moment the public shows no disposition to enlarge its purchases. The average outsider has made money during the last few months and has either taken his profits and withdrawn until lower prices or some other inducements tempt him to re-enter, or he is so confident of the future that he is content to wait and take the chances of still larger profits. Since railroad earnings are larger and general business active and there are fewer weak accounts open to attack than usual there seems to be nothing in sight to check the present wave of optimism until the latter has spent its force and begins to recede. When that point will be reached is, of course, beyond human wisdom to determine. Just now the outlook for a reaction is not very positive. Prices seem very high and good securities scarce. Solid investments are rapidly settling down to a 3½@4 per cent basis, and so long as money continues abundant we are not likely to see any important recessions in the best securities. It is the difficulty of finding safe and profitable employment for money that is really underneath the present strength of the market. Manipulations and deals of various sorts are simply the levers by which prices have been lifted. They could never have attained the present high level but for the prolonged period of cheap money, and until this underlying condition is changed we do not look for any serious reaction in the stock market.

"For the average outsider the market at present is a somewhat dangerous one; being particularly dependent upon manipulations of a few opulent men, whose control of the market is more complete than usual by reason of the deals they can make or break as their interests prompt. The industrials are an element of uncertainty, the speculation in this quarter being less legitimate, and while business continues large in volume prices are declining and the profits of 1900 are not likely to be repeated in 1901. New competition is steadily increasing in the industrials and the experiment of putting a lot of scattered establishments into huge single concerns has not by any means proved a permanent success.

"The money market continues easy and seems likely to remain so, until the April settlements become a factor. Funds are plentiful and shipments of gold to Europe have started on a liberal scale without causing any concern. The situation in Europe will be strengthened by this movement, and once more New York is showing its ability to lend assistance to foreign money markets. Exports continue on a large scale, while imports remain comparatively stationary, and there are few signs of Europe lessening her debt in the United States."

Weather Report.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)
SAN FRANCISCO, February 6—5 p. m.

The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date, as compared with those of same date last season, and rainfalls in the last twenty-four hours:

STATIONS.	Last 24 Hours	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	....	.....	35.13
Red Bluff	0.00	17.87	12.29
Sacramento	0.00	13.32	13.69
San Francisco	Trace	14.24	14.57
Fresno	0.32	8.62	6.15
Independence	0.14	4.83	2.09
San Luis Obispo	0.40	25.98	12.50
Los Angeles	0.56	12.47	4.57
San Diego	0.31	5.32	2.65

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature, 50; minimum, 41; mean, 46.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The pressure has risen slowly along the coast from Point Conception northward. It has fallen rapidly over Arizona, Utah and eastward to the Mississippi.

The storm over the Sierras is moving slowly eastward and will probably cross Utah and Arizona by Thursday morning.

Heavy snows are reported in Northern Arizona and Utah with high west and southwest winds.

The temperature has fallen over the greater portion of the Pacific slope.

Eastbound travelers are warned to expect snow and brisk southwest winds.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight February 7:

Northern California—Cloudy Thursday, warmer in southern portion; light southerly winds, changing to northwesterly.

Southern California—Cloudy Thursday, probably clearing during the day; fresh southwest winds.

Nevada—Snow Thursday, warmer; brisk north winds.

Utah—Snow or rain Thursday; fresh southerly winds.

Arizona—Snow in northern portion Thursday; rain in southern portion; fresh west wind.

San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Thursday; light southerly, changing to fresh westerly wind.

ALEXANDER G. McADIE,
Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The trading in stocks and bonds to-day showed extraordinary volume and variety, the aggregate sales of all stocks reaching 1,294,200 shares, compared with the record of over 2,100,000 shares which only exceeds them. The day's business in bonds was also very large, but did not reach the level attained at various times in the bull market of the spring of 1899. It must be borne in mind also that the dealings in bonds are estimated according to the par value of the securities transferred, and the bonds which were most prominent in the day's transactions were low grade speculative bonds, in many cases selling at less than half their par value. The demand for railroad bonds is nevertheless a very notable feature in the current market and the pressure of investment funds into these semi-speculative securities had a great influence on speculative sentiment in the stock market. The day's market divided itself quite distinctly into three classes. The first was comprised in the opening bulge in which the violent competitive bidding due to the congestion of urgent buying orders over night caused some sensational advances. Prices promptly ran off on profit-taking attracted by this high level and the market yielded so easily that the bear traders made a vigorous attack, causing some rather serious breaks in prices. This comprised the second cycle of the market. When the selling mood had exhausted itself traders began to be impressed with the character of some of the buying at the decline. When the semi-annual dividend on Reading first preferred was announced, making an increase from 1½, the previous rate, to 2 per cent, the buying again became furiously active and a considerable short interest was driven precipitately to cover. This comprised the last cycle in the market. The final recovery was broken by frequent periods of realizing, which continued in some cases to the close, making the tone slightly irregular at the last, though the undertone was strong. The opening bulge was most pronounced in the steel stocks under the influence of the growing belief in the plan to consolidate all the great steel combinations. This billion-dollar consolidation is so stupendous in its proportions and offers such vast possibilities for flotation of new securities as to dazzle the most fertile speculative imagination. The current belief in its accomplishment really underlay the whole speculative movement of the day, although there were other considerations which supplemented it. The most conspicuous movements in the steel stocks and the largest transactions were in Federal Steel and Steel and Wire. Federal Steel rose 3⅝ and the preferred 4¼. Steel and Wire rose 3 and the preferred 2. National Tube was up 3⅝ and Republic Steel preferred 4¼. There were considerable reactions in this group, as well as in the whole group after the opening bulge. The selling to take profits showed signs of urgency at many points in the railroad list and some of the leading stocks got from 1 to 2 points under last night. Those which have recently advanced most strongly were weakest on the decline, Pennsylvania, the coalers, the grangers, the Southwesterns, including Atchison and Southern Pacific and Louisville, were all conspicuously heavy. Some of them remained comparatively heavy until the close, although the late violent recovery in the Readings and St. Paul affected the members of their respective groups. Union Pacific yielded under the effective profit-taking, but took a very prominent part in the recovery, reaching a level of 4¼ over yesterday. Denver and Rio Grande made a sensational advance of 5¼ and the preferred 2¼, while the other Colorado stocks were affected to a less degree on the supposition that their amalgamation was contemplated. Call money again rose above the recently current rate in the late dealings, but without affecting the bullish enthusiasm. No gold was engaged for export, which was not a surprise in view of the downward course of foreign interest rates and the general expectation that the rate of discount of the Bank of England will be reduced to-morrow to be followed by like action by other foreign Government banks.

Western debentures were the feature of the bond market, rising 4¼ points. Other low-priced bonds were in large demand. Total sales, par value, $8,589,000.

United States refunding 2s declined ⅛ per cent on the last call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Shares Sold.	Stock—	Closing Bid.
62,200	Atchison	54⅝
29,400	Atchison pref	88⅞
14,600	Baltimore & Ohio	92
.....	Canadian Pacific	91½
1,000	Canada Southern	58¾
4,200	Chesapeake & Ohio	41
1,400	Chicago Great Western	20⅞
23,700	Chicago Burlington & Quincy	147⅞
4,100	Chicago Ind & Louisville	25½
1,400	Chicago Ind & Louisville pref	68¼
1,200	Chicago & Eastern Illinois	98½
200	Chicago & Northwestern	174
22,400	Chicago Rock Island & Pacific	126⅞
200	C C C & St Louis	77
3,400	Colorado Southern	5⅛
4,100	Colorado Southern 1st pref	43½
1,200	Colorado Southern 2d pref	17¾
2,500	Delaware & Hudson	152½
300	Delaware Lackawanna & Western	196¾
26,100	Denver & Rio Grande	40⅝
14,600	Denver & Rio Grande pref	88½
18,400	Erie	30
40,100	Erie 1st pref	67¾
600	Great Northern pref	193
700	Hocking Coal	16½
4,100	Hocking Valley	48½
4,100	Illinois Central	130⅝
2,400	Iowa Central	26⅞
1,900	Iowa Central pref	54½
400	Lake Erie & Western	44
.....	Lake Erie & Western pref	112
.....	Lake Shore	220
15,100	Louisville & Nashville	93
12,400	Manhattan Elevated	119¼
3,100	Metropolitan Street Railway	163¼
500	Mexican Central	16
2,250	Minneapolis & St Louis	72½
100	Minneapolis & St Louis pref	107¼
15,100	Missouri Pacific	91¾
1,900	Mobile & Ohio	69
29,800	Missouri Kansas & Texas	22½
16,800	Missouri Kansas & Texas pref	59⅞
300	New Jersey Central	152
5,600	New York Central	145⅞
3,400	Norfolk & Western	45½
.....	Norfolk & Western pref	81½
109,500	Northern Pacific	85⅝
6,200	Northern Pacific pref	88¼
26,250	Ontario & Western	24
.....	Oregon Railway & Nav	46
.....	Oregon Railway & Nav pref	76
69,600	Pennsylvania	149¼
66,700	Reading	34½
25,700	Reading 1st pref	76⅝
49,200	Reading 2d pref	45¼
200	Rio Grande Western	72
.....	Rio Grande Western pref	93
10,100	St Louis & San Fran	33⅝
100	St Louis & San Fran 1st pref	81
6,500	St Louis & San Fran 2d pref	60½
9,400	St Louis Southwestern	26¼
10,700	St Louis Southwestern pref	55¾
63,400	St Paul	153⅞
100	St Paul pref	191
.....	St Paul & Omaha	128
77,800	Southern Pacific	47⅝
46,300	Southern Railway	24⅛
14,400	Southern Railway pref	77⅛
7,500	Texas & Pacific	30¼
203,700	Union Pacific	93⅞
14,000	Union Pacific pref	87
17,200	Wabash	15⅛
44,800	Wabash pref	31⅝
16,700	Wheeling & Lake Erie	13⅞
7,100	Wheeling & Lake Erie 2d pref	31½
400	Wisconsin Central	17
200	Third Avenue	110
2,200	Baltimore & Ohio	37¼
16,200	National Tube Co	68¾
4,400	National Tube Co pref	104¼
.....	Express Companies—	
.....	Adams	155
.....	American	182
.....	United States	55
.....	Wells Fargo	138
.....	Miscellaneous—	
5,000	American Cotton Oil	30¾
.....	American Cotton Oil pref	88½
.....	American Malting	4⅞
.....	American Malting pref	24
14,700	American Smelting & Refining	61¾
400	American Smelting & Ref pref	99
.....	American Spirits	2
.....	American Spirits pref	11
11,800	American Steel Hoop	32
600	American Steel Hoop pref	77
124,700	American Steel & Wire	51¾
5,800	American Steel & Wire pref	93½
3,600	American Tin Plate	60½
4,100	American Tin Plate pref	91
20,700	American Tobacco	117¾
.....	American Tobacco pref	140
600	Anaconda Mining Co	43⅞
19,200	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	79
13,600	Colorado Fuel & Iron	50⅝
22,200	Continental Tobacco	46⅝
9,100	Continental Tobacco pref	95
12,100	Federal Steel	54
42,600	Federal Steel pref	81¾
1,200	General Electric	192½
800	Glucose Sugar	50½
100	Glucose Sugar pref	96
2,400	International Paper	21½
1,500	International Paper pref	71
.....	Laclede Gas	32½
200	National Biscuit	39¾
400	National Biscuit pref	92½
400	National Lead	18½
.....	National Lead pref	89
32,200	National Steel	48½
3,600	National Steel pref	93½
200	New York Air Brake	160
2,000	North American	20½
.....	Pacific Coast	54
.....	Pacific Coast 1st pref	87
.....	Pacific Coast 2d pref	63
500	Pacific Mail	44
5,200	People's Gas	101⅝
1,100	Pressed Steel Car	39¼
400	Pressed Steel Car pref	76½
200	Pullman Palace Car	199
300	Standard Rope & Twine	3¾
13,000	Sugar	137
100	Sugar pref	119
13,200	Tennessee Coal & Iron	66¾
6,400	United States Leather	13½
1,600	United States Leather pref	75½
200	United States Rubber	19¾
500	United States Rubber pref	60
15,000	Western Union	85¾
4,300	Amalgamated Copper	56½
8,600	Republic Iron & Steel Co	16⅝
2,950	Republic Iron & Steel Co pref	16⅝
.....	P C C & St Louis	69

1,904,200 Shares sold.

CLOSING BONDS.

U S 2s ref reg	105¼	N Y Central 1sts	107
Do coup	105¼	N J Cent gen 5s	128¾
Do 3s reg	110¾	Northern Pa 3s	71⅝
Do 3s coup	110¾	Do 4s	105¼
Do new 4s reg	137¼	N Y C & St L 4s	109
Do new 4s coup	137¼	Norf & W con 4s	101½
Do old 4s reg	119¾	Oregon Nav 1sts	109
Do old 4s coup	119¾	Do 4s	103½
Do 5s reg	110¼	Oregon S R 6s	127
Do 5s coup	110¼	Do con 5s	116½
Dis of Col 3.65s	123	Reading Gen 4s	95¼
Atchison gen 4s	103½	R G West 1sts	100
Do adj 4s	93½	St L & I M con 5s	116
Canada South 2s	110	St L & S F gen 6s	129
Ches & O 4½s	107¾	St Paul cons	184
Do 5s	120	St P C & Pa 1sts	118½
C & N-w con 4s	139½	Do 5s	120½
Do S F Deb 5s	124	Southern Pa 4s	91
Chicago Ter 4s	96	Southern Ry 5s	116
Colo Southern 4s	84¾	Stand R & T 6s	63
D & R G 4s	103¼	Texas & Pa 1sts	116¾
Erie General 4s	84½	Do 2ds	96
F W & D C 1sts	81	Union Pa 4s	106⅝
General Elec 5s	160	Wabash 1sts	119½
Iowa Central 1sts	115	Do 2ds	110
L & N unified 4s	101⅝	West Shore 4s	114
M K & T 2ds	79½	Wis Central 4s	89
Do 4s	97⅞	Virg Centuries	96

MINING STOCKS.

Adams Con	20	Little Chief	14
Alice	45	Ontario	6 25
Breece	2 00	Ophir	70
Brunswick Con	20	Phoenix	09
Comstock Tunnel	04	Potosi	08
Con Cal & Va	1 45	Savage	12
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	14
Horn Silver	1 10	Small Hope	65
Iron Silver	65	Standard	4 17
Leadville Con	06		

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		Union Pacific	93⅞
Call loans	3@4	Union Land	2½
Time loans	3@4	West End	93¾
Stocks—		Westinghouse Elec	55
A T & S F	54⅝	Bonds—	
Do pref	88⅞	Atchison 4s	102
American Sugar	137¼	NE Gas & Coke 5s	68
Do pref	119	Mining Shares—	
Bell Telephone	163¾	Adventure	10
Boston & Albany	254	Bingham	18¾
Boston Elevated	157	Anaconda	36¼
Boston & Maine	194	Atlantic	26½
C B & Q	147½	Boston & Mont	319
Dominion Coal	37	Butte & Boston	80
Do pref	109	Calumet & Hecla	852
Federal Steel	54	Centennial	22¾
Do pref	81½	Franklin	18
Fitchburg pref	141¾	Humboldt	25
General Electric	191½	Osceola	83
Do pref	159	Parrot	48
Ed Elect Ill	230	Quincy	168
Mexican Central	16⅛	Santa Fe Copper	6
N E Gas & Coke	13	Tamarack	332
Old Colony	208	Utah Mining	32½
Old Dominion	31¾	Winona	6
Rubber	19¾	Wolverines	49¾

London Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: All business in the stock market here to-day centered in Americans, which were buoyant and brisk throughout the session. Denver and Rio Grande issues took the lead on two large orders, the source of which could not be traced, but the stock kept to the front and held that position strongly all day. There was some talk of the line deriving benefits from the Southern-Union Pacific deal. New York sent early orders and was a stronger buyer, especially in the bonds of the Wabash company, about which there was some vague talk of pending consolidation. Berlin continued to buy Canadian Pacific shares, although it is not yet expected that the dividend will be increased. Union Pacific stocks seemed inclined to go higher. The money market was about steady, call loan rates remaining 3 per cent.

CLOSING.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Atchison, 58¼; Canadian Pacific, 94; Union Pacific preferred, 87⅞; Northern Pacific preferred, 89¼c; Grand Trunk, 7⅝; Anaconda, 8⅞. Bar silver, uncertain, 28 1-16d per ounce. Money, 3@3½ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Close: Money on call, rather easier at 2@3 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange, easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 88@4 88⅛ for demand and at $4 84⅝@4 84¾ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4 85@4 85½ and $4 89. Commercial bills, $4 84@4 84½. Silver certificates, 61½@63c. Bar silver, 61c. Mexican dollars, 47½c. Bonds—Government, weak; State, inactive; railroad, strong.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—To-day's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve, shows: Available cash balance, $141,218,214; gold, $70,175,097.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,555 barrels; exports, 3683 barrels; quiet and weak, buyers and sellers remaining 5@15c apart; winter straights, $3 40.

WHEAT—Receipts, 55,100 bushels; exports, 16,000 bushels; spot, steady; No. 2 red, 80½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 79c elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 86c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth, 89½c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened easy and later were weak under liquidation, bearish Liverpool cables, small seaboard clearances, foreign selling and liberal increase in the world's stocks. On the decline exporters bought freely and caused a final slight rally, the market closing steady at a partial ½c net decline. March, 78½@79c, closed at 78¾c; May, 75⅛@79½c, closed at 79½c; July, 79@79¼c, closed at 79¼c.

HOPS—Steady.

HIDES—Steady.

WOOL—Steady.

SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3¼c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4¼c; molasses sugar, 3½c; refined, steady.

COFFEE—Spot Rio, quiet; No. 7 invoice, 6⅞c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 8@12½c. Futures, steady in tone, with prices unchanged to 10 points higher; total sales reached 27,000 bags, including February, $5 40; March, $5 45@5 50; May, $5 50@5 65; July, $5 50@5 60; September, $5 65@5 75; October, $5 75@5 80; December, $5 90@6.

BUTTER—Receipts, 6190 packages; market firm; fresh creamery, 16@22c; June creamery, 15@20c; factory, 11@14½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 6724 packages; firm; Western at market, 21@21½c; Southern at market, 20@21c.

DRIED FRUITS.

The market for evaporated apples ruled quiet, but steady, at unchanged prices. State common, 3¾@4¼c; prime, 4¾@6c; choice, 5½@6c; fancy, 6@7c. California dried fruits, quiet. Prunes, 3¼@8½c per pound, as to size and quality.

APRICOTS—Royal, 7¾@12c; Moorpark, 8¼@16c.

PEACHES—Peeled, 14@18c; unpeeled, 6½@10c.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—The opening in the wheat market was not cheerful. In the way of news there was nothing of moment save the fact that Liverpool had declined agreeably to the example set on this side yesterday. Outside interest was still undeveloped. This left the generally bearish crowd to furnish a demand, and they were in no wise inclined to do this, the liberality of offerings from commission houses and individual longs resulting in heaviness early. May wheat, which opened ⅛@¼c lower at 74⅝@74⅞c, gradually worked off to 74⅛c. The demand, such as it was, came almost entirely from shorts who took the opportunity to secure profits. At the same time, however, some of them put out other lines on the belief in still lower figures for the cereal. Two recognized bulls bought moderately, even when the world's visible increase announcement had the demand, greater bearish, candence among their neighbors in the pit. Their buying had much to do in steadying the market at 74⅝c. It made the crowd nervous. Attention was called to the statement of an Antwerp correspondent that Europe was dependent on this country for the best part of its imported wheat, and that the lifelessness of Continental markets could be removed by encouragement from this side. As if in confirmation of these assertions exporters at the decline began reporting foreign engagements which before the end of the session aggregated ninety-six loads. Shorts, already nervous, betook themselves to protect their operations made earlier and May rallied to 74⅞c, closing firm and unchanged at that figure.

Corn enjoyed moderate activity within a narrow range of prices. May closed ⅜c lower at 38⅝c.

Oats were quiet but firm. May closed ⅛c lower at 25¼c.

Business in the provisions pit was dull and the atmosphere of the market heavy until just before the close, when prices rallied on a few buying orders. May pork closed 2½c higher, lard a shade up and ribs 2½@5c improved.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
February	72⅝	72⅝	72¼	72⅝
March	73⅛	73⅝	72⅞	73⅝
May	78⅝	74⅞	74⅝	74⅞
Corn No. 2—				
February	37	37	36¾	36¾
March	37½	37½	37½	37½
May	38⅛	38⅛	38⅛	38¼
Oats No. 2—				
February	24½	24½	24½	24½
May	25⅝	25⅝	25⅛	25¼
Mess Pork, per barrel—				
February	....	....	....	13 80
May	13 95	14 00	13 90	14 00
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
February	....	....	....	7 40
March	7 42½	7 42½	7 42½	7 42½
May	7 45	7 50	7 45	7 50
Short Ribs, per 100 pounds—				
February	....	....	....	6 90
May	6 95	7 02½	6 95	7 02½

Cash quotations were as follows:

No. 3 spring wheat, 65@72c; No. 2 red, 74@75c; No. 2 corn, 37¼@37½c; No. 2 yellow, 37¼@37½c; No. 2 oats, 25¼@25½c; No. 2 white, 27½@27¾c; No. 3 white, 27@27¾c; No. 2 rye, 50@51c; good feeding barley, 42@46c; fair to choice malting, 49@55c; No. 1 flax seed, $1 65½; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 65½; prime timothy seed, $4 60; mess pork, per barrel, $13 80@13 85; lard, per 100 pounds, $7 37½@7 40; short ribs sides (loose), $6 85@7 10; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 6¼@6½c; short clear sides (boxed), $7 15@7 25; whisky, basis of high wines, $1 27; clover, contract grade, $11 25@11 40.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	64,000	35,000
Wheat, bushels	44,000	80,000
Corn, bushels	232,000	105,000
Oats, bushels	320,000	175,000
Rye, bushels	13,000	14,000
Barley, bushels	54,000	35,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the Butter market was firm. Creamery, 14@21c; Dairy, 12@18c. Cheese, dull, 10¼@11¼c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 18½c.

Foreign Futures.

LIVERPOOL.

	Mar.	May.
Wheat—		
Opening	6 00	6 5/8
Closing	5 11¾	6 1/8

PARIS.

	Feb.	Apr.-May.
Wheat—		
Opening	19 15	20 35
Closing	19 20	20 35
Flour—		
Opening	24 40	26 10
Closing	24 45	26 05

Available Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies, compared with the previous account.

Wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 1,084,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, increase 2,700,000 bushels; total supply, increase 1,616,000 bushels.

Corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 1,060,000 bushels.

Oats, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 387,000 bushels.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say to-morrow:

There is a continued improvement in the movement of wool, but it has been at the expense of prices, which have been weak and lower, except on a very few grades, such as washed delaines and quarterblood unwashed combings. Some houses are willing to sell at lower prices than others, so that the market is to a considerable extent an irregular and uneven one, but it is possible to buy nearly all grades of wool now at material concessions from the prices ruling a month ago, and each week sees some shading in values, especially on low Territories. Foreign wools, also, under the influence of the depression existing abroad and the disappointing course of the London sales, are weak, and a considerable amount of speculative wool carried over from 1897 is reported to have been disposed of in this market in the past week or ten days at a material concession in price. The course of the goods market thus far has been a slow one. The present volume of orders is unsatisfactory in size, but it is considered a healthy one, as the clothing trade is pursuing a very conservative course, and such orders as they have given are not likely to be canceled. Taken altogether the situation is unsatisfactory, although it is gratifying to know that a basis has at length been reached on which manufacturers are willing to operate when they need wool, but there is little satisfaction for the wool merchants in doing business on the level of today's market.

The sales for the week in Boston amounted to 3,114,340 pounds domestic and 825,000 pounds foreign, making a total of 3,939,400 pounds, against a total of 3,456,000 for the previous week and a total of 3,812,000 for the corresponding week last year. The sales since January 1 amount to 13,534,400 pounds, against 21,421,660 pounds for the corresponding time last year.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The offerings at the wool auction sales numbered 11,063 bales, consisting mostly of new clip stock. Merinos in fair demand. A good supply of crossbreds was bought freely by the home trade.

Cape of Good Hope and Natal offerings were in slow request.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—CATTLE—Receipts 20,000, including 500 Texans. Steers weak at 10c lower. Butchers stock steady to a shade lower. Texans steady. Good to prime steers, $5@6; poor to medium, $3 40@4 90; stockers and feeders, weak to a shade lower, $2 75@4 50; cows, $2 50@4 15; heifers, $2 60@4 50; canners, weak to 10c lower, $1 90@2 50; bulls, $2 75@4 25; calves, $4@6 15; Texas fed steers, $4@4 80; Texas grass steers, $3 30@3 90; Texas bulls, $2 50@3 50.

HOGS—Receipts to-day 42,000, to-morrow 20,000; left over, estimated, 4000. Active, 5c lower. Top, $5 35, mixed and butchers, $5 10@5 30; good to choice heavy, $5 10@5 20; light, $5 10@5 27½; bulk, $5 20@5 25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 15,000. Slow, closing steady for choice sheep. Lambs weak to 10c lower. Good to choice wethers, $3 80@4 30; fair to choice, mixed, $3 50@3 80; Western sheep, $3 75@4 25; Texas sheep, $2 50@3 50; native lambs, $4 25@5 25; Western lembs, $4 90@5 25.

New York Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—It was a day of small things in local metal circles generally, even more so than in the past few weeks. A steadier feeling, however, prevailed in tin, despite weak advices from London, where prices were 15s lower on spot to £122 15s, but trading was heavy and dull. The close here was quiet and steady at $26 50.

Copper was without important new features, ruling dull and easy at $17 for lake and $16 62½ for casting.

Lead continues to rule dull, with trading of a hand-to-mouth order, at $4 37½.

Spelter was weak, closing at $3 95@4.

Pig iron warrants easy at $9 50@10 50. Northern foundry, $15@16 50.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The cotton market opened steady with prices 2 points higher to one point lower. The initial figures proved to be the lowest of the day, as a spurt of general buying led by pit shorts carried values up 5 to 7 points above yesterday's closing, after which there was no striking reaction. At the close the market was quiet, undertone, unsteady, with prices net 2@6 points higher.

Portland's Business.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 6.—Clearings, $339,850; balances, $54,396.

Northern Wheat Market.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—WHEAT—Walla Walla, 54½@55c; blue stem, 57c.

The combined stock of wheat at Portland, Or., Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., increased 94,000 bushels last week.

Cleared—Steamer Coudon for Callao with 21,220 barrels flour.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, Feb. 6.—WHEAT—½c lower and quiet. Blue stem, 57½c; club, 55c.

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Consols, 97; Silver, 28 1-16d; French rentes, 102f 15c; wheat cargoes on passage, quiet and steady; Walla Walla, 28s; English country markets, part 6d cheaper.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 6.—Wheat, quiet; No. 1 Standard California, 6s 3d@6s 3½d; wheat in Paris, firm; flour in Paris, firm; French country markets, quiet but steady; weather in England, cloudy.

COTTON—Uplands, 5 15-32d.

CLOSING.

WHEAT—Firm; No. 1 California, 6s 3½d; No. 2 red Western winter, 6s ¾d; No. 1 Northern spring, 6s 4d. Futures—Easy; March, 5s 11¾d; May, 6s ¼d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 3s 10d; do old, 3s 11¼d. Futures—Easy; February, 3s 9¼d; March, 3s 9¼d; May, 3s 9¼d.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Exchange and Bullion.

Silver is off again. New York Exchange is very firm and some banks yesterday were selling higher, than the quotations below.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 85½
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 89¼
Sterling Cables	—	4 90¼
New York Exchange, sight	—	17½
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	22½
Silver, per ounce	—	61
Mexican Dollars, nominal	50 @	51

Wheat and Other Grains.

WHEAT—The foreign markets continued unfavorable. Liverpool reported larger offerings from private liquidation. The Argentine situation continued bearish and a Rosario cable said: "Holders weakening and supplied increasing."

New York and Chicago were both weak, and trading was small at the latter point. The crowd was bearish and disposed to sell, but toward the close more buying orders appeared on the market. New York reported 250,000 bushels taken for export thus far this week, including 100,000 for Lisbon. Bradstreet's gave an estimated decrease east of the Rockies of 1,084,000 bushels, and an increase of 2,700,000 bushels in Europe and afloat, making a total increase of 1,616,000 bushels.

The local market was weak, with a slight decline on call.

Spot Wheat—Shipping, 97½c; milling, $1@1 05 per ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—December—6000 ctls, $1 06½. May—4000, $1 02¾; 16,000, $1 02⅝.

Second Session—May—6000 ctls, $1 02½. December—4000, $1 06⅝.

Regular Morning Session—May—2000 ctls, $1 02¾. December—2000, $1 06¾.

Afternoon Session—May—4000 ctls, $1 02⅞; 4000, $1 03.

BARLEY—The market continues very dull and prices show little change, except a decline on call.

Feed, 75c for choice bright, 72½@73¾c for No. 1 and 70c for off grades; Brewing and Shipping grades, 77½@82½c; Chevalier, nominal.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—December—2000 ctls, 69½c.

Second Session—December—4000 ctls, 69¾c.

Regular Morning Session—No sales.

Afternoon Session—No sales.

OATS—The situation remains as before quoted.

White, $1 30@1 50; Surprise, nominal; Red, $1 25@1 40 for Feed and $1 35@1 45 for Seed; Gray, nominal; Black, for Feed, $1 17½@1 20; for Seed, $1 25@1 30 per ctl.

CORN—Dull and nominal. Yellow, $1 12