COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Bank of England reduced its rate of discount to 4 per cent.
Exchange undisturbed. Silver a fraction lower.
Turpentine marked up 2c per gallon.
The combine advances Salt again.
Wheat and Barley quiet at about previous prices.
Oats and Corn show no further change. Rye lower.
Beans and Seeds dull and nominal.
Onions show signs of weakening. Potatoes and Vegetables steady.
Butter, Cheese and Eggs as previously quoted.
Four cars of Eastern Poultry arrived. Game coming in sour.
Four or five cars of Oranges announced for to-day's auction.
Citrus Fruits remain about as before quoted.
Increased firmness in Prunes at New York.
Provisions neglected and unchanged.
Hogs firm and other Meats steady.
Local stocks and bonds lively and fluctuating.
Oil stocks quiet, with few variations.
To-day a holiday.

To-day a Holiday.

To-day being Washington's birthday business will be suspended throughout the United States.

Bank of England Rate.

The Bank of England yesterday reduced its rate of discount from 4½ to 4 per cent, showing an easier money market in London.

Dried Fruit in New York.

Mail advices from New York say: "The trade in prunes continues to show considerable activity, buying, however, still being confined to small lots, generally at low prices. Sizes 60-70s and 90-100s are going out most freely. Demand for prunes since early in the week has shown a decided improvement, and some local dealers who put out popular brands are reduced to very small supplies. It is reported there is some buying from the coast of goods not Santa Claras at from ⅜@1c under association prices. Oregons on the spot are meeting with very fair request. Sales of 30-40s are reported at 6c, 40-50s at 5¼c and 50-60s at 4⅞c. California loose raisins are firmly held, but demand is light. Imported raisins are weak. Apricots and peaches are in slight request, dates dull and easy. Figs are meeting with a small demand. Evaporated apples are weaker. Currants are selling more freely and holders report the trade buying in larger lots than has been the case for some time. Filberts are lower."

Gigantic Combinations.

WALL STREET IS BEGINNING TO WONDER HOW THEY WILL TURN OUT.

The New York circular of Henry Clews says: "The predominant sentiment seems to be that the current remarkable run of industrial development is forcing on the country an era of concentration of mammoth capitals, destined to administer our largest material interests. Men of speculative bent do not wait to consider the economic merits or demerits of these new conditions; to them it is sufficient that a movement of such breadth and prominence and backed by the foremost financiers and capitalists of the country affords material for a speculation of unprecedented breadth, activity and expectancy. They perceive that, from the extent of these operations, they must require time for their consummation and see at least a possibility that the consolidation movement may run on to lengths not at present definitely foreseen. Thus the general conclusion is reached that a special basis is established for a fairly reasonable speculative probability that the present boom will be kept up for some considerable time, with a possibility of even materially higher prices for many stocks than have yet been reached. Plainly this is the controlling sentiment underlying the present extraordinary situation. It is adhered to with great tenacity and with very sanguine hopes, and its attractions are drawing into the market very large amounts of capital which have rarely ventured on speculative operations; whilst, by a sort of necessity, it is drawing even conservative investors into speculations associated with the 'deals'; but wider fluctuations for the balance of this month and during March may be expected.

"It is not to be denied that a situation so calculated to excite the optimistic spirit of speculation has never before existed in Wall street; indeed, we may not alone say Wall street, for a like furor has dominated London in spite of the many bearish factors that are now straining that center. From the wholly extraordinary state of affairs presented by the new conditions in politics, trade, industry and finance we could expect from speculation no other result than that which now appears in a rise of one-third in the market value of nearly all corporate investments. Nor can we be sure that this great enhancement of prices has yet reached its culmination. Certain it is, however, that the point has not yet been reached at which the 'bear' has even ventured on a tentative test of the inherent strength of the market. The pessimists are lying low until a higher state of tension in prices has been reached, or are even lending their help as buyers to precipitate the breaking point; for it is against their interest that the public should become educated into familiarity with this new scale of values.

"Of course a turning point must sooner or later arrive; when the structure of speculative values must be subjected to normal tests. To an important extent this boom has taken for granted the optimistic claims of the friends and promoters of the great consolidation movement. However much may be fairly conceded to the various forms of industrial or other combinations can it be considered likely that Wall street will give its final indorsement to a scale of values one-third above the former normal level? Is there any solid probability that this class of securities will retain a very much advanced range of prices in the face of a duplication of the volume of their paper issues without any increase in their true capital? It cannot be denied that, for the most part, the pending boom is a speculation based upon an experiment—an experiment which, among other dubious things, aims to accomplish through water what hitherto has been procurable only through gold."

Weather Report.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21—5 p. m.

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

STATIONS.	Last 24 Hours	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	....	37.51	29.23
Red Bluff	....	21.97	16.66
Sacramento	....	15.42	13.87
San Francisco	Trace	16.09	15.10
Fresno	.22	9.88	6.21
Independence	.04	5.46	2.14
San Luis Obispo	.59	27.04	12.66
Los Angeles	....	13.61	4.57
San Diego	....	8.53	2.65

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature, 64; minimum, 54; mean, 59.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The pressure has fallen rapidly over Arizona and along the coast from Cape Mendocino to the mouth of the Columbia River. A moderate disturbance overlies the valley of the Colorado and will probably move slowly eastward.

The temperature has fallen from 10 to 12 degrees along the Sierra and through Nevada during the past twenty-four hours. Throughout California the temperature still continues several degrees above the normal.

Rain has fallen in the San Joaquin Valley, in the Salinas Valley and along the Sierra.

The river at Sacramento is 25.6 feet and rising, at Marysville 18.2 and falling, at Red Bluff 18.8 and falling.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, February 22, 1901:

Northern California—Cloudy Friday, possibly light showers; light southerly winds.

Southern California—Cloudy and unsettled weather, probably showers Friday; light southwest winds.

Nevada—Showers Friday.

Utah—Cloudy, probably light showers Friday.

Arizona—Cloudy, probably showers Friday.

San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Friday, with fog in the morning; possibly showers; light southwest wind.

ALEXANDER G. McADIE,
Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The sharp up-turn in the steel stocks which gained force rapidly toward the close of the market was the only thing that redeemed the market from uninteresting dullness to-day. National Steel and Tin Plate showed the most pronounced strength in this recovery, the former rising 5⅝ over last night and the latter 4¼ from the early low point. The outstanding short interest, which had grown quite large in the stocks of the steel companies, had a large part in this quick rally. The report that the so-called Moore properties of the steel group were standing out for a large share in the securities in the new company was an influence in the rise, the supposition of the speculators being that they were likely to get what they claimed. But the other steel stocks were not much behind in the movement, Federal Steel rallying 3¼ from the low price, Steel and Wire 3⅛ and Tennessee Coal 3. Whether the movements accurately forecast any actual development in the steel merger combinations can only be told when the results are given to the public. Details were closely regarded up to the time of the closing of the market, but it is the general supposition that reorganization of the steel company so far as it is to have official announcement will be given out before trading is resumed on Monday. Actual information on these details is so vague that the shorts in the steel stocks were overcome with timidity and hastened to close their contracts before the coming three holidays. The same influence was at work in other parts of the list. The early weakness of the market began to change to recovery when support was manifest in the steel stocks. The weakness was quite acute at one time, the steel stocks leading the decline as they did the recovery. Many of the prominent railroad stocks were down between 1 and 2 points, the grangers, Pacifics, Southwesterns and some of the coalers being conspicuous. Burlington, Kansas and Texas preferred, Erie second preferred and Rock Island were notably weak. These stocks were all conspicuous in the rally also. A number of the most important railroad stocks were lifted a point above last night. The continued ease of the money market was an influence in driving the shorts to cover, as it was expected that there might be a flurry in money incidental to the demand to carry over until next Monday. The banks report gains of cash from the interior since last Friday and their accounts with the sub-treasury about balance.

The bond market was dull and irregular, except for an acute demand for Wabash debentures. Total sales, par value, $3,410,000.

United States refunding 2s advanced ⅛ and the old 4s and 5s ¼ per cent on the last call.

THE REVIEW FOR THE WEEK.

Prices of stocks have worked downward during the past week and speculative sentiment has taken on a conservative tone. The disposition has been general to lessen speculative burdens as a precaution against any unfavorable development in the situation. The continued heavy inroads making upon the money market resources by the financial operations incident to the recent railroad consolidations and the fear that the financing of the steel merger would strain the available resources of the money market have been the underlying causes of the reactionary tendency of prices. The decision to close the Stock Exchange from Thursday afternoon until Monday morning added to the inclination of operators to close up accounts, as the possibility of accident during a prolonged interval in the trading is always taken account of. Only the less influential element among the professional operators have shown an opposition to the prevailing tendency of the market, and their occasional efforts to turn prices upward have not met with success. The most potent interests in the financial world have made it clear that they favored a quiet stock market for the present. This they could accomplish not only by discontinuing their recent heavy buying of securities, but by meeting any attempt to advance prices by free offerings. The decline has not been precipitate at any time and the bears have not been bold or aggressive. Probably this is also in accord with the desires of the large financial interests who are concerned in perfecting the gigantic steel merger, as they have been in the most important recent railroad consolidations. A demoralized stock market would interfere with pending financial projects as much as unbridled speculation for the rise. There are many signs to show that the community of interest idea has not lost its fascination for the speculative public. It is highly probable that any new developments in that field would attract a renewal of the upward movement of prices, but in the absence of actual developments the opportunity for consideration and appraisal of results achieved by the recent combinations have somewhat chastening influences on the excess of speculation. Not a few of the rumors of railroad combinations which have been started in the past for manipulative purposes have been discredited by authoritative avowals, thus helping on the week's reaction. The possibility that the labor dispute would be reopened in the anthracite region when the present agreement expired in April was a factor. Signs of public disapproval of the great centralization of financial control which is being accomplished and the fear that it may lead to legislative interference has been taken account of.

Some of the bonds affected by the railroad combinations have been heavily absorbed at times, but the railroad bond market has generally been reactionary in sympathy with stocks.

United States old 4s advanced ½ and the refunding 2s and 5s ¼ per cent over last Saturday's call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Shares Sold.	Stocks—	Closing Bid.
32,100	Atchison	55⅛
7,600	Atchison prefd	88
6,600	Baltimore and Ohio	88½
....	Canadian Pacific	89⅞
200	Canada Southern	56½
2,200	Chesapeake and Ohio	39⅞
200	Chicago Great Western	19
27,000	Chicago Burlington and Quincy	144⅝
1,200	Chicago Ind and Louisville	30¼
1,400	Chicago Ind and Louis prefd	67
100	Chicago and East Illinois	106
....	Chicago and Northwestern	177½
12,100	Chicago Rock Island and Pacific	122⅜
100	C C C and St Louis	75½
2,400	Colorado Southern	9⅛
400	Colorado Southern 1st prefd	43½
....	Colorado Southern 2d prefd	18⅛
6,400	Delaware and Hudson	165½
....	Delaware Lack and Western	195
1,500	Denver and Rio Grande	37½
200	Denver and Rio Grande prefd	86⅞
7,900	Erie	28⅛
6,300	Erie 1st prefd	64⅛
....	Great Northern prefd	189
100	Hocking Coal	14⅞
200	Hocking Valley	48
1,200	Illinois Central	131½
600	Iowa Central	27
200	Iowa Central prefd	54½
....	Lake Erie and Western	41
....	Lake Erie and Western prefd	110
....	Lake Shore	210½
10,100	Louisville and Nashville	91⅞
8,000	Manhattan L	117
3,300	Metropolitan Street Railway	162½
3,200	Mexican Central	16½
7,200	Minneapolis and St Louis	76
....	Minneapolis and St Louis prefd	106¾
10,900	Missouri Pacific	86⅝
2,600	Mobile and Ohio	79
3,000	Missouri Kansas and Texas	19⅝
12,600	Missouri Kansas and Texas prefd	52⅝
400	New Jersey Central	155⅛
3,000	New York Central	144⅛
2,100	Norfolk and Western	45⅞
....	Norfolk and Western prefd	82½
15,100	Northern Pacific	85¾
1,200	Northern Pacific prefd	86¾
7,800	Ontario and Western	31⅝
....	Oregon Railway and Navigation	42
....	Oregon Railway and Nav prefd	76
7,400	Pennsylvania	148⅝
5,700	Reading	30¼
6,800	Reading 1st prefd	70⅞
6,300	Reading 2d prefd	40⅝
....	Rio Grande Western	70
....	Rio Grande Western prefd	93
5,900	St Louis and San Francisco	34
100	St Louis and S F 1st prefd	81½
3,100	St Louis and S F 2d prefd	63
5,200	St Louis Southwestern	25¼
6,300	St Louis Southwestern prefd	55⅛
11,900	St Paul	148¼
....	St Paul prefd	188½
....	St Paul and Omaha	125
16,700	Southern Pacific	44⅛
59,100	Southern Railway	23⅝
22,600	Southern Railway prefd	75⅝
6,200	Texas and Pacific	28
50,100	Union Pacific	89¼
8,000	Union Pacific prefd	84⅞
2,700	Wabash	16⅞
13,300	Wabash prefd	30
4,200	Wheeling and Lake Erie	14¼
500	Wheeling and Lake Erie prefd	30½
600	Wisconsin Central	18⅛
....	Third Avenue	123
700	B & O prefd	84⅞
3,200	National Tube	62¾
600	National Tube prefd	104
	Express Companies—	
....	Adams	150
....	American	182
....	United States	57
....	Wells Fargo	138
	Miscellaneous—	
700	American Cotton Oil	28
....	American Cotton Oil prefd	85
....	American Malting	4¾
....	American Malting prefd	22¼
20,800	American Smelting & Refining	52⅝
13,400	American Smelting & Refining pfd	94¼
....	American Spirits	2
....	American Spirits prefd	17
3,000	American Steel Hoop	28¾
2,100	American Steel Hoop prefd	81
55,700	American Steel & Wire	48⅜
3,100	American Steel & Wire prefd	95½
10,200	American Tin Plate	64
2,900	American Tin Plate prefd	98
9,200	American Tobacco	116
1,000	American Tobacco prefd	140
300	Anaconda Mining Co	44
11,000	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	75⅝
1,600	Colorado Fuel & Iron	44⅝
1,500	Continental Tobacco	43⅝
300	Continental Tobacco prefd	96⅛
50,100	Federal Steel	47½
13,300	Federal Steel prefd	84⅝
1,200	General Electric	212
....	Glucose Sugar	45⅜
....	Glucose Sugar prefd	90
700	International Paper	22
100	International Paper prefd	71
....	Laclede Gas	73½
200	National Biscuit	38⅜
....	National Biscuit prefd	92¼
1,400	National Lead	16⅝
300	National Lead prefd	83¼
18,600	National Steel	46⅜
1,200	National Steel prefd	98½
100	New York Air Brake	150
1,000	North American	22⅝
....	Pacific Coast	52
....	Pacific Coast 1st prefd	87
....	Pacific Coast 2d prefd	62
....	Pacific Mail	40¼
4,900	People's Gas	100⅝
1,000	Pressed Steel Car	136⅝
1,000	Pressed Steel Car prefd	76¼
100	Pullman Palace Car	197
1,000	Standard Rope & Twine	4¼
12,100	Sugar	135⅝
200	Sugar prefd	120
11,400	Tennessee Coal & Iron	56⅝
3,300	United States Leather	12⅞
1,000	United States Leather prefd	74⅝
200	United States Rubber	18⅝
200	United States Rubber prefd	60
1,200	Western Union	86¾
3,400	Amal Copper	90
400	Republic Iron & Steel	14⅝
100	Republic Iron & Steel prefd	63
....	P C C & St L	56

693,400 Shares sold.

MINING STOCKS.

Adams Con	2	Little Chief	15
Alice	40	Ontario	7 00
Breece	1 50	Ophir	70
Brunswick Con	29	Phoenix	08
Constock Tunnel	45	Potosi	12
Con Cal & Va	1 55	Savage	10
Deadwood Terra	50	Sierra Nevada	25
Horn Silver	1 15	Small Hopes	65
Iron Silver	65	Standard	4 15
Leadville Con	06		

CLOSING BONDS.

U S 2s ref reg	105⅝	N Y Cent 1sts	107
Do coup	105⅝	N J Cent gen 5s	131½
Do 3s reg	110⅝	Nor Pac 3s	71
Do 3s coup	110¾	Do 4s	104⅞
Do new 4s reg	137⅝	N Y C & St L 4s	118
Do new coup	137⅝	Nor & W con 4s	101
Do old 4s reg	114	Or Nav 1sts	109
Do old 4s coup	114	Do 4s	104
Do 5s reg	111	O S Line 6s	128
Do 5s coup	111	Do con 5s	116
Dist of C 3.65s	123	Read Gen 4s	93⅞
Atchison gen 4s	103	R G W 1sts	99⅝
Do adjt 4s	[illegible]	S L & I M con 5s	116½
Canada So 2ds	110⅝	S L & S F Gen 6s	129½
C & O 4½s	106	St Paul con	184
Do 5s	120⅝	St P C & P 1sts	118⅞
C & N con 7s	140	Do 5s	120½
Do S F Deb 5s	124	S P 4s	93
Chicago Term 4s	97	So Ry 5s	115¼
Colo So 4s	84⅞	Standard R & T 6s	52⅞
D & R G 4s	102	Tex & Pac 1sts	117½
Erie Gen 4s	83½	Do 2ds	95
Ft W & D C 1sts	88	Union Pac 4s	105⅝
Gen Elec 5s	161½	Wabash 1sts	119¼
Iowa Cent 1sts	116	Do 2ds	108½
L & N Uni 4s	101¼	West Shore 4s	115¼
M K & T 2ds	77	Wis Cent 1sts	88
Do 4s	97	Va Centuries	95½

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		Union Land	3
Call loans	3½@4½	West End	94
Time loans	3 @4	Westinghse Elec	57¾
Stocks—		Bonds—	
Atch T & Sta Fe	55⅝	Atchison 4s	101
Do prefd	88⅝	N E Gas & C 5s	68½
American Sugar	135½	Mining Shares—	
Do prefd	120	Adventure	12½
Amer Telephone	161½	Bingham Min Co	18½
Boston & Albany	254	Amalg Copper	90½
Boston Elevated	168½	Atlantic	28½
Boston & Maine	194	Boston & Montana	324
Chi B & Q	144⅝	Butte & Boston	81
Dominion Coal	34½	Calumet & Hecla	860
Do prefd	109½	Centennial	23⅝
Federal Steel	47½	Franklin	21
Do prefd	89¼	Humboldt	50
Fitchburg prefd	142	Osceola	85
Gen Electric	212½	Parrot	48
Do prefd	180	Quincy	173
Ed Elec Ill	245	Santa Fe Copper	7
Mex Central	16¼	Tamarack	330
N E Gas & Coke	13	Utah Mining	340
Rubber	19	Winona	6½
U Pacific, ex div	89¼	Wolverines	52½

London Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The stock market here was stagnant and the tone undecided on account of the lack of any definite news from South Africa and on doubts regarding the settlement of the Chinese troubles. The reduction of the bank rate to 4 per cent has been too fully discounted to have any effect now.

In the American department prices dwindled most of the time. American shares enjoyed a slight spurt before the opening in New York, in the hope that Wall street would turn buyer to-day, but when only selling orders were cabled the London market closed sloppy and dull.

The bank bought £203,000 of gold bars.

CLOSING.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Atchison, 56¼; Canadian Pacific, 92¼; Union Pacific preferred, 89½; Northern Pacific preferred, 88; Grand Trunk, 6⅞; Anaconda, 8⅝; bar silver dull, 28⅜d per ounce; money, 4@4½ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Closing: Money on call easy at 1¾@2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3¾@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was irregular, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87⅛ for demand and at $4 83⅞ for sixty days; posted rates, $4 84½@4 85 and $4 88; commercial bills, $4 83¼@4 83¾. Silver certificates, 62@63c. Bar silver, 61¼c. Mexican dollars, 48½c. Government bonds, strong; State bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, irregular.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—To-day's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $145,298,640; gold reserve, $76,829,707.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Shorts were compelled to beat a hasty retreat in the local cotton market this morning, and were made to constantly shift their position during the rest of the session by bullish news from nearly all quarters and aggressive tactics by their opponents. The market at the close was steady, with prices 7@12 points higher.

New York Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A fairly active business was noted for pig tin in the local metal market, and a steady undertone prevailed throughout the session, though prices were not materially changed. Sales of 85 tons spot, February and March, were made at $26 95, with the final quotations on the basis of $26 90 @27, and tone steady. At London an advance of 12s 6d to £122 10s was reported for spot and futures at £117 10s.

Copper remains dull and featureless and nominally $17 for Lake Superior and $16 62½c for casting and electrolytic. The close at London was weak at £71 on spot and £71 11s 3d for futures.

Lead and spelter both were inactive and quoted at $4 37½ and $3 97½ and $4 02½, respectively.

Pigiron warrants unchanged at $9 50@10 50; Northern foundry, $15@16 50.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The following table compiled by Bradstreet shows the bank clearings at all principal cities for the week ended February 21, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year.

CITIES.	Clearings.	Percent Inc.	Percent Dec.
New York	$1,511,981,124	72.6	....
Boston	137,672,224	31.2	....
Chicago	137,558,129	28.1	....
Philadelphia	104,707,340	63.3	....
St. Louis	41,873,643	63.1	....
Pittsburg	40,976,168	81.0	....
Baltimore	22,521,707	42.2	....
San Francisco	23,113,236	62.0	....
Cincinnati	20,493,150	52.9	....
Kansas City	15,363,465	54.9	....
Minneapolis	9,056,930	21.9	....
Detroit	8,306,073	25.4	....
Cleveland	13,191,291	60.5	....
Louisville	9,646,930	22.8	....
Providence	6,846,100	22.7	....
Milwaukee	6,166,444	18.8	....
St. Paul	4,463,809	27.3	....
Buffalo	5,610,189	39.3	....
Omaha	5,681,390	24.1	....
Indianapolis	7,602,594	56.2	....
Columbus, O.	5,628,200	40.1	....
Savannah	4,435,550	....	12.8
Denver	4,396,453	35.3	....
Hartford	2,327,181	9.0	....
Richmond	3,548,832	14.3	....
Memphis	3,104,563	....	13.3
Washington	2,770,207	46.0	....
Peoria	2,762,530	87.1	....
Rochester	2,090,373	24.2	....
New Haven	1,498,995	31.5	....
Worcester	1,520,249	51.3	....
Atlanta	2,252,109	40.6	....
Salt Lake City	2,546,248	35.5	....
Springfield, Mass	1,331,010	31.1	....
Fort Worth	2,115,894	99.7	....
Portland, Me.	1,078,328	31.4	....
Portland, Or.	2,023,562	45.8	....
St. Joseph	4,353,154	49.4	....
Los Angeles	2,911,834	66.8	....
Norfolk	1,360,987	9.8	....
Syracuse	1,043,650	....	4.0
Des Moines	1,529,087	41.4	....
Nashville	1,632,698	107.6	....
Wilmington, Del.	912,924	26.3	....
Fall River	775,169	....	7.0
Scranton	1,214,840	31.2	....
Grand Rapids	1,217,086	25.3	....
Augusta, Ga.	1,610,262	....	4.3
Lowell	575,878	41.6	....
Dayton, O.	1,111,826	14.8	....
Seattle	2,141,649	58.2	....
Tacoma	1,051,713	29.9	....
Spokane	862,040	....	6.6
Sioux City	1,122,352	47.3	....
New Bedford	466,170	17.4	....
Knoxville, Tenn.	491,147	....	19.5
Topeka	1,287,055	118.1	....
Birmingham	809,584	21.7	....
Wichita	499,382	5.9	....
Binghamton	587,400	49.4	....
Lexington, Ky.	482,150	32.4	....
Jacksonville, Fla.	322,728	29.3	....
Kalamazoo	372,024	....	4.1
Akron	555,400	50.4	....
Chattanooga	527,149	69.4	....
Rockford, Ill.	272,875	....	....
Canton, O.	336,000	16.6	....
Springfield, O.	322,085	....	7.4
Fargo, N. D.	584,231	174.1	....
Sioux Falls, S. D.	162,953	48.6	....
Fremont, Nebr.	146,271	40.3	....
Davenport	759,436	52.4	....
Toledo	2,091,045	29.0	....
Houston	8,837,019	37.3	....
Helena	563,516	21.1	....
Youngstown	298,667	26.8	....
Little Rock	694,721	50.9	....
Evansville	778,664	....	19.0
Macon	707,000	26.9	....
Springfield	481,847	134.9	....
Totals, U. S.	$2,224,871,210	60.0	....
Totals outside of New York	712,890,086	40.0	....

DOMINION OF CANADA.

CITIES.	Clearings.	Percent Inc.	Percent Dec.
Montreal	$13,258,380	....	2.7
Toronto	10,586,000	7.3	....
Winnipeg	1,626,004	....	6.1
Halifax	1,413,169	10.2	....
Hamilton	712,839	....	4.0
St. John, N. B.	713,941	23.3	....
Vancouver	627,976	13.5	....
Totals	$29,429,661	1.0	....

Bradstreet's Financial Review.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Bradstreet's Financial Review of February 23 will say:

Not only did the activity of the stock market fall off this week, but reactionary tendencies asserted themselves in the movement of prices. Speculation was more professional than had been the case in the preceding fortnight and the traders, under the lead of some heavy operations, showed a willingness to act on the short side. While the street received some little knowledge of the form which the pending amalgamation of steel manufacturing interests is to take and was assured that the negotiations are progressing smoothly, it was nevertheless unsettled by the absence of definite announcement in that connection and by the intimation that the financiers who had the matter in charge were disposed to curtail any chance for inflation in the capitalization of the expected $800,000,000 steel company. At the beginning of the week the steel stocks were all very strong on the prospect that Mr. Morgan would soon bring the negotiations to a successful conclusion. The preferred stocks of the steel industrial organizations were responding with particular readiness to these influences when it was brought to the notice of the street that however well the preferred shares of these organizations would be treated there was a desire on the part of the managers to make the terms regarding the exchange of the old stocks for the new ones on a basis which should have a regard for actual value and earning capacity. This was interpreted as meaning that a mistake made in the formation of many of the industrials, in reference to the creation of common stocks representing a capitalization of possible profits, would be rectified as far as possible in the organization of the new combination. This augured ill as the treatment of the common stocks of the steel industrials, which were at once sold and declined, while in some cases the preferred shares of the same companies advanced further or held their previous gains. The delay and the unsettling effects of the above situation had, however, an adverse influence on the temper of the market at large. The railroad list had already given evidence of being overbought and the absence of any further announcement of deals and combinations deprived it of fresh support. Money market conditions also contributed toward creating a reactionary feeling in speculative circles.

Bradstreet's on Trade.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Bradstreet's on February 23 will say: Trade as a whole has shown further expansion this week, despite severe weather tending to check trade at some Northern and Western markets in the face of very unsatisfactory conditions in the cotton manufacturing trade, brought about by dullness in cotton goods at first hands. The position of retailers with large stocks has been really improved by the continued cold weather. Foremost among the lines noting improvement this week is the dry-goods trade. The boot and shoe industry has likewise continued in satisfactory shape, and some varieties of leather reflect recent activity in advances at Eastern markets. Iron and steel in the crude forms have been very strong at Central and Eastern markets and considerable advances are reported in pigiron and steel billets. Heavy sales are reported from Pittsburg, Birmingham and other markets. Bessemer pigiron at Pittsburg is now selling at $14 75, the highest price for months, while a premium of $1 50 a ton is exacted on immediate deliveries of steel billets, although the official quotation of $19 75 still maintains. Finished products are reported in good demand. Merchantable bars were advanced $2 a ton late last week, and 1.35c is now the minimum price for these goods. Structural material is reported active. In some respects in fact the state of this trade as a whole is the strongest since before the collapse last spring. Export trade is slack, foreign iron and steel are steadily going lower, and the fear of discriminating duties against American iron and steel is evident, although the first manifestation, that in the case of Russia, involves a small amount of business.

The strength of building materials of all kinds, particularly of white and yellow pine and builders' hardware, has been notable, and from many cities come the report that a large amount of building will be done the coming spring. Coffee strengthened on better consumptive demand. Tea has met with better sale, as the prospects for any immediate change in the present tariff by Congress becomes less probable. Tin is higher, in sympathy with speculative activity abroad.

The cereals show little definite movement, taking the week as a whole, except in flour, which is 10 to 20 cents a barrel higher. Wheat is fractionally higher and corn unchanged. Wheat, including flour, shipments for five days, aggregate 4,424,302 bushels, against 4,814,878 bushels last week.

From July 1 to date this season wheat exports are 129,214,676 bushels, against 130,517,211 bushels last season and 162,900,289 bushels in 1898-99.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 219, as against 226 last week, 168 in this week a year ago and 220 in 1899.

Canadian failures for the week number 24, as against 39 last week.

New York Grain and Produce

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,484 barrels; exports, 8839 barrels. Dull and about steady.

WHEAT—Receipts, 46,800 bushels; exports, 7993 bushels. Spot—Quiet. No. 2 red, 80⅝c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 79⅛c elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 87¼c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth, 91c f. o. b. afloat. Options—Opened firm on better cable news than expected, advanced a little on covering, but finally receded under an adjustment of long accounts for the holiday, supplemented by small seaboard clearances and a light export demand. Closed easy, ⅛@¼c net decline. March, 79¼@79¾c, closed 79¼c; May, 79 15-16@80⅝c, closed 80c; July, 79⅜@80 1-16c, closed 79½c.

HOPS—Quiet.

HIDES—Firm.

WOOL—Dull.

COFFEE—Futures—Closed steady, unchanged to 10 points net higher. Total sales, 61,750 bags. March, $5 95@6; May, $5 95@6 10; July, $6 05@6 10; September, $6 05@6 15; October, $6 05 @6 15; December, $6 25. Spot—Rio, steady. No. 7 invoice, $7 37½; mild, quiet; Cordova, $8@12 50.

SUGAR—Raw, steady; refined, quiet.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3787 packages; strong. Fresh creamery, 16@23c; June creamery, 15@20c; factory, 11@15c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9665 packages; easy. Southern, at mark, 17c.

DRIED FRUITS.

EVAPORATED APPLES—Caution was observed in the market for evaporated apples owing to the holiday to-morrow, and trading was very slow at former prices, with the feeling no better than steady. The common was quoted at 3¾@4¾c; prime, 4⅞@5c; choice, 5½ @6c, and fancy, 6@7c.

California dried fruits were dull and featureless.

PRUNES—Were quoted at 3¼@8½c per pound, as to size and quality.

APRICOTS—Royal, 7¾@12c; Moorpark, 8¼@15c.

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

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Wheat opened strong, May ⅛c higher at 76⅝@76¾c. Liverpool and Antwerp both lending encouragement in the shape of advances equal to the bulge here yesterday. Reports of a brighter export outlook were not substantiated, however, and this was a factor in the closing decline. At the opening offerings were light, and it took no great amount of buying to send the market from 76⅛c, which it touched early, to 76½c. Long Wheat came out freely, and the market dropped to 75⅝c. Covering because of the holiday to-morrow caused a reaction to 76@76⅛c, but renewed pressure forced the market back to 75⅝c, and the close was easy with May ⅛@⅜c lower at 75⅞c.

There was a fairly active trade in Corn, and the market for that cereal ruled strong. May closed ⅛@¼c higher at 40⅝@40⅞c.

Oats were steady and fairly active. May closed a shade higher at 25⅝@25¾c.

Provisions opened firm because of strength in the Hog market and in sympathy with Wheat and Corn, but dropped off later because of the dullness of trade. May Pork closed 5@7½c lower and Lard a shade down and Ribs 2½c depressed.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
February	74½	74½	73⅞	74
March	74⅝	74⅝	74	74¼
May	76⅝	76½	75⅝	75⅞
Corn No. 2—				
February	....	....	....	39
March	39⅝	39⅝	39⅜	39½
May	40⅝	41⅛	40⅝	40⅞
Oats No. 2—				
February	....	....	....	24⅝
May	25¾	25⅞	25¾	25⅝
Mess Pork, per barrel—				
February	....	....	....	13 90
May	14 17½	14 17½	14 05	14 05
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
March	....	....	....	7 47½
May	7 55	7 55	7 50	7 52½
July	....	....	....	7 57½
Short Ribs, per 100 pounds—				
February	....	....	....	7 92½
May	7 10	7 10	7 05	7 07½
September	7 20	7 22½	7 20	7 20

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, dull and steady; No. 3 spring wheat, 69@73c; No. 2 red, 75@76c; No. 2 corn, 39⅜c; No. 2 yellow, 39⅜c; No. 2 oats, 25⅝@26¼c; No. 2 white, 27¾@28½c; No. 3 white, 27¼@28c; No. 2 rye, 52½c; fair to choice malting barley, 52@59c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 62@1 64; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 65; prime timothy seed, $4 40; mess pork, per barrel, $13 90@13 95; lard, per 100 pounds, $7 45@7 47½; short-rib sides (loose), $7@7 20; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6 25@6 50; short clear sides (boxed), $7 40@7 60; whisky, basis of high wines, $1 27; clover, contract grade, $11.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	24,000	50,000
Wheat, bushels	26,000	63,000
Corn, bushels	251,000	133,000
Oats, bushels	244,000	220,000
Rye, bushels	5,000	1,000
Barley, bushels	24,000	13,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was active; creamery, 14@22c; dairy, 10@18c. Cheese, active, 10¼@11¾c. Eggs, active, fresh, 16c.

Foreign Futures.

LIVERPOOL.

Wheat—	March.	May.
Opening	5 11¼	6 ¼
Closing	5 11⅜	6 ⅜

PARIS.

Wheat—	Feb.	May-Aug.
Opening	19 90	21 00
Closing	19 90	21 05
Flour—		
Opening	25 55	26 90
Closing	25 60	26 95

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 9000, including 300 Texans; steers, steady to strong; butchers' stock and Texans, slow. Good to prime steers, $4 90@6; poor to medium, $3 50@4 80; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4 50; cows, $2@4 30; heifers, $2 50@4 50; canners, $1 85@2 50; bulls, $2 40@4 20; calves, $4@6 50; Texas fed steers, $4@4 90; Texas grass steers, $3 30@4; Texas bulls, $2 50@3 50.

HOGS—Receipts, 28,000; to-morrow, 30,000; left over, 4000; the market opened stronger to 5c higher and closed with the advance lost; top, $5 52½. Mixed and butchers' $5 30@5 52½; good to choice heavy, $5 37½@5 32½; rough heavy, $5 25@5 35; light, $5 25@5 47½; bulk of sales, $5 40 @5 45.

SHEEP—Receipts, 5200; market active and a shade higher. Good to choice wethers, $4@4 60; fair to choice mixed, $3 60@4 10; Western sheep, $4@4 60; Texas sheep, $2 50@3 65; native lambs, $4 50@5 25; Western lambs, $5@5 25.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—The Commercial Bulletin will say in to-morrow's report of the Wool market:

The total receipts of Wool in Boston since January 1 have been 14,294,698 pounds; shipments to date, 33,943,657 pounds. Total stocks on hand, 56,500,632 pounds.

More speculators are throwing Wool overboard. The banks in the West are weakening, Wool having dropped below their advances. Sales are free. The most notable sale this week was a lot of 1000 bales choice Geelong Australian Wools at last week's rates, or 67c clean for 70 cent quality. The Wool was bought at the top of the market last year. The net loss is $50,000.

The new American clip has opened at Phoenix, Ariz., on a basis of 10@15c to the grower, against 15@16c last year.

Portland's Business.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 21.—Clearings, $251,750; balances, $39,952.

Northern Wheat Market.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 55@55½c. Cleared: Ship Queen Victoria, for Antwerp, with 96,163 bushels of Wheat.

Foreign Wheat exports from Portland for the week ending to-day were 128,242 bushels.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, Feb. 21.—WHEAT—Quiet and unchanged; bluestem, 57½c; club, 55c.

Cleared—British ship Tamar, with 113,000 bushels wheat for Queenstown.

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Consols, 97 11-16; silver, 28⅜d; French rentes, 102f 30c; cargoes on passage, rather firmer; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 30s; cargoes Walla Walla, 28s 9d; English country markets, quiet but steady.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 21.—Wheat, firm; No. 1 standard California, 6s 3½d@6s 4d; wheat in Paris, steady; flour in Paris, steady; French country markets, steady; weather in England, fine.

COTTON—Uplands, 5 5-16d.

CLOSING.

WHEAT—Spot—Dull. No. 2 red Western winter, 5s 11¼d; No. 1 California, 6s 2d; No. 1 Northern spring, 6s 2½d. Futures—Firm. March, 5s 11⅜d; May, 6s ⅝d.

CORN—Spot—Quiet. American mixed, new, 3s 10¾d; do, old, 3s 11¾d. Futures, firm; March, 3s 10d; May, 3s 9¾d; July, 3s 10d.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Exchange and Bullion.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 85¼
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 88¼
Sterling Cables	—	4 89¼
New York Exchange, sight	—	17½
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	22½
Silver, per ounce	—	61½
Mexican Dollars, nominal	50 @	51

Wheat and Other Grains.

WHEAT—New York opened higher, but fell back. Liverpool and Paris were higher.

Chicago opened firmer on the advanced cables, with a light demand, purely speculative. There was considerable cross buying and selling and some long Wheat came out on stop orders. There were strong export bids from New York. Minneapolis wired an expected increase of 100,000 bushels for the week.

The local market showed no pronounced change. There was considerable activity in futures.

Spot Wheat—Shipping, 95c; milling, 97½c@$1 02½ per ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—May—2000 ctls, 99⅞c; 24,000, 99⅜c; December—2000, $1 04⅜; 20,000, $1 05; 8000, $1 04⅞.

Second Session—May—2600 ctls, 99⅜c; 20,000, 99⅛c; December—2000, $1 04½; 2000, $1 04⅜; 4000, $1 04¼.

Regular Morning Session—December—2000 ctls, $1 04¼.

Afternoon Session—May—2000 ctls, 99¼c; 4000, 99⅜c; December—2000, $1 04⅜.

BARLEY—The market continues lifeless, weak and nominal.

Feed, 72½c for choice bright, 70@71¼c for No. 1 and 67½c for off grades; Brewing and Shipping grades, 75@80c; Chevalier, nominal.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—No sales.

Second Session—No sales.

Regular Morning Session—May—2000 ctls, 68c; December—2000, 68c.

Afternoon Session—No sales.

OATS—No further weakness has developed, though white descriptions still feel the effects of the recent excessive arrivals from the north.

White, $1 25@1 45; 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—Yellow, $1 12½@1 15; White, $1 15; Eastern, mixed, $1 12½ per ctl.

RYE—Still lower and weak at 80@82½c per ctl.

Flour and Millstuffs.

FLOUR—California Family Extras, $3 25@$3 50, usual terms; Bakers' Extras, $3 15@3 25; Oregon, $2 75@2 85 per barrel for family and $2 75@3 for bakers'; Washington, bakers', $2 75 @3.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in sacks are as follows, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour, $3 per 100 lbs; Rye Flour, $2 75; Rye Meal, $2 50; Rice Flour, $7; Corn Meal, $2 75; extra cream do, $3 50; Oat Groats, $4 50; Hominy, $3 50@3 75; Buckwheat Flour, $4@4 25; Cracked Wheat, $3 50; Farina, $4 50; Whole Wheat Flour, $3 25; Rolled Oats (barrels), $6 10 @7 60; in sacks, $5 75@7 25; Pearl Barley, $5; Split Peas, $5; Green Peas, $6 50 per 100 lbs.

Hay and Feedstuffs.

Prices stand the same and the situation shows no change.

BRAN—$16@17 per ton.

MIDDLINGS—$16 50@19 50 per ton.

FEEDSTUFFS—Rolled Barley, $16@16 50 per ton; Oilcake Meal at the mill, $25@26; jobbing, $26 50; Cocoanut Cake, $17@18; Corn Meal, $25 @25 50; Cracked Corn, $25 50@26; Mixed Feed, $15@16.

HAY—Volunteer, $5@8; Wheat, $11@13; Wheat and Oat, $9@12; Oat, $9@11 50; Clover, nominal; Alfalfa, $8@9 50; Barley, $7 50@9 50 per ton.

STRAW—35@47½c per bale.

Beans and Seeds.

Beans are featureless and dull at the old quotations.

BEANS—Bayos, $2 50@2 75; Small White, $4 60@4 90; Large White, $4@4 25; Pink, $2 15@2 35; Red, $3@3 50; Blackeye, $3@3 25; Limas, $5 60@5 70; Pea, cleaned up and nominal; Red Kidney, $3 75@4 per ctl.

SEEDS—Brown Mustard, nominal; Yellow Mustard, nominal; Flax, $2 50@3; Canary, 3½@3¾c for Eastern; Alfalfa, 7½@8½c for California and 9@9½c for Utah; Rape, 2@2¼c; Hemp, 3½c; Timothy, 6¼c.

DRIED PEAS—Niles, $2@2 50; Green, $2 70 @3 per ctl; Blackeye, nominal.

Potatoes, Onions and Vegetables.

Onions, though not much lower, are weakening, as buyers are afraid to buy much at the present high prices. Two cars came in from Oregon and sold at $4 75, some lots subsequently changing hands at $5. Lower prices are expected, owing to impending imports from Nevada and Australia.

Potatoes and Vegetables remain about as before quoted.

POTATOES—Early Rose, 65@75c; Burbanks, 30@50c for River, $1@1 20 per ctl for Salinas and 50c@$1 for Oregon; Garnet Chiles from Oregon, 65@75c; Sweets, 75c@$1 for Merced.

ONIONS—$4 75@5 per ctl; Cut Onions, $2@3 per ctl.

VEGETABLES—Rhubarb, 12½@15c; Asparagus, from Sacramento, 10@17½c for forced and 25@30c for natural; from Alameda, 35@40c; Bouldin Island, 30@35c; Green Peas, 5@10c for Los Angeles and 5@8c for Bay per lb; String Beans, 12½@25c; Cabbage, $1; Tomatoes, Los Angeles, 75c@$1 75 per crate; from Mexico, 75c@$2 per crate; Egg Plant, Los Angeles, 15@25c per lb; Green Peppers, Los Angeles, 12½@20c per lb for Chile and 20@25c for Bell; Dried Peppers, 10@18c; Dry Okra, 15c per lb; Carrots, 25@35c per box; Hothouse Cucumbers, $1@2 per dozen; Summer Squash, $1 75@2 25 per box; Garlic, 3@3½c per lb; Marrowfat Squash, $30 per ton; Mushrooms, 15@30c per lb.

Poultry and Game.

Game continues in light receipt and generally poor. Yesterday's receipts were 56 sks, most of the Ducks being sour, owing to the muggy weather, and prices for such lots were off. Hare and Rabbits were in lighter receipt and firmer.

Three cars of Eastern Poultry came in, but as the market was bare both Eastern and local stocks went off well at high prices. Dressed Turkeys alone were out of favor, and arrivals did not all clean up.

Sales of Eastern were as follows: Hens and Young Roosters, $6@6 50; old Roosters, $4 50; Pigeons, $1 50; old Ducks, $4 50; live Turkeys, 12@13c; dressed do, 13@16c. Another car goes on to-day.

POULTRY—Live Turkeys, 12@13c for Gobblers and 13@14c for Hens; Dressed Turkeys, 12½@15c; Geese, per pair, $1 50@2; Goslings, $2 50@2 75; Ducks, $4@5 for old and $6@7 50 for young; Hens, $5@6; Young Roosters, $6@6 50; old Roosters, $4@4 50; Fryers, $5 50@6; Broilers, $5@5 50 for large and $3 50@4 50 for small; Pigeons, $1 25@1 50 per dozen for old and $2 25@2 75 for Squabs.

GAME—Quail, $1@1 25; Mallard, $3@4; Canvasback, $3@4 50; Sprig, $1 50@2 50; Teal, $1 50 @2; Widgeon, $1 50@2; Small Duck, $1@1 50; Black Jack, $1 25@1 50; Gray Geese, $3@3 50; White Geese, $1@1 50; Brant, $1 50@1 75 for small and $2 for large; Honkers, $3@4 50; English Snipe, $2 50@3; Jack Snipe, $1 25@1 50; Hare, 50c@$1; Rabbits, $1 25@1 50 for Cottontail and 75c@$1 for Brush; Pigeons, $1 per dozen.

Butter, Cheese and Eggs.

All prices remained unchanged on the Dairy Exchange. Creamery extras were steady, but other grades of Butter were quoted weak. Cheese was steady.

Eggs were reported weak, with accumulating stocks.

Receipts as reported by the Dairy Exchange were 29,000 pounds of Butter, 1094 cases Eggs and 10,900 pounds California Cheese and —— pounds Eastern Cheese.

BUTTER—

Creamery—Extras, 20c; firsts, 18c; seconds, ——.

Dairy—Extras, 17c; firsts, 15c; seconds, 13c; store, 11c.

Storage—Creamery extras, ——; firsts, ——; seconds, ——; dairy extras, ——.

Pickle, —— per pound.

Keg, —— per pound.

CHEESE—Fancy, full cream, 10c; choice, 9c; common, nominal; Young Americas, 10c; Eastern, full cream, 15@16½c per lb.

EGGS—

California Ranch—Selected white, 15c; mixed colors, 14c per dozen.

California Gathered—Selected, 14c; standard, ——; seconds, ——.

Fresh Eastern—Fancy, ——; standard, ——; seconds, ——.

Storage—California fancy ——; standard, ——; Eastern fancy, ——; standard, ——; seconds, ——.

Deciduous and Citrus Fruits.

Four or five cars of Oranges will be offered at auction to-day. All citrus fruits remain about as before quoted. Oranges and Lemons being steady and Limes firm under light supplies. Bananas show a wide range, according to quality.

Fine Apples are firm at $2.

DECIDUOUS FRUITS—

APPLES—35@65c per box for common, 75c@$1 50 for good to choice and $1 75@2 for fancy.

PEARS—65c@$1 50 per box.

CITRUS FRUITS—Navel Oranges, $1@2; Seedlings, 50c@$1 25; Tangarines, 75c@$1 50; Japanese Mandarins, $1@1 50; Lemons, $1@$1 25 for common and $1 50@2 for good to choice; Grape Fruit, 50c@$2; Mexican Limes, $7@8; California Limes, 75c@$1; Bananas, 50c@$1 per bunch for Island and $1 25@1 75 for New Orleans; Pineapples, 75c@$2 per dozen.

Dried Fruits, Nuts and Raisins.

Supplies of Prunes in New York are steadily growing smaller under the steady demand, and the outlook for these goods is much more cheerful. Otherwise there is nothing new.

FRUITS—Apricots, 6@8c for Royals and 10@10½c for Moorparks; Evaporated Apples, 4@5½c; sun-dried, 1½@2½c; Peaches, 3@3½c for standard, 4@4½c for choice and 5@6c for fancy; Pears, 2@7c; Plums, pitted, 4@5c; unpitted, 1@1½c; Nectarines, 5@5½c for red and 5½@6c for white.

PRUNES—Santa Clara, 4 sizes, 2c; 30-40s, 7c; 40-50s, 6¼c; 50-60s, 4¼c; 60-70s, 3⅜c; 70-80s, 3⅛c; 80-90s, 2⅝c; 90-100s, 2¼c; 100-120s, 1¾c; rubies, ¼c premium; Sonomas, ¼c and San Joaquins ¼c less than Santa Claras, except 100 and over, which stand the same.

RAISINS—The Raisin Growers' Association has established the following prices: Bleached Thompson's fancy, 12c per lb; choice, 11c; standard, 10c; prime, 9c; unbleached Thompson's, 9c per lb. Sultanas—Fancy, 10½c per lb; choice, 9½c; standard, 8⅞c; prime, 8c; unbleached Sultanas, 8c; Seedless, 50-lb boxes, 6¼c; 4-crown, 7c; 3-crown, 6½c; 2-crown, 6c. Pacific brand, 2-crown, 5c; 3-crown, 5¼c, and 4-crown, 5½c; seeded (Fresno prices), fancy, 16-ounce, 7c; 12-ounce, 5½c; choice, 16-ounce, 6¾c; 12-ounce, 5¼c; London Layers, 2-crown, $1 50 per box; 3-crown, $1 60; Fancy Clusters, $2; Dehesa, $2 50; Imperial, $3. All prices f. o. b. at common shipping points in California.

NUTS—Chestnuts, 8@10c per lb for Italian; Walnuts, No. 1, softshell, 10c; No. 2, 7½c; No. 1 hardshell, 9½c; No. 2, 7c; Almonds, 12@13c for papershell, 9@11c for softshell; Peanuts, 5 @6c for Eastern; Brazil Nuts, 13c; Filberts, 13c; Pecans, 11@13c; Cocoanuts, $3 50@5.

HONEY—Comb, 13½@14c for bright and 12½ @13c for light amber; water white extracted, 7½c; light amber extracted, 6½@7c; dark, 6@6½c per lb.

BEESWAX—24@26c per lb.

Provisions.

The trade continues to report a very dull and unsatisfactory market.

CURED MEATS—Bacon, 11@11½c per lb for heavy, 11½@12c for light medium, 12½@13c for light, 13½@14c for extra light and 15@15½c for sugar-cured; Eastern sugar-cured Hams, 12c; Mess Beef, $12 per barrel; extra Mess, $13; Family, $14; extra fine Pork, $15@15 50; extra clear, $19 50@20; Mess, $17; Smoked Beef, 13c per pound.

LARD—Tierces quoted at 6½@6¾c per lb for compound and 9½c for pure; half-barrels, pure, 9½c; 10-lb tins, 10c; 5-lb tins, 10¼c.

COTTOLENE—One half-barrel, 8¼c; three half-barrels, 8c; one tierce, 7⅞c; two tierces, 7¾c; five tierces, 7⅝c per lb.

Hides, Tallow, Wool and Hops.

HIDES AND SKINS—Culls and brands sell about 1c under quotations. Heavy Salted steers, 9½@10c; medium, 9c; light, 8@8½c; Cow Hides, 8½c for heavy and 8@8½c for light; Stags, 6@6½c; Salted Kip, 9c; Salted Veal, 9@10c; Salted Calf, 10c; Dry Hides, 15½@16c; Culls, 13½@14c; Dry Kip, 15@16c; Dry Calf, 16@17c; culls and brands, 14@15c; Sheepskins, shearlings, 20@30c each; short Wool, 30@50c each; medium, 60@75c; long Wool, 75c@$1 each; Horse Hides, salt, $2 50 @2 75 for large and $2@2 25 for medium, $1 25 for small and 50c for colts; Horse Hides, dry, $1 75 for large, $1 50 for medium, $1 25 for small and 50c for colts. Deerskins—Summer or red skins, 35c; fall or medium skins, 30c; winter or thin skins, 20c. Goatskins—Prime Angoras, 75c; large and smooth, 50c; medium, 35c.

TALLOW—No. 1 rendered, 4½@4¾c per lb; No. 2, 4@4½c; grease, 2@2½c.

WOOL—Spring clip is quotable as follows: Northern, free, 15@16c; Northern, defective, 12@14c; Middle County, free, 15@16c; Middle County, defective, 12@14c; Southern Mountain, 12 months', 9@16c; Southern Mountain, free, 7 months', 11@12c; Southern Mountain, defective, 7 months', 9@11c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 16 @17c; Nevada, 13@16c per lb.

Fall Clip—San Joaquin, 6½@8c; do lambs, 8@9c; Middle County, 9@10c; Southern Mountain, free, 10@11c; Southern Mountain, 7½@8½c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 11@12c per lb.

HOPS—15@20c per lb.

San Francisco Meat Market.

Even with the importations from the East the Hog market is but slenderly supplied, and rules firm. Other meats are steady and unchanged.

BEEF—7@8c for Steers and 6@7½c per lb for cows.

VEAL—Large, 7@8c; small, 9c per lb.

MUTTON—Wethers, 10@10½c; Ewes, 10c per pound.

LAMB—11½@12c per lb; spring, 12½@15c per pound.

PORK—Live Hogs, 6¼c for small and 6⅛c for medium and 6c for large; stock Hogs, 5½c; feeders, 5½c; dressed Hogs, 8@9½c.

General Merchandise.

BAGS—San Quentin Bags, $5 65; Calcutta Grain Bags, June and July, 6¼@6⅝c; local make, 6⅜c; Wool Bags, 30@32½c; Fleece Twine, 7½c.

COAL—Wellington, $9 per ton; Southfield Wellington, $9; Seattle, $7; Bryant, $7; Coos Bay, $5 50; Wallsend, $9; Co-operative Wallsend, $9; Cumberland, $12 in bulk and $13 25 in sacks; Pennsylvania Antracite Egg, $14; Cannel, $10 per ton; Coke, $15 per ton in bulk and $17 in sacks; Rocky Mountain descriptions, $8 45 per 2000 pounds and $8 50 per ton, according to brand.

SUGAR—The Western Sugar Refining company quotes, per lb, in 100-lb bags:

Crushed, 6.25c; Powdered, 5.85c; Candy Granulated, 5.85c; Dry Granulated, 5.75c; Confectioners' A, 5.75; Magnolia A, 5.35c; Extra C, 5.25c; Golden C, 5.15c; barrels, 10c more; half-barrels, 25c more; boxes, 50c more; 50-lb bags, 10c more. No orders taken for less than 75 barrels or its equivalent. Dominos, half-barrels, 6.50c; boxes, 6.75c per lb.

TURPENTINE—Is higher at 63c in cases and 57c per gallon in drums or iron barrels.

SALT—Has again been marked up. H. R. H. being now quoted at $15@15 50 per ton in large sacks and $16 in 50s. Liverpool is quoted at $17@18 50 for the best and $14@14 75 for lower grades.

Receipts of Produce.

FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Flour, qr sks	6,6[illegible]	Middlings, sks	375
Wheat, ctls	8,9[illegible]	Shorts, sks	50
Barley, ctls	6,4[illegible]	Hay, tons	480
Oats, ctls	50[illegible]	Chicory, bbls	10
Corn, ctls	6[illegible]	Wine, gallons	57,[illegible]
Sugar, ctls	1,7[illegible]	Leather, rolls	136
Potatoes, sks	4,30[illegible]	Pelts, bdls	75
Onions, sks	60[illegible]	Hides, bdls	38
Bran, sks	3,000		

OREGON.

Flour, qr sks	4,148	Bran, sks	3,400
Oats, ctls	590		

EASTERN.

Wheat, ctls	500

STOCK MARKET.

There was a very heavy business on the morning session of the Bond Exchange. Oceanic Steamship sold down to $67, and the sugar group were easier, Makaweli selling off to $43 50 and Honokaa to $32 75, while Paauhau and Hutchinson were a fraction or so lower. Contra Costa Water declined to $68 50.

In the afternoon the sugar stocks were weak, with the exception of Makaweli, which recovered to $44. Paauhau sold down to $33 37½, Honokaa to $22 25 and Hawaiian Commercial at $81 50@83. Oceanic declined to $59 50. The assessment of $10 on this stock falls delinquent March 23.

The oil stocks were quiet on both exchanges on the morning session. Hanford declined to $107 and Occidental of West Virginia to 64c, while Gold Dollar was higher at 50c.

In the afternoon Hanford was still lower at $106, while Gold Dollar fell back to 45c.

None of the exchanges will be in session today.

STOCK AND BOND EXCHANGE.

THURSDAY, Feb. 21—2 p. m.

UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
U S 4s coup	113¾	114½	U S 4s cp(new)	137¾	138¾
Do 4s reg	113¾	114½	Do 3s coup	—	111½

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Bay C P Co	105¼	—	Oak W Co 5s	—	102
Cal-st Cab 5s	116	—	Oceanic SS 5s	106½	107¼
C C Water 5s	—	109	Om C R 6s	120	—
E L & P 6s	128	133½	Pac G Imp 4s	—	100
F & Cl Ry 6s	114½	—	Pk & Cl R 6s	105	—
Geary-st R 5s	—	—	Pk & O R 6s	—	—
Haw C 5½s	108¼	—	Powell-st R 6s	120½	—
D o5s	—	—	S E G & R 5s	—	98½
L A R R 5s	112½	—	S F & SJV 5s	120	—
L A Lt 6s	—	—	S R of Cal 6s	110	—
Do gntd 6s	—	104	S P of A 6s	112	—
Do gntd 5s	—	—	S P C 6s (1905)		
L A P R 5s	101½	102½	Series A	110½	—
Markt-st C 6s	126	—	Do (Series B)	110⅝	—
Do 1st c 5s	123¾	124⅝	Do (1906)	113⅛	—
N C N G R 7s	—	113½	Do (1912)	122⅝	—
N R of Cal 6s	113	—	S P C 1st g 5s	106½	—
Do 5s	120½	121	S P Br R 6s	132	—
N P C R R 6s	101½	—	S V Water 6s	115¼	—
Do 5s	108¼	—	Do 4s	104	—
N C R R 5s	111½	—	Do 3d mtg	—	103¼
O G L & H 5s	113	—	Stkn G & E 6s	103	106½
Oak Tr Co 6s	116	—			

WATER STOCKS.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Contra Costa	68	70	Spring Valley	93	93½
Marin County	52¼	—			

GAS AND ELECTRIC STOCKS.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Cent L & P	3	—	Pac Lt Co	43¼	44¼
Equit Gas	3¼	—	Sac E G & R	—	37½
Mut Elec Lt	—	8	S F G & E	48⅜	48⅝
O G L & H	49½	50½	San Francisco	4⅝	—
Pac Gas Imp	44⅞	—	Stktn G & E	—	14

INSURANCE STOCKS.

	Bid.	Ask.
Firem's Fund	232	—

BANK STOCKS.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Anglo-Cal	77	—	Lon P & A	144	150
Bank of Cal	410	—	Mer Ex (liq)	16	—
Cal Safe Dep	—	105⅜	S F National	—	125
1st N of S F	—	312½			

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