COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Bank of England reduces its rate of discount to 2½ per cent.
Wall-street Stocks higher. Cotton firm.
New York reports a better general demand for Coffee.
More activity in local Securities, especially Bonds.
Decreased exports of Flour in February.
Silver higher. New York Exchange lower.
Sugar marked down .10c per 100 pounds.
Wheat, Barley and minor Grains show little change.
Bran firm. Hay quiet. Beans in less demand.
Good Potatoes and Onions in fair movement.
Poultry selling very well, but Game dull.
Nothing new in Deciduous and Citrus Fruits.
Butter lower, Eggs higher and Cheese weak.
Prunes doing better here and in the East.
Provisions slow and featureless everywhere.
Cattle, Sheep and Hogs continue in good supply.
Hops weak and quiet. Dry Hides active. Tallow accumulating.

Bank of England Rate.

The Bank of England has reduced its rate of discount from 3 per cent to 2½ per cent. This created a stronger feeling and increased business on all the foreign bourses yesterday, as showing very easy financial conditions in London.

Cotton and Coffee.

The New York wires of E. F. Hutton & Co. yesterday said:

COTTON—The market was quiet to-day, but maintained a good continued undertone, with stronger and higher Liverpool cables, continued unsettled weather in the cotton belt tending to delay further a season already more than two weeks late in preparing for the next crop. The much improved prospects of early end of Russo-Japanese war and the continuance of a good demand for spot cotton and only moderate offering from holders in the Suth, furnish a combination of bullish features calculated to put new life in the trading and further strength in the position of staple. The undertone was good up to the close.

COFFEE—The early foreign advances were not particularly favorable to the market, but were considered a fair response to our fluctuations of yesterday. On the whole, however, jobbers in the lower Wall street sections say that there is a better demand from Canada, the West and the Southwest for actual coffee, and the buyers do not haggle over the price, but show a disposition to take the stuff at the market.

Flour Exports in February.

The exports of flour from San Francisco by sea in February were as follows:

To—	Barrels.	Values.
Central America	11,785	$47,634
China	6,184	21,411
Hawaiian Islands	4,368	20,038
Tahiti	1,569	6,887
Panama	1,520	6,526
Ecuador	1,385	6,143
Japan	515	1,621
Mexico	313	1,342
Samoan Islands	58	263
Korea	50	238
Colombia	124	29
Totals	27,776	$112,227

The exports in February, 1904, were 60,965 barrels, valued at $254,214. In that month China took 30,049 barrels and 13,419 were shipped to Central America.

Commerce of Hawaiian Islands.

Deputy Collector Farley has received from Collector E. R. Stackable of Honolulu statistics of imports into and exports and shipments from the Hawaiian Islands.

These statistics have not heretofore been readily accessible and on account of numerous inquiries the Collector at Honolulu was requested to furnish the same.

The value of shipments from San Frantisco to the Hawaiian Islands varies from nine and a half millions to ten and a half millions of dollars annually.

Merchandise imported into the district of Hawaii from foreign countries for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, amounted to $3,142,013, and for the year ending June 30, 1904, $3,797,641.

Exports to foreign countries—Year 1903, $32,569; year 1904, $47,620.

Shipments to the United States—Year 1903, $26,242,869; year 1904, $25,157,255.

Sugar is the principal article of shipment, of which there was for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, to the United States, $25,310,684; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, to the United States, $24,359,385.

Sugar shipped to the Atlantic ports for the calendar year ending December 31, 1903, $8,939,232; year ending December 31, 1904, $8,639,662.

Sugar shipped to San Francisco for the calendar year ending December 31, 1903, $19,610,769; year ending December 31, 1904, $15,288,322.

Total collections—For fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, $1,193,677 83; for fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, $1,229,338 15.

EASTERN MARKETS.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Money on call, steady, 2½@2¾ per cent; closing bid, 2¾; offered at 3.

Time loans, easy; sixty days, 3 per cent; ninety days, 3@3¼; six months, 3½.

Prime mercantile paper, 3¾@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, firm, opening weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8675@4.8680 for demand and at $4.8470@4.8475 for sixty days' bills; posted rates, $4 85½ and $4 87½; commercial bills, $4 85½.

Bar silver, 59¼c.

Mexican dollars, 45¾c.

Government bonds, firm; railroad bonds, firm.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, March 9.—There was distinct revival of speculative enthusiasm in stocks to-day and a considerable expansion in the volume of the market was an accompaniment. The most effective factors upon sentiment were the awakened strength in the group of railroad stocks which have figured in the most industriously circulated of the rumors in regard to combinations and mergers. The entire quiescence of this group ever since the announcement of the Northern Securities decision has been a damper upon the speculative spirit, as the plans concerning these properties were supposed to be waiting for that decision to be promulgated. There was no authoritative news regarding the plans to-day, but the demand for the stocks rescued the market from some of the repressive influences due to their lethargy. Yesterday's active speculative movement in Reading was also carried over into to-day's dealings and that stock was run up to within a share of par. The only motive assigned for the rise was a rumor that the dividend rate would be advanced to 4 per cent. Beyond this it was alleged that the floating supply of the stock has been so far reduced as to make it readily responsive to market operations as has been demonstrated by the repeated success of parties formed to operate in it within the last few months. The present movement is ascribed to the same sources. There was a very striking movement also in a group of the metal stocks, led by Smelting. Amalgamated Copper was a conspicuous figure in the same group. Dividend rumors played their part in this movement also and were supplanted with merger rumors affecting the lead industry. The spurt in Amalgamated Copper's controlled stock, pointed to the source from which the parent stock is to benefit by supposed dividend increase. Reports from the copper trade were bright and copper stocks were strong in all the world's great markets. The United States Steel stocks were again conspicuously laggard, although reports from that trade continued brilliant. Canadian Pacific was supposed to be benefited from large earnings by itself and its controlled properties, all of which moved up in company. The special demand for Atchison in the loan crowd pointed to an outstanding short interest as the source of some of the demand for it.

The favorable groundwork to which the various operations owed their success had as the principal element the reduction in the official discount rate of the Bank of England from 3 to 2½ per cent, a rate lower than has been touched since the Boer war. This action has been so long deferred that some fears had obtained that the extraordinary demands upon capital had made the reduction unfeasible. The lowering of the rate is equivalent to a proclamation that urgent requirements upon capital have been met and that relaxing money conditions in the world's markets are to be looked for.

An encouraging view of the fall planted wheat crop was a factor in the market. Nothing from the seat of war promises an early peace. London bought stocks at the opening, but sold on the rise. The realizing on the advance made some alteration in the day's prices. The closing dealings were consequently slightly irregular.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, $5,130,000.

United States 2s advanced ¼ per cent on call.

New York Stock List.

E. F. Hutton & Co., 490 California street, San Francisco, members of the New York Stock Exchange, furnish the following official quotations of that Exchange:

Sales.	STOCKS.	High	Low	Bid.	Ask.
.....	Adams Express	.....	.....	245	250
839,700	Amalg Copper	80¾	78¾	80¾	80⅞
1,900	Am Can Co	.....	.....	11⅛	11⅝
1,600	Do pfd	.....	.....	67¾	67⅞
2,300	Am Car & Fy Co	35⅝	35⅛	35⅝	35¾
200	Do pfd	94⅝	94½	94½	94¾
600	Am Cotton Oil	35⅞	35½	35½	36
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	95	96½
.....	Am Dist Tel	.....	.....	32	36
.....	Am Express	.....	.....	230	237
.....	Am Gr Twine Co	.....	.....	8	8½
200	Am Hide & L	10¼	10¼	10	10¼
1,900	Do pfd	53	52¼	52¼	52½
500	American Ice	5½	5⅝	5⅝	5½
200	Do pfd	39⅝	39⅝	39¼	39½
300	Am Linseed	18	17¾	17¾	18¼
600	Do pfd	97½	97½	97½	97½
4,500	Am Locomotive	43⅞	43	43½	43¾
300	Do pfd	113	112	112	113
4,100	Am Malt	8⅝	7	7¼	7½
5,400	Do pfd	28⅝	27¼	27¼	27½
88,200	Am Sm & Rf Co	99⅝	94⅝	98⅞	99
5,400	Do pfd	123¾	120¾	123	123½
30,900	Am Sugar	145¼	143	143½	143⅝
100	Do pfd	139⅝	139⅝	139	140
.....	Am Tel & T Co	.....	.....	144	148
1,900	Am Tob pfd	97½	96½	96	97
3,200	Am Woolen	27¾	26½	26½	27
200	Do pfd	101½	101½	101½	102
24,900	Anaconda	121	115½	121	121½
.....	Ann Arbor	.....	.....	35	37
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	70	75
41,600	A T & S F	93½	92¼	92¾	93
6,400	Do pfd	104½	103½	104	104¼
14,000	Balt & Ohio	110¼	109⅛	110¼	110⅝
1,000	Do pfd	96⅞	96½	96	97
.....	Bay State Gas	.....	.....	¼	⅜
3,500	B R T	66½	63	66⅛	66¼
.....	Brook Un Gas	.....	.....	14	20
200	Bruns D & L	13¼	13¼	13¼	13⅝
.....	Buffalo Co	.....	.....	58	60
.....	Canada Southern	.....	.....	89	90
47,000	Canadian Pacific	146⅝	144	146½	146⅝
1,900	C & O	50⅞	50½	50½	50¾
200	C & A	39½	39	39	40
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	80	80⅛
.....	C & E I pfd	.....	.....	130	142
.....	C I & L pfd	.....	.....	70	75
2,500	C & G W	23¼	23⅛	22⅞	23⅛
.....	Do pfd A	.....	.....	65	67
300	Do pfd B	34⅝	34¼	34¼	34¾
.....	Do debs	.....	.....	86	87
1,600	C & N W	243	241½	242	242½
13,600	C M & St P	179⅝	178⅝	179	179⅛
200	Do pfd	189⅝	189½	189	190
59,400	C R I & P (new)	36¼	34⅞	36⅛	36¼
7,600	Do pfd	81⅝	80	81	81¼
.....	Do 4s	.....	.....	82½	82¾
1,000	Chicago Term	18¼	18¼	18	18¼
3,800	Do pfd	34½	33	34	35
2,800	Chi Un Traction	13⅛	12½	12½	12¾
800	Do pfd	50	49¾	49½	50
200	C C C & St L	99	99	97	99
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	119⅛	120
.....	Cle Lor & W	.....	.....	80	89
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	105½	120
800	Col Fuel & Iron	51⅞	51¼	51⅝	51¾
100	Do pfd	100	100	98	100
.....	Col H C & I	.....	.....	16¼	16¾
1,700	Col Southern	26	25⅝	25½	26
200	Do 1st pfd	61	60½	61	62
1,600	Do 2d pfd	37¼	36½	36¾	37
4,600	Consc Gas	213½	212¼	212¼	212¾
2,300	Corn Products	19	17⅞	19¼	19½
100	Do pfd	75½	74	74	75
900	Del and Hudson	192¼	191½	191½	192
500	D L & W	369	368	365	370
200	D & R G	33	33	33	33½
500	Do pfd	88¾	88⅝	88⅝	88⅞
.....	Des M & Ft D	.....	.....	23	25
1,000	Detroit Un Ry	81¾	80¼	81¼	81⅞
.....	Detroit Southern	.....	.....	5½	6
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	32	33
.....	Diamond Match	.....	.....	138	140
3,800	Distilling Secu	38⅞	38	38⅝	38¾
.....	Do Bonds	.....	.....	79½	80
700	Duluth S S & A	16¾	16¼	16½	16¾
6,900	Do pfd	34½	32½	33¾	34
31,400	Erie	48	47½	47⅝	47⅞
4,200	Do 1st pfd	82¾	82⅛	82⅛	82¼
3,300	Do 2d pfd	70¼	69¾	70¼	70½
.....	E & T H	.....	.....	60	70
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	85	90
800	Ft W & D C	55	55	54	55
.....	General Chem	.....	.....	55	60
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	103	105
400	General Electric	187¾	187½	187	187¾
.....	G Northern pfd	.....	.....	280	300
.....	Green Cons Cop	.....	.....	29	29¼
.....	Havana Tob Co	.....	.....	35	37
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	42	45
4,100	Hocking Valley	98	92½	95	96
2,500	Do pfd	95½	93¼	95½	95¾
2,000	Illinois Central	159¼	159	158¾	159¼
800	Int'l Paper	22⅞	22	22¾	23
900	Do pfd	80⅞	79½	80¾	81
.....	Intern'l Power	.....	.....	90	99½
1,600	Intern'l Pump	39½	39¼	39	39½
100	Do pfd	86⅞	86⅞	86	87
3,100	Iowa Central	28¾	28¼	28	29
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	53½	55
.....	Kan & Mich	.....	.....	36	38
700	Kan City Sou	30¼	29¾	30	30⅜
300	Do pfd	66¼	64½	66	66¼
.....	Keokuk & D M	.....	.....	14	16
.....	Laclede Gas pfd	.....	.....	100	105
100	Lake Erie & W	38½	38½	38	40
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	90	102
500	Leather Ct	12⅝	11⅞	12⅛	12¾
800	Do pfd	105⅛	104¼	105	105¼
7,000	Lehigh	68¼	67⅝	68	68⅛
.....	Long Island	.....	.....	58	62
8,100	L & N	142½	141⅞	142	142¼
1,100	Manhattan	171½	171	171¼	171¾
.....	Manhat Beach	.....	.....	12	14
.....	Marine	.....	.....	11¼	11½
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	34	34¼
6,800	Met Securities	85½	84⅝	84⅞	85
9,800	Met Street Ry	123¼	122½	122⅝	123
27,400	Mex Central	25¼	24⅝	25⅛	25¼
.....	Minn & St L	.....	.....	59	62
.....	Do 1st pfd	.....	.....	89	93
1,600	M St P & S S M	119	118	118	118½
800	Do pfd	161	159¾	160¾	161
1,300	Mo Kan & Tex	32	31½	32¼	32¼
800	Do pfd	65⅞	65	65½	65⅝
6,300	Mo Pacific	109⅝	108⅞	108¾	109
.....	Nash C & St L	.....	.....	145	147½
16,800	National Lead	38	35¾	38	38½
1,300	Do pfd	106½	106½	106½	107⅝
400	NRR of M pfd	39⅞	39⅞	41½	41¾
900	National Biscuit	58¾	58½	58½	59
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	117	118
.....	N J Central	.....	.....	200½	201½
500	N Y Air Brake	152	151	150	155
4,100	N Y Central	158¾	157⅞	158⅝	158½
3,000	N Y C & St L	46¼	45	45¼	46
.....	Do 1st pfd	.....	.....	115	116
.....	Do 2d pfd	.....	.....	78	79
100	N Y Dock	24	24	23½	24½
.....	N Y N H & H	.....	.....	206	207
7,900	N Y Ont & W	55¼	55	55	55¼
6,400	Norfolk & West	84⅝	84⅛	84⅛	84½
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	92	94
1,300	North American	102⅝	101½	102¼	102¾
9,000	Northern Secur	159¾	158½	158⅞	159⅛
.....	Omaha	.....	.....	190	200
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	190	205
.....	O S L 4s	.....	.....	97½	97⅞
.....	Pacific Coast	.....	.....	93	94
.....	Do 1st pfd	.....	.....	108	108
.....	Do 2d pfd	.....	.....	93½	94
3,300	Pacific Mail	47½	46	46½	46¾
59,500	Penn R R Co	144	143¼	143½	143⅝
3,700	People's Gas	110¼	110⅛	110½	110⅝
100	P C C & St L	80	80	80½	87
1,400	Pressed Steel C	37⅝	36⅞	37½	37½
400	Do pfd	88½	88	88⅝	88⅞
.....	Pullman Cal Co	.....	.....	241	245
300	Ry Steel Spr Co	35½	35	35	35¼
100	Do pfd	96½	96½	95½	96½
122,300	Reading	99⅝	98½	98⅝	98¾
1,300	Do 1st pfd	91⅝	91	91⅞	92
2,900	Do 2d pfd	92	91	91	92
1,600	Republic S & I	19¼	18½	19	19⅝
1,300	Do pfd	77	76	76¼	77
700	Rubber Goods	25⅞	25½	25½	25⅞
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	92½	92¾
500	Sloss, Sh S&I Co	90½	89¾	90½	91
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	109	109½
.....	St J & G I	.....	.....	15	16½
.....	Do 1st pfd	.....	.....	50	55
.....	Do 2d pfd	.....	.....	25½	28
.....	StL & SF 1st pfd	.....	.....	80¼	80¾
2,000	Do 2d pfd	71¾	71¼	71¼	71½
.....	St L & S W	.....	.....	25¾	26¼
.....	Do pfd	62½	62¼	62¼	62¾
68,900	Southern Pac	71¼	69¾	70½	70⅝
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	118¾	119
7,400	Southern Ry	35¾	35½	35⅝	35¾
100	Do pfd	99	99	98⅝	99
.....	Standard Oil	.....	.....	615	620
.....	Standard R & T	.....	.....	1¼	1½
4,400	Tenn Coal & I	90	87⅞	89⅝	89½
.....	Texas P L T Co	.....	.....	40	41
5,200	Texas Pacific	39½	39⅛	39¼	39⅝
.....	Third Avenue	.....	.....	131½	132½
100	Toledo R & T Co	26	26	26	26¼
200	Toledo St L & W	36½	36¼	35½	36¼
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	52½	53¾
600	Twin City R T	109¼	108¾	109¼	109¾
400	Union Bag & P	12½	12½	12⅝	13
500	Do pfd	78½	78	77¾	79
112,000	Union Pacific	134⅞	133⅝	133⅞	134
100	Do pfd	99¾	99¾	99	99¾
.....	Do conv 4s	.....	.....	135¼	135¾
.....	Union Copper	.....	.....	8	8½
1,400	United R of S F	39	38	38¾	39¼
1,100	Do pfd	80	79½	79¾	80
.....	Do 4s	.....	.....	89¼	90
4,200	U S Cast Iron P	31⅝	31⅛	31	31¼
2,500	Do pfd	89¼	88	88¾	89
.....	U S Express	.....	.....	130	133
4,200	U S Leather	12⅝	12	12¼	12⅝
3,200	Do pfd	105⅛	104⅝	105	105⅛
.....	U S Realty & C	.....	.....	96½	97
400	U S R & R Co	26½	26	26¼	27
1,800	Do pfd	51¼	49	50¾	51¼
3,600	U S Rubber	43¼	42½	42¼	43
1,100	Do pfd	113¾	113⅝	113	113½
48,400	U S Steel Cor	36¾	36¼	36½	36⅝
24,200	Do pfd	96¼	95¾	95⅞	96
1,300	Va-Car Chem Co	37	36⅝	35½	36
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	107½	108
.....	Wabash	23⅛	23	22⅞	23
.....	Do pfd	47¼	47	46¾	47
.....	Do deb Bs	.....	.....	70¾	71¼
.....	Wells Fargo Ex	.....	.....	250	260
.....	Western Union	.....	.....	93¾	94
1,200	Westinghouse	182	180½	182	182½
.....	Do 1st pfd	.....	.....	192	199
100	W & L E	18¾	18¾	18¾	19
200	Do 1st pfd	45¾	45	45¼	46
700	Do 2d pfd	26	26	26¼	27½
600	Wisconsin Cen	24⅛	24	24	24¾
300	Do pfd	52⅝	52⅝	52¼	52½

1,394,000—Total shares sold.

New York Bonds.

U S ref 2s reg	104⅜	Japan 6s, cert	102¼
Do coupon	104⅞	L & N unified 4s	103½
Do 3s reg	104¾	Man con gold 4s	106½
Do coupon	104¾	Mex Central 4s	76½
Do new 4s reg	132½	Do 1st inc	25⅝
Do coupon	132½	Minn & St L 4s	96½
Do old 4s reg	104½	M, K & Texas 4s	100½
Do coupon	105½	Do 2ds	85¾
Amer Tob 4s	75½	NR of Mex con 4s	83
Do 6s	117	N Y C gen 3½s	100⅝
Atch gen 4s	104½	N J C gen 5s	136
Do adj 4s	97	Nor Pacific 4s	105½
Atlantic C L 4s	102	Do 3s	77
Balt & Ohio 4s	105	Nor & W con 4s	103⅜
Do 3½s	95¼	O S L refdg 4s	97⅝
Central of Ga 5s	115	Pa conv 3½s	105⅝
Do 1st inc	95¼	Reading gen 4s	102
Do 2d inc	68	S L & I M con 5s	118⅜
Ches Mid 4½s	101½	S L & S F fg 4s	92¼
Chi & Alton 3½s	82	St L S W con 4s	83
C, B & Q new 4s	100¼	Seaboard A L 4s	91
C, R I & Pac 4s	82½	So Pacific 4s	95½
Do col 5s	94¾	So Railway 5s	119½
C,C,C & SLgn 4s	102¾	Tex & Pac 1sts	122¼
Chi Term 4s	97	Tol, St L & W 4s	86
Colo Midland 4s	77	Union Pacific 4s	106
Colo & So 4s	93	Do conv 4s	135⅞
Cuba 5s, cert	104⅞	U S Steel 2d 5s	95
Den & Rio G 4s	101	Wabash 1sts	118½
Dist Securities 5s	79¾	Do deb B	71
Erie prior lien 4s	101½	Western Md 4s	92½
Do gen 4s	93	W & L Erie 4s	93
F W & D C 1sts	110¼	Wis Central 4s	94
Hock Val 4½s	110½		

New York Mining Stocks.

Adams Con	20	Little Chief	06
Alice	75	Ontario	3 75
Breece	25	Ophir	6 50
Bruns Con	06	Phoenix	06
Com Tunnel	08	Potosi	15
Con Cal & Va	1 65	Savage	22
Horn Silver	1 75	Sierra Nevada	45
Iron Silver	2 60	Small Hopes	2 00
Leadville Con	03	Standard	1 75

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

Money—		U S Steel	35¼
Call loans	3@3½	Do pfd	95⅞
Time loans	3¾@4½	Westing Common	90¼
Bonds—		Mining—	
Atchison 4s	102¼	Adventure	6
Do adj 4s	96½	Allouez	22¾
Mex Central 4s	75	Amal Copper	80¼
Railroads—		Atlantic	16¾
Atchison	92¾	Bingham	31½
Do pfd	104	Calumet & Hecla	675
Boston & Albany	253	Centennial	19⅝
Boston & Maine	182	Copper Range	73
Boston Elev	155	Daly West	16¼
Fitchburg pfd	140	Dom Coal	62½
Mex Central	24⅝	Franklin	7¼
N Y, N H & H	206¼	Granby	5¼
Union Pacific	133⅞	Isle Royale	25
Miscellaneous—		Mass Mining	12¾
Amer Arge Chem	20¼	Michigan	14¾
Amer Pneu Tube	5	Mohawk	56
Amer Sugar	143⅝	Mont Coal & Coke	3¼
Do pfd	139¼	Old Dominion	27⅝
Amer Tel & Tel	145¾	Osceola	94
Amer Woolen	27¼	Parrot	24
Do pfd	101¾	Quincy	107
Dom Iron & S	24¼	Shannon	7⅝
Ed Elect Illum	250	Tamarack	130
Gen Electric	186	Trinity	10¾
Mass Electric	18¼	U S Mining	25
Do pfd	64¾	U S Oil	9¾
Mass Gas	44¾	Utah	.....
United Fruit	112¼	Victoria	4¾
Un Shoe Mach	84	Winona	13¾
Do pfd	33¼	Wolverine	117

London Closing Stocks.

Cons for money	91¼	N Y Central	162
Do for acct	91¼	Nor & Western	86¾
Anaconda	6¼	Do pfd	94
Atchison	96	Ont & Western	28¾
Do pfd	106¾	Pennsylvania	73¾
Balt & Ohio	113¼	Rand Mines	10¾
Can Pacific	149¾	Reading	51
Ches & Ohio	52¼	Do 1st pfd	47
Chi, Mil & St P	183¼	Do 2d pfd	47
Chi Great West	23¼	So Railway	36⅝
De Beers	18¼	Do pfd	100¾
Den & Rio G	34¼	So Pacific	71¼
Do pfd	91¼	Union Pacific	138¼
Erie	49	Do pfd	102
Do 1st pfd	84¼	U S Steel	37¼
Do 2d pfd	72	Do pfd	98¼
Ill Central	163¼	Wabash	24
Louis & Nash	146	Do pfd	47¾
M, K & Texas	32¾	Spanish 4s	91¼

Bar silver—Firm, 27 5-16d per ounce.
Money—2¼@2¾ per cent.
The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2¾ per cent, and for three months' bills 2⅛@2¼ per cent.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—To-day's statement of the treasury balances shows: Available cash balance, $142,274,807; gold, $56,850,264.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 9.—COTTON—Futures steady. March, 7.48c; May, 7.54c; June, 7.49c; July, 7.50c; August, 7.53c; September, 7.58c; October, 7.60c.

Futures closed steady. March, 7.37c; April, 7.42c; May, 7.46c; June, 7.43c; July, 7.43c; August, 7.46c; September, 7.48c.

Spot closed quiet. Middling uplands, 7.90c; middling gulf, 8.15c. Sales, 140 bales.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, March 9.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,000 barrels; exports, 11,100 barrels; dull and barely steady; Minnesota patents, $5 85@6 30.

WHEAT—Receipts, 1900 bushels; spot, steady; No. 2 red, nominal elevator; No. 2 red, $1 18¾ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1 23¼ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, $1 10 f. o. b. afloat. There was plenty of fluctuation to wheat prices to-day and active covering at times by recent short sellers. Demand for new crop months was based on fears of a cold wave. Options were firm at the start. The market sustained a bad break under liquidation, followed by a recovery, the close being ⅝c lower to ¼c net higher. May, $1 11⅛@1 13¼, closed at $1 13; July, 97⅞@98⅞c, closed at 98½c; September, 90@90⅝c, closed at 90½c.

HOPS—Steady.

PETROLEUM—Steady.

HIDES—Quiet.

WOOL—Quiet.

SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 4 9-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 5 1-16c; molasses sugar, 4 5-16c. Refined, quiet.

COFFEE—Spot, quiet; futures closed steady at a net loss of 10@15 points; total sales were 86,500 bags; May, 6.30@6.40c; July, 6.45@6.60c; September, 6.75@6.80c; December, 6.90@7c.

BUTTER—Weak. Western factory, common to extra, 18@22c; Western imitation creamery, common to extra, 20@23c.

CHEESE—Unchanged.

EGGS—Unchanged.

DRIED FRUITS.

EVAPORATED APPLES—The market shows no material change. Common are quoted at 4@5½c; prime, 5½@6c; choice, 6@6½c; fancy, 7c.

PRUNES—Continue to improve in point of activity, but show no material change in price, so far as the local spot situation is concerned. Quotations range from 2c to 5⅞c, according to grade.

APRICOTS—Are firmly held at recent figures. Choice are quoted at 10½@11c; extra choice, 11½@12½c; fancy, 12@15c.

PEACHES—Are ruling firm, choice quoted at 10@10¼c; extra choice, 10½@10¾c; fancy, 11½@12c.

RAISINS—Remain quiet as a rule, without change in prices. Loose Muscatels are quoted at 4¼@6¼c; London layers at $1 65@1 25 and seeded raisins from 5½c to 6¾c.

New York Metal Market.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The London tin market was firmer again to-day, closing at £133 17s 6d for spot, and £132 15s for futures. The renewal of strength abroad had its influence on the local market, which was firm, with spot quoted $29@29 25.

Copper was also higher in the English market, closing at £68 17s 6d for spot and £68 15s for futures. Locally the market was unchanged, with Lake quoted at $15 37½@15 50; electrolytic, $15 25@15 37½, and casting at $14 87½@15 25.

Lead was unchanged at £12 5s in London, and at $4 45@4 60 in the local market.

Spelter was unchanged in both markets, also closing at £24 in London, and at $6 15@6 35 in New York.

Iron closed at 50s in Glasgow and 50s 1½d in Middlesboro. Locally iron was firm and unchanged; No. 1 foundry northern quoted at $17 95@18 25; No. 2 foundry northern, $17 50@18; No. 1 foundry southern and No. 1 foundry southern soft, at $17 75@18 25.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

Future Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, March 9.—During the first part of the day the wheat market was extremely nervous. The opening was strong, with May up ¼@⅜c to ⅝@1c, at $1 13⅜@1 14; July was up ⅛@⅜c, at 94½c. Shorts and commission houses were active buyers of May. Small receipts in the northwest had considerable influence on initial trading. Shortly after the opening buying orders suddenly dwindled and a severe break in prices occurred. May dropped to $1 12⅝c, while July sold off to 93⅝c. On the theory that the new crop may yet be seriously damaged by frosts, commission houses turned active buyers, causing a quick rally to 94½c. Shorts bought freely of May, forcing the price of that option up to $1 14. For a time the price of May fluctuated nervously, changes of ¼@½c being recorded between trades. Late in the day the fear of damage by cold weather seemed to be the dominating influence. The market became quite firm, with May showing the greatest strength