

ON WALL STREET.

Prices Fractionally Better Than at the Close Friday.

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Specialists on the Gazette.

New York, Feb. 24.—Silver, 95 1/2.

Sterling—Unchanged; 4.88 1/4.

Coffee—Spot lots steady; fair Rio cargoes, 22c. Futures closed 5 to 10 points higher.

Sugar—Raw, quiet but steady; refined, dull.

Cotton—Spot lots, quiet; middling uplands, 11 1/2-16c.

Wool—Dull but steady, with prices fairly stable.

Wheat—Options were dull and irregular and closed weak at 1/2 to 3/4 decline. Spot lots closed dull.

Flour—Firm, fairly active; Buenos Aires, 12c; 12 1/2c; 13c; 14c; 15c; 16c; 17c; 18c; 19c; 20c; 21c; 22c; 23c; 24c; 25c; 26c; 27c; 28c; 29c; 30c; 31c; 32c; 33c; 34c; 35c; 36c; 37c; 38c; 39c; 40c; 41c; 42c; 43c; 44c; 45c; 46c; 47c; 48c; 49c; 50c; 51c; 52c; 53c; 54c; 55c; 56c; 57c; 58c; 59c; 60c; 61c; 62c; 63c; 64c; 65c; 66c; 67c; 68c; 69c; 70c; 71c; 72c; 73c; 74c; 75c; 76c; 77c; 78c; 79c; 80c; 81c; 82c; 83c; 84c; 85c; 86c; 87c; 88c; 89c; 90c; 91c; 92c; 93c; 94c; 95c; 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 100c.

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—Cotton—St. Louis dropped 1/2c and closed steady.

Other spot markets closed quiet, steady and unchanged at former quotations.

The future markets displayed weakness, and all closed slightly lower.

Liverpool futures opened easy a point off, ruled dull at the decline and closed steady, a point lower than last closing on all deliveries.

New York futures opened quiet but steady, 2 to 3 points lower, ruled quiet but firm and steady at the decline and closed easy, 2 to 4 points lower than last closing.

New Orleans futures opened steady 2 to 4 points off, ruled quiet but firm at an advance of 2 to 3 points over last close, closed steady at a decline from Friday's closing of 1 to 2 points on all deliveries.

Wool, soured and unsoured steady and unchanged, with no transactions.

Coffee firm at former quotations. Sugar, unchanged with fair demand and ample stocks.

GOVERNMENTS, STOCKS AND BONDS.

New York, Feb. 24.—The stock market to-day was moderately active and displayed quite a strong tone in comparison with last week, and prices this evening are generally fractionally better than at the close Friday.

Considerable irregularity existed in early dealings, but the fractional advance was followed by reaction which reached only small fractions except in coal stocks, in which the bears tried to take advantage of the weakness of coal to depress.

The effect was without conspicuous success, and prices again rallied, while the market was especially strong with the rest of the list following.

Tennessee coal and iron dropped from 6 1/2 to 5 1/2 and later to 5 1/4, though in the final trading a recovery to 5 1/2 was accomplished.

The market was quiet but firm at the close, with most of the day's gains near the best prices of the day.

Foreign markets show a large majority of fractional advances, and Chicago, St. Louis and Pittsburg preferred was up 1/4, Burlington and Quincy 1/4 and Rock Island 1/4.

At to-day's market English wheats were bid firm and India wheat in sellers' hands. California on the special was firm.

Flour was slow, American corn was weak, barley and oats were steady.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—At the wool sales to-day there were offered 10,147 bales, comprising fair selections. There was little attendance, but the market was active.

There was keen competition for Australian, especially Victoria medium freasy, prices of which were in sellers' favor.

Daily in the series prices declined 5 per cent., but afterwards were steadier, and market closed with better tone.

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