WITH BULLS AND BEARS.

The Buyers at the Chicago Board Neither Numerous Nor Enthusiastic Yesterday.

Fine Weather and More Pacific Cables Check the Bull Movements of the Past Week.

The Entire Speculative List Opens Easier and Closes Somewhat Lower and Weak.

Stocks on Wall Street Betray a Tendency Toward Weakness—Manipulators at Work.

Chicago.

Special to the Globe.

CHICAGO, March 31.—A somewhat unusual conjunction of favorable weather news and pacific war advices gave the bears the early call, and effectually overbalanced the comparatively insignificant decrease of 371,497 bushels in the visible wheat supply. The opening was decidedly off, and the lightness of the orders from the outside aided the feeling of weakness. From the first it was a traders' day, with nothing very encouraging in his favor, as buyers were neither numerous nor enthusiastic. The increase in the corn supply weakened that product slightly, and provisions remained dull and nominally unchanged. Wheat was again very weak at the opening, the crowd

APPEARING TO BE ALL SELLERS.

The first regular trading was at about 1c below the closing prices of yesterday afternoon, quotations being about 75c for April, 80c for May, 81⅞c for June, and some scattering bids for July at 83¼c. A sharp advance in consols, together with much milder and more spring-like weather were causes which principally induced free offerings, and short sellers who had outstanding contracts showing some profit were about the only early buyers. The demand from this source continued liberal enough to produce a slight reaction, and during the first half of the session an advance of ⅜c from inside opening figures occurred. This, however, brought renewed offerings on outside limited orders and local operators also who believe in lower prices in the near future

APPEARED ANXIOUS TO SELL.

Weakness again followed these offerings, and the market receded to the lowest point thus far touched, closing at 1 o'clock weak and unsettled. New York was without strength, and prices there dropped in about the same proportion as our own. The foreign markets were flat, private advices by cable representing both wheat and flour as freely offered at previous quotations, without finding buyers. Crop news was somewhat more favorable, although nothing was heard from sections recently reported as being seriously damaged. Reports from Nebraska report the seeding of spring wheat as having progressed to the extent of 65 to 70 per cent., with some increased acreage. Whatever may be the actual condition of the winter wheat crop generally, it is thought that with the advent of seasonable weather and warm rains we will hear of more favorable prospects than those recently reported, and in that event the weight of our heavy stocks again will become a

MORE PROMINENT FACTOR

in values, and further decline follow. The decrease in the visible supply had no perceptible effect in stimulating the demand, the more peaceful European outlook having been the controlling feature to-day. Should a chance of war recede still further, and the supply and demand once more exert a regulating influence in prices, a lower range will probably be reached, as good buying is not expected until stocks now in store show definite signs of depletion. This afternoon the feeling was again easier and prices were a shade lower. At the close there were sellers at the inside of the day, which was 1¼c below the closing figures of yesterday. The closing figures were 74½c for March and April, 79⅜c for May and 81⅜c for June. Up to the regular close the day was one of unusual dullness, the circumstances that it was the wind up of the month adding to the general depression. Only the well-grounded belief that wheat was a good purchase at 80c, to have and to hold, kept the cereal from dropping in a very sudden manner. "May the signal-service man who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb pity the granger when wheat is under 80c," said a transient bull when 79⅜c was touched, and as an evidence that his heart was

WITH THE HONEST PLOWMAN,

he at once bought 50,000 bushels at that figure, and in less than three minutes sold at ⅛c advance. His narrow margin of sympathy for the son of soil was a fair indication of the general feeling. There was nothing in sight to build on and heavy operators were well satisfied to stand quietly by and let things drift. The movement to close the board on election day is gaining friends and will probably be carried.

In sympathy with the weakness in wheat, corn opened rather easy, May selling at 41⅜c, or ¼c under yesterday's prices, declining to 41¼c, but recovered again, closing at just the same price as last night. The receipts were not as large as expected, a good part of Sunday's receipts being included in yesterday's inspection. The visible supply showed an increase of 700,000 bushels, which helped to

KEEP THE MARKET QUIET,

but throughout it showed a good deal of independence and closes up fully as strong as yesterday. Cash corn was weak at the opening, and prices about ¼c lower, but a large shipping demand set in at the decline, and most of it was recovered later. The closing figures were 37½c for March and April, 41⅜c for May, and 41⅞c for June.

Oats are heavy and about lifeless on a basis of 31⅛@31¼c for seller May. The high views of holders restrict transactions in cash. At the close prices were 27½c for March and April, 31¼c for May, and 31⅝c for June.

PROVISIONS RULED EASIER

at the opening, but there was some demand from short sellers, and the bulk of the day's trading was slightly over inside figures, the market dull and weak, prices about 5c lower, quality of receipts fair. Packers bought sparingly, as there is no money in packing for them. Pork opened quiet at $11.80 seller May, declined to $11.75, advanced to $11.85, and closed at $11.77½. The general disposition seems to be to force prices lower, one theory being that packers are trying to force out a big long—who holds a large part of the short ribs. Cash demand, however, is improving, and may soon not only help out the big bull, but may help the bears further into a hole. One thing is certain, packers say they can make no money at these prices. The active spirit was in the early part of the day, and the closing figures were

ABOUT HALF WAY ONES.

showing a decline of 22½c in May pork, 2½c in lard and 7½c in short ribs.

AT THE STOCK YARDS

the receipts of cattle were heavy, trade fair, and prices steady on fancy big cattle, but on ordinary shipping and dressed beef steers prices are from 15 to 20 cents lower than last week. Butchers' and farmers' stock is in active demand and 20 to 25 cents higher than last week. Receipts of hogs fair; dull, and 5 to 10 cents lower on ordinary run of packing and shipping sorts.

The Quotations.

Western Associated Press.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Flour was quiet and unchanged. Wheat, excited; ⅜@⅝c lower at the opening, declined ⅜c additional, rallied ⅜c, ruled quiet until near the close when it declined ⅛c and closed 1⅛c lower than yesterday; the foreign markets are reported dull and foreign securities higher, which induced the feeling of weakness; sales ranged: March, 74⅛@75⅛c, closed at 74⅛c; April, 74⅜@75⅜c, closed at 74⅜c; May, 79⅛@80⅛c, closed at 79⅛c; June, 81⅜@82c, closed at 81⅜c. Corn, quiet and a shade lower; cash, 37⅛@40⅛c; March, 37⅜@37½c, closed at 37½c; April, 37⅜@37½c, closed at 37½c; May, 41⅛@41⅜c, closed at 41⅜c. Oats, dull and ruled ⅛@⅜c lower; cash, 27⅛@30c; March and April, 27½c; May, 31⅛@31⅜c. Rye was dull at 62½c. Barley was dull and nominal at 62@63c. Flax seed quiet at $1.38@1.40. Pork, in fair demand; prices were easier and 15@20c lower early, rallied 5@10c, and closed steady; cash, $11.70@11.75; April, $11.67½@11.70; May, $11.75@11.82½, closed at $11.77½@11.80; June, $11.87½@11.98½, closed at $11.87½@11.90. Lard was in fair demand, but easier and 5@7½c lower early, rallied 2½@5c and closed steady; cash and April, $6.75; May, $6.80@6.85, closed at $6.80@6.82½; June, $6.87½@6.92½, closed at $6.90@6.92½. Bulk meats, in fair demand; shoulders, $4.50@4.60; short ribs, $7.90; short clear, $6.40@6.45. On the produce exchange butter was unchanged; creamery, 24@25½c; dairy, 20@22c. Eggs, unchanged.

Receipts, 28,000 barrels of flour; 72,000 bushels of wheat; 276,000 bushels of corn; 126,000 bushels of oats; 4,000 bushels of rye; 37,000 bushels of barley. Shipments, 40,000 barrels of flour; 21,000 bushels of wheat; 197,000 bushels of corn; 75,000 bushels of oats; 2,000 bushels of rye; 24,000 bushels of barley.

2:30 p.m. On the afternoon board wheat was easier and April declined ⅜c, May declined ⅛c. Corn was steady and advanced ⅛c. Oats were unchanged. Pork was easy and declined 2½c. Lard was unchanged.

M. Doran's Reports.

ST. PAUL, March 31.—The following quotations, giving the range of the markets during the day, were received by M. Doran, Commission Merchant:

WHEAT.

	New York.		Chicago.	
	April.	May.	April.	May.
Yest'y close	90	91⅜	75¾	80⅜
Opening	89⅝	90¾	75⅛	80
9:40 A. M.	89⅛	90½	74¾	79⅝
9:50 "	89	90⅜	75⅛	80
10:00 "	89⅛	90½	75	79⅞
10:10 "	89¼	90⅝	74⅞	79¾
10:20 "	89⅜	90⅝	75⅛	80
10:30 "	89⅜	90¾	75	79⅞
10:40 "	89¼	90⅝	74⅞	79¾
10:50 "	89⅜	90¾	74⅞	79¾
11:00 "	89¼	90⅝	74⅞	79¾
11:10 "	89½	90⅞	75⅛	80
11:20 "	89⅜	91	75	80
11:30 "	89¾	90¾	75	79⅞
11:40 "	89⅝	91	74⅞	79⅝
11:50 "	89⅝	90⅞	75	79⅞
12:00 M.	89½	90¾	74⅞	79¾
12:10 "	89½	90¾	75	79⅞
12:20 "	89⅝	90⅞	74⅞	79¾
12:30 "	89¼	90½	74¾	79⅜
12:40 "	88⅞	90¾	74¾	79½
12:50 "	89	90¼	74⅝	79½
1:00 "	89	90¼	74⅝	79½
2:00 "	....	....	74½	79⅜
2:15 "	....	....	74⅜	79¼
2:30 "	....	....	74½	79⅜

CORN, OATS AND PORK—CHICAGO.

Time.	Corn.		Oats.		Pork.	
	Apr	May	Apr	May	Apr	May
Yest'y close	37⅜	41½	27¾	31⅞	11 82½	11 95
Opening.	37⅜	41⅜	27⅛	31¼	11 70	11 80
9:40 A. M.	37¼	41¼	27	31⅛	11 67½	11 77½
9:50 "	37⅜	41⅜	27⅛	31⅛	11 65	11 75
10:00 "	37¼	41¼	27¼	31⅜	11 67½	11 77½
10:10 "	37⅜	41⅜	27⅛	31⅛	11 70	11 80
10:20 "	37⅛	41⅛	27¼	31⅜	11 70	11 80
10:30 "	37⅛	41⅛	27¼	31⅜	11 70	11 80
10:40 "	37½	41⅜	27⅛	31¼	11 72½	11 82½
10:50 "	37⅜	41½	27¼	31⅜	11 70	11 80
11:00 "	37⅜	41½	27	31⅛	11 72½	11 82½
11:10 "	37½	41¼	27	31⅛	11 70	11 80
11:20 "	37⅝	41½	26⅞	31	11 67½	11 77½
11:30 "	37½	41⅜	27	31⅛	11 72½	11 82½
11:40 "	37⅝	41½	27⅛	31¼	11 70	11 80
11:50 "	37½	41⅜	27⅛	31¼	11 72½	11 77½
12:00 M.	37⅝	41½	27	31⅛	11 65	11 75
12:10 P. M.	37½	41⅜	27⅛	31⅛	11 67½	11 72½
12:20 "	37⅜	41¼	27¼	31⅜	11 70	11 80
12:30 "	37¼	41⅜	27⅛	31¼	11 72½	11 82½
12:40 "	37½	41⅜	27½	31⅛	11 70	11 80
12:50 "	37⅛	41½	27⅜	31¼	11 67½	11 80
1:00 "	37½	41⅜	27½	31¼	11 65	11 80
2:00 "	37½	41⅜	27½	31¼	11 65	11 80
2:15 "	37⅜	41½	27½	31¼	11 60	11 75
2:30 "	37½	41½	27½	31¼	11 65	11 80
3:30 "	....	....	....	....	.....	.....

CHICAGO CLOSING.

March wheat.....74½	March corn.....37½
June wheat.....81⅜	June corn.....41⅞
July wheat.....83⅛	July corn.....43
March pork....11 65	March oats.....27½
June pork.....11 90	June oats.....31⅝
July pork.....12 00	

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Flour was dull; receipts, 26,000 barrels; exports, 4,100 barrels; superior state and Western, $2.60@3.10; common to good, extra, $3@3.35; good to choice, $3.40@3.50; extra Ohio, $3@5.25; St. Louis, $3@5.25; Minnesota patent process, $4.75@5.50. Wheat, spot grades declined 1@1½c and options 1@1⅜c, closing at lowest figures ruling weak; Receipts, 48,000 bushels; exports, 84,000 bushels; No. 2 spring, 90c; No. 3, Milwaukee c. i. f., 86½@87c; ungraded red, 91¾@92c; No. 3 red, 87c; No. 2 red, 90@91¾c; No. 1 white, 90c; No. 2 red April sales, 248,000 bushels at 88⅝@89⅞c, closing at 88⅜c; May sales, 1,864,000 bushels at 90@90¾c, closing at 90c; June sales, 872,000 bushels at 91⅛@92¼c, closing at 91½c; July sales, 240,000 bushels at 92¾@93¼c, closing at 92¾c. August, sales, 8,000 at 93½c, closing at 93½c; October sales, 8,000 bushels at 95⅝c; December sales, 16,000 bushels at 98¾ @99¼c closing at 98¾c. Corn, spot lots declined ¼@½c and options declined ⅜@¾c, closing depressed; receipts, 199,000 bushels; exports, 90,000 bushels; ungraded, 48¾@50¾c; No. 3, 49¼@49½c; steamer 49@50½c; No. 2, 49¼@50¼c; steamer yellow, 50½c; do white, 51c; low mixed 49c; No. 2 March, 49¼@49⅝c; April, 49⅛@49½c, closing at 49⅛c; May, 49¾@50c, closing at 49¾c; June, 50@50⅛c, closing at 50c; July, 51@51¼c, closing at 51c; steamer, April, 49c. Oats were ¼@½c lower, closing heavy; receipts, 80,000 bushels; exports, 95 bushels; mixed western, 37@38c; white western, 38@41c. Coffee, spot was fair and Rio was dull; options were about 10 points lower and very dull; sales, 80,000 bags; April, $7.20@7.25; May, $7.30@7.35; June, $7.40@7.45; July, $7.50@7.55; August, $7.60; September $7.70. Sugar was quiet; refined dull and weak; white, extra A, 5 1-16@5¼c; off A, 5⅜c; confectioners' A, 5¾@5⅞c; powdered, 6c. Molasses was quiet and unchanged. Rice was active but weak and lower. Petroleum was steady; united, 81¼c; refined, 7⅞@8c. Tallow was dull and weak at 5⅞c. Rosin was dull. Cut meats were dull and nominal; long clear middles, 6½c. Lard was heavy, contract grade, spot, quoted at $7.10@7.12½; April, $7.07@7.08; May, $7.12@7.15; June, $7.19@7.23; July, $7.27@7.28; August, $7.33@7.35. Butter was dull and heavy. Cheese was steady and in moderate demand. Other articles were unchanged.

Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, March 31.—Flour was dull and unchanged. Wheat was quiet; No. 2, 76¼c; March, 73⅜c; April, 73⅜c; May, 78½c; June, 82¼c. Corn, very quiet; No. 2, 41@42c. Oats, very dull; No. 2, 32@32½c. Rye was dull and lower; No. 1, 67½c. Barley was dull but firm; No. 2, 57⅜c; extra No. 3, 53c. Provisions were lower; mess pork sold at $11.73 cash and March; $11.83, May. Lard, prime steam, $6.73 cash and March; $6.82½ May. Live hogs were lower at $4.25@4.55. Butter, the best quality was in fair demand; choice creamery 26@27c; fair to good, 20@24c; best dairy, 18@20c. Cheese was quiet; best new cream, 11½@12c. Eggs were lower at 12½@13c. Receipts, 8,107 barrels of flour; 36,685 bushels of wheat; 17,830 bushels of barley. Shipments, 10,610 barrels of flour; 20,365 bushels of wheat; 10,350 bushels of barley.

Duluth Wheat.

Special to the Globe.

DULUTH, March 31.—The wheat market here to-day was very quiet with fair trading in the morning, and an easier feeling prevailed in the afternoon. There were orders on the floor for a large amount in round lots, and trading was fairly active, but it was the disposition on the part of holders to wait for better prices. The market opened ⅛c lower and had declined 1⅛@2c at the close. Noon call board: No. 1 hard, cash, 80½c; May, 82⅝c; June, 84c; No. 2 northern, May, 75½c. Afternoon call: No. 1 hard, May, 82⅜c; June, 84c. Sales of the day 5,000 bushels of No. 1 hard, May, 83⅜c; 15,000 bushels of No. 1 hard, May, 83¼c; 215,000 of No. 1 hard, May, in lots, 83c; 2 cars of No. 2 hard, cash, 78c; 1 car of No. 1 northern, cash, 78½c; 2 cars of No. 1 hard, cash, 81c; 1 car of No. 3, cash, 70½c, all fresh receipts; 45,000 bushels of No. 1 hard, May, 82¾c; 10,000 bushels of No. 1 hard, May, 82⅝c; 10,000 bushels of No. 1 northern, May, 79½. Receipts, 12,000 bushels; in store, 6,051,794.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, March 31.—The Drovers' Journal reports: Hogs, receipts, 15,000 head; shipments, 6,000 head; the market was weak and 10c lower; rough packing, $4.25@4.40; packing and shipping, $4.40@4.65; light grades, $4.25@4.65; skips, $3.50@4.25. Cattle, receipts, 7,500 head; shipments, 3,000 head; the market was slow and best grades steady; steers, 1,050 to 1,200 lbs $4.23@4.90; 1,200 to 1,500 lbs, $4.95@5.90; Texans, $4@5. Sheep, receipts, 6,000 head, shipments, 2,000 head; the market was slow; common to medium, $2.75@4.75; choice, $4.25@4.75.

FINANCIAL.

New York.

Special to the Globe.

NEW YORK, March 31.—At the stock exchange the market opened ⅛@⅜ lower and was heavy. A few manipulated stocks advanced a little during the first hour, but the effort proved to be a feeble one, West Shore bonds seemed the weakest thing on the list at the opening and very soon sold down to 31½. The plan of reorganizing to make these old bonds simply preferred stock of course greatly lessens their value, and holders are getting rid of them at the best rates possible. After a little Central Pacific gave way and sold down to 29¼. The Northern Pacific were also weak and lower, the common stock selling off to 76¾ and the preferred to 39⅜. Union Pacific was in the lead and early went up to 42¾. St. Paul touched 69¼ and rallied feebly. Northwestern early was off to 93⅛, and recovered about half a point. Western Union was very quiet but steady at 57. The Vanderbilts were lower under heavy selling at the opening. New York Central struck 88 and Lake Shore 59¼ during the morning. The latter road is not

EARNING ITS FIXED CHARGES,

so it was said, while the Nickel Plate bond holders have banded themselves for protection against the Lake Shore demands. Pacific Mail was pretty well sustained on the theory that a more vigorous prosecution of the Franco-Chinese war will be a help to it. Erie seconds were again weak. It was wired from Wall street that the whole market would be a good sale but for the movements of the White party. Reading was off to 73½, but Lackawanna was sustained. Mr. Vanderbilt says the reorganization of the Lake Shore will make no difference in the policy of the Central, and he would rather stop his dividends

THAN QUIT THE FIGHT.

He did not believe the new issue of bonds would be any better than the old ones. Mr. Gould is said to be giving the market at present no active support. It seems to be pretty well settled that the next Northwestern dividend will be 3½ per cent., as 3 per cent. is bid for it in large quantities. It is said that some important

FACTS WILL BE BROUGHT OUT

when the full annual report of the Lake Shore is made, and this operates against the stock. The earnings of Illinois Central for the first week in March increased $33,000. There was a little trading in Pullman at 112½@113, the first transactions in several days. In the final dealings the market picked up all around, and closed dull but quite firm for all leading shares.

Western Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Governments dull and firm without change in quotations, except for 3 per cents, which are ¼ per cent. higher.

State Securities—A little more active, and quotations in some cases a shade lower.

Railroad Bonds—Quiet, except for Erie 2nds, West Shore 2nds and Nickel Plate 1sts, and prices this afternoon show some improvement.

Stocks—The market continues extremely dull and presents little of special interest. The extreme fluctuations in Western Union Telegraph, Lake Shore, New York Central and New Jersey Central were 1 per cent., in Central Pacific 1⅛ per cent., and for the remainder of the list less than 1 per cent. throughout the entire day. The announcement was made in the afternoon that the steel rail mills, twelve in number, under control of the Thomas Iron company, were shut down yesterday on account of the demoralized condition, the president of the company saying he declined to quote steel rails any longer, as the price had declined as low as $25.50 per ton at the mill, which was materially below cost of production. He thought other mills would follow the example. The announcement had little if any immediate effect on the market, however.

The transactions amounted to 160,000 shares: Delaware, Lackawanna & Western 21,000, Lake Shore 15,000, Chicago & Northwestern 12,000, New York Central 12,000, Pacific Mail 15,000, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul 13,000, Union Pacific 14,000, Western Union Telegraph 15,100, Northern Pacific 15,000.

QUOTATIONS OF STOCKS AND BONDS,

Stocks and bonds closed at the following prices bid.

Three per cents	101½	Lake Shore.....	60
4½s coupons....	112¼	Louisville & N...	31¼
U. S. new 4s....	122⅜	L., N. A. & C....	23½
Pacific 6s of '95..	125	M. & C. 1st pfd..	19
C. P. Bonds, 1sts.	112½	do 2d pref'd...	5
Erie seconds.....	54⅞	Memphis & C....	36
Lehigh & W....	92½	Mich. Central....	55
La. consols.....	74½	Minn's & St. L...	11½
Missouri 6s.....	103½	do preferred...	25
St. Joe.....	115	Missouri Pacific..	90⅞
St. P. & S. C. 1sts.	119½	Mobile & Ohio...	8
Tenn. 6s, old....	48	Morris & Essex..	118½
Tenn. 6s, new....	47¾	N., C. & St. L....	39
Tex. P. grant B.*	36	N. J. Central....	32⅝
do Rio G. div..	53	Norfolk & W. pf.	21
U. P. 1sts.....	113	Northern Pacific.	17⅜
do land grant..	108	do preferred...	39½
Sinking fund....	118	Northwestern....	93⅞
Virginia 6s.....	38	do preferred...	130¾
Consols¶.....	42	Ohio Central....	¾
Deferred.*.....	4½	N. Y. Central....	88⅞
Adams Express..	132	Ohio & Miss....	14¼
Allegheny Cent..	3½	do preferred...	45
Alton & T. H....	20	Ontario & West..	8½
do preferred..*	80	Oregon Nav.....	67½
American.....	91	Oregon Trans....	12⅝
B., C. R. & N....	60	Oregon Imp.....	29
Canadian Pacific.	37¼	Pacific Mail.....	51¾
Canada South'n..	29½	Panama.....	98
Central Pacific..	29½	Peoria, D. & E...	14⅛
Chesapeake & O.	5½	Pittsburg.....	139
do 1st pref'd...	9½	Pullman Pal. Car.	113¾
do 2d pref'd...	6½	Reading.....	13⅝
Chicago & Alt...	133½	Rock Island....	113
do preferred...	150	St. L. & S. F....	18⅛
C., B. & Q.....	122	do preferred...	33
C., St. L. & N. O.	83	do 1st pref'd...	81½
C., St. L. & Pitts..	7	Mil. & St. Paul...	69¾
do preferred...	15	do preferred...	107¼
C., S. & Cleve...	21	St. Paul & Man...	88½
Cleveland & Col..	33	St. Paul & Om'a..	24½
Delaware & H....	79½	do preferred..‡	84½
Del. & Lack.....	106¾	Texas Pacific....	11
Denver & R. G...	7½	Union Pacific....	42¾
Erie.....	12¼	United States....	52
do preferred...	20	W., St. L. & P....	4¾
East T., V. & G..	8½	do preferred...	11
do preferred..	6	Wells & Fargo...	108½
Fort Wayne.....	126	Western U. T....	56⅝
Han. & St. Joe...	38	Colorado Coal....	10¼
do preferred..*	88½	Deadwood.....	4
Harlem.....	194	Homestake.....	10½
Houston & Tex..	13	Iron Silver.....	115
Illinois Central...	124½	Ontario.....	17
Ind., B. & West..	12	Quicksilver.....	4
Kansas & Texas..	17¾	do preferred...	25
Lake Erie & W..	13¾	Sutro.....	14

¶Ex. mat. coup. *Asked. ‡Ex-div.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Trading in the mining market was principally in Bulwer and Standard Consolidated, both of which were weak, the former at 35@33@36@34, and the latter at 77@80@70@75. Consolidated Pacific sold at 60, Horn Silver 205 and Red Elephant 3.

Boston Railroad and Mining.

BOSTON, March 31.—Following are the closing prices at the Stock Exchange to-day:

Old Colony.....	155	L. R. & Ft. S. 7s..	105¾
Calumet & H....	160	N. Y. & N. E. 7s.	111⅝
Franklin.....	6	Atch. & Top. R.R.	69⅜
Quincy.....	29	Bost. & Albany..	174
Wis. Cent.....	12	Bost. & Maine...	174
Flint & P M pfd..	82	C., B. & Q.....	121⅝
Osceola.....	8	Cin., S. & Cleve..	102
Bell Telephone ..	227½	Eastern R. R....	46½
Water Power...	2½	Flint & P. M.....	14
Boston Land....	5⅜	L. R. & Ft. S....	30
Atch. & Top. 1st 7s	121	N. Y. & N. E....	16¾
Eastern R. R 6s.	119½		

San Francisco Mining.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—Mining stocks closed here to-day as follows:

Alta.....	25	Hale & Norcross.	600
Belcher.....	85	Mexican.....	50
Best & Belcher..	125	Ophir.....	55
Bodie Consol....	200	Potosi.....	90
California.....	212½	Savage.....	275
Chollar.....	45	Sierra Nevada....	45
Crown Point.....	100	Union Consol....	45
Eureka Con.....	400	Yellow Jacket...	212½
Gould & Curry...	100		

New York Money.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Money easy at 1 per cent., closing at 1. Prime mercantile paper 4@5 per cent. Sterling exchange, bankers' bills firmer at $4.84¾; do. ex. demand $4.87⅝.

Chicago.

Special to the Globe.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Counter business at the banks was a little more active to-day on account of the pleasant weather, but the long continued quiet of the general situation remains substantially unbroken. Whatever may be the state of business further along in the season, it is true that the usual spring activity is rather late in starting. The speculative markets were again weak and lower as a result of higher consols, and this fact had a somewhat depressing influence. New York exchange sold early at 50 cents premium, with a light outside demand. Currency shipments were fair and receipts light. Sterling exchange was higher, $4.85½@4.88. Bank clearings were $5,845,000 against $6,290,000 yesterday.

London Money and Stocks.

LONDON, March 31.—The following are the closing quotations here to-day:

Consols—		N. Y. Central....	90⅞
Money.....	97 15-16	Penn. Central....	55
For acc't.....	98 1-16	Reading.....	7¾
Erie.....	12⅜	Canadian Pacific..	38½
Erie seconds.....	55¾	Mil. & St. Paul...	69½

Amount of bullion gone in £20,000.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

While the aggregate sales of our wholesale dealers are fully up to those of last year the trade of the city seems to be a little backward, while no one seems to be able to give a very satisfactory reason for it. We are gratified to note a decided improvement in the dry goods trade during the past week. Quite a considerable number of buyers were in the market and their purchases were moderately large. Assortments selected were general, all kinds of goods receiving more or less attention. The order demand was active, all sections tributary to the market being heard from and their contributions were in the aggregate large. Unless the snowstorm which has just visited the Northwest should postpone operations the coming week gives promise of being the largest of the season. Stocks are now very complete, the assortments in all lines shown by our wholesale houses excelling in variety and beauty the efforts of previous seasons. No better evidence of the growth and development of the Northwest, not only in population but also in wealth and culture, can be obtained than by an examination of the stocks now carried by our wholesale dry goods merchants. Where a few years since only the strictly staple cheap fabrics, suitable to a poor, frontier demand, were to be seen, now can be found fine lines of dress fabrics, woolens, fine hosiery, underwear, shawls, sacks and the many numerous fancy items dear to every refined lady's heart. The richness and taste evinced in the collection of these stocks rival those of the oldest Eastern cities, and is the natural outgrowth of the demands upon our wholesale merchants for a higher grade and quality of goods. To our notion it must be some attraction outside of prices and assortments that would cause a country merchant to pass this market in favor of any further East, and the fact that the number that go further East every year grows less is the best evidence that the efforts of our merchants to make this the market of the Northwest are appreciated. Prices are without any material change. Cheviots are in very active demand with further advances in outside brands. The drug market is fairly active and sales are in advance of last year's sales at this time, but collections are a little backward. Bromine and its preparations have advanced. Quinine is unprecedentedly low. Clover seed and timothy seed are held at advanced prices for clean seed. Second quality can be bought always at cut prices. The sale of field seed is larger this year than ever before. The sale of sulphur and blue vitriol is also larger than any other year's sales. Messrs. Noyes Bros. & Cutler report 150 orders in hand yesterday from Minnesota, Iowa and Western Dakota, Montana and Washington territory. Some changes have taken place in quotations of groceries. Currants, Turkish prunes and Valencia raisins have declined ⅛c. Some grades of sugar have also declined. Powdered, granulated and standard have fallen off ⅛c. Business, though good and fully up to that of the same season last year, is not quite what our dealers expected. There seems to be a kind of backwardness, both in sales and in collections that was not expected. There is a kind of lacking in energy not heretofore experienced. Usually the grocery trade is the first and strongest to take hold of the spring business. The lumber trade still suffers from the arbitrary rate established southwest of Omaha by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Rock Island roads, which virtually shuts the Northwest out from all business in that region. Though this is not a vital blow to the lumber interests of the Northwest it is a very injurious one. One year ago nine-tenths of the lumber shipped from this locality was shipped to points south and southwest of Omaha. Under the present arrangement we cannot ship any at all there. In other respects the lumber business is active, with a good demand for all descriptions. Hardware is very active, and collections fair. Roofing has declined to $11.50. There is little to add to the statement of the situation as given in our review of the general aspect of the market in our last issue. A number of manufacturers in special lines report that they are doing a satisfactory trade, but the complaint is quite general that business is light and unremunerative. The continuance of cold weather has been frequently referred to as having a repressing effect upon trade, but when the season is fully opened it is expected that business will show a decided improvement. There are not many important changes to be noted, but the market does not show that firmness which it was hoped might characterize it at this time. The spring demand for barbed wire has not yet set in in this market, although a better inquiry is reported from the South and prices are firmer. Boots and shoes are without change, the activity in this line continuing right along regularly. Leather is fairly active with prices unchanged. Finished iron and steel is active, and there is a good demand for wagon builders' and wheelwrights' materials. This market is firming up though no advance has yet been made.

Dry Goods.

Brown Sheeting and Shirting—Hyde Park AAA 8c; Indian Head, 7¼c; Wachusett, 6¾c; Dominion, 7¾c; Endurance, 7c; Crown Stets, 7c; Honest width, 6¼; Badger State, LL, 5¼c; Greylock, LL, 5¼c; Lawrence, LL, 5¼c; Agawam, F, 5c; Cheese cloth, 3½@5c.

Fine Brown Sheeting—Pepperell, R, 6½c; Cast Iron, extra, 7¾c; Alpha B, 6¾c; Atlas o. n. B, 7c; Dwight Star, 6¾; Lockwood B, 6½; Badger State, R R, 6½; Cambria, 5½c; Echo Lake, 6½c.

Bleached Cottons—Wamsuttas and N Y Mills, 10½c; Fruit of Loom, 8¼c; Lonsdale, 7¾c; Lonsdale Cambric, 10½c; Hill S I, 7½c; The Bell, 10c; Imperial 100s 9½c; Cascade, 8c; Melrose, 8½c; Water Lily, 7¼c; Montclair, 7½c; Dexter, XX, 7c; Hercules, 6½c; Guilford, 6c; Best Yet, 6c.

Cheviots—Tonawanda, extra, 16½c; Germania, XX, 32 inch, 16c; Germania, XX, 12½c; do X, 11c; Glenriddle, 11½c; Imperial Wincey, 11½c; Kinlock, XXX D C, 11c; Amoskeag Stripes, 9c; Do Plaids, 10c; Edinburg Printed, 9c; Glenolden and Balbriggan printed, 9c; Manchester do, 9½c; Fleeting, 10c; Bate's Extra D C 12½c; Shotwell, 7½c; Mable, 8c.

Prints—Fancies—Arnold, Cocheco, Eddystone, Pacific, Windsor and Richmond 6c; American, Allen, Steele River 5½c; Belmont and Lodi 4½c; Renwick and Dunkirk 4c.

Prints—Shirtings—Merrimack, Anchor and Americans 4½c; do Robes 5½@6½c.

Ginghams—Staples.—Amoskeag & Lancaster 7½c; Bates & Plunkett 7¾c; Slaterville 6¾c; do, do dress styles; Canton, Renfour & Heather 9c; Normandie & Warwick 8½c; lower grades 7@8c.

Shirting—Stripes and Checks—Dexter 6-3, stripes, 10½c; extra stout do, 10½c; Amoskeg a 6-3 do, 10c; Hamilton 6-3 do, 10c; Ararapha 6-3, 8c; River mills 6-3, 6c; Park No. 150 Turkey red furniture checks, 16c; No. 90 do, 14c; James Long No. 850 do, 13½c; Sibley do, 10½; Otis do, 9½@10c; Economy do, 8½@9c.

Denims—Amoskeag 9 oz, 16c; do Fay mixed 8 oz, 14½c; do twilled, 13c; old York 9 oz, 16c; do Eagle, 14c; North America D & T, 13c; Everett D & T, 13c; Shawmut No 250, 11½c; Otis axa, 12c; do B B, 11c; Oakland A, 8@8½c; Artizan A S D, 9¾c; York fancies plaids and stripes, 13½c; Everett checks, 13½c; Palmer do do, 12½c; Clark do do, 12c.

Duck, Colored—Boston O P, 9c; do xx, 12c; North Star 8 oz, 11½c; Plymouth 7 oz, 11c; Terrace City A, 12½c; do AA, 13½c; do AAA, 15c; Bates' fancy checks, 12½c; Lewiston N B, 13½c.

Groceries.

Dried Fruits—Currants, 5c; Turkish prunes, new, 5½c; blackberries, in barrels, 11½c; layer raisins, new, $2.45; Valencia, new, 9¾c; dried apples, New York quarters, 4¾c; New York dried apples, sliced, 5¼c; dried apples, evaporated, 8½c.

Canned Goods—Per doz: Oysters, 2-lb cans, $1.85; peaches,