the author, Mr. Dunn, and Messrs. Grondahl and Littleton. This motion was carried.

DOUGLAS RATE BILL

Will Be Publicly Considered Thursday Evening.

Mr. Lovejoy, chairman of the committee on railroads, rose as a question of personal privilege and said that, whereas there had been a good deal of comment in the newspapers and elsewhere rgarding the action and attitud of the railroad committee, he wished to say that the committee had six bills referred to it so far upon which it had acted, three of these were indefinitely postponed, two were referred to the judiciary committee, and one was recommended for passage. He wished to give public notice, he said, that the committee would hold a public hearing upon the Douglas rate bill Thursday evening in the chamber of the house. "This being an ex parte body." he said, "we thought it would be fair to allow the author of the bill to present the arguments for the bill, and I wish now to give him notice to that effect, and the railroad attorneys will be heard on the other side." It was understood that all members of the house would be permitted to take part in the discussion of the bill, and with this explanation the incident closed.

House Odds and Ends.

A bill (H. F. 698) introduced by Mr. McDonald, which seeks to require a license of at least $1,000 a year for every theater in any city of the state of 50,000 or more population. The bill is to go into effect at once, but it is not to affect licenses already granted.

The Sons of Veterans of Minnesota by a bill (H. F. 699) are to be recognized as a part of the military reserve of the state. They are to be mustered in companies of thirty or more and make application to the adjutant general, who is to attend to their inspection and enrollment and furnish arms and equipment.

The house reconsidered the vote by which S. F. 148 (Knatvold) relating to the inspection of illuminating oils was indefinitely postponed, and the bill was re-referred to the committee on general legislation.

Two petitions were sent in from Goodhue county, which are somewhat significant, as showing that the people are in favor of locating the fourth insane hospital at Hastings. The signers ask their senators and representatives to use their efforts to secure this result, as they believe Hastings is for various reasons best suited to the needs of the hospital.

Representative Gilbertson submitted to the house a numerously signed petition in favor of the passage of the county option bill, whereas, on the other hand, petitions were received from the business men of Brainerd and other cities to the effect that they believed towns and cities were able to govern themselves, and, therefore, opposed the passage of the county option bill.

A number of the representatives presented, on behalf of their constituents, vigorously worded petitions opposing variously the Douglas "distance tariff bill," the Ringdal "freight reduction measure" and the Jackson bill. These petitions came from Mankato, St. Anthony Park, Minnesota Transfer and along the Omaha road.

A very excellent oil painting of Speaker Jones, of the house, stands in the lobby of the hall of representatives.

The move made yesterday by two members of the house to have the morning sessions begin at 9:30 instead of 10 o'clock, as now, does not appear to be received with much glee by the members, and it is considered doubtful if the change will be made, at least at present.

It was voted yesterday that Paul Steinbach, an old soldier, be employed as flag-raiser and committee room keeper at a compensation of $3 a day.

It is the present plan of the normal school committee of the house to visit St. Cloud early the coming week. It is not probable that the committee will visit Moorhead.

House Routine.

The bills acted upon are as follows:

H. F. 193 (Schmidt)—Relating to special assessments in certain cases. To pass as amended. Applies to Duluth.

S. F. 23 (Thorpe)—To improve the service of grain inspection. To pass.

H. F. 90 (Johns)—To prohibit trusts. To pass as amended.

H. F. 271 (Vail)—Relating to liens on logs. To pass as amended.

H. F. 136 (Stockwell)—To provide for free texts. Recommitted to committee on education.

S. F. 159 (Dunn)—To legalize certain mortgage foreclosures. To pass.

H. F. 432 (Underleak)—Relating to auctioneers. To pass as amended.

H. F. 398 (Torson)—Relating to weeds. To pass.

H. F. 478 (Scott)—To license bicycles. To pass.

H. F. 431 (Snyder)—Relating to rights of cities to purchase electric power, etc. To pass as amended. Applies to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth.

H. F. 326 (Dunn)—Requiring all officers of Minnesota to be citizens of the United States. Indefinite postponement.

H. F. 488 (Committee on General Legislation)—Relating to inebriates. To pass as amended.

H. F. 519 (Substitute for H. F. 97, by the Judiciary Committee)—Relating to partition fences. Recommitted to judiciary committee.

H. F. 208 (Fosness)—To legalize certain acts of county commissioners. To pass.

H. F. 189 (Poetz)—Relating to elections. To pass as amended.

H. F. 28 (Schmidt)—Relating to laborers' liens on logs. To pass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

From the Judiciary—

H. F. 303 (Special Committee on Vagrants)—Defining vagrancy. To pass as amended. Adopted.

H. F. 521 (Donnelly)—Relating to the forfeiture of lands illegally held. To pass. Adopted.

H. F. 522 (Johns)—Relating to fire department relief associations. To pass. Adopted.

H. F. 343 (Hayter)—Fixing the time for holding court in the Seventh judicial district. Passed under suspension of the rules.

H. F. 395 (Staples)—Relating to terms of office of senators and representatives. To pass. Adopted.

H. F. 217 (Schmidt)—Relating to mining and smelting corporations. To pass. Adopted.

H. F. 474 (Smith)—Relating to bonds of assignees and receivers. Substitute to pass. Adopted.

H. F. 276 (Vail)—Relating to sheriffs fees. To pass as amended. Adopted.

H. F. 666 (Douglas)—Relating to the elective franchise of women. To pass as amended. Adopted.

H. F. 629 (Smith)—Relating to societies for the prevention of cruelty. To pass as amended. Adopted.

S. F. 166 (Pottgieser)—Authorizing municipal courts to issue executions. To pass as amended. Adopted.

H. F. 114 (Feig)—Licensing peddlers. Unconstitutional and with a minority report. Adopted.

H. F. 532 (Donnelly)—Relating to the elective franchise. Indefinitely postponed. Adopted.

H. F. 413 (Douglas)—Relating to attachment. Indefinitely postponed. Adopted.

H. F. 356 (Donnelly)—Defining legal tender. Indefinitely postponed. Adopted.

H. F. 324 (Pederson)—Relating to sheriffs fees. To pass as amended. Adopted.

H. F. 77 (Foss)—Appropriating money to reimburse Grant county. Indefinitely postponed, for the reason that the law under which the money was expended by Grant county had been held unconstitutional. Adopted.

Labor and Labor Legislation—

H. F. 607 (Lellman)—For protection of life and limb. Referred to judiciary.

H. F. 130 (Foell)—To regulate the business of plumbing. Amended, providing that it shall apply only to cities of 50,000 and over, and providing for examinations every three months. To pass as amended. Adopted.

H. F. 381 (Dallimore)—Relating to employment of convicts, amending by fixing six hours as day's labor from Nov. 1 to Feb.1, and eight hours remainder of the year, in the manufacture of boots and shoes. To pass as amended. Adopted.

H. F. 97 (Foell)—For appointment of a labor commission in all cities of 10,000 or over. To be indefinitely postponed. Adopted.

From Banks and Banking—

H. F. 480 (Littleton)—For the reorganization or adjustment of the affairs of insolvent banks. To pass. Adopted.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

H. F. 693 (Staples. From a Majority of Special Committee)—To locate a fourth hospital for the insane, and to revoke the action of the commission in its location of the hospital at Anoka. Special order Friday, March 5.

H. F. 694 (Soule)—To prohibit sectarian instruction and style of garb in public schools. Education.

H. F. 695 (Foss)—To authorize county commissioners to compel persons convicted of vagrancy to perform hard labor on streets or in other places. Crimes and punishments.

H. F. 696 (Judiciary Committee. Substitute for H. F. 474)—Relating to bonds of assignees and receivers. General orders.

H F. 697 (Dahl)—To amend law relating to verdicts of juries in civil actions. Judiciary.

H. F. 698 (McDonald)—To regulate the giving of licenses for public theatrical performances, etc. Judiciary.

H. F. 699 (Holmen)—To authorize the adjutant general to recognize the organization of the Sons of Veterans. Military affairs.

H. F. 700—To repeal law making the village of Franconia, in Chisago county, a separate election district. To the forty-fourth legislative district delegation.

ITS TAIL TWISTED

THE CHICAGO WHEAT PIT DOMINATED BY THE MARKET AT ST. LOUIS.

HALF CENT NET ADVANCE.

AT ONE TIME MAY WAS A FULL CENT ABOVE THE CLOSE.

RUSSIAN DAMAGE A NEW STRING.

Bulls Twanged Upon It for a Cent and a Half Rise in the First Hour.

CHICAGO, March 2.—The local wheat market had its tail thoroughly twisted by St. Louis today. The sharp bulge and equally sharp break there were closely followed here, the May option closing at a half cent advance after selling a cent above that figure, the session being the liveliest seen in some time. All the other pits were very dull, corn and oats closing at substantially unchanged figures, and provisions at 5@7½c declines.

In wheat, Russian crop damage was a new string the bulls had to play on when business in the pit commenced. They twanged upon it to so much advantage that in an hour the price of May wheat had advanced 1½c per bu. Whether inspired by the example of Chicago or because the Russian damage was the stimulus at Liverpool, wheat there, which opened with the modest gain of from ¼d to ½d, was 1¾d higher for the day when next heard from. That market made its influence decidedly felt all day. May wheat, which closed yesterday at 75¼@75⅜c, opened today at 75⅜@75½c, and sold at 76¾c before an hour had gone by. The bull music kept up until about 11:30 o'clock, when a cablegram from Liverpool to a prominent house here threw it into a howling discord, which gave the bears their opportunity. The Liverpool cable referred to read: "Advance in futures, due to shorts covering; spot wheat pressed for sale without buyers; Russian offerings increasing." That and a sudden collapse of a previously pronounced bullish wheat market at St. Louis caused a stampede of the bulls here. St. Louis, which yesterday at the close quoted May wheat at 87⅛c, hoisted it in the first hour today to 89⅛, and let the bottom all our afterward. The suddenness of the drop made speculators fairly shiver, and sent May tumbling from 76¾ to 75⅞c. Chicago receipts of wheat were 39 cars and shipments by rail 111,534 bu. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 359 cars received against 608 a week ago, and 399 last year. Atlantic port exports of wheat and flour were together equal to only 215,000 bu. Bradstreet's statement of the world's visible gave it as having been reduced 4,065,000 bu in and afloat for Europe. May rallied from 75⅞ to 76¼c on that, but the bull feeling had been so largely squeezed out that it turned down again to 75⅝c, and closed at 75¾@75⅞c.

Corn was very quiet all day and even when wheat traders were tumbling over themselves in their eagerness to buy or sell, no sympathetic interest was displayed. The general feeling was firm, but fluctuations were confined to ⅛c. Receipts were liberal and exports were much lighter than of late, 389,000 bu. May opened unchanged at 24⅛c, advanced to 24¼c, then reacted to 24⅛c, where it closed. The market for oats was dull to the extent of stupidity. Business was much smaller than an average neglected session aggregates and absolutely nothing of any interest was reported of trade. The feeling was steady. May opened a shade higher at 17¼c, sold at 17⅜c, and closed at 17⅛c. Provisions were easy and dull. It was in a measure a day of liquidation by longs, the consequence being that yesterday's advance was all lost. There was but little outside demand, and the hog market was weaker. At the close May pork was 7½c lower at $8.05; May lard, 7½c lower at $4.05; May ribs, 5c lower at $4.17½. Estimates: Wheat, 12 cars; corn, 240 cars; oats, 150 cars; hogs, 40,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening......	Highest......	Lowest......	Closing......
Wheat—				
March	74⅝	75¾	74⅜	74¾
May	75⅝	76¾	75⅝	75⅞
July	72⅞	74¼	72¾	72⅞
September	71	72⅜	71	71⅛
Corn—				
March	23	23⅛	23	23
May	24⅛	24¼	24⅛	24⅛
July	25⅜	25½	25¼	25¼
September	26⅝	26¾	26½	26⅝
Oats—				
March	....	....	....	15⅜
May	17¼	17⅜	17⅛	17⅛
July	18¼	18¼	18⅛	18⅛
Pork—				
May	8 12½	8 12½	8 02½	8 05
July	8 22½	8 22½	8 15	8 17½
Lard—				
May	4 10	4 10	4 05	4 05
July	4 20	4 20	4 15	4 15
Short Ribs—				
May	4 22½	4 25	4 17½	4 17½
July	4 32½	432½	4 25	4 27½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 74¾c; No. 3 spring, 74@74¾c; No. 2 red, 83¾@84¾c. Corn—No. 2, 23c. Oats—No. 2, 16@16⅛c; No. 2 white, 20½c; No. 3 white, 18c. Rye—No. 2, 33½c. Barley—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 23½@30c; No. 4, f. o. b., 22½@25c. Flaxseed—No. 1, 76½@79c. Timothy Seed—Prime, $2.55. Mess Pork—Per bbl, 7.95@8. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $3.95@3.97½. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $4.10@4.30. Shoulders—Dry salted, 4½@4¾c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), 4⅜@4½c. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.17. Sugars—Cut loaf, $5.14; granulated, $4.51. Receipts—Flour, 1,000 bbls; wheat, 14,000 bu; corn, 274,000 bu; oats, 288,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 53,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 8,000 bbls; wheat, 112,000 bu; corn, 104,000 bu; oats, 244,000 bu; rye, none; barley, 52,000 bu. On the produce exchange toady the butter market was firm; creamery, 10@18c; dairy, 9@16c. Cheese firm; 9½@10¼c. Eggs weak; fresh, 12c.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 2.—Wheat opened fractionally higher this morning on Liverpool cables showing a half-penny advance and on advices from New York that foreigners were buying freely. The trade had also studied the figures reported yesterday of the situation abroad, on the ocean and at home, and as a result the most of the local crowd came down this morning feeling bullish, and only wanted a little encouragement to put their changed views into practice. The first cable referred to, showing the ½d advance, was not much, considering that that market declined 1d yesterday, but it did show an improvement in tone; and second cables, advising of a further advance of ½d per cental, put it beyond peradventure that the trade had turned on the other side. Those who were short took cognizance of the change and hastened for cover, and as a result an advance of 1⅛c for May was scored and 1c for July wheat. The gossip of the day was generally bullish in character. Crop damage reports were numerous from all the different winter wheat states, and all affected the St. Louis market materially, causing an excited and higher market there. All other markets were in sympathy, our own included.

Closing cables quoted Liverpool 1¾d higher and Berlin ½ mark higher. Clearances from the seaboard aggregated 214,000 bu of wheat and flour.

Bradstreet's report is expected to show a decrease of 3,500,000 bu in the world's visible today.

May wheat opened at 73⅛c, against 73c yesterday, advanced to 73⅛c@73⅝c, lost 1-16c, advanced to 73⅞@74c, sold at 73¾@73⅞c, firmed up to 74¼c, lost ¼c, gained ⅛c, lost ⅛c, again sold at 74¼c, dropped to 73⅝@74¾c, sold at 74¾c straight, declined to 73½@73⅝c by 11:50, and by noon held at 73⅝@73¾c.

July wheat opened at 74⅛c, against 73⅞@74c yesterday, advanced to 74⅞c, declined to 74⅝@74¾c, advanced to 75c, sold down to 74⅝c by 11:15, and by noon held at 74⅝c.

The cash wheat market was active, with a good demand for No. 1 northern on a basis of 1c over the May option. Low grades were a little slow. Sales were made as per statement below. Receipts here were 132 cars, and shipments 56 cars.

The market was lower and inactive during the greater part of the noon hour through some realizing by longs. Cables advised that Russian and Danubian provinces were offering wheat freely. This caused some selling. Bradstreet's report shows a decrease of 4,000,000 bu in the world's visible. March wheat

closed at 74c, May at 73½c and July at 74⅜@74½c.

RANGE OF PRICES.

Wheat—	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Today.	Closing Sat.
March	....	....	....	74	73½
May	73⅛	74¼	73⅛	73½	73
July	74⅛	75	74⅛	74½	74
September	....	....	....	69⅝	69½

On Track—No. 1 hard, 76¼c; No. 1 northern, 74¼c; No. 2 northern, 72¾c; March oats, 15¾c; flax seed, 76½c.

Curb on May wheat, sellers	.73½
Puts on May wheat	.72⅞
Calls on May wheat	.74 1-16

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 Northern, 15 cars	.74¼
No. 1 Northern, 4 cars	.74⅞
No. 1 Northern, 5 cars	.74½
No. 1 Northern, 1 car, to arrive	.74
No. 1 Northern, 6 cars, to arrive	.74
No. 1 Northern, 2 cars, to arrive	.75
No. 1 Northern, 3,000 bu, to arrive	.74¼
No. 1 Northern, 4,000 bu, to arrive	.74¾
No. 1 Northern, 10,000 bu, to arrive	.75
No. 2 Northern, 6 cars	.73
No. 2 Northern, 2 cars	.73½
No. 2 Northern, 1 car	.73⅞
No. 2 Northern, 1 car	.73¾
No. 2 Northern, 1 car, soft and damp	.72
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	.72¾
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	.72½
Rejected wheat, 2 cars, 2 lbs off	.66
Rejected wheat, 1 car, 1½ lbs off	.68
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	.66
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	.67
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	.69
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	.72½
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	.71
No grade wheat, 2 cars, 2 lbs off	68
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	58
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	58½
No. 4 corn, 4 cars	17
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	16
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	15¾
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, to arrive	16
No. 3 oats, 2 cars	15¾
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	15¼
No. 3 oats, 1 car	15½
Flax seed, 1 car	75½

FLOUR.

Flour—The flour market remains steady as to values. Millers are grinding more than usual at this season, indicating that there is a good outlet somewhere.

First patents	$3.95@4.10
Second patents	3.75@3.95
First clears	3.40@3.60
Second clears	2.30@2.50
Rye flour, per bbl, pure	1.90@2.05
Rye flour, XXX, per bbl	1.80@1.90
Rye flour. Standard, per bbl	1.70@1.80
Graham flour, per bbl	2.65@3.15

Washburn, Crosby & Co. quote as follows today:

Bran in bulk	$6.25@6.75
Bran in bulk, 200-lb sacks	7.25@7.75
Bran in bulk, 180-lb sacks	7.75@8.25
Shorts in bulk	6.25@6.50
Middlings in bulk	7.00@7.25

The market continues very strong. The demand is good from all quarters.

Corn—Corn is arriving in very bad condition. No. 4, 16¾c; car corn, 17c. No sales today.

Oats—No. 3 oats, 15¼@15¾c; No. 3 white, 15¾@16c.

Rye—No. 2 quoted at 32c; no sales.

Barley—No. 4 sold at 21¼@21¾c; No. 5, 21¼c; no sales.

BRAN, SHORTS and COARSE GRAIN.

Feed—Reported by the Diamond Elevator and Milling company:

Business is fair, with a good demand at prices quoted. Bran is in better demand.

Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra, to jobbers only	$7.00@7.25
No. 1 ground feed. 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks	7.50@7.75
No. 2 ground feed, ½ corn, ½ oats, 80-lb sacks	7.75@8.00
No. 3 ground feed, 2-3 oats, 70-lb sacks	8.00@8.25
Spring wheat bran	6.50@7.00

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Railroads.	No.1.hd.	Northern. No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rjd.	N.G.
G. N.—B. Div	..	33	6	1	..	2
G. N.—F. F. D.	..	13	1	3	5	..
C., M. & St. P.	..	43	23	..	1	8
M. & St. L	..	55	..	..	3	3
Soo Line	..	3	..	..	..	..
C. St. P., M. & O	..	24	25	1	..	19
Total	..	175	55	5	9	32

Other Grains—No. 3 corn, 4 cars; No. 4 corn, 4; No. 3 oats, 55; no grade oats, 3; No. 2 rye, 1; No. 3 barley, 1; No. 4 barley, 5; No. 5 barley, 4; no grade barley, 2; No. 1 flax, 12; rejected flax, 1; no grade, 1.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat—No. 1 northern, 227 cars; No. 2 northern, 17; rejected, 13; no grade, 5; no grade corn, 1; No. 3 oats, 13; No. 4 barley, 1.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
New York	16,650	79,585
Philadelphia	29,954	3,514
Baltimore	25,545	....-
Toledo	8,735	42,045
Detroit	5,187	5,098
St. Louis	7,800	51,760
Boston	12,733	23,998
Chicago	14,100	111,534
Milwaukee	34,550	5,850
Duluth	71,480	.....
Minneapolis	93,720	41,440
Kansas City	13,200	11,400

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Received—Wheat, 93,720 bu; corn, 4,880 bu; oats, 17,129 bu; barley, 3,000 bu; rye, 1,300 bu; flax, 4,130 bu; flour, 273 bbls; hay, 38 tons; fruit, 92,982 lbs; merchandise, 1,378,250 lbs; lumber, 52 cars; posts, 4 cars; barrel stock, 2 cars; machinery, 230,300 lbs; coal, 1,337 tons; wood, 542 cords; brick, 8,000; cement, 200 bbls; stone, 1 car; dressed meats, 119,400 lbs; railroad materials, 1 car; sundries, 11 cars. Total car lots, 527.

Shipped—Wheat, 41,440 bu; oats, 26,670 bu; barley, 8,910 bu; flour, 45,313 bbls; millstuffs, 1,544 tons; fruit, 205,000 lbs; merchandise, 1,478,300 lbs; lumber 31 cars; machinery, 247,500 lbs; ties, 16 cars; dressed meats, 21,000 lbs; sundries, 9 cars. Total car lots, 688.

DULUTH GRAIN.

DULUTH, Minn., March 2.—The mills ground 16,000 bbls of flour last week and shipped 26,850 bbls. The mills bought wheat more heavily last week than for some time. The market was rather dull today, it opening at 76c, an advance of ⅝c, sold up to 76c, and then dropped to 75⅞c and closed at that price. Cash sales were 15,000 bu, the mills getting 12,000 bu at ½c under, the elevators paid 1c under. The receipts here were heavy, owing to large arrivals of wheat from Minneapolis to go into the elevators. The close: Cash No. 1 hard, 76⅞c; No. 1 northern, 74⅞c; No. 2 northern, 72⅜c; No. 3 spring, 68⅞@70⅞c; rejected, 51⅝@66⅝c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 76⅞c; No. 1 northern, 75⅞c; May, No. 1 hard, 78⅜c; No. 1 northern, 75⅞c; July, No. 1 northern, 71⅞c; September, No. 1 northern, 71⅞c; receipts, wheat, 71,480 bu; shipments, none; cars inspected, 227; last year, 153. Receipts—Corn, none; oats, 4,072 bu; rye, 9,340 bu; barley, 22,069 bu; flax, 126 bu. Oats, close, 17@16½c; rye, 34½c; flax, 79c; May, 80¼c.

Cash sales were as follows: 2,000 bu No. 1 northern, 76c; 3,000 bu No. 1 northern, 75⅞c; 5,000 bu No. 1 northern, 75¾c; 3,500 bu No. 1 northern, 75½c; 3 cars No. 1 northern, 74⅝c; 231 bu No. 1 northern, 74½c; 5,000 bu rye, 35c; 2 cars flax, 79c; 1 car flax, 78¾c.

ST. PAUL GRAIN.

Quotations on hay, grain, feed, etc., furnished by Griggs Bros., commission merchants:

Wheat—The market today was excited and ruled higher, but most of the advance was lost at the close; closing figures, No. 1 northern, 74@75c; No. 2 northrn, 72½@73½c.

Oats—Market holding firm; No. 3 white, 15½@16c; No. 3, 14@15c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 18½@19c; No. 3, 17@18c.

Barley—20@21c.

Rye—30@31½c.

Seeds—Timothy, 90c@$1.25; red clover, $3.50@4.50; flax, 74½@75c.

Flour—Patent, per bbl, $3.90@4.30; straight, $3.05@3.80; bakers', $3.@3.40; rye flour, $3@3.25; buckwheat flour, $3@3.50.

Ground Feed and Millstuffs—No. 1 feed, $7.75@8.25; No. 2 feed, $8.50@8.75; No. 3 feed. $9@9.25; coarse meal. $6.75@7.25; bran, bulk, $7@7.25; shorts, $7@7.25.

Hay—The hay market is very dull; best grades of wild and upland selling at $5@6; inferior qualities, $3@4.75, according to quality and condition; No. 1 timothy, $6@7; oat and rye straw, $3.50@3.75.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

GRAIN GOSSIP.

Gossip by private wire to C. H. F. Smith & Co., St. Paul, members of New York stock exchange and Chicago board of trade.

Liverpool—Spot wheat steady; corn steady; future wheat quiet at ¼d higher; corn quiet. London cargoes on passage: Wheat steadier; corn quiet; American wheat parcels, 3d higher. Country markets: English and French steady. Berlin: Steady at ½ higher.

London—Russia's final official report gives total wheat crop at 387,640,000 bu; year ago, 388,120,000 bu; year before, 464,304,000 bu. Azof wires growing crop seriously damaged.

Board cables: Antwerp and Paris, holiday; Berlin, unchanged from opening.

Primary receipts, 238,000 bu; shipments, 270,000 bu. Clearances, four ports, 205,000 bu.

A prominent Northwestern authority wires us that he knows of 5,000,000 bu wheat in each of the markets of Duluth and Chicago bought for foreign account which will move at opening of navigation and create a stir in markets.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Flour—Receipts, 34,707 bbls; exports, 26,065 bbls; firm and held higher by the mills, with a fair demand for spring patents; winter patents, $4.60@4.90; Minnesota patents, $4.25@4.50; Minnesota bakers', $3.80@3.95. Rye flour quiet. Buckwheat flour dull. Buckwheat quiet. Cornmeal dull. Barley quiet. Barley malt dull. Wheat—Receipts, 88,800 bu; exports, 10,000 bu; spot market inactive; No. 1 hard, 88½c; options opened firmer and advanced sharply on unfavorable crop news, stronger cables, a heavy decrease in Bradstreet's visible and general covering of shorts, losing part of the advance later under profit taking, closing ¼@⅝c net higher; March closed at 82⅞c; May, 81⅛@82⅜c, closing at 81½c. Corn—Receipts, 156,975 bu; exports, 200,500 bu; spot steady for old; No. 2, old, 29⅛@29¼c; options opened firmer with wheat, ruled dull all day and closed unchanged to ¼c net higher; March closed at 29c; May, 29½@29⅝c, closing at 29½c. Oats—Receipts, 88,800 bu; exports, 10,076 bu; spot quiet; No. 2, 21½c; options quiet but steady; closed ⅛c higher; May, 21⅝@21¾c, closing at 21⅝c.

CROP MOVEMENT.

(Market Record.)

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, Aug. 1, 1896, to date, and for the same time a year ago:

	This Crop. Bushels.	Last Crop. Bushels.
Minneapolis	44,685,990	59,407,570
Milwaukee	5,751,725	9,912,489
Duluth	34,019,822	42,572,569
Chicago	14,121,079	18,653,579
Totals	98,578,616	127,546,607

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1896, to date, and for the same time a year ago:

	This Crop. Bushels.	Last Crop. Bushels.
Toledo	6,290,420	5,085,464
St. Louis	10,050,905	10,492,896
Detroit	2,911,130	1,840,038
Kansas City	5,980,800	6,858,400
Totals	25,242,255	24,276,798

BRADSTREET'S AVAILABLE.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in available supplies last Saturday as compared with the preceding Saturday:

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 1,809,000 bu; afloat for and in Europe, decrease 2,256,000. Total decrease world's available, 4,065,000 bu.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 851,000 bu.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 514,000 bu.

The more important changes in stocks of available wheat, not included in the official visible supply statement last week, are decreases of 126,000 bu in Chicago private elevators; 107,000 bu at various Manitoba storage points; 45,000 bu at Cleveland; 36,000 bu at Galveston, and 26,000 bu in Milwaukee private elevators. Pacific coast wheat stocks decreased during the month of February 1,148,000 bu.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, March 2.—Wheat — Spot steady; demand moderate; No. 2 red spring, 6s 2½d; No. 1 California, 6s 5½d; futures opened quiet, with near and distant positions ¼d higher, further strengthened and closed strong with July 1½d higher, and other months 1¾d higher; business about equally distributed; March, 6s 5½d; May, 6s 5½d; July, 6s 5d. Corn—Spot steady; American opened quiet with near and distant positions unchanged; closed with near positions ½@¾d higher, and distant positions ½d higher; business about equally distributed; March, 2s 6d; April, 2s 7d; May, 2s 8d; June, 2s 8½d; July, 2s 9¼d. Flour firm; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 6d.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Hay dull. Hops dull. Hides higher. Leather strong. Wool quiet. Beef steady. Cut meats strong. Lard easy. Pork dull, but steady. Tallow firm and active. Cottonseed oil quiet. Petroleum nominal. Rosin quiet. Turpentine firm. Rice steady. Molasses quiet. Pig iron dull and easy. Copper firm. Tin steady. Spelter quiet. Lead strong. Coffee—Options opened steady, unchanged to 5 points advance; closed steady and unchanged to 5 points advance; March, 9.05c. Spot Coffee—Rio dull; No. 7, 9⅝c; invoice, 10⅛c; mild dull; Cordova, 15½@16¾c. Sugar—Raw dull and nominal; refined dull and barely steady.

GRAIN COMPANY ASSIGNS.

ST. LOUIS, March 2.—The Schwartz Bros. Commission company made an assignment. Joseph Zumbaten, a lawyer, is the assignee. The assets consist of stocks, bonds, notes, accounts and grain stocks. They are placed at $300,000. Those not hypothecated, however, amount to but $2,000. The assignment caused no surprise, and was but little discussed on 'change. The company consisted of Frederick Schwartz, president; Herman Schwartz, vice president, and William Sandwig, secretary.

MILWAUKEE GRAIN.

MILWAUKEE, March 2.—Flour—Firm and higher. Wheat—Firm; No. 2 spring, 75c; No. 1 northern, 78½c; May, 76c. Corn—Steady and quiet; No. 3, 19c. Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 18@19c. Barley—Quiet and steady; No. 2, 31@31½c; sample, 23@31½c. Rye—Firm; No. 1, 34¼c. Receipts—Flour, 10,000 bbls; wheat, 24,000; barley, 42,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 22,000 bbls; wheat, 6,000 bu; barley, 39,000 bu.

ST. LOUIS GRAIN.

ST. LOUIS, March 2.—Wheat—Easier; No. 2 red, cash, 89c; May, 86⅝c bid. Corn—No. 2, cash, May, 21¾c bid. Oats—No. 2 cash, 20@21½c; May, 17⅞c bid. Rye—Steady, 32c. Flaxseed—Nominal, 75c. Pork—$7.90@8.37½. Lard—$3.87½@3.95.

PRODUCE.

ST. PAUL MARKET.

Butter—Creameries—	
Extras	.18
Firsts	.16 @.17
Seconds	.13 @.14
Hand separator	.16
Dairies—	
Firsts	.12 @.13
Ladles—	
Extras	.15 @.16
Firsts	.07½
Packing stock	.07½@.08
Grease	.03 @.04
Cheese—	
Twins, fancy, full cream, new	.11
Twins, common to fair	.07 @.08
Full cream, Young America, new	.11
Swiss cheese	.11 @.12
Brick, No. 1, new	.10 @.11
Brick, No. 2, new	.08 @.09
Eggs—	
Candled stock, fresh	.13½
No. 1 cold storage	.08
Seconds	.05 @.06
Beans—Market quiet; supply moderate.	
Fancy navy, per bu	.90 @1.00
Medium, hand-picked, bu	.75 @ .85
Yellow peas, per bu	.40 @ .60
Green peas, per bu	.60 @ .75
Potatoes—	
Home-grown, per bu	.20 @ .25
Illinois sweets	1.75 @2.00
Vegetables—	
Tomatoes, basket	1.00
Radishes, doz	.25
Cauliflower, doz	2.50
Beets, bushel	.25
Celery, doz	.25
Wax beans, bu	4.00
String beans, bu	3.00
Rutabagas, bu	.25
Onions, home grown, bu	.85@1.00
Squash, doz	.75
Turnips, bu	.25
Mint, doz	.30
Carrots, bu	.25
Lettuce	.25@ .30
Cucumbers, doz	1.00
Spinach, bu	1.00
Miscellaneous—	
Malaga grapes, bbl	6.50@7.50
Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl	5.50@6.00
Cranberries, Bell and Bugle	6.00@6.25
Cranberries, Jerseys, bbl	5.25@5.50
Apples—Market weaker; demand good.	
Common, bbl	1.25@1.50
Fancy eating bbl	2.50@2.75
Baldwins, choice, bbl	2.00@2.25
Greenings, choice, bbl	1.50@1.75
Spies, choice, bbl	2.00@2.25
Russets, choice, bbl	2.00@2.25
Lemons—	
Fancy Messinas, box	3.00@3.25
California, box	2.75@3.00
Oranges—	
California, navels, box	3.25@3.75
Redlands, navels, box	3.25@4.00
Fancy bright, Florida, box	4.00@4.50
Mexicans, box	2.75@3.00
Valencias, case	5.50
Grape fruit, box	8.00@8.50
Nuts—	
Hickory, bu	1.00
New California walnuts, lb	.09 @ .11
Black walnuts, bu	.75
Chestnuts, lb	.10
Peanuts, raw, lb	.04½@ .05
Brazils, lb	.08 @ .10
Pecans, lb	.18 @ .20
Filberts, lb	.10 @ .12
Hazelnuts, lb	.05
Bananas—Supply large; demand active.	
Choice shipping, bunch	1.75@2.25
Figs and Dates—	
Figs, fancy, five crowns	.12 @.13
Figs, fancy, four crowns	.11 @.12
Hallowee dates	.06
Fard dates, 10-lb boxes	.05 @.09
Honey—	
White clover	.12 @.12½
Extracted	.05 @.06
Maple syrup, gal	1.00
Maple sugar, lb	.10 @.11
Apple Cider—	
Sweet, bbl	3.75@4.00
Sweet, half-bbl	2.00@2.25
Hard, bbl	5.00@7.00
Hard, half-bbl	3.25@4.00

(No charge for package or carriage.)

Dressed Meats—Moderate supply; demand good.

Veal, fancy	.07½
Veal, medium	.05½@.06½
Hogs, country dressed	.03½@.03¾
Mutton, country dressed	.05 @.06
Spring lambs, pelt off	.06 @.07
Dressed Poultry—	
Turkeys	.11 @.11½
Chickens	.08½@.09
Hens	.07½@.08
Ducks	.09 @.10
Geese	.08½
Tame pigeons, doz	.90 @1.25
Squabs, doz	.75 @1.00
Game—	
Canvasback ducks, doz	6.00@8.00
Mallard ducks, doz	3.00
Teal ducks, doz	1.25@2.00
Common ducks, doz	1.25
Jack rabbits, doz	1.50@2.00
Cottontail rabbits, doz	.75@1.00
Woodcock, doz	4.00@4.50
Jacksnipe, doz	1.25
Bear, carcass, hide on, lb	.10@ .12
Squirrels, doz	.75
Fish—Good demand—	
Black bass	.09

MINNEAPOLIS MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 2.—Creamery butter is easier. Extras and firsts are ½c lower, being now quoted at 17@17½c and 16@16½c respectively, against the outside flat quotation in each case yesterday. Seconds and thirds are in light supply, and this prevents a decline in price taking place. Extra dairies and firsts rule firm, with the retail trade taking hold better than with regard to separator goods. Seconds, which consist largely of jar stock, are not selling well at grade prices, but find a ready outlet as packing stock. Roll and print is firm and ladles steady. Packing stock is strong. Eggs sold off ¾c, and are somewhat easier. Storage and pickled stock are quiet. Chickens are strong at quotations. Turkeys are in request and anything fancy is sought after eagerly. Geese are 1c higher and ducks moving well. Veal is firm. Mutton and lamb are steady. Dressed hogs are in request.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Butter—Receipts, 8,886 pkgs; steady; Western creamery, 11@19c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 7½@12½c. Cheese—Receipts, 2,630 pkgs; quiet; state, large, 9@12¼c; small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@9½c; full skims, 3@3½c. Eggs—Receipts, 4,876 pkgs; dull; state and Pennsylvania, 16c; Western, 13½c.

LIVE STOCK.

Receipts—1,500; hogs, 400; cattle, 75; calves, 1,500.

Hogs—5@10c higher. Quality fair. Good light hogs sold the best.

No.	Wt.	Dk.	Price	No.	Wt.	Dk.	Price
15	180	..	$3 05	4	227	..	$3 35
7	275	..	3 15	33	245	..	3 35
1	300	..	3 20	74	227	..	3 35
1	400	..	3 20	83	203	80	3 35
1	420	..	3 20	42	217	120	3 35
6	350	..	3 20	22	158	..	3 35
6	296	..	3 20	16	194	..	3 35
21	350	40	3 25	39	172	..	3 40
1	230	..	3 25	41	177	..	3 40
12	108	..	3 25	16	170	..	3 40
41	175	80	3 30	18	184	..	3 40
13	74	..	3 30	22	206	..	3 40
63	216	..	3 35	67	170	..	3 40
9	196	..	3 35	71	196	..	3 40
9	225	..	3 35	32	214	..	3 45

Cattle—Firm and active. The light run was a disappointment to buyers, who wanted more fat cattle, stockers and feeders. Everything desirable sold early at good prices.

No.	Wt.	Price	No.	Wt.	Price
2 cows	1,005	$3 30	6 stockers	653	3 40
2 cows	50	2 50	2 oxen	1,395	$3 00
1 cows	1,130	3 00	1 bull	1,080	2 40
17 steers	1,009	3 60	2 stockers	705	2 50
1 bull	430	3 00	1 cow	1,060	2 10
1 bull	600	2 75	5 stockers	664	3 55
1 cow	1,050	2 85	30 stockers	333	3 55
1 heifer	560	2 50	11 stockers	256	3 55
1 steer	920	3 60	2 bulls	960	2 35
1 stocker	860	3 50	1 bull	1,380	2 35
1 heifer	900	3 15	1 bull	830	2 35
2 cows	1,100	2 80	25 stockers	666	3 50
2 oxen	1,640	2 80	5 stockers	770	3 45
3 cows	1,010	2 90	1 cow	920	2 50
1 cow	1,360	2 90	1 stag	880	2 50
1 cow	920	2 80	1 stocker	530	2 75
1 cow	960	2 25	8 bulls	1,293	2 50
11 stockers	786	3 45	1 steer	780	3 60
11 steers	1,116	3 80	3 stockers	816	3 35
23 calves	327	3 50	4 stockers	832	3 45
1 cow	970	2 80	9 stockers	839	3 50
1 cow	860	2 15	31 stockers	826	3 60
1 cow	1,070	3 00	2 bulls	855	2 50
1 heifer	790	3 00	4 cows	950	2 50
4 bulls	787	2 50	1 cow	960	2 40
1 cow	1,160	2 80	2 cows	800	2 50
1 bull	1,020	2 65	1 bull	1,000	2 25
1 bull	750	2 60	1 stocker	870	2 50
1 bull	1,040	2 65	1 stocker	380	3 45

Sheep—Steady. Receipts were mostly Westerns, consigned to a local feeder.

MINNEAPOLIS LIVE STOCK.

NEW BRIGHTON, March 2.—Receipts—Cattle, 150; hogs, 700; shipments, sheep, 3 200.

Cattle—Market steady; good demand for all grades of butchers' stock; stockers and feeders wanted at steady prices. Sales:

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
17 steers	1,100	$3.70	1 bull	900	$2 50
15 steers	1,153	3 75	1 bull	1,540	3 00
1 heifer	1,103	3 00	1 bull	1,750	2 75
3 heifers	960	3 00	3 cows	900	2 50
19 feeders	720	3 60	3 cows	960	2 25
9 stockers	650	3 40	1 bull	155	2 70
1 stocker	360	3 50			

Hogs—Good demand for all grades. Sales:

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
1 hog	290	$3 30	67 hogs	160	$3 40
15 hogs	195	3 35	1 hog	440	3 10
14 hogs	180	3 35	4 hogs	390	3 35
23 hogs	240	3 25	20 hogs	153	3 35
9 hogs	295	3 25	60 hogs	185	3 45
67 hogs	230	3 40	89 hogs	216	3 40
5 hogs	245	3 25	69 hogs	229	3 40
7 hogs	220	3 25			

Sheep—Sheep and lambs steady.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 2.—There was only a moderate demand for cattle, prices showing no improvement, despite the meager supply offered on the market. Most of the cattle sold at $3.90@4.90, and sales above $5 were few and far between. Western fed steers were rather numerous, and sold at $3.65@4.65. There was a good trade in stockers and feeders at $3.85@4.20. Butchers' and canners' stuff sold fairly well, the bulk of the cows and heifers fetching $2.30@3.75. Calves were firm. Offerings of hogs were quite moderate, but the feeling was weaker, and sales were largely at a decline of 2½c per 100 lbs. Common to the best lots brought $3.35@3.75, light weights showing the least weakness and sales were largely at $3.60@3.70. The market firmed up toward noon, and closed strong. All of today's receipts of sheep were readily disposed of at $3@4.30 for poor to choice flocks of sheep. Mexicans selling as low as $3.50 for common, and being salable as high as $4.30 for prime droves averaging 97 lbs. Western sheep sold up to $4.15. Yearlings brought $4@4.50, and lambs sold from $3.50@3.75 for a few common lots up to $5.25 for the, best with sales largely at $4.50@5. Receipts—Cattle, 2,500 head; hogs, 25,000 head; sheep, 11,000 head.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET.

Barrett & Zimmerman's report: Market opened weak, with a large assortment of horses on hand. Prices ruled low. A few Dakota dealers were the only buyers on the market. The following representative sales are for horses, service sound, unless otherwise mentioned:

	Weight.	Price.
1 pair bay mares, 5 and 6 years	2,800	$175
1 gray gelding, 6 years	2,600	160
1 pair gray geldings, 6 years	2,600	160
1 pair bay mares, 5 and 6 years	2,400	155
1 pair gray mares, 6 years	3,000	180
1 gray horse, 5 years	1,400	80
1 bay mare, 6 years	1,300	75
1 sorrel mare, driver, 5 years	1,000	70
1 drafter, 6 years	1,600	90
12 head farm horses and mares, 5 and 6 years	1,200@1,500	780
20 head farm horses and mares, 5 and 6 years	1,200@1,500	1,300
8 head farm horses and mares, 5 and 6 years	1,200@1,500	560

SIOUX CITY.

SIOUX CITY, Io., March 2.—Cattle—2,100; Monday, 542; shipments, 78; market fairly active and steady; cows and bulls, mixed, $1.50@3.50; veals, $3.50@5.25; calves and yearlings, $3.50@4.30; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.25; butchers' steers, $3.60@4.75. Hogs—Receipts, 2,000; Monday, 309; market slow and weak; selling, $3.30@3.50; bulk of sales, $3.40@3.45.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, March 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,500; shipments, 1,000; cows and heifers, $1.65@3.80; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.50. Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; shipments, 700; bulk of sales, $3.45@3.55. Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; shipments, 1,100; market, 10@15c higher; lambs, $3.25@4.65; muttons, $2.75@3.90.

OMAHA.

OMAHA, March 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,500; shade lower; cows and heifers, $2.80@3.70; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.35. Hogs—Receipts, 7,000; bulk of sales, $3.45@3.50. Sheep—Receipts, 1,800; common and stock sheep, $2.50@3.40; lambs, $3.50@5.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, March 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; cows and heifers, $2@3; stockers and feeders, $2.65@4.15. Hogs—Receipts, 5,500; bulk of sales, $3.20@3.75. Sheep—Receipts, 800; Texas sheep, grass and fed, $3.30@3.80; lambs, $4@5.

Clark Set Free.

Special to the Globe.

MILBANK, S. D., March 2.—Geo. M. Clark, the alleged forger and embezzler, who has been confined in the county jail since April, 1896, was today dismissed, a demurrer to the indictments by Clark's attorney being sustained by Judge Telby. It seems that all the papers claimed to be forged were drawn in a manner contradictory to the statutes, and, therefore, Clark could not be held on the ground of forgery.

LAKE SHORE DEBT

TO BE REFUNDED BY A FIFTY MILLION GOLD BOND ISSUE.

STOCK MARKET HELPED OUT.

GENERAL SHARE LIST STRENGTHENED BY THE NEWS OF THE DEAL.

BURLINGTON ALSO A BIG FACTOR.

Early Firmness Given to the Trading by a Favorable Traffic Statement—Close Firm.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The reason for the recent sensational advances in Lake Shore was discovered today when the announcement was made in Wall street that the directors of the company had authorized an issue of $50,000,000 of 3½ per cent 100-year gold bonds, the proceeds to be used for the retirement of the present bonded debt as it matures in the next few years, or in advance of maturity, as arrangements may be made with the holders. Coupled with this was an announcement that the directors had accepted an offer from a well known banking house for the entire issue at 102½. It is calculated that the saving in annual interest charges by the completion of the refunding will amount to a million and half of dollars, from which the stock will benefit. This is said to be the largest transaction in railroad bonds ever made in this country, and with one exception it is said to be the highest price paid for American railroad bonds.

The market today opened with a show of strength but yielded soon to the effect of a marked depression in New Jersey Central, which was sold down 2 points on continued uneasiness as to the financial status of Lehigh Valley & Wilkesbarre, its subsidiary coal company. Manhattan was also depressed on the falling off in earnings and the belief that the dividend will be reduced. The fact that the directors of the road were in session imparted some nervousness to the dealings and the stock fell ⅞. London also sold St. Paul, Louisville & Nashville and a few of the low grade shares. The center of depression thus formed in this market spread through the general railway list, and Sugar and Chicago Gas were also marked down a fraction in sympathy.

The announcement of the Burlington statement for January, showing a surplus after charges of $117,648, against a deficit last year of $87,782, was regarded as favorable, although attained at the expense of a heavy cut in operating expenses. The decline was checked and an advance set in on the strength of this statement, which continued during the day with the exception of a slight reaction on profit-taking just before the announcement of the Lake Shore bonding operation, and another just before the close from the same cause. The strength imparted by the news of the Lake Shore project permeated the whole market and the subsequent prices were in many cases the best of the day. Lake Shore itself advanced 4½ to 171½, but reacted to 169½ at the close. The Vanderbilt properties were generally strong in sympathy and gained from a fraction to a half. The rise in Burlington equalled ½, the stock touching 77. Northwest rose 1⅛. The close was generally firm with gains of a fraction as a rule on the day.

The bond market continues to furnish evidence of the plethora of funds at this center. The transactions in the high grade mortgages are limited only to the amount offered, and investors are more reasonable and disposed to take blocks of lower grade issues. Dealings in miscellaneous securities continue heavy, with municipal liens in most request. The Lake Shore lien was conspicuous owing to the announcement of the funding arrangement. The second consols advanced 3, and the dividend 7s 1⅝ per cent. There were a few weak spots noted, but the general undertone was strong, many issues recording substantial gains. Government bonds were quiet but well held on transactions of $514,000.

The total sales of stocks today were 147,778 shares, including: Sugar, 25,900; Burlington, 20,100; Lake Shore, 4,000; L. & N., 3,400; Manhattan, 8,200; Northwest, 4,400; Omaha, 3,500; Reading, 3,100; St. Paul, 20,800; New Jersey Central, 11,400.

The following were the fluctuations of the leading railway and industrial shares, furnished by C. H. F. Smith & Co., members New York stock exchange and Chicago board of trade.

	Opening......	Highest......	Lowest......	Closing......
S. R. & T. Co.	10	10	10	10
Am. Tobacco	75¼	75¾	75¼	75¼
Am. Spirits	13⅞	14⅛	13¾	14⅛
do pfd.	33	34¾	33	34¼
Atchison, new	12⅛	12⅜	12⅛	12¼
Atchison, pfd.	22⅞	23¼	22¾	22⅞
Am. Cotton Oil	......	......	......	12½
Bay State Gas	......	......	......	11½
Baltimore & Ohio	15¼	15¾	15¼	15
C., B. & Q.	76	77	75½	76⅜
C., C., C. & St. L.	28½	28¾	28¼	28¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	17½	17½	17½	17½
Chicago Gas	75⅞	76¾	75¾	76½
Canada Southern	45½	45⅞	45½	45¾
Colorado Fuel & Iron	......	......	......	21¾
Delaware & Hudson	107	107⅞	107	107½
Del., Lack. & West.	......	......	......	153⅛
Erie	14¾	14¾	14¾	14½
General Electric	34¾	34⅞	34⅝	34½
Great Northern pfd.	......	......	......	120
Hocking Valley	4	4	4	4
Illinois Central	......	......	......	93
Jersey Central	95⅛	95¼	93¼	94½
Kansas & Texas	......	......	......	12½
do pfd.	30¼	30⅜	30¼	30⅜
Lead	25	25	24½	24½
Linseed Oil	12	12	12	12¾
Laclede Gas	......	......	......	24
Louisville & Nash.	49⅝	50⅛	49⅜	49¾
Lake E. & Western	......	......	......	66
Leather pfd.	59⅞	60⅜	59½	60⅛
Lake Shore	169½	171½	169	169
Manhattan Con.	86¼	87⅞	85⅝	86½
Minnesota Iron	47¼	47¼	47¼	47¼
Missouri Pacific	21⅜	22	21⅜	21⅞
Michigan Central	93	93	93	93
N. P. common	14⅜	14⅜	14¼	14¼
do pfd.	38⅛	38⅛	37⅝	38
New York Central	94	94½	94	94¼
Northwestern	105½	106⅜	105⅞	106
North American	4⅜	4½	4⅜	4½
Omaha	51⅞	53	51½	52½
do pfd.	......	......	......	136
Ontario & Western	14¾	14⅞	14¾	14½
Pacific Mail	25¼	25⅞	25¼	25¼
Pullman	......	......	......	157½
Reading	24¾	24¾	24½	24¾
do 1st pfd.	......	......	......	48
do 2d pfd.	......	......	......	29¾
Rock Island	68	68¼	67⅝	68
Southern Railway	9⅛	9⅛	9	9
do pfd.	28⅜	28⅝	28¼	28⅜
Silver Certificates	......	......	......	64¼
Sugar Refinery	117⅛	118	116⅝	117¾
St. Paul	76⅞	77¼	76¾	76⅞
Tennessee Coal	28	28½	28	28¼
Texas Pacific	......	......	......	9½
Union Pacific	7	7⅛	7	7
U. S. Rubber	......	......	......	20¼
Western Union	83	83¼	82¾	83¼
Wabash	......	......	......	6
do pfd.	16	16⅛	16	16⅛
Wheeling & Lake E.	1¾	1⅞	1⅝	1⅝

The following were the closing prices of other stocks, as reported by the Associated Press:

Adams Express	148	Ontario & West.	14½
Alton & Terre H.	56	Oregon Nav.	14
American Ex.	110½	O. S. L. & U. N.	15½
Canada Pacific	54¾	Peoria, Dec. & E.	2
Canada Southern.	45⅞	Pittsburg	166
Central Pacific	10¾	Rio Grande West.	12
Chicago & Alton	166½	do pfd.	38½
Con. Gas	152	St. P. & Omaha	52½
Colorado C. & I.	½	do pfd.	136
D. & R. G. pfd.	41¼	Southern Pacific	14½
East Tennessee	14½	Tenn. Coal & I.	28¼
Fort Wayne	163	T. & O. C. pfd.	50
Great North. pfd.	120	U. S. Express	35
C. & E. I. pfd.	95	Wells-Fargo Ex.	99½
St. P. & Duluth	18	Wheeling & L. E.	1⅝
Kan. & Tex. pfd.	30⅜	do pfd.	5⅛
Louisville & N. A.	¼	Minn. & St. L.	18
Manhattan Con.	86½	Den. & R. G.	11
Mobile & Ohio	20¼	National Linseed.	12¾
Nashville & Chat.	66	Col. Fuel & I.	21¾
N. J. Central	94½	do pfd.	85
Norfolk & W. pfd.	16½	T., St. L. & K. C.	5¼
U. P., D. & G.	1⅞	do pfd.	18½
Northwest. pfd.	154	Southern Ry.	9
N. Y. & N. E.	37	do pfd.	28⅛

BOND LIST.

U. S. new 4s, reg.	123	C. P. 1sts, '95.	102½
do new 4s, coup.	123	D. & R. G. 7s.	111¾
do 5s, reg.	113¾	do 4s	88¼
do 5s, coup.	113⅞	Erie 2ds	65
do 4s, reg.	111	G., H. & S.A. 6s.	104
do 4s, coup.	113	do 7s	96
do 2s, reg.	95½	H. & T. C. 5s.	108½
Pacific 6s, '95.	103⅝	do 6s	104
Ala., Class A	104	M. K. T. 1st 4s.	84¼
do B	104	do 2d 4s	59½
do C	98	Mut. Union 6s.	110
do Currency	98	N. J. C. G. 5s.	116¾
La. new con. 4s.	96	N. P. 1sts	115⅝
Missouri 6s	100	do 2ds	55¼
N. Carolina 6s.	122	do 3ds	88
do 4s	102½	N. W. cons.	141¼
S. C. Non-Fund.	½	do S. F.deb.5s.	111
Tenn. new set 5s.	107	R. G. W. 1sts.	73¼
do 3s	77	St. P. con. 7s.	133
do old 6s	60	do C. & P.W.5s.	113½
Va. Centuries	62	S L & I M G 5s.	75
do dfd	6	S L & S F G 6s.	112
Atchison 4s	82½	Tex. Pac. 1sts.	88½
do 2d A.	67¼	do 2ds	21¾
Can. So. 2ds	105	U. P. 1sts, '96.	101⅝
O. R. & N. 1sts.	113	W. Shore 4s.	106¼
do 4s	83¼		

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NEW YORK MINING STOCKS.

Bulwer	$0 50	Mexican	$0 3
Cholor	90	Ontario	8 5
Crown Point	15	Ophir	7
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 70	Plymouth	2
Gould & Curry	35	Quicksilver	1 0
Hale & Norcross.	90	do pfd	10 0
Homestake	29 00	Sierra Nevada	3
Iron Silver	33	Standard	1 6

BOSTON MINING STOCKS.

Allouez Min. Co.	1	Franklin	112
Atlantic	23½	Kearsarge	19¼
Boston and Mont.	121¼	Osceola	33¾
Butte and Bost.	17⅛	Quincy	113
Calumet & Hecla.	390	Tamarack	122
Centennial	8⅞	Wolverine	10

NEW YORK MONEY.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Money on call 1½@1¾ per cent; last loan, 1¾, closed at 1½@1¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87½ for demand and $4.85¼ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.85@4.88. Commercial bills, $4.84¼. Silver certificates, 64¼@64¾c. Bar silver, 64⅛c.

FOREIGN FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The Evening Post's London financial cable: The stock market was idle today, but slightly better at the close. Consols were a fraction better. Americans were neglected, the New York support not being sustained. Kaffirs are still flat. The Paris bourse was dull on settlement. The Berlin market was steady on the buying of the better class of Kaffirs.

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York—Clearings, $123,871,666; balances, $7,384,079.

Boston—Clearings, $31,255,758; balances, $1,961,095.

CHICAGO MONEY.

CHICAGO, March 2.—New York exchange, 60c discount. Foreign exchange steady; demand, $4.87⅛; sixty days, $4.85¼.

TREASURY STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $212,271,603; gold reserve, $148,793,731.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The demand and purchases today turned out better than was promised at the opening. Bleached cottons were taken in good quantity by several of the largest distributing markets west of New York. Fancy cottons for petticoats and dress wear had increased attention. For desirable goods orders were placed, as none are to be had for immediate delivery. Dress silks and ribbons are doing very well, and so are men's wear goods. Brown cottons were moved well on old engagements, but new business was of moderate proportions. Foreign and domestic fancy worsted dress goods in steady request. Printing cloths more active and sales of about 75,000 pieces, contracts for May and July, at 2⅝c.

SEED MARKETS.

CHICAGO, March 2.—The flaxseed market opened higher and strong this morning on light receipts and prospects of a less acreage being sown the coming spring. Receipts here were 16 cars, 6 cars at Duluth and 7 cars at Minneapolis. The official close, as reported by the Weare Commission company, is as follows: Cash flax at 79c, May at 80¼@80½c, July at 80@80¼c, and September at 81½@81¾c; cash timothy seed closed at $2.60 per 100 lbs and March at $2.60; clover seed closed at $7.50 per 100 lbs. Minneapolis flaxseed quoted at 76½c per bu.

MINNEAPOLIS HAY MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 2.—J. A. Huntt & Co. report a better feeling among retailers and jobbers. The former are buying more freely. The demand, however, is almost altogether confined to the best grades. Low grades are still slow to move. Receipts are ruling light and afford a chance for jobbers to clear up old stocks.

Choice Iowa upland	$5.50@6.50
Choice Minnesota upland	5.00@5.50
Medium	3.00@4.00
Mixed hay	4.50@5.00
Coarse as to quality	3.00@4.00
Timothy	6.00@7.00
Rye straw, choice	4.25@4.50

BOSTON WOOL.

BOSTON, Mass., March 2.—Business in the wool market continues up to the average and shows no signs of weakness. Over 1,100,000 lbs of territory wool is recorded on the week's sales. These wools are firm at old prices, and many lots are being withheld from the market.

STILLWATER NEWS.

Clerk A. K. Doe, of the district court, presented a report to the board of county commissioners yesterday, showing that 129 licenses to marry were granted in Washington county during 1896, and eleven divorces were granted during the same period. Naturalization papers were issued to 279. Final citizenship papers were issued to 144.

The board of county commissioners met at the court house yesterday, and the session will continue until this evening. Tomorrow the board will visit the county farm.

Rufus Goff is down from a trip to the logging regions, and says that all woods work will practically be suspended by the 15th inst., most of the concerns being engaged in cleaning up. Very little cutting is being done now, and several crews will be laid off between the 10th and 15th.

About a dozen Stillwater Elks will go to Duluth tomorrow morning to asist in initiating a class of forty.

The officers of the Minnesota Mercantile company, chosen Monday, are: J. S. O'Brien, president; Fred Pennington, vice president; John F. Burke, secretary and treasurer; A. G. Triebel, manager.

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