MECK'S PLEA IS HEARD.

CONTEMPT CHARGES ARE CONSIDERED BY JUDGE OTIS.

The contempt proceedings under which William F. Meck was sentenced by Judge Bazille to a fine and six months' imprisonment in the matter of the guardianship of the Bowman minor were reviewed before Judge Otis in the district court yesterday. Judge Bazille was represented by John D. O'Brien and Fred W. Zollman, assistant county attorney, and Mr. Meck by E. S. Slater, of Minneapolis, and E. C. Stringer. The morning was spent in reading the record of the case and the afternoon in argument.

In the morning Judge Otis filed the order quashing the alternative writ of mandamus in the case of the state, ex rel. William F. Meck, against Judge of Probate E. W. Bazille. The petition asked that the probate judge be compelled to approve the appeal bond and allow an appeal from the order of the probate court appointing Miss Marguerite H. Bowman guardian of Ida May Bowman.

It was late in the afternoon before the case was finished and Judge Otis took it under advisement.

MRS. GOTTWOLD'S SUIT.

She Asks That Street Railway Pay Her $20,000.

Ida Gottwold has brought suit against the city railway company to recover $20,000, alleging injuries received June 30, 1898. She claims she was a passenger on an interurban car and that as she was getting off the car the conductor pushed her so that she lost her balance and fell off the car onto the asphalt pavement.

She also claims that she was in a delicate condition at the time and that the child that was born shortly thereafter died on account of the injuries she received.

William Bolter has commenced suit in the district court against the Minneapolis & St. Paul Suburban Railway company for $10,000 for alleged injuries received on Dec. 20, 1899. He claims that a Stillwater car ran into his rig as he was crossing the track and he was thrown out, sustaining internal injuries. He charges negligence on the part of the company in that the motorman did not ring the bell as the car approached.

IN MIDDLETON MYSTERY.

Thiel Detective Agency Sues County for Expenses.

The Thiel Detective agency has commenced a suit in the district court against the board of county commissioners to recover $679.57 for services rendered the county in trying to locate the Middleton murderers in 1898, under the orders of former County Attorney S. A. Anderson. They were unsuccessful in the attempt and the murderer is still at large.

The bill of the agency was stamped O. K. by the county attorney, but was rejected by the board of county commissioners.

For an Elevator Accident.

The case of Louis Nutzman against the Germania Life Insurance company is on trial for the second time before Judge Brill and a jury in the district court. Mr. Nutzman sues to recover $15,000 for injuries alleged to have been received on Feb. 21, 1898, while repairing the elevator in the Germania Life building.

Cut His Bill a Good Deal.

The jury in the case of Thomas H. Quinn against Martin H. Albin, in which one lawyer sued another for $200 for legal services, yesterday afternoon returned a verdict of $75 for the plaintiff.

Sent to Rochester.

Arthur St. Pierre, twenty-one years of age, was yesterday committed to the Rochester insane asylum by Judge Bazille, of the probate court. Drs. Hawkins and Werrick conducted the examination.

Schurmeier Estate Closed.

The final account in the estate of Gustave Schurmeier was allowed yesterday. The estate amounts to $80,000 personal and $15,000 real property. Rose L. Schurmeier, the executrix, is the sole heir.

To Recover Possession.

Charles R. Lowe has brought suit against Charles W. Miller et al. to recover possession of personal property valued at $500.

"LADY JANE" IN PRISON.

Queen of Black Face Demi-Monde Locked Up.

When J. De Collisnel, who had the colored woman known as "Lady Jane" arrested for stealing $7.50 from him, failed to appear in the municipal court to prosecute the case yesterday, Judge Orr announced that hereafter measures would be taken to insure complaining witnesses' presence in court. Too many witnesses have been disappearing, Judge Orr declared, and he said if the court could stop such practices it intended to do so.

After the court's remarks, Attorney McGhee wanted "Lady Jane" released. Judge Orr refused to permit the case to be dismissed and ordered an attachment for the complaining witness issued. Meantime "Lady Jane," otherwise Nellie Glover, will remain in the county jail.

FOR JOHNSON'S CARPET.

City Is Adjudged Liable for a Share of the Expense.

In a decision filed in the municipal court yesterday, Judge Orr holds that the city is liable for half of the cost of the carpet purchased by the joint court house and city hall commission for County Auditor Johnson's office. Judgment is given Mannheimer Bros. for $34.56. The county's share of the cost has already been paid. The city contested the case because of Comptroller McCardy's stand that the office for which the carpet was purchased was exclusively a county office and that the city was not liable for acts of the joint city hall and court house commission under such circumstances.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

GRAIN AVAILABLE SUPPLIES—New York, March 20.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreet's show the following changes in the available supplies from last week. Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, decrease, 1,258,000 bu; (Liverpool Corn Trade News) afloat and in Europe, increase, 200,000 bu; total supply, decrease, 1,358,000 bu. Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, decrease, 1,423,000 bu. Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, increase, 258,000 bu. Among the more important increases reported not given in the official visible supply statement are those of 320,000 bu at Manitoba storage points, 110,000 bu at Milwaukee private elevators, and 77,000 bu at Port Huron. The principal decreases are those of 1,400,000 bu at Northwestern interior elevators, 103,000 bu at Cleveland, 52,000 bu at Louisville, and 50,000 bu at Minneapolis private elevators. The aggregate stock of wheat held at Portland, Or., and at Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., increased 118,000 bu last week.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 20.—Flour steady. Wheat lower; No. 1 northern, 68½@67½c; No. 2 northern, 64½@66c. Rye drooping; No. 1, 57c. Barley higher; No. 2, 43c; sample, 38@42½c. Oats dull; No. 2 white, 26@26½c.

SEED MARKET—Chicago, March 20.—The flax seed market continues strong, but not active. The supplies of the country are held by a few. The market is necessarily subservient to these few. As to the distant future all depends upon the acreage sown and the prospects of the crop. Receipts here were 23 cars, 1 car at Duluth and 9 cars at Minneapolis. Cash flax at $1.65, May at $1.64 asked, September at $1.15, and October at $1.12 sellers per bushel. Cash timothy seed closed at $2.45 per 100 lbs, and clover seed at $8.40 per 100 lbs. Minneapolis flax seed quoted at $1.52 per bushel.

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PORK TOOK A HIGH JUMP

WHEN THE STUFF CAME OUT, HOWEVER, THERE WAS A SUDDEN FALLING OFF

TWO THIRTY-CENT DROPS

Gain of Fifty Cents at the Outset Was Thus More Than Wiped Out—Wheat Dull, but Fairly Steady.

	Prev. Close.	Day.
May wheat, Minneapolis	64½	64¼-⅜
May wheat, Chicago	66⅝	66⅜-½
May wheat, New York	73½	73
May wheat, Duluth	66⅝	66⅛

CHICAGO, March 20.—A bulge of 50c in the price of May pork, the result of a small panic among shorts in that article, was the feature of trading on 'change today. The advance was due to fear of a corner and the short stock, and the market reacted quicker than it had risen when the stuff once began to come on the market. May pork closed 2½c lower. Lard and ribs, 5@7½c lower. Wheat was dull, but fairly steady, helped by a better foreign demand, and closed ⅛@½c higher. Corn declined ¼c and oats closed a shade lower. A belief was prevalent that all the markets were being manipulated by a clique of scalpers.

Early trading in wheat was marked by considerable liquidation. Cables were lower at the opening, and continued to decline, which, with the continued large large receipts in the Northwest and the absence of foreign demand, left the market practically without support. May opened unchanged at 68⅜@68½c. Pressure to liquidate, which soon became quite general, forced the price back to 66⅝c. Below this price, however, the bears could not force the market, and shortly before 11 o'clock a good demand sprang up, local shorts and outsiders giving support to the market and advancing the price to 66⅝c. This demand satisfied, the market again relapsed into a condition of heaviness, with the price fluctuating within a narrow range.

During the last hours of trading strength again developed. The visible decreased 1,328,000 bushels, which was more than expected. This stiffened the market appreciably, and when the seaboard reported an improved foreign demand, buying became quite brisk, the May price reaching the best point of the day, 66⅝c. The market closed steady at that price. Chicago receipts were sixty-four cars. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 761 cars, compared with 932 last week and 363 a year ago. Total primary receipts were 511,000 bushels. Clearances from Atlantic and Gulf ports amounted to 414,000 bushels. The seaboard reported thirty loads taken for export, while 170,000 bushels were sold here for shipment. Chicago contract stocks decreased 94,000 bushels for the week.

Corn was dull and inclined to weakness, prices ruling a little lower all day. News was not of a character to materially influence prices, and the market was apparently controlled by scalpers. Country offerings were reported a little more liberal. The shipping demand was only moderate. Receipts were 603 cars. May ranged from 37⅛c to 37⅜@37½c, and closed ¼c lower at 37¼c.

Trading in oats showed no indications of recovering from its present condition of almost utter stagnation. Speculative business was insignificant and prices kept within the usual narrow range. The feeling was rather heavy, in sympathy with corn. Receipts were 315 cars. May ranged from 24c to 24@24¼c, and closed a shade lower at 24c.

Provisions were active, the market at times being in a semi-panicky condition so far as pork was concerned, and the price of that commodity covered a wide range. Small stocks of pork, the continued advance in the price of hogs and fear that a corner might be attempted brought a strong buying movement shortly after the opening, and as the price went skyward, shorts tumbled over themselves in their eagerness to cover. The price advanced 50c in a very few minutes. Then offerings became liberal, and the market fell a great deal faster than it had advanced, 30c being clipped off the advance in about two minutes. Later another selling flurry chopped off 30c more, but before the close confidence had been restored, and the price had again advanced to about yesterday's closing figures. Late in the session there was considerable selling pressure put on lard and ribs, and these commodities suffered in consequence, pork also weakening somewhat. The close was rather nervous, with May pork 2½c lower at $11.40; May lard 7½c lower at $6.05 and May ribs 5@7½c lower at $6.10.

Estimates for Wednesday: Wheat, 34 cars; corn, 250 cars; oats, 125 cars; hogs, 29,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Wheat—				
March	65⅝	.....	.....	65⅞
May	66⅝-½	66⅝	66⅛	66⅝
July	67¼	67½	67	67½
Corn—				
March	.....	.....	.....	35¾
May	37⅝-½	37⅝-¾	37⅛	37¼
July	37⅝-⅞	37⅞	37½-⅝	37⅝
September	38⅝	38⅝	38⅛	38⅛
Oats—				
May	24⅛	24⅛	24	24
July	23	23	22⅞	22⅞-23
Pork—				
May	11 40	11 90	11 32½	11 40
July	11 22½	11 35	11 12½	11 15
Lard—				
May	6 12½	6 12½	6 02½	6 05
July	6 20	6 22½	6 12½	6 12½
Ribs—				
May	6 15	6 17½	6 07½	6 10
July	6 17½	6 20	6 10	6 12½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull. Wheat—No. 3 spring, 62@66c; No. 2 red, 68½c. Corn—No. 2, 36½c; No. 2 yellow, 36¾c. Oats—No. 2 white, 26½@27c; No. 3 white, 25@26½c. Rye—No. 2, 55@55½c. Barley—No. 2, 37@43c. Flax Seed—No. 1, $1.65. Timothy Seed—Prime, $2.45. Clover Seed—Contract grade, $8.40. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $10.80@11.42½. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $5.85@6. Ribs—Short sides (loose), $6@6.25. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 6¼@6½c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), $6.30@6.40. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.24½. Sugars—Cut loaf, 6c; granulated, 5.44c. Receipts—Flour, 90,000 bbls; wheat, 33,000 bu; corn, 324,000 bu; oats, 394,000 bu; rye, 6,000 bu; barley, 101,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 50,000 bbls; wheat, 46,000 bu; corn, 179,000 bu; oats, 186,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 21,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 19@24c; dairies, 16@22c. Cheese firm at 12@13c. Eggs steady; fresh, 13c.

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MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 20.—Wheat opened fractionally higher.

May wheat opened at 64⅜c, against 64¼@64⅜c Monday, advanced to 64⅝@64½c, dropped to 64⅛c, firmed up to 64¼@64½c, sold at 64½@64¾c, advanced to 64⅝c by 11:30, and by noon held at 64⅝c. July wheat opened at 65½c, being the same as Monday's close, declined to 65¼@65⅜c, advanced to 65⅝@65½c, declined to 65¼@65⅜c by 11:30, and by noon held at 65½c. The cash wheat market was strong at the same relative difference with the May future that ruled on Monday for No. 1 northern. Lower grades sold well.

May wheat closed at 64½c, and July at 65⅝c.

Wheat.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing. Tues.	Mon.
March	.....	.....	.....	65¼	65⅛
May	64⅜	64½	64⅛	64½	64¼-⅜
July	65½	65⅝-¾	65¼-⅜	65⅝	65½

On Track—No. 1 hard, 66¼c; No. 1 northern, 65¼c; No. 2 northern, 63¾c; March oats, 23⅞c; March corn, 34c; flax seed, $1.62.

Flour — First patents, $3.60@3.65; first clears, $2.80@2.90; rye flour, per bbl, pure, $2.65@2.75.

Feed—Bran, in bulk, $11@11.25; shorts, in bulk, $10.50@11.75; middlings, in bulk, $11.50@11.75.

Corn—No. 3 corn, 34½@34¾c; No. 3 yellow, 34¾@35c.

Oats—No. 3 oats, 23⅝@23⅞c; No. 3 white, 24⅜c.

Rye—No. 2 rye quoted at 52½c.

Barley—Ranges from 35 to 40c for choice malting. Feed barley is a little weak, about 32@32½c.

Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra, to jobbers only, $13.75; No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra, $14.25.

Hay—Timothy is quoted a trifle higher, but otherwise the market is unchanged. Choice timothy is quoted at $9@9.50; clover-mixed timothy, $7.50@8; Iowa upland, $7.50@8; Minnesota upland, $7.50@8; coarse to medium, $5@6; rye straw, $4@4.50. Receipts, 99 tons.

CASH SALES.

No. 1 hard, 1 car, 66¾c.
No. 1 hard, 1 car, 66½c.
No. 1 northern, 17 cars, 65¼c.
No. 1 northern, 21 cars, 66c.
No. 1 northern, 15 cars, 65½c.
No. 1 northern, 8 cars, 65⅜c.
No. 1 northern, 1,000 bu to arrive, 65¼c.
No. 1 northern, 9 cars, 65½c.
No. 1 northern, 24 cars, 65⅜c.
No. 2 northern, 14 cars, 63¾c.
No. 2 northern, 4 cars, 64c.
No. 2 northern, 3 cars, 63½c.
No. 2 northern, 1 car, 65c.
No. 2 northern, 2 cars, 64¼c.
No. 2 northern, 4 cars, 64¾c.
No. 2 northern, 4 cars, 64½c.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Railroads.	Northern. No.1hd.	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	No. Gd.
Gt. Northern	5	76	67	40	22	9
C., M. & St. P.	..	45	94	23	14	2
M. & St. L.	..	15	18	4	2	1
Soo Line	6	50	20	4	7	2
Nor. Pacific	..	6	9	2	1	1
C.,St.P.,M. & O.	..	14	56	56	13	1
C. G. W.	..	..	1	..	1	..
Minn. Trans.	..	..	6	..	..	..
Totals	11	206	271	129	65	16

Other Grains—No. 2 wheat, 2 cars; No. 2 corn, 1 car; No. 3 corn, 45 cars; No. 4 corn, 2 cars; No. 3 oats, 32 cars; no grade oats, 4 cars; No. 2 rye, 2 cars; No. 3 barley, 1 car; No. 4 barley, 5 cars; No. 5 barley, 2 cars; No. 1 flax, 12 cars; rejected flax, 4 cars; no grade flax, 1 car.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 2; No. 1 northern, 28; No. 2 northern, 73; No. 3, 20; rejected, 8; no grade, 2; No. 3 corn, 8; No. 3 oats, 10; No. 1 flax, 5; rejected flax, 10.

Receipts—Wheat, 274 cars, 224,680 bu; corn, 8,160 bu; oats, 9,100 bu; barley, 4,050 bu; rye, 610 bu; flax, 7,920 bu; flour, 450 bbls; millstuffs, 65 tons; hay, 99 tons; merchandise, 1,821,100 lbs; lumber, 18 cars.

Shipments—Wheat, 61 cars, 52,460 bu; corn, 10,660 bu; oats, 1,310 bu; barley, 3,360 bu; rye, 3,240 bu; flax, 11,110 bu; flour, 86,168 bbls.

DULUTH.

DULUTH, Minn., March 20.—Market was dull and fairly firm; May opened unchanged at 66½c, sold off to 66¼c at 9:40, up to 66½c at 11 and closed ⅛c up at 66⅝c; cash, 20,000 bu at 1c under May. Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 67½c; to arrive, 67½c; May, 66⅝c; July, 67⅝c; No. 3 northern, 63½c; No. 3 spring, 59⅞c. Oats—24@25½c. Rye—52c. Barley—35@38c. Flax—Cash, $1.16½; to arrive, $1.62. Car Inspection—Wheat, 440 cars; corn, 62 cars; oats, 2 cars; barley, 2 cars; flax, 1 car. Receipts—Wheat, 163,829 bu; corn, 7,129 bu; rye, 1,443 bu; oats, 2,319 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 5,629 bu.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

GRAIN GOSSIP—Gossip by private wire to C. H. F. Smith & Co., St. Paul, members of the New York Stock exchange and Chicago Board of Trade: Chicago: Contract stocks of grain show for the week a decrease in contract wheat of 94,000 bu; an increase in contract corn of 166,000 bu, and in contract oats of 86,000 bu. These contract stocks now include 692,000 bu No. 2 red wheat and 11,590 bu No. 1 northern. London: Wheat cargoes slow; options ⅝ lower than yesterday's close. Victorian crop officially 6,000,000 bu less than expected. Paris: Close wheat unchanged to 10c lower; flour 15@25c lower.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Flour—Receipts, 37,927 bbls; exports, 390 bbls; sales, 5,000 packages; market was dull and easier, holders finding it almost impossible to get bids on anything but small lots to supply current needs. Rye flour dull; fair to good, $3@3.25; choice to fancy, $3.30@3.60. Wheat—Receipts, 124,800 bu; exports, 111,233 bu; sales, 1,100,000 bu futures, 480,000 bu export; spot market steady; No. 2 red, 77½c elevator; No. 2 red, 79⅞c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 79⅝c f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard Duluth, 81½c f. o. b. afloat, prompt. Options—No. 2 red March, 76⅝c; May, 72¾@73¼c, closing at 73⅛c; July, 72¾@73¼c, closing at 73¼c; September, 72¾@73⅛c, closing at 73⅛c. Corn—Receipts, 121,875 bu; exports, 8,913 bu; spot easier; No. 2, 43⅞c f. o. b. afloat, 44c elevator. Options—May, 42½@42⅝c, closing at 42½c; July, 42⅝@42¾c, closing at 42⅝c. Oats—Receipts, 87,100 bu; spot firm; No. 2, 28⅝c; No. 3, 28¼c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 31½c; track mixed Western, 29@30½c; track white, 32@35½c. Options dull.

LIVERPOOL, March 20.—Wheat quiet; ⅝d lower; March, 5s 9⅝d; July, 5s 9d. Corn steady; ⅜@½d lower; May, 3s 10⅝d; July, 3s 10d.

BIG FLURRY IN STOCKS

ABSORPTION OF THIRD AVENUE BY METROPOLITAN STARTED THE EXCITEMENT

SHORTS DRIVEN TO COVER

More Offers to Buy Than Could Be Supplied, Even at the Advanced Prices—Other Securities Were Buoyant.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
Bar silver, New York	60	60
Call money, New York	5@12	4½@5

NEW YORK, March 20.—There was a brilliant display of speculative pyrotechnics in the stock market today, which was interesting and informing as a spectacle, but which must have been attended with very unpleasant circumstances for someone. The explosive outbreak took place in the New York Traction group, and was precipitated by the official announcement published this morning that the Metropolitan Street Railway had secured a controlling interest in the Third Avenue railroad. This at once confirmed the fears of the shorts, which have been quite actively manifested for several days, that there was not a large enough supply of Third Avenue stock on the market to enable them to cover their unfilled contracts for delivery. In other words, the stock was cornered. The result, briefly stated, was a jump of nearly 19 points. The violent rise in the stock brought out large blocks from long holders, which caused many relapses and made wide and feverish fluctuations all day. But when the shorts attempted to supply their needs, the price always mounted buoyantly upward again.

The New York public utilities have been the favorite field of operation by the bears for several days past and the sympathetic strength imparted to the group by the Metropolitan-Third Avenue combination drove the shorts to cover with a rush. The extreme advances in the group were: Metropolitan, 11½; Brooklyn Transit, 7⅞; Consolidated Gas, Brooklyn Union, 5, and Manhattan 4¼. The possibilities of economy of operation and elimination of rivalries as the result of the combination undoubtedly improves the status of the Metropolitan and Third Avenue properties, but the price movement of the day was almost wholly due to speculative exigencies. Third Avenue stock commanded as high as 4 per cent premium for loans. There was furious manipulation in the stock all day, as was evidenced by the simultaneous sales on regular transactions and on sellers' sixty-day contracts at nearly 10 points apart, the regular sale commanding the high price. Other stocks in which the short interest largely reflected the urgent demand were notably Sugar, Tobacco, People's Gas and Western Union, which rose 1¾ to 3¼.

Speculation in the railroad list was rather dull during the period of feverish excitement in the specialties, but later in the day an active and vigorous demand sprang up for Baltimore & Ohio, the Pacifics, some of the grangers, Wheeling & Lake Erie second preferred and a number of less prominent stocks. Baltimore & Ohio was carried up 4¼. The highest prices were not maintained in any case, the violently speculative specialties showing the sharpest reactions, but the closing generally was rather easy below the best, and changes, though mostly gains, were very ragged as to uniformity. The iron and steel stocks were rather heavy, notably National Steel and Tennessee Coal.

The money market showed evidences of relaxation. The continued decline in price of government bonds indicates a process of liquidation which suggests that the recent level of prices prompted the changing of plans for taking out bank note circulation and the selling out of holdings of bonds.

The railroad bond market continued active, but price changes were rather irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,475,000; United States 2s refunding when issued; the 3s, old 4s, new 4s and 5s declined ½ in the bid price.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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	S'ls	High	Low	Closing 20	Closing 19
Am. Steel & Wire.	9600	55⅞	54	55⅛	54¾
do pfd	100	90¼	90¼	89½	90
A. Mining Co.	.....	46¾	45¾	46½	46
Am. Tobacco	31700	109¼	106⅝	107⅞	106
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	135	135
Atch., T. & S. F.	12100	24	23¾	23⅞	23¾
do pfd	19400	69½	69	69¼	69
Am. Linseed Oil.	.....	.....	.....	13½	13¼
do pfd	.....	57¾	57⅝	57¼	57
B. & O. new	25000	70½	67	69¾	66
do pfd new	13700	78⅝	77	77⅞	77¼
B. R. T.	88800	72½	65¾	71½	64½
C., B. & Q.	9700	127⅜	126⅜	127⅛	127¼
Can. Pacific	.....	.....	.....	95	95
Car & Foundry	.....	16¾	16½	16½	16
do pfd	.....	65¼	64⅞	64⅞	64⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	600	60⅞	60	60⅝	59¾
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	103	103
Ches. & Ohio	.....	28⅞	28¼	28½	28⅛
Col. F. & I.	.....	45⅞	44¾	44⅞	44⅞
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	120	120
Chic. G. W.	400	13⅝	13½	13½	13⅝
do pfd A	.....	.....	.....	76⅜	76
do pfd B	100	39	39	38½	38½
Del. & Hudson	.....	.....	.....	115	115
Con. Gas	4200	185	179	184½	177½
Del., L. & W.	.....	.....	.....	178	178
Den. & Rio G.	.....	.....	.....	19½	19⅝
do pfd	700	71⅝	71⅛	71¼	71¾
Erie	1100	13½	13¼	13¼	13
do 1st pfd	.....	38¼	38⅛	38¼	38¼
do 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	19	19¼
Fed. Steel	3500	51	50	50¾	50
do pfd	800	74½	74	74¼	73½
Gen. Elec. Co.	300	127	125⅝	126	125½
Gt. Nor. pfd	.....	160	158	159½	157¾
Glucose	.....	51¾	51½	51¾	51¾
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	98	98
Hock. Valley Ry.	500	33½	32⅞	33	32½
do pfd	1400	63⅞	63½	63½	63¼
Illinois Central	200	113¾	113½	113½	113
Int. Paper	.....	19¾	19	18½	18½
do pfd	.....	62	61½	61½	61
Lake Erie & W.	.....	.....	.....	21	20¼
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	85	85
Louis. & Nash.	2400	82⅞	82¼	82⅝	82¼
Lead	500	24⅝	23¾	24¼	23½
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	102¾	103
Leather	7600	13⅛	12½	12⅞	12¼
do pfd	500	72⅞	72½	72½	72
Manhattan Con.	31800	97⅜	93½	96	93
M., St. P. & S.S.t.M.	.....	.....	.....	17	18
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	53	52½
Met. Traction	42500	171½	164¼	167⅞	160
M. C.	.....	.....	.....	14	14⅛
Mobile & Ohio	.....	46⅞	46¼	46⅞	46¼
Minn. & St. L.	1900	63¾	62½	63½	61½
do 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	94½	95
M., K. & T.	.....	.....	.....	10½	10½
do pfd	3400	33⅜	32¾	33	33½
Missouri Pacific	12300	46¼	45½	46	45¼
Northern Pacific	19500	54¼	53½	54⅛	53⅜
do pfd	1300	74⅝	74⅜	74⅜	74¼
N. Y. Central	5300	135½	134¾	135½	134½
Nat. Steel Co.	.....	46	44	44⅝	45¼
do pfd	.....	97	93¾	94	94
National Biscuit	.....	.....	.....	35¼	35½
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	89¾	89¾
Norfolk & West.	.....	33⅛	32⅝	32⅞	32¾
do pfd	500	76½	76⅛	76⅛	76
North-Western	200	161	161	161	161
do pfd	300	199	199	197	195
North American	.....	15¼	15	15¼	15½
Omaha	.....	.....	.....	111	111
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	160	160
Ont. & Western	900	23⅛	23¼	23¼	23⅝
Pennsylvania Ry.	.....	135½	134½	135¼	135
People's Gas	13100	100¼	98¼	99¾	98¼
Pullman	300	185½	185	185	183¼
Reading	.....	.....	.....	17¼	17
do 1st pfd	3300	57⅞	57	57¼	57
do 2d pfd	.....	28	28⅞	28½	28¾
Rock Island	13200	109¼	109⅜	110	109⅝
Southern Pacific	20100	39½	38½	39¼	38⅝
Stand. R. & T.	.....	.....	.....	6¼	6½
Smelter	.....	40⅞	40	40½	39½
do pfd	.....	91⅞	91⅛	90¾	91
Sugar Refinery	85000	107¼	104	106¼	104
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	109½	108
St. Paul	9000	124¾	123¾	124	123¾
do pfd	1200	174	173⅞	173¼	173¾
T. C. & I.	2300	96	93¾	93½	94½
Union Pacific	38800	51⅛	50¾	51¾	50⅝
do pfd	4700	75½	75	75⅜	75⅛
U. S. Express	.....	.....	.....	46	46
U. S. Rubber	8500	31	30¼	30	32½
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	93½	93½
Wabash	.....	.....	.....	6¾	6½
do pfd	1600	20½	20	20¼	20¼
*Western Union	1600	84	83	84	83
Wis. Central	.....	17	16½	16½	16½
do pfd	.....	49⅛	49½	49	48½
Wheeling & L. E.	1300	10¾	10½	10⅝	10⅝
do 1st pfd	.....	.....	.....	53½	53
Wells-Fargo Ex	.....	.....	.....	122	122
R. Iron & Steel	400	21⅝	21½	21¾	21½
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	65½	65½
A. Hoop	2200	35½	34	35	35
do pfd	500	82	81¼	81½	80½
Third Avenue	.....	101⅛	90	101	85
Nat. Tube Co.	.....	.....	.....	51½	51¾
do pfd	.....	92	91⅛	92	91½

*Western Union, ex-dividend, 1¼ per cent.

Total sales, 735,146.

NEW YORK MONEY — New York, March 20.—Money on call firm at 3@7½ per cent; last loan, 4 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5@5½ per cent; sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85½ for demand, and at $4.82 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.83@4.83½ and $4.86½@4.87; commercial bills, $4.81¼@4.81¾; silver certificates, 60¼@61¼c; bar silver, 60c; Mexican dollars, 47¾c.

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References—Stock Yards bank, South St. Paul; Security bank, Zumbrota; Hon. A. T. Koernor, state treasurer, Capitol building, St. Paul; A. C. Anderson, cashier St. Paul National bank, St. Paul.

BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, w.i.	104½	N. Y. C. 1sts	110
do 2s, reg	101	N. J. C. gen. 5s	123½
do 3s, reg	109½	N. C. 6s	127
do 3s, coup	109½	do 4s	106
do new 4s, reg	134½	N. P. gen. 3s	66¾
do new 4s, coup	134¼	do prior 4s	105
do old 4s reg	115	N.Y.,C.& St.L.4s	108
do old 4s, coup	116	N. & W. con. 4s	96⅞
do 5s, reg	114	do gen. 6s	132
do 5s, coup	114	O. N. 1sts	108
D. of C. 3 65s	119	do 4s	103
Atch. gen. 4s	101⅜	O. S. L. 6s	127½
do adj. 4s	83⅞	do con. 5s	113
Can. So. 2ds	106½	Reading gen. 4