COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Received No Encouragement Except from Crop Prospects.

CORN WAS LIMP AND ALMOST LIFELESS

There Was a Good Chicago Demand for the Cash Article with a Nominal Decline of One Cent Per Bushel.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Pronounced weakness in the foreign grain markets weakened wheat here today, and May closed ½c lower. Corn followed, losing ⅝c, and oats closed ¼c lower. Helped by a scarcity of hogs, provisions made gains.

The wheat market, receiving no encouragement in any direction, except in rather mediocre promises for the next crop, ignored the latter as a pressing factor and followed the direction imparted to it from weaker foreign markets. The French country markets were quoted as exceptionally weak, the Beerbohm cablegram quoting a decline of ½d, and both Paris and Berlin sent lower quotations. Some covering of shorts, under cover of the heavy feeling induced by the cables, held the market steady for an hour at from 54⅝c to from 54¾c to 54⅞c, but further weakening influences appeared as the details of the day's receipts and shipments came to hand, and before 12 o'clock the price had tumbled to 54c. The receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth numbered 368 cars. The total of the primary market receipts was 316,000 bu. The exports from the Atlantic seaboard were discouragingly light, amounting in wheat and flour to about 120,000 bu., and 15,000 bu. of that was from New Orleans. Some inquiry was reported for more of the Chicago No. 2 red winter for shipment at the opening of navigation, and a cargo was worked early in the day at a higher premium over May prices, c. i. f., to Buffalo, than previously made. Some more covering of shorts resulted from the evidence that Chicago wheat was now comparatively as cheap as that held elsewhere. The price recovered to 54¾c, but the closing cables were, taken altogether, no improvement upon those which were received in the morning, the market weakening again. At 54¼c, which was the next resting price, there was a fair demand about half an hour from the end of the session. The price rose again before the close to 54½c, on the reported taking of from forty-five to fifty boat loads for exportation at New York, and at the close here there were buyers at 54c.

The corn market was limp and almost lifeless during a great part of the day. The recent buying spirit has entirely subsided and the price is getting no support from any of the heavy operators. The receipts here today were 160 cars and 245 cars are estimated for tomorrow. The exports for the day from the Atlantic ports were 58,000 bu., including 27,500 bu. from New Orleans. There was a good local demand for cash corn, with a nominal decline of 1c per bu. at the close. May ranged from 46⅝c, near the opening, down to 45⅝c in the afternoon, and closed at 45⅞c.

Oats were active and a good business was transacted. Prices were weaker with the other cereals, and were to some extent ruled by them. However, free selling by the Carrington-Hannah and Bartlett-Frazier people was influential in lowering prices. The demand was fair throughout, especially for May, at 29c. The crowd in general took up the offerings. May sold from 29⅛c to 29⅜c down to 28⅞c, and closed at 29c.

Influenced by present and prospective light hog receipts, provisions were very firm, with few sellers. The greatest strength and highest prices obtained early in the day, but in the end gains were established of from 10c to 15c in pork, and 10c each in lard and ribs. Hog receipts, which yesterday were estimated at 22,000 head, turned out to be 21,000 head, and for tomorrow 14,000 head are expected.

Estimated receipts for Saturday: Wheat, 32 cars; corn, 245 cars; oats, 165 cars; hogs, 14,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
March.....	53¾	53⅝	52⅝	53
May.....	54⅝@⅞	54⅝@⅞	54	54⅝
July.....	55⅝@⅝	55¾	55@55⅛	55⅛
Corn No. 2..				
March.....	44⅞	45⅛	44⅛	44⅞
May.....	46⅝	46⅝	45⅝	45⅞
July.....	46⅛	46⅛	45⅝	45⅝@⅞
Oats No. 2...				
May.....	29⅛	29⅜	28⅞	29
June.....	29	29⅛	28⅝	29
July.....	28¼	28⅝	28	28
Pork per bbl				
May.....	12 05	12 25	11 92½	12 05
July.....	12 17½	12 40	12 10	12 25
Lard, 100 lbs				
May.....	6 90	6 97½	6 90	6 95
July.....	7 05	7 12½	7 05	7 10
Short Ribs—				
May.....	6 00	6 12½	6 00	6 05
July.....	6 17½	6 27½	6 17½	6 20

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, $2.05@2.80; winter straights, $2.35@2.60; bakers' $1.75@2.25; spring patents, $3.10@3.50; spring straights, $2.10@2.85.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 56⅝@60⅝c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 53@53⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 44⅝@44½c; No. 3 yellow, 43⅝@43½c.

OATS—No. 2, 28⅝c; No. 2 white, 31⅛@32c; No. 3 white, 31⅛@32c.

RYE—No. 2, 53½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 54@54½c; No. 3, 52@53½c; No. 4, 47c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.42½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.60@5.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.00@12.12½; lard, per 100 lbs., $6.85@6.97½; short ribs sides (loose), $5.95@6.00; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.00@5.12½; short clear sides (boxed), $6.10@6.20.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	10,000	9,000
Wheat, bu.....	27,000	25,000
Corn, bu.....	77,000	27,000
Oats, bu.....	197,000	77,000
Rye bu.....	4,000	2,000
Barley, bu.....	27,000	12,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 10@19c; dairy, 8@17c. Eggs, quiet; 10½@12c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW ORK, March 22.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,500 bbls.; exports, 9,400 bbls.; sales, 14,300 pkgs. Market weaker in tone except in winters which are steady. Buyers are 10@15c below asking price. Southern flour dull. Rye flour, firm; sales, 200 bbls.; buckwheat flour, nominal.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 49@53c.

RYE—Nominal; car lots, 55c; boat loads, 55@56c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2 Milwaukee, 65c, delivered; two-rowed state, 60@61c; Canada, 70@72½c.

BARLE MALT—Firmly held; western, 70@77c; No. 3 western, 68@70c; six-rowed, 72@75c; unpaided, 64@66c.

CORN MEAL—Steady; sales, 400 bbls.; 2,000 sacks; yellow western, $1.08@1.12; Brandywine, $2.75.

WHEAT—Receipts, 54,000 bu.; exports, 32,000 bu.; sales, 3,910,000 bu. futures, 206,000 bu. spot; weaker; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 59⅝c; afloat, 60⅝c; f. o. b., 61½ afloat; No. 1 northern, 68⅝c delivered; No. 1 hard, 69⅝c delivered. Options opened easier under lower cables but showed a firm undertone and quickly rallied to local buying only to turn weak again on liquidation, disappointing late cables and general disagreement over the situation, closing heavy at ⅛@⅞c net loss. No. 2 red March closed 59⅛c; May, 59⅛@60⅛c, closed 59⅝c; June closed 59⅝c; July, 59⅝@59 15-16c, closed 59⅝c; September, 60⅛@60⅜c, closed 60½c; December, 62⅝@63c, closed 62⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 39,000 bu.; exports, 900 bu.; sales, 239,000 bu.; futures, 12,000 bu. spot; spot easier; steamer mixed, 51½c delivered. Options advanced at first on good buying to cover shorts, but in the afternoon broke sharply under big car lot estimates and closed ⅛@¼c lower. May, 50⅝@51⅛c, closed 50⅝c; July, 50¼@50⅜c, closed 50⅛c; September closed 50⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 37,800 bu.; exports, 200 bu.; sales, 80,000 bu. futures; 47,000 bu. spot; spot dull; No. 2, 33½c; No. 2 delivered, 34½c; No. 1, 32½c; No. 2 white, 36⅝c; No. 3 white, 36c; track white, western and state, 37@39½c. Options dull and featureless during the day and closed ¼c lower. March closed 32½c; April closed 33½c; May, 33 1-16c, closed 33c; July, closed, 24½c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 80@75c.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, old, 3@7c; 1894, 4@10c; coast, old, 3½@7c; 1894, 6@11c.

HIDES—Firm; wet salted, New Orleans, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 5½@6c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 13@13½c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 7@7½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 16@18c.

WOOL—Steady; domestic fleece, 16@28c; pulled, 19@24c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, 6½@7c; pickled hams, 8½@9c. Lard, higher; western steam closed at $7.15; sales, 250 tierces, at $7.10@7.20; city, at 6¾@7¼c; sales, 250 tierces; March, $7.12, nominal; May, $7.22, nominal; refined, higher; continent, $7.50; S. A., $7.85; compound, 5¼c. Pork, quiet; new mess, $13.00@13.25; fancy, $12.50.

BUTTER—Firmer; western dairy, 6@12c; western creamery, 12@20½c; western factory, 7@12c; Elgins, 20½c; imitation creamery, 9@14c; state dairy, 10@18c; state creamery, old, 10@15c.

CHEESE—Steady; large, 8@11½c; small, 8@12c; part skims, 2½@8c; full skims, 1½@2.

EGGS—Weaker; state and Pennsylvania, 12½@13½c; western, fresh, 12½c; southern, 11½@12½c; receipts, 8,845 pkgs.

TALLOW—Dull; city (32 per pkg.), 4⅛c bid; country (pkgs free), 4⅝c.

PETROLEUM—Steady; United closed, $1.10½.

ROSIN—Steady.

TURPENTINE—Quiet; 36@36½c.

COTTON SEED OIL—No disposition to do business; holders refuse to concede anything, and buyers are well enough supplied to await developments.

RICE—Firm.

MOLASSES—Firm.

ORANGES—Steady; California, $2.75@3.50; Western India, $2.50@2.60.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; Scotch, $19.00@25.00; American, $9.50@12.50. Copper, quiet; brokers' price, $9.37½; exchange price, $9.50@9.50. Lead, firm; brokers' price, $3.00 exchange price, $3.12½. Tin, strong; Straits, $13.90@13.95; plates, steady. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $3.12½@3.15. Sales on 'change, 50 tons March tin, $13.90.

DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

Indications of Improvement in Business Grow More Distinct.

NEW YORK, March 22.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade, which issues tomorrow, will say: Indications of improvement in business grow more distinct. The most obtrusive of them, the speculative advance in cotton and in stocks, is the least reliable, nor can either of these be said to reflect actual improvement in business conditions. Railroad earnings are scarcely better, and the speculation is largely based on the expectation of a more effective monopoly in coal and some other products. London was buying largely, but is likely to sell on any rise. Cotton does not rise because there is more demand for goods, but because cotton is dearer. More variable indications are that the volume of domestic business gains a little, money is much freer for legitimate demand, and the force of hands at work gradually increases in some industries, and in others is restricted only by strikes, which are presumably temporary. The rise in cotton to 6 cent cents still seems to have scarcely any contact with the facts of demand and supply, but had a very substantial basis, nevertheless, if, as some maintain, more cotton had been sold in this country for future delivery than could be produced here until another crop comes. American stocks were last Friday 1,345,928 bales, against 1,134,709 bales last year, with the general expectation that something over 700,000 bales will come forward, while foreign stocks of American are 630,000 bales greater than at the same date after the great crop of 1891. Receipts continue large and the movement has really no other basis than the belief that the next crop will be small.

The rise in wheat, which started with the report of wheat in farmers' hands, has been followed by a reaction, so that prices are lower than they were prior to that report, having fallen 2¼ cents for the week. Western receipts were 1,988,214 bushels, against 1,633,331 bushels last year, and for three weeks were practically equal to last year's, while Atlantic exports are small.

Corn has not followed, but after a rise to 51⅝c holds the price of a week ago, receipts being about a third of last year's and exports insignificant.

Pork has declined 25c per bbl. and lard 10c per 100 lbs.

The advance in wages of coke workers raises the cost of fuel for a large proportion of the iron manufacturers, but as yet does not affect prices of iron or its products, as no increase in demand appears. Possibly it is hoped that larger buying will soon be prompted by the idea that pig and all products will be rendered more costly, though the large excess of production and producing capacity stands in the way. One sale of 10,000 tons of steel rails, one case pipe contract for 9,000 tons, a bridge and five building contracts aggregating nearly 5,000 tons are reported this week, but pig iron is weak without change, both at the east and at Pittsburg, and no change of consequence is noted in the demand for finished products. Copper continues weaker at $9.25 for lake, American production in February being 12,070 tons, and foreign 6,739 tons, while tin has risen sharply to $13.90. Lead is weaker, with heavy sales of 2,500 tons domestic and 1,500 tons to foreign takers at $3.05 to $3.15, but large sales of tin plate are reported, with prices a shade stronger.

The rise in cotton has stimulated buying of goods and given confidence to agents. Heavy transactions and small advances in prices appear in southern coarse goods, but not as yet in the finest. While many orders are detained by labor difficulties, there is also much complaint of cancellations, which appear to be justified in some cases by inferior quality, but in others not justified at all. Orders for fall are at present small and new business has been quiet.

Sales of wool gradually decrease and for the week are smaller than last year, 4,174,900 lbs., against 4,338,800 lbs. For three weeks of March sales indicate about 70 per cent on full consumption.

Failures for the past week have been 278 in the United States, against 244 last year, and thirty-five in Canada, against fifty last year.

CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate of Business Transacted by the Associated Banks Last Week.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$ 542,949,172	17.3	.....
Chicago	82,628,069	10.1	.....
Boston	83,474,600	9.4	.....
Philadelphia	69,570,153	6.7	.....
St. Louis	22,953,611	29.1	.....
San Francisco	16,801,487	5.4	.....
Baltimore	11,594,626	.....	3.2
Pittsburg	11,917,104	.....	.....
Cincinnati	11,299,400	3.7	.....
Kansas City	9,091,084	4.1	.....
New Orleans	9,905,795	14.3	.....
Buffalo	3,555,823	13.7	.....
Milwaukee	4,477,790	.....	3.0
Detroit	5,628,870	14.2	.....
Louisville	5,551,230	.....	9.0
Minneapolis	5,561,105	22.7	.....
OMAHA	3,323,227	.....	20.3
Providence	5,126,200	29.9	.....
Cleveland	5,026,363	29.3	.....
Houston	5,166,923	40.1	.....
St. Paul	2,541,149	11.1	.....
Denver	2,755,330	10.8	.....
Indianapolis	3,622,718	14.1	.....
Columbus, O.	2,886,400	.....	.....
Hartford	1,837,395	9.2	.....
Richmond	2,127,917	4.5	.....
Washington	1,999,355	47.8	.....
Dallas	2,367,316	11.0	.....
St. Joseph	1,580,677	37.8	.....
Peoria	2,271,823	54.3	.....
Memphis	1,729,769	6.5	.....
Portland, Ore.	1,156,711	27.8	.....
Rochester	1,559,600	24.5	.....
New Haven	1,238,719	.....	6.9
Savannah	1,322,803	.....	15.1
Springfield, Mass.	1,595,531	46.4	.....
Worcester	1,274,151	23.5	.....
Portland, Me.	1,034,761	.....	5.3
Atlanta	1,042,999	10.4	.....
Fort Worth	1,816,667	71.5	.....
*Waco	2,755,739	127.0	.....
Syracuse	867,558	2.9	.....
Des Moines	894,430	.....	6.2
Grand Rapids	853,593	34.6	.....
Seattle	449,921	.....	1.7
Lowell	570,049	14.9	.....
Wilmington, Del.	658,772	.....	8.8
Norfolk	589,181	14.8	.....
Sioux City	521,000	.....	20.3
Los Angeles	1,187,384	21.7	.....
Tacoma	545,296	11.7	.....
Saginaw, Mich.	416,916	71.7	.....
Spokane	349,842	35.7	.....
Jacksonville	342,136	.....	25.6
Lincoln	347,503	.....	23.2
New Bedford	287,066	4.3	.....
Wichita	353,373	9.7	.....
Birmingham	571,869	20.8	.....
Topeka	500,441	.....	18.8
Lexington, Ky.	320,378	19.8	.....
Binghampton	315,400	2.6	.....
*Bay City, Mich.	252,249	23.5	.....
*Fall River	785,560	18.5	.....
*Akron, O.	236,397	41.3	.....
*Springfield, O.	161,498	10.2	.....
*Canton, O.	174,192	25.1	.....
*Sioux Falls	68,023	49.2	.....
*Fremont, Neb.	60,029	24.1	.....
*Hastings, Neb.	57,573	41.1	.....
*Chattanooga	200,106	3.8	.....
*Fargo	131,962	76.0	.....
*Nashville	917,171	8.5	.....
*Galveston	5,146,426	41.5	.....
Salt Lake	962,000	8.2	.....
Rockford	226,369	.....	13.4
Helena	589,591	18.1	.....
Scranton	638,603	.....	2.7
*Kalamazoo	238,196	.....	.....
**Little Rock	357,068	.....	.....
Total for United States	$ 952,491,395	13.8	.....
Exclusive of New York ...	409,542,223	9.2	.....

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Montreal	$ 11,631,140	8.9	.....
Toronto	4,992,259	.....	.....
Halifax	871,448	16.3	.....
Hamilton	524,657	10.4	.....
Winnipeg	695,456	15.6	.....
Total	$ 18,118,934	3.4	.....

* Not included in totals because containing other items than clearances.

** Not included in totals because of no comparison for last year.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Improvements in Trade Noted at Most Important Centers.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Improvement in general trade is more marked, but not general. It is more conspicuous at larger New England points—notably Boston and Providence, and at New York, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Louisville and other centers along the Ohio river to St. Louis, and as far west as Kansas City. Similar reports come from Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the first named announcing that smaller quantities of 6 per cent money are being offered, the banks working steadily toward a 5 per cent basis, the demand for loans continuing to improve and reserves being lower than for a year past. From other cities a better feeling is reported, based on the recently developed strength in cotton, wheat and flour. The widespread prevalence of the inquiry whether this upward movement is the beginning of a permanent recovery from the two years of depression is of itself significant. While among important price movements there are reactions for wheat, oats and lard from the advances of last week, this was to be expected as the outcome of a selling movement to take profits, emphasized by favorable crop reports from abroad and freer receipts. Quotations for anthracite coal have been demoralized and there is little hope for them until those who make them desire to have prices higher and steady.

Eggs continue to decline and live hogs at some western points are 5c lower.

Jobbers of ginghams have closed out their stocks in some cases by cut prices, but these cover about all the noteworthy declines in prices. Wool remains unchanged, although the volume of business is smaller, because it is between seasons with dress goods mills and Australian wools are more popular. No changes in quotation are noted for coffee, sugar or naval stores. On the other hand, cotton has jumped up 5-16c, corn is ½c higher, and butter has scored another advance. On the Pacific coast lumber is higher and advancing, and at central western markets leather is up 1c per lb. and calfskin 4c to 5c per foot. Live cattle have also advanced, as has coke, which, taken in connection with increased wages paid iron and steel workers at Pittsburg, indicates an advance for Bessemer pig iron and billets.

Increased firmness is reported in some varieties of cotton goods, due to the advance in cotton, some varieties having been marked up ⅛ cent by manufacturers. Exports of wheat, including flour as wheat, from both coasts, equal 2,988,685 bushels this week, or 207,000 bushels more than last week, more than 600,000 bushels in excess of the quantity shipped abroad in the third week of March, 1894, and more than 200,000 bushels in excess of the total in the like week of 1893. The increase, as compared with the corresponding period of 1892, is about 400,000 bushels, and with 1891, more than 800,000 bushels. Thus, for the first time in many months, the week's exports of wheat have been in excess of corresponding totals in four preceding years. Wholesale trade has improved at Toronto, with jobbers of dry goods and hardware, and the grain market is stronger.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Upward Movement in the Security Market Receives a Setback.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The upward movement on the Stock exchange received another setback today, not serious except in so far as the general advancing tendency was checked and some of the leading stocks recorded fractional reactions. The only shares which showed a loss on the day exceeding a fraction are Susquehanna & Western, which was subjected to a bear raid, accompanied by unfavorable rumors. Among these were stories that the company had failed in negotiations looking to an increased tonnage, and that in the proposed readjustment among the anthracite coal carrying companies the smaller companies would receive less favorable treatment. Considerable stock was thrown on the market, the common shares selling off 2 per cent and the preferred 3¾ per cent. At the close recoveries had been made of ⅝ per cent and ¾ per cent, respectively. The general market opened strong and active and an advance was recorded ranging up to 1 per cent, with Delaware & Lackawanna in the lead.

Speculation, however, soon became unsettled and the trading irregular, the market gradually lapsing into decided weakness. The depression continued in force until shortly after 11 o'clock, when a rally took place and the market swung into the afternoon in good tone. No material gains were made after 1 o'clock, the dealings growing rather dull, and it was not until after delivery that a general reaction occurred, and from that time up to the close the market was heavy. Distilling was most prominent in the transactions, and after an early gain of ⅝ per cent, broke 1½ per cent on selling. The stock closed ¼ per cent above the lowest and ⅝ per cent below yesterday's closing price. Chicago Gas was notably strong on purchases by the new interest in the property, and made a net gain on the day of 1⅛ per cent. Sugar was manipulated within a range of 1¼ per cent, closing at a loss of ¼ per cent. General Electric opened ½ per cent lower, rose ⅜ per cent, broke 1¼ per cent, recovered ⅛ per cent, relapsed ⅝ per cent, and rallied ⅜ per cent, closing at yesterday's figures. On a purchase of 100,000 shares, St. Paul & Duluth advanced 2 per cent, Oregon Navigation and Chicago & Eastern Illinois preferred rose 1 per cent and Cottonseed Oil preferred 1¼ per cent. The other changes on the day are merely fractional. Delaware & Lackawanna advanced 1 per cent, fell off 1¼ per cent, and rallied ⅝ per cent. New Jersey Central rose 1 per cent, lost the gain, declined ¾ per cent, reacted ¾ per cent, and regained ½ per cent. The market closed weak. The trading in bonds was less animated and there was considerable irregularity in price.

The losses, however, on the day are in the main confined to fractions. Total sales were $1,642,000.

The Evening Post's London cablegram says: The stock markets were quiet and irregular today. Americans were good, notably Atchisons, which were up one on a tip here to buy. It is believed that the details of the reorganization scheme are all arranged. The meeting will be held early in April, and the first assessment is likely to be paid in May. Closing prices of American securities were weaker, except Atchison, which closed at the best. Grand Trunks were easier. The meeting of proprietors yesterday resolved to seek a change in management, but at present the body organized to oppose the management is small and not very influential.

Atchison.....	5⅝	Northwestern.....	91
Adams Express.....	140	*N. Y. Central.....	137
Alton, T. H.	38	N. Y. Central.....	94⅝
Am. Express.....	112	N. Y. & N. E.	34⅜
Baltimore & Ohio.	33⅝	Ontario & W.	16⅝
Canada Pacific....	37	Oregon Imp.....	11⅛
Canada Southern...	49⅝	Oregon Nav.....	19
Central Pacific....	16⅝	O. S. L. & U. N....	5⅛
Ches. & Ohio.....	17¼	Pacific Mail.....	21⅜
Chicago Alton.....	140	P. D. & E.	4¼
C. B. & Q.	77⅝	*Pittsburg.....	159
Chicago Gas.....	72⅝	Pullman Palace..	156
Consolidated Gas.	131½	Reading.....	10⅛
C., C., C. & St. L....	38	R. G. W.	16⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron...	5⅝	R. G. W. pfd.....	37
Cotton Oil Cert....	25¾	Rock Island.....	63¾@64
Delaware & Hud..	127⅝	St. Paul	50⅝
Del., Lack. & W...	161½	do pfd.....	115¼
D. & R. G. pfd.....	35¼	St. P. & Omaha....	31⅝
D. & C. F. Co.....	14½	do pfd.....	105
Erie.....	8¾	Southern Pacific..	17⅝
do pfd.....	17⅝	Sugar Refinery....	98⅜
*Fort Wayne.....	154½	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	15⅛
G. Northern pfd..	103	Texas Pacific.....	6⅛
C. & E. I. pfd.....	92	T. & O. C. pfd....	77
Hocking Valley....	24¾	Union Pacific.....	9
Illinois Central...	86	U. S. Express.....	40
St. P. & Duluth	25	W. St. L. & P.....	9¼
L. E. & W.	24¾	do pfd.....	14
Lake Erie & West	17¼	Wells Fargo Ex...	104
do pfd.....	72¾	Western Union...	87¾
Lake Shore.....	136½	Wheeling & L. E..	12
Lead Trust.....	27	do pfd.....	47¾
Louisville & N....	50½	M. & O. pfd.....	2½
L. & N. A.	7⅛	D. & R. G.	11½
Manhattan Con....	108¾	G. E.	34⅜
*Memphis & C....	10	N. L.	19⅝
Michigan Central..	92⅛	C. F. & I.	22½
Missouri Pacific..	21⅝	do pfd.....	50
Mobile & Ohio....	15	H. & T. C.	2⅛
*Nashville Chat..	70	T. A. A. & N. M...	28¼
*National Coriage.	14⅝	T. St. L. & K. C....	1
do pfd.....	7⅛	*do pfd.....	10
N. J. Central.....	94¼	S. R. R.	12
N. & W. pfd.....	12⅛	do pfd.....	33¾
North Am. Co....	4⅝	Am. Tob. Co.....	93
Northern Pacific..	3⅝	do pfd.....	107⅛
No. Pac. pfd.....	15⅞	St. P., M. & M	107
U. P., D. & G.....	4¼		

* bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 232,214 shares, including: American Sugar, 17,900; American Tobacco, 6,200; Atchison, 11,400; Baltimore & Ohio, 3,400; Chicago Gas, 20,900; D. & C. F., 45,100; D. & C. F. certificates, 17,700; General Electric, 17,800; New Jersey Central, 7,100; New York & Texas, 3,000; New England, hard assessment paid, 3,000; New York & Western, 3,100; New York & Western preferred, 3,800; North American company, 3,200; Northwestern, 5,000; Reading, 3,200; St. Paul, 9,600; Southern Railroad, 9,900; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 5,200.

The following were the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Money on call easy at 2½ per cent; last loan 2½, closed 2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.89@4.89¼ for demand and $4.87½@4.88 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.90; commercial bills, $4.87.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—63⅝.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg., new.	120¼	D. & R. G. 7s.....	114¾
U. S. 4s coup, new.	120⅝	D. & R. G. 4s.....	82⅛
U. S. 5s, reg.....	115¾	Erie 2ds.....	59½
U. S. 5s, coup.....	115¾	G. H. & S. A. 6s....	101
U. S. 4s, reg.....	111	G. H. & S. A. 7s....	100
U. S. 4s, coup.....	112⅛	H. & T. C. 5s.....	106
*U. S. 2s, reg.....	95	do 6s.....	100½
*Pacific 6s of '95..	100	M. K. & T. 1st 4s..	82
*Ala. Class A.....	105	do 2d 4s.....	50½
*Ala. Class B.....	105	*Mutual Union 6s.	109
*Ala. Class C.....	95	N. J. C. Gen. 5s....	111¾
*Ala. Currency ...	95	Nor. Pac. 1sts.....	113½
La. New Cons. 4s..	94	do 2ds.....	86
*Missouri 6s.....	100	*N. W. Consols....	138
*N. C. 6s.....	127	do S. F. Deb. 5s.	107
*N. C. 4s.....	96	R. G. West. 1sts..	66¼
S. C. non fund.....	1	St. P. Consols 7s..	125
Tenn. new set 6s..	83½	do C. & P. W 5s.	111½
*Tenn. new set 5s	100	St L. & I.M.Gen. 5.	77½
*Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & S.F.Gen.6.	104
Va. Centuries.....	59	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	80⅝
do deferred.....	6¼	do 2ds.....	23¾
Atchison 4s.....	66¼	U. P. 1sts of '00...	103¼
do 2d A.....	18⅝	West Shore 4s.....	105
Canada So. 2ds....	103⅛	So. R. R.	88
*C. P. 1sts of '95..	100½		

* bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 22.—Call loans, 4@5 per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	5⅛	Wis. Central.....	3⅜
Am. Sugar.....	98⅛	Edison Elec.....	126
Am. Sugar pfd....	93⅛	Gen. Elec. pfd.....	65
Bay State Gas.....	8	Atchis. 2ds	18⅛
Bell Telephone....	195	Atchison 4s.....	66
Boston & Albany..	207	New England 6s..	108¼
Boston & Maine...	164	Gen. Electric 5s..	87⅜
do pfd.....	152	Wis. Cent. 1sts....	49
C. B. & Q.	70	Atlantic.....	9⅛
Fitchburg.....	85⅛	Boston & Montana	30⅜
Gen. Electric.....	34⅜	Butte & Boston...	9⅛
Mexican Central..	7	Calumet & Hecla..	280
N. Y. & N. E.....	36⅜	Centennial.....	50
Old Colony.....	179⅜	Franklin.....	11
Ore. Short Line...	7	Rearsarge.....	7⅜
Rubber.....	40⅜	Osceola.....	20¼
West End.....	61	Quincy.....	100
West End pfd.....	88	Tamarack.....	132
Westingh. Elec....	19	Wolverine.....	2⅞
W. Elec. pfd.....	51		

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	23	Hale & Norcross..	105
Andes.....	26	Justice.....	16
Belcher.....	39	Kentucky Con.....	4
Best & Belcher....	81	Mexican.....	81
Bodie Con.....	125	Mount Diablo.....	10
Bullion.....	21	Occidental Con....	11
Bulwer Con.....	18	Ophir.....	155
Caledonia.....	10	Overman.....	14
Challenge Con....	41	Potosi.....	48
Chollar.....	45	Savage.....	36
Con. Cal & Va.....	265	Scorpion.....	5
Con Imperial.....	1	Sierra Nevada.....	86
Crown Point.....	28	Union Con.....	50
Gould & Curry.....	46	Yellow Jacket.....	52

Silver bars, 63@63½c. Mexican dollars, 52@52½c. Drafts, sight, 7½c; telegraphic, 10c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	20	Ontario.....	900
Cholor.....	47	Ophir.....	160
Crown Point.....	38	Plymouth.....	20
Con. Cal. & Va....	260	Quicksilver.....	100
Deadwood.....	40	do pfd.....	1450
Gould & Curry....	40	Sierra Nevada.....	70
Hale & Norcross..	100	Standard.....	2 25
Homestake.....	1800	Union Con.....	45
Mexican.....	80	Yellow Jacket.....	53

Business in Currency is Small.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Leading Wall street banks report that the amount of business in currency being done with their country correspondents is small, that little or nothing has come in from the west this week and that the Chicago banks are anxious to borrow rather than lend, to accommodate their customers. The banks will gain about $1,250,000 for the week. The subtreasury daily reports show the following results for the week: Total receipts, $28,500,000; total payments, $26,750,000. This promises, allowing for the $1,000,000 gold received by the Lucania, a gain for the subtreasury of nearly $2,000,000.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple