COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Small California Stocks and a Good Cash Business Send Wheat Up.

CLOSE FIRM AT THREE-FOURTHS ADVANCE.

Corn and Oats Benefit to a Smaller Degree, but Provisions Drop Behind Under Commission House Selling.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Wheat was very irregular today, but advanced sharply late in the session on reports of small California stocks and a good cash business, closing firm at a ¾c advance. Corn and oats were helped to the extent of about ¼c each. Provisions closed at prices a shade lower all around.

Further depression was visible among the wheat traders at the beginning and during the first hour of the session. May, which closed yesterday at 74@74⅛c, was for sale at 73⅝@73⅞c when trading began. It recovered to 73¾c, and from that it slowly receded to 73⅜c and again took a second upturn, which stopped at 74@74⅛c. After that it had a fresh survey of the situation for a while from a point of view between the last named figures and 73⅞c. The opening weakness was in a large measure the result of the more peaceful outlook in Europe. English consols opened 3-16c higher than they closed yesterday, which was the best evidence that could be had of the unlikelihood of the Greeks and Cretans embroiling the great nations in their contest. Liverpool gave evidence in the same direction by an opening decline of ¾d, and at no time during the session did it show signs of strength. The only item in the early news which might be construed in favor of the bulls was the continued lightness of the northwest receipts. Minneapolis and Duluth reporting but 198 cars, against 465 last year. Chicago received thirteen cars against fifty-nine last year. But there were plenty of buyers at the opening decline, enough at any rate to start prices upward. Traders, as a rule, seemed undecided that side of the market to play. The Price Current report on the reserves in farmers' hands, which was circulated about half an hour from the opening, was considered bearish and naturally had an effect on prices. It was not until a deluge of crop damage reports came in from St. Louis that the market began to show its teeth to the bears. After recording irregularly to 73⅝c, May took a leap to 74¼c, with scarcely a sale intervening, on messages from San Francisco regarding visible stocks in California. There was an additional scare over a remark about a great jump in prices of wheat at Tacoma. Cash business was reported amounting to over 150,000 bu., and New York claimed seventeen boatloads for export. The market became very strong toward the end, finally selling up to 74⅞c, and closing firm at 74¾@74⅞c bid.

Corn ruled quiet and while some of the early transactions were at a slight decline, the firm feeling which developed in wheat gradually helped the market, traders selling on a freer movement from the interior. Atlantic port shipments were 553,000 bu. May opened ⅛c lower at 21⅝c, recovered to 21⅞c, and closed at 24¼@24⅜c.

Oats were quiet, with a firm tone reported and prices ruling a shade better. Shorts showed a mild disposition to cover and the strength of wheat was also of assistance. May opened a shade lower at 15@17½c, and advanced to 17¼c, where it closed.

Provisions were dull and barely steady. Hog receipts were light and a small opening advance resulted, which was afterwards lost under commission house selling. At the close May pork was 2½c lower at $8.02½; May lard a shade lower at $4.07½@4.10, and May ribs a shade lower at $4.15.

Estimated receipts Friday: Wheat, 12 cars; corn, 175 cars; oats, 205 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
Feb....	72⅝@¾	73⅛	72	73⅜	72⅞
May...	73⅝@¾	74⅛	73⅝	74⅛@¼	74 @¼
July...	70⅝@¾	72⅛@⅛	70½	72⅛@⅛	71⅛
Sept...	69	70⅛	68⅝	70⅛	69¼
*Corn—					
Feb....	22⅝	22⅞	22⅝	22⅞@⅞	22¾
May...	24⅛	24⅜	24⅛	24⅜@⅜	24¼
June...	25⅛@⅜	25⅜@⅜	25⅛	25⅜	25⅜
Sept...	26⅝	26⅝@⅞	26⅛	26¾	26⅝@⅞
*Oats—					
Feb....	.....	.....	.....	15⅝	15⅝
May...	17⅝@⅞	17¾	17⅝@⅞	17¾	17⅛
July...	18	18⅛	18	18⅛	18
Pork—					
May...	8 10	8 10	7 97½	8 02½	8 05
July...	8 15	8 17½	8 10	8 15	8 17½
Lard—					
May...	4 10	4 12½	4 05	4 10	4 10
July...	4 20	4 20	4 17½	4 17½	4 17½
Sh't Ribs					
May...	4 17½	4 17½	4 10	4 15	4 15
July...	4 25	4 25	4 17½	4 22½	4 22½

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Weaker; winter patents, $4.30@4.50; straights, $4.06@4.20; spring patents, $4.00@4.20; straights, $3.40@3.70; bakers, $3.00@3.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 73⅝@73¾c; No. 3 spring, 69@74c; No. 2 red, 83⅝@84⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 22⅝@23; No. 2 yellow, 22⅝@23c.

OATS—No. 2, 16⅝@16⅞c; No. 2 white, 19½c; No. 3 white, 16½@18½c.

RYE—No. 2, 32½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, f. o. b., 32c; No. 3, f. o. b., 29@32c; No. 4, f. o. b., 22½@26c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 75@77c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.65@2.70.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl., $7.80@7.95. Lard, per 100 lbs., $3.97½@4.00. Short ribs sides (loose), $3.95@4.25. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4.50@4.75; short clear sides (boxed), $4.25@4.37½.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	7,000	9,000
Wheat, bu.....	9,000	10,000
Corn, bu.....	74,000	111,000
Oats, bu.....	227,000	228,000
Rye, bu.....	6,000	12,000
Barley, bu.....	48,000	32,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 14@18c; dairy, 9@16c. Eggs, easy; fresh, 11½c. Cheese, steady; 9½c. Dressed poultry, firm; turkeys, 10@12½c; chickens, 6½@7½c; ducks, 10@11c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, 11½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@10c; choice to fancy roll, 12@13c; separator creamery, 18c; gathered creamery, 14c.

GAME—Blue winged teal ducks, $1.75; green wing, $1.50; redheads and mallards, $3.75; small rabbits, 40@50c; jacks, $1.00@1.25; squirrels, 60@70c; Canada geese, large, $6.00@7.00; small, $4.00@5.00.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7@7½c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 5@6c; turkeys, 10@11c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 8@9c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5@5½c; cocks, 3@4c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@90c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $3.50; lowland, $3; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet per lb., 2½@2¾c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

PIE PLANT—Per doz., 60c.

SWEET POTATOES—Fancy Illinois, per bbl., $1.75.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bbl., $3.50.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.15@1.20.

CABBAGE—Fancy stock, per 100 lbs., $1.75@2.00.

CELERY—Per doz., 25c; fancy, large, 45c.

POTATOES—Good native stock, per bu., 20c.

FRUITS.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.

CRANBERRIES—Best Jersey, per bbl., $5.

APPLES—Extra fancy, large, $2.25@2.50.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per box, $1.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navals, 150s to 200s, $3.75; large sizes, $3.25@3.50; seeding, $2.25@2.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.00@3.50; choice California, $2.75; fancy, $3.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium-sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Choice, 13@14c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.50; per bbl., $4.00@4.2

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.50; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb. 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, 4½c each.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 30-lb. boxes, 18c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 11c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 5½c; No. 2 green hides, 4½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 9@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 6@8c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 8@9c; part cured hides, 3c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted, shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 10c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 6@6c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1½c; old butter, 1@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 19@12c; seedy, burry and cheaty, 8@9c; coted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; coted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—medium, 15@16c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 19@19c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 24@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

BONES—In car lots, weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry Buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $8.00@8.00.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½c; good forequarters steers, 5c; good hindquarters steers, 7½c; western steers, 6c; fancy heifers, 6c; good heifers, 5¾c; good forequarters heifers, 4¾c; good hindquarters heifers, 7¼c; good cows, 5¼c; fair cows, 5¼c; common cows, 4¼c; cow forequarters, 4¼c; cow hindquarters, 7¼c; tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 8c; strip loins, 9c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulders clods, 5½c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 4½c; cow chucks, 3½c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 2½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 8c; loins, No. 1, 12½c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; No. 1 short loins, 15c; No. 2 short loins, 14c; No. 3 short loins, 11c; Sirloin ends, 7½c; ribs, No. 1, 10½c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 5½c; cow rounds, 5½c; cow rounds, shank off, 6½c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 7c; trimmings, 3½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 25c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 3c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 7½c; yearlings, 7c; sheep, 6@6½c; market racks (tops), 8½c; hotel racks (short), 11c; legs and saddles, 8c; lamb legs, 9c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 5c; plucks, each, 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5c; dressed hogs, 4¾c; tenderloins, 12c; joints, 5½c; spare ribs, 3c; ham sausage butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 3c; shouts and ears, 3½c; backbones, 2½c; cheek meats, 3c; neckbones, 2½c; pigs' tails, 3c; pluck, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 8c; sidemeats, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 20c; livers, each, 3c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Business Continues Stagnant Awaiting Political Developments.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The remark is heard sometimes now in Wall street by disgusted traders that there might as well not be a stock exchange, considering the small amount of business being done. The sales of stocks today were only 98,000 shares, which is small, but not much below the average for many days past. This figure is in great contrast with that of former times, but very long ago, when the number of shares dealt in would run all the way from 500,000 to over 2,000,000 in a day. The stagnation in today's market held in the face of many encouraging factors in the general situation, including an undoubted confidence in the minds of most business men that an industrial revival is imminent in the country and has actually set in in several branches of business. Out of seventeen reports of the earnings of railroads for the third week of February published today, fourteen showed an increase. Prices rose on the London exchange on the promise of peace in Europe, yet the confidence of the traders in the improvement of values lasted only a short period after the opening, when stagnation and heaviness again dominated the market and held it to the close. The small volume of trading left wide gaps even in the list of usually active stocks. An immediate cause of the inactivity in today's market was without doubt due to uncertainty regarding the extent of the tension in the relations of this country and Spain, and to fears of the effect on values of the earliest discussion in congress over the maltreatment of American prisoners in Cuba. There is an undercurrent of feeling in the street that possibly the authorities at Washington are holding off complications to give the new administration opportunity to shape its own policy upon them. The near approach of the new administration naturally leads to an attitude of waiting for information on questions of policy generally. These considerations seem give a check to the moderate buying movement with fractional advances which opened the day. A decline followed which was in most cases of equally narrow proportions. Indeed, the undertone of firmness in the market is notable and a falling market finds the offerings quickly exhausted. The expected happened in the appointment of a receiver for Hocking Valley and there was little effect on the general market. The financial straits of the company were due to the recent demoralization in the Ohio soft coal traffic, now adjusted by agreement with the result of improved railway earnings. Strangely, the stock advanced ¾ per cent upon the first announcement of a receiver, after an early decline of 1½ per cent, but it broke again to 3¼ per cent and closed at 2⅝ per cent. The general 5s fell 1½ per cent to 67½ and rallied to 72½. The 6s opened unchanged at 50 and advanced to 55½ on the advancement of the proposed reorganization. The investigation of the coal agreements by the executive committee, together with a decline in the Lehigh Valley at Philadelphia, were the factors in a decline in New Jersey Central of 1¼ per cent, with subsequent recovery of ¾ per cent, the net decline for the day being ⅝ per cent. Sugar, Manhattan and Tobacco were also conspicuous in the decline, which became general. There was a slight rally about 1 o'clock, when the fall of values set in again, some shares closing at the lowest. Sugar dropped to 114. The market was fairly off weak with fractional losses throughout. Omaha was more actively dealt in than of late and advanced fractionally, and the preferred also jumped 1½ per cent to 135, closing at 136 bid.

A favorable symptom of the general conditions in the financial outlook is indicated by the growing demand for bonds, which are relatively more active than stocks. The ease with which large amounts of municipal issues are floated and the ready acceptance of considerable amounts of refunded railway issues at largely reduced interest rates reflects plainly the vast amount of money awaiting profitable investment. The speculative bonds are comparatively less active and move narrowly. The Hocking Valley mortgages were the feature of today's trading and registered many gains. The undertone was strong, but the improvements did not exceed fractional proportions as a rule. Sales, $1,283,000. Prices of government securities continue to advance, with the new 4s coupon at 122⅝ on a purchase of a block of $100,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets opened well today on the news of the decision of the powers as to Crete. Consols were an exception, however, but they rose to 112 15-16. The market gave way later, and the close was dull and under the best prices. The reason for the setback is mainly financial trouble, as it is feared that at the settlement tomorrow several firms on the Kaffir market will probably fail unless they are helped over, and a firm in the foreign market is said to be in difficulties. As fully explained in my cable dispatch of the 11th inst., the weak speculative account is probably larger than has been supposed. Kaffirs were flat for the reasons stated, and on the strife between the Volksraad and the judges, which is likely to have a far reaching effect on African politics. Americans opened well, but closed dull. The London money market closed slightly easier at 1 15-16c. Parcels of four and six months' bills to arrive next week, have been placed at 1⅜. The Paris bourse was dull on the sharp break Spanish securities. The Berlin market was firm."

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

Atchison.....	14⅛	Ontario & W....	14⅞
Adams Ex.....	148	Oregon Nav.....	14
Alton T H.....	40	Oregon Ry & N....	16¾
Am. Express.....	111	Pacific Mail.....	24⅝
Baltimore & Ohio.	15¾	Peoria, Dec. & E.	2
Canada Pacific....	54	Pittsburg.....	165
Canada Southern..	44¾	Pullman Palace...	156
Central Pacific...	10⅝	Reading.....	24⅛
Ches. & Ohio.....	16⅞	R. G. W.....	12
Chicago & Alton..	163	do pfd.....	8⅝
C. B. & Q.....	75⅝	Rock Island.....	68¾
Chicago Gas.....	75⅝	St. Paul.....	75½
Consolidated Gas.	150	do pfd.....	132½
C., C., C. & St. L..	25¾	St. Paul & Omaha.	40½
Colo. Coal & Iron..	30	St. P. & O. pfd....	136
Cotton Oil Cert...	11	Southern Pacific...	14⅛
Delaware & Hud..	138⅞	Sugar Refinery....	114⅛
Del., Lack. & W...	153¾	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	25⅞
D. & R. G. pfd.....	40¼	Texas Pacific.....	9
East Tenn.....	14	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd.	50
Erie.....	33	Union Pacific.....	6⅛
Erie pfd.....	18⅝	U. S. Express.....	45
Fort Wayne.....	163	W. St. L. & Pac...	6⅝
G. Northern pfd...	120	W. St. L. & P pfd..	15⅝
C. & E. I. pfd.....	95	Wells Fargo Ex...	99½
Hocking Valley...	9¾	Western Union...	82½
Illinois Central...	92	Wheeling & L. E..	1⅝
St. P. & Duluth...	18	do pfd.....	5
K. & T. pfd.....	29	Minn. & St. Louis.	18
Lake Erie & West.	16	Den. & R. G.....	10⅛
do pfd.....	66⅝	Gen. Electric.....	34⅛
Lake Shore.....	156⅝	Nat'l Linseed.....	12
Lead Trust.....	22⅝	Col. Fuel & I.....	21
Louisville & N....	49	*do pfd.....	90
L. & N. A.....	14	Tol. St. L. & K. C..	5½
Manhattan Con....	87⅞	*do pfd.....	18⅝
*Memphis & C....	15	Southern.....	8⅛
Michigan Central.	89⅝	Southern pfd.....	27⅝
Mo. Pacific.....	20¾	Tob acco.....	74
Mobile & Ohio.....	20	Tobacco pfd.....	102
Nashville Chat....	66	Am. T. & C. Co....	85
N. J. Central.....	95⅛	U. S. Cor.....	10
N. & W. pfd.....	16⅝	Am. Sugar pfd....	102⅛
North Am. Co.....	4¼	Leather pfd.....	57
Northern Pacific..	14¼	Rubber.....	20
N. Pacific pfd.....	37⅞	Rubber pfd.....	72
U. P. D. & G.....	1⅛	Cotton O l pfd.....	53⅝
Northwestern.....	104	P. C. C. & St. L pfd	47
do pfd.....	138⅝	Am. Spirits.....	11¼
N. Y. Central.....	92⅛	Am. Spirits pfd...	31¾
N. Y. & N. E.....	37		

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The total sales of stock today were 91,091 shares, including the following: American Tobacco, 6,000; American Sugar, 18,200; Burlington, 9,600; Reading, 3,700; St. Paul, 6,600.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—Call loans, 1¾@3¾ per cent; time loans, 2¾@4 per cent. Closing prices to-stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	14	West. Elec.....	24⅛
American Sugar....	114	W. Elec. pfd.....	50
Am. Sugar pfd....	102⅛	Wis. Central.....	1¼
Bay State Gas.....	5⅛	Gen. Elec. pfd....	73⅝
Bell Telephone....	220	Atchison pfd.....	29⅝
Boston & Albany..	210	Atchison 4s.....	80
Boston & Maine...	162	Wis. Cent. 1s.....	39
C. B. & Q.....	75⅝	Allouez Mining Co	1
Fitchburg.....	92	Atlantic.....	22⅝
General Electric..	34	Boston & Montana	114⅝
Illinois Steel.....	54⅝	Butte & Boston....	14⅝
Mexican Central..	8⅝	Calumet & Hecla..	370
N. Y. & N. E.....	38	Centennial.....	9¼
Old Colony.....	178	Franklin.....	11
Ore. Short Line...	16	Kearsarge.....	1
Rubber.....	20	Osceola.....	82⅝
San Diego.....	17	Quincy.....	115⅝
Union Pacific.....	6⅝	Tamarack.....	119
West End.....	67⅛	Wolverine.....	9⅝
West End pfd.....	91¼		

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—MONEY ON CALL—Easier at 1¼@1⅝ per cent; last loan, 1⅛ per cent; closed, offered at 1⅝@1¾ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE — Firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87⅛ for demand and $4.85@4.85⅛ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½@4.86 and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills $4.84⅝.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—64⅝@65⅛c.

BAR SILVER—64⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—50⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Market strong; new 4s, reg. and coupon, 122½; 5s, reg. and coupon, 113⅝; 4s, reg. 111⅞; coupon, 113; 2s, reg., 95½; Pacific 6s of '95, 102⅝.

STATE BONDS—Quiet.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg....	122⅝	Erie 2d s.....	65⅝
U. S. new coup....	122⅝	G. H. & S. A. 6s....	101
U. S. 5s, reg.....	113⅝	do 7s.....	94
U. S. 5s, coup.....	113⅝	H. & T. C. 5s.....	103½
U. S. 4s, reg.....	111⅝	do 6s.....	102⅝
U. S. 4s, coup.....	113	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.	84⅝
U. S. 2s, reg.....	95⅝	do 2d 4s.....	59⅝
Pacific 6s of '95....	103⅝	Missouri Union 6s..	110
Ala., class A.....	104	N. J. C. Gen. 5s....	116⅝
Ala., class B.....	101	No. Pacific 1st 4s...	115⅝
Ala., class C.....	98	do 2d 4s.....	85⅝
Ala., Currency.....	98	N. Y. C. 5s, reg....	109
La. New Con. 4s...	96	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	111⅝
Missouri 6s.....	100	R. G. West. 1st 4s..	73
N. C. 6s.....	123	St. P. Chicago 7s...	131⅝
N. C. 4s.....	103	do C. & P. W. 5s.	113⅝
S. C. non-fund.....	⅛	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	75
*Tenn. new set 5s..	80	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	111⅝
*Tenn. new set 5s..	102	*Texas Pac. 1st 5s..	53⅝
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	*Texas Pac. 2d 5s...	21⅝
Va. Centuries.....	61⅝	U. P. 1st s of '93...	104⅝
do deferred.....	6	West Shore 4s.....	106⅝
Atchison 4s.....	81⅝	*L. & N. unified 4s	80
*Atchison 2d A.....	46⅝	Southern 5s.....	85
Canada So. 2d.....	107⅝	O. R. & N. 1st 5s...	118
C. P. 1sts of '93...	102	O. R. & N. 4s.....	81⅝
J. & R. G. 7s.....	117⅝	N. P. 3d.....	34
D. & R. G. 4s.....	88⅝		

* offered.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	4	Hale & Norcross..	100
Alpha Con.....	9	Kentucky Con....	1
Andes.....	12	Mexican.....	34
Belcher.....	23	Occidental Con...	7
Best & Belcher...	57	Ophir.....	79
Bullion.....	11	Overman.....	8
Caledonia.....	10	Potosi.....	43
Challenge Con....	41	Savage.....	38
Chollar.....	91	Scorpion.....	2
Confidence.....	105	Sierra Nevada....	33
Con. Cal. & Va....	100	Silver Hill.....	1
Con. Imperial.....	1	Union Con.....	34
Crown Point.....	24	Utah Con.....	6
Exchequer.....	3	Yellow Jacket....	29
Gould & Curry....	40		

Silver bars, 64⅝c. Mexican dollars, 51¼@51½c; drafts, sight, 25c; drafts, telegraph, 27½c.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—1 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y....	112 13-16	St. Paul common..	78
Consols, acc't..	112 13-16	N. Y. Central.....	95⅛
Can. Pacific.....	53⅝	Pennsylvania.....	53⅝
Erie.....	14⅝	Reading.....	12½
Erie 1st pfd.....	34⅝	Mex. Cen. new 4s.	69¾
Ill. Central.....	95	Atchison.....	14⅝
Mexican ordinary.	21¼		

BAR SILVER—29⅝d per ounce.

MONEY—2@2½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills was 2⅝@2¾ per cent. The rate for three months' bills, 2⅝@2¾ per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	50	Ontario.....	900
Choliar.....	80	Ophir.....	75
Crown Point.....	20	Plymouth.....	15
Con. Cal. & Va....	100	Quicksilver.....	100
Deadwood.....	100	Quicksilver pfd..	1000
Gould & Curry....	35	Sierra Nevada....	30
Hale & Norcross..	90	Standard.....	165
Homestake.....	2900	Union Con.....	30
Iron Silver.....	30	Yellow Jacket....	22
Mexican.....	30		

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $13,142,615; balances, $1,685,238.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $2,077,445; balances, $204,256.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $88,752,645; balances, $5,497,733.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $9,444,002; balances, $1,330,128.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $14,456,423. New York exchange, 60c discount. Foreign exchange, firm; demand, $4.86½; sixty days, $4.83.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $4,262,514; balances, $497,875. Money, 5@7 per cent. New York exchange, 40c discount bid; 25c discount asked.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 42 pfg.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 24c. Exchange, 25f 18¾c for checks.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 208.50; at Lisbon, 42; Rome, 105.50. Amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balances today, £153,000. The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged at 3 per cent.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—FLOUR—Receipts, 27,200 bbls.; exports, 5,588 bbls. Market steady, with wheat, but buyers held off for further developments; winter extra, $3.15@3.60. Southern flour, steady at $4.20@4.40. Rye flour, quiet; fancy, $2.80@2.90. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.15@1.25.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady at 84@85c.

CORN MEAL—Active; yellow western, 58c; Brandywine, $1.85@1.10.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 37¼@41c.

BARLEY—Easy at 26½@26¾c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 50@58c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 24,000 bu.; exports, 101,459 bu.; spot irregular; No. 1 hard, 87⅝c. Options opened weak in response to lower cables and higher consols, rallied, and was fairly firm all day on bad crop news and strength at St. Louis, coupled with expert demand and local covering, and closed ⅝@⅞c net higher; No. 2 red, closed at 81¼c; May, 79 3-16@80⅝c, closing at 80⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 147,225 bu.; exports, 30,262 bu.; spot, quiet; No. 2, 29c. Options opened steady, sold off under local pressure, but later rallied with wheat, and closed ¼c higher; February closed at 29c; May, 29 9-16@29⅝c, closing at 29⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 142,800 bu.; exports, 800 bu.; spot, quiet; No. 2, 22½c. Options dull and featureless, closing unchanged; February closed at 21½c; May, 21⅝@21½c, closing at 21½c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 67½@72½c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 5@7c; 1896 crop, 8@12c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 5@7c; 1896 crop, 9@13c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 12c; Buenos Ayres, dry, nominal; Texas, dry, 10@16½c; California, 15½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, 19½@20½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,794 pkgs.; western creamery, 12@18c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 9@18c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,613 pkgs.; market quiet; state, large, 9@12½c; state, small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@9½c; full skims, 3@3½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 6,274 pkgs.; market quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 17½c; western, 13@17c; southern, 16@16½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $8.50@11.00; extra mess, $7.00@8.00; beef hams, $18.50@19.00; packet, $7.50@9.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled shoulders, $5.12½@5.25; hams, $8.50@9.25. Lard, firm; western steam, $4.25; refined, firm. Pork, dull but steady; mess, clear, $8.50@10.00. Tallow, firm; city, 3¾c; country, 3⅝c.

OILS—Petroleum, quiet; United closed at 4c bid; Pennsylvania, crude, steady; March, 9½c. Rosin, quiet. Turpentine, steady at 28½@29c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 3¾@4¼c; Japan, 4¼@4⅝c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 22@31c.

METALS—Copper, quiet; brokers, $11.90; exchange, $12. Tin, firmer; straights, $13.55@13.65. Plates, dull. Spelter, quiet; domestic, 4.00@4.10. Lead, strong; brokers, $3.05; exchange, $3.30@3.35.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—FLOUR—Quiet, steady and unchanged.

WHEAT—Futures fairly active and firm at the opening on account of the number of crop damage reports received, but later, on receipt of disquieting Cuban news, the market became nervous, fluctuating frequently and finally closing more than 1c above yesterday. Spot, steady; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 88c; track, 89@90c; May, 84@84⅝c; July, 71⅝c; August, 70¼c.

CORN—Opened dull and steady for futures, with very little speculation and closed steady; No. 2 cash, 20⅝c; May, 21⅝@22c; July, 23½c.

OATS—Futures dull and heavy, closing higher. Spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 17c bid; May, 18⅛c.

RYE—Lower at 31c.

BARLEY—Dull; malting, 28@35c.

CORNMEAL—$1.35.

BRAN—Firm, but little to be had; sacked, east track, nominally 49@50c.

FLAXSEED—Higher at 74c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60@2.65.

HAY—Dull, steady and unchanged; prairie, $4.00@4.50; timothy, $6.00@6.10.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, easier; old and spring, 5½c; turkeys, firm at 7½@8c; ducks, firm at 8@8½c; geese, dull at 7@4c.

BUTTER—Quiet and unchanged; creamery, 13@19½c; dairy, 8@15c.

EGGS—Steady at 12c.

WHISKY—$1.28.

METALS—Lead, strong at $3.10@3.15. Spelter, lower at 3.82½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, oldbing, $7.50@8.25. Lard, weaker; prime steam, $3.80; choice, $2.97½. Bacon (boxed) shoulders, 4@4½c; extra short clear, $4.75; ribs, 4c; shorts, 5.12½. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders and extra short clear $4.37½; ribs, $4.60; shorts, $4.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 120,000 bu.; oats, 74,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 12,000 bu.; corn, 431,000 bu.; oats, 31,000 bu.

Sugar Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—SUGAR—Centrifugal Java, 11