COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The week opened with a much better trade than has been in evidence on Monday for a long time. Local retailers were not doing much, but orders from the country were numerous. Receipts of produce as usual on Monday were rather light, but were still adequate for all demands, and there was a further weakening in prices. The egg market reached a point where round lots were offering at 20 cents, and single case lots were selling all over the city at 22 and 22½ cents. Onions are firmer and potatoes continue very weak at quotations. The poultry market was well cleaned up Satuday, and prospects are favorable for good prices this week, unless receipts should increase to a greater extent than is now expected. Oranges are plentiful and cheap, best stock being in good supply at $2 25 and $2 50 per box.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$471,983	$83,183
Seattle	474,938	76,232
Spokane	178,643	19,691
Tacoma	179,241	69,138

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

A big increase in the world's shipments made a stand-off for the liberal decrease in the American visible yesterday, and as a result, the market remained almost stationary, although the East closed fractionally above Saturday's close. In California fine crop prospects seem to be affecting the market, and the May option reached the lowest point of the season, touching 100⅞, while December was down to 105¾. The Portland market is quiet with very little selling, and prices are nominally 54 and 54½ cents for Walla Walla. Very little can be bought at these figures, and it is probable that a half a cent better could be obtained if wheat was needed for a special purpose.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 54@54½c; Valley, nominal; bluestem, 56½c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $3 75@3 40 per barrel; graham, $2 60.

Oats—White, 44@45c per bushel; gray, 42@43c.

Barley—Feed, $15@15 50; brewing, $16@16 50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $15 50 per ton; middlings, $23; shorts, $18; chop, $16.

Hay—Timothy, $12@12 50; clover, $7@9 50. Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, Oregon, 50c; do California, 40@45c; store, 20@27½c per roll.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 20@22½c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3@3 50; hens, $4; dressed, 11@12c per pound; ducks, $5@6; geese, $6@7 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 12@13c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13½c; Young America, 13½@14c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, 85c; turnips, 75c; carrots, 75c sack; onions, $2@2 25; cabbage, $1 65@1 75 per cental; potatoes, 40@50c per sack; sweet potatoes, $1 65 per 100 pounds; celery, 80@90c per dozen; California tomatoes, $2 50 per box.

Fruit—Lemons, choice, $3; fancy, $2 50@2 75; oranges, $1 75@2 50 for navel; $1 50@1 75 for seedlings, per box; pineapples, $4@4 50 per dozen; bananas, $2 50@3 per bunch; Persian dates, 6@6½c per pound; apples, 75c@$1 25 per box.

Dried fruit — Apples, evaporated, 5@6c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 3@4c; pears, 8@9c; prunes, Italian, 5@7c; silver, extra choice, 5@7c; figs, California blacks, 5c; figs, California white, 5@7c; plums, pitless, white, 7@8c per pound.

Hops, Wools, Hides, Etc.

Hops—12@14c per pound; 1899 crop, 6@7c.

Wool—Valley, 13@14c; Eastern Oregon, 8@11c; mohair, 25c per pound.

Sheepskins—Shearlings, 15@20c; shortwool, 25@35c; medium-wool, 30@50c; long-wool, 60c@$1 each.

Tallow—4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@3c per pound.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and upward, 14@15c; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 16 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 14@15c; dry-salted, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 7@8c; do, 50 to 60 pounds, 7c; do, under 50 pounds and cows, 6c; kip, 10 to 30 pounds, 6½@7c; do veal, 10 to 14 pounds, 7c; do calf, under 10 pounds, 7@8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls (bulls, stags, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, hair-slipped, weather-beaten or grubby), one-third less.

Pelts—Shearlings, each, as to size, 45@15; cubs, each, $1@3; badger, each 25c; wildcat, 25@75c; housecat, 50@25c; fox, common gray, 60c@$1; do, red, $1 75@3 50; do, cross, $2@3; lynx, $2@4 50; mink, 40c@1 75; marten, dark Northern, $5@10; do, pale pine, $2@3; muskrat, 8@12c; skunk, 25@60c; otter (land), $4@8; panther, with head and claws perfect, $1@3; raccoon, 25@30c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50@5; prairie wolf or coyote, 60@75c; wolverine, $2 50@6; beaver, per skin; large, $6@7; do, medium, per skin, $4@5; do, small, per skin, $1@2; do kits, per skin, $1@2.

Meat and Provisions.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers, $4 75; ewes, $4@4 50; dressed, 6½@7c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5@5 25; light, $4 75@5; dressed, 6@7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 7@7½c per pound; small, 8½@9c per pound.

Provisions — Portland pack (Shield brand), hams, smoked, are quoted at 12½c per pound; picnic hams, 9c per pound; breakfast bacon, 14½@15½c; bacon, 10½@11½c; backs, 10½c; dry salted sides, 9½@10c; dried beef, 15c; lard, five-pound pails, 11c; 10-pound pails, 10½c; 50s, 10½c; tierces, 10c per pound; Eastern pack (Hammond's), Hams, large, 12½c; medium, 12½c; small, 13c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 8½c; breakfast bacon, 13½@15½c; dry salted sides, 9½@10½c; bacon sides, 10½@11½; backs, 11½c; butts, 10½c; lard, pur cleaf, kettle-rendered, 5s, 11½c; 10s, 11c; dry-salted, bellies, 10½@11½c; bacon bellies, 11½@12½c; dried beef, 15½c.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $4 50@4 75; cows, $4@4 50; dressed beef, 7@8c per pound.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia, roast, $12 75; Arbuckle's, $11 75; Lion, $11 25 per case.

Rice—Island, 6c; Japan, 5½c; New Orleans, 4½@5½c; fancy head, $7@7 50 per sack.

Sugar—Cube, $6 45; crushed, $6 70; powdered, $6 05; dry granulated, $5 85; extra C, $5 25; golden C, $5 25 net, half barrels ⅛c more than barrels; maple, 15@16c per pound.

Salmon — Columbia River, one-pound talls, $1 50@2; two-pound talls, $2 25@2 50; fancy one-pound flats, $2@2 25; ½-pound fancy flats, $1 10@1 30; Alaska talls, $1 40@1 60; two-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 9c for roasted; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen; walnuts, 10@11c per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, 15c; Brazil, 11c; filberts, 15c; fancy pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 15@17½c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 6½c; large white, 5c; bayou, 3½c; Lima, 6½c per pound.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $6@6 12½ per 100 for spot.

Coal oil—Cases, 19½c per gallon; barrels, 15½c; tanks, 13½c.

Stock salt—50s, $11 50 per 100; 100s, $11.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Heavy Buying in Union Pacific at Advanced Prices.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—There was a very notable decline in the volume of dealings on the Stock Exchange today and the most active stocks were those under pressure, with the exception of Union Pacific, which was bought with persistency on a large scale. The market was again characterized by the wide movement in a very large number of unimportant stocks which are seldom prominent in the dealings and which sometimes do not appear in the record of transactions for weeks at a time. In this class some of those recently brought forward into prominence continued active at further advances while others met profit-taking and again turned back. Chicago & Eastern Illinois was conspicuous for a violent rise of 6¾, the preferred stock rising 4 and rallying Evansville & Terre Haute 2¾ after a decline of a point. Stocks in this class were only prominent, however, relatively speaking, by contrast with their usual obscurity.

The movement in the general list was extremely confused all day, and the greater part of the day's business in railroad stocks was down below Saturday's level. London sent lower prices for the international stocks and there was some very heavy selling of Atchison and at one time also of Union Pacific. A strong rally in the latter stock and an advance in Atchson to 57, brought the market generally to the best of the day. Union Pacific was lifted 2 points over Saturday and the preferred 1⅝. Pennsylvania was the only other active trading stock among the standard railroads that rose as much as a point over Saturday, and in fact no railroad stock of importance fell as much as a point below Saturday at any time, thus indicating the general sluggishness of the market. The specialties did better, Sugar rising at one time 2 points and People's Gas 2⅝, the latter on the good financial showing made in the annual report. Pacific Mail rose 2½ and International Paper 2⅝. Western Union was advanced 1⅝.

The steel stocks shared in the sluggishness of the general market and only the preferred stocks of any company sold as much as a point above Saturday. They were, as a rule, however, firmly held. Speculaton having accepted the reported merger as a fact, now waits on an authoritative announcement of the financial terms of the deal for a further judgment of its benefits. The speculative enthusiasm over the advantages of the proposed deal has come to be somewhat tempered with the conviction that the steel trade would be much worse off, failing the deal, than it has been. A rather disagreeable impression to speculators on the steel deal was created by the slump in the smelting stocks today, offering an example of the possibility of obstacles to great consolidation plans, even when far advanced toward completion. Smelting common fell an extreme 5⅝ points under very heavy offerings and the preferred 4 points. The rallies were fitful and feverish, the common closing with a net loss of 4¼.

The money market conditions disclosed by Saturday's bank statement had a depressing influence which was aggravated by the Subtreasury large subtraction from the market on accounit of Saturday's Central Pacific payment to start the week with. The hardening of the London market again turned exchange in all the great centers including New York in favor of London. The failure of the Imperial Bank of Germany to reduce the discount rate was obviously due to the fear that London would draw gold and the Berlin advices to the Associated Press reporting that London exchange there is in demand on American account indicates that gold may go from New York again on the triangular operation.

The bond market continued active, but there were some important reactions on profit-taking. Total sales, par value, $5,710,000.

United States 3s and new 4s advanced ¼ per cent on the last call.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref. reg.	105¼	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	107⅝
do coupon	105¼	Northern Pac. 3s	71½
do 3s, reg	110⅝	do 4s	105⅝
do coupon	110⅝	Oregon Nav. 1sts	109
do new 4s, reg	137½	do 4s	103⅝
do coupon	137½	Oregon S. L. 6s	127½
do old 4s, reg	113½	do con. 5s	116½
do coupon	113½	Rio Gr. W. 1sts	109½
do 5s, reg	108½	St. Paul consols	134
do coupon	110½	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118¼
Dist. Col. 3-65s	123	do 5s	120½
Atchison adj. 4s	92⅝	Union Pacific 4s	105½
C. & N.W. con. 7s	139½	Wis. Cent. 1sts	89⅝
do S. F. deb. 5s	124	West Shore 4s	114⅝
D. & R. G. 4s	103½	Southern Pac. 4s	90⅝
Gen. Electric 5s	161½		

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 1,012,800 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	56	Wabash	18⅝
do pref	70	do pref	33½
Balt. & Ohio	91½	Wheel. & L. E.	15
do pref	87½	do 2d pref	3½
Can. Pacific	90	Wis. Central	18⅝
Can. Southern	57⅝	P. C., C. & St. L.	60⅝
Ches. & Ohio	41⅝	Third Avenue	122
Chi. Gr. Western	20¼	National Tube	68
C., B. & Q.	140½	do pref	104½
Chi., Ind. & L.	32⅝	EXPRESS CO'S.	
do pref	69⅝	Adams	155
Chi. & East. Ill.	107⅝	American	187
Chicago & N. W.	172	United States	57⅝
C., R. I. & Pac.	123⅝	Wells-Fargo	140
C., C., C. & St. L.	77⅝	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	16⅝	Amer. Cotton Oil	30¼
do 1st pref	48½	do pref	87⅝
do 2d pref	20⅝	Amer. Malting	4⅝
Del. & Hudson	154	do pref	26
Del., Lack. & W.	185	Amer. Smelt. & R.	56½
Denver & Rio Gr.	41⅝	do pref	95½
do pref	87⅝	Amer. Spirits	2
Erie	29½	do pref	17
do 1st pref	66½	Amer. Steel Hoop	32⅝
Gr. North. pref	192	do pref	77
Hocking Coal & I.	16⅝	Amer. Steel & W.	35⅝
Hocking Valley	48	do pref	94
Illinois Central	129⅝	Amer. Tin Plate	65
Iowa Central	26	do pref	92¼
do pref	54	Amer. Tobacco	117½
Lake Erie & W.	44	do pref	141
do pref	112	Anaconda M. Co.	46⅝
Lake Shore	229	Brooklyn R. T.	75⅝
Louis. & Nash.	92⅝	Colo. Fuel & Iron	48½
Manhattan El	118	Cont. Tobacco	46⅝
Met. St. Ry.	163	do pref	96
Mex. Central	19	Federal Steel	53¼
Minn. & St. Louis	71	do pref	91¼
do pref	107	Gen. Electric	196
Missouri Pacific	91⅝	Glucose Sugar	47½
Mobile & Ohio	73½	do pref	94½
M., K. & T.	21⅝	Int. Paper	24
do pref	56⅝	do pref	79⅝
New Jersey Cent.	152	La Clede Gas	75
New York Cent.	144⅝	National Biscuit	40⅝
Norfolk & West.	45⅝	do pref	131
do pref	81	National Lead	17⅝
Northern Pacific	85¼	do pref	88
do pref	87⅝	National Steel	47⅝
Ontario & West.	23⅝	do pref	94¼
O. R. & N.	42	N. Y. Air Brake	155
do pref	79	North American	20¼
Pennsylvania	140¼	Pacific Coast	51
Reading	23⅝	do 1st pref	87
do 1st pref	75¼	do 2d pref	63
do 2d pref	43⅝	Pacific Mail	43¼
Rio Grande Western	75	People's Gas	102⅝
do pref	93	Pressed Steel Car	35⅝
St. Louis & S. F.	22¼	do pref	76⅝
do 1st pref	81¼	Pullman Pal. Car	198
do 2d pref	50¼	Stand. Rope & T.	5⅝
St. Louis S. W.	26⅝	Sugar	141⅝
do pref	56⅝	do pref	119
St. Paul	152	Tenn. Coal & Iron	64⅝
do pref	190⅝	U. S. Leather	14⅝
St. Paul & O.	125	do pref	76
Southern Pacific	47⅝	U. S. Rubber	21
Southern Ry	23⅝	do pref	60
do pref	75⅝	Western Union	88½
Texas & Pacific	30	Amal. Copper	91½
Union Pacific	96	Republic Iron & S.	19⅝
do pref	88⅝	do pref	62⅝

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The stock market here was fairly brisk today, in spite of the settlement, which was going on smoothly. Consols were hardening on more hopeful views which are beginning to prevail now for a conclusion of the war in South Africa.

The American department was very quiet. This was in anticipation of the holiday tomorrow. The only stock for which there was a demand was Athison, both issues of which were bought largely on orders from New York.

The bank bought £211,000 gold in bars from the open market and received by importation from Turkey £12,000.

It is estimated that about a million more is now on the way to London from various quarters.

Money was in demand for the million treasury bonds which were allotted today and for deposit with applications for exchequer bonds. The date when the listing of applications for the bonds closed has not yet been announced.

New York Stocks.

These quotations are furnished by R. W. McKinnon & Co.:

STOCK.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Anaconda Cop. M. Co.	46	47	46	46⅛
Amal. Copper Co.	91⅝	92¾	91¼	91½
Atchison common	56	57	55⅝	56
Atchison pfd	89¼	89½	88⅛	89
Am. Tobacco com.	118	118	117½	117½
American Sugar com.	140½	142⅝	140¼	141¼
Am. Steel & W. com.	53¼	53½	52⅝	53⅛
Am. Steel & W. pfd	94	95	93⅝	94
Am. Steel Hoop com.	32	32¾	31¾	32¼
Am. Steel Hoop pfd	76⅝	77	76½	77
Am. Tin-Plate com.	64	65⅝	64	65
Am. Tin-Plate pfd	92½	93	92½	92¾
Balt. & Ohio com.	91	92	90⅝	90½
Balt. & Ohio pfd	87	87⅝	87	87½
Brook. Rapid Transit	75⅛	75¾	75	75⅛
Chi., Ind. & L. com.	32⅝	33⅝	32⅝	32⅝
Chi., Ind. & L. pfd	70½	70⅝	69	69⅝
C., B. & Q.	140⅝	141¼	140⅝	140½
Chicago & N. W. com.	172	172	172	172
Chi., M. & St. P. com.	153	153	151⅝	153
Chi., R. I. & Pacific	125⅝	125⅞	125	125¼
N. J. Central	152	152	152	152
Chesapeake & Ohio	41¼	41⅝	41¼	41⅝
Canada Southern	57½	58	57¼	57⅝
Colo. Fuel & Iron com.	48½	48½	48¼	48½
Cont. Tobacco com.	47½	47½	46⅝	46⅝
Delaware & Hudson	154	154	154	154
Del. Lack. & Western	195	195	195	195
D. & R. G. com.	42	42	41¼	41⅝
D. & R. G. pfd	87⅝	88¼	87⅝	87⅝
Erie com	29⅝	29⅝	29⅛	29⅛
Erie 1sts pfd	66⅝	67¼	66	66½
Federal Steel com	53⅛	53⅝	52⅝	53¼
Federal Steel pfd	81	82	81	81¼
Illinois Central	129	129½	129	129¼
Louisville & Nashville	92⅝	93	92⅝	92⅝
Mt. Traction Co.	163	163¼	162¼	163
Manhattan Elevated	118½	119	118½	118¼
Mexican Central	17⅝	19⅛	17⅛	19
Missouri Pacific	91½	91⅝	91	91¼
Mobile & Ohio	73¼	74⅛	73⅛	73½
Mo., Kan. & Tex. com.	21⅝	22	21⅝	21⅝
Mo., Kan. & Tex pfd	56½	57⅛	56⅛	56⅝
N. Y. Central	144⅝	144⅝	144	144½
Norfolk & West. com.	45⅝	46½	45⅝	45⅝
Norfolk & West. pfd	81	81	81	81
Northern Pacific com.	85⅝	86	85⅛	85¼
Northern Pacific pfd	87⅝	88¼	87⅝	87⅝
National Steel com	48¼	48¼	47¼	47⅝
National Steel pfd	95⅝	95⅝	94½	94½
North American	20½	20⅝	20½	20
Ontario & Western	32⅝	33⅛	32⅝	33⅛
O. R. & N. com				42
O. R. & N. pfd				76
Pennsylvania Railway	150	150⅝	149¼	149¼
People's G., C. & L. Co.	101½	104⅛	101½	102⅞
Pressed S. Car com	38½	38⅝	38	38¼
Pressed S. Car pfd	76½	77	76½	76⅝
Pullman Company				198
Pacific Mail S. Co.	43½	44	43¼	43¼
Reading com	33	33⅛	32⅝	33⅛
Reading 2ds pfd	44	44	43⅝	43⅝
Reading 1sts pfd	75	75⅝	75	75¼
Southern Ry. com	22½	23¼	22¼	22⅞
Southern Ry. pfd	76	76⅛	75½	75⅝
Southern Pacific	47½	47¼	47¼	47⅝
Texas & Pacific	30⅛	30½	29¾	30
Tenn. Coal & Iron	64⅝	64⅝	64¼	64¼
Union Pacific com	94	96⅝	94	96
Union Pacific pfd	87⅝	89¼	87⅝	88⅝
U. S. Leather com	14⅝	14⅞	14¼	14½
U. S. Leather pfd	76¼	76⅝	76	76
U. S. Rubber com	21	21	20⅝	21
U. S. Rubber pfd	60¼	61	60½	60
Western Union Tel	87½	88⅝	87½	88½
Wabash com	17⅝	19¼	17⅝	18⅝
Wabash pfd	33⅝	34	33¼	33½

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4 83⅝; sight, $4 89¼.

Silver bars, 61⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 50½@51c.

Drafts—Sight, 17½c; telegraph, 22½c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Money on call, steady at 2½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 88¼ for demand and at $4 84¼@4 84⅝ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85½@4 89½; commercial bills, $4 83⅝@4 84; silver certificates, 62⅝@63c; bar silver, 61½c; Mexican dollars, 47½c; Government bonds, strong; state bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Money, 3½@4½ per cent; consols, 97.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Atchison, 58; Canadian Pacific, 92½; Union Pacific preferred, 90; Northern Pacific preferred, 90½; Grand Trunk, 7; Anaconda, 9⅝.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Wheat futures steady; spot wheat quiet. Barley quiet on call and weak in spot market. Oats strong.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping No. 1, 96½c; choice, 96½c; milling, $1@1 03¼.

Barley—Feed, 71¼@73¾c; brewing, 87@82½c.

Oats—Black for seed, $1 22½@1 32½; red, $1 25@1 45.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Steady; May, $1 01; December, $1 05½; cash, 96½c.

Barley—Quiet; May, 70⅝c.

Corn—Large, yellow, $1 12½@1 15.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Flour—Receipts, 20,706 barrels; exports, 9285 barrels; market firmer.

Wheat—Receipts, 42,300 bushels; spot firm; No. 2 red, 80½c f. o. b. afloat; 79c elevator.

Options opened steady and at once strengthened, influenced by unfavorable weather in Winter wheat belt, and a big visible supply decrease. The last hour, however, prices eased off and closed at ¼@½c net advance. March closed at 79¼c; May, 79⅝c; July, 79⅝c.

Wool—Quiet.

Hops—Steady.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Saturday's strenuous and confident bears, relying on calculations of bearish statistics with which to begin anew a profitable week, were today driven to cover. The statistical reports forecasted Saturday proved accurate, but instead of finding any market to insure profits, shorts were confronted by a stiff market, on which May opened unchanged, at 74⅝@74¾c. The market had been sold to a standstill, and the rush to cover approached a stampede, which, despite more liberal offerings from longs on the rise, carried May to 75⅝c during the first hour. The chief factor in overcoming the bearishness of the statistics was the strength early developed in the corn market, although a reported reduction in the estimate of Argentina's exportable surplus, steadiness in the Liverpool market and the moderation of Northwest receipts were contributory aids. Heavy clearances and a decrease in the visible were influential additions to the day's bullish considerations, which resulted in a further advance during the afternoon to 75⅝c.

This bulge near the end of the session invited realizing by longs, under which a reaction to 75¼c took place, but the close was strong, May ⅛c higher, at 75¼@75⅜c. A feature of the day's trade was the relative weakness of July wheat, which was persistently dumped on the market in liberal quantities.

Corn was active and strong from start to finish. Speculative interest was keen, the volume of business heavy and prices above previous high records for the crop. Small receipts, unfavorable weather and excellent cash demand formed the basis of the market's strength. May closed ½@⅝c improved from Saturday.

There was little business transacted in the oats market. May closed ⅛c higher, at 25⅝c.

Provisions were a moderately active market, while prices were sustained by the reflected strength of the grain and hog markets. The cash demand was good, but the pit trade was without especial feature. May pork closed 10 higher, lard unchanged and ribs 5c up.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
February	$0 72½	$0 73½	$0 72½	$0 73
March	73½	74⅛	73⅛	73⅝
May	74⅝	75⅝	74⅝	75⅝

CORN.

February	.....	.....	.....	38
March	38⅛	38½	38⅛	38½
May	39¼	39⅝	39¼	39⅝

OATS.

February	.....	.....	.....	24½
May	25¼	25⅝	25¼	25⅝

MESS PORK.

February	.....	.....	.....	13 02½
May	14 07½	14 12½	14 07½	14 12½

LARD.

February	.....	.....	.....	7 45
March	7 47½	7 47½	7 47½	7 47½
May	7 55	7 57½	7 52½	7 52½

SHORT RIBS.

February	.....	.....	.....	7 02½
May	7 07½	7 10	7 07½	7 10

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Dull.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 69@72½c; No. 2 red, 74@75½c.

Corn—No. 2, 38c; No. 2 yellow, 38c.

Oats—No. 2, 25½@25¾c; No. 2 white, 27½@28½c; No. 3 white, 26⅝@28c.

Rye—No. 2, 51@52c.

Barley—Good feeding, 40@47c; fair to choice malting, 48@54c.

Flaxseed—No. 1 Northwestern, $1 62½.

Timothy seed—Prime, $4 50@4 55.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $13 35@14.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $7 45@7 47.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $7@7 20.

Dry-salted shoulders—Boxed, 6¼@6½c.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $7 25@7 40.

Clover—Contract grade, $11 25@11 50.

On the Produce Exchange today, the butter market was inactive: creamery, 14@21c; dairy, 11½@18c. Cheese, dull, 10¼@11¾c. Eggs, dull; fresh, 14c, cases returned.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	38,000	30,000
Wheat, bushels	63,000	67,000
Corn, bushels	256,000	89,000
Oats, bushels	378,000	118,000
Rye, bushels	2,000	2,000
Barley, bushels	44,000	21,000

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, quiet and steady; cargoes Walla Walla, 28s 7½d; English country markets, generally 6d cheaper.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 11.—Wheat in Paris, steady; flour in Paris, quiet; French country markets, steady.

Wheat—Dull; No. 1 California, 6s 2½d; No. 2, red Western Winter, 5s 11¾d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 6s 3d. Futures steady; March, 5s 11¼d; May, 5s 11⅝d.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed new, 3s 9¾d; American mixed old, 3s 11d. Futures steady; February, 3s 9½d; March, 3s 9¾d; May, 3s 9⅝d.

Chicago Grain Gossip.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11. Cables were a shade easier. Visible supply decreased 1,253,000. There was nothing apparent in the statistical position or the news to make a stronger market, but the fact that did not sell off on bearish news together with more or less talk about accumulation of wheat in strong hands in this market of late, caused uneasiness among the shorts, and their buying was the principal cause for the advances. Shipping demand, slow, export bids, as a rule, being out of line. The clearances for the day, however, were large. Amount on passage increased 3,000,000. Outside trade is small.

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on Saturday, February 9, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows:

Wheat, 58,494,000 bushels; decrease, 1,723,000 bushels.

Corn, 16,051,000 bushels; increase, 1,225,000 bushels.

Oats, 10,290,000 bushels; increase, 261,000 bushels.

Rye, 1,025,000 bushels; increase, 10,000 bushels.

Barley, 1,779,000 bushels; decrease, 94,000 bushele.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11. — Wool—Spring—Nevada, 11@13c; Eastern Oregon, 10@14c; Valley Oregon, 15@17c. Fall—Mountain lambs, 9@10c; San Joaquin Plains, 6@8c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@12c.

Hops, Crop of 1900, 15@20c.

Bran—$15@15 per ton; middlings, $17 50@20 50.

Hay—Wheat, $8@13 50; wheat and oats, $9@12 50; best barley, $7@9 50; alfalfa, $7@10; compressed wheat, $9@13 per ton; straw, 35@47½c per bale.

Potatoes—River Burbanks, 35@60c; Salinas Burbanks, 75@$1 05; Oregon Burbanks, 65@$1; Early Rose, 60@65c; sweets, 50c@$1.

Onions—$1 70@2 10 per cental.

Vegetables—Green peas, 5@7c; string beans, 10@15c per pound; asparagus, 25@35c.

Citrus fruit — Mexican limes, $5@5 50; common California lemons, 50c; choice, $2; navel oranges, 75c@$2 per box; pineapples, $2 50@3 per dozen.

Bananas—50c@$1 75 per bunch.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 10@11c; do hens, 11@12c per pound; old roosters, $3 50@4 per dozen; young roosters, $4 50@5; fryers, $4@5; hens, $3 50@4 50 per dozen; small broilers, $3@3 50; large do, $4@4 50; old ducks, $4@5; geese, $1 75@2 per pair.

Green fruit—Apples, choice, $1 25 per box; common, 30c per box.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 21c; seconds, 17c; fancy dairy, 19c; do seconds, 14c.

Cheese—California, full cream, 11½c; Young America, 12c; Eastern, 15@16c.

Eggs—Selected, 18c; ranch, 19c; Eastern, 20c.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 6145; wheat, centals, 138,500; barley, centals, 8800; potatoes, sacks, 6000; bran, sacks, 1300; Hays, tons, 4000; hides, 350.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 20,000, including 1200 Texans. Good to choice steers, strong; others about steady. Good to prime steers, $5 05@4; poor to medium, $3 40@5; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4 50; cows, $2 55@4 25; heifers, $2 65@4 50; canners, $1 90@2 50; bulls, 2 75@4 35; calves, 4@6 25; Texas fed steers, $4@4 80; grassers, $3 35@4; bulls, $2 50@3 60.

Hogs—Receipts today, 31,000; tomorrow, 40,000; left over, 25,000. Market, 5 to 10c higher. Closing easier, top, $5 50. Mixed and butchers, $5 25@5 50; good to choice heavy $5 35@5 50; rough heavy, $5 20@5 30; light, $5 25@5 45; bulk of sales, $5 37½@5 45.

Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; sheep and lambs steady. Good to choice wethers, $3 90@4 40; fair to choice mixed, $2 50@4; Western sheep, $3 90@4.40; Texas sheep, $2 50@5; native lambs, $4 50@5 25; Western lambs, $5@5 25.

OMAHA, Feb. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 2900; market active and steady; native beef steers, $4 00@5 35; Western steers, $4 25@5 40; Texas steers, $3 00@3 85; cows and heifers, $3 00@4 10; canners, $1 75@2 85; stockers and feeders, $3 25@4 40; calves, $4 00@7 00; bulls and stags, $2 50@3 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 2900; market 5c to 7½c higher; heavy, $5 30@5 35; mixed, $5 30@5 32½; light, $5 22½@5 32½; bulk of sales, $5 30@5 32½.

Sheep—Receipts, 2200; market active and strong fair to choice natives, yearlings, $4 40@4 75; fair to choice Westerns, muttons, $4 00@4 50; common and choice sheep, $3 70@3 85; lambs, $4 50@5 10.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 7000; market, steady: Texas steers, $3 75@4 40; Texas cows, $2 65@3 50; native steers, $4 25@5 40; native cows and heifers, $2 75@4 50; stockers and feeders, $3 50@4 75; bulls, $4@3 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 900; market, 5c higher; bulk of sales, $5 35@5 40; heavy, $5 39@5 42; packers, $5 25@5 35; mixed, $5 20@5 35; lights, $5 10@5 30; yorkers, $5 10@5 30; pigs, $4 60@5 05.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000; market, steady; lambs, $4 80@5 15; muttons, $3 50@4 40.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The week starts with the general situation in local metal circles about as was prevalent all last week, and in fact for some months past. Trading was confined to supplying immediate requirements, and this business was of very small volume. The tendency of values, nevertheless is downward, as the statistical position indicates a bountiful quantity in all lines of metal.

Tin in London today was 10s higher, at £122 15s, and was sympathetically firm and 5 points above Saturday's close here, at 26 25.

Copper remains dull and featureless locally, despite a rise of