COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The first day of the week, as usual, found trade rather quiet, although the receipts of produce were heavier than expected. The desperate efforts that are being made to keep up the price of eggs are not meeting with success, and yesterday sales were made as low as 13½ cents, with single case lots selling at 14 cents. Potatoes are doing a little better, and some fancy stock was sold yesterday at 55 cents. This, however, is 5 cents above the average price for the best stock. The poultry market cleaned up pretty thoroughly Saturday, and the week opens with a favorable outlook for a continuation of last week's high prices. The grain markets are weak. Groceries are steady with no changes of importance.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$478,149	$59,044
Spokane	162,170	33,824
Seattle	425,242	81,244
Tacoma	174,695	33,383

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The Eastern wheat market was lower yesterday, and San Francisco touched the lowest point of the season in spite of the fact that Europe was holding steady. The influence of the coming crop is already being felt in San Francisco, and the failure of exporters in the Bay City to secure cheap tonnage a year ago has left them with the greater part of last year's crop still on hand, and very few ships to carry it. In the local market there is very little business doing. Some sales of Walla Walla have been made at 55 cents, and even higher prices are reported paid in the interior. Freights are holding their own. The Professor Koch, which lost her charter, has been rechartered at a private rate, which is generally understood to be about 4s 3d.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 55@55½c; Valley, nominal, bluestem, 57½c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2 80@3 40 per barrel; graham, $2 60.

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

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

Millstuffs—Bran, $16 per ton; middlings, $21 50; shorts, $18 50; 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, 50@55c; do California, 40@45c; store, 20@27½c per roll.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 13@14c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3 50; hens, $4 50@5 00; dressed, 11@12c per pound; ducks, $5@6; geese, $6@7 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 12@14c 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, $2; 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@6c, silver, extra choice, 5@7c; figs, California blacks, 5c; figs, California white, 5@6c; plums, pitless, white, 7@8c per pound.

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, 12¼c; medium, 12½c; small, 13c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; 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.

Hops, Wools, Hides, Etc.

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

Wool—Valley, 13@14c; Eastern Oregon, 8@11c; mohair, 23c 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—Bearskins, each, as to size, $5@15; cubs, each, $1@3; badger, each 25c; wildcat, 25@75c; housecat, 25@35c; fox, common gray, 40c@$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.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 26@28c; 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 65; dry granulated, $6 55; extra C, $5 35; golden C, $5 25 net, half barrels ¼c 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 20; 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, 6¼c; 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.

Bears Were Active and Liquidation Was Very Heavy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Today was one of active speculative liquidation in the stock market. The bears took a very active part in the day's proceedings, both by short selling and by manipulation for a decline, offering prices down freely and boldly. There was not much evidence of determined support, except by the sympathetic influence of the persistent strength of a few individual stocks. Besides the extraordinary movement in the steel stocks, there was decided strength shown by the new Toledo, St. Louis & Western stocks, St. Louis & San Francisco second preferred, Illinois Central, Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling preferred, Amalgamated Copper and Consolidated Gas. There was evidence of continued activity on the part of a bull movement in Burlington, and the other grangers showed some sympathy at one time. There was some support at intervals, also sympathy with Delaware & Hudson, which was extremely erratic all day. It sold down 2 points and then got 3¼ over Saturday. There was a downward plunge in the period of general weakness of 8 points, and the final rally left the net loss only 1⅝.

In the steel stocks, it was clear enough that speculators were attempting to adjust prices to the supposed terms of exchange of the existing securities into the stock of the new combination. The tape made it pretty clear that in the present plan of combination the preferred stocks are intended to be benefited far more than the common stocks. Stocks of this class were all buoyant, and the common stocks showed signs of demoralization. Hoop preferred advanced at one time 7½, and other gains by the preferred stocks were 7 by Tin-Plate, 4⅝ by Federal Steel, 4 by Steel & Wire and 2 by Republic Steel. These advances were curtailed by the reaction in the market. National Tube led the decline in the common stocks of the steel companies, breaking 7 full points and closing at the lowest. The losses of the others were partly recovered, but at one time Colorado Fuel was down 6¼. National Steel and Tennessee Coal 4, Federal Steel 3⅞, American Hoop, 3½, Steel & Wire 3¼ and Tin-Plate 2⅝.

In the general list, the reaction ran all the way from 1 to 3½ points, the wider losses being among those stocks which have been most manipulated for an advance, notably the Southwesterns, including Missouri Pacific and Kansas & Texas preferred, and some of the lately developed obscure stocks, such as Evansville & Terre Haute and the new North American stock. It was clear enough the dubious outlook for the money market was the impelling cause of the liquidation, and not any serious doubt yet entertained over general conditions. In fact, the liquidation did not appear to be voluntary, but was forced by the uncovering of stop-loss orders on the decline which the bears were able to effect. With the wiping out of margined stocks, they were thrown on the market to protect brokers, and commission-houses, which were carrying them for their customers. The call loan rate went to 2½ per cent during the day, but dropped back to 2 per cent, partly due to the receipt of a $500,000 credit by one of the banks for Australian gold arrived at San Francisco. There is no expectation, however, that closer conditions in the money market will be escaped in the near future.

Bankers continued to express confidence that there would be no actual stringency, but such large requirements for credits due to the heavy financial transactions in progress remain still to be met that sentiment over the money outlook is nervous. Very heavy buying of Southern Pacific 4s was the feature of the railroad bond market. The tendency elsewhere was generally reactionary. Total sales, par value, $5,525,000. United States old 4s advanced ¼ per cent on the last call.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.	105⅝	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	107
do coupon	105⅝	Northern Pac. 3s	70¼
do 5s, reg	110⅝	do 4s	105⅝
do coupon	110⅝	Oregon Nav. 1sts	109
do new 4s, reg	137⅛	Or. Short Line 6s	120
do coupon	137	Oregon S. L. 6s	127⅝
do old 4s, reg	113⅝	do con. 5s	116¼
do coupon	113⅝	Rio Gr. W. 1sts	100
do 5s, reg	110⅝	St. Paul consols	185
do coupon	110⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	119¼
Dist. Col. 3-65s	127	do 5s	120½
Atchison adj. 4s	92⅝	Union Pacific 4s	105
C. & N.W. con. 7s	140	Wis. Cent. 1sts	89
do S. F. deb. 5s	124	West Shore 4s	115
D. & R. G. 4s	102	Southern Pac. 4s	96⅝
Gen. Electric 5s	161¼		

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 1,317,500 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	56	Wabash	17½
do pref	88¼	do pref	29½
Balt. & Ohio	90¼	Wheel. & L. E.	14⅞
do pref	87¼	do 2d pref	31¼
Can. Pacific	99	Wis. Central	18⅛
Can. Southern	57	P. C., C. & St. L.	58
Ches. & Ohio	40½	Third Avenue	124
Chi. Gr. Western	19⅝	National Tube	59¼
C., B & Q.	145⅝	do pref	166
Chi., Ind. & L.	39⅝	EXPRESS CO'S.	
do pref	67	Adams	150
Chi. & East. Ill.	108	American	185
Chicago & N. W.	172	United States	57
C., R. I. & Pac.	124⅝	Wells-Fargo	135
C., C., C. & St. L.	75¼	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	9½	Amer. Cotton Oil	29¼
do 1st pref	44	do pref	87
do 2d pref	18⅝	Amer. Malting	4⅝
Del. & Hudson	169⅝	do pref	24
Del., Lack. & W.	196	Amer. Smelt. & R.	57⅛
Denver & Rio Gr.	40	do pref	95¼
do pref	87	Amer. Spirits	2
Erie	28⅝	do pref	17
do 1st pref	68½	Amer. Steel Hoop	29
Gr. North. pref	199	do pref	82⅝
Hocking Coal	15	Amer. Steel & W.	36⅝
Hocking Valley	47⅝	do pref	97¼
Illinois Central	132⅝	Amer. Tin Plate	65⅝
Iowa Central	25½	do pref	97
do pref	56	Amer. Tobacco	119¼
Lake Erie & W.	41	do pref	152½
do pref	110	Anaconda M. Co.	43½
Lake Shore	220	Brooklyn R. T.	76
Louis. & Nash.	91½	Colo. Fuel & Iron	42⅝
Manhattan El	119⅝	Cont. Tobacco	44⅝
Met. St. Ry.	162½	do pref	95
Mex. Central	17½	Federal Steel	43
Minn. & St. Louis	72¼	do pref	83⅝
do pref	106	Gen. Electric	208
Missouri Pacific	89⅝	Glucose Sugar	45½
Mobile & Ohio	75½	do pref	94
M., K. & T.	20½	Int. Paper	22½
do pref	53¼	do pref	72
New Jersey Cent.	153	La Clede Gas	73½
New York Cent.	144½	National Biscuit	58
Norfolk & West.	46⅝	do pref	93½
do pref	83	National Lead	19⅝
Northern Pacific	82⅝	do pref	85
do pref	89½	National Steel	44
Ontario & Western	31⅝	do pref	99
O. R. & N.	42	N. Y. Air Brake	155
do pref	76	North American	23¼
Pennsylvania	148⅝	Pacific Coast	52
Reading	31⅝	do 1st pref	88
do 1st pref	74⅝	do 2d pref	67
do 2d pref	42⅝	Pacific Mail	40½
Rio Gr. Western	70	People's Gas	100⅝
do pref	93	Pressed Steel Car	36⅝
St. Louis & S. F.	35⅝	do pref	76
do 1st pref	82	Pullman Pal. Car	198
do 2d pref	64⅝	Stand. Rope & T.	4½
St. Louis S. W.	19⅝	Sugar	124½
do pref	56	do pref	119½
St. Paul	150	Tenn. Coal & Iron	59½
do pref	190	U. S. Leather	12⅝
St. Paul & O.	123	do pref	74⅝
Southern Pacific	44¼	U. S. Rubber	19⅝
Southern Ry.	22	do pref	60⅝
do pref	74¼	Western Union	87⅝
Texas & Pacific	28½	Republic Iron & S.	15¼
Union Pacific	93⅝	do pref	63⅝
do pref	87¼		

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

Though business on the stock exchange here was meager today, the tendency of the general list was slightly upward, and the tone was cheerful. This was due, in part, to the hope that we have Dewet cornered, and partly because the street is counting on a reduction of the bank rate to 4 per cent.

American shares were left entirely to themselves, and they fell by their own weight. New York was doing nothing in them to help the movement either way. The weakest spots were in New York Central, St. Paul and Southern Pacifics. Call rates were from 3 to 3½ per cent, although very large repayments had been made to the Bank. Time money, 3⅝; bills, 3½@3⅝ per cent.

The fortnightly copper report shows a decrease of 723 tons in stocks and 648 in visible supplies.

New York Stocks.

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

STOCK.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Anaconda Cop. M. Co.	43½	44	43½	43½
Amal. Copper Co.	89½	90⅝	89	89
Atchison com.	56⅛	57	55½	56
Atchison pfd	88⅛	88⅝	88	88¼
Am. Tobacco com.	116⅞	117	115½	118¼
American Sugar, com.	136	136⅞	133½	134½
Am. Steel & Wire com.	51⅛	51½	48⅞	50⅞
Am. Steel & Wire pfd.	94⅞	98	94⅛	97¼
Am. Steel Hoop com.	32	32	28½	29¼
Am. Steel Hoop pfd.	79½	86	79	83⅝
Am. Tin-Plate com.	66	66⅞	64	65⅝
Am. Tin-Plate pfd.	93⅝	100	93⅝	97
Baltimore & Ohio com.	90⅛	90⅞	90⅛	90¼
Baltimore & Ohio pfd.	87½	87½	87½	87½
Brook. Rapid Transit.	76⅞	77¼	75½	76
Chi., Ind. & L. com.	31⅛	32	30⅝	30⅝
Chi., Ind. & L. pfd.	67½	68⅞	67	67
Chi., Burl. & Quincy.	144½	147	144¼	145⅝
Chicago & N. W. com.	174	174	172	172
Chi., M. & St. P. com.	150	152	149¼	150
Chi., R. I. & Pacific.	124	126⅝	124	124⅝
New Jersey Central.	153½	153½	153½	153½
Chesapeake & Ohio.	40½	41	40½	40½
Canada Southern	57	57¼	56⅞	57
Colo. Fuel & Iron com.	44½	45	41⅝	42⅝
Cont. Tobacco com.	45½	45½	44	44½
Delaware & Hudson.	170¼	174⅝	166⅝	169⅝
Del., Lack. & Western.				188
D. & R. G. com.	40½	40⅝	40	40
D. & R. G. pfd	87	87	87	87
Erie com	28½	28⅝	28	28⅛
Erie 1sts pfd	64½	64⅝	63½	63½
Federal Steel com.	51	51½	47¼	49
Federal Steel pfd.	82⅝	87	82⅝	85⅝
Illinois Central	131	133½	130	132⅝
Louisville & Nashville.	91⅛	91⅞	90⅝	91⅛
Mt. Traction Co.	163⅛	163½	162	162½
Manhattan Elevated	117½	117⅞	116½	116⅝
Mexican Central	17⅞	18	17⅛	17⅛
Missouri Pacific	89¼	89½	86½	86⅝
Mobile & Ohio	76	76	75½	76
Mo., Kan. & Tex. com.	20⅝	21	20½	20½
Mo., Kan. & Tex. pfd.	55	55⅛	52	53¼
New York Central.	145¼	146	143¼	144¼
Norfolk & West. com.	47	47⅛	46	46⅝
Norfolk & West. pfd.	83	83	83	83
Northern Pacific com.	83⅛	84⅛	82½	82⅝
Northern Pacific pfd.	87	87⅛	85½	86½
National Steel com.	47½	47½	43¼	44⅞
National Steel pfd.	100	101¼	100	100
North American	23½	23⅝	23	23¼
Ontario & Western.	32½	32⅝	31	31⅞
O. R. & N. com.				42
O. R. & N. pfd				76
Pennsylvania Ry.	149½	150	148⅞	149⅝
People's G., C. & L. Co.	100⅝	101¼	100	100⅝
Pressed S. Car com.	37½	37⅞	37	36⅝
Pressed S. Car pfd.	76	76	76	76
Pullman Company	198	198¼	197	198
Pacific Mail S. Co.	40½	40½	40¼	40½
Reading com	32⅛	32½	31	31⅝
Reading 2ds pfd.	43¼	43⅝	42¼	42¼
Reading 1sts pfd.	75⅝	74⅞	74⅝	74⅝
Southern Railway com.	22⅝	22⅞	21⅝	22
Southern Railway pfd.	75	75¼	73⅞	74½
Southern Pacific	45½	45½	43⅞	44¼
Texas & Pacific	28⅞	29¼	28	28½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	60½	62½	59	59¼
Union Pacific com.	93⅝	94⅝	93	93⅛
Union Pacific pfd.	88⅛	88⅝	87½	87⅝
U. S. Leather com.	13⅝	13⅝	12⅞	12⅞
U. S. Leather pfd.	75	75	74⅝	74
U. S. Rubber com.	20	20	19½	19⅝
U. S. Rubber pfd.				60½
Western Union Tel.	88¼	88⅝	87⅝	87⅞
Wabash com.	18	18⅛	17½	17½
Wabash pfd	31	31	29	29⅞

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4 85⅝; sterling on London, sight, $4 89¼. Mexican dollars, 50½@51c. Drafts—Sight, 17½c; telegraph, 22½.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Money on call, 2@2½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87@4 87½ for demand and $4 83⅞ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 84½ and $4 87½@4 88½; commercial bills, $4 83⅛. Silver certificates, 62@63c. Mexican dollars, 47¾c. Government bonds strong; state bonds inactive; railroad bonds irregular.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Consols, 97⅝. Money, 4@4½ per cent.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Atchison, 57⅛; Canadian Pacific, 93; Union Pacific preferred, 90½; Northern Pacific preferred, 93; Grand Trunk, 7; Anaconda, 8⅞.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Wheat easy on call and weak in the spot market. Barley futures steady; spot barley easy. Oats strong.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping, No. 1, 95c; choice, 95c; milling, 95⅝c@$1 02½.

Barley—Feed, 70@72½c; brewing, 80@82½c.

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

Wheat—Easy; May, 89⅝c; December, $1 04½; cash, 95c.

Barley—Steady; May, 68½c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 15@1 17½.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage, quiet and steady; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 28s 6d. English country markets, firm, but not active. Imports of flour into United Kingdom, 155,000 barrels; wheat and flour on passage to United Kingdom, 3,290,000 quarters; wheat and flour on passage to Continent, 1,160,000 quarters; Indian shipments wheat to United Kingdom and Continent, none.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 18.—Wheat—Steady; No. 1 standard California, 6s 5½d. French country markets part cheaper. Weather in England, cold. Wheat—Spot dull; No. 1 California, 6s 3½d; No. 2 red Western Winter, 5s 11¾d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 6s 3d. Futures, quiet; March, 5s 11⅝d; May, 5s 6d.

Corn—Spot, new American, steady, 3s 11¼d; do old, firm, 4s ¼d. Futures, quiet; February, 3s 10⅝d; March, 3s 10d; May, 3s 9⅝d.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Corn held undisputed sway on the board of trade throughout the entire session. The volume of business was heavy the first two hours, and it was enormous the remainder of the day. The pit was crowded. May opened ⅛c higher, at 41¼@41⅜c. There was nothing particularly striking either in the crop situation or the statistical reports; but shorts were clamorous in their demands. Several million bushels changed hands at the opening figures, and after touching 41⅝@41¾c, the market was suddenly bid up to 41⅞c. Scarcely any corn changed hands on this bulge. It seemed as if everybody was a would-be purchaser. Suddenly the market began to crumble. Where a few minutes before scarcely any corn was to be had, millions of bushels were for sale. One speculator was credited with getting rid of 5,000,000 bushels, and others were not far behind. May declined to 40⅝c, and closed at 40⅝c, a net loss of ⅝@⅞c.

Wheat conceded the palm to corn without a protest and followed the larger market with great docility. The pit was half deserted. May opened unchanged to ⅛@¼c higher, at 75½@75⅝@75¾c, influenced chiefly by the opening corn strength, although steady cables and moderate Northwest receipts were contributory factors. Some commission-house buying, coupled with covering by nervous shorts, caused an early advance to 75⅞c. The corn break later caused a reaction to 75c, and the close was easy, May, ⅝@¾c lower, at 75@75¼c.

An active trade was done in oats. The market followed the corn lead. May closed ¼c lower, at 25½c.

Provisions were not able to withstand the local receipts of hogs, which were 14,000 head in excess of the number estimated Saturday, and the swift change in the previously bullish condition of the corn market. Transactions were not important. May pork closed 12½c lower; lard, 7½@10c down, and ribs, 7½c depressed.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
WHEAT.				
February	$0 73⅝	$0 74	$0 73⅛	$0 73¼
March	74⅛	74¼	73⅝	73½
May	75½	75⅝	75	75⅛
CORN.				
February	.....	.....	.....	38½
March	39⅝	40⅛	39⅛	39½
May	41⅛	41¾	40¼	40⅝
OATS.				
February	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24½
May	25⅝	25⅞	25⅝	25½
MESS PORK.				
February	.....	.....	.....	13 82½
May	14 07½	14 07½	13 97½	14 02½
LARD.				
March	7 40	7 40	7 37½	7 37½
May	7 47½	7 47½	7 42½	7 42½
July	.....	.....	.....	7 47½
SHORT RIBS.				
February	7 00	7 00	6 97½	6 97½
May	7 05	7 07½	7 02½	7 02½
July	7 17½	7 17½	7 15	7 15

Cash quotations were as follows:

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 68@74c; No. 2 red, 74½@75½c.

Corn—No. 2, 38⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 38¾c.

Oats—No. 2, 25½c; No. 2 white, 28½c; No. 3 white, 27@28c.

Rye—No. 2, 57½c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 49@53c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 61; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 64.

Timothy seed—Prime, $4 35.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $13 85.

Lard—Per cwt., $7 35@7 37½.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $6 95.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, $6 20.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $7 30@7 40.

Clover—Contract grade, $11@11 15.

Butter—Quiet; creamery, 14@22c; dairy, 11½@15c.

Cheese—Active, 10¼@11¾c.

Eggs—Quiet; fresh, 15½c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	42,000	29,000
Wheat, bushels	49,000	57,000
Corn, bushels	281,000	100,000
Oats, bushels	336,000	173,000
Rye, bushels	40,000	.....
Barley, bushels	34,000	9,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Flour—Receipts, 30,828 barrels; exports, 33,875 barrels; market dull and easier.

Wheat—Receipts, 26,200 bushels; exports, 159,129 bushels; spot, weak; No. 2 red, 80¼c f. o. b. afloat; 78⅝c elevator. Options opened steady and advanced on prospect for a fair visible supply decrease. Closed at ⅛@⅜c net decline on break in corn. March, closed at 79c; May, 79⅛c; June, 79½c.

Wool—Dull.

Hops—Quiet.

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on Saturday, February 16, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows:

	Bushels.	Inc.	Dec.
Wheat	57,682,000	.....	612,000
Corn	17,031,000	980,000	.....
Oats	1,032,000	12,000	.....
Rye	1,174,000	.....	31,000
Barley	1,695,000	.....	110,000

Chicago Grain Gossip.

F. G. Logan's grain letter to R. W. McKinnon & Co. says:

Wheat—Liverpool ¼c higher, Antwerp ⅝c lower. The visible supply decreased 812,000, against 580,000 decrease last year. It is now 57,600,000, against 53,200,000 last year. St. Louis reports a good milling demand, but otherwise very little business for shipment has been reported. The general tone of the market continues dull and volume of buying very small. The falling off in primary receipts is the most bullish item in the day's statistics. We think this comparison likely to continue bullish, and should in time have an effect on the domestic situation; but at the moment the general outlook is dull. Estimated cars, 65.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 11@13c; Eastern Oregon, 10@12c; Valley Oregon, 14@15c. Fall—Mountain lambs, 9@10c; San Joaquin Plains, 6@7c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@11c.

Hops—Crop of 1900, 15@20c.

Bran—$15@16 per ton; middlings, $17 50@20 50.

Hay—Wheat, $9@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, 75c@$1 15; Oregon Burbanks, 65c@$1 05; Early Rose, 60@85c; sweets, 50@$1.

Onions—$2 25@3 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 25 per box; pineapples, $2 50@5 per dozen.

Bananas—50c@$1 75 per bunch.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 11@12c; do hens, 12@13c 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, 17c.

Receipts—Flour, 19,790 quarter sacks; do Oregon, 10,000 quarter sacks; do Washington, 2632 quarter sacks; wheat, 7600 centals; barley, 16,100 centals; oats, 1050 centals; do Oregon, 650; do Washington, 12,620 centals; beans, 872 sacks; potatoes, 3255 sacks; bran, 2000 sacks; do Washington, 4460 sacks; middlings, 340 sacks; wool, 116 bales.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 2300, including 300 Texans. Generally steady to 10c lower. Texans about steady. Good to prime steers, $4 80@6 00; poor to medium, $3 40@4 70; stockers and feeders, $4 20@4 40; cows, $2 50@4 10; heifers, $2 50@4 25; canners, $1 75@2 45; bulls, $2 60@4 20; calves, $4 00@6 50; Texas fed steers, $4 00@5 05; Texas grass steers, $3 25@4 50; Texas bulls, $2 50@3 60.

Hogs—Receipts today, 48,000; tomorrow, 33,000; left over, 4000. Market 5@10c lower. Top, $5 40. Mixed and butchers, $5 20@5 40; good to choice heavy, $5 30@5 40; rough heavy, $5 15@5 25; light, $5 15@5 37½; bulk of sales, $5 20@5 35.

Sheep—Receipts, 22,000. Sheep, steady; lambs, shade lower. Choice wethers, $3 90@4 45; fair to choice mixed, $3 50@4 00; Western sheep, $3 90@4 45; Texas sheep, $2 50@3 60; native lambs, $4 25@5 20; Western lambs, $5 00@5 15.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 9000; market, best, steady, others 5@10c lower; Texas steers, $3 75@4 50; Texas cows, $2 70@3 50; native steers, $4 40@5 40; native cows and heifers, $2 50@4 50; stockers and feeders, $3 50@4 70; bulls, $3@4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 8000; market 5c lower; bulk of sales, $5 25@5 35; heavy, $5 35@5 40; packers, $5 25@5 35; mixed, $5 20@5 30; lights, $5 15@5 30; Yorkers, $5 10@5 30; pigs, $4 50@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 3000; market, steady; lambs, $4 90@5 20; muttons, $3 50@4 50.

OMAHA, Feb. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 2600; market, steady to 10c lower; native beef steers, $4 00@5 30; Western steers, $3 70@4 40; Texas steers, $3 00@3 85; cows and heifers, $3 00@4 90; canners, $1 50@2 85; stockers and feeders, $3 25@4 40; calves, $4 00@7 00; bulls and stags, $2 50@4 00.

Hogs—Receipts, 6500; market, 5@7½c lower; heavy, $5 22@5 25; mixed, $5 20@5 25; light, $5 20@5 22; bulk of sales, $5 22.

Sheep—Receipts, 8800; market, weak to 10c lower; fair to choice yearlings, $4 40@4 75; fair to choice wethers, $4 00@4 50; lambs, $