STANDARD ISSUES MADE ADVANCE

THE GAINS RAN FROM FRACTIONS TO TWO POINTS.

St. Paul Was the Strongest of the Railway Stocks, Being Helped by Its November Report, Disclosing Large Increase in Earnings—Further Weakness in American Beet Sugar Shares.

New York, January 4.—Better resistance was offered the stock market today to the weakness of various stocks which affected values yesterday. Certain manipulated specialties, operations in which reflected an absence of demand, developed marked weakness, which for a time held the general market in check. The standard issues, however, gradually broke away from this influence, and by closing time nearly all the important railroads and industrials had made moderate gains. The advance ran to 2 points in St. Paul, and half as much in the Harriman stocks, Reading and Coppers.

Further weakness developed in American Beet Sugar, which dropped 3 points, to 39, its lowest quotation in more than a year. Petroleum stocks sold off sharply. St. Paul, the strongest of the important railway stocks, was helped by the November report of the system, disclosing large gains in gross and net for both the parent corporation and the Puget Sound.

A strong showing was made by the banks in their weekly report. The return flow of money paid out at the opening of the year was reflected in an expansion of over $32,000,000 in deposits and the cash gain of nearly $15,000,000 paralleled with predictions. The loan increase was considerably smaller than in the first week of 1912. There was a substantial addition to the excess reserve. Foreign exchange rates were again marked up today, and advances in the last two weeks has now reached about 50 cents.

Reports of the leading mercantile agencies spoke of some letting up in general trade since Christmas. Such a lull occurs yearly, and it was pointed out that the change had been less marked than usual this year. It's not unlikely, however, that there will be a further slackening as the time approaches for revision of the tariff.

Rates for Money.

New York, Jananuary 4.—Money on call nominal; no loans. Time loans easier; 60 days, 5a5¼ per cent.; 90 days, 5; six months, 4¾a5. Close—Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

New York, January 4.—Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 482.25 for 60-day bills and at 486.50 for demand. Commercial bills, 481½.

Quotations for Silver.

New York, January 4.—Silver was quoted at 63⅝c per ounce. Mexican dollars, 49c.

Closing Quotations at New York.

New York, January 4.—Closing quotations at the New York exchange were:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales.
Amal Copper	79¼	78⅝	78⅞	10,000
Agricultural	--	--	55	--
Beet Sugar	41¼	39	39¾	11,400
Can Can	30½	30	30¼	1,300
	116½	116	116¾	200
& Pdy	55¾	55¾	55¾	100
Oil	55½	55½	55½	100
Securities	--	--	20	----
Linoln	--	--	11¼	----
Motive	--	--	43¼	----
& Rfg	73⅛	72	73	2,100
	--	--	105	----
Rfg	116	116	116⅛	100
Tel	140	139¾	139½	300
	292½	289½	292½	1,000
Mining	40	39⅞	40⅛	1,500
chison	105⅞	105¾	106	100
do pfd	--	--	100½	----
lantic Coast L	131½	131½	131½	400
lto & Ohio	106	105½	105¾	800
thlehem Steel	--	--	38½	----
Rap Tran	91	90¾	90¾	1,000
nadian Pacific	264⅛	263¼	263¼	2,100
ntral Leather	28½	28½	28¼	100
ds & Ohio	79	78¾	79	400
cago Gt West	--	--	16½	----
Mil & St P	114¾	112⅞	114⅝	2,500
cago & N W	137	137	137	100
Fuel & Iron	34⅛	34⅛	34	100
nsolidated Gas	--	--	139½	----
rn Products	--	--	14½	----
l & Hudson	--	--	163	----
nver & Rio G	--	--	20½	----
do pfd	39	39	38⅞	100
istillers' Secur	21⅛	21⅛	21	100
Erie	32⅛	31¾	32⅛	900
do 1st pfd	--	--	49	----
do 2d pfd	--	--	39⅛	----
eneral Electric	--	--	184	----
oodrich Rubber	--	--	67¼	----
oldfield Cons	2⅛	2⅛	2	600
t North pfd	130½	130⅛	130⅜	2,400
t North Ore ctfs	41	41	41	100
linois Central	127	127	126½	100
nterbor Metrop	18½	18½	18⅜	200
do pfd	63½	63¼	63¼	400
nter Harvester	111½	111¼	111¼	500
nter Marine pfd	--	--	19	----
nter Paper	12	12	11½	100
nter Pump	16	16	16	100
an City South	--	--	26½	----
aclede Gas	--	--	103¾	----
ehigh Valley	167	167	167¼	100
ouis & Nash	141	141	141	200
St P & S S M	140½	140½	140½	100
issouri Pacific	41⅞	41½	41¾	1,300
ational Biscuit	--	--	127	----
at Enameling	--	--	18½	----
do pfd	--	--	88	----
ational Lead	--	--	55½	----
evada Cons	19⅝	19⅜	19	400
Ry of M 2d pfd	27½	27½	27⅜	300
Y Central	--	--	108¾	----
Y, Ont & West	--	--	31¼	----
orfolk & West	--	--	113	----
h American	--	--	80	----
rth Pacific	121½	120⅞	121⅜	600
ific Mail	--	--	29	----
nsylvania	123	122¾	122⅞	1,400
ple's Gas	114⅛	114	114	200
C & St L	--	--	102	----
ttsburgh Coal	23¾	23½	23¾	300
Steel Car	35⅞	35¾	35½	300
ublic Pal Car	165	165	164	100
	167⅝	166⅝	167½	11,100
ch & Steel	--	--	25½	----
	86½	86½	86½	100
and Co	24	23¾	24⅛	500
	--	--	43½	----
ress S F 2d pfd	--	--	27¾	----
alroad Air Line	--	--	18¾	----
do pfd	--	--	45¼	----
S Steel & Iron	--	--	42	----
outhern Pacific	106¾	105⅞	106⅝	7,300
outhern Railway	27⅞	27⅞	28	100
do pfd	80¾	80¾	80¾	200
Tennessee Copper	39½	39	39¼	200
Texas & Pacific	22	22	22	300
Union Pacific	161	159¾	160¾	11,200
do pfd	92½	92½	92	100
U S Realty	75½	75	74½	200
U S Rubber	62¾	62½	62½	600
U S Steel	68⅛	67⅞	68⅛	21,700
do pfd	110	110	110	200
Utah Copper	59½	59¼	59⅜	1,500
Va-Car Chemical	--	--	42	----
Wabash	--	--	4⅛	----
do pfd	--	--	13⅛	----
Western Maryland	40¾	39¼	40½	1,100
Western Union	--	--	74⅝	----
Westing Electric	--	--	78½	----
Wheel & L Erie	--	--	7½	----
Total sales			128,200 shares.	

New York Curb Stocks.

[Furnished by Whelan, Duer & Lanahan, bankers and brokers, Calvert Building.]

Closing prices January 4 of the most active curb securities were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Express 4s	80	83
British Columbia Copper	4½	7
Chicago Subway	4½	4⅞
Giroux Consolidated	3¾	4
Greene-Cananea	9	9⅜
Hollinger	15⅝	16
Kerr Lake	2⅝	2¾
La Rose Consolidated	2¾	3
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co	210	235
Nipissing Mines	9	9¼
Yukon Gold	3	3⅛

New York Bonds.

New York, January 4.—The bond market was steady, with some widening of demand. Total sales, par value, $1,125,000. United States 2s registered declined ¼ on call on the week. Closing prices were:

U S ref 2s reg	101	K C S ref 5s	98⅜
U S ref 2s cou	101	Lake Shore db 4s	92¼
U S 3s reg	102½	L & N unif 4s	98⅝
U S 3s cou	102¾	M, K & T 4s	94¾
U S 4s reg	113⅝	M, K & T 4½s	87
U S 4s cou	113⅝	Missouri Pac 4s	70
Panama 3s cou	101¾	Missouri Pac 5s	87¾
All-Chal ctfs	60	N Ry of M 4½s	88½
Am Agricul 5s	101⅜	N Y C gen 3½s	86¼
Am T & T cv 4s	110	‡N Y C deb 4s	91
Am Tobacco 6s	120¼	‡N Y, N H & H conv 3½s	36⅛
Armour 4½s	91⅞	N & W 1st 4s	96¾
Atchison gen 4s	97⅝	‡N & W cv 4s	112½
Atchison cv 4s	103⅛	Nor Pacific 4s	98¼
Atchison cv 5s	105¼	Nor Pacific 3s	68¼
A C L 1st 4s	95¼	Ore S L ref 4s	91⅞
B & O 4s	97¼	Pa cv 3½s	97
B & O 3½s	91⅛	‡Pa cv 4s	101
B R T cv 4s	90⅞	Reading gen 4s	97
Cent of Ga 5s	107½	St L & S F fg 4s	75¾
Cent Leather 5s	95	St L & S F gen 5s	82⅛
C & O 4½s	100½	St L S W con 4s	80½
C & O cv 4½s	92¼	St L S W con 4s	68½
*C & A 3½s	63¾	Seaboard Adj 5s	75⅞
C, B & Q joint 4s	95⅞	So Pac col 4s	92¾
C, B & Q gen 4s	95	So Pac cv 4s	92¾
C,M&StP cv4½s	106	So Pac ref 4s	93⅛
C, R I & P col 4s	66¼	Southern Ry 5s	106½
C, R I & P ref 4s	87½	Southern Ry 4s	78
C & S ref 4½s	94¾	Union Pac 4s	98⅞
D & H cv 4s	97½	Union P cv 4s	96⅞
D & R G ref 5s	83⅛	Union P ref 4s	95⅜
Distillers' 5s	70	U S Rubber 6s	103
Erie pr lien 4s	87	U S Steel 2d 5s	101⅞
Erie gen 4s	75⅛	Va-Car Chem 5s	97⅞
Erie cv 4s ser B	76	Wabash 1st 4s	63½
Ill Cent ref 4s	94½	Western Md 4s	83⅛
Int Met 4½s	81	West Elec cv 5s	93⅞
Int M M 4½s	65¾	‡Wis Cent 4s	90½
Japan 4½s	90	*Offered. ‡Bid.	

Philadelphia Closing Prices.

Philadelphia, Pa., January 4.—Closing prices on the exchange were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
American Railways	41	41¼
Cambria Steel Company	50¾	51
Cons Traction (New Jersey)	76	76¼
Electric Storage Battery	52¾	54
General Asphalt	40	40¼
General Asphalt pfd	75	75⅛
Lake Superior Corporation	31¼	31½
Lehigh Navigation	93	93½
Lehigh Valley	83½	83¾
Pennsylvania Salt	106	106¼
Pennsylvania Steel pfd	93½	93¾
Philadelphia Company	50¼	50½
Philadelphia Company pfd	44½	45
Philadelphia Electric	23¼	23¾
Philadelphia Rapid Transit	27¾	27⅞
Philadelphia Traction	82½	82¾
Tonopah	6¼	6⅜
Tonopah Belmont	8¾	8⅞
Union Traction	51	51¼
United Gas Improvement	89⅞	90
Warwick	10½	10¾
Welbach 5s	94	94¼

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, January 4.

Com Tun stock	.08	Ontario	2.50
*Com Tun bonds	.12	Ophir	.17
Con Cal & Va	.20	Small Hopes	.15
Iron Silver	1.50	*Standard	1.00
*Leadville Con.	.08	Yellow Jacket	.10
Little Chief	.04	*Offered.	
Mexican	.95		

BOSTON, January 4.

Allouez	40	Mohawk	63½
Amal Copper	78¾	Nevada Cons	19½
American Zinc	29½	Nipissing Mines	8¾
Ariz Commercial	3¾	North Butte	32¾
B & C C & S M	5¾	North Lake	2½
Cal & Arizona	71½	Old Dominion	54
Cal & Hecla	535	Osceola	102
Centennial	18	Quincy	77¾
Copper Range	52	Shannon	13
East Butte Cop	14¾	Superior	38¾
Franklin	8½	Sup & Boston	2¼
Giroux Cons	3¾	Tamarack	36½
Granby Cons	70¼	U S S R & M	43
Greene-Cananea	9	U S S R & M pf	49½
Isle Royale	32½	Utah Cons	11
Kerr Lake	2⅝	Utah Copper	59¼
Lake Copper	25¼	Winona	3½
La Salle Copper	5⅛	Wolverine	73
Miami Copper	26		

Chicago Futures.

Chicago, January 4.—The range of prices for futures at Chicago was:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	91⅜	91¾	91¼	91⅝
July	89⅛	89⅜	88⅞	89¼
September	88⅛	88¼	87⅞	88¼
CORN.				
May	48⅝	48⅞	48½	48⅞
July	49½	49⅞	49½	49⅞
September	50⅜	50¾	50⅜	50¾
OATS.				
May	32⅞	33	32¾	33
July	33	33¼	33	33⅛
September	32½	32⅞	32½	32⅞
PORK.				
January	--	17.75	17.72½	17.72½
May	18.12½	18.25	18.12½	18.17½
LARD.				
January	9.70	9.75	9.67½	9.67½
May	9.82½	9.92½	9.82½	9.82½
SHORT RIBS.				
January	9.67½	9.75	9.67½	9.75
May	9.75	9.80	9.72½	9.75

LOCAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Baltimore, January 4.—The securities of the United Railways most likely to be affected by any action of an unfavorable character as a result of the agitation to bring about reduction in suburban fares continue droopy, although the price changes are small and offerings light. United Railways eased off further to 23⅞, the lowest figure touched for some time, and in contrast with the market value of two months ago, when it stood at 26. United Railways income bonds also eased off to the lowest level touched in some months, 62¼, with no offerings at that figure at the close. In November these bonds sold at 66¼.

The shares of the bonding companies to be merged were comparatively quiet and without noteworthy change. Maryland National Bank fell back two points to 22. Consolidated Power preferred, on small sales, moved up two points to 114. U. S. Fidelity, which sold ex-dividend, at 180, showed a net decline of two and a half points. Merchants-Mechanics' Bank stock, "when issued," is being absorbed readily at 30¼.

Bank clearings for the week, $40,526,167, compared with $39,118,582 for the corresponding week of 1911.

Baltimore Stock Exchange Sales.

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Sales on the Baltimore Stock Exchange were as follows:

MORNING SESSION.

30 shares A C L Rights		3
408 shares A C L Rights		3⅛
14 shares A C L Rights		3
260 shares A C L Rights		3⅛
1 share A C L Rights		3
20 shares A C L Rights		3¼
17 shares A C L Rights		3⅛
460 shares American Bonding Co		90
5 shares Cons Gas E L & P pfd		113
10 shares Cons Gas E L & P pfd		114
98 shares Fid & Deposit Co		172
5 shares Fid & Deposit Co		171½
10 shares German Fire Insurance		19
145 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs		18
15 shares Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs		65½
55 shares Maryland National Bank		22
553 shares M & Mech Bank (W I)		30¼
5 shares Seaboard A L com		19
11 shares U S Fid & Guar Co		180
60 shares United Railways com		23⅞
$500 Baltimore City 4s 1961		96½
2,000 Cotton Duck 5s		74¼
4,000 Consolidated Gas 4½s		95
1,000 Detroit United Rys 4½s		74⅜
14,000 Ga, Car & North 5s		105¼
1,000 G B S Brewing 1st 4s		46
3,000 Macon Ry & Light 5s		98½
1,000 Maryland Electric 5s		97¾
3,000 New Or, Mobile & Chicago 5s		86⅜
1,000 Portland Ry 1st Ref 5s		101
200 United Rys Fdg 5s		88½
10,000 United Railways income 4s		62¼

Closing Quotations.

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The closing quotations on the Baltimore Stock Exchange were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
Baltimore City 5s 1916	101¾	--
Baltimore City 4s 1954	--	96½
Cons Gas E L & P 4½s	87	--
Cons Gas E L & P com	--	112
Cons Gas E L & P pfd	--	114
Citizens' National Bank	42	--
Maryland National Bank	21¾	--
Coal & Coke 5s	93	--
Coal & Iron Ry Co 1st 5s	100	101
Fla Pnslr Cons 5s	101½	--
Ga & Ala Cons 5s	104¾	105½
Ga South & Fla 1st 5s	105¼	106
Wil & Weldon Gold 4s	--	97½
A C L Rights (W I)	3	3¼
Northern Central Ry	119	121
Seaboard A L com	18½	--
United Ry & Elec Co	--	24
Anacostia & Potomac Ry 5s	99	99¼
Balto, Sp Pt & Ches 4½s	95¾	--
Chas Con Ry G & E 5s	96½	97½
City & Suburban 1st 5s	--	104
Fairmont & Clarks Trac 5s	100¾	101
Lexington Ry Co 1st 5s	98½	--
Metropolitan (Wash) 1st 5s	104	105
Norfolk & Ports Trac 5s	90¾	91½
United Rys & Elec 1st 4s	83⅝	84
United Rys & Elec inc 4s	62⅛	62¼
United Rys Fdg 5s	87½	88
Va Ry & Power 5s	94	95
Fidelity & Deposit Co	--	172
Maryland Casualty Co	104	--
U S Fidelity & Guar Co	180	182½
Munsey Trust (W I)	104	--
Baltimore Electric 5s	96½	97
Canton Co	135	--
Cotton Duck 5s	74	74¼
German Fire Ins Co	--	19
G B S Brewing 1st 4s	45½	46
Houston Oil com tr ctfs	17⅞	18
Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs	64¾	66
Milwaukee Ref 4½s	93¼	94¼
Penn Water & Power com	68¼	69
Penn Water & Power 5s	92	93
United Elec 1st Cons 4½s	92¼	--
Jacksonville 5s 1924	103½	--
Houston Oil div ctfs	81	84½
Roland Park E & W 5s	101	--
Consolidation Coal Co	100	--
Cons Coal 1st 4½s	102	--

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Short Term Notes.

Closing quotations for short term notes at New York, January 4, by private wire of Whelan, Duer & Lanahan, bankers and brokers, Calvert Building.

Amal Copper 5s	April 1, 1913	99¾	100		
B & O 4½s	June 1, 1913	99¾	99⅞		
Brook Transit 5s	July 1, 1913	96½	96⅝		
C & O 4½s	June 1, 1914	98⅝	98¾		
Chicago Elev 5s	June 1, 1914	97¼	97⅝		
Erie Railroad 6s	April 8, 1914	100⅛	100⅜		
Erie Railroad 5s	Oct. 1, 1914	98¾	99⅛		
Gen Motor 6s	Oct. 1, 1915	98½	99		
Gen Rubber 4½s	July 1, 1915	96½	96⅞		
Ill Cent 4½s	July 1, 1914	99¼	99½		
Int Gt North 5s	Aug. 1, 1914	97⅝	97⅞		
Int Harvester 5s	Feb. 15, 1915	99⅝	99⅞		
Missouri Pac 5s	June 1, 1914	96½	96⅝		
N Y Cent 4½s	Mar. 1, 1914	99¾	99⅝		
Southern Ry 5s	May 1, 1913	99¾	100		
Westing Elec 6s	Aug. 1, 1913	100	100⅜		

Bank Statement.

New York, January 4.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing-house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows that they hold $13,854,550 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of $7,457,950 from last week. The statement follows:

Actual conditions—		Increase.
Loans	$1,863,289,000	$10,910,000
Specie	341,721,000	12,279,000
Legal tenders	85,192,000	2,502,000
Net deposits	1,709,429,000	32,693,000
Circulation	46,929,000	244,000
Banks' cash reserve in vault	336,304,000	
Trust companies' cash reserve in vault	63,609,000	
Aggregate cash reserve	399,913,000	
Excess lawful reserve	13,854,550	7,457,950

Trust companies' reserve with clearing-house members carrying 25 per cent. cash reserve, $49,245,000.

Summary of state banks and trust companies in Greater New York, not included in clearing-house statement:

		Increase.
Loans	$563,338,500	*$1,351,100
Specie	60,944,900	62,500
Legal tenders	8,076,900	*22,200
Total deposits	614,331,800	4,524,400

*Decrease.

Pritchard's Grain Review.

BY JOSEPH F. PRITCHARD.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Chicago, January 4.—Professional interests dominated the wheat market today, although the volume of their trade was light. Prices ruled somewhat firmer, due to covering by shorts over the week end. The improved cash demand also tended to give holders more encouragement. The best advices indicate that the winter wheat crop has suffered no material damage to date by the recent dry weather, and that rain or snow has fallen in a great many sections, although snow and colder weather are predicted. Final prices for the day were ⅛ to ⅜c. higher.

Corn was higher. Short sellers who had sold about half cent below Saturday's high points were probably responsible for the strength in this grain. They covered because of the week end and the strength shown in wheat. The weather throughout the corn belt continues favorable and the movement to market is large. While the domestic demand was very quiet there was still an improved demand for export. The country continues to offer freely, and prospects for the Argentine crop continue excellent.

In oats prices were firmer as in the others, due to week-end short covering. There was a fair shipping call with prices in the sample market a little better.

AUTO FOLLOWS SOLDIER

Sergeant Who Is a Millionaire Serving in French Army.

Special Cablegram to The American.

Paris, January 4.—The garrison of Vincennes possesses a sergeant who is probably the most fashionable noncommissioned officer in the service.

When he arrived to join the regiment of cuirassiers to which he was appointed he found that the stables were not altogether to his liking, and had alterations made at his own expense. He has spread a carpet in his bedroom and hung the refectory walls with pictures. When the regiment is on the march the young man's automobile follows in the rear, and at each halt a footman brings game, pie and champagne to the sergeant and his friends who, needless to say, are numerous.

His case presents one of the curious anomalies of national service. He is immensely rich, and his father's stable was "placed" in the Grand Prix this year.

A Very Sensitive Diplomat.

Special Cablegram to The American.

Paris, January 4.—An amusing diplomatic "incident" is making all Paris laugh today. The minister of the Argentine Republic has protested at the Foreign Office against the use of a sentence in The Green Coat, the amusing play by MM. De Flers and De Caillavet, which is one of the successes of the season at the Theatre des Varietes.

A musician in the play says: "I have been offered £4,000 to go to the Argentine for two months and give concerts. I am not going to risk my life among the niggers."

Owing to the protests of the Argentine ministers, the author of the play have altered "the Argentine" to "Australia."

COMMERCIAL

BALTIMORE, January 4.

The flour market is firm but quiet. Wheat closed ¼c. higher. Corn closed ¼ to ⅜c. higher. Oats firm. Hay quiet and steady. Straw quiet.

Eggs unchanged. Poultry about steady. Butter firm.

Quotations are for wholesale lots, unless otherwise specified.

BREADSTUFFS — FLOUR. — Receipts, 11,898 brls, including 9,725 for through shipment. The market is firm, but trading light. We quote, per 196 lbs, in wood:

Comparative prices.	Today.	Year ago.
Winter extra	$3.90a4.10	$3.60a3.80
Winter clear	4.15a4.40	3.80a4.00
Winter straight	4.55a4.70	4.15a4.30
Winter patent	5.10a5.30	4.60a4.80
Spring clear	4.00a4.30	4.25a4.40
Spring straight	4.30a4.45	5.20a5.40
Spring patent	4.45a4.75	5.45a5.70
City Mills best patent	—a5.50	—a6.10
City Mills high-grade patent	—a5.50	—a5.10
City Mills high-grade straight	—a5.20	—a4.60
City Mills choice family	—a4.90	—a4.40
City Mills extra	4.15a4.25	3.65a3.80
City Mills ordinary	3.75a—	—a—
Rye flour, medium to choice	3.75a4.00	5.00a5.25
Cornmeal, per 100 lbs	1.30a1.40	1.70a1.80
Buckwheat flour, 100 lbs	—a—	2.40a2.55

WHEAT.—Receipts, 18,973 bu, including 50 bu Southern; shipments from elevators, 87,141 bu; stock in elevators, 1,837,725 bu. Ready sale for prime milling Southern, if here. The small parcel, which arrived today, sold by sample at $1.00 per bu. The market for Western opened firmer: January, 95¾c; May, 105¼; spot, No. 2 red, 105¾; No. 2 red Western, 107¾; February, No. 2 red, 107½; March, No. 2 red, 109¼. Spot was in some demand, but not much wheat changed hands, the prices were: No. 2 red Western, 107¾; No. 2 red, 105¾; No. 3 red, 105¾; steamer, No. 2 red, 98¾. The I. P. M. closing was quiet and steady; spot and January, 105¾; February, 107½ nominal;; March, 109½ nominal.

CORN.—Receipts, 70,653 bu Western. Shipments from elevators, 5,480 bu; stock in elevators, 900,000 bu. Prime Southern is in good demand, but trading restricted by light offerings.

Quote track yellow corn, for domestic delivery, at 54¼c per bu asked for carlots on spot.

Cob corn is fairly firm at around $2.70 per brl for carlots prime nearby yellow on spot, with the inquiry fair in a jobbing way for choice yellow car corn.

Western opened firm; January 52¼a52⅜c; spot, March, 52¼a52⅜c; February, 52¼a52⅜, and March, 52½. Corn in all positions is in good demand. Prices were firm.

Sales included 6 cars spot, 52⅜c; car yellow (domestic), track Mount Clare, 54c.

Settling prices were: Contract, 52¼; steamer mixed, 49½; not established grade, 48¼.

The I. P. M. closing was firmer; spot and January, 52½c; February, 52½; March, 52¾.

OATS.—Receipts, 18,210 bu, including 13,811 for shipment. Shipments from elevators, 48,277 bu; stock in elevators, 650,754, including 311,727 for export. The market is firm, with a fair demand for 3 white and standard. Closing prices were: No. 2 white, 39¼a40c; standard white, 38¾a39; No. 3 white, 37¾a38; No. 4 white, 36½. The lighter and medium weight oats are bringing a premium over the heavier weights.

RYE.—Receipts, 11,915 bu; shipments, 786. Stock in elevators, 153,372 bu. Prices largely nominal in the absence of business. We quote, per bushel: No. 2 rye, Western, domestic, 92c; No. 1 do, 91c; 63a64; No. 4, do, do, 60a61; baglots, nearby, as to quality, 55a60.

HAY.—Receipts, 244 tons. We quote, per ton: Timothy—No. 1, $18.50a19; standard, $17.50a18; No. 2, $16.50a17; No. 3, $14a16. Clover Mixed—Light, $16a16.50; No. 1, $15a15.50; No. 2, $13a14; heavy, $13.50a14.50. Clover—No. 1, $20a21; No. 2, $10a12. No established grade, $8a12. Sample grade, according to kind, quality and condition, $8a11.

STRAW.—Receipts, 9 tons. Only a jobbing movement passing. We quote, per ton: Straight Rye—No. 1, $17.50a18; No. 2, $16.50a17. Straight Rye—No. 1, $12.50a13; No. 2, $11a12. Wheat—No. 1, $8; No. 2, $7a7.50. Oat—No. 1, $9a10; No. 2, $8a8.50.

MILLFEED.—Receipts, 25 tons. Fair inquiry in a jobbing way for desirable grades and the tone is firm. We quote, per ton, in 100-lb sacks: Spring bran, $24.00a24.50; flour to winter middlings, $27.00a29.00; Western middlings, $24.00a24.50; city mills middlings, $24.00a24.50; city mills bran, $24.50a25.00; city mills white middlings, $30.00a31.00.

BUTTER.—The market is firm on desirable table grades, the receipts of which are light and demand steady. We quote, per lb:

Creamery fancy	—	to 36
Creamery choice	34	to 35
Creamery good	31	to 33
Creamery prints	35	to 37
Creamery blocks	34	to 36
Ladles	23	to 25
Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls	22	to 23
Ohio rolls	22	to 23
West Virginia rolls	21	to 22
Store packed	20	to 21
Md., Va. and Pa. dairy prints	21	to 21½
Process butter	26	to 28½

CHEESE.—The market is steady. We quote, jobbing lots, per pound, 19½a20c.

EGGS.—Prices steady on strictly fresh eggs, but the market is quiet. We quote, per doz, loss off: Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 27c; Western firsts, 27; West Virginia firsts, 26 to 27; Southern firsts, 25 to 26. Recrated and rehandled eggs, ½ to ¾c. higher.

LIVE POULTRY.—Choice stock in fair demand, but receipts of chickens ample. Choice fat ducks in good demand and firm. Geese dull and easy. We quote, per lb: Chickens—Old hens, heavy, 15c; do, small to medium, 15; old roosters, 10; do, young, 16. Ducks—White Pekings, 17c; muscovy, 15a16; puddle, 14a15. Geese—Nearby, 14a15c; Western and Southern, 13; Kent Island, 16a17. Turkeys—Choice hens, 20a21c; young gobblers, 19a20; old toms, 17a18; rough and poor, 10a12. Pigeons, per pair—Young, 25c; old, 25. Guinea fowl, each—Old, 25c; young, 1½ lbs and over, 45; do, smaller, 30.

DRESSED POULTRY.—Market unchanged. We quote, per lb, scalded, undrawn, head and feet on: Turkeys—Choice, 20 to 21c; fair to good, 19 to 20; old toms, 18. Chickens—Choice, young, 16 to 17c; old and mixed, 15 to 16; old roosters, 10 to 11. Ducks, 16 to 18c. Geese—Nearby, 16 to 18c; Western and Southern, 13 to 15.

GAME.—Fair inquiry for choice wild ducks of standard weight, but offerings of such are light. We quote,