BULLS SHOWED MORE COURAGE

ANOTHER ADVANCE IN PRICES OF STOCKS.

Representative Issues Were Marked Up One to Two Points—Improvement Ascribed Primarily to the Better Outlook Abroad—Commission-house Business on Increase. Bears Somewhat Timid.

New York, March 25.—Operators on the long side of the stock market began to pluck up courage today and another advance was achieved. After weeks of drooping prices and bearish sentiment, with only an occasional fitful rally, it was something of a novelty to have a rising market for two days in succession, with every appearance of an improvement in feeling. There was some real bullish enthusiasm in the first hour of trading, when the demand was keenest, but the pace was not long maintained and the market grew dull again. In spite of the falling off in business the list maintained its firm tone. Representative issues were marked up one to two points.

The improvement was ascribed primarily to the better outlook abroad in politics and finance, which was reflected in the more cheerful tone of the principal European markets and in purchases here by London of about 15,000 shares on balance. Cable advices reported that prospects for settlement of the Balkan war were brightening daily, and that the outlook was for easier money markets after the April 1 settlement. At home the money market was slightly easier.

Another feature encouraging to traders on the long side of the market was to be found in evidences of absorption of the standard stocks. Commission house business, while still comparatively small, has shown some increase during the last two days. Bear traders, who have been operating with a free hand, were less sure of their ground and there was some hurried covering which put up the prices of a few stocks at a rapid rate.

Some of the stocks that have been weak lately went up sharply, Beet Sugar, Rumely rose 6 points and Sears-Roebuck, Woolworth, Goodrich and Can were strong. Copper stocks were helped by cable from London reporting a better market for them. The volume of the domestic copper business continues comparatively small, although the tone of the market holds firm.

Rates for Money.

New York, March 25.—Money on call easier, 4a4½ per cent.; ruling rate, 4; closing, 4¼; offered at 4⅝.

Time loans easier; 60 and 90 days, 5½ per cent.; six months, 5a5¼.

Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

New York, March 25—Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.25 for 60-day bills and at 487.40 for demand. Commercial bills, 482¼.

Alexander Brown & Sons report sterling market slightly easier, as follows: Bankers' sterling, posted rates, demand, 488; 60 days, 484; actual rates for round amounts, demand, 487¼; 60 days, 483¼; commercial, demand, 487; 60 days, 482¼a483⅝. Bankers' francs, demand, 517½.

Bankers' reichsmarks, demand, 95 7-16. Bankers' guilders, demand, 40¼.

Bar Silver.

New York, March 25.—Bar silver was quoted at 56⅝ per ounce; Mexican dollars, 47½.

Closing Quotations at New York.

New York, March 25.—Closing quotations at the New York exchange were:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales.
Amal Copper	70⅝	69¼	70⅝	20,100
Am Agricultural	--	--	51	----
Am Beet Sugar	32½	27½	32	6,500
American Can	30¾	28⅝	30⅝	12,500
do pfd	121⅛	120¼	120⅞	1,500
Am Car & Fdy	50	49½	50	400
Am Cotton Oil	45	44	44½	900
Am Ice Secur	25½	25	25½	700
American Linseed	10½	10½	10½	200
Am Locomotive	35¾	34⅝	35¾	400
Am Smelt & Rfg	69¾	67¼	69½	5,000
do pfd	103	101½	102¾	500
Am Sugar Rfg	114	112	114	1,500
Am Tel & Tel	133½	132⅞	133	2,100
Am Tobacco	243	239⅞	242½	1,100
Anaconda Mining	36¾	36	36⅝	1,400
Atchison	101⅞	101⅛	101⅞	1,400
do pfd	--	--	99¾	----
Atlantic C L	123½	122¾	123½	700
Balto & Ohio	101	100¼	100⅞	1,100
Bethlehem Steel	35½	34½	35	600
Brook Rap Trans	28¾	28	28½	1,300
Canadian Pacific	228¾	226	227¾	6,500
Central Leather	26¼	25⅛	26⅛	2,400
Ches & Ohio	73	71½	73	3,400
Chicago Gt West	--	--	14½	----
Chi, Mil & St P	110	109¼	109¾	3,300
Chicago & N W	134⅞	133½	134½	700
Col Fuel & Iron	34	33¼	34¼	400
Consolidated Gas	132½	131	132½	300
Corn Products	10½	10½	10½	200
Del & Hudson	--	--	157	----
Denver & Rio G	19¼	19¼	19¼	100
do pfd	--	--	32⅞	----
Distillers' Secur	16¼	16¼	16⅜	100
Erie	28⅞	27⅜	28¾	5,500
do 1st pfd	45¼	45	45	200
do 2nd pfd	35	35	35¾	100
General Electric	138⅞	137½	138	600
Gt North pfd	128¼	127½	128	600
Gt North Ore ctfs	--	--	34¼	----
Illinois Central	122¾	122½	123	200
Interboro Met	17¼	16⅞	17¼	1,500
do pfd	58¼	57¼	58	3,000
Inter Harvester	--	--	105	----
Inter Marine pfd	--	--	16	----
Inter Paper	--	--	10¼	----
Inter Pump	10⅜	10⅜	9¼	200
Kan City South	24½	24½	24½	100
Laclede Gas	--	--	100¼	----
Lehigh Valley	155¼	154¼	155	2,200
Louis & Nash	135¼	135	135	300
M, St P & S S M	131	130½	131	200
Missouri Pacific	38¼	37¼	38	1,600
National Biscuit	115	115	115½	200
National Lead	--	--	46¼	----
N Ry of M 2d pf	24	24	24	100
New York Cent	105¾	105½	105½	1,400
N Y, Ont & West	29½	29½	29¾	100
Norfolk & West	105⅛	104⅜	105⅛	2,000
North American	--	--	75	----
Northern Pacific	116½	115¾	116¼	2,100
Pacific Mail	24¾	24¾	25½	100
Pennsylvania	119	118⅜	118¾	4,000
People's Gas	--	--	110	----
P, C C & St L	96¾	96¾	96¾	100
Pittsburgh Coal	19¾	19¾	19¾	100
Pressed Steel Car	--	--	25½	----
Pullman Pal Car	157	157	157	100
Reading	158½	157⅛	158⅜	60,000
Republic Iron	25¼	24¾	25½	1,300
do pfd	84¾	84¾	85	100
Rock Island Co	21¼	20½	21¼	4,500
do pfd	36½	36	36⅝	1,300
S L & S F 2d pf	--	--	25	----
Seaboard A L	19	19	18	100
do pfd	44	43½	43½	200
S-S Steel & Iron	36½	36½	36	100
Southern Pacific	100¾	100⅛	100¾	3,900
Southern Railway	25¾	24⅞	25⅝	2,000
do pfd	81¼	80¾	81¼	800
Tennessee Copper	34⅞	34½	34¾	200
Texas & Pacific	18¼	18¼	18¼	100
Union Pacific	150⅛	148⅝	149¾	26,200
do pfd	84¾	84½	85	200
U S Realty	--	--	68	----
U S Rubber	63⅛	62	63⅛	4,600
U S Steel	61⅝	60⅜	61½	51,200
do pfd	108	107¾	107⅞	200
Utah Copper	52⅞	51⅞	52¾	1,800
Va-Car Chemical	--	--	32½	----
Wabash	3½	3½	3½	100
do pfd	11½	11½	11	100
Western Maryland	--	--	41½	----
Western Union	68	67	67½	1,200
Westing Electric	63	61¾	63¼	4,600
Wheel & L Erie	--	--	5½	----
Total sales			324,200	shares.

Goodrich Rubber	33	31¼	31¾	6,700
Goldfield Con	2⅞	2⅞	2¾	2,700
National Enamel	--	--	14	----
do pfd	--	--	83	----
Nevada Cons	17⅜	17⅛	16¾	700
Sears-Roebuck	183	182½	182	300

New York Curb Stocks.

Closing prices March 25 of the most active curb securities were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Express 4s	78	80
Anglo-American Oil	18	18½
Brazilian	87⅝	87⅞
Braden 6s	175	185
Braden 7s	175	185
British-American Tobacco	23⅛	23¼
Chicago Subway	4½	7
Giroux Cons	2 15-16	3
Greene-Cananea	7½	7¾
Hollinger	16¼	17
Intercon Rubber	8	9½
Kerr Lake	3 1-16	3⅛
La Rose Cons	2 13-16	2⅞
L V Coal Sales Co	190	200
Mason Valley	7	7½
Manhattan Transit	1⅜	1¾
Marconi (new)	5⅜	5¾
Marconi (Canadian)	3½	4½
Nipissing Mines	9¼	9¾
Standard Oil	362	365
Yukon Gold	2 15-16	3 1-16
United Cigar Stores	112	115
Chicago Elevated 5s	96¾	97½
Montreal Tram 5s	98	99½
Pacific Gas & Electric 5s	88	90
Western Pacific 5s	82	82¼

New York Bonds.

New York, March 25.—Bonds shared in the improvement in prices, with marked gains in some issues. Total sales (par value), $2,220,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call. Closing prices were:

U S ref 2s reg	100⅝	L S db 4s	91¼
U S ref 2s cou	100¾	‡L & N unif 4s	95½
U S 3s reg	102⅝	M, K & T 1st 4s	91
U S 3s cou	102⅝	‡M, K & T 4½s	84⅞
U S 4s reg	113⅝	‡Missouri Pac 4s	69½
U S 4s cou	113⅝	Mo Pac cv 5s	85¾
Panama 3s, cou	102¾	*N Ry of M 4s	84⅞
All-Chal 1st 5s	53¼	N Y Chi gu 3½s	84½
Am T & T cv 4s	103½	‡N Y Ct db 4s	87½
‡Am Tobacco 6s	120	‡N Y, N H & H cv 3½s	78
Atchison gen 4s	94⅞	*N & W 1st 4s	94
Am Agricul 5s	99⅞	N & W cv 4s	105
Armour 4½s	90⅛	Northern Pac 4s	95
Atchison cv 4s	100¼	Northern Pac 3s	86
Atchison cv 5s	101¼	Northern Pac 3s	86
A C L 1st 4s	90¾	‡Ore S L rf 4s	88
B & O 4s	95	Pa cv 3½s	96¾
B & O 3½s	90½	‡Pa con 4s	100
B R T cv 4s	87½	Reading gn 4s	96½
‡Cons of Ga 5s	106	S L & S F fg 4s	74½
Cent Leather 5s	94⅛	S L & S F gn 5s	79¼
‡C I & O 4½s	99½	‡S L S W con 4s	79
C & O cv 4½s	90⅞	‡S A L adj 5s	72
C & A 3½s	59	‡So Pac col 4s	89¼
C, B & Q jt 4s	94¼	So Pac cv 4s	89¼
C, B & Q gen 4s	94¼	S P ref 4s	90⅝
C, M & SP 4½s	102	Southern Ry 5s	104½
C, R I & P col 4s	62¼	So Rwy gen 4s	77⅛
C, R I & P ref 4s	84	Union Pac 4s	96
C & S ref 4½s	91½	Union Pac cv 4s	92¼
D & H cv 4s	97	Union Pac rf 4s	93
D & R G ref 5s	79⅞	U S Rubber 6s	101⅝
Distillers' 5s	65	U S Steel 2d 5s	101
Erie gr lien 4s	83¾	*Va-Car Chem 5s	95
Erie gen 4s	72¾	Wabash 1st 4s	58¾
Erie cv 4 ser B	70½	W-P Terminal 4s	23½
Ill Cent 1st 4s	94¼	Western Md 4s	80
Int Met 4½s	78¼	‡West Elec cv 5s	91
Int M M 4½s	63	*Wis Cent 4s	90⅛
Japan 4½s	88		
K C S ref 5s	97½		

‡Bid. *Offered.

Philadelphia Closing Prices.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 25.—Closing prices on the exchange were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
American Railways	39	39¼
Cambria Steel Co	50¾	51
Con Traction (N J)	73½	73⅝
E & P 4s	84⅝	84¾
Electric Storage Battery	49½	50
General Asphalt	38⅜	38¾
General Asphalt pfd	72½	73
Lake Superior Corp	27¼	27¾
Lehigh Navigation	87¼	87½
Lehigh Valley	77⅜	77⅞
Penn Salt	106	106¼
Penn Steel pfd	92	93
Philadelphia Co	44¼	44½
Philadelphia Co pfd	40	40¼
Philadelphia Electric	22⅝	22¾
Philadelphia Rapid Transit	24½	24
Philadelphia Traction	80½	80¾
Tonopah	5⅜	5¾
Tonopah Belmont	6 7-16	6¾
Union Traction	49½	50
United Gas Improvement	87⅜	87½
Warwick	10⅜	10½
Welsbach 5s	93	93¼

Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, March 25.

Allouez	37⅛	Mohawk	50
Amal Copper	70½	Nevada Cons	17¼
Am Zinc	29¼	Nipissing Mines	9 5-16
Arizona Com	3 11-16	North Butte	28½
B & C C & S M	6¼	North Lake	1½
Cal & Arizona	65¼	Old Dominion	47½
Cal & Hecla	455	Osceola	92
Centennial	14	Quincy	67½
Copper Range	44¼	Shannon	10¾
East Butte Cop	12½	Superior	30¾
Franklin	6½	Sup & B M	3¾

Giroux Cons	2⅞	Tamarack	30
Granby Cons	19½	U S S R & M	40½
Greene-Cananea	7¾	U S S R & M pf	48⅜
Isle Royale	24¾	Utah Cons	9¾
Kerr Lake	3	Utah Copper	52½
Lake Copper	15½	Winona	2½
La Salle Copper	4	Wolverine	61
Miami Copper	23		

Chicago Futures.

Chicago, March 25.—Close: May wheat, 80½a80⅝c. May corn, 53c. May oats, 33¼c. May mess pork, $20.52½. May lard, $11.02½a11.05. Short ribs, $11.12½.

LOCAL STOCK EXCHANGE

BALTIMORE, March 25.

Trading in securities showed but little change either in volume of business or prices. Fidelity and Deposit continued under pressure and lost 1½, to 147½, its lowest price for quite a time. Fidelity and Deposit rights were offered somewhat more freely at 8¾a8⅞. Houston Oil common was in some demand and fractionally better at 19¾, and the preferred was also slightly firmer. Prices generally were unchanged.

Baltimore Stock Exchange Sales.

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Sales on the Baltimore Stock Exchange were as follows:

MORNING SESSION.

218 shares Fid & Dep Rights (W D)	8⅞
740 shares Fid & Dep Rights (W D)	8¾
25 shares Fidelity & Deposit	148
35 shares Fidelity & Deposit	147½
10 shares Fidelity Trust Co	255
120 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs	19½
25 shares Penna W & P com	62
$2,000 Baltimore Traction 5s	104½
1,000 Balto, Sp Pt & Ches 4½s	95¼
100 Baltimore City 3½s 1945	90
2,000 Cons Coal 6s notes	99⅜
23,000 Cons Coal 6s notes	99¼
2,000 City & Suburban 5s	103½
2,000 Ga South & Fla	103½
5,000 Ga, Car & North 5s	103½
2,000 United Rys income 4s	62¼
7,000 United Rys income 4s	62½
2,000 United Railways 4s	83½
1,000 United Rys 3-Year 5s notes	99⅞

AFTERNOON SESSION.

10 shares Cons Gas E L & P com	108
134 shares Fid & Dep Rights (W D)	8¾
2 shares Fid & Dep Rights (W D)	8⅞
1 share Fid & Dep Rights (W D)	8¾
90 shares Fid & Dep Rights (W D)	8⅞
2 shares Fid & Dep Rights (W D)	8¾
18 shares Fid & Dep Rights (W D)	8⅞
3 shares Fid & Dep Rights (W D)	8¾
14 shares Fid & Dep Rights (W D)	8⅞
6 shares German Bank	109
10 shares Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs	61⅝
7 shares Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs	61½
10 shares Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs	61¾
100 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs	19⅜
325 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs	19½
255 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs	19⅝
200 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs	19¾
30 shares Merch-Mech Bank	33¼
16 shares Merch-Mech Bank	33½
25 shares Penna W & P com	62
1,000 Chicago Railways 5s	99
2,000 Cons Coal 6s notes	99½
1,000 Cotton Duck 5s	74
1,000 Petersburg 5s Class A	105
1,000 United Rys 3-Year 5s notes	99⅞
6,000 United Rys income 4s	62½

Closing Quotations.

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

	Bid.	Asked.
Maryland 4s 1927	99	--
Maryland 4s 1928	99	--
Virginia 3s New 1932	84	--
Baltimore City 4s 1955	96¾	--
Baltimore City 4s 1961	96⅜	--
Cons Gas 5s 1939	106	--
Cons Gas 4½s	95	97
Cons Gas E L & P 4½s	87	--
Cons Gas E L & P com	107	--
Cons Gas E L & P pfd	110	--
Farm & Mer Nat Bank	48½	--
German-American Bank	108	--
Nat Bank of Baltimore	180	--
A C L Conv Deb 4s	--	97
Col & Green 1st 6s	103	--
Florida Southern 4s	87	90¼
Ga & Ala Cons 5s	103½	104
Ga, Car & North 1st 5s	103	103⅞
Ga South & Fla 1st 5s	103½	104
Georgia Pacific 1st 6s	109	--
Maryland & Penna inc 4s	--	--
New Orl & Gt Northern 5s	68½	70⅛
New Or, Mobile & Chicago 5s	79	82
Raleigh & Gaston 5s	105	108
Seaboard & Roanoke 5s	102	103¾
Virginia Mid Gen Mort 5s	--	107½
West Nor Car Cons 6s	100½	--
A I of C 1st 5s	240	249
Ga South & Fla	--	30
Seaboard A L com	19	--
United Rys & Elec Co	22¾	23
Aug Ry & Elec 1st 5s	99½	103½
Baltimore Traction 1st 5s	104¼	104½
Char Cons Ry G & E 5s	--	96⅞
City & Suburban 1st 5s	103½	--
City & Sub (Wash) 1st 5s	103	103¼
Central Railway 5s	--	106¾
Fairmont & Clarks Trac 5s	100¼	--
Lake Roland Elev 1st 5s gtd	105¾	106½
Maryland Electric 5s	96¾	--
Minn & St Paul Jt 5s	--	103½
St Joseph Ry L H & P 5s	98	99
United Rys & Elec 4s	83¼	--
United Rys & Elec inc 4s	62⅜	62¾
United Rys Fdg 5s	86½	--
United Rys 3-Year 5s notes	100	--
Va Ry & Power 5s	93⅞	--
Fidelity & Deposit	148	--
U S Fidelity	190	--
Western Union 5s	93	--
Arundel Sand & Gravel pfd	45	--
Baltimore Electric pfd	43	45
Baltimore Electric 5s	97½	98½
Citizens' Fire Ins Co	--	82
Cotton Duck 5s	--	74½
German Fire Ins Co	19	--
G B S Brewing 1st 4s	43⅝	47
Houston Oil com tr ctfs	19¾	20¼
Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs	61¾	62½
Houston Oil div ctfs	--	81
Industrial Bldg Co	--	80
Penna Water & Power 5s	90	92
Cons Coal Ref 5s	--	91
Con Coal Ref 4½s	90⅛	92
Fairmont Coal 1st 5s	94¼	95¾

Short Term Notes.

Closing quotations for short term notes at New York, March 25, by private wire of Whelan, Duer & Lanahan, bankers and brokers, Calvert Building.

	Bid.	Asked.
Amal Copper 5s	April 1, 1913	99¼ 99½
B & O 4½s	June 1, 1913	99¾ 100
Brook R T 5s	July 1, 1913	95½ 95⅝
C & O 4½s	June 1, 1914	98½ 98¾
Chicago Elev 5s	June 1, 1914	96¾ 97
Erie Railroad 5s	Oct. 1, 1914	99¼ 99⅜
Erie Railroad 6s	April 8, 1914	100 100½
Gen Motor 6s	Oct. 1, 1915	98¾ 99¼
Gen Rubber 4½s	July 1, 1918	96 96¾
Ill Cent 4½s	July 1, 1914	99¼ 99½
Int Gt North 5s	Aug. 1, 1914	97¾ 98⅛
Int Harvester 5s	Feb. 15, 1915	99¾ 100
M, K & T 5s	May 1, 1913	99¾ 100
Missouri Pac 5s	June 1, 1914	97 97¼
N Y, N H & H 5s	June 1, 1915	99¾ 100
N Y Cent 4½s	Mar. 1, 1914	99½ 99¾
N Y Cent 4½s	Mar 1, 1915	99⅛ 99⅜
St L & S F 6s	Sept. 1, 1914	99½ 100
Westing Elec 6s	Aug. 1, 1913	99⅞ 100¼

FATTER BLUEBERRIES

Government Botanist Making Them Grow Bigger and Jucier.

While the New England blueberry is justly famous, its systematic cultivation until recently has been neglected, largely through the belief that it was impossible.

The large bushes in the grounds of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington are probably more than 50 years old, and many such bushes in the Arnold Arboretum near Boston demonstrate the fallacy of the idea that the blueberry cannot be transplanted and cultivated.

Some years ago Dr. Frederick D. Coville, a government botanist, started upon a series of investigations of the culture of the berries, which, according to the Scientific American, has continued to the present time with somewhat remarkable results.

Proceeding with the idea that previous failures along the same line had been due to a misunderstanding of the soil requirements of the blueberry, which are radically different from those of our common cultivated plants, the doctor, whose interest in the subject was attracted as far back as 1906, has made a careful study of the soil requirements with important results.

The doctor found it necessary to devise a gauge. This huckleberryometer, or blueberry gauge, as it is more prosaically known in the department, is used for measuring the berries and in noting the progress of the cultivation. The possibility of culture has not only been demonstrated, but the size development as well. Starting with a normal size of the opening No. 11 of the gauge, the berries have been developed to size No. 15, and doubtless a further cultivation will result in a much larger size, the flavor and fruitiness of the berry being improved rather than impaired by the cultivation.

COMMERCIAL

BALTIMORE, March 25.

The flour market remains dull. Wheat closed ¾c lower. Corn closed ⅛c to 1c lower. Oats firmer. Hay quiet. Straw steady.

Eggs ½c lower. Poultry firm. Butter steady.

Quotations are for wholesale lots unless otherwise specified.

BREADSTUFFS—FLOUR.—Receipts, 5,762 brls, including 988 brls for through shipment. Market dull. We quote per 196 lbs in wood:

Comparative Prices.	Today.	Year ago.
Winter Extra	$3.75a4.00	$3.80a4.00
Winter Clear	4.05a4.30	4.05a4.20
Winter Straight	4.45a4.60	4.40a4.55
Winter Patent	5.00a5.15	4.80a4.95
Spring Clear	3.75a4.00	4.25a4.60
Spring Straight	4.30a4.45	5.20a5.40
Spring Patent	4.45a4.75	5.45a5.70
City Mills Best Winter Patent	—a5.00	—a6.25
City Mills Blended Patent	—a5.45	—a5.55
City Mills High-grade Straight	—a5.30	—a4.95
City Mills Choice Family	—a5.00	—a4.05
City Mills Extra	4.15a4.30	3.80a3.90
City Mills Spring Patent	5.10a—	—a—
Rye Flour, Medium to choice	3.75a4.00	5.00a5.25
Cornmeal, per 100 lbs	1.30a1.40	1.70a1.80

WHEAT—Receipts, 110,072 bu, including 360 bu Southern; shipments from elevators, 6,063 bu; stock in elevators, 589,162 bu. The market for Western opened quiet and steady; March No. 2 red, 106½; spot No. 2 red, 106¾; No. 2 red Western, 106¾; April No. 2 red, 107 nominal; May No. 2, 108¾ nominal. Some demand for spot but prices were easy and receded.

Settling prices were: No. 2 red Western, 106¼; No. 2 red, 106; No. 3 red, 103½; steamer No. 2 red, 97½.

The closing was dull and lower; spot No. 2 red and March, 105¾; April, 106¼ nominal; May, 107¾ nominal.

CORN.—Receipts, 115,857 bushels, including 3,334 bushels Southern; shipments from elevators, 417; 107 bushels; stock in elevators, 2,534,851 bushels. Offerings of prime Southern meet with ready sale.

Quote track yellow corn, for domestic delivery, at 56½c per bushel for car lots on spot.

Cob Corn in ample receipt for present demand, and the car-lot market is quiet on a basis of $2.95 per barrel for prime nearby yellow on spot.

Western opened quiet; March, 55¼c; spot mixed, 55¾; April, 55⅝. Corn in near positions in fair demand. Prices eased off. Settling prices were: Contract, 54¾c; steamer mixed, 52¾; no established grade, 51¾.

The closing was dull and lower; spot and March, 54⅝; April, 54⅞.

OATS.—Receipts, 17,516 bushels, including 4,412 bushels for shipment; shipments from elevators, 10,997 bushels; stock in elevators, 199,183 bushels, including 1,240 bushels Destituted grade. The market was firmer with a fair demand for all desirable grades, but low grades dull. Sales included one car standard white, heavy, track, 37¼c; car do, do, do, 37; car No. 3 white, heavy, track, 36. Closing prices: No. 2 white, 39a39¼c; standard white, 37a37¼; No. 3 white, 36a36¼; No. 4 white, 34 asked. The lighter and inferior white weight oats are bringing a premium over the heavier weights.

RYE.—Receipts, 11,721 bushels. Shipments, 5,216 bushels; stock in elevators, 120,199 bushels. Market quiet under light demand. We quote, per bushel: No. 1 per, Western, 89c; No. 2 rye, Western, 65a66; No. 3 rye, Western, 61a62; No. 4 rye, Western, 59a60; bag lots nearby, as to quality, 58a65.

HAY.—Receipts, 184 tons, including 12 tons for export. Inquiry only moderate and supplies ample. We quote, per ton: No. 1 timothy, $17; standard timothy, $16.50; No. 2 timothy, $15a15.50; No. 3 timothy, $12.50a14; light clover mixed, $15; No. 1 clover mixed, $14.50; No. 2 clover mixed, $14a12.50; heavy clover mixed, $11.50a12; No. 1 clover, $11a12; No. 2 clover, $9a10; no established grade, $7a11; sample grade, as to kind, quality and condition, $7a10.

STRAW.—Receipts, none. The market is steady under moderate spot offerings and fair demand in a jobbing way. We quote, per ton: No. 1 straight rye, $18a18.50; No. 2 straight rye, $17a17.50; No. 1 tangled rye, $12.50a13; No. 2 tangled rye, $10a11.50; No. 1 wheat, $8a8.50; No. 2 wheat, $7.50a8; No. 1 oat, $9a10; No. 2 oat, $8a8.50.

MILL FEED.—Receipts, 60 tons. Market quiet and easy. We quote, per ton: Spring bran, in 100 lb sacks, $30a32; flour by white middlings, do, $26a28; Western middlings, do, $22a22.50; City Mills' middlings, do, $24a24.50; City Mills' winter bran, do, $25a26; City Mills' white middlings, in 100 lb sacks, $24a26.

BUTTER.—Attractive table grades and sweet rolls and good storepacked in steady demand. We quote, per lb:

Creamery, fancy	36	a36½
Creamery, choice	33	a34
Creamery, good	31	a32
Creamery, prints	35	a36
Creamery, blocks	34	a35½
Ladies	22	a24
Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls	20	a22
Ohio rolls	20	a21
West Virginia rolls	20	a21
Storepacks	19	a20
Md., Va. and Pa. dairy prints	20	a21
Process butter	25	a27

CHEESE.—The market is steady. We quote, jobbing lots, per lb, 18½a19c.

EGGS.—Receipts liberal and the market is easier. Strictly fresh eggs in fairly good demand. We quote, per dozen, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 17c; Eastern Shore, Maryland, and Virginia firsts, 17; Western firsts (Ohio), 17; West Virginia firsts, 17; Southern (North Carolina) firsts, 16; duck eggs, choice nearby, 20; do, Southern, 17a18. Recrated and rehandled hen eggs, ½a1c higher.

LIVE POULTRY.—Choice, smooth young chickens and fat winter chickens under two pounds wanted at full quotations. Old hens quiet. We quote, per lb: Chickens, young, smooth, large, 20a22c; do, do, rough and staggy, 12a13; do, winter, under 2 lbs, 22a30; do, old hens, 4 lbs, and over, 17; do, do, small to medium, 17; do, old roosters and stags, 11. Ducks, young Muscovy and mongrel, 17c; do, young white Pekins, 18; do, puddy, 3½ lbs and over, 17; do, do, small, poor, 14a15. Guinea fowl, young, each, 30a35; do, old and up, 50a55c; do, do, each, 1¼ lbs, 30; do, do, old, each, under 1 lb, 20; do, old, each, 30.

COTTON.—Local spot cotton market was steady on a basis of 11¾a11¾c for No. 7 Rio. Futures at New York closed steady, as follows

Contracts.	Closing March 25.	Closing March 24.
March	11.40a11.42	11.28a11.30
April	11.45a11.47	11.34a11.35
May	11.6a11.61	11.46a11.47
June	11.68a11.69	11.56a11.58
July	11.79a11.80	11.65a11.66
August	11.88a11.90	11.75a11.77
September	11.98a11.99	11.85a11.86
October	11.97a11.99	11.83a11.85
November	11.97a11.99	11.81a11.83
December	11.97a11.98	11.80a11.81
January	11.96a11.97	11.78a11.81
February	11.96a11.97	11.78a11.81

New York coffee futures opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of seven points in response to higher European cables. It closed steady at a net advance of from 12 to 18 points.

FISH.—The leading varities are in good demand. Receipts of shad are more liberal and prices easier. Choice large frogs wanted. We quote: Shad, large, per lb, 14a15c. Carp, per lb, 6a8. Flounders, per lb, 6a7. Gray trout, per lb, large, 10a12; do do, small to medium, 4a6. Herring, per 100, 75a31. Salmon trout, per lb, 14a15. Shad—Bay, roe, each, 40a45c; buck, each, 20a22; North Carolina, roe, each, 40a45; do do, buck, each, 20a22. Rock—Rolling, per lb, 22a25; medium, 18a20; pan, 15a16. White perch—Large, per lb, 10a12; small to medium, 3a5. Perch—Yellow, per lb, large, 8a10; small to medium, 3a4. Mackerel, per lb, Southern, 15. Tailors—Large, per lb, 13a18; small to medium, 6a8. Catfish, per lb, 4a5. Green pike native, per lb, 15a20. Eels, per lb, medium to large, 6a8. Clams, per 100, white, 65a70. Oysters—Choice raw box, per brl, $3.00a3.50; primes, per brl, $2.50a2.75; culls, per brl, $1.50a1.75; shucking stock, per sugar brl, $2.50a2.75. Inspected choice, large, per doz, $2.00a2.25. Snappers, per lb, 6½a7.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.—We quote: Apples, No. 1 stock, per brl—Gills, $3a3.50; Baldwins, $3a3.25; York Imperials, $2.50a3; Baldwins, $2.25a2.75; Black Twig, $3a3.25; Greenings, gold coarse, $2.25a2.75; do, common storage, $2a2.25. Winesaps, $3