STOCKS ARE STILL ON THE DECLINE.

'nfavorable Factors Conspire to Cut Prices on Part of the List.

JERSEY CENTRAL'S JUMP.

The Declaration of the Quarterly Dividend the Signal for a Sharp Advance.

SOLD OFF LATER IN THE DAY.

This Was Due to a Rumor That an Injunction Would Be Brought Against the Payment of the Dividend.

Wall Street, Monday, April 5.

A number of unfavorable factors depressed prices to-day. The market opened lower despite the higher cables from London, but rallied later on better returns of railroad earnings, and a quick jump of 4½ per cent by Jersey Central from the low point, on the declaration of the dividend.

From this higher level, made about noon, stocks broke 1 to 1⅜ per cent in the afternoon, closing very weak, with net declines of ¼ to 1⅜, the latter in Jersey Central. The most important local development of the day was the Jersey Central dividend action. The directors placed the stock on a 4 per cent basis by reducing the quarterly dividend from 1¼ to 1 per cent. Before the meeting of the directors the stock had sold at 76¼. On the declaration it jumped to 80⅞, one of the principal bear operators covering his short interest. The stock then bobbed around almost ludicrously, and finally broke to 77⅜, where it closed.

It was reported that an injunction would be brought against the payment of the dividend, on the ground that it was not earned. The Jersey laws hold the directors of corporations to strict liability for the payment of unearned dividends. The bears on the stock claim that it will be an easy task to show that the dividend has not been earned.

The principal cause of the weakness of the market was the postponement of the Joint Traffic Association case in the United States Supreme Court until next October, which leaves the railroads in all other associations without hope of remedy until next Fall, and carries the precarious situation over the crop moving period when rate wars are most probable and severe. Added to this feature were the suspension of a prominent iron mine owner in the Northwest, and of a savings bank in Chicago, the uncertainty over the Chicago municipal election, the excessively light eastbound shipments of freight last week, and the revival of the Cuban agitation by the passage of a resolution in the United States Senate, protesting against summary action in the case of Rivera, the captive Cuban General. The prospects of a deferred seeding of wheat and cotton crops and the destruction of railroad property by the floods in the upper and lower Mississippi Valley, also influenced many stocks adversely.

The weakness of St. Paul stock was in a measure due to a report that a portion of its James River branch had been washed away. The reports may be exaggerated, but great damage has been wrought by the floods, and the Spring wheat crop will be curtailed by the late seeding. The cotton crop in Mississippi and Louisiana will also suffer from the same cause. Little attention was paid to the possibility of political disturbance abroad, as the strength of the London market was regarded as a trustworthy reflection of the foreign situation.

The action of the market was very disheartening to advocates of higher prices, as values melted away on a light volume of sales and was apparently without any support whatever except from the covering of short contracts. The powerful interests that had been noted as sellers of stocks during the week before last resumed their liquidation of various stocks to-day. The leading bear operators also resumed active operations in the afternoon.

Following are the sales of stocks and the range of prices:

Sales.	Stocks.	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
130	Adams Express	148½	148½	148½	148½
10468	Am Sugar Ref'g	111⅛	111½	110½	110⅝
120	Am S Ref'g pf	102¼	102¼	102¼	102¼
900	Am Sp Mfg	12⅝	12⅝	12½	12½
340	Am Sp Mfg pf	32	32½	32	32
50	American Cable	88	88	88	88
2702	American Tob	74⅜	74⅜	73½	73¾
100	..n Tobacco pf	106	106	106	106
10	.. Express	112½	112½	112½	112½
290	.. Cotton Oil	10⅞	10⅞	10⅜	10⅜
1285	..n, T & S Fe	10⅝	10⅝	10⅜	10⅜
2080	..T S Fe pf	20	20¼	19⅝	19⅝
100	A.. Arbor pf	25½	25½	25½	25½
350	Baltimore & Ohio	13¾	13¾	13¾	13¾
200	Bay State Gas	9½	9½	9½	9½
100	Canadian Pacific	48½	48½	48½	48½
332	Ches & Ohio	16⅝	16⅜	16⅜	16⅜
4210	Chicago Gas	78½	79⅛	78⅛	78⅛
650	C, C, C & St L	30	30¼	29⅞	29⅞
5	C, C, C & St L pf	76	76	76	76
1475	Chic & N W	104⅜	105⅛	104	104
16384	Chic, B & Q	71⅝	72	70⅝	70⅝
16725	C, M & St Paul	73	73⅛	72¼	72¼
2815	C, R I & Pacific	62⅝	62⅜	62	62
10	Consol Gas Co	156	156	156	156
1828	Del & Hudson	103	103⅜	101½	102⅜
400	Del, L & West	*152	152	151	151
100	Den & Rio G pf	39	39	39	39
100	Des M & Ft D	7½	7½	7½	7½
100	Erie R R 1st pf	29½	29½	29½	29½
4	Edison E I	108	108	108	108
600	General Electric	31⅝	31⅝	31½	31½
35	Illinois Central	94	94	92	92
4925	Louis & Nash	45⅝	46¼	45½	45½
1430	Manhattan Con	83½	83⅝	83⅛	83⅜
100	Minn & St Louis	18	18	18	18
15	M & St L 1st pf	76	76	76	76
375	Missouri Pacific	15½	15½	15	15
210	Mo, Kan & T pf	27¼	27¼	27¼	27¼
37187	N J Central	78⅝	80⅞	76¾	77⅞
6045	N Y Central	100¼	100⅝	99⅜	99⅜
150	Nat Lead pf	92	92	92	92
100	North American	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼
200	N Y, S & W	7¼	7⅜	7¼	7⅜
20	N Y, S & W pf	23½	23½	23⅛	23¼
50	Northern Pac	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝
3292	Nor Pacific pf	36	36⅛	35⅝	35⅝
—	Ontario & West	13⅜	13⅜	13⅛	13⅜
50	Oregon S L w i	11¼	11¼	11¼	11¼
360	Pacific Mail	26⅞	27¼	26⅞	26⅞
6594	Phil & Reading	21⅛	21⅜	20⅝	20⅝
1208	P & R 1st pf w i	42	42⅜	41⅝	41⅝
1010	P & R 2d pf w i	26	26¼	25⅝	25⅝
8	Pull Pal Car Co	159	159	159	159
25	St L S W	3	3	3	3
400	St L S W pf	6	6¼	6	6
4430	St P & Omaha	58⅜	59⅜	58¼	58¼
200	Standard Mining	165	165	165	165
166	Southern Railway	8¼	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
471	So Railway pf	25⅞	26	25⅞	25⅞
300	St L & S F 1st pf	38¼	38¼	37½	38
700	St L & S F 2d pf	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜
200	Standard R & T	6⅜	6⅜	6⅜	6⅜
1150	Tenn Coal & I	25⅜	25⅜	25¼	25¼
100	Union Pac D & G	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
30	U S Express	39½	40	39½	40
4160	U S Leather pf	55	55⅛	54⅝	55⅛
700	Wabash pf	13	13	12⅞	12⅞
8158	Western Un Tel	79⅝	80¼	79½	79⅝

* Ex-dividend.

Total sales, 139,812 shares.

Following are the sales of bonds, expressed in $1,000s, and range of prices:

22	Atchison adj. 4s	44¼@ 44½
41	Atchison gen. 4s	80⅝@ 80⅝
1	Am. Spirits Co. 6s	77 @—
10	Ann Arbor 4s	78¼@ 78⅜
10	Austin & N. W. 1st	85¼@—
1	Broadway & 7th Ave. con. 5s	119 @—
1	Buff. & Ph. gen.	96⅝@—
15	Buff., N. Y. & E. new	108⅝@—
5	Brooklyn R. T. 5s	76⅛@—
2	Brooklyn W. & W. 5s	94 @ 95
2	Brooklyn Elevated 1st	79¼@—
3	Brooklyn Elevated 2d	44 @—
10	Brooklyn Union Gas 5s	110¼@—
6	Ches. & Ohio con. 5s	111 @—
22	Ches. & Ohio gen. 4½s	73¼@ 73¼
5	Ches. & O., R. & A. 1st con.	101⅝@—
2	C., B. & Q. 5s	100⅝@—
1	C., B. & Q. 4s, 1st div.	98 @—
1	Canada Southern 1st	110½@—
1	Central Ga. 2d inc.	9¼@—
2	Ch. & E. Ill. 1st	115 @—
4	Chi. & E. Ill. gen. 5s	100 @—
3	Chi. Gas L. & C. Co. 1st	96¼@—
1	Chi. & Erie 1st	111⅛@—
5	Denver & Rio Grande 1st	112¼@—
14	Denver & Rio Grande 4s	88 @ 88¼
4	Duluth, S. S. & Atl. 5s	100 @—
5	Erie prior bonds	94⅝@—
10	East Tenn. 5s	109 @—
4	Ft. Worth 1st	56¼@—
10	G., H. & S. A., M. P. 5s	90 @—
54	Iron Mountain 1st	102¾@102⅞
12	Iron Mountain 2d	103 @103½
2	Iron Mountain 5s	71 @—
2	Ill. Central 4s, 1953	100⅝@—
4	Iowa Central 1st	92 @—
15	Kansas & Texas 4s	83 @ 83⅛
6	Kansas & Texas 2s	56⅝@ 57
6	Lex. Ave. & P. F. 1st	116 @—
1	L. E. & W. 2d	101¼@—
5	Lake Shore 2d r.	123⅝@—
2	L. & N., N. O. & M. div. 1st	120¼@—
1	L., N. A. & Ch. con., t. r.	83⅝@—
5	Morris & Essex con., gtd. 7s	144 @—
1	Morris & Essex 1st 7s	144 @—
2	Mobile & Ohio new	119 @—
5	Michigan Central 7s	118 @—
10	Mil. & L. S. 1st	134 @—
1	Mutual Union 6s	112 @—
10	Nor. Pac. 1st r.	116 @—
52	Nor. Pac. pr. 4s	86⅝@ 86⅝
17	Nor. Pac. pr. 4s, r.	85 @—
13	Nor. Pac. gen. 3s	53⅛@ 53⅜
2	N. J. Midland 1st	116½@—
1	N. Y. & S. 1st r. 5s	102¼@—
5	N. Y. & S. gen. 5s	71 @—
1	N. J. Central gen. 5s, r.	109¼@—
5	N. Y. Central 1st c.	121 @—
30	N. Y., Ch. & St. L. 4s	103½@103¾
1	N. W. s. f. deb. 5s, 1933	113 @—
1	N. W. s. f. 5s, r.	106 @—
5	N. W. gold c.	119⅝@—
5	N. Y. O. & W. con. 5s	109¼@—
3	Ohio & Miss. s. f. 7s	104½@—
1	Oregon S. L. 6s, t. r.	115½@—
30	Oregon S. L. un. con., t. r.	74½@—
8	Oregon Imp. 1st, t. r.	85½@—
11	Pac. of Mo. 2d	100 @—
1	Penn. 4½s	111 @—
6	P., C., C. & St. L. 4½s, series A	106⅞@—
4	P., C., C. & St. L. 4½s, series B	106⅞@—
1	P. S. & L. E. 1st	100¼@—
2	Rock Island ex. 5s	104⅝@—
51	Reading gen. 4s, t. r., as	80 @ 80¼
10	Reading 2d pf. inc., t. r.	29 @—
10	Rio Grande Western 1st	72½@ 72⅞
14	So. Pac. of N. M. 1st	103½@103¾
3	St. Paul & Ma. 1st, M. ex.	92 @—
1	St. Paul 7 3-10	132 @—
6	St. Paul 1st, L. A. C. div.	111⅝@—
5	St. P. 1st, C. & P., W. div.	115½@—
11	St. P. 1st, S. W. div.	117½@118
2	St. P. 1st S. M. div.	118 @—
1	St. Paul & Duluth 2d	102 @—
15	St. Louis S. W. 1st	65½@ 66
22	St. Louis S. W. 2d	20¼@ 21⅛
20	Southern Railway 5s	89 @ 89¼
4	Standard R. & T. 6s	67¼@ 67½
10	Texas Pac. 2d inc.	19¼@—
1	Third Ave. 5s	122 @—
2	Terminal Ass'n of St. L. con.	106¾@—
11	Union Elevated 1st	79¼@—
1	Union Pac., D. & G. 1st	33 @—
10	Wabash 1st	105 @105⅛
1	Wabash 2d	64 @—
5	Western Union col. 5s	107½@—
4	West Shore 4s	107¼@107½
1	West Shore 4s, reg.	106¾@—
6	Western N. Y. & Pa. gen.	48 @—
2	Wis. Central 1st, t. r.	34 @—

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $792,000.

Government bonds were dull and slightly lower. The 4s of 1925 closed ⅛ per cent lower bid. Railway bonds were inactive and fractionally lower. The noteworthy declines were in Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg gnls., 1¾ per cent; Duluth S. S. & Atlanta 5s, 1, and Western New York & Pennsylvania gnls, 1¼. The noteworthy advances were in American Spirit Company 6s, 1 per cent, and Brooklyn Elevated 1sts, 1¼.

In bank stocks 10 shares of the Shoe & Leather Bank even sold at 90, 10 of the Bank of Commerce at 206 and 6 of the Fourth National Bank at 178½.

The sales of United States bonds were $3,000 U. S. 4s c. of 1907 at 112⅜@112⅜.

Commercial price of bar silver in New York, 61⅝c. Mexican dollars were quoted at 48¼@49½c. Bar silver in London closed at 28⅜d. The exports of silver to-morrow, 225,000 ounces.

Money on call 1½@1¾ per cent. Time money dull at 1@3½ per cent. Commercial paper quiet at 3½@5 per cent. Foreign exchange steady and dull. Actual rates: Sterling, 4.87¼@4.87⅜; demand, 4.87@4.87¼; sixty days, 4.85⅝@4.85⅝. Francs, checks, 5.16¼; sixty days, 5.17½ less 1-16@5.18⅛. Reichsmarks, demand, 95½@95 9-16; sixty days, 95 1-16.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey has declared a general dividend of 1 per cent, payable May 1.

The Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf Railroad reports gross earnings for February of $235,385, an increase of $28,617 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $73,726, an increase of $44,236. For the two months ending February 28 the gross earnings were $483,632, an increase of $36,482 as compared with the corresponding period of last year and net $154,529, an increase of $65,759.

The Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis reports net earnings for March of $73,218, an increase of $11,490 as compared with same month of last year, and for the three months ending March 31 the net earnings were $213,622, a decrease of $8,291 as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The Panama Railroad Company reports for the year ended December 31:

	1896.	1895.	Changes.
Gr. earn'gs.	$2,271,141	$2,440,043	Dec.$168,902
Op. expenses.	1,235,838	1,887,180	Dec. 651,342
Net earn'gs.	$1,035,303	$552,863	Inc.$482,440
Fixed chrgs..	489,619	489,919	Dec. 300
Surplus	$545,684	$62,944	Inc.$482,740

Railroad gross earning for the month of March, compared with the same period last year:

Mexican Central	$1,133,212	Inc.	$264,409
Canadian Pacific	1,500,000	Inc.	18,000
Wisconsin Central	341,994	Inc.	8,145
St. Louis & South	340,700	Dec.	21,100
Chic. & East Illinois	326,837	Dec.	15,710
N. Y., Ontario & West.	2,876,202	Inc.	108,892
Louisville & Nashville	1,681,735	Inc.	100,805
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,035,886	Dec.	223,186
Lake Erie & Western	269,644	Dec.	6,748
Denver & Rio Grande	514,000	Dec.	25,100
Wheeling & Lake Erie	87,986	Inc.	9,684
Col., Hock Val and Tol.	188,920	Dec.	20,767
Iowa Central	132,502	Dec.	39,669
Mexican National	506,880	Inc.	107,346
Pittsburg & Western	201,612	Dec.	18,649
Rio Grande Southern	27,173	Dec.	5,791
St Joseph & Grand Isl.	85,553	Inc.	37,848
Toledo & Ohio Central	128,729	Dec.	15,977
Wabash	936,436	Dec.	65,926

Following are the closing Philadelphia quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
Lehigh Valley	23½	23⅜
Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.	35¼	
Pennsylvania Railroad	52⅜	52⅞
Citizens' Pass. R'y, of Ind.	17	19
Philadelphia Traction	70⅛	70⅜
Union Traction	11	
Electric and People's Trust Ctfs.	71⅝	71⅞
Metropolitan Traction	104	105
Consol. Traction of N. J. Stock	28	28⅜
Consol. Traction of N. J. 5s	89⅝	89⅞
United Gas Improvement Co.	72	72½
Welsbach Gas Light Co.	39½	40½
Electric Storage Battery, com.	22½	23
Electric Storage Battery, pfd.	24	25
Penn. Heat, Light and Pow., com.	14¼	14⅜
Penn. Heat, Light and Pow., pfd.	33	33⅛
Welsbach Commercial, com.	13	14
Welsbach Commercial, pfd.	58	60
Western N. Y. and Penn.	2¼	2½
Baltimore Traction	19⅞	20

Following the the closing Boston quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
Boston & Albany	212½	—
Boston & Maine	160½	—
Chicago Junction, common	102⅜	103
Chicago Junction, preferred	106	106½
Fitchburg, preferred	92	92½
Mexican Central 4's	66¼	67
Mexican Central Stock	8	8¼
Old Colony	178¼	179
West End Ry. common	71½	72
Dominion Coal	8¼	—
American Bell Telephone	218	219½
General Electric, preferred	73	75
Boston & Montana	120	120¼
Calumet & Hecla	—	375
Osceola	—	30
Quincy Mining	107	110
Tamarack Mining	110	120

The all-rail east-bound shipments of dead freight from Chicago last week were 62,824 tons, against 67,661 tons the previous week, and 82,694 tons the corresponding week of the previous year.

Latest London quotations are as follows:

Atchison	10⅞	Ontario & West.	14
Canadian Pacific	49½	Nor. Pacific pf.	37
Erie con.	13½	Norf. & West. pf.	26⅜
Erie 1st pref.	30⅛	Pennsylvania	53⅝
Ches. & Ohio	17	Reading	10⅝
Illinois Central	94½	St. Paul	75
Kansas & Texas	11⅞	Southern Ry.	8⅝
Lake Shore	157	Southern Ry pref.	26⅞
N. Y. Central	102¾	Union Pacific	5⅞
Louis. & Nash.	47	Wabash pref.	13½

Money in London 1 per cent. Rate of discount in open market for short and three months' bills, 1¼ per cent. Paris advices quote 3 per cent rentes at 102 francs 65 centimes. Exchanges on London, 25 francs 14 centimes. Amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day, £20,000.

WHEAT STILL DECLINES.

The Slight Check in the Bear Movement Didn't Prove to Be a Turning Point as the Bulls Believed.

On 'Change, Monday, April 5.

Following are to-day's cash prices for staple commercial products:

Wheat, No. 2 red	.80⅝
Corn, No. 2 mixed	.29½
Oats, No. 2 mixed	.22
Cotton, middling	.07 7-16
Coffee, No. 7 Rio	.07⅞
Flour, Minnesota patent	4.15
Lard, prime	4.32½
Molasses, O. K. prime	.26
Sugar, granulated	.04⅝
Butter, State creamery	.21 to .22
Cheese, State full cream	.11¾ to .12
Eggs, Western	.09⅝
Potatoes, Long Island	1.00 to 1.25

The slight check the bear movement in wheat received on Saturday proved not to be a turn in the market, as the bulls had hoped. It was merely a rally caused by shorts buying in for profits, and to-day, when there was but little such support, prices continued uninterruptedly on their downward course. There seemed to be a great lack of heart in the bull camp, as considerable long wheat came on the market from those too discouraged to hold on. In Chicago there was general covering after the initial decline, but this did not overcome the weakness existing from other influences. The tone of the market was heavy and depressed. There was almost no speculative interest. Business was in the hands of "scalpers" and board room traders.

The earliest decline was attributed to selling, caused by 1 to 1¼d. decline in the Liverpool markets. Additional factors at that time were favorable crop and weather reports, a statement placing the Ohio Winter crop at a larger figure than was previously estimated, and a decrease in the world's shipments for the week. Offsetting these were a moderate decrease in local stocks, and a statement from Duluth claiming that more wheat had been contracted for there to go East than there was grain on hand to deliver.

The market opened 1¼@1½c. lower. Trade at first was a little active and prices advanced ¼ to ½c., but the improvement was soon lost, with something additional, too, and the market hung heavy and dull the rest of the day. Prices closed at a net decline of 1⅛c. to 1⅝c., with May options quoted at 75⅝c. and July at 74⅞c.

The cash market was dull and weaker. Sales reported were 20,000 bushels for export. No. 2 red wheat was quoted at 80⅝c. free on board afloat; No. 1 Northern New York, 80¼c., free on board afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 81⅜c., free on board afloat; No. 3 hard winter, 75⅝c., free on board afloat.

The corn market was moderately active, but weak. Prices closed at the loss of ¼ to ½c. Cash sales were 56,000 bushels, export. The oat market was quiet and weaker at ¼ to ⅜c. decline. Cash sales were 35,000 bushels, local. The flour trade was light and without interest. Spring patents were quoted at $4.15@$4.25 and winter straights at $4.10@$4.20. The provision market was active, but weaker. Prices lost 2½ to 15 points.

Following is the day's range of prices:

New York.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	76¼-76	76¼	75½	75⅝
June	..	..	..	75½
July	74⅝	75⅛	74½	74⅝
September	72⅞	73	72½	72⅝
CORN.				
April	..	..	..	29⅝
May	29⅝	29¾	29⅝	29⅝
July	31⅛	31⅜	31⅛	31⅛
September	32⅜	32⅜	32⅜	32⅜
OATS.				
May	..	..	..	21⅝
July	22¼	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
LARD.				
May	..	..	..	4.40

Chicago.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
April	..	..	..	[illegible]
May	69¾-⅜	69⅞	69⅛	[illegible]
July	69¾-69	69⅜	68⅝	[illegible]
September	67-⅝	68	67⅛	[illegible]
CORN.				
April	..	..	..	24
May	24⅛	24⅜	24⅛	24¼
July	25½	25⅝	25½	25½
September	26⅜	26⅝	26⅜	26⅜
OATS.				
April	..	..	..	16⅜
May	17⅛	17⅜	17	17⅛
July	18	18⅛	17⅞	18
September	18⅝	18⅝	18⅜	18⅝
LARD.				
April	..	..	..	4.10
May	4.15	4.17½	4.10	4.10
July	4.27½	4.27½	4.20	4.20
September	4.35	4.35	4.30	4.30
RIBS.				
April	..	..	..	4.52½
May	4.55	4.57½	4.50	4.52½
July	4.57½	4.62½	4.52½	4.55
PORK.				
April	..	..	..	8.15
May	8.30-5	8.35	8.20	8.20
July	8.45	8.47½	8.32½	8.32½

RYE.—Close—Cash, 32; May, 32.

Other Markets.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Minneapolis. WHEAT.				
May	68	68¼	67⅝	67⅝
July	68¾	69	68⅛	68⅛
Duluth. WHEAT.				
May	70⅛	70⅝	69⅞	69⅞
July	70⅝	71	70⅝	70⅝
Toledo. WHEAT.				
May	90	90	89⅝	89⅝
July	73½	73⅝	73¼	73¼
St. Louis. WHEAT.				
May	..	..	..	86⅞
July	72	72¼	71½	71½
CORN.				
May	22¼	22¼	22⅛	22⅛

According to the New York Produce Exchange Weekly Bulletin New York stocks in store and afloat are:

	April 3, 1897.	Week's changes.		April 4, 1896.
Wheat, bu.	1,735,512	Dec.	317,328	1,374,461
Corn, bu.	3,897,480	Dec.	288,880	197,800
Oats, bu.	1,804,873	Dec.	38,906	1,553,625
Rye, bu.	234,446	Dec.	17,033	20,670
Barley, bu.	180,689	Dec.	129,054	63,509

New York contract stocks are:

	April 3, 1897.	Week's changes.		April 4, 1896.
No. 2 red, bu.	85,000	Dec.	37,939	37,646
No. 1 hard spring, bu.	——			146,822
No. 1 Northern, bu.	534,091	Dec.	131,812	424,728
No. 2 corn, bu.	2,981,666	Dec.	9,786	6,573
No. 2 oats, bu.	141,582	Dec.	19,870	197,210
No. 2 white oats, bu.	388,665	Dec.	1,516	426,056

The visible supply is:

	April 3, 1897.	Week's changes.		April 4, 1896.
Wheat, bu.	38,612,000	Dec.	411,000	60,332,000
Corn, bu.	25,318,000	Inc.	166,000	16,989,000
Oats, bu.	13,796,000	Dec.	180,000	9,020,000
Rye, bu.	3,652,000	Dec.	58,000	1,523,000
Barley, bu.	2,812,000	Dec.	353,000	1,140,000

Chicago stocks are:

	April 3, 1897.	Week's changes.		April 4, 1896.
Wheat, bu.	10,369,000	Dec.	193,000	18,766,000
Corn, bu.	11,872,000	Inc.	177,000	12,785,000
Oats, bu.	6,665,000	Inc.	7,000	3,157,000
Rye, bu.	1,534,000	Inc.	6,000	452,000
Barley, bu.	253,000	Dec.	1,000	13,000

The Cotton Market.

On advanced Liverpool prices, based on flood reports, the cotton market opened 1 to 3 points higher. The Liverpool spot market showed a gain of 1-32d. and futures 2 to 3 points, and a better spinning demand throughout England was indicated. Advices from the Mississippi Valley continued quite alarming, as breaks in the levees are being constantly reported. In the afternoon prices eased off under local liquidation and closed at a net decline of 1 to 4 points. Total sales for the day were 121,300 bales. Spot cotton was steady and 1-16c. higher, with middling uplands quoted at 7 1-16c.. Port receipts were 6,709 bales against 6,800 on the same day last week, and 11,733 on the same day a year ago. Prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
April	...	...	...	7.01@7.03
May	7.11	7.12	7.06	7.06@ ...
June	7.16	7.16	7.11	7.11@7.12
July	7.20	7.21	7.16	7.15@7.16
August	7.21	7.23	7.17	7.17@ ...
September	6.97	6.99	6.94	6.93@6.95
October	6.89	6.89	6.83	6.81@6.82
November	6.90	6.90	6.82	6.82@6.83
December	6.93	6.93	6.87	6.85@6.86
January	6.95	6.95	6.90	6.88&6.90

The Coffee Market.

There was a slight turn for the better in the coffee market to-day on an advance of one franc in Havre, based on cables from Brazil predicting an early falling off of the primary movement. Prices here opened unchanged to 5 points better and closed at but little variation from the opening figures. Sales were 10,500 bags. Closing prices:

	Bid.	Asked.
April	7.30	7.35
May	7.40	7.45
June	7.45	7.50
July	7.55	7.60
August	7.60	7.70
September	7.65	7.75
October	7.65	7.75
November	7.65	7.75
December	7.70	7.75
January	7.75	7.80
February	7.80	7.85
March	7.80	7.85

OPERATIONS IN REALTY.

Tranfers and Mortgages Recorded Yesterdy in the Office of the County Register.

Transfers Recorded.

71st st., 211 East; Caroline Elkann to Peter J. Schneider....$20,000
53d st., s. s., 220.2 ft. e. of 6th ave., 17.6x90.5; Jane W. Bartlett to Thomas Stokes....43,500
Park ave., e. s., 75 ft. n. of 80th st., 25x100; Emanuel Hochheimer and wife to Albert Wagner....45,000
86th st., n. s., 200 ft. w. of 1st ave., 25x100.8; Philip Schaad and wife to Ferdinand Schaad....12,000
60th st., 248 West; Julius Shweitzer and wife to Abner Lubelsky....21,000
148th st., n. s., 139.6 ft. w. of St. Nicholas ave., 20x99.11; Jacob D. Butler and wife to Frances I. Schramme....26,000
143d st., n. s. 100 ft. w. of 8th ave., 50x99.11; David B. Ogden, referee, to Edward Oppenheimer and ano....24,000
144th st., n. s., 375 ft. e. of Brook ave., 25x100; Paul G. Decker et al. to Gertrude Link....17,500
165th st., s. s., 40 ft. e. of Stebbins ave., 20x77.8; George Tremberger and wife to Peter Half....5,000
5th st., s. s., 150 ft. w. of 1st ave., 25x96.2; Julius Dreyfus and wife to Joseph L. Buttenweiser....18,300
Allen st., e. s., 60 ft. s. of Delancy st., 20x67.6; Anna Cohen to Fannie Gottlieb....20,000
Rivington st., n. s., 49.8 ft. w. of Willett st., 24.10x100; Louis Gellert and wife to Louis J. Freeman and ano....33,000
5th st., s. s., 150 ft. w. of 1st ave., 25x96.2; Henry Weiler and wife, to Julius Dreyfus....18,300
17th st., No. 620 East; Frederick C. Thyson, et. al., to Jacob Thyson....5,200
34th st., Nos. 316 to 320 East; George C. Austin, referee, to John M. Knox....44,000
24th st., No. 216 East; Mary E. Colton, et. al., to A. M. Powell....13,050
56th st., n. s., 250 East of 11th ave., 50x100.5 ft.; George C. Austin, referee, to J. Albert Northwood....10,025
54th st., No. 150 w. of 5th ave., 25x200.10 ft. to 55th st.;William Rockefeller and wife, to George Sherman....125,000

Mortgages Recorded.

Adair, James, to Harrie G. Newton, No. 108 Greenwich st., 3 months....$7,500
Adler, Simon and Henry S. Herrman and wives, to Henry J. Braker, as trustee, etc., No. 2621 8th ave., 3 years....25,000
Same to "The Baron de Hirsch Fund," No. 2615 8th ave., 3 years....25,000
Same to "The Baron de Hirsch Fund," No. 2613 8th ave., 3 years....25,000
Same to Henry J. Braker, as trustee, etc., No. 2619 8th ave., 3 years....25,000
Same to Julius Beer, No. 2623 8th ave., 3 years....38,000
Becker, Annie M., to George Sinram, No. 347 East 118th st., 5 years....5,000
Duffy, Kate, to Donald B. Toucey, trustee, No. 105 Thompson st, 5 months....23,000
Dreyfus, Julius, to Henry Weiler, s. s. 5th st., 150 ft. w. of 1st ave. 2 years....14,000
Decker, Paul G., et al., trustees, etc., to Charles Bruno, n. s. 144th st., 350 ft. e. of Brook ave.; 3 years....11,000
Same to Anna R. De Blois, extrx, etc., of Hollis Holman; n. s. 144th st., 375 ft. e. of Brook ave.; 3 years....11,000
Doty, George W., to Sarah W. Searles; No. 216 West 38th st.; 5 years....10,000
Freiman, Louis J., and wife, and Abraham H. Freiman and wife, to John M. Mossman; n. s. Rivington st., 49.8 ft. w. of Willett st.; 5 years....22,000
Same to Harris and Tinnie Gettinger; same property; 3 years....6,250
Gorsch, Arthur, and wife, to Felix L[illegible] and Leopold Jonas; e. s. Webster ave., 122 ft. n. of 171st st.; 6 months....8,000
Herrman, Henry S., and Simon Adler, and wives, to The Germania Life Ins. Co., n. w. cor. 8th ave. and 139th st., 3½ years....40,000
Same to Same, w. s. 8th ave., 86.5 ft. n. of 139th st., 3½ years....25,000
Harnett, J. Donald and husband to The Greenwich Savings Bank, n. s. 34th st., 248 ft. e. of 6th ave, 4 months....20,000
Kehoe, John and wife, to Patrick J. Carlin, et al., Nos. 260 to 263 West st. and 65-67 Vestry st., 7 months....54,650
Same to Alfred Gutwillig, Nos. 260 to 262 West st, and 67 Vestry st., 4 months....12,400
Kaufmann, Joseph, to The Excelsior Savings Bank, City of New York, s. s. 23d st., 425 ft. w. of 7th ave. (Nos. 240 and 242 West 23d st.), 1 year....45,000
Same to Eleanor J. Robinson, Nos. 240 and 242 West 23d st., 2 years....15,000
Same to same, same property, 2 years....5,000
Goetz, Christian, and wife to the United States Trust Co., New York; No. 303 East 94th st., 2 years....10,000
Same to same; Nos. 305 and 307 East 94th st., 3 years, two mortgages....20,000
Kennedy, Rose M., to Francis Becker; n. s. 46th st., 160 ft. e. of 7th ave., 5 years....5,000
Kehoe, John, and wife to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; s. e. corner Vestry and West sts., 3 years....150,000
Moffat, Patrick J., and Alvah E. Phyfe to the Citizens' Savings Bank, New York; n. s. 11th st., 375 ft. w. of 6th ave., 1 year....75,000
Same to Alexander Donegan; n. s. 11th st., 375 ft. w. of 6th ave., demand....12,000
Macnee, Mary P., to Title Guarantee and Trust Co.; No. 530 West End ave., 3 years....15,000
MacAllister, Margaret C., to the William H. Page Boiler Company; s. s. 122d st., 488 ft. w. of 7th. ave., 8 months....5,000
Norris, James and wife, to Mary H. Lawrence and Jeremiah J. Campion, excrs., etc., of Bryan Lawrence, deceased, s. s. 123d st., 166.8 ft. w. of Mt. Morris ave., 5 years....10,000
Northwood, J. Albert, to the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of N. Y., n. s. 56th st., 250 ft. e. of 11th ave., 2 years....7,500
Schrenkeisen, Martin and wife, to the Greenwich Savings Bank, No. 213 Greene st., 5 years....40,000
Schnugg, Francis J., to Stephen Duncan, w. s. 8th ave., 81 ft. s. of 146th st., 5 years....19,000
Swanton, Margaret C., to Francis J. Donovan, n. s. 38th st., 120 ft. w. of 6th ave., 5 years....5,000
Schaad, Ferdinand, and wife, to Philip Schaad and wife, n. s. 86th st., 200 ft. w. of 1st ave., 2 1-5 years....7,500
Same to Walter S. Ely, n. s. 86th st., 200 ft. w. of 1st ave., 2 years....12,000
Schneider, Peter J., to Caroline Elkann, n. s. 71st st., 185 ft. e. of 3d ave., 4 years....7,000
Stokes, Thomas, to Jane W. Bartlett, s. s. 53d st., 220.2 ft. e. of 6th ave., 2 years....15,000
Thyson, Jacob, to the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, No. 620 East 17th st., 1 year....5,000
Tennville, Clara T., to the Title Guarantee and Trust Co., No. 116 West 48th st., 3 years....11,000
Wright, Leta P., to Charles Remsen and William Maurice, as trustees, No. 481 6th ave. 3 years....25,000
Same to William E. Callender, same property, demand....6,000
Williams, Thomas, to Wm. Fulton and wife, n. s. 137th st., 100 ft. e. of St. Ann's ave., 1 year....10,000
Same to same, n. e. cor. St. Ann's ave. and 137th st., 1 year....15,000

BANK DIVIDENDS DECLARED.

Creditors of Insolvent National Institutions Hear from Comptroller Eckels.

Washington, April 5.—The Comptroller of the Currency has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent national banks as follows:

Forty per cent., the First National Bank of Niagara Falls, N. Y.; 15 per cent., the Second National Bank, of Rockford, Ills.; 5 per cent., the German National Bank, of Denver, Col.; 5 per cent., the City National Bank, of Fort Worth, Tex.; 10 per cent., the First National Bank, of Willimantic, Conn.; 3 3-10 per cent., the Evanston National Bank, of Evanston, Ill., and 8 per cent., the American National Bank, of Springfield, Mo.

Prominent Philadelphian Dead.

Philadelphia, April 5.—John Noblit, a former prominent business man of this city, died last night at his home, No. 1319 North Broad street. He was for several years a director of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, and was prominently connected with street railway affairs in this city from 1882 to 1888.

ANOTHER LARGE UPTOWN HOTEL.

Plans for an 18-Story Building at Fifth Avenue and Forty-fourth Street.

DESIGN IN RENAISSANCE.

The Big Skyscraper Is Projected by the Estate of the Late Paran Stevens.

BLOOMINGDALES TO IMPROVE.

Work to Begin Soon on the Site Purchased by Them at Lexington Avenue and Sixtieth Street.

Fifth avenue, at the corner of Forty-fourth street, promises to become one of the most prominent hotel centres in this city. At the northeast corner Delmonico is at present erecting his new restaurant, with apartments above, and diagonally opposite, at the southwest corner, Sherry is building a very large hotel, on ground owned by Isaac Brokaw. Yesterday plans were filed in the Department of Buildings fo ran eighteen-story hotel, to be erected on the southeast corner of Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue.

The site fronts 96.10 on Fifth avenue by 150 feet on Forty-fourth street, and is owned by the estate of the late Paran Stevens, whose widow, up to the time of her death, was such a notable figure in New York society. It is proposed to tear down the old structures now occupying this plot and erect in their stead a modern skyscraping hotel. The plans filed yesterday are by George Edward Harding and Gooch, and provide for an eighteen-story structure of steel-skeleton build. The style of the building will be Italian Renaissance, and it will, of course, be fire-proof throughout. The specifications provide for a front of stone, the character of which is to be determined, for the first four stories, and above that a facade of brick and terra cotta. The architects estimate that the building alone will cost at least a million and a half dollars.

The plans are subject to wholesale alteration, as it is understood Mrs. Paget, one of the heirs, has not adopted them, the application filed yesterday being signed only by John Melcher, the other heir. It is possible, so the architect said yesterday, that the proposed hotel may be increased by the addition of three stories or reduced to the size of a fourteen-story building. No date, the architect said, had been fixed as yet for the beginning of the improvement.

Bloomingdale Brothers are going to initiate improvements on their new purchases, Lexington avenue and Sixtieth street, at a cost of $200,000. R. H. Macy & Co. will also build a new nine-story building at No. 56 West Fourteenth street, to cost $90,000.

J. Kinsie Olyphant yesterday sold at private contract to Horace H. Chittenden the four-story brownstone front dwelling No. 62 East Fifty-fourth street, on lot 17x100 feet, for $35,000. Naething Brothers bought from Emma P. De Groot, No. 120 Fulton street, a four-story brick building on lot 25.3x82.3 feet. The deed filed in the Register's office does not give the price, but it is believed to be less than $100,000.

H. M. Denton sold to E. Cahn the southwest corner of Seventh avenue and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, 99x100 feet, to a builder, who will erect five-story brick and stone apartment houses and stores. F. G. Zinsser has purchased Nos. 976 and 978 Third avenue, five-story flats and stores on plot, 50x100 feet.

Gustave Newman sold Nos. 132 and 134 East Seventeenth street, to E. Dreyfus, at $40,000; No. 55 St. Mark's place, to E. Poerschke, at $19,000, and No. 66 Seventh street, to B. Clingenstein also at $19,000.

The sales at auction in the New York salesroom yesterday were all of a legal character, and none of them was of the kind to excit much general interest. In a partition sale to recover one-half interest, Peter F. Meyer offered No. 25 Washington place, a four-story brick building on lot, 25.2x100 feet, and Nos. 623 and 625 West One Hundred and Eighty-first street, two three-story frame dwellings on lots, each 20x100 feet. Both parcels were sold to John H. Weimers, evidently a party in interest, the first for $53,500, and the second for $14,900.

The same auctioneer sold No. 340 Water street, a three-story brick and frame tenement on lot, 25x64 feet, to the plaintiff in foreclosure, to Robert F. Tysen, for $6,629. There was due for mortgages, interest and costs, $7,750. He also sold No. 157 East One Hundred and Seventh street, a four-story stone front flat on lot, 17x100.11, to Bernhard Freund, for $9,250; the amount due being $8,482.

The other auction sales also resulted in the plaintiff's purchasing the property at much less than the amounts charged against them on the judgments. William Kennelly sold No. 155 East Ninety-seventh street, a five-story brick flat on lot 17x100.11, to the plaintiff, Annie E. Underhill, for $8,000; the amount due being $13,056. He also sold the northeast corner of One Hundred and Seventy-third street and Prospect or Anthony avenue, a vacant plot 85.8x100x88.2x100, to the plaintiff in foreclosure, James Slattery, for $2,700; the amount due being $4,956.

D. Phoenix Ingraham & Co. sold a two-story frame dwelling on lot 18.9x99.8, in the west side of Decatur avenue, 108 feet north of Travers street, Bedford Park, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to the plaintiff, Anna S. Finck, for $3,850; the mortgage and interest amounting to $3,841.

The sales set down for to-morrow comprise a great number of parcels, some of them of unusual interest, and it is probable that the day will develop active bidding.

The following sales take place to-day at No. 111 Broadway:

By William Kennelly, foreclosure, George W. Ellis referee, Nos. 5 and 7 Hester street, 50 by 100, two four-story brick tenements, with stores, and two four-story brick tenements in rear, due on judgment $32,358; also, foreclosure, Henry D. MacDona referee, Nos. 410 and 412 East Eighteenth street, each 25x92, two five-story brick tenements, with stores, due on judgments on each $8,289; also, foreclosure, Francis P. Lowrey referee, No. 108 East Sixty-first street, 19x100.5, three-story and basement brownstone front dwelling, due on judgment $5,519, on prior mortgage $16,000; also, foreclosure, Augustus C. Brown referee, No. 314 West One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, 17x99.11, three-story and basement brick dwelling, due on judgment $1,563, on prior mortgage $17,897; also, foreclosure, Francis D. Hoyt referee, Tinton avenue, east side, 175 feet south of 147th street, 25x100, vacant, due on judgment $1,520.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., auction, No. 21 West Sixteenth street, 25x92, three-story and basement brick dwelling.

By D. Phoenix Ingraham & Co., foreclosure, Charles M. Earle referee, No. 530 East Thirteenth street, 25x103.3, two-story brick building and store and with brick stable on rear; due on judgment, $1,593.

By John N. Golding, foreclosure, Lewis L. Delafield referee, No. 1321 Avenue A, or Eastern Boulevard, 25x100, five-story brick tenement; due on judgment, $12,896.

By Bryan L. Kennelly, foreclosure, Francis D. Hoyt referee, No. 318 East One Hundred and Ninth street, 32x90x3.9x10x28.3x100, three-story brick house with stable in rear; due on judgment, $3,320.

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, auction, No. 263 West One Hundred and Thirty-first street, 16.8x99.11, three-story and basement brownstone front dwelling; also, Nos. 267 and 269 West One Hundred and Thirty-first street, 16.8x99.11 each, two three-story and basement brownstone dwellings.

By Peter F. Meyer & Co., executor's sale, northeast corner of Cherry and Jefferson streets, 83x94.6x83.1x93.9, four five-story brick tenements, two with stores; also, southwest corner of Madison and Jefferson streets, 26.1x70, three-story and basement brick building, with stable in rear; also, in partition, Lawrence Godkin, referee, No. 2705 Third avenue, 32.3x100x62.10, to and including No. 574 East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, 25x30.7x75, two-story frame store and dwelling on avenue and two-story frame dwelling on street; also, partition, David McClure, referee, No. 778 Madison avenue, 19x80, four-story and basement brownstone front dwelling.

The following sale will take place at No. 59 Liberty street:

By Richard V. Harnett & Co., auction, No. 1842 Second avenue, 25x100, five-story brick tenement, with stores.

A MULTITUDE CONFIRMED.

Five Hundred Girls and Boys Received Into the Catholic Church by Archbishop Corrigan.

Three hundred white robed girls, each wearing a long white veil, and 200 manly young fellows received the holy sacrament of confirmation from the hands of Archbishop Corrigan, at St. Michael's Church, in West Thirty-second street, at 10:30 a. m. yesterday. Long before the ceremonies began carriages blocked the streets adjacent to the church, and it was necessary to call policemen to maintain a passageway to the church entrance.

The confirmation ceremonies began as early as 7 o'clock, when all the children attended mass. Then they went home and dressed for the reception of the more important sacrament.

The Archbishop, accompanied by his secretary, Father Connelly, entered the sanctuary, where he presided during the celebration of the later mass. Father Gleason, rector of St. Michael's, assisted by Fathers Brady and Corley, said the solemn service. At its conclusion the Archbishop was robed in all his pontifical garments, his secretary gave him his staff, and he took his place on the altar, surrounded by Father Connelly and the other priests.

He spoke a few simple words to the children, reminding them of the dignity of the sacrament they were about to receive. Then in twos the little ones were led up to His Grace, and with humble mien they knelt before him and received the sacrament. Following the girls the boys were confirmed, after which the sacrament was administered to a number of adults. It was nearly 1 o'clock when the ceremonies ended.

BEARS RAID MINING SHARES.

They Attack Red Mountain and Russell and Hammer Prices Down.

The feature of the mining market yesterday was the bear raid on the Red Mountain and Russell. The former was driven down 1½ points to 26, and on the last call Russell was beared from 31 to 25, a loss of six points, at which figure it closed. Japan was attacked, and fell from $2.25 a share to $1.87½, rallying to $2 at the close. Senator common declined from $1.33 a share to $1.28, and Senator preferred dropped from $8.12 to $8.10 a share.

Golden San Juan and Annetta were strong and did not yield to the attack. The former opened at 21, advanced to 22, and closed at 21, and the latter remained steady at 15½.

The sales and quotations were as follows:

Sales.	Stocks.	High.	Low.	Close.
100	Annetta	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
600	Columbian Gold	45½	43	45½
1,000	Golden San Juan	22	21	21
1,100	Japan	2.25	1.87½	2.00
500	Red Mountain	27	26½	26½
2,200	Russell	31	25	25
2,000	Senator	1.33	1.28	1.28
5,010	Senator, pf.	8.12	8.10	8.10

Total shares sold, 12,510.

Business Troubles.

John De Wolf & Co.—Deputy Sheriff Whoriskey has closed the office of John De Wolf & Co., stock brokers, at No. 50 Broadway, on an execution for $469 in favor of William R. Hinsdale. They began business last Fall, had a "system" plan, and were not members of the Exchange.

Frederick Koster—Deputy Sheriff Butler has secured an execution against Frederick Koster, who obtained a judgment against the firm for $1,182, in favor of Robert Binney.

Clapp & Co.—Judge Pryor has appointed Senator Jacob A. Cantor receiver of the assets of Clapp & Co., stock brokers, of No. 35 Wall street, whose assignment was recently set aside on the application of Walter G. Newman, trustee, who obtained a judgment against the firm for $11,507 on January 11. They made an assignment on November 11, 1896, with liabilities of $204,000, and actual assets, $10,000.

Emma F. Harding—M. P. O'Connor has been appointed receiver of the assets of Emma F. Harding, shoe dealer, in Brooklyn, whose assignment, made on December 4, 1895, has been declared void, on the application of Thomson & Allen, representing Nathaniel Fisher & Co.

Joseph F. Baker—Charles W. Ridgway has been appointed receiver in supplementary proceedings for Joseph F. Baker, dealer in hay and feed, of No. 68 Seventh avenue, on the application of two of his creditors, Michael McDonald, whose claim was $1,029, and Charles E. Quackenbush, whose claim was $1,041.

G. R. Cottrell & Co.—George R. Cottrell and Jacob Burton, comprising the firm of G. R. Cottrell & Co., importers of hides and leather, at No. 94 Gold street, made an assignment yesterday to Edward C. O'Brien, of Flushing, giving preferences to Thomas Alexander, of this city, for $505, and Gorham J. Cottrell, of Quincy, Ill., for $18,400.

William Stern—Judgment for $138,933 was entered yesterday against William Stern, of No. 29 Bond street, in favor of Herman Nathan, as surviving partner of I. Stern & Co., it being a revival of a judgment obtained on March 11, 1887, for $86,628 against William Stern, Moritz Stern and William Rosenstein, the last two having since died. The interest amounts to $52,304.

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SCHOOL PUPILS' CLUBS.

Corporation Counsel Scott Advises the Board of Education That They May Lawfully be Opened.

The Board of Education, at a meeting to be held this week, will probably vote to open schools during the evenings for scholars' clubs; at least the experiment will be tried at Grammar School No. 7. The plan will be supported by the Good Government Clubs of the city, and it is believed it will be successful.

The object is not to instruct youths in the evening, but to keep them from the streets and out of so-called Raines law clubs, by providing them healthful amusement and entertainment. The Public Education Society was the first to propose the plan by applying to the Board of Education for the use of Grammar School No. 7, but the board was doubtful of its right to use the schools for any such purpose.

Corporation Counsel Scott was appealed to and in an opinion which he announced yesterday he said: "If you should think it wise to permit such a general use of the school property confided to your care as that indicated in this application, which is intended solely for the benefit of the children for whose advantage the public school system is maintained, it seems to me that it would be a lawful and proper exercise of power. I do not, however, purpose to pass upon anything more than the questions suggested in your application, nor shall I determine what are strictly educational purposes apart from such particular facts; but with reference to the facts presented, I think that if your board should conclude that if the existence of clubs among children would tend to advance the general scheme under your control, such conclusions would be a justifiable exercise of the powers confided to you by law."

The Stock Exchange Ticket.

The following ticket for officers and governors of the New York Stock Exchange was posted yesterday in the exchange by the Nominating Committee. For President, Francis L. Eames; Secretary, George Ely; Treasurer, F. W. Gilley; Chairman William McClure; Gratuity Fund, W. [illegible] Strong; Governors to serve for four years, J. T. Atterbury, W. W. Heaton, F. [illegible] Henry, C. H. Huestis, A. B. Lounsbery, T. L. Manson, Jr.; J. H. Prall, J. [illegible] Probst, W. P. Smith, R. H. Thomas, and Governor to serve for one year, W. G. [illegible] Noble. The Nominating Committee is G. B. Post, Jr.; H. K. Smith, W. C. Taylor, W. Watson, Jr., and G. M. Morehouse.

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MEMBERS OF SPECIAL WHEAT SYNDIC[ATE] NO. 2.

We have examined the books of account [of] W. E. Forest, in relation to the "Forest W[heat] Syndicate No. II.," and certify that accor[ding] to the said books the Syndicate capital [de]posited in trust for the period from the 15th [to] the 22d of March was $6,127.09 and that [the] profits on the closed transaction for that w[eek] were $149.38. Deducting commissions, leave[s] net profit of $119.50 for distribution, equal [to] 1.95-100 on the capital. The capital from [the] 23d of March to the 31st of March, inclusi[ve] was $9,530.13, and the profits on the closed tra[ns]actions were $679.38, leaving a balance, aft[er] deducting commissions, of $543.50, equal [to] 5.70-100 on the capital. The profit for the tw[o] weeks was 7.65-100 on the capital.

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