

FLUCTUATIONS WERE NARROW

BULLS WERE CONSERVATIVE. BEARS HAD NO AMMUNITION.

A Dull Trade the Result—Smaller Port Receipts—Demand a Favorable Feature.

AT THE CLOSE: Liverpool, unchanged. New York, 2 points down to 1 up.

SPOTS: Liverpool, 1-32d higher. Elsewhere, unchanged.

Bulls were conservative in yesterday's cotton market and little that was important came out in the final results.

The volume of moving bales might have aroused the most sanguine bear upon the question that "perpendicular drop," especially when the drawing capacity of present demand is at play.

The range of fluctuations was narrow and in its course well suited the purpose of the sealer. The "seller" could assign reasons for asserting the claims of the big crop estimator by pointing to the amount of marketable bales, but the business operation was the transfer from gin to spindle the quantity that is left, and the spot holder was quite a willing party to the proposition.

Liverpool was just in accord with the common expectation. Sales on the spot amounted to 10,000 bales at quotations higher by 1-32d.

New York opened unchanged to 2 points above the previous close. This was the highest of the day and a continuous decline occurred until bottom prices were reached in the first half of the morning.

There was a gradual recovery immediately after, but by noon half it was lost again and formed a level that prevailed with very little change until the final thirty minutes of the session.

New Orleans started 3 up on April and 1 better on later months. There was a recession of 1 to 2 points during the first hour and a little larger decline in the text.

The movement was distinctly lighter. Receipts at all ports for the day were 22,121 bales, compared with 28,751 for the entire day of last year.

The Cotton Trade Journal reports as follows on sea island cotton: The sea island cotton market closes higher as to Florida the past week, with a better demand for all grades and inquiry from buyers that probably means active trading soon.

Houston's estimated receipts for today are 1200 to 1400, against 2092 last year. New Orleans expects 11,000 to 12,000, against 8296 last year.

COTTON MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for New York, Houston, Liverpool, and other markets. Includes sub-sections for Cotton Futures, Cotton Spot, and Receipts at All U. S. Ports.

Table with columns for Stock at U. S. Ports and U. S. Exports. Lists various types of cotton and their respective quantities and values.

Table with columns for Comparative Spot Markets, Daily Interior Movement, and Butter and Eggs. Includes prices for various goods and commodities.

NO GREAT CHANGE IN STOCKS. WHEAT DID RECOVER SOME

Speculative Incursions Were Few and Desultory.

The High Priced Securities Continued in Favor and Low Priced Industrials Were Higher.

New York, March 18.—The recent character of the stock market was not materially changed today. Speculative incursions into the field of the really important stocks were few and desultory in character.

The most conspicuous movement of this kind was in North American, which jumped about in an erratic manner in the course of a speculative advance of 1 1/2 points on the strength of a rumor that it was to be taken over by a foreign concern.

COURSE OF NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Table with columns for Stocks, High, Low, and Close. Lists various stock symbols and their corresponding price movements.

Closing Prices of New York Bonds.

Table with columns for Bond symbols and their closing prices. Includes various government and corporate bonds.

COTTON SEED PRODUCTS.

Table with columns for Cotton Seed Oil, Meal, and other products. Lists prices and quantities for various cotton seed products.

HIDES AND WOOL.

Table with columns for Hide and Wool prices. Lists prices for various types of hides and wool.

BAD CROP NEWS WAS THE OCCASION

The Warm Weather Caused a Weak Opening, but Wheat Recovered Some of Its Strength.

Chicago, March 18.—Bad wheat crop news was the leading factor in the recovery of strength in the wheat pit after yesterday's weakness.

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NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

Table with columns for Exchange rates and prices. Lists various exchange rates and prices for different currencies and commodities.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns for Bank Clearings. Lists clearing amounts for various banks and institutions.

NEW YORK MONEY.

Table with columns for New York Money rates. Lists interest rates and prices for various money instruments.

LONDON CONSOLS.

Table with columns for London Consols. Lists prices and yields for various London government bonds.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS ELSEWHERE.

Table with columns for Grain and Provisions prices in other markets. Lists prices for various grains and provisions in cities like St. Louis and St. Paul.

IMPORTS OF MEXICAN CATTLE.

Table with columns for Mexican Cattle imports. Lists import volumes and prices for various types of Mexican cattle.

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