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NO TOP TO THE BOOM Bright Prospects and Plenty of Cheap Money Carry Prices Upward. INTENSE ACTIVITY IN GRAIN Bib Advance Yesterday Followed by another Rise of 3 cent per Bushel in May Wheat.

Cotton Very Active at Advancing Prices. By Direct Private Wire to W. P. Hill Broker 48 Patton Ave. New York, Jan. 26.—Those traders who looked for a reaction this morning were sorely disappointed when London sent in opening at an increase of a fraction higher, and as has been the case for a long time past the market was ready to respond with good buying orders and from opening to close the transactions were made at advance prices.

The buying was stimulated by the bright prospects for the peace treaty. Metropolitan Traction was the leading feature, advancing about 1/2 a share and the rest of the list came in for their share of the advance. St. Paul and the other grangers were among the most prominent stocks to record gains.

There is still nothing in sight but prospects of advance and on all slight reactions we would advise continued purchases. COTTON—The action of the market leaves no room for traders to guess conditions. Liverpool fell in fully with the advance of yesterday by opening at an advance from 4 to 5 points. This in turn was reflected in our market which opened in full sympathy and buying orders flowed in freely throughout the entire session. There was at no time more than slight hesitation in prices up to the last hour of trading when prices fell off a few points below the best of the day.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE. Chicago, Jan. 26.—The strength which was developed on the opening of the grain market this morning was a reflection of the cables which were up in full sympathy with the Chicago close of the previous day. The opening was at an advance of 1 cent to 1 1/2 a bushel and throughout the entire session there was strong demand which carried prices upward 2 cents per bushel without a single reaction.

There was throughout a greater display of activity than at any time since the great upward movement in the New York stock market commenced. We have predicted this upward movement and trust that our many patrons have taken full advantage of it to increase their holdings. From present indications the market is well on the up turn. No puts and calls today.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. Open High Low Close. Am. Tobacco 147 1/4 148 1/4 146 3/4 146 3/4. Am. Sugar R. 132 134 131 1/2 132 1/2. A. T. & S. F. pf. 63 64 63 62. Balt. & Ohio. 73 74 73 73 1/2. Brook. R. T. 91 94 91 92 1/2. Chi. B. & Q. 139 139 138 138 1/2. Ches. & Ohio. 80 81 80 80. Chi. G. W. 18 18 17 17 1/2. Del. & Hud. 115 116 115 116. Fed. Steel. 55 56 54 54 1/2. Fed. Steel pf. 86 87 85 85 1/2. Canada So. 86 87 85 85 1/2. Gen. Electric. 110 113 110 112. Ill. Central. 120 121 120 120. Lou. & Nash. 67 68 67 67 1/2. Manhattan. 116 117 116 116. Mo. Pacific. 49 49 47 47 1/2. Met. Traction. 210 220 210 217. No. Pacific. 49 51 49 50. No. Pacific, pf. 80 81 79 79 1/2. N. Y. Cen. 139 139 137 137 1/2. Northwest'n. 151 151 151 151. Omaha. 93 93 92 92. Pacific Mail. 50 52 50 51. People's Gas. 116 117 116 116 1/2. Rock Island. 120 121 119 120 1/2. So. Railway pf. 48 50 48 48 1/2. St. Paul. 129 130 128 129 1/2. T. C. & I. 44 45 43 43 1/2. U. P. pf. 82 83 81 81 1/2. West'n Union. 97 97 96 96 1/2. Continental Tobacco pf. 76. CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE. Open High Low Close. May Wheat. 76 79 75 77 1/2. May Corn. 38 39 38 38 1/2. May Oats. 28 29 28 28 1/2. May Pork. 1050 1062 1042 1060. May Lard. 587 597 585 597. May Ribs. 517 520 516 517. NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE. Open High Low Close. March 615 616 609 612.

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A. AND S. BRANCH. Table with columns for No., No., No., (Central Time), No., No., No. Lists train schedules for Asheville, Statesville, Hickory, Tryon, Spartanburg, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Augusta, Atlanta, New Orleans, Memphis.

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