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Wheat—Regular, unsettled, and opened 1@ to lower advanced 1 1/2@ lower, and closed about 1 1/2@ lower than yesterday; cash, 94@5c; February, 94@5c; March, 94@5c; May, 1@; June, 1 1/2@; winter wheat, firm at 1 1/2@; April 2@; spring, 93@4@5c.

Corn—Active; opened 1@ to lower, declined a shade more, advanced irregularly 1@ above inside figures and closed 1@ higher; cash, 10 1/2@; February, 10 1/2@; March, 5 1/2@; May, 6 1/2@; April, 4 1/2@.

Oats—Firm, ranging 1@ to 1 1/2@ higher and closed steady; cash, 33@; February, 33@; March, 33@; May, 37@.

Rye—Steady at 53@.

Barley—Quiet at 61@.

Flax—Slow and unchanged; prime, 1 1/2@.

Pig Iron—1 1/2@ to 2 1/2@.

Flax Seed—Nominal at 1 1/2@.

Mess Pork—Unsettled; opened tame, declined 20@ to 30c, soon became firmer and gradually advanced 35@ to 45c, later settled back 10@ to 15@ and closed steady; cash and February, 18@ to 27@; March, 18 1/2@ to 30@; May, 18 1/2@ to 25@.

Lard—Unsettled; early declined 2 1/2@ to 30c, gradually improved 12@ to 15c, receded 5@ and closed steady; cash and February, 9 1/2@ to 10@; March, 9 1/2@ to 9 1/2@; April, 10@; May, 10@.

Bacon Meats—Steady; shoulders, 7 1/2@ to 8@; bacon ribs, 9 1/2@ to 10@; short clear, 10@ to 10 1/2@.

Bacon—High grades sold well and prices unchanged; choice creamery, 20@ to 22c; fancy dairies, 25@ to 27c; rolls, common, 10@ to 16c.

Cheese—Farm stock: good for best grades formed pieces; choice full cream cheddar, 10c; choice edam, cream, 14@ to 16c; good part skin cheeses and dabs, 8@ to 10c.

Eggs—Steady at 27@ to 28c.

OMAHA MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices.

OFFICE OF THE OMAHA BEE.

Friday Evening, February 15.

The following prices are charged retailers by jobbers, wholesalers and commission merchants, with the exception of grain, which is quoted at the prices furnished by the elevators and other local buyers:

GRAN.

WHEAT—Cash No. 2, 76@; No. 3, 63@.

Bailey—Cash No. 2, 47@ to 50@.

EVE—Cash No. 3, 44@.

CORN—No. 2, 39@.

OATS—No. 2, 24@.

LIVE STOCK.

FAT STEERS—Quiet at 4 1/2@ to 5@.

FAT COWS—8 1/2@ to 9 1/2@.

HOGS—6 1/2@ to 6 1/2@.

SHRIKES—8 1/2@ to 9 1/2@.

HIDES—Steady; green salt cured and bull, damaged, 6c; green salt, heavy, 7c; No. 2 calf, 8c; green salt, 5c.

FLAX—Unchanged; No. 1 country, 6c;

cotton, 7c.

Wool—Unchanged; No. 1, 14@ to 16c;

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CALF BEEF—Wool, 14@ to 16c; hams, 5c.

Corn—1@ lower for February, March, 5c; May, 4c; June, 3c.

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