THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

Money Easy With a Fair Demand From the Country.

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Jobbers Report Business Better the Past Week Than for Any Similar Period Since the First of the Year.

In Local Trade Circles.

The clearings of the banks of Omaha for the week ending March 29 footed $4,683,-891.63, an increase of 49.9-10 per cent. Balances were $1,064,704.88. The money market continues easy, with a fair damand from the country for currency and rates for money are sheady. Prime paper is readily accepted at 8 per cent. Deposits are liberal and the situation is regarded as very comfortable from a financial standpoint. Collections by bankers are easily made and the commercial outlook is satisfactory.

Jobbers report trade good, better the past week than any similar period since January, and say that sales are materially in excess of last year. Country collections have not been so good for the past ten days, but on the whole are fair, and the drag is by the larger dealers, small accounts having been met with commendable promptness. The season since January, wherein the bulk of the year's purchases mature, has shown results agreeable to credit men, inasmuch as failures have been few and not of large amount, and in most instances a large moiety has been realized from debtors estates leaving much less to be charged to profit and loss and bad judgment than was looked for. Prices of most staples show enhancement and fortunate holders of large stocks of dried fruits have made much money recently. The advance, which seems likely to be maintained, is said to be legitimate and caused by a scarcity of stock here and in primary markets. Rio and Santos coffees are fairly steady at quotations but there seems little probability of any material advance. Buyers appear indifferent and disposed to await developments and meantime desire concessions. Sugars are, if anything weaker, but the demand is heavy and the California refineries are not offering supplies, so that there is really no quotable change in refined to date, but lower prices are deemed possible. The canned goods market shows fair activity and is steady. Mackerel are held firm on account of small stocks. Box herring are in limited supply and held firmly. Rice is stronger and advancing. Lemons and oranges are in full supply, good demand and the market steady.

In hardware and tinners' stock trade is good and prices steady, though the iron market is somewhat unsettled and values tend easier. Lead is dull and lower. Tin is in abundant supply, in strong hands and fairly steady. Tin plates are quoted dull and the market easy. Wool is quiet and unchanged.

In drugs cream tartar and tartaric acid are unsettled and prices seem inclined to go lower. Opium and quinine rule easy. English chemicals are higher.

The dry goods market shows no material change. Cotton goods do not accumulate and the tone of the market is strong.

The local produce market has been well supplied the past week and values are about the same. Potatoes and onions are in good request at top quotations. Butter is in liberal supply and the market easy with buyers disposed to ask concessions. Cheese continues firm with an active demand. Game is in very liberal supply and prices are lower. There is a fair trade in green fruit at prices as quoted and the market is firm and likely to advance. Good hay is in demand with a poor market for the lower grades. Hides are unchanged, but the market is weaker. Skins and furs are lower. Eggs are in very liberal supply and cheaper. Flax seed is dull.

The New York shipping list says of Brazil coffee: An unsettled feeling has characterized the market here as well as in Europe and Brazil, the frequent and irregular fluctuations in values indicating that operators lack confidence and view the future with uncertainty. The tendency, however, has been downward, but yesterday the lost ground was recovered and the closing prices show no change in invoice quotations, although options were 5 points higher than on Friday last. There has been no material change in the statistical position of supplies in either the primary or terminal markets, but buyers have shown very little disposition to make fresh purchases except to cover actual wants, while the wide difference between the value of spot and afloat parcels prevented much swapping and trading among local dealers and hence the business transacted in invoices has been comparatively narrow. Then again the influence of buyers is further explained by the dullness of the jobbing trade, the firmness of the money market and the unwillingness to engage in fresh operations so near the end of the month and with the Easter holiday close at hand. The latter is likely to have more influence in Europe and Brazil than in this country, nevertheless when trade is dull and the market in an unsatisfactory condition, reasons are assigned that under other circumstances would scarcely be maintained. The market has been weak and steady by turns, values dropping one day and recovering the lost ground the next, but there is a disposition to await further developments among the majority of dealers, and hence the difficulty that has been experiences in effecting sales and which for the most part have been the result of some concession.

The quotations for refined sugars when exported, less drawbacks, are:

Cut Loaf ... ₩ 100 lb.	$4 55
Cubes	3 74
Crushed	4 55
Powdered	3 81
Granulated	3 55@3 61

The new state of South Dakota sold $350,-000 twenty-year 4 per cent bonds at 109⅝ Monday, a price which nets the purchaser only 3⅜ per cent. The state of Washington has recently placed an issue of 3½ per cent bonds at par. This speaks well for the credit of the new states and shows there is money seeking investment at decidedly low rates when the security is satisfactory. Starving Dakota ought not to go hungry long with an ability to borrow money at 3⅜ per cent.

The wheat crop of the United States last year is now officially estimated at 471,460,000 bushels of sixty pounds each, against 391,-417,000 bushels of the same weight for 1888.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.

Saturday, March 28.

Estimated receipts of cattle 2,600, compared with 1,199 yesterday and 2,431 last Saturday. The receipts for the week have been 12,414 compared with 14,108 last week and 17,456 the first week of the month. The receipts were very liberal for Saturday and among them were some very fine steers quite a number of sales being made at and above $4.00, one bunch selling at $4.35 and another at $4.45. The steer market opened slow and sagging, with sales generally reported a nickle lower, with occasional sales at steady prices and quite as many more than 5c lower. The market did not improve as the day advanced, and sellers were scarcely able to maintain steady prices at the decline. The few most desirable bunches changed hands early at about steady prices while everything else was lower from a shade to 10c. The cow receipts were quite limited, not enough to meet the demand, and prices remained firm, all changing hands early at steady prices. Feeders and bulls remain steady and calves are in demand at unchanged prices.

Hogs.

Estimated receipts of hogs 2,585, compared with 1,392 yesterday and 1,424 last Saturday. The recipts for the week were 15,016, compared with 17,844 last week and 13,069 the first week in the month. The market opened active and steady, the average price paid for hogs being $4.07½, an advance of just ⅛ cent on the average of the prices paid. Both the top and bottom prices remain the same. The average price paid last Saturday was $3.93, and on the first day of the month $3.75, showing a gain of 32 cents during the month. The price to day was the highest during the month, and in fact the highest since the middle of last October; the lowest during the month was $3.71½ on March 6.

Sheep.

Estimated receipts of sheep 729, compared with none yesterday and 1434 last Saturday. The receipts during the week were 2,328, compared with 4,117 last week and 3,687 the first week in the month. Good muttons are in demand and prices are steady.

Prevailing Prices.

The following is a table of prices paid in this market for the grades of stock mentioned:

Prime steers, 1300 to 1600 lbs	$3.95	@4.60
Good steers, 1250 to 1450 lbs	3.55	@4.45
Good steers, 1050 to 1300 lbs	3.25	@3.95
Common 1000 to 1150 lb steers	2.90	@3.55
Common canners	1.00	@2.00
Ordinary to fair cows	1.60	@2.35
Fair to good cows	1.90	@2.45
Good to choice cows	2.20	@3.00
Choice to fancy cows	2.85	@3.50
Fair to good bulls	1.75	@2.65
Choice to fancy bulls	2.50	@3.50
Light stockers and feeders	2.50	@3.15
Feeders, 950 to 1100 lbs	2.60	@3.50
Fair to choice light hogs	4.05	@4.10
Fair to choice heavy hogs	4.05	@4.12½
Fair to choice mixed hogs	4.05	@4.10

Range of Prices—Hogs.

The following table shows the range of prices paid for hogs:

Light and medium hogs	$4 05	@4 10
Good to choice mixed hogs	4 05	@4 10
Good to choice heavy hogs	4 05	@4 12½

Range of Prices—Sheep.

The following table shows the range of prices paid for sheep:

Prime fat sheep	$4 40	@5 50
Good fat sheep	3 50	@4 60
Common to medium sheep	2 00	@3 75
Lambs	4 00	@6 00

Average Cost of Hogs.

The following table gives the average cost of hogs on the dates mentioned, including the cost today, as based upon sales reported:

Date.	Price.	Date.	Price.
March 1	$3 75	March 17	3 92
March 3	3 76½	March 18	3 86
March 4	3 77	March 19	3 86½
March 5	3 74½	March 20	3 89½
March 6	3 71½	March 21	3 81
March 7	3 72½	March 22	3 92
March 8	3 78½	March 24	3 93½
March 10	3 78	March 25	3 97
March 11	3 81	March 26	3 99
March 12	3 83	March 27	3 97
March 13	3 87½	March 28	4 07
March 14	3 91½	March 29	4 07½
March 15	3 97½		

Comparative Tables.

The following tables show the range in prices on hogs during this and last week:

Days.	This week.	Last week.
Monday	3 90 @4 00	3 90 @3 95
Tuesday	3 90 @4 05	3 75 @3 95
Wednesday	3 92½@4 05	3 77½@3 90
Thursday	3 92½@4 02½	3 80 @3 97½
Friday	4 05 @4 12½	3 85 @3 95
Saturday	4 05 @4 12½	3 87½@3 95

Highest and Lowest Sales of Hogs.

Today.		Yesterday.	
Highest	$4.12½	Highest	$4.12½
Lowest	4.05	Lowest	4.05

Stock Receipts.

Official Yesterday.		Estimated Today.	
Cattle, 57 cars	1,199	Cattle, 129 cars	2,600
Hogs, 20 cars	1,392	Hogs, 39 cars	2,600
Horses, 2 cars	2	Sheep, 4 cars	729

Average Price of Hogs.

Showing the average price paid for loads of hogs on the days indicated in 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1890:

Day.	Mar. 1890.	Mar. 1889.	Mar. 1888.	Mar. 1887.
24	3 93½	Sunday	5 16	5 38
25	3 97	4 62	Sunday	5 37
26	3 99	4 58	5 10	5 39
27	3 97	4 52	5 10	Sunday
28	4 07	4 58	5 15	5 51
29	4 07½	4 58	5 12	5 51

Disposition of Stock.

Showing the number of cattle, hogs and sheep bought by the packers and leading buyers on to-day's market:

CATTLE.	
Buyers.	No.
Swift & Co	597
George H. Hammond & Co	247
The Armour-Cudahy Packing company	185
Omaha packing company	50
Lee Rothschild	195
Benton & Underwood	14
Shippers and feeders	135
Becker & Egen	178
Crone & Vansant	125
HOGS.	
Armour-Cudahy Packing company	877
Omaha Packing Co	421
Swift & Co	493
George H. Hammond & Co	683

Hogs yesterday averaged 249 pounds and 66 to the car.

For the Week.

Showing the number of cattle, hogs and sheep bought by the packers and leading buyers for the week ending Saturday, March 29, 1890:

CATTLE.	
Buyers—	No.
Swift & Co	3,249
George H. Hammond & Co	1,159
The Armour-Cudahy Packing company	1,184
Omaha Packing company	67
Shippers and feeders	6,019
HOGS.	
The Armour-Cudahy Packing company	6,153
Omaha Packing company	3,531
Swift & Co	2,135
George H. Hammond Packing company	3,188
SHEEP.	
Swift & Company	82
Armour Cudahy Packing company	276
Hamilton & Stevens	138
Bogue Packing company	212

Representative Sales.

STEERS.					
3	787	$3 25	26	1300	$3 80
3	932	3 50	13	1192	3 80
1	1280	3 50	42	1153	3 80
20	915	3 55	58	1270	3 80
21	1104	3 60	21	1253	3 85
16	1099	3 60	18	1255	3 85
11	1197	3 60	18	1109	3 85
2	1010	3 60	40	1246	3 85
19	1054	3 65	20	1168	3 90
18	1048	3 65	17	1283	3 90
7	990	3 65	14	1171	3 90
6	1035	3 65	18	1104	3 90
15	1078	3 65	8	1248	3 95
20	1138	3 65	39	1236	4 00
17	1018	3 65	17	1240	4 00
17	1023	3 70	19	1214	4 00
19	1166	3 70	27	1317	4 00
18	1143	3 70	54	1250	4 00
21	1082	3 70	17	1345	4 00
18	1075	3 75	16	1339	4 00
12	1210	3 75	22	1373	4 00
40	1127	3 75	24	1129	4 05
42	1091	3 75	68	1376	4 20
21	1099	3 75	10	1375	4 25
19	1140	3 77½	13	1468	4 30
19	1242	3 80	38	1340	4 30
19	1293	3 80			
COWS.					
1	1060	2 00	3	887	2 70
7	986	2 00	1	1050	2 75
8	844	2 15	8	934	2 75
1	1050	2 25	12	956	2 75
5	1128	2 25	35	1108	2 80
3	1103	2 25	3	1167	2 80
1	1130	2 25	3	1073	2 80
2	1025	2 25	11	754	2 80
4	1045	2 25	2	1225	2 80
1	950	2 30	4	1025	2 85
5	950	2 35	1	1280	2 85
1	980	2 50	10	992	2 85
1	1030	2 50	3	1280	2 90
7	1061	2 55	8	1233	2 95
5	992	2 60	1	1120	3 00
8	1040	2 60	23	1042	3 10
20	1028	2 60	14	1011	3 10
16	980	2 70	17	1321	3 25
5	1018	2 70	1	1230	3 25
5	962	2 70	1	1150	3 50
2	1200	2 70			
BULLS.					
1	1550	2 50	1	1760	3 00
1	1750	2 70	1	1830	3 00
1	1790	2 80	1	1490	3 00
1	1640	2 85	2	1785	3 50
1	1750	2 85			
FEEDERS.					
7	743	3 35	3	933	3 40
1	760	3 35	1	910	3 40
2	795	3 35	3	840	3 50
CALVES.					
7	160	2 30	1	260	3 75
1	280	2 75	3	140	4 25
6	108	2 75	4	162	4 25
CANNERS.					
2	970	1 50	3	990	1 75
1	730	1 50	13	862	1 85
6	770	1 75	1	920	1 90
STOCKERS.					
2	310	3 00	1	680	3 35
HEIFERS.					
2	660	2 40	14	1011	3 10
MIXED.					
4	420	2 50	3	1487	2 60
STAGS.					
1	810	2 50	1	830	3 10
OXEN.					
2	1945	3 25			

WESTERN CATTLE.

Owners.	No.	Av.	Price
Middlesex Live Stock Co—	49 cows	966	$2 25
Bay State Live Stock Co—	36 steers, Wyo. Tex.	1403	4 45

HOGS.

No.	Wt.	Off.	Pr.	No.	Wt.	Off	Pr.
5	326	80	4 00	61	301	120	4 07½
9	394	120	4 00	58	289	40	4 07½
10	363	—	4 00	58	220	40	4 07½
5	310	80	4 00	61	263	80	4 07½
77	234	120	4 05	56	276	120	4 07½
38	280	40	4 05	60	277	80	4 07½
68	256	120	4 05	67	242	40	4 07½
27	354	200	4 05	71	257	40	4 07½
8	319	40	4 05	60	261	40	4 07½
71	284	200	4 05	65	231	80	4 10
55	238	80	4 05	67	207	—	4 10
71	230	—	4 05	56	285	80	4 10
66	251	—	4 05	57	227	—	4 10
61	250	80	4 05	59	233	40	4 10
64	243	160	4 05	32	247	40	4 10
11	340	200	4 05	68	218	40	4 10
30	307	120	4 05	74	210	40	4 10
69	219	—	4 05	82	237	—	4 10
68	251	160	4 05	57	223	—	4 10
65	252	—	4 05	52	246	—	4 10
9	344	80	4 05	42	193	—	4 10
57	267	40	4 05	76	237	40	4 10
65	272	80	4 05	61	250	—	4 12½

On the Market With Hogs.

Blanchard, Arlington; Roden & Zahner, Missouri Valley, Ia; J. Everett, Lyons; J. M. Emerine, Weston, Ia; Jones Brothers, Blue Hill; Mills & R., Angus; Farmers' union, Loomis; J. Jergenson, Minden; J. W. Price, Brunning; Babbit & Evans, South Bend; A. J. Adams, Miller & Co., W. W. Colby & Co., Bradshaw; A. T. Nichols, Litchfield; B. J. Tierney, Ansley; Isaac Deardorf, Merna; Hake & Brass, Mason; J. W. Nicholson, Marquette; F. Tierney, Broken Bow; Nye & S. company, Nickerson and Lindsay; Peter Galligan, Lindsay; F. Hoy, Brrdish; Caldwell & S., Elgin; Van Zandt Brothers, Ewing; C. W. Lamon, Inman; J. Davidson & Son, Gresham; Blair company, Linwood; F. M. Sackett, Albion.

On the Market With Cattle.

J. S. Yeaton, J. W. Gribble, Lyons; Peterson Bros., Weston, Ia.; A. A. Dorn, Neola, Ia.; W. N. Richardson, Red Cloud; J. P. King, Benkleman; Deets & W., Kearney; W. J. Johnson, Endicott; Woodruff & R., Ulysses and David City; W. Pulver, Holdredge and Minden; J. Jergenson, Minden; Swan Larson, Axtell; J. M. Jarrett, Scio; O. Burgess, Nehawka: F. A. Hoyt, Cedar Bluffs; W. A. Finley, Davey; G. W. Neff, Fremont; A. Dexter, P. Diedricksen, Bennington; C. W. S., Pine Bluffs; J. P. Alberts, H. V. Cronk, Pender; Hallett & Reed, Winside; Roden & Z., Missouri Valley, Ia.; F. Johnson, Blair; Fred Kelley, M. A. Marley, River, Sioux, Ia.; Perkins & O., Octavia; J. B. Brooks, Houston; Stephen Watser, Seward; Berryman & L., Cordova; J. H. Aden, Silver Creek; Dryfoos & H., Oconee; F. Biss, Schuyler; Bay State L. S. Co., Bay State; C. E. Welch, Papillion; J. M. Emarine, Council Bluffs, Ia.; J. R. Gallentine, J. Dilenon, Broomfield; B. J. Tierney, Ansley; E. W. Vandoren, Litchfield; A. E. Tunberg, Jacob Lurk, Hooper; F. Hoy, Bradish; A. J. Reigle, J. A. Moore, J. B. Manning, Battle Creek; Tobias Mack, Stanton; W. M. White, J. P. Morden, Tekamah; J. H. Eickson, Bennett; C. H. Parmele & Co., Cedar Creek; John Frostrom & Co., Malmo; Paxson & D., Geneva; Eiser & R., Nebraska City; H. C. Lefler, Springfield.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS

Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 11@12c; cold st or age, pickled, limed, salted, not wanted a any price.

BUTTER—Creamery, fancy rolls, prints, 24@25c; creamery, fancy solid packed, 22@23c; creamery, choice, 19@22c; dairy, fancy rolls and prints, 18@20c; dairy, fancy solid packed, 17@19c; dairy, choice, 15@16c; country roll, fancy, 16@18c; choice, 12@15c; country roll, good, 9@10c; country roll, fair, 7@8c; poor stock, 3@5c.

POULTRY—Turkeys, dressed, fancy dry picked, 12@13c; turkeys, live, per lb, 8c; chickens, fancy, 10@11c; chickens, choice, 7@9c; chickens, live, $3.00@3.50; geese, dressed, fancy, 10@11c; geese, dressed, choice, 9@10c; geese, live, doz., $6.00@7.00; ducks, dressed, fancy, 11c; ducks, choice, 10@11c; ducks, live, doz., $2.50@3.00; pigeons, doz., $1.00@$1.25.

GAME—Jack snipe, $1.00@1.25; golden plover, $1.00@1.25; mallard ducks, $1.50@2.90; canvasback ducks, $5.00@6.00; red-head ducks, doz., $2.00@2.50; teal ducks, doz., $1.25@1.50; mixed ducks, doz., $1.00@1.25; geese, Canada, $4.00@4.50; geese, small, $2.50@3.00.

BONES—(Quotations are for delivery in Chicago). Dry buffalo, per ton, $16.00@18.00; dry country, bleached, $10.00@13.00; dry country, damp and meaty, $8.00@10 00.

VEGETABLES—Old—Sweet potatoes, fancy Muscatine, per bbl, $4.30; onions, extra fancy, per bbl, $4.50; onions, fair, per bbl, $2.50; rutabagas, per bbl, $2.00; carrots, per bbl, $2.00; parsnips, per bbl, $2.50; beets, per bbl, $2.00; horse radish roots, per bbl, $4.50; horse radish roots, per lb, 7c; celery roots, per bbl, $6.00; celery roots, per doz, 60c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb, 11@12c.

CHEESE—Per lb, full cream Y. A., 12c; full cream twins, 11½c; full cream Onio Swiss, 17c; full cream Wisconsin Swiss, 14@16c; full cream brick 13c; full cream limburger Swiss, 13c.

HONEY—15@16c per lb for choice comb.

PRESERVES—8@10c per lb.

JELLIES—4@4½c per lb.

DRESSED VEAL—Choice medium, 7@7½c; light, 5@6c; heavy, 3@4c.

APPLES—Per bbl, Genitons, $4.00; W. Twig, $4.50; Ben Davis, $4.50; Romanite, $4.50.

CIDER—Per bbl, refined, $6.50; half bbl, $3.50; hard cider, pure, per bbl, $5.00.

LINSEED OIL—64c.

COCOANUTS—Per hundred, $4.75.

PICKLES—Medium, per bbl, $5.50; small, $6.50; gherkins, $7.50; C. & B. chow chow qts, $5.85; pts, $3.35.

POTATOES—Per bu, fancy, 35c; choice, 25@30c.

FISH—Fresh frozen white trout, pike and pickerel, per lb, 7c; sturgeon, 7c.

ORANGES—Per box, Florida brights, $3.75; messina, $3.25; California fancy navels, $5.00; Los Angeles, $2.75; seedlings, Riverside, $3.25@3.50; mountain, $3.00; in five box lots 25c per box less.

LEMONS—Per box, messina fancy, $4.00@4.50; verdelli, good, $2.00.

BANANAS—Per bunch, $2.00@3.00.

HIDES, PELTS AND TALLOWS—Green salted hides, 4½c; dry salted hides, 5@6c; dry flint hides, 7c; calf hides, 5c. Damaged hides 2c less. Sheep pelts, green, each, 75c@$1.25; sheep pelts, dry, per lb, 9@12c; tallow, No. 1, 4@4½c; No. 2, 3½@3¾c; grease, white 4½c; yellow, 2½@3c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, $1.50@1.60; hand picked navy, medium a$1.40@1.50; hand picked country, $1.30@1.40; good clean, $1.20@1.30.

APPLE BUTTER—Per lb, 6@7c.

MINCE MEAT—8@10c per lb

Groceries.

DRIED FRUIT—Currants, new, 6¼c; prunes, casks, 1,300 lbs, 5¾c; prunes, bbls or bags, 6c; raisin cured, 8½@9½c; citron peel, drums, 20 lbs, 23c; lemon peel, drums, 18c; fard dates, boxes, 12 lbs, 11c; apricots, choice evaporated, 14½c; apricots, jelly cured 25 lb boxes, 16c; apricots, fancy, 25 lb boxes, 15c; apples, choice evaporated, 8¾c; apples, prime new, 8¼c; figs, layer, 10 per cent tare, 13½c; in sacks, 7c; Persian dates, 7¼c; Salt Lake, 5¾c; blackberries, evaporated 50 lb boxes, 5¾c; cherries, pitted, dry cured 13c; peaches, pared, fancy, 18c; choice, 16c; Salt Lake, 7c; pitted plums, Cal. 25 lb boxes, 8¾@9½c; raspberries, evap., N. Y., new, 27¼c; prunes, R. C. 60-70, 9@9¾c; orange peel, 15c; raisins, California London crop 1889, $2.40; Cal. loose muscatels, crop 1889, $2.10; Valencias, 1888, 6½c; Valencias, new, 9c; Cal. seedless, sks., 7¾c; Ondura layer, new, 10¼c; dried grapes, 4½c; prunelles, new, 12¼c.

CANNED MEATS—1 lb lunch tongue, $2.75; 2 lb lunch tongue, $4.75; 1 lb corned beef, $1.20; 2 lb corned beef, $2.05; 6 lb corned beef, $6.50; 14 lb corned beef, $14.00; 2 lb boneless pigs feet, $2.20; 1 lb English brawn, $1.30; 2 lb English brawn, $2.15; 6 lb English brawn, $6.50; 1 lb compressed ham, $1.75; 2 lb compressed ham, $3.75; 1 lb chipped beef, $2.00.

SOAPS—Castile, mottled, per lb, 8@10c; do white, per lb, 12c.

BROOMS—Parlor, 4 tie, $2.75; 3 tie, $2.25; stables, $2.85; common, $1.50@1.75.

COCOA—½ lb tin, 40c per lb.

CHOCOLATE—22@35c per lb; German chicory, red, 5½c.

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Traders Disposed to Wait For Visible Suppy Figures.

CORN FIRM ON FREE OFFERINGS.

Oats Steady With a Moderate Volume of Business—Considerable Interest in Lard and Short Ribs—Cattle Quiet.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, March 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wheat market did not hold out with its usual volume of trading today. There was a disposition to wait for Monday figures on the visible supply and any change which the weather may make by that time. The opening was firm on crop dispatches and on exaggerated statements about wheat burned at St. Louis. May opened at 79⅛@79¼c and went quickly to 79⅜ on first news. Later the price dropped to the low price last night at 79⅛c. This weakness was partly the result of estimates circulated, making a probable increase in the visible supply for Monday. Still later the popular estimate was a decrease of 300,000 bushels. On this and the hoisting of the cold wave flag at Minneapolis the market hardened a second time to 79¼c about noon. The feature of the forenoon market was the action in June and July, which was more free than in May. June sold at 79⅛@79¼c and at 79⅜@79¼c, July at 77⅝c and 78c, with a reaction to 77⅝c and a second advance to 77⅞c. Baxter, Brosseau, Sewing, Green and country orders were prominent on the buying side. Hutchinson sold moderately. Pardridge appeared to want to get wheat, but had to have his brokers sell to steady the market to buy on. The market closed steady with a heavy feeling at 79⅛c for May. Fear of extreme cold weather between this and Monday alone prevented free selling before the close. Other closing prices were: March, 79¼c; April, 79c; June, 79⅝c; July, 77⅞@78c.

Corn was firm and higher, although there were free offerings. May sold at 29¾@29⅞c and at 29⅞@30c at the close. Other closing prices were: March, 28⅜c; April, 29@29⅛c; June, 30⅜c; July, 31¼@31⅜c; August, 32c; September, 32⅛@32⅛c.

Oats were steady with a moderate volume of trade. There were a good many orders to sell May at 22⅜c, but the orders to buy were so limited that the commission houses were unable to execute them. There was a moderate business in June and July and also more doing in August, but price changes were limited to ⅛c. Car lots of No. 2 in store sold to a limited extent at 22⅛c. No. 2 white for May was steady at 23⅜@23⅝c.

There was considerable interest in lard and short ribs today, but trading was principally among a few houses. On the whole prices were slightly higher. May pork sold at $10.55@10.57½ and $10.60 and July at $10.70 to $10.72½@10.75. May lard held at $6.17½ and July at $6.25@6.27½ to $6.27@6.30. Short ribs sold for May at $5.12½@5.15 and $5.15@5.17½. July sold at $5.25. March ribs were up with May. Beasley and Morrill sold ribs, principally for May, and Hutchinson bought July ribs. Later in the day Armour bought ribs and put the price to the highest figures.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, March 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—The usual Saturday quietness was again prevalent today. Late trains yesterday afternoon brought in a large proportion of yesterday's receipts too late for market. Today the supply was in excess of the demand, and as soon as the shippers had filled the few orders on hand they pulled out, leaving a dull, quiet and decidedly easier market. In the matter of values we would not quote any appreciable decline, but simply an easy tendency. The demand for butchers' cattle and canners' stock was slow; in fact, the entire market, as sales will show, was not in sellers' favor. Choice to extra beeves, $4.80@5.00; medium to good steers, 1350 to 1,500 lbs., $4.00@4.70; 1,200 to 1,350 lbs., $3.60@4.30; 950 to 1,200 lbs., $3.40@4.00. Stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.25; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.50@3.50; bulk, $2.20@2.60. Texas corn-fed steers, $3.00@3.60.

HOGS—The market was slow, shippers filling their orders early and leaving the market to the packers. As compared with yesterday prices were 5@7½c lower. The quality of the hogs marketed was very good. Packing hogs sold generally at $4.10@4.20, some of the best bunches in this line being bought at an average of $4.17½. Shippers paid $4.15@4.30 and in exceptional instances the highest figures—$4.35@4.37½—were paid for the choicest heavy weights. Light hogs were slow at $4.10@4.20 for common to good Yorkers and $4.30 for desirable singe sort. Rather large receipts are expected Monday, while the receipts later on are dependent on the severity of the storm now prevalent.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, March 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—STOCKS—The stock market for half a day was dull enough to make a fit closing for a very uneventful week. The bank statement was not remarkable in any way except that the exhibit does not foreshadow very great stringency at the banks approaching April. What few changes were noted in prices at the opening were slightly higher. This was not followed by any further gain and the market about held its own to the close. There was some trading in Erie and a few large lots changed hands in the first few minutes, but prices were held steady at 24 and the stock later sank back into dullness with the remainder of the list. There was absolutely no movement in the market, except an advance of ⅜ per cent in New England to 46. Jersey Central dropped off to 119 before noon and closed at 119½. Reading made a slight gain to 40⅞ at the close. The only Granger stock showing any change at the close was Rock Island, with but ⅛ per cent loss. Sugar Trust stock was off but ½ and Gas Trust ⅜ per cent. The total sales were but 39,000 shares.

The following were the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s regular	122	Northern Pacific	31
U. S. 4s coupons	123	do preferred	73⅜
U. S. 4½s regular	103¾	C. & N. W	110
U. S. 4½s coupons	103½	do preferred	140
Pacific 6s of '95	116	N. Y. Central	106¾
Central Pacific	30¾	P. D. & E	20½
Chicago & Alton	122	Rock Island	91⅞
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	106¾	C., M. & St. P	67⅞
D., L. & W	135⅞	do preferred	113
Illinois Central	115	St. Paul & Omaha	31½
I., B. & W		do preferred	93
Kansas & Texas	9	Union Pacific	62¾
Lake Shore	106⅜	St. L. & P	12½
Michigan Central	97⅛	do preferred	25⅛
Missouri Pacific	73¼	Western Union	81½

MONEY—Easy, with no loans.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet, steady; sixty day bills, $4.84; demand, $4.87.

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, March 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Alice	120	Iron Silver	175
Best & Belcher	280	Mexican	325
Caledonia, bh	195	Mutual M. & L Co	160
Con. Cal. & Va	460	North Belle Isle	100
Deadwood, T	125	Ontario	4000
El Cristo	135	Sierra Nevada	235
Hale & Norcross	270	Savage	180
Homestake	835	Aspen	900
Horn Silver	220		

PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, March 29.—1:15 p. m. close—Wheat—Steady; March, 79¼c; May, 79⅛c.

Corn—Firm; March, 28⅜c; May, 29⅞@30c.

Oats—Easy; March, 22c; May, 22⅜c.

Rye—March, 42½c.

Barley—Nothing doing.

Prime Timothy—$1.20.

Flax—Cash, $1.48½.

Whisky—$1 02.

Pork—Steady; March, $10.47½; May $10.60.

Lard—Steady; March, $6.12½; May, $6 17½.

Flour—Steady; winter wheat, $2.00@4.40; spring wheat, $1.10@4.60; rye, $2.50@2.80; in bbls.

Provisions—Shoulders, $4.40@4.50; short clear, $5.45@5.50; short ribs, March, $5.12½@5.15.

Butter—Steady; creamery, 16@23c; dairy, 13@21c.

Cheese—Firm; full cream cheddars, 10@12c; flats, 10½@10¾c; Young Americas, 11@11½.

Eggs—Earier; fresh, 13@14c.

Hides—Unchanged; heavy and light green salted, 4½@4¾c; salted bull, 3¾c; green salted calf, 5½c; dry flint, 6@7c; dry salted hides, 6c; dry calf, 5@6c; deacons, 20c each.

Tallow—Unchanged; No. 1 solid packed, 3¾c; No. 2, 3¼c; cake, 4c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour	17,000	92,000
Wheat	21,000	11,000
Corn	494,000	186,000
Oats	150,000	221,000

New York, March 29.—Wheat—Receipts, 9,000 bushels; spot dull; No. 2 red, 87⅞c in elevator, 89@89⅛c afloat; 88¼@89⅞c f. o. b. options unchanged, No. 2 red, March, closing at 86⅛c.

Corn—Receipts, 47,450 bushels; exports, 92,800 bushels; spot steady; No. 2, 36½@36⅝c in elevator, 37⅝c afloat; ungraded mixed, 32¼@38¼c; options firm; March, 36⅛c.

Oats—Receipts, 102,000 bushels; spot firm; No. 2 white, 30@32¼c; mixed western, 27½@31c; white western, 31@35c; options firm; March, 29c.

Coffee—Options closed barely steady, unchanged to 15 points up. Sales, 17,750 bags; March, $17.80@17.90; May, $17.50@17.55; spot Rio steady; fair cargoes, $20.50.

Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 4⅜c; refined, firm.

Petroleum—United closed, April, 85c.

Eggs—Steady; western, 14½c.

Pork—Stronger; new mess, $11.50@12.00.

Lard—Easier; western steam, $6.50.

Butter—Easier; western dairy, 8@18c; creamery, 13@24½c; Elgin, 25@26c.

Cheese—Firm; western, 10¾@10¾c.

Milwaukee, March 29—Wheat—Strong; No. 2 spring, cash, 74¼c; May, 75⅝c.

Corn—Firm; No. 3, 29½c.

Oats—Active; No. 2, white, 24@25c.

Rye—Firmer; No. 1, 44c.

Barley—Higher; No. 2, 45½c.

Provisions—Steady; Pork, $10.50.

Minneapolis, March 29.—Wheat—Receipts, 166 cars; shipments, 18 cars. Market dull. Closing: No. 1 hard, March, 79c; May, 80c; on track, 80c; No. 1 northern, March, 77⅛c; May, 78⅜c; on track, 78½@78⅝c. No. 2 northern, March, 75½c; May, 76½c; on track, 75½@77c.

Cincinnati, March 29.—Wheat—Firm; No. 2 red, 81c.

Corn—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

Oats—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 25c.

Whisky—$1.02.

St. Louis, March 29.—Wheat—Irregular; May, 77½@77c¼.

Corn—Higher; cash, 25⅝c; May, 26⅜c.

Oats—Quiet; cash, 21c bid; May, 22¼c.

Pork—Quiet; $10.00.

Lard—Nominal; $5.90.

Butter—Unchanged; creamery, 20@25c; dairy, 16@22c.

Kansas City, March 29.—Wheat—weaker; No. 2 hard, cash, March, 64c bid.

Corn—Weak; No. 2, cash, 22½c bid.

Oats—No. 2 cash, 18¾c bid.

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, March 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; market slow; beeves, $4.80@5.00; steers, $3.40@4.70; stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.95; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.50@3.50; Texas corn-fed steers, $3.00@3.60.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,000; market slow, 5c lower; mixed, $4.00@4.30; heavy, $4.10@4.40; light, $4.00@4.25; skips, $3.40@3.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; market steady; natives, $3.90@6.25; western corn-fed, $4.80@5.70; Texans, $3.75@5.30; lambs, $5.50@6.00.

Kansas City, March 29—Cattle—Receipts, 2,800; shipments, 800; market strong; all grades, $4.02½@4.12½.

National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, March 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 700; shipments, 600; fair to fancy steers, $3.40@4.90; stockers and feeders, $2.30@3.60.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,000; shipments, 5,600; market strong; heavy, $4.15@4.25; packing, $4.10@4 20; light, $4.00@4.15.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The dry goods market is unchanged; prices remain steady.

The Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, March 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The bank statement shows the following changes:

Reserve, increase	$ 915,250
Loans, increase	1,046,400
Specie, increase	1,523,700
Legal tenders, decrease	469,100
Deposits, increase	597,900
Circulation, increase	24,800

The banks now hold $4,331,675 in excess of the 25 per cent rule.

REALTY AND BUILDING.

A Resume of a Week's Business in Improvement Circles.

The week just closed was a fairly active one in real estate circles, although the blizzard of Thursday had a temporarily depressing effect. The following figures show the business of the week in real estate transfers and building permits compared with the corresponding week of last year:

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Day.	1889.	1890.
Monday	$35,294	$ 33,740
Tuesday	22,445	23,383
Wednesday	59,135	46,467
Thursday	22,329	61,279
Friday	38,308	68,565
Saturday	51,056	129,513
Totals	$218,566	$352,947

BUILDING PERMITS.

Day.	1889.	1890.
Monday	$16,200	$1,425
Tuesday	21,910	4,980
Wednesday	47,750	15,410
Thursday	49,230	1,330
Friday	47,735	7,375
Saturday	35,030	8,690
Totals	$182,845	$39,210

THE BANK CLEARINGS.

The bank clearings for the week were as follows:

Monday	$1,089,594 11
Tuesday	747,169 89
Wednesday	823,072 83
Thursday	682,485 46
Friday	686,634 83
Saturday	663,934 52
Total	$4,683,891 63

ADDITIONAL SPORTING NEWS.

Flashes From the Diamond.

The Hubites are already stuck on Kid Nichols.

Kansas City will probably sign Jim Knowles.

Young Zimmer will probably play short for Kansas City this season.

George Meyers, Minneapolis' new catcher, will be paired off with Duke.

The Fremont baseball club has been incorporated with a capital stock of $3,000.

Eddie Thayer and Tom Kearns are both fine specimens of the stocky ball player.

The advance sheets of the National league baseball guide has been received at this office.

George Preesser, with the Omahas in '88, is said to be the best batter in the Texas league.

The Omaha team is composed of a fine lot of young players. Glance over the personnel of the club in this issue.

The Omaha ball park was never in such ondition before, thanks to Director Harry cMcCormick's careful work.

The base ball scribes profess an anxiety to put up a few simoleons that Denver will beat Omaha out in the championship race. This is a snap.

Leech Maskrey, who occupied left field for Des Moines last year, has been engaged by A. G. Spalding as one of the instructors for the English clubs.

Des Moines has a good man in Brimblecom, who has improved wonderfully during the past season. Pete Somers, too, will astonish some people with his twirling.

It begins to look as if Kansas City is to lose both Jim Manning and Catcher Donahue. Manning has a brotherhood leaning, and Donahue wants the earth.

Will Goodenough, an Iowa young man well known in baseball circles, recently drew $15,000 in a lottery. He is at present playing with the Sacramento, Cal., league club

Milwaukee secured a coming man in Albert Ike. Ike was with St. Joe in 1887; Galveston, 1888, and was with Evansville during the first of last season. After his release from Evansville he joined a club in the Michigan state league and put up a great game for the rest of the season.

The St. Paul and Minneapolis clubs have arranged a twin city series to be played April 12, 13, 15 and 16. The games of the 13th and 15th will take place on the St. Paul grounds and the other two on the Minneapolis grounds. It has been arranged to have neither Duke nor Meekin pitch in any of the series.

The employes of the Union Pacific freight auditor's office have organized a baseball club and will be ready to meet any amateur team in the city for Saturday afternoon games, the Nonpareils preferred for the opening game. Address all communications to Lewis Goodman, Union Pacific freight auditor's office.

Dave Rowe says that in Whitehead Denver has the finest third baseman in the Western association, and there is no mistake but what he is an excellent man. However, the opinion up here is that he is not in it with either Elmer Cleveland of the Omahas or Joe Miller of the Minneapolis team, and but little, if any better than Philips of the Apostles.

The make-up of the City Steam Laundry team for the coming season is as follows: Dan Linahan, captain; Hart, Bowman, Patterson Dunlap, Norgren, Toner, McAuliffe, Hurley, Flora, Minihan, Miller and Bert Wilkens, manager. This is a strong amateur outfit, and they are anxious to make dates with all amateur clubs throughout the state. Their uniform will be dark green shirts and pants, striped caps and red stockings.

Manager Lewis of the Lafayettes has now completed his club and signed all his players: William Caston, pitcher, Denver; Frank Monpins, catcher, Kansas City; Jesse Brown, short stop, Washington, D. C.; James Hightower, first base, Topeka; George Hubanks, second base, Omaha; J. W. Patterson, third base, formerly of Pinch Backs; Kid Miller, pitcher, formerly of Lafayettes; Bud English, pitcher, Leavenworth; Ed Carr, pitcher and right field, Topeka; Will-Neman, catcher, Topeka; William Jackson, catcher, Detroit; William Lewis, left field, Atchison. Mr. Lewis says: "My club will be located at Lincoln, Neb. I think I can win the pennant for Lincoln in the state league. I will do all in my power to make the club a success, both financially and artistically."

Patsey Cardiff of St. Paul, on whose tough nut the great John L. broke his arm two years ago, has been giving sparring exhibitions at the People's during the past week. He will enter into active training this week for his coming battle with George Godfrey, the Boston colored heavy weight. Patsey isn't in what might be called the pink of condition just now, but he informed THE BEE man he will be there before he is called upon to face the doughty black. A Boston Globe reporter writes of Godfrey as follows: "I called on George Godfrey last Thursday, at his boxing rooms in Hanover street. He was working hard and faithfully for his battle with Cardiff, which is booked for some time in the first part of April. George says he is confident of giving a good account of himself, and in any event those who pay to see the mill will not be sorry for putting out their coins."

The Game at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 29.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Des Moines baseball season will open in this city April 7 with three exhibition games, to be followed by two with the Cleveland club. The department encampment G. A. R. meets here at that time. The local players have long ago all been signed and are ordered to report here April 2, when the grounds will be ready for the games. The club is backed up this year with a strong organization of business men, about one hundred in number, who consider their stock subscriptions as so much money donated to a good cause. The president of the club, Martin Tuttle, is a member of the board of public works and ex-mayor, and a wealthy old gentleman, and the secretary, J. M. Barclay, is an active young business man. James F. Macullar is manager of the club and has been given full control, and had his own way in the signing of players. He has a club that may not win the pennant, but they will never consent to go to the foot of the list.

The Prohibitionists will be strong in the box with four first class pitchers. Will Hart is well known in the west and had he not been sick most of last year he would have been a star. J. F. Roach played a few games for Des Moines last year with good success and stood at the head of the pitchers' list in the Atlantic. Pete Somers won the pennant last year for Springfield, Mass., and President Weidenfeller of the New England league says he is a coming great pitcher. He is also a good general player. Dan Clare made a fine start at pitching a few years ago and met with an accident, since which time he has played the field, but this year goes back in the box. There are no experiments in the box this year. William Traffley and John McClosky will do the backstop work. The former has no equal in the association and unless injured can catch every game of the season, and the last named was well recommended.

Macullar, the peerless shortstop, will again be at that position, and reliable old Dick Phelan at second. Patton will again be found in right field and will wield a dangerous bat every day. Flanagan, the new first baseman, led the Atlantic batters and stands high in fielding. Fusselbach at third and Brimblecom at left are old players, and Walsh is another New England man with a great record as batter and fielder. McKean is a young man signed on trial. The club is made up of first-class batters and fielders; no weak men, no slow coaches, no drinkers, but a steady, reliable club, that will do Des Moines credit.

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

A good-sized sinking fund will help to keep a corporation afloat.

If a man wants to pull himself into bankruptcy he can do it with draw poker.

Life is too short to waste much of it in humoring people who need clubbing.

"This needs a stamp," said the postmaster as the cockroach crawled out of the mail bag.

"Did you get the pair of trousers I sent you, Pat?" "No, yer honor. I only got wan."

A man with a speaking face ought to make a good professor in a deaf-and-dumb asylum.

It is quite natural that a weeping washerwoman should attempt to dry her eyes by wringing her hands.

You may not have noticed it, but you will find that the man who shakes hands the hardest is the hardest to shake.

"Always get in the first blow," says a writer. People who live in districts where cyclones flourish should paste this in their hats.

Lawyer (explaining to client)—Well, now, my dear sir, to tell you the truth—— Client (bouncing up and out)—You are no lawyer.

Teacher of Political Economy—You may mention an infant industry. Lively Young Student—Sitting still and sucking one's thumbs!

There is no more uncomfortable thing in the world than a fact, especially when it comes inoportunely in conflict with a pretty and graceful theory.

"I see you've got a new man in your employ." "Yes." "Is he trustworthy?" "I should say so. He'll stick to any kind of a story you may wish him to tell."

More bluebirds here this year than last—
I wonder not—do you!
The winter now but barely past
Made every sparrow blue.

Teacher—Who shot President Lincoln? Tommy Jones (whose mind is not on his lesson)—Please, ma'am, it was Willie Brown. Willie Brown—Naw, 't warn't. Tommy Jones did it, ma'am, I saw him!

"Lampy," said the Ibis, who was sucking the paste brush, deep in thought, "can't high-toned people live in a tenor-ment?" "Certainly," replied the Jester, mechanically; "so can low down people live in a bass-ment, can't they?"

"There is no justice in this town," writes a rural editor. "Our chicken roost was robbed last night. This morning we caught the thief and carried him before the mayor. His Honor imposed a fine of $6. The fellow paid up, and notwithstanding we were needing the money badly, the mayor pocketed the whole of it.

WHEN HANK "RAN HER OUT"

It Was Dangerous But He Didn't Mind the Mob.

SOME HEROES OF THE RAIL

Chauncey Depew Tells About the Courage Displayed By the Blue Shirted Men in the Engine Cabs.

Didn't Fear the Rioters.

"There are heroes and heroes, and there are heroines and heroines," said Chauncey M. Depew in speaking of the matter of personal bravery. "The man who shows bravery on the battlefild is not always the greatest hero. In fact, I believe that a great many brave deeds were done on the battlefield in the heat and excitement of action by men wh ordinarily would not be considered brave at all. Many a brave man has refused to go out and be shot at in a duel; and many a man, at heart a coward, has faced the bullet of an adversary with no outward sign of fear. As a result, many persons would call the man who fought a brave man and the one who refused a coward.

"Bravery is a hard quality to define," continued Mr. Depew. "There are blue-shirted men who go over our railroad lines every day in engine cabs who would laugh at you if you intimated to them that they are heroes, and who in spite of all are as brave as any man who ever drew a sword or carried a musket. They don't make any fuss about what they do, but when the time comes for them to perform some duty at the risk of their lives they are scarcely ever found lacking in spirit and determination.

WHEN HANK "RUN HER OUT."

"We have men, as I said before, in our engine cabs who are as brave as men well can be. There are any number of instances of their bravery, but two or three will suffice.

"The veteran engineer on our road now enjoys the plain, every-day cognomen of Hank Silliman. He has been driving an engine for a good deal more than a generation, and is one of the best known locomotive engineers in the country. Hank was driving an engine on our road when the war broke out, a good deal younger man, of course, than he is now.

"When the draft riots broke out the rioters made things as unpleasant as they possibly could for the railroad companies. Things were extremely hot about our old depot on the west side. The rioters were making all sorts of threats, and were in the humor to carry them out, too. It was necessary to ascertain how much damage, if any, had been done to the road in and out of New York, and for that purpose Mr. Tousey, now our general manager, decided to send out a car over the road and to go in the car himself.

"So far so good. If Mr. Tousey wanted to expose himself all right. But who was going to take the position in the engine cab and run that car through? That was the next question, and it was not so quickly answered as you might think. It is no reflection on the engineers to say that none of them were over anxious to go out in that cab for it was

A DANGEROUS UNDERTAKING.

So at first there were no volunteers. The car was ready, but there was no engineer.

"Presently a quiet looking young man came into the office where Mr. Tousey sat. He touched the peak of his greasy cap respectfully.

"'I hear you want some one to take No. — out.'

"'Yes, Hank, I do,' Mr. Tousey replied.

"'All right, sir,' said the young man; 'I'll take her out.'

"'It's dangerous work, you know, Hank,' said Mr. Tousey. 'Those fellows on the outside are likely to shoot.'

"'All right, sir. I'll run her out,' replied Hank imperturbably.

"And run her out he did. If he could have run her at top speed it would have been less dangerous. But as he did not know just where the rioters had pulled up the rails he was obliged to go slowly through the mobs of rioters, armed with bricks, guns and almost everything else, and all of them trying for a shot.

"But Hank 'run her out,' as he said he would, and neither he nor Mr. Tousey nor the fireman were at all hurt. Hank is still 'running her out' on our road, but to this day fails to see the bravery of his act at the time of the riots. Those who remember the affair say, however, that none but a very brave man would have voluntarily done what he did.

OTHER BRAVE ENGINEERS.

"It is frequently the case," said Mr. Depew, "that railroad men are called upon very suddenly for a display of courage and presence of mind, and it is but just to say that in most cases they are equal to the occasion. There was a case of this kind on one of our divisions some time ago. I cannot now recall the name of the engineer, but certain it is that he had both readiness and pluck. There was a passenger train attached to his engine, and he was running on fast time.

"Just as his engine rounded a turn in the road he saw an obstruction right ahead. Another train had been derailed and lay right across the track. There was not time to stop the engine and a collision was inevitable. The engineer might have taken chances and jumped, but he didn't. As he said afterward:

"'I saw right away that we were in for it, and like a flash it struck me that our only chance was to go right ahead and cut through if we could. So I threw her open and let her go.'

"The experiment was perilous, but it was successful. He did 'cut through,' and no one was injured. This act of the engineer was that of an exceedingly courageous cool-headed man.

"Another engineer on a western road performed a similar act some time ago with tragic results. He tried to—or in fact was forced to try to—cut through a freight train that had been thrown across the track. None of the passengers were injured but the engineer and his fireman was killed. This is but too often the reward of bravery in all walks of life.

"Another instance of coolness was shown nearly two years ago in Connecticut. Just as a passenger train was entering the draw span of the bridge at South Norwalk the engine was derailed. But for the courage and readiness of the engineer a serious accident would probably have occurred. He did not become excited. He set about doing the right thing at once, and succeeded in doing it. He put on his air breaks and made every effort to stop the train, which he succeded in doing after it had run 300 feet on the sleepers. It was a rough experience on the passengers, but no one was injured. It might have been different had the engineer lost his head, or nerve.