THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

A Very Strong Opening in Values All Along the Line.*

LIVE STOCK ACTIVE AND STRONGER.

Hogs Average Only Fair with Prices on the Downturn—Little Feature in Provisions—Pork Higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There was a very strong opening in nearly all the markets on 'change. Wheat started ¼c or more over last night; corn ⅛c higher; oats steady at an advance, and provisions firm and steady. During early trading everything ruled at better figures. Sales for May during the first hour were: Wheat, 97¼ to 97⅝c to 97⅞c to 97¾c; corn 56¼c and 56⅛c; oats 48⅝c; pork $9.80 and $9.90; lard $5.82½ and $5.87½; ribs $4.85 and $4.90. The wheat market acted as it did yesterday and the day previous. It made a moderate bulge early on a flood of bull news and then kicked back, but still held a little better than the close the night before. In this way prices ruled higher, but trade shows no signs of bull enthusiasm, such as the character of news warrants. Professional sellers are dozed, and even belittle the bull dispatches. The trouble appears to be that the little fellows are loaded with wheat and cannot carry it higher, while the majority of heavy operators are against the market. The action of the market was as follows: May opened at 97⅛c, touched 97⅝c, sold back to 97½c, up to 97¾c, le over the close yesterday, back on selling fever about midday to 97c, and held quiet and steady around 97¼c up to the last half hour. July sold at 89c to 89¼@89⅝c to 89⅞c at 1 o'clock.

The news of the day was as follows: Liverpool cables early were strong and ¼d up for spot and ¼d up for futures. Some London private cables were easier, while others confirmed the damage to the French crops, and said that cargoes were strongly held. New York cleared 25,000 bushels of wheat and 483,000 packages of flour; France took 190,000 bushels of Washington wheat at St. Louis. Baker made a sale of 4,000 bushels of No. 2 spring here for shipment to Liverpool from Newport News. Boyden & Co. reported their house loading 50,000 bushels of No. 2 red to go by the lake in the spring. The Price Current gave wheat in farmers hands at 103,000,000 bushels against 126,000,000 a year ago. McCormick & Co. had a very bullish cable from Antwerp, claiming ¾ of the Belgium and ¾ of the French crop ruined by frost. Cold weather continues all over the wheat states. The Northwestern Miller had a bearish review on flour. The advance early was slow, as trade felt inclined to play for the Friday break. Many who bought on the bulge sold out when the price started back towards 97c for May. Pardridge, Parker, George Smith, Eggleston and many others sold freely. Logan & Co., Dunham & Co. and other commission houses did good buying at times. The wheat movement to the market was not remarkable in any way. Minneapolis and Duluth had 213 cars, Kansas City 73, Chicago 17 cars over the estimate at 74 cars, with 64 cars for Saturday. At ten minutes of the close May wheat was firmer at 97⅝c, July at 89c. The wheat market closed firm with a gain from last night of ⅝c for May and ¼c for July. The last prices were: February, 94⅝c; May, 97⅝c; July, 89c. February was nominal at 2c under May.

The corn market started off even as strong as wheat and for a time promised to act independently strong. Before the session was half over the edge was off the market and it settled back with the decline in wheat. The market had made headway against unfavorable cables, as Liverpool was dull and ¼d lower. This was more than offset by local influence—light receipts. The estimate yesterday of 145 cars was so small as to help the market. Receipts were even less at 131 cars. There was some outside bull news also. Baltimore was represented as bidding for cash corn, and No. 2 at East St. Louis was quoted at 55c. There was nothing taken from the store here, and shipments were 89,000 bushels. Atlantic ports cleared 93,000 bushels. The action for May was: Opened 56⅛c, ⅛c over last night, sold at 56⅛c to 56⅛c to 56⅛c the second time, back to 55¾c, and held at 56c at 10 o'clock. There was no recovery in corn after the break. The price of May touched 55¾@55⅝c and closed at 55⅞c for the seller. February was quoted at 54⅛c to 54⅛c to 53⅞c at the close. March the same as February. July closed at 54⅛@54⅜c, with June a little firmer at 54⅝c. May corn priv leges sold at 55⅛c for puts and 56⅛c for calls.

The oats market flattened out late in the day. May sold early at 48⅝c to 48⅝c, when wheat and corn were advancing. Before the close the price touched 48c and closed at 48⅛@48⅜c. There was little in any other month. July was 4c early and 43⅝c later, closing at 43⅜c. There was little feature to the provision trade. The range of prices was narrow, except in pork, which closed at 7½c higher. Early strength was due to the light offerings and the higher price of corn. Later, when the grain markets weakened, pork was held up by Cudahy's buying for his Milwaukee house and buying by brokers supposed to represent the local packers. May pork sold at 89c to 89.90 to $9.82½, and closed at 9.87½. Lard, for May, sold at $5.82½@5.85 and $5.87½, closing at $5.85@5.87½. Ribs were up 2½c at $4.90, with May and other months below. The estimate on Chicago stocks for March was: New York, 265,000 barrels; old, 45,000; ribs, 905,000 pounds; lard, 135,000 tierces.

PRICES AT CHICAGO.

COMMODITY.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
WHEAT—					
May	97¼	97¾	97	97¾	96¾@⅞
July	90	89½	89¼	89	88⅞@⅞
CORN—					
May	56⅛	56⅝@½	55¾	55⅞	55¾
July	54⅝	54⅞	54⅜	54⅝	54¼
OATS—					
May	48⅝	48¾	48	48	48⅛
July					
PORK—					
May	9 80	9 87½	9 80	9 87½	9 80
July	10 15	10 22½	10 15	10 22½	10 12½
RIBS—					
May	4 87½	4 90	4 87½	4 90	4 87½
July					
LARD—					
May	5 85	5 87½	5 85	5 85	5 82½
July					

PRICES AT ST. LOUIS.

COMMODITY	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
WHEAT—					
May	97¾	98	97¾	97⅞	97¼
July	87⅞	88	87½	87⅝@⅞	87¼
CORN—					
May	53⅝	53¾@⅞	53¼	53⅜	52⅞
OATS—					
May	48⅝	48⅝	47¾	47¾	47¾

Notes and Gossip.

Milwaukee's close: May, 93½c.

Duluth receipts: Wheat, 40 cars.

Minneapolis receipts: Wheat, 170 cars.

New York clears 35,000 bushels of wheat.

Toledo's close: Wheat, May, $1.01¼; July, 93½c.

Kansas City receipts: Wheat, 72; corn, 47; oats, 11.

Liverpool wheat market closes firm and unchanged.

Estimated hog receipts at Chicago on Saturday, 25,000.

St. Louis cash: Wheat, 97½c; corn, 53¼@53⅜c; oats, 46½@46¾c.

Private cable: Liverpool wheat, moderate trade, prices ½d higher since Tuesday.

Clearances yesterday at four ports: Wheat, 61,238; corn, 94,325; oats, 13,150; flax, 67,085.

St. Louis receipts: Wheat, 15,728; corn, 58,115; oats, 24,000. Shipments: Wheat, 5,755; corn, 32,500; oats, 16,900.

Very cold in extreme northwest, but zero line has moved northward and it is warmer over the wheat belt.

There was considerable selling of May corn by local operators who had calls good for the month at 56½c to 55¾c.

McCormick says: Our Paris correspondent just cables us: "Prospects of a poor crop in France." This is very reliable.

The following was in the market columns of the Times this morning: A message from San Francisco stated that the French were buying heavily of wheat there.

The character of the foreign news continues very bullish and must effect prices on this side before long, if the situation on the other side is as strong as cables indicate.

New York receivers report reselling four or five loads of spring wheat forward shipment from Duluth to exporting houses. Millers reported to have taken 10 to 80 loads to arrive.

Milwaukee, which has been relatively the lowest market in the country, opened this forenoon up a full cent, beginning even up with other markets which are running today about with Chicago.

Beerbohm's cable: Liverpool wheat strong; California, ½d higher; corn rather easier. Mark Lane wheat turn dearer; flour improving. Cargoes off coast and on passage strong. French country markets firm.

Chicago receipts: Winter wheat, 27 cars; spring, 47; corn, 133; oats, 152. Inspected regular: Winter wheat, 3; spring, 5; corn, 7; oats, 96. Total receipts in bushels: Wheat, 17,800; corn, 126,342; oats, 128,850. Shipments: Wheat, 24,576; corn, 88,500; oats, 164,122. Estimated for Saturday: Wheat, 84 cars; corn, 160; oats, 130.

Logan & Co. to Toscsy & Bryan: The wheat market opened strong at 97¼ to 97⅜c for May, sold up to 97⅝c. The close is at 97½c. July sold as high as 89½c, whereas it was at 89c with a limited trade in it. Foreign advices continue strong. Our own cables say the damage by frost to the growing crop is very serious, but add that the wheat plant is a hardy one. There has been sold 300 bushels of No. 2 spring taken for shipment by rail to New York. The price paid for it here or what it sold for has not transpired. We do not learn of any business being done here on foreign account. New York has had some orders for the months of August and December. We are told the boot trade continues dull. The future value of wheat depends on the demand, and at present it is light. Corn fairly active with light fluctuations. Oats active. Provisions opened firm on strength in grain market, but soon sold higher on packers' offerings. Volume of trade light.

W. C. McCordick & Co. to C. Swartz & Co.—A greater group of "Doubting Thomases" was never seen than the pit traders on wheat. Cables repeated the stories of damage to European crops and foreign markets showed their belief in the truth of these reports by advancing sharply, and yet our Chicago traders did not credit them and actually broke prices on them. We are compelled to believe in considerable damage, as our private correspondent at Antwerp replies to a cable of yours that "two-fourths of the Belgium crop and one-quarter of the French crop are seriously damaged by frost. How long it will take foreign markets to drag ours up remains to be seen. Clearances of flour were moderate from New York. It was rumored that 100,000 bushels of white wheat had been taken for direct export from St. Louis and 140,000 bushels of No. 2 spring from Chicago. Everything considered, our market closes tame, although there is an undertone of strength. Corn has been firm, but after the first hour was dull and tame. The temper of the trade is becoming quite bullish and may further advance prices, regardless of any merit in the deal. Receipts are light and cash demand good, which renders holders too timid to make a fight. Cash prices practically unchanged from yesterday. Provisions firmer but very dull. The scalpers imagined that they saw in the purchases of one or two commission houses signs of buying by short sellers for the packers, heretofore very bearish. Receipts of hogs are very large but do not seem to have any marked effect in breaking prices.

Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to Christie-Lathrop Com. Co.—The wheat market yesterday closed in a somewhat oversold condition resulting in a strong opening today. Continued cold weather and strong cables local traders apparently influenced by a steady flow of bull news for several days in succession changed to the long side to a considerable extent. In the aggregate they bought largely and held prices quite well for a time, but were beginning to weaken when St. Louis came in with heavy buying orders on the working of 100,000 bushels for export. The result was a sharp bulge to 97¾@97⅞c for May, on which scalpers unloaded. No further demand appearing the market sold off, recording the lowest price of the day. The St. Louis export order is said to be for the Pacific coast, wheat for April shipment, at 5c under May, and there is a possibility that it may be resold. Some reports of damage to the India crop have been received in London today. In view of the fact that news from that source has heretofore been almost uniformly favorable the later reports taken in connection with some coming France and Belgium of inflammatory character are calculated to excite suspicion. The fact is no one can tell whether any damage has been done either abroad or here, until warm weather gives a chance for development, and it's groping in the dark to speculate as to the outcome. Cash wheat seems to be getting into a stronger position, and with so much uncertainty as to the growing crop it does not seem possible for our market to sell down materially until after we get the April crop report. That we think will show the course of prices for the rest of the season and meantime wheat have a good scalping market with moderate profits on the sales on the rallies, and purchases on breaks. Corn was comparatively inactive. There were indications that longs were taking profit to some extent on any material decline. It is probable that they would give the market good support and try to cause a fresh rally. Oats are like corn. Provisions—The strength in grain caused enough buying to slightly stimulate the market. We can see no other reason for the advance at this time. While the present extraordinary movement in hogs continues we favor selling product on hard spots.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—Business again active and the demand stronger than on any day this week, hence there was a slight upturn on anything good or useful in the fat steer line. Fair, medium and common stock, in the steer line, underwent little or no change. Old cows and canners remain dull at about as low prices as such were ever sold for this market. There is a range of $2.60 per 100 between old canners and good cows; country shippers should always keep in view the fact that about all that can be got for old canners is what hides and bones will fetch. There is no use in calculating on flesh, as the bulk carry but little. Stock cattle in fair demand and steady. The top price was again $5.40 for extra steers; others, $4.50@5.00; common, $3.50@4.75; canning cows, $1.00@1.60; others, $2.00@2.75.

Hogs—Trade only fairly active, with prices 4 after on the down turn and fully 10c lower than the opening yesterday, and 5c lower than the close. Shippers were liberal buyers, but packers held off until late. The general market closed weak. Rough and common sold at $3.30@3.45; prime mixed and packers largely at $3.50, some at $3.55; prime heavy and butcher weights, $3.55@3.65; light, $3.45@3.55.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—STOCKS—There was an appearance of an active market in stocks early, but an analysis of dealings showed that there was extreme dullness in all but St. Paul, Union Pacific, Burlington & Rock Island. The features of the market, however, were Pacific Mail and the Susquehanna and western stocks, which were weak and scored material losses. Pacific took the lead in activity, but after opening down a fraction, fell away rapidly to 30½, at which point it was 2 per cent below its final figures of yesterday. Susquehanna & Western, preferred, lost 1 per cent, but Burlington and Rock Island each rose ⅞. The weakness in the Stocks mentioned checked the upward movement in the general list, and late in the hour animation even in leaders disappeared. Improvement in many stocks was entirely lost, and stagnation in process again marked dealings. During subsequent trading, up to 12 o'clock, Chicago gas rose 1 point, Pacific Mail again rose to 40½, and again dropped back to 39¾. Villards were well held on light business. Active western stocks early settled back close to the closing of Thursday and held very steady. Lackawanna was at 138.

The closing hours in stocks were marked by a great rattling down in prices, while Lackawanna, Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific, St. Paul, Rock Island and many others closed around yesterday's prices, simply losing the early advance. Burlington broke sharply to 80½, two points off from top for the day. Pacific Mail broke to 37¾, ¾ points under the opening. One was on the prediction of poor earnings and the other on a pointer from Washington that the subsidy bill will not pass. The market was of a limited character, with total sales of 97,900 shares.

Kennett Hopkins & Co. to Christie-Lathrop Com. Co.—The stock market has been much duller than yesterday, and has been adversely affected by the weakness of Burlington. The market opened strong with London buying St. Paul and Union Pacific. The favorable statements of the earnings of these railways very likely accounts for the demand for stock. London has a strong appreciation of the value of large railway earnings. The advance in the price of St. Paul and Union Pacific gave tone to the whole market during the first hour, and appearances show a fairly large and strong market all day, but heavy selling of "Q" turned the whole market downward and made it at the same time dull. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy broke 2 per cent, and at 80½ sold within 12 per cent of the lowest price touched last November. Western advices are positive that the tonnage of this road and all other corn carrying roads will be light for the month to come. Pacific Mail took a tumble today, down 4 per cent from yesterday's highest price, the idea getting abroad that the subsidy bill, which will be voted on this afternoon, will not be passed. The market during the afternoon was featureless. Money is plenty at low rates. There has not been any gold engaged today for export. Sales, 195,500.

The Burlington is building rapidly into the northwest and it is expected that it will cross the Great Northern this year.

Illinois Central, net earnings for January, Geerens $185,600.

Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and Rock Island, good sale on hard spots. Earnings are showing up bad and likely to continue. Tonnage is not in the section of country tributary to these roads and they will have very little to haul until the next crop.

There is an epidemic of bear messages coming from New York on the C., B. & Q. Everybody is getting them.

New York Central was entirely under water and abandoned between Albany and Utica. They had to take West Shore at Utica from Albany down to Harlem.

Northern Pacific earnings increased $9,000 for February 23, making $207,000 for the month so far.

Combs sold Pacific Mail down to 39 and got a lot of stop orders. Waldron sold this forenoon 2,500 from 40¼ to 39½. This is stock which he bought yesterday as high as 41¾, said to be for Brooklyn politicians. Combs sold yesterday, and while he has been a seller today thinks he has bought more indirectly than he has sold.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Stocks.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
W. S. L. E.					
Hocking Val.	20	20	20	20	20
Manhattan	109¼	109¼	109¼	109¼	109¼
Wabash pfd	18¾	18¾	18¾	18¾	18¾
Erie	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
Canada So.	50⅝	50⅝	50⅝	50⅝	50⅝
Pacific Mail	41	41	37¾	39¾	41¼
Lake Shore	111¼	111¼	111¼	111¼	111¼
L. & N.	75⅝	75⅝	75⅝	75⅝	75
Lead Trust	19⅝	19⅝	19	19	19⅝
Gen'l Elec.	62⅝	62⅝	62⅝	62	62⅝
Northwest'n	106	107	106	107	106⅝
Mo. Pac.	67⅝	67⅝	67⅝	67⅝	67⅝
Union Pac.	43⅝	46	43⅝	45⅝	43⅝
N. Pac. pfd.	72	72	71	71	72
N. Pac. com.	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝
C., B. & Q.	81⅞	82⅝	80⅝	80⅝	81⅝
Rock Island	67⅝	68⅝	67⅝	67⅝	67⅝
St. Paul	76¼	76¼	75¼	75¼	75¼
S. Paul pfd.	112⅝	112⅝	112⅝	112⅝	112⅝
West. Union	81	81	81	81	81
D., L. & W.	138	138	137⅝	137⅝	137⅝
Sugar Trust	84	84	83	83	83⅝
Am. Sug. Rf.	72⅝	72⅝	71⅝	71⅝	71⅝
Jersey Cent.	116	116	116	116	116
New Eng'd.	36⅝	36⅝	36⅝	36⅝	36⅝
Rich Term'l	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
Atchison	27	27⅝	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝
Chicago Gas	42	42⅝	42	42⅝	41⅞
Reading	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝
Del. & Hud.	134¼	134¼	134¼	134¼	133
Pullman	190⅝	190⅝	190⅝	190⅝	190⅝
No. Am.	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
Mich. Cent.	94	94	94	94	94
Silver	97⅝	97⅝	95⅝	97⅝	95⅝
A. S. R. pfd.	85¼	85¼	85¼	85¼	85⅝
Wis. Cent.	20	21⅝	20	20⅝	20¼
Mex. Cent.	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝
Ill. Cent.	127⅝	127⅝	127⅝	127⅝	127⅝
Texas	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
Tenn. C. & I.	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝

The following are the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s registered	121	Northern Pacific common	27⅝
U. S. 4s coupon	121	do preferred	71⅝
U. S. 2s registered	101⅛	C. & N. W.	106¾
U. S. 4s coupon	103	do preferred	145
Pacifics of '95	111	New York Central	127⅛
Central Pacific	20⅝	P., D. & E. common	19⅛
Chicago & Alton	125	Rock Island	67⅝
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	80⅝	C., M. & St. P. common	55⅝
		do preferred	112⅝
D., L. & W.	137⅝	St. Paul & Omaha	24¼
Illinois Central	98⅝	do preferred	84
L., E. & W.		Union Pacific	40⅝
Kansas & Texas	12⅝	W., St. L. & P.	20⅝
Lake Shore	111¼	do preferred	18⅝
Michigan Central	92	Western Union	81¼
Missouri Pacific	65		

MONEY—On call, easy; closed offered at 1 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—Unchanged; 5@6½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady and unchanged; sixty-day bills, $4.85; demand, $4.88.

The Wool Market.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The demand for wool has been moderate and the sales of domestic have been mostly in small lots. Ohio fleeces have been very quiet with X quoted at 31@32c; XX at 33@34c, and No. 1 at 37@38c. Michigan X sells at 29@30c and No. 1 at 36c, but there is very little demand. Some good sales of Ohio delaine were made at 36@37c and Michigan at 35@36c. No. 1 combing wools are firm at 40@43c and unwashed combing are in demand at 26@28c for one-quarter and at 30@33c for three-eighths. Territory wools are well sold up and trade is only fair at 60@65c for fine, 58@60c for fine medium and 55@56c for medium. In Texas, California and Oregon wools there have been no sales of importance. Pulled wools are active, supers selling at 36@45c and extra at 25@36c. Australian sold freely at 36@45c. Foreign carpet wools are in good demand and firm.

Mining Shares.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Alice	140	Mexican	300
Adams Con	165	Ontario	39.00
Aspen	550	Ophir	325
Bodie	105	Plymouth	140
Chollar	200	Savage	180
Eureka Con	325	Sierra Nevada	270
Hale & Norcross	100	Standard	175
Homestake	850	Union Con	230
Horn Silver	320	Yellow Jacket	530

The Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—COFFEE—Options opened steady, unchanged to 10 points down, closing steady, 10 points down to 10 up. Sales, 9,250 bags, including February, $17.5°; March, $17.50@17.55; April, $17.10@17.20; May, $16.90@16.95; July, $16.10@16.15; September, $15.20. Spot Rio, steady, quiet; fair cargoes, $19.50@19.75; No. 7, $18.12½.

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Close—Wheat—Firm; cash, 96½@94¾c; May, 97¼@97⅜c; July, 90@90⅛c.

Corn—Steady; cash, 53⅞c; May, 55⅞c; July, 54½c.

Oats—Steady; cash, 46¼@47c; May, 48@48⅛c; July, 43⅜c.

Rye—Steady at 86c.

Barley—Strong; 78@80c.

Prime Timothy—$1.25@1.35

Flax—$1.20½.

Whisky—$1.14.

Pork—Firm; cash, $9.50; May, $9.87½@9.87½.

Lard—Firm; cash, $5.82½; May, $5.85@5.87½.

Short Ribs—Firm; cash, $4.62½@4.65; May, $4.87½@4.90.

Flour—Quiet, steady; winter patents, $4.75@5.00; spring patents, $4.60@4.90.

Bulk Meats—Shoulders, $3.93@4.05; short clear, $4.85@4.90; short ribs, $4.75@4.85.

Butter—Steady; creamery, 22@28c; dairy, 16@25c.

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

Eggs—Firmer; fresh, 13@16c.

Hides—Unchanged; light and heavy green salted, 9½@5½c; green, 4½c; salted bulls, 4½@4½c; dry flint, 6@7c; green salted calf, 8c; dry flint, 8c; dry calf, 8@9c.

Tallow—Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 4c; No. 2, 3½@3¾c; cake, 4½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour	8,000	13,000
Wheat, bu	18,000	27,000
Corn, bu	191,000	89,000
Oats, bu	123,000	64,000

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Wheat—Receipts, 45,200 bushels; exports, 34,700; spot, stronger; No. 2 red, $1.03½ in elevator, $1.11½ afloat, $1.11⅛@1.11½ f. o. b.; options opened higher and closed weak; No. 2 red, February, closing at $1.03⅞.

Corn—Receipts, 27,500 bushels; exports, 29,300; spot, weaker; No. 2, 61½@61⅝c in elevator, 61⅞@62c afloat; ungraded mixed, 60@60½c; options closed easy; February closing at 60⅛c.

Oats—Receipts, 25,000 bushels; exports, 500; spot steady; No. 2 white, 55@56c; naived western, 53c; white western, 55@62c; options irregular; February, 50c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; centrifugals, 96 test, standard 6 9-16c; powdered, 6¾c.

Petroleum—United closed, March, 76c.

Eggs—Firmer; western, 16c.

Pork—Steady; new mess, $10.50@11.00.

Lard—Steady; western, $5.92½ asked.

Butter—Higher; western dairy, 14@22c; western creamery, 22@26c; Elgin, 32c.

Cheese—Strong; light skims, 5@8½c.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—Wheat—Higher; May, 97⅛c.

Corn—Weak; cash, 53¼c; May, 52⅞c.

Oats—Steady to lower; cash, 46⅞c; May, 47¼c.

Pork—Steady at $9.75@9.87½.

Lard—Steady at $5.40.

Whisky—$1.14.

Butter—Firm and unchanged; creamery, 23@25c; dairy, 22@25c.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27.—Wheat—Stronger; No. 2 hard, cash and February, 85½c bid; No. 2 red, cash, 90c bid.

Corn—Firm; No. 2, cash and February, 48¼@48⅝.

Oats—Stronger; No. 2, cash and February, 45½c bid.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 27.—Wheat—The market for spot wheat was good, though less active for other wheat; receipts, 170 cars; shipments, 50 cars. Closing: No. 1 hard, February, 96c; on track, 96c; No. 1 northern, 95c; May, 94½c; on track, 95c; No. 2 northern, February, 92c; on track, 92@93c.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 27.—Wheat—Easy; No. 2 spring, cash, 90@93c; May, 93½c.

Corn—Firm; No. 3, 54c.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 48½c.

Provisions—Quiet; pork—May, $9.85.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.—Wheat—Steady; No. 2 red, 1c@1½c.

Corn—In light demand; No. 2 mixed, 48½c.

Whiskey—$1.14.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 27.—Wheat—Strong and in fair demand.

Corn—Quiet; mixed western, 5s 6½d per central.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,000; market active and stronger; steers, extra, $5.40; common, $3.50@5.00; cows, $1.10@2.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 35,000; market fairly active and lower; rough and common, $3.30@3.45; prime mixed and packers, $3.50@3.55; prime heavy and butcher weights, $3.55@3.65; light, $3.45@3.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 6,000; market active and steady at $5.20@5.40; lambs, $5.25@5.85.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,100 head; shipments, 1,400; market steady; fair to fancy native steers, $3.90@5.25; stockers and feeders, $2.40@3.60.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,500; shipments, 2,500; market steady; heavy, $3.50@3.55; mixed, $3.35@3.50; light, $3.30@3.35.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,200 head; shipments, 900 head; market strong; steers, $3.35@5.25; cows, $1.00@3.80; stockers and feeders $2.50@3.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,400 head; shipments, 2,100 head; market lower; all grades, $3.35.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

OMAHA, Feb. 27, 1891.

CATTLE—Estimated receipts of cattle 1,700 as compared with 621 yesterday and 1,542 Friday of last week. The market was active and stronger on the best grade and about steady on others; feeders unchanged.

HOGS—Estimated receipts of hogs 4,900, as compared with 3,113 yesterday and 7,357 Friday of last week. The market was active and steady. Heavy and mixed hogs were about steady and light hogs were a shade higher. The market closed easy. All sold. The range of the prices paid was $3.20@3.42½, the bulk selling at $3.25@3.40. Pigs, $3.00@2.50; light-lights, $2.50@3.15; light, $3.20@3.35; heavy, $3.30@3.42½; mixed, $3.25@3.35. The average of the prices paid was $3.34 as compared with $3.34½ yesterday and $3.34½ Friday of last week.

SHEEP—Estimated receipts of sheep, 500, as compared with 326 yesterday and 360 Friday of last week. The market is firm. Natives, $2.75@5.10; westerns, $2.50@4.00.

Disposition of Stock.

Showing the number of cattle, hogs and sheep purchased on this market as reported by the weighmaster of the Stockyards company for February 27.

CATTLE.

Buyers.	No.
Swift & Co.	327
The G. H. Hammond company	114
The Cudahy packing company	108
Omaha packing company	8
Lee Rothschild	282
Hamilton & Stephen	2
Van Sant & Carey	61
Nels Morris	23
Shippers and feeders	175
R., Becker & Degen	14

HOGS.

The Cudahy packing company	1,753
Omaha packing company	1,108
Swift & Co.	959
The G. H. Hammond packing company	675
Shippers and feeders	392

SHEEP.

Swift & Co.	376
The Cudahy packing company	181
The G. H. Hammond packing company	40

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	960	$4 25	23	1164	$5 85	18	1126	$4 20
14	942	3 55	6	1123	3 85	3	1040	4 20
20	940	3 40	25	1027	3 85	8	936	4 20
21	851	3 40	12	1130	3 90	20	1213	4 25
3	1033	3 50	21	1159	3 90	16	1107	4 25
1	1110	3 50	21	1166	3 90	16	1240	4 25
11	1091	3 50	10	969	3 90	19	1304	4 20
1	1100	3 50	20	1168	3 90	18	1228	4 20
152	773	3 50	20	1060	3 90	34	1041	4 35
9	967	3 65	21	1129	4 00	16	1260	4 35
4	860	3 75	19	932	4 00	20	1232	4 40
15	1088	3 75	22	1097	4 00	17	1240	4 45
6	1156	3 75	40	1201	4 00	18	1263	4 50
1	1130	3 75	16	1067	4 10	2	1355	4 50
23	969	3 80						

COWS.

9	797	1 25	1	770	2 25	1	870	2 85
3	893	1 35	24	902	2 30	19	976	2 85
1	805	1 40	8	962	2 40	2	1160	3 00
1	870	1 40	9	1012	2 50	2	1140	3 00
1	950	1 50	8	992	2 50	1	1110	3 00
5	812	1 50	1	810	2 50	9	1067	3 00
3	830	1 75	12	1041	2 60	1	1090	3 00
4	1000	1 75	14	854	2 60	17	983	3 00
6	825	1 75	12	942	2 65	1	1120	3 00
5	954	1 75	22	847	2 65	4	910	3 10
1	1060	1 85	10	1049	2 65	1	1070	3 15
23	895	2 00	6	1078	2 70	1	1120	3 25
2	975	2 10	2	785	2 75	1	1250	3 25
1	810	2 15	28	881	2 75			

BULLS.

1	1190	1 25	1	1210	2 25	1	1820	2 70
1	560	1 50	2	1190	2 30	1	1500	2 75
2	1225	1 75	1	1445	2 30	1	1430	2 80
1	800	2 00	1	1240	2 40	4	1410	2 85
1	1250	2 00	3	1433	2 40	1	1740	2 85
1	1130	2 10	1	1380	2 40	1	1580	2 90
1	1160	2 15	1	1510	2 45	1	1460	3 05
1	1310	2 25	1	1570	2 60	1	1660	3 10
2	1535	2 25	1	1380	2 65	1	1860	3 10
1	1460	2 25	2	1750	2 70			

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

2	905	2 25	4	737	2 60	20	692	2 75
1	410	2 25	25	559	2 75	3	750	2 80
24	836	2 40	5	590	2 75	8	912	3 15
5	679	2 50						

HEIFERS.

1	510	2 25	2	690	3 00

MILKERS AND SHRINGERS.

1 milker	$20 00
2 cows and calves, each	25 00

CALVES.

2	315	3 75	3	156	4 50

OXEN.

3	1087	2 50	7	1740	3 15

STAGS.

1	1660	3 75

WESTERN CATTLE.

No.		Av.	Pr.
	Staadard Cattle company—		
66	cows, corafed	1133	$3 45