THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Grain Values Score an Advance Over the Previous Day.

CORN REACHES THE HIGHEST POINT.

Prices in Live Stock Better—French Crop Damage Worse than Generally Reported—Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO, March 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The board of trade markets started irregular this morning. While wheat and provisions showed heaviness at the opening, corn was bidder and almost at the extreme prices of yesterday. Oats acted with corn. As the weakness in wheat and pork became more marked, the strength in corn and oats gave way, and prices declined in all the markets. There was a little rally before the end of the hour. The sales for May early were: Wheat, 1c@1¼c to $1.00⅝ to $1.01¼; corn, 63⅛c, to 62⅞c, to 62⅞c; oats, 55⅛c, to 55⅛c, to 55⅛c; pork, $11.37½ to $11.22½, to $11.27½; lard, $6.45 to $6.37½; ribs, $5.50 and $5.45.

The wheat market was hard to follow most of the session. News was very much mixed, especially were cables conflicting. Early news was rather bearish, or at least not of the sort to support the market. The result was a break of 1c or more from the opening price. After the crowd had sold out pretty well the news became more bullish, and buying became more pronounced, and before 11 o'clock prices were up to about where they started, but slightly under the close last night. The action was: May opened at $1.01⅜c, sold to $1.01⅝, to $1.00⅞, to $1.01⅛, and to $1.01⅜ at 11 o'clock. July opened at 98⅝c and sold to 98⅞c, to 97⅞c, to 98⅛c, to 97⅞c, to 98⅛c, to 98⅛c. At the opening Liverpool cables were simply firm and steady. Then Bradstreet's made an increase of 5,000,000 bushels in available stocks on the Pacific coast, and only the small decrease of 450,000 bushels east of the mountains. Low prices were made on these figures. Receipts in the northwest were moderate, at 281 cars at Minneapolis and Duluth. There was an effort at times to work up some strength on the prospects of a cold wave in the far northwest, but Minneapolis reported calm, cloudy weather and twenty-four degrees above. New York cleared 23,000 bushels of wheat and 9,000 packages of flour. Four Atlantic ports cleared 31,000 bushels of wheat and 65,000 packages of flour, a very good showing. Duluth reported 50,000 bushels of cash wheat worked to go east, all by rail, when thirty days later it could go at a much lower rate. Closing cables were difficult to get correct. Private advices quoted Paris easier on wheat, and Liverpool closing lower. Public cables to the association gave Berlin higher, Paris higher on wheat and lower on flour, and Liverpool higher for spot wheat and near futures. St. Louis wired that a miller just returned from France found the damage there much worse than the cabled reports indicate. It was stated that California offerings of wheat had been withdrawn. The market held its strength well late in the session, with May at 1.00⅞, and July at 98⅝c. The wheat market closed for a good round-up for the bulls. The strength increased to the very last, and buying by bull operators and investors carried prices to $1.02⅛ for May, and 99⅝c for July, and at closing $1.02⅛@1.02¼ and 99c. March was quoted at 98⅞c on the break, and up to 99⅝c, closing at 99⅝c after the break of 1½c. The early market closed a fraction better than last night for all the months.

The corn market was flighty again today. The cash demand early was given as the reason for the remarkably strong opening. The price of May started at about ½c up at 63⅝c, and touched 63⅞c, broke to 62⅞c, rallied to the opening price later in the day. July was quoted as high as 62½c early and sold off to about 61c, and recovered to better than 62c before 1 o'clock. The close in corn was at the highest closing price on the crop. Higher prices have been made, but not at the close of any session. The element of the strength all day was the showing made in cash sales. No. 3 yellow corn sold at 1c over the close of yesterday, around 61½c, and No. 3 was up 2½c. With receipts only about enough to supply the local demand there is nothing in the present prices to bring contract corn to market. Without it, contracts cannot be filled except by covering in the pit. May closed at the opening price at 63⅝c and July closed around 62¼c. March was quoted at 62⅝c to 61½c to 62⅛c to 62⅛c; April, 63½c to 61½c to 63⅛c to 63½c. June closed a fraction better than July. May corn privileges sold at 63c for puts and 64⅝c for calls.

The oats market was erratic, influenced largely by the other markets. After a firm opening there was a break of about 1c with few sales. Then a reaction came in the same manner, quick and on few trades. May opened at 55⅛c, broke to 52½c, and closed at the highest point of 55⅛c, or a fraction higher than last night's. June was 53⅛c to 51c to 52¼c to the close. July, 49½c to 48⅞c to 49½c to the close.

There was less action in provisions than usual of late. There was less sympathy between this trade and the grain markets. While all grain markets closed with a large over last night, all hog products closed lower, 2½c lower for lard and ribs and 7½c lower for pork. The action for May was as follows: Pork, $11.40 to $11.22½ to $11.37½ to $11.30 to $11.22½; lard, $6.45 to $6.35 to $6.40 to $6.35 to $6.4½. Other months appear below. There were few buying orders early, and Cudahy and others offered considerable stuff. After the decline Baldwin bid for pork and helped the rally, while sales of lard by Dodge held that market steady. When the market became firm late in the day there was free selling by local bulls.

PRICES AT CHICAGO.

COMMODITY	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesty
WHEAT—					
May	1 01⅜	1 02⅛	1 01⅜	1 02⅛	1 01⅞-2
July	98⅝	99	97⅞	99	98⅜-½
CORN—					
May	63⅝	63⅞	62½-⅝	63⅞	63⅞
July	62¼	62¼	61	62¼	61⅞
OATS—					
May	55⅛	55⅛	52¼	55⅛	55⅛
July	49⅝	49½	49	49½	49⅝
PORK—					
May	11 37	11 37	11 20	11 22	11 37
July	11 50	11 55	11 37	11 37-50	11 52
RIBS—					
May	5 50	5 50	5 45	5 47	5 50-2
LARD—					
May	6 40	6 40	6 37	6 37	6 42
July					

PRICES AT ST. LOUIS.

COMMODITY	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesty
WHEAT—					
May	1 01⅜	1 02	1 01	1 02	1 01⅛
July	95⅝	96⅞	92½	96⅞	95⅞
CORN—					
May	59⅝	59⅝-¾	58⅞-⅞	59⅝	59⅛-⅜
OATS—					
May	52¼	52½	52¼	52½	52½

Notes and Gossip.

Receipts at Duluth: 32 cars wheat.

Receipts at Minneapolis: 249 cars wheat.

Estimated hogs at Chicago Thursday, 38,000.

Latest Berlin cable: Wheat advanced 3 marks.

Receipts at Kansas City: Wheat, 36; corn, 22; oats, 8.

St. Louis receipts: Wheat, 36,447; corn, 105,500; oats, 36,000.

Bradstreet reports wheat decrease 280,000 east and west of the rockies.

Estimated cars at Chicago for Thursday: Wheat, 36; corn, 270; oats, 200.

Late cables quoted wheat ¼d lower on futures. Paris 20 centimes lower on flour.

Chicago receipts: Wheat, 52,320; corn, 229,013; oats, 265,914. Shipments: Wheat, 20,667; corn, 171,328; oats, 108,159.

One hundred and twenty thousand bushels wheat taken in Duluth for export, 40,000 by rail and 80,000 for spring shipment.

Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—Wheat opened easier and declined 1¼ from the top. There was free selling from all quarters. Cables were rather easier and Bradstreet's visible showed loss of but 280,000 for the week, where one or two millions had been expected. The situation looked weaker than for sometime and a further break was confidentially expected, but heavy buying by three or four commission houses that were free sellers yesterday and this morning turned the scale. Rallying prices ⅛ to ¼ of a cent. There was another reaction on lower cables from Beerbohm, but when the board's closing advices were posted showing not only better prices in Liverpool but a sharp advance in Berlin, shorts rushed for cover and made the highest prices of the day. St. Louis and Duluth reported considerable quantities taken for export and this further intensified the bullish feeling. Corn and oats showed considerable strength, most of which was caused by the demand, as usual, coming mainly for the shorts. The clique that are milking the market and shearing venturesome lambs who persist in short selling are disposed to make the most of the present opportunities. They will doubtless exert themselves to prevent any accumulation of contract grain here for the present, which might interfere with their operations. Provisions—The feature of the day has been the selling out of long property. Holders have evidently come to the conclusion that the top has been reached for the present. There was the usual attempts to bull the market at the opening, but it signally failed. Offers to sell came from all sides and all day on any little advance, sellers appearing in force. Unless receipts of hogs fall considerably short of estimates, the outlook at the close is toward lower prices.

W. C. McCormick & Co. to F. C. Swartz & Co.—The morning cables quoted the tone of English wheat markets quiet and barely steady, but gave quotations which indicated a half penny advance since yesterday morning. The temper of our trading crowd was as usual bearish, and in the absence of large trade at opening they found difficulty in depressing prices. Later in the day Berlin cables quoted an advance of 3 marks, which started the shorts to buying and caused a recovery of the early decline. The market of today has shown but few interesting features, but on the whole we consider it has been a strong one. The greatest trouble seems to be the smallness of the outside trade, but we believe this will increase if foreign markets continue firm. Corn has exhibited great strength, although the trading has not been large. The greatest bull feature in this deal is the unusual demand for all grades of cash stuff, both here and throughout the west, which renders an accumulation of stocks impossible. The close of the market is firm, but not active. Provisions opened weak and although no great decline has taken place, we consider the market very heavy and expect to see lower prices before March further advances. We notice that several packers who during last week were free buyers have today entered the market as sellers. We believe that long stuff sold today will be bought back at a fair profit within the next few days.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The best financiers in Wall street declared last night that the foreign financial uneasiness had been fully discounted in the stock market, and that whether London and Paris banks, involved in South American affairs, suspended or not the majority of securities listed on the New York exchange were in shape to act independent of those influences. Still there is a disposition to wait for the clouds to clear away. A gentleman speaking for Gould said that with money plenty, stocks 10 to 20 points lower than a year ago the agricultural outlook is most promising, and only a little natural export movement in cold nothing serious stands in the way of a general improvement in values. The story went around late last night that Cammack, finding that a Chicago house was about to cover Burlington under 80, gave orders to buy all that was offered. This partly accounts for the erratic action in that stock. This morning when it was learned that the gold for shipment was to go in the shape of coin the bearish feeling was increased. This was felt at the start. Opening figures were generally from ⅛ to ¼ per cent below those of last evening, though some irregularity was shown and further losses were sustained in the early dealings, which, however, in none of the regularlist exceed ½ per cent. Sugar was exceptional, with a loss of ¾ per cent. Bullions, however, was again the ruling feature of the market, and late in the hour when a better tone prevailed most of the losses of early trading being regained. All animation in the market was confined to Burlington, St. Paul, Ontario & Western, Union Pacific, Louisville, Northern Pacific preferred, Atchison and Sugar. Louisville was the strongest point in the list, but its advance was only ¾ per cent. After the first hour a still heavier feeling existed, and before 10 o'clock quite a sharp decline took place. Chicago Gas and Louisville lost ½ per cent, Burlington sold back to 79, a second time. Northwestern lost ¾ to 104¼, Rock Island ⅛ to 76¾, St. Paul ¼ to 75¾, while Lackawanna held firm at 134½. The decline which set in early lasted until near the close, and Burlington went off to 78½. Northwestern to 104 and Rock Island to 76⅛. There was a little rally before the close, but all active stocks were from ¼ to ¾ per cent lower than the close of yesterday, except Rock Island which was steady at 76, and Union Pacific steady at 45½. There was no short interest sufficient to cause a good rally. The sales were light at 109,416 shares.

Kennett Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—There was a great deal of satisfaction in stock exchange circles up to last evening over the positive refusal of the treasury department to sell gold for shipment, and the prospect of bullion shipments to Europe. It is, however, announced this morning that Lazard, Freres & Heidlbach will ship the million engaged on corn, but at a cost of 8c per 1,000. A very interesting interview with Senator Stewart of Nevada, on silver, appears in the Stockholder which is worthy of mention. He declares that American dividend paying mines are nearly exhausted. It is claimed the D. H anthracite mines in Pennsylvania are nearly worked out and there are no more coal lands that can be bought, etc. The whole story is similar to those started regularly about once a year, by people loaded with the stock, who try to make a deal to pay carrying over expenses. The stock market today has been dull and hesitating, and as usual with such movements the tendency has been to lower prices. The shipment of gold by today's steamer and the fear that other shipments will be made no doubt had much to do with the dullness of the market. Reports of rates in the south are still in an unsettled way and have also made traders timid about buying and rather encouraged them to sell. The report of St. Paul earnings, showing a decrease of $6,268 for the second week of March, was also unexpected, a moderate increase having been looked for. London has bought moderately and the tone of advices from London is on the whole more encouraging. The enlarged banking firm, it is said, has had its affairs arranged so as to avoid failure. Sterling exchange is higher and the gold which was engaged yesterday has gone forward, notwithstanding the government's refusal to furnish bars, it being taken in the form of eagles and half eagles.

The earnings of the Union Pacific system for the month of January showed a large increase in net as well as gross earnings and made a favorable impression. The figures, however, is almost entirely due to the fact that last year's business was virtually suspended on the Oregon Short Line, it being blockaded with snow during the month of January. There has been unusually large sales of Chicago & Northwestern preferred today at declining prices, the bulk of the trade being made at 115 a about 10 points down from where the stock has been selling in small lots for a long time. Some people were disposed to consider these sales as being significant of a possible reduction of the dividend on the common stock but we see no reason to believe such is contemplated. The boom in Ontario & Western yesterday is short lived. The price declined today to yesterday's opening figure on the denial of any intention on the part of the New York Central to lease the road. The market at the close was fairly firm at some recovery from lowest prices. Money easy. Sales, 135,998.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Stocks.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
W. & L. E.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocking Val	27⅛	27¼	26	26	27½
Wabash pfd	18¼	18¼	18⅛	18⅛	.....
Canada So.	50⅝	50⅝	50¼	50¼	50⅝
Pacific Mail.	37	37	37	37	37
Lake Shore.	110	110	109⅝	109⅝	110⅛
L. & N.	73⅝	74¼	73⅝	73⅞	73⅞
Lead Trust.	106	106	105¼	106	106
C. C. C.	60½	60½	60⅛	60⅛	60¼
Northwest'n	104⅝	105⅛	104¼	105⅛	104⅞
Mo. Pac.	67	67	66¼	66¼	66
Union Pac.	45¼	45½	45⅛	45⅛	45⅛
N. Pac. pfd.	71½	71½	71¼	71¼	73⅝
N. Pac. com.	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27½
C., B. & Q.	79½	79⅝	78⅞	78⅞	79⅝
Rock Island	76⅝	76¼	76⅛	76	76
St. Paul.	75¼	75⅝	75¼	75⅝	75¼
St. Paul pfd.	112⅝	112⅝	112⅝	112⅝	112⅝
West. Union	81½	81½	81¼	81¼	81
D., L. & W.	134⅝	140⅝	134⅝	139⅝	135
Am Sug. Rf.	75	75½	74⅞	75⅛	75⅝
New Engl'd	34⅝	34½	34⅛	34⅛	35⅝
Rich. Term'l	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	18¼
Atchison.	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	26⅞
Chicago Gas	43½	43½	43⅛	43⅛	44⅛
Reading	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	20
Del. & Hud.	133½	133½	133¼	133⅛	133½
No. Am.	18⅛	18⅛	17⅞	17⅞	18
Mich. Cent.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silver.	98⅝	98¾	98⅝	98⅝	99⅛
A. C. Oil	74⅝	74⅞	74⅞	74⅞	74⅞
Texas.	14¼	14¼	14¼	14¼	14⅝
A. S. R. pfd.	86	86	86	86	86⅝

The following are the closing quotations:

U. S. is registered	121	Northern Pacific	26¼
U. S. 4s coupons	122	do preferred	71⅛
U. S. 4½s registered	109	C., N. & W.	102¼
U. S. 4½s coupons	109	do pref'd (ex div)	140⅛
Pacific 6s of '95	111	New York Central	107½
Central Pacific	28½	P., D. & E.	18¾
Chicago & Alton	121	Rock Island	76¾
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	78¾	C., M. & St. P.	95¾
D., L. & W.	138¾	do preferred	112½
Illinois Central	96	St. Paul & Omaha	22
L. E. & W.	18	do preferred	78
Kansas & Texas	14½	Union Pacific	45¼
Lake Shore	110	W., St. L. & P.	9¾
Michigan Central	91	do preferred	17½
Missouri Pacific	80¾	Western Union	81

MONEY ON CALL—Easy; closed offered at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet, steady; sixty-day bills, $4.86; demand, $4.88½.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—In the face of the increased receipts the market ruled strong to a shade higher on anything at all useful in the fat cattle line, and in fact nearly everything sold substantially higher than yesterday. Cow stock was not as plentiful as on Monday and Tuesday and may also be quoted stronger, especially such as can be used in the shop trade. Prime heifers never sold higher. The stocker and feeder trade is fairly active and prices the highest for the season. One carload of grade Herefords sold at $5.20, and four carloads of other prime steers at $5.00, and a large number at $5.40@5.90; also large numbers at $4.90 to $5.25. Common native sold at $4.25@4.75; heifers, $3.00@4.25; cows, $2.25@3.25; canners, $1.50@2.25; stockers, $3.25@3.80.

HOGS—Business was again active, with another slight advance all around, making an advance of 10c to 15c for the week so far. Rough and common sold at $3.70 to $3.80; good mixed and packers, $3.90 to $4.00; prime heavy and butcher weights, $4.00 to $4.10; light sorts, $3.90 to $4.00; skips, $3.60 to $3.80.

Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Alice	150	Horn Silver	315
Adams Con	120	Mexican	40
Bodie	115	Ophir	65
Central & Va	1275	Occidental	10
Eureka Con	240	Plymouth	160
Hale & Norcross	225	Standard	130
Homestake	825	Union Con	335

The Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—COFFEE—Options opened weak; 5@30 points down and closed steady at 5@20 points down. The sales were 22,500 bags, including March, $15.50@17.65; April, $17.35@17.40; May, $17.25@17.30; June, $16.80@16.95; July, $16.65@16.70; August, $16.35@16.40; September, $16.80@15.90; October, $15.30@15.35; December, $14.05@14.45. Spot Rio, quiet and steady; fair cargoes, $20.00; No. 7, $18.50@18.62½.

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Close.—Wheat—Steady; cash 99⅝c; May, $1.02⅛@1.02¼; June, 99c.

Corn—Steady; cash, 63@62½c; May, 63⅝@63½c.

Oats—Firm; cash, 51½c; May, 55⅛c.

Pork—Firm; cash, $11.10; May, $11.30@11.32½.

Lard—Firm; cash, $6.20@6.22½; May, $6.37½@6.40.

Short Ribs—Firm; cash, $5.35@5.50; May, $5.47½.

Rye—Easy at 89@90c.

Barley—Nominal at 76@78c.

Flax—Quiet at $1.19½@1.20.

Timothy—Steady at $1.28@1.29.

Whisky—Firm at $1.16.

Flour—Firm and unchanged; winter patents, $4.30@5.00; spring patents, $4.60@5.10.

Bulk Meats—Shoulders, $4.25@4.30; short clear, $5.50@5.62½; short ribs, $5.35.

Butter—Unchanged; creamery, 20@30c; dairy, 16@28c.

Cheese—Firm; full cream cheddars, 10½@10¾c; flats, 10½@11c; Young Americas, 11¼@11½c.

Eggs—Strong and higher, but scarce; fresh, 19@22c.

Hides—Unchanged; light green salted, 6@6½c; green, 4½c; salted bulls, 4½c; green salted calf, 8c; dry flint, 8c; dry salted, 6@7c; dry calf, 8@9c; deacons, 25c each.

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

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour	12,000	10,000
Wheat, bu	52,000	31,000
Corn, bu	229,000	171,000
Oats, bu	286,000	108,000

NEW YORK, March 18.—Wheat—Receipts, 25,800 bushels; exports, 22,800 bushels; spot closed dull; No. 2 red, $1.13½. In elevator, $1.15½@1.15¾. Options ruled dull; opened 1c higher, closed 1c lower, advanced ¼@1⅛c and closed firm, ⅛@⅜c under yesterday, No. 2 red March closing at $1.13⅝.

Corn—Receipts, 50,500 bushels; exports, 60,400 bushels; spot firm; No. 2, 73⅝@74c in elevator; 74@74½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 73@74½. Options closed firm; March, 73c.

Oats—Receipts, 50,000 bushels; exports, none; spot lower, closing steadier; No. 2 white, 58¼@58½c; mixed western, 55½@59½c; white western, 57@58½c. Options firm; March, 58½c.

Sugar—Raw, steady; Muscovado, 89 test, 5 1-16c; refined easy; moulds, 6½c; standard A, 6 7-16c; confectioners', 6¼c; cut loaf, 6⅞c; crushed, 6⅞c; granulated, 6¼c.

Petroleum—United closed, April, 73c.

Eggs—Firmer; western, 21c.

Pork—Firm; new mess, $12.00@12.50.

Lard—Opened weak, closed firm; western steam, $6.32½.

Butter—Steady; western dairy, 13@17c; western creamery, 21@31c; Elgins, 32@33c.

Cheese—Strong; skims, 6½@9½c.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Wheat—Higher; cash, $1.00¼@1.01¼; May, $1.01¼.

Corn—Lower; cash, 58⅝c.

Oats—Higher; cash, 51½c.

Pork—$11.25@11.37½.

Lard—$6.40.

Whisky—$1.16.

Butter—Steady and unchanged; creamery, 29@33c; dairy, 25@27c.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 18.—Bulk sales of wheat were about ½c under yesterday's closing and demand slow; receipts, 256 cars; shipments, 100 cars. Closing: No. 1 hard, March, 99c; on track, 99½@99¾c; No. 1 northern, March, 95c; April, 95½c; May, 96c. No. 2 northern, March, 93c; on track, 93@95½c.

KANSAS CITY, MO., March 18.—Wheat—Quiet; No. 2 hard, cash and March, 88c bid; No. 2 red, cash, 91c bid.

Corn—Stronger; cash, 56c bid.

Oats—Higher; No. 2, cash, 48½c; March, 48c.

MILWAUKEE, March 18.—Wheat firm; No. 2 cash, 99½c.

Corn—Firm; No. 3, 60½c.

Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 52c.

Provisions—Steady; pork, $12.25.

CINCINNATI, March 18.—Wheat—Weaker; No. 2 red, $1.00.

Corn—Active; No. 2 mixed, 64c.

Oats—Strong; No. 2 mixed, 54c.

Whisky—$1.16.

LIVERPOOL, March 18.—Wheat—Firm and demand fair; holders offer sparingly; California No. 1, 8s 3½d.

Corn—Steady; demand fallen off; mixed western, 5s 8d per central.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; market stronger and higher; steers, prime, $5.00; common to fair, $3.25@4.90; heifers, $3.00@4.25; cows, $1.50@3.25; stockers, $3.25@3.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 40,000; market active and higher; rough and common, $3.70@3.80; good mixed and packers, $3.90@4.00; prime heavy and butcher weights, $4.00@4.05; skips, $3.60@3.80.

Sheep—Receipts, 9,000; market higher; natives, $5.00@5.60; westerns, $5.00@5.60; lambs, $5.00@6.50.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 900; shipments, 300; market strong; fair to fancy native steers, $4.00@5.50; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,100 head; shipments, 1,500; market higher; heavy, $4.00@4.10; mixed, $3.90@4.00; light, $3.80@4.05.

KANSAS CITY, MO., March 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,200 head; shipments, 2,400 head; market strong; steers, $3.80@5.55; cows, $2.50@4.00; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 9,200; shipments, 2,800; market higher; all grades, $3.60@4.05.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

OMAHA, March 18.

CATTLE—Estimated receipts of cattle 1,600, as compared with 1,366 yesterday and 2,162 Wednesday of last week. The market was active and steady to strong on good grades of beeves and stock and weak on others. Good butcher stock was active and strong; less desirable grades lower. Feeders were steady.

HOGS—Estimated receipts hogs 6,900, as compared with 9,613 yesterday and 9,155 Wednesday of last week. The market was active and a big 10c higher. All sold easy. The range of the prices paid was $3.55@3.85, the bulk selling at $3.60@3.75. Pigs, $3.75@3.75; light-lights, $3.70@3.75; light, $3.70@3.75; heavy, $3.65@3.85; mixed, $3.60@3.75. The average of the prices paid was $3.63½, as compared with $3.52 yesterday and $3.30½ Wednesday of last week.

SHEEP—Estimated receipts of sheep 883, as compared with 887 yesterday and 991 Wednesday of last week. The market was active and firm. Natives, $2.75@5.10; westerns, $2.50@4.95.

Disposition of Stock.

Showing the number of cattle, hogs and sheep purchased on the market as reported by the weighmasters of the Stockyards company for March 18:

CATTLE.

Buyers.	No.
Swift & Co.	44
The G. H. Hammond company	278
The Cudahy packing company	87
Omaha packing company	11
Lee Rothschild	34
R. Becker & Degen	86
Joseph Dancer	30
Nels Morris	262
Vansant & Carey	344
Shippers and feeders	961

HOGS.

The Cudahy packing company	918
Omaha packing company	1,970
Swift & Co.	1,010
The G. H. Hammond packing company	749
Shippers and feeders	1,077

SHEEP.

Swift & Co.	744
The Cudahy packing company	70
The G. H. Hammond packing company	70
Shippers and feeders	99

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	615	$3 00	18	1008	$4 30	21	1008	$4 50
4	590	3 40	29	1020	4 30	15	1141	4 55
2	760	3 50	5	1108	4 35	18	1181	4 62½
6	1211	3 75	5	1079	4 40	5	1108	4 65
2	1010	3 75	22	1019	4 40	13	1221	4 65
1	1110	3 75	33	1004	4 40	11	1174	4 65
10	968	3 75	40	1043	4 40	12	1141	4 70
1	1080	4 00	18	1047	4 40	41	1271	4 75½
11	880	4 10	17	1024	4 40	30	1215	4 77½
13	920	4 10	59	1024	4 45	30	1258	4 87½
40	942	4 10	17	1291	4 50	40	1225	4 87½
13	970	4 10	9	1228	4 50	21	1370	4 90
11	976	4 20	2	1440	4 50	28	1334	5 00
24	1047	4 25	2	1245	4 50	40	1278	5 05
20	1046	4 25	20	1248	4 50	19	1400	5 25
15	1149	4 25	16	1184	4 50			

COWS.

1	740	1 50	11	997	2 45	19	857	3 10
16	791	1 65	1	1080	2 50	10	777	3 25
4	935	1 65	1	970	2 50	3	986	3 25
17	765	1 65	15	921	2 60	1	990	3 25
2	960	1 75	3	980	2 75	1	1100	3 25
2	950	1 75	1	940	2 75	1	1180	3 25
6	823	1 75	1	680	2 75	9	1075	3 40
2	805	1 80	18	960	2 75	1	1030	3 40
1	1140	2 00	9	895	2 75	1	1310	3 45
6	876	2 10	8	908	2 80	2	805	3 50
2	1000	2 25	18	880	3 00	7	1114	3 50
1	1090	2 25	2	1065	3 00	2	1000	3 50
12	955	2 25	2	1285	3 00	2	1075	3 50
2	1055	2 40	12	1091	3 10	1	1330	3 75
4	995	2 45	14	959	3 10	1	1330	4 25

BULLS.

1	1270	2 00	1	1330	2 50	1	1390	2 65
1	900	2 25	1	1390	2 50	1	1410	2 75
2	1210	2 25	5	1340	2 50	1	1310	3 00
1	1110	2 30	1	1430	2 50	1	1040	3 10
1	1090	2 35	1	1360	2 50	1	1510	3 05
3	1210	2 35	2	1430	2 60	1	1060	3 10
3	1253	2 40	1	1490	2 65	3	1067	3 60

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

5	474	1 30	3	690	3 10	53	821	3 35
1	490	2 50	28	752	3 20	2	955	3 40
6	571	2 50	37	784	3 20	9	885	3 40
6	720	2 90	20	868	3 25	24	1023	3 55
11	861	3 00						

CALVES.

1	210	1 50	2	95	2 75	1	210	4 75
9	248	2 00	1	130	3 50	1	270	4 75
3	166	2 75	5	127	3 50			

HEIFERS

19	745	1 60	24	770	3 40	2	1150	4 12½
11	516	1 65	9	913	3 50			

COWS AND HEIFERS.

15	840	3 00	10	664	3 45

COWS AND BULLS.

2	185	2 50

STAGS.

2	1400	3 50

MILKERS AND SPRINGERS.

2 cows and calves, each	$23 00
1 cow and calf	21 00
1 cow and calf	26 00
1 milker	22 00
1 springer	30 00

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
4	165	—	$3 55	66	231	120	$3 65
7	151	80	3 55	34	237	80	3 65
10	158	40	3 40	60	237	80	3 65
918	225	80	3 40	57	260	40	3 65
18	170	120	3 45	72	235	240	3 65
3	163	—	3 50	75	167	80	3 65
12	168	—	3 50	70	246	80	3 65
51	150	80	3 50	65	247	160	3 65
85	203	160	3 50	72	223	—	3 65
79	177	200	3 50	79	231	40	3 65
12	177	120	3 50	60	246	—	3 65
55	187	80	3 50	81	210	80	3 65
74	183	—	3 50	80	199	40	3 65
66	154	—	3 55	67	214	200	3 65
28	200	—	3 55	60	258	80	3 70
31	149	—	3 55	78	240	40	3 70
10	196	—	3 55	64	227	80	3 70
80	178	120	3 55	6	241	80	3 70
61	205	120	3 55	69	258	80	3 70
84	205	200	3 55	57	261	80	3 70
80	233	80	3 55	59	262	80	3 70
80	191	40	3 55	71	210	—	3 70
94	144	—	3 55	68	252	200	3 70
77	168	—	3 55	61	246	360	3 70
60	213	120	3 55	60	272	80	3 70
84	175	80	3 55	61	255	40	3 70
190	196	40	3 55	84	217	40	3 70
90	185	240	3 55	60	253	320	3 70