THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Weakness in All Quarters and Prices Ruled Generally Lower.

PROSPECTS FOR THE NEW WHEAT CROP.

Increased Acreage Reported and an Abundant Harvest Expected—Decline in Provision and Live Stock Values.

CHICAGO, April 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The board of trade markets had less force than usual this morning. First prices were not really changed from last night. During the early trading, however, weakness developed in all quarters and prices ruled lower. May sales were: Wheat, $1.05¼ to $1.05⅜, to $1.04⅝; corn, 67⅝c, to 67¾c, to 67⅜c; oats, 54⅛c, to 54⅜c; pork, $12.70, to $12.52½; ribs, $6.22½, to $6.12½; July lard, $7.17½, to $7.07½.

In the wheat market today trade was bearish from the start, while the news was nearly all bullish. This gave rise to a zigzag market, with no decided tendency either way. During a greater part of the session the range for May was limited to ¾c, while July was sold more fearlessly and dropped at one time 1⅛c under the best figure early. The action up to 1 o'clock was as follows: May, $1.05¼, to $1.05⅝, to $1.04⅞, to $1.05¼, to $1.05; July, $1.04⅛, to $1.04⅜, to $1.03½, to $1.03⅝, to $1.03⅜, standing at that hour at ⅛c under last night for May and ½c lower for July. An advance dispatch from the Price Current stated that the winter wheat conditions and prospects were fully as favorable as at any previous time. A San Francisco dispatch stated that the acreage of wheat in California will be much increased, perhaps the largest on record. A Sioux Falls, S. D., dispatch said: "Seeding is half done, and wheat is looking well." This was the sum total of all that could be construed as bear news, and the Dakota dispatch must be omitted from consideration because of its evident untruthfulness. Bull news was plentiful. Early Liverpool cables were ½d up, Paris ¼ to 1 franc higher, and London 3d up for prompt shipment. Late cables were also strong. Liverpool was ½d up for spot wheat, Paris 10 centimes up on wheat and 10 to 20 up on flour. Export clearances were very liberal. New York cleared 95,000 bushels of wheat and 19,000 packages of flour. Baltimore cleared 24,000 bushels of wheat and New Orleans 115,000 to France. Minneapolis reported cash wheat quickly sold at $1.04½ and No. 2 red wheat sold at $1.03 to eastern millers. Pittsburg wired that 40,000 packages of flour were accepted by cable. G. K. Clarke, jr., wired working of 18 boat loads at New York before noon. William Dunn reported the sales of 28 boat loads today for August shipment of Chicago, Duluth and St. Louis wheat. The up turn in prices from the early break was largely due to the Dunn sales. The strength failed to hold in the face of free offerings by both bulls and bears, and shortly before the close prices were away below the early figures at $1.04⅛ for May and $1.02⅞ for July and still declining. Wheat closed at the lowest point of the day at $1.04⅛ for May and $1.02¾ for July. Compared with last night this was 1⅛c lower for May and 1½c off for July. April sales were reported at $1.04⅝ and $1.03⅝.

The receipts of corn were overestimated at 375 cars, but the market started at ⅛c up for May around 67⅞c and already for July around 64⅝c. The action later was similar to that in wheat. May sold at 67⅞c and then off to 67⅛c; July, 64¾c and off to 64⅛c. On the rally before noon both months sold at the top prices, at 67⅞c and 65⅜c. Later a decline set in with everything else and prices at 1 o'clock were off to 66⅞c for May and 63⅞c for July, or ½c to ⅞c under last night. Before the close May corn sold at 66⅜c, the low point of the day, and closed at 66⅜c bid, or ⅞c lower for the day. July closed at 63⅞c to 64c, or ⅞@⅜c lower. It was also claimed that on the early market May touched 68c and July 64⅞c. April was quoted with May from 68c to 66⅞c, closing at 66⅞c. There was little outside news for the pit to consider.

The oats market opened strong on reports of unfavorable weather, at prices ranging from ⅛c to ¼c above yesterday's closing figures, but after advancing slightly, the market weakened fully ¾c under the pressure of selling orders, and closed at the lowest prices of the day. Hutchinson sold a fair amount of both May and July. May delivery opened at 54⅛c, sold up to 54⅜c, and from thence declined to 54c, the closing price. June was nominal and quotable at about ¾c under May. July sold from 51⅞c to 51⅛c, only one sale, however, being made at the outside amount, and closed finally at 51⅛c. August sold from 38⅜c to 38⅛c, to 38⅛c at the close. The last sale of September was made at 35⅜c.

The provision trade had a moderate day. Heaviness resulting in a slow but general decline, was the leading feature of the market. At no time did prices reach as high a point as the close yesterday, and at the close the loss for the day was 10c for ribs, 15c for lard, and 22½c to 27½c for pork. The opening prices were 2½c to 7½c lower all around, but they were the last figures of the day. The market was not a flighty one at any time. There was not a good rally from first to last, simply a slow dragging market, declining in sympathy with the cereals, and because of poor support. Pork sold at $12.70 to $12.50 for May, $13.12½ to $12.92½ for July, and closed at $13.40 for September. The closing prices on lard were $6.75 for May, $7.05 for July and $7.30 for September. Ribs closed at $6.10, $6.45 and $7.75, for May, July and September.

PRICES AT CHICAGO.

Showing the official report of the range of prices as wired to Cockrell brothers:

COMMODITY.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y
WHEAT—					
May	1 05¼	1 05⅜	1 04⅛	1 04⅛ b	1 05⅛ b
July	1 04¼	1 04¼	1 02¾	1 02¾	1 04¼
CORN—					
May	67¾	68	68	66⅜	67¾
July	64½-¾	64⅞	63⅞	63⅞	64⅞
OATS—					
May	54⅛	54⅜	54	54	54⅛
July	51¾	51⅞	51¼	51¼	51⅞
PORK—					
May	12 60	12 67	12 50	12 50	12 75
July	13 12½	13 12½	12 92	12 92	13 20
RIBS—					
May	6 20	6 20	6 10	6 10	....
July	6 60	6 60	6 45	6 45	6 60
LARD—					
May	6 82	6 82	6 75	6 75	....
July	7 15	7 17	7 02	7 05	7 20

PRICES AT ST. LOUIS.

COMMODITY	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y
WHEAT—					
May	1 05¾	....	....	$1 05¾	1 05⅞
July	98⅜	98⅞	98¼	98⅛	....
CORN—					
May	66¼	66½	65¾	66	66⅝
July	63¼	63⅜	62⅞	63	63⅜
OATS—					
May	....	....	....	54¼	54¼

Notes and Gossip.

Duluth receipts, 29 cars of wheat.

Minneapolis receipts, 98 cars of wheat.

Estimated hogs at Chicago on Friday, 24,000.

Milwaukee receipts: Wheat 11,000, shipments none; flour 5,300, shipments 18,114.

New York clearances yesterday: Wheat, 189,056; corn, 67,768; oats, 8,053; flour, 59,205.

Clearances at New York: Wheat, 95,020 bu.; corn, 14,592 bu; oats, 750 bu.; flour, 4,062 bbls., 15,174 sacks.

The Rock Island reports only 850,000 bushels of corn in cribs along its entire system and 500,000 bushels of oats.

St. Louis receipts: Wheat, 30,180; corn, 38,425; oats, 27,050. Same day a year ago: Wheat, 13,528; corn, 40,050; oats, 16,300.

Cash wheat shippers bought fifteen loads of red wheat for shipment this month and early May, via out ports, partly New Orleans.

Chicago receipts: Wheat, 52 cars, 28 No. 2; corn, 375, 34 No. 2; oats, 204, 127 No. 2. Estimated for Friday—Wheat, 37; corn, 215; oats, 137. Shipments in bushels—Wheat, 31,168; corn, 60,161; oats, 97,500.

The Price Current says winter wheat advices are fully as favorable as at any time previously this season. Oats seeding further delayed and area will be less than expected, with a corresponding gain in corn if the season is favorable.

New York close: Wheat—May, $1.13½; June, $1.11¼; July, $1.09⅝; August, $1.05⅞ bid; September, $1.04⅛ asked; October, $1.05 asked. Corn—May, 73⅞c; June, 71⅛c; July, 70⅛c; August, 69⅝c. Oats—April, 59⅞c; May, 59⅜c; August, 58⅜c.

Beerbohm's cable: Liverpool wheat firm, prices ½d higher; corn firmer, quotably unchanged; Mark Lane cargoes off coast strong, waiting three; on passage strong, prices generally 3d to 9d higher. Weather cold and wet. French country markets 50 centimes to 1 franc higher.

Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—With a flood of bullish news more startling perhaps than any other day for the past month, wheat opened strong at the top and closed weak at the bottom. It is noticeable that heavy operators with bullish proclivities generally select a day like this when all indications are intensely bullish to unload purchases made on the breaks. It was doubtless realizing sales of long wheat that checked what promised to be a good bull market and turned into a weak one. Cable advices were uniformly strong and receipts small, except in wheat and flour over 600,000 bushels and all outside markets relatively stronger than Chicago. The flood of realizing sales was sufficient to overcome this and produced weakness. If foreign advices come in strong tomorrow and the export demand continues as active as it has been today we may look for better prices. Possibly the expectation of a bear government report tomorrow may have added to today's weakness. Corn and oats were firm. This wet weather interferes with the movement of grain in interior points and checks the inclination to sell.

Logan & Co. to Tonceray & Bryan—Higher French and English cables, cold, backward weather in this country, large exports from the Atlantic seaboard failed today to advance the price of wheat. Each day we have sensational stories of Chicago exporters selling for shipment from Duluth, St. Louis and here, all of which are accepted as facts, and the market spurts up from ½c to 1c per bushel on them. An advance of ¾c was made today on such reports but the advance was short lived. We are now on a basis of 41s per quarter of 480,000 against 42s 3d for 5 0 of California, and California cargoes can be purchased at this price for this month, and for five months in advance, practically buying wheat from six to nine months ahead free of storage, insurance or interest. While our wheat, and this applies to all Atlantic seaports, can be landed in any port in the United Kingdom within twenty-one days. The California cargoes are speculative purchases, while anything we sell must be for immediate requirements. The United Kingdom has bought about all they need at present and with fine weather, which will come soon, we think lower prices will follow. The growing crop of winter is backward but its condition is perfect and present prospects are it will be a large if not the largest crop ever raised. Indications for a good crop of spring. There is all the moisture needed. Corn fairly active.

W. G. McCormick & Co. to Swartz & Co.—The statement that figures never lie seemed to be negative today by the French cables. Those received from public sources reported as much as a franc advance, while our private advices spoke of a heavy market and lower. How such contradiction could happen in reporting what should be accurate figures is a mystery. The outcome proved our private advices to be correct, as the latter cables were weak and lower. The bears were only too glad to take advantage of this to hammer prices, and they succeeded in closing the market lower in spite of some bull news at home. It was reported reliably that twenty-eight loads of wheat had been worked for direct export from here and Duluth. Clearances from the various ports: 387,650 bushels of wheat, 77,000 packages of flour. Receipts at the eleven primary points were 242,000 and shipments 234,000. Corn and oats have been very dull and the market has shown a decided lack of outside trade. The fluctuations were small and the trading uninteresting. We consider the market very heavy and July in both deals a good short sale. Provisions were lacking in animation and strength which was exhibited yesterday. Traders who have been banking on the removal of the German embargo on our hog products were selling their long stuff today. Even should the embargo be removed, which seems improbable for the present, it would not render available for export for Germany for the present stocks as the inspection rules which have been agreed upon by the United States require that export meats shall be inspected as soon as the hogs are killed, which of course shuts out meats already made. The close of the market is heavy and it would have taken but a few more offerings to have broken prices further.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, April 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—A light run is at last beginning to have a stimulating effect on the general market, but today was the first time this week that both salesmen and buyers agreed that prices ruled strong and steady on big heavy, steers, and 10c higher on nice, handy weights, and in fact about everything carrying a fair showing of flesh sold from steady to strong. Fat cows and heifers, such as suited the shop trade, were rather scarce, and sold quickly at a slight advance, but there was little or no change in either demand or price on canning stock. The weather was rainy and stormy which was against the stocker and feeder trade, hence there was only light business at steady prices. One load of steers, averaging 1,572 pounds sold at $6.25, and other good to choice steers at $5.25@5.90; medium, $4.75@5.00; common, $4.00@4.25; cows and heifers, $2.75@4.50; stockers, $2.70@4.25.

Hogs—Business was only moderately active, with prices strong and 10c lower all along the line. But at the extreme close there was a better demand and the general market closed steady at a decline. But few loads of good stock was sold. Rough and common were sold at $4.50@4.60; mixed and packers, $4.75@5.15; prime heavy and butcher weights, $5.20@5.35; light, $4.90 to $5.15; light-light, $3.75@4.25.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, April 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The bull market continued on the boisterous tenor of its way this morning. Nearly every stock on the list except Richmond Terminal advanced 1 point or so in the first hour of business. Trading was active, the tickets rattled vigorously, new faces were seen down town, stock brokers were smiling. In short, Wall street seemed to have been aroused into new life. St. Paul was again the leader of the market. There was much discussion as to the cause for this. Many things favor St. Paul at present, even more than the grangers. But the reason why St. Paul is the leader is because it is a speculative favorite both abroad and here. Men like to speculate in it for no special reason except that it is popular. The other grangers pressed St. Paul hard, however, Burlington & Quincy especially. The day of the grangers seems to be dawning, thanks to better rates, wheat and corn prospects and low prices for the stock, although it advanced about 1 per cent. The selling has been of the same character as yesterday, and it is clearly for long account. The market has been fed with the stock as it would take it and in no way to force a decline. The pointers in Chicago gas were that it would have a boom a number of points today. It did go up about 1 per cent early in the day, but there was plenty of stock for sale, and thereafter it gradually declined, although not closing at the lowest point. It is announced that the trust has resolved to disband, assets to be distributed to stockholders. We have had a number of conspicuous examples of unsuccessful efforts to dissolve trusts, and it is quite likely this one will not meet with better luck than others, and that this affair may be tied up in litigation. The general market closed some off from the highest prices and quiet. It would be only natural for prices to sag off some under the circumstances before advancing further. Sterling exchange weak. Money easy at 3@3½ per cent. Total sales, 414,733 shares.

Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—Gossip about the stock market up town last night was more bullish than bearish when everybody had the tip to sell Northern Pacific on reports that Villard and his friends in the Deutsche bank of Berlin were to be deposed. The denials of these reports all come from Villard's friends and German houses who are loaded with stocks and bonds. It is nevertheless believed that Northern Pacific connection with the Deutsche bank people is threatened and may terminate. Nevertheless a strong plot was made here to steady and if possible to check the decline. The pool in St. Paul has also been revived and besides buying by Armour and Commack several of the sharpest traders in the room have been buying, including Decordova, Nickols and Jones.

The market was full of buyers when the exchange opened this morning. The strong closing of yesterday not only stimulated buying by local traders and supplied commission brokers with more than they had had in a long while, but gave tone to the London market and brought buying orders from that quarter. London was particularly a heavy buyer of St. Paul and Union Pacific, and probably a large percentage of this buying was to cover shorts in this market, which may have been put against a long interest held in London.

In any event, it was just as effective as though it were fresh buying. The disposition of traders since the early orders were executed had been to work for a reaction, but the market has shown such great strength that they have apparently a number of them covered their sales at a loss. Transactions have been heavy, and we judge the market has evened up, the shorts having covered and longs realized quite freely. Northern Pacific preferred has again been a weak feature.

London closing prices: Northern Pacific 71¾, advanced 1⅜; Erie 19¾, advanced ⅜; Lake Shore 113¾, advanced ⅜; Louisville & Nashville 79½, advanced 1⅜; St. Paul 1¾, advanced 1¼; Union Pacific 48⅝, advanced 1; Atchison 29⅜, advanced ⅛. The London stock market was strong but narrow.

The following are the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s registered	122½	Northern Pacific	26⅞
U. S. 4s coupons	122½	do preferred	69⅞
U. S. 4½s registered	102	C. N. & W.	107⅞
U. S. 4½s coupons	102	do pref'd (ex div)	134¼
Pacific 6s of '95	112	New York Central	103⅞
Central Pacific	30	P., D. & E.	20⅞
Chicago & Alton	123	Rock Island	74⅞
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	87	C., M. & St. P.	60⅞
D., L. & W.	136⅞	do preferred	112
Illinois Central	97⅞	St. Paul & Omaha	25⅞
I. B. & W.	....	do preferred	84
Kansas & Texas	12	Union Pacific	48
Lake Shore	112	W., St. L. & P.	9⅞
Michigan Central	92⅞	do preferred	18⅞
Missouri Pacific	70	Western Union	81⅞

MONEY ON CALL—Easy; closed offered at 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6@8 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet, easier; sixty-day bills, $4.86¼; demand, $4.88¼.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—When the call opened this morning the mining stock brokers were prepared for higher prices, and buying orders were numerous. The impression seems to be gaining ground that the market is going to do better. North end stocks still claim the largest share of attention on the strength of the reported flourishing condition of the Consolidated California and Virginia. They were largely dealt in this morning at an advance. Ophir sold up to $8.00; Mexican at $3.90; Gould & Curry, $3.20, and Best & Belcher, $6.75. Transactions in Consolidated California were heavy. The price ranged up to $12.62½, which was the figure bid for any part of a thousand. There was a good demand for Potosi South, and Comstocks was fairly active and the tone firm. The demand was dull for outside stocks. The market closed heavy, with prices steady.

NEW YORK, April 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Alice	150	Horn Silver	325
Adams Con	180	Mexican	350
Con Cal and Va	1175	Plymouth	180
Gould & Curry	265	Standard	120
Hale and Norcross	180	Yellow Jacket	270
Homestake	875		

Coffee Options.

NEW YORK, April 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—COFFEE—Options opened steady at 5 points down to 5 points up, and closed firm at 10@25 points up. The sales were 14,250 bags, including April, $17.05@17.10; May, $16.95@17.05; June, $16.75@16.80; July, $16.45@16.50; August, $16.15@16.25; September, $15.65@15.80; December, $14.50@14.60. Spot Rio, dull and steady; fair cargoes $20.00; No. 7, $18.00.

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Wheat—Close—Easy: cash, $1.03¾@1.04½; May, $1.04⅛; July, $1.02¾.

Corn—Steady; cash, 66⅜@67⅛c; May, 66⅜@66⅝c; July, 63⅞@64c.

Oats—Easy: cash, 53¾c; May, 54c; July, 51⅛c.

Rye—86c.

Barley—78@80c.

Prime Timothy—$1.24.

Flax—$1.12½.

Whisky—$1.16.

Pork—Easy; cash, $12.37½; May, $12.50; July, $12.92½.

Lard—Easy; cash, $6.62½; May, $6.75; July, $7.02½@7.05.

Short Ribs—Easy; cash, $6.00; May, $6.10@6.12½; July, $6.45@6.47½.

Flour—Firm; dealers in somes cases asking an advance; winter wheat, Wisconsin straights, $4.30@4.40; do clear, $4.10@4.20; spring wheat, Minnesota hard patents, $5.00@5.10; soft patent, $4.85@5.00.

Bulk Meats—Shoulders, $5.00@5.10; short clear, $6.40@6.45; short ribs, $6.00@6.05.

Butter—Lower; creamery, 17@24c; dairy, 13@23c.

Cheese—Firm; full cream cheddars, 11@12c; flats, 11@12c; Young Americas, 12@12½c.

Eggs—Weaker; fresh, 12@13c.

Hides—Steady; heavy green salted, 6c light green salted, 5¾c@6c; green hides, 4½@5½; salted bulk, 4¾c; green salted calf, 8c; dry flint, 8c; dry salted, 6@7c; dry calf, 8@9c; deacons, 52c each.

Tallow—Steady; New solid packed, quotable at 4¼c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour	20,000	10,000
Wheat, bu	25,000	30,000
Corn, bu	108,000	60,000
Oats, bu	85,000	98,000

NEW YORK, April 9.—Wheat—Receipts, 31,800 bushels; exports, 95,100; spot lower, closing weak; No. 2 red, $1.17⅞ in elevator; $1.19 afloat; $1.18¾@1.19⅝ f. o. b. Options steady; declined, closing 1¼@1⅜c lower for the day on weak Paris cables on better crop prospects and also on account of increased amounts on offer on the opening of navigation. No. 2 red, May, closed at $1.13½.

Corn—Receipts, 43,100 bushels; exports, 14,600 bushels; spot weak; No. 2, 77½@78¼c in elevator; 78¼@79¼c afloat; ungraded mixed, 77@79¼c. Options comparatively neglected, closing lower; May closing at 73⅞c.

Oats—Receipts, 58,000 bushels; exports, 800 bushels; spot weaker; No. 2 white, 60¼@62c; mixed western, 57@62c; white western, 61@67c. Options lower; April, 59⅞c.

Sugar—Raw, firmer; fair refining, 3 3-16@3¼c; centrifugals, 3 9-16c@3⅝c; refined, active and firm.

Petroleum—United closed, May option, 74⅛c.

Eggs—Lower; western, 15c.

Pork—Quiet; new mess, $13.25@13.75.

Lard—Much lower; western steam, $6.90; May closing at $6.94.

Butter—Steady; western dairy, 12@22c; western creamery, 21@26c; Elgin, 26½c.

Cheese—Firm; skims, 6½@10c.

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—Wheat—Irregular; cash, $1.05½; May, $1.05⅜.

Corn—Irregular; cash, 69c; May, 63c.

Oats—Lower; cash, 55½c; May, 56⅛c.

Pork—Firm at $12.50.

Lard—Firm at $6.50.

Whisky—Steady at $1.16.

Butter—Steady and unchanged.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 9.—Wheat—Strong and ¼@1c higher; market a little slow. Receipts, 100 cars; shipments, 80 cars. Close: No. 1 hard, April, $1.06; on track, $1.06½; No. 1 northern, April, $1.02; May, $1.02½; on track, $1.03½@1.03¾; No. 2 northern, April, $1.01; on track, $1.01½@1.02.

KANSAS CITY, April 9.—Wheat—Higher; No. 2 cash, 94c; April, 94c bid; No. 2, red, cash, $1.00.

Corn—Stronger; No. 2, cash, 65¾c; April, 64½c.

Oats—Steady; No. 2 cash, 53¼@53¾c; April, 52½c.

CINCINNATI, April 9.—Wheat—Strong; No. 2 red, $1.08¾.

Corn—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 73½@74c.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 55½c.

Whisky—$1.16.

MILWAUKEE, April 9.—Wheat—Easier; No. 2, spring and cash, $1.03@1.05; May, $1.00¾.

Corn—Firm; No. 3, 68@68½c.

Oats—Steady; No. 2, white, 56c.

Provisions—Easier; pork, May, $12.95.

LIVERPOOL, April 9.—Wheat—Firm; demand fair.

Corn—Firm; demand fair.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000; market steady to strong; steers, extra, $6.25; common to choice, $4.00@5.90; cows and heifers, $2.75@4.50; stockers, $2.70@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 33,000; market moderately active, strong; rough and common, $4.50@4.60; mixed and packers $4.75@5.15; prime heavy and butcher weights, $5.25@5.35; light, $4.90@5.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; market active, higher; natives, $5.00@5.75; westerns, $5.25@5.80; lambs, $5.50@6.40.

KANSAS CITY, April 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,100; shipments, 3,900; market strong; steers, $3.75@5.10; cows, $1.75@4.25; stockers and feeders, 2.25@4.15.

Hogs—Receipts, 9,500; shipments, 4,900; market strong and higher; all grades, $3.3 @5.05.

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 800; shipments, 600; market steady; fair to fancy native steers, $4.00@5.60; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,400; shipments, 3,200; market strong; heavy, $5.00@5.25; mixed, $4.60@5.10; light, $4.80@4.85.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

OMAHA, April 9.

CATTLE—Estimated receipts of cattle 1,000, as compared with 1,854 yesterday and 1,874 Thursday of last week. The market was about steady on the best beeves, and weak and uneven on others. Butcher' stock was active and fully steady. Feeders were active and strong.

HOGS—Estimated receipts of hogs 3,600, as compared with 4,830 yesterday and 5,993 Thursday of last week. The market was active and 10c higher. All sold early. The range of the prices paid was $4.40@5.05, the bulk selling at $4.75@4.95. Pigs, $2.00@3.50; light-lights, $3.50@4.25; light, $4.40@4.85; heavy, $4.80@5.05; mixed, $4.75@4.95. The average of the prices paid was $4.83 as compared with $4.74⅛ yesterday and $4.60 Thursday of last week. For the first time in two years hogs touched the $5.00 line.

SHEEP—Estimated receipts of sheep, 367, as compared with 1,654 yesterday and 1,103 Thursday of last week. The market was active and firm. Natives, $2.75@5.15; westerns, $2.50@4.95.

Disposition of Stock.

Showing the number of cattle, hogs and sheep bought by the packers and other buyers on the market as shown by the books of the Union stock yards company:

CATTLE.

Buyers.	No.
Swift & Co.	449
The G. H. Hammond company	120
The Cudahy packing company	96
The Omaha packing company	1
Shippers, feeders and other buyers	740
Left over	83
Total	1,489

HOGS.

The Cudahy packing company	631
The Omaha packing company	1
Swift & Co.	471
The G. H. Hammond company	499
Shippers, feeders and other buyers	2,267
Left over	189
Total	4,058

SHEEP.

Swift & Co.	180
The Cudahy packing company	186
Total	366

Representative Sales.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
STEERS.								
2	855	$3 60	1	870	$4 25	41	1060	$4 70
22	1020	3 65	27	918	4 25	22	1200	4 75
1	760	3 75	17	984	4 30	16	1100	4 75
8	877	3 75	21	987	4 40	18	1125	4 80
3	826	3 75	19	1166	4 50	14	1221	5 15
3	830	3 85	21	1198	4 50	15	1251	5 15
1	980	4 00	12	1145	4 65	40	1426	5 55
1	1020	4 00	20	1097	4 70	20	1301	5 60
10	941	4 15						
STEERS AND HEIFERS.								
17	843	4 70						
COWS.								
1	880	1 25	13	912	2 35	1	860	3 00
1	830	1 50	8	972	2 50	11	1045	3 15
7	808	1 75	4	897	3 00	2	725	3 25
1	1160	1 85	3	960	3 00	1	1000	3 25
3	916	2 00	7	815	3 00	21	1113	3 35
1	1100	2 00	1	1050	3 00	2	1125	3 50
24	767	2 30	1	650	3 00			
STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.								
9	500	1 50	1	410	2 65	2	800	3 35
8	518	2 50	1	893	2 65	23	631	3 35
2	629	2 50	3	633	3 00	37	730	3 65
6	365	2 60	10	764	3 25	79	716	3 70
COWS AND HEIFERS.								
18	811	3 75						
HEIFERS.								
2	810	3 50	2	1040	4 00			
CALVES.								
2	385	1 00	1	110	3 75			
BULLS.								
1	900	2 00	3	1213	2 10	1	1290	3 25

WESTERN CATTLE.

No.	Av.	Pr.
60 steers, corn-fed	1404	$5 60
1 steer, corn-fed	770	4 50
3 steers, corn-fed	1090	5 00
17 steers, corn-fed	1132	4 10
Standard Cattle Co—		
23 steers	1170	4 25
61 cows	1080	4 40

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
76	137	120	$4 25	57	287	520	$4 85
96	155	320	4 40	69	188	—	4 85
71	178	160	4 40	70	211	80	4 85
16	140	160	4 50	75	196	120	4 85
18	184	80	4 50	105	170	280	4 85
1	600	—	4 50	71	198	120	4 85
82	160	120	4 55	64	208	160	4 85
85	167	80	4 60	77	184	40	4 85
7	154	—	4 65	80	191	160	4 85
29	185	80	4 70	56	312	240	4 85
77	181	120	4 70	67	250	120	4 90
77	184	200	4 70	58	289	—	4 90
63	256	400	4 75	41	350	—	4 90
54	175	40	4 75	69	209	160	4 90
81	174	80	4 75	83	211	80	4 92½
82	177	200	4 75	61	271	120	4 95
68	197	360	4 75	49	304	200	4 95
86	190	160	4 75	102	207	80	4 95
85	213	120	4 75	70	255	—	4 95
85	192	200	4 80	81	215	80	4 95
60	218	160	4 80	72	210	80	4 95
71	233	280	4 80	66	200	160	4 95
66	214	80	4 80	63	280	40	5 00
86	181	120	4 80	48	350	80	5 00
61	181	80	4 80	61	257	—	5 00
58	219	240	4 80	55	322	120	5 00
77	188	80	4 80	64	300	—	5 05
PIGS AND ROUGH.							
1	180	—	2 00	2	200	160	3 00
1	100	—	2 00	7	107	—	3 10
21	68	—	2 50	1	240	—	3 50
53	82	—	2 75	27	118	—	3 75

SHEEP.

No.	Av.	Pr.
146 westerns, mixed, tailings	95	$3 85
40 westerns, mixed, tailings	91	2 50
3 goats	93	3 50

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Groceries.

COFFEE—Green—Rio, 22@24c; Java, 27c; Mocha, 28c. Roasted—Ariosa 26 1-10c; McLaughlin, XXXX, 26 1-10c; Bunola, 26 1-10c; German, 25½c; Dilworth's 26c; Lion, 26 1-10c; Cordovia, 26 1-10c; Mocha, 31c; O. G. Java, 29c. Coffee essence—½ gro. boxes, $1.35@1.50; chicory, 7½@8c.

NUTS—Per pound—Almonds, 18c; Brazils, 13c; filberts, 13c; pecans, 13@14c; walnuts, 15c; peanuts, fancy white, 6c; roasted, 8c.

SALT—Dairy, 280 lbs in bbls, bulk, $2.10; best grades, 60 5s, $2.40; best grade, 100 3s, $2.50; best grade, 28 10s, $2.40; rock salt, crushed, $2.10.

BAKING POWDER—Royal, dime cans, per doz, 98c; ¼-lb cans, $1.45; ½-lb cans, $2.65; 1-lb cans, $5.00; Price's, ¼-lb cans, $1.35; ½-lb cans, $2.50; 1-lb cans, $4.75; other kinds, 1-lb cans per doz, $1.00@3.85.

WRAPPING PAPER—Per lb, best straw, 15x18 to 32x44, 1¾c; dry goods, 4¾c; extra quality manilla, 6½c; manilla tea, 12x18, 9c, dark rag, hardware, 2¾c.

OILS—150 prime white, 9c; 150 water white, 11¼c; headlight, 1 c; 74 gasoline, 11½c. Oil cans—1 gal, $3.00@3.25; 2 gal, $3.75@3.80; 5 gal, $4.50@5.00.

SODA—Packages, 50 lbs to box, 5¼c; kegs, ½c.

TEAS—Japan, basket fired, 20@55c; sun dried, 35@45c; green, 20@50; gunpowder, 20@50c; English breakfast, 35@75; Young Hyson, 20@35c; Oolong, 25@45c; 2-lb package dust, 15c.

AXLE GREASE—Per gross—Frazier's large tins, $10.60; medium tins, $27.00; small, $15.00; other makes, wood, $5.50@8.50.

BLACKING—3 doz in box, 33@75c; ladies' shoe dressing, 45c@$1.00; stove polish, per gross, $2.00@3.50.

BLUING—Liquid, 4 oz, 3 doz in box 90c@$1.75; 8 oz, 3 doz in box, $1.50@2.75; dry, small, 25c; large, 45c.

SPICES—Pepper—Singapore, sifted, 15@16c; shot, 22c; allspice, 10c; cloves, Penang, selected, 17@19c; cassia, China, 4-lb mats, 9c; nutmegs, No. 1, 75c; macassor, 65c; pickling spices, 10-lb boxes, 25c.

CHOCOLATE, ETC.—12-lb boxes, 34@35c; German sweet, 22@24c; cocoa, 3 @40c; Bromo, 32c.

COCOANUT—15-lb cases, ¼ and ½-lb packages, per lb, 16@27c; bulk, 15-lb pails, 25c.

OLIVES—Quarts, per doz, $4.00; pints, per doz, $2.50; bulk, per gal, $1.20. Olive oil, ½ pints, 2 doz per case, $1.50@5.20.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb—5c cakes, 30-lb boxes, 13c; 10c cakes, 30-lb boxes, 12½c; 1-lb bricks, 34 lbs in box, pure, 14c.

BROOMS—5-tie parlor, $3.00; 4-tie, $2.75; 3-tie, $2.25; 3-tie, plain, $1.80; warehouse, $3.00; toy, $1.25; whisk, $1.00@1.25.

SOAP—Castile, mottled, per lb, 10c; do white, per lb, 14c; laundry soap, per 100 bars, $3.15@5.00; shaving soap, 50@75c per doz; toilet soap, 3 cakes per box, 50c@$2.25.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Barley, 4c; farina, kegs, $5.60; split peas, 2c; green peas, 2c; oatmeal, bbls, $6.25@6.50; half bbls, $3.25@4.40; macaroni, 12c; vermicelli, 12c; sago and tapioca, 6@6½c; Lima beans, 5¾c; cerealine, $3.24; flaked hominy, 3½c; pearl hominy, $3.50 per bbl.

LYE—Lewis' perfumed, $4.50; Red Cross, $4.25; American, $3.25; Saponifier, $4.25; Merry War, $2.93; Star, scrubbing, $1.75; Gillett's powdered, $4.25.

MILK—Condensed—Eagle, $7.40; Crown, $6.25; Anglo Swiss, $6.70; American Swiss, $7.60; Highland, $6.15; "Rigi," $6.60.

EXTRACTS—Lemon, 2 oz, 55c@$1.80; 4 oz, $1.00@3.50; vanilla, 2 oz, 65c@$2.80; 4 oz, $1.25@5.55; Jamaica ginger, 4 oz, $1.85.

MATCHES—Parlor, 200 and 300 per box, $1.65@1.70; sulphur, $1.15@1.30.

CANDY—Mixed, 30-lb pails, 8¼@8¾c; stick, 8½c; twist stick, 9c; French mixed, 13½c; hoarhound stick, 8½c; jar and case candies, 5-lb boxes, 15@21c; extra fine goods, 55@35c.

BRUSHES—Shoe, per doz, $1.25@1.30; daubers, 75c@$1.00; scrub brushes, 60c@$2.00.

BIRD SEED—Mixed bird, 1-lb packages, 5c; canary, 4½c; hemp, 4¼c; anise, 15c.

CANDLES—40 lbs to box, 9½c; mining, 10@10½c; wax, 11c.

TOBACCO—Fine cut, per lb, 25@27c; plug, 22@78c; smoking, 22@65c; fancy brands, 90c@$1.50.

MOLASSES—½ bbls—N. O. fancy, per gal, 46@48c; choice, 40@45c; good, 28@30c; Cuba, baking, 25@30c; blackstrap, 18@22c; syrup, 80 grade, bbls, 26c; 1½ bbl, 28c; 4-gal kegs, $1.24; 2-gal kits, 67c.

CIDER—Per bbl, refined, $6.50; half bbl, $3.50.

TWINES, CORDAGE, ETC.—Cotton twine, "Bibb," very fine, ¼-lb bales, 22c; cotton twine, XX brand, ¼-lb bales, 18c; hemp twine, ¼-lb bales, 18c; sail twine, 20c; candle wick, 22c; 40-foot cotton clothes line, $1.40; 60-foot cotton clothes line, $1.65; 60-foot sisal lines, $1.75; 60-foot jute, $1.85; wool twines, 8½c; Manilla, rope, all sizes from 7-16 to 1 in, 11c; sisal rope, all sizes from 7-16 to 1 in, 8c; "new process," all sizes from 7-16 to 1 in, 7½c; cotton rope, ¼-in, 15c.

VINEGAR—Apple cider, 10c; double cider, 12c; white wine, 12c; triple strength 19c.

STARCH—Per lb, 6@8c.

PICKLES—Medium, bbls, $8.00; small $10.00; gerkins, $11.00; Boston mixed $12.00

WOODENWARE—Per dozen—Tubs, No. 1, $7.50; No. 2, $6.50; No. 3, $5.50; keeler, oak grain, 5-in, best, $1.50; white cedar, 4-in, best, $1.25; pails 3-hoop, oak grained, $1.75; 2-hoop, $1.50; syrup, $1.75; dowell, $1.85; paper, metal hoop, $2.50; cedar, 3 brass hoops, No. 1, all red, $5.50; cedar, 3 brass hoops, No. 2, red, $5.00; cedar, 3 brass hoops, No. 1, striped, $5.00; cedar, 3 brass hoops No. 2 striped, $4.50; horse, extra heavy, No. 1, $2.75; well buckets, $3.25, Butterware—Tubs, ash, 3-inch, per nest, 75c; ash, 2-inch, 2 large size, per nest, 45c; butter ladles, hard wood, 70c; butter paddles or spades, 70c. Washboards—Single, $1.40@2.00; double, $2.50@3.25. Clothespins—5 gross boxes, 60c.

CANNED FRUITS—California—Apricots, $2.55@2.60; peaches, $2.75@2.90; pears, $2.50@2.70; grades $1.85@1.90; cherries, white, $2.50@2.75; cherries, black, $2.25@2.50; quinces, $2.00; blackberries, $2.25; raspberries, $3.00; strawberries, $2.90; currants, $2.25; gooseberries, $2.25; plums, eggs, $1.85@1.95; plums, green gages, $1.85@1.95. Eastern canned fruit—Peaches, seconds, $2.20@2.30; apples, 3 lb, $1.15; gal, ½ doz in case, $3.75; gooseberries, Baltimore standard, 2 lb, $1.10; strawberries, $1.35; raspberries, $1.50; blueberries, $1.30; red raspberries, $1.50; blackberries, $1.00; cherries, $1.25@1.65; pineapples, sliced, $1.25@2.40.

DRIED FRUITS—Turkish prunes, less than hhds, 1890, 9c; apples, evaporated, new ring, choice, 15c; apricots, fancy, in sacks, 20c; blackberries, new, 9c; raspberries, 25 lbs to box, 30c; currants, new, 5½c; Votizzi currants, extra, in boxes, 6½c; peaches, Cal., choice, 17½c; California dried grapes, in bags, 6c; seedless Sultanas, sacks, 10c; muscatels 6c; new Valencia, 7¼c; Ondura, layer, 8½c; figs, layers, 14@20c; citron, Leghorn, 20c; lemon peel, 15c.

Provisions.

FRESH MEATS—Fresh hams, 20 lbs, avg., 8½c; fresh hams, 16 lbs, avg., 8¾c; fresh hams, 12 lbs, avg., 9½c; fresh shoulders, 5¼c; pork loins, 8c; pork tenderloins, 13c; leaf lard, not rendered, 8c; spare ribs, 5c.

PORK AND BEEF—Barrelled—New mess pork, $13.00; new prime mess pork, $11.50; extra prime pork, $11.00; clear back pork, heavy, $13.75; clear back pork, medium, $13.25; short cut clear pork, $12.50; pig pork, $13.50; new extra mess beef, $7.00; extra plate beef, $9.00; plate beef, $8.00; rolled boneless beef, $3.00; boneless rumps, $9.00; shoulder clods, $9.00.

DRY SALT MEATS—Fat backs, 6½c; lean backs, 6¾c; extra short clears, 6½c; bellies, 16 to 20 lb av, 6½c; short ribs, 6½c; short clears, 6½c; long clears, 6½c; shoulders, 5c; foster backs, 5½c.

SMOKED MEATS.—Dry Salt Cured—Bacon, long clears, 6¾c; short clears, 7c; extra short clears, 6¾c; bellies, clear strips, 7¼c; bellies, clear wide, 7¼c; short ribs, 6¾c; shoulders, 5½c; fat backs, 7c; lean backs, 7¼c.

SMOKED MEATS—Hams, extra light, 9 to 10 lbs average, 10c; hams, light, 11 to 12 lbs average, 9¾c; Hams, medium, 14 to 15 lbs average, 9½c; heavy, 20 to 22 lbs average, 9½c; extra heavy, 23 to 25 lbs average, 8¾c; skinned sliding, 18 to 20 lbs average, 9½c; California picnic hams, 6¾c; N. Y. shoulders, 6¾c; Boston shoulders, 6 to 8 lbs average, 6¾c; boneless ham, 7¾c; spiced boneless rolls, 7¾c; breakfast bacon, clear, 5 to 7 lb strips, 8¾c; breakfast bacon, rib, 7¾c; beef tongues, 12c; dried beef hams, sets, 9¾c; dried beef regular, 8c; dried beef clods, 7¾c; fancy lean backs, 7¾c. Special—Hams, 12 to 15 lbs average, 11c; breakfast bacon, 11c.

PURE LEAF LARD—Best kettle refined, tierces, 7¾c; bbls, 7¾c; half bbls, 7¾c.

PURE LARD—Tierces, 7c; bbls, 7½c; half bbls, 7½c; 50-lb tins, 100 lbs cases, 7¾c; 20-lb tins, 80 lbs cases, 7¾c; 10-lb pails, 60 lbs cases, 7¾c; 5-lb pails, 60 lbs cases, 7¾c; 3-lb pails, 60 lbs cases, 8c.

BEEF TONGUES—Sweet pickled, sugar cured, bbls, 200 lbs, $18.00; half bbls, 100 lbs, $9.50.

PORK TONGUES—Sweet pickled, sugar cured, Half bbls, 100 lbs, $7.50; quarter bbls, 50 lbs, $4.00.

LAMBS' TONGUES—Sweet-pickled—sugar-cured—half barrels, 100 lbs, $7.00; quarter barrels, 60 lbs, $4.00.

SPICED BONELESS PIGS' HOCKS—(Cooked)—Half barrels, 80 lbs, $4.70; quarter barrels, 40 lbs, $2.60; eighth barrels, 20 lbs, $1.55; kits, 15 lbs, $1.05.

SPICED PIGS' TONGUES—(Cooked)—Half barrels, 80 lbs, $11.50; quarter barrels, 40 lbs, $6.00; eighth barrels, 20 lbs, $3.00; kits, 15 lbs, $2.50.

SPICED LAMBS' TONGUES—Cooked—Half bbls, 80 lbs, $10.50; quarter bbls, 40 lbs, $5.50; eighth bbls, 20 lbs, $2.85; kits, 15 lbs, $2.25.

PICKLED TRIPE—Bbls, 200 lbs, $4.25; half bbls, 80 lbs, $2.00; quarter bbls, 40 lbs, $1.00; eighth bbls, 20 lbs, 60c; kits, 15 lbs, 50c.

PICKLED PIGS' FEET—Bbls, 200 lbs, $6.20; half bbls, 80 lbs, $2.35; quarter bbls, 40 lbs, $1.25; eighth bbls, 20 lbs, 65c; kits, 15 lbs, 55c.

SAUSAGE—Bologna, 4c; Frankfurts or wienerwurst, 7c; tongue, 7½c; blood, 4½c; liver, 4½c; head cheese, 4½c; Polish, 7c; summer sausage, 12c; pork sausage, links, 6c; pork sausage meat, in tin pails, 5½c.

OILS, TALLOW AND STEARINE—Pure neat's-foot oil, 50c per gallon; pure neat's-foot oil, 5-gal. cans, 55c per gallon; A 1 tallow, 5¼c per lb; stearine, 8c per lb.

RICE—Java, 6c; choice, 6c; fancy, 6c.; head 6¼c.

CANNED VEGETABLES—Tomatoes—3-lb, $1.10@1.15. Corn—Very fine, $1.20@1.25; 1-lb sugar, $1.15; 2-lb standard western brands, $1.10. Mushrooms—1-lb French, extra fine, 22@25c; 1-lb French, fine, 18@22c; 1-lb French, ordinary, 16@18c. Peas—2-lb early June, $1.25; 2-lb Marrow, standard brands, $1.10; 2-lb soaked, 70c. French peas—per case of 100, $1.50@2.00 per doz. String beans—2-lb high grade, 85c; 2-lb wax beans, 85c; 2-lb string beans, 80c. Lima beans—2-lb soaked, 85c. Boston baked beans—3-lb, $1.35@1.55. Sweet potatoes—3-lb New Jersey, $1.50; 3-lb okra and tomatoes, $1.65; 3-lb okra, $1.60; asparagus, 3-lb, $2.85@3.75; rhubarb, 3-lb, $1.40; succotash, $1.20@1.25.

CHEESE—F. C. twin flats, per lb, 12½c; F. C. Young American, 13c; domestic Swiss, 15½c; brick, 14c; Edam, in foil, each, $1.00.

CRACKERS—Soda, 6c; oyster, 5½c; cream, ½c; ginger snaps, 8½c; 20 per cent off on 10-box lots.

SUGAR—Granulated, 5c; cubes, 5½c; cut loaf, 8¾c; powdered, standard, 5¾c; XXXX, powdered, 6c; yellow C, 4¼c; canary, 4½c; light extra C, 6c; confectioners' A, 6¾c.

Country Produce.

The egg market continues weak and also the butter market. Hay commands stiff prices.

EGGS—The market yesterday was weak at 12c, and with anything like a large run would have come down still lower. It was reported that there was some cutting under 12c.

HAY—Receipts were light and some dealers look to see it go even higher. Yesterday good hay went at $14.00@15.00.

GAME—A good many ducks are arriving, but they are still poor in flesh and not much sought after. Some dealers are writing their customers that they do not want them. The small and mixed ducks sell right around $1.00, and mallards $2.00@2.50.

POULTRY—Receipts were not heavy and the market fully steady. Live chickens went at $3.50@3.75; very choice, $4.00; dressed turkeys, 14@15c; ducks and geese, choice, $11@12c.

BUTTER—In one way the market here is in peculiar shape. The average receipts do not appear to be so very heavy, but eastern markets are so low as to shut out the packers and shippers and that is weakening the market here. A few of the choicest country rolls sell as high as 20c, and occasionally a little above that market. A very large proportion of the receipts has to be sold at 16@18c.

Vegetables.

POTATOES—Home grown stock, $1.25; Colorado, $1.35 per bu.

PIE PLANT—Per doz, 60@75c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz, $2.50.

SPINACH—Per bbl, $2.00.

LETTUCE—Choice stock, 40@45c.

RUTABAGAS—Michigan stock, per bu, 60c.

BEETS—Per bbl, $2.75@3.00.

ONIONS—Spanish, large crates, $6.50.

CARROTS—Per bbl, $2.25.

CELERY—Michigan stock, 40@45c; California, per doz, $1.00.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock is held at $4.50 per bbl; seed potatoes, $3.00 per bbl.

RADISHES—Per doz bunches, 45c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl, $3.00.

CABBAGE—Per lb, 2½@2¾c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz, $1.50@2.00.

CELERY ROOTS—Per doz, 75c.

BEANS—Choice stock, $2.60.

Fresh Fruits.

ORANGES—Navels, $5.00@5.25; Riverside, $3.25; Duarte and Riveras, $3.00; Los Angeles, $2.50; Florida russet, $3.50.

APPLES—Scarce; choice stock, $5.00@6.50.

CRANBERRIES—Bell & Cherry, $10.00; crates, $4.50.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $4.50.

STRAWBERRIES—Per qt, 50c.

Furs.

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