THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Remarkable for Strength and Wild and Excited Trade.

UNUSUAL TRANSACTIONS IN WHEAT.

Another Big Bulge in All the Cereals—Provisions Quiet, Cattle Steady and Hogs Five Cents Higher.

CHICAGO, April 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The opening of the board of trade markets was remarkable for the strength shown and the wild and excited condition of the trade. The force which was carrying the markets rapidly higher at the close yesterday simply expended itself in a burst of trading the first few minutes, when prices were marked up to somewhat surprising figures. In wheat opening the bulge took May to $1.03 at once, with scattering trades claimed as high $1.03½. July opened at $1.07⅛ to $1.08. There was a dip to $1.03¼ for May and $1.06⅞ for July, and on the second rally went to $1.08¾ for May and $1.07½ for July the first hour, followed by an easier feeling towards it o'clock. May corn sold at 1c over the high closing price of yesterday, going to 74½c and off to 72¾c the first hour. May oats rose to 57½c. Pork opened at 10c to 15c advance, ribs 5c up and lard slightly higher. Free offerings by local parties caused prices to settle back to the closing figures of yesterday.

The Chicago wheat market passed through an unusual day's transactions. Trade took up the great bull market where it was broken off at the close yesterday, and marked prices up very sharply. What might have taken a whole day or a whole week under other circumstances was accomplished in a few minutes. There was a great rush at the start by fellows who were short, or had no wheat and wanted some badly. The firmness of cables—Liverpool ¼d up and spot wheat very firm, London 1s higher on cargoes for prompt shipment—only added to the local bull feeling. Minneapolis advices were quite bullish on flour. Shorts and bulls and outside orders all conspired to force prices at the first moment. The market opened with a rush at $1.09 to $1.09½ for May, and $1.07½ to $1.08 for July. Buyers of yesterday saw an excellent place to unload wheat, and there was very free selling by Dunn & Co., Hutchinson, S. V. White & Co., Baldwin & Farnum, and many other houses. New York also sold wheat here. This caused a sharp drop in prices to $1.08¼ for May and $1.06⅞ for July. In the hour which followed there was a little rally to $1.08¾ and $1.07½ for May and July, and a second drop to $1.08⅛ and $1.06¾. At this point a second buying wave struck the market, helped on by later cables, and on a great bulge prices went over the morning figures, touching $1.09¾ for May and $1.07¾ for July. At 10 o'clock prices were holding pretty firm around $1.09 and $1.07 for May and July. The receipts and clearances contained nothing unusual. Minneapolis and Duluth had 187 cars. The former point reported all products of the mills for the week sold. Later Pittsburg reported patents marked up 40c from $5.60 to $5.80 a barrel. Philadelphia and Baltimore cleared 27,000 bushels of wheat, and New Orleans 35,000 bushels for Liverpool. New York cleared no wheat 21,000 sacks of flour. Toward the close news was less positive and the market showed signs of subsiding, but prices held firm. A few minutes before the close all calculations were upset by the sudden upturn in prices on the Pacific coast dispatches. May sold up to $1.10⅝ and July to $1.08⅝. The close of the wheat market was even more sensational than of yesterday. The price of May was forced up to $1.11 and July to $1.09 with the close of ½c under at $1.10⅞ and $1.08⅞, or a gain from last night at the best prices of 3⅝c for May and 2½c for July. April was quoted at $1.08½ to $1.10½. On the curb the excitement in wheat continued. Privileges in May for Saturday sold at $1.08⅝ and $1.13¾, and July at $1.06¾ and $1.10¾ at 3 o'clock.

The corn market was greatly unsettled. There were quick turns both up and down. There is a disposition among many moderate traders and scalpers to keep near the shore. They buy quickly on breaks and sell quickly on bulges. As on previous days, the strongest point in the market was made on cash demand, and when No. 3 corn sold above 74c. The receipts here were 203 cars, and for Saturday the estimate is 240 cars, showing a gradual increase. This had little influence in the pit. At the start May sold at 73⅝c to 73¾c, or 1c over the high closing price yesterday. July sold at 69½c to 69¾c. At the same moment there was a reaction to 72⅛c in May and 68½c in July, with the first drop in wheat. The second advance, due to the influence of sample trade, was even stronger than the early movement, and prices went flying away above any former figures, going to 74½c for May and 69¾c again for July. Free offerings put prices back to 73½c for May and 69c for July. On the third bulge before 1 o'clock prices moved up to 73½c for May and 69¼c for July. At the close the extreme prices for the day for the leading months in corn were: May, 72½c to 74¼c; July, 68¼c to 69¾c. The last few minutes of the session brought free selling and less support, and prices dropped back to 72½c for May and 68½c for July at the close. This left May ½c and July ¾c under the close of last night. In the deferred months August sold for 67⅝c and 68½c, and September at 66¾c and 68⅝c, both months closing at the low points for the day.

Oats followed the example set by wheat and corn and ruled strong. May delivery opened at 56¾c, sold down to 56½c, advanced to 57⅝c and closed finally at 57½c, or ½c above yesterday's closing price. June sold from 56¾c, to 56c, to 56½c, to 56¾c at the close. July started at 54¾c, declined to 54⅝c, recovered to 54¾c and closed at 54⅝c. August sold from 40c down to 39⅝c, closing at 39¾c. September closed at 37¾c, after having sold as high as 38¼c.

Compared with the grain markets the provision trade was quiet. The highest prices for the session were made at once after the opening, when the advance over the close yesterday was 15c to 20c in pork and 2½c to 5c in other products. The close, compared with Thursday's closing, pork was 5c lower for May and steady for July; lard was 2½c lower for May and 2½c higher for July. The action for May was as follows: Pork, $13.10, to $12.85 to $12.90 at the close; lard, $7.00 to $7.02½ to $6.95 to $6.97½; ribs, $5.47½ to $5.50 to $5.45 to $5.52½.

PRICES AT CHICAGO.

Showing the range of prices in the leading options, as reported by Cockrell Brothers.

COMMODITY.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
WHEAT—					
May	1 09	1 11	1 08	1 10⅞	1 07¾
July	1 07½	1 09	1 06¾	1 08⅞	1 06¾
CORN—					
May	73¾	74¼	72	72⅝	72¾
July	69⅛	69¾	68¼	68⅝	69¼
OATS—					
May	56¾	57¾	56½	57½	56⅛
July	54¾	54¾	54⅜	54⅝	54⅛
PORK—					
May	13 10	13 10	12 85	12 90	12 95
July	13 45	13 55	13 25	13 32	13 30
RIBS—					
May	6 47	6 52	6 45	6 52	6 42
July	6 82	6 85	6 77	6 82	6 75
LARD—					
May	7 00	7 02	6 95	6 97	6 97
July	7 30	7 32	7 22	7 27	7 25

PRICES AT ST. LOUIS.

COMMODITY	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
WHEAT—					
May	1 01¾	1 04⅛	1 01¾	1 04⅛	1 01⅛-¼
July	1 01⅛	1 02¾	1 01⅛	1 02¾	99⅞
CORN—					
May	69⅞	71	69⅞	71	70⅝
July	68⅛	68⅛	67¾	68¼	67⅝
OATS—					
May	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	49	.....	.....	49	49

Notes and Gossip.

Chicago cash No. 2 corn, 75c; No. 3 corn, 74c; No. 3 yellow, 75c.

St. Louis receipts: Wheat, 15,000; corn, 86,000; oats, 30,000.

Estimated cars for Chicago Saturday: Wheat, 24; corn, 240; oats, 147.

Clearances four ports yesterday: Wheat, 40,887; corn, 36,473; oats, 12,145; flour, 34,918.

Chicago receipts: Wheat, 12,237; corn, 121,636; oats, 89,212. Shipments: Wheat, 17,239; corn, 82,054; oats, 98,930.

Liverpool—12:30 p. m.—Wheat firm, demand improving. Receipts, wheat three days, 196,000 centals including 16,000 American.

New York's close: Wheat, May $1.2½; July $1.17½ b; December $1.11 b. Corn, May 81⅛c s; July 76⅝c. Oats, May 63c b; July 62c b.

Private cable: London.—Wheat market 3s 4d higher asked, but buyers reserved. Liverpool—Wheat market ½ to 1d higher since Tuesday last.

Beerbohm's cable: Cargoes off coast, wheat and corn nothing offered; on passage wheat and corn very strong. Mark Lane wheat turn dearer, corn turn dearer. Off coast No. 1 California wheat 43s 6d, Australian 43s 6d, No. 1, California prompt shipment 43s 6d. Liverpool wheat spot very firm, corn in strong demand large business done.

Late cables steady to strong. English cables come strongest. French cables brought selling orders, quoting market there rather easy in tone though not much offering.

S. V. White bought 6,000,000 of oats this morning at 57¾c, thought to be short oats. This accounts for the strength in May and the weakness in other options at the opening.

Logan & Co. to Toncray & Bryan—Wheat opened strong with some outside buying, but longs marketed so freely that a break of a cent resulted. Later strong Liverpool advices started another bear panic and the market quickly advanced to the highest point of the day. The advices from Paris were to the effect that there was no truth in the report of the remission of the duty and reporting their market easier on fine weather. If public advices confirm this after the extensive covering of today's market we think it likely to react. The shorts in corn and oats were treated to another unpleasant experience, but top prices brought out some selling which subdued the market. The strength in provisions seemed to be borrowed from the grain pits and they closed steady at a decline from opening figures.

W. G. McCormick & Co. to F. C. Swartz & Co.—The wheat market has been wild and excited, with trading of very large magnitude. Great nervousness was shown on both sides and the market fluctuated up and down with a rapidity that at times rendered the execution of orders a matter of great difficulty. The boom was started by the rumor which came yesterday that the French duty on the importation of wheat would be at once removed. Our private advices from Paris today state positively that this rumor is unfounded, but the effect had already been experienced and the crowd were not inclined to go backwards. Some export trades were reported, but we cannot trace it to a reliable source. Receipts at the eleven primary points were 236,000, shipments 118,000. The market closed firm, but predictions as to the immediate futures are useless. It is a runaway market and may turn either way with great rapidity. In corn at the opening there was a great desire on the part of shorts to cover, showing the great buoyancy and selling at 74½c. July responded to the excitement also, the market being very nervous and the fluctuations at times very wild. The cash demand continues to set the pace for the futures and we see no immediate prospect for a let-up in the shipping demand. At the close, however, the market seemed decidedly tame and there were indications that there had been very heavy realizing on this morning's bulge. Oats opened wildly excited, May selling as high as 57½c. The trade during the day has been very large, the market fluctuating rapidly. Late corn, however, this market shows the result of considerable realizing. Trade has gone largely out of May into July and August. Provisions opened strong and higher. The market has shown largely increased activity. For some reason the commission houses representing an outside business have been heavy sellers of long stuff today, most of it going into the hands of local bulls and packers. If corn should weaken materially it may break provisions a little, but we consider them a purchase on all soft spots.

Kennett-Hopkins to S. A. McWhorter—There has been another volcanic eruption today and shorts can sympathize with the crowd caught at Pompeii. Some time ago wheat cables were only moderately strong and when the market opened ½c higher it was a great temptation to bears who covered yesterday to put out a fresh line, which they did. There was also considerable realizing by longs, who had good profits, but their offerings were absorbed by shorts. Under liberal sales prices gave way 1c to 1¼c, but at the bottom fresh buying orders were encountered and on a show of strength shorts tried to get back their wheat and their frantic bids forced prices up nearly 2c in a few moments, longs accepting profits on the bulge. Closing cables shows less strength than expected, the bears renewed their assaults, hammering the market down about a cent, when the bulls again came in the front and put up prices 2 cents, closing them at the top. There is one factor in our market which should not be overlooked. Exporters at the sea coast have secretly sold to foreigners for summer shipment a vast amount of option in the aggregate running up in the millions. It is improbable exporters would accept such orders without hedging in the markets, Chicago and Duluth being the only points where stocks are liberal. Their purchases would naturally be made here. In this way a very considerable part of our stocks have been taken out of the market. Western parties who have both cannot safely rely on the foreigners who hold their contracts and become sellers as they doubtless will if crop prospects should become as favorable as anticipated. That, however, is not a matter to be determined very soon, and meanwhile the bulls will have a firm grip on the market and dictate prices. The market closed amid considerable excitement and it would be difficult to give the exact figures. Corn and oats shared in the general tumult today opening wild, strong and excited but the pace proved too active and a sharp decline followed. There was another rally that carried prices to the top but liberal realizing sales by Hutchinson, Boyden and other holders held prices in check and corn closed comparatively easy. In provisions there was a moderately active nervous market not receptive of the buoyant feeling in grain but irregular on account of it. The close was steady only in sympathy with grain.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, April 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Cattle—We again note little or no change either in the character of the demand or in prices. Big heavy steers, any way at all shorts, were hard to sell at steady prices, while on the other hand light averages, desirable in every respect, were scarce and there was the usual scramble among buyers to get just what they wanted, and for such values were as high as any day this week. Cow stock of all description was rather scarce and sold at high prices. Stockers were steady. So far $6.35 was the top price for steers, yet $5.40 to $5.60 has been paid for 1,000 to 1,300 pound steers, and on such values are 20@40c higher than last week. Cow stock was scarce and strong.

Hogs—Business was again brisk and values a big 5c higher all around with nearly everything sold at the close. Rough and common, $4.00@4.70; packers, $4.80@5.20; prime heavy and butcher weights, $5.25@5.45; light, $5.00@5.20; skips and pigs, $3.00@4.75.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, April 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The report cabled over yesterday to the effect that the French government was about to request other European governments to suspend the duty on cereals before August caused a great commotion among the grain men here and in Chicago, and was also a matter of much interest to bankers and dealers in railroad securities. While no one apparently believes that such action will be taken, the fact that it has been even suggested confirms what we Americans, from a sordid point of view, have been hoping to be the case—that the Europeans are liable to be in sore straits for breadstuffs this summer. Of course the suspension of the duty would mean a tremendous loss of revenues to the government taking such a course. No European government can afford to cut down their revenues this summer. That such a thing is even hinted at shows that an even greater demand for cereals is expected over there than what America had supposed.

It seems strange that the manifest absurdity of the statement did not immediately impress itself on everybody. In the first place Great Britain has no duty on cereals. In the second place, why in the name of common sense should the French government forward requests to the British parliament and the German reichstag? What business is it of France what Great Britain and Germany do? Suppose the United States should wish to suspend the duty on refined sugar. Would it forward the request to some foreign countries to do likewise? It requires only a moment's thought to see the absurdity of the thing, but though it is a rare and highly prized commodity, the solemnity with which the small fry of Wall street swallows anything and everything in the way of absurd rumors thrown to them, and greedily asks for more, is a sure temptation to the brainy stock manipulator and the practical joker.

There was a brilliant opening to the railway shares on the New York stock exchange today, and notwithstanding the fact that a further $500,000 in gold coin was ordered from the sub-treasury for shipment to Europe the entire list of prominent stocks moved in an upward direction. Business assumed quite lively proportions right at the start, and the demand was good all around. At the end of first hour (speculation was much less active than at the commencement, and the market was about steady. The specialities for the most part were firm and on the rally, but transactions in them were not heavy. The industrials as a rule displayed no particular animation in the early sales, but nevertheless a firm tone was in attendance and the leading issues registered advances, led by American sugar refining common, which sold up 1 point to 91. This stock, however, afterward reacted to 90¼@90¾. The preferred rallied ⅞ to 92¼. National cordage common and preferred each rose ½ to 86¼ and $1.05½ respectively. Also these subsequently receded to 85¼ and $1.03¼. Chicago gas moved up ⅜ to 48⅝ and later lost the improvement. National lead sold ½ higher at 19.

St. Paul was weak after the early dealings. Burlington and Rock Island were the strong features of the afternoon.

Kennett Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—The market has been strong today, but the activity has been confined to a smaller range of stocks than some days past, nor have the movements in prices been uniform. A few stocks have advanced, but many others have no other improvement. It looks as if the short interest had been responsible for a large part of the buying which has put up the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and Rock Island. The former was clearly a leader of the market today. The market has had some adverse conditions to contend with in the engagement of $500,000 in gold and rumors from Paris of the failure or financial troubles of a bank. It is also quite the fashion to predict that there will be a bad bank statement tomorrow, but if there is it will reflect the condition that the banks were in a week ago rather than what they are now, for they have gained since last Friday in dealings in the subtreasury $1,805,000, which about offsets the gold which has been shipped. There is considerable current talk that the relations between the western roads and the Gould system are strained and that the Chicago & Northwestern will extend to Ogden because of the treatment that the company is receiving from the Union Pacific. It is semi-officially given that the Lehigh Valley railway will refuse to reduce tolls as ordered by the Interstate commerce commission and that the power of the Interstate commerce commission to order such reductions would be tested in the courts. When this was given out Lackawanna, which had been weak, rallied 1 per cent. Money has been easy at 3 to 3½ per cent. Market closed irregular but on the whole firm. Sales 243,229.

It is stated on good authority that the Vanderbilts have gone west to consider the advisability of extending the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley to Ogden, Utah. The Missouri Pacific now gets all of the traffic and finds itself in the way where it must take active measures to protect its interest.

London cables: There are rumors of financial difficulties in Paris, but nothing is definitely known. Credit Industrial bank shares fell 70 francs.

The following are the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s registered	122	Northern Pacific	25⅝
U. S. 4s coupons	122	do preferred	68⅛
U. S. 4½s registered	101¾	C., N. & W.	108¾
U. S. 4½s coupons	101¾	do pref'd (ex div)	134¼
Pacific 6s of 95	113	New York Central	103
Central Pacific	29	P., D. & E.	11
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	124	Pacific Mail	47⅝
		C., M. & St. P.	61⅝
		do preferred	112½
D., L. & W.	155¼	St. Paul & Omaha	24¼
Illinois Central	97	do preferred	84
L. E. & W.	27	Union Pacific	48
Kansas & Texas	13¼	W., St. L. & P.	9¼
Lake Shore	111¼	do preferred	19¼
Michigan Central	92¼	Western Union	81¾
Missouri Pacific	70		

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

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—Unchanged; 5@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet, steady; sixty-day bills, $4.85¼; demand, $4.88¼.

The Wool Market.

BOSTON, Mass., April 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The demand for wool during the past week has been moderate. The sales foot up 2,287,000 pounds of domestic and 582,000 pounds of foreign wool. The market has been steady. Ohio X sold at 33@34c, XX at 35@36c, and No. 1 at 37@38c. Michigan X has been quiet at 29c, with one sale at 29½c. No. 1 combing wool has been firm at 40@42c, Ohio fine delaine at 36@37c, and Michigan fine delaine at 35@36c. Unwashed combing wool has been sold at 27@28c for one-quarter blood and at 29@30c for three-eighths blood. Considerable Indiana one-quarter and one-half blood combing wool has been sold at 25@27c. Unwashed Ohio and Michigan fleeces have been sold at 29@32c. Territory wool has been firm at 60@65c clean for fine, 58@62c for fine medium and 53@55c for medium. Texas, California and Oregon wools have been quiet at previous prices. Pulled wools have been in steady demand, choice supers selling at 40@45c, fair to good supers at 30@38c, and extras at 22@30c. Australian wool has been in good demand, choice selling at 49@55c, and good at 54@62c. Foreign carpet wools have been in fair demand.

Coffee Options.

NEW YORK, April 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—COFFEE—Options opened dull and unchanged to 10 points up, closing steady at 5 points up and dull. The sales were 10,500 bags, including April, $7.40; May, $7.40; June, $7.50; July, $7.60@$7.70; August, $16.65; September, $16.15@16.30; November, $15.50. Spot Rio, quiet; firm; fair cargoes, $9.00; No. 7, $18.25.

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, April 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Alice	115	Horn Silver	340
Bodie	110	Ontario	3800
Deadwood	110	Plymouth	180
Eureka Con	55	Standard	1020
Homestake	875		

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Wheat—Close—Firmer; cash, $1.01½@1.01¾; May, $1.11⅛@1.10⅞; July, $1.08⅝@1.08½.

Corn—Steady; cash, 75c; May, 72½@72¾c; July, 68⅝c.

Oats—Firm; cash, 57c; May, 57@57½c; July, 54⅛@54½c.

Pork—Steady; cash, $12.80; May, $12.92½; July, $13.32½.

Lard—Steady; cash, $6.87½; May, $6.97½; July, $7.27½.

Short Ribs—Steady; cash and May, $6.50; July, $6.82½.

Rye—91@92c.

Barley—89c.

Flax—$1.23.

Timothy—Prime, $1.31.

Whisky—$1.16.

Flour—Strong and unchanged.

Bulk Meats—Shoulders, $5.10@5.15; short clear, $6.60@6.70; short ribs, $5.55.

Butter—Unchanged; creamery 20@25c; dairy 18@23c.

Eggs—Unchanged; fresh, 12@12½c.

Cheese—Unchanged; full cream cheddars, 11¼@11½c; Young Americas, 12@12½c; flats, 11½@12c.

Hides—Unchanged; heavy and light green salted, 5½@5¾c; green salted, 4½@4½c; salted bulls, 4½c; green salted calf, 8c; dry flint, 8c; dry salted, 6c; dry calf, 8@9c.

Tallow—Unchanged; I solid packed, 4¼c; 2, 3½c; cake, 4½c.

Whisky—Higher, $1.18.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour	10,000	4,000
Wheat, bu	12,000	17,010
Corn, bu	122,000	82,000
Oats, bu	89,000	99,000

NEW YORK, April 17.—Wheat—Receipts, 21,000 bushels; exports, none; spot 2¼@3¾c higher and unsettled; No. 2 red, $1.20½@1.21¼ in elevator; $1.25¾ afloat; $1.22@1.26 f. o. b. Options opened excited, advancing 1½c, then broke 2½c, advanced 1¾@2¼c on foreign buying orders and closed strong at 2@2¾c over last night's price; May closed at $1.20.

Corn—Receipts, 78,650 bushels; exports, 15,800; spot higher; No. 2, 81½c in elevator; 84@85c afloat; ungraded mixed, 80@81½c. Options 4¾@1½c higher; May closing at 81¼c.

Oats—Receipts, 24,000 bushels; exports, 1,900; spot higher; No. 2 white, 64@65c; mixed western, 60@63c; white western, 63@69c. Options stronger; May closing at 61c.

Sugar—Raw, unsettled; fair refining, 3⅝c; refined, quiet; standard "A," 4 9-16c; cut loaf, 5¼c; powdered 5c; granulated, 4⅝c.

Petroleum—Easier; United closed for May at 71c.

Eggs—Firmer; western, 14½c.

Pork—Strong; new mess, $13.75@14.50.

Lard—Firmer; western steam, $7.15.

Butter—Steady; western dairy, 12@22c; western creamery, 26@27c; Elgin, 2⅞c.

Cheese—Firm; skims, 6½@10c.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—Wheat—Excited and higher; cash $1.09; May, $1.11.

Corn—Higher; cash, 70c; May, 71c.

Oats—Higher; cash, 55½c; May, 55¼c.

Pork—Stronger at $12.75@12.81½.

Lard—Firmer at $6.92½@6.75.

Whisky—Firm at $1.16.

Butter—Firm; creamery, 23@25c; dairy, 15c.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 17.—Wheat—Good demand for sample wheat today; market strong, higher. Receipts, 122 cars; shipments, 70 cars. Close: No. 1 hard, April, $1.13; on track, $1.13½; No. 1 northern, April, $1.09; May, $1.09½; on track, $1.10½; No. 2 northern, April, $1.07; on track $1.07½; April, $1.07; on track, $1.07½@1.08½.

MILWAUKEE, April 17.—Wheat—Excited; No 2 spring, cash, $1.09@1.10; May, $1.11.

Corn—Firm; No. 3, 74c.

Oats—Steady; No. 2, white, 59½c.

Provisions—Quiet; pork, May, $12.85.

CINCINNATI, April 17.—Wheat—Strong; No. 2 red, $1.11@1.12.

Corn—Strong; No. 2 mixed, 77@77½c.

Oats—Higher; No. 2 mixed, 59c.

Whisky—$1.18.

KANSAS CITY, April 17.—Wheat—Market, higher; No. 2 hard, cash, 99c@$1.01; No. 2 red, cash, $1.03@1.04.

Corn—Stronger; No. 2, cash, 68½c; April, 68½c.

Oats—Steady; No. 2 cash, 54@55c.

LIVERPOOL, April 17.—Wheat—Firm; demand improving.

Corn—Strong; demand fair.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, April 17—Cattle—Receipts, 85,000; market steady; steers, $6.35 for top prices; $5.40@5.90 for others; stockers, $2.85@4.25; Texans, $3.00; cows and heifers, $1.50@5.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; market higher; rough and common, $4.00@4.70; packers, $4.80@5.20; prime heavy and butcher weights, $5.25@5.45; light, $5.00@5.20; skips and pigs, $3.00@4.75.

SHEEP—Receipts, 8,000; market active, irregular; Westerns, $5.60@6.00; lambs, $6.00@6.90.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 400; shipments, 1,300; market strong; fair to fancy natives, $4.10@6.10; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.10.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,200; shipments, 4,200; market higher; heavy, $5.10@5.30; mixed, $5.00@5.15; light, $4.90@5.10.

KANSAS CITY, April 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,700; shipments, 350; steady to strong; steers, $3.75@6.15; cows, $1.75@4.35; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.30.

Hogs—Receipts, 8,400; shipments, 3,800; market higher, closed weak; all grades, $4.80@5.10.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

OMAHA, April 17.

CATTLE—Official receipts of cattle 999, as compared with 858 yesterday and 1,058 Friday of last week. The market was active with hand fat grades of beeves and butcher stock stronger; others fully steady. Feeders are active and in demand at firm prices. The market closed with a week feeling on beeves, more pronounced and numerous on heavy beeves.

HOGS—Official receipts of hogs 3,458, as compared with 3,619 yesterday and 3,613 Friday of last week. The market was active and 5 to 10c higher. All sold. The range of the prices paid was $4.80@5.12½, the bulk selling at $4.90@5.05. Light, $4.75@5.05; heavy, $4.95@5.12½; mixed, $4.90@5.05. The average of the prices paid was $4.97½ as compared with $4.92½ yesterday and $4.92 Friday of last week.

SHEEP—Official receipts of sheep 427, as compared with 433 yesterday and 180 Friday of last week. Natives, $2.75@5.50; westerns, $2.00@5.50.

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.	478
The G. H. Hammond company	166
The Cudahy packing company	9
The Omaha packing company	11
Shippers, feeders and other buyers	287
Left over	59
Total	1,110

HOGS.

The Cudahy packing company	510
The Omaha packing company	645
Swift & Co.	479
The G. H. Hammond company	291
Shippers, feeders and other buyers	1,034
Left over	1,000
Total	3,654

SHEEP.

Swift & Co.	192

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5	1056	$4 30	3	1023	$5 00	16	1196	$5 50
1	1300	4 35	20	1111	5 25	17	1294	5 55
20	1002	4 50	10	1110	5 25	20	1439	5 55
1	740	4 50	41	1153	5 30	56	1268	5 60
27	941	4 50	5	1078	5 35	20	1306	5 65
10	957	4 75	14	1187	5 45	30	1323	5 80
9	808	4 85						

MIXED.

5	630	3 75	8	756	4 40	21	1158	5 35

COWS.

2	870	1 30	1	760	2 25	1	1050	3 65
2	930	1 85	8	926	2 70	17	970	4 00
1	1100	2 00	6	1135	3 25	14	1056	4 00
1	1000	2 00	1	1010	3 35	6	811	4 00
6	921	2 22½	6	903	3 40	2	1065	4 00
1	820	2 25	1	1200	3 40	1	1200	4 00
1	1030	2 25	1	1070	3 55	1	1100	4 25
7	817	2 35	1	1140	3 65	18	910	4 35

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

11	626	2 75	2	955	3 00	15	660	3 65
22	728	3 00	1	880	3 00	9	795	3 70
36	971	3 00	5	788	3 00			

BULLS.

1	1300	2 25	1	1730	2 75	1	1230	3 00
3	1286	2 40	2	1065	2 85	1	1760	3 55

STAGS.

2	320	3 65	2	935	4 00

OXEN.

1	1360	2 50	2	935	4 00

HEIFERS.

15	852	3 85	1	970	4 10

CALVES.

2	320	2 85	1	397	— 4 10
			1	284	— 4 12½

MILKERS AND SPRINGERS.

1 milker	$26 50
1 springer	25 00
1 springer	30 00

WESTERN CATTLE.

No.		Av.	Pr.
	Gage & Balcom—		
1	cow hay-fed	1050	$3 00
20	steers, hay-fed	1058	4 55
10	steers, hay-fed	1136	4 00
37	steers, hay-fed	1192	5 00
75	steers, hay-fed	1299	5 25
22	steers, hay-fed	1167	5 30
9	cows, hay-fed	1024	3 50
	J. M. Brett—		
66	steers, hay-fed	1065	4 65
9	feeders	1127	3 60
1	feeder	950	2 50
	Marsh & Cooper—		
9	feeders, hay-fed	896	3 85
11	feeders, hay-fed	995	3 90
40	steers, hay-fed	1054	4 30
	Amos Lilly & Co.—		
13	steers, hay-fed	1216	4 55
1	cow, hay-red	860	3 35
2	cows, hay-fed	970	3 35
5	cows, hay-fed	700	3 35
	Sands Brothers—		
9	steers, hay-fed	1041	4 10
75	heifers, hay-fed	1276	4 65

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	220	—	$4 50	31	246	120	$4 95
10	142	40	4 50	64	225	120	4 97½
100	156	40	4 80	75	199	80	5 00
6	261	40	4 83	74	195	120	5 00
26	157	80	4 80	77	204	80	5 00
85	181	160	4 85	76	214	80	5 00
83	166	240	4 85	67	206	—	5 00
59	195	120	4 90	74	247	160	5 00
55	312	240	4 90	50	233	—	5 00
66	216	120	4 90	81	194	—	5 00
92	190	120	4 90	69	200	—	5 00
74	212	160	4 90	48	243	80	5 00
68	176	160	4 90	80	205	80	5 00
51	232	80	4 90	76	195	240	5 00
92	202	160	4 90	73	264	80	5 02½
19	275	200	4 90	65	219	120	5 05
61	174	—	4 90	14	382	80	5 05
67	272	340	4 92½	71	222	80	5 05
42	348	160	4 95	63	220	—	5 05
32	182	80	4 95	65	225	80	5 05
22	158	—	4 95	68	247	80	5 05
55	203	80	4 95	60	253	240	5 05
76	215	200	4 95	65	254	40	5 05
63	221	—	4 95	83	239	—	5 05
78	200	40	4 95	64	202	—	5 07½
73	198	80	4 95	66	96	120	5 10
68	198	80	4 95	41	197	—	4 10
75	213	40	4 95	53	284	—	4 12½

PIGS AND ROUGH.

1	320	—	2 25	1	530	80	4 00
69	94	40	3 25	1	270	—	4 25
28	107	—	3 40				

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Provisions.

SMOKED MEATS—Sugar Cured—Hams, 14 to 16 lb average, 9¾c; hams, 20 to 22 lb average, 9½c; hams, 10 to 12 lb average, 10c; skinned hams, 10c; shoulders, 6½c; clear breakfast bacon, narrow strips, 8¼c; clear breakfast bacon, wide strips, 9c; boneless breakfast bacon backs, 8c; California or picnic hams, 7c; boneless ham, 8½c; dried beef hams (sets), 9¾c; dried beef clods, 8½c; short spiced rolls or ham roulette, 8½c; smoked beef tongues (per dozen), $6.50; special hams, 12 to 15 lb average, 11c; special boneless breakfast bacon, 11c; selected dried beef hams, insides and knuckles, 11c; selected wide clear breakfast bacon, 9½c.

DRY SALTED MEATS—Fancy light weight short clears, 7¼c; long