## THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

A Brief Review of Business Conditions in and Out of Omaha.

THE LOCAL MONEY MARKET UNCHANGED.

Reports of Damages to Crops in Nebraska from Dry Weather Disputed-A Good Rain Would Be Beneficial.

While there has been much to interest fluanciers in the country at large, the past week has not developed any especially new features of a local nature. Money is fairly easy in Omana and borrowers do not appear to be put to any great inconvenience in getting their wants supplied.

The actual condition of trade in the city is not all that could be desired, and in some lines it is rather quiet, but it is generally admitted that business is fully as good as was anticipated at the commencement of the year. Most business houses report a fair movement of goods, but there is not that snap to the trade which they would like to see and which is to be experienced only when crops have been good and money pienty in the country.

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of Olnaha holds up well, the conditions remaining very much the same as were noted some time ago, A good many of the country orders are small, the retail dealers being very onservative in the matter of buying. There ppears to be a disposition among them not to take any chances by allowing stocks of goods to pile up on their hands. They figure that with a good crop this year trade will be large, but that they can wait until the crop is assured before laying in the stock of goods. can

As one dealer remarked: "We have a cror failure behing us and we can't take any chances on there being another this season. In some lines of business a failing off in the volume of trade is noted and charged up to the fact that the farmers are generally very busy and are not taking any time to visit the towns to do trading. Taking everything into consideration the jobbers have no complaint coming.

IN COUNTRY PRODUCE. the past week has developed some features of general interest. In a general way it may be said that receipts have been light with the demand moderate and a not overly ac-

A noticeable feature is the advance in eggs, which places them at an unusually high point, stock going at 14c which sold a year ago at 10c or less. The receipts are light at a time when they should be heavy and many dealers look to see the market rule

strong all the season.

The changes in the butter market have been just the opposite from the egg market. Frices have been weakening rapidly under the influence of more liberal receipts. Pretty good stock sold the last of the week at 12c It was not very long ago that stock no better went as high as 20c.

The poultry market has practically shown no change in two weeks or more, prices remaining in about the same notch Hay dropped down under the influence of large receipts of poor stock and prices are very low as compared to what they were

three weeks ago.

The business interests of Omaha and the urrounding country are dependent to such an extent upon good crops that every busi-ness man is watching the result of the farm-ers' work and any information bearing on the subject is welcome though the nature of the news may not be.

CROP CONDITIONS. A great deal has been heard during the past few days regarding injury to crops from ary weather. As these reports come largely from speculators who may be interested in builing the grain market they must be taken with due allowance. There appears, however, to be some ground for these reports but the conditions are not so unfavorable as they would make out. In some localities oats sown on poorly cultivated ground are terming cellow in cultivated ground are turning yellow in patches, due to dry weather and cool nights. Wherever the ground was put in the proper condition few complaints have been heard. Wheat is looking well all over the state, and

a heavy yield is predicted.

While no damage, or at least none of any consequence, has been done to the growing crop as yet it is equally true that the ground is becoming too dry and that a rain would be of great benefit all over the state. Should there be no rains for the next week or two some damage might result, but as yet the crop conditions are favorable and ere is promise of a bountiful harvest. THE SPECTLATIVE MARKETS

In grain and provisions have been quite inresting for the past week. The Chicago wheat market has been characterized by scalping to a greater extent than for some months. It has been very sensitive to our home influences, such as glowing crop

prospects, and has at times responded strongly to the bull situation of Europe. It closes at a gain of about 3c over the close of Saturday a week ago. The prediction of gen-eral rains or dry weather for twenty-four or forty-eight hours has an effect of le to Se per bushel and it may be characterized as purely a weather market controlled by the scalping crowd. The foreign situation continues very strong and our exports of wheat and flour have been large. Lake, canal and ocean freights are cheaper than ever tefore. Predictions are valueless as all now depends upon the weather of the next ten days and the outcome of our home crop.

Corn has shown a steady decline for the

past week. The receipts have materially increased. The urgent demand which has been exhibited during the past thirty days is very much lessened and in some instances the decline in the price of this cereal has been 5c per bushel. It is now impossible to place corn to arrive at any premium over the June option. Planting seems to be about completed and only needs moisture to make a splendid stand, which cannot help but have a bearish influence. The market seems very heavy and declines of its own weight.

Oats have been quite active for the past six days, especially for the August and Sep-tember option. There have been numerous reports of damage by drouth and insects out the cash supply is large and the demand not urgent.

Provisions have had a bear week. Chicago taient has been hammering the market per-sistently and without mercy for the buils, snaking out the majority of the weak holders. The week closes at a net loss of about 75c per barrel on pork. It is thought by many that the bear side on this product has become almost too popular, and the bear may have trouble to buy in their shorts, it which case there might be a sharp upturn.

## OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

OMAHA, May 16.

CATTLE—Official receipts of cattle 1,158 as compared with 534 yesterday and 1,911 Saturday of last week. The receipts during the week were 7,780, as compared with 8,777 the week prior. The market was active and steady to strong on beeves and unchanged. The quality of the receipts was good. Some very fine steers sold at 55.85.

House—Official receipts of hous 5,463 as compared with 4,342 vesterday and 3,944 Saturday of last week. The receipts during the week were 17,250, as compared with 25,063 the week prior. The market was fairly active and steady, closing weak. The range of prices paid was \$1,3624.00, the bulk selling at 84,9624.30, hight. \$1,3624.00 the bulk selling at 84,9624.30 the average of the prices paid was \$1,44 as compared with \$45,900 the prices paid in \$1,4500 the \$1,4500 the

week.
SHEEP—Official receipts of sheep 1.25 a compared with 179 Saturday of last week. Thereceipts during the week were 1.851, as compared with 2.76 the week prior. The marke was unchanged. Natives, \$3.9962-500; westerns

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Fancy steers, 1250 to 1600 lbs	0.56,(6)
Prime steers, 1250 to 1475 lbs 4.85	625.60
Good steers, 1150 to 1350 lbs 4.50	345.30
Butchers' steers, 1050 to 1300 lbs 4.00	654.90
Fair steers, 900 to 115) 1bs	444.65
Common steers, 800 to 1200 lbs 2.75	
Fair to good cows 2.00	923.03
Good to choice cows 2.75	(64.00
Choice to fancy cows 3.75	255,763
Beifers 2.00	423,50
Yearlings 2.00	923.50
Feeders 2.20	\$24.50
Stockers 1.25	662.75
Cunners 1.00	632,00
Bulls 1.75	
Oxen 1.75	\$55.00

Disposition for the Week. Official receipts and disposition of stock as shown by the books of the Union stockyards company for the week ending at 5 o'clock p. m. Saturday, May 16.

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Receipts and Shipments. Showing the official receipts and shipments of cattle, hogs and sheep on the dates indicated:

Dates.	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep.
Friday May S	1.200	3,914	17
Saturday Mac 9	1.911	3,100	1.26
Monday, May 11. Tuesday, May 12.	1,730	1,537 8,500	18
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Wednesday, May U Thursday, May 14	534	4.249	18
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Saturday, May 10	1,138	2.86	1,22
Second week of May	8.631	26.7551	2.07
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Tuesday May 12	324	2.47	
Wednesday, May 13.	19.19	1.400	
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Second week of May	4,176	6.821	- 22
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Fourth week of April	5.003	2314	2.07
Third week of April	1,898	7.479 0.800	47
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Stock Receipts.

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Range of Prices Paid for Hogs. The following table shows the range of ie prices paid for hogs on the days indi-

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Average Price of Hogs. Showing the average price paid for loads of hors on the days indicated in 1888, 1889,

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	4 45	8.85	4 21	5 26
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Highest and Lowest Sales of Hogs. The following condensed table shows the highest and lowest sales and highest and low est average of the sales of bors and the date at this market in each nonth during the

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1.....240 - 3.40 PIGS AND BOUGH. 112 - 3.50 Chicago Live Stock Market

Chicago, May 15.—[Special Telegram to The BER.]—The receipts of cattle were estimated at 1.50 head, of which number about one thou-sand were from Texas. Of natives the supply and were from Texas. Of natives the supply was too scanty to make a market. There was fair inquiry for good cattle but values were nominal. Poor and common stock soid sionly at Friday's quotations, which were \$1.5054.50 for inferior to choice cows. beffers and buils: \$1.5654.50 for stockers and feeders: \$4.5056.50 for common to extra slipping steers: \$1.505.50 for calves. A liberal proportion of the receipts belonged to local dressed beef firms and were not offered for sale. The week has been a quiet one, though why that should have been the case is not altogether clear. Notwithstanding the continued moderate receipts the fat margin between Chicago quotations and those current in London and Liverpool, and the healthy condition of trade in the east, buyers have manifested a lamentable lack of interest and have successfully resisted the efforts of salesmen to secure an alivance. There is no grade of cattle for which prices are appreciably higher than they were one week ago, while for anything grading below good the market is decidedly lower.

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Receipts fell 17.400 head below the total for the corresponding week last year and the loss for the filst sixteen days of this month is 55,000 head. The enhanced cost of beef at retail has of course materially lessened consumption, but after making all due allowance for that fact it still is inexplicable save on the hypothesis of combination amont buyers that prices for the best grades of cattle should be no more than 75c \$1.00 per 100 pounds higher today than they were twolve months ago. Poor to fair grades are 150,500 lower than last week. The decline was ascribed to too free offerings of Texas cattle of which 10.000 head were put on sale during the last six days. The range of sales was \$1.50 \$1.20. Cows and boils so d principally at \$2.55. \$2.50. and from \$5.005,505 bought the major part of steers. 34.00. and from \$3.005.55 bought the major part of steers.

The tone of the nog market was firm today for the first time during the week. There was no more urgency than before in the demand but the light receipts, Llop head, and the prospect of a decreased run for next week had the effect of partially restoring confidence, and the slightly advanced prices demanded by holders were paid without grambling. The average was 5c higher than for yesterday's sales, at \$4.45 and \$4.85 for poor to prime heavy and medium weights, and at \$4.25.5, for light; while sales of little pigs and cu is were anywhere from \$2.00 to \$4.25. Shippers took the largest part of offerings. The receipts for this week were only about 1,000 head greater than for the previous one but there has been severe shrinkage in values neverthegreater than for the previous one but there has been severe shrinkage in values nevertheres. The market started in weak and declining and there was steady recession until the close of Friday's trading when quotations stood at \$4.80 for best heavy and medium weights, and at \$4.70 for prime light. That was a decline from previous weeks prices of about 30. There was a slight recovery today, but the general market is still 250 00 lower than hist Saturday. Am arked decrease in eastern orders and a drop in provisions were the causes of the depreciation in the value of the live animal. Lighter receipts for next week are looked for by the trade generally, but opinions are divided as to the probable course of prices, the majority anticipate a slight improvement.

CATTLE-Receipts, 15.90; shipments, 1,000; market steady; extra to prime steers, \$6.0 00.25; others, \$4.5 05.90; Texans, \$1.5004.85; cows, \$2.505.25.5.

Hous--Receipts: 10.000; shipments, 6.000; market steady; rough and common \$3.755 4.25; mixed and packers, \$4.4.26.70; prime beavy and butcher weights, \$4.752.85; light, \$4.0861.70.

SHEEP--Receipts, 500; shipments, 300; market steady; westerns. \$5.35-25.65; lambs, \$6.5-(57.5).

St. Louis Live Stock. St. Louis Live Stock.

St. Louis Mo. May 16.—CATTLE-Receipts.

S6: shipments, none; market steady; fair to fancy native steers. \$4.1026.10; Texans and Indians steers stronger. \$4.0002.100.

Hogs-Receipts. 1.000; shipments, 1.700; market steady; heavy. \$1.5024.75; mixed. \$4.202.

4.65; light, \$4.5024.00.

Kansas City Live Stock. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 16.—CATTLE-Receipts, 2,000; shipments, 8,400; market steady; steers, \$3.0 @5.00; cows, \$2.00@1.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.0 %1.50; cows, \$2.00@1.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.0 %1.50; shipments, 3,200; market steady; all grades, \$6.0 %24.05.

OMARA WHOLESALE MARKETS. Vegetables.

The potato market is very dull and low.
Dealers generally are advising the holding of stock in the country until the market is given a chance to recover.

The following quotations are based on yesterday's sales.

terday's sales:
New POTATORS—Per lb, 746024c.
SOUTHERN BEANS—Wax, \$1 7562,00 per 14 bushel box; string, \$1.256\$1.50 per 14 bushel box.
Top Ontons—Per bunch, 10c.
Spinach—Per bbl. \$1.15@1.50.
Tomatoes—Southern stock, bushel boxes,
\$5.00; fanoy, crates, 6 baskets \$5.50 per crate.
LETTICE—Choice stock, 32@4.c.
ASPARAGUS—Home grown stock, 65@70c per

SQEASH - Per crate of 3 dozen, \$2.50. POTATCES - Home grown stock, 80@90c; western stock, \$1,00001.19. PIE PLANT-Per lb. 234c.

RADISHES—Per dozen tunches, 20@25c. LEAS—Per bushel box, \$2.00; per 15 bushel OCK. 75c.
CUCUMBERS—Per dozen, \$1.50.
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CABBAGE—California stock, per 1b, 24e;
outhern, per crate, \$1.51.
SOUTHERN CAULIFLOWER—Per dozen, \$2.25@

50. RUTABAGAS—Michigan stock, per bu, 50c, BEETS—Per bushel, \$1.00. REFTS—Per bushel, \$1.00. CARROTS—Per bushel, \$1.00. PARSATIS—Per bushel, \$1.00. BEANS—Mediums, \$2.60; n vy, \$2.75.

Fresh Fruits. The market was well supplied with straw-berries of good quality and the market was lower. California cherries were on the mar-ket, but in limited quantities. The following quotations are based on yes-

terday's sales:
ORANGES—Los Angeles, \$2,75@3.00 per box;
Riveras, \$1.00; Riversides, \$150.
PANEAPPLES—Per doz, \$1,25@2.50,
STRAWBERRIES—Per 24-quart case, \$1.00\(\display{3}\).50 for good.

Appres-The market is practically out of good sh pning stock, Lemons-Choice stock, per box, \$6.50; fancy, Bananas-Per bunch, \$2.50@3.00 for fancy tock for shipping.
CALIFORNIA CHERRIES-Per 16-1b box, \$3,50.

Country Produce. The hay market was a little firmer, but otherwise the market was about steady. Eggs are firm and butter weak. Butter is weak and prices low. Hay is a ittle firmer. The following quotations are based on yes-HAY-Rest upland, \$10.00 per ton.
BUTTER-Good to choice country, 10@15c.
EGGs-Bulk of sales 14c.
POULTRY-Choice live hens, \$4.00; roosters.
\$1.50@3.75.

The Improvement Record The following figures show the totals of real estate transfers, building permits and bank clearings for the week:

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

 
 Tuesday
 7,664

 Wednesday
 9,225

 Thursday
 262,897

 Friday
 29,155

 Saturday
 57,502
 Total. BANK CLEARINGS. Monday \$740,340,59
Tuesday 680,424,78
Wednesday 663,87,19
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Total \$4,186,822.50 A decrease of \$2.5 per cent from the corresponding week of last year. Talk for Themselves.

Milliner flends are bad enough, but the dressmaker fiend is worse. Once in a while the milliner gets the benefit of a small doubt -a very small one-from the fact of your not being informed on the actual cost of straw, and beads, and tinsel, and gewgaws. You never have a suggestion of doubt about the imposition of the dressmaker's bill. The real, real swell dressmaker never allows you to buy the "findings." She will allow you to select the goods of which you are to have a dress made—if it agrees perfectly with her ideas of good taste and fashion. The "findings"—the linings, dress braids, binding ribbon, whilebones, thread, buttons, shields, belting, trimmings and everything else used in the production—she insists on furnishing herself, because she is "so very particular, and these things have so much to do with the style of a dress." They may be the whole secret of style—you cannot say—but they talk for themselves in the bill

Chicago Wheat Prices Take a Drop on Receipt of Bearish News.

GOOD WEATHER LOWERS CORN VALUES.

Decline in New York Cereals -Quiet Week in Chicago Live Stock, with Prices Slightly Lower -Other Markets.

CHICAGO, May 16. - Reports of generous rainfalls in the southwestern wheat pelt were circulated on the board of trade at the opening this morning. It materially changed the speculative afunction in the wheat pit as it quieted all fear of damage by dry weather and temporarily slienced, the talk of insect damage. It was thought that copious rains in Kansas had certainly drowned out the chine! bugs. Acting on this theory the bear leader made a little more aggressive campaign, and they got help in the shape of selling orders from the southwest and from outsiders generally. The local demand was not great. In fact the local traders seemed to be acting against their privinges. When ever the market reached the price at which 'puts" had sold (ast night the holders of these privileges, having an insurance against loss. would don little buying. Any bulge, however, brought most of this wheat on the market again. Charters of vessel room for about 30,000 bushels of wheat were made here last night and this morning. The news became public during the morning and lifted prices almost to the point at which they closed yesterday. The bulge was not maintained, however, as offerings were liberal. The bear leaders during the day were Ream and Linn, who put out substantial lines of shorts. Bullish news was not wanting. The favorable New York bank statement continued dry weather and prospects for a light crop season in the northwest, advices from San Francisco that buying by france there had been renewed, several firm and estimates of a heavy decrease in the visible supply were among them. In the face of all this, however, the heavy pressure to sell by local bears and the representatives of New York, St. Louis and other houses gave the market an evident weak tone during most of the day. July opened at \$1.02% and immediately broke to \$1.02 and railed to \$1.02%, declined to \$1.01%, recovered to \$1.02%, sagged off and closed at \$1.01%.

Corn started with an appearance of strength but it was very quickly dissipated when it beame known that the predictions of frost in the northwestern corn belt, made for ast night, were not verified. Instead of last night, were not verified. Instead of suffering damage, the young corn plants were benefited by rain. This caused holders of property to throw it on the market, and these offerings, coupled with the weakness in wheat, gave a decidedly heavy tone to the market. July, which opened at 505,504, sold straight down to 584, and after a sight raily dropped to 57%, closing at 1 pointhigher.
Outs ranged lower, because of the rainfall, which did away with talk of damage by the oat louse, the net loss for the day in July beling 4c.

ing 4c.
Provisions started out very strong, but weakened on heavy sales by holders of all sorts. The market ranged steadily downward, but the transactions after the first hour were light. July pork opened at \$ 1.60 and sold off to \$11.30, closing 25% higher. Lard is off 75% compared with yesterday, and ribs 10c. The leading futures ranged as follows: ARTICLES. OPEN. HIGH, LOW, CLOSE,

WHEAT-No. 2-	8 1 0034	\$ 1 00%	\$ 1.06	# 1 on
June	1.00%	1 0256	1 0114	1 0534
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May July September		11 45 11 70 11 82%	11 15 11 30 11 52%	11 1746 11 124 11 65
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Cash quotations were as follows: Cash quotations were as follows:
FLOUR—Dull and unchanged: spring, \$5.00%
559; winter, \$5.00%5.20; straits, \$4.00%5.00; bakers, \$4.20%4.50.
WHEAT—No. 2 spring wheat, \$1.00%1.00%; No. 3 spring wheat, \$9.00%1.01; No. 2 red, \$1.00%1.08.
CORN—No. 2, \$25%c.
OATS—No. 2, \$11%c; No. 2 white, \$12%652%c; No. 3 white, \$0.46531%c.
RYE—No. 2, \$10%20; No. 3, £ o. b., 68%
75c; No. 4, £ o. b., 70c.
FLAX SEED—No. 1, \$1.15
TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, \$1.28,
PORK—Mess pork per barrel, \$11.12%%11.15; lard, per cwt, \$6.30%6.40; short ribs wides (loose), \$3.85%5.90; dry saited shoulders boxed), \$8.30%6.40; short clear sides (boxed), \$6.30%6.40.
WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods per gallon, \$1.17.

Sugar-Cut loaf, unchanged; granulated.

changed; Standard "A." unchanged. Receipts and shipments today were as fol-

RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
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dalry, 10718c; extra firsts, 13715c; firsts, 11712c. Eggs, 147146c. New York Markets.

New York, May 16.—Flour-Receipts, 11,892 packages; exports, 1,563 barrels, 5,413 sacks; market quiet, closing essy; sales, 12,760 barrels; low extras, 83,9 64,59; winter wheat, low grades, 50,994,59; fair to fancy, 84,705,40; patents, 84,8064,90; Minnesota clear, 84,506,5,10; straight, \$4,8565,50; Minnesota patents, \$5,106,6,15.

patents \$4.8554.90; Minnesota clear, \$4.505.10; straight, \$4.855.50; Minnesota patents, \$5.105.615.

RYE—Mixed, \$4.602.5.10.
CORNMEAL—Duil; yellow western, \$3.4024.00.
Wheat—Receipts, 74.80; bushels; exports, 127.85; bushels; sales, 4.880.00; bushels fatures; 16.90; bushels spot, Spot market duil, weaker; No. 2 red, \$4.16; in store; \$1.164.66; 117; affoat; \$1.164.26; 11.84; f. o. b.; ungraded red, \$1.054.24.10; No. 2 northern, to arrive, \$1.154.26; No. 2 lorthern, to arrive, \$1.164.26; No. 2 Milwaukee, \$1.104; options opened \$4.54c; higher on poor English weather reports, derlined 15.401; on good western crop news, rallying and closing firm on export demand at \$4.55c; below yesterday. No. 2 red, May, closing at \$1.13; June, closing at \$1.13; July, \$1.905.26; losing at \$1.105. closing at \$1.05c; December, \$1.044.26.105. closing at \$1.05c; December, \$1.044.26.105. closing at \$1.05c; December, \$1.045.26.105. closing at \$1.05c; December, \$1.05c; De

Hops-Firm, quiet; state common to choice, Hops-Firm, quiet; state common to choice, 250 2c; Pacific coast, 25 27 4c. Edgs-Firm; western, 146 lfc. Receipts, 1367 packages. =Poux—Quiet, steady't old mess. \$11.00@12.50; new mess, \$12.75@13.50; extra prime, \$11.75@ CUT MEATS-Steady; quiet; pickled bellies. 54c: pickled shoulders, 44c: pickled hams, 94 Glober; middles, quiet and firm, short clear,

LAUD-Weaker and dull; western steam, BARBANGASCE And dull; western steam, Bofris, Outloo sales, L930 tierces; May, 86.70 asked; July, 86.70 asked; Br. 194. stoosing at 86.70 asked; western dairy, Nather; western creamery, 186.20c; western factory, 196.60c; Elgins, 20c. CHEESE-Quiet, easy; part skima, 5084;c.

SUGAR-Raw, duil; nominal; fair refining, a skied; centrifugals, 9; test, 3% c asked; cefined, quiet and unchanged.

Molasses-Foreign New Orleans, steady; omnou to fancy, Egipte.

RICE-Poil, steady; domestic fair to extra, poig; Japan, 680%.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. May 16.—WHEAT—Sample wheat was dull today at a lower range of prices. The offerings were not large but they were in excess of the demand, which was light for the best wheat. There was little demand for the poorer classes and few sales

were made. One huyer took about all the No. 1 northern that was sold at a cent under July. Elevator companies were not in the market and only a few cars were bought to go toout side mills. Receipts, 116 cars; shipments, 111 cars. Closing prices: No. 1 hard, May, \$1.09; on track, \$1.09; No. 1 northern. May, \$1.09; in track, \$1.07; No. 2 northern. May, \$1.07; no track, \$1.07; No. 2 northern. May, \$1.04; on track, \$1.04; in track, \$1.07; No. 2 northern.

St. Louis Market .. St. Louis Mo., May 16.—Wheat - Lowert cash, \$1.91 July, 974 2073.
Conn-Lower; cash, 594c; July, 55%c.
Oats - Lower; cash, 596; July, 4tc.
Ponk - Quiet at \$1.500 11.624.
LARD - Quiet at \$6.124.
Whirky - \$1.18.
BUTTER - Lower; creamery, 15@Ne; dairy, 14@17c.

Kansas City Markets. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 18.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 2 hard, eash, 95c; May, 10c bid; No. 2 red.

Conn-Lower; No. 2, cash, 56%c; May, 56%@ OATS-Lower; No. 2, cash and May, 485;c Milwankee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 16.—WHEAT—Firm; cash, \$1.05(1).04; July, \$1.014; CORS—Easter; No. 1, 040; OATS—Lawert No. 2 white, 52\(\gamma\)250. PROVISIONS—Easter; pork, July, \$11.50. Duinth wheat Market. DELUTE, Minn., May 16 - WHEAT Opened easy and declined 2 cents during the day. Re-ceipts, 11 cars. Closing prices; May, \$1,164; June, \$1,15; July, \$1,112; No. 1, \$1,10; No. 1 hard, \$1,08; No. 2 no thern, \$1,03.

Cincinnati Markets. CINCINNATI. O., May 16.—WHEAT—Heavy; No. 2 red. \$1.07. Cons.—Lower; No. 2 mixed, 54c. OATS.—Lower; No. 2 mixed, 54c. WHISHY.—\$1.17.

Toledo Markets. Toleno, O., May 16,--Wheat-Lower; cash and May, \$1.00. aster; cash, 63c.

OATS-Quiet: cash, bic. STOCKS AND BONDS.

New YORK, May 16.-The stock market oday was active, and while weak at first rallied sharply nearly recovering the early asses and bringing prices up close to those of last evening. The general expectation in view of the extraordinary heavy shipments of gold for the last two weeks was that the bank statement would show a serious decrease in the reserves if not a complete loss of reserves. There was, therefore, a vigorous effort to sell all the steek which the market would take in the early trading, although there was undoubtedly good sup-port given many of the leading shares The effect was to make an extremely feverish market. The support was apparently with-drawn toward it o'clock, and the pressure to sell became more urgent, so that a sharp decline all along the line brought prices down from 1 to 2 per cent from last evening's figures, and the lowest prices of the week were reached. On the downward movement. Manhattan, Chicago Gas. Louisville & Nashville, Pacific Mail, Union Pacific and Rock Island, were specially prominent. The strongest spot on the list was the Northern Pacific, which was helped by the cable advices from Berlin which cave interviews with some influential officers of the Deutsche bank in which they expressed great friendship for Mr. Villard and depreted the recent stories of a break between that gentieman and the bank. The bank statement, however, when it appeared showed a small increase in the reserves, instead of the statement, however, when it appeared showed a small increase in the reserves instead of the loss expected, and there was a right to buy, greater even than the previous pressure to sell, and prices radiced very sharply, recovering in the fifteen infinites left to do business almost all the losses of the morning. There was most excellent buying of the Northern Pacific, Wheel ing & Lake Eric, Rock Island and Union Pacific, but the entire list shared in the improvement, which was material in all portions. The market closed active and strong at the recovery. The final changes are generally small fractional losses, but the Northern Pacific is higher and Louisville & Nashville is down 1% and Pacific Mail 1 per cent.

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Railroad bonds were quiet and followed closely the movements in the share list, being weak in the early dealings, but stiffened up later. The final changes are, as usual, insignificant among the active issues, but Seattle Lake Shore first lost 3½ at 38.

Government bonds were dull and steady. State bonds were dull and without feature. Petroleum opened steady, advanced ½ on a few luying orders from the west, then became duil and remained so until the close. Pennsylvania Oil, June option, opening 88; highest, 584; lowest, 68; closing, 68½. Total sales, 16,000 barrels.

The expects of specie from this city during the week amounted to \$7,90.88, of which \$1,89,608 was in gold and \$1,479 silver.

The imports of specie amounted to \$7,998, of which \$1,990 was in gold and \$1,008 silver.

A steamer which salied today took \$4,120,000 in gold coin, of which \$1,500,000 was consigned

in gold coin, of which \$1.500,000 was consigned to Liverpool and \$1.750,000 to London. The steamer La Champagne took \$5.0,000 gold coin consigned to Paris. consigned to Paris.
The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York stock ex-

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Adams Express147	do preferred
Alton & Terre Haute, 32	N. Y. Central
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American Express 114	do preferred 05
B. C. R. & N 20	Onto & Mississippi Isk
Canada Pactific 76	do preferred 85
Canada Southern 49%	Ontario & Western 1634
Central Pacific 30%	Oregon Improve 28
Ches. & Ohio 16%	Oregon Nav 74
do lst preferred 45%	Oregon Trans 15%
do 2nd preferred 28	Pacific Mall 35%
Chicago & Alton	Peoria. Dec. & Evans. 19
C. B. & Q 86%	Pittiburg
C. C. C. & St. L (2	Pullman Palace 1:0
Delaware A Hudson, 1884	Reading 3154
Del. L. & W 1363	Reck Island 7678
D. & R. G. preferred 1514	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd 6714
East Tenn	St. Paul 6178
do 1st preferred 50	do preferred
do 2d preferred 15	St. P., Minn. & Man. 10514
Erie 19%	St Paul & Omaha 235
do preferred 51	do preferred 82%
Fort Wayne	Tenn. Coal & Iron 32
Chi. & Enst. Ill 50%	Texas Pacific 1416
Hocking Valley 26%	Tol. & O. Cen. pref'd. 80
Houston & Texas 359	Union Pacific 4474
Hiltoris Central 18	U. S. Express 62
St. Paul & Duluth 25 Kansas & Texas 1354	W. St. L. & P 1014 de preferred 2014
Lake Erie & West'n 13	Wells-Fargo Ex140
do preferred 56%	Western Union 8034
Laxe Shure	Am. Cotton Oll 234
Louisville & Nash 75%	Colorado Conl 3554
Louisville & New A. 2434	Homestake 19
Memphis & Char 85	Iron Silver
Michigan Central 894	Ontario 3816
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do preferred 10	Bulwer
Missouri Pacific 6814	Rich & W. P. Ter 1814
Mobile & Ohio 40	Wisconsin Central 19
Nashville Chatt 95	Great Northern pfd. 83
N. J. Central	Chicago Gas 4944
Norfolk & West pfd., 5114	
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desire A meth A more down	. 3.075; Northwestern,

2.850; North American, 2.250; Northern Pacific, 3.875; Northern Pacific preferred, 12.250; Rich-mond & West Point, 6,105; St. Paul, 56,510; Union Pacific, 1,480; Western Union, 3,305. Financ al Review.

Financ al Review.

The Post says: There was nothing doing in the exchange market, but the zeneral feeling was that the gold exports would continue next week and that as long as they do, it indicates that Europe is hard up for money and not likely to be a buyer of stock.

The gold sent from here is relieving the stuation, thus preparing the conditions which will make Europe a great buyer of American securatios. But for the present the stock markets are supported entirely by American capital, and though everybody here understands that all the conditions in this country are in favor of higher prices for stock and securities, they are for the time being neutralized by the demoralized condition of European finances and the aid we are oblited to send in prompt cash payment of our obligations for the large increase of imports of merchandise last summer. The \$1,00,000 or so of stock and securities sent back here from Europe in the last five months of Iso were paid for at once and Europe is not selling any more American securities. The only business now between this stock and London is that of the arbitragears, which is like that of room traders, and that they buy one day and sell the next for profits of \$10 %, and with no reference whatever to the eneral movement of prices from week to week. On the whole it lonks as though the situation in Europe would now tegin to improve and that while there may be further gold exports next week, there will make a better market for stocks next week. The bank statement today was a demonstration that this country is richer than many people imagine and more nearly independent of European finances than almost anybody has heretofore ventured to think.

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Boston, May 16.—Bank clearings today were, \$16,282.60; balances, \$1,105.141. Money, 5 per cent. Evehance on New York, 12,46476 discount. For the week clearings were \$14,582.572; balances, \$10,28,55; For the corresponding week last year clearings were \$125,-008,880; balances, \$12,821,432.

The Money Market. New York, May 16. Money on Call. Easy, with all at 6 per cent; closing offered at 5 per PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER - 507 per cent.
STERLING EXCHANGE - Quiet at \$4.84% for staty-day bills and \$4.88% for demand. The following were the closing prices on

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Boston Stock Market. Boston, Mass. May 16.—The following were the closing prices on stocks in the Boston

stock market today. Atchisco & Topseka | 30% Calumet & Hecka Boston & Albany | 22% Franklin | d | Maine | 108 | Huron do Maine 104 Huron Chi Hur & Quiney 50% Kear-arge Fitchburg R R Mass Central 10 Santa Fe Copper Mass Central 10 Tamarack Network 10 Mexican Cen 20 Mexican Cen 20 Mexican Cen 20 Mexican Cen 20 Mexican Land Co Mexican Central 10 Mexican Central Cen

Boston & Mont. ... 4034

London Stocks. LONDON, May 16 -- 2 p. m. closing: | Consols money | 94 | 5 | 10 | Eric 248 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Bareliver44d per ounce. Rate of discount in the open for both short and three months' bills, 4% per cent. Bank of England Bullion. LONDON. May 16.—The amount of builder gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £150,0.0.

Parts, May 16 -Three per cent rentes, 62f Denver Mining Stocks. DENVER, Col., May 16.—Stocks on the mining exchange today were somewhat buoyant and active at a general small advance. The total sale of stocks was 28,000 shares. Closing:

Paris Centes.

15 Justice. 31g Legal Tender. Little Rule Alleghany... 75 May Mazeppa 69 Morning Gilin 108 Rivitio 20 Banaing Lode 5% Leavenworth 11% Pozzler 20% Gettysburg lay County Cashing
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Denver Gas & Oil.
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Gold Treasure.

New York Mining Quotations New York, May 16.—The following are the closing mining stock quotations:

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St. Louis, Mo., May 16.—The mining market was fairly active today, but prices had a downward tendency. The following bids were brade on the mining exchange: ... 100 M. Breen. 22% Ellembeth 10% Yuma Adams .... New York Coffee Options.

New York Coffee Options.

New York, May 16.—Coffee options opened steady and unchanned to 5 points decline: closed barely steady and unchanned to 5 points down. Sales, 10.25 bars, including May. \$17.90; July, \$17.60@15.70; August, \$17.20; September, \$15.90@16.90; October, \$15.90@16.00; December, \$15.90; spot Rio, duil and steady; fair cargoes, \$20.00; No. 7, \$18.50@18.62%.

Miscellaneous Markets. New York, May 16.—Peraoleum—Quiet and steady; crude in barrels, Parker's, \$6.75; Parker's crude in bulk, \$4.20; refined New York, \$7.20; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, \$4.6024.65; United closed at 685 of or June, Cort & Seco On.—Pull and steady; crude off grade, 250-25c; yellow off grade, 350-266.

Tallow—Quiet and unsettled; city \$2.00 for packages, 5-45.

packages), 54c.
Rosin-Quiet and steady; strained, common to good, 51.5061.05.
Tunpentine-Duil and steady at 204.0394c.
Hides-Duil and firm; wet salled New Oricens selected, 502.65; pounds, 563.6.
Pro Bron-Duil; American, 516.00618.00.

Traders' Talk.

ST. LOUIS. May 16.—Langenburg Brothers to Cockreit Brothers: The receipts today were: Wheat, 12,886 bushels; cond. 51,545 bushels; oats. 49,475 bushels; Receipts same day last year. Wheat, 19,647 bushels; corn. 172,450 bushels; oats. 17,175. The following is the average of prices for today:

COMMODITY Open High Low. | Close. | Yest'y

WHEAT-July...... 98% 98% 97% 57% 98% 571g 5716 561g 563g 575g July 404 404 404 40 454

New York, May 16.—Keanett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—The bank statement, first in expectation of what it would be and later of what it really was controlled the movement. Large gold shipments, the fact that the finance of authorities estimated the banks lost over \$1,000,000 during the week on excess of receipts from the interior and the certainty that the banks were worse off last Saturday that the banks were worse. During the first hour stocks were sold freely for both sides and shrinkage in prices was rapid and severe, but when the bank statement was published early sellers were anxious to cover and the advance was even more rapid and sharp than the early decline. Prices have moved in a number of instances over a range of 2 points, which is quite unusual for a two-hours session. The gall in the reserves is due to a decrease of over \$1,00,000 in cash. The shipments of gold by today's steamer do not count in the averages, so the banks are again worse off than the statements make them. Advices from Pittsburg give a more encouraging account of coal and iron. The movement of pix iron is steadily improving and brices firm and upward tendency. The labor situation is improving.

Chicago, May 16.—Konnett Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—There was a rush to sell at

for the present to have a scalping market between 3s and 105 for July wheat with our own crops as the bear influence and the short crop abroad and large exports as the bullish powers. Corn has been dull and weak with a decided down ward tengency. The urgent demand which existed a short time ago for ear lots seems to have died out and those arriving today were sold at nearly be decline from the receipts of a week ago. Indications are that the receipts will increase, and well informed receivers predict for next Therday as much as 300. We believe that prices will still further decline in spite of efforts of local bulls to sustain them. Outs were fairly active, but weak and lower, the cause being expressed by a receiver who characterized the market for car lots as being the slokest he had seen for a a receiver who characterized the market for a car lots as being the siekest he had seen for a month. Receipts are good and predictions are that they will increase. Provisions opened strong, but cased off under hammering of the hear party, and the saie of grain men who were selling on account of weakness in corn. We believe, however, that the decline has been large enough, and that even the bears would be glad to see prices advance at present. Ribs and lard seemed to show especial strength. strength.

Women Pickpockets. A neatly dressed woman with blonde hal r and apparently about thirty-five years of age, pranced into the Twenty-eighth street station of the Sixth avenue elevated road After purchasing her ticket she inquired of the ticket chopper, in a familiar manner, if Miss Somebody had been about the station, says the New York Sun.

"She always asks me that question," said the ticket chopper, after the woman had moved down the platform. "I have not the least idea who the woman is whom she persists in inquiring for, and I doubt if she has. The woman is a pickpocket. She works the elevated trains. We have not been able to catch her, yet we have her spotted."

"Are there many others like her?"
"Yes, about fifteen of them that we are pretty certain about, and I think they all work in together. There is reason to believe that there is a band of these thieves, for every few days we find in the ladies' waiting room a number of empty pocketbooks. These books art thrown there by these pickpockets. Only yesterday we found seventeen pocket-books in the closets in this station. In some of them as many as twenty-five of them have been found at one time. There is not a station on the road where these discoveries are not constantly made. They work the trains while they are crowded, and only rob ladies who are going to and fro on shopping tours. There now, that woman is getting into the Get in and watch her," concluded

the ticket enopper.
The car was comfortably filled and the supposed pickpocket seated herself in one of the cross seats beside a woman with a little child. The blonde woman began at once to pet the child, and finally managed to secure the woman in conversation. A pocketoook with rather a pretty fastening, lay excelessly upon the woman's lap. The blonde's eyes seemed to be frozen on it Several times she was being watched. Finally she took the child's hand in hers and laid it on the pocket-book. Then she raised it from the woman's lap, but the owner of the book evidently was suspicious, for she grabbed her property. The blonde made a remark about the beauty of the fastening of the book, and passed the

What Woman Affect.

There is a remarkable show of "spiders" on Fifth avenue every morning now, observes a New York correspondent of the Chicago Herall. This does not refer to the insect, but to the pecular variety of vehicle which New York women affect. It is something like a phaeton, with a rumble behind for the groom, and it is the smartest thing in carringes this year. Spiders are invariably driven by women, and they are usually drawn by thoroughbred little cobs with reached manes and banged tails. There is no prettier sight in the world than a handsome woman driving one of these stylish which is through the maze of Fifth avenue traffic. A "inger" invariably sits behind, with his arms folded and a look of statuesque immobility upon his face. No less than seven of these turnouts appeared upon the avenue between 11 and 12 o'clock yesterday. Two of them were driven by ladies of the Vander-bilt family, the third by Miss Morgan, the fourth by the wife of a famous Wall street operator and the others by women more or iess known in society. The fashionable hour for women to drive is between 10 and 12. They never hold the ribbons after 1 of these turnouts appeared upon the avenue

Escape the Trouble of Thinking. Not long ago The Woman heard of the one person she had hoped all her life to find. This person was a woman, and some day The Weman is going to hunt her out and stand before her, and looking at her say: "For this have I lived all the years of my life." For this woman has dared to do what The Woman has only sketched out to herself as a splendid possibility but has lacked the courage to accomplish. For many years has this wise woman been reading. And now she has stopped, in the interests of thinking. Not a single line does she read or has she read for a year and more. Before that she read omnivorously in just that restless, devouring way that people have got into nowadays, as if just to be left alone with our own brains for a little while were the worst calamity that could be all us. We, it is a strain on most of us, at any rate. Few of us have got fat enough to hibernate on for very long. The uneasy consciousness of that in her own case

amount of nervous energy expended in think-ing would be sufficient to work out a new system of philosophy.

is what has kept The Woman reading. But the shifts that people make day after day to escape the trouble of thinking! Why, a like

A Picture of Annie Besant. The famous English woman who has been ostracised for her beliefs, who broke away from all conventional restraints, who espoused free thought, whose name has for years been the one of most influence among the laboring classes of England, who can quell a mob quicker than a body of mounted police, who has perhaps suffered more than any other woman of our day, shows visible traces on her sad face of the mental agony she has endured. She is slight but well proportioned, of medium height. Her face is rather long and narrow. Sne has g and a short tangle of gray curls. pretty hands and has a trick of constantly infting one or the other to her cheek. She speaks eloquently and with ease, but as if terribly in carnest. She makes very few gestures, but rather expresses her emotions by the tones of ner full, round, rich voice. She was dressed very plainly in black cloth and wore a red flower stuck in the bosom of her gown and no ornaments save a curious silver buckle at the bottom of her bodice and

a huge seat ring on her left hand. A Married Woman's Will.

If a woman makes a will before marriage the fact of her marriage makes the will worthless. This is the common law rule, and still prevails in the large majority of states. In Vermont and perhaps some others marriage does not necessarily invalidate a woman's will, but unless one is certain of the point in her own state she should attend to the matter by making a new will immediate ly after marriage, and, if possible, securing her husband's consent to it written and signed on the document itself. This consent is not everywhere necessary, but is always wise. In Massachusetts it is absolutely necessary if by its terms the will cuts off any claim which our law gives a widower on the estate of his wife. A man's will, at common law and in the majority of states now, is not invandated by his subsequent marriage alone, but if a child is born the concurrence of the two events makes his will also worthless, and he

Mrs. Dell Houses was caught in the prairie fire which ran over the northwest part of Brookings county, and was badly burned. seeing no other way of escape, she ran to the nearest slough and threw herself, face down-ward, into the water, but unfortunately she turned her face upward just as the flames swept over the slough. Strangely her back was seared and bilstered with the intense heat, though the clothing thereon was not

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