THE CONDITION OF TRADE

Business in a Jobbing Way Quite Satisfactory.

CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTRY GOOD

Reductions in Railroad Freight Rates Have Exerted Very Little Influence Over Trade Conditions—Coal Supplies Reduced by the Continued Strikes.

The past week has not been very productive of new or interesting features in the jobbing trade of Omaha. Business has moved along very smoothly and in a fairly satisfactory manner. As a general thing jobbers are reporting a fair trade in most staple lines and it may safely be said that the movement of goods is all that could be reasonably expected under the circumstances. The fact is business is considerably better than most jobbers anticipated that it would be three months ago. A good many houses have sold their stocks down unusually close on account of the demand for goods being better than was anticipated at the time the stocks were laid in.

During the past week there were a good many country merchants in the city selecting bills of goods, which helped to keep up the house trade. Iowa was well represented among the house buyers, and it is a very noticeable fact that the trade from Iowa is increasing very rapidly. The convenience of this market to the merchants of western Iowa, and the fact that they can do as well here as in the east, is an inducement that is turning many in this direction.

The Omaha jobbers, as an examination of their books would prove, have been adding very largely to the number of their customers during the past few months. This may be regarded as a direct result of the dull times. When money was close and times hard country merchants found that they could expect little help from eastern jobbers, and that bills had to be met when due. The more lenient treatment received at the hands of the Omaha jobbers was appreciated, and caused many retail merchants to turn their business in this direction. The fact that the jobbing trade of this city is holding up so well in due, in no small degree, to these new customers. The retail trade is not buying as heavily as when times were better, but there are enough new buyers coming to this market to make up in a large part for the loss in that direction. "We used to sell," said a jobber, "to one man in a town. Now we are selling to perhaps two or three in the same town. While the dull times may have caused a falling off in the purchases of the one customer, we are more than making it up on the others. In my opinion the proper thing for the Omaha jobbers to do is to work for new customers. Omaha jobbers cannot afford to be contented if they get one customer in a town."

The announcement that railroad freight rates would be restored was received with satisfaction by the jobbers, as a disturbing factor in trade will be removed. It is a fact, however, that the cut in freight rates has not had much effect on business either one way or the other. In some lines of the jobbing trade it has been possible for the jobbers to put in stocks at the low rates, but as the opportunity was open alike to all it cannot be said that the cut was of any special benefit. The dry goods jobbers are among those who have been in a position to take advantage of the cut in rates and a good many bills of goods will be shipped this month that ordinarily would not be received until in June at the earliest. The grocery jobbers have not been in a position to take advantage of the cut to any great extent, as this is between seasons on so many lines. Such goods as canned fruits and vegetables are scarce and high at this season and it would pay better to wait for the new pack, when prices are likely to be lower.

The retail dealers have, so far as can be learned, taken no advantage of the rate war. The habit of buying in a hand to mouth way has become so thoroughly fixed upon the country merchants that they do not easily break away from it. This is not a speculative year and it is almost impossible to offer any inducement great enough to lead a country merchant to buy in advance of his wants. The mercants of this section of the country have become thoroughly conservative and they buy only what they have a sale for.

The long continuation of the coal miners' strikes has cut off the supply of coal from a good many different sources. The scarcity of steam coal has become so great in a good many sections that there is talk of manufacturers being forced to shut down in the near future. The electric lighting companies and electric car lines in a good many cities are commencing to feel the pinch, and a widespread suspension of business is predicted at some points if the strike continues much longer.

Fortunately, Omaha has a considerable quantity of steam coal on hand. It is estimated that the largest consumers have coal enough to last them until the middle of June. In addition to this there are over 100 cars of steam coal on track and a good many more enroute, so that dealers are of the opinion that this city is all right for the next thirty days so far as a coal supply is concerned.

Omaha still keeps well to the front in the matter of bank clearings, as compared with other cities. Omaha has suffered a decrease during the past week of 26 per cent, which is less than any other city, with one exception, in this portion of the country, and less than the average decrease for the whole United States. While Omaha has dropped off 26 per cent, Minneapolis has lost 28 per cent, St. Paul 31, Sioux City 28, St. Joseph 38, Kansas City 16 and Denver 43.

The following will show the clearings for each day of the past week at this point:

Monday	$ 950,317.21
Tuesday	839,912.56
Wednesday	781,550.02
Thursday	822,415.51
Friday	752,192.88
Saturday	801,820.86
Total	$4,948,209.04

SNOW, CHURCH & CO.'S VIEWS.

Local Trade Fairly Satisfactory — Some Thoughts on General Prospects.

Albert Andriano, local superintendent for Snow, Church & Co.'s Mercantile agency, writes:

"There is little change in trade conditions. Some of the bargain sales announced during the week were largely attended and brought good results, but retail business generally was only fair. Wholesalers report a slight increase of trade in some lines. The feeling now prevails that there will be but little increase of business during the next few months and affairs will gradually lead up to a large fall trade.

"Rain is badly needed in some parts of the state and farmers are becoming a little fearful lest the dry weather continue too long. It may be said, however, that there is no cause for serious annoyance as yet, and a fair rainfall in the near future will set matters right. Should small grain be damaged to any extent within the next few weeks farmers will not hesitate to put the land into corn. The acreage of this cereal is larger than ever before, and more land has been broken during the past season than for many years. Western farmers are taking an active interest in irrigation and work is rapidly progressing in that direction.

"Collections are improving. The settlement of the freight war, resulting in a re-establishment of rates, is a source of gratification to Omaha merchants and railroad men, and it is to be hoped that all differences have been permanently settled. The disastrous effects of a demoralization of rates at this time are incalculable, and it was no doubt owing to the fact that all parties at interest were fully sensible of the danger that matters were so speedily adjusted. Commenting on the causes which led to the late panic a gentleman of wide experience in such matters recently advanced the following very plausible story:

"'When I say that the recent depression was due wholly and entirely to pernicious legislation I do not mean that as a reflection on any particular political party, but that this has been a most unpropitious time for a change in the policy of the government. In 1892 the crash in Australia prostrated matters there to such an extent that European and English investors hastened to withdraw their money from that country. The crisis in Argentina, resulting in a total collapse of securities there, had a similar effect. European capital was looking for a field of investment, and this country certainly offered the greatest inducements. Unfortunately, 1892 was a presidential year, and the threatened change of administration led investors to hold back, pending that issue. Never before had the country been in better condition, never before did more confidence prevail. Even the change would at this time have had little effect had affairs continued on a settled basis. But silver agitation and tariff tinkering accomplished what a mere change in politics would hardly have done. The already timid investors became frightened and a steady withdrawal of foreign capital speedily made itself felt, and it has taken months to re-establish a confidence which should never have been shaken.'

"Reviewing trade in general it is safe to say that business at Omaha is today in better condition than in other western trade centers. Merchants and business men have never for a moment lost confidence in the city and its possibilities. While trade here has sustained its share of the depression there has been less suffering than at other points. Jobbers have been untiring in their efforts and have taken advantage of every possible opportunity to extend their business. In the face of hard times new territory has been invaded and new enterprises started. It was during the most trying time that Mr. Cavanagh, the manager of this office, called me to my present post, thus adding a new department to his already large force. Omaha has extended its territory during the last few months and its business men have earned a reputation for aggressive enterprise which will bear good fruit. Many new customers have been brought to this market, and Omaha's importance as a jobbing point has undoubtedly been on the increase. This is certainly a creditable record and one that must redound to the profit of this community."

AS DUN SEES IT.

Vacant Rooms Filling Up Taken as a Sign of Returning Prosperity.

Mr. W. H. Roberson, speaking of Omaha trade on behalf of R. G. Dun & Co.'s Mercantile agency, says:

"A prominent insurance man called my especial attention the other day to the fact that the dwellings and stores of this city, especially the latter, were being rapidly filled with tenants. We walked together from Park avenue to Sixteenth street on Leavenworth, and I found where three months ago a dozen or fifteen signs of 'For Rent' stared the passerby in the face, now but three store rooms are unoccupied. Coming on down Sixteenth to Farnam street a similar condition was discovered. Only three rooms are vacant. He tells me the conditions are likewise favorable throughout the city, and a leading rental agent says he has fewer desirable houses on his list now than for a year past. This speaks well for a recovery of better times, and, coupled with the fact that retail trade is vastly improved, is occasion for encouragement.

"At the banks the same old story is told. Plenty of money, but little demand for it in active trade. Work is so easy at all the banks that some surprise is occasioned by the fact that there is opposition from one of the strongest concerns to the 1 o'clock closing movement.

"Work is in progress on the several public buildings here and at Fort Crook and several dwellings and business houses are being erected, and there is a little activity in city improvements. Complaint is very general, however, among builders, brick men, lumbermen and dealers in all kinds of building materials.

"While not ready to announce positively that the last obstacle to the movement for a vote on the canal bond proposition is removed, it is safe to say the prospects for the ultimate success of this enterprise are brighter than ever, and Dr. Miller, the godfather of the undertaking, has ventured to state in public that it will be a fixed fact within thirty-six months.

"In jobbing circles trade has been very satisfactory in seasonable goods, though continued dry weather has somewhat shaken the confidence of country merchants in some localities.

"Collections have been quite fair throughout the month, indicating that greater caution than usual is exercised by both jobbers and retailers, the former in extending credit and the latter in asking it. Still credit is very cheap and competition forces business men to take great chances in extending accommodations to their trade. Nevertheless, the number of failures throughout the state and the union has greatly decreased. Business is simply waiting for congress to act or go home, and no great enterprises are likely to be undertaken until the tariff policy is definitely determined by congress.

"It may be heresy to say so, but I agree with those who think the monetary question, that is, the question of a medium of circulation, is not half so important as the tariff question. The bankers have had their panic and are done with it. Cash is not scarce. The circulating medium is more than equal to the demands made upon it. It is the uncertainty with reference to the tariff which now troubles us most, and not the relation of the money metals to each other. This country wishes most to know now what its business men can depend upon at the hands of the chief legislative body of the nation. Commerce cannot thrive under uncertain imposts, whether it be fluctuating freight rates or diverse probabilities as to import duties. It is not whether we shall salute McKinley or Wilson, but positively one or the other, and either is better than to stand in a dilemma, not knowing upon which horn we are to be impaled.

"Returning to Omaha, however, it will probably interest the public to be told that one of the largest home manufactories has increased its force of employes 25 per cent within the last month and is working day and night. If it did not receive a single order for sixty days the factory would be crowded day and night to catch up with its orders, all of which is respectfully commended to the attention of Omaha idle capital as a point worth considering."

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 19.—The wheat market opened here this morning ⅜c higher than it closed yesterday, and advanced ⅜c more during the day. The extreme was not held to the close, which was only about ½c higher for July wheat than the close of Friday. Sales of cash wheat, on the contrary, averaged no higher than the sales of the previous day, although the closing price was ⅜c higher than the closing price of the day before. Sales of cash wheat today were made during the break in the futures market, which was the cause of the relatively low price obtained as compared with the closing figures. The advance was caused by improvement in cables and frosts in the winter wheat country. The higher cables had as much to do with the advance perhaps, as the sensational news relating to the crop scares, for it was held as the cables came. Long before the news of frosts had gone to Europe, it was evident that the advance today was not induced by conditions here. Many think that trade in Europe has held to the bear side too long, and that likely there will be a change for the better over there, even if our crop proves not to be damaged to any considerable extent by cold weather this morning. The market closed: May, 58¼c; July, 58⅜c; September, 56⅝c. On track: No. 1 hard, 61½c; No. 1 northern, 60c; No. 2 northern, 58½c. September, being relatively stronger than the other futures. This was caused by the danger to the growing crop. Receipts were 169,620 bags; shipments, 18,000 bu., which would allow a little surplus of receipts above the consumption and shipments.

The flour market was firm, and although prices were not advanced, ranged at $3.30@3.50 for patents; $2.00@2.30 for bakers'. If the growing crop proves to have been damaged by the frosts of last night, millers expect large orders for flour Monday.

Flour shipments were 36,349 bbls., with a production of some 30,000 bbls., for the twenty-four hours. Decrease in wheat in Minneapolis public elevators for the week is 346,490 bu.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—FLOUR—Steadier, unchanged; fancy, $2.10@2.25; choice, $1.85@2.00; others, unchanged.

WHEAT—Active and buoyant on the weather changes, gaining 1¼@1⅝c, but on heavy selling by a July plunger the price receded ½c, the close being ⅜c above yesterday. No. 2 red, cash and May, 51⅝c; July, 52⅜c; August, 53¼c.

CORN—Gained ⅝@⅞c on the reports of frosts, etc. No. 2 mixed, cash, 37¼c; May, 36⅝c; June, 39⅝c; July, 35⅞c.

OATS—Stronger. No. 2 cash and May, 35½c; July, 28⅝c; August, 24c.

RYE—No trading.

BARLEY—No trading.

BRAN—Steady; 64c; east track.

FLAX SEED—$1.20.

TIMOTHY SEED — Unchanged; $3.50@4.00; clover, $6.50@7.50.

HAY—Easier; prime to choice timothy, $9.50@10.00.

BUTTER—Weak, unchanged; strictly fancy creamery, 18c; choice dairy, 13@14c.

EGGS—8c.

LEAD— Firm; $3.15.

SPELTER—Dull; $3.20.

CORN MEAL— $1.95@2.00.

WHISKY—$1.08@1.15.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged; 1.

BAGGING—Unchanged; 5½@6c.

PROVISIONS—Easier; pork, standard mess, $12.30. Lard, prime steam, $6.90; choice, $7.05. Dry salt meats (loose shoulders), $5.87½; longs and ribs, $6.20; shorts, $6.25. Bacon (packed shoulders), $6.75; longs, $7; ribs, $7.12½; shorts, $7.25.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 88,000 bu.; oats, 61,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 3,000 bu.; corn, 53,000 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, May 19.—WHEAT—½@1c higher; No. 2 hard, 49@50c; No. 2 red, 50@51c.

CORN—Slow and weak; No. 2 mixed, 35@35½c; No. 2 white, 37½@38c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 36@37c; No. 2 white, 37@37½c.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 14@15c; dairy, 12@14c.

EGGS—Dull and weak; 7@7½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 11,000 bu.; corn, none; oats, 1,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 29,000 bu.; corn, none; oats, none.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—WOOL—In good demand at steady prices on a basis of 15c for medium choice Missouri and Illinois combing.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Frost and High Cables Gave the Shorts a Good Old Scare.

WHEAT IS ACCORDINGLY A CENT HIGHER

It Had Been Further Up Than This, but Realizing Caused a Reaction—Close Was Firm—Corn and Oats Active.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Wheat shot skyward today, advancing 1¾c and closing 1c higher. Trading was heavy and excited, shorts rushing frantically to cover, scared by frosts, higher cables and the bulge in outside markets. Realizing caused a reaction from the top figures, but the market closed firm. Corn closed ⅜c higher, July oats ¼c higher and provisions at a slight decline.

The opening in wheat was excited, with the buying general and the selling led by Pardridge. The principal cause for the sudden change in the course of the market was the weather, the surprising strength in cables and the bulge in the side markets. The strength in foreign markets was unexpected and was one of the main factors in creating the demand. After the rush up, there was a reaction caused by holders taking profits. Pardridge was reported as covering shorts and the market firmed up at the close. The opening trades were at ¾@1c advance, sold up ⅞@1⅛c, worked back ¾@⅞c, changed some, ruled steady and closed as stated.

Corn was active and steady, fluctuations covering a range of ½@⅝c. The strength came from the weather and shorts hastened to cover. Opening trades were ¼@½c advance, sold up ½@⅝c, reacted ¼@⅜c on local realizing, ruled steady and closed higher.

Oats were active and stronger, especially for July and September, which advanced ½@⅝c and closed steady.

Provisions opened quiet and slightly higher on the strength in wheat. Later heaviness set in, values declining moderately for lack of support. During the balance of the session the market was narrow, advancing slightly and closing steady for pork and ribs and firm for lard. Compared with last night, July pork is 2½c higher, July lard unchanged and July ribs 2½c lower.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 130 cars; corn, 560 cars; oats, 250 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
May	54⅞@¾	55¼	54⅜	54¾
July	56⅝@¾	57½	56⅜	56¾
Sept	58@58⅝	58⅝	58	58⅝
Corn No. 2				
May	36⅞	37	36⅞	36⅞
July	37¼@⅜	38@38¼	37½	37¾
Sept	38¼@⅜	38⅝	38¼	38⅝
Oats No. 2				
May	33½	33½	33½	33¼
June	33¼	33½	33¼	33½
July	30⅝	30¾	30½	30½@⅝
Sept	26¼	26½	26⅜	26⅜
Pork per bbl				
May	.....	.....	.....	11 77½
July	11 90	11 92½	11 80	11 82½
Lard, 100 lbs				
May	7 20	7 20	7 15	7 15
July	6 90	6 90	6 85	6 87½
Sept	6 90	6 90	6 87½	6 87½
Short Ribs—				
May	6 15	6 15	6 15	6 15
July	6 20	6 20	6 12½	6 15
Sept	6 12½	6 15	6 10	6 15

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy; winter straights, $2.45@2.75; winter patents, $2.80@3.00; spring straights, $2.20@2.60.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 54¾c; No. 3 spring, no sales; No. 2 red, 54¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 37¼c; No. 3 yellow, 37½c.

OATS—No. 2, 33¼c; No. 2 white, 36@36½c; No. 3 white, 34½@36c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 52@56c; No. 4, 52@53c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.38.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.10@4.15.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.82½@11.85; lard, per 100 lbs., $7.15@7.17½; short ribs, sides (loose), $6.17½@7.20; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.75@6.00; short clear side (boxed), $6.62½@7.12½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.15.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	10,000	11,000
Wheat, bu	19,000	78,000
Corn, bu	192,000	151,000
Oats, bu	248,000	195,000
Rye, bu	6,000	3,000
Barley, bu	12,000	7,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and unchanged; creamery, 12@16c; dairy, 8@13c. Eggs, quiet and unchanged; strictly fresh, 9½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Yesterday's Quotations on Flour, Grain and Provisions, Metals, Etc.

NEW YORK, May 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,900 bbls.; exports 30,400 bbls.; sales, 3,300 pkgs. Dull but firm; city mill patents, $4.05@4.30; winter patents, $3.25@3.35; city mill clears, $3.55@3.60; winter straights, $2.60@2.95; Minnesota patents, $3.35@3.80; winter extras, $2.00@2.50; Minnesota bakers, $2.10@3.40; winter grades, $1.90@2.05; spring low grades, $1.60@1.85; spring extras, $1.80@2.30. Rye flour, firm; superfine, $2.70@2.85; fancy, $2.85@3.05. Buckwheat flour, dull.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal; range on all grades, 68@75c.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, $2.65@2.70; brandywine, $2.70.

RYE—Nominal; boat loads, 55@56c.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2 Milwaukee, 66@67c; two-rowed, state, 66c, nominal; ungraded western, 60@85c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 65@75c; six-rowed, 80@85c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 128,800 bu.; exports, 57,000 bu.; sales, 3,400,000 bu. futures, 160,000 bu. spot. Spot dull but firm; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 58¾c; f. o. b., 59@59½c; No. 1 hard, spring, 68⅛c delivered; No. 2 hard, winter, 58⅝@58⅞c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened strong and active on reports of a killing frost in the wheat belt. Shorts covered vigorously and foreigners bought some. After a ½c reaction prices again advanced and closed firm at ⅞@1c over yesterday. Weekly exports of wheat and flour from both coasts decreased about 400,000 bu. No. 2 red, May, 57⅝@57¾c, closed 57⅞c; June, 58@58⅛c, closed 58¼c; July, 59 1-16@59⅜c, closed 59⅜c; August, 60¼@60 15-16c, closed 60⅝c; September, 61¼@61 15-16c, closed 61⅝c; December, 64 3-16@64⅝c, closed 64⅜c.

CORN—Receipts, 80,000 bu.; exports, 62,000 bu.; sales, 130,000 bu. futures, 55,000 bu. spot. Spot market firm; No. 2, 42¾@43c in elevator, 43⅝c afloat; steamer mixed, 42½c. Options opened firmer on frost talk and sympathy with wheat, and closed firm at ¼c net advance. May closed 43c; June closed 43c; July, 43¼@43⅜c, closed 43⅜c; September closed 43¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 51,600 bu.; exports, 1,800 bu.; sales, 60,000 bu. futures and 50,000 bu. spot. Spot ½@⅝c higher; No. 2, 38⅝c; No. 2 delivered, 39⅝c; No. 3, 38c; No. 2 white, 43c; No. 3 white, 42c; track, mixed western, 39@40c; track, white western, 42@46c. Options firmer and higher on a cold weather scare, and closed firm at ⅛@¼c advance. May closed 38½c; June closed 38c; July, 37⅝@37⅞c, closed 37⅞c.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 70c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 9@17c; Pacific coast, 12@17c; London market steady.

HIDES—Dull; wet salted, New Orleans selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 4½@5½c; Texas selected, 35 to 50 lbs., 4@5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 10½@11c.

LEATHER—Dull; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy, 16½@19c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $12.00@13.00; extra mess, $17.50@18.50; beef hams, $18; city extra India mess, $18. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, 6¼@7c; pickled shoulders, 5⅝c; pickled hams, 10¼c. Lard, dull and easy; western steam closed at $7.55, nominal; May closed at $7.53, nominal; July, $7.30, nominal. Pork, easy; sales, 150 bbls.; new mess, $13.25@13.50; extra prime, $13; family, $14.00@14.25; short clear, $14.00@16.00.

BUTTER—Steady; western dairy, 9@12c; western creamery, 13@17c; western factory, 8@11c; Elgins, 17c; state dairy, 12@16½c; state creamery, 14@17c.

CHEESE—Weak; state large, 9½@10½c; fancy, 9½@10½c; part skims, 3½@9c.

EGGS—Market firm; state and Pennsylvania, 12½@13c; western fresh, 12@13½c; receipts, 10,147 pkgs.

TALLOW—Dull and weak; city ($2 per pkg.), 4⅝@4⅞c; country (pkgs. free), 4¾@4⅞c, as to quality.

PETROLEUM—Quiet; United closed at 86c; Washington, in bbls., 6c; Washington, in bulk, $3.50; refined New York, $5.15; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $5.10; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $2.60.

ROSIN—Firm, strained, common to good, $1.22½@1.30.

TURPENTINE—Steady at 29½@30c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼@6c; Japan, 4½@4⅞c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 28@36c.

PIG IRON—Dull; Scotch, $19.50@22.50; American, $11.00@13.50.

COPPER—Quiet; lake, 9⅝c.

LEAD—Quiet; domestic, $3.20.

TIN—Nominal; straits, $19.70; plates, dull. Spelter, nominal; domestic, $3.40.

COTTON SEED OIL—Inactive; prime crude, in bbls., 29c; prime crude, loose, 25@27c; off crude, in bbls., 26@28c; prime summer yellow, 30c; off summer yellow, 31½@32c; prime summer white, 36@37c; butter grades, 35@36c.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, May 19.—There was a fair assortment at the wool auction sales today and good general competition in everything except wasty parcels, which were still 5 per cent below the sales. The continent bought crossbreds fairly in addition to merinos. The home buyers bought chiefly of crossbreds. There was nothing suitable for America. There were 12,744 bales offered, of which 1,800 bales were withdrawn. The following are the sales in detail: Sydney, 3,621 bales; scoured, 7d@1s 5½d; greasy, 4¾@9½d; Queensland, 321 bales; scoured, 1s@1s ½d; greasy, 7¼@7½d. Victoria, 1,211 bales; scoured, 10d@1s 2d; greasy, 4d@1s ½d; New Zealand, 4,597 bales; scoured, 8@10½d; greasy, 4½@10d; Tasmania, 540 bales; greasy, 6¾@10d; Adelaide, 1,198 bales; scoured, 11@11½d; greasy, 4½@8½d; Swan River, 1,064 bales; scoured, 8½@11½d; greasy, 5@8d; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 192 bales; greasy, 4¾@6½d. The offerings next week will amount to 73,500 bales.

Local Produce Market.

BUTTER—The arrivals of butter are not so very heavy, but still there is a great plenty to supply the demand. The best country butter brings 12@14c. The packers are paying 6c for butter on track in the country and some are only offering the same price here. There is quite a difference, however, between packing stock in the city and country. Packing stock bought in this market has all been sorted over and select packages removed, so that it is not worth as much as butter bought on track in the country. Commission men are trying to keep up the price of packing stock to 7c in this market and are quoting out that price to their shippers. Separator creamery, solid packed, 17@18c.

EGGS—The receipts of eggs are large, but between the local retailers and the cold storage people the demand is fair. The bulk of the sales are reported at 8c, with seconds at 7½@8c.

LIVE POULTRY—The receipts of chickens are increasing and the market is not quite so firm as it was a day or two ago. Old hens, 7c; old roosters, 3@5c, and young ones, 6c. The demand for other kinds of poultry is rather light, though a limited quantity is salable. Ducks, 7@8c; hen turkeys, 8@9c; goblers, 6c; geese, 6c.

GAME—The season is so far advanced that game is no longer wanted.

VEAL—There is a good demand for choice veal calves, and arrivals of such meet with very ready sale. Good, fat veals, 7@7½c; thin or heavy, 3@5c.

PIGEONS—There is a demand for old pigeons, but young birds that are not strong on the wing are not wanted. Old birds, per doz., $1.50@1.60.

VEGETABLES.

OLD BEANS—The market is firming up all over the country. Neither the demand nor supply is very heavy at this point. California hand-picked navy, $2.15@2.25; western navy, $1.90@2.00; common white beans, $1.60@1.85.

ONIONS—New southern onions are quoted at $4 per bbl. Bermudas, $2.75 per box. Top onions are plenty at 15@25c on orders.

POTATOES—The supply is coming mostly from Utah and Colorado, which stock is quoted at 90c@$1.00 per bu. There are new southern potatoes in the market, which are quoted at $4.25@4.50 per bbl.

CABBAGE—Choice shipping stock, per lb., 2⅜c.

CELERY—None in the market.

ASPARAGUS—Good home grown stock, 35@40c per doz. on orders.

PIE PLANT—Home grown pie plant, 2½c on oders.

TOMATOES—Shipping stock of good color is scarce at $3.75 per crate of six baskets.

GREEN VEGETABLES—Spinach, per bbl., $1.75@$2.00; radishes, per doz., 20@25c; lettuce, per doz., 35@40c; cucumbers, $1.25@1.50; parsley, per doz., 30@35c; beets, per doz., 60c; watercress, per case, 18 boxes, $1.50@1.75.

NEW BEANS—Wax beans, per bu. box, $2.75; ½ bu. box, $1.10@1.25; string, ½ bu. $1.00.

PEAS—Green peas are commencing to arrive from Missouri. Good shipping stock, per ⅓ bu. box, $1.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—There was about a half car of strawberries on the market that came in by express and a car of Arknasas berries that came by freight. The receipts from Missouri are increasing rapidly. Good shipping stock brought $2.75@3.00.

APPLES—There are no apples on the market suitable for shipping purposes.

CHERRIES—A few California cherries are arriving and selling at $2 per box. The fruit is in good condition, but rather small in size.

GOOSEBERRIES—Green, per 24-qt. case, $3.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—Per bunch, $2.00@2.50.

LEMONS—Fancy lemons, 300 size, $4; fancy lemons, 360 size, $3.75; choice lemons, 360 size, $3.50.

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, $3.50; California seedlings, $3.25.

FIGS—Fancy, per lb., 12½@15c.

DATES—Hallowees, 65 to 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 5½c.

PINEAPPLES—Choice, per doz., $2; small, $1.75.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—California, 15c; dark honey, 12½c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon cans, per doz., $12.

NUTS—Almonds, 15@17c; English walnuts, 10@12c; filberts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 10c.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $6; half bbl., $3.25.

APPLE BUTTER—Per 20-lb. poils, ..1; half bbls., 3½c per lb.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 3@3¼c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2@2¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5½c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 5c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 3c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 4c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short-wooled early skins), each, 5@15c; dry shearlings (short-wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool, pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@8c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@7c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 4¼@4½c; tallow, No. 2, 3¾@3⅞c; grease, white A, 4¼c; grease, white B, 4c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2¼c; old buter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@18c; rough tallow, 2@2½c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, May 19.—COFFEE—Options opened barely steady; 10 to 15 points decline; ruled fairly active on local and European selling; closed steady at a net decline of 10@15c; sales, 19,250 bags, including: May, $15.15; June, $15.05@15.10; July, $14.90; August, $14.55@14.60; September, $14.15@14.25; October, $13.85; December, $13.55@13.60. Spot coffee, Rio, dull, nominal; No. 7, 16¼c; mild, dull; Cordova, 19@19⅛c; warehouse deliveries yesterday, 6,436 bags; New York stock today, 216,207 bags; United States stock, 293,860 bags; afloat for the United States, 59,000 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 352,880 bags, against 328,552 bags last year.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 19.—Quiet; No. 7, $15.85; exchange, 5 7-16d; receipts, 7,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 3,000 bags; stock, 147,000 bags.

SANTOS, May 19.—Good average Santos, $17; receipts, 1,000 bags; stock, 26,000 bags.

HAMBURG, May 19.—Barely steady; sales, 9,000 bags; prices unchanged to ½ pfg. lower.

HAVRE, May 19.—Opened steady at ¼@¾f decline; closed dull, generally 1f net decline; sales, 20,000 bags.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, May 19.—It has been very slow in all departments of trade, as wire and mail orders were very still and spot purchases very moderate. Through forwarding in orders for brown and bleached cottons, cotton flannels and blankets, demins, tickings, plaids, some specialties in printing fabrics, dress goods, summer underwear, hosiery and silk goods, large sales were completed. The sales were also swollen by forwarding of heavy weight woolens, printing cloths in demand for spot and contracts, and 2 1-16c bid and declined for sixty-four squares. Fall River sales for the week, 192,000 pieces; deliveries, 165,000 pieces; stock, 562,000 pieces.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, May 19.—WHEAT—Closed lower; No. 1 hard, cash, 59¾c; May, 60c; July, 60½c. No. 1 northern, cash, 58½c; May, 58¾c; July, 59c; September, 58c; No. 2 northern, cash, 55¾c; No. 3, 49¾c; rejected, 44c. On track: No. 1 northern, to arrive, 61c.

RYE—45c.

OATS—No. 2, 34½c; No. 3 white, 34c.

Car inspection—Wheat, 22 cars; oats, 1 car.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 6,949 bu.; oats, 3,806 bu.; rye, 838 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 30,000 bu.; oats, 3,806 bu.

The wheat stocks here will show a decrease of 500,000 bu. this week.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, May 19.—COTTON—Steady; sales, spot, 250 bales; to arrive, 350 bales; receipts, 1,000 bales; exports, coastwise, 35 bales; continent, 3,055 bales; stock, 113,277 bales; futures, steady; sales, 21,100 bales; May, $6.70 bid; June, $6.72@6.74; July, $5.67@5.68; August, $6.75@6.76; October, $6.75@6.76; November, $6.80@6.82; January, $6.91@6.93.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 7c; sales, none; receipts, 200 bales; shipments, 400 bales; stock, 41,600 bales.

GALVESTON, May 19.—Receipts, 220 bales; stock, 25,300 bales; middling, 6⅝c; steady; sales, 124 bales.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, May 19.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 2¾c; centrifugal, 96 test, 2 9-32c. Sales, cargo Muscovado for Canada at 2 9-16c. Refined, market steady. No. 6, 3 15-16@3⅞c; No. 7, 3 9-16@3½c; No. 8, 3 9-16@3⅜c; No. 9, 3⅜@3 9-16c; No. 10, 3 5-16@3⅜c; No. 11, 3 3-16@3⅜c; No. 12, 3¼@3 5-16c; No. 13, 2⅞c; off A, 3¾@3 15-16c; mould A, 4¼@4 7-16c; standard A, 3⅞@4 1-16c; confectioners' A, 3 7-16@4 1-16c; cut loaf, 4⅜@4 15-16c; crushed, 4⅜@4 5-16c; powdered, 4¼@4 7-16c; granulated, 4@4 3-16c; cubes, 4¼@4 7-16c.

LONDON, May 19.—Cane, dull; no demand; centrifugal Java, 14s; Muscovado, fair refining, 12s.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, May 19.—Close—WHEAT—Lower; holders offer moderately; No. red winter, 4s 5d.

CORN—Steady; holders offer sparingly; new mixed, spot, 3s 6¾d; futures, quiet; supply poor; May 3s 6½d; June, 3s 6⅛d; July, 3s 6½d.

FLOUR—Dull; holders offer moderately; St. Louis fancy winter, 5s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Lard, dull; holders offer moderately; futures, holders not offering. Pork, dull; holders offer moderately; prime mess, western, 7s 3d; medium, 60s.

Holiday in cotton today.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Lots of Work Was Done on Wall Street in Little Time—Sugar Lost.

NEW YORK, May 19.—An active business was done on the Stock exchange during the two hours of trading today, but it was on the bear side of the market, and resulted in the establishment of a lower range of values in the great majority of the stock dealt in, the Industrial group being the heavy sufferers. A pretty general advance was made in the early dealings, which was, however, only fractional, and which was not participated in by Sugar. The market was then held well until 11:30 o'clock, just about the time the bank statement was issued, when a heavy selling

movement was organized, which sent prices down rapidly, with the industrials in the van. There was nothing in the figures of the statement to cause alarm, the changes being unimportant, and the reserve being $79,000,000, against less than $25,000,000 a year ago. The only unfavorable item was the small decrease in loans, which reflected the prevailing dullness of trade. The prevailing condition of stagnation in commercial circles is perhaps the most serious obstacle in the path of the stock market, and the weekly trade journals took a very gloomy view of the outlook in today's issues. A good deal of long stock came out today, considerably decreasing their lines. Some of the bears, who have a constitutional dislike to leaving their lines uncovered over Sunday, came into the market with considerable buying, causing considerable steadiness at the close of the market. The decline was heaviest in the industrials, Sugar losing 3¾ per cent, Sugar preferred 2½ per cent, Lead preferred 2 per cent, and the rest of the group ¼ to ½ per cent. The railway list was generally active and steady.

The total sales of stock today were 425,672 shares, including: Atchison, 3,600; American Sugar, 68,200; Burlington & Quincy, 6,700; Chicago Gas, 4,100; Distilling and Cattlefeeding, 6,300; General Electric, 3,500; Missouri Pacific, 3,000; National Lead, 2,600; Rock Island, 5,000; St. Paul, 1,000; Western Union, 2,500.

The Evening Post says: Today's stock market trading may be described as virtually confined to Sugar certificates. Following yesterday's 4-point break, and with only one intervening rally, the price this morning broke 4½ points more, to 94, a figure 15½ points below the recent high record. Allowing for a good many short sales, today's break, like yesterday's, was chiefly due to the liquidation of speculative long stock, and a very great part of this liquidation came from Washington.

The following are the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Atchison	9¼	Northern Pacific	4
Adams Express	148	No. Pac. pfd	16
Alton, T. H.	30½	U. P. D. & G.	4⅛
do pfd	150	Northwestern	107
Am. Express	111	do pfd	140
Baltimore & Ohio	72	N. Y. Central	97¼
Canada Pacific	65	N. Y. & N. Eng	3⅜
Canada Southern	49½	Ontario & W	14⅞
Central Pacific	13	Oregon Imp	12
Ches. & Ohio	16⅛	Oregon Nav	15
Chicago Alton	139	O. S. L. & U. N	5¼
C., B. & Q.	78	Pacific Mail	14
Chicago Gas	65⅞	P. D. & E.	3⅜
Consolidated Gas	135	Pittsburg	153
C. C. C. & St. L.	36⅝	Pullman Palace	163
Colo. Coal & Iron	8	Reading	16
Cotton Oil Cert	27⅛	Richmond Term	7⅜
Del. Hudson	139¼	do pfd	14
Del. Lack. & W	160	R. G. W	14⅛
D. & R. G. pfd	28¾	R. G. W. pfd	42
D. & C. F. Co	22½	Rock Island	67¼
East Tenn	3¾	St. Paul	58⅜
Erie	13	St. Paul pfd	118
do pfd	26	St. P. & Omaha	35¼
Fort Wayne	135	do pfd	113
G. Northern pfd	100	Southern Pac	18¾
C. & E. I. pfd	93	Sugar Refinery	94¾
Hocking Valley	16	Tenn. Coal & Iron	16⅜
Ill. Central	91	Texas Pacific	7⅞
St. P. & Duluth	23	T. & O. Cent. pfd	70
K. & T. pfd	22	Union Pacific	164
Lake Erie & W	15	U. S. Express	50
do pfd	67	W. St. L. & P	6⅞
Lake Shore	129½	do pfd	14⅛
Lead Trust	36¾	Wells Fargo Ex	123
Louisville & N	44⅛	Western Union	82⅛
Louisville & N. A.	7½	W. & L. E.	9¾
Manhattan Con	115¾	do pfd	41
Memphis & C	5	M & St. L	10
Michigan Cent	96	D. & R. G.	9
Mo. Pacific	25½	G. E.	35⅞
Mobile & Ohio	18	N. L.	20
Nashville Chat	70	C. F. & I.	23
National Cordage	19¾	do pfd	67
do pfd	39	H. & T. C.	3
N. J. Central	108⅛	T. A. A. & N. M	6
N. & W. pfd	20	T. St. L. & K. C	1
North Am. Co	3⅛	do pfd	7

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 19.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy; last loan, 1 per cent; closed 1 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—2½@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88¾@4.89 for demand and $4.87@4.87½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.87@4.89; commercial bills, $4.86½@4.86¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—64@65c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm. State bonds, inactive.

The closing quotations on bonds.

U. S. 5s reg	117¾	S. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	93⅛
U. S. 5s coup	117⅜	St. P. Consols	128
U. S. 4s reg	113½	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	111¼
U. S. 4s coup	114	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	83⅝
†U. S. 4½s reg	96	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	21⅛
†Pacific 6s of '95	103	Union Pac. 1sts	105
Lousiana stpd 4s	98	West Shore	104¼
†Missouri 6s	100	R. G. W. 1sts	67
Tenn. new set 6s	102	Atchison 4s	73⅞
Tenn. new set 5s	101	Atchison 2½s A	31⅝
Tenn. new set 3s	77¾	*G. H. & S. A. 6s	102
Canada So. 2nds	104¼	*do 7s	98
†Cen. Pac. 1sts	104	H. & T. C. 5s	106¼
†D. & R. G. 1sts	113	do 6s	98
D. & R. G. 4s	75	*N. C. 6s	122
Erie 2nds	71	do 4s	100
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	43½	Tenn. old 6s	60
M. K. & T. Gen 5s	82	Va. Centuries	59½
Mutual Union 6s	112	do deferred	8
N. J. C. Int. Cert	114	S. C. nonfund	1¾
No. Pac. 1sts	107	*Ala. Class A	101⅛
No. Pac. 2nds	77	Ala. Class B	103
N. W. Consols	140	Ala. Class C	92
N. W. Deb. 5s	109	Currencies	90
St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	78		

* offered. † bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, May 19.—Call loans, 1½@2 per cent; time loans, 2½@3½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	9¼	Westingh. Electric	36
Am. Sugar	94⅞	W. Elec. pfd	51½
Am. Sugar pfd	89	Wis. Central	25
Bay State Gas	7¼	Atchison 2ds	32½
Bell Telephone	189½	Atchison 4s	73¼
Boston & Albany	206¾	New England 6s	16⅛
Boston & Maine	148⅛	Wis. Cent. 1sts	59½
C., B. & Q.	78⅛	Allouez Mining Co.	10
Fitchburg	73½	Atlantic	5⅛
Gen. Electric	35⅝	Boston & Montana	25¾
Ill. Steel	49¾	Butte & Boston	9
Mexican Central	61½	Calumet & Hecla	275
N. Y. & N. Eng	3¼	Centennial	2¾
Old Colony	175	Franklin	7½
Oregon Short Line	5½	Kearsage	6
Rubber	89	Osceola	21½
Union Pacific	16⅛	Quincy	92
West End	49	Tamarack	164
West End pfd	77		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	25	Hale & Norcross	70
Belcher	135	Mexican	170
Best & Belcher	165	Nevada Queen	10
Bodie Con	150	Ophir	350
Bulwer	20	Potosi	115
Chollar	65	Savage	75
Con. Cal. & Va	56	Sierra Nevada	115
Crown Point	69	Union Con	90
Eureka Con	25	Utah	9
Gould & Curry	95	Yellow Jacket	75

London Stock Market.

LONDON, May 19.—2 p. m. closing:

Consols, money	100 7-16	Mexican ordinary	17¼
Consols, acc'nt	100½	St. Paul com	59⅝
Canadian Pacific	67⅜	N. Y. Central	100
Erie	13½	Pennsylvania	50¾
Erie 2nds	74	Reading	8⅜
Illinois Central	93¼	Mex. Cen. new 4s	55

BAR SILVER—28⅝d per ounce.

MONEY—¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months' bills is 1 1-16 per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 19.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Con. Cal. & Va	475	Sierra Nevada	100
Deadwood	50	Standard	145
Gould & Curry	80	Union Con	80
Hale & Norcross	60	Yellow Jacket	60
Homestake	1150	Iron Silver	10
Mexican	145	Quicksilver	200
Ontario	700	do preferred	1400
Ophir	300	Bulwer	14
Plymouth	20		

St. Louis Mining Stock Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—Mining stocks today were without change. Quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Adams	$ .30	$ .60	Elizabeth	$ .15	$ .20
Am. Net	.21¼	.27¾	Harcouver	.15	.17¾
Bimetallic	3.00	....	Hope	3.50	....
Granite M.	1.50	2.00	S. Hopes	.70	....

Imports and Exports of Specie.

NEW YORK, May 19.—The exports of specie from the port of New York during the week were: Gold, $7,677,450; silver, $881,427. The imports for the week were: Gold, $941,129; silver, $30,186; dry goods, $1,515,155; merchandise, $6,624,293.

Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, May 19.—Clearings, $1,943,700.

PARIS, May 19.—Three per cent rentes, 101f 20c for the account.

MEMPHIS, May 19.—Clearings, $366,994; balances, $265,075. New York exchange, selling at par.

BALTIMORE, May 19.—Clearings, $2,504,857; balances, $459,770; for the week, $13,520,196; balances, $2,394,174.

BOSTON, May 19.—Clearings, $13,120,255; balances, $1,407,290; for the week, $78,938,991; balances, $10,055,718.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—Clearings, $9,725,726; balances, $1,561,702; for the week, $59,254,250; balances, $9,239,268.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Clearings, $77,990,481; balances, $6,099,290; for the week, $464,975,902; balances, $33,316,516.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—Drafts, sight, 10c; telegraphic, 12½c. Silver bars, 62⅝@62¾c. Mexican dollars, 50½@51c.

CINCINNATI, May 19.—Clearings, $1,826,150; for the week, $12,595,950; for the same week last year, $13,195,650. Money, 2½@3 per cent. New York exchange, 50@60c premium.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Clearings, $12,601,000; total for the week, $84,693,000; corresponding week last year, $100,415,000. Foreign exchange, dull but firm. New York exchange, 40c premium. Money, 4@6 per cent.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—Clearings, $3,167,975; this week, $22,565,040; corresponding week last year, $24,258,760; last week, $22,650,914; balances today, $591,290; this week, $3,735,983; corresponding week last year, $2,701,408; last week, $3,296,719. Money, dull; 5@7 per cent.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Receipts for the Week Much Heavier Than One or Two Years Ago.

LITTLE CHANGE IN THE CATTLE TRADE

Sag of Thursday Fully Recovered and Prices in Last Saturday's Notches—Hogs Coming in Plenty and Selling Briskly at a Decline.

SATURDAY, May 19.

Receipts of cattle and sheep this week have been lighter than last, but somewhat heavier than for the corresponding week one and two years ago. In hogs there has been a big increase, the supply being nearly 15,000 head heavier than a week ago and not far from double the number received during the corresponding week in 1893. The figures are as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts this week	14,945	41,872	4,701
Receipts last week	16,403	26,973	3,232
Same week last year	10,029	22,181	1,741
Same week 1892	12,914	31,219	1,372

There has been no radical change in cattle values all week. During Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday about the only difference in the market from day to day was a gradual firming up of values for the lighter grades and a weakening in prices paid for the heavier. On Thursday, in sympathy with bad reports from other markets, trade here was very dull and prices 10c to 15c lower all around. With comparatively light supplies both Friday and today this decline was practically all regained, and the close of the week finds most grades of beef cattle selling about in last Saturday's notches. Hot weather and a bad market on the other side of the water have made this a dull week for heavy cattle and prices for the ordinary run of steers weighing from 1,200 lbs. up are about as low as they have been at any time for the past five years. There is not a very vigorous demand for any class of cattle, but the lighter grades are wanted the most, and as most of the cattle coming now have been on feed for some time buyers have some difficulty in filling their orders. In general there has been no improvement in the situation either here or elsewhere.

WEEK CLOSES DULL.

Receipts for the past three days have been comparatively light and even. Today's supply fell nearly 1,200 short of last Saturday's run, but there were plenty of cattle here for the demand. Trade was dull, and while the good light and medium weight steers sold the same as on Friday the heavier grades were slow and dull, with a rather lower tendency. Dressed beef men were tolerably free buyers, but shippers and exporters were not at all anxious to trade unless lower prices were held out as an inducement. The result was a rather dragging market, but as Saturday is a poor day to hold cattle nearly everything had left first hands by noon.

The cow market was very poorly supplied and there was no noticeable change in prices. During the entire week there have not been fifty loads on sale, and today there were not over three straight loads in the yards, although there were a few odds and ends and mixed lots. In fact, supplies of this class of stock have been so limited that prices have been firmly held all week, with scarcely any fluctuation. There has been and continues to be a better demand for calves and at firmer figures. The market for bulls, oxen and stags has been indifferently supplied. Fat stock has sold a shade stronger than last week, but the ordinary and inferior grades have not shown any improvement.

In stockers and feeders there has been a fair amount of business transacted and prices have ruled strong most of the time. Country buyers have been more numerous and have taken hold more freely, the result being a cleaning up of speculators' supplies and the close of the week finds very few stale cattle in the yards. Naturally prices have improved a trifle and all grades are selling at substantially better prices than prevailed the latter part of the week. Good to choice feeders are quoted at $3.20@3.75; fair to good, $3.00@3.15, and the commoner grades at from $3 down.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	830	$3 00	23	1054	$3 70	20	1243	$3 80
1	970	3 00	39	1500	3 70	22	1154	3 80
2	750	3 35	36	1163	3 70	20	1208	3 80
11	1069	3 35	21	1220	3 70	15	1263	3 80
1	970	3 40	5	1120	3 75	21	991	3 80
1	730	3 55	13	1193	3 75	21	1248	3 80
17	871	3 55	22	1164	3 75	7	1038	3 80
21	853	3 55	23	1136	3 75	21	1148	3 80
9	966	3 55	1	1160	3 75	73	1055	3 82½
9	1337	3 60	62	1122	3 75	21	1358	3 85
49	998	3 60	3	1100	3 75	22	1243	3 85
45	1057	3 60	20	1016	3 75	14	1510	3 85
1	1090	3 60	28	1143	3 75	34	1283	3 85
16	1151	3 60	19	1250	3 75	1	1360	3 85
19	1094	3 65	44	1149	3 75	44	1240	3 87½
41	1217	3 65	16	1120	3 75	37	1254	3 90
38	1097	3 65	15	1120	3 77½	42	1249	3 90
19	997	3 70	21	1151	3 77½	21	1202	3 90
19	1126	3 70	19	1158	3 80	38	1520	3 90

SHIPPING AND EXPORT.

20	1150	3 67½	22	1138	3 75	20	1407	3 85
48	1200	3 70	3	1623	3 80	15	1406	3 85
9	1078	3 70	5	1280	3 80	21	1344	3 90
17	1409	3 70	12	1329	3 80	1	1300	3 90
22	1134	3 75	38	1415	3 80	20	1302	3 90
29	1213	3 75	18	1346	3 85	31	1350	4 00

MIXED.

13....1040 3 55

COWS.

1	700	1 50	1	1160	2 75	1	1010	3 25
3	993	1 80	1	1080	2 75	7	1141	3 25
5	974	1 85	1	1230	2 75	1	1220	3 25
1	770	1 90	1	780	2 75	1	1420	3 25
1	1150	2 00	5	856	2 75	1	1200	3 25
1	1180	2 10	1	1060	2 80	2	1230	3 25
1	1040	2 10	1	790	3 00	1	1350	3 25
2	1050	2 20	2	1225	3 00	1	1060	3 35
1	1090	2 20	1	1280	3 00	1	1360	3 35
2	1025	2 25	2	905	3 00	8	922	3 35
1	840	2 25	1	1260	3 00	1	1170	3 35
2	820	2 25	2	1110	3 10	1	1220	3 35
6	1016	2 35	1	1370	3 10	1	1070	3 35
2	1080	2 50	1	1180	3 10	4	1025	3 35
2	1025	2 50	1	980	3 25	4	885	3 35
1	1080	2 50	2	1185	3 25	1	1310	3 50
1	1180	2 50	3	1043	3 25	13	891	3 55
1	850	2 50						

HEIFERS.

3	690	2 15	6	510	3 00	2	960	3 40
1	580	2 25	1	740	3 00	3	856	3 50
2	720	2 50	1	880	3 25	1	1210	3 50
1	710	2 75	1	500	3 25	5	828	3 55

CALVES.

3	340	2 60	1	100	4 25	1	200	5 00
1	350	2 75	1	120	4 50	1	170	5 00
1	360	2 75	1	130	4 50	1	150	5 00
4	242	3 40	2	145	4 75	1	200	5 00
7	180	3 50						

BULLS.

1	1210	1 00	1	1650	2 50	1	1820	2 85
1	1170	1 75	1	1640	2 50	1	1260	2 90
1	1020	2 00	1	920	2 50	1	1210	2 90
1	1020	2 25	1	1230	2 50	1	1550	3 00
1	830	2 25	1	1520	2 70	1	1510	3 00
2	1630	2 30	1	1620	2 75	1	770	3 10
1	1490	2 35	1	1790	2 75	1	1940	3 10
1	1170	2 40	1	1900	2 80			

STAGS.

1	1500	2 74	17	1420	3 35	2	1325	3 30

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

1	450	2 50	2	1240	3 35	2	950	3 60
1	510	3 00	7	1042	3 35	19	705	3 60
1	750	3 00	1	1180	3 40	5	882	3 60
5	732	3 20	1	520	3 40	2	1070	3 75
6	473	3 25	6	516	3 45	7	1052	3 75
2	510	3 25						

WESTERN CATTLE.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1 feeder	700	$2 50	20 feeders	922	$3 55

COLORADO-TEXAS.

26 feeders.... 781 3 30

HARD WEEK ON HOG RAISERS.

This has been a bad week in the hog market. Receipts have been unusually heavy, showing a marked increase over last week and one and two years ago. Prices have felt the increase in supplies, and the decline during the week amounts to all of 25c on all grades. There has been a fair shipping demand, but packers have been extremely bearish on account of the heavy supplies. The quality continues good, and from this fact packers argue that supplies this summer will be ample, if not heavy. A buyer for a prominent packer says that unless he wanted weight he could go into the yards blindfolded and get as good a drove as he could with his eyes open, the hogs run so even. The big decline this week brings hog prices more in line with provision prices than they have been at any time during the past six months, but anything like a steady market need not be expected until packers can dispose of the product on the same basis that they buy the hogs.

The week closes with the heaviest run in over a month, the supply being considerably heavier than at Kansas City, and nearly as heavy as at Chicago. In quality the offerings averaged up better than they have on any day of the week, although the proportion of heavy weights was comparatively small. In opening the market was slow and rather uneven. There was not a very active shipping demand, and the ample supplies made all the packers bearish. Bid-

and sales were at $4.65 to $4.70 for fair to good hogs of all weights, or steady to a shade easier than Friday. Later good shipping orders infused new life and strength into the business, and late trading was mostly at $4.70, or full Friday's figures. The top was $4.75 for three choice loads, and the extreme low mark $4.62½ for a load of rough, skippy stuff. Everything changed hands in good season, the bulk going at $4.65 and $4.70, as against $4.70 Friday, and $5 to $5.05 on last Saturday.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
6	266	...	$4 60	55	244	...	$4 67½
71	188	120	4 62½	156	231	360	4 67½
65	190	80	4 65	75	239	80	4 67½
80	240	...	4 65	71	250	120	4 67½
66	228	120	4 65	70	269	240	4 67½
64	225	200	4 65	80	190	40	4 67½
70	202	40	4 65	81	232	40	4 67½
101	200	40	4 65	50	253	160	4 67½
52	254	240	4 65	73	222	80	4 70
67	233	200	4 65	73	222	40	4 70
5	300	...	4 65	63	271	80	4 70
53	237	120	4 65	70	271	120	4 70
77	219	40	4 65	79	226	80	4 70
81	183	40	4 65	58	230	280	4 70
61	275	40	4 65	79	241	160	4 70
54	209	120	4 65	83	188	160	4 70
74	262	200	4 65	56	235	80	4 70
69	225	80	4 65	91	177	200	4 70
101	183	280	4 65	58	278	...	4 70
71	226	200	4 65	55	202	80	4 70
62	236	...	4 65	58	292	160	4 70
6	260	...	4 65	60	285	120	4 70
69	275	200	4 65	73	246	80	4 70
72	238	120	4 65	64	262	40	4 70
88	202	80	4 65	74	267	...	4 70
32	199	80	4 65	71	275	160	4 70
85	207	160	4 65	63	245	80	4 70
67	245	160	4 65	71	253	200	4 70
94	192	200	4 65	71	278	...	4 70
75	226	80	4 65	70	261	...	4 70
75	259	...	4 65	66	249	80	4 70
69	247	40	4 67½	70	228	40	4 70
69	247	40	4 67½	64	296	320	4 70
68	255	160	4 67½	63	257	120	4 70
81	222	120	4 67½	27	293	...	4 70
64	246	...	4 67½	53	306	...	4 70
72	228	...	4 67½	63	269	200	4 70
75	263	80	4 67½	77	250	160	4 70
74	237	80	4 67½	74	245	40	4 70
72	243	120	4 67½	66	260	160	4 70
79	223	120	4 67½	69	239	160	4 70
76	268	160	4 67½	83	250	120	4 70
85	192	...	4 67½	24	215	...	4 70
73	219	40	4 67½	24	245	80	4 70
72	221	40	4 67½	58	255	...	4 70
65	247	...	4 67½	70	248	...	4 70
65	247	120	4 67½	71	249	80	4 70
64	218	...	4 67½	64	258	...	4 75
67	230	160	4 67½	68	272	40	4 75
64	270	80	4 67½	65	233	...	4 75
60	280	160	4 67½				

PIGS AND ROUGH.

1	290	...	3 25	1	340	40	4 50
3	263	...	2 80	8	90	...	4 50
9	155	40	4 25	4	125	...	4 50

SHEEP IN GOOD DEMAND.

This has been another week of light supplies, and prices have developed some strength. The demand for muttons and lambs is greater than the supply, and anything at all useful finds a ready sale at strong prices. The offerings today were very common odds and ends. Fair to good natives are quotable at $3.50@4.35; fair to good westerns, $3.20@4.15; common and stock sheep, $2.50@3.25; good to choice 40 to 100-lb. lambs, $3.50@4.60.

Receipts and Disposition of Stock.

Official receipts and disposition of stock as shown by the books of the Union Stock Yards company for the twenty-four hours ending at 3 o'clock p. m., May 19, 1894:

RECEIPTS.

CATTLE.		HOGS.		SHEEP.		HORSES & MLS	
Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head.	Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head.
93	2,145	123	8,695	12	2,579	2	22

DISPOSITION.

BUYERS.	CATTLE.	HOGS.	SHEEP.
Omaha Packing Co.	....	1,119	....
The G. H. Hammond Co.	390	1,135	....
Swift and company	556	685	....
The Cudahy Packing Co.	414	2,585	....
John P. Squire & Co.	....	553	....
A. Haas	217	....	....
R. Becker & Degen	68	....	....
P. D. Armour	....	1,701	....
S. Hammond	....	288	....
East St. Louis	....	544	....
Cudahy Bros	....	395	....
Cleveland	....	194	....
Shippers and feeders	524	....	....
Totals	2,169	9,199	....

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

With Only Eight Hundred Cattle Offered There Was Little Activity.

CHICAGO, May 19.—The cattle market was firm at Friday's quotations. It was not active because of the fact that only about 800 head were offered. They were all picked up in good season on a basis of from $1.50 to $3.90 for inferior to extra cows and heifers and at from $3.40 to $4 for common to fancy steers. Receipts were estimated at 800 head, making 59,068 head for the week, against 53,899 head last week, 44,361 head a year ago and 52,502 in 1892.

About 12,000 hogs arrived today, making 134,000 head for this week, or 28,000 head more than for last week, 41,000 head more than for the same week last year and 45,000 head less than in 1892. The demand was good and higher prices were paid. There was an advance on yesterday's prices of from 5c to 10c and an advance from the lowest prices of Thursday of 20c, but the market is still 20c lower than at the close of last week. Sales were largely at from $4.90 to $5, though a number were reported at $5.05 and at least one at $5.07½. There were about 17,000 head on sale, nearly all of which changed hands by the middle of the forenoon

Receipts of sheep were estimated at 1,500 head, making 53,527 head for this week. For last week the total was 63,369 head and for the corresponding week last year 59,150 head. There was a firm market at from $1.75 to $4.50 for poor to extra sheep, at from $3.25 to $4.75 for yearlings and at from $4 to $5.75 for spring lambs.

Receipts: Cattle, 800 head; calves, 25 head; hogs, 12,000 head; sheep, 1,500 head.

The Evening Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts, 1,000 head; shipments, 1,000 head; market steady; prime to extra native steers, $4.20@4.35; medium, $3.95@4.15; others, $3.75@4.00; Texans, $3.20@3.85.

HOGS—Receipts, 12,000 head; shipments, 6,000 head; market active and strong; all sold; rough heavy, $4.25@4.50; packers and mixed, $4.75@4.85; prime heavy and butcher weights, $4.85@4.95; assorted light, $4.80@4.90.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,500 head; market unchanged; quotations for clipped: Top sheep, $4.25@4.50; top lambs, $4.75@5.00.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, May 19.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,900 head; shipments, 300 head; market steady to a shade lower; Texas steers, $2.25@3.65; Texas cows, $2.00@3.15; shipping steers, $3.20@4.25; native cows, $2.00@3.75; stockers and feeders, $2.75@3.75; bulls, $2.40@3.45.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,800 head; shipments, 2,300 head; market opened strong, closed weak; bulk, $4.75@4.80; heavies, packers and mixed, $4.70@4.85; lights, Yorkers and pigs, $4.50@4.75.

SHEEP—Receipts, 200 head; shipments, 300 head; market steady.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100 head; shipments, 700 head; market nominally unchanged; supply too light to establish quotations.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,100 head; shipments, 1,600 head; market strong, quiet; top prices, $4.85; bulk, $4.80.

SHEEP—Receipts, none; shipments, 500 head; market weak, nominal.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal yards for Saturday, May 19, 1894:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	2,145	8,695	2,579
Chicago	825	12,000	1,500
Kansas City	1,900	6,800	200
St. Louis	100	1,100	....
Totals	4,970	28,595	4,279

London Wheat Market.

LONDON, May 19.—The weather has been cold and owing to the lack of sunshine on the poor lands the wheat color has been injured. The wheat market has been depressed. There was some demand for cargoes arrived, but in forward business there was nothing doing. Russian and La Plata wheats were freely offered. Stocks were ample and buyers were scarce. California loaded was quoted at 25s 4½d. Parcels were quiet and weak. All wheats were from 6d to 1s down. Red winter parcels, June delivery, were quoted at 20s 3d. Flour was dull and inactive at from 3d to 6d lower. First Minnesota bakers was quoted at 15s to 16s. Maize, near cargoes, was quoted at from 6d to 1s down and was in poor demand. Distant cargoes were neglected. Mixed American maize was steadier for prompt delivery. Parcels were quoted at 16s 9d. Barley was weak at 3d decline and in poor demand. Oats was steady for spot, with lighter offers, but c. i. f. was weak.

'Frisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—WHEAT—Easier; December, $1.05⅛; new sellers, 96½c.

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