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Heavy Receipts, Mild Weather and Lower Cables Depress May Wheat.

MARKET IN CORN STAYS BARELY STEADY

Trade in Oats is Small and Pit Much Neglected—Provisions Market is Strong and Fairly Active.

CHICAGO, March 22.—May wheat closed today at 2½c under yesterday, depressed by heavy receipts, the mild weather and lower cables. May corn closed ⅛@¼c and May oats a shade lower. There was a sharp cash demand for provisions and considerable covering by shorts, the market closing strong, May pork 25@27½c, May lard 7½@10c and May ribs 7½@10c improved from yesterday.

Feeling in the wheat pit was bearish and trade most of the session far from lively. May opened ⅛c under yesterday at 65⅞@66c and sold off to 65⅛@65⅜c during the first hour, influenced by the heavy northwest receipts, lower cables and the mild weather. Crop conditions in the central states were reported unfavorable, but excellent in the west. Some long wheat came out on the decline, but this was absorbed in sufficient quantities around the bottom to steady the market and, together with reports of a fair cash business, to support a reaction to 65¾c. The market, however, was not strong enough to hold this and shortly afterward the price of May was at 65⅝c. At this juncture some large local shorts saw fit to cover, but the market rallied only to 65⅝@65¾c, at which it closed, in what was considered a rather weak condition, ⅛c under yesterday. The cash business here today was put at 230,000 bu., 85,000 bu. of it for export. New York reported 22 loads taken for export. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 415,000 bu. Primary receipts were 681,000 bu., compared with 419,000 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 708 cars, against 562 last week and 426 a year ago. Local receipts were 39 cars, none of contract grade.

The corn market was barely steady, weak occasionally and at one time showed some strength. The changes were largely due to the shifts in opinion as to what a certain large trader was doing. Early it was assumed that he was selling July and accordingly lesser folk followed suit, but later the "bell trader" bought openly and the market, assisted by a report that there was a good export demand, New York having 45 loads, reacted to a level with yesterday's close. The provisions strength, too, was of some assistance, but nevertheless the bulge was lost. Aside from these factors the influence of the wheat weakness, lower cables and somewhat freer country acceptances was felt. Clearances were 614,000 bu. Local receipts were 326 cars and at primary western points 657,000 bu. May opened at 36⅞@37c, sold between 36¾ and 37⅛c and closed ⅛@¼c under yesterday at 36⅞@37c.

The trade in oats was small and that pit much neglected. Corn was the principal influence. The cash demand was quiet and died early. Local receipts were 176 cars. May ranged from 23⅞c to 24c and closed a shade under yesterday at 24c.

The provisions market was strong and fairly active. The opening was at a gain of 5c over yesterday's final figures, the influence of higher prices at the yards being felt. During the session there was a sharp cash demand against which all the packers were buyers of futures. Shorts covered freely. May pork sold from $11.40 to $11.70 and closed 25@27½c over yesterday at $11.60@11.62½; May lard, from $6.12½ to $6.17½, closing 7½@10c up at $6.15@6.17½, and May ribs, from $6.20 to $6.27½@6.30, with the close 7½@10c improved at $6.22½@6.25.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 24 cars; corn, 490 cars; oats, 205 cars; hogs, 31,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
Mch.	....	....	65⅛	65⅛	65¾
May	65⅞@66	66	65⅛@⅜	65⅜@¾	66⅛@¼
July	66⅞@67	67	66½	66½@¾	67 @⅛
*Corn—					
Mch.				35½	35⅞
May	36⅞@37	37⅛	36⅞	36⅞@37	37⅛
July	37⅜@½	37½	37⅛	37¼	37⅝
Sept.	37⅝	37⅝	37⅜	37⅜@⅞	38 @⅛
*Oats—					
May	24	24	23⅞	24	24 @⅛
July	22⅞	23	22⅞@⅞	22⅞	23
Pork—					
May	11 40	11 70	11 40	11 62½	11 35
July	11 27½	11 45	11 27½	11 40	11 25
Lard—					
May	6 12½	6 17½	6 12½	6 17½	6 07½
July	6 20	6 27½	6 20	6 25	6 15
Ribs—					
May	6 20	6 27½	6 20	6 25	6 15
July	6 20	6 30	6 20	6 25	6 17½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; straights, $2.90@3.30; spring specials, $3.80; spring patents, $3.10@3.45; straights, $2.60@3.00; bakers', $2.00@2.40.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 61½@65c; No. 2 red, 67¾@68c.

CORN—No. 2, 36¼@⅜c; No. 2 yellow, 36⅜@½c.

OATS—No. 2, 24@24¼c; No. 2 white, 26¼@26½c; No. 3 white, 26@26½c.

RYE—No. 2, 54@55c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@42c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, No. 1 and northwest, $1.65. Prime timothy, $2.35@2.50. Clover, contract grade, $8.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.00@11.62½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.00@6.15. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.15@6.40. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50; short clear sides (boxed), $6.40@6.50.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis of high wines, per gal., $1.24½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.00; granulated, $5.44.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls.	63,000	56,000
Wheat, bu.	58,000	151,000
Corn, bu.	336,000	122,000
Oats, bu.	246,000	185,000
Rye, bu.	10,000	4,000
Barley, bu.	50,000	29,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 19@24c; dairies, 16@22c. Cheese, firm, 12@13c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 12c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 22.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,778 bbls.; exports, 9,622 bbls.; almost demoralized by the weakness in wheat and ruled very dull, with some decline on top grades; winter patents, $3.65@3.90; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; winter extras, $2.60@2.95; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40; Minnesota patents, $3.75@3.95; Minnesota bakers', $2.85@3.00. Rye flour, quiet; sales, 250 bbls.; fair to good, $3.00@3.25; choice to fancy, $3.30@3.60.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 84c; city, 82c; Brandywine, $2.20@2.30.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 63½c, f. o. b., afloat; state rye, 58@59c, c. i. f., New York car lots.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 42@45c, New York.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 64,800 bu.; exports, 153,305 bu.; spot, easy; No. 2 red, 75⅞c, elevator; No. 2 red, 78⅝c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 75½c f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 77½c f. o. b. afloat, prompt. Options opened weak, owing to lower cables, fine weather west, fears of large Argentine shipments and northwest selling, to which were added free offerings for short account; in the afternoon, however, following export rumors, the market rallied, but again broke near the close under realizing and was finally weak at ⅛@⅜c net decline; March, 75⅜c; May, 72 3-16@72⅝c, closed at 72¼c; July, 72⅛@72 15-16c, closed at 72⅛c; September, 72⅛@72½c, closed at 72⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 80,825 bu.; exports, 65,390 bu.; sales, 70,000 bu. futures, 360,000 bu. export; spot easy; No. 2, 43¾c f. o. b. afloat and 43½c elevator. Option market opened easy and at once declined under talk of large receipts, clear weather west and lower cables; it subsequently rallied on export business, but eased off later with wheat and closed easy at ⅛c net decline; May, 42⅛@42⅜c, closed at 42¼c; July closed at 42½c.

OATS—Receipts, 72,500 bu.; exports, 45,145 bu.; sales, 150,000 bu. futures, 50,000 bu. spot; spot, quiet; No. 2, 28½c; No. 3, 28¼c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3, 31½c; track white, 31½@35½c; track, mixed western, 29@30½c. Options much more active today, with liberal sales of May, No. 2 white being reported; May, 28⅜c, closed at 28⅜c; No. 2 white, May, 30¼@30 7-16c, closed at 30⅜c.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 65@70c; good to choice, 80@87½c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@13c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@13c.

HIDES—Firm, but quiet; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 19½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 15½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 25@25½c; acid, 26@26½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $11.00@13.00; mess, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $20.00@22.00; packet, $11.00@11.75; city extra India mess, $18.00@22.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 6½@7½c; pickled shoulders, 6@6¼c; pickled hams, 9@10¼c. Lard, firm; western steamed, $6.40; refined, firm; continent, $6.60; South America, $6.85; compound, $6.00@6.12½. Pork, strong; family, $13.00@13.50; short clear, $12.75@13.50; mess, $10.75@12.25. Tallow, quiet; city, 5¼c; country, 5¼@5⅝c.

WOOL—Dull; domestic fleece, 25@28c; Texas, 15@18c.

COAL—Steady.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand-picked, 4@4½c; other domestic, 3½@4c.

FREIGHTS—Steady; cotton, by steam, 35c; grain by steam, 3½d.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 2¾@6½c; Japan, 4⅝@5c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 44@55c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,257 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 21@25c; factory, 18@23c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,891 pkgs.; strong; fancy, large, white, 13c; large, colored, 13@13¼c; fancy, small, white, 13@13¼c; fancy, small, colored, 13¼@13½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,104 pkgs.; steady; western, at mark, 16c; southern, at mark, 14@16c.

METALS—Tin ruled a shade easier today. Influences in the way of heavier receipts than anticipated and unsatisfactory advices from London precipitated a decline of 25@35 points from yesterday's figures. The close was easy at $31.50@31.75. Aside from this there were no new features of importance. Lake copper, though firm in tone, closed unchanged at $16.50; pig iron warrants, quiet; lead, quiet and closed unchanged at $4.67½ bid and $4.72½ asked; spelter was unchanged, closing quiet at $4.50 bid and $4.60 asked. The brokers' price for lead was $4.45 and for copper $16.75.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts increasing; fresh stock, 10c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Choice to fancy turkeys, 9@10c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 8@9c; spring chickens, 9@10c; hens, 9@10c; roosters, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 8c; spring chickens, 8c; young, staggy and old roosters, 3@5c; ducks, 7@7½c; geese, 7@7½c; turkeys, 8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 16½c; choice, 17@18c; separator, 25c; gathered creamery, 22@23c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1.

VEALS—Choice, 9@10c.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 18c; standard, per can, 22c; bulk standard, per gal., $1.25; extra selects, per can, 30c; extra selects, per gal., $1.60@1.75; New York counts, per can, 37c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25.

FISH—Herring, per lb., 5c; round perch, 5c; sun, 5c; cod, 6c; haddock, 6c; blue pike, 6c; scaled and dressed perch, 6c; ciscoes, 6c; medium dressed trout, 7½c; croppie, 7½c; pickerel, 7½c; finnan haddies, 7½c; white fish, 9c; yellow pike, dressed, 9c; small trout, dressed, 9c; red snapper, 9c; smelts, 9c; smoked white fish, 9c.

HAY—Per carload lots: Upland, choice, $6; midland, choice, $5.50; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $4.50; No. 3 corn, 31c; No. 3 white oats, 23c; cracked corn, per ton, $13.00; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $13.50; bran, per ton, $13.00; shorts, per ton, $13.50.

VEGETABLES.

ASPARAGUS—California, per lb., 20c.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz. bunches, 50c.

SPINACH—Per box, $1.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 40@50c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 40c; fancy head lettuce, per bbl., $5.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

SWEET POTATOES — Per bbl. Illinois, $3; Jerseys, $5; large bbls., Kansas, $2.75.

POTATOES—Per bu. choice, 30@40c.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, 2¼@2½c; new California, per lb., 2½c.

CAULIFLOWER — California, per crate, $2.50@2.75.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; California, per bunch, 40@75c.

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c.

TOMATOES — Florida, per six-basket crate, $3.50.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

RHUBARB—Per doz., 65@75c.

ONIONS—Retail, yellow, 75c; red, 85@90c; Ohios, per bbl., $2.25.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Few arriving from Texas and Florida; per qt., 45@50c.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $4.50; New York stock, $4.50; fancy, $4.75@5.00.

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., $7.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $10.50; per crate, $3.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California, fancy navels, per box, $3.25@3.50; choice navels, $2.75@3.00; California seedlings, per box, $2.50@2.75.

LEMONS—California, choice, per box, $3; fancy, $3.50; Messinas, choice, per box, $3.50; fancy, $4.

BANANAS—Per bunch, medium, $1.75@2.00; fancy, $2.25@2.50.

HIDES.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.50.

NUTS — Hickory, large, per bu., $1.25; shellbarks, $1.35.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, March 22.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 70⅝c; track, 71@71¼c; March, 70⅝c; May, 69⅝c; July, 65⅛c; No. 2 hard, 65½@66½c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 35¼c; track, 36c; March, 35½c; May, 35½c; July, 36c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 25c; track, 25½@26c; March, 25c; May, 24½@24⅝c; July, 22½c; No. 2 white, 27c.

RYE—Firm at 55c.

FLOUR—Easy but unchanged.

SEEDS—Timothy, easy; ordinary, $2.00@2.20. Flax, nominally $1.62½.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.95@2.00.

BRAN—Firm; sacked lots, east track, 69@70c.

HAY — Timothy, firm at $10.50@12.50; prairie, steady at $8.00@8.25.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.24½.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.30.

BAGGING—6⅞@7⅝c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, old, $11.50; new, $12. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.85; choice, $5.90. Dry salt boxed meats, higher; extra shorts, $6.37½; clear ribs, $6.50; clear sides, $6.62½. Bacon, higher; extra shorts, $6.87½; clear ribs, $7; clear sides, $7.12½.

METALS—Lead: Firm at $4.57½@4.60. Spelter: Strong at $4.45.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 6@7c; turkeys, 6@8c; ducks, 8c; geese, 5½@6c.

EGGS—Lower at 10c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 20@24½c; dairy, 16@20c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 87,000 bu.; oats, 17,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 23,000 bu.; corn, 113,000 bu.; oats, 26,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 22.—WHEAT—May, 62c; cash, No. 2 hard, 62½@63c; No. 3, 59@62½c; No. 2 red, 69c; No. 3, 64@68c.

CORN—May, 33⅞c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 34¼@34⅜c; No. 2 white, 34⅝@35c; No. 3, 34½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 26c.

RYE—No. 2, 53c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.00@10.50; choice prairie, $7.25@7.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 20@23c; dairy, 19c.

EGGS—Receipts again heavy, but demand good and market firm; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 9½c, cases returned; new white wood cases included, 10c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 26,400 bu.; corn, 21,400 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 29,600 bu.; corn, 22,100 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 22.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 3d; futures quiet; March, nominal; May, 5s 9⅜d; July, 5s 8⅜d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 3s 10d; American mixed, old, 3s 10¾d; futures, steady; March, 3s 9⅝d; May, 3s 9⅜d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, Cumberland cut, steady, 38s 6d; short ribs, steady, 38s; long clear middles, light, dull, 37s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, dull, 37s; short clear backs, dull, 35s 6d; clear bellies, easy, 37s. Shoulders, square, steady, 34s.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., March 22.—WHEAT—Dull and lower; No. 2, cash, 71c; May, 72⅛c.

CORN—Firm and unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 37c.

OATS—Dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 23¾c.

RYE—Dull and lower; No. 2, cash, 57c.

CLOVERSEED—Dull and unchanged; prime cash, old, $4.95; March, new, $5.00 bid; October, $5.15; No. 2 seed, $4.55@4.75.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, March 22.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 25½c; fancy western prints, 27c.

EGGS—Firm and ½@1c higher; fresh nearby, 15c; fresh western, 15c; fresh southwestern, 15c; fresh southern, 14c.

CHEESE—Firm.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, March 22.—CORN—Easier; No. 2, 36c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 25¼@26c, track.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.24½ for finished goods.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 22.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, March, 64⅛c; May, 63⅝c; July, 64⅞c. On track: No. 1 hard, 65⅛c; No. 1 northern, 64⅛c; No. 2 northern, 62⅝c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, March 22.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 66¾c; May, 67⅛c; No. 1 northern, cash, 64⅝c; May, 62⅝c; July, 66⅝c; No. 2 northern, 62⅝c; No. 3 spring, 59c.

OATS—23@23½c.

CORN—34⅜c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 22.—WHEAT—No. 2 northern, 66¾c; No. 2 northern, 64@65½c.

RYE—Easier; No. 1, 56½@57c.

BARLEY—Firmer; No. 2, 43@44c; sample, 39@42c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Railroad Stocks Have Their Innings on the Exchange.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The railroad stocks had their innings on the Stock exchange today. The demand for all grades of this class of securities reached imposing proportions and the buying came from all degrees of investors and speculators, large and small.

The individual investor was in evidence as a buyer of fractional lots all through the list and some of the heavy buying was attributed to the account of banking interests and insiders in the various properties. The professional board room traders on the floor of the exchange have turned bulls to a man and the speculators of larger caliber and speculative pools made their operations manifest in the volume of the transactions. Individual transactions to the extent of 1,000 shares were so usual as to attract little attention, while many lots of 2,000 to 5,000 were recorded on the tape. Norfolk & Western and the Atchison stocks took the most conspicuous place in the trading, but there were impressive transactions at different times during the day in Union Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio, Southern Pacific, Pennsylvania, Northern Pacific, Chesapeake & Ohio and late in the day in Southern railway. The strength disclosed in yesterday's market precipitated today's rush to buy and it was made clear that a very large element must have been waiting and watching some time for the first sign that the market was throwing off its lethargy and getting ready to move.

In studying today's market it is worthy of close attention that the rush to buy was taken advantage of to take profits on a very large scale in stocks which have recently enjoyed a considerable advance under manipulation by professional operators and pools. Practically all of the industrial stocks, including the local tractions and the iron and steel stocks and also Sugar, were sold to take profits under cover of the speculative furore. But it was not only in the mercurial specialties that this process was in evidence, but also in the railroad list itself.

Baltimore & Ohio and the Pacific stocks showed its effects very distinctly. Union Pacific was advanced early and was held pretty steady at the advance all day, but it made no notable further progress upward, and the other stocks in this category showed positive reaction. But the current of the buying demand was so deep and strong as to carry the whole market practically in its sweep. Commission houses reported orders on a large scale and London was an eager buyer of stocks here far beyond the usual hour when transactions for that account have ceased. The volume of buying for this account was estimated at from 65,000 to 70,000 shares and was a potent influence in the general strength of the market. London cables reported that part of the buying of Americans there was for Berlin account.

A flurry in call money in the afternoon to 6 per cent was an admonitory symptom, pointing to the reflection that even the relaxed conditions in the money market might be overstrained again by a headlong speculation. A drop in New York exchange at Chicago to 20c discount, compared with 25c premium earlier in the week, pointed the same moral. Government bonds were also checked in their downward course today and rallied, indicating that the process of profit taking there, which has been a factor in releasing funds to the money market, has come to a pause, and, although the subtreasury absorption is cut almost in half as compared with last week, it still promises to run up close to the amount of the surplus yet remaining with the banks over the required 25 per cent. Probably a perception of these facts, as well as the violence of the day's advance, prompted the general movement to take profits in the late dealings, which reduced prices all around from the best and made the closing easy.

The bond market was active and strong. Total sales, par value, $4,925,000. United States refunding 2s, when issued, old 4s and 5s advanced ½ and the new 4s ¼ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: There was a little increase in general business in the market here today and the tone was irregular. Americans were strong, being an exception to the rule. They were also more active than for many months. London bought steadily and big orders came from Berlin, Amsterdam and Brussels. New York bought also and the close was booming, with Baltimore & Ohio the leading feature. Country support was apparently influenced by an Economist article pointing out that a new era has been inaugurated by the currency law, but big brokers have been "tipping" the rise for some days. Tintos spurted to 55¼ on the dividend of 45s and the showing of £30,000 brought forward and £110,000 added to the reserve. This was fully up to well informed expectation, although under optimistic estimates of ten days ago. Anacondas were slightly harder in sympathy. The bank bought £33,000 gold in bars and reduced its buying price to the statutory minimum of 77s 9d. Money rates were unchanged and half the amount due the bank was repaid. Paris cheque, 25.22; Berlin, 20.49. The Banks of Bombay and Bengal have reduced their discount rates from 8 to 7 and 7 to 6, respectively.

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

Atchison	25½	Union Pacific	54⅛
do pfd	69⅝	do pfd	76⅛
Baltimore & O.	72⅝	Wabash	6¾
Canadian Pac.	95	do pfd	21
Canada So.	51½	Wheel. & L. E.	11
Ches. & Ohio	30½	do 2d pfd	31⅞
Chicago G. W.	13¾	Wis. Central	17¼
C., B. & Q.	127⅛	Third Avenue	105¾
Chi., Ind. & L.	23	Adams Ex	115
do pfd	55	Am. Express	147
Chi. & E. Ill.	99¾	U. S. Ex	46½
Chicago & N. W.	163	Wells Fargo Ex.	122
C., R. I. & P.	111	Amer. Cot. Oil	33⅝
C. C. C. & St. L.	62⅝	do pfd	93½
Colorado So.	7⅝	Amer. Malting	4⅞
do 1st pfd	45⅞	do pfd	24¼
do 2d pfd	19⅜	Amer. S. & R.	40⅜
Del. & Hudson	116	do pfd	92
Del. L. & W.	179¾	Amer. Spirits	2¼
Denver & R. G.	21⅛	do pfd	17
do pfd	72⅛	Amer. S. H.	34
Erie	13⅛	do pfd	80
do 1st pfd	39⅜	Amer. S. & W.	55⅜
Gt. Nor. pfd	161	do pfd	90
Hocking Coal	18	Amer. Tin Plate	32½
Hocking Valley	35	do pfd	82⅞
Illinois Central	114	Amer. Tobacco	107¾
Iowa Central	15	do pfd	138
do pfd	51	Anac. Min. Co.	45¼
*K. C., P. & G.	17¾	Brooklyn R. T.	70
Lake Erie & W.	21	Colo. Fuel & I.	48⅝
do pfd	85½	Con. Tobacco	31⅛
Lake Shore	194	do pfd	84½
L. & N.	85	Federal Steel	51
Manhattan L.	96½	do pfd	75¼
Met. St. Ry.	162½	Gen. Electric	128¾
Mex. Central	14¼	Glucose Sugar	52
Minn. & St. L.	65	do pfd	98
do pfd	96	Inter. Paper	20¼
Mo. Pacific	47⅛	do pfd	65
Mobile & Ohio	47⅛	Laclede Gas	70
M., K. & T.	11	National Biscuit	35⅝
do pfd	33⅞	do pfd	90
N. J. Central	116	National Lead	24
N. Y. Central	135⅞	do pfd	103
Norfolk & W.	37⅛	National Steel	43⅝
do pfd	77⅛	do pfd	94
No. Pacific	56⅛	N. Y. Air Brake	135
do pfd	75⅝	No. American	15¼
Ontario & W.	24¼	Pacific Coast	51½
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	do 1st pfd	82
do pfd	76	do 2d pfd	63
Pennsylvania	137⅞	Pacific Mail	36⅛
Reading	18⅝	People's Gas	106½
do 1st pfd	59⅝	Pressed S. Car	53⅝
do 2d pfd	29⅞	do pfd	85
Rio G. W.	54½	Pullman P. Car	183½
do pfd	92	S. R. & T.	6⅛
St. L. & S. F.	10⅜	Sugar	106⅜
do 1st pfd	70½	do pfd	111½
do 2d pfd	36⅛	Tenn. Coal & I.	94⅛
St. L. Southw.	11⅛	U. S. Leather	13⅜
do pfd	30⅜	do pfd	73⅛
St. Paul	125⅜	U. S. Rubber	31½
do pfd	174	do pfd	95
St. P. & Omaha	107½	Western Union	83⅛
So. Pacific	40⅛	Rep. I. & S.	22
So. Railway	13⅛	do pfd	65
do pfd	60⅝	P. C. C. & St. L.	63
Texas & Pacific	17⅛		

*All assessments paid.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March 22.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	102¼	Pennsylvania	71
do account	102¼	Reading	9¼
Canadian Pacific	98⅛	No. Pacific pfd	77⅞
Erie	13⅝	Atchison	25⅞
do 1st pfd	40⅛	Louisville	87⅞
Illinois Central	117¼	Grand Trunk	8⅜
Union Pac. pfd	78⅛	Anaconda	9⅛
St. P. common	128⅝	Rand Mines	37⅞
N. Y. Central	139½		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 27⅝d per ounce.

MONEY—3½@3¾ per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 3 11-16@3¾ per cent; for three months' bills, 3¾ per cent.

Financial Notes.

BALTIMORE, March 22.—Clearings, $3,388,029; balances, $537,569.

PHILADELPHIA, March 22.—Clearings, $15,277,298; balances, $2,349,433.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Clearings, $20,464,246; balances, $1,539,549; posted exchange, $4.83½@4.87; New York exchange, 20c discount.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Clearings, $199,076,790; balances, $8,224,684.

BOSTON, March 22.—Clearings, $18,852,134; balances, $1,589,952.

ST. LOUIS, March 22.—Clearings, $4,845,596; balances, $716,606; money, 4@6 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium bid, 40c premium asked.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 22.—MONEY—On call, firm at 4@6 per cent; last loan, at 5 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¼@4.85½ for demand and $4.82¾@4.82¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.83@4.83½ and $4.86½@4.87; commercial bills, $4.81¼@4.81¾.

SILVER—Certificates, 60¼@61¼c; bar, 59⅞c; Mexican dollars, 47⅜c.

BONDS—Government, strong; state, inactive; railroad, strong.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg.	101	do 4s	93¾
do ref. 2s (when issued)	103	N. Y. C. 1s	110
do 3s, reg.	110	N. J. C. gen. 5s	124
do coupon	110	No. Carolina 6s	127
do new 4s, reg.	134¼	do 4s	106
do coupon	134½	No. Pacific 3s	67
do old 4s, reg.	116	do 4s	105⅛
do coupon	117	N. Y. C. & S. L. 4s	108¼
do 5s, reg.	115	N. & W. con. 4s	97¼
do coupon	115	do gen. 6s	132
D. of C. 3 65s	119	Ore. Nav. 1s	108
Atchison gen. 4s	101⅞	do 4s	101½
do adj. 4s	84¼	Ore. S. L. 6s	127¾
Canada So. 2s	108½	do consol 5s	113¾
Ches. & O. 4½s	97¼	Reading gen. 4s	86
do 1s	119⅝	Rio G. W. 1s	100⅛
C. & N. W. c. 7s	141	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	112⅞
do S. F. d. 5s	121	St. L. & S. F. g. 6s	120
Chicago Ter. 4s	97	St. Paul conso's	169½
D. & R. G. 1s	102½	St. P. C. & P. 1s	119½
do 4s	98⅞	do 5s	121
E. T., V. & G. 1s	102⅞	So. Railway 5s	110⅞
Erie gen. 4s	73⅝	S. R. & T. 6s	68
F. W. & D. C. 1s	71	Tenn. n. s. 3s	95
Gen. Elec. 5s	116	Tex. & Pac. 1s	114½
G. H. & S. A. 6s	109	do 2s	55
do 2s	108	Union Pacific 4s	106
H. & T. C. 5s	110½	Wabash 1s	116½
do con. 6s	110	do 2s	100
*Ia. Central 1s	115	West Shore 4s	113½
K. C., P. & G. 1s	71⅝	Wis. Cen. 1s	90⅞
La. new con. 4s	107	Va. Centuries	89½
L. & N. uni. 4s	99½	do deferred	9
M. K. & T. 2s	65½	Colo. So. 4s	81¼
		So. Pacific 4s	83½

Boston Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, March 22.—Call loans, 3½@4½ per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.	25⅝	West End	91¾
do pfd	69⅞	Westingh. Elec.	43
Amer. Sugar	106⅜	Wis. Central	17
do pfd	119	Atchison 4s	99¼
Bell Telephone	315	N. E. G. & C. 5s	69½
Boston & Alb'y	242	Adventure	4½
Boston Elevated	116	Allouez M. Co.	1
Boston & Me.	191	Amal. Copper	96⅝
C. B. & Q.	127⅝	Atlantic	22
Dominion Coal	43¼	Boston & Mont.	297
do pfd	114⅞	Butte & Boston	63
Federal Steel	51	Cal. & Hecla	740
do pfd	75¼	Centennial	18⅞
Fitchburg pfd	132	Franklin	14¼
Gen. Electric	127	Osceola	67
do pfd	137	Parrot	45¼
Mex. Central	14	Quincy	132
N. E. G. & C.	17	Santa Fe Cop.	5½
Old Colony	205½	Tamarack	185
Old Dominion	16¼	Utah Mining	30
Rubber	30	Winona	2¼
Union Pacific	54¼	Wolverines	41
Union Land	2		

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Chollar	22	Ontario	850
Crown Point	14	Ophir	80
Con. Cal. & Va.	160	Plymouth	12
Deadwood	60	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Currie	150	do pfd	700
Hale & Norcross	25	Sierra Nevada	50
Homestake	5000	Standard	300
Iron Silver	65	Union Con.	20
Mexican	24	Yellow Jacket	15

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, March 22.—The movement in American securities on the Stock exchange today was steadily upward from the start on favorable advices from Wall street. Louisville and Denver & Rio Grande showed the most strength. The closing tone was strong and the demand fair. Spanish 4s closed at 71⅛. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £33,000. Gold premium at Madrid, 28.50. The rate of discount of the Bank of England remains unchanged at 4 per cent. The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, increase, £502,000; circulation, increase, £139,000; bullion, decrease, £332,000; other securities, decrease, £5,774,000; other deposits, decrease, £7,093,000; public deposits, decrease, £1,287,000; notes reserve, increase, £585,000; government securities, decrease, £3,109,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liabilities is 45.01 per cent. Last week it was 38.36 per cent.

PARIS, March 22.—Business opened hesitating on the bourse today, but afterward became more favorable. The closing was firm and inactive. International securities were duller, Brazilians excepted. Rio tintos were strong in anticipation of the dividend declaration. Kaffirs were firm. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation, decrease, 55,525,000 francs; treasury accounts current, increase, 25,625,000 francs; gold in hand, increase, 4,000,000 francs; bills discounted, decrease, 28,175,000 francs; silver in hand, increase, 4,450,000 francs. Three per cent rentes, 101f 42½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 22c for checks. Spanish 4s closed at 72.40.

BERLIN, March 22.—Exchange on London, 20m 49pfg for checks. Discount rates: Short bills, 5¼ per cent; three months' bills, 5⅜ per cent.

CALCUTTA, March 22.—The Bank of Bengal's rate of discount was today reduced from 7 to 6 per cent.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Today's statement of the treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $160,460,843; gold, $90,294,315.

Cotton Market.

GALVESTON, March 22. — COTTON — Steady at 9⅝c.

NEW YORK, March 22.—COTTON—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 9⅞c; middling gulf, 10⅛c; sales, none. Futures closed steady; March and April, $9.49; May, $9.48; June, $9.43; July, $9.42; August, $9.29; September, $8.44; October, $8.10; November and December, $7.98; January and February, $7.99.

ST. LOUIS, March 22.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 9 7-16c; no sales reported; receipts, 6,268 bales; shipments, 2,491 bales; stock, 69,854 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, March 22.—COTTON—Quiet; sales, 250 bales; ordinary, 8 3-16c; good ordinary, 8 11-16c; low middling, 9⅛c; middling, 9⅝c; good middling, 9 9-16c; middling fair, 9 13-16c; receipts, 3,896 bales; stock, 356,318 bales. Futures, steady; March and April, $9.37 bid; May, $9.38@9.39; June, $9.35@9.38; July, $9.36@9.37; August, $9.09@9.10; September, $8.25@8.30; October, $7.91@7.93; November and December, $7.80@7.82; January, $7.81 bid.

LIVERPOOL, March 22.—COTTON—Spot, fair demand, prices 3-32d lower; American middling, fair, 5 22-32@5 23-32d; good middling, 5 7-32d; middling, 5 13-32d; low middling, 5 13-32d; good ordinary, 5 5-32d; ordinary, 5 30-32d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 10,900 American. Receipts, 17,300 bales, all American. Futures opened quiet and closed firm; American middling, low middling clause, March, 5 24-64@5 25-64d, buyers; March and April, 5 22-64d, buyers; April and May, 5 18-64@5 19-64d, buyers; May and June, 5 16-64d, sellers; June and July, 5 13-64@5 14-64d, buyers; July and August, 5 15-64d, buyers; August and September, 5 2-64d, sellers; September and October, 4 42-64d, sellers; October and November, 4 32-64d, sellers; November and December, 4 27-64d, buyers; December and January, 4 25-64d, buyers; January and February, 4 23-64@4 25-64d, value.

NEW YORK, March 22.—COTTON—The market turned sharply upward today after a poor start. The volume of business was more satisfactory for smaller than the average of the last few weeks. Influenced by bearish cables, a clear weather map and generally favorable crop report accounts from the southwest, the market opened steady, 3@5 points lower, on near and 2 points lower to 1 higher on far months. Local liquidation and scarcity of buyers were supplemental influences in depressing the market during the first hour. Then came a rapid and decided advance on energetic foreign buying of the far months and a sudden change in the purport of the later cables from the Liverpool market. Later shorts went to cover and soon good buying orders were coming from the south. Before the upward movement had been reached the prices reached a level 10 points above the opening, and for the remainder of the day the market held up well on a promise of a bullish showing of statistics tomorrow. The port movement was generally more than expected, but offsetting this feature was the more liberal showing at the interior receiving points than anticipated. Reports that crops were backward and that the acreage was not turning out so large as predicted in January were the causes given for the scarcity of shorts in Liverpool. On the rise here the investment public sold the present crop for profit and bought the far months light. The market closed steady, 4@10 points higher.

Oil Market.

NEW YORK, March 22.—OILS—Cottonseed, easy; prime crude, 32½@33c; prime yellow, 35½@36c. Petroleum, firm. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.72½. Turpentine, steady, 56@56½c.

LIVERPOOL, March 22.—OIL—Cottonseed, Hull refined, May and August, dull, 21s.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Very Moderate Supply of All Kinds of Live Stock.

HOGS LIGHTEST SINCE FIRST OF THE WEEK

Cattle Command Steady to Strong Prices—Hogs Show Some Advance—Sheep and Lambs in Demand and Strong.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 22.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	2,420	5,401	3,353
Official Tuesday	3,504	11,424	6,461
Official Wednesday	2,788	8,509	6,877
Official Thursday	1,888	5,879	3,519
Four days this week	10,600	31,213	20,209
Same days last week	11,713	34,628	24,195
Same days week before	7,722	25,402	28,711
Same three weeks ago	7,271	28,536	24,678

Average price paid for hogs for the last several days with comparisons:

	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
March 1	4 63	3 51	3 78	3 60	*	3 88	4 77
March 2	4 66	3 59	3 85	3 47	3 74	3 10	4 69
March 3	4 69	3 57	3 88	3 49	3 80	*	4 77
March 4	*	3 52	3 87	3 48	3 89	3 91	*
March 5	4 74	*	3 82	3 55	3 88	3 87	4 77
March 6	4 70	3 54	*	3 65	3 79	3 92	4 73
March 7	4 71	3 65	3 89	*	3 80	4 00	4 61
March 8	4 72	3 63	3 76	3 67	*	4 06	4 74
March 9	4 71	3 58	3 76	3 60	3 81	4 03	4 72
March 10	4 73	3 53	3 80	3 65	3 84	*	4 69
March 11	*	3 59	3 79	3 64	3 82	4 10	*
March 12	4 76	*	3 74	3 70	3 80	4 16	4 64
March 13	4 79	3 62	*	3 78	3 79	4 20	4 50
March 14	4 75	3 63	3 69	*	3 82	4 28	4 35
March 15	4 79	3 59	3 68		*	4 38	4 35
March 16	4 85	3 65	3 70	3 87	3 77	4 27	4 47
March 17	4 94	3 65	3 71	3 91	3 82	*	4 43
March 18	*	3 58	3 73	3 88	3 81	4 46	*
March 19	4 89	*	3 73	3 84	3 74	4 41	4 38
March 20	4 86	3 58	*	4 00	3 67	4 36	4 34
March 21	4 81	3 56	3 75	*	3 71	4 42	4 38
March 22	4 95	3 60	3 78	3 9[illegible]	*	4 46	4 41

* Indicates Sunday.

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.	H'r's.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	..	8	..	..
O. & St. L. Ry.	..	2	..	..
Missouri Pacific Ry.	2	3	..	..
Union Pacific System	16	15	10	2
C. & N. W. Ry.	1	3	..	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	6	2	15	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	10	6	2	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	12	17	6	2
C., B. & Q. Ry.	2	4	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., E.	3	6	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., W.	1	..	..	..
Illinois Central	2	1	..	..
Total receipts	65	79	18	4

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.
Omaha Packing Co.	42	925	....
G. H. Hammond Co.	207	1,058	326
Swift and Company	155	1,287	3,745
Cudahy Packing Co.	398	1,253	1,482
Armour & Co.	199	1,243	480
Armour, from Sioux City	....	314	....
Swift, from country	....	....	440
Vansant & Co.	98	....	....
Lobman & Co.	26	....	....
W. I. Stephen	14	....	....
Hill & Huntzinger	61	....	....
Benton & Underwood	52	....	....
H. L. Dennis & Co.	20	....	....
Hobbick	36	....	....
International Pkg. Co.	....	....	121
Other buyers	202	....	228
Totals	1,510	6,080	6,822

CATTLE—Light receipts and a good demand rendered the cattle market a little more active and prices generally stronger this morning.

Buyers were all out early and they acted as if they wanted the fat cattle. The trade opened early and it was not long until everything was disposed of. The prices paid were strong as compared with yesterday, but the market could hardly with safety be quoted any higher than yesterday.

Cows and heifers were also in good demand and the market strong. Local packers were all looking for supplies and the desirable kinds were soon disposed of. The bull market continues about as it has been all the week—that is, without any improvement so far as the fat bulls are concerned. Stock bulls are scarce and as there is always some little inquiry they sell pretty well, if good. Veal calves sold in about the same notches as yesterday.

Feeding cattle were in good demand and as the offerings were light the supply was soon exhausted. The prices paid for feeding cattle have been high all this week and the market today was firm. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1290	3 75	18	1191	4 40
1	1140	$4 00	1	1170	4 40
1	1230	4 10	1	1380	4 40
3	846	4 10	2	1050	4 40
19	967	4 10	2	1250	4 40
22	906	4 15	1	1000	4 50
1	820	4 15	1	1190	4 45
21	1134	4 20	21	1234	4 45
13	906	4 20	3	1121	4 45
2	1015	4 20	10	1120	4 45
1	1330	4 25	38	1276	4 50
6	1078	4 30	18	1207	4 50
10	925	4 30	3	1373	4 50
1	960	4 30	25	1073	4 50
21	1097	4 35	15	1346	4 50
15	1142	4 35	19	1320	4 55
4	1080	4 35	43	1140	4 60
20	1185	4 40	40	1091	4 60
2	1170	4 40			

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
8	704	3 80	6	1113	4 40
28	896	4 15	5	1438	4 65
31	1001	4 40	23	1079	4 65
2	850	4 40			

STEERS AND STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
22	1176	4 30	39	1365	4 60

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
16	1160	4 45

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	842	2 25	1	1190	3 50
1	730	2 25	1	1000	3 50
3	1003	2 50	1	1070	3 50
1	1000	2 50	2	995	3 50
1	1040	2 50	2	765	3 50
1	1130	3 00	32	1058	3 55
3	1143	3 00	5	1014	3 60
1	860	3 00	6	1220	3 60
1	970	3 00	1	1160	3 60
10	980	3 00	6	1070	3 60
1	1040	3 00	2	1195	3 60
1	1210	3 25	50	999	3 60
3	1196	3 25	12	1212	3 60
1	1200	3 25	4	1317	3 65
1	1090	3 25	2	1310	3 65
1	1060	3 30	1	1170	3 65
1	1060	3 35	7	997	3 70
1	1170	3 35	1	880	3 75
1	1180	3 35	1	920	3 75
4	1017	3 35	8	1161	3 75
1	950	3 35	1	1290	3 85
1	900	3 40	9	1257	3 85
1	1010	3 40	4	1127	3 85
1	1080	3 45	2	990	3 90
1	800	3 45	8	1103	3 95
1	1010	3 45	1	1120	4 00
1	840	3 50	6	1053	4 00
9	1083	3 50	2	900	4 00

COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	800	2 50	46	970	4 00
4	900	3 35	10	1246	4 05

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	840	3 65	1	950	4 00
1	910	3 75	1	500	4 00
1	840	3 85	3	803	4 10
1	880	3 90	2	1105	4 20
8	1045	4 00	1	880	4 25
2	865	3 90	1	750	4 25
1	1430	3 90	1	820	4 25
2	865	4 00	1	660	4 25

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1170	2 75	1	1250	3 35
1	1180	3 00	1	1710	3 40
1	1750	3 15	1	1380	3 45
3	1460	3 15	1	1050	3 50
1	1390	3 20	2	615	3 50
1	1590	3 25	1	1290	3 50
2	1575	3 30	1	1230	3 75
1	1350	3 30	1	1000	3 90
1	1640	3 30	1	940	4 00
1	1590	3 35	1	1420	4 25

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	350	4 75	1	160	7 25
1	170	5 00	1	130	7 25
1	330	5 00	1	130	7 25
1	140	7 00	1	150	7 50

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1670	4 00

STOCK CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	205	3 50	1	340	4 75
1	330	3 75	2	125	6 75

STOCK COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1039	3 00	7	842	3 70
1	960	3 00	18	754	3 75
1	710	3 25	5	748	3 75
1	930	3 25	3	520	3 85
14	650	3 35	3	605	3 85
2	970	3 50	3	825	3 85
1	620	3 50	3	656	3 90
1	840	3 60	1	490	4 10

COWS AND CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	445	3 50	6	528	3 50

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	600	3 35	1	550	4 25
1	520	3 75	10	1025	4 30
26	913	3 90	8	945	4 35
3	503	4 00	2	725	4 35
6	482	4 00	6	1078	4 40
13	863	4 00	7	991	4 45
2	890	4 00	3	656	4 60
1	680	4 00	17	556	4 65
1	830	4 05	13	719	4 70
10	825	4 05	11	376	4 75
21	860	4 05	3	660	4 75
12	1060	4 15	5	571	4 75
8	820	4 20	2	610	4 75
1	910	4 20	50	944	4 80
4	717	4 20	17	428	5 15
1	910	4 20			

HOGS—Today's market was 2½@5c higher, closing 5c higher. Sellers as a rule were pricing their holdings pretty high, while buyers were opposed to putting on any more than they might be compelled to. The demand, however, was of pretty fair proportions and the most of the offerings changed hands in good season. The general run of good mixed loads went at $4.82½@4.85 with some right good heavy loads at $4.90. Shippers must bear in mind that the common light hogs are discriminated against, and even good lights do not sell any too fast.

Today's advance made up a portion of the loss of yesterday, but the market is still 5c lower than it was on Monday and only about 5c higher than it was on Thursday of last week. The high point of the season was on Saturday of last week and the market today was only 10c lower than on that day. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
102	151	80	4 60	86	234	40	4 85
101	183	80	4 75	62	[illegible]	80	4 85
88	171	...	$4 75	72	241	...	4 85
13	240	...	4 80	73	229	...	4 85
9	225	...	4 80	71	252	40	4 85
91	200	40	4 80	74	231	40	4 85
30	162	...	4 82½	68	248	...	4 85
69	255	40	4 82½	60	264	200	4 85
47	222	...	4 82½	69	250	...	4 85
58	224	...	4 82½	73	242	...	4 85
78	201	...	4 82½	68	249	...	4 85
60	231	...	4 82½	74	219	120	4 85
63	226	120	4 82½	68	247	160	4 85
69	219	40	4 82½	71	241	...	4 85
58	213	...	4 82½	72	194	...	4 85
82	215	40	4 82½	34	307	80	4 85
88	202	160	4 82½	64	235	...	4 85
84	180	...	4 82½	61	267	120	4 85
66	233	80	4 82½	72	251	40	4 85
62	234	...	4 82½	53	247	40	4 85
75	229	...	4 82½	78	252	...	4 85
64	247	160	4 82½	76	254	...	4 85
12	190	...	4 82½	63	245	...	4 85
11	234	...	4 82½	62	263	40	4 85
14	250	...	4 82½	78	239	40	4 85
56	245	40	4 82½	63	225	...	4 85
82	212	...	4 82½	76	232	40	4 85
83	233	40	4 82½	60	266	...	4 85
73	245	80	4 82½	57	229	...	4 85
91	200	40	4 82½	57	249	...	4 87½
92	219	40	4 82½	64	248	40	4 87½
122	221	...	4 82½	73	245	80	4 87½
65	258	80	4 85	88	234	40	4 87½
68	228	...	4 85	71	258	...	4 87½
59	260	40	4 85	78	252	...	4 87½
81	229	120	4 85	53	267	...	4 87½
79	247	40	4 85	81	235	40	4 87½
67	257	80	4 85	60	266	...	4 87½
97	200	...	4 85	14	364	...	4 87½
63	274	80	4 85	57	229	...	4 87½
79	214	...	4 85	58	271	...	4 87½
44	237	...	4 85	15	269	...	4 87½
70	214	40	4 85	60	269	80	4 90
13	240	...	4 85	57	289	...	4 90
60	266	...	4 85	63	275	80	4 90
66	253	160	4 85	67	266	...	4 90
71	234	...	4 85	68	262	...	4 90

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SHEEP—Receipts were moderate and the demand good, a combination almost certain to make a good market. Buyers were all out early and lambs and light sheep sold quite readily at good strong prices. Big heavy sheep did not appear to be in quite so good demand as the lighter weights, but still packers would take them at good prices. The sales below will show the kind of prices paid for the different kinds of sheep and lambs.

Quotations: Choice handy weight yearlings, $6.00@6.15; good to choice fed yearlings, $5.85@6.00; fair to good yearlings, $5.65@5.80; good to choice wethers, $5.55@5.80; fair to good wethers, $5.35@5.50; good to choice fed ewes, $5.05@5.25; fair to good ewes, $4.60@5.00; good to choice native lambs, $6.90@7.00; good to choice western lambs, $6.80@7.00; fair to good western lambs, $6.60@6.80; feeder wethers, $4.50@5.00; feeder yearlings, $5.00@5.60; good to choice feeder lambs, $5.25@6.00. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
199	western ewes	105	$5 00
56	western ewes	88	5 15
190	western ewes	107	5 20
405	western yearlings	91	5 65
209	western lambs	69	5 70
55	western lambs	59	5 70
1226	yearlings and wethers	93	5 92½
251	western lambs	68	6 70
455	western lambs	82	6 75
421	western lambs	91	6 75
480	Colorado Mexican lambs	85	7 00
1	stag	150	5 00
151	western wethers	135	5 50
432	western wethers	98	5 65
40	western wethers	97	5 65
6	mixed	100	6 00
546	Colorado Mexican lambs	75	6 90
500	Colorado Mexican lambs	85	7 00

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Steers Generally Stronger and Active—Sheep Stronger, Lambs Higher.

CHICAGO, March 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 9,000 head; steers, generally stronger and active; butchers' stock, slow to 10c lower; natives, best on sale today, $5.70; good to prime, strong to 10c higher, $4.95@5.80; poor to medium, steady to strong, $4.00@4.75; selected feeders, dull, $4.00@4.70; mixed stockers, weak, $3.40@3.95; cows, slow to 10c lower, $3.00@4.15; heifers, best strong, others steady, $3.10@4.60; canners, weak to 10c lower, $2.25@2.95; bulls, 10@15c lower, $2.65@4.20; calves, weak, $4.00@6.00. Texans, receipts, 700 head; best on sale today, $4.50; Texas fed steers, active and strong, $3.80@5.00; Texas bulls, weak, $3.10@3.60.

HOGS—Receipts today, 26,000 head; tomorrow, 23,000, estimated; left over, 3,000; active and fully 5c higher; top, $5.15; mixed and butchers, $4.85@5.12½; good to choice heavy, $5.00@5.15; rough heavy, $4.85@4.95; light, $4.80@5.05; bulk of sales, $5.00@5.10.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 12,000 head; sheep, strong; lambs, 10@15c higher; two cars western sheep, average 132 lbs., $6; top price for sheep since 1893; good to choice wethers, $5.60@6.00; fair to choice mixed, $4.75@5.60; western sheep, $5.40@6.00; yearlings, $6.00@6.50; native lambs, $5.25@7.30; western lambs, $6.00@7.30.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, March 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,000 natives, 1,000 Texans; strong healthy market on slaughtering and feeding stock; heavy native steers, $4.70@5.25; lightweights, $4.30@4.85; stockers and feeders, $3.50@5.40; butcher cows and heifers, $3.25@4.50; canners, $3.00@3.25; fed westerns, $4.00@4.75; western feeders, $3.50@4.20; Texans, $3.80@4.05.

HOGS—Receipts, 11,200 head; heavy, 2½@5c higher; light grades, 5@10c higher; heavy, $4.90@5.05; mixed, $4.80@4.95; light, $4.75@4.90; pigs, $4.25@4.70.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,900 head; desirable, active and steady; few plain lots, shade lower; spring lambs, $8.50; fed native and Colorado lambs, $6.65@6.85; yearlings, $5.85@6.20; muttons, $5.20@5.75; stockers and feeders, $4.00@5.75; culls, $3.50@4.25.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, March 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,200 head, including 1,000 Texans; market steady for natives to strong for Texans; native shipping and export steers, worth $4.50@5.75; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.10@4.90; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.50@4.65; stockers and feeders, $3.35@4.80; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.50; canners, $1.50@2.85; bulls, $3.25@4.00; Texas and Indian steers, $3.50@4.60; cows and heifers, $2.30@3.70.

HOGS—Receipts, 8,300 head; market 5c higher; pigs and lights, $4.80@4.95; packers, $4.85@5.00; butchers, $5.00@5.10.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,300 head; market strong; native muttons, $5.00@5.75; lambs, $5.00@6.10; spring lambs, $8.50@10.00; culls and bucks, $4.25@5.00.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, March 22.—(Special.)—The Journal quotes:

CATTLE—Receipts, 900 head; market active and steady to strong; quality inferior; natives, $4.00@5.00; Texas and westerns, $3.50@4.70; cows and heifers, $2.25@4.45; bulls and stags, $2.25@4.65; yearlings and calves, $4.00@5.10; stockers and feeders, $3.40@4.60; veals, $4.25@7.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,000 head; market steady to 2½c higher; all grades, $4.82½@5.05; bulk of sales, $4.85@4.95.

SHEEP AND LAMBS — Receipts, 1,800 head; market 10c higher on lambs; sheep, steady; lambs, $5.00@7.00; yearlings, $5.25@6.25; sheep and yearlings, $5.00@5.75; ewes, $4.00@5.25.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, March 22.—BEEVES—Receipts, 266 head; none offered for sale; light receipts reported for Friday; feeling steady; cables slow; refrigerator beef, 9½c per lb.; no shipments today and Friday.

CALVES—Receipts, 23 head; almost nominal; 250 unsold; common and medium veals, $3.50@5.60.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 926 head; firm, on light supply; all sold; medium sheep, $5.25; medium to prime lambs, $7.25; choice culls, $2.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,120 head; none for sale alive; nominally firm.

Stock in Sight.

Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for March 22:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	1,888	5,879	3,519
Chicago	9,000	26,000	12,000
Kansas City	4,000	11,200	2,900
St. Louis	2,200	8,300	1,300
Totals	17,088	51,379	19,719

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 22.—DRY GOODS—The attendance of buyers today has been limited and spot business slow at first hands; an average demand otherwise. Local jobbing trade quiet. No change in prices at first hands, but the tone of the market for brown cotton goods for forward delivery barely as steady as before. In print cloth yarn goods some outsiders are open for business under Fall River quotations. Coarse colored cottons strong. Prints and ginghams unchanged. Cotton linings firm; hosiery and underwear quiet, but advance in knitting yarns gives strength to the market.

Wool Market.

LONDON, March 22.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today numbered 10,723 bales. Bidding was more spirited. Merinos were taken principally by the home trade and the continent, America taking a small quantity. Cross-breds were in good demand for Yorkshire and America. Withdrawals were again large. The sales in detail are as follows: New South Wales, 1,400 bales; scoured, 10d@1s 1½d; greasy, 9d@1s 2d. Queensland, 1,400 bales; scoured, 1s 8d@1s 10d; greasy, 9½@1s 1d. Victoria, 1,000 bales; scoured, 11d@1s 4½d; greasy, 6½d@1s 2d. South Australia, 1,400 bales; greasy, 6½d@1s. West Australia, 800 bales; scoured, 1s 1d@1s 3d; greasy, 6½d@1s 1½d. New Zealand, 4,400 bales; scoured, 6½d@1s 6d; greasy, 5½d@1s 1d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 90 bales; greasy, 7d.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, March 22.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Quiet but steady. Business continues slack in the market for evaporated apples today, owing to a considerable increase in the supply, offerings being liberal, and influences served to give a weak undertone to the market. At the close, however, prices remained unchanged. State, common, 4½@5½c; prime, 6@6½c; choice, 7@7½c; fancy, 7¾@8½c. California dried prunes, 3½@7c per lb., as to size and quality. Apricots, Royal, 13@15c; Moor Park, 15@18c. Peaches, peeled, 18@20c; unpeeled, 7½@9c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 22.—COFFEE—Futures opened steady and ruled quiet all day, with prices gradually sagging in under a sheer absence of speculative support; foreign news was different. The local trade was apathetic, the market closing quiet, with prices unchanged to 5 points lower. Total sales were 7,000 bags, including: March, $6.85; May, $6.80; July, $6.90; September, $6.90@7.00; January, $7.20; February, $7.25. Spot coffee, Rio, dull; No. 7, invoice, $8.25@8.37½; jobbing, $8.75@8.87½. Mild, dull; Cordova, $9.50@14.00.

Sugar Market.

NEW ORLEANS, March 22. — SUGAR — Quiet; open kettle, 3¾@4 3-16c; open kettle, centrifugal, 4½@4⅝c; centrifugal, yellow, 4⅜@4½c; seconds, 2⅝@4½c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; centrifugal, 8@66c.

SUPREME COURT SYLAABI

No. 9105. Bee Publishing Company against World Publishing Company. Judgment accordingly. Error from Douglas county. Sullivan, J.

1. A newspaper article in which it is falsely stated that a business corporation is maintaining a precarious existence; that it is not able to meet its financial obligations and is tottering, bankrupt and about to pass out of existence, is libelous per se.

2. In this state the measure of recovery in all civil actions is compensation for the injury sustained.

3. In the trial of an action for libel it is improper to receive evidence of express malice for the purpose of influencing the jury in determining the amount which plaintiff ought to recover.

4. But if, in such action, a plea of justification has been interposed, evidence of express malice may be received for the purpose of disproving the claim of defendant that in the publication of the article he acted in good faith, from proper motives and for justifiable ends.

5. A plea justifying a libel is defective if the evidential facts instead of the ultimate facts are alleged; but if the trial court and the litigants trust the plea as sufficient and proof is introduced on the theory that it is sufficient its infirmity may be cured by amendment.

6. The law presumes that some damage results from the publication of an article libelous per se, and it is the business of the jury, in an action for such injury, to determine the amount of damage.

7. In the trial of an action for damages resulting from the publication of a newspaper libel, where the gist of the action is injury done to plaintiff's business, it is proper to show the extent and character of the business and its volume both before and after the publication of the libelous article.

8. In such case the jury should take into account the probable future as well as the actual past and assess the damages once for all.

9. In an action for libel, under the allegation of loss of business, it is competent for the plaintiff to prove a general loss or decline of patronage without naming particular customers or proving that they have ceased to do business with him.

10. And in such case if evidence of special damages is received without objection it may be considered by the jury.

11. Where a defamatory article contains an imputation upon the solvency and stability of a large newspaper concern it is proper in the trial of an action to recover damages occasioned by the libel to show by expert proof the general effect of such an article on the business of such a publisher.

12. In all judicial proceedings disputed questions of fact must be established by the best evidence attainable.

13. Evidence cannot be received which on its face indicates that it is secondary and that the original source of information is in existence and accessible.

14. The admission of incompetent evidence is not reversible error if the fact which it tends to prove is otherwise conclusively established.

15. Where it appears that a judgment is based on a verdict which is excessive, though not given under the influence of passion or prejudice, it may be permitted to stand, even in actions ex delicto, on condition that the excess be remitted.

16. Damages held to be excessive and plaintiff allowed to file a remittitur.

No. 10,417. The Nebraska Telephone Company against John F. Cornell. Affirmed. Appeal from Lancaster county. Sullivan, J.

1. The act of 1887 (Sess. Laws, Ch. 60) creating the Board of Transportation and defining its powers is not in conflict with section 26, article v, of the constitution, which forbids the legislature to create any executive state office.

2. Nor is it in conflict with section 2, article v, of the constitution, which declares that no executive state officer shall be eligible to any other state office.

3. The State Board of Transportation has power to inquire into the intrastate business of express, telephone and telegraph companies and regulate their rates therefor.

4. The act of 1893, known as the "maximum rate law" (Sess. Laws, Ch. xxiv) does not materially modify the provisions of the law enacted in 1887 (Sess. Laws, Ch. lx) defining the duties and powers of the State Board of Transportation.

5. The enactment of 1893 known as the "maximum rate law" (Sess. Laws, Ch. xxiv) appears upon its face to be a constitutional and valid act, and there is no presumption that its immediate execution would deprive freight carriers of their property without due process of law or deny them the equal protection of the laws.

6. This court does not take judicial cognizance of the net earnings of railroad companies and cannot assume, without proof, that the "maximum rate law" (Ch. xxiv, Sess. Laws, 1893) is now, or was at the time of its enactment, confiscatory legislation.

7. A judgment is binding only between the parties to the action in which it was rendered; it is of no force between other litigants.

8. The seventh point of the syllabus in Pacific Express Company against Cornell, 59 Neb. —, 81, N. W. Rep., 377, is disapproved.

9. The jurisdiction of the Board of Transportation under the act of 1887 (Sess. Laws, Ch. lvi) is not limited to the regulation of specific charges for messages sent from one point to another within the state. The regulations of telephone rentals is also within the powers of the board.

10. The act of 1897 (Sess. Laws, Ch. lvi) empowering the Board of Transportation to regulate the charges of express, telephone and telegraph companies is an original and independent statute and is not violative of section 11, article iii, of the constitution, respecting amendatory legislation.

Injured by Falling Elevator.

NEW YORK, March 22.—One of the elevators in the seven-story factory building, 247 Center street, broke its cable today and fell seven stories, injuring three of its occupants internally. The injured are: John Pododa, 17 years old, elevator boy; Bernard Katzung, Brooklyn; Anson Schroeder, Brooklyn.

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