

SATURDAY MARKET FIGURES.

Western Union also went up 1 point. Brokers supposed to be working for Gould and the big shorts bought heavily and turned the current upward and a rally of 4 points on Missouri Pacific and 3/4 on Western Union were recorded at the close. Despite the sharp fluctuations of the Missouri Pacific were only 15,500 shares and Western Union 14,200 shares. St. Paul was reported split into and anxious to sell out, but, although prices not only on that stock but the whole list declined, they rallied quickly, in sympathy with the leaders, and the majority of active stocks closed 3/4 to 1 cent higher than yesterday. The bank statement made a more favorable showing than expected, with an increase in the reserve being \$209,025. This, in connection with the shorts covering, assisted in the rally. The total sales were 143,946 shares.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 24.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The big bears were not prominent in the wheat pit this morning. They were otherwise engaged. They made fair progress in the corn market, but the crop of the floor that the same men who had overwhelmed the wheat buyers and driven the prices down by sheer force of offerings would today test the speculative pork market, and if they found it was not supported by Armour or some equally strong buyer, would try precisely the same tactics that had been so successful in wheat. They made fair progress in the provisions market, and it looked for a time as if their attention was quite withdrawn from wheat. However, when at one time the latter market showed some signs of improvement and advanced 3/4 cent, their brokers were free sellers and convinced the crowd that the pressure had only been relieved for a time and not by any means removed. May sold down to 49 1/2 cents, advanced to 50 1/2 cents, and then advanced to 76 1/2 cents for a time, then fell to 76 1/2 cents, advanced to 76 1/2 cents, and closed at 76 1/2 cents. The market opened heavy, and short sellers tried to hammer prices down, but with little result. The market was quiet, and when the market was turned the shorts were not the eager buyers, and put the price up sharply. The switch market, which was made up of receipts, was a strengthening feature, as were the prospective small receipts, for Monday. The course of provision prices was quiet, with the market steady, and the break there induced considerable selling of corn. May corn advanced to 50 1/2 cents, and after a small advance to 50 1/2 cents, then gradually declined to 50 cents, and closed there at 1 o'clock. June corn opened at 49 1/2 cents, and closed at 49 1/2 cents. The market opened heavy, and short sellers tried to hammer prices down, but with little result. The market was quiet, and when the market was turned the shorts were not the eager buyers, and put the price up sharply. The switch market, which was made up of receipts, was a strengthening feature, as were the prospective small receipts, for Monday. The course of provision prices was quiet, with the market steady, and the break there induced considerable selling of corn. May corn advanced to 50 1/2 cents, and after a small advance to 50 1/2 cents, then gradually declined to 50 cents, and closed there at 1 o'clock. June corn opened at 49 1/2 cents, and closed at 49 1/2 cents.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

Chicago, March 24.—Following are the 230 closing prices: Flour—Dull and unchanged; winter wheat, \$3.00 to \$3.10; sacks, \$2.70 to \$2.85; spring wheat, \$3.00 to \$3.10; sacks, \$2.70 to \$2.85; buckwheat flour, \$5.00 to \$5.10 per bbl. The switch market, which was made up of receipts, was a strengthening feature, as were the prospective small receipts, for Monday. The course of provision prices was quiet, with the market steady, and the break there induced considerable selling of corn. May corn advanced to 50 1/2 cents, and after a small advance to 50 1/2 cents, then gradually declined to 50 cents, and closed there at 1 o'clock. June corn opened at 49 1/2 cents, and closed at 49 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK.

Chicago, March 24.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—CATTLE—Trade was slow and prices weak, some salesmen rating their prices substantially lower than yesterday morning, but not much lower than the close. Although there was a large number of cattle sold yesterday, shippers taking half the receipts, a thousand or more were carried over, making plenty of cattle on the market for a Saturday, and the market closed dull at a decline of 15c to 20c as compared with prices Monday last, or one week ago. Steers, 1350 to 1500 lbs, \$4.00 to \$4.25; cows, \$3.50 to \$4.00; calves, \$3.00 to \$3.50; pigs, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Hogs—Business today was brisk and prices fully as strong as yesterday, with here and there an order for a few extra heavy butchers weights and heavy. Light sows were not in as active demand as yesterday and sold a shade lower. At the close \$5.50 to \$6.00 was about the price for a good 200 lb pig, \$4.50 to \$5.00 for a good 150 lb pig, and \$3.50 to \$4.00 for a good 100 lb pig. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; market steady; natives, \$4.00 to \$4.50; westerns, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Texas, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Hogs—Receipts, 1,000; market steady; natives, \$4.00 to \$4.50; westerns, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Texas, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, March 24.—The Drovers' Journal reports as follows: Cattle—Receipts, 1,000; market steady; natives, \$4.00 to \$4.50; westerns, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Texas, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Hogs—Business today was brisk and prices fully as strong as yesterday, with here and there an order for a few extra heavy butchers weights and heavy. Light sows were not in as active demand as yesterday and sold a shade lower. At the close \$5.50 to \$6.00 was about the price for a good 200 lb pig, \$4.50 to \$5.00 for a good 150 lb pig, and \$3.50 to \$4.00 for a good 100 lb pig. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; market steady; natives, \$4.00 to \$4.50; westerns, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Texas, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

St. Louis, March 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; market steady and unchanged; choice heavy native steers, \$4.00 to \$4.50; medium, \$3.50 to \$4.00; light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; calves, \$3.00 to \$3.50; pigs, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Hogs—Receipts, 1,000; market steady; natives, \$4.00 to \$4.50; westerns, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Texas, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; market steady; natives, \$4.00 to \$4.50; westerns, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Texas, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

FINANCIAL.

New York, March 24.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Stocks—Gould's return to New York late last night caused a flutter in Wall street today. All were anxious to know what the little man would do in the market. The bull operators expected him to sustain the market and the bears looked for the reverse. The question regarding the Missouri Pacific dividend was as perplexing as ever. In some quarters the assertion was made that a 5 per cent dividend would be declared at Monday's meeting. Gould refused to be interviewed about the market, declaring that he had given up the market for six months, and knew nothing about it. It has been evident to close observers that Missouri Pacific was being sold by insiders for several months, and the general belief is that the Goulds, and, perhaps, good Deacon Sage, have quietly lifted the crowd up. Parties having explicit faith in the statements of the company's officers—that the road was earning its dividend, and that the company's affairs were all right—have bought it freely, believing a 7 per cent stock cheap below 90. The price certainly was low, but recent developments prove the incorrectness of the cheap theory. The entire market hinged on the Goulds stocks, operators were mostly bearish and a decline was noted in London. Steers from the west of a general strike of Hamiltons and also tended to cause a feeling of depression, and the opening sales were at declines ranging to 3/4 per cent. The professionals and long sold Missouri Pacific heavily and a quick drop of 3/4 points resulted, 70 1/2 being the lowest price reached.

Today's market was liberally supplied for the last day of the week, there being fifty-five loads on sale. The general feeling of the hogs was a decided improvement over the day before and as high as \$5.35 was paid for the best load. A few sales were made on the morning of about 100 hogs, but the market may be said to have opened 5c higher. It gained in strength until it was all of \$6.00 higher. The market was active and all the morning receipts were sold by 10 o'clock. The B. & M. train did not arrive until afternoon and then it met with a lower bid. The reported decline in price taken with the fact that it was Saturday and everything would have to be carried over until Monday, caused a decline on the hog market. The market closed with the advance of the morning entry lost but with everything sold.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Produce, Fruits, Nuts, Etc. Saturday, March 24. The following quotations are wholesale and not retail. Prices quoted on produce are the rates of stock received for sale on this market. Fruits or other lines of goods requiring extra labor for packing cannot be quoted. The following quotations are for the week ending March 24. Rates on flour and feed are jobbers' prices. Prices on grain are those paid by Omaha mills. The market for stock is as follows: Cattle—Choice Michigan grade, \$6.00 to \$6.50; fair to medium, \$5.00 to \$5.50; common, \$4.00 to \$4.50. Hogs—Choice Michigan grade, \$5.00 to \$5.50; fair to medium, \$4.00 to \$4.50; common, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Sheep—Choice Michigan grade, \$4.00 to \$4.50; fair to medium, \$3.00 to \$3.50; common, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

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