THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

No Changes in the Monetary Situation the Past Week.

AN AMPLE SUPPLY OF FUNDS.

Grocery Jobbers Report Business Satisfactory and in Excess of Last Year — The Produce Market Rather Firmer.

The Local Commercial Situation.

The clearings of the associated banks of Omaha for the week ending February 8, as reported by Mr. Hughes, manager of the clearing house, foot $4,444,762.91, an increase of 18 7-10 per cent. There has been no change in the monetary situation during the past week. Bankers report an ample supply of funds and a fairly active demand. Prime mercantile paper has been readily taken at the usual rates—8 to 10 per cent—while a great deal of off-color stuff is presented and refused. Money is plentiful generally and reports from financial centers show easy markets and low rates prevailing everywhere, and at the same time complaints are bad of dull trade, low prices for produce and an unsatisfactory situation existing in commercial circles. This is attributable mainly to the weather which has been unseasonable throughout the country and in the territory contiguous to Omaha has been especially so, and traders are feeling the results in dull trade and slow collections. Nevertheless we are no worse off than our brethren of the North south and east. Complaint is general and business is admittedly dull everywhere. There have been, however, fewer failures this year to date, in Nebrasua, than during the same period last year and our jobbers say they are content to see trade quiet for the present, with retailers disposing of their winter stocks slowly and remitting as they can, rather than to have them buy spring goods and add to the load which, should spring weather be late, would be more than they could carry and result in frequent failures and loss.

Grocery jobbers are an exception just now and they say trade is satisfactory and in excess of last year.

Cotton goods are steady and firm with an advance of 2@2½ per cent noted in wide sheetings and the market oversold by many weeks' production. Woolen goods are strong and a feeling of confidence in the future of the market prevails. Silks are advancing.

Sugars are firm at quotations but no great assurance is expressed that present prices can be maintained, as Mr. Spreckles again appears as the "little joker," and his play will be watched with anxiety.

Coffees are unchanged and the future seems very doubtful if the bears seem the most confident.

The produce market is perhaps firmer but not so strong as to enable an advance in the prices of dairy products to be maintained. Eggs are slightly up, as Lent is approaching, and the demand increasing. Butter is about the same as last week, and the average receipts sell at 8 to 10c per pound. Packers and commission men say that more poor butter has been sent to market here this winter than ever before, and that while there is now and always a demand for choice dairy butter, in neat, clean packages, there is none for the slush and grease shipped as butter.

Hides are in fair request and the market stronger.

Flax seed is firmer.

City retailers report a fair business with collections somewhat improved and a feeling prevails that trade in the city will be good this spring.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.

Saturday, Feb. 8.

The receipts today, estimated at 900, were fairly liberal for Saturday. There was quite a lot of good steers on the market, several of which sold at or above the $4.00 mark. The whole sentiment was strong. There has been a steady demand at strong or advancing prices for all the best grades of steers, while for some time the receipts have not only been limited but have not equaled the demand. The fine steers in today gave ground for the opinion for a stronger market, if not for an advance in prices. The market opened active on all grades at all desirable. The best grades of steers sold readily at an advance of 5c to 10c, some report them up as much as 15c. Cow stuffs were active at a shade's advance. Not a few on the market quoting cows up from 5c to 10c. The quality of the receipts of cows was only common there being quite a number of poor ones while there were no real good ones, the top on cows being $2.60. The receipts of bulls were liberal and prices ruled strong several selling from $2.75 to $3.00. Feeders and stockers are still in demand at an advance corresponding with the greatest advance of any other kind of cattle. Half the sales were at or above $3.00. Canners sell readily and range from $1.25 to $1.75. Calves remain steady selling at $2.00@5.00. Stags are strong corresponding with the general advance on the better grades of butchers' stuff. With a general advance yesterday and today nearly the whole of the decline since Saturday last has been recovered. Yesterday and today were the most satisfactory markets during the week. The market closed active and strong with everything sold.

Hogs.

The hog market was well supplied with fairly good stock today, there being receipts estimated at 3,150. The market opened active and strong. The top was $3.82½, a shade above yesterday's top, and the average showed the price at $3.73½ compared with $3.71½ yesterday. The bulk sold at $3.75@3.80.

Sheep.

Receipts only 176, compared with 125 yesterday. The lamb and sheep market show an active demand with ready sales.

Prevailing Prices.

The following is a table of prices paid in this market for the grades of stock mentioned:

Prime steers, 1300 to 1600 lbs.	$3.80	@4.40
Good steers, 1250 to 1450 lbs.	3.40	@4.00
Good steers, 1050 to 1200 lbs.	3.00	@3.90
Common 1000 to 1150 lb steers.	3.00	@3.30
Common canners	1.15	@1.50
Ordinary to fair cows	1.50	@1.90
Fair to good cows	1.90	@2.25
Good to choice cows	2.30	@2.75
Choice to fancy cows	2.75	@3.25
Fair to good bulls	1.50	@2.50
Choice to fancy bulls	2.50	@3.00
Light stockers and feeders	2.00	@2.60
Feeders, 950 to 1100 lbs.	2.20	@3.25
Fair to choice light hogs	3.70	@3.82½
Fair to choice heavy hogs	3.70	@3.80
Fair to choice mixed hogs	3.65	@3.77½

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	1125	$3 10	2	1275	$3 40
5	942	3 15	17	1182	3 40
15	1060	3 15	25	1167	3 45
9	1138	3 20	1	1320	3 50
7	983	3 20	26	1181	3 55
1	1050	3 20	18	1287	3 60
1	1210	3 20	16	1292	3 60
1	1160	3 25	34	1219	3 65
5	896	3 25	21	1251	3 70
21	1191	3 27½	16	1153	3 75
2	1250	3 35	20	1217	3 85
19	1152	3 35	18	1335	3 90
17	1159	3 37½	38	1290	3 90
25	1124	3 40	1	1550	4 00
17	1121	3 40	17	1403	4 25

COWS.

11	1032	1 80	18	1039	2 20
4	1040	1 85	18	923	2 30
8	1123	1 85	11	1066	2 35
3	1003	1 85	15	951	2 35
1	1080	1 95	14	1039	2 35
1	1160	2 00	19	1080	2 35
2	865	2 00	8	990	2 35
19	920	2 00	5	1070	2 30
20	975	2 05	10	998	2 35
11	1013	2 05	4	958	2 35
8	1043	2 05	5	1092	2 35
3	1170	2 10	5	832	2 35
2	976	2 10	3	1067	2 35
4	1080	2 10	21	1039	2 42½
6	1138	2 15	12	1112	2 45
13	1108	2 15	8	1170	2 55
14	1014	2 20	2	1020	2 60
14	1060	2 20			

BULLS.

1	1275	1 50	3	1340	2 30
1	1500	1 50	1	1520	2 35
1	1230	1 80	1	1860	2 40
2	1490	1 85	1	1540	2 50
6	1072	1 90	1	1360	2 50
2	1340	2 00	1	1470	2 60
1	1500	2 00	1	1700	2 65
3	1733	2 00	1	1300	2 65
1	1350	2 15	1	1070	2 75
3	1530	2 20	2	1670	2 75
1	1250	2 20	1	1730	2 75
1	1570	2 25	1	2000	2 80
1	1860	2 25	1	1660	2 90
1	1733	2 25	1	1860	3 00
1	1330	2 25	13	1720	3 00

FEEDERS.

$1	940	$2 60	2	850	$3 00
23	925	2 65	1	800	3 00
4	797	2 85	4	880	3 00
6	913	2 90	10	875	3 07½
3	1073	2 95	1	880	3 10

CANNERS.

6	947	1 25	16	988	1 75
1	900	1 65	1	1000	1 75
1	1050	1 75	2	1165	1 75
1	880	1 75			

CALVES.

1	190	3 00	6	225	3 00
2	215	3 00			

STOCKERS.

2	450	2 60	13	570	2 85
5	574	2 80			

HEIFERS.

1	1300	3 15			

MIXED.

2	1310	2 75			

STAGS.

1	1310	3 00			

WESTERN CATTLE.

Owner and No.	Av.	Pr.
79 feeders	893	$2 75
40 feeders	784	3 20
38 steers, corn-fed	1441	4 00

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
65	251	160	$3 65	73	229	80	$3 75
59	254	120	3 65	66	233	—	3 75
54	209	120	3 65	66	243	80	3 75
63	245	280	3 65	73	243	—	3 75
71	275	120	3 67½	75	212	40	3 75
81	218	—	3 67½	73	229	80	3 75
55	276	160	3 67½	74	274	240	3 75
63	284	40	3 70	80	259	—	3 75
63	212	120	3 70	63	252	240	3 75
51	253	40	3 70	55	308	120	3 75
59	271	160	3 70	62	255	40	3 75
35	264	80	3 70	71	221	40	3 75
51	304	80	3 70	73	294	120	3 75
66	288	160	3 70	139	247	80	3 75
55	308	120	3 70	57	346	—	3 77½
55	266	280	3 70	64	259	—	3 77½
70	264	80	3 70	63	280	40	3 77½
65	233	80	3 70	65	231	—	3 80
55	315	40	3 70	61	285	—	3 80
62	279	40	3 72½	64	230	—	3 80
69	285	160	3 72½	55	264	—	3 80
46	334	80	3 75	69	215	—	3 80
63	273	120	3 75	76	238	40	3 80
66	254	20	3 75	52	262	—	3 82½

Average Price of Hogs.

Showing the average price paid for loads of hogs on the days indicated in 1887, 1888 and 1889:

Day.	Feb. 1890	Feb. 1888.	Feb. 1887.
3	3 72	5 26	4 84
4	3 75	5 23	4 90
5	3 75½	5 27	4 87
6	3 72½	5 31	Sunday.
7	3 71½	5 40	4 51
8	3 75½	5 42	4 90

Comparative Tables.

The following tables show the range in prices on hogs during this and last week:

Days.	This week.			Last week.		
Monday	3 67½	@3 75	3 60	3 50	@3 70	
Tuesday	3 70	@3 82½	3 50	3 50	@3 70	
Wednesday	3 70	@3 85	3 40	3 40	@3 70	
Thursday	3 65	@3 67½	3 60	3 60	@3 72½	
Friday	3 65	@3 80	3 55	3 55	@3 75	
Saturday	3 65	@3 82½	3 50	3 50	@3 75	

Average Cost of Hogs.

The following table gives the average cost of hogs on the dates mentioned, including the cost today, as based upon sales reported:

Date.	Price.	Date.	Price.
Jan. 20	$3 60	Feb. 4	$3 75
Jan. 30	3 65	Feb. 5	3 75
Jan. 31	3 65	Feb. 6	3 72½
Feb. 1	3 65½	Feb. 7	3 71½
Feb. 3	3 72	Feb. 8	3 73½

Highest and Lowest Sales of Hogs.

Today.		Yesterday.	
Highest	$3.82½	Highest	$3.80
Lowest	3.65	Lowest	3.65

Stock Receipts.

Official yesterday.		Estimated today.	
Cattle 75 cars	1665	Cattle, 43 cars	900
Hogs, 53 cars	3426	Hogs, 50 cars	3150
Sheep, 1 cars	125	Sheep, 1 cars	125
Horses, 1 cars	21		

Purchases of Cattle for the Week.

Swift & Co.	2,771
Geo. H. Hammond Packing Co.	1,479
The Armour-Cudahy Packing Co.	621
Omaha Packing Co.	81
Feeders and shippers	5,113

Purchases of Hogs for the Week.

Showing the number of hogs bought by the packers and leading buyers during the week:

Armour-Cudahy Packing company	7,990
Omaha Packing Co.	5,117
Swift & Co.	3,769
George H. Hammond & Co.	3,000
J. P. Squires & Co.	....
Speculators	....

Purchases of Sheep for the Week.

Swift & Co.	435
Hammond Packing company	53
Armour-Cudahy Packing company	100
McQueen	102
Cunningham & H.	197
H. & F.	166

Disposition of Cattle.

Showing the number of cattle bought by the leading buyers on to-day's market:

Swift & Co.	172
George H. Hammond & Co.	197
The Armour-Cudahy Packing company	174
Nels Morris	191
Shippers and feeders	232
R. Becker	156
Van Zandt	94

Hogs.

Armour Cudahy Packing company	661
Omaha Packing company	942
Swift & Company	677
G. H. Hammond Packing company	468

Hogs yesterday averaged 269 lbs. and 64 to the car.

With Cattle.

On the market with cattle: N. W. Knapp, Cedar Bluffs; John Dern, Hooper; J. Hastie, Panama; W. F. Hodley, Oakland; F. Schneidelf, Bancroft; J. M. Barrett, Malvern; D. W. Austin, Persia; R. Standen, Columbus; T. B. Hord, Central City; Fisher Bros., Central City; B. F. Ward, Wabash; A. C. Adams, Eagle; J. Engleborn, Scribner; Barrett & H., Wisner; Carroll & Spitzer, Stanton; F. C. Fisher, Wood River; Wagers & Doyle, O'Neill; J. W. Young, Elliott; Worth & Manchester, North Loup; William Rounds, Wood River; Conor Bros., Ohlowa; Miller & Co., Bradshaw; C. F. May, Burwell; L. Williamson, Pleasant Dale; W. A. Findlay, Greenwood; J. H. Curyen, Greenwood; Babbitt & Evans, South Bend; G. P. Chessman, Thayer; J. Power & Co., Henderson; Emley Bros., Wisner; C. W. Branch, Norfolk; Wagers & Doyle, O'Neill; Cook & Hamilton, Bust Junction; Davis & Cunningham, Malvery; Bank of Coin, Coin, Ia.; Wallace & Stitt, Coin, Ia.; Bell, Gregory & Co., Tabor; E. H. Mitchell, Sidney; W. L. Wills, Madison; R. R. Rawley, Wilcox; Miller & Co., Bradshaw; F. Turney, Broken Bow; T. Foley & Co., Greeley Center; Rooney & Co., Brayton; C. W. Parks, Burwell; A. H. Smith & Co., Indianola; Paxton & Dempster, Geneva; Jones Bros., Hastings; O'Connor Bros; Lyons; Garnet & Co., Monamaia, Ia.; T. J. Caldwell, Harlan; J. K. Groyan, Imogene; W. C. Swarts, Silver City; G. W. Wyant, Silver City; H. Hammer, Mineola; D. S. Kinsella, Panama; H. A. Nolte, Elkhorn; E. D. Gould, Columbus; M. D. Stevens, Denison, Ia.; Kenyon Bros., Boelus; J. B. Hume, Madison.

With Hogs.

On the market with hogs: Unthank & Smith, Arlington; R. E. Roberts, Arlington; A. E. Tunberg, Hooper; W. Dwarak, Verdigre; John Pfiefer, Johnstown; J. Hastie, Panama; John Schwab, Manley; Kelkenney & Larson, Honey Creek, Ia.; J. H. H., Woodbine, Ia.; F. G. Adams, Logan, Ia.; O. H. Dallow, Crescent.

With Sheep.

On the market with sheep: C. W. Parks, Burwell.

Chips From the Market.

E. D. Gould, the big shipper, marketed hogs from Columbus.

J. K. Gwynn of Imogene and W. C Swartz of Silver City were among the Iowa shippers of hogs.

E. H. Mitchell, a successful farmer and feeder of Sidney, Ia., was over this morning with a car of hogs.

Henry Hammer, an extensive shipper of Mineola, Ia., and D. S. Kinsella & Son of Panama marketed hogs today.

M. Cunningham of Davis & Cunningham, well known shippers of Malvern, Ia., was over today with a car of hogs.

Mr. Lawrence of the firm of Bell, Gregory & Lawrence, was over from Tabor, Ia., looking after a car of hogs.

Cook & Hamilton marketed a car of hogs this morning from Burlington Junction, Mo.

D. Gamet of Gamet & Ogden, heavy dealers at Mondamin, Ia., was in with a car of hogs.

F. Schwedheim, the well known stockman of Bancroft, was down today with a car of cattle.

Yesterday fourteen loads of cattle were shipped out into the country for stockers and feeders.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Produce, Fruits, Etc.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 13@14c; cold storage, 8@10c.

HIDES, PELTS, TALLOW, ETC.—Green salted sides, 4¼c; No. 2, g. s. hides, 2½c; dry flint hides, 5@6c; calf hides, 4½@4¾c; damaged hides, 2c less; sheep pelts, green, each, 25c@$1.00; sheep pelts, dry, per lb, 7@13½c; tallow, No. 1, 3½c; No. 2, 3c; grease, white, 4@4½c; yellow, 2¾@3.

BUTTER—Creamery, fancy, 20@22c; choice, 16@17c. Dairy, fancy, 14@16c; choice, 11@13c. Country, fancy, 11@12c; good to choice, 9@11c; fair, 7@8c; inferior, 4@6c.

APPLES—Per bbl, common, $2.00@2.25; choice, $2.50@3.00; fancy, $4.00@5.00.

MINCE MEAT—8c per lb.

HONEY—15@16c per lb for choice.

PRESERVES—8@10c per lb.

PICKLES—4@4½c per lb.

BEESWAX—No. 1, 16@18c.

PIGS FEET—Pickled, kits, 70c; spiced pigs tongues, kits, $2.35; pickled tripe, kits, 65c; pickled H. C. tripe, kits, 85c; spiced pigs hocks, kits, $1.15.

FLOUR—State, $3.00@4.00; fancy, $4.00@5.00.

LEMONS—Fancy, $5.00@6.00; choice, $3.50@5.00.

CELERY—Per doz, 30c.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—$2.00; pears, $2.75.

MESS PORK—Per bbl, $9.75@10.75.

BANANAS—According to size, per bunch, $2.00@3.00.

BUTTERINE—Tubs, 13c; roll, 14c.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $5.00.

APPLE BUTTER—5c.

CRANBERRIES—$10.00@11.50.

ORANGES—Florida, per box, $3.00@5.00.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Per bbl, $4.75@5.50.

WOOL—Fine, average, 22@23c; medium, average, 21@22c; quarter blood, average, 18@20c; coarse, average, 15@17c; cotts and rough, average, 14@16c.

CORN—18c.

OATS—16c.

VEAL—Choice, medium size, 6@8c; choice, heavy, 4@6c.

LIVE PIGEONS—Per doz, $1.50.

Groceries.

DRIED FRUIT—Currants, new, 5½c; prunes, casks 1,300 lbs, 5c; prunes, bbls or bags, 5¼c; citron peel, drums, 20 lbs, 22c; lemon peel, drums, 19 lbs, 18c; fard dates, boxes 12 lbs, 10c; apricots, choice evaporated, 14c; apricots, jelly, cured, 25 lb boxes, 16c; apricots, fancy, Mount Hamilton, 25 lb boxes, 16c; apricots, choice, bags, 80 lbs, 14½c; apples, evaporated, Alden, 50 lb boxes, 9c; apples, star, 8½c; apples, fancy, Alden, 5 lb, 10c; apples, fancy, Alden, 3 lb, 10½c; Salt Lake, 5½c; blackberries, evaporated, 50 lb boxes, 5½@6½c; cherries, pitted, dry cured, 13c; pears, California fancy, ½s boxes, 25 lb, 13c; peaches, Cal. No. 1, fancy, ½s, unp bags, 50 lb, 15c; nectarines, red, 14c; nectarines, silver boxes, 15c; pitted plums, Cal 25 lb boxes, 8½c; raspberries, evan, N. Y., new, 25½c; prunes, Cal, R. C. 60-70, 9c; orange peel, 15c; raisins, California London, crop 1889, $2.25; Cal. loose, muscatels, crop 1889, $2.00; Valencias, 1888, 6c; Valencias, new, 8½c; Cal. seedless, sks, 7½c.

CANNED GOODS—Fruits, California Canned Goods, Standard Brands, 2½lbs, per doz—A pricots, $1.70@1.85; apricots, pie fruit, $1.55; gallons, $4.65; blackberries, $2.25; cherries, black, $2.00@2.25; cherries, white, $2.25@2.50; grapes, $1.65@1.80; pears, Bartlett, $2.10@2.20; peaches, yellow, $2.10@2.25; peaches, lemon cling, $2.35; plums, egg, $1.65@1.80; plums, gold drops, $1.80; plums, green gages, $1.65@1.80; peaches, Bay City, with pruns in, $1.60; currants, $2.30; gooseberries, $2.30; nectarines, $2.05; quinces, $2.10; raspberries, $2.90; strawberries, $2.75; peaches, 3 lb eastern standards, $1.85; 3 lb eastern seconds, $1.35@1.50; 3 lb pie, $1.10; 6 lb pie, $2.00; gallon, pie, $3.00; Crescent apples, high standards, $2.50; 2 lb gooseberries, 90c; 2 lb strawberries, 90@95c; 2 lb raspberries, $1.00; 2 lb blueberries, 80@90c; 2 lb blackberries, 65@70c; 2 lb strawberries, preserved, $1.80; 2 lb raspberries, preserved, $1.80; 2 lb blackberries, preserved, $1.20; pineapples, Bahama chopped, $2.00; 2 lb Bahama grated, $2.75; 2 lb Bahama sliced, $2.50; 2 lb Standard sliced, $1.25@1.50; cherries, 2 lb red, Baltimore, 85@95c.

CANNED FISH—Brook trout, 3 lb, $2.40; salmon trout, 3 lb, $2.25; clams, 1 lb, $1.25; clams, 2 lb, $2.00; clam chowder, 3 lb, $1.75; deviled crabs, 1 lb, $2.25; deviled crabs 2 lb, $3.50; codfish balls, 2 lb, $1.75; cavier, ½ lb, $2.25; eels, 1 lb, $3.40; lobsters, 1 lb, $1.90; lobsters, 2 lb, $2.95; lobsters, deviled, ½ lb, $2.25; mackerel, 1 lb, $1.75; mackerel, mustard sauce, 3 lb, $2.60; mackerel, tomato sauce, 3 lb, $2.50; oysters, 1 lb, $1.10; oysters, 2 lb, $1.85; salmon, C. R., 1 lb, $1.90; salmon, C. R., 2 lb, $2.80; salmon, Alaska, 1 lb, $1.60; salmon, Alaska, 2 lb, $2.65; shrimps, 1 lb, $2.55.

CODFISH—Extra Georges, new, 5½c; Grand Banks, new, 4½c; Turkey cod, large middles, 8½c; silver 2 lb blocks, 8c; snow white, 2 lb bricks, 7½c; snow white, crates 12-5 lb boxes, 7½c; Iceland halibut, 11c; medium scaled herring, 25c; No. 1 scaled herring, 22c; domestic Holland herring, 55c; Hamburg spiced herring, $1.50; Russian sardines, 75c; Russian sardines, plain, 55c; imported Holland herring, Crown brand, 80c; do, fancy milkers, 90c.

FISH—Mackerel, No. 1 shore, half bbls, $13.00; bloaters, half bbls, $18.00; white fish, half bbls, $7.00; trout, half bbls, $5.50; family white fish, $3.00; salmon, $8.50; 1 lb mackerel (herring) $1.00@1.10; 1 lb finan haddies, $1.75; 2 lb lobsters, $2.00@3.00; 1 lb lobsters, $1.90@2.00; 1 lb Alaska salmon, Alent, $1.60; 2 lb oysters, 10 oz, Baltimore Peerless, $1.85; 1 lb oysters, 5 oz, Baltimore Peerless, $1.10; 2 lb select, 12 oz, Peerless, $2.35; 1 lb clams, little necks, $1.25; 2 lb clams, little necks, $2.10; ¼ lb sardines, imported, per case, 100s, $11.00@16.00; ¼ lb sardines, imported, per case 100s, $15.00@20.00; ½ lb imported boneless sardines, 36c; ½ lb sardines, American, per 100s, French style, $4.50@5.00; ½ lb sardines, American per case 100s, French style, $7.00@8.00; ¼ lb sardines, mustard, per case 50s, $4.00@4.25; imported key sardines, $18.00.

VEGETABLES—Tomatoes—3 lb extra, $1.00; 3 lb Standard, Western brands, 90@95c; gallons, strictly standard, $2.90. Corn—Preferred stock sugar corn, finest grown, $1.60; gilt-edge sugar corn, very fine, $1.50; McMurray's 2 lb sugar corn, $1.20; 2 lb extra, Western brands, 85c@$1.00; 2 lb standard, Western brands, 70@80c. Mushrooms—1 lb French extra fine, 22@25c; 1 lb French, fine, 18@22c; 1 lb French, ordinary, 16@18c. Peas—Tres fine, per can, 25c; demi fine, per can, 16c; 2 lb extra, sifted, $2.00; 2 lb Early June, $1.25@1.35; 2 lb Marrow, standard brand, $1.10; 2 lb soaked, 70c. String Beans—2 lb high grade refugee, 90c; 2 lb Golden Wax beans, 75c; 2 lb string beans, 70c. Lima Beans—2 lb soaked, 75c; Boston Baked Beans—3 lb Lewis, $1.65; Crown brand, $1.50. Sweet Potatoes—3 lb New Jersey, $1.60; Daisy, $1.35. Pumpkin—3 lb new pumpkin, 95c.

COCOA—¼ lb tin, 40c per lb.

CHOCOLATE—22@35c per lb; German chickory, red, 8c.

OILS—Kerosene—P. W., 10c; W. W., 12½c; headlight, 15c; gasoline, 13c; salad oil, $1.25@$9.00 per dozen.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, 8c; cut loaf, cubes, 7¼c; standard, powdered, 7¼c; XXXX, powdered, 7¼c; granulated, standard, 7c; 7⅞c; confectioners' A, 6¾c; white extra C, 6¼c; extra C Nos. 6c; amber 5¼c.

SOAPS—Castile, mottled, per lb, 8@10c; do, white, per lb, 13@15c.

CANNED MEATS—1 lb lunch tongue, $2.60; 2 lb lunch tongue, $4.75; 1 lb corned beef, $1.30; 2 lb corned beef, $2.05; 6 lb corned beef, $6.50; 14 lb corned beef, $14.00; 2 lb boneless pigs feet, $2.25; 1 lb English brawn, $1.30; 2 lb English brawn, $2.00; 6 lb English brawn, $6.50; 1 lb compressed ham, $1.75; 2 lb compressed ham, $3.75; 1 lb chipped beef, $2.00.

LYE—$1.75@4.50.

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Opens Higher, Becomes Easier and Closes Firm.

CORN ONLY MODERATELY ACTIVE

A Strong Feeling in Oats Throughout the Session—More Interest in Provisions—Very Few Cattle on Sale.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wheat market opened a little higher and stronger on cold weather and the clearing of 146,000 bushels of wheat from the seaboard, and values held steady for a time, but the speculative demand was limited and the demand got easier, though closing firm. The strictly personal factors were Hutchinson and Charles Smith buying and Pardridge selling. Cables were steady and ocean freights from New York are quoted as firm. In the news dispatches from the other side were to be found some disquieting advices pointing to possible political complications over the interminable "eastern question," but this news produced no impression here. On the Chicago market the cry of "wolf" has been raised so often that the appearance of an actual wolf would not be credited. Initial trading in May wheat was on a basis of 78⅛@78⅜c. The market advanced to 78¾c, sold back to 78⅝c and later to 78⅞c and still later to 78⅞@78⅞c, fluctuating in a minor key the while. Towards the last the market developed a slightly hardening tendency and closed at 78⅞c bid, as against 78⅛@78⅜c yesterday and 73⅞c bid a week ago, March at 76⅞c and July at 77⅞c. The cash market was firm and steady today. For some No. 2 spring 76c was paid, or within 2½c of the May price, and offerings are seemingly held off the market in an independent way.

The corn market was weak, moderately active and prices averaged lower, though the closing figures show but little change. There were no features in trading calling for especial notice. It was of the usual local scalping character and was a mere struggle for 1-16c profits. The closing prices on the leading deliveries were March 29¼c, May 31c bid and July 31⅛c.

Oats were quite active today in the speculative branch of trade and the feeling throughout was steady and firm. Speculation as usual was largely in May, about 1,000,000 bushels for that delivery being traded in at 22⅜c and at 22⅜@22½c on the split. Counselman was credited with doing most of the buying through George Ellison, and Hutchinson was also a fair buyer. Some eastern buying orders were said to have been executed. February was ¼c lower, selling at 20⅝c, and July was easier, being quoted at 22⅜c. No 2 oats in store were nearly nominal and samples went off fairly well early at about yesterday's prices, though the market closed dull.

In provisions more interest was taken and prices about recovered the loss made yesterday. The opening was rather quiet but strong in sympathy with the hog market. For May delivery pork opened at $10.00, or a fraction higher than last night's close, declined to $9.95, then sold up to $10.07½ and closed at $10.05@10.07½. Lard for the same month sold at $5.97½, split and closed at $6.00. Short ribs for May opened at $4.87½, ranged at $4.87½@4.90, split and closed at $4.90. In the cash market a large business was done, especially in ribs, which sold at $4.82½ for 40 lb average and $4.82@4.85 for 55 lb average. The foreign markets were quiet, with lard dull and provisions in poor demand at unchanged prices.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—Scarcely a sufficient number were on sale to make a market, as a large per cent of the number on sale came direct from the west to one of the dressed beef operators, yet the few loads on the market sold at fully as high prices as yesterday, if anything a shade stronger. About everything was sold. Cows, bulls and rough stock generally was cleaned up and all sorts sold about the same as yesterday. There were about 1,000 stockers and feeders left at the call, which is not considered a large number to carry over. There were no Texans in sight. Choice to extra beeves, $4.80@5.00; medium to good steers, 1,350 to 1,500 lbs, $4.00@4.70; 1,200 to 1,350 lbs, $3.50@4.40; 950 to 1,200 lbs, $3.00@3.75. Stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.40; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.50@3.00; bulk, $2.10@2.40. Texas corn-fed steers, $2.80@3.60; grassers, 2.40@2.90.

HOGS—Business was once more active, with an up turn of a good 5c, bringing values up to where they were on Thursday. Packers paid $3.80@3.95 and shippers $3.90@4.00. Light sorts sold within a range of $3.90@4.00. A few lots of mixed sold early at a low range of the close yesterday.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—STOCKS—The close of the stock market for the week was of a dumpish character. After the first half hour there was no buoyancy in any part of the list. The bank statement, showing a decrease of $4,409,000 in reserves, only added to the depression of the last hour and net losses resulted all through the list with few exceptions. There was an abundance of bullish talk up town last night, but that influence did not last long. The strength in Reading and the manner in which the insiders moved prices up on the shorts who attempted to cover was generally discussed. The bulls think there will be a similar scene in many other stocks when the short interest undertakes to seek protection. The action of yesterday was not continued to any extent. Dealings in Reading were on a much smaller scale and were surpassed in both volume and interest by those in Lackawanna. Those two stocks, with Sugar Refineries and Richmond & West Point, were the only ones in which any speculative animation was at all visible. The opening was quiet and steady, but immediately after the opening all the leading shares moved up fractionally. Sugar, however, was an exception and after opening down ¾ per cent at 59 it further retired to 58¼, but then recovered to 61. Rock Island in the meantime had again joined the active stocks and risen 1 per cent to 94⅝. A partial reaction followed. There was no further advance anywhere after 11 o'clock, but the general yielding of prices lasted to the close. Louisville, New England and Atchison each showed a net loss of ⅛ per cent. Rock Island dropped back a full point from 94⅛ to 93⅛. Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific each lost ¼. Lackawanna went off to the opening figure at 137¼. Colorado Coal, after touching 51¼ on the advance, closed at 50. The total sales were out 461,000 shares.

The following were the closing quotations:

C. B. 4s regular	123½	Northern Pacific	25½
U. S. 4s coupons	123½	do preferred	54
U. S. 4½s regular	108½	O. & N. W.	109½
U. S. 4½s coupons	109½	do preferred	141
Pacific 6s of '95	116	N. Y. Central	106½
Central Pacific	33	R. C. & R.	19½
Chicago & Alton	159	Rock Island	93½
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	167½	C., M. & St. P.	69½
		do preferred	116
D., L. & W.	127½	St. Paul & Omaha	31
Illinois Central	115	do preferred	96
L. S. & W.		Eaton Pacific	67
Kansas & Texas	10½	W., St. L. & P.	11
Lake Shore	106½	do preferred	19½
Michigan Central	94½	Western Union	84½
Missouri Pacific	74½		

MONEY—Easy with no loans.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4½@6½ per cent.