THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat News of a Conflicting Nature From all Quarters.

NARROWNESS IN THE CORN PIT.

Moderate Business in Oats and a Steady Feeling Prevalent—Provisions Slow—Cattle Show an Improvement.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wheat market was whipsawed again today. The news of the day was very conflicting from all quarters. The market started weak and a little lower, with May at 79⅝c, and without any great offerings the price touched 79¼@79⅝c. This was the bottom for the session. All at once buying began and the pit became active and the market strong. The price of May moved up to 80¼c before noon. This was the top price reached. During the hour to 1 o'clock there was a drop of ⅛c to 79¾c and a second rally to 80c. Around 79¾c and 80c there was considerable of a contest, with the price between these figures at 1 o'clock. June sold at 79⅝c, to 79¾@79⅞c and off to 79⅜@79⅛c, and July at 77⅞c, up to 78⅛c and off to 77⅝c. Of all the news of the day crop dispatches were the most conflicting. Everybody had them. Some said that half the crop and others said that not an acre was damaged and the fields looking nice. St. Louis sent both classes, but the shorts in that market kept Chicago houses buying for them on every soft spot. The other bull influences were mostly from the seaboard or from the other side. A New York letter from a conservative source claimed that 850,000 bushels of contract red wheat and 300,000 bushels of ungraded were sold to go out before April 15. Millers owned 300,000 bushels and would need 1,500,000 bushels more in the next two months. Dunn and others say this is the cash wheat situation. Export clearances were but 8,000 bushels of wheat from New York and 93,000 from Baltimore. Hutchinson was a power in wheat late in the day. He sold to get the price under 80c and then bought freely. He kept the trade guessing as to what he might do before the close. Last prices were: March, 79⅛c; May, 80c; June, 79⅞c; July, 78c.

The corn market was narrow and there was no conspicuous trading even by local houses. There was a slight advance early, when May sold at 29⅞c, but it sold at 29⅝c later and closed at 29¾@29⅞c. Other closing prices were: March, 28⅝c; April, 28⅝@30c; June, 30⅛c; July, 31c; August, 31½c; September, 32⅛@32¼c. A very liberal movement continues.

In oats there was moderate business and a steady feeling prevailed. Much of the interest centered in May. There was liberal selling by a large operator, from whom buyers obtained all they wanted at 21¾@21⅞c for May. The more deferred futures were a shade higher, with very little trading. The demand for car lots in store was light and No. 2 was quotable at 21c. In No. 2 white for May trading was larger at 22⅞@23c, one operator buying 110,000 bushels at the outside figure. June was quotable at 22⅞@23c.

The provision market was not active at any time. At one time Baldwin, Raymond & Co. and others sold considerable May pork and put the price off somewhat, but the market was almost featureless and the range in pork was but 15c all day. There was very little action in lard, and short ribs showed little weakness, selling 5c under the opening prices. The action in pork for May was $10.57½ off to $10.42½, up to $10.50, off to $10.42½ and closed at $10.45. May ribs closed at $5.05 and lard at $6.10.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—There was a slight improvement in the demand, but little or no change in values. The export demand has dwindled away to almost nothing. The dressed beef trade wanted more cattle than yesterday. About thirty-five loads of Texans were on the market, among which were some of the best fed on the market this season, all classes of cow stock, bulls and butchers' stock generally selling about the same as for the past two days. The stocker and feeder trade continues to move along at about former prices. Choice beeves, $4.50@4.80; medium steers, 1,350 to 1,500 lbs, $4.20@4.40; 1,200 to 1,350 lbs, $3.50@4.10; 950 to 1,200 lbs, $3.25@3.80. Stockers and feeders, $2.40@3.70; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.50@3.50; Texas corn-fed steers, $2.90@3.25.

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Hogs—Receipts, 8,800; shipments, 110; market strong; heavy, $4.05@4.15; packing, $4.00@4.10; light, $4.00@4.15.

Kansas City, March 19—Cattle—Receipts, 4,300; shipments, 2,300; slow; steers, $3.30@4.70; cows, $1.80@2.90; stockers and feeders, $2.40@3.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 8,200; shipments, 3,600; market strong; all grades, $4.77½@3.95.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

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The receipts of cattle estimated at 1,400, compared with 3,332 yesterday, and 2,870 last Wednesday. The receipts for the first three days of the week were 7,658, compared with 7,576 for the corresponding days last week. The steer market opened late and slow, almost flat, before any sales were made it was almost midday. Buyers were very careful and expressed no desire except for some particular bunches that struck their fancy or were such as they had special orders for. The few sales made before midday were on a lifeless, sagging market at prices not materially different from the lowest point at last night's close. Soon after sales began being made trafficking became more lively and sales were made readily on desirable lots at the prices offered. It was hard to get buyers to look at anything not just desired. Late in the day a better tone prevailed, the market became stronger and closed a nickle higher, with everything sold. The cow receipts were small and all changed hands early at firm prices, some reporting sales stronger. The bull and feeder market was again liberally supplied, with prices firm and sales easily made. The market is from 15c to 30c lower than Saturday. Only two bunches of steers topped $4.00 and one bunch of cows reached the $3.00 line.

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STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet but strong; sixty-day bills, $4.82; demand, $4.85.

MONEY—Easy at 3½@4 per cent.

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Alice	100	Freeland	100
Commonwealth	350	Horn Silver	245
Comstock, T. Ids	300	Mexican	275
Comstock, T. scrp	300	Sierra Nevada	190
Deadwood T.	125	Sutter Creek	200
El Cristo	125		

PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, March 19.—1:15 p. m. close—Wheat—Easy; March, 79⅛c; May, 80c.
Corn—Easy; March, 28⅝c; May, 29⅝c.
Oats—Steady; March, 21⅛c; May, 21⅜c.
Rye—March, 42½c.
Barley—Nothing doing.
Prime Timothy—$1.20.
Flax—Cash, $1.40.
Whisky—$1.02.
Pork—Easy; March, $10.20; May, $10.45.
Lard—Steady; March, $6.05; May, $6.10.
Flour—Firm and unchanged; winter wheat, $2.00@4.40; spring wheat, $3.75@4.60; rye, $2.50@2.80; buckwheat, 75c@$1.00 per cwt.
Provisions—Shoulders, $4.35@4.40; short clear, $5.45@5.50; short ribs, March, $5.02½.
Butter—Easier; creamery, 16@24½c; dairy, 12@22c.
Cheese—Firm; full cream cheddars, 9½@10c; flats, 9½@10½c; Young Americas, 10½@11½c.
Eggs—Unchanged; fresh, 12@13c.
Hides—Unchanged; heavy and light green salted, 4½@4⅝c; salted bull, 3½c; green salted calf, 5½c; dry flint, 6@7c; dry salted hides, 6c; dry calf, 5@5c; deacons, 20c each.
Tallow—Unchanged; No. 1 solid packed, 3⅝c; No. 2, 3¼c; cake, 4c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour	16,000	13,000
Wheat	33,000	16,000
Corn	568,000	221,000
Oats	106,000	130,000

New York, March 19.—Wheat—Receipts, 20,900 bushels; exports, 8,150 bushels; spot firmer; No. 2 red, 88⅝@88⅞c in elevator, 90@90⅛c afloat; 89⅝@91⅛c f. o. b.; options firm; No. 2 red, March, closing at 88⅝c.

Corn—Receipts, 17,400 bushels; exports, 119,600 bushels; spot weaker; No. 2, 36½@36⅝c in elevator, 37½@37⅝c afloat; ungraded mixed, 30@37⅝c; options lower, March, 36⅝c.

Oats—Receipts, 45,000 bushels; exports, 43,900; options firm; March, 28⅝c; spot firmer on white; No. 2 white, 30⅝@31⅝c; mixed western, 27@30c; white do, 29½@35c.

Coffee—Options barely steady at 15@25 points down, closed barely steady at 20@50 points down. Sales: 127,750 bags; March, $17.75@17.85, May, $17.00@17.35; spot Rio lower; fair: cargoes, $20.50.

Sugar—Raw, steady; refined, weak.
Petroleum—United closed, April, 88⅝c.
Eggs—Firm; western, 14½c.
Pork—Firm; new mess, $11.50@12.00.
Lard—Dull at 1@2 points down; western steam, $6.50.
Butter—Western dairy, 6@18c; creamery, 13@25½c; Elgin, 26½@27c.
Cheese—Less firm; western, 10@10½c.

Milwaukee, March 19.—Wheat—Steady; No. 2 spring, cash, 72½c.
Corn—Firm; No. 3, 28½c.
Oats—Firm; No. 2, white, 23½c.
Rye—Firm; No. 2, 43½c.
Barley—Quiet; No. 2, 41c.
Provisions—Strong; pork, $10.30.

St. Louis, March 19.—Wheat—Lower; cash, 77⅞c; May, 77½c.
Corn—Lower; cash, 25½c.
Oats—Higher; cash, 24⅝c.
Pork—Quiet; $10 50.
Lard—Easier; $5.87½.
Whisky—Steady; $1.02.
Butter—Firm; creamery, 20@25c; dairy, 16@22c.

Minneapolis, March 19.—Wheat—Cash wheat inactive; receipts, 132 cars; shipments, 40 cars. Closing: No. 1 hard, March, 78⅝c; May, 80⅝c; on track, 79½@80c; No. 1 northern, March, 77⅝c; May, 78⅝c; on track, 78½@78⅞c; No. 2 northern, March, 74⅝c; May, 76⅛; on track, 75@76½c.

Kansas City, March 19.—Wheat—Weak; No. 2 red, cash, 70½c; March, 70⅛@70⅝c; No. 2 hard, cash, 65@65½c; No. 3 hard, 59@59½c.
Corn—Weak; No. 2, cash, 22½c.
Oats—Weaker; 18@18⅝c.

Cincinnati, March 19—Wheat—Stronger; No. 2 red, 77@79c.
Corn—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 31@31½c.
Oats—Active; No. 2 mixed, 23½@24½c.
Whisky—$1.02.

Liverpool, March 19.—Wheat—Steady; demand poor; holders offer moderately; California No. 1, 7s 2d per cental.
Corn—Quiet; supply in excess of demand; new mixed western, 3s 6½d per cent.

LIVE STOCK.

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Prevailing Prices.

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

Prime steers, 1300 to 1500 lbs		$3.75	@4 40
Good steers, 1250 to 1450 lbs		3.40	@4.20
Good steers, 1050 to 1300 lbs		3.20	@3.80
Common 1000 to 1150 lb steers		2.90	@3.50
Common canners		1.00	@2.00
Ordinary to fair cows		1.60	@2 35
Fair to good cows		1.90	@2.45
Good to choice cows		2.20	@3.00
Choice to fancy cows		2.65	@3.30
Fair to good bulls		1.75	@2.50
Choice to fancy bulls		2.50	@3.50
Light stockers and feeders		2.50	@3.15
Feeders, 950 to 1100 lbs		2.60	@3 50
Fair to choice light hogs		3.85	@3.90
Fair to choice heavy hogs		3.77½	@3.85
Fair to choice mixed hogs		3.85	@3.90

Range of Prices—Hogs.

The following table shows the range of prices paid for hogs:

Light and medium hogs	$3 75	@3 95
Good to choice mixed hogs	3 80	@3 95
Good to choice heavy hogs	3 75	@3 90

Range of Prices—Sheep.

The following table shows the range of prices paid for sheep:

Prime fat sheep	$4 40	@5 50
Good fat sheep	3 50	@4 60
Common to medium sheep	2 00	@3 75
Lambs	4 00	@6 00

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.
March 1	$3 75	March 11	3 81
March 3	3 76½	March 12	3 83
March 4	3 77	March 13	3.87½
March 5	3 74½	March 14	3 91½
March 6	3 71½	March 15	3 97½
March 7	3 72½	March 17	3 92
March 8	3 78½	March 18	3 86
March 10	3 78	March 19	3 86R

Comparative Tables.

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

Days.	This week.	Last week.
Monday	3 90 @3 95	3 65 @3 80
Tuesday	3 75 @3 95	3 75 @3 85
Wednesday	3 77½@3 90	3 80 @3 90
Thursday		3 80 @3 95
Friday		3 85 @4 00
Saturday		3 80 @4 05

Disposition of Stock.

Showing the number of cattle, hogs and sheep bought by the packers and leading buyers on to-day's market:

CATTLE.

Buyers.	No.
Swift & Co.	300
George H. Hammond & Co.	198
The Armour-Cudahy Packing company	269
Lee Rothschild	40
Hamilton & Stephen	13
Benton & Underwood	12
Nels Morris	295
Shippers and feeders	176
Becker & Degan	22

HOGS.

Showing the number of hogs bought by the leading buyers on today's market:

Armour-Cudahy Packing company	2,240
Omaha Packing Co.	1,283
Swift & Co.	454
George H. Hammond & Co.	336
Kingan & Co.	538

Highest and Lowest Sales of Hogs.

Today.		Yesterday.	
Highest	$3.90	Highest	$3.95
Lowest	3.77½	Lowest	3.75

Stock Receipts.

Official yesterday.		Estimated Today.	
Cattle, 163 cars	3,332	Cattle, 69 cars	1,400
Hogs, 81 cars	5,335	Hogs, 75 cars	4,800
Sheep, 1 car	224	Sheep, 9 cars	1,027

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	870	$3 00	20	1205	$3 55
5	864	3 25	21	1179	3 57½
1	880	3 25	40	1190	3 60
4	1232	3 35	59	1218	3 62½
1	1280	3 40	23	1154	3 62½
12	1104	3 40	20	1270	3 62½
19	1095	3 40	55	1273	3 65
1	1250	3 40	12	1117	3 65
11	1017	3 45	47	1168	3 65
5	1140	3 45	40	1207	3 65
6	1205	3 45	19	1220	3 65
5	1196	3 45	17	1210	3 65
3	933	3 50	19	1147	3 65
38	1192	3 50	20	1231	3 65
19	1212	3 50	17	1294	3 70
5	1080	3 50	17	1248	3 70
13	1015	3 50	29	1168	3 70
17	1124	3 53	18	1182	3 70
20	1285	3 50	19	1294	3 70
17	1084	3 50	21	1214	3 77½
17	1134	3 52½	13	1212	3 75
31	1255	3 52½	30	1330	3 75
10	1121	3 55	18	1316	3 82½
6	1170	3 55	21	1278	3 85
14	1152	3 55	18	1411	3 85
14	1130	3 55	1	1500	3 85
14	1183	3 55	25	1321	3 90
19	1123	3 55	9	1610	4 00
26	1129	3 55	18	1462	4 15

COWS.

1	820	2 00	5	970	2 60
4	960	2 00	4	1180	2 60
1	800	2 00	3	1140	2 65
1	860	2 00	23	954	2 65
8	974	2 10	16	913	2 65
23	939	2 25	5	1142	2 65
1	1060	2 25	4	970	2 70
2	1000	3 40	6	1145	2 70
7	988	2 50	21	902	2 70
5	1150	2 50	20	1134	2 75
1	1020	2 50	2	1015	2 75
1	940	2 50	20	1073	2 80
18	1023	2 80	15	755	2 80
3	1117	2 60	12	1017	2 95
9	1000	2 60	5	1030	3 00

BULLS.

1	1420	1 85	2	1470	2 45
1	1410	2 05	1	1580	2 50
2	1315	2 15	1	1710	2 50
2	1350	2 25	1	1310	2 60
1	1600	2 25	2	1330	2 65
1	1510	2 25	1	1910	2 65
1	1720	2 30	1	1670	2 70
1	1330	2 30	1	1440	2 75
1	1420	2 30	1	1750	2 75
3	1563	2 30	1	1600	2 75
1	1600	2 30	1	1910	2 90
2	1605	2 30	2	1725	3 00
3	1463	2 35	1	1740	3 00
1	1560	2 35	1	1910	3 00
1	1450	2 40	1	1770	3 00
1	1700	2 40	1	1920	3 25

FEEDERS.

4	720	3 10	3	807	3 25
20	962	3 20	4	945	3 25
20	992	3 20	3	1013	3 30
2	735	3 20	26	856	3 30
2	760	3 25	8	1069	3 32½

CANNERS.

1	750	1 25	1	940	1 75
2	865	1 65	3	977	1 75
1	880	1 70	1	940	1 80

HEIFERS.

18	576	2 25	1	520	3 00
21	599	2 50	33	671	3 15
3	503	2 50			

CALVES.

2	350	2 00	3	293	4 00
2	160	4 00			

STOCKERS.

3	527	2 75	35	557	2 85

STAGS.

1	1370	2 00

STEERS, YEARLINGS.

14	604	3 20

WESTERN CATTLE.

Owners.	No.		Av.	Price.
15 steers, Texas c. f.			914	$3 00

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
9	270	40	$3 50	45	344	160	$3 85
64	240	280	3 77½	6	152	—	3 85
6	277	40	3 80	58	304	120	3 85
9	342	80	3 80	64	282	—	3 85
29	304	120	3 80	75	238	—	3 85
10	337	80	3 80	58	288	200	3 85
10	309	80	3 80	65	294	160	3 85
11	275	—	3 80	54	296	160	3 85
6	298	—	3 80	65	272	200	3 85
82	224	40	3 85	72	246	80	3 85
54	281	40	3 85	65	256	120	3 85
27	338	80	3 85	71	278	120	3 85
59	301	80	3 85	65	264	160	3 85
63	265	40	3 85	64	251	40	3 85
60	234	—	3 85	66	274	80	3 85
51	272	40	3 85	122	274	120	3 87½
58	293	120	3 85	77	247	—	3 87½
74	255	80	3 85	66	271	120	3 87½
24	409	80	3 85	65	265	—	3 87½
64	259	120	3 85	65	284	80	3 87½
62	288	120	3 85	53	302	—	3 87½
63	305	160	3 85	58	279	—	3 87½
52	267	80	3 85	61	299	—	3 87½
75	243	—	3 85	79	214	40	3 87½
60	277	120	3 85	62	317	200	3 87½
68	260	200	3 85	67	259	—	3 87½
69	259	—	3 85	70	226	—	3 90
66	239	40	3 85	76	211	40	3 90
62	296	40	3 85	75	223	—	3 90
50	280	80	3 85	82	222	—	3 90
64	227	—	3 85	40	265	—	3 90
71	239	—	3 85	50	223	—	3 90
65	202	—	3 85	61	216	—	3 90
63	230	—	3 85	71	210	—	3 90
71	249	—	3 85	49	226	40	3 90
71	242	80	3 85	60	242	40	3 90
62	249	80	3 85	62	228	40	3 90
60	272	—	3 85	40	221	—	3 90
72	257	—	3 85	115	221	40	3 90
59	262	200	3 85	83	224	40	3 90

SHEEP.

No.		Av.	Price
109 native lambs, mixed		68	$5 00

On the Market With Sheep.

E. W. Ticknor, North Bend; White Sons & Co., Minden; O. S. Wolcott, Archer; F. Taylor, Broken Bow.

On the Market With Cattle.

James Frazier, Fullerton; Eugene Brown, Central City; O. Swenson, Chapman; W. C. Swarts, Silver City, Ia.; W. E. Kinsella, Dunlap, Ia.; W. N. Richardson, Campbell; P. M. Wolfer, Endicott; F. C. Bliss, Howells; Kent Cattle Co., Newmans Grove; Henry Kruse, Scribner; Reno Bros., Neligh; L. W. Adams, Logan, Ia.; Peterson Bros., Roden & Z., Honey Creek, Ia.; John Stoodt, S. R. Black, Wiota, Ia.; H. C. Leffer, Springfield; E. E. Underwood, Danbury; R. Marvin, C. Calloway, Wilsonville; Donahoe & D. Hendley; Gerald Wilcox, F. L. Wilcox, McCook; J. W. Gilliland, Wray, Col.; E. Hileman, Sutton; Thomas Powers, Sutton; James Coats, Exeter; A. C. Knapp, Ithaca; J. M. Cox, Hampton; Phillips & I. Trumbull; Wescott & G, Arcadia; W. Z. Tilson, Ravenna; F. Taylor, Broken Bow; Dan Reigle, Palmyra; Middlesex L. S. Co., Wood River; T. Bird, Laramie, Wyo.; W. J. Berger, Doniphan; Miller & De Vore, Grand Island; First National bank, Plattsmouth; B. B. Gribble, Dakota City; Crockett & S, Sioux City, Ia.; Humphrey & S, Winnebago City, S. D.; H. V. Cronk, Pender; J. R. Blair, Whiting, Ia.; Harris & Zimmerman, Charleston; H. C. Hoult, Goehner; James Dogle, Milligan; L. M. Sigman, Beatrice; James Danley, Mead.

On The Market With Hogs.

J. Wiggins, Columbus; Crouch Brothers, St. Edwards; Bay State L. S. company, Bay State; George Boetel, Millard; Fall & Wyant, W. C. Swarts, Silver City, Ia.; J. J. Doherty, Dunlap, Ia.; Zabel D. & Co., Wabash; Thomas & Connor, Ohiowa; Bowman & Christy, Lawrence; H. Gund & Co., Bladen; D. G. Robb, Endicott; T. Cochran, Wilber; Ticknor, B. & M., Beatrice; Todd & Co., Milford; Nye, S. & Co., Cornlea; J. B. Barnes, Albion; Fuller, S. & F., Kent cattle company, Newman's Grove; Wagers & Doyle, O'Neill; Walrath & W., Atkinson; W. F. Robb, Bassett; J. M. Emarine, Council Bluffs, Ia; Roden & Z., Missouri Valley, Ia.; J. Hastie, Douglas and Brock; J. Schwab, Manley; Perry & F., Farmers S. & E. company, Nye S. & Co., Colon, Swedeburg E. company, Swedeburg; Correll Brothers & Co., J. L. Packard, Creighton; L. Bourn, Davidson & N., Ainsworth; Smith & M., Blair; J. W. Nation, Wallace; Jackson & R., Elwood, N. Nielson, Stamford; E E. Underwood, Danbury; R. Marvin, Anderson Brothers, Wilsonville; Donahue & D., Hendley; J. F. Kelley & Co., Beaver City; Thomas Powers, Sutton; James Coats, Exeter; K. B. Holm, Wahoo; Landers & Grow, Loup City; W. H. VanAlstine, Wescott & G., Arcadia; Titus & Terhuge, Litchfield; F. Taylor, Broken Bow; Taylor & B., Berwyn; Adamson & Ford, Loup City; Farmers' G. & S. company, Mead; A. J. Wilson, Pickrell; Dunn & Nye, Clay Center; Jack Lower, Stromsburg; George Wanser, Brainard; Landers & Grow, Rockville; William Estes, Pacific Junction, Ia.; George Snyder, E. W. Black, Plattsmouth; Brodhan & S., Dodge; F. C. Bliss, Howells; Perkins & Oglesby, Octavia; H. C. Hohlt, Goehner; G. W. Bearnes, Davenport.

To Our Friends and Patrons.

In explanation and answer to the many rumors and false representations that are being circulated by solicitors traveling through the country for commission firms of these and other stockyards to the effect that our firm has "more business than we can properly handle," we wish to say right in the beginning that these remarks are made by rivals who are jealous of the large and prosperous business that we have built up by close attention, hard work, square dealing, and last but not least, the expenditure of a great deal of money in the five years of this firm's existence. We are at the front and feel justly proud over it and hope to continue to have the good will, confidence and patronage of our friends, so long as we deserve it. As to having more business than we can properly handle, is all bosh. Will any stock man of reason listen to such nonsense? It may seem to a shipper that because we are selling so much stock that we could not give proper attention to their cattle, hogs, or sheep, but when they stop to consider that we have twice as many salesmen, yardmen and bookkeepers, and in fact more help in all departments than any other two firms doing business here, it will be plainly seen that their stock would receive the best of attention. And again it is only reasonable to suppose that our salesmen with a large number of cattle will command the attention of the principal buyers before a commission man that only had one or two cars to sell. We do not claim that we are able to always obtain the higher prices for stock, but we do claim that the more stock our salesmen handle the better able they are to put a value on them, and not price them above the reach of buyers nor below their market value, as many salesmen, who only have an occasional car to sell, often do. There would be just as much sense in saying that our country merchants would not buy their goods from our largest wholesale houses because they have the most business and could not do justice to your orders. What nonsense! No, you go to the biggest house simply because you think they are doing THE business and consequently their expenses are lighter in proportion than the smaller concerns, and you can buy your goods cheaper. Just so in our case. We handle more stock than any other firm, and employ more men, and consequently your stock has the attention they need as soon as taken from the cars and not left in the hands of the stockyards employes, as all the small concerns do who employ one or two men only. It is a ridiculous idea to think we would expend the large amount of money annually in advertising and posting ourselves on all the different markets by telegraph three times a day, as we do, if we had "more business than we could properly handle." Many of the smaller firms receive no markets by telegraph whatever. We have worked hard to reach the top and the volume of business we have done in the past and are doing at the present time, is the best evidence that we understand our business and attend to the wants of our friends and patrons. GEO. BURKE & FRAZIER.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS

Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 12@12½c; cold storage, pickled, limed, salted, not wanted at any price.

BUTTER—Creamery, fancy rolls, prints, 24@25c; creamery, fancy solid packed, 22@23c; creamery, choice, 19@22c; dairy, fancy rolls and prints, 18@20c; dairy, fancy solid packed, 17@19c; dairy, choice, 15@16c; country roll, fancy, 16@18c; choice, 12@15c; country roll, good, 9@10c; country roll, fair, 7@8c; poor stock, 3@5c.

POULTRY—Turkeys, dressed, fancy dry picked, 12@13c; turkeys, live, per lb, 8c; chickens, fancy, 11@12c; chickens, choice, 9@10c; chickens, live, $3.00@3.50; geese, dressed, fancy, 10@11c; geese, dressed, choice, 9@10c; geese, live, doz., $6.00@7.00; ducks, dressed, fancy, 11c; ducks, choice, 10@11c; ducks, live, doz., $2.50@3.00; pigeons, doz., $1.00@1.25.

GAME—Jack snipe, $1.00@1.25; golden plover, $1.00@1.25; mallard ducks, $3.00@3.50; canvasback duc