THE CONDITION OF TRADE. Continual Prosperity Restoring Confidence in Financial Circles. nEALTHY AND SLOW RECOVERY. Snow Banks and Blockaded Trains Explain the Slowness of the Local Wholesale Trade-A Bright Out-

look for All Lines.

Continual prosperity in the country at . large and the general belief that no important monetary legislation is probable for the next year at least is restoring confidence in local financial circles, but in spite of this fact money remains rather close in Omaha. If it is true that misery loves company then there may be some satisfaction in knowing that the same conditions prevait in several other large cities, as Cleveland, Milwaukee and Denver. With the restoration of confidence should come an easier money market, but it comes slowly. There would seem to be a good deal of truth in the observation of an Omaha banker who remarked that a string-ont money market was like a man sick with fever. the recovery to be safe must be slow. A too sudden recovery to be safe must followed by a relapse. From that it is to be inferred that the Omaha money market is traveling in the safe path. As to collections no change in the situation has been noticed the past seven days and gen-speaking collections are slow rally as well as at many other Taken all in all the financial situother points. ion in Omaha is not bad, it might be a good deal worse, but business men would like to see money more plentiful, knowing that such a condition would stimulate trade and make

a condition would stimulate trade and make collections easier. Since last November the west has had to rely very largely upon its own resources, the east unul recently having had about all it could do to take care of itself. The very fact that the financial condition has been no worse is taken as a proof of the permanency and strength of our business and financial insti-tutions. In connection with this subject a writer in American Investment's says of the writer in American Investments says of the west: "It must be conceded that Chicago, Omaha, Denver and other cities in the west and northwest are securing a footing in the financial operations of the country that presages what will practically amount to an Independency of the east. All this is the re-sult of growth. There are factors silently at work which are working out this end, and which the careful intelligent student of human affairs cannot consistently, and with reason, ignore. They cannot be numbered either by the fingers of one or two hands. We have no desire to see the east robbed, either of its political or financial power, but the shadows of coming events are so deeply marked that the assumption of the robes of a prophet is enticing. Let the west be not too hasty and the day will surely come, when by virtue of its own acquired power, it will be the territorial dictator of our great country, to whom even our beloved east will be compelled to bow the knee and pay it due homage."

THE WHOLESALE TRADE. With one-half of the state under a snow bank and with trains blockaded, mails delayed and communications between the difrent sections rendered difficult it would be unreasonable to expect much of a jobbing trade. During the early portion of the week business was especially slow for this treason and it was not until the latter part of he week that the country was really open or trade. The week as a whole was not rive a little later and next week from the posters, but rive a little later and next week may make up for what was lost the past week from that cause. Taking every-thing into consideration the wholesale trade thing into consideration the wholesale trade of Omaha is holding up about as well as the trade of other ciths. Writing of the country at large Dun & Co., in their weakly review, say of trade: It must be inferred that business is now, on the whole, somewhat smaller in volume than it was a year ago, notwithstanding the advance of about 10 per cent in the average prices of commodities. In part this is explained by the exceptional activity toward the close of last year, but in part also, by the shortness of crops and doubts regarding the monetary futures It is still too early to form a very accurate idea of what will be the prevailing conditions in the lumber market when the building beason opens. Stocks held at the mills in the lumber regions are fair there is no immediate cause for ochange in market values. If the spring opens with good prospects for abundant crops, and with money reasonably easy, the tendency would be to stiffen prices, as under such conditions a large demand would be al-most sure to result. At the present time dimensions or framing tumber is strong. White pine finishing lumber is scarce and high. Plain and quarter-sawed oak is also scarce and higher. Cherry lumber is practically out of sight, being very scarce and high, having advanced about \$25 per 1,000 during the past six months. There is not much to say about trade in the drug line, no new features having devel-oped of late Prices if anything have a downward tendency, that is there are more lines in the decline than in the advance. In hardware there have been a few changes though none if any very great importance. Rope is quoted weaker with a decline of 1/4 c. The wire nail Rope is quoted weaker with a decline of  $f_4$ c. The wire nail market is firm at present. There have been some changes in prices of nails in the past week owing to the stocks in the hands of obbers which had accumulated before the vance. Those stocks are now worked down and present prices will doubtless be main-tained. Steel nails are in light demand and moving slowly. The grocery trade, like other branches of the jobbing trade, has suffered during the past week from the effects of the recent storm. During the last three days of the week trade was fairly good. There was no particular change in prices during the week excepting in the case of sugars, which ad-vanced 3 c on the 9th inst. Dry goods have not moved very freely laring the week, and yet the total amount of usiness transacted has not been bad. While there is a disposition on the part of Missour river jobbers to maintain prices it is pretty river jobbers to maintain prices it is pretty hard work, as in a time like the present, when trade is slow, it is a big temptation to cut prices in order to stimulate buying. The cold weather of the past week was some little help to the coal dealers, but the orders were mostly small and from country fotaliers in need of only a few tons to place out the season. In fact the orders were most for one car only, and many of them specified that it should be the smallest car. COUNTRY PRODUCE commanded very satisfactory prices all last week. On some days the market was not very active for the very reason that the prices were so high. The receipts, however, were light and the weather, during the early part of the week at least, favorable so that dealers were enabled to command firm prices for their holdings. In most lines of produce here was almost no change in values during the whole six days under review. In the line of coultry, chickens sold at S@9c, turkeys 11@12<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>c, geese and ducks 8@10c, and these prices prevailed from the opening of the week until the close. Butter also commanded week until the close. Further also commanded good prices, the best country rolls going at 17@1%, good rolls at 15@17c, and low grades at 6@13c. The only kind of game was rabbits which on account of their scarcity sold quite well, cotton tails going at \$1.00 per dozen. Eggs alone cased off toward the close of the week on account of the accumulation of stocks. On Monday they sold generally at stocks. On Monday they sold a was ise. From that time the market was with a lower tendency and at the clese of the week sales were reported as low as 16c for round lots. The feeling on the market 1s still weak and some dealers are predicting a still lower market for the coming week.

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but recovered by the close of the week. The improvement on this class of stock was due apparently to the light offerings. Good cows sold at \$100/23.20 and canners, etc., from \$1.00 per hundled up. The feeder market was steady on the aread grades but the second cover inde on the good grades, but the commoner kinds sold even lower than the previous week. No one appears to want the inferior grades of either stockers or feeders. The best feeders in the yards sold at \$3.00@3.35 during the week, but the number of cattle going at those prices was very small. The commoner grades of stockers and feeders brought \$2.00 22.75.

The week opened with hogs selling at (03.40 and with the bulk of the sales at \$3.30 (03.35, Tuesday's market scored an advance (63.35. Tuesday's market scored an advance of about 5c, pincing the top at \$3.50. This advance was lost on Wednesday and the downward course was continued on Thurs-day, the market of that day being about loc lower than on Tuesday. On Friday a 5c ad-vance was made and astill further gain was made on Saturday. but lost before the close made on Saturday, but lost before the close of the day. Taking the week as a whole the fluctuations of the market were not large and 10c would very nearly cover the range as indicated by the average price of each day.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

In Chicago wheat it was a rather dull scalping market, controlled mostly by room traders and locat influences. The market wits confined to a range of about 2c. The re-ports of the growing crop maintained the high position and served to counteract this bearish feature. Reserves are said to be bearish feature. Reserves are said to be very small.

Corn was dull, and what little fluctuations there were were caused by the manipulations of puts and calls by one prominent trader. The receipts were liberal, but the market as a whole was dull and featureless.

Provisions were weaker on au average on account of the heavy receipts of hogs, which were about 60,000 over the estimate for the week. May pork touched \$9,50, the lowest point reached this season. It reacted about 25c, caused by shorts taking their profits. The following table will show the highest and lowest prices at Chicago and St. Louis for each day of the period under review, as well as the opening and closing prices of the

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Stock Receipts. Estimated Today. Cattle.....62 cars. 1,400 Hogs.....61 cars. 4,300 Hogs.....61 cars. 4,300 Hogs.....1 cars. 5,301 Sheep.....1 cars. 225 Horses...1 car., 21

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Prevailing Prices.

The following is a table of prices paid or this market for the grade of stock mentioned 

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Weakness in Grain Characterizes the Opening Markets.

BRADSTREETS INFLUENCES THE BULLS.

Corn Acts on a Level-Oats and Provisions Make a Lively Movement-Movement of Cattle and Hogs -Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-At the opening of business on 'change there was a weakness in the grain markets and strength in all hog products. The weak-ness in the former continued while the strength in the latter did not. The sales, the first hour for May were: Wheat, 98% off to 975 c; corn, 53 ge to 524 c; oats, 46 c to 454 c; pork, \$9,823 to \$9.75; lard, \$5.875 to \$5.85; ribs, \$4.2215 to \$4.8715. The only item of buil news in the wheat market today was Bradstreets statement of export clearances; wheat and flour from both coasts for the week were at 2,236,000 bushels; last week, 1,306,000; a year ago 1,517,000. Export clearances from four Atlantic ports were, 213,000 bushels of wheat; 209,000 barrels and sacks of flour, New York for the day cleared 17,000 bushels of wheat and 14,000 barrels of flour. The bear news was plentiful. Minneapolis receipts, over the 200 cars, and free receipts predicted for the next week. At Chicago receipts were 20 cars over the estimate with 400 cars for the week against 247 a year ago. Kansas City had 72 cars and the estimate of 100 cars for Monday. Prime's crop letter was very flattering on the wheat prospects and, of course, 'bearish. Dispatches during the session brought fresh re-ports of rains in California. The weather favored sellers, not because it was the very best for growing wheat, but because it was too fine to start a crop scare on. So much for home news. Liverpool sent bearish cables early and closed 3d lower on California futures. Receipts there for three days were less than one-third of American wheat. Farmers' deliveries in the United Kingdom were at the average of 2d lower for the week. The visible supply estimates were that the decrease of Monday will be less than a week ago or per-haps half what it decreased a year ago-679,000 bushels. Then, too, the trade was unevenly divided. Hutchinson, Pardridge, Logan & Co., Baldwin-Farnum, William Young &

Co., Cutler & Co., George Smith and many others are working off all wheat possible, some long, some short, some selling onstoporders. McCormick & Co., and Bryant

& Mitchell bought pretty well early, but Mitchell closed out a line of long wheat later. The action of the market was as follows: May opened at 98% e, sold at 97% c, to 98% to 97% c, to 97% c, to 97% c at 1 o'clock. July sold 98% c. to 93c, to 93%c, to 92%c, to 93%c, to 93c at the same time. The extreme prices were 1%c under last night and at 1 o'clock figures were We under. There was no change of importance in wheat before the close. The last prices were: February at 94%c, May, 98%c; July, 92% c or % c decline from last night.

The corn trade was again without anything in the shape of outside news to trade on. Worse still the trade was very largely without outside business. The tendency of the market early in the day was downward for two reasons. Receipts were large, larger than the liberal estimate at 348 cars. The estimate for Monday was liberal at 375 cars. Then the wheat market broke down ic or more and encouraged selling in corn.

Offerings were much more free than yesterday. While there was nothing like a sharp break or heavy trading at any time, the price of May got down he from last night and made but a feeble rally. The action was at 53% c to 52% c to 52% c shortly before the 'close Atlantic ports cleared 320,000 bushels for the week. Chicago shipments were 134,000 bushels. The closing prices for corn were: February, 50%c; March, 51c, nominal: May, 52%c; June, 5214c: July, 5214c.

classes of shares. Transactions for first hour The trade in oats was not significant in any were smallest for that period of any day so way. The price declined in sympathy with wheat and corn and failed to rally. Rutchinfar this year. Opening incline to heaviness was followed by firm to strong tone, but tradson sold early and bought later, reversing his action of yesterday. Bartlett-Frazer were sellers. May started at 46c, sold at 45% and closed at 45% 24% c. June was quoted at 45% c and closed at 45% c. July was at 42% c the only ing was so limited that only in two or three LIVERPOOL. Feb. 14-Wheat-Firm and de-mand fair; holders offer sparingly, Corn-Quiet; demand fallen off. stocks was there any perceptible movement. Among railroad stocks, Louisville & Nash-Among rannoad scores, Louisville & Kash-ville, which during the past few days has been unduly depressed, was the only one dis-playing any real strength. And after an advance of & ber cent to 75 a portion of the improvement were lost. Indus-trials were a weak spot in the market and distillers and cattle feeders again dropped sharply from 44% to 4%. During the succeed-ing hour the bank statement was made pu tile and as the decrease in the reserves was under 82,000.000 there was less apprehension regard-ing finances, and a better feeling was notice-able in stocks. A little rally occurred all around and the net gains for the short session were ½ to ½ per cent. Sales were limited to 39,000 shares. Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to Christie-Lathrop Com. Co.—The stock market has been duil, but very steady, and prices at the close are fractionally higher than last night Louisville & Nashvillee showing a decided improvement. A Washing-ton dispatch says senators of both parties are of the opinion that the rest of the session will be devoted to the passage of them will be passed, thus avoiding the necessity of an extra session, but that no other legislation will be perfected. Mr. Gould is reported to have arrived this atternoon from the south in apparent good health. The bank statement was fully as good as expected, but showed a decrease in the reserve of \$1,742,875 and cash of \$1,106,009. ville, which during the past few days has LIVE STOCK. There was a narrow market in hog products with the closing prices very near the close to yesterday's figures. The market started with a little bulge due in part to light receipts at the yards, then there was some weakening with an caster feeling in cereals and a slight improvement at the close, ended duil in the session in this market. May sales ranged as follows: Pork 8.550 to 80.82% to \$2.75 to close: lard, \$5.87% to \$5.87% to \$5.85 to close; ribs, \$4.82% to \$4.87%. PREES AT CHICAGO. CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Cattle—Receipts. 6,000; market stronger; steers fancy, \$3.5565.60; medium to choice, \$4.0024.05; helfers, \$3.002 3.75; cows. \$2.2562.75; stockers, \$2.5023.50, Hogs-Receipts, 16,000; market active and higher; rough and common, \$3.3323.49; mixed and packers, \$3.5062.55; prime heavy and butchers' weights, \$1.5562.70; light, \$1.55623.60, Sheep-Receipts, \$2.000; market higher; natives, \$4.0025.50; westerns, \$4.4025.05; Tex-ans, \$4.2024.75. Ans. 84.2061.75. Sr. Louis, Feb. 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 400; shipments, 500; market steady; fair to fancy native steers, \$3.00(25.20; stockers and feeders, \$2.40(23.40. PRICES AT CRICAGO. COMMODITY Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yes'y WHEAT-May .... 9514 3536 9737 9234 9736 1836-16 9238 1836 1814 1894 RANSAS CITY, Feb. 14.—Cattie—Receipts, 530(24.50); market higher; heavy, \$1.50(24.60); mixed, \$4.25(24.50); mixed, \$4.25(24.50); mixed, \$4.25(24.50); shipments, 1.000; steers higher, cows lower; steers, \$1.50(24.50); steers higher, cows lower; steers, \$2.50(24.50); steek-ers and feeders, \$2.50 ORN-53 5234-36 5256-96 58 63% 45 46 45% 譤 4634 May. July. 9 50 9 5236 9 70 9 75 9 75 10 10 10 10 10 0236 10 02365 9 75 RIBS. May. LARD-May. July. 4 85 4 95 4 8736 4 8736 4 873600 5 8756 5 9756 5 85 5 85 5 85 The Improvement Record. The following figures show the total of real PRICES AT ST. LOUIS. good nearth. The bank statement was fully as good as expected, but showed a decrease in the reserve of \$1.749.975 and eash of \$1.106,000. The latter item is probably more favorable than the actual condition of the banks, for they sustained a large loss yesterday with the sub-treasury. Total sales, 245.116. estate transfers, building permits and bank Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yest. clearings for the past week : WHEAT-May... July... COHN-May... OATS-May... 9836 8834 6036 REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. 9736 9736 1636 36 8736 8736 3636 36 96% 85% 50% 5054 5036 50% NEW YORK STOCKS. 
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to buy against puts. It reacted to Bige, which brought out heavy selling orders on all sides, breaking the market below put price. It was a dull and inactive market all day, ranging from 97% to 97% or only local traders doing any material trading. Hutchinson was a heavy seller, as he had a great many calls sold.

heavy soller, as he had a great many calls sold. F. A. Logan & Co., to Toneray & Bryan-The wheat market has been moderately active, but at lower prices. One prominent scalper was a seller early and occassionally a buyer during the session. The market opened at 95% for May, sold down to 95% c and closes at 95% 97% c. The July option has fluctuated between 93% and 93% with a little more activity in it than yesterday. Some 50,000 bushels No. 2 winter wheat sold for shipment to New York and the Bradisreets report of 23,000 bushels shipped this week from both coasts against 1,55,000 bushels last week were about the only buil news going around. Against this is tho movement of wheat from Kansas to St. Louis. The shutting down of the flour mills at Duluth for want of demand; the fine weather, now very fine, and reports of growing crop being all that could be desired, encourages the sellers with out disaster. July is a sale for good profits. Corn weak in sympathy with wheat; provisions quilet, some selling for out-side packers; estimate of hogs for the week, 200,000, still heavy.

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# CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CRICAGO, Feb. 14.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE]-CATTLE-A few fresh arrivals and those carried over were sold out early with a turn on prices rather stronger than otherwise a compared with the average of yesterday on the ordinary run of fat steers and choice heifers. The market closes strong with substantial advance on fat steers, and in fact on all grades that carried a proper amount of flesh. Rough and common stock shows little or no change, while cows and canners are about as low as at any time for the year past.

about as low as at any time for the year past. There has been active business in stockers with prices the highest for the season. Extra and fancy steers, \$25(25,60); good to cholee. \$4,75(0-48); medium, \$4,00(0-4.5); helfers, \$20(25); 3.75(-0-ws, \$2:25(2).75; stockers, \$2.50(2).50; Hogs-Business brisk and values strong, mickel higher on everything in the hog line, with pens better cleared than for any Satur-day for a month past. The shipping demand keeps up a clip that excites comment, which goes to show that outside markets are run-ning short of a sufficient supply. Orders are here for stock that never come to Chicago if the same can be filled elsewhere. Rough and common sold at \$3:56(2.49); mixed and packers, \$3.59(2.5); prime heavy and bucher weights, \$3.59(2.5); n largely \$1.60; light, \$3:50(2).60; pigs, \$2.75(2).40.

# STOCKS AND BONDS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 14.—Wheat—Firm; No. 2 spring cash, 03005c; May, 92%c, Corn—Quiet; No. 3, 50c, Oats—Duil; No. 2 white, 440246%c, Provisions—Quiet; pork, May, \$9,75. NEW YORK, Feb. 14 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-STOCKS-Contrary to expectations stock market closed with slight gains in all CINCINNATI, Feb. 14.-Wheat-In good de-mand: No. 2 red. \$1.00. Cora-Good demand; No. 2 mixed, 5325354c. Oats-Barely steady; No. 2 mixed, 48264854c. Whiskey-\$1.14

to \$18,205, of which \$8,417 was in gold and \$0,579 [ PLEASURES OF A PRESS CLUB.

# The Coffee Market. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.-[Special Telegram to THE BEL]-COFFE-Options opened steady

and unchanged to 5 points up; closed firm to 3610c up. Sales. 10, 50 bags. including Feb-ruary. \$17.10; March. \$18.85; April. \$16.60016.65; May. \$16.35216.40; June. \$16.20; July. \$15.75; September, \$15.10; Spot Rio firm; fair cargoes, \$19.25(319.50; No. 7, \$17.625).

### Mining Shares.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.-[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The following are the mining stock quotations; 

## PRODUCE.

PRODUCE. CHICAGO, Feb. 14. – Close-Whent-Easy; Cash. 940; May. 9746975/e; July. 925/c. Corn-Steady; cash. 9546; May. 325/c. Cats-Steady; cash. 95678. Barley-Nominal at 756788. Flax-Steady at 41.22. Prime Timothy-Easy at 81.30. Whisky-81.4 Pork-Steady: cash. 85.375; May. 80.73. Lard-Steady; cash. 85.35; May. 80.73. Lard-Steady; cash. 85.35; May. 85.75 Gato-Steady; cash. 85.35; May. 85.75 Butter Ments-Shoulders, 85.9664.00; short clear, 85.9924.55; short ribs, 81.5964.00; Butter - Unchanged; creamery, 176276; day. Exes-Unchanged; fresh, 186196. Exes-Unchanged; light and heavy green, short, 55,925; green, 45,93469; salted buil, 54,956; green, 54,995; green, 54,996; short corn, 81.9924.55; short ribs, 81.5964.05; Butter - Unchanged; creamery, 176276; day: green salted calf, sc; ury flint, Sc; sait und. 95,965; green, 45,994; salted buil, 54,976; green, 54,995; green, 54,996; shorts, 54,995; Tallow-Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 34,967; dry calf, 85,995; deacons, each, 256, Tallow-Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 34,967; dry calf, 85,995; deacons, each, 256, Tallow-Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 34,967; dry calf, 85,995; deacons, each, 256, Tallow-Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 34,967; dry calf, 85,995; deacons, each, 256, Tallow-Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 34,967; dry calf, 85,995; deacons, each, 256, Tallow-Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 34,967; dry calf, 85,995; deacons, each, 256, Tallow-Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 34,967; dry calf, 86,995; deacons, each, 256, Tallow-Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 34,967; dry calf, 86,995; deacons, each, 256, Tallow-Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 34,967; dry calf, 86,995; deacons, each, 256, Tallow-Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 34,975; day, cake, 48, The solid 19,05; dry cons, 51,055; dry cons, 51,055; Marker, Shipments, 10,055; dry cons, 51,055; Tallow-Unchanged; No. 1, solid packed, 34,055; The solid 19,055; The solid 10,055; dry cons, 51,055; The solid 10,055; dry cons, 51,055; The solid 10,055; The solid 10,

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March at 80c March at 80c. Ergs-Steady; western, 165(@1616c. Pork-Steady; new mess, \$10.25611.25. Lard-Opened firm, closed weak; western steam, \$5.22% bid. Butter-Firm; western dairy, 11@20c; cream-ery, 17@27%c. Cheese-Buoyant; light skims, 5@8%c.

Sr. Louis, Feb. 14.-Wheat-Lower; cash, 9052065c; May, 97562074; Corn-Lower; cash, 50c; May, 50%c, Oats-Weak; cash, 46c; May, 45%c, Pork-Steady at 49.73, Lard-Steady at 49.73, Markey-\$1,14. Butter-Firm and unchanged; creamery, 24 625c; dairy, 21625c.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb.\* 14.-Wheat-Spot

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 14.—Wheat—Spot was held higher in the morning but there was a break in futures and spot soon thereafter; at close good grain active, poor dull; receipts, 200 cars; shipments, 60 cars. Closing; No. 1 hurd, February, 91c; on track, 94%; No. 1 northern, February and March, 96%; May, 96%; on track, 96%; No. 2 northern, February, 91c; on track, 94%; No. 2 northern, February, 91c; on track, 94%; No. 2 northern, February, 91c; on

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 11.—Wheat-Steady; No. 1 hard, cash and February, 84½c; No. 2 red, cash, 90c bld. Corn-Weaker; No.2, cash, 46½c bld; Febru-ary, 47c. Oats-Steady; No. 2, cash and February, 46½c bld.

### As Illustrated by a Stag Party Among Chicago Newspaper Men.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 11.- [Special to THE BEE. [-It was just beyond the middle of the night when Mr. Paul Hull, standing near the center of the reception room of the Chicago Press club, made a critical observation.

One hand rested carelessly upon the back of a chair, the other was thrust with equal grace into his trousers pocket, and one long limb was thrown across the other in such a manner as to form what, in our rabbit-trapping days, we called a "figure 4." He wore a black suit, a low-cut vest displaying an immaculate shirt front, decorated with three little black studs, the inevitable Byronic collar and a black tie. One dark lock threw a semi-shadow across the upper portion of his classic face as, with head bent slightly forward, he surveyed the scene before him. Not Phidias, as he stood back from his 'awful Jove and his soul drank in the beauty of the finished work, not Michel Angelo Buonarrote as his fine Italian eye followed the outlines of the restored group of Bacchus and Ampelus, displayed a livelier satisfaction in his achievement than did Mr. Hull upon this memorable occasion. Yet with all the pa-ternal pride with which his heart was kind-ling, his half-closed eye bere the keen, scrut-inizing look of the connelsseur as he said :

"This is one of the most uniform jags I have ever seen." The meau was tongue sandwiches, rum

punch and cigars. Mr. Hull had evolved the punch.

I have been at some pains to learn the com-The basic principle was cold tea. To this was The basic principle was cold tea. To this was added the run with some crushed ice, and upon the whole was superimposed a quantity of champagne. This latter contribution Mr. Hull denominated "the claw," for the reason that it caused the drink to take fast hold upon the person im-bibing the same. From another point of view, however, I cannot regard the term as a happy one. Whether it was on the effect I will not undertake to say, but the ac-tion of the liquid was most insiduous, soft and seductive. I have been told that it was the champagne. At all events so like neetar the champagne. At all events so like nectar and ambrosia was the drink and so gentle its approach to the citadel of the brain that all the sentinels were captured and the enemy in possession before a single sally could be made in its defense.

It was through the courtesy of one of the members of the club that I found myself in this mellow atmosphere on a recent Saturday night. The air was thick with the aroma of burning Havannas and the ebon guardians of the punch bowl were steadily dispensing Mr. Hull's chef d'ocuvre. The members and their invited guests were banked up in picturesqu invited guests were banked up in picturesque irregularity about an open space between the punch bowl and the piano. Into this arena at intervals was launched some member of the profession who entertained his follow craftsmen with a recitation or an extract from the volume of his own varied career. As I entered, Mr. Flanders had the floor in response to a request that has solate floor in response to a request that he relate how he once reported a prize fight for the Heraid, Mr. Flanders is a stoutly built, smooth faced gentlement, who now holds the position of day manager of the city press asso-ciation. At the time in which his story was located he was identified with the sporting de-partment of the Herald. Mr. Flanders, like so many men of his build, has a great deal of magnetism. On this occasion he also had a tongue sandwich in his let hand, while with the other he held his audience spellbound. I will not undertake to re-produce the fascinating narrative because something more than mere words would be necessary to duplicate for the reader the effect it had on me. In brief, I may say Mr. Flanders told how he had been assigned to a pupilistic soirce near the village of Hammond, Ind. The event was to take were in the rear end of a saloon. When Mr Flanders arrived on the scene, the ring was already nitched the floor expendent with sand already pitched, the floor covered with sand and all preparations completed for the battle. and all preparations completed for the battle. In order to properly brace himself for the scene of gore to which he had been assigned and to place himself en rapport, as it were, with his surroundings, Mr. Flanders patron-ized the bar quite liberally. While he was engaged in this pleasant prelude to the main event, a gentleman entered the saloen with a large, robust revolver in either hand. He drank some and swore more. Then the barkeener asked him to put up his lethal barkeeper asked him to put up his lettal irons, and for answer the stranger turned both weapons simultaneously and fired a ball from each into the barkeeper's heart, with drawing hastily immediately thereafter. The Markenger, in the meantime, dropped dead, Mr. Flanders was so overcome by the terrible tragedy of which he had been an unwilling witness that he imbled several more alcoholic tonics and then started for the railroad station at which was the only telegraph office in the place. He told the operator he wanted to send a lengthy dispatch to his paper and that functionary thereupon asked for the dispatch. This not altogether unreasonable request nonplussed Mr. Flanders for a moment for he had no dispatch. He in-formed the operator that he thought he could best do the subject justice, by dictating his matter and proceeded to pace the floor and dictate. After he had been thus occu-pied for the space of about an hour, the oper-ator suggested that that was about all the matter the wires would carry for the night and asked Mr. Flanders to sign it. This Mr. Flanders also preferred to do by proxy, and the operator appended his name to patel Mr. Flanders retired with the sweet consciousness of duty done, and a couple of days later, or as soon as he recovered from the shock of seeing the man killed before his snock of seeing the man killed before his eyes, he walked into the Herala office with a smile of satisfaction on his face. "Everybody," said Mr. Flanders "looked at me in a strange sort of way when I asked, with ill-concealed pride, if they had received my dispatch. No one replied to my question, but the telegraph editor taking me by the hand gently led me into the next room, where hand gently led me into the next room, where I saw a large space covered with yellow pages bearing the imprint of the Western Union Telegraph company. I can only now recall one sontence of what I read there. It was this: "And the winged owls shot their lithe bodies through the leadess branches of the trees. The narrative of Mr. Flanders was received with applause and liberal potations of rum punch. Then there was some excellent vocal music and a recitation by Mr. Ben King who writes for eastern magazines under King who writes for eastern marazines under the nom de plume of "How Hackley," Paul Hull recited, in his own inimitable way, several poems, one of them by Eugene Field, most of which have never been pub-lished. That is to say I should judge they have never been published. In the midst of the festivities Colonel Moses P. Handy of Philadelphia was announced. Colonel Handy had just been attending a banquet and wore a dress suit and a look of banquet and wore a dress suit and a look of complacency. He was asked to favor the club with an account of how Colonel Elliot Shepherd was received by the Clover club. Colonel Handy very courteously complied and was just warming to his subject when some one started "Annie Kooney" and he was obliged to pause until the song was finished. Then he essayed to proceed again when the strains of "Whistling and Waiting for Katie" rose through the smoke and necessitated an-other postponement. Finally he finished and took his seat and Mr. Kirk La Schell was asked to describe the idio syncracies of the monomane. His ad-dress was very quiet and subdued up to a certain point when with an uncarthly shrick he seized Colonel Handy by the lappels of his claw-hammar coat and lifted him out of his chair. The colonel was thoroughly discombanquet and wore a dress suit and a look of chair. The colonel was thoroughly discom-posed by the unexpected denouement. This was a stag party and dress suits were not in order. Mr King was again called upon and told in Mr King was again care of Sophie Roman-rhyme the pathetic story of Sophie Roman-ovsky. During this recital Artist Lederer of the Herald entered in full Indian dress and war paint and with a hideous knife and war palut and with a hideous knife feigned to remove the blonde scalp lock from the head of Mr. King. This, of course, inter-rupted the romance, but the artist finally de-parted and Sophie married her lover. There were also clog dances and a per-formance a la ballet by Mr. Washburn of the Inter-Ocean. Mr. Washburn is a human gazelle and his appearance in this role was one of the events of the evening. This is a rough outline of what transpired up to 3 a m. The party lasted until5. There

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markets were by no means devoid of inter-esting features. The week opened at Omaha with very light receipts of cattle and with a strong but not an overly active market and the movement of beef cattle was slow all the the movement of beef cattle was slow all the week. The most desirable grades sold at about steady prices, but on the common grades the tendency was decidedly bearish. The best corn-fed beeves were sold at \$1.50 (\$4.75 for 1,300 to 1,400 lbs average. A goodly proportion of the sales of beef steers were at \$3.80(\$4.50. The market on pows butchers' steek convers ate opened a

cows, butchers' stock, canners, etc., opened a little more favorable to the selling interest and an advance was scored on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday's market was easier

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SHEEP.

Swift & Co.....

 $150 \\ 150$ OMAHA LIVE STOCK. OMANA LIVE STOCK. OMANA, Feb 14, 1501. CATTLE-Estimated receipts of cattle 1.400 as commared with 2.037 yesterday and 2.341 Saturday of last week. The market was ac-tive with beeves strong and butcher stock 5c to ile higher. Good feeders active and strong; others slow and unchanged. MONDE-Estimated roceipts of hogs 4.300 as commared with 5.561 yesterday and 11.852 Saturday of last week. The market opened active and 5c higher, closing flat with the entire advance lost. The range of the prices paid was \$1.6003.50, the built slights, \$2.4002.90; light, \$3.0003.35, heavy, \$3.35 (\$2.50; mixed, \$2.525,40. The average of the prices paid was \$1.525, as compared with \$3.274 yesterday and \$1.305, Saturday of last week. SHEEP-Estimated receipts of sheep 1.661. as compared with 225 yesterday and 102 Saturday of last week. The market was active and strong. Natives, \$2.7564.60; westerns, \$2.756 4.60. 1035 523 811 1 75 508 508 22.. 771 2 45 BULLS. . 690 2 15 . 700 2 25 . 664 2 45 . 680 2 59 Receipts and Shipments. Showing the official receipts and shipments of cattle, hogs and sheep on the dates indi-CALVES. 9...935 9.00 3...493 2.00 RECEIPTS. | Cattle. | Hogs. | Sheep Dates. Friday, Feb. 6. Saturday, Feb. 7. Monday, Feb. 9. Tuesday, Feb. 10. Wednesday, Feb. 11. HEIFERS. 
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1,850 510 580 STAGE. 1..1240 2 75 Thursday, Feb. 12. Friday, Feb. 13. HOGS. riday, Feb. 13..... aturday, Feb. 14.. 225 Av. Sh. .142 40 .137 40 .153 80 .155 120 .158 80 .174 -.184 40 .184 40 .184 40 .184 40 No. 91... 100. 111. 74... Pr. 3 00 3 00 First week of Feb.... Fourth week of Jan... Third week of Jan... Second week of Jan 13,065 15,524 13,360 12,661 9,127 10,511 36,811 50,319 42,907 33,245 35,134 30,374 2,8733,8833 00 3 10 2,030 .2,553 2,889 2,878 First week of Jan .... 19999999999999999 SHIPMENTS. DATES | Cattle. Hogs. | Sheeep. Thursday, Feb. 5., Friday, Feb. 6., Saturday, Feb. 7., Monday, Feb. 9., Tuesday, Feb. 10., 1,927 659 145 2,134 914 1,560 1,067 1430 1,850 Wednesday, Jan. 11. Thursday, Feb. 12. 1.010 838 1.825 2,081 1.335 1.135  $\begin{array}{c} 7.520 \\ 8.266 \\ 4.968 \\ 5.216 \\ 3.565 \\ 4.689 \end{array}$ 1.850 2.685 821 1.139 1.718 1.718 1.407 First week of Feb., Fourth week of Jan. Fourth week of Jan ... Third week of Jan ... Second week of Jan ... First week of Jan.... Fourth week of Dec... Disposition of Stock. Showing the number of cattle, hogs and sheep purchased on this market as reported by the weighmaster of the Stockyards com-pany for February 14: CATTLE. Swift & Co. The G. H. Hammond company..... The Cudahy packing company..... Omaha packing company.... Lee Rothschild. Hamilton & Stephen. Benton & Underwood. Nels Morris. Shippers and feeders. Joseph Damron. Van Sant & Carey. R., Becker & Degen. Hous. CATTLE. 127 4 SHEEP. HOGS. 2,143 775 880 574 The Cudahy Packing Co...... Shippers and feeders SHEEP. The Week. - Showing the number of head of stock pur-chased on this market as reported by the weightmasters of the Stocky ards company for the wock ending Saturday, February 14. ins, so CATTLE. Swift & Co. The G. H. Hammond Co. The Cudaby Packing Co. Omaha Packing Co. Other buyers. HOGS. The Cudahy packing company...... Omaha packing company...... Swift & Co The G. H. Hammond packing company... Shippers and feeders 9,475 5,535 3,128

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Country Produce. Country Produce. There was a perceptible increase in the re-ceipts yesterday and the market was only moderately active. Still the market remained at about steady prices and not much change can be made in quotations excepting in the case of eggs. EGGS-The market was weak and while its was generally paid by the local trade some round lots went at 16c. The feeling on the market was very bearish and dealers in some cases were freely expressing their opinion that the week to come would see a still fur-ther decline. her decline. POULTRY-The market was steady. Uhick-ms. 865c; turkeys, 116125c; geese and ducks. BUTTER-The market was not quotably BUTTER-The market was not quotably changed yesterday. The best rolls brought ESENC: good rolls, 14216c and lower grades GAME-Small rabbits went at \$1.00 per dor GAME-Small rabbits went at \$1.00 per doz and there were so few here that salesmen re-ported considerable inquiry. Hay-Receipts light and arrival sold readily at \$0.0927.75. An occasional car of extra bright hay brought \$5.09, but that was con-sidered an outside price and could hardly be quoted as the market with safety. With the opening up of the country roads dealers still look for largely increased receipts and lower prices.

up to 3 a.m. The party lasted until 5. There is en hiatus of two hours in the records of the club. FRANK ATKINSON.

According to the cable dispatches Mile. Marie Van Zandt has been giving the people of St. Petersburg an allegorical representa-tion of "Wine, women and song," with a little too much wine.

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