THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Unusual Interest and Activity was Manifested on 'Change.

MAY WHEAT JUMPS TO ONE DOLLAR.

Corn Also Takes a Rapid Up Shoot, But Business in Live Stock Was Slow and Unsatisfactory.

CHICAGO, March 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There was more than usual interest in all the leading markets on 'change at the opening. All grain markets started very strong and made advances from first prices. Provisions opened easier with large receipts and lower prices at the yards, but made a rally with a stronger corn market before the morning call. Sales the first hour for May were: Wheat, 96¾c; corn, 56⅛c and 56⅜c; oats, 48⅛c and 48⅜c; pork, $9.82½ and $9.90; lard, $5.85 and $5.87½; ribs, $4.87½ and $4.90.

The wheat market had to be held up to prevent an early break. Then after it made a little recovery it was checked by selling against privileges. After these obstacles were passed the bull market broke loose, and there was a bound in prices and a rousing big market. What made the advance all the more broad and strong when it did come, was the strength which was displayed all morning in other grain markets. Before wheat made its big upward bound at 12:30, May corn had scored an advance of 2c, selling above 58c, and oats had touched the 50c point. Even pork sympathized to the extent of an advance of 10c in the face of great receipts of hogs and lower prices at the yards. There was nothing unusual about early trading in wheat. Mr. Hutchinson was the best buyer for both May and July. There were few other good buyers. Cables were sharply firm. Receipts were liberal at Minneapolis at 185 cars, and moderate at Kansas City at 73 cars, and moderate here at 46 cars. Russian and Indian shipments were larger than last week at 1,760,000 bushels. French advices were for a time less bullish. The bull news began to come. Liverpool closed ½d to ¾d higher. Paris quoted wheat and flour firm and higher. Berlin quoted wheat 1½ marks up. Bradstreet's figures gave a decrease in available stocks east of the mountains of 1,145,000 bushels, and west, 627,000 bushels. New York reported five boat loads of fresh export business. The messages regarding the cash wheat demand continued, and alarmed the shorts. Bulls saw their time to buy, and bears time to run. The market started up in a few minutes' time, Pardridge, Logan, Baxter, Tuttle and many others who were sellers early were first to buy upon the change in news. Mitchell was a quick and heavy buyer, and perhaps the first to pay $1.00 for May wheat. May opened at 97⅛c, sold to 97¼c on Hutchinson's buying, eased off to 97⅛c, recovered to 97⅝c on Bradstreet's figures, and after holding steady around 97⅝c up to 12 o'clock, the price was rushed up to $1.00 in about thirty minutes, with a reaction to 99⅛c a few minutes later, and was held at 99⅛c at 1 o'clock. July followed from 92⅞c early to 95¼c at the top, and afterwards selling back to 94⅛c. The big bulge then appeared to be over for the day. Wheat closed strong about ½c under the best prices on the bulge. March was quoted at 94⅛c to 95c, closing at 95⅛c. May closed at 99⅛c, and July at 94⅞c. On curb puts on May sold at 98⅛c, and calls at $1.01⅛.

The remarkable advance in corn was not at all unexpected. Big receipts promised for this week failed to show up in this market. Local stocks fail to show any increase. There was nothing to help the shorts. There was everything to help the buyers. May sold during the first few minutes at the closing price of yesterday, 56⅜c. After selling up to 56⅝c, and back to 55⅞c, a sharp advance set in and carried the price to 58c. Here there was another set back to 57⅝c, and then a final bulge at about 12:30 carried it to 58⅜c, with a reaction before 1 o'clock to 58⅛c. July sold at 54⅜c and 56⅛c. Buying in corn was not confined to shorts. There are a great many bulls in the market who believe in 60c corn, and they were buying again on the advance today. Scalpers also took a hand when the upturn was under way, and then sold out a little further up. But the short interest, small stocks, the moderate receipts and very small increase in available stocks all helped to make trade uneasy. The market was almost sensational at times, so quick was the advance. March was quoted at 55⅛c to 57⅛c, closing at 57⅞c. April, 55⅞c to 58c, and closing at 57⅝c. May closed practically at the top at 58⅛c, as there were but few sales at 58⅜c. July sold at the top at 57c and closed at 56⅞c, with June at ⅛c premium at 57⅛c. May corn puts sold at 57⅛c, calls at 59⅛c.

The oats trade worked up considerable interest in getting the price up to that long talked of figure, 50c for May. It was estimated that before today's transactions the short interest was from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 bushels, mostly local. It is now claimed that much of the long interest is in the east. Much of the buying was through brokers, and trades were not easily located. Counselman and Bartlett-Frazer were buyers. Shorts, of course, got what they could without starting a stampede. May sold at 48⅜c to 50c, and closed at 49⅛c; July, 43⅞c to 45c, closing at 44⅜c.

Early dispatches gave 45,000 hogs at the yards and prices 10c lower. This started provisions 2½c lower from last night for all products, at $9.85 for pork, $5.85 for lard, and $4.87½ for ribs for May. The strength in corn caused a little rally at once, which was checked by later messages, making hogs 48,000 to 50,000. But the strength in cereals was not to be overlooked. Packers were not adverse to higher prices to sell on near future, and so there was no serious opposition to the advance which followed. May pork moved up to $10.05; lard to $5.92½, ribs to $4.97½, and these were closing prices.

PRICES AT CHICAGO.

COMMODITY.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
WHEAT—					
May	97⅝	1 00	97⅛	99½	97
July	92⅞	95¼	92⅛	95	92¾
CORN—					
May	56⅞	58⅜	56⅜	58⅜	56¼
July	54⅞	56⅜	54⅜	56¾	54¾
OATS—					
May	48½	49⅜	48¼	49⅛	48⅜
July					
PORK—					
May	9 85	10 05	9 82½	10 05	9 87½
July	10 22½	10 40	10 20	10 40	10 25
RIBS—					
May	4 87½	4 97½	4 87½	4 95	4 92½
July					
LARD—					
May	5 85	5 95	5 85	5 95	5 87½
July					

PRICES AT ST. LOUIS.

COMMODITY	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
WHEAT—					
May	87¾	90⅜	87⅝	90⅛-¾	87¾
July	87⅜	87⅞	89½	89⅛	87¾
CORN—					
May	53¼	54¼	53¼	54¼	53⅜
OATS—					
May	48	49¼	48	49¼	48

Notes and Gossip.

Foreign cables coming in strong.

Duluth receipts: Wheat, 11 cars.

Minneapolis receipts: Wheat, 185 cars.

Crowd is buying on nearly 2,000,000 bushels decrease in Bradstreets' report.

Paris cables: "Wheat strong and advancing. The account of crops are very unfavorable."

Chicago receipts: Carlots—Wheat, 46; corn, 227; oats, 128. Taken from store—Wheat, 28,569; corn, none; oats, 5,400.

Chicago receipts: Winter wheat, 13; spring, 81; Colorado, 2; corn, 227; oats, 128. Inspected regular—Winter wheat, 2; spring, 3; Colorado, none; corn, 8; oats, 63.

Beerbohm's cable: Cargoes on passage wheat, quiet and firm. Corn, firmer and held higher. Mark Lane wheat, both English and foreign, quiet. English and American flour, firm; off coast No. 1 California, 40s. Weather seasonable. Liverpool—Spot wheat hardening; corn, moderate demand.

W. C. McCormick & Co. to F. C. Swartz & Co.:—The European position has at last begun to assert itself on our wheat market. The persistency with which our home traders had denied the reports of injury to crops abroad, had been remarkable, and they have showed their bearish belief by selling short with the greatest possible freedom. Today's advance in the beginning is attributed to the bulge in corn, forcing shorts to realize what might possibly happen to them in wheat. Cables are very strong, Mark Lane showing highest price for No. 1 California which has been registered for a long while. Shorts have bought today with great freedom, but have not yet got out of the woods. The northwest and southeast have made this a dumping ground in which to sell against their own holdings and it will take a further advance to make them realize their danger. Receipts at the primary points were very liberal, amounted to 316,000 bushels. The corn market has been excited and higher. The bulge was started by the rumor which obtained currency that one or two parties intended to manipulate the market with a view to driving in shorts. Bears took alarm at once and accomplished more in the way of advancing prices than the bulls could possibly have done, although the latter aided them in every way in their power. A large shortage has existed for some time against corn held in the country. How long it will take this class of shortage to be driven in is difficult to tell. The market closes strong with great excitement. Provisions sluggish and weak early, but could not resist the hurrah from neighboring grain pits. The market closed strong and higher and there are indications of a still further advance. A considerable shortage exists which is not visible on the surface, but we believe it will be forced to cover before we have any further decline in the market.

Logan & Co. to Toncray & Bryan.—Wheat opened quiet at 97⅛c and fluctuated from that to 97⅝c for the first hour of the session. The announcement of the decrease east and west of the Rocky mountains given by Bradstreet at about 1,800,000 bushels created uneasiness and the early sellers became anxious buyers. The offerings were light. The correction made on Bradstreet's report was that the first estimate was 1,000,000 bushels too large. When this correction was made Liverpool late cables quoted California wheat ½ penny higher and London cargoes 3 pence higher for August and September shipment. This with the sudden jumps in oats and corn brought in many anxious buyers and May sold at $1. The close is at 99⅛c. The character of the news received is much the same as we have had for several weeks. Manipulation has had an influence and many now believe there is some truth in the rumor. We do not see any evidence of it. So sudden an advance without apparent cause than there has been heretofore makes us suspicious of the market and would certainly advise caution, especially on the near futures. The demand for cash wheat is still wanting. The strong cables may sustain the advance, but without manipulation the price is too high. The government report, due on the 10th, will deal particularly with the growing crop and its condition. With any ordinary season July wheat at 96c is high priced. Corn is active, with a good deal of excitement in the pit at times. The 60c men are still talking this price, and some now talk of 70c. Present stock and receipts are small and it is difficult to guess what it may do.

Kennett-Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter & Co.—Wheat opened rather firmer, worked up to 97⅝c for May, encountered free offerings and became very dull. It promised to repeat the tactics of the previous days and vibrate between 96⅞c and 97⅜c. About 11 o'clock there was posted the Bradstreet report, showing a decrease in stocks of wheat and flour for the past week of nearly 1,800,000 for both coasts, of which more than 110,000 was east of the Rocky mountains. To neutralize, if possible, the effect of this rather startling exhibit, the bears made a quick drive at the market and pounded the price down to 97⅛c for May, but it immediately recovered to 97⅜c. Strenuous efforts were put forth to hold the market down and they were successful for a time. It being apparently too narrow to take all offerings at 97⅝c, but there was a slow gathering of strength that did no good to the shorts and when the price touched 98c they gave up the fight and prepared to take their medicine. From that time until the price reached $1.00 it was a fool race to see which should get ashore first. The attention of all our private correspondents was early called to the importance of the report issued by Bradstreet and when the price was 97⅛c for May they were advised that the effect might be the creation of a big bull market. For some days past it has been in a rut and something was needed to alarm the big short interest, and this was furnished by Bradstreet today. We are likely to have a very active market for some days and possibly a very strong one. There still remains a considerable short interest and if the country should come in with good buying orders it would be likely to give us considerably higher prices. At any rate it would seem safer to buy wheat on breaks for a day or two than to sell it except on very good rallies, and all deals ought to be well protected with good margins. Corn and oats were but little affected by the boom in wheat. Before the latter started corn and oats were well under way for the highest prices on the crop. We have so frequently referred to the fact that the deal is in strong hands who may make prices to suit themselves that it is unnecessary to say more on this point. There is no contract stuff here of any consequence to fill shorts, and why any one should care to be short under the circumstances, we cannot understand. There will probably come a time when corn will be a sale, but at present it is a good thing to let alone. Provisions opened weak and we think would have sold off more but for the strength in grain, hogs being in good supply and lower. The market was dull and featureless all day and advanced near the close merely in sympathy with the grain markets. A general bull feeling on the floor may advance provisions still further, in which case we think sales profitable.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, March 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—STOCKS—Although there was a show of activity and strength in stocks early, the interest in the market was narrowed down to three stocks, Northern Pacific preferred, Burlington and sugar. The strength of the last, however, was decided, almost everything being traded in securing a fractional advance over the opening price, though the first prices were generally small fractions lower than the closing figures of last evening. At 11 o'clock the market was very dull and steady, generally at a shade better than the opening figures. The upward movement ended with the first hour, and the two succeeding hours to 1 o'clock were marked by a set back in prices all around. Chicago Gas lost ⅛ from 43⅛ to 42⅝; Louisville sold back from 74⅞ to 73⅞; Northern Pacific, preferred, from 74 to 73⅞; Atchison from 26¾ to 26⅜; Burlington from 80 to 79⅛; Rock Island to 67⅝; St. Paul to 55⅛. Union Pacific to 45 and Lackawanna to 137⅛. Gould and Vanderbilt stocks were the slowest in the list, while the grangers were but firm at best early, and readily yielded when Northern Pacific preferred and Louisville went back to lower prices. London had but limited orders in the market. The adjournment of congress was a signal for the free selling of many stocks. The predicted boom in prices did not come, but in its place there was almost a collapse in prices. Rock Island suffered most, going to 65¼, 2⅛ under the opening, and closing at 65¾, a net decline of 2 points. Burlington touched 78⅛ and closed 1⅛ lower at 78⅜. Northern Pacific preferred lost 1⅛ at 72⅜. Missouri Pacific at 66⅛, St. Paul 1 at 54⅛ and Louisville and Atchison each ⅛ at 74⅛ and 25⅞ respectively. Sales reached 160,000 shares.

Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter & Co.—The stock market opened with some irregularity. London advices were not altogether, most American stocks in that market being lower. London has also sold some in this market. Money in London is dearer. The bank of England has lost some gold and there is some speculation that the rate will be raised tomorrow. This is rather foreshadowed by the weakness of the London market and selling by London here. Early in the day traders were still disposed to cover shorts in Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the price was increased to 80. Northern Pacific preferred and common were also higher early, but selling of stocks later on was decidedly better than the buying. The selling was for long account and not by shorts, although traders probably tailed with some short selling. Stocks of western roads all developed marked weakness. Rock Island breaking nearly 2 per cent and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy nearly as much while Atchison, St. Paul and Northwestern lost each about 1 per cent. The statement of the Northern Pacific road for the month of January is unfavorable in that it shows a deficit of $206,000 of earnings proportionately to fixed charges, but an analysis of the statement shows it very much more favorable than for the corresponding month last year, the increase in net earnings being $523,700, or more than twice what it was a year ago. Parties identified with the management of this company seem to be opposed to the stock advancing and are apparently sitting on it. Sterling exchange is strong and several houses are preparing to ship gold on Saturday. If the law regarding the furnishing of gold bars by the treasury had not been changed gold would probably have been engaged for today's steamer, but under the new law prices are advanced and the exchange must be somewhat higher to make shipment profitable. The market closed heavy with large selling in the last fifteen minutes. Money, 3@3½ per cent at the close.

The following are the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s registered	120	Northern Pacific	27⅜
U. S. 4s coupons	121¼	do preferred	72⅜
U. S. 4½s registered	102	C. & N. W.	103¾
U. S. 4½s coupons	102	do preferred	138
Pacific 6s of '95	110	New York Central	101½
Central Pacific	29	P., D. & E.	18⅜
Chicago & Alton	124	Rock Island	65⅜
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	78⅜	C., M. & St. P.	54⅜
D., L. & W.	136⅞	do preferred	112⅛
Illinois Central	95	St. Paul & Omaha	24⅞
I., B. & W.		do preferred	82
Kansas & Texas	11⅛	Union Pacific	44⅜
Lake Shore	109⅞	W., St. L. & P.	9
Michigan Central	90½	do preferred	17⅛
Missouri Pacific	66	Western Union	80⅜

MONEY—On call, easy; closed offered at 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet; sixty-day bills, $4.85; demand, $4.88⅛.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, March 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—There was a fair, steady demand at about steady prices. The first report placed the number at 14,000, but later on the changes were that 13,000 were nearer the number. Business in the beef line is slow in all market centers from Chicago to London, and in both big markets the producing and consuming trade is perhaps slower than in others. Cow stock is again beginning to show up more plentiful than the trade wants, hence common grades were slow and canners about as low as any time, while good cows and heifers were only selling just about steady. Stockers and feeders were in good demand and steady. The top price was $5.60 for one car load of fancy native steers; good to choice shipping and export steers, $4.90@5.40; others, $1.50@4.75; others, $3.5 @4.25; old canning cows, $1.75@1.50; others, $2.50@3.50; heifers, $3.00@4.00; stockers, $2.25@3.50.

HOGS—There was a sharp down turn of 10c and a slow, unsatisfactory market from the opening. It closed with a large number carried over. Rough common, $3.30@3.40; mixed and packers, $3.45@3.55; prime heavy and butcher weights, $3.60@3.70; light, $3.40@3.60.

Mining Shares.

NEW YORK, March 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Alice	145	Mexican	200
Adams Con	165	Ophir	340
Bodie	110	Savage	130
Con. Cal. & Va.	600	Sierra Nevada	215
Eureka Con	300	Standard	125
Gould & Curry	175	Union Con	200
Homestake	600	Yellow Jacket	200
Horn Silver	315		

The Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 4.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—COFFEE—Options steady, 5 points up to 5 down. Sales, 20,250 bags, including March, $17.90@17.95; April, $17.55@17.60; May, $17.40@17.50; June, $17.15@17.15; July, $16.60@16.70; August, $16.15@16.20; September, $15.60@15.70; October, $15.15; December, $14.20@14.35. Spot Rio, firm, good demand; fair cargoes $19.75; No. 7, $18.50.

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, March 4.—Close—Wheat—Firm; cash, 95@97⅛c; May, 99⅛c.

Corn—Firm; cash, 57⅛c; May, 58⅛c.

Oats—Steady; cash, 48⅛@48⅜c; May, 49⅛c.

Rye—87@88c.

Barley—78@80c.

Prime Timothy—$1.27.

Flax—$1.21.

Whisky—$1.14.

Pork—Firm; cash, $9.75@9.80; May, $10.02½@10.05.

Lard—Firm; cash, $5.72½; May, $5.95.

Short Ribs—Firm; cash, $4.70@4.75; May, $4.95@4.97½.

Flour—Firm; unchanged; winter patents, $4.50@5.00; spring patents, $4.60@4.90.

Bulk Meats—Shoulders, $4.05@4.10; short clear, $4.85@5.00; short ribs, $4.65@4.75.

Butter—Firmer; creamery, 22@32c; dairy, 20@28c.

Cheese—Firm; full cream cheddars, 10¼@10½c; flats, 10¾@11¼c; Young Americas, 11@11½c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 17@18c.

Hides—Firmer; heavy and light green salted, 5¾@6c; green, 4½c; salted bulk, 3½@3¾c; green salted calf, 8c; dry flint, 8c; dry salted, 6@7c; dry calf, 8@9c; deacons, 25c.

Tallow—Steady; No. 1, solid packed, 4c; No. 2, 3¼@3½c; cake, 4¼c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour	8,000	17,000
Wheat, bu	43,000	15,000
Corn, bu	137,000	164,000
Oats, bu	147,000	141,000

NEW YORK, March 4.—Wheat—Receipts, 46,800 bushels; exports, ——; spot, 1⅛@1½c higher, with market strong; No. 2 red, $1.12 in elevator; $1.12⅝ afloat; $1.12⅝@1.13⅜ f. o. b.; options 1@1⅛c higher, closing strong; No. 2 red, March, closing at $1.11.

Corn—Receipts, 50,700 bushels; exports, 27,300 bushels; spot strong and 2c higher; No. 2, 66@67c in elevator; 67@68c afloat; ungraded mixed, 66@68c; options, excited and 1⅛@1¾c higher; March closing at 66⅛c.

Oats—Receipts, 71,000 bushels; exports, 700; spot higher; No. 2 white, 55⅛@55¾c; mixed western, 53@56⅛c; white western, 55@62⅛c; options stronger; March closing at 55⅛c.

Sugar—Raw, steady; refined, firm; off 5 15-16@6c.

Petroleum—United closed, April, 77c.

Eggs—Weaker; western, 17⅛@18c.

Pork—Firm; new mess, $10.50@11.25.

Lard—Firmer; western steam, $6.05; March, $6.05 bid.

Butter—Firm; western dairy, 16@26c; western creamery, 25@35c; Elgin, 35@36c.

Cheese—Strong; light skims, 5@9½c.

ST. LOUIS, March 4.—Wheat—Higher; cash, 99⅛c; May, 99⅛@99⅜c.

Corn—Firm; cash, 54⅛c.

Oats—Higher; cash, 47c.

Pork—Firm, at $10.12½.

Lard—Firm, at $5.50.

Whisky—$1.14.

Butter—Higher; creamery separator stock; 30@32c; dairy, 24@25c.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 4.—Wheat—Dull; prices lower notwithstanding futures stronger. Closing: No. 1 hard, March, 99c; on track, 98c; No. 1 northern, March and April 98c; May, 96⅛c; on track, 96c; No. 2 northern, March, 93⅛c; on track, 93⅛@94c.

MILWAUKEE, March 4.—Wheat—Higher; No. 2 spring cash, 96@97c.

Corn—Firm; No. 3, 54c.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 48½c.

Provisions—Quiet; pork—May, $9.87½.

KANSAS CITY, March 4.—Wheat—Quiet; hard, cash, 85⅛c bid; No. 2 red, cash, 90c bid.

Corn—Stronger; No. 2, cash and March, 46⅜@46½c.

Oats—Steady; No. 2, cash, 44⅛c bid.

CINCINNATI, March 4.—Wheat—Strong; No. 2 red, 98c.

Corn—Higher; No. 2 mixed, 57½@58c.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 49c.

Whiskey—$1.14.

LIVERPOOL, March 4.—Wheat—Firm, demand fair.

Corn—Firm, demand fair.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, March 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 13,000; market fair to steady; steers, fancy, $5.60; others, $3.50@5.40; cows, $1.25@3.50; heifers, $3.00@4.00; stockers, $2.25@3.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 48,000; market slow and lower; rough and common, $3.30@3.40; mixed packers, $3.45@3.55; prime heavy and butcher weights, $3.60@3.70; light, $3.40@3.60.

Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; market active, shade stronger; westerns, $4.70@5.85; fed Texans, $4.70; natives, $4.00@5.50; lambs, $5.40@6.10.

ST. LOUIS, March 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,900 head; shipments, 600; market slow; fair to fancy native steers $3.80@5.10; stockers and feeders, $2.30@3.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,800; shipments, 1,400; market lower; heavy, $3.60@3.75; mixed, $3.25@3.60; light, $3.40@3.55.

KANSAS CITY, March 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,200 head; shipments, 1,200 head; market steady to strong; steers, $3.35@5.55; cows, $1.50@3.80; stockers and feeders, $2.55@3.85.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000 head; shipments, 2,500 head; market steady; all grades, $3.00@3.75.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

OMAHA, March 4, 1891.

CATTLE—Estimated receipts of cattle 1,650 as compared with 2,968 yesterday and 2,321 Wednesday of last week. The market was active and about steady on desirable grades of beeves and slow and 5c to 10c lower on undesirable grades. The best butcher stock active and stronger. Others slow and about steady. Feeders were slow and unchanged.

HOGS—Estimated receipts of hogs 5,200, as compared with 7,873 yesterday and 6,302 Wednesday of last week. The market was opened about steady, and closed 5c lower. The range of prices was $3.10@3.50, the bulk selling at $3.35@3.45. Pigs, $1.75@2.50; light-lights, $2.50@3.00; light, $3.10@3.40; heavy, $3.35@3.50; mixed, $3.30@3.45. The average of the prices paid was $3.36 2-3, as compared with $3.38 yesterday and $3.24½ Wednesday of last week.

SHEEP—Estimated receipts of sheep 170, as compared with 187 yesterday and 429 Wednesday of last week. The mutton market was steady. Natives, $2.75@5.10; westerns, $2.50@4.90.

Disposition of Stock.

Showing the number of cattle, hogs and sheep purchased on this market as reported by the weighmaster of the Stockyards company for March 4.

CATTLE.

Buyers.	No.
Swift & Co.	765
The G. H. Hammond company	293
The Cudahy packing company	174
Omaha packing company	2
Lee Rothschild	107
Van Sant & Carey	127
Benton & Underwood	71
Nels Morris	62
Shippers and feeders	358
R. Becker & Degen	7

HOGS.

The Cudahy packing company	2,203
Omaha packing company	1,164
Swift & Co.	1,046
The G. H. Hammond packing company	492
Shippers and feeders	911

SHEEP.

Swift & Co.	169

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
9	871	$3 40	21	940	$3 90	18	1297	$4 25
3	993	3 50	12	1137	3 90	80	1176	4 35
2	1046	3 50	18	1114	3 90	16	1140	4 35
1	1030	3 60	21	1173	3 90	17	1354	4 35
11	1053	3 60	8	1067	4 00	20	1243	4 40
25	1065	3 70	14	1120	4 05	41	1188	4 45
1	1070	3 75	14	1145	4 10	22	1172	4 50
2	855	3 75	16	1151	4 10	41	1173	4 60
15	955	3 80	10	1065	4 10	17	1304	4 70
21	1006	3 80	15	1100	4 10	2	1275	4 75
46	1164	3 80	170	1064	4 10	13	1450	4 75
9	1326	3 80	38	1095	4 20	17	1460	4 90
21	1006	3 80	19	1068	4 20	20	1276	5 10
21	1173	3 90	7	1237	4 25			

MIXED.

No.	Av.	Pr.
25	744	3 30

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	740	1 00	1	720	1 75	16	938	2 50
2	910	1 00	7	867	1 75	1	1040	2 60
1	1040	1 10	1	870	1 75	10	812	2 60
13	780	1 25	5	964	1 75	1	1150	2 75
2	840	1 25	9	981	1 85	1	910	2 75
17	837	1 25	2	845	2 00	23	945	2 80
2	955	1 25	4	1142	2 00	6	1148	2 80
3	840	1 25	21	790	2 10	17	947	2 85
26	695	1 40	5	852	2 10	2	1255	3 00
11	897	1 40	2	1049	2 10	1	950	3 00
1	630	1 50	2	1040	2 15	7	913	3 00
9	480	1 50	5	680	2 25	1	1270	3 00
3	1036	1 80	2	850	2 25	2	1135	3 15
9	751	1 70	20	851	2 40	5	1162	3 25
1	1010	1 75	12	1 40	2 50	1	1370	3 25
11	865	1 75	1	930	2 50	8	922	3 30
1	1150	1 75	6	977	2 50	6	1100	3 35
3	800	1 75	1	1180	2 50	2	1155	3 35

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	1320	1 85	2	800	2 25	1	1640	2 75
1	720	2 00	2	1200	2 30	1	1660	3 00
2	1020	2 10	1	1220	2 50	1	1780	3 00
1	1630	2 15	1	1250	2 70	1	1620	3 25

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	480	1 75	1	710	2 50	25	732	3 15
1	500	2 50	2	840	2 70	7	787	3 50

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	220	1 25	1	280	3 25	2	165	4 25
3	76	3 00	5	174	4 25			

MILKERS AND SPRINGERS.

1 milker	$27 00
1 milker	25 00
1 springer	28 00
2 springers, each	25 00

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
6	858	3 30	29	870	2 50	18	1022	3 30
8	726	2 40						

WESTERN CATTLE.

No.	Av.	Pr.
Douglas-Willing S. Co.—		
16 steers	1150	3 00

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
90	165	80	3 10	62	276	200	3 35
88	147	—	3 15	69	232	—	3 35
80	155	—	3 20	77	212	80	3 35
114	127	—	3 20	75	243	280	3 37½
57	163	40	3 20	48	248	80	3 40
88	186	80	3 25	29	295	—	3 40
80	168	120	3 25	76	269	200	3 40
54	186	80	3 25	79	229	40	3 40
60	175	40	3 30	71	236	40	3 40
98	176	80	3 30	60	255	200	3 40
63	225	80	3 30	66	267	280	3 40
85	185	120	3 30	46	345	120	3 40
71	241	240	3 30	63	232	160	3 40
94	151	—	3 30	40	325	—	3 40
58	233	200	3 30	54	315	—	3 40
82	193	—	3 30	57	298	160	3 40
73	222	360	3 30	83	202	240	3 40
73	212	80	3 30	60	312	—	3 45
63	236	200	3 30	69	282	80	3 45
80	175	80	3 30	50	320	—	3 45
42	230	120	3 32½	63	255	40	3 45
60	254	480	3 32½	66	270	—	3 45
79	211	240	3 35	63	262	120	3 45
67	233	200	3 35	43	264	80	3 45
74	244	—	3 35	91	238	200	3 45
62	211	—	3 35	180	215	200	3 45
59	194	—	3 35	130	258	120	3 45
74	214	—	3 35	52	285	80	3 45
86	236	200	3 35	40	389	80	3 45
62	237	160	3 35	67	258	40	3 47½
91	200	160	3 35	70	243	—	3 50
81	232	320	3 35	59	265	80	3 50
72	197	—	3 35	81	230	80	3 50

PIGS AND ROUGH.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
3	86	—	1 75	5	82	—	2 50
50	80	—	2 00	1	300	—	3 00
99	77	—	2 30				

SHEEP.

No.	Av.	Pr.
169 westerns, ewes	115	4 90

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Provisions.

SMOKED MEATS—Sugar cured—Hams, 14 to 16 lbs average, 8¼c; hams, 20 to 22 lbs average, 7¾c; hams, 10 to 12 lbs average, 8½c; skinned hams, 8¾c; shoulders, 5¼c; clear breakfast bacon, 7½c; boneless breakfast bacon backs, 6¼c; boned ham, 7c; California or picnic hams, 5¼c; boneless ham, 7½c; dried beef hams (sets), 7½c; dried beef clods, 6c; short spiced rolls or ham roulette, 6¼c; smoked beef tongue (per dozen), $5.50. Special—Hams, 12 to 15 lbs average, 10c; boneless breakfast bacon, 10c; selected dried beef hams, insides and knuckles, 9c; selected wide clear breakfast bacon, 8¾c.

DRY SALT MEATS—Fancy light weight short clears, 5¾c; long clears, 5c; short clears, 5¼c; short ribs, 5c; shoulders, 4¼c; clear bellies, 5½c; clear backs, 5¼c.

SMOKED MEATS—Dry salt cured—Fancy light weight bacon, short clears, 6½c; short ribs, 5¼c; short clears, 5¼c; long clears, 5¾c; clear backs, 5¾c; clear bellies, 5¾c; shoulders, 4¾c.

SWEET PICKLED MEATS—Hams, tierces, 8c; shoulders, N. Y. cut, tierces, 4¾c; bellies, tierces, 6¼c; California ham, tierces, 5c; beef hams, barrels, $13.00.

PICKLED BEEF TONGUES—Barrels, $20.00; half barrels, 100 lbs, $10.50; quarter barrels, 50 lbs, $6.00; eighth barrel, 25 lbs, $3.50.

LARD—Compound, per lb, tierce basis 5c; pure leaf, per lb, tierce basis 6c; pure lard, per lb, tierce basis 6c; kettle rendered leaf lard, per lb, tierce basis 6¼c.

BARRELED PORK AND BEEF—Mess pork (new) per bbl, $10.50; family pork, per bbl, $9.00; back pork, per bbl, $10.50; short cut clear pork, per bbl, $9.25@11.00; prime mess pork, per bbl, $8.50@10.50; boneless pig pork (fancy), per bbl, $12.00; extra mess beef, per bbl, $5.75; plate beef, per bbl, $7.00; extra plate beef, per bbl, $8.00; extra family beef (boneless), per bbl, $8.00; rolled beef (boneless), $8.50; rump butts, per bbl, $8.50; choice boneless family beef, per half bbl, $4.75; boneless rolled beef, per half bbl, $4.75; extra family plate beef, per half bbl, $4.00.

PIG PORK—Boneless—Barrels, 200 lbs, each, $12.00; half barrels, 100 lbs, each, $6.50; quarter barrels, 50 lbs, each, $3.50; eighth barrels, 25 lbs, each, $2.00.

OILS—Prime lard oil, winter strained, 47c; extra lard oil, winter strained, 44c; extra No. 1 lard oil, 37c; No. 1 lard oil, 32c; No. 2 lard oil, 29c; extra neatsfoot oil, 45c; tallow oil, 42c.

SAUSAGE—Bologna, 4c; smoked sausage, 7c; blood sausage, 4½c; liver sausage, 4½c; headcheese, 4½c; fresh pork sausage, links, 6c; fresh pork sausage, bulk, 5½c; smoked pork sausage, 8c; frankfurt sausage, 7c; smoked headcheese, 6c; Polish sausage, 7c; knoblauch sausage, 7c; tongue sausage, 8c; summer sausage, 13c.

The above prices are for lots of 50 pounds and upwards; a less quantity ¼c more.

Country Produce.

The receipts were light yesterday and the market steady to strong on everything but eggs. The arrivals of eggs were not heavy, but there were enough to cause a weak feeling.

EGGS—There was a little tendency toward weakness yesterday and the market could not be quoted over 16@17c.

POULTRY—Good chickens sold at 9@10c; choice turkeys 12@14c; geese and ducks 10@12c. These quotations were for good stock, anything else would have to sell at less money.

BUTTER—The market is very poorly supplied with choice country rolls which sell at 18c and even as high as 20c. A fair to good article brings 14@16c. Low grades and stale butter sell down as low as 8@12c.

HAY—The market was easier yesterday and good hay sold at $7.25@7.50 per ton.

Fresh Fruits.

STRAWBERRIES—Southern stock has arrived in the market and is quoted at 50c per quart.

ORANGES—Navals, $4.00@4.50; Mexican oranges, $3.25; Florida bright, $3.50; russetts, $3.00; Los Angeles, $2.50; mountain fruit, $2.75.

APPLES—The supply is very light and prices correspondingly high. Good stock is held at $5.00@5.50 and some fancy apples as high as $6.00.

LEMONS—Choice Palermo, $4.00; fancy, $4.50; Messina, choice, $5.00.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per bbl, $10.00@12.00.

CRANBERRIES—Good Cape Cod, per bbl, $12.00.

Vegetables.

PIE PLANT—Choice stock, per doz, 75c.

VEGETABLE OYSTERS—Per doz, 60c.

POTATOES—The market continues very high and stocks are only moderately large. Colorado stock, $1.10@1.25 per bu; Iowa stock, sacked, $1.00 per bu.

CUCUMBERS—Southern stock, per doz, $1.50.

CELERY—Choice stock, 45c; California stock, $1.00 per doz.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz., $2.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice Iowa stock, per bbl, $4.25.

RADISHES—Per doz, bunches, 45c.

SPINACH—Per bbl, $2.00.

LETTUCE—Choice stock, 40@45c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl, $2.50.

CABBAGE—Per lb, 2¼@3c.

RUTABAGAS—Michigan stock, per bu, 60c.

BEETS—Per bu, $1.00@1.25.

ONION—Eastern stock, $5.50 per bbl.

CARROTS—Per bbl, $2.25.

Fish.

LAKE—Pickerel, very fine, 6¼c; small white, escos, 7c; perch, scaled and dried, 8c; croppie, fancy, 8c; salmon trout, headless, 8½c; perfect whitefish, our pride, 9c; pike, round, 10c; small trout, very choice, 10c; black bass, choice, 18c; brook trout, 30c.

SEA—Cod and haddock, 9c; smelts, No. 1, large, 9c; blue fish, 14c; flounders, 15c; salmon, Oregon, 16c; red snapper, 14c; eels, 16c; lobsters, 20c; mackerel, large, each, 32c; scollops, per gal, $1.50.

Furs.

Furs are selling well and the demand is improving. Owing to the recent advance in prices of all furs we have revised our price list and invite consignments.

The most desirable furs are beaver, otter, mink, skunk and muskrat, and, when well handled, bring extreme prices, while poorly handled, faded and rusty colored skins are hard to sell at very low prices. Ground hog, weasel and squirrel skins have no value. Northwestern furs from Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, will bring from 10 to 15 per cent more than central and southwestern skins, but some lots of furs from the latter sections are fully as good as the skins from a little farther north.

Raccoon, No. 1, large, 75c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1, small, 40c; No. 2, 40c. Mink, No. 1, large, $1.00; No. 1, medium, 75c; No. 1, small, 50c; No. 2, 50c. Skunk, black, cased, No. 1, large, $1.00; No. 1, medium, 75c; No. 1, small, 60c. Skunk, short stripe, cased, No. 1, large, 75c; No. 1, medium, 50c; No. 1, small, 25c. Skunk, narrow stripe, cased, No. 1, large, 40c; No. 1, medium, 25c. Skunk, broad stripe, cased, No. 1, large, 20c. Fox, cross, dark, No. 1, large, $2.50; No. 1, medium, $2.00; No. 1, small, $1.50; No. 2, $1.50. Fox, red, No. 1, large, $1.50; No. 1, medium, $1.00; No. 1, small, 75c; No. 2, 50c. Fox, gray, No. 1, large, 50c; No. 1, medium, 30c; No. 1, small, 20c. Wolf, mountain, No. 1, large, $2.00; No. 1, medium, $1.25; No. 1 small, 75c; No. 2, $1.00. Wolf, prairie, No. 1 large, $1.00; No. 1 medium, 75c; No. 1 small, 50c; No. 2, 40c. Beaver, prime, per skin, No. 1 large, $7.00; No. 1 medium, $5.00; No. 1 small, $3.50. Beaver, No. 2, per skin, No. 1 large, $5.00; No. 1 medium, $4.25; No. 1 small, $3.00. Otter, No. 1 large, $7.00; No. 1 medium, $5.00; No. 1 small, $3.00; No. 2, $2.00. Lynx, No. 1 large, $2.00; No. 1 medium, $1.25; No. 1 small, 75c; No. 2, $1.00. Wild cat, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 30c; No. 1 small, 10c. Opossum, No. 1 large, 12c; No. 1 small, 5c. Badger, No. 1 large, 60c; No. 1 medium, 45c; No. 1 small, 30c. Wolverine, No. 1 large, $4.00; No. 1 medium, $3.00; No. 1 small, $2.00. Bear, black, No. 1 large, $20.00; No. 1 medium, $10.00; No. 1 small, $5.00. Bear, grizzly, No. 1 large, $10.00; No. 1 medium, $6.00; No. 1 small, $4.00. Bear, brown, No. 1 large, $4.00; No. 1 medium, $2.50; No. 1 small, $1.00. Bear, cubs, No. 1 large, $4.00; No. 1 medium, $2.50; No. 1 small, $1.00. Marten, No. 1 large, $2.00; No. 1 medium, $1.00; No. 1 small, 50c. Fisher, No. 1 large, $5.00; No. 1 medium, $4.00; No. 1 small, $2.50. Buckskin, Indian dressed, per lb., No. 1 large, 50c to 75c. Deer, summer, per lb., No. 1 large, 20c to 25c. Deer, fall, per lb., No. 1 large, 17c to 25c. Deer, winter, per lb., No. 1 large, 12c to 18c. Deer green salted, per piece, No. 1 large, 25c to 75c. Antelope, per lb., No. 1 large, 12c to 15c. Elk, per lb., No. 1 large, 8c to 10c. Muskrat—Ill., Wis., Ia.—Winter, No. 1 large, 17c; winter, No. 1 medium, 14c; fall, No. 1 large, 14c; fall, No. 1 medium, 11c; damaged, speared or shot, 9c. Muskrat—Southwestern and territory—Winter, No. 1 large, 14c; winter, No. 1 medium, 11c; fall, No. 1 large, 11c; fall, No. 1 medium, 8c; damaged, speared or shot, 7c.

Lumber.

Quotations are for car lots on board cars at Omaha:

DIMENSIONS—

	12, 14 & 16 ft.	18 ft.	20 ft.	22 ft.	24 ft.
2x4	$15 00	$15 50	$16 00	$17 00	$18 00
2x6	15 00	15 50	16 00	17 00	18 00
2x8	15 00	15 50	16 00	17 50	18 00
2x10	15 00	15 50	16 00	17 50	18 00
2x12	16 00	16 00	17 00	18 50	19 00
4x4 to 8x8	16 00	17 00	18 00	18 00	19 00

FENCING—No. 1, 6 in. 12 and 14 ft., rf. $19.00; No. 1, 6 in., 16 ft., $19.00; 4 in. $19.00; No. 2, 6 in. 12 and 14 ft., rf. $14.00; 4 in. $14.00; No. 2, 6 in. 16 ft. $16.00; 4 in. $16.00; No. 3, 6 in. 12 and 14 ft. $13.00; 4 in., $13.00; No. 3, 6 in. 16 ft. $13.00; 4 in. $13.00.

SIDING—A, 12, 14 and 16 ft. $22.00; C, $17.50; B, 12, 14 and 16 ft. $20.50; D, $14.50.

BOARDS—No. 1 com, $18.50; No. 2, com, $15.00; No. 3, com, $13.50; No. 4, com, $11.50.

STOCK BOARDS—A 12 in. sls. $48.00; B, 12 in. sls. $45.00; C, $40.00; D, $25.00; No. 1 common, 12 in. sls. 10, 12, and 18 ft., $21.00; No. 2, $18.50; No. 1 common, 12 in. sls. 14 ft. $20.00; No. 2, $17.50; No. 1 common, 12 in. sls. 16 ft. $19.50; No. 2, $17.00; No. 1 common, 12 in. sls. 20 ft. $21.00; No. 2, $18.50.

SHIPLAP—No. 1 plain, 8 and 10 in., $19.00; No. 2, $16.00; No. 1, O. G., 8 in. $19.00; No. 2, $16.50; 10 in. grooved roofing, 12, 14 and 16 ft. $19.50.

FINISHING—1st and 2d, cl., 1 in. s2s, $49.00; 1¼, 1½ and 2 in. $49.00; 3d clear, 1 in. s2s, $45.00; 1¼, 1½ and 2 in. $47.00; A, select, 1 in. s2s, $41.00; 1¼, 1½ and 2 in. $45.00; B, select, 1 in. s2s, $31.00; 1¼, 1½ and 2 in. $40.00; C, select, 1 in. s2s, $27.00; 1¼, 1½ and 2 in. $35.00.

A, B or C select, all 16-foot, $1.00 extra.

SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE—1st and 2d clear flooring, 13-16 star, $21.00; 13-16, $19.00; common flooring, 13-16, $15.00; rift clear, 13-16, $26.00; 1st and 2d clear, ⅝ ceiling, $14.50; 1st and 2d clear, ½ ceiling, $19.50; 1st and 2d clear, ceiling, $25.00; 1st and 2d clear, finish, s2s, from 1 inch, $27.00; 1st and 2d clear, finish, s2s, from 1¼ inch, $30.00; 1st and 2d clear, finish, s2s, from 1½ and 2 inch, $30.00, 1st and 2d clear, y. p. casings, $30.00; base, $30.00.

POPLAR LUMBER—8-inch and up, 1st and 2d clear, 1-inch s2s, $33.00; 8-inch and up, 1st and 2d clear, ⅝ inch panel, $29.00.

SASH, DOORS, ETC.—Tar board, $1.50; sash, 55 per ct.; doors, 50 per ct.; blinds, 50 per ct.; moulding, 50 per ct.; tarred felt, per cwt., $2.10; straw board, $1.15.

BATTENS, WELL TUBING, ETC.—O. G. 2½-inch, 65c; ½x3, sls, 52c; 2-inch well tubing, D. & M. and bev., $23.00; pickets, D. & H. flat, $20.50; D. & H. square, $20.50.

FLOORING—A, 6-inch, white pine, $38.00; C, $29.50; B, 6-inch, white pine, $30.00; D, $26.50; F, 6-inch, white pine (self-fencing), $17.00; drop siding, 50c per M extra.

SHINGLES, LATH—Extra "A," pine, $2.80; standard "A," $2.45; extra "A," cedar, $2.55; 6-inch clear pine, $1.90; clear redwood, $1.75; lath, $3.00.

POSTS—White cedar, 6-inch, ⅛s, 11c; 9-inch qrs, 11c; white cedar, 5½-inch, ⅛s, 9c; 8-inch qrs, 9c; white cedar, 4-inch round, 15c; split oak, 8c; Tennessee red cedar, split, 14c.

Miscellaneous.

LIME, CEMENT, ETC.—On board cars at Omaha—Per bbl—Ash Grove lime, 90c; Champion lime, 85c; Quincy white, 85c; Louisville cement, $1.50; Milwaukee cement, $1.45; Utica cement, $1.40; English Portland cement, $3.45; New York plaster, $2.25; Michigan plaster, $2.00; Fort Dodge plaster, $1.55; white sand, P. P. hair, per bale, $1.00.

COAL—On board cars at Omaha—Anthracite, -Chestnut, range and egg, $8.25 per ton; grate, $8.00. Soft coal—Ohio, $5.55; Southern Illinois, $4.50; Walnut block, $3.25; Iowa lump, $3.15; Iowa nut, $2.65.

HIDES—Frozen hides, 4½c to 5c; No. 1 green salted hides, 5½c to 5¾c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4c to 4½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs, 5½c to 5¾c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs, 4c to 4½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs, 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs, 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7@7½c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@5½c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow No. 1, 3¾c to 4c; tallow No. 2, 3¼@3½c; grease, white A, 3¾@3⅞c; grease, white B, 3@3¼c; grease, yellow, 2¾c; grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 16@20c; rough tallow, 1½@1¾c.

BONES IN CAR LOTS ONLY—Dry buffalo, per ton, $16.00@18.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@13.00; damp and meaty, per ton, $8.00@10.00. These prices are for bones weighed and delivered in Chicago.

WOOL—Kansas, Nebraska and Territory—Unwashed—Fine average 12 to 15, choice 15 to 16; medium average 18 to 20, choice 22 to 24; quarter blood average 17 to 20, choice 20 to 22; coarse average 15 to 16, choice 16 to 18; cotts and rough average 12 to 14, choice 14 to 15; seedy or burry 12 to 14, black 15 to 17; bucks and very heavy fine 10 to 12.—Unwashed combing and delaine.—Fine delaine average 14 to 16, choice 16 to 18; medium delaine average 20 to 21, choice 20 to 22; medium combing average 21 to 23; quarter blood combing average 17 to 18, choice 18 to 20; coarse combing average 15 to 17, choice 17 to 18; braid average 12 to 14, choice 15 to 16.—Tub Washed.—Choice 28 to 30; average 25 to 28; coarse 20 to 25.

Currents of Commerce.

J. A. Yates, manager of the grain elevator at Logan, Ia., is in the city.

F. J. Fuhrman, in the dry goods business at Schuyler, was looking around the city.

Mrs. W. Robb, who was running a general store at Franklin, Neb., has made an assignment.

Columbus was represented yesterday by J. A. Barber, the well known dry goods merchant.

Will Smith of C. E. Smith & Son, large dry goods merchants of Beatrice, was calling on the jobbers yesterday.

Hide and Leather is the name of a new and valuable publication devoted to the department of business indicated by its name. The chief office of publication is at Chicago with branches at New York and Boston.

Supply of Hides and Skins.

Domestic hides are at present rather scarce, says Hide and Leather. There is an excited feeling in Chicago. Prices are stiff; it is freely prophesied they will advance sharply during the next few months. Dealers accustomed to receive large numbers of hides at this time of the year complain of limited shipments from the country. These facts are generally admitted. Some people go further and claim there is a shortage in cattle; that leather will cost more and that boots and shoes will necessarily be affected.

Let us turn to the following statistics. The government estimates for January, 1891, resort 162,590,763 head of cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and mules on hand in the United States, against 165,335,625 head a year ago, and 159,152,581 head two years ago. The principal decrease compared with a year ago is in hogs and sheep. The figures report an increase of nearly 100,000 in cattle, which seems strange inasmuch as receipts at all the leading markets since January 1, 1891, have been steadily decreasing compared with last year, and active shippers and stockmen in all parts of the country claim 10 to 50 per cent less cattle feeding than a year ago.

The following is a summary of totals of cattle, hogs and sheep estimated as being on hand January 1 for three years:

CATTLE, HOGS AND SHEEP IN THE UNITED STATES.

Years.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
1891	52,895,239	50,625,106	43,431,136
1890	52,801,907	51,602,780	44,336,072
1889	50,331,042	50,301,592	42,599,079

The returns make 3,958,859 cattle in Iowa, against 3,993,049 a year ago. Illinois is credited with 2,859,337, against 2,783,439 a year ago; Kansas, 2,679,216, against 2,580,237 a year ago; Missouri, 2,631,959, against 2,280,057 a year ago; Texas, 7,876,271, against 8,011,165 a year ago; New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Dakota, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Washington return 8,746,000 cattle for January, 1891, against 9,134,000 for January, 1890, and 8,392,000 for January, 1889.

Instead of less cattle, there are 93,000 in excess of stock on hand this time last year.

Exports of cattle from the United States, month ending January 31, 1891, 27,235 head, $2,255,245; 1890, 20,617 head, $1,724,032; seven months ending January 31, 1891, 232,403 head, $18,738,973; 1890, 198,747 head, $16,455,311.

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