THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Grain Trade Surprisingly Strong and Prices Much Higher.

BRISK BUSINESS ON THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Strong Advance in Wheat Values—Corn Beyond Any Figures Yet Reached on the Crop—Provisions Higher.

CHICAGO, April 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Board of trade business opened brisk, with provisions firm and a trifle higher, and the grain markets surprisingly strong and prices much higher over last night. At the end of the first hour wheat for May was 1¾c over last night at $1.06⅞. May corn made an equal gain, going to 71¾c, with July up to 68c; oats acted with the leading markets and sold close up to 56c for May and a fraction under 54c for July. At the same time pork showed a gain from last night of 5c to 7½c at $12.70 for May and $13.07½ for July.

There was a surprise in store for the wheat trade today. It came just when it was least expected by the bearish element on the floor. There was nothing very remarkable about early news but there was good buying right from the start. The low price of the day was ¾c over the closing price last night, and the advance later reached a point 2c over last night. This lifted the market out of the run of the past week. The action for the leading months was as follows: May, $1.05½ to $1.05⅝, to $1.06, to $1.05¾, to $1.06⅛, to $1.06¼, to $1.07, to $1.06⅞, to $1.06¾, before 1 o'clock; July, $1.04⅞, to $1.04⅝, to $1.04¾, to $1.04⅞, to $1.04¾, to $1.05⅛, to $1.05¼, to $1.05¾ at 1 o'clock. Early Liverpool cables were simply firm. London quoted cargoes 1 to 3d up. The Price Current's comments on spring seeding and the condition of winter wheat is very flattering and encouraged the selling. But northern receipts were moderate at 191 cars at Minneapolis and 76 at Duluth. Chicago car lots were over the estimate, but the movement yesterday was 21,000 bushels received and 75,000 bushels shipped. Cash wheat at Minneapolis was quickly bought at $1.05¾ to $1.06. Early in the day William Dunn reported ten boat loads of Chicago wheat sold for export to move at the opening of navigation. Later the same party worked sixteen loads at Milwaukee on the same conditions. This news was followed by Bradstreet's figures on available stocks, giving a decrease of 2,000,000 bushels east and west of the Rockies. The decrease east was 1,393,000 bushels. It was on this news that prices reached the high point with fast buying by bulls with advance information, and covering by shorts who could not be found an hour before. Closing cables came in after there had been a reaction from the top prices. Liverpool was ¾d higher, London 3d to 4½d higher, Paris 25 centimes up on wheat and flour, Berlin slightly higher, and Antwerp unchanged. For a time these prices served only to prevent the reaction natural after a sharp advance. Shortly before the close the market became intensely active and prices were carried to the top figures again, with May at $1.07 and July at $1.05½. The big excitement of the day in wheat was just at the close. The strong cables had the trade in a buying mood. Then some of the private wire houses gave it out that France was considering the repeal of the wheat duty. This set the trade wild. The price of May went flying to $1.07⅝ or $1.07¾ and the closing of the bell shut off the advance. After the bell May sold in the pit as high as $1.08⅛, or 3c over the close last night. July sold to $1.06, with irregular sales as high as $1.06⅞. April was quoted at the close at $1.07⅛. Many of the leading houses quoted trades in wheat after the close as high as $1.08¼ for May and $1.07 for July. The market would no doubt have reached these prices regular had the session lasted ten minutes longer. On the curb privileges sold at $1.06 for puts and $1.11 for calls.

The corn market took another jump to higher prices. Many had settled down to the belief that the prices reached several weeks ago would not again be touched on the crop. The advance today carried the market away beyond any prices before made. May sold 1¼c higher at opening at 70c, touched 72¾c and closed just 3c higher at 72¾c. July rose from 66¾c to 69¼c, and closed at 69¼c, or about 2½c up. Other months were up in proportion, but the closing prices were kept no track of. The market started strong with wheat because of cables which were 1d to 1½d higher. Late in the day when the sample grade market got under way, the cash demand was found to be enormous, and prices moved up sharply. No. 3 yellow corn sold at 74c. No. 3 straight at 73c to 74c, and No. 4 at 71c to 72½c. This condition of things, the remarkable strength in wheat, and the covering by shorts, all combined to make a great bull market. On the curb the trade was in July privileges with puts in at 68c and calls around 70c.

The oats market was fairly active within a range of 1c and closed 1c under the top prices of the day. May delivery opened at 55¼c, sold up to 56¼c and closed at 56¼c. June ranged from 53c to 55¼c, closing at the outside amount. July opened at yesterday's closing price of 58½c, advanced to 54½c, and finally settled back to 54¾c. August sold from 39½c to 40c, while September ranged from 37c to 38c, closing at 37¾c.

The provision trade felt the strength in the other markets, especially did the quick up turn in all grades of corn affect the prices of products. There was some outside buying also, which started the local houses. May pork sold from $12.65 to $12.95; July $13.02½ to $13.3c; lard, $6.85 to $7.00 for May and $7.12½ to $7.10 to $7.25 for July; ribs, $6.30 to $6.45 for May and $6.62½ to $6.77½ for July. This was a gain from last night of 17½c in lard and ribs, and 27½c to 32½c for pork.

PRICES AT CHICAGO.

Showing the range of prices in the leading options, as reported by Cockrell Brothers.

COMMODITY.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
WHEAT—					
May.....	1 05½	1 07⅜	1 05½	1 07⅛	1 05⅛
July.....	1 04⅝	1 06⅛	1 04⅜	1 06⅝	1 04
CORN—					
May.....	70	72¾	69¾	72¾	69⅝
July.....	67	69½	69	69¼	66¾
OATS—					
May.....	55¼	56⅜	55¼	56⅜	55⅜
July.....	53½	54⅜	53⅝	54⅜	53¼
PORK—					
May.....	12 65	13 05	12 65	12 95	12 65
July.....	13 02	13 32	13 02	13 32	13 02
RIBS—					
May.....	6 52	6 45	6 30	6 45	6 85
July.....	6 62	6 77	6 60	6 77	7 12
LARD—					
May.....	6 85	7 00	6 82	7 00	6 27
July.....	7 12	7 25	7 10	7 25	6 60

PRICES AT ST. LOUIS.

COMMODITY	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
WHEAT—					
May.....	1 01	1 07⅛	1 01	1 07⅛	1 06⅝
July.....	1 00	1 01¼	99⅝	1 01⅜	1 00
CORN—					
May.....	68⅛	70⅝	68⅛	70⅜	67⅝
July.....	66	68⅛	66	67⅝	65⅝
OATS—					
May.....	54¼	54⅝	54¼	54⅝	54⅜
July.....	47⅜	47⅝	47⅜	49	47½

Notes and Gossip.

Duluth receipts, 76 cars of wheat.

Minneapolis receipts, 105 cars of wheat.

Board cable quotes London wheat prompt. Shipments, 448; being 3d advance.

Price Current says: Past week has improved the general position of spring agricultural work.

St. Louis Receipts: Wheat, 35,080; corn, 108,285; oats, 28,000. Shipments: Wheat, 4,500; corn, 38,000; oats, 10,500.

Chicago receipts: Winter wheat, 66; spring, 3; corn, 170; oats, 100. Inspected regular winter wheat, 3; spring, none; corn, 19; oats, 61. Total receipts in bushels: Wheat, 21,371; Corn, 110,061; oats, 119,856. Shipments: Wheat, 74,782; corn, 111, 83; oats, 124,129. Estimated for Friday: Wheat, 24; corn, 160; oats, 105.

Beerbohm's cable: Liverpool wheat more inquiry, prices unchanged; corn, active and 1½d higher. Mark Lane prices generally unchanged. Cargoes off coast nothing offering. Sold since last report, 4. Cargoes on passage strong; California wheat promptly to be shipped, 3d higher. French country markets unchanged.

Logan & Co. to Toncray & Bryan: Our wheat has had a radical advance on retarding weather and strong cables, which latter at the close intimated the possibility of remission of French duties on breadstuffs, and threw the shorts into a panic, and if confirmed is likely to accelerate the pace set today, as without doubt our free-eating friends hold the key to the situation, or rather they hold the wheat. On covering of May contracts by shorts, who found little for sale, the corn market was pushed rapidly up, as was oats, and everything, including provisions, closed strong and at top prices. We would advise closing any short contracts in May corn or oats or transferring them to deferred futures, as with these light stocks a bull by buying a mouthful of 1,000,000 bushels would have you cornered.

McCormick says: "May wheat will sell at $1.10 by Monday. Foreigners have bought and I believe own for future sale or shipment the 8,000,000 bushels of wheat in store here and the 10,000,000 in store at Minneapolis. The boys are beginning to believe that the foreigners own all our wheat and have been, quietly buying and holding back the truth of the damage to the foreign crop. I say $1.15 for July by and by. Buy August oats; I believe they will sell at 57c."

The Commercial Advertiser has the following: "Paris, April 16.—The Siecle today says the French government will probably be compelled to ask parliament before August to suspend duties on cereals. The Siecle adds that the German government is expected to ask the reichstag shortly to take similar action. Large number of calls sold last night and when this report came that the French government had been asked to remove the duty on wheat, although it did not really amount to anything, there was a perfect rush to buy and offerings were very light. The price was bid up rapidly, but very little wheat could be bought."

Commenting on the serious nature of the calamity which has overtaken the wheat growers of Europe, and the consequent dependence upon America the Chronicle says: "That for a year at least the plane of value which had become generally accepted as the measure of the worth of wheat must be readjusted upon a considerably higher level is clearly self-evident, and for the producers of and dealers in grain here to lose the opportunity thus presented to them of securing an adequate recompense for the unremunerative prices at which the surplus of former years had to be parted with would be a serious reflection upon their commercial acumen. Money gives at present good promise of becoming easy to borrow, and if the next season's crop should realize its present promise no better field is open for its profitable employment than in assisting the grain dealers to hold the surplus back until it shall be required to fill the European void."

W. G. McCormick & Co. to F. C. Swartz & Co.—A boom was started yesterday in wheat by the news from New York that eighty loads had been taken for export for July shipment. The effect of this was deedily bullish. In spite of the possibility of this wheat being sold many times before July comes around. The reports were followed up today by a large increase in the quantity and bulls spoke of the amount with great looseness as being anywhere from 100 to 150 loads. Bradstreet reported a decrease during the past week of 1,393,000, to which must be added 650,000 decrease west of the Pacific slope which was not reported last week. A young panic started among the bears and the result was a quick advance of 3c a bushel, with considerable excitement and large trading. It is evident that the foreign situation has conquered and we look for excited markets for several days. Corn strong and higher; trading being quite large and at times excited. The market closes strong at top prices. The provision market showed a great increase in activity with good buying from several parties who have been for some days prominent as short sellers. The close of this market is very strong and we look for higher prices the balance of the week.

Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—Wheat opened stronger in sympathy with better cables, but did not show much animation until the posting of Bradstreet's report showing the reduction of stocks, east and west of the Rocky mountains, of about 2,000,0 0 bushels for the week. That was the signal for a rush to cover shorts and the price quickly rose to $1.07 for may and $1.05¾ for July. Realizing by longs caused a reaction and prices held steadily until near the close when a rumor that the French government would remove duty on wheat started it up again, the price advancing 2c in ten minutes, the final trading being at $1.06¾ for May and $1.07¾ for July, though the official closing was considerable lower. An opinion on a market like this is valueless. Speculation knocks prices about like an egg shell in the rapids. The market may open 3c higher or lower tomorrow, and until outstanding short contracts have been covered there are likely to be very wild fluctuations. The corn deal is in the hands of the shippers, with no stocks here to speak of, current receipts are insufficient to supply the demand. They can manipulate prices to suit themselves. Recently there were for a day or two good receipts. Receivers then stood aloof and prices dropped off 2c in a single day. But most of the time deliveries are below requirements, and this is taken advantage of to work prices up sharply. The grain is so entirely under their control that it is dangerous to touch corn at all. Liberal receipts for a few days would depress prices materially. On the other hand, if they should continue as light as at present there is apparently no limit to their manipulation. It is extremely hazardous to trade in anything when there is nothing to trade on, nothing with which to fill short contracts, and no certainty that there will be any increase in stocks. The situation is hardly critical, but in a measure the market is subject to most all influences and shows its connection with corn. Stocks shown in provisions was merely a reflection from the grain markets. Considering their extraordinary advance the effect in provisions was slight, indicating a small or stubborn short interest. The close was firm at top prices.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, April 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Cattle—The demand was again active and prices rather on the up-turn on light and handy steers that otherwise. Some salesmen quoting values 10c to 15c higher on that class, and only steady on big, heavy steers. Cow stock of all kinds was in good demand from the opening to the close. There was a fair, every day business in stockers and feeders at advancing prices of the day. Eight loads of 1,400 to 1,500 pound steers sold at $5.40@5.95; common, $4.05@5.25; stockers and yearlings, $3.50@5.85; cows and heifers, $3.00@4.50.

Hogs—There was little or nothing new in this market as regards the demand or prices. Yet some salesmen rated common stock as a shade lower at the close. Rough and common, including coarse packers, $4.0 @4.70; prime to choice packers, $4.85@5.15; prime heavy and mixed (for weights, $5.20@5.40; light, $4.90 to $5.10; pigs, $3.75@4.50.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, April 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The advance of the Bank of England minimum rate of discount to 3½ per cent today had a favorable effect on the security markets. This rather unusual result was due to the belief that the drain of the Bank of England's gold reserve will now be considerably lessened. London prices for Americans were better. Our markets also opened strong The fizzle of the railroad meeting in Chicago spent all its force for evil yesterday and a reaction was due. St. Paul was the leader of the morning stock, as it usually is. A much better feeling prevailed down town. A shortsighted contigent yesterday allowed a piece of bad news to shut off their vision so that they could not see the great favorable factors which are likely to influence the security of the markets of the world during the next few months.

Atchison was a conspicuously strong block on Boston buying. The recent strength of Rock Island 5's caused some buying of that stock. Lackawanna showed weakness on selling by manipulators. The Northern Pacifics were weak in the early dealings, but recovered later. The highest price for the preferred this year was 74. The lowest price yesterday was 69¼. The general market was stronger. Trading was more active than it has been recently. It was a very uninteresting day. It is understood that the Manitoba company will ask the supreme court for a rehearing on certain points of the land case recently decided in favor of the Northern Pacific claiming that mistakes in facts have been made. This at last seems to postpone the receipt of the money by the Northern Pacific which was to have gone to purchase preferred stock for cancellation. The report that the company has purchased some of the stock during the recent depression does not seem worthy of credence.

Kennett Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—The stock market has had spells of weakness as well as periods of decided strength during the day, but taken as a whole the tone has been firm and leading speculative shares, with few exceptions, have been purchased with much confidence. Traders seem to have concluded that the reaction of the past two or three days from the previous extreme advance was about all the market was going to have and have again espoused the long side. The market was assisted by the strength of London, notwithstanding the bank rate of discount was advanced ½ per cent. Usually such advances have a depressing effect in London and the fact that the one today did not was encouraging. Western stocks have been the leaders in the market. The continued brilliant prospects for the winter wheat crop are properly a strong bull argument, especially as they are backed up by very reason to believe that other crops will produce far in excess of last year's yields. The adjournment of the advisory board without accomplishing anything because of the absence of Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific representatives has not had the bad effect upon the market which might have been expected. Somehow or other the street is imbued with the idea that the absence of Mr. Gould is a part of a plan which in the end will produce favorable results, and on the strength of this notion Atchison and Missouri Pacific have been particularly strong, notwithstanding net earnings of the Atchison system show a decrease of $182,000 for the month of February. Lackawanna has been the one notably weak stock on the list. The market closed with a final rally, which carried prices to the highest points and the ending was strong. Money is easy at 4 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Stocks.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
L & N.....	77⅝	78	77¼	78	77¾
Lead Trust.	18⅞	18⅞	18⅝	18⅞	18⅝
N. W.....	108	108⅝	108	108⅛	107⅝
Mo. Pac....	69¼	69⅝	68¾	69⅛	68¼
Union Pac..	47⅛	47⅝	47⅛	47⅝	47
N. Pac. pfd.	69⅜	69⅝	69⅛	69⅝	67⅝
N. Pac. com.	24⅞	25	24⅝	24⅝	25
C. B. & Q....	86	86⅜	85⅞	86⅛	85⅝
Rock Island	73⅜	74⅜	73⅜	74¼	...
St. Paul.....	60¼	61⅜	60¾	61⅜	60
West. Union	81¾	81¾	81¾	81¾	81⅝
D., L. & W..	135⅜	136¾	134⅞	134⅞	136¼
Am. Sug. Rf.	89⅛	90¼	89⅛	90	89⅜
New Engld.	37⅜	37⅝	37⅛	37⅝	37⅜
Reich. Term'l	17⅜	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜	17⅛
Atchison.....	30⅛	30⅝	30⅛	30⅛	30⅝
Chicago Gas	48¼	48¾	47⅜	48¾	48⅛
No. Am.....	16⅝	16⅜	15⅞	16¼	16⅛
A. C. Oil....	25	26	25	26	25

The following are the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s registered	121⅜	Northern Pacific	25½
U. S. 4s coupons	122	do preferred	68⅜
U. S. 4½s registered	101⅜	C., N. & W	108
U. S. 4½s coupons	101⅝	do pref'd (ex div.)	134¼
Pacific 6s of '95	112	New York Central	102¾
Central Pacific	29	P., D. & E	20½
Chicago & Alton	124	Rock Island	73¼
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	86⅝	C., M. & St. P	112⅝
		do preferred	112⅝
D., L. & W	135¼	St. Paul & Omaha	29¾
Illinois Central	96	do preferred	84
L. S. & M. S	...	Union Pacific	47⅝
Kansas & Texas	12¾	W., St. L. & P	9⅝
Lake Shore	111	do preferred	19¼
Michigan Central	92½	Western Union	81¾
Missouri Pacific	69⅝		

MONEY ON CALL—Easy; closed offered at 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet, easier; sixty-day bills, $4.85¼; demand, $4.88¼.

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Wheat—Close—Unsettled; cash, $1.07@1.07¼; May, $1.07⅜@1.07¾; July, $1.06⅝@1.06¾.

Corn—Steady; cash, 73¾c; May, 73¾c; July, 69¼c.

Oats—Firm; cash, 56c; May, 56⅜c; July, 54⅝c.

Pork—Strong; cash, $12.80@12.85; May, $12.95. Lard—Strong; cash, $6.87½; May, $6.97½@7.00.

Short Ribs—Strong; cash, $6.37½@6.40; May, $6.40.

Rye—Firm at 80@90c.

Barley—Firm at 88c.

Flax—Easy at $1.23.

Timothy—Firm at $1.30@1.31.

Whisky—$1.16.

Flour—Firm and unchanged.

Bulk Meats—Shoulders, $5.05@5.15; short clear, $5.60@5.65; short ribs, $5.37½@5.40.

Butter—Firm; creamery, 20@25c; dairy, 18@23c.

Cheese—Steady; full cream cheddars, 11½@11¾c; Young Americas, 12@12½c; flats, 11½@12c.

Eggs—Steady; fresh, 12@12½c.

Hides—Unchanged; heavy and light green salted, 5½@6¾; green salted, 4½@6½; salted bulk, 4¾c; green salted calf, 8c; dry flint, 8c; dry salted, 6c; dry calf, 8@9c.

Tallow—Unchanged; 1, solid packed, 4¼c; 2, 3¾c; cake, 4½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour.....	13,000	8,000
Wheat, bu	21,000	75,000
Corn, bu.....	111,000	112,000
Oats, bu.....	111,000	124,000

NEW YORK, April 16.—Wheat—Receipts, 49,800 bushels; exports, 170,000; spot higher; No. 2 red, $1.19¾@1.20 in elevator; $1.20 afloat; $1.22½@1.23¾ f. o. b. Options strong, influenced from morning, closing strong and 1¾@2¼c higher on generally firm cables and rush of continent buyers; No. 2 red, May, closed at $1.17⅝.

Corn—Receipts, 27,300 bushels; exports, 24,000; spot 1@1¼ higher and strong; No. 2, 83@83¾c in elevator; 83@84c afloat; ungraded mixed, 80@83¼c. Options ran rapidly upward 2¼@3¾c and closed strong at best prices through improved cables and full buying interests; May closed at 79¼c.

Oats—Receipts, 55,000 bushels; exports, 150; spot 1@2c higher and strong; No. 2 white, 63¾@65c; mixed western, 59@63c; white western, 63@68c. Options stronger; May closed at 62¾c.

Sugar—Raw, steady; refined, firmer.

Petroleum—United closed for May at 71c.

Eggs—Firmer; western, 14c.

Pork—Firm.

Lard—Higher and strong; western steam, $7.10.

Butter—Steady; western dairy, 12@22c; western creamery, 19@27c; Elgin, 27@27½c.

Cheese—Firm; skims, 6½@10c.

ST. LOUIS, April 16.—Wheat—Strong; cash, $1.07; May, $1.07⅜@1.08.

Corn—Higher; cash, 70c; May, 70¾c.

Oats—Firmer; cash, 55¼c; May, 54¾c.

Pork—Firm at $12.50@12.70.

Lard—Firm at $6.50.

Whisky—Steady at $1.16.

Butter—Steady and unchanged.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 16.—Wheat—Cash wheat in good demand; market stronger; bulk of sales 1@1¼c over yesterday. Receipts, 191 cars; shipments, 55 cars. Close: No. 1 hard, April, $1.09; on track, $1.09@1.09¼; No. 1 northern, April and May, $1.05; on track, $1.06¼@1.06¾; No. 2 northern, April, $1.04; on track, $1.04@1.05.

KANSAS CITY, April 16.—Wheat—Market stronger; No. 2 hard, cash, 98c; April, 96c bid; No. 2 red, cash, $1.01@1.02.

Corn—Higher; No. 2, cash and April, 67¾@68c.

Oats—Steady; No. 2 cash, 52½c bid.

MILWAUKEE, April 16.—Wheat—Excited; No. 2 spring, cash, $1.07@1.08; May, $1.07.

Corn—Higher; No. 3, 72@78c.

Oats—Higher No. 2, white, 59½c.

Provisions—Higher; pork, May, $12.87½.

CINCINNATI, April 16.—Wheat—Strong; No. 2 red, $1.10@1.11.

Corn—Higher; No. 2 mixed, 70c.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 58c.

Whisky—$1.16.

LIVERPOOL, April 16.—Wheat—Firm; demand improving.

Corn—Strong; demand good; mixed western, 6s 1¾d per cental.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, April 16—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; market steady to strong and higher; steers, top, $5.25; others, $4.95@5.95; stockers and yearlings, $3.00@5.85; cows and heifers, $3.00@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 20,000; market steady to a shade lower; packers, $4.0@5.15; prime heavy and butcher weights, $5.20@5.40; light, $4.90@5.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; market active, steady to strong; natives, $5.50@6.00; Westerns, $5.40@5.55; lambs, $5.00@6.80.

ST. LOUIS, April 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,300; shipments, 600; market higher; fair to fancy native steers, $4.20@5.10; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.10.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,400; shipments, 4,400; market lower; heavy, $5.00@5.25; mixed, $4.70@5.10; light, $4.80@4.95.

KANSAS CITY, April 16.—Cattle—Receipts 1,000; shipments, 1,800; steady to strong; steers, $4.75@6.15; cows, $1.75@4.35; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.30.

Hogs—Receipts, 8,000; shipments, 1,600; all grades, $4.30@5.15.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

OMAHA, April 16.

CATTLE—Official receipts of cattle 858, as compared with 1,678 yesterday and 1,047 Thursday of last week. The market was active and higher. Good shipping beeves were 10 to 15c higher, other grades of beeves and all grades of butcher stock were uneven, active and 10c to 15c higher. All sold early. A bunch of 1,132-lb beeves sold at $5.80. Feeders were active and in demand at strong prices.

HOGS—Official receipts of hogs 3,619, as compared with 2,341 yesterday and 3,613 Thursday of last week. The market was 5 to 10c lower. All sold early. The range of the prices paid was $4.75@5.00, the bulk selling at $4.90@4.95. Light, $4.75@5.00; heavy, $4.90@5.10; mixed, $4.85@4.95. The average of the prices paid was $4.92½, as compared with $4.98½ yesterday and $4.92 Thursday of last week.

SHEEP—Official receipts of sheep 423, as compared with 178 yesterday and 180 Thursday of last week. The market was active and firm. Natives, $2.75@5.50; westerns, $2.00@5.50.

Disposition of Stock.

Showing the number of cattle, hogs and sheep bought by the packers and other buyers on the market as shown by the books of the Union stock yards company:

CATTLE.

Buyers.	No.
Swift & Co.	319
The G. H. Hammond company	158
The Cudahy packing company	81
The Omaha packing company	12
Shippers, feeders and other buyers	524
Total	1,094

HOGS.

The Cudahy packing company	1,208
The Omaha packing company	659
Swift & Co.	523
The G. H. Hammond company	347
Shippers, feeders and other buyers	983
Total	3,810

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	800	$4 00	19	965	$5 00	22	1215	$5 50
1	840	4 03	9	1176	5 25	23	1229	5 60
5	982	4 40	2	1025	5 25	30	1254	5 60
2	1150	4 50	16	1110	5 30	73	1056	5 70
5	898	4 60	9	1075	5 40	19	1132	5 80
29	875	4 90	38	1065	5 45	36	1469	5 80
16	997	5 00						

COWS.

1	730	1 60	1	980	2 75	1	1030	3 75
8	985	2 20	20	853	2 95	22	971	3 90
4	800	2 35	11	827	3 00	22	1089	4 00
26	1005	2 25	9	1075	3 35	5	1116	4 05
9	813	2 30						

BULLS.

1	1210	1 90	2	1581	3 00	1	1560	3 50
1	1090	2 25	1	1200	3 25	1	1430	4 00
1	580	2 25	1	1110	3 25	1	1620	4 10
3	1060	2 50						

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

4	547	2 65	100	713	3 50	1	950	3 70
3	430	3 00	25	740	3 55	29	708	3 75
90	384	3 10	1	1 670	3 60	16	963	4 10
10	663	3 40						

HEIFERS.

4	407	1 75	1	680	3 00	3	693	4 10

CALVES.

1	160	3 00						

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
71	208	120	$4 75	67	213	80	$4 90
80	196	120	4 80	67	214	200	4 90
101	167	280	4 80	82	225	40	4 90
64	204	280	4 80	65	242	160	4 90
73	168	80	4 80	71	235	160	4 90
63	168	120	4 80	64	234	—	4 90
71	183	40	4 85	64	205	280	4 95
83	178	160	4 85	70	223	80	4 95
77	195	120	4 85	77	207	40	4 95
91	180	160	4 85	68	204	80	4 95
63	176	—	4 85	67	201	40	4 95
65	213	120	4 85	70	238	160	4 95
72	213	120	4 85	69	226	80	4 95
67	218	120	4 85	59	227	160	4 95
65	215	240	4 90	61	282	240	4 95
84	233	200	4 90	71	225	—	4 95
66	227	80	4 90	64	236	160	4 95
86	188	80	4 90	62	210	120	4 95
75	188	40	4 90	65	223	80	4 95
65	245	200	4 90	82	206	40	4 95
71	228	120	4 90	64	277	200	5 00
60	246	80	4 90	84	210	—	5 00
68	285	280	4 90	66	254	40	5 00
71	182	200	4 90	65	233	40	5 00
63	290	80	4 90	74	240	80	5 00

PIGS AND ROUGH.

17	55	—	2 45	86	114	—	4 00
52	112	40	3 70	92	108	—	4 00
93	124	—	3 80				

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Groceries.

COFFEE—Green—Rio, 20@23c; Java, 27c; Mocha, 28c. Roasted—Ariosa, 25@26c; McLaughlin, XXXX, 25@26c; Bunola, 25@26c; German, 25½c; Dilworth's, 25½c; Lion, 25@26c; Cordovia, 25@26c; Mocha, 30c; O. G. Java, 28c. Coffee essence—½ gro. boxes, $1.35@1.50; chicory, 7½@8c.

NUTS—Per pound—Almonds, 18c; Brazils, 10c; filberts, 13c; pecans, 13@14c; walnuts, 15c; peanuts, fancy white, 6c; roasted, 8c.

SALT—Dairy, 280 lbs in bbls, bulk, $2.10; best granular, 60 lbs, $2.40; best granular, 100 lbs, $2.50; best grade, 28 lbs, $2.40; rock salt, crushed, $2.10.

BAKING POWDER—Royal, dime cans, per doz, 90c; ½-lb cans, $1.45; ½-lb cans, $2.65; 1-lb cans, $5.00; 5-lb cans, $1.35; ½-lb cans, $2.50; 1-lb cans, $4.75; other kinds, 1-lb cans, per doz, $1.00@3.85.

WRAPPING PAPER—Per lb, best straw, 15x18 to 32x44, 1¾c; dry goods, 4¾c; extra quality manilla, 6½c; manilla tea, 12x18, 9c; dark rag, hardware, 12½c.

OILS—150 prime white, 9c; 150 water white, 11½c; headlight, 12c; 74 gasoline, 11½c. Oil cans—1 gal. $3.00@3.25; 2 gal. $3.75@3.80; gal, $3.50@3.00.

SODA—Packages, 50 lbs to box, 5½c; kegs, 4c.

TEAS—Japan, basket fired, 20@25c; sun dried, 35@45c; green, 20@30c; gunpowder, 20@50c; English breakfast, 35@35c; young Hyson, 20@35c; Oolong, 25@45c; 2-lb package dust, 15c.

AXLE GREASE—Per gross—Frazier's large tins, $30.60; medium tins, $27.00; small, $15.00; other makes, wood, $5.50@8.50.

BLACKING—3 doz in box, 30@75c; ladies' shoe dressing, 45c@$1.00 stove polish, per gross, $2.00@3.50.

BLUING—Liquid, 4 oz, 3 doz in box, 90c@$1.75; 8 oz, 3 doz in box, $1.50@2.75; dry, small, 25c; large, 45c.

SPICES—Pepper—Singapore, sifted, 15@16c; shot, 22c; allspice, 10c; cloves, Penang, selected, 17@18c; cassia, China, 4-lb mats, 9c; nutmegs, No. 1, 75c; macassor, 65c; pickling spices, 10-lb boxes, 25c.

CHOCOLATE, ETC.—12-lb boxes, 34@35c; German sweet, 23@24c; cocoa, 37@40c; Bromo, 32c. Icocoatine—15-lb cases, ¼ and ½ packages, per lb, 16@27c; bulk, 15-lb pails, 25c.

OLIVES—Quarts, per doz, $1.00; pints, per doz, $2.50; bulk, per gal, $1.20. Olive oil, ½ pints, 2 doz per case, $1.50@2.20.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb—5c cakes, 33-lb boxes, 13c; 10c cakes, 30-lb boxes, 12½c; 1-lb bricks, 33-lbs in box, pure, 14c.

BROOMS—5-tie parlor, $3.00; 4-tie, $2.75; 3-tie, $2.25; 3-tie, plain, $1.80; warehouse, $3.00; toy, $1.25; whisk, $1.0@4.25.

SOAP—Castile, mottled, per lb, 10c; do white, per lb, 14c; laundry soap, per 100 bars, $4.15@5.00; shaving soap, 5@75c per doz; toilet soap, 3 cakes per box, 50c@$2.25.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Barley, 4c; farina, kegs, $3.00; split peas, 3c; green peas, 3c; oatmeal, bbls, $5.25@5.50; half bbls, $3.25@4.40; macaroni, 12c; vermicelli, 12c; sago and tapioca, 6@6½c; Lima beans, 5¼c; cerealine, $3.24; flaked hominy, 3c; pearl hominy, $3.75 per bbl.

LYE—Lewis' prefumed, $4.50; Red Cross, $4.25; American, $3.25; Sanonifier, $4.25; Merry War, $2.00; Star, scrubbing, $1.75; Gillett's pow@ered, $4.25.

MILK—Condensed—Eagle, $7.40; Crown, $6.25; Anglo Swiss, $7.60; Highland, $6.15; "Rigi," $6.60.

EXTRACTS—Lemon, 2 oz, 55c@$1.80; 4 oz, $1.00 @3.50; vanilla, 2 oz, 65c@$2.80; 4 oz, $1.25@3.50; Jamaica ginger, 4 oz, $1.85.

MATCHES—Parlor, 200 and 300 per box, $1.65@1.75; sulphur, $1.15@1.30.

CANDY—Mixed, 30-lb pails, 6½@7c; stick, 7c; twist stick, 8c; French mix