THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Very Strong Recovery All Around on the Board of Trade.

BEAR INFLUENCES STILL PLENTIFUL.

Wheat Recovering from Its Low Point —Corn Also Has an Upturn Tendency—Provision Values Higher.

CHICAGO, April 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—On 'change all markets opened easy and at lower prices with a good volume of trade. In wheat and corn especially the bears forced selling at first and started a slight decline, helped by excellent weather and lower cable prices. But the lower figures started buying, which caused a very strong recovery all around before the first hour was ended. The early action was as follows: Wheat, $1.09¼, to $1.09¼, to $1.10¼ for May, and $1.08¾, to $1.08, to $1.09¼ for July. May corn sold at 70c and up to 70¾c, July 66c and 62¾c. July pork sold at $12.75 to $12.80. The wheat market touched its high point Tuesday when May and July sold at $1.16 and $1.14. It reached its low and turning point this morning when May sold down close to $1.09 and July at $1.08. The bears had control of the market two days and were glad to let go of it and get around on the buying side before noon today. An hour before the close May sold up to $1.11¾ and July was up to $1.10¼. How the market got to this point no one exactly knows. Hutchinson was a buyer of everything on the floor and many thought he put wheat up. There were extravagant rumors about cash wheat sales here and at New York. Many credited the advance to this. There was free buying by houses with New York connections and others thought this caused the rally. There was a scare among local shorts and their covering no doubt helped the advances. Cash wheat business here, so far as known at the time of the bulge, was about 200,000 bushels distributed to Baker, Boyden and Dunn. It was also announced that the St. Clair river ice had at last yielded and that a demand for vessel room had sprung up. New York and Baltimore cleared 80,000 bushels of wheat and 55,000 packages of flour. So far as bull news went this was the extent of it. As for bear news it was plentiful. Spot wheat at Liverpool early was quoted at ¼d lower, futures, ¾d lower, and private advices later called Liverpool 2½d lower. London quoted cargoes 6d lower early, and later advices said 1 shilling or more decline. Paris cables early were 50 centimes lower for wheat and 1 franc 25 centimes for flour. Still later Paris advices said the market was declining rapidly, and scarcely saleable. California futures were off about 3c per bushel, according to S. V. White & Co.'s advices. The Price Current dispatch was bearish, making the most favorable showing for both winter and spring crops. Receipts in the northwest were large again, reaching 350 cars at Minneapolis and Duluth. Closing public cables confirmed the private advices giving wheat and flour at a sharp decline in Paris. The action in the leading months was as follows: May, $1.09¼, to $1.09¾, to $1.10¾, to $1.10⅝, to $1.11⅛, to $1.11¼, to $1.11⅛, at 1 o'clock; July, $1.08⅛, to $1.08, to $1.10, to $1.09⅝, to $1.10⅛, to $1.09¾, to $1.09⅝. The wheat market was even more spasmodic before the close. There was a rush for May, which sent the price flying to $1.13½, 4 cents over the low point, and the close was at $1.12¾. July rose to $1.10¼ and closed at that price seller. April was quoted with May all the session. August, $1.03¾, to $1.05½; September, $1.02¾, to $1.04½; December, $1.02¾, to $1.04¾; year, $1.00⅝, to $1.02½, with all months closing at the best prices. As there was everything against the market in the way of news, the bulge at the close can be attributed to nothing but manipulation. July wheat privileges for Friday sold at $1.09¾ and $1.12¾.

The corn market acted with wheat. It started at ¼c to ⅜c decline from last night, touched slightly lower figures and then the bull sentiment, which caught all markets on the floor and caused a scampering among the short sellers, carried prices up 1¼c from the low point. The action was as follows: May opened around 70c, sold to 69¾c, and up to 71¼c, and rested at 71¼c at 1 o'clock. July started around 66c, sold to 65¾c and up to 67¾, and rested at 67⅛c. The advance in corn was continued to the close, with sales after the bell at higher than closing figures. Outside news was against the market. The strength appeared to be largely due to the very persistent buying by Hutchinson, buying by the bull clique houses, and the covering by all who happened to get short on the decline of the past two days. Vessel room was taken for 100,000 bushels to Buffalo and Ogdensburg at 1¾c to Buffalo. Last prices were the highest for the day, as follows: April 72¼c, May 72c, July 68c, August 63¾c, September 65⅝c. These figures are 1¼c to 1⅜c over the close last night, and 2c or more over the early prices today. July corn privileges sold at 67¼c for puts and 69c for calls.

The oats market was weak early, owing principally to the fact that longs sold freely on account of the heavier nature of the receipts. The market recovered, however, before the close, when options were from ½c to ¾c higher than on yesterday. May delivery opened at 54¾c, declined to 53½c, recovered to 54¾c and closed finally at 54¾c. June sold from 54½c to 53¾c, to 54⅝c, to 54½c. July started at 51½c, sold down to 51c, up to 52¼c, and closed at 52c. August closed at 37¾c and September at 35¾c.

The stronger feeling developed in the grain markets spread into the provision pit early in the day and started the advance, which left prices at the close 12½c up for lard, 10½c up for ribs, and 50c up for pork, compared with last night. The range in pork was 60c from $12.75, to $13.35 for May; the range in ribs was 25c from $6.42½ to $6.67½, closing at $6.65 for July; lard ranged 15c from $7.00 to $7.15 for July, with bids at $7.17½ after the close. Prices for the other months appear in table following. Buying was started by grain houses. Hutchinson was at work on the bull side. Scalpers covered. Packing in the west for the week was 185,000 hogs against 255,000 a year ago. The market did not indicate any manipulation, and the strength was almost as unaccountable as in wheat.

PRICES AT CHICAGO.

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

COMMODITY.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
WHEAT—					
May	1 10⅜	1 13½	1 09¼	1 12¾	1 10⅜
July	1 08½	1 10½	1 08	1 10¼	1 08⅜
CORN—					
May	69¾	72	69¾	72	70¾
July	66	67⅞	65¾	67⅛	66¼
OATS—					
May	54⅜	54¾	53½	54¾	54⅜
July	51½	52¾	51	52¼	51¾
PORK—					
May	12 40	12 95	12 40	12 95	12 50
July	12 80	13 40	12 75	13 35	12 87
RIBS—					
May	6 10	6 32	6 10	6 32	6 15
July	6 42	6 71	6 40	6 65	6 47
LARD—					
May	6 72	6 85	6 72	6 85	6 85
July	7 00	7 15	7 00	7 15	7 15

PRICES AT ST. LOUIS.

COMMODITY	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest.
WHEAT—					
July	1 03⅜	1 05¼	1 03	1 05¼	1 04
Aug	1 01⅜	1 03⅝	1 00½	1 03⅛	1 02⅛
CORN—					
May					
July	65⅜	66⅞	65¾	66¾	65¾
OATS—					
May					
July	47½	47¾	47¼	47¾	47⅜

Notes and Gossip.

Duluth receipts: Wheat, 100 cars.

Minneapolis receipts: Wheat, 240 cars.

Kansas City receipts: Wheat 30, corn, 46; oats, 6.

At Chicago: No 2 white oats, 58½c: No. 2 mixed oats, 55c.

Last Paris cables 50 centimes lower on wheat and 1½ francs on flour.

Clearances: Wheat, 83,068; corn, 51,232; oats, 8,729; flour, 60,546. The corner in April flour in Paris has bursted.

Kansas City says: 125 cars of hard and red wheat taken here to go to New York for exports at $1.01 and $1.03.

St. Louis receipts: Wheat, 27,519; corn, 90,855; oats, 23,445. Same day last year: Wheat, 34,461; corn, 182,185; oats, 36,000. Shipments: Wheat, 1,800; corn, 75,200; oats, 14,200.

The board's closing cable quotes Berlin 2 marks lower. London wheat futures 3d higher for April, 6d lower for September. Liverpool spot wheat 1@1½d lower, futures 2@2½d lower.

L. H. Waggoner wired Swartz & Co.: "I understand we had something over 6,000,000 bushels of wheat last week and over 2,000,000 bushels have been prepared for shipment. We will probably go into May with about 2,000,000 in store here and in June would have a much smaller amount. Receipts will be small also. This will have a tendency to hold and advance the market. I believe in buying wheat on breaks."

McCormick says: "A reliable provision broker says pork is congested and that he looks for lower prices. I think he is right, for the reason that everybody is buying and they are wrong. There is but little short interest in it."

Chicago receipts in cars: Wheat, 58; corn, 261; oats, 207. Inspected No. 2: Wheat, 35; corn, 63; oats, 15. Shipments in bushels: Wheat, 286,000; corn, 119,176; oats, 213,940. Estimated cars for Friday: Wheat, 34; corn, 245; oats, 215.

New York says: Wheat cables generally easier, but not unexpectedly so. Several selling orders and several buying orders took cable acceptances reported of twenty-three loads No. 2 red wheat mostly for September shipment.

Beerbohm's cable: Liverpool—Wheat steady, prices 1d lower; corn steady, prices 1¼d lower; Mark Lane wheat prices generally 3d to 6d lower. Flour 6d lower. Cargoes off coast nothing offering, on passage irregular. Liverpool futures neglected, 2d lower. French country markets firm.

Logan & Co. to Toneray & Bryan—In sympathy with cables giving weak and lower wheat markets ours opened with a general rush to sell. The early buyers were prominent commission houses along with a few bold short sellers who sold yesterday. The outside news to the market is very strong and the feature to it is when buying orders come there is light offerings and it jumps upwards. The first price this morning was from $1.08¾ to $1.08⅝. July sold as low as $1.08 and as high as $1.10 and closes $1.10⅛. Our advices of the growing crop are all that could in decision and the outlook now is the average of years and with our light visible supply an early harvest is an absolute necessity to give much if any lower prices in the near future. The price is high compared with the past few years, but with low lake and ocean freights and high prices for all qualities on the other side, say 47 shillings for California cargoes for months of October and November as compared with our new crop of red winter for the same months at about 33 shillings or 9c per bushel lower than California. There is something out of joint, either they must decline or we go up. Corn fairly active, with a prominent scalper a steady buyer. July opened at 66c and closed at 67¾c. Provisions excited and higher in sympathy with grain. Oats steady.

Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—From first to last today we have advised our customers to buy wheat. Cables were bearish, weather warm, dry and brilliant over the spring wheat district and the old crowd of bears flushed with their success in hammering prices for the past two days were confident sellers at the opening, their sales forcing July down to $1.08¾. It was apparent, however, that these offerings passed into strong hands, parties who have been conspicuous buyers on all good breaks for weeks past. Toward the close of the session reports of considerable wheat being worked here and at the seaboard alarmed the shorts and many of them covered at about the best prices of the day. Cable advices ought to come in fairly strong in the morning, and if they do we look for a continuation of today's strength, believing wheat to be a purchase on soft spots. Corn and oats customers were advised early that the bull clique were apparently taking back their corn preparatory to putting prices higher. Later developments showed this to be true. It began to strengthen before wheat did and has steadily appreciated in value nearly all day, closing very firm. Oats advanced somewhat in sympathy, but buying in them was not so good. Provisions took an unexpected upturn, regaining the loss of the last three days. There is talk of pointers being out from some unknown source to buy. The Price Current's annual places the summer packing at 1,500,000 hogs less than last year. This, with the advance in grain, made shorts uneasy and caused holders to retire. When this occurred shorts felt they must cover at any price, and they bid until they succeeded. As a result we shall doubtless have nervous and irregular markets for the next few days. The closing strength indicated higher prices for tomorrow.

W. G. McCormick & Co. to F. C. Swartz & Co. The wheat market has today illustrated its thorough independence of the outside world. The cables of the morning were weak, noting from 2d to 3d decline in Liverpool futures and private cables received during the morning noted a large decline in Paris in wheat, and flour almost unsalable. The weather was beautiful and spring-like and the Cincinnati Price Current reports a forward condition of spring wheat work and of the growing winter wheat. In the face of all this news our local operators after the first break here succeeded in bulling our market and closing it at the top with an advance of 1¼c over yesterday. The truth is that our local bulls who sold wheat during the past two days have been willing to take back their lines on the present break. The bull news continued of good clearances from New York amounting to 300,000 packages of flour and 80,000 bushels of wheat and in a rumor that 200,000 bushels had been worked from Chicago for direct export. Receipts at eleven primary points were 372,000 bushels, shipments 458,000. Corn and oats—The spring-like weather caused a very weak opening on both of these articles, but in which the general scalping trade sold short freely. The strength in wheat caused a little sympathy in corn and oats, inducing the bears to cover shorts, in doing which they advanced both corn and oats about a cent from the lowest prices. The market closed near the top. These little reactions are natural, but we consider both corn and oats on the down grade. Provisions opened somewhat lower, but the decline met free buying from good parties. The bearishness of the scalping crowd during the past three days has induced heavy short selling, and when any attempted to cover today the result was a quick reaction of 60 cents from the opening prices of pork and a corresponding advance in lard and ribs. We cannot advise purchases on this advance.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, April 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—Business all along the line was again slow, and prices rather easier if not lower on good to choice steers, either light or heavy, and values may be quoted 25@30c lower than last week on light, handy steers, and 15@20c lower on heavy. Cow stock and all descriptions of butchers' stock was in fair demand, but hardly as strong as at the opening of the week. Stockers and feeders were steady. Top prices were again, $5.85@6.00 for 1,300 to 1,500 pound steers, and $4.95@5.75 for 1,100 to 1,300 pound steers; cows and heifers, $3.50@4.50; stockers, $3.25@4.50.

HOGS—The general market was in better shape than at the close yesterday; there were more liberal shipping orders and a better local demand, but prices showed no particular change as compared with the close of yesterday. Here and there an early load or so sold a shade lower, but in a general way there was no particular change. Rough and common, $4.00@4.60; packers and mixed, $4.70@4.90; prime heavy and butcher weights, $4.95@5.00; light, $4.85@4.90.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, April 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Bank of England did not change its discount rate today and the weekly statement showed an increase of £194,000 in bullion and £707,000 in reserves. The London market for Americans reflected this favorable statement and the New York stock exchange opened with a rush to buy which carried prices well above yesterday's strong closings. Foreign houses had another batch of buying orders. Large lines of St. Paul up to 62¾@63, Louisville & Nashville at 78¾, Wabash preferred at 52½@52¾, and Union Pacific at 51½ were taken by the arbitrage houses.

The fine prospects for a great wheat crop have caused Wall street to look entirely over the present situation of the railroads. In the first two hours of business prices for most of the active stocks were more than 1 point above yesterday's finals. Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, Richmond Terminal and Lead trust were conspicuous among the stocks which sprang into act vity.

Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—It was thought yesterday's trading would not have fallen so much as it did but for the closing out of business for a few days by the Hebrews. Almost everybody connected with Wall street who are discussing the situation, conditions and general appearance agreed in saying that the market surely held up excellently at the end and there was a remarkable buying demand without manipulation to bid prices up. Among the industrial stock brokers last evening it was said that the cotton oilers looked that cent for immediate purchase and they would be placed upon the regular list next week.

Transactions today have been larger than any day this year and have been distributed over a wider range of stocks. The market has shown great strength and prices have improved from ½ to 2 per cent, the Northern Pacific and the coal stocks only being exceptions. As to the latter, they invite no special interest. They are selling higher than the public believes they should under the circumstances of the depressed condition of the coal trade. As to Northern Pacific preferred and common, the selling has again been a pronounced feature, very similar to what it was a few days ago, and for a good part of the day their prices have ranged lower than they closed last night. Western stocks have been leaders of the market, both as to strength and as to the volume of dealings. These stocks have had a large advance in the past two or three weeks and traders for a day or two have acted on the theory that a reaction was in order. They sold their long stocks and unquestionably sold a great deal short. They have been buying today because they found the demand for the stocks increasing and too pronounced to permit a further decline, and the covering purchases of this class of operators added strength to today's market. Very little has been said or seemingly thought in regard to the reduced rates made by the Great Northern and Canadian Pacific roads, but so important a matter as this can't be ignored, nor can it fail to have an effect upon speculation on exchange. The aggressive position of the Alton is also a matter of importance and may lead to further complications in the railway system of the west. London has not been active in our market, but has sold some in our market and at the same time buying some Union Pacific. The withdrawal of £225,000 from the Bank of England for shipment to the continent was unexpected and may have something to do with London selling here. Support has been withdrawn from the sugar refineries and their price has steadily declined from the opening to the close of the exchange. The money market is easy at former rates. The stock market closed a shade off from the best prices and fairly steady. Sales 458,307 shares.

London prices: Nickle Plate, preferred, 92¾, advance, ¾; Erie, 21¾, advance, ¾; Lake Shore, 115¾, unchanged; Louisville & Nashville, 80⅝, advance, ⅜; St. Paul, 64¾, advance, 1½; New York Central, 105, unchanged; Reading, 17¾, advance, ¼; Union Pacific, 51, advance, 2; Atchison, 34⅜, advance, 1¼.

Loan market—Good demand for "O," others quiet; rates, 3@5%; loans made at 3%.

Anthracite coal for shipment for the week ending April 18 decreased 33,780 tons. The year to date increase 1,730,673 tons.

Bullion in the Bank of England increased 494,000 for the week.

Depew says the Northwestern will at once build to Ogden.

Bank of England rate unchanged, 3½ per cent.

The following are the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s registered	121
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U. S. 4½s registered	102
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Pacific 6s of '95	112
Central Pacific	99¾
Chicago & Alton	123
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	93⅜
Denver & Rio Grande	13⅞
D., L. & W.	137½
Illinois Central	100
Kansas & Texas	14¾
Lake Shore	115⅝
Michigan Central	92¾
Missouri Pacific	72¼
Northern Pacific	26⅝
do preferred	70
C., N. & W.	110½
do pref'd (ex div.)	135¾
New York Central	103⅝
P., D. & E.	21¾
Rock Island	78⅝
C., M. & St. P.	63⅜
do preferred	115⅝
St. Paul & Omaha	28¼
do preferred	86
Union Pacific	50⅞
W., St. L. & P.	10⅝
do preferred	22¾
Western Union	82⅜

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

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—Unchanged; 5@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady; sixty-day bills, $4.85¼; demand, $4.88¾.

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, April 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Allee	155	Ontario	3800
Aspen	400	Occidental	110
Con. Cal's & Va	1200	Plymouth	100
Deadwood	110	Sierra Nevada	325
Eureka Con	350	Standard	120
Homestake	875	Union Con	350
Horn Silver	340	Yellow Jacket	280
Mexican	175		

Coffee Options.

NEW YORK, April 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—COFFEE—Options opened steady to 5 points down and 10 points up, and closed steady and unchanged to 5 points down. Sales, 21,750 bags, including May, $17.55@17.60; June, $17.40@17.50; July, $17.40@17.50; August, $16.95@17.00; September, $16.55@16.50; October, $15.85; December, $15.00; January, $18.45. Spot Rio, quiet and steady; fair cargoes, $19.75; No. 7, $18.25.

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, April 23.—The following were the closing prices: Wheat—Firm; cash and May, $1.12¾; July, $1.10⅝@1.10¾.

Corn—Firm; cash, 73½c; May, 72; July, 67⅜c.

Oats—Easy; cash, 55c; May, 54⅜c; July, 52⅝c.

Pork—Firm; cash, $12.87½@12.90; May, $12.95; July, $13.35.

Lard—Firm: cash, $6.70; May, $6.82½@6.85; July, $7.15.

Short Ribs—Firm; cash, $6.30@6.37½; July, $6.67½@6.70.

Rye—Easy at 90@91c.

Barley—Nominal at 80c.

Flax—Steady at $1.18.

Prime Timothy—Steady at $1.31@1.32.

Whisky—$1.18.

Flour—Easier; unchanged; spring patents, $4.85@5.50; winter patents, $4.80@5.10.

Bulk Meats—Shoulders, 5.25@5.25; short clear, $5.80@6.00; short ribs, $6.30@6.40.

Butter—Unchanged; creamery, 18@23c; dairy, 15@23c.

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

Eggs—Unchanged; fresh, 12½@13½c.

Hides—Unchanged; heavy and light green salted, 5¾c@5¾c; green salted, 4¾@4¾c; salted bulk, 4¾c; green salted calf, 8c; dry flint, 8c; dry salted, 6c; dry calf, 8@9c.

Tallow—Unchanged; 1. solid packed, 4¼c; 2, 3½c; cake, 4¾c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour	16,000	23,000
Wheat, bu	13,000	267,000
Corn, bu	193,000	20,000
Oats, bu	163,000	314,000

NEW YORK, April 23.—Wheat—Receipts, 40,000 bushels; exports, 80,200; spot closed stronger; No. 2 red, $1.22 in elevator; $1.26¾ afloat; $1.25¾@1.27⅝ f. o. b. Options opened lower, rallied and sold up 1¼@2¼c, closing at best prices and firm; No. 2 red, May, closed at $1.29¼.

Corn—Receipts, 18,200 bushels; exports, 5,900; spot closed firm; No. 2, 82½@82¾c in elevator; 83@84c afloat; ungraded mixed, 79@84c. Options 2@2c higher, closing firm; May closing at 80c.

Oats—Receipts, 81,000 bushels; exports, 11,000; spot lower, closing steady; No. 2 white, 64@65½c; mixed western, 59@64c; white western, 64@70c. Options firm; May closed at 61c.

Sugar—Raw, steady; refined dull, generally lower; standard "A," 7 4-16c; powdered, 4 15-16c; granulated, 4¾c.

Petroleum—United closed for May at 69c.

Eggs—Easier; western, 15c.

Pork—Firmer.

Lard—Quiet; western steam, $7.00.

Butter—Firm; western 12@23c; western creamery, 21@23c; Elgin, 27½c.

Cheese—Irregular; skims, 6½@11c.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Wheat—Firm; higher; cash, $1.09@1.09¼; May, $1.10⅜.

Corn—Firmer; cash, 72¾c; May, 71c; July, 66¾c.

Oats—Lower; cash, 55½c; May, 53½c; July, 51¾c.

Pork—Firm, $12.25@12.50.

Lard—Steady, $6.50.

Whisky—$1.18.

Butter—Steady and unchanged.

CINCINNATI, April 23.—Wheat—Easier; No. 2 red, $1.14.

Corn—Moderate supply; No. 2 mixed, 74@75c.

Oats—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 57c.

Whisky—$1.18.

KANSAS CITY, April 23.—Wheat—Market quiet; No. 2 hard, cash, $1.02; April, $1.01¾ bid; No. 2 red, cash, $1.06.

Corn—Easier; No. 2, cash and April, 68½c bid.

Oats—Steady; No. 2 cash and April, 54½c bid.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 23.—Cash wheat lower and slow. Receipts, 350 cars; shipments, 55 cars. Close: No. 1 hard, April, $1.14; on track, $1.14@1.14¼; No. 1 northern, April and May, $1.09¾; on track, $1.11@1.11¼; No. 2 northern, April, $1.09; on track, $1.09@1.09½.

MILWAUKEE, April 23.—Wheat—Firm; higher; No. 2 spring, cash, $1.10; July, $1.09.

Corn—Firm; No. 3, 76c.

Oats—Slow; No. 2, white, 58½c.

Provisions—Nominal; pork, July, $13.35.

LIVERPOOL, April 23.—Wheat—Dull; Kansas winter hard, 8s, 8d.

Corn—Quiet; demand fair; mixed western, 6s 9d per cental.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 12,000; slow and easier. Steers, heavy $5.8@6.00; light, $4.95@5.75; cows and heifers, $3.5@4.50; stockers, $3.25@4.20.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; steady to a shade lower; rough and common, $4.00@4.60; packers and mixed, $4.70@4.90; prime heavy and butcher weights, $4.95@5.00; light, $4.85@4.90.

SHEEP—Receipts, 9,000; market active, steady to higher; Texans, $4.90@5.00; westerns, $5.35@5.12½; lambs, $5.50@5.75.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 400; shipments, 400; market lower; fair to fancy native steers, $4.00@5.80; Texas and Indian steers, $4.00@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,700; shipments, 5,000; market lower; heavy, $4.70@4.90; mixed, $4.25@4.70; light, $4.50@4.65.

KANSAS CITY, April 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000; shipments, 1,000; market steady; steers, $3.75@5.15; cows, $3.00@4.65; stockers and feeders, $2.90@4.45.

Hogs—Receipts, 9,600; shipments, 4,300; market steady, but weak; all grades, $3.50@5.00.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

OMAHA, April 23.

CATTLE—Official receipts of cattle 1,185, as compared with 1,275 yesterday and 858 Thursday of last week. The market was slow and sagging on everything except a few desirable grades of beeves. The market has had a downward tendency, light handy fat cattle having declined fully 10c and heavy shipping and export beeves 10c to 20c this week. The best grades of butcher stock were sagging, though not quotably lower, while less desirable grades were off 5c to 10c. Feeders were active and strong.

HOGS—Official receipts of hogs 4,483, as compared with 4,407 yesterday and 3,619 Thursday of last week. The market was active and 10c to 15c lower. The range of the prices paid was $4.45@4.80; the bulk selling at $4.50@ 4.70. Light, $4.45@4.70; heavy, $4.65@4.80; mixed, $4.45@4.70. The average of the prices paid was $4.60½, as compared with $4.73½ yesterday and $4.92½ Thursday of last week.

SHEEP—Official receipts of sheep 1 96, as compared with 421 yesterday and 178 Thursday of last week. The market was active and firm. Natives, $3.50@5.75; westerns, $2.50@5.65.

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.
The Omaha packing company	5
The G. H. Hammond company	177
Swift & Co.	352
The Cudahy packing company	66
Nels Morris	289
R. Becker & Degen	68
Lobman Haas	32
Shippers an 1 feeders	329
Left over	188
Total	1,516

HOGS.

The Omaha packing company	917
The G. H. Hammond company	234
Swift & Co.	425
The Cudahy packing company	2,350
J. P. Squires	622
Left over	548
Total	5,126

SHEEP.

Swift & Co.	190

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	640	$3 60	4	1082	$5 00	14	942	$5 20
18	995	3 90	27	989	5 05	17	1228	5 25
3	946	4 00	6	1121	5 05	7	1288	5 25
15	839	4 30	12	1051	5 10	16	1203	5 35
7	1117	4 50	18	1019	5 10	*17	1265	5 40
4	987	4 55	3	1253	5 15	3	1530	5 40
2	1005	4 75	82	1193	5 15	9	1287	5 50
9	1095	4 75	20	1149	5 20	10	1220	5 50
15	1174	5 00						

COWS.

1	810	1 50	1	1160	2 50	1	990	3 50
1	650	1 80	6	824	2 50	1	850	3 50
2	905	1 85	1	900	3 25	10	842	3 50
1	910	1 95	11	620	3 25	43	940	3 75
2	1055	2 00	1	880	3 25	9	867	3 85
6	701	2 00	2	850	3 25	2	1130	3 90
4	1007	2 25	7	1007	3 40	1	1200	4 00
1	1110	2 40	3	880	3 40	1	940	4 00
18	932	2 50	21	867	3 45	16	1113	4 40
7	960	2 50						

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

1	570	2 80	1	730	3 60	26	800	3 70
14	675	3 25	4	855	3 60	4	755	3 70
2	950	3 50	22	941	3 65	16	652	3 75
53	704	3 60	27	859	3 65	21	766	3 80

BULLS.

1	820	2 25	1	1050	2 90	2	1400	3 50
2	1210	2 50	1	1400	3 00	1	1070	4 00
1	600	2 60	1	1350	3 00	1	2340	4 15
1	1190	2 75	2	1350	3 10	5	1728	4 50
1	1130	2 85						

HEIFERS.

2	595	1 75	3	563	3 25			

CALVES.

3	380	2 65	1	150	3 50			

STAGS.

2	1255	2 00	2	1430	3 25			

OXEN.

2	1770	4 50						

WESTERN CATTLE.

No.		Av.	Pr.
	Sparks & Jones.		
23	steers, hayfed	1079	$3 85
41	steers, hayfed	1036	3 85
44	steers, hayfed	1079	3 85
88	steers, hayfed	1223	4 45
65	steers, hayfed	1272	4 70

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
84	166	40	$4 35	4	182	—	$4 60
73	190	200	4 45	51	232	80	4 60
37	207	80	4 50	83	185	240	4 60
72	180	40	4 50	6	210	—	4 60
6	233	—	4 50	1	180	—	4 60
88	167	—	4 50	1	295	—	4 60
70	189	240	4 50	3	223	—	4 60
6	225	—	4 50	4	382	—	4 60
105	189	120	4 50	68	210	120	4 62½
95	187	160	4 50	64	192	—	4 65
79	162	40	4 50	57	203	80	4 65
65	211	240	4 55	76	221	120	4 65
99	202	80	4 55	74	225	120	4 65
60	170	—	4 55	8	283	—	4 65
57	213	240	4 55	78	237	40	4 65
82	202	80	4 55	72	240	—	4 65
78	200	120	4 55	5	280	—	4 65
70	189	—	4 55	52	340	160	4 65
52	170	80	4 55	48	372	—	4 65
94	174	200	4 55	70	217	80	4 65
84	191	150	4 55	86	203	120	4 65
91	202	80	4 55	6	260	—	4 65
82	177	40	4 55	3	293	—	4 65
78	178	120	4 55	25	200	80	4 65
91	185	80	4 55	75	222	80	4 65
70	185	—	4 55	70	227	80	4 70
65	204	160	4 55	47	358	80	4 70
73	184	80	4 55	99	192	120	4 70
60	183	80	4 55	59	243	—	4 70
50	219	—	4 60	73	218	80	4 70
95	188	—	4 60	75	220	—	4 70
64	190	80	4 60	60	238	80	4 70
67	206	40	4 60	53	276	40	4 70
82	201	40	4 60	38	372	80	4 70
69	205	280	4 60	28	212	—	4 70
67	216	80	4 60	58	226	—	4 72½
13	226	—	4 60	65	235	40	4 75
62	207	40	4 60	62	245	—	4 80
74	211	160	4 60	62	287	80	4 80
70	200	—	4 60	68	264	—	4 80
1	190	—	4 60				

PIGS AND ROUGH.

32	71	—	2 60	13	102	40	3 20
8	93	—	3 00	10	110	—	3 60
14	98	—	3 00	88	132	120	4 00

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Hardware.

BELLS—Light, brass, hand, dis, 70c; Kentucky cow, dis, 70c.

TACKS, BRADS, ETC.—American iron carpet tacks, dis 80; steel carpet tacks, all kinds, 60; Swedes iron carpet tacks, all kinds, 60; Swedes iron tacks, 60; Swedes iron upholsters' tacks 60; tinned Swedes iron tacks, 50; American iron cut tacks, 75; copper tacks, 50; copper finishing and trunk nails, 45; cigar box nails, 45; finishing nails, 70; Hungarian nails and miners' tacks, 65; gimp and lace tacks, 70; tinned gimp and lace tacks, 50-10; trunk and clout nails, 70; tinned trunk and clout nails, 35; basket nails, 35; chair nails, 35; common and patented brads, 70; tinned capped trunk nails, 30 and 10; looking-glass tacks, 25; picture frame points, 25; leather carpet tacks, 40; brush tacks, 25.