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Bad Crop Reports Materially Advanced the Price of Wheat.

COLD WAVE RUMORS ALARMED SHORTS

Feature of the Corn Market Was the Character of the Movement from First Hands—Receipts Were Unusually Small.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 16.—Bad crop reports chiefly from Central Illinois, Missouri and Kansas materially advanced the price of wheat today. The clique kept buying May, not very aggressively, but enough to keep the shorts in a rather nervous frame of mind. The closing was ⅝c higher for May, ¾c higher for July than the closing yesterday. Corn is up ⅝c. Pork and lard each 15c and ribs 5c.

Besides the crop damage reports, news came that another cold wave is on the way and temperatures in the southwest alarmingly low. Cables started off a shade better. Domestic markets were nearly all stronger and the offerings of wheat rather light. The Cincinnati Price Current's weekly crop summary admitted considerable damage to wheat.

The opening was from ¼c to ⅜c higher, and with some fluctuations prices were advanced from ¾c to 1c more, then held steady, and the closing was within ¼c of the top.

The feature of the corn market was the small character of the movement from first hands, the receipts being the smallest of the crop. Country shippers have not had time to start much grain since the recent resumption of eastbound freight traffic and dealers have anticipated small arrivals all this week. These facts, together with a show of firmness in other markets, caused a small fractional advance from yesterday's closing prices, though the market was decidedly narrow and uninteresting. While the posted receipts fell 25 cars short of expectations at 50, the estimate for tomorrow is also small and the local inspection large. Only 18 cars contract grade were received and the regular market gained a little on the indications of a fair demand for corn to go to store at figures a little closer to the May price than at the beginning of the week.

Covering of May shorts by a local trader was the notable event in the oats crowd. The offerings were not large, and as other grains were firmer oats sympathized and prices advanced from ⅛c to ⅜c and the market closed strong at about the top.

Lower prices at the yards for live hogs caused an uneasy feeling to prevail at the opening of the market for products, and especially for mess pork. Realizing sales of this product and ribs sent prices down. A partial reaction soon followed, with the tendency upward. The situation with reference to lard was quite different and was really the feature of the market. A prominent operator, Wright, sold quite freely and nearly all the offerings were taken by a leading packing institution—Hately. The result was that prices advanced instead of declining. The market continued to advance after the call and closed steady for pork and firm for lard. Transactions on foreign account were large, especially for Norway and Sweden.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 200 cars; corn, 60 cars; oats 100 cars; hogs, 13,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.	YES'Y.
Wheat No 2.					
March	73⅛	74⅛	73⅜	73⅝	72⅝@73
May	76 @⅜	77¼	76½	77	76¼@⅜
July	73⅞@¾	74	73@73⅜	73⅞@74	72⅝@¾
Corn No. 2—					
March	41⅞	42	41½	42	41¼@⅜
May	44	44⅜	43⅞	44⅜	43⅝
July	44⅜@½	44⅞	44⅜	44⅝	44¼
Oats No 2.—					
March	30⅛	30⅞	30½	30⅞	30⅜
May	33¼	33⅝	32¾	33⅝	32⅝
June	32¾	33⅛	32¾	33	32⅝
Mess Pork.					
May	17 55	17 72½	17 42½	17 67	17 52½
Lard—					
May	12 10	12 25	12 10	12 25	12 10
July	11 30	11 37½	11 25	11 35	11 27½
Sept	11 17½	11 25	11 15	11 20	11 15
Short Ribs.					
May	10 20	10 20	10 07½	10 15	10 20

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull bids and shade under the asked price; winter patents, $3.70@4.20; winter straights, $3.30@3.35; spring patents, $3.85@4.10; spring straight, $2.60@3.10; bakers', $2.10@2.35.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 73⅛@73⅜c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 73⅛@73⅜c.

CORN—No. 2, 41⅞@42c; No. 3 cash, 39½c; No. 2 yellow, 41¾c; No. 3 yellow, 40c.

OATS—No. 2, 31c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 36@36½c; No. 3 white, 33c.

RYE—No. 2, 50c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 62c; No. 3, f. o. b., 44@50c; No. 4, 33@44c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.20.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.30.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $17.47½@17.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $12.10@12.15; short ribs sides (loose), $10.12½@10.15; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $9.62½@9.65; short clear sides (boxed), $10.50@10.55.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.17.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, 5⅝@5⅞c; granulated, 5¼c; standard "A," 5c.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	21,000	20,000
Wheat, bu	118,000	48,000
Corn, bu	112,000	97,000
Oats, bu	121,000	188,000
Rye, bu	4,000	4,000
Barley, bu	51,000	39,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was strong; creamery, 20@27½c; dairy, 20@25c. Eggs, easier; strictly fresh, 15½@16c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 16.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,834 pkgs.; exports, 23,243 bbls., 7,405 sacks; sales, 25,800 pkgs; market steady; low grades, $2.20@2.55; low grades, fair to fancy, $2.25@3.25; low grades, patents, $2.85@3.25; Minnesota clear, $2.50@3.50; Minnesota straights, $3.60@4.00; Minnesota patents, $4.25@5.00.

CORN MEAL—Dull, steady.

BARLEY—Firm; western, 60@80c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull, steady; western, 65@85c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 21,700 bu.; exports, 66,467 bu.; sales, 5,440,000 bu. futures, 112,000 bu. spot. Spot market firmer, fairly active; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 75¼@75½c; afloat, 76⅜@76⅝c; f. o. b., 76@77⅛c; No. 1 northern, 82⅝@83c; No. 1 hard, 86¾@87c; No. 2 northern, 81¾@82c. Options active, ⅜@¾c on reported damage to crops, firmer cables, higher on shorts covering; firm with the trade chiefly switching; April, 75⅛@76⅛c, closing at 76⅛c; May, 76 9-16@77 7-16c, closing at 77⅜c; June, 77⅝@78⅜c, closing at 78⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 26,400 bu; exports, 6,486 bu.; sales, 220,000 bu. futures, 48,000 bu. spot. Spots dull; No. 2, 52¼@52½c in elevator 54@54½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 52@54½c; steamer mixed, 52¼c; No. 3, 51@52c. Options were dull and ⅛c higher with wheat and the west, closing firm; May, 50⅝@51¼c, closing, 51¼c; July, 50⅞@51⅜c, closing, 51⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 49,350 bu.; exports, 10,289; sales, 150,000 bu., futures, 202,000 bu. spot. Spots active, firm. Options firmer; April 38⅛; May, 37¾@38c, closing 38c; spot No. 2 white, 43@43½c; No. 2 Chicago, 40c; No. 3, 38⅛c; No. 3 white, 43½c; mixed western, 39@41c; white western, 42@49c; May firm, fair demand.

HOPS—Quiet, easy.

HIDES—Active.

PROVISIONS—Cut meats, weak; pickled bellies, 10⅛@10¾c; pickled shoulders, 9⅛@9⅜c; pickled hams, 13⅜@13¾c; middles, firmer. Lard firm; western closed at $12.20 asked; sales, none; option sales, 750 tierces; March, $12.20; May, $12.20; July, $11.60; September, $11.25@11.30, closing at $11.35. Pork, quiet.

BUTTER—Steady; western creamery, 22@28½c.

CHEESE—Dull, easy.

EGGS—Good demand, firm; receipts, 10,577 pkgs.; western fresh, 17⅛@17⅜c; duck, 32c.

TALLOW—Quiet, weak.

PETROLEUM—The market opened steady and the tone remained the same throughout. The opening price 64⅛c, highest, 65c; lowest 64⅛c, and closed at 65c bid. Pennsylvania oil, spot sales, none; April options, sales, 30,000 bbls. at 64⅛@65c; Lima oil, sales, none; 29½c bid. Total sales, 30,000 bbls.

ROSIN—Quiet, steady; good $1.40@1.45.

TURPENTINE—Dull, firm; 36@36½c.

RICE—Fair demand.

MOLASSES—New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, fairly active firm.

SUGAR—Raw, steady, more active; sales, 231 hhds. Muscovado, 89 test, at 2⅞c; 22,000 bags centrifugals, 96 test, at 3 5-16@3 11-32c, and 2,000 bags molasses sugar, 89 test, at 2⅝c; refined, dull, steady.

PIG IRON—Dull, steady; American, $12.75@15.50.

COPPER—Quiet, easy; lake, $11.75.

LEAD—Firm; domestic, $3.95.

TIN—Straits, $21.10 bid, $21.25 asked.

Omaha Produce Market.

The receipts continue very light for some reason and the market is necessarily quiet.

APPLES—Choice stock, $4.

BANANAS—Per bunch, including crates and packing, $2.00@2.75.

BEANS—Choice navy, $2.45.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 16@17c; fair to good country roll, 18@20c; fancy roll, in small lots, 20@21c.

CALIFORNIA CABBAGE—Per lb., 3c.

CELERY—Per doz., 40c.

CRANBERRIES—Per box, $3.25.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $2.

EGGS—The receipts were light and while a good many dealers were offering at 14c some were trying to get a little more.

GAME—Mallard and redhead ducks, $3.00@3.50; teal and mixed, $1.75@2.00; small geese, $3.50@4.00; Canada geese, $6.00@7.00.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $3.50.

HAY—$6.00@6.50.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 4c; No. 2 green, 3c; No. 1 green, salted, 4½c; No. 2 green, salted, 3½c; No. 1 green, salted, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 2 green salted, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½c; No. 1 veal, calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint, 7½c; No. 2 dry flint, 5½c. No. 1 dry salted, 6c.

HONEY—Choice to fancy white clover, 18@19c; fair to good, 16@18c.

LEMONS—Choice, $3.50; fancy, $4.

NEW VEGETABLES—Lettuce, 40c; radishes and parsley, 45c per doz.; green onions, 35c.

ORANGES—Florida fancy, per box, $3.50; russetts, $3.25; Mexican oranges, single boxes, $3.25; 5 to 10-box lots, $3; California mountain oranges, $2.50; Washington navels, $4; Newcastle California seedlings, $2.75; Med. sweets, $2.75; Riverside seedlings, $2.75.

ONIONS—Home grown, per bbl., $4; Spanish, per crate, $2.

OYSTERS—Per can, 16@38c.

POTATOES—Colorado, $1.20@1.25; choice native stock, 85@90c.

POULTRY—The market is very poorly supplied and poultry of all kinds is very scarce. Choice live chickens, 9@10c; dressed, 11@12c; geese and ducks dressed, 11@12c.

STRAWBERRIES—Per quart, 25@30c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $5.

TANGERINES—In half boxes, $2.75@3.00.

VEAL—Choice and small fat veals, 7@9c; large and thin, 3@6c.

Business Changes.

The following are reported at Dun's:

Alliance, Neb., J. Helms, confectionery, sold out to T. J. Wallace.

Ansley, Neb., J. A. Payne, meat market, succeeded by C. O. Pixley.

Chester, Neb., Mrs. E. R. Ephriemson, millinery, succeeded by Mrs. E. D. Hickenlooper.

Creighton, Neb., J. P. Johnson, implements, burned out.

Red Cloud, Neb., R. Cummings (Mrs. A.), restaurant, sold out to Tuff Sutton.

Aurela, Ia., Hy Hebbel, general store, gave bill of sale of half interest.

Hawkeye, Ia., B. F. Schriver & Co., general store, attached for $2,000.

Independence, Ia., E. C. Lillie, hardware, gave bill of sale for $8,500.

Meservy, Ia., Gilbery Thompson, hardware, attached for $858.

Panama, Ia., George Duesel & Co., general store, attached.

Quimby, Ia., M. Fenton & Son, hardware and furniture, gave bill of sale for $1,740.

Quimby, Ia., William Barnes, restaurant and hotel, gave bill of sale for $300.

The following are reported at Bradstreet's:

Omaha, Nelson & Peterson, meat market, gave bill of sale for $300.

Ansley, Neb., J. A. Payne, meatmarket, sold out.

Aurora, Neb., W. W. Eads, billiards, etc., sold out.

Boelus, Neb., Niels Jensen, general store, sold out.

Danbury, Neb., Cass & Parson, general store, dissolved.

Fairmont, Neb., Solomon & Nathan, dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, moved to Ord.

Hartington, Neb., George Carmack, saloon, sold out, possession May 1.

Imperial, Neb., Jacob Bigler & Son, hardware, sold out.

Lexington, Neb., P. L. Potts & Co., groceries, sold out.

Norfolk, Neb., Conley & Grant, saloon, dissolved.

Plymouth, Neb., H. C. Grebe, harness, sold out.

Plymouth, Neb., J. M. Wildhaber, general store, sold out here.

Scotia, Neb., F. Stanner, meat market, sold out.

Scotia, Neb., E. E. Lincoln, meat market, sold out.

Cheyenne, Wyo., E. A. Slack, publisher, now Cheyenne Daily Sun Publishing company, incorporated.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Bohnstedt & Wynn, secondhand goods, receiver applied for.

Casper, Wyo., Bostleman & Kimball, drugs, dissolved.

Aurelia, Ia., Henry Hebbel, general store, gave bill of sale of half interest for $4,600.

Clinton, Ia., Davis & Girard, groceries, dissolved.

Calliope, Ia., Trye & Wade, hardware, sold out.

Davenport, Ia., R. H. Shannon, cigars and tobacco, sold out.

Panora, Ia., H. S. Thornton, restaurant, gave bill of sale for $150.

Sheldon, Ia., G. H. Boutelle, hardware, sold out.

Washta, Ia., R. Dalziel, hotel, sold out.

Washta, Ia., J. G. LaBarren, hotel, sold out.

Washta, Ia., Cano Perry, meat market, sold out.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 16.—Flour—Slightly better; no quotable change.

WHEAT—Opened firm, improved to the close, which was 1⅛@1¼c above yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 64½c; March, 65⅝c; May, closing 67⅝c.

CORN—Dull, ⅜c higher; No. 2 mixed, cash, 37¼c; March, 37⅜c; May, 39⅜c.

OATS—Better; No. 2 cash, 31½c; May, 32⅜c.

PROVISIONS—Very dull, unchanged. Pork, in job lots, $18. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $9; longs and ribs, $10.15; shorts, $10.20; strips, $9.50; boxed lots, 15c more. Bacon, shoulders, $10.50; longs and ribs, $11.12½; shorts, $11.37½; strips, $10.62½. Sugar cured hams, $13.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 39,000 bu.; corn, 214,000 bu.; oats, 51,000 bu.; rye, none; barley, none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat 12,000 bu.; corn, 111,000 bu.; oats, 30,000 bu.; rye, 6,000 bu.; barley, none.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 16.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 hard, 62@62½c.

CORN—In fair demand; No. 2 mixed, 34c.

OATS—Weak; moderate demand; No. 2 mixed, 28@28½c.

BUTTER—Unchanged; creamery, 24@27½c; dairy, 16@20c.

EGGS—Weak, 13c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 56,000 bu.; corn, 5,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 36,000 bu.; corn, 6,000 bu.; oats, 1,000 bu.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The general demand for dry goods at first hands was unchanged, but there was a fairly large business in staple ginghams as the result of a change of ½c in agents' prices of leading makes. Bleached cottons were quiet, but there was a fair demand for brown and colored cottons. Articles for next season are coming into increased interest, including cotton flannels, on which agents are ready to take orders, although prices have not been settled in detail.

Omaha Grain.

The following prices are based on delivery at Mississippi river points:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 70c bid; No. 3 spring 60½c bid; No. 2 hard, 61½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 33½c bid; No. 3 white, 33½c bid.

CORN—No. 2 cash, 38c bid; No. 2 April, 38½c bid, 39½c asked; No. 3 or better, cash, 38c bid; No. 3 or better, April, 38½c bid; No. 2, white 39c bid; No. 3 white, 38½c bid.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Options opened barely steady, unchanged to 10 points down; closed steady at 5@15 points down; sales, 22,250 bags, including: March, $16.80@16.90; April, $16.50; May, $16.30@16.40; June, $16.30; July, $16.15@16.25; August, $16.10; September, $16.05@16.10; October, $16.05; December, $15.90@15.95. Spot Rio, dull, steady; No. 7, $17.50.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 16.—WHEAT—Firm; May, 65⅝c; No. 2 spring, 65c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 3, 40½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 3, 33½@34c.

BARLEY—63c.

RYE—54½c.

PROVISIONS—Firm; pork, May, $17.67½.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 16.—There was a stronger tone to the market today. The cash market improved on account of a strong feeling near the close. Receipts, 203 cars. Close: March, 62⅝c; May, 64⅝c; July, 66⅞c. On track: No. 1 hard, 64⅝c; No. 1 northern 63c; No. 2 northern, 60c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 16.—WHEAT—Steady; demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 6s@6s 1d per cental; red western spring, 6s 3d@6s 4d; No. 2 red winter, 5s 6d@5s 7d.

CORN—Firm; demand fair; mixed western 4s 2d per cental.

Philadelphia Grain Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 16.—WHEAT—Strong; No. 2 red, March, 74@74¼c.

CORN—Quiet but firm; No. 2 mixed, March, 49⅞@50c.

OATS—Car lots steady, under moderate offerings, but local trade quiet; No. 2 white, March, 41@41½c.

Baltimore Grain Market.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 16.—WHEAT—Dull and firmer; No. 2 red, spot and March, 72c.

CORN—Dull; mixed spot and March, 47¼c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white eastern, 41c.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., March 16.—WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2 red, 68c.

CORN—Stronger; No. 2 mixed, 42@42½c.

OATS—Strong; No. 2 mixed, 35c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.17.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., March 16.—WHEAT—Active; higher; No. 2 cash, 68½c.

CORN—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 42½c.

OATS—Quiet; cash, 35c.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 16.—Market firm; good middling, 9 3-16c; middling, 8 13-16c; low middling, 8 9-16c; good ordinary, 8 13-16c; net receipts, 1,647 bales; gross receipts, 1,801 bales; sales, 5,150 bales; stock, 292,944 bales.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Securities Subjected to a Bear Attack and Prices Yielded Freely.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The stock market was again subjected to some severe attacks from recognized bear quarters and at intervals prices yielded under the pressure. The movements taken altogether were exceedingly erratic and it was noticeable that while some shares sold readily, others were consumed slowly.

Even those which at intervals seemed to be positively weak, closed without material net losses. The greatest decline for the day in any of the active stocks was Burlington which left off ⅝c lower. The general list showed declines of anywhere from 1 to 2½, Chicago Gas, Sugar, General Electric, the grangers, New York Central, Canada Southern and New England in the lead. New England was unfavorably affected by the announcement that an attachment for $100,000 had been procured against the company by a New York firm of commercial dealers for coal supplied the company, and the New York Central was depressed by the knowledge about the proposed increase in the capital stock of the company to $100,000,000 to pay for New York terminals in this city and Buffalo, for block signals and for other purposes.

The one stock above all others which displayed unmistakable strength was Union Pacific preferred, which has evidently secured inside support pending action on the proposed sale of Chicago & Northern Pacific stock with a view to liquidating the floating debt. Northern Pacific preferred rose 1⅝ per cent to 40⅛. Rumors were in circulation to the effect that the anthracite companies were shading prices and Lackawanna, Delaware & Hudson and Jersey Central all sold at lower figures, but Reading held stubbornly firm during the afternoon, when it became plain that there was to be no manipulation of the market. The bears became timid and the bulls somewhat aggressive. In a comparatively short time prices moved up ½ to 3 per cent, the latter in New England. Jersey Central rose 1¼ per cent, Sugar 1⅝ per cent, Lackawanna and Chicago Gas 1⅜ per cent, Burlington & Quincy 1⅜ per cent, and General Electric and Missouri Pacific 1½ per cent. In the late trading there was a reaction of ⅛ to ⅝ per cent from the best figures. Erie securities were weak on rumors of a new issue of bonds, while Richmond Terminal stocks and bonds moved up on a story, which was subsequently denied, that Mr. Sam Spencer's report on the company had been accepted as favorable by Drexel, Morgan & Co. The supposition was that the latter would at once come out with a plan of reorganization. The market closed steady in tone.

The Post says: There are not yet, in the local money markets, signs of a return to equilibrium. It is true the maximum rates scored for all loans are in a measure fictitious, or almost represent the bids of needy borrowers with indifferent collateral. This was shown yesterday afternoon when a considerable block of money was offered at round rates on the Stock exchange.

The continued stringency in the commercial paper market proves that the banking community as a whole is still strained. The outlook is better chiefly because of the return of funds from near-by cities, where local money rates have perceptibly eased off. Chicago is still a holder of New York funds and for this the situation is doubtless responsible. The future action of the money market therefore depends considerably on that of foreign markets, meantime the federal treasury continues to enjoy its respite.

Gold from the western banks is not coming in as fast as had been expected, the gain in the reserves being little over $100,000 a day. An easing off in money rates, will of course, mean immediate resumption of gold exports and this, in turn, would wipe out the treasury's gold surplus in a twinkling.

The following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York Stock exchange today:

Atchison	31⅜	Northern Pacific	15⅝
Adams Express	155	do preferred	39¾
Alton, T. H.	39	U. P., Den. & Gulf	13⅛
do preferred	150	Northwestern	110
American Express	116	do preferred	139¼
Baltimore & Ohio	91⅛	N. Y. Central	104⅛
Canada Pacific	82⅜	N. Y. & N. E.	23½
Canada Southern	53	Ontario & Western	16⅝
Central Pacific	26⅛	Oregon Imp	19
Ches. & Ohio	22⅜	Oregon Nav	71
Chicago Alton	141	O. S. L. & U. N.	17¾
C. B. & Q.	92⅜	Pacific Mail	23
Chicago Gas	86	Peoria, Dec. & E.	14
Consolidated Gas	122	Pittsburg	155
C. C. C. & St. L.	47	Pullman Palace	190
Cotton Oil Cert	47⅛	Reading	23⅜
Del. Hudson	126	Richmond Terminal	9⅝
D. L. & W.	138⅜	do preferred	37
D. & R. G. pf'd	51⅜	Rio Grande W.	21
D. & C. F. Co	51⅛	do preferred	60
East Tenn	4	Rock Island	81⅛
Erie	20	St. Paul	74⅜
do preferred	44	do preferred	122½
Fort Wayne	153	St. Paul & Omaha	51
Gt. Northern pf'd	135⅛	do preferred	115
C. & E. I. pf'd	98⅛	Southern Pacific	31
Hocking Valley	27	Sugar Refinery	96⅜
Illinois Central	97¼	Tenn. Coal & Iron	26¼
St. Paul & Duluth	43	Texas Pacific	8⅜
Kan. & Tex pf'd	22⅜	Tol. & O. Cen. pf'd	78
Lake Erie & West	21⅜	Union Pacific	35⅝
do preferred	74⅛	U. S. Express	63
Lake Shore	125⅛	W. St. L. & P.	10
Lead Trust	37⅛	do preferred	21
Louis. & Nash	72⅛	Wells Fargo Exp	146
Louis. & New Alb'y	21⅜	Western Union	93⅛
Manhattan Con	1.9⅜	Wheeling & L. E.	15⅛
Memphis & Cha's'n	40	do preferred	55⅛
Michigan Central	107⅛	Minn & St. L.	14⅛
Missouri Pacific	59⅛	D. & R. G.	15⅛
Mobile & Ohio	32	General Electric	101⅛
Nashville Chatt	85	National Linseed	34⅜
National Cordage	58⅛	C. Fuel & Iron	66½
do preferred	105⅜	do preferred	105
N. J. Central	116⅛	Hous. & Tex. Cen	7
Norfolk & W. pf'd	30	Tol. A. A. & N. M.	88
North American Co	8⅜		

The total sales of stocks today were 377,900 shares, including: Atchison, 6,000; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 26,400; Chicago Gas, 12,000; Cotton Oil, 31,700; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 28,300; Erie, 13,400; General Electric, 8,300; Missouri Pacific, 15,000; National Cordage, 8,400; New York Central, 4,000; New England, 1,400; Northern Pacific preferred, 19,100; Northwestern, 5,600; Reading, 34,000; Richmond Terminal, 7,000; Rock Island, 7,800; St. Paul, 32,000; Sugar, 29,900; Union Pacific, 5,800; Western, 11,900.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 16.—MONEY ON CALL—Firmly active, ranging from 4 to 9 per cent; last loan, 4 per cent; closed offered at 4 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.84¼ for sixty-day bills and $4.86¼@4.86½ for demand.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds neglected.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg	111⅛	N. Pac. 2ds	113
U. S. 4s coup	112½	N. W. Consols	136
U. S. 4½s reg	99⅛	N. W. Deben. 5s	104
Pacific 6s of '95	105	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	88
Louisiana st'ped 4s	94⅛	St. L. & S. F. G'n. M	108
Missouri 6s	102	St. Paul Con	126½
Tenn. new set 6s	101	St. P. C. & P. lsts	116¾
Tenn. new set 5s	101	T. P. L. G. Tr Rcts	76
Tenn. new set 3s	75⅛	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts.	25¼
Canada So. 2ds	101	Union Pacific lsts	107
Cen. Pacific lsts	107	West Shore	102½
D. & R. G. lsts	119	R. G. W. lsts	75
D. & R. G. 4s	86¼	Atch. 4s	82⅛
Erie 2nds	97⅜	Atch. 2½s, class A	53
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	81⅛	G. H. & S. A 5s	101
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	44	do 2ds 5s	96⅛
*Mutual Union 6s	109	H. & T. C. 5s	104⅛
N. J. C. Int. Cert	110	H. & T. C. Con. 6s	107
N. Pac. lsts	116⅛		

* ex-int.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Mass., March 16.—Call loans, 6@7½ per cent; time loans, 6@6½ per cent. The following are the closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

Atchison & Topeka	31⅛	Westingh. Elec	34
American Sugar	93⅜	*Westing. Elec. pf'd	47
Am. Sugar pf'd	96	Wis. Cent'l	11⅛
Bay State Gas	15¼	Atchison 2ds	58¼
Bell Telephone	203	Atchison 4s	81⅛
Boston & Albany	215⅛	New England 6s	110
Boston & Maine	171¼	General Elec. 5s	96⅛
Boston & Maine p'fd	143	*Wis. Central 1s	86
C. B. & Q.	92½	Allouez M. C.	75
Fitchburg R. R.	91	Atlantic	9¾
Gen. Electric	101¼	Boston & Mont.	31
Ill. Steel	63	Butte & Boston	10¼
Mex. Central	9¾	Calumet & Hecla	305
N. Y. & N. Eng	23⅛	Centennial	8¼
Old Colony	199¾	Franklin	13
Ore. Short Line	18	Kearsarge	9
Rubber	40	Osceola	34½
San Diego	15	Quincy	132
Union Pacific	35¾	Santa Fe Copper	5
West End	17⅛	Tamarack	169
West End p'f'd	83		

*Bid.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 16.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	15	Mexican	150
Bulwer	15	Ophir	185
Belcher	90	Potosi	155
Best & Belcher	140	Savage	50
Chollar	65	Sierra Nevada	90
Con. Cala. & Va	235	Union Con	80
Crown Point	30	Utah	10
Gould & Curry	70	Yellow Jacket	35
Hale & Norcross	105	Com	5

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Crown Point	20	Plymouth	10
Con. Cal. & Va	235	Sierra Nevada	80
Deadwood	130	Standard	131
Gould & Curry	70	Union Con	70
Hale & Norcross	130	Yellow Jacket	25
Homestake	1150	Iron Silver	35
Mexican	145	Quick Silver	200
Ontario	1350	do preferred	1300
Ophir	170	Bulwer	15

London Financial Review.

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LONDON, March 16.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—New business has been entered into very sparingly on the Stock exchange, but in some directions there has been rather a free closing of outstanding accounts. Consols are 1-16 to ⅛ per cent better and Indian rupee paper ⅛ per cent; foreign government securities close somewhat irregular, but home railways was very firm, though dealings have been on a small scale. London Southwestern ½ advanced 2 per cent, London Northwestern ⅜ per cent and nearly all others ¼ to ½ per cent. The market for Americans was quite demoralized, closing flat. Large sales have been made in connection with the Liverpool failure and tired and disgusted holders realized freely. New York Central fell 4 per cent on the proposed issue of additional capital stock. Wabash debentures are 1½ per cent lower, Wabash preference 1, Chicago & Milwaukee 1½ per cent and nearly all others ¼ to ½ per cent. Norfolk & Western preference, however advanced ⅝ per cent, and Philadelphia & Reading ⅛ per cent. Canadians were also depressed in sympathy. Canadian Pacific is 1 per cent lower and Grand Trunk issues from ½ to ¾ per cent. Mexican ordinary preferences are unchanged. Among other securities Allsops improved 2 per cent. Mining shares were very quiet. Call money was in fair demand at 2 per cent but discount rates were dull, three months' bills were easily placed at 1½ per cent.

Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 16.—Clearings, $1,264,165.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 16.—Clearings, $1,849,973.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Clearings, $145,520,990; balances, $5,249,203.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 16.—Clearings, $2,347,787; balances, $433,779. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 16.—Clearings, $11,471,468; balances, $1,788,912. Money, 5½ per cent.

CINCINNATI, O., March 16.—Clearings, $2,210,125. Money, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, 25c discount to par.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 16.—New York exchange selling at $1.50 per $1,000. Clearings, $345,644; balances, $102,563.

BOSTON, Mass., March 16.—Clearings, $16,614,045; balances, $1,581,777. Money, 5@6 per cent. Exchange on New York, at par.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 16.—Clearings, $3,961,372; balances, $403,578. Money quiet, 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 90c premium.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 16.—Clearings, $18,371,236; New York exchange sold at par. Sterling exchange weak; sixty day bills, $4.84¾; demand, $4.86¾. Money firm at 5@7 per cent.

PARIS, March 16.—Three per cent rentes, 96f 95c for the account. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase of 25,000 francs gold and 1,450,000 francs silver.

LONDON, March 16.—The bullion in the Bank of England increased £142,000 during the past week. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 51.82 per cent, is now 51.21 per cent.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Receipts Still Below Expectations—Quality Only Fair, with Lower Prices.

THURSDAY, March 16.

Receipts do not increase as fast as dealers expected and the four days supply is still something short of last week, when receipts were by no means heavy. During the past four days there have been received 10,125 cattle, 10,692 hogs and 4,995 sheep, as against 11,482 cattle, 11,641 hogs and 6,816 sheep for the same period last week.

The supply was not at all liberal, and while as a rule there was not much change in the general quality of the offerings, there was a noticeable scarcity of cattle weighing upwards of 1,250 lbs. This fact, dull markets east and this being Thursday, which is always an off day with shippers, reduced the speculative demand to the minimum. Local dressed beef houses, however, were all rather cattle hungry, and, the supply was limited, they were good active buyers at slightly firmer prices. The business of the day was fairly brisk, and, with the exception of the arrivals on a belated train, the supply was practically out of first hands before noon.

There were hardly enough cows here to supply the local demand, and trade was active, with the more desirable grades selling perhaps a shade stronger than Wednesday. Fair to good stuff sold freely at about steady prices. There was a very indifferent demand for the common and inferior grades, and prices ruled as low as at any time this season. The same was true as to rough stock generally. Offerings of this class of stock continue quite liberal and prices are fully 25c to 50c lower than a week or ten days ago. Good to choice veal calves were in active demand and strong, but common large calves were rather dull.

While on account of the bad weather there is very limited demand from the country for feeders regular dealers appear to have good orders and sales out of first hands today looked as high as at any time lately. Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	830	$3 50	22	1090	$4 20
1	1040	3 50	6	1215	4 20
1	1060	3 65	28	1087	4 20
1	1070	3 75	11	1072	4 20
1	950	3 75	2	1085	4 20
2	855	3 75	41	1073	4 20
1	750	3 75	19	1001	4 20
10	856	3 90	16	1113	4 20
29	819	4 05	99	1028	4 20
23	965	4 05	19	1160	4 25
11	989	4 10	19	1083	4 30
13	953	4 10	20	1133	4 30
2	1055	4 10	18	1089	4 35
40	1117	4 10	20	1200	4 35
231	1072	4 12½	14	1133	4 40
19	1048	4 15	20	1224	4 40
7	904	4 16	8	1253	4 45

MIXED.

6	1163	4 15

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	800	1 50	1	970	2 75
1	910	1 60	1	1120	2 80
2	915	1 75	1	1060	2 80
7	608	2 00	1	730	2 80
5	924	2 00	2	1015	2 90
9	540	2 00	25	856	2 85
2	1030	2 00	23	792	2 85
1	1150	2 00	1	1060	3 00
1	860	2 00	11	976	3 00
4	922	2 10	9	622	3 00
1	880	2 15	10	885	3 15
7	831	2 15	2	1063	3 15
14	805	2 25	13	1023	3 15
1	1000	2 25	2	1040	3 25
2	975	2 25	23	1043	3 30
20	938	2 30	23	909	3 40
5	850	2 35	3	1153	3 40
1	950	2 35	16	809	3 40
3	1073	2 35	10	1066	3 40
1	1040	2 40	19	839	3 50
9	1021	3 45	5	1184	3 55
2	975	2 50	6	1016	3 60
8	873	2 50	2	1090	3 65
21	901	2 60	8	1187	3 70
15	997	2 65	27	959	3 70

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
18	465	3 10	35	857	3 60
9	992	3 45	6	863	3 80

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	330	2 75	5	110	5 25
1	280	3 00	2	135	5 50
1	100	4 00	2	145	5 50
2	280	5 00	1	130	6 00
6	221	5 25			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	1335	1 50	3	1353	2 65
2	890	2 00	1	1240	2 75
2	1430	2 25	1	1200	2 75
1	2040	2 25	2	1560	2 85
1	1280	2 25	1	1470	2 85
1	1020	2 25	1	1470	2 90
1	540	2 30	1	1320	3 00
1	1000	2 30	1	1050	3 00
2	970	2 35	13	1338	3 00
1	1200	2 35	1	1700	3 00
1	930	2 35	1	1530	3 20
1	1450	2 40	2	1115	3 25
5	740	2 60	1	1620	3 25
1	1360	2 60	1	1140	3 25
1	1520	2 60	1	1470	3 25
1	1570	2 60	1	2030	3 50
2	1065	2 60	1	1540	3 75
1	1490	2 65			

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
35	561	3 00	17	532	3 40
1	380	3 00	22	632	3 40
1	440	3 00	2	560	3 45
2	590	3 00	8	752	3 60
5	610	3 20	4	840	3 60
27	795	3 25	9	686	3 65
1	750	3 40			

UTAH CATTLE.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
16 cows	1111	3 25	22 steers	1231	3 50
4 steers	917	4 00	39 steers	1358	4 00
79 steers	1080	4 00	92 steers	1100	4 00

HOGS—The market opened slow, weak and unevenly lower. Receipts were only moderate, and the quality as a rule very good. There was a limited shipping demand, and local houses, both packers and fresh meat, all wanted some hogs, but as eastern reports were all bearish, the feeling here was weak; prices were anywhere from 5c to 15c lower than Wednesday on all grades. The fair to good medium weight and heavy hogs sold largely at $7.25 and $7.30, and the fair to good light and mixed stuff mostly at from $7.10 to $7.20. On some late arrivals the market closed stronger on account of the strength in provisions, and one load brought the top price of the day, $7.35. Some very common mixed hogs sold as low as $6.90, but it was practically from a $7.20 to $7.30 market, the big bulk of the hogs selling at that range, as against from $7.25 to $7.40 Wednesday and $7.45 to $7.55 one week ago. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
68	187	280	$6 90	86	248	80	$7 25
5	174	—	7 10	74	232	160	7 25
59	181	40	7 10	66	240	80	7 25
36	187	—	7 15	66	233	—	7 27½
21	200	—	7 20	68	253	80	7 30
75	231	120	7 20	58	295	360	7 30
78	210	80	7 20	73	270	80	7 30
77	210	—	7 20	77	271	240	7 30
4	295	—	7 20	69	247	40	7 30
73	231	40	7 20	70	234	80	7 30
50	228	120	7 20	61	239	80	7 30
60	216	160	7 20	58	260	—	7 30
66	253	120	7 20	65	238	—	7 30
73	240	160	7 20	74	287	80	7 30
76	204	80	7 22½	77	269	—	7 30
53	359	280	7 25	60	243	—	7 30
20	287	—	7 25	47	231	—	7 30
70	263	40	7 25	68	237	80	7 30
36	230	40	7 25	73	234	200	7 30
75	247	—	7 25	68	219	80	7 30
60	245	160	7 25	65	270	—	7 35
70	242	80	7 25				

PIGS AND ROUGH.

2	140	—	6 25

SHEEP—Only three loads were received, of which two were billed direct to a local slaughterer. The other, a double-deck of very good western ewes averaging 105 lbs., brought $4.60. The demand is good and the market not quotably changed: Fair to good natives, $3.75@5.00; fair to good westerns, $3.50@5.00; common and stock sheep, $2.25@3.75; good to choice 40 to 100-lb. lambs, $4.00@6.00. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
180	western ewes	105	$4 60

Receipts and Disposition of Stock.

Official receipts and disposition of stock as shown by the books of the Union Stock Yards company for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 o'clock p. m. March 16, 1893:

RECEIPTS.

CATTLE.		HOGS.		SHEEP.		HORSES & M'LS	
Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head.
87	2,158	41	2,735	3	648	1	21

DISPOSITION.

BUYERS.	CATTLE.	HOGS.	SHEEP.
Omaha Packing Co	1	146	
The G. H. Hammond Co	89	384	
Swift & Co	762	294	468
The Cudahy Packing Co	467	1,341	180
J. P. Squires & Co		549	
A. Haas	232		
R. Becker & Degen	206		
P. D. Armour	48		
Shippers and feeders	209		
Left over		100	
Total	2,014	2,807	648

Chicago Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There was no life in the cattle trade today and prices were no better than yesterday, though the receipts were light for the day and for the week. Shippers did not want many cattle and local slaughterers were not at all hungry. Sales were slow at from $1.50 to $4 for inferior to extra cows and bulls, at from $2.50 to $4.40 for stockers and feeders, and at from $3.75 to $6.15 for common to extra steers. Only a few loads of Texas cattle arrived. They sold at full prices.

There was no symptom of a favorable change in the hog market until near the close. It was flat as on either of the preceding days of the week. The principal Boston buyer was out of the deal and there was no competition among local packers. Prices went to from $7 to $7.30 for light and to from $7.35 to $7.70 for heavy grades, which is a decline from the best prices of the day before of from 15c to 20c and a decline from that day's closing prices of 5c. Most of the hogs sold below $7.50 and a very considerable part of them below $7.45. The close was firmer than the opening, but there was no advance.

The sheep market was from 10c to 15c lower and dull. Shippers were inactive and local slaughterers did not buy with their usual freedom. It took a choice article to bring more than $5.20, and there was not much trading at a higher figure. The demand for lambs was weak also and prices were ditto. They were quoted at from $4.50 to $6.25.

Receipts: Cattle, 11,000; hogs, 15,000; sheep, 9,000.

The Evening Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts, 12,000 head; shipments, 2,100 head; market steady. Top prices: $5.90@6.00 for extra steers; medium and good, $4.90@5.50; others, $4.25@4.80; Texans, $3.00@4.20; stockers, $3.50@3.85; feeders, $4.25@4.50; cows and heifers, $3.50@4.10.

HOGS—Receipts, 12,000 head; shipments, 6,000 head; market slow, steady to a trifle higher; mixed, $6.75@7.45; prime heavy and butchers' weights, $7.50@7.65; light, $6.00@7.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 12,000 head; shipments, 2,800 head; market easy; natives, $4.50@5.50; westerns, $4.85@5.25; Texans, $4.60; lambs, $4.50@6.15.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 16.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 1,300 head; market quiet and steady; feeders and Texas cattle weak. Representative sales: Dressed beef and shipping steers, $3.60@4.95; cows and heifers, $1.25@3.80; stockers and feeders, $3.35@4.20.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,100 head; shipments, 700 head; market dull, 10c lower; all grades, $5.00@7.37½; bulk, $7.05@7.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,300 head; shipments, none; market fairly active, steady to strong. Representative sales: Muttons, $4.25@4.90.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 16.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,300 head; shipments, 1,800 head; market steady to strong; fair to good native steers, $3.20@4.60; no good Texans on sale; common to fair, $2.00@3.10.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,800 head; shipments, 1,000 head; market 10c lower; heavy, $7.10@7.50; mixed, $7.00@7.40; light, $7.10@7.30.

SHEEP—Receipts, 800 head; shipments, none; no market.

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ANTI-VICE PETITION.

Rev. T. J. Mackay Tells Why He Did Not Sign the Document.

OMAHA, March 16.—To the Editor of THE BEE: To my great surprise I see by a morning paper that I advised my parishioners of All Saints church not to sign the anti-vice petition. That is not correct. I did not sign the petition myself, and when requested to announce the meeting of the petitioners at the council chamber, and request the attendance of my people at said meeting, I did so in the morning without any thought of what I was doing, but before evening service the inconsistency of giving out such a notice and making such a request struck me forcibly, and I honestly told my evening congregation after making the desired announcement that I felt it due to my own sense of integrity to say that I had not signed the petition, and then very briefly gave my reasons for not doing so.

The reasons I gave were in subtance as follows: Such movements are spasmodic, and accomplish little permanent good. They aim at accomplishing too much. They would wipe out of existence evils which are inherently permanent in the existing conditions of society. You must change the conditions ere you can remove the evils.

I believe that the present system of controlling the gambling houses is the wisest and best course that can be followed. To close them, or attempt to close them, entirely would be to scatter the evil broadcast over our city and drive it into places where it would thrive more luxuriantly than ever.

I believe that our city will compare favorably with any eastern city of the same size or larger. I saw more drunken men on the streets of Boston last summer in one week than I have seen in Omaha during the past year. The difference between eastern and western civilization is that the vices which in the east are kept carefully concealed are in the west more exposed to the light of day.

I believe that our mayor, commissioners and chief of police are honest in their efforts to control and suppress the vices aimed at in this petition, and that their sober judgment in the management of this crusade against vice is worth more than the well meant, though injudicious, efforts of those who signed the anti-vice petition. Had this petition been less sweeping in its nature I should have signed it gladly.

These are the reasons I gave at the time, as well as I can remember them. I was aware then, as now, that my action would be criticised, but coming so recently from prohibition-ridden Iowa, where for ten years I saw the folly of such sweeping attempts at correcting vice by legislation, I could not honestly sign the petition presented to me. Perhaps I ought to have kept silence, but to give out the notice in church asking my people to do that which I did not do myself, seemed to me to be both cowardly and hypocritical without the explanation that followed. Yours, etc., T. J. MACKAY.

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CONTRACTORS CONFER.

Work of the St. Louis Convention Reported to Omaha Builders.

At the meeting of the Omaha Builders and Traders exchange yesterday Secretary W. S. Wedge made the following report of the national convention at St. Louis:

The session was opened by an address of welcome by the mayor and the response and annual address of the president of the convention, the latter dealing principaly withs the uniform contract, the apprentices and hi trade school questions. The usual committees having been appointed, the guests were taken in carriages and shown about the city.

The second day's session opened with the report of the committee on credentials, from which it appeared there were ninety-seven members in attendance and twenty-four cities represented. The report of the secretary showed a membership of thirty-two exchanges, who held property aggregating $2,000,000, and the report of the treasurer disclosed receipts for the year of $11,915.39 and disbursements of $11,242.49, leaving a balance on hand of $672.90. The committee on uniform contract submitted a form such as was read at our monthly meeting and recommended that members refuse to sign any other. The committee on lien law thought it inexpedient at this time to suggest any general law relating to liens. A resolution endorsing the building of the Nicaragua canal was defeated by a close vote. A vote of thanks was extended to J. Pierrepont Morgan for his generous gift to the New York trade school. The members were invited to make their headquarters, while at the World's fair, at the Chicago exchange. Then followed the reading of the reports of the secretaries of the various local exchanges, which in the main touched upon the progress made during the year, the care used in admitting members, the concessions made by material men and the work of trade schools. The day's events ended with a visit, upon invitation of the local exchange, to the theater.

The morning session of the third day was devoted, without results, to a discussion of the code of practice recommended by the association for architects and builders, and the afternoon session to amendments to the constitution, which related principally to officers and dues. A resolution that the national secretary be notified of local disagreements and that he in turn instruct all local exchanges not to furnish estimates until the local body had reported an adjustment of the disagreement was laid on the table. The consideration of a resolution to admit Canadian exchanges was postponed. Local exchanges were instructed to print 200 copies of their secretaries' reports and transmit them to the national secretary, sixty days prior to the annual convention. The convention then voted to hold its next annual meeting in Boston in February 1894, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Ira G. Hersey of Boston; first vice president, Hugh Sisson of Baltimore; second vice president, Charles A. Rupp of Buffalo; secretary, W. H. Sayward of Boston; treasurer, George Tapper of Chicago.

The invitation to hold the mid-year meeting in this city extended to the National association by the Omaha Builders and Traders association was duly presented by Secretary Wedge, and fully discussed; but upon full consideration of the matter it was decided not to hold a midyear meeting. Should one be held, however, Omaha's chances of securing it are good.

At the close of the proceedings the St. Louis exchange gave an elaborate banquet, at which addresses were made by the governor of the state, the mayor of St. Louis and other distinguished persons. Mr. Wedge speaks in flattering terms of the manner in which St. Louis entertained the delegates.

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Judge George W. Doane of Omaha has been the busiest man in Nebraska for several days. It is not on account of the extraordinary pressure of legal matters, however, that has caused this rush of judicial talent. It all happens through an innocent little telegram that emanated from Washington the other day to the effect that Postmaster General Bissell had decided to appoint all the democratic candidates for congress who ran last fall and were defeated as members of his advisory committee in the work of distributing the patronage.

In less than five hours after this news had reached Omaha hungry office seekers began to call upon Judge Doane. They came in platoons, in brigades and in regiments. They came from the rural districts, from every point throughout the district where there is or will be a postoffice.

Speaking yesterday of the matter, Judge Doane said: "I have received nothing official to confirm the report which was printed in THE BEE to the effect that all democratic candidates for congress at last fall's election would be allowed to have a voice in the distribution of the federal patronage, but I have been almost overwhelmed by applicants for office. I have been unable to attend to anything else for several days and the business has become something of a nuisance, for, as I have said, I have no assurance as yet that my recommendation will have any more weight than that of any other democratic citizen. I have taken the time, however, to look over the recommendations and the personal qualifications of those who have sought me for this purpose and have recommended those who I thought were suitable persons for the offices they were desirous of obtaining."

Speaking of the Omaha postoffice the judge said that he understood that there were several candidates in the field, but owing to the fact that Postmaster Clarkson's term will not expire for over a year yet they are not making an aggressive move in that direction as yet. "When the time comes I suppose there will be a number of candidates seeking the Omaha office."

In this connection it may not be out of place to remark that if there is a man in Omaha who can spring a longer or a stronger petition than Mr. Charles Conoyer has already in his desk setting forth his fitness for the position of postmaster that man will have to get a move on himself. Mr. Conoyer has done his work quietly, but he has done it thoroughly, just the same, and if petitions are going to count for anything the one he has will come pretty close to knocking down the fruit.

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BIDS ON POSTOFFICE.

Surprise Among Contractors About Some Exceptionally Low Figures.

The bids for the granite and brick work on the new postoffice are the cause of much comment among contractors who are interested in such work. Contractors who bid on government jobs usually figure matters pretty finely, and as a rule there is but very little range in their offers. Imagine the surprise of the contractors then when the bids were opened and it was found that one firm had a bid in that was $50,000 lower than any other bid and $124,000 below the average. The bids of twelve firms averaged $395,000 and the lowest bid was $271,000.

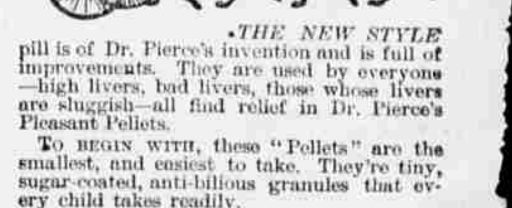
Expert granite men are of the opinion that the low bidders made an error of about 20,000 cubit feet of granite in the estimate of granite work. This at the usual cost of $3 per cubic foot, which granite is worth in the wall, would just about account for the discrepancy in the bids. The next lowest bid was $325,000.

Low Rate Excursion.

My fourteenth special excursion to Houston, Tex., via the Santa Fe route, leaves Omaha, Monday, March 20, 1893. Address R. C. Patterson, 425 Ramge building, Omaha, Neb.

Snow Bucking Accident.

Harry Straight, a motor conductor on the Hanscom park line, was seriously injured in an accident on Thirty-second street yesterday afternoon. He was coupling the motor to a snow plow, when he was caught between the two cars and had his collar bone broken and was otherwise badly bruised.



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